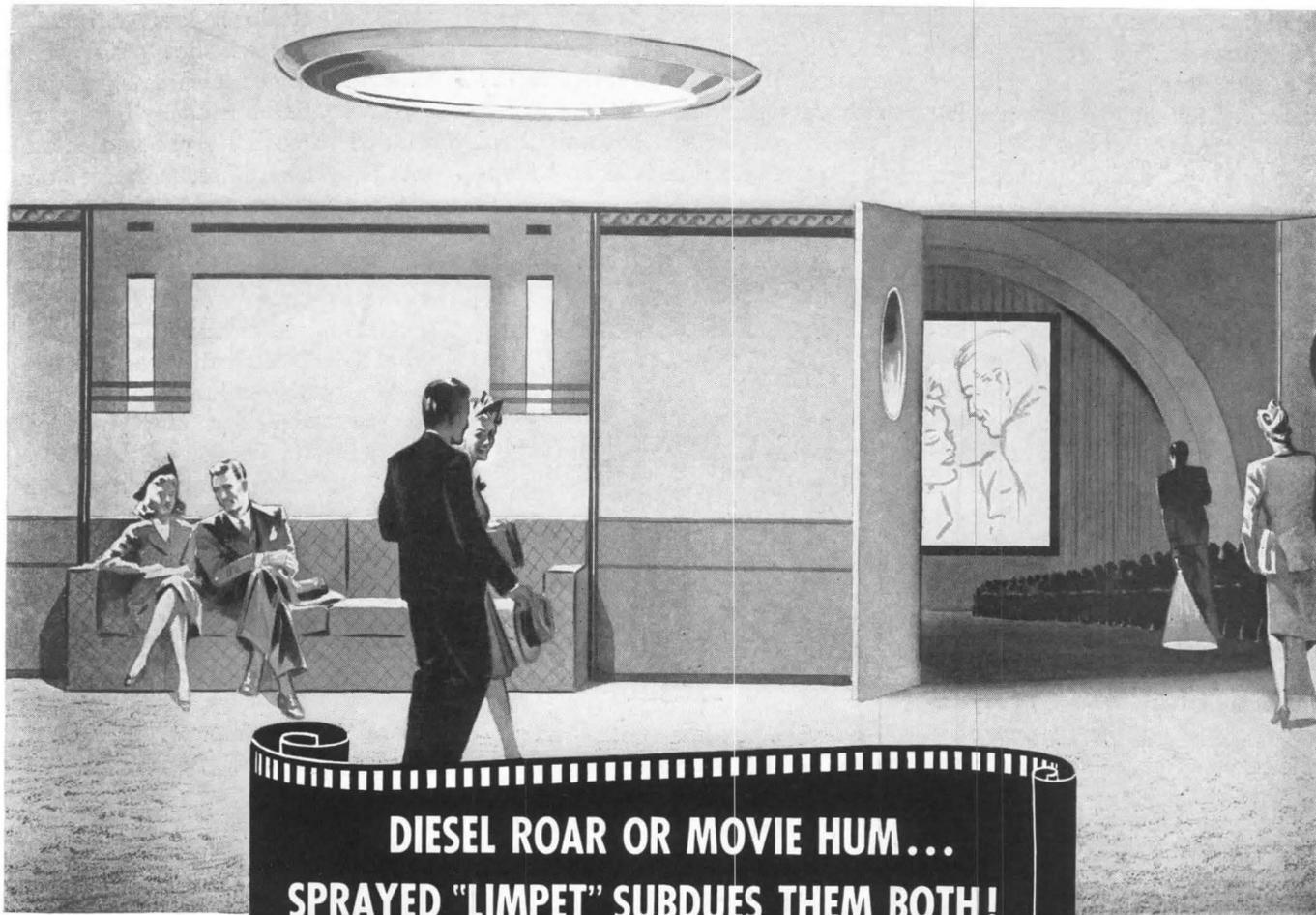


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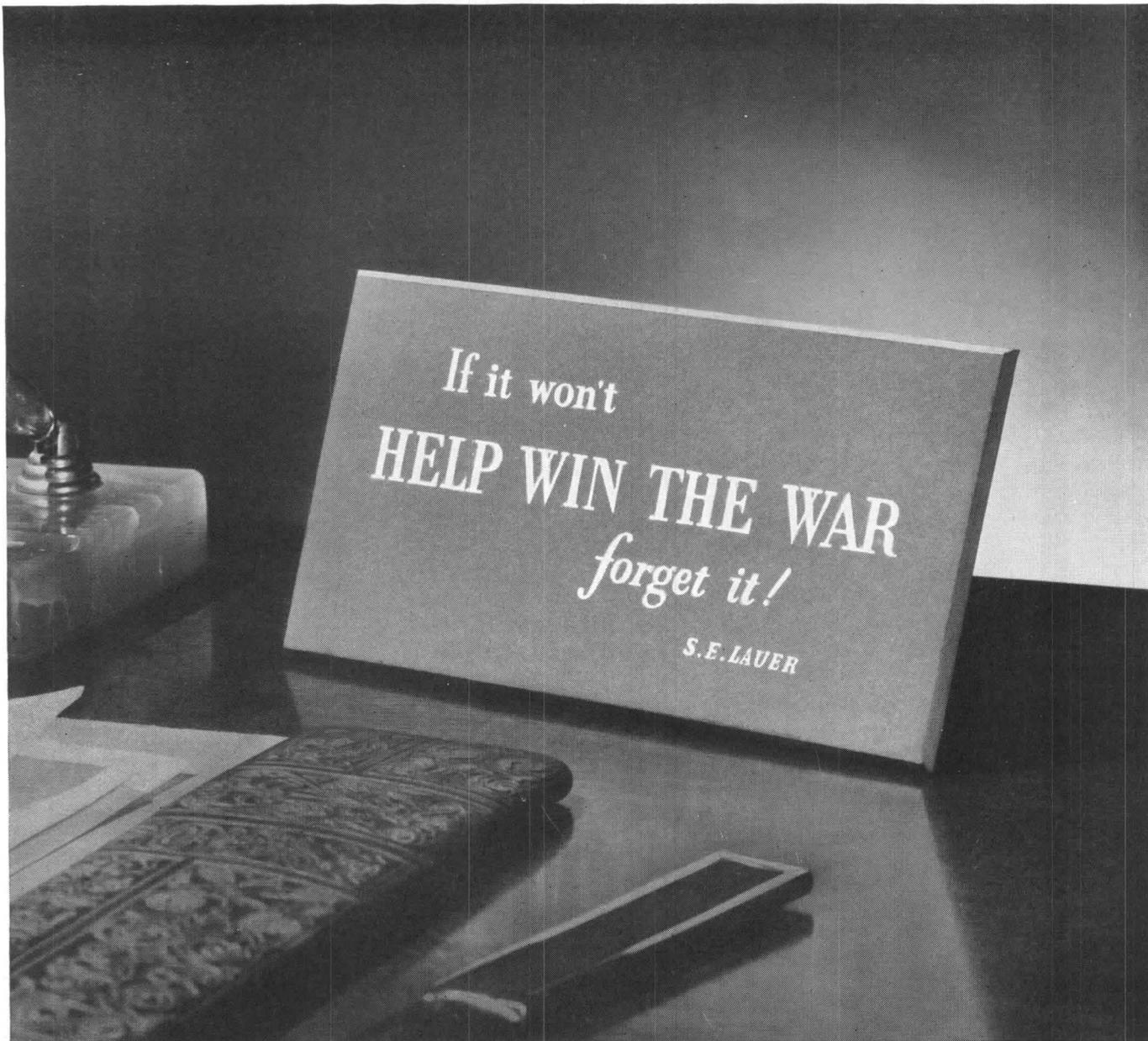
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## WASHINGTON NEWS

By WILLIAM J. CASEY

**New Housing Program • Civilian Construction Cut • New Steel Stress Allowances • Alternates for Lumber • New Priorities Form • Construction for Building Operators • Speed on Emergency Applications • WPB Materials Rulings • Construction Price Ceiling**

NHA ADMINISTRATOR Blandford reported that at least 1,600,000 workers will move into war production areas next year, and that private housing now available and new private building cannot take care of this influx. He pointed out that on May 27 President Roosevelt asked for an additional \$600,000,000 for public war housing, and added that "the period which has elapsed since the President's message means a much more acute war housing shortage next winter and spring than had been anticipated last May, because housing funds made available now cannot get houses built as soon as funds made available at an earlier time." Mr. Blandford said it is essential to have all contracts for new housing let by next April, so that the 200,000-unit program which is contemplated can be completed by mid-summer of 1943.

There seems to be a change of attitude on war housing. It hasn't crystallized into action yet, but the outlook for housing is more encouraging. First, there is more definite recognition that essential housing is vital to the entire war production program. The increasingly acute labor tightness is focusing attention on it. Temporary barracks do not make for good morale and working efficiency. Then it is becoming increasingly clear that as the draft registers married men and even men with children, war production will have to depend more and more on workers who have large families or women with children to care for.

This may be the final impetus needed to bring definite allotments of materials for war housing. An initial step was taken when WPB decided to make 42,000 tons of finished steel available for approved construction already under way. This allotment—divided equally between public and private war housing—is much too little, but it's a start. The hope expressed in building circles is that WPB will now take the next logical steps and allot definite amounts of copper and other critical material needed to carry out construction al-

ready approved as essential. Builders are more and more inclined to insist upon definite assurance on materials before undertaking projects. They'd be willing to undertake less with definite allocation of materials, rather than start on big projects and have them bog down when priority ratings fail to pull materials.

### Civilian construction cut

Effective September 7, drastic cuts were made in the amount of civilian construction to be allowed without specific authorization. Types of construction have been reclassified, making distinction in residential and non-residential categories and reducing in most instances the amount of construction for which no authorization is necessary. The new classes of construction established by the revision of L-41 with present cost limits are: residential, \$200; multiple residential, \$1,000; agricultural, \$1,000; industrial, \$5,000; certain types of commercial, \$200; other types of commercial, including highway, sub-surface and utilities construction, \$1,000. In every instance where estimated costs are under established limits the owner, before he may begin construction, must be able to acquire enough material to complete the project with-

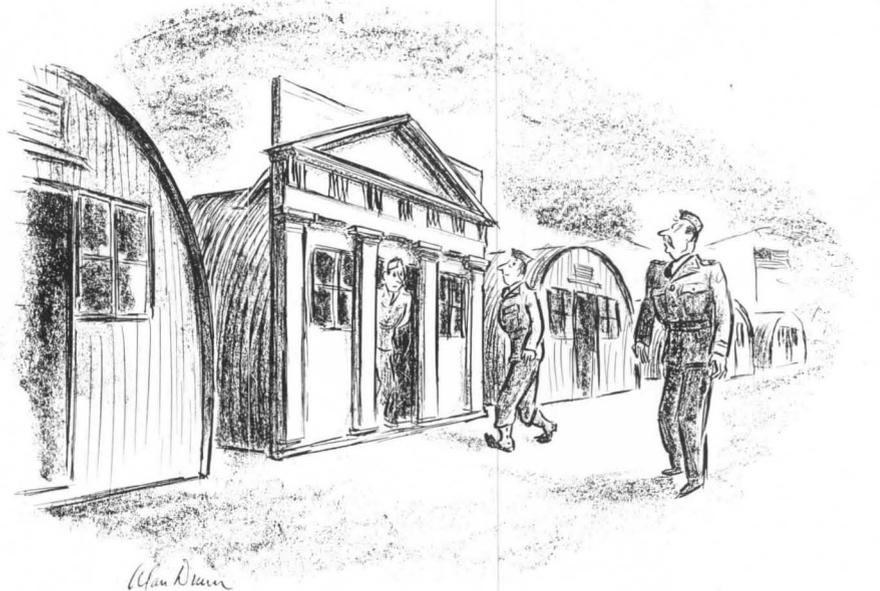
out priorities assistance. In addition, the project must not require the use of any material, on the site or off the site, to supply electricity, gas, water, steam, telephone, or sewage disposal service.

WPB defined more fully the meaning of "project" as used in connection with the stop-construction order L-41. According to interpretation No. 2, a project means all separate buildings, structures, or units of construction situated in close proximity to each other and integrated to serve a single general use. It does not mean a particular construction operation or job. Another part of the interpretation defines "total cost of labor" as it applies to the estimated cost of construction. Labor cost must include the actual money outlay for labor employed in the construction and the estimated value of all labor performed in the construction not entailing actual money outlay. From the latter may be excluded only the labor of the owner or tenant and members of the owner's or tenant's immediate family residing with him, on a project owned or leased by him.

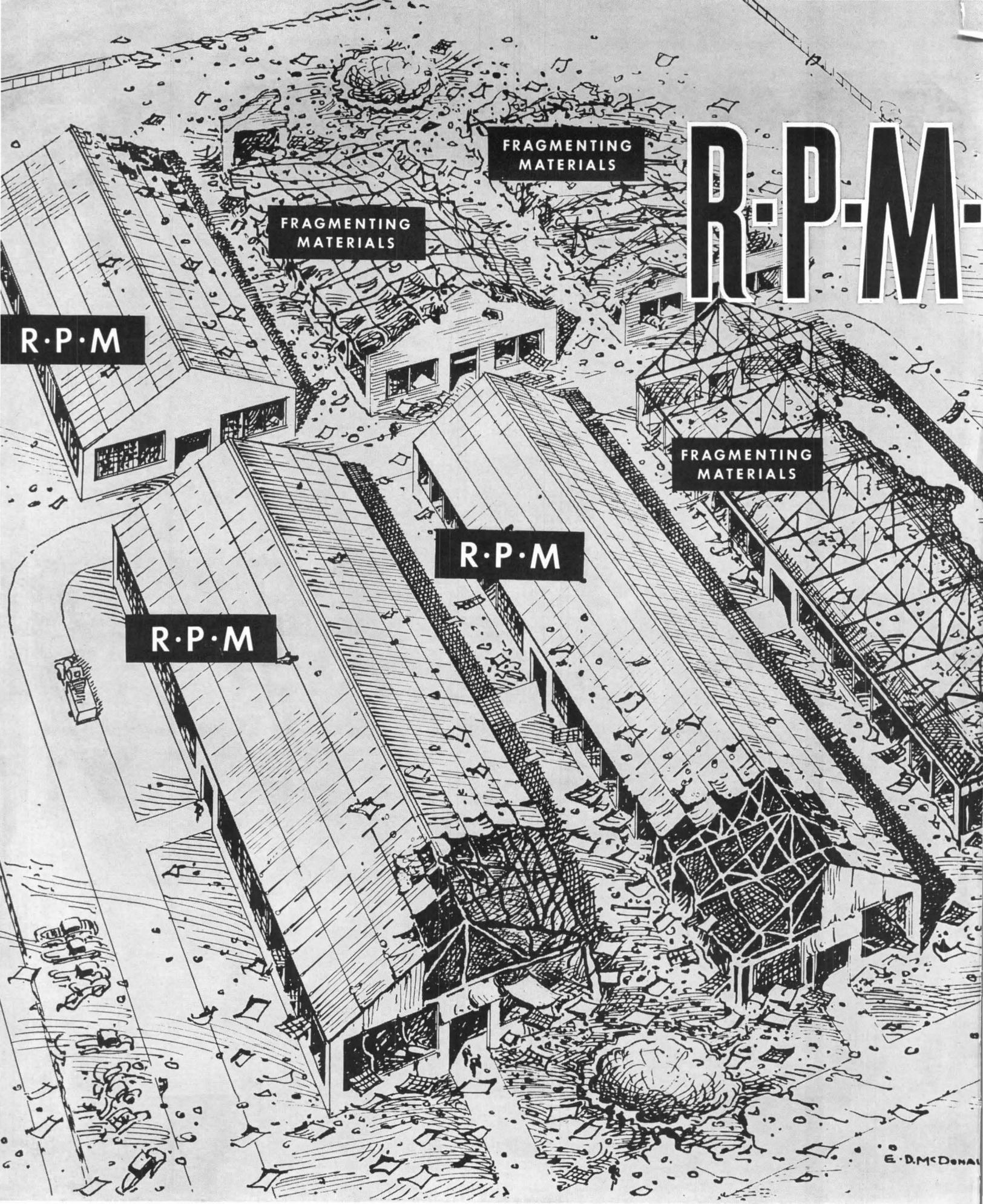
### New steel stress allowances

WPB has established national emergency specifications for the design, fabrication and erection of structural steel for buildings. All buildings which are constructed, financed or approved by governmental agencies on contracts after November 9, 1942 will

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be affected. Somewhat lighter sections of beams and other members entering into the construction of buildings will be permitted. The allowable stress for beams in flexure has been increased from previous allowances ranging from 16,000 to 20,000 pounds per square inch to a mandatory 24,000 pounds per square inch. Other savings of steel are effected through the use of continuity in design and welded fabrication.

The specifications manual is binding upon WPB, the Army, Navy, Maritime Commission, RFC, National Housing Agency and all other government departments and agencies in respect to war construction. Broadly speaking, the manual follows the policy stated in the joint directive on wartime construction made by WPB and the War and Navy Departments on May 20, 1942 and the "List of Prohibited Items for Construction Work" issued by the Army and Navy Munitions Board on April 1 and revised on June 29, 1942. Although the effective date is November 9, the agencies were empowered to put the directive into immediate effect wherever possible. Authority to depart from the provisions of the directive may be granted, upon specific request, by WPB.

## Alternates for lumber

Lumber is becoming increasingly tight. To stimulate lumber supplies, OPA has liberalized price ceilings by permitting higher prices where costs were increased through overtime operations, and WPB has ordered a 48-hour week in the Pacific Northwest lumber industry. Purchasing of lumber for the Army, Navy, and Maritime Commission has been centralized in the Construction Division, Office of the Chief of Engineers of the Army. The idea is to pool orders to establish demand more definitely and to reduce competitive buying.

Producers of brick and other clay products are urged by WPB to gauge production to meet an anticipated increased demand for these materials for use in the place of lumber in both temporary and permanent structures. It is believed that at least 2,000,000,000 board feet of lumber could be saved by increased utilization of brick and tile, and an additional 100,000,-

000 to 150,000,000 feet saved by use of gypsum board.

Representatives of the structural clay products industry have offered to provide technical assistance needed to facilitate the change from frame to brick and tile construction in temporary government structures.

Said John L. Haynes, Chief of the WPB Building Materials Branch, "It is merely a matter of using lime mortar instead of cement mortar so as to facilitate dismantling when the time comes, and of omitting non-essential items to conform with the temporary use for which the structure is to be employed. Buildings of tile can be readily razed and materials salvaged, if desirable for further use, with facility comparable to that of other construction.

"Gypsum board is well adapted for use as sheathing for exterior wall coverings, interior wall and partition work, roof decks and slabs, especially where some degree of fire protection is advantageous. The combination of gypsum lath and plaster for sanitary advantages should not be overlooked."

## New priorities form

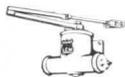
A revised project application form PD-200, which is to be used for obtaining priority assistance and authority to begin construction for most construction items and equipment, is now available. Beginning October 1, application on the old PD-200 form will not be accepted. However, in emergency cases where the supply of new forms is temporarily exhausted, the old form may be used if you attach a letter explaining the circumstances. This form must now be used as an application for: (1) authority to begin construction pursuant to the provisions of the Stop-Construction Order, L-41; (2) priority assistance for any project involving new construction, reconstruction, remodeling or conversion; (3) priority assistance for equipment when construction is involved. PD-1A applications formerly submitted for such equipment will no longer be accepted. When no construction is involved, however, PD-1A's will continue to be accepted for equipment.

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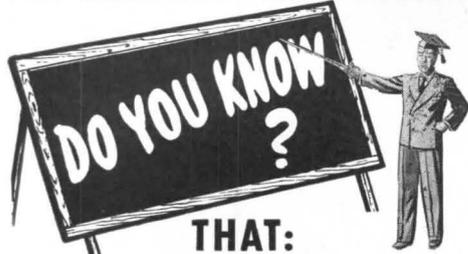


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nanced war housing, or PD-406, used for remodeling houses in critical defense areas. Neither does it replace form PD-3A, used for projects owned by the armed services and identified as "command" construction.

PD-200 applications are available at all WPB field offices, the County War Boards of the Department of Agriculture, field offices of the Federal Housing Authority, field offices of the Army, Navy, and Maritime Commission and many financial institutions. Instructions as to filing the executed PD-200 forms may be obtained at all field offices of WPB.

The coverage of the new PD-200 form has been increased and more detailed information is required. For simple types of construction, however, instructions have been drawn in such a manner that an applicant need fill out only the portion of the form applicable to his particular case.

The number of copies of the form to be filled in has been reduced from five to four. The form is now used in other than "command" construction. To reduce delays in processing, the PD-200 form has been correlated with the utilities application for utilities work in connection with a construction project.

Machinery and equipment required for a project have been separated from the construction materials and are listed in new sections. The machinery section has been divided among metal working equipment, power equipment and other machinery and equipment. The materials list has been increased. In cases where structural steel is used, a certificate must be attached to PD-200 stating WPB emergency specifications have been complied with.

## Construction for building operators

Operators of industrial plants, office buildings, apartment houses, hotels, and other substantial buildings were granted permission by WPB to apply for blanket authorization to cover miscellaneous construction work over a period not to exceed six months.

This makes it possible for both the operators and WPB to avoid handling numerous applications for construction jobs which are necessary in larger buildings, but which, under the for-

mer plan, had to receive individual authorization when the cost for all such work reached the limits set in the stop-construction order L-41.

Under the new plan all routine individual construction jobs, except those estimated to cost more than \$5,000, may be included in applications for blanket authorization. In cases where authorization is granted, the applicant must file within two weeks after the expiration of each period of the term of the authorization a report covering the work done, its cost and the materials consumed. Form PD-200 should be used for all such applications and reports.

In making the report on the work done, the applicant must mark it "Report on Blanket Construction" and include with it a letter indicating the serial number and date on which the application was approved.

The application covering miscellaneous jobs should, if possible, set forth the proposed construction work within the stated period of time in terms of jobs, dollars and quantities of material. A separate application must be submitted for each separate building or project.

Where it is impossible for the applicant to forecast the proposed jobs accurately, an application of a more general nature will be considered. However, the total cost of the proposed construction and a preliminary materials list must be included.

This plan is for blanket construction authorization only and does not alter the usual procedure for obtaining priorities assistance. However, when such assistance is required, this must be indicated on the blanket application.

Where priorities assistance for items of a single type only is required, applications on Form PD-1A will be accepted. If several different items are required, the applicant must apply on Form PD-200.

## Speed on emergency applications

WPB announced a method of expediting emergency applications to rebuild or replace property dispossessed because of acquisition by a war agency. Although such applications for authorization to begin construction should be filed in the usual manner,

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the field agencies may now telegraph pertinent information to WPB Construction Bureau in New York. The following information should be given to the field offices: (1) name and present location of applicant; (2) name of government agency submitting confirming letter and reason for emergency; (3) location of new construction; (4) number, type, size and value of buildings and other appurtenant construction on the dispossessed property; (5) number, type, size and value of new construction; (6) kinds and quantities of all new materials involved and cost in dollars.

**WPB materials rulings**

WPB has issued a Builders' Hardware Manual which lists the size, kind and quantity of builders' hardware which may be used in certain types of construction. Only those items of builders' hardware listed in the Manual and used as prescribed therein may be rated by any housing priorities issued.

Arrangements have been made to grant assistance to manufacturers of construction machinery parts in obtaining raw materials for parts sold on A-10 ratings. Under the new set-up, it will no longer be necessary for purchasers of most construction machinery parts to file separate applications for ratings, but instead they can extend on their purchase order A-10 under P-100. The Construction Machinery Branch will, in turn, assist the manufacturer in obtaining high-rated materials for the manufacture of parts to replace those sold.

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Builders having certain types of buckets, cranes, graders, shovels, mixers and similar used construction equipment must file a report showing the type and location of the equipment. This report must be filed on WPB Form 1159. In addition, WPB Form 1333 must be used to report any change of status of used construction equipment, such as movement from one location to another, change in ownership, change from being used to becoming idle, etc. Reports are to be submitted to the nearest WPB regional office.

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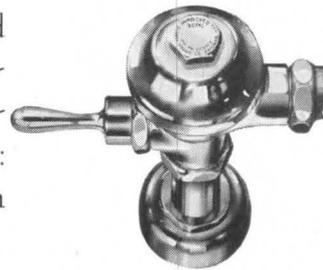
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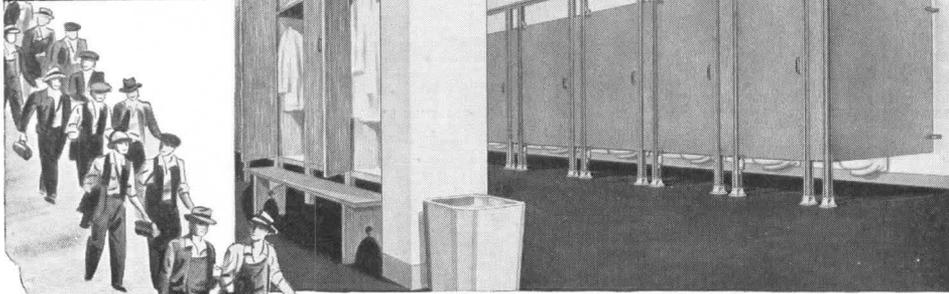


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### Construction price ceiling

Within the next two weeks OPA will issue a schedule of more limited scope covering the installation of coal burners to supplant oil burners. A specific schedule for construction is necessary since no construction service is the same or similar, or even comparable to a service performed in March. The pricing formula for construction service will consist of four factors: (1) materials, (2) labor, (3) rental of machinery and (4) the contractor's margin. The materials rates to be employed are the same that prevailed during March. Labor rates, however, are to be those of March but are to be adjusted upwards for any increase which occurred before July 1. Wages rates will thus conform to those negotiated by the Union stabilization agreement which was effective before July 1. The contractor's profit margin is frozen at the same amount that he obtained during March. The scope of the construction schedule has been materially limited by omitting all contracts made with Army, Navy, Maritime Commission, or other war procurement agencies.

Due to strong opposition from the building trade, OPA has omitted the clause in the former draft of the schedule of the order which provided that every contractor must furnish the buyer with an invoice giving a complete breakdown of the method of computation, thus affording to the buyer an easy means of checking up on the accuracy of the price. The schedule in its present form provides that if the actual costs exceed the contract price on a bid, the actual price may be increased but to no more than 10 per cent above the contract price. However, in case actual costs fall below the contract price the contractor must make a refund to the buyer of 75 per cent of the saving, retaining 25 per cent himself.

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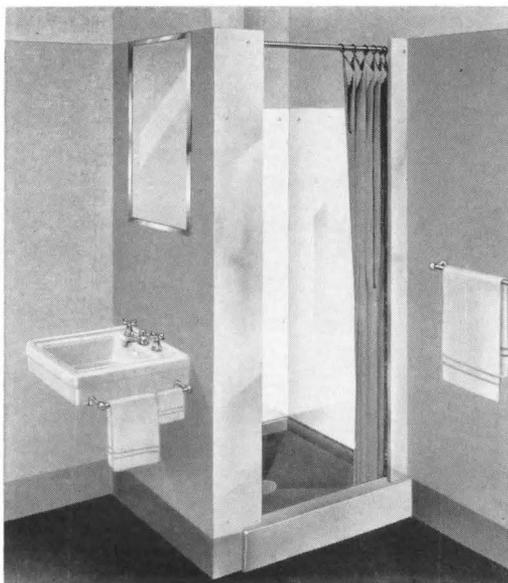
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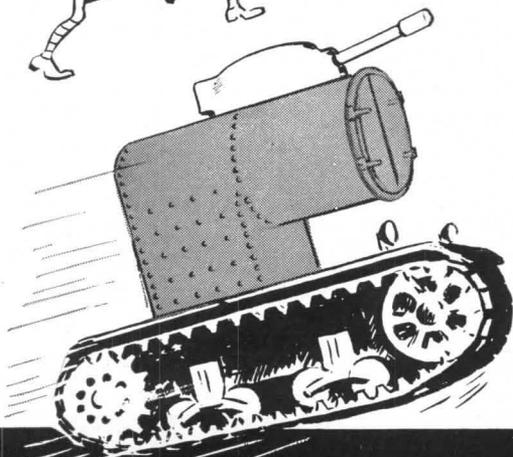
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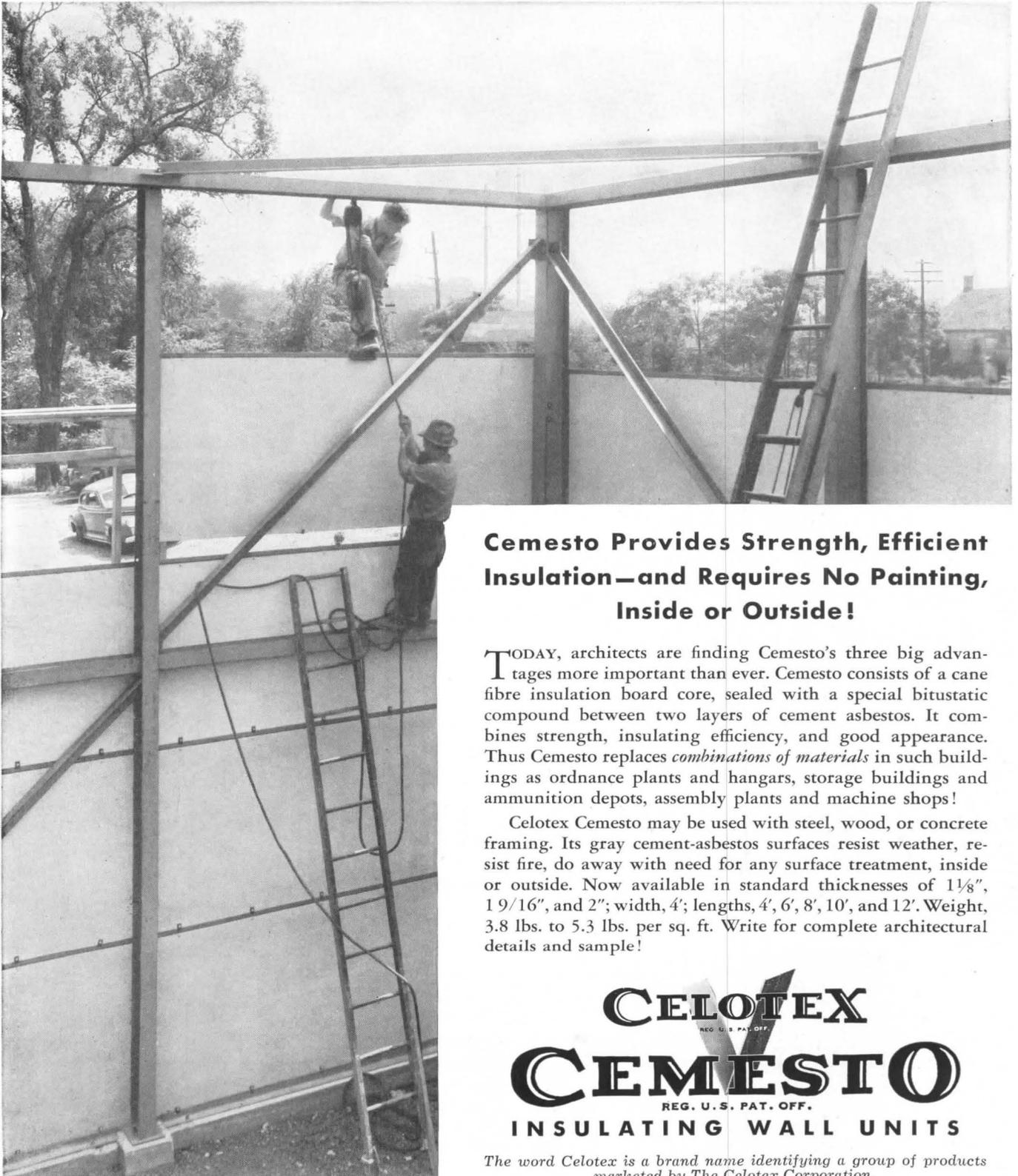
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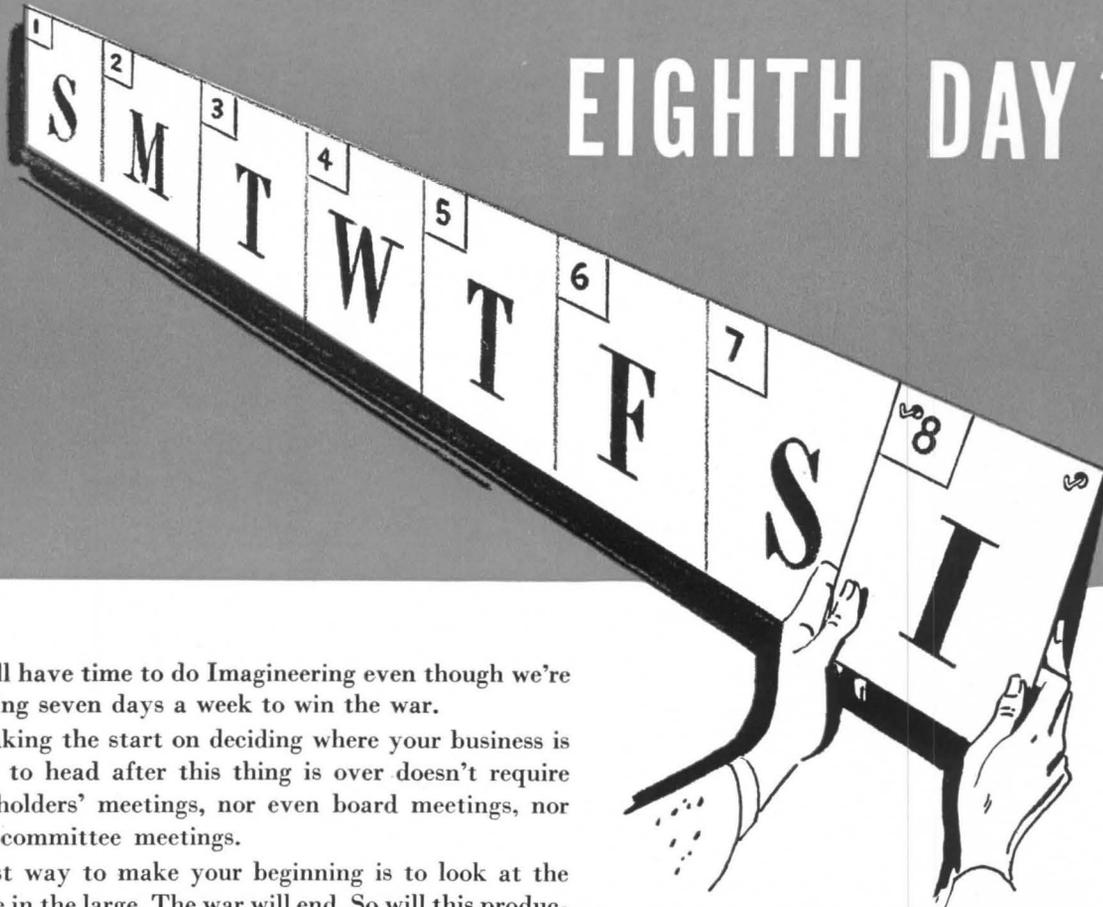
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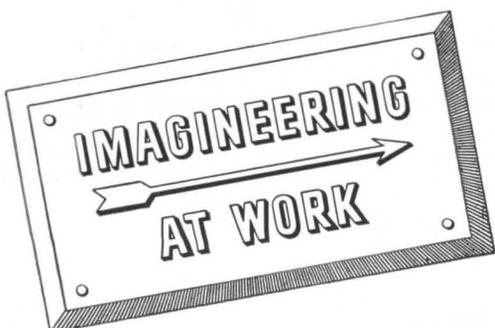
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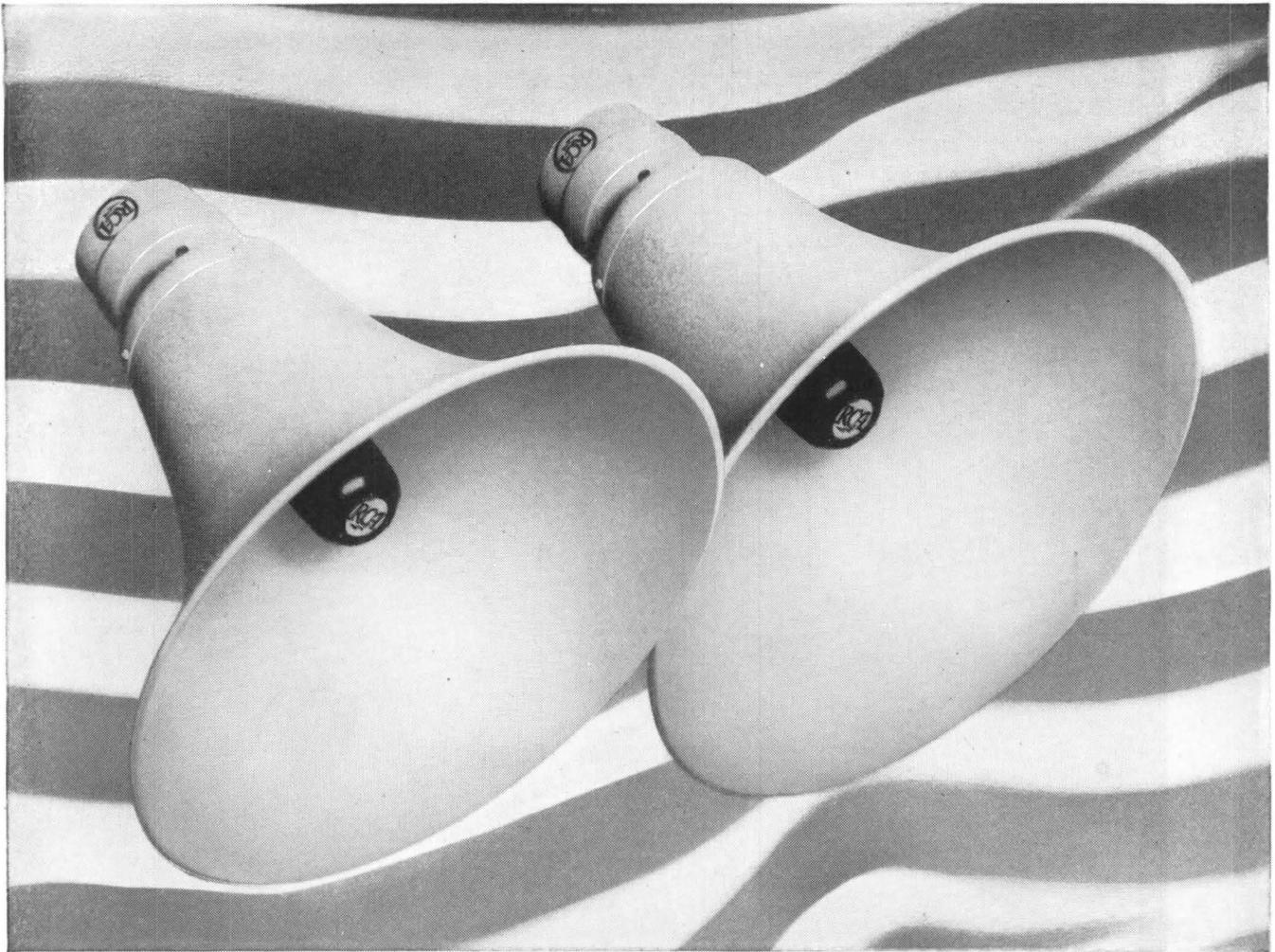
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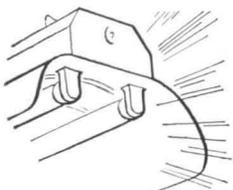
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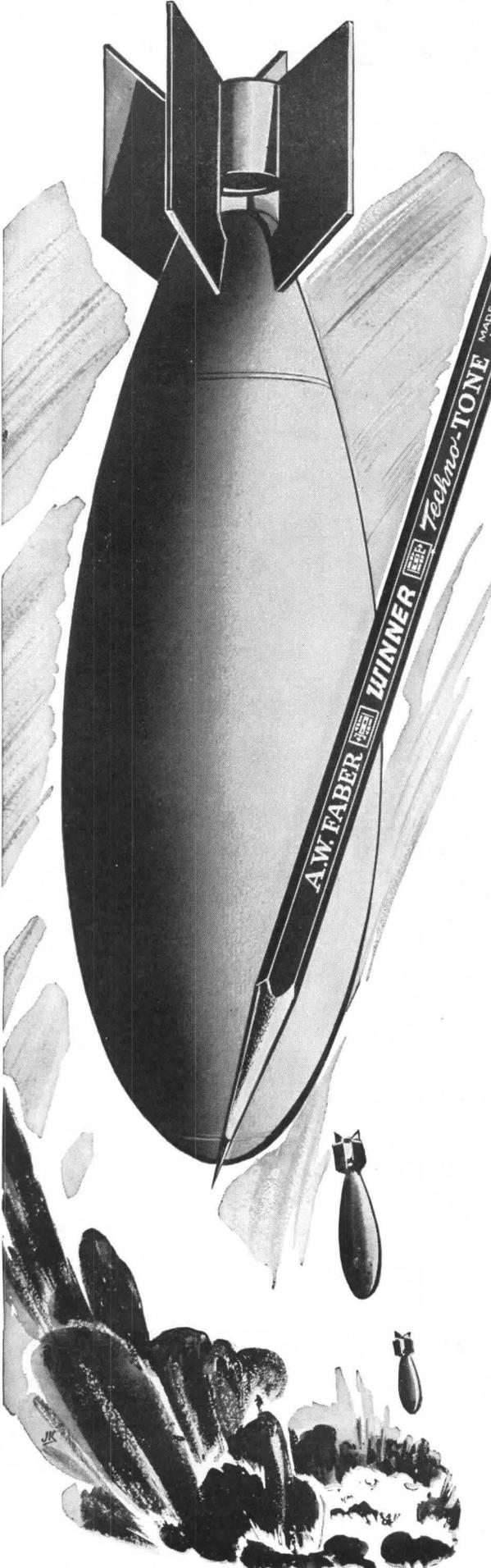
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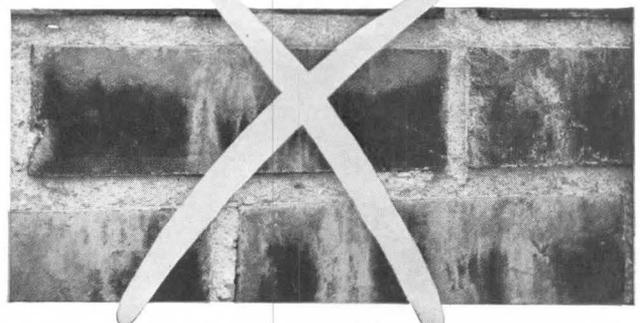
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## THE BOMBED BUILDINGS OF BRITAIN.

Edited by J. M. Richards. Cheam, England The Architectural Press, (45, The Avenue), 1942. 140 pp., 8 1/8 by 11 1/4 in., illus. 15s.

"STORM and lightning, the death-watch beetle, Cromwell's troopers, the speculative builder, mere obsolescence—and now German bombs; the legacy they leave of ruins, or living architecture reduced to memories and legends is all one." But this well edited record of architectural casualties in 1940-41 has intense, even poignant, interest. For it shows not only the attention-compelling "architecture of destruction" with anaesthetic peculiar to itself which "contrives its effects out of its own range of raw materials . . . the chalky substance of calcined masonry, the sagging contours of once rigid girders and the clear sienna colouring of burnt-out brick buildings, their rigged cross-walls receding plane by plane, on sunny mornings in the City." The careful selection by the editorial director of the *Architectural Review* (in which the material originally appeared) and the keen analytical and interpretive notes by John Summerson give us also our first conspectus of the disaster, with indication of the many poor restorations among buildings which probably will never be rebuilt, obituaries for these and for

worthier casualties—including over a score of Wren churches: the whole enlivened by suggestions that many items can be rebuilt with the decided improvement our present knowledge makes possible over the earlier restorations, and indication that "luckily" many of the essential features as well as many fine details have survived.

**STATE HOUSING AGENCIES.** By Dorothy Schaffter. New York, Columbia Univ. Press, (2960 Broadway) 1942. 808 pp., 6 by 8 1/8 in., tables, charts. \$7.50

ARCHITECTS and others, including doubtless professors of political science, brace themselves to examine, if not to master, a huge book on a subject somewhat cognate with their own. A sense of duty drives perhaps even when intellectual curiosity lags.

But the story of housing agencies in 21 states by Vassar's professor of political science is as delightful as it is informing. The reading is easy—though there are forty score pages including nearly a hundred of bibliography. The feeling persists throughout that collection and examination of the records have been as thorough as the digesting is careful and the conclusions balanced and impersonal. The significant in the work of many hands over many years in establishing the various agencies is vividly presented, so that each emerges complete with lineage, personality and complexion, with a record of its struggle and achievement, both within its own state and as an influence on other states, an estimate of its strength and the reason for its weakness where that exists. Professor Schaffter offers her record as a contribution to the reconsideration and reform necessary and possible after the war.

**NATIONAL BUILDING CODE.** Ottawa, National Housing Administration. 422 pp. 6 1/8 by 9 in., tables, diags. \$1.00. (N.R.C. 1068).

THE CODE, probably the first ever produced having for its aim regulation of building construction on a national scale, has been prepared under the joint sponsorship of the National Research Council of Canada and the National Housing Administration, with the cooperation of some sixty active committees and an advisory committee representing sixty professions, trade associations, and government agencies. There is no authority to

compel its adoption; but both the many communities in the Dominion lacking qualified advice to enable them to regulate building construction at all, and those in which requirements in design and construction are out of date will doubtless welcome the code, while localities in which unduly restrictive codes have hampered building may seize the opportunity offered by this publication to modify their present codes.

**HOW TO PLAN A HOUSE, HOW TO REMODEL A HOUSE.** By Gilbert Townsend and J. Ralph Dalzell. Chicago, American Technical Society, (850 E. 58th St.) 1942. 525, 528 pp. resp., 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 in., illus. \$4.50, \$4.75, resp.

HOW TO . . . "Consult an architect," is the RECORD's advice. But for the many who can't or won't, as for the many who do, there is much of value in these books, written down to the merest of laymen without, unfortunately, being written up to the level the non-technical reader has a right to expect. Tables, diagrams and much of the story are so serviceable that one wonders how it was possible to select and repeat halftones so unserviceable; and it is to be hoped that more readers than we estimate are capable of realizing that things do not necessarily look so dreadful.

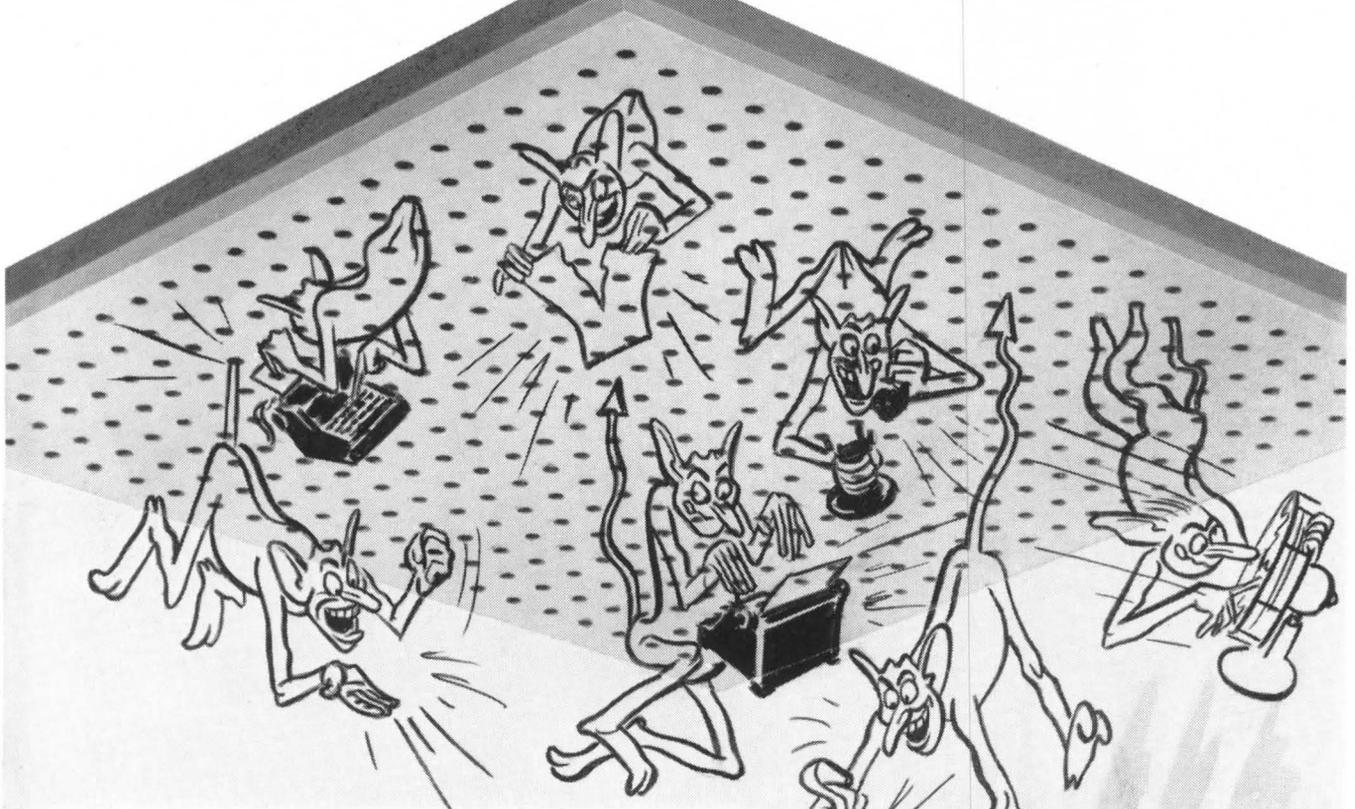
**EL CERRITO: A Camera report on a typical Spanish community in New Mexico.** By Irving Rusinov. Washington, D. C., Gov't Printing Office, 1942. 136 pp., 8 by 10 1/2 in., illus., 45 cents. (U. S. Bur. of Agr. Econ. Misc. Pub. 479.)

THIS vivid report is a help to architecture which is trying to acquaint itself with the essential life of its corporate client, the low-income family or group. It is the first of a series of six studies (the others being Grafton County, N. H.; Lancaster County, Pa.; Putnam County, Ga.; Haskell County, Kans.; and Shelby County, Iowa) made in an effort to show social and economic backgrounds of such groups. El Cerrito, started in the early 19th Century and until a decade or two ago self-sufficient, has "culture of Spain . . . of Southwestern Indians and a few traces of our own . . . people are friendly and interested, curious and suspicious . . . the 'Anglo' has rarely helped them."

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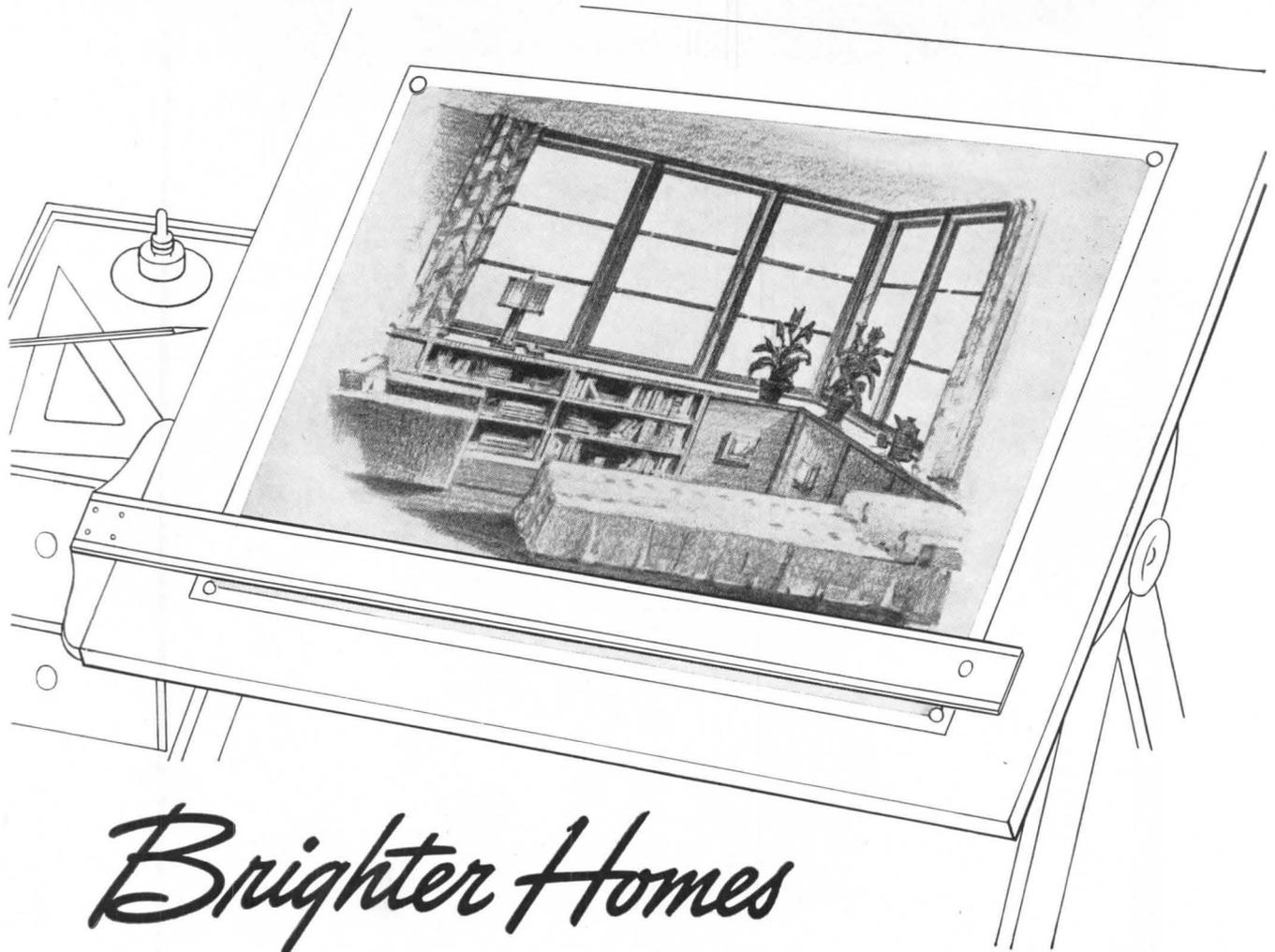
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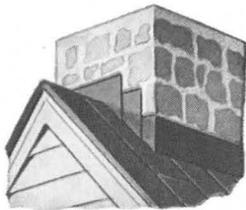
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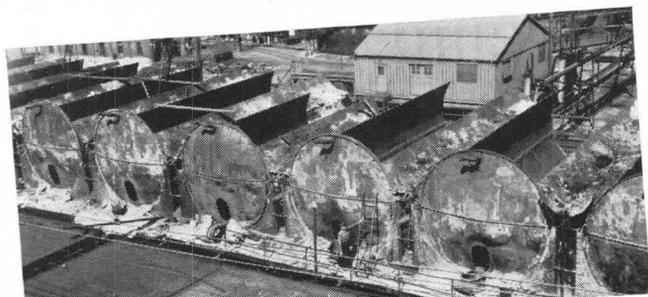
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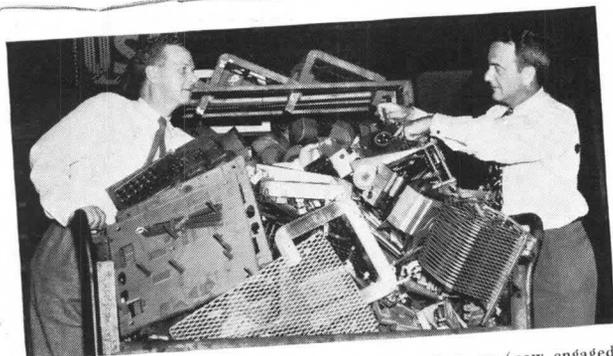
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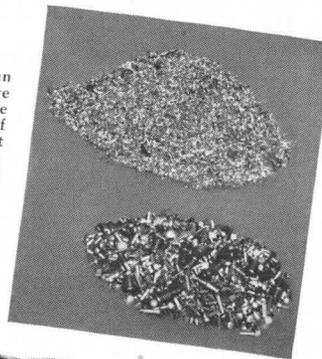
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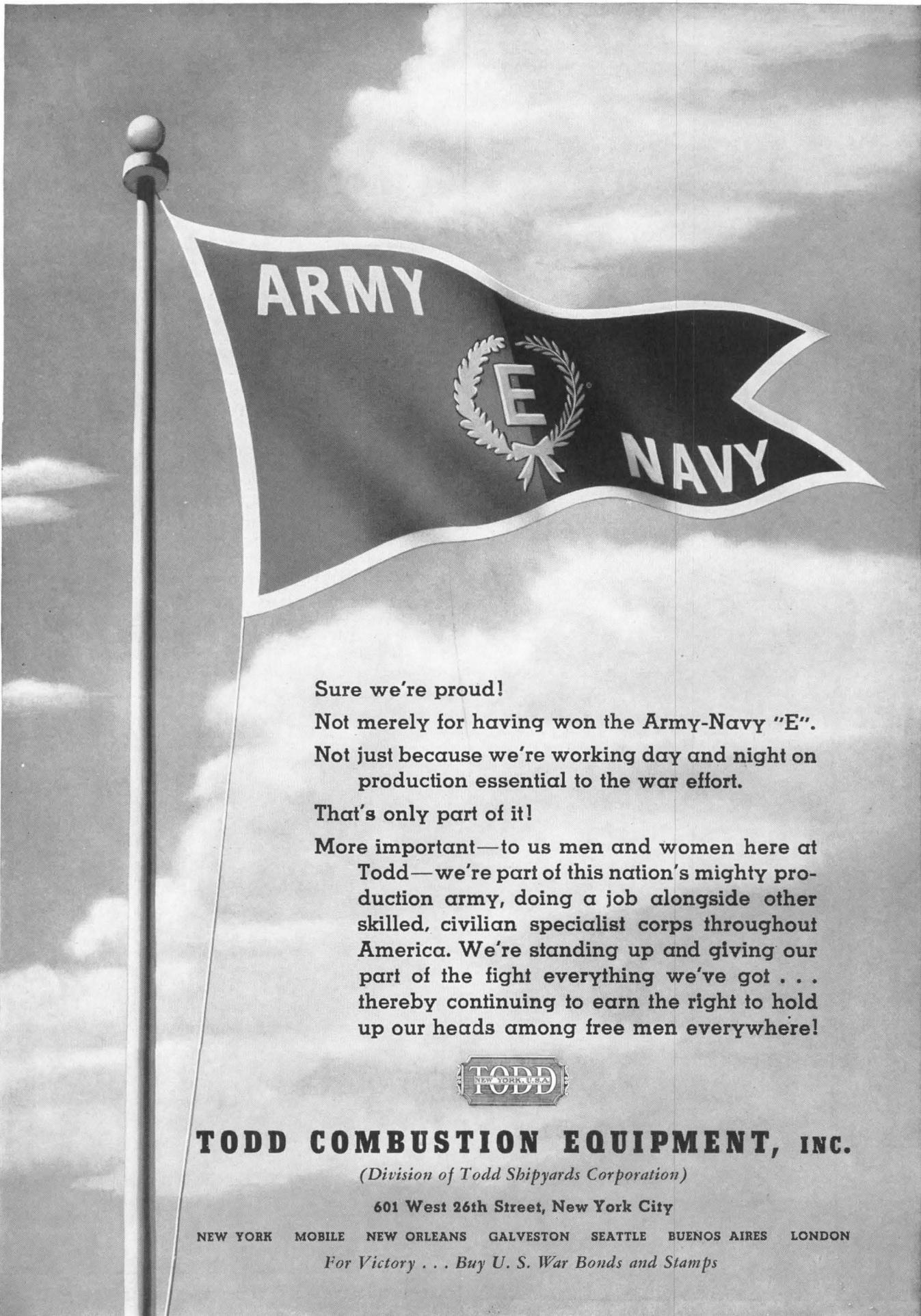
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If there are two functions which distinguish the special province of the architectural profession, certainly they are those of planner and coordinator. And of the architect's potential leadership there is little doubt in the mind of the profession: this is "his rightful place," that of a key man whose training, experience and judgment are essential in making decisions in the realm of building.

◆ This being so, it is obvious that his leadership and functions are now put to the test by the necessity for competent planning and coordination for the post-war period—both the immediate "after the armistice" readjustment period and the long-term development of the design for democracy, the creation of a new, efficient, healthful and pleasant environment for human activity and progress. The building industry must be ready for the readjustments and the expansion. It is the opportunity for men of vision, a responsibility that cannot be neglected without serious consequences both to the post-war economy and the position of the profession in the post-war period.

If architects do not assume leadership in coordinating the co-professions of engineers, city planners and the other factors, to plan for the future building of our towns, cities and regions—someone else will. They will, because post-war construction must be planned for *now*, if it is to contribute to the better living, working and transportation facilities which are envisioned for post-war America. It is time *now* to plan for planning—to state objectives, to organize, to determine needs, to develop techniques and groups for the study of those needs, and ways and means of meeting them.

◆ Planning under a dictatorship is easy—complete control of all factors and no rights for individuals or groups. Planning under our democratic way of life is difficult, for the rights, desires and needs of all factors must be considered and decisions on what is best for all arrived at by conference, cooperation and the determination by democratic processes of the will of the majority. This takes time, clear thinking and leadership. We cannot begin too soon, we cannot leave our future cities to chance or whim without going deeper in the mire of inefficiency and ugliness, and we cannot leave the leadership to others without being recreant to our responsibilities, beliefs and protestations. Planning and coordination in the largest sense are needed now—the exercise of imagination, intelligence and practical knowledge of the realities which are involved.

◆ We are not here advocating Utopian dream-cities or regions, stimulating as they are to contemplate, but the down-to-earth studies of what we have, what we want, and a program of progressive steps to bring about the change.

The needs of the individual, the family, the group—the needs of industry, of agriculture, of commerce, of transportation and of government—must be taken care of in our cities and regions in better ways than heretofore. There are conflicting interests that must be adjusted. Private interest must be coordinated with the public good—to the benefit of both. More than a master plan in the physical sense is needed.

◆ The questions to be faced go far beyond the maps and charts and colored plans. They involve the control and use of land, and of men, money and materials. They are concerned with property rights, municipal financing, administration and taxation, with legislation and public opinion, with population character and change, and with the trends in production, distribution and transportation.

◆ It is because planning realistically for the future is so complicated and involves so many factors that the plan for planning must be instigated now. Will the creative professions of the building industry measure up to the part of the task that is theirs? Much depends on what you and your organizations can and will do in the next few months to develop a plan for planning.

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of functionalism; and to insist upon a greater and more thorough dose of structural principles and practice. Our method must not be preventive merely but positive. Its principle should be the closest possible unification of structural techniques and expressive form. Since we know that in the greatest traditions of architecture expression was arrived at, not as something added on in the name of taste, nor yet as the free play of romantic or aesthetic sensibility, but rather as a part of those scientific processes by which materials are assembled, shaped and arranged for use—since our architecture has in practice arrived at that point where techniques and design are inseparable—we should so far as is practicable teach them as inseparables.

We have the problem method, the gift of Paris. Each problem must now be made to include, not plan and plastic form merely, but the design of every structural element essential to it. But that is not enough. The character, disposition, and strength of structure are not to be devised after plans are made and an expressive pattern imagined, but are to be conceived and developed simultaneously with plan and pattern. They, as well as plan and pattern, are to be a material of the imagination and essential to it; and if the imagination is thus circumscribed by a limited knowledge of techniques—if a student is forbidden to design a building which he cannot construct—that is not in the end important. What is important is a discipline in a habit of thought which in the future will be essential to success in architecture.

TODAY, in a thousand chemical laboratories, camouflaged and guarded by armed men, there are coming into life the seeds of a new architecture. Through processes accelerated many times by the urgencies of war there are evolving discoveries and inventions having a scope and adaptability undreamed of in this our antique world. We shall have, when the great storm is ended, a wealth of new materials: metals that are flexible and light and yet five times as strong as steel, wood that can be modeled, glass that is unbreakable, plastics, laminations, and synthetic fibers beyond our present comprehension. From the fierce necessities of war there will come new organizations of industries and of capital, new skills and groupings of labor, new methods of transportation, of production and fabrication, of cheap and ready power. The Athens which will then arise will be built, not by men who use new techniques to confirm old formulae, but by men accustomed to discover and exploit the potentialities of techniques and to develop from these the forms inherent in their specific energies. We can only guess at these in our present schools, but we need not guess at the training, the vision, the daring which will fit our students for their unparalleled opportunities.

We have yet to develop an educational process which will establish in the student's mind a clear and habitual apprehension of this basic relationship of form and technique or which will encourage to the fullest degree possible those aptitudes which are specific to this order of creative activity. We shall not do this by precept, or by example, or by the analysis of masterpieces, but only by such processes as will afford a progressive experience in the integration of structure with plan and expressive form. Making and doing will be the cardinal activities of the courses which afford such experiences but these

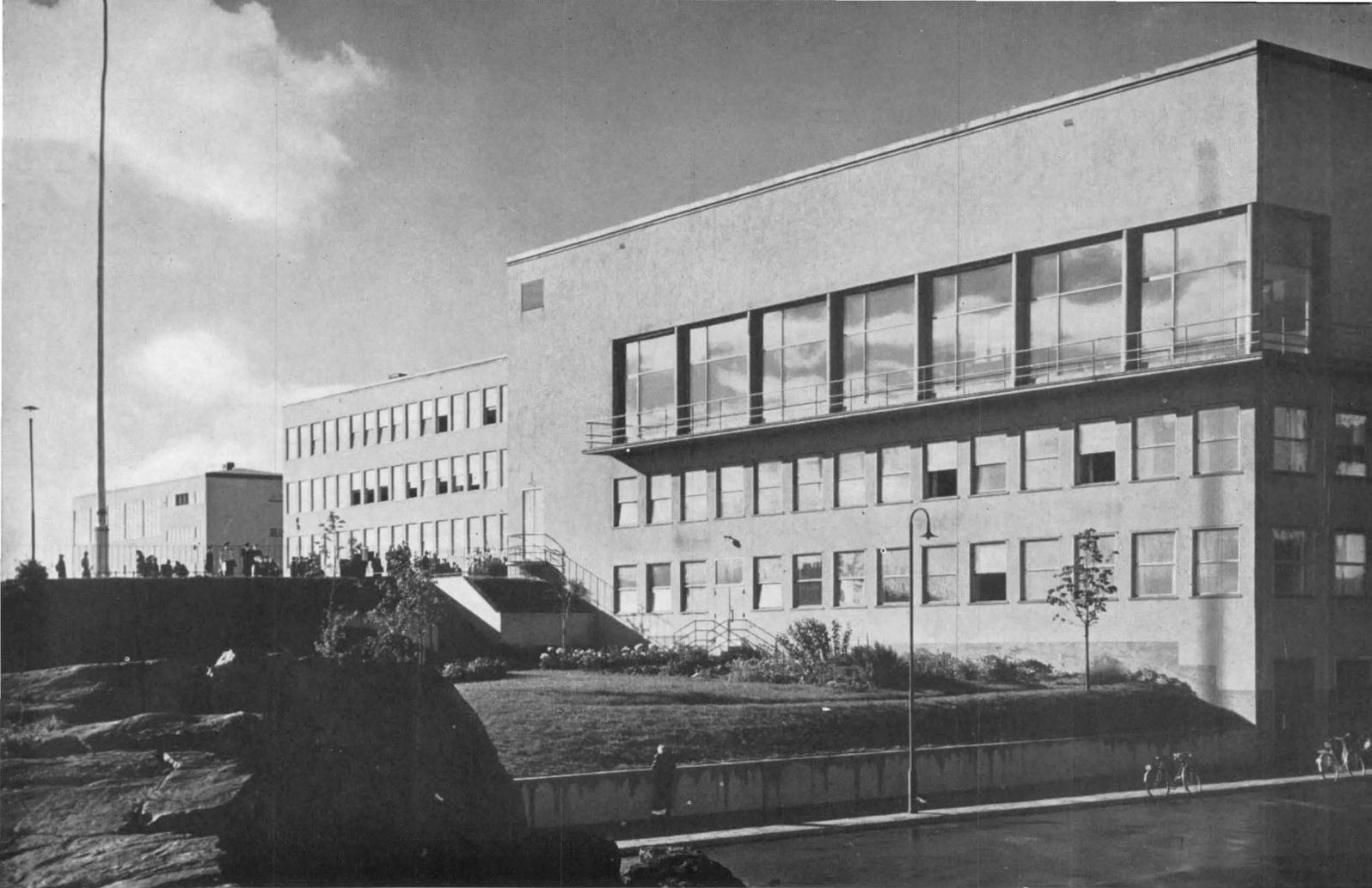
will include also a first-hand knowledge of building operations such as may be had from a direct and continued study of buildings under construction and of fabrication plants. Such courses are not to be included as incidents in a program of information courses and bread-and-butter skills. They are to form the heart of our discipline. They are to be organized into related sequences constantly studied and renewed. They will require, like the courses of the *Ecole des Beaux-Arts*, methods of teaching unique to their special objectives: an environment, equipment, conventions and, it may be, even a language peculiar to themselves; and they must be enlightened by a liberal philosophy.

WE know of course that structural techniques are only one of the architect's tools, and certainly they are less the materials of his art than the *program*: that is to say, the thing to be done, the use to be served, the idea to be made express and visible. Not the structure merely but the program must be integral with life and, in our academic way of working, must lie, like structure, within the range of a student's experience. The first and sometimes fateful step towards romance is taken when, impatient of commonplace themes, we ask our students to interpret in a pattern of architectural forms a pattern of social conduct unknown to them. *A Palace for the Governor of Algiers, a Nymphaeum in the Argentine*, may be excellent subjects for the application of abstract principles of plan and composition; and yet, in the end, they deaden rather than vivify the imagination. The imagination like the airplane can sometimes reach the stratosphere, but it must take off from solid ground.

People are sometimes surprised when they visit the Harvard School of Design by the somewhat pedestrian nature of our programs, so rounded with actualities of site and expense and homely use. And yet our purpose was not, as some suppose, to reduce architecture to a technical service merely (although it *is* a technical service) but, rather, through an awareness of service to make sure that at every step of a student's progress his expanding art should be rooted in reality.

There are many practical difficulties imposed by such a principle. The number of planning programs lying actually within the range of a student's experience—a house for his own parents, a building for his own school—is sometimes surprisingly small. On the other hand, it may seem curious that we should demand, even if the theme be one of these, an interpretation of life from men who have scarcely begun to live—all the more so if this interpretation is to be made in the unfamiliar and intractable shapes of buildings. Some conventions are obviously necessary, as they must be in any formalized system of teaching. For my part, I think that—assuming the presence of a skillful teacher—a program will suffice if two conditions are met: first, that it lies in the immediate life about the student; and, second, that it is accessible to him through observation and analysis. What I have in mind is empirical and direct knowledge of the thing to be done, even though this cannot in the nature of things go to the heart of the matter. The student is to visit an actual site, learn for himself the form and movement which life is to assume there, discover and

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Effective multiple-level planning, necessitated by hill-top site; large auditorium windows and balcony give magnificent view (interior, page 47). SOUTH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, Stockholm, Paul Hedquist, architect

# LESSONS FROM SWEDISH SCHOOLS

By G. E. KIDDER SMITH, AIA\*



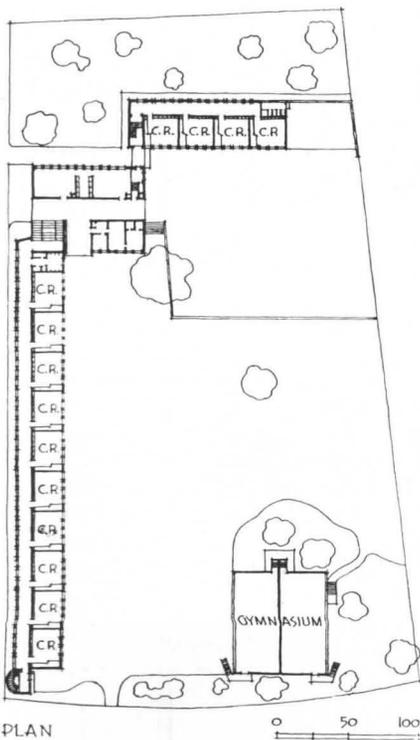
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A light, glazed passage connects classroom and administrative units

THERE is no doubt that schools will be a major need in the post-war Design for Democracy. And they will be one of the first types of buildings to be erected—especially if they are planned now with that in mind. Wise municipalities are building up their “blue-prints for V-Day,” to be ready to build the many needed schools.

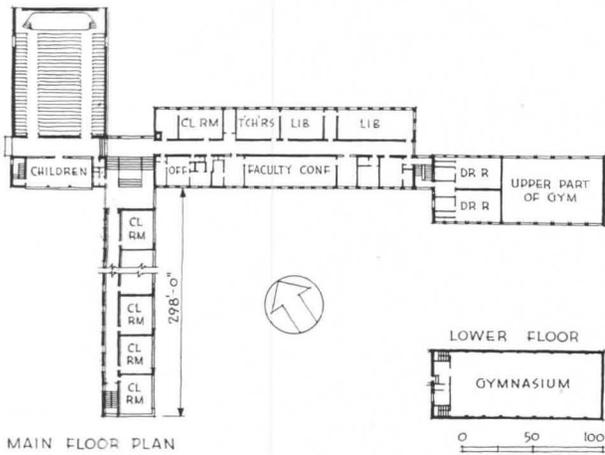
Much can be learned from the Swedish experience and success, which has been largely due, to the enlightened, progressive and open-minded Boards of Education that have fostered the sound approach to planning and have encouraged the architects rather than stifling them with limiting traditional mandates. The results are worth careful study and adaptation—schools well designed for their purposes, efficient in operation, economical in cost, spacious, sunny and pervaded with cheerfulness and wellbeing.

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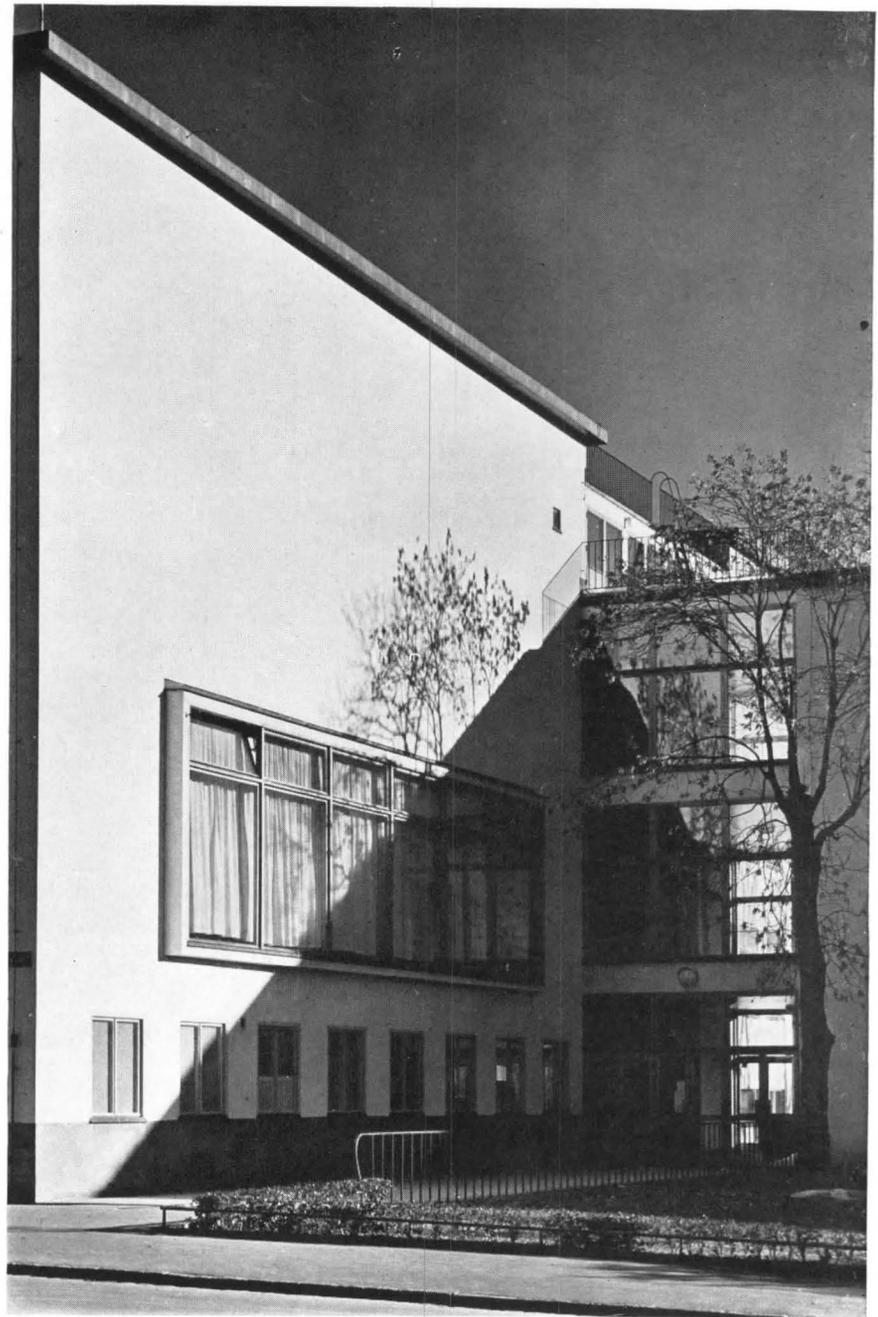


An elementary school scaled to the size of the pupils. In plan, the wing for the smallest children (upper right) segregates them from the others and provides their own separate playground. Above, the auditorium wing spares the existing tree which makes an attractive adjunct of the design. Below, the gymnasium is in a separate unit, divided for boys and girls; locker-rooms, dressing rooms and showers are below. Construction is reinforced concrete and common brick covered with white stucco. FREDHALL SCHOOL, Stockholm, Paul Hedquist, architect

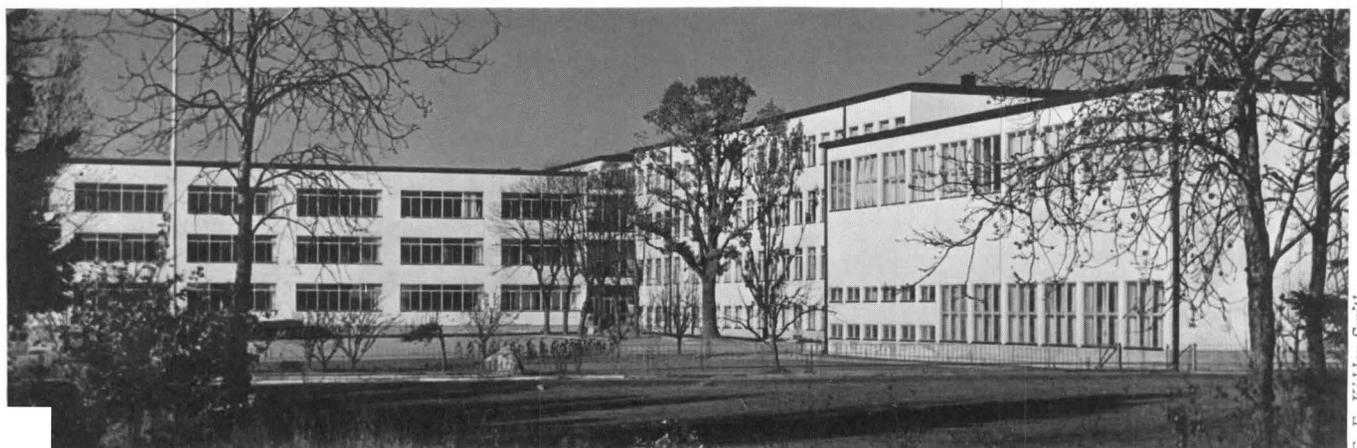




MAIN FLOOR PLAN



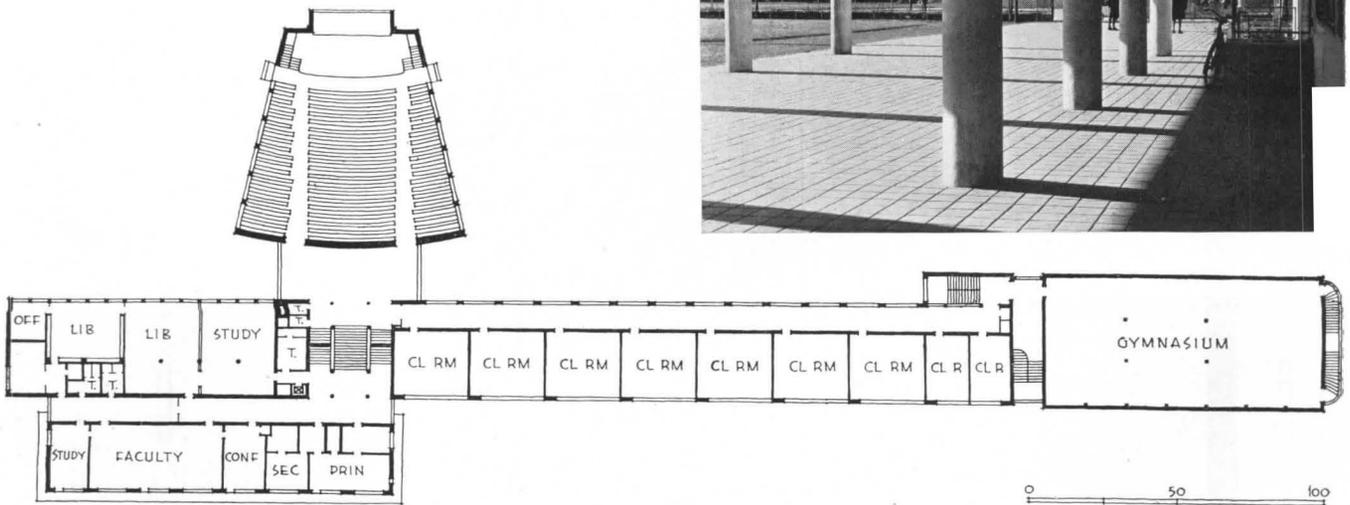
Large school sites are considered essential in Sweden, to permit free planning, and proper orientation, to provide playgrounds and athletic fields, to give a maximum of light, air and sunshine and to afford a certain amount of isolation from surrounding streets and buildings. The main entrance to this school is through a glazed connecting hall which serves the auditorium at the left, classroom wing at the right, and administrative offices and laboratories. This permits units to be used separately or together, closing off those not in use. Below, the school from the south, showing classroom wing at left, administrative and special rooms, center, double gymnasium at right. BROMMA HIGH SCHOOL, for 1,000 pupils, Paul Hedquist, architect



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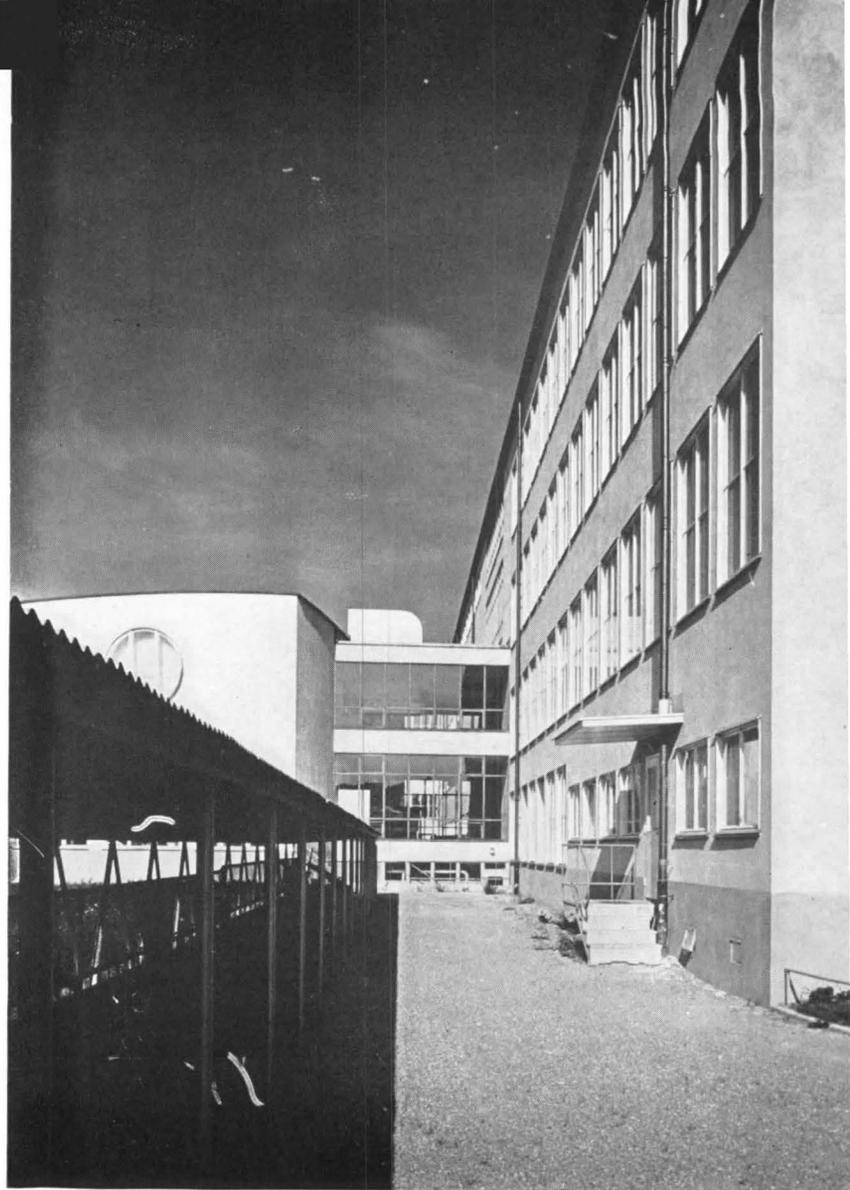


The principle of dividing the school building into functional units, joined by passages, is clearly shown. Later schools have further separated ordinary classrooms from laboratories and special rooms



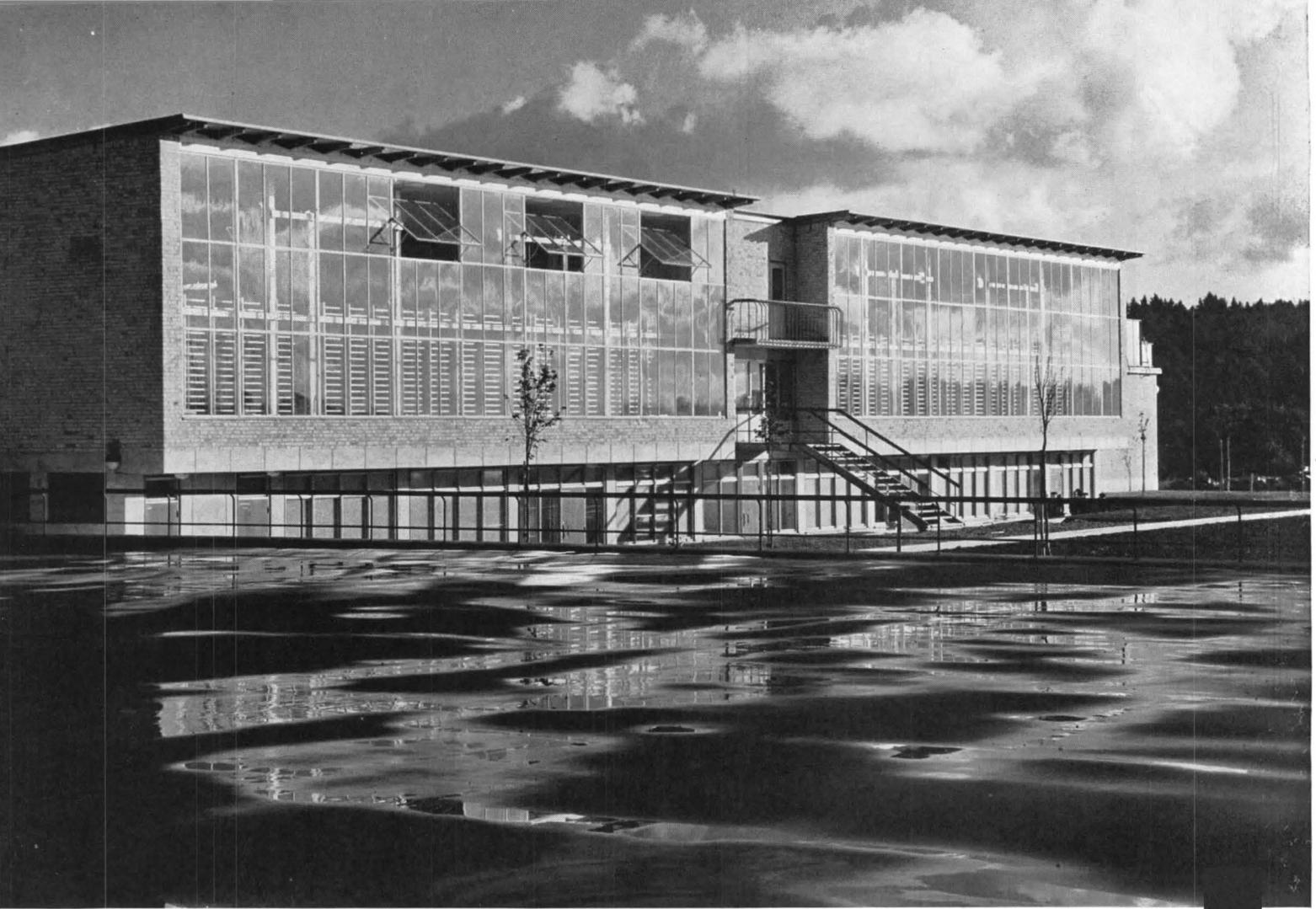
New ideas are frequently brought to light through architectural competitions. The winning design for the SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, Stockholm, Ahrbom & Zimdal, architects, brought about the innovations shown on this and the facing page. It was one of Sweden's first modern schools and has had its influence on subsequent design and planning. The natural functional units of the school are separated by passages or stair halls to permit them to be used separately and for ease of control. The connecting links are fully glazed and give a sense of space as well as assuring safety because of good light

The photograph at the right shows the passage connecting the main portion of the school with the auditorium. Access to the auditorium is at two levels. In the foreground is the bicycle shed, which is a necessity in Swedish schools and is increasingly desirable in American schools, both for the war period and probably thereafter. The long facade of the building is broken visually by the vertical leaders which serve the flat roofs



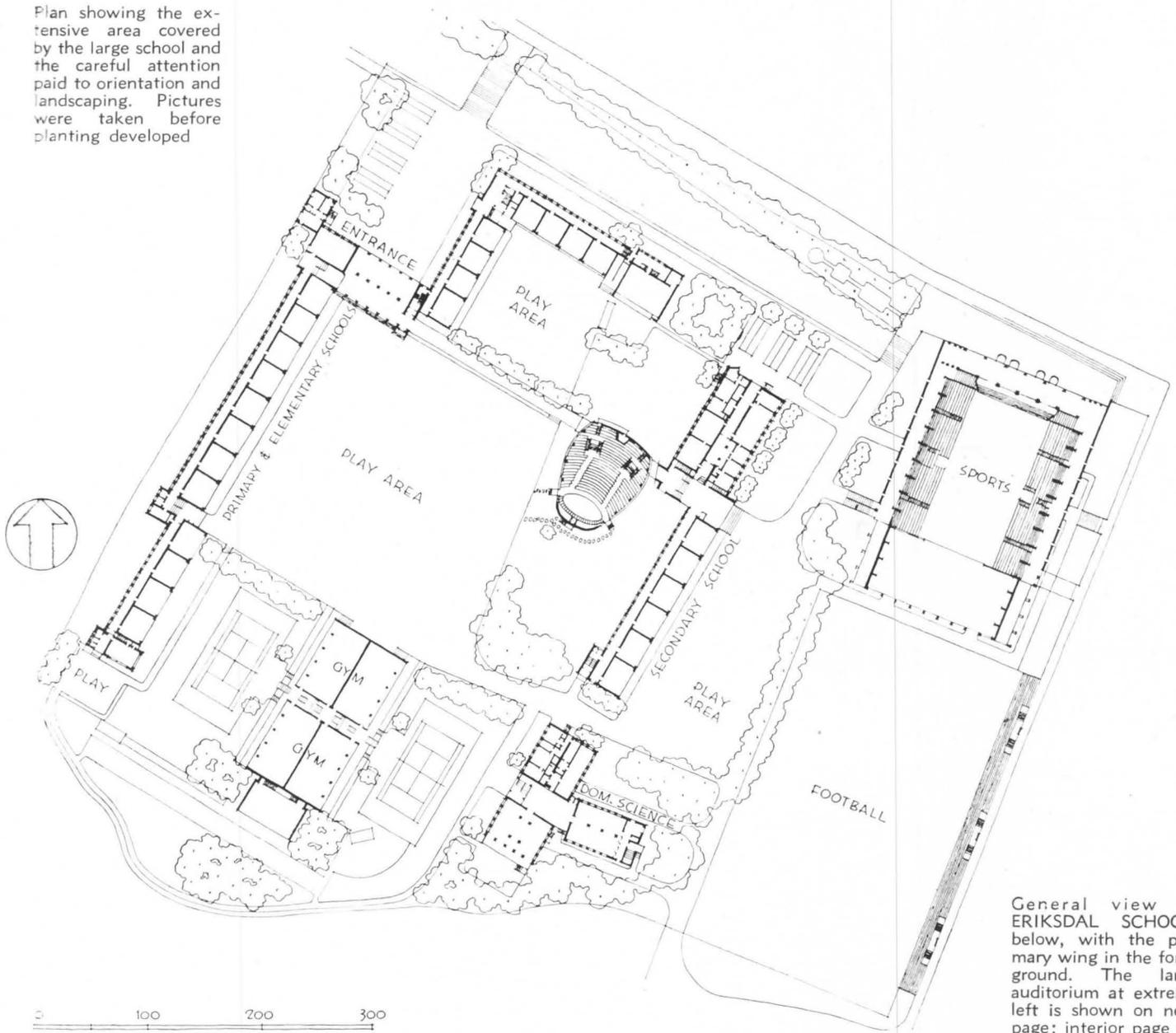
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The gymnasium of the SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS is separated from the main classroom building by a stair corridor. This insulates the main building from the noise of gymnasium activities. The windows are high above the floor to provide space for apparatus along the walls. Outward-opening casements are operated in banks to give through-ventilation. A horizontal visor extends over these windows, giving a protection from rain or excessive summer sun. The dressing rooms are below the gymnasium. The simplicity of the door details is worthy of note as are the long handles which can be used easily by both big pupils and small ones

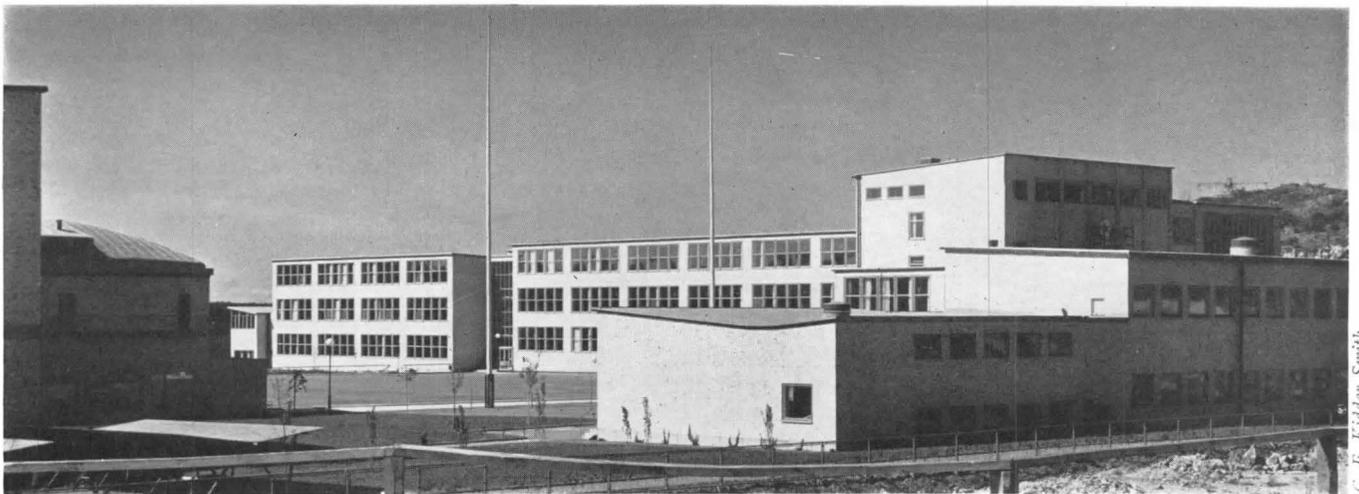


This school is really two in one—an elementary school and a school for domestic sciences. There are many special rooms, such as kitchens, sewing rooms, laboratories, craft rooms, etc. The school is built of local yellow brick over a reinforced concrete frame, and provides facilities for 2,200 pupils in 59 classrooms. It is usually considered in Sweden as being too large. The large gymnasium, shown above from the playground, is divided into four equal areas, two on either side of the central corridor and stairs. Lockers, dressing rooms and showers are below; playground, tennis courts and natural areas surround the building. There is a solarium at the far end of the building which overlooks the river. The photograph at the left shows the wing of the primary school in the foreground, with its vertically glazed stair; the administrative wing in the center, flanked by a classroom bank on its left. ERIKSDAL SCHOOL, Ahrbom & Zimdal, architects

Plan showing the extensive area covered by the large school and the careful attention paid to orientation and landscaping. Pictures were taken before planting developed



General view of ERIKSDAL SCHOOL, below, with the primary wing in the foreground. The large auditorium at extreme left is shown on next page; interior page 48

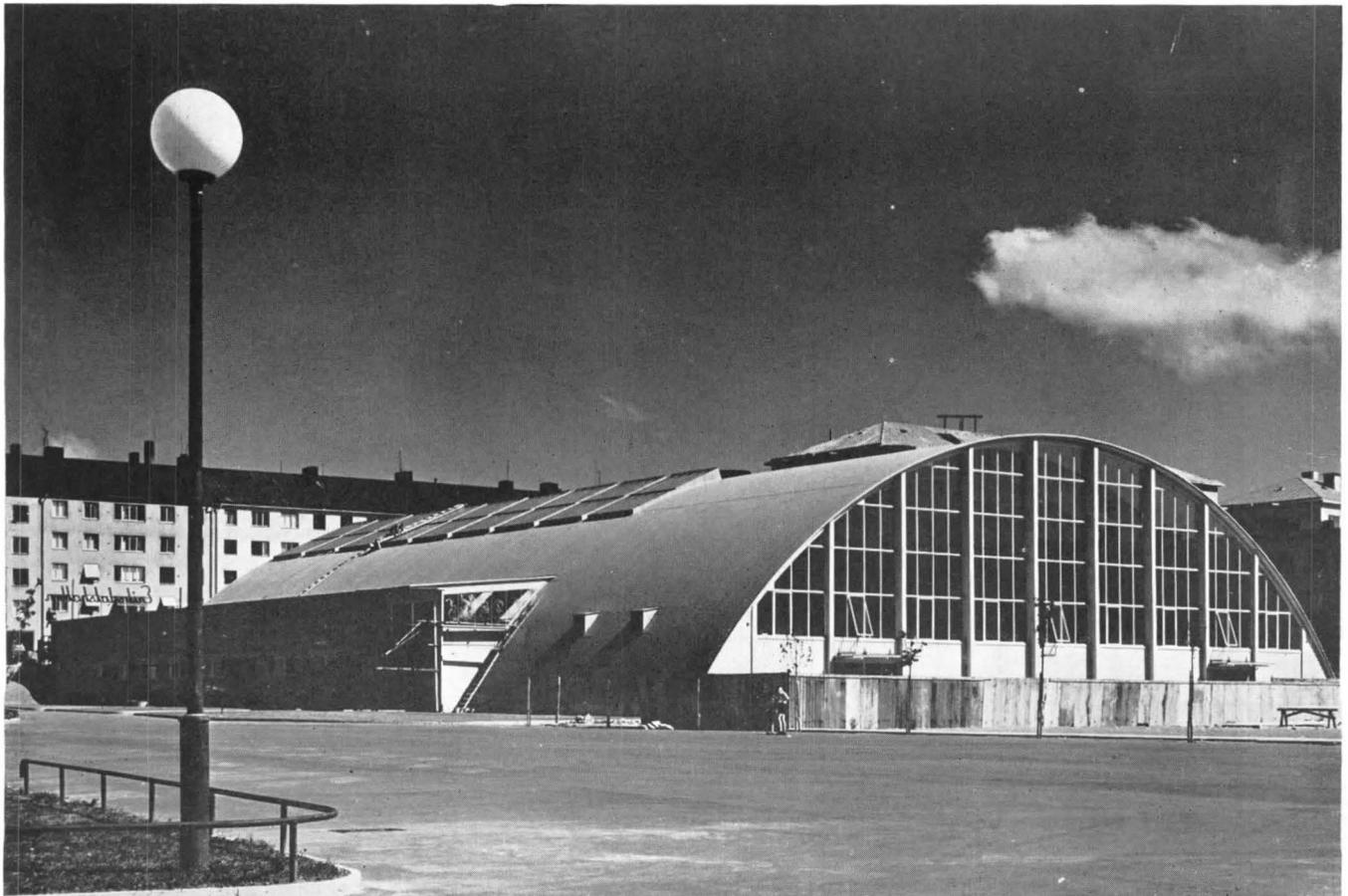


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Left, exterior of the auditorium building from the north; domestic science buildings and laboratories at right. Continuous bank of windows lights the auditorium from above the topmost tier of auditorium seats. The double brick wall has heating pipes between and is open at the top. Ducts for air conditioning are over the stage (see page 48)

The tennis and sports hall is used for competitive athletics and is integrated with the main playing field. It is used also by the public for meetings, concerts, exhibitions, etc., and has a seating capacity of 2,200, or 4,000 when the floor is used for seating. Dressing rooms, showers, etc., are under the tiers of seats and there is a stage at one end

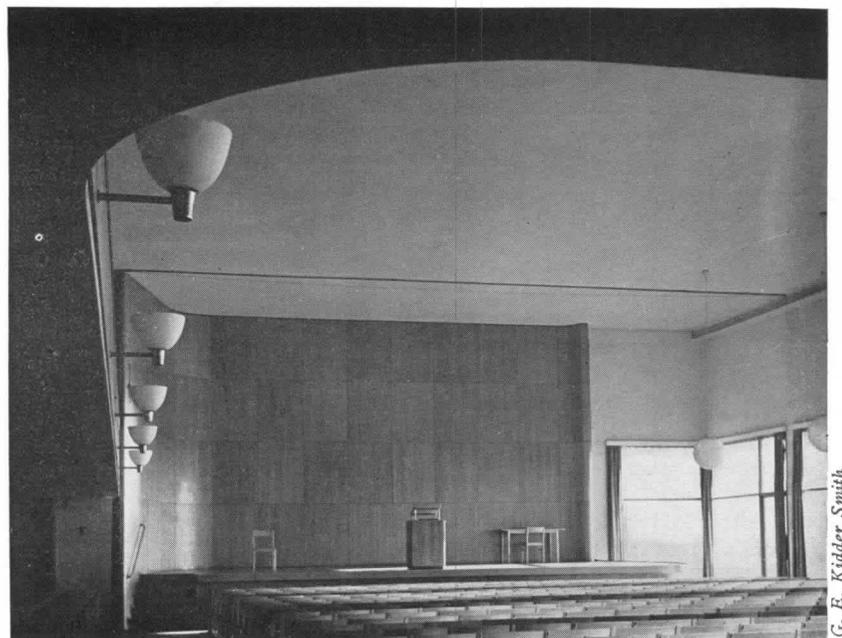




## IDEAS FROM THE INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE OF SWEDISH SCHOOL AUDITORIA

The same straightforward simplicity which marks the exterior design of Swedish schools adds distinction to the interiors, which are designed in the same spirit. Above, the auditorium of the FREDHALL SCHOOL might seem bare without the soft folds of the straight-hanging window drapery, which is both useful and ornamental. The wood of the ceiling and lower cord of the built-up wooden trusses is carried down over the windows as a decorative feature. The auditorium is so oriented as to receive the cheerful morning sunlight. The chairs are of a close-stacking design

The low windows at the right of the auditorium of the SOUTH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL are arranged to take advantage of the view across the countryside. The complete simplicity of design, the effective use of free curves and the contrast of texture and color are worthy of note in this design. Bracket illumination is used at the right, supplemented by globes at the window side. A curtain can be drawn across the platform



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The stage is the focal point of the large ovoid auditorium of the ERIKSDAL SCHOOL. Curtain can be drawn around the stage and the organ console can be rolled off through the sliding door at the back. Air conditioning vents dot the ceiling above the stage

The stage of the SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS is backed by a large window so arranged as to show the organ pipes. This feature has not been adopted in later schools. The smaller sections of the graduated horizontal window panels are movable, to admit sound. The organ is typical of all Swedish school auditoria



## INTERESTING DETAILS FROM CORRIDORS AND CLASSROOMS OF SWEDISH SCHOOLS

One very rarely finds an ill-lighted corridor in modern Swedish schools; they are designed to be as pleasant as the classrooms or any other rooms. Usually they are lighted by the maximum glass area, simply divided. The corridor end, right above, is a case in point from the SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS in Stockholm. The doors are almost universally flush-type, set flush with the walls. The coat hooks (shown in both photographs) are satisfactory for Swedish conditions but American practice dictates lockers



The corridor of the ERIKSDAL SCHOOL is shown below, right. Windows have a pleasant, large reveal and every fourth opening, opposite each classroom door, goes full length to the floor. Growing plants are a pleasant addition in these window recesses. Lights above each door provide corridor illumination and indicate both the floor and the number of the classroom in such a way as to be visible the entire length of the corridor. Note also the unobtrusive, thin corridor radiators



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The well-lighted mural wall frames the auditorium doors in the SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, Stockholm. The low bench over the radiator is for the comfort of early-comers



Openings are glazed to the utmost for light and sense of spaciousness. Entrance doors, BROMMA SCHOOL, Stockholm. At the right, simple pre-fabricated concrete risers and treads are laid on reinforced concrete stair beams in the ERIKSDAL SCHOOL

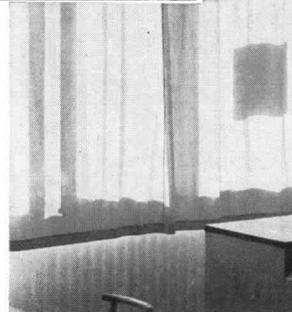




In the experimental science laboratory of the SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, below, work tables are arranged in tiers, to permit full view of demonstration platform. Work-top recesses carry electric and gas connections for experiments



Swedish schoolroom windows are usually simply but effectively curtained. They are large-paned and usually double-glazed for insulation. Three window types are here shown. Below, the banked seats of the demonstration laboratory in the BROMMA SCHOOL are both pleasing and servicable



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The restful simplicity of the faculty room in the BROMMA HIGH SCHOOL: convenient writing desks are ranged near the windows; the conference table is lighted by a single row of dome lighting fixtures

Below, the typical clean lines of the Swedish gymnasium are shown in this photograph of the SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS. The lines of the omnipresent bar stalls, ladders and booms are integrated parts of the design. Gymnasias are used for calisthenics, drills and training exercises, while various sorts of competitive games involving spectators are often relegated to separate buildings, as in the ERIKSDAL SCHOOL (page 44)



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## DEPARTMENT STORE IN TEXAS

White House Dry Goods Co., Beaumont, Texas • Stone & Pitts, Architects

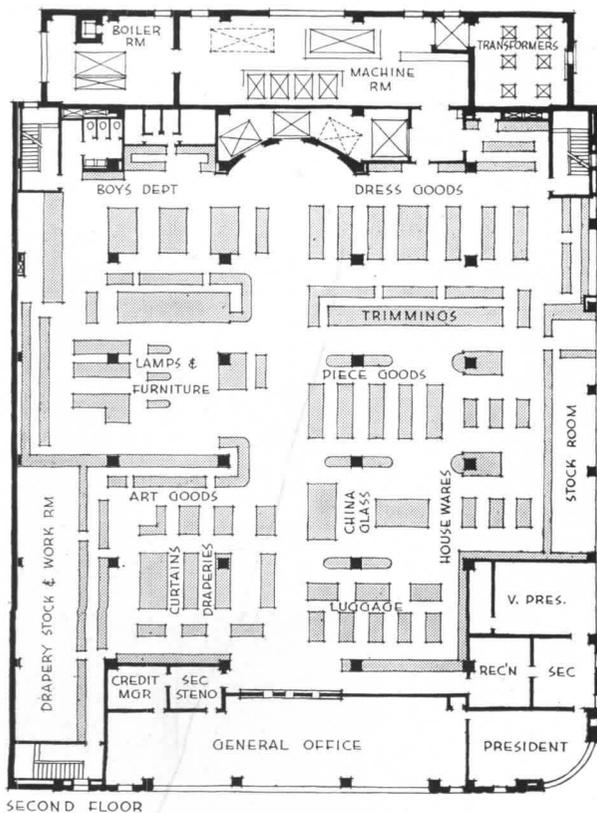
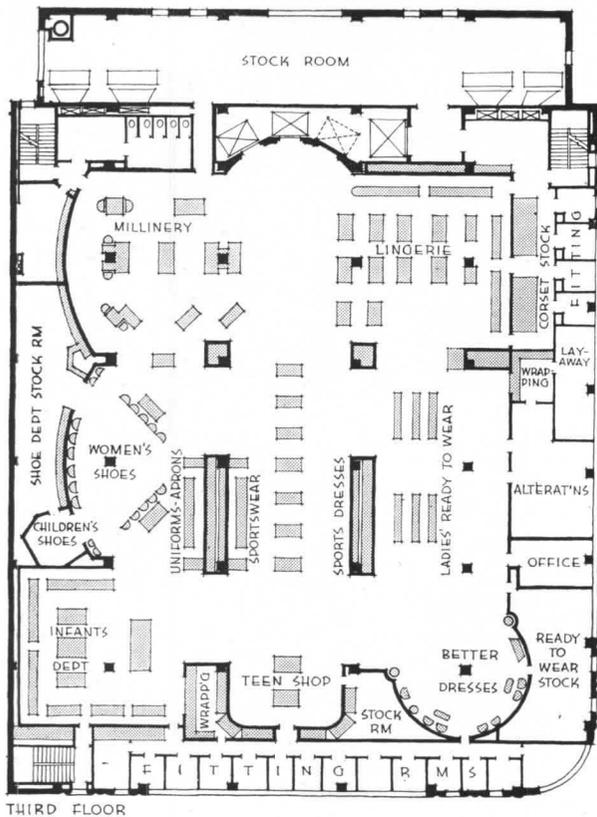
**SKILLFUL** guiding of shoppers past merchandise displays is a basic objective in department store design, both exterior and interior. Here this consideration fixed the location of principal elements of the plan. The main entrance, primarily for women shoppers on heavy-traffic Orleans Street, was placed centrally, to guide shoppers past window displays. Male customers got a secondary entrance on medium-traffic Forsythe Street, to let them escape the women's departments. Except for this concession to the busy business man, shoppers are carefully routed past display counters. There is also a customers' drive-in entrance in the rear.

On the inside, traffic is pulled the length of the main floor by placing the elevators at the rear, on an axis with the main entrance. Soda fountain and lunch counter are placed to draw traffic through side aisles. On the second floor, general offices are at the front, to lead



Main entrance on Orleans street

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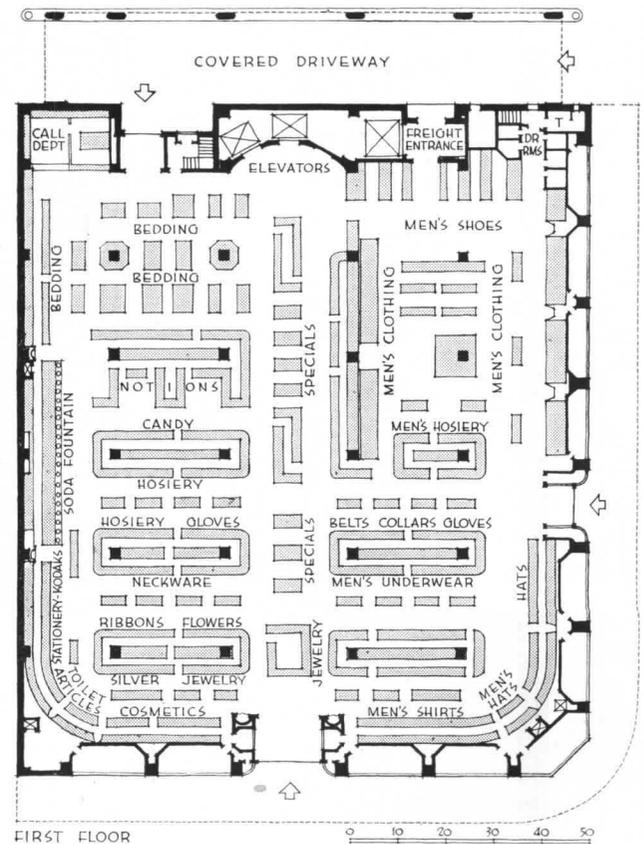


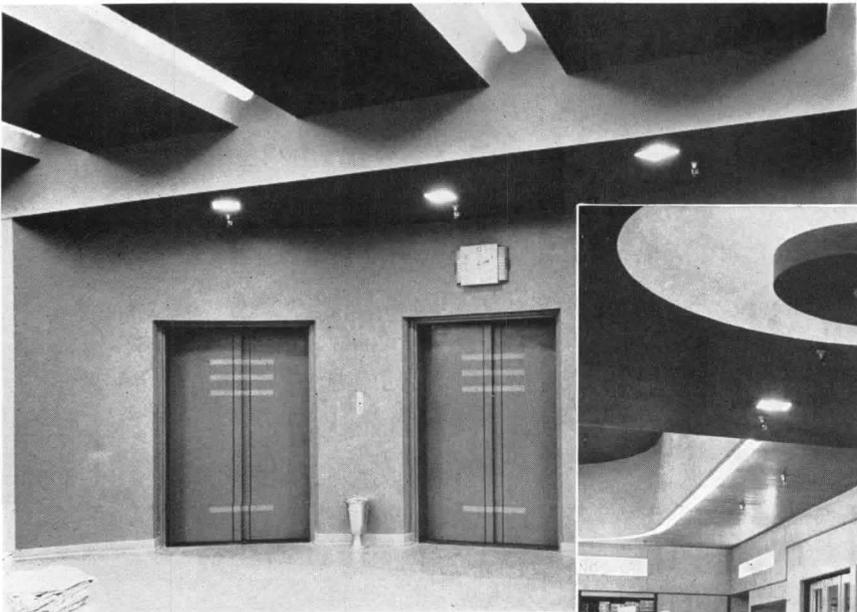
Vehicle driveway to parking lot at rear

people the full length of the displays. On the third, focal interest points were created at the opposite end from the elevators, but visible from them. The building is completely air conditioned for both winter and summer, in a zone system to accommodate crowds at special sales.

The continuous windows provide maximum light for fitting and alteration rooms, stock rooms and offices.

To have fireproof construction, efficient lighting, year 'round air conditioning at a moderate price, say the architects, it was necessary to work in simple forms and materials. The complete building, including everything but store equipment and lighting fixtures, was constructed for 33c a cubic foot.





View (above) from first-floor elevator landing to main entrance on Orleans St. Floor here is terrazzo; store equipment fixtures are of bleached pin oak and prima vera. A complete sprinkler system was installed; pipes are concealed

Entrance from parking lot as seen from first floor elevator landing (right). Third floor elevator landing (above). Lighting is a combination of recessed lights with incandescent lamps, indirect incandescent lights with plaster coffers, and direct fluorescent lamps in long rows



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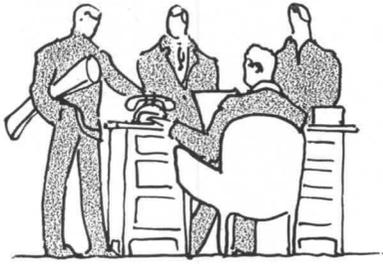
Central aisle on the third floor (above). Emphasis of long straight lines in the fluorescent lighting helps in the effort to lead shoppers to more remote displays. Floor here is carpeted; wall paper and photo murals on walls



View (left) of customers' drive-in entrance as seen from parking lot. Extreme weather conditions, with both bright sunshine and heavy rains, called for a covered entrance, covered passageway to parking lot, and marquee

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# ACT NOW ON LOCAL PLANNING!



By WILLIAM STANLEY PARKER, FAIA\*

**Long-range planning, based on a realistic capital budget program, will mean more to the community and to its architects and engineers than wishful thinking. We must not be too little or too late.**

MEMBERS of a profession, in the natural order of things, apply their professional capacities to the general public good as well as to the pursuit of their own professional income. Architects, as members of the planning professions, have a contribution they can make in the field of the orderly, planned development of their home cities and towns. This can be done not only through personal service on city plan commissions, housing authorities, and other governmental agencies, but also through group action that will bring pressure upon the local government to recognize the importance of comprehensive planning and to provide the planning commissions with staffs necessary for the efficient performance of their functions.

But that is not enough. Too much city planning in the past has been unrelated to the municipality's financial ability. Also financial policies have too generally been short-range, year-to-year policies, with no adequate appraisal of the future. Short-range financial policies and unlimited wishful thinking in the field of planning do not and cannot result in sound, orderly development. What is needed is long-range financial policy involving a long-range capital outlay program properly related to a master plan indicating the still longer-range scheme for municipal growth.

Therein exists a fertile field for action by the architectural profession through the local architectural organization, AIA Chapter or State Association. The architects' training will lead them to accept without question the validity of this idea. Their organization provides a means of bringing this idea forcibly and steadily to the attention of the mayor of their city or the selectmen of their town, and to the public, until adoption of the idea is secured.

Architects can act by themselves or, if local inter-professional relations are propitious, can bring about cooperative action by the architects, engineers, landscape architects, and city planners and add weight to their attack. It is not enough to pass votes and send copies to the officials. Strong committees, led by effective chairmen, must make it a personal matter, secure a conference with the mayor or selectmen, and do a real selling job—and it's a relatively easy thing to sell.

The federal government, through the work of the National Resources Planning Board aided during the past year by the Public Work Reserve—latterly called the Local Public Works Programming Office—has gone far to spread the idea of long-range programming and to teach the techniques involved. The field has been ploughed and har-

rowed and a lot of good seed planted. Architects should take up the task of watering this ground and nursing the seedlings that have already sprouted in a number of communities in the shape of long-range programs and capital budgets.

In any given state the architects can easily find out the present status of the movement from the national or regional Office of NRPB. Each architect or group of architects in a given community can then organize to take such action as the local situation requires.

Where a completed capital budget program has been developed, let the public officials know that the architects, as citizens, approve the idea and recognize the forward-looking attitude that has brought the program into being. This evidence of public support may be potent in sustaining the idea and securing its adoption as a permanent routine.

Where a capital budget study is under way, convey an expression of interest and support which may help greatly to encourage those officials who are making the study and to secure official approval when the report on the study is finished.

Where a study has been suggested and turned down or where it has never even been considered, take the initiative and urge that the study be made.

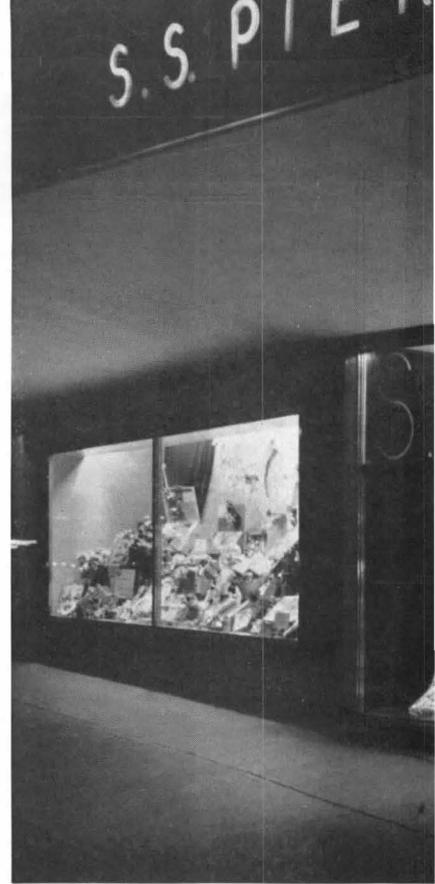
We find it easy to criticize government spending but few are in a position to realize clearly the benefits that have accrued or can accrue to our city as a result of federal government research. It is sound procedure for the federal government to develop and make available to all state and local governments improved techniques that can best result from research by a federal agency. The waste in such effort is caused when local government fails to make use of the results of such federal research.

In this case the research is completed and federal guidance is available to municipalities that desire to take advantage of their opportunities. The architects can well serve their communities by bringing their organized pressure to bear on local officials to bring about an understanding of the benefits that will accrue from a long-range program which represents an orderly process of looking ahead. Now, more than ever, this is a desirable if not indeed an indispensable procedure; and the architects and engineers can take the initiative to bring this about—if they will.

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Interior view of all-glass front



## MODERN IDEAS

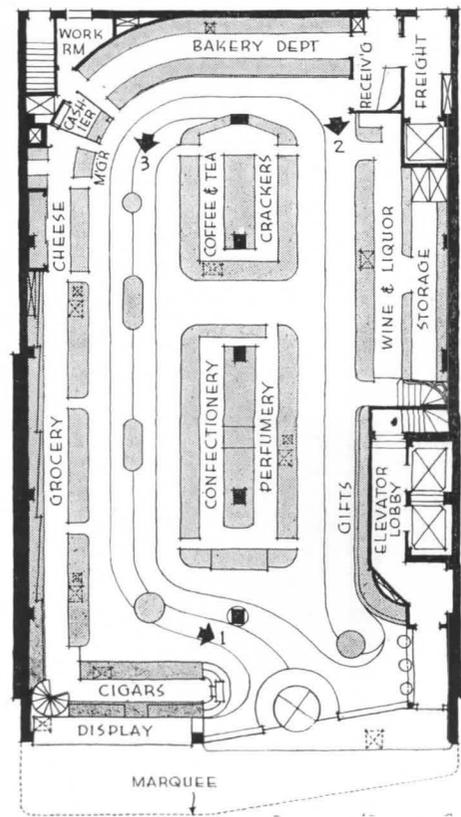
Store for S. S. Pierce Co.

Architect: John Matthews Hatton

Engineers: Jaros, Baum & Bolles, heating, ventilating;  
Smith & Silverman, lighting; S. J. Kessler, structural.  
Contractors: Schweers & Smith, Inc.



View of liquor department from rear of store





An off-center column in the facade suggested a display window in the smaller part and an all-glass store front and entrance displaying the activity of the whole store. To save space the office building entrance was incorporated with the store front. A cantilever marquee extends across the full front, its white soffit being softly floodlighted

## SERVE A BOSTON TRADITION

PRINCIPAL motif of the store is the display and lighting of merchandise, the merchandise being used as the decoration. Continuous fluorescent tubes concealed at seven-foot level highlight merchandise in wall cases. Lenses in ceiling lamps pour light down on counters and showcases. The acoustic ceiling is done in dark gray-blue, to minimize its value in the color scheme. Straight-grain blond white

oak constitutes the frame for the merchandise. Wide aisles, flowing curved lines keep crowds moving easily through departments. A curving stairway with red leather walls leads to the wine cellar. Stock rooms fill the basement, with under-counter electric dumbwaiters serving sales departments above. In the new store, business volume increased by 200 per cent.



Paul J. Woolf

Focused ceiling lights and concealed fluorescent tubing direct attention to the merchandise

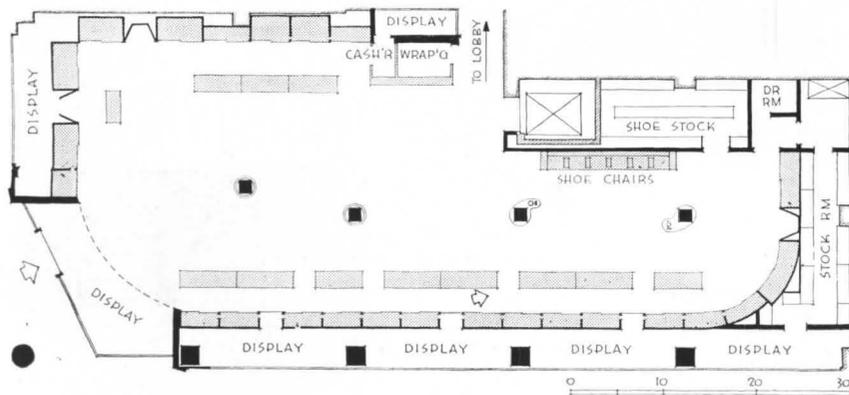
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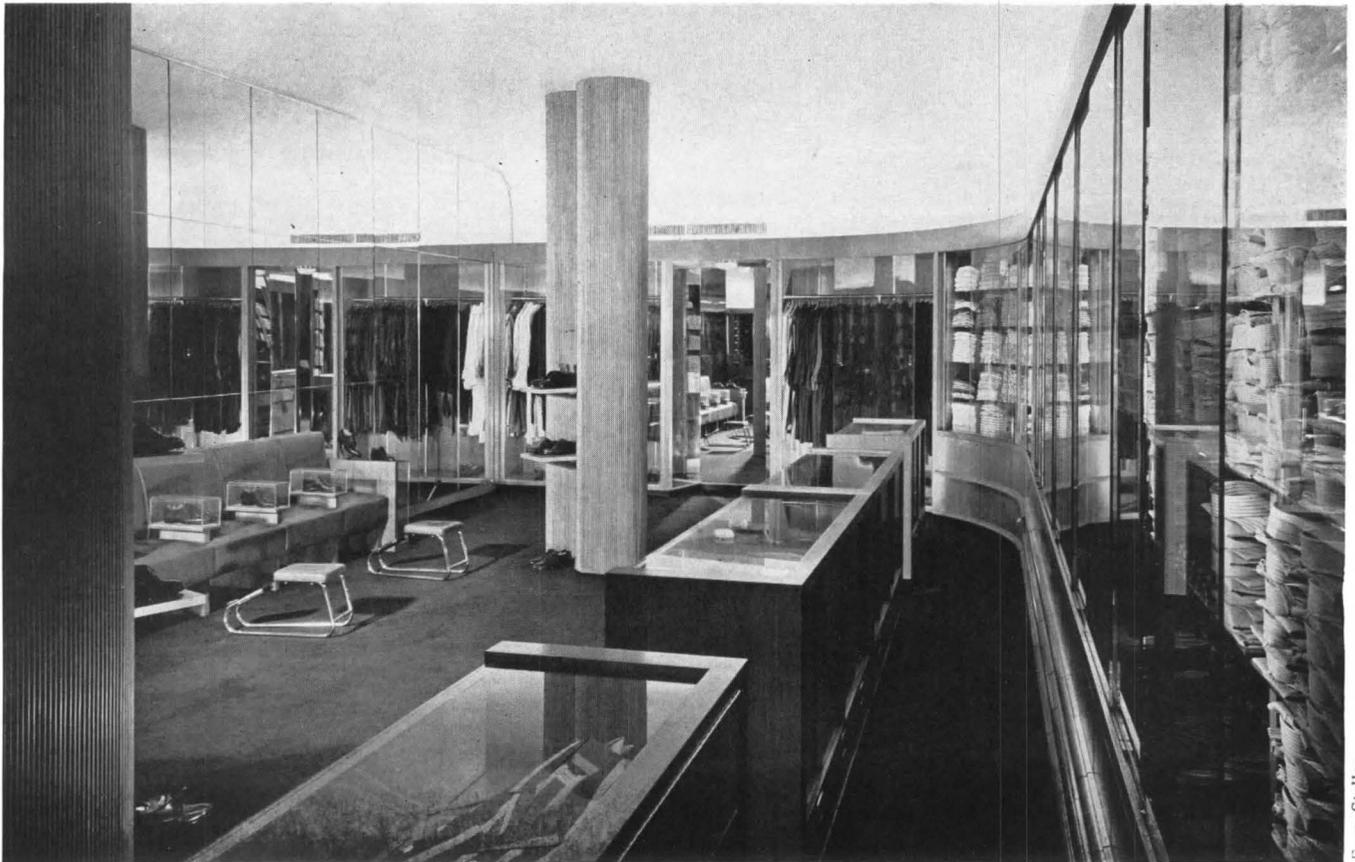
## MEN'S STORE REMODELED FOR

Wallach's Men's Store, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Architect: Morris Ketchum, Jr.

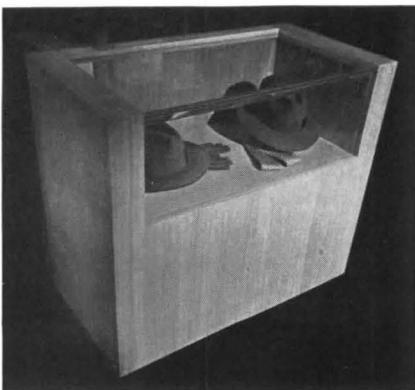


A DOZEN years after it was opened this store was obviously outdated, so fast is the pace in store design. To improve the view inward, from a recessed corner entrance, the front is all-glass, with a small open display. Roominess and light characterize a once-dark interior. Walls are paneled in bleached walnut; easy chairs of the same wood are upholstered in crimson leather. A liberal use of mirrored walls enhances the new feeling of spaciousness. Large, awkward columns were reduced as much as possible and finished with woven hardwood covering. Outlines are round or kidney-shaped, depending on piping to be enclosed with the column. Ceilings were furred down below the beams, and curved at the walls to form a light cove. Lighting is the narrow, gas-type fluorescent tubing.

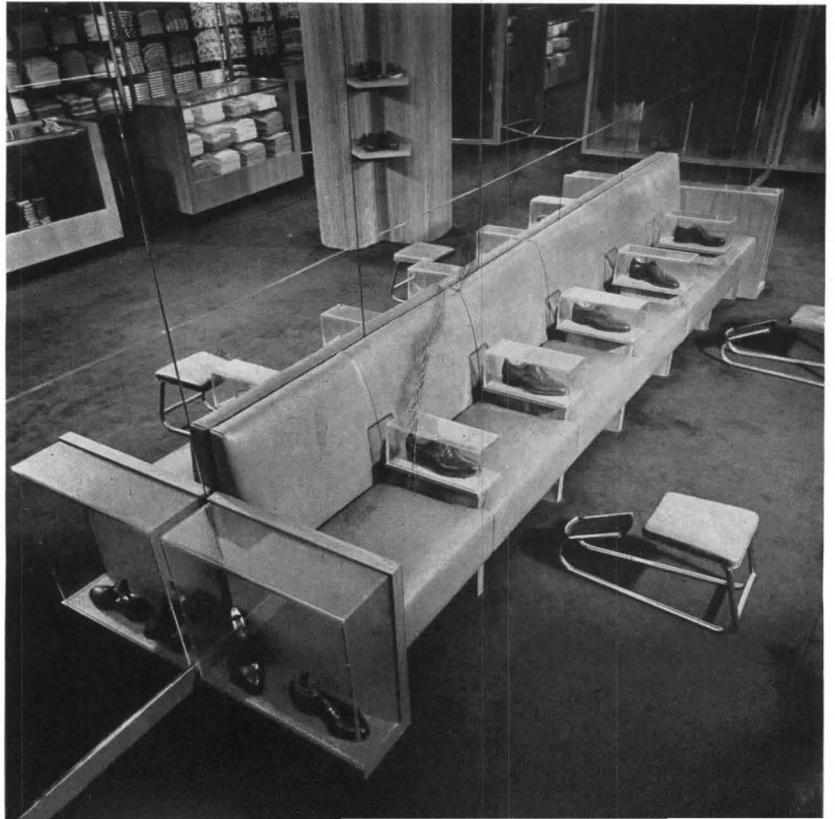


Ezra Stoller

## MODERN MERCHANDISING



Especially successful are the transparent plastic shoe cases on the arms of the chairs. And enclosing the columns with curves instead of corners permits eye-catching shelves. The lighting is another merchandising help; each channel carries four narrow gas-filled fluorescent tubes—three white ones favoring the merchandise, one red one favoring the customers





## SHOPPING FACILITIES IN WARTIME



**N**EWEST PHASE in the war construction program, just now beginning, is the building of shopping centers for war housing developments. This new program just happens to coincide with the further restriction of normal store building work through the recent revision of the L-41 order. While, as Morris Lapidus points out in these pages, it is still possible to work style changes in existing stores, new store construction in non-war areas is certainly out, for the duration.

It is now two years since the great program of "defense" or "war" housing began, and practically all of the shopping facilities are yet to be built. Many of the housing developments are good-sized new towns in themselves, and many are new towns also in the sense of being far removed from any existing communities. But so far most of the shopping centers have been just blank spots on the site plan.

Now, however, it is clear that new, isolated communities must have shopping facilities, and the FPHA announces that those blank spots will be filled. Driving "to town" is a rapidly disappearing luxury, and private capital is obviously loath to build store buildings in communities of uncertain future. The FPHA announces the store-building program thus:

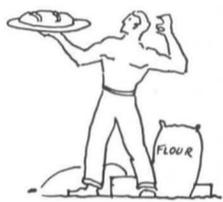
"It is the policy of the Federal Public Housing Authority to provide, or sponsor the provision of, facilities for essential retail commercial enterprise on or adjacent to all projects where existing retail commercial facilities are not adequate to serve essential consumer needs, or where such retail commercial facilities do not exist.

"Private enterprise is encouraged to erect buildings, or to lease buildings or space provided with Federal funds, in order to provide the commercial facilities needed by project occupants.

"The commercial facilities provided or sponsored for any project by the Federal Public Housing Authority include only the minimum services that are essential to maintaining the health, welfare, morale, and efficiency of war workers and their families."

The shopping centers won't look like Fifth Avenue, and the new stores won't sell Fifth Avenue merchandise. But they do represent the newest obligation of the architect to the war effort. And they take him into almost uncharted seas, for the planning problems are new and the materials restrictions will tax his ingenuity.

And what about stores that do not rate priority preference? The new L-41 cuts down construction allowances—from \$5,000 to \$200. That means, of course, no critical materials for extensive remodeling. And that means that imagination must be substituted for metal. It is surprising what can be done with glass, gypsum board, paint and wall paper. In terms of construction a restyling can be a minor job; in terms of results it can be a major transformation.



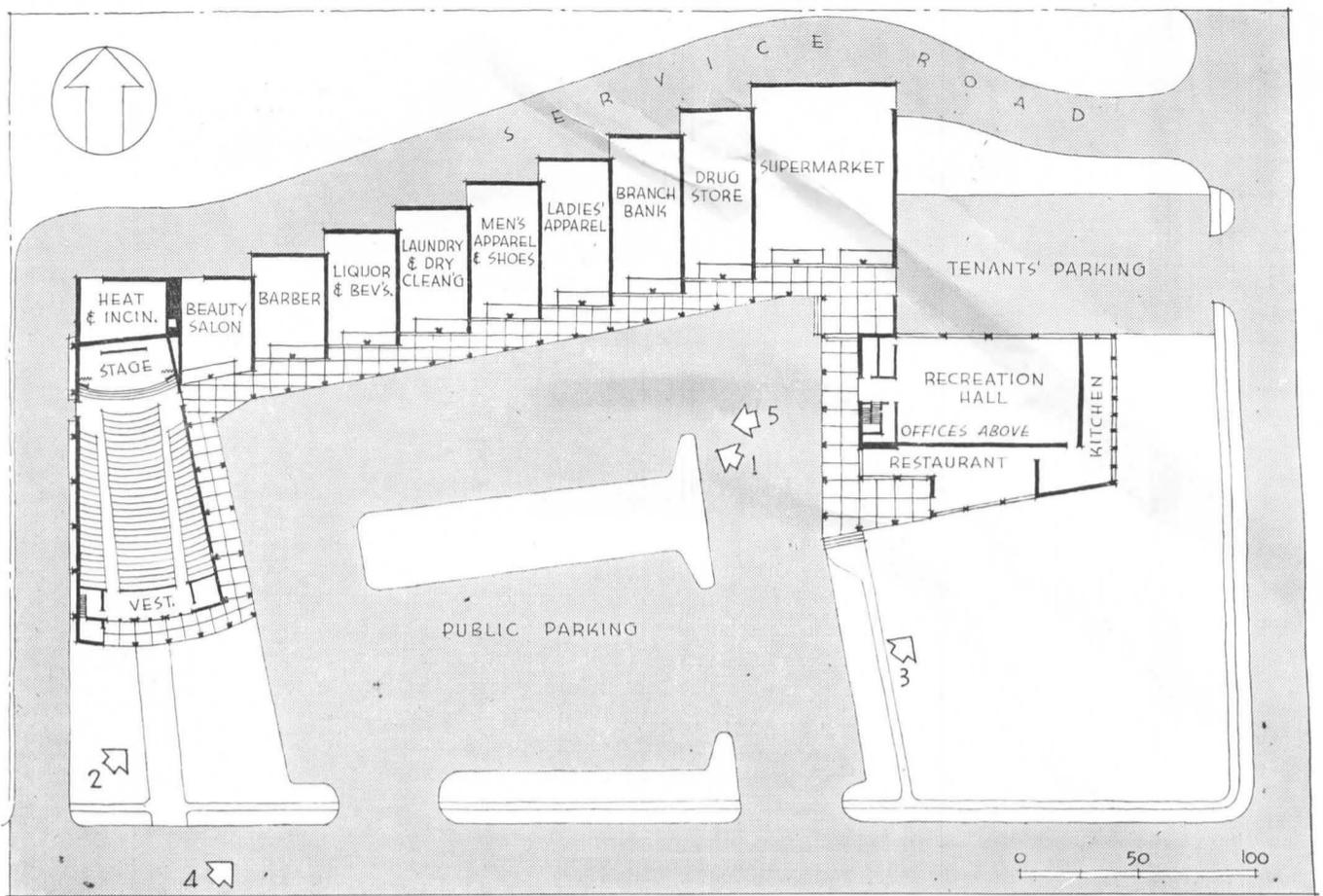
### ARCHITECTURAL RECORD'S BUILDING TYPES STUDY NO. 70

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which enters from the east. The stores reduce in depth from 84 ft. to 48 ft. Construction is a wood roof platform, slightly pitched to the back, supported by Lally columns, and all of the walls are of the curtain type. Floor is reinforced concrete slab, laid on compacted gravel, drained. The roof platform extends out over the sidewalk, forming a continuous concourse from the theater entrance around to the restaurant. This portion of the roof is supported by 6-in. wood columns, to save steel.

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## BAZAAR FOR BOMBER BUILDERS

**Commercial Development for Aero Acres, Middle River, Md. Designed under supervision of Jan Porel for Glenn L. Martin Co. and Stansbury Manor, Inc. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Consulting Architects**

NOTABLE, obviously, for points in planning, this combination of recreational and shopping facilities is notable also for experience it has already gained in a pioneer field of planning. For one thing, it gets 24-hour use,

corresponding with 'round-the-clock plant operation; thus the restaurant was enlarged and rearranged to permit a snack-bar to serve at all hours. For another, a bowling alley was considered necessary, also enlargement of

the recreation building. This addition to original plans accommodated another need: more office space on second floor for doctors, dentists, lawyers, the Red Cross, and insurance offices. And the restaurant kitchen was enlarged and arranged for serving meals to large gatherings in the recreation hall. The center serves 2,000 family dwelling units in Aero Acres, one of the developments of the Martin Co. for its bomber workers. An-



## COMMERCIAL

**Shopping Center for Vancouver Housing Authority (FPHA), Vancouver, Wash. A. E. Doyle and Associate, Architects**

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other 2,000 units in this area will soon call for another commercial center. The whole district is planned to develop into a new city of 75,000 population.

Rear walls of the store group are staggered to permit delivery trucks to back up to each entrance, clearing the service roadway for one-way traffic, which enters from the east. The stores reduce in depth from 84 ft. to 48 ft. Construction is a wood roof platform, slightly pitched to the back, supported by Lally columns, and all of the walls are of the curtain type. Floor is reinforced concrete slab, laid on compacted gravel, drained. The roof platform extends out over the sidewalk, forming a continuous concourse from the theater entrance around to the restaurant. This portion of the roof is supported by 6-in. wood columns, to save steel.

The covered concourse has several advantages. First, the sheltered walk tends to equalize the desirability of various parking spaces along the front, and thus to minimize jockeying of cars. Also, it permits the entire concourse to be enclosed with 1½-in. planking from column to column, forming a bomb splinter shelter and a blackout curtain which should allow the entire commercial center to function in a normal manner during extended blackouts. No electrical signs are permitted except the theater billboards. Therefore, there has been no major treatment of this item. Skylights are also forbidden. It has been found, too, that the extended roof saves maintenance expense for the merchants by keeping off the sun—the stores face south.





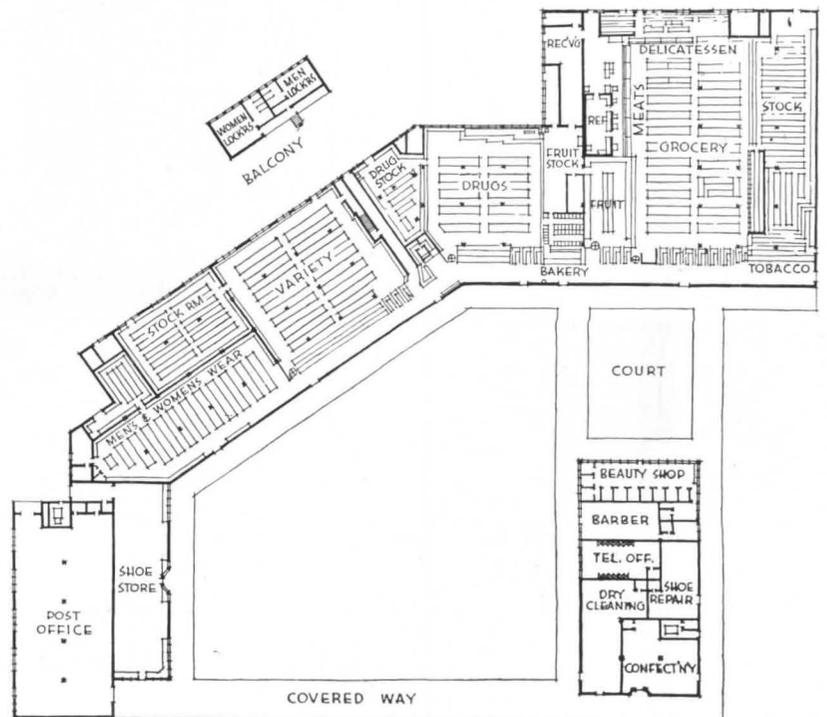
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Necessity also determined the construction, and, in turn, the form of the buildings. Exterior surface will be vertical T & G Grade C pine boards, rough side out, treated with one coat of pigmented oil. Heating is provided by warm air ducts stemming from five independent heaters.

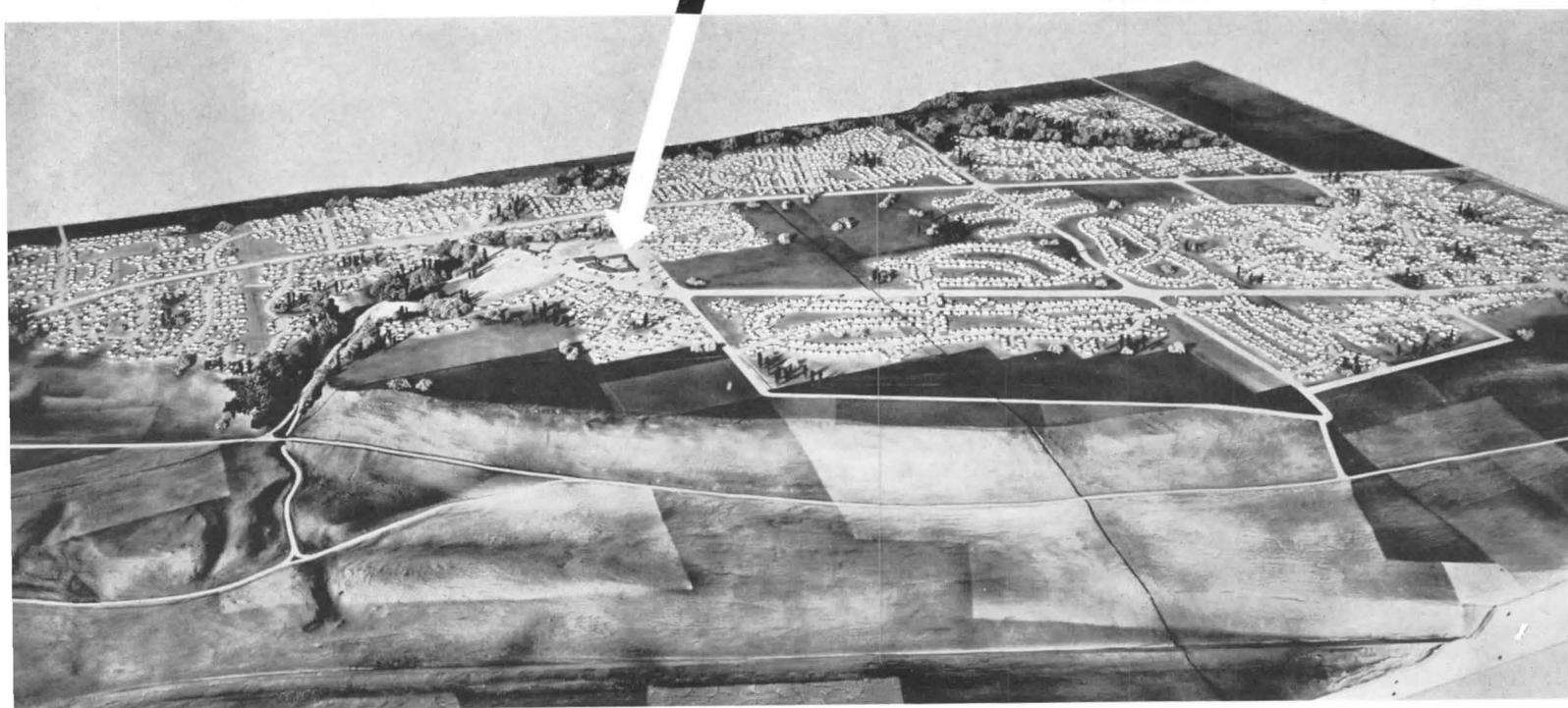
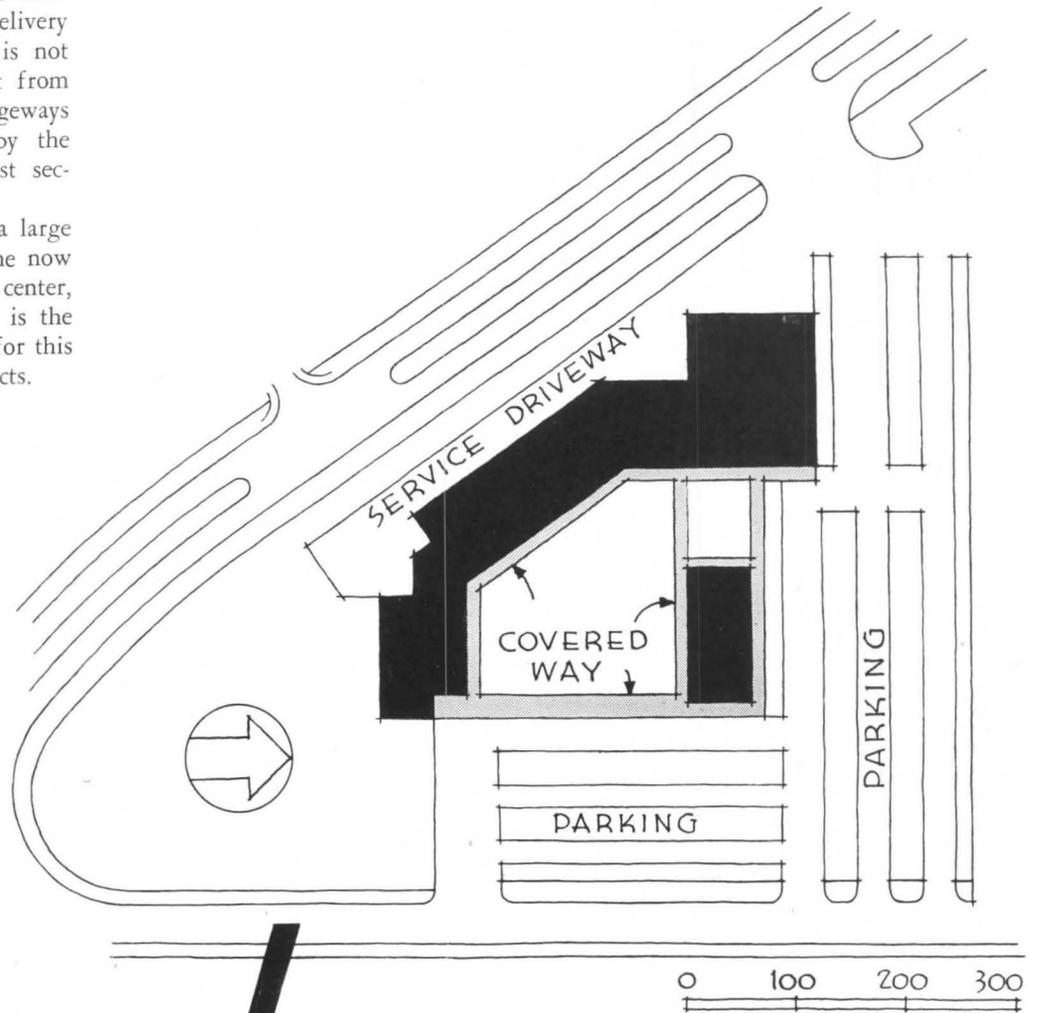
A considerable amount of study was given, by the architects and the Vancouver Housing Authority, to the type of facilities to be included and the space each should have. "As it turned out, however," reports Pietro Belluschi, of A. E. Doyle and Associate, "the preliminary work was somewhat upset later when actual leases had to be signed, as each merchant had definite ideas on how his own space should be arranged. So it appears that unless the needs are well established, the designer should favor a plan that is simple and flexible. In our case changes had to be made after the building was under construction."



# FACILITIES FOR 4,500 FAMILIES

The site plan shows the designer's concern to separate and guide the pedestrian from the automobile traffic, and the latter from the delivery traffic. Access to the center is not from the main boulevard, but from a side road. The covered passageways and canopies were dictated by the rainy climate of the Northwest section of the country.

The shopping center serves a large war housing development in the now almost fabulous shipbuilding center, housing 4,500 families. This is the first of three now being done for this busy area by the same architects.



# SHOPPING CENTERS FOR WAR WORKERS

**Long neglected in the planning of war housing developments, shopping centers are very much a current need—a current need now the subject of hurried drawing-board work. For tire troubles and gas rationing are making shopping difficult for workers housed in isolated projects. Minimum facilities, and minimum materials, are the essential design directives.**

AFTER months of hoping that private builders would fill the gaps labelled "Future Shopping Center" in site plans for housing projects, Government is now recognizing that the risk is not attractive, that Uncle Sam must do it. Even though Lanham Act funds make no provision for stores, the 3 per cent for "recreational facilities" frequently leaves room for the shopping facilities. At any rate the FPFA is now going forward with a program. It will build as few as possible, as economically as possible, with a minimum of materials.

Recently FPFA's Technical Division has issued a directive on shopping center layout, given in full below. Like similar ones for housing, this document is more a planning guide than a directive. It does define some limits and clarify some planning objectives, for designers working on FPFA's commercial centers.

One who has recently checked on

the ground for FPFA, Samuel Raten-sky of its Consultation Service, comments:

"In a countrywide program, regional differences in buying habits, distances traveled (variation in this factor is accentuated now by the fact that gas rationing is not yet nationwide) and merchandising policies make space standards subject to wide variation. However, certain elements of the problem are basic because of the war program and national policies which derive from that program: planning for minimum use of all materials and of critical materials especially, for minimum overhead and personnel, for maximum flexibility of space organization now and in the future, for convenient pedestrian access; and, above all, provision of only those services which are essential to the maintenance of the health, welfare, morale and efficiency of war workers and their families."

recreation (such as bowling, pool, etc.) is to be supplied, it should be carefully coordinated with the other recreation facilities of the project.

## LOCATION OF COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

**Acquisition of land.** Determination of need, as set forth in "Procedure with Respect to Provision and Planning of Commercial Facilities," should be made when the site for the whole project is selected. Where the provision of commercial facilities is to be a part of the project development, enough land should be acquired for the project to include adequate commercial site or sites.

**Location.** Commercial facilities should be located by determining their plan relation to the project as a whole. Pedestrian access to the commercial building or shopping center should be convenient and safe and the walking distance from the farthest dwelling to be served should generally be not more than one-half mile.

For economy in construction and servicing and for convenience of tenants the shopping center should, where practicable, be closely related to the community building or management offices. Such relation may justify a location other than at the geographic center of the project population. A site at the periphery should never be chosen in anticipation of attracting transient trade.

On very large projects, where more than one shopping center is required, auxiliary facilities should be located to serve trading areas within half-mile radii.

## PLANNING POLICY

**Design Criteria.** Design of commercial buildings should be based on:

## FPFA STANDARDS

**General.** The commercial facilities, planned as a part of any project, temporary or permanent, whether provided by the FPFA with government funds or through investment of private capital, shall *include only those services which are essential* to the maintenance of health, welfare, morale, and efficiency of war workers and their families. Such services shall be provided as a part of a project only where existing services are not reasonably accessible, according to need as determined under "Procedure with Respect to Provision and Planning of Commercial Facilities," Lanham Development Manual and FPFA Development Manual inserts, August, 1942.

**Type of services.** The services will generally consist of:

- a. food store, including meat market.
- b. drug store, including fountain and luncheon service.
- c. variety store (or variety department in drug store).
- d. barber shop.
- e. beauty shop.
- f. dry cleaning, tailoring, laundry, shoe repair distribution station.

**Additional services.** Services other than those listed above should be provided only when the size and isolated location of the project make it impossible to obtain additional services in existing trading centers. If commercial

- a. organization of the various elements of the proposed enterprise for economy of operating personnel and of overhead.
- b. use of minimum quantity of materials and noncritical material wherever possible.
- c. flexibility of structure and plan to meet changing character of need during and after the war.
- d. conclusions reached during negotiations with prospective tenants to assure that space will meet equipment requirements.

**Consolidation of Facilities.** In each shopping center, the facilities to be provided should be assembled *under one roof* and, where feasible, *under one operating management*. Such an arrangement will favor economy of areas, partitions, utilities, and critical equipment (such as compressor equipment) and consolidation of operating personnel.

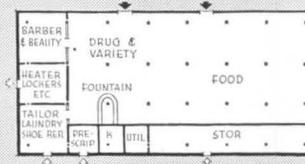
A single operating management also permits the government to negotiate *one lease* rather than separate leases with individual operators. In all instances, the single management should be a person or corporation engaging in the operation of at least one of the major services to be provided. In the case of small projects, a single lease will facilitate the provision of such services as barber and beauty shop as supplements to a profitable retail enterprise where they could not operate alone on an economic basis.

Early investigations must be made, however, to *determine if a lease can be readily negotiated* under one operating management. Where this type of organization is not feasible, the more usual subdivision of spaces in the shopping center should be provided.

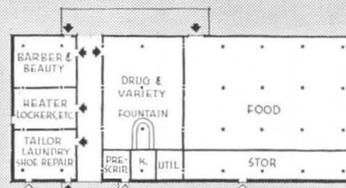
**Use of existing critical equipment.** Services such as laundry, dry cleaning, and shoe repair involve the use of critical equipment. Since all available existing equipment should be utilized to the fullest extent possible, these services as provided in the projects should be merely distribution stations for established operating enterprises.

**Parking.** Adequate parking space based on unrestricted civilian use of the automobile should be reserved adjacent to the shopping center, although surfacing of such areas may be reserved

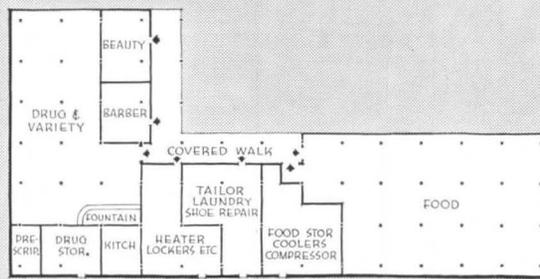
## F.P.H.A. SUGGESTIONS FOR SHOPPING CENTERS IN WAR HOUSING PROJECTS



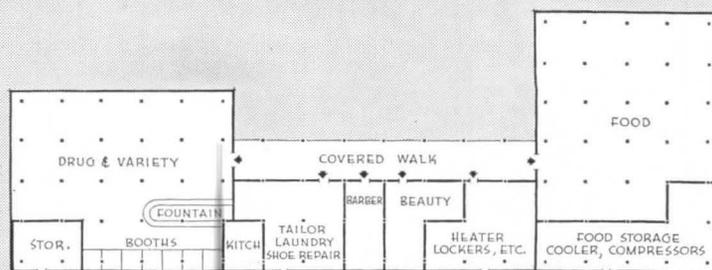
SHOPPING CENTER FOR 250 FAMILIES  
(STORES UNDER ONE MANAGEMENT)



SHOPPING CENTER FOR 250-400 FAMILIES  
(EACH STORE UNDER SEPARATE MANAGEMENT)



SHOPPING CENTER FOR 800 FAMILIES



SHOPPING CENTER FOR 1500 FAMILIES

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to a later date. Parking for 15 per cent of the number of dwelling units to be served shall be taken as the normal standard. Any smaller percentage shall be clearly justified.

Parking on perimeter streets shall not be included in a calculation of the parking space available in a shopping center.

Parking for commercial and com-

munity facilities may be combined where these facilities are related.

## SPACE REQUIREMENTS

SPACE requirements will vary from project to project and according to the requirements of individual operators. Three basic types of shopping centers have been established, however, to serve as a guide in preliminary planning and in estimating costs.

Spaces as set forth in the table at the left are based on consolidated organization, and are subject to increase when subdivided into independent areas with individual entrances. This applies especially to the smaller spaces such as barber shop, beauty shop, dry cleaning, and tailoring.

## CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

THE BUILDING containing the commercial facilities should be an economical structure requiring a minimum of critical materials and skilled labor. It is important that the structural design permit flexibility of interior and exterior arrangement. The following type of construction is generally recommended.

- a. Concrete slab on six inches of suitable fill available locally, with integral cement finish floor.
- b. All wood post and girder construction, based on 16-ft. module for framing with standard 16-ft. joists. (See typical cross-section.)
- c. Structure independent of partitions and exterior walls. When open store space is more than 5 bays (approximately 80 ft.) in either direction, transverse bracing will be necessary. This may be attained by the use of partitions or other means.
- d. Exterior non-bearing walls allowing complete freedom of wall and show window arrangement. These may be of whatever practical material is available locally which will permit interchangeable solid or glass panels. Standardized panel may be site- or shop-fabricated.
- e. Interior non-bearing partitions of whatever practical material is available locally. Standardized panel may be site or shop-fabricated.
- f. Flat roof construction, with underside exposed; no ceiling finish: rigid insulation, built-up roofing.

### PLANNING GUIDE FOR SHOPPING CENTERS

#### 250 TO 400 FAMILIES

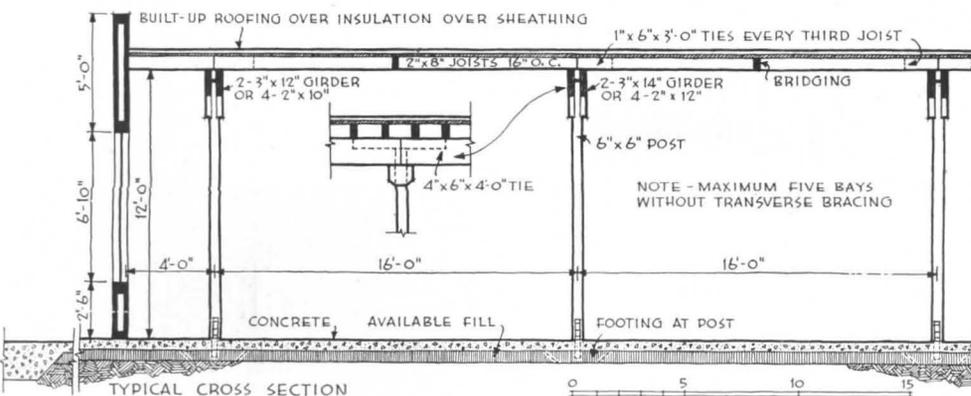
Space	Range in Area
Food, including meats	4,000 - 5,000 sq. ft.
Drugs and variety	1,000 - 1,500 sq. ft.
Barber and beauty alcove	400 - 600 sq. ft.
Tailoring, dry cleaning, laundry, and shoe repair pick-up depot	300 - 450 sq. ft.
Toilets, locker, and heater room	300 - 450 sq. ft.
<b>Total Net Building Area</b>	<b>6,000 - 8,000 sq. ft.</b>
<b>Parking Area</b>	<b>9,000 - 15,000 sq. ft.</b>
Preliminary Estimate of Cost	\$22,000 - \$30,000

#### 500 TO 800 FAMILIES

Space	Range in Area
Food, including meats	5,000 - 6,000 sq. ft.
Drugs, including fountain and luncheon service	1,500 - 2,500 sq. ft.
Variety (may be combined with drugs)	1,650 - 2,000 sq. ft.
Barber alcove } may be com-	300 - 500 sq. ft.
Beauty alcove } mon space	500 - 700 sq. ft.
Tailoring, dry cleaning, laundry, and shoe repair pick-up depot	800 - 1,200 sq. ft.
Toilets, lockers & heater room	600 - 1,000 sq. ft.
<b>Total Net Building Area</b>	<b>10,350 - 13,900 sq. ft.</b>
<b>Parking Area</b>	<b>18,000 - 30,000 sq. ft.</b>
Preliminary Estimate of Cost	\$34,000 - \$46,000

#### 1,000 TO 1,500 FAMILIES

Space	Range in Area
Food, including meats	6,000 - 7,500 sq. ft.
Drugs, including fountain and luncheon service	2,500 - 3,200 sq. ft.
Variety	3,200 - 4,000 sq. ft.
Barber shop	400 - 600 sq. ft.
Beauty shop	600 - 800 sq. ft.
Tailoring, dry cleaning, laundry, and shoe repair pick-up depot	1,000 - 1,500 sq. ft.
Toilets, lockers and heater room	900 - 1,300 sq. ft.
<b>Total Net Building Area</b>	<b>14,600 - 18,900 sq. ft.</b>
<b>Parking Area</b>	<b>35,000 - 55,000 sq. ft.</b>
Preliminary Estimate of Cost	\$45,000 - \$60,000



# STORE MODERNIZING without metals

By MORRIS LAPIDUS

STORE modernization, especially re-planning and redecoration, is work which, to a limited extent, can be carried out under the present war restrictions. Increased purchasing power in cities throughout the country, especially those located near military camps or war production centers, has created a demand for remodeling stores to achieve greater efficiency and to increase the selling space. Much of the work entailed in such store modernization programs is not properly classified as new construction work, as it comes under "maintenance and repairs." Other portions are considered movable fixtures and such construction as is absolutely essential can be done with practically no critical materials. The design of all store work at the present time must be governed by the ability to obtain materials as well as a method of procedure which will entail the smallest cost.

## STORE FRONTS

ALTHOUGH a large modernization program of store fronts could not be undertaken at the present time, it is still possible to modernize or build new small fronts, using only non-critical material and limiting the structural work entailed. In many instances it is possible to prefabricate many parts of the store front as a store fixture and to build the additional parts on the job. The design of the store front should be simplified to avoid intricate structural details. Such materials as glass, marble, stone, soft wood for construction and hard wood for surfacing, resin bonded panels, terrazzo, tile, rock lath, and plaster are still available. With these materials almost any type of store front can be constructed by working out special details around the plate glass. All forms of metal moldings must be eliminated for the present to save critical materials. With the exception of the supports for marble and stone, no steel is required in the structure of the store front. In many instances, existing lintels are sufficient to carry any marble or stone superstructure.

The electric wiring for a front presents a serious problem. In most cases

it is possible to re-use the existing wiring and reflectors from the old front. Where new wiring must be run, it should be reduced to an absolute minimum, using large-sized lamps spaced at greater distances, instead of the smaller lamps at the normal show window spacing. With the use of the new spot and flood lamps, reflectors may be eliminated entirely from the present-day store front. Signs and lettering will have to be limited practically to wood, as other materials are unavailable. Well built wood block letters finished with exterior enamels can be used effectively.

## REDESIGNING THE INTERIOR

IN THE INTERIOR of the store more ambitious modernization programs may be carried out without the use of critical materials and without interfering with the war effort. The feature which dates store fixtures as a rule is the trim, which changes style from time to time. In many cases the arrangement of the fixtures is out of date, but all good quality store fixtures are built in sections and these can be rearranged to suit the more modern merchandise plan.

Completely new and modern merchandising plans can be worked out, re-using all existing cases. Newly planned spaces can be defined by lines of fixtures with new superstructure walls above them or with lightly built walls fashioned with hardboard or plasterboard or by the use of drapes or glass partitions. All of these can be done without actually classifying this work as construction.

The first step in the modernization of a store fixture is the removal of all unnecessary cornices, moldings, and ornaments. In some instances, old-fashioned wall cases will be found too deep. The backs can easily be moved forward. Old sliding drawers can be removed and replaced with simple 1/4-inch plain glass slides. Hardware on drawers, etc., can be removed and replaced with simple wood knobs or routed hand grips. Very often no refacing whatsoever is required for old cases. The exposed surfaces can be sanded and lacquered. If a facing is

necessary it can be done with hardboard or thin wood facias. The hardboard, of course, should be painted. Wood facias may be either painted or finished natural. Color, especially on the interior surfaces of wall cases, plays an important part in the decorative scheme. Colors should be chosen to harmonize with the merchandise displayed.

Floor cases may be modernized in the same manner as wall cases. In some instances the removal of moldings and ornaments is sufficient. In other cases, refacing the exterior of the floor cases with hardboard or panels will be necessary. Old-fashioned legs should be removed and a "kicked



Wall paper, rearrangement of lighting, new furniture, can transform an interior



Modernized cases with displays in superstructure walls are effective selling aids

Samuel H. Gottscho



Ezra Stoller

"The trend today is to create some relief in the appearance of the store by having a portion of the wall surface without any fixtures or merchandise. These walls may be built of light construction or with drapery or sheets of corrugated or textured glass"

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Superstructure walls above certain floor cases will help nearly every type of retail store. Instead of presenting the appearance of a lot of fixtures cluttering the store, superstructure gives the effect of a sheer wall into which have been built the units of the display and handling of the merchandise. These walls may be faced with hardboard and plasterboard, the joints concealed by taping, paint or wallpaper. The superstructure present an opportunity for the use of display niches. These display openings can take almost any form and, properly illuminated, tend to serve both as an ornamental feature and as an easily seen indication of the type of merchandise for sale in that portion of the store. The trend today is to create some relief in the appearance of the store by having a portion of the wall surface without any form of fixtures or merchandise. These walls may be built of light construction or can be created with floor to ceiling fabric drapery or sheets of corrugated or textured glass.

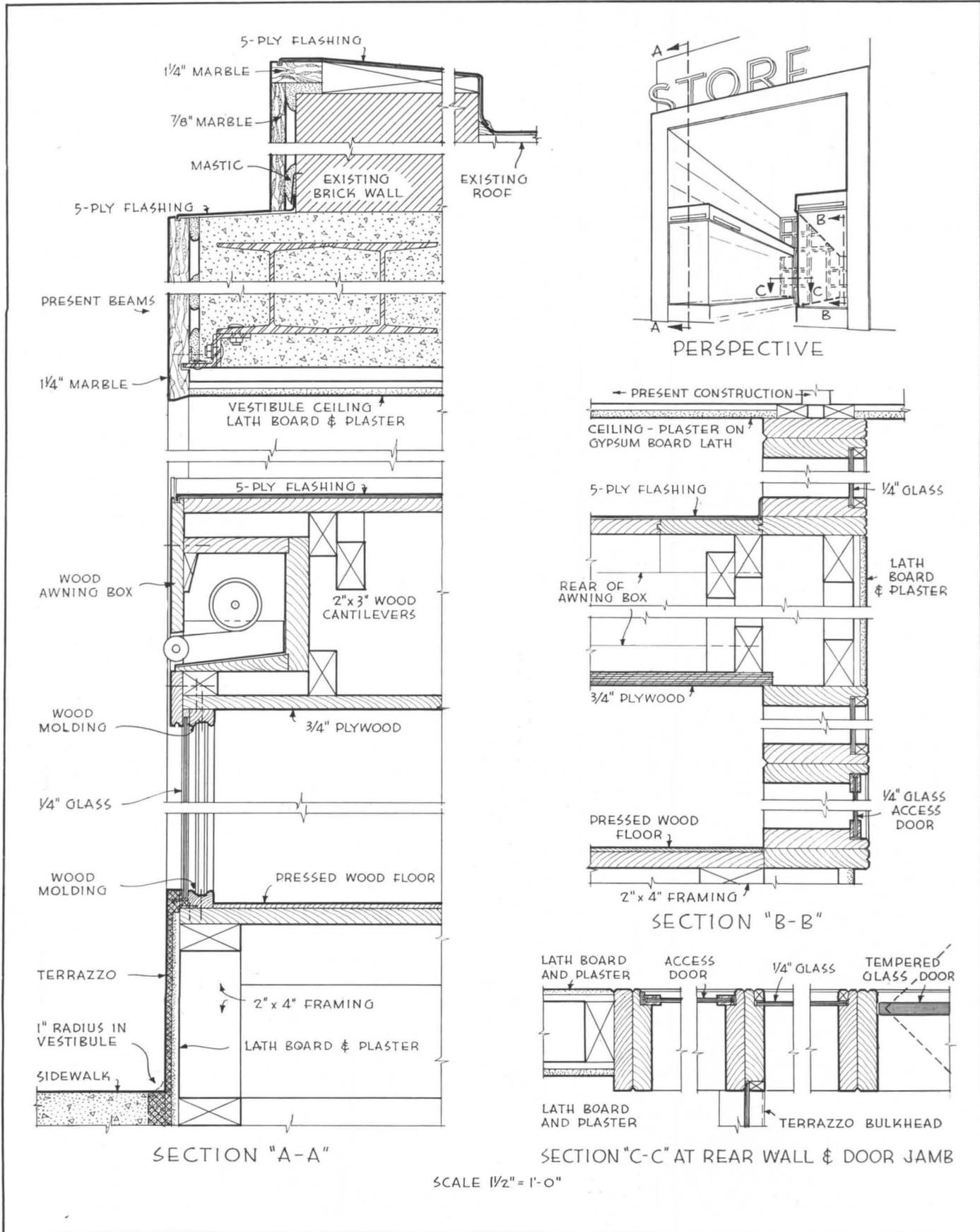
Old lighting fixtures can be modernized by removing all extraneous ornament, but the best results are achieved by recessing the light wherever possible. In some instances old metal ceilings or ceilings cluttered with pipes and beams should be covered by a new hung ceiling. Unless fire laws conflict, it is possible to hang a light wood frame ceiling which can be surfaced with any available ceiling or wallboard. Scoring the boards eliminates the worry about joints, and cracks from unusual settlement or strain will not be evident. If a dropped ceiling is used, recessed lighting can be had by re-using all fixtures flush to the existing ceiling or installing new simple fluorescent or high-hat type reflectors.

With this type of remodeling, applied wall surfaces will overcome many of the difficulties entailed. Wallpapers, fabric wall covering and more elaborate material such as leatherette and mirrors and other forms of glass surfacing may be used effectively to cover up the temporary nature of the work behind. New floor covering and a carefully planned color scheme are especially helpful in making an attractive remodeled store.



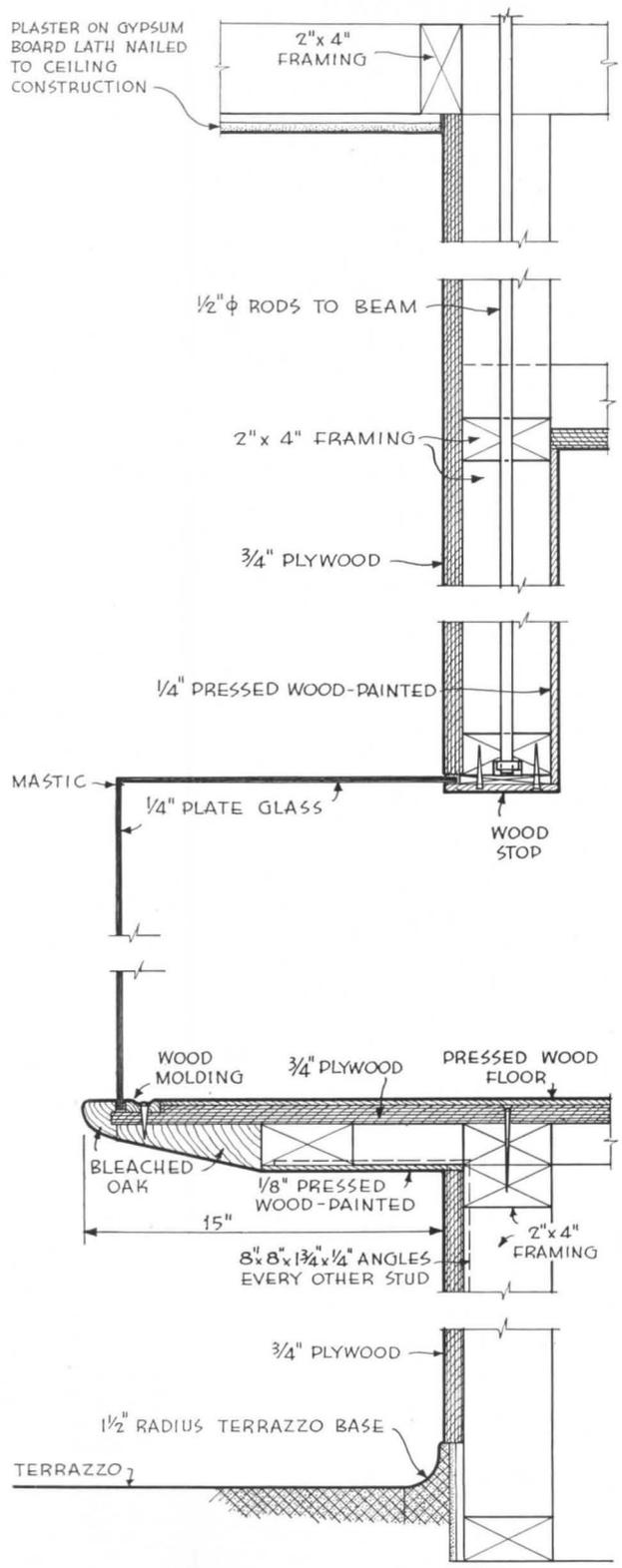
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# STORE MODERNIZING WITHOUT METALS 1—STORE FRONT DETAILS

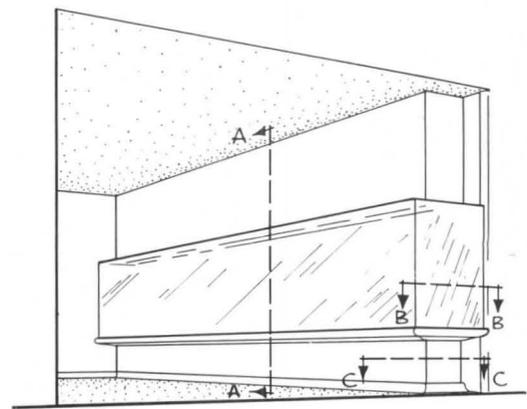


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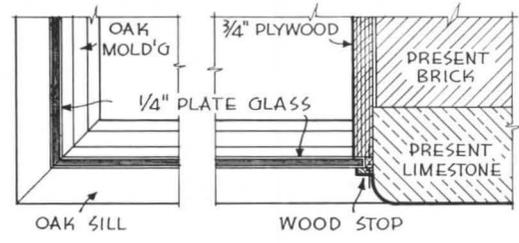
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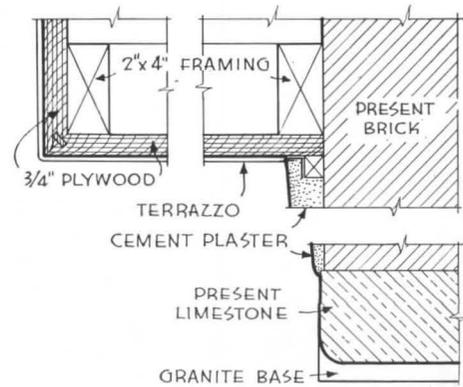
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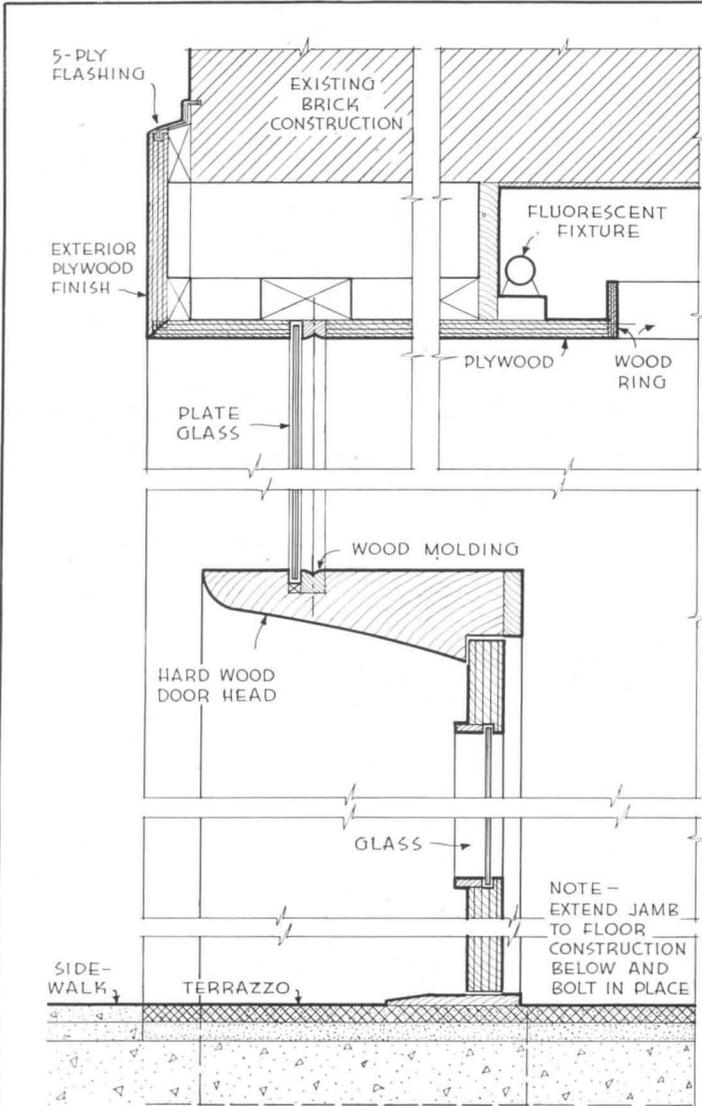
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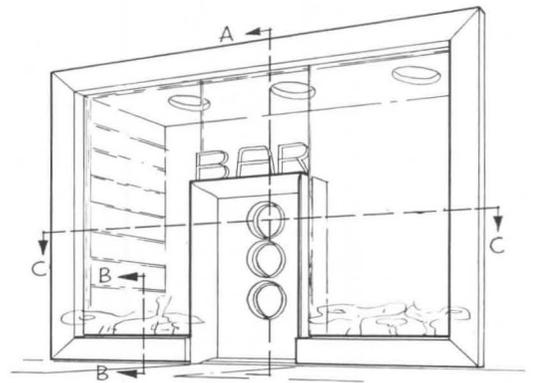
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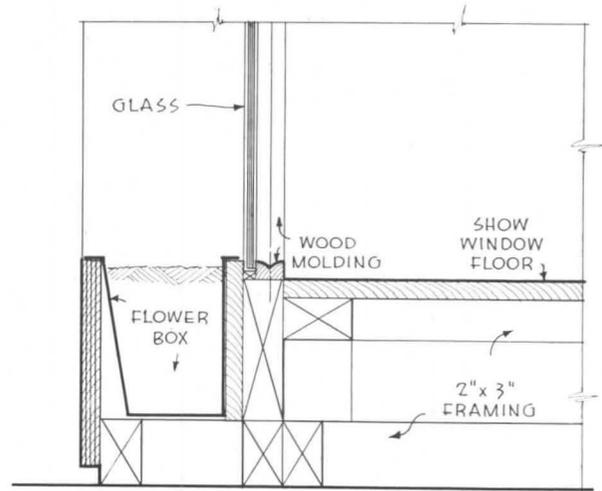
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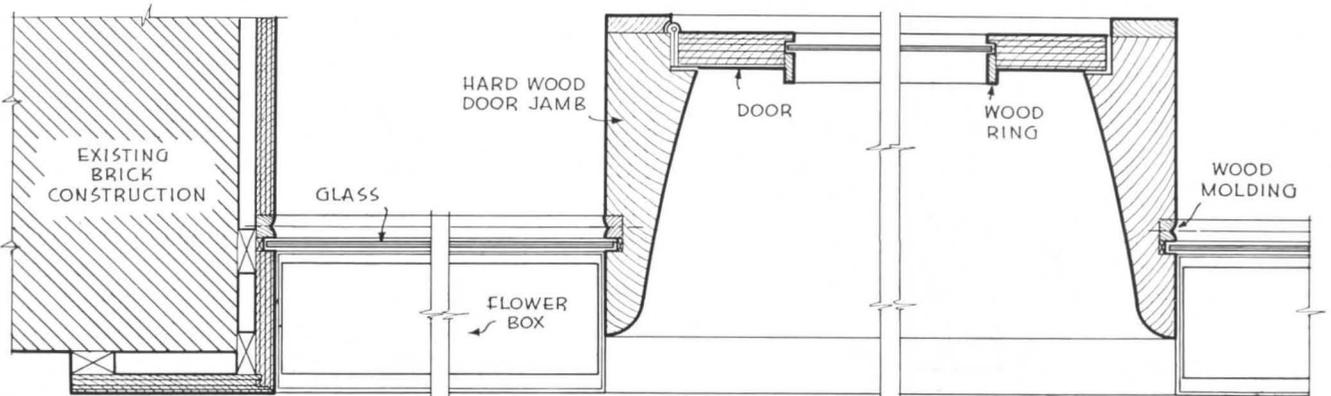
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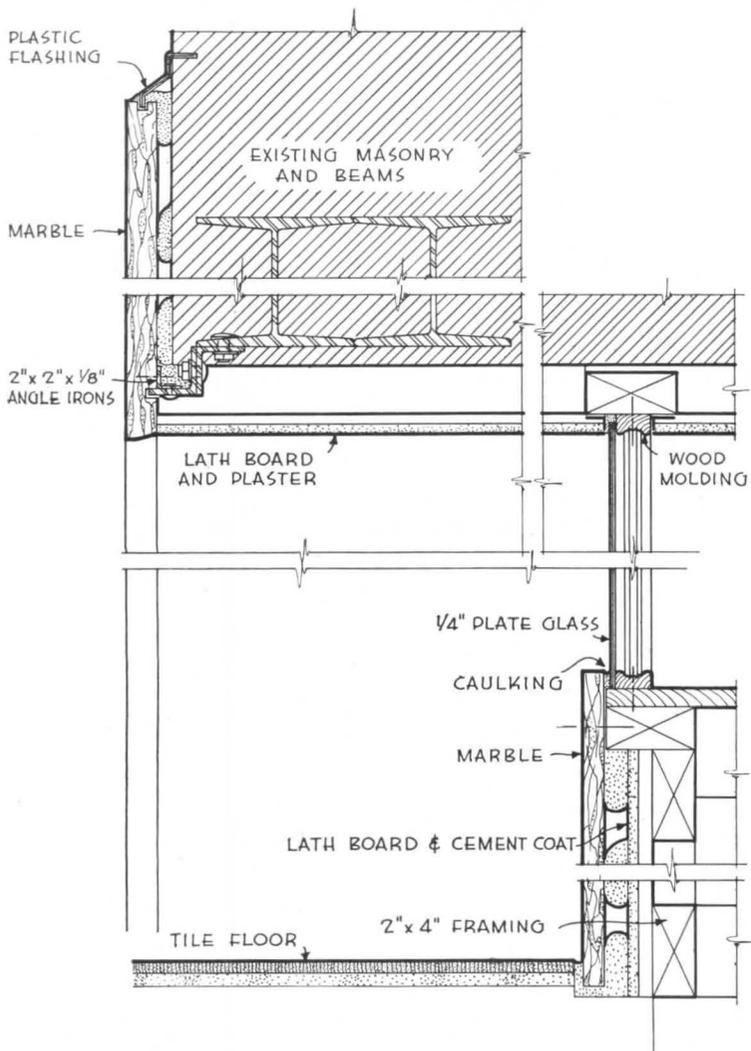
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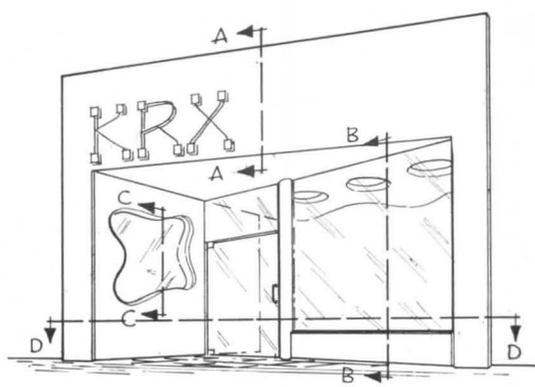
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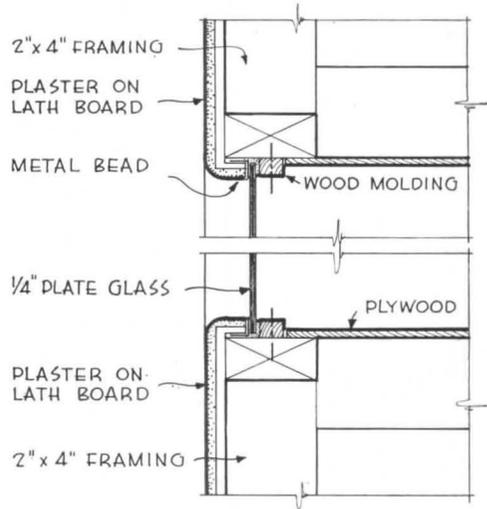
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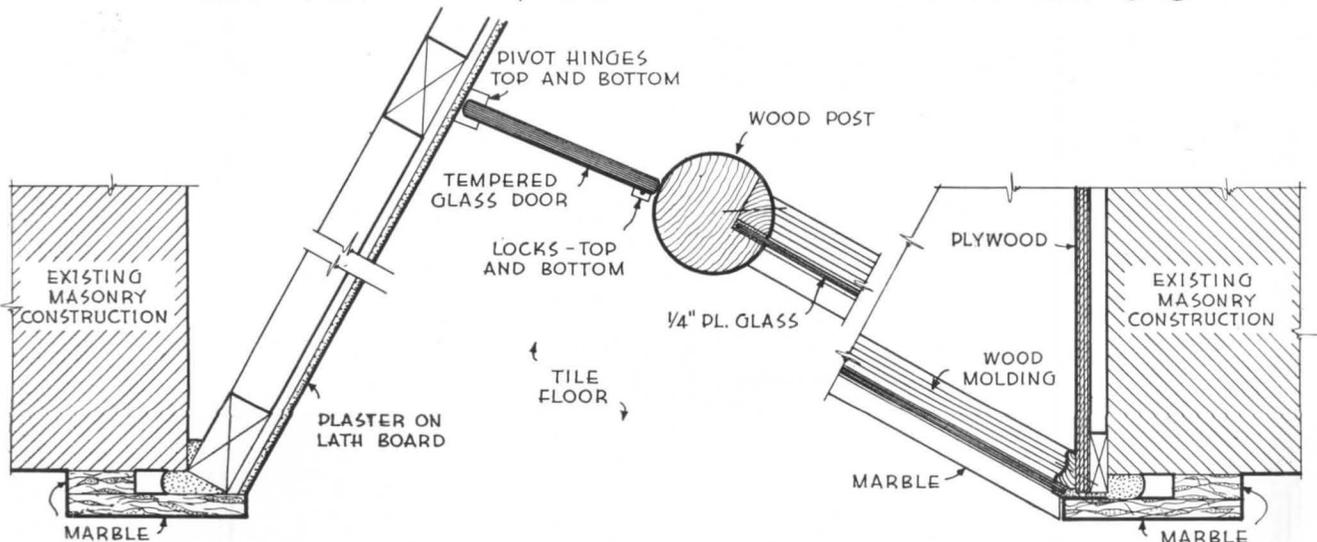
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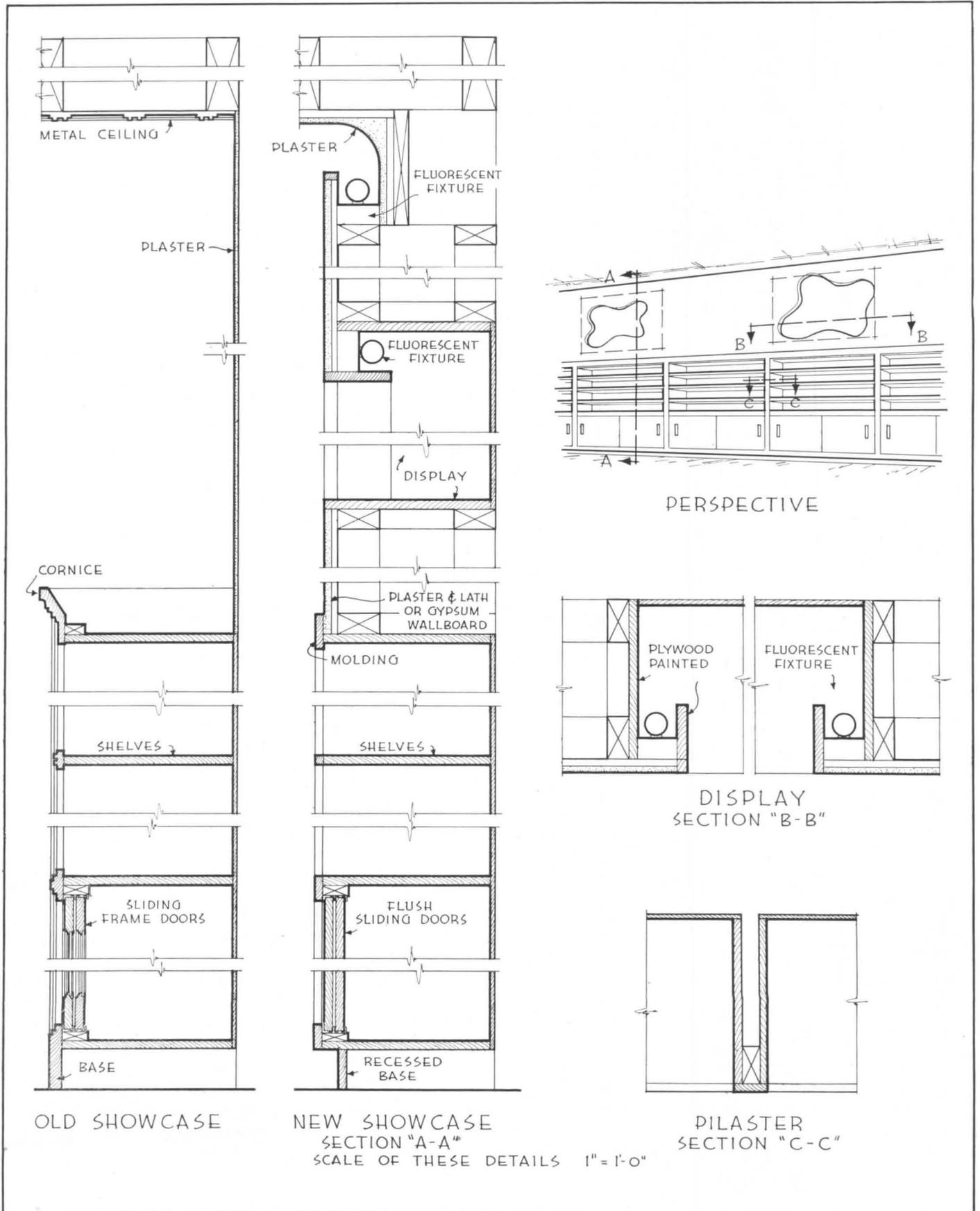
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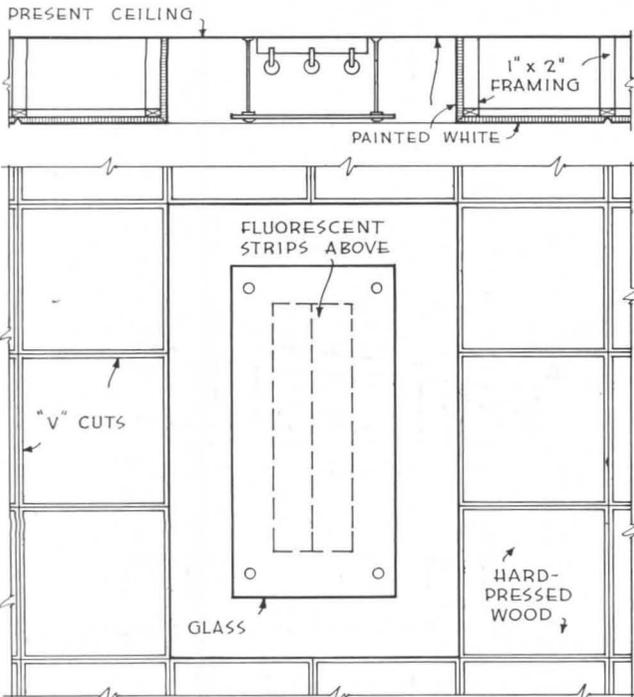
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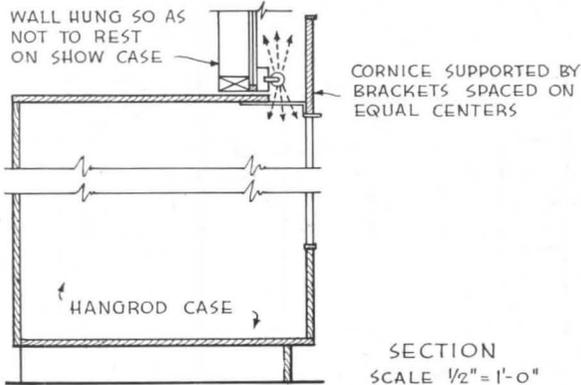


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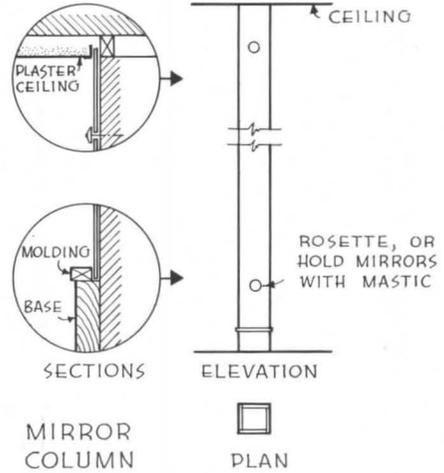
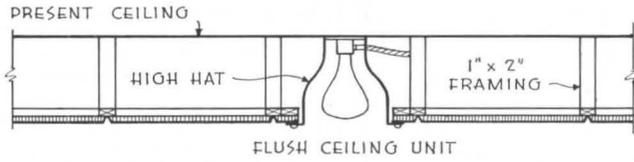
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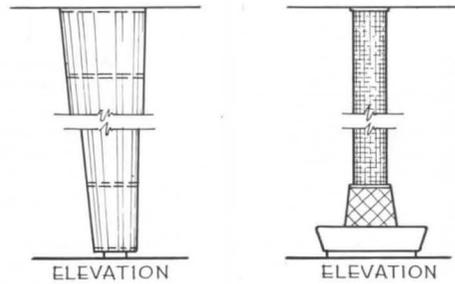
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METHODS OF ILLUMINATING WALL AND CASE  
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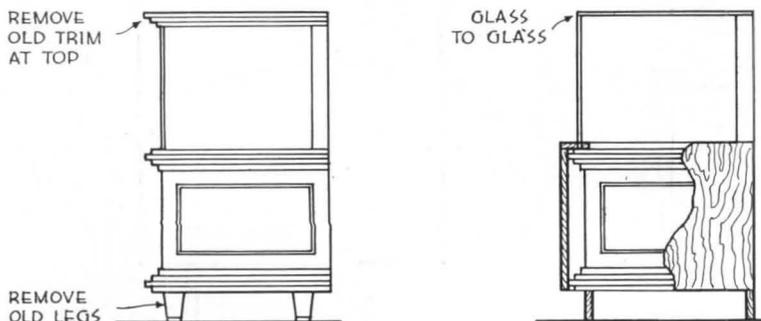


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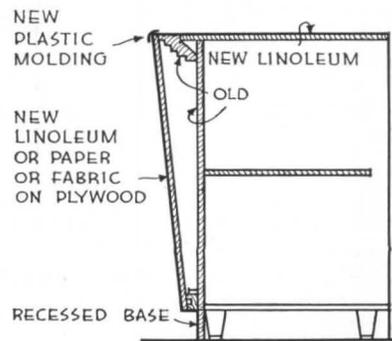


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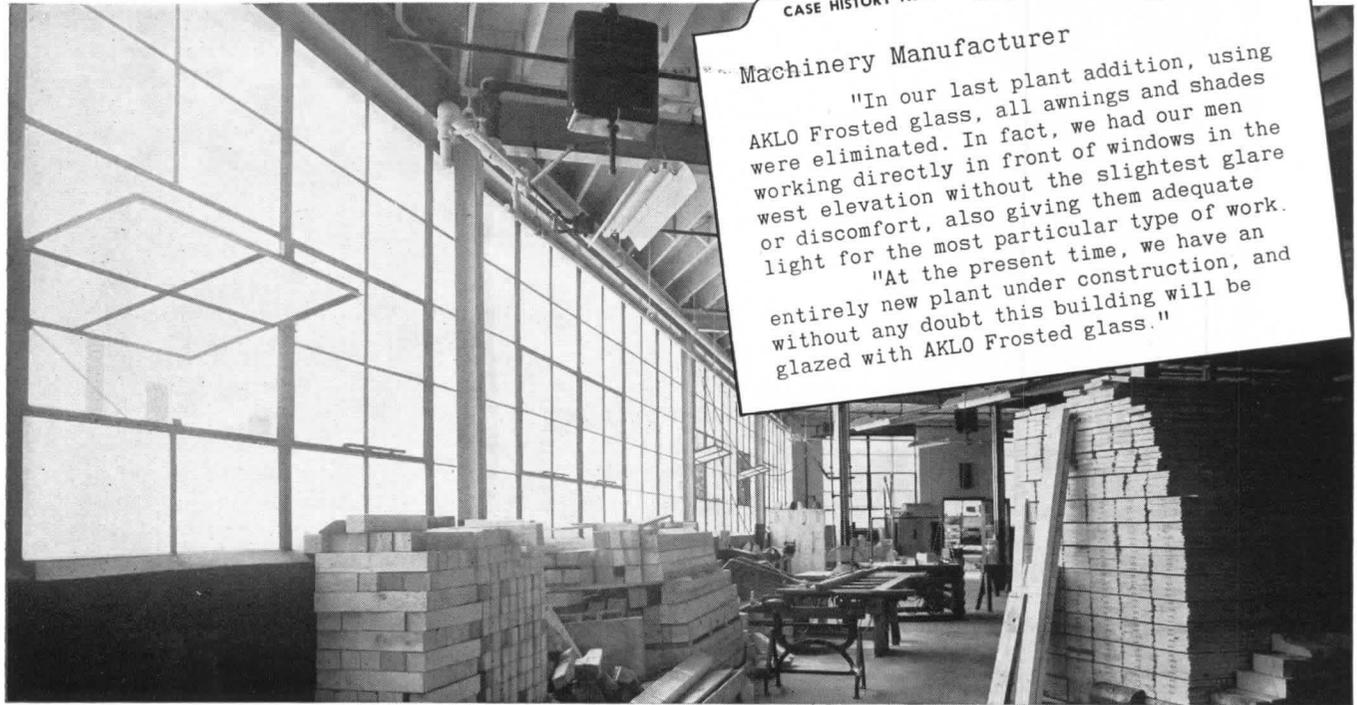


OLD CASE -ELEVATIONS- NEW CASE



SECTION-NEW OVER OLD COUNTER

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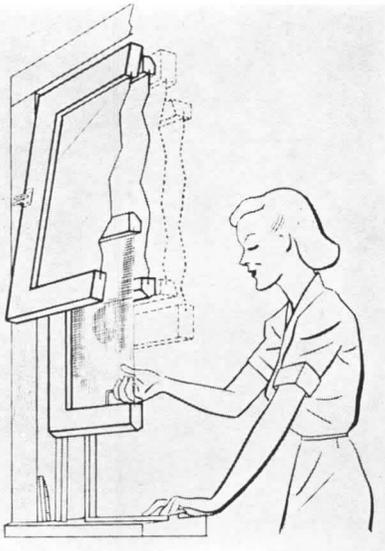


FIGURE 1

## STORM SASH AND SCREEN COMBINED

INSTALLED like regular storm sash is a newly announced combination storm sash and screen. In winter the screen is "stored" behind the upper storm sash; in summer the storm sash is "stored" at the top. The combination costs no more, according to the manufacturer, than ordinary storm sash and flat frame screens. Frames are of white pine, toxic treated and water-repellent. Corners are mortised and tenoned, held by steel pins and waterproof glue. The unit is held in place by spring tension. Rolscreen Company, Pella, Ia. (Fig. 1.)

## FROM THE NHA

THE Metla Window Institute advises there are more than 175,000 residential type steel windows in stock in warehouses. WPB urges that these stocks be used up to make room for other productive businesses. Provision will be made for the use of these metal windows in future FPHA contracts as options for wood windows until the existing stock is exhausted.

PORTLAND cement manufacture is streamlined by a limitation order to be issued by WPB. The order, which is not intended to restrict the use of cement, has three provisions: 1. Specifications are reduced to three types, conforming to Federal Specifications SS-C-191A Standard Portland, SS-C-201 High Early Strength Portland and

SS-C-206 Moderate-Heat-of-Hardening. 2. All cement will be stored in a common pool. Storage of specification cement will be prohibited. 3. Testing will be done only by the National Bureau of Standards, and the results will be accepted by all purchasers.

WPB recommends that cement be used wherever possible in mass concrete, walls, floors, precast masonry units, lintels, sills, roof tile, tubs, sewer pipe and in any other way where the use of concrete is advisable. The effect of the order will be to increase production with present facilities from 10 to 30 per cent per year.

## STANDARD GRANITE SHAPES

PREFABRICATED standard granite shapes, machined to uniform dimensions, have just recently been introduced. The laboratory tests show that due to the high flexural strength of this granite, beams of the material may be substituted for reinforced concrete of equivalent strength without substantial change of section. Low porosity and low absorptivity give it merit for exterior use in climates of extreme variation. Its modulus of elasticity is similar to that of wood, with a compressive strength rarely excelled in commercial stone. In many cases, it is stated that these prefabricated natural granite units cost approximately 50 per cent less than custom stonework, due to mechanization and saving of red tape. H. E. Fletcher Co., West Chelmsford, Mass.

The illustration (Figure 2) below shows prefabricated standard granite units in relation to brick coursing

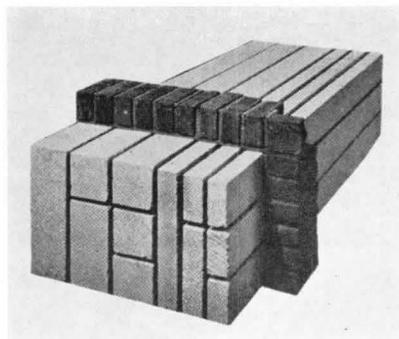


FIGURE 2

## NON-METALLIC DUCT

ESTIMATED to save up to 90 per cent of the usual metal in a typical in-

stallation, a non-metallic duct for use in warm air heating and air conditioning systems has been developed. The product is suggested for residential installations carrying normal temperatures in either gravity or blower types, and can be used up to within 6 ft. of the plenum chamber on the supply line and the entire return line. Sall Mountain Company, 176 W. Adams St., Chicago. (See Figure 3.)

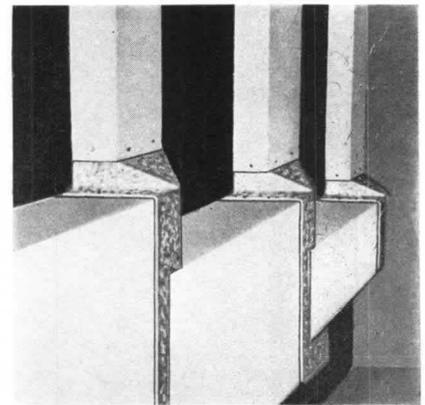


FIGURE 3

## PROTECTS STORAGE TANKS

INERTNESS to petroleum, coal tar and manufactured solvents, organic and inorganic oils and fatty acids is said to be a feature of a new coating to protect concrete or wood storage tanks against the infiltration into their contents of gasoline and oil. This liquid coating is available in red, white, green or blue; is said to dry in 2 or 3 hrs. Carbozite Corporation, First National Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

## LUMINESCENT FABRIC

A COATED fabric has been developed which glows with visible light in complete darkness. The manufacturer recommends it for making letters or strips to mark doorways, stairways, hand rails, instrument dials, control panels, etc. The fabric is said to be cheaper than luminous paint. It is applied with casein glue, wallpaper paste or thumb tacks, without special primer, and may be removed easily. Exposure to electric light or sunlight for 30 seconds, is sufficient to give the coating the power to glow for 4 to 6 hrs. Du Pont Company, Wilmington, Del.

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## FLUORESCENT LAMP STARTER

A MANUAL-RESET fluorescent lamp starter is announced which locks dead lamps out of the circuit, allowing instant dead lamp replacement. No current flows through the ballast after the dead lamp has been locked out, and this current cut-off feature prolongs the life of the ballast and elim-

inates a cooling period. A red button on the starter snaps forward when a dead lamp is locked out. For 30-, 40-, 100-watt lamps. General Electric Company, Bridgeport, Conn.

## FIXTURES MEET ARMY SPECS

A LINE of plumbing fixtures has been designed to use a minimum of critical

materials and to comply with the new Army Specification PE-623, which supercedes Specification 8000-E. Crane Co., 836 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago.

## FLOODLIGHTS

A NEW LINE of wide and narrow beam floodlights is announced for lighting shipyards, construction projects, industrial yards and sports areas. Westinghouse Lighting Division, Edgewater Park, Cleveland, Ohio.

## BLACKOUT BLINDS

A BLACKOUT BLIND already installed in coastal plants and government buildings is said to have numerous advantages: It raises and lowers by cord; is adaptable to windows of any size; is made of heavy crepe fiber which, it is stated, is lightproof, will not pinhole and has been flame-proofed. CLOPAY, 1207 Clopay Square, Cincinnati, Ohio.

## PROTECTIVE CLOTH

A STRONG 10-mesh cotton cloth with a tough, transparent plastic film has been developed to provide a permanent or emergency flexible window or to serve as protection inside the glass. It is recommended for quick replacements of glass. Colloid Equipment Co., Inc., 50 Church St., New York City. (See figure 4.)

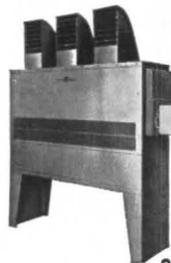
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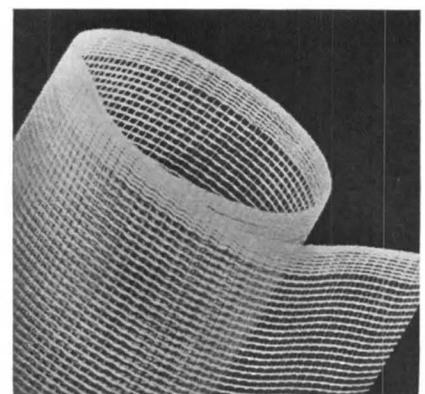


FIGURE 4

## TANK JACKET

MADE of patented air cell insulation, a new hot water tank jacket can be installed on standard model 30- and 40-gal. tanks. Joint seals are made with cloth tape matching the wood grain finishes. Hinde & Dauch Paper Company, Sandusky, Ohio.

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## LOCKERS AND CABINETS

THREE products necessary in wartime industries but eliminated by steel priorities are now offered in wood: shoprobes, providing full-length coat hanging space and private locking compartment; lockers with hardwood top, bottom and frame, and sides, back and door of pressed wood; cabinets with

hardwood top, bottom and frame, and sides and back of pressed wood. Green enamel finish. Lyon Metal Products, Inc., 3016 Clark St., Aurora, Ill.

## UNDERLAY FOR FLOORING

AN UNDERLAY for linoleum and other composition flooring comes in the form

of a thin asphalt mastic board. Available in several thicknesses from 6/100 in. to 3/16 in., the product is said to provide a resilient underlay that is impervious to moisture. It is composed of a high melting point asphalt in combination with fine mineral aggregate, sealed between dry, non-bleeding liners. Keystone Asphalt Products Co., 43 E. Ohio St., Chicago, Ill.

## FUEL AND EQUIPMENT

LOCAL architects in preparing plans have been instructed to provide for fuel and equipment which will occupy the *most space*, where uncertainty prevails as to the availability of a particular fuel or the availability of materials in equipment.

Examples:

A. Where fuel for ranges and space heater has not been determined, plans should be made for the use of coal.

B. Where there is any uncertainty as to WPB limitation orders affecting equipment, space should be so planned that the largest make of equipment can be accommodated.

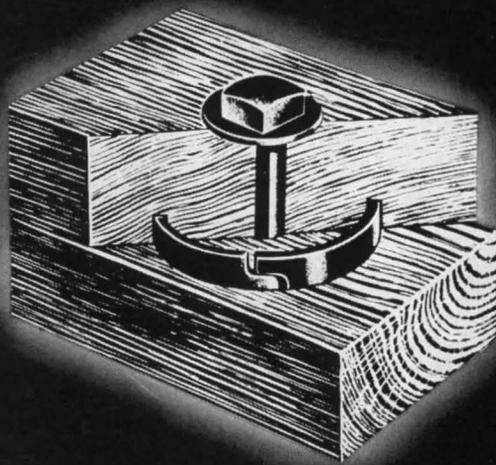
## NON-METALLIC CABINET SHOWER

RECOMMENDED for either residential use, barracks or defense plants is a non-metallic cabinet shower that is said to use even less metal than government specifications allow. Walls are fiberboard finished in baked synthetic enamel. Assembly members and top frame are metal finished in baked enamel. Precast concrete receptor; cast drain, with wrought strainer, cast integral with floor of receptor. Sizes 30 by 30 by 75 in. and 32 by 32 by 75 in. Henry Weis Mfg. Co., Inc., Elkhart, Ind.

## WIRING SYSTEM

A PORCELAIN-PROTECTED wiring system, it is *claimed*, lends itself fully to the country's war needs because it conserves steel, copper, rubber and zinc and affords tested safety and economy. Porcelain wiring means: 1. Knob and tube wiring; 2. porcelain outlet boxes; 3. "surfolets"; any one or any combination of two or three. Porcelain Products, Inc., Findlay, Ohio.

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# REQUIRED READING

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water courses and irrigate their lands. Two families still own sheep. "Sheds are rough and ingenious . . . bread is baked in beehive ovens. . ." The church is beautified, the houses of pinkish or buff adobe brick are neat and well kept, interior walls are tinted, "in the old type house the doors have no jambs, the beams show, the effect is very fine."

## PERIODICAL LITERATURE

**DUAL PURPOSE SURFACE SHELTER.** Architect and Building News, London, (2 Breems Bldg.) July 24, 1942, pp. 56-8, illus.

FOUR SHELTERS, designed by G. R. Falkiner-Nuttall and Trystan Edwards to serve also as post-war housing, are one-story structures 14½ feet square with a six-foot connecting passage be-

tween them to give access and to provide space for toilets. The roof is a concrete panel reinforced in both directions and tied to the 13½-inch reinforced brick walls. The floor is similarly reinforced, and a layer of building paper inserted beneath the floor will make possible "movement of the shelter as a whole . . . in the event of the forces being sufficiently great." Fresh air inlets are at a low level, the air is warmed by electric panels and it leaves by outlets at high levels in the interior walls so that cross-ventilation is achieved by aid of the clerestory windows in the six-foot space between the units. Construction lends itself to the addition of one or more stories with possibly 11-inch cavity brick work, though the construction would permit use of larger prefabricated elements. The shelters with plumbing cost £8 (about \$32) a head including bunks, or, if provided with seats only, about £4 a head.

**WINDOW DESIGN SAVES CRITICAL MATERIALS.** By S. Koffsky. Engineering News-Record, New York, (330 W. 42nd St.) Sept. 10, 1942. p. 87, illus.

SUBSTITUTION of double width glass lights and elimination of alternate vertical members in a machine shop involving about 18,000 square feet of steel sash resulted in a reduction of 15 per cent for the revised design as compared with the estimate for standard, gave better appearance and more light and air, and simplified window cleaning. A typical window of 58¾ by 102¾ inches uses 99 lbs. of steel, 117 linear feet of putty; the revised design uses 82 lbs. of steel and 85 feet of putty with a saving of nearly 17 per cent of steel and nearly 29 per cent of putty, as well as 25 per cent in the cost of labor.

**BUILT DOWN INSTEAD OF UP.** By S. A. Carrighan. Architect and Engineer, San Francisco, (86 Post St.) Aug. 1942. pp. 19-28, illus.

PROPERTY owners in the Triangle district, containing 17 retail stores, 11 office buildings, 88 hotels, 15 clubs and 7 theaters, got together to sponsor a four-floor garage below much frequented Union Square, to accommodate 1,700 cars, or about as many as could be parked along 108 city blocks. The sponsors pay the city

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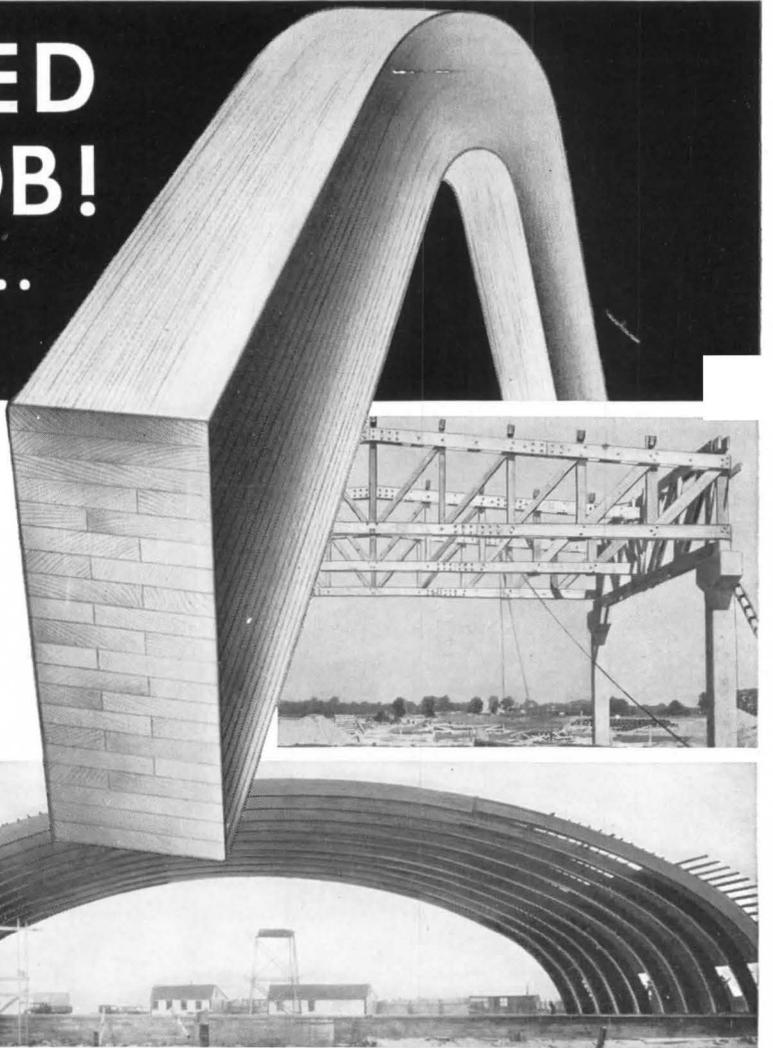
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annually \$5,000 in rent and \$13,000 in taxes, and when the project has repaid the \$600,000 locally subscribed and the \$850,000 RFC loan it will become municipal property. Excavation averaged 48 feet, mostly in sandy subsoil; floors and mezzanines thereto are arranged so as to make possible ramps rising not more than half a story (4 feet 9 inches); all but 200 cars are

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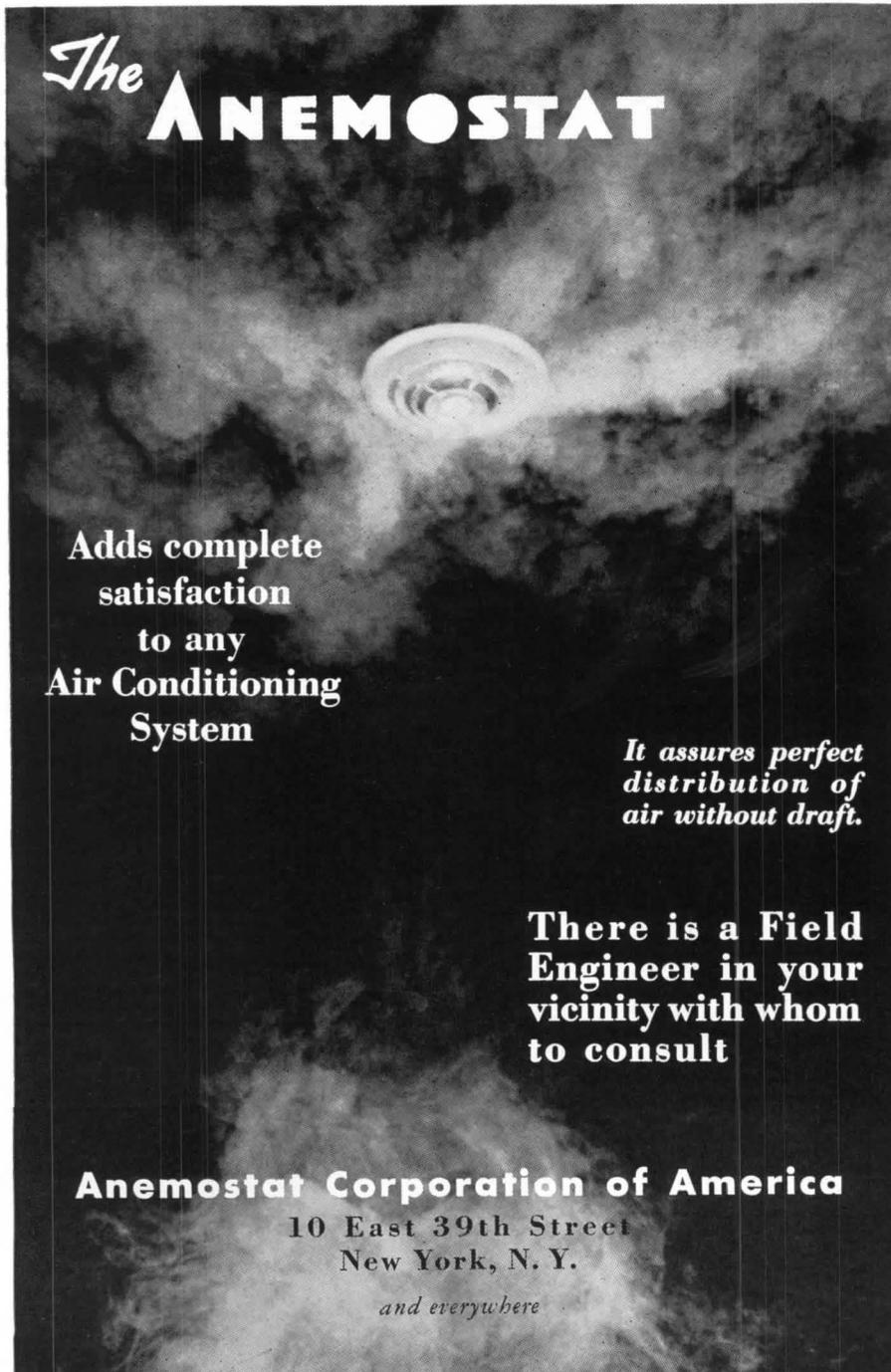
of the 350-ton Dewey monument granite shaft, planting 16 three to four ton trees, which with paving, granite curbs, good soil for shrubs, lawns and flowers, with drainage and sprinkler system affords an excellent shelter.

**C. I. S. P. H.** Architectural Review, Cheam, England, (45, The Avenue) July, 1942. pp. 41.

THE COMMITTEE for Industrial and Scientific Promotion of Housing (Chairman, Henry Weston, Chairman of the Coventry Housing Committee), omits "prefabrication" from its title because of association in the public mind of that word with temporary buildings and with an inflexible and unimaginative kind of standardization. But the committee is studying prefabricated housing methods and their application to post-war housing as well as considering house-building finance from the point of view that houses like motor cars should come to be regarded by the public as consumer goods.

**COLUMBIA BASIN: A Test for Planning.** By Catherine Bauer. New Republic, New York, (40 E. 49th St.) Sept. 7, 1942, pp. 279-80.

DEVELOPMENT of this tract of about 1,875 square miles may ring the familiar changes of speculative exploitation, blight, ruin and unproductive subsidy, or, as a planned enterprise with adequate government control, it may show what coordinated planning may do to house well families occupied in agriculture, industry and the necessary accompanying services, in a tract estimated as able to support half a million people. The Anti-speculation Act of 1937 restricting supply of irrigation water to family-sized farms is a beginning. HR 6522, recently submitted, would amend and improve it by facilitating government purchase of all lands as a prelude to development of irrigation, plotting farms and roads, locating villages, economical designing of rural and town housing. The things to do now demand no war material, little physical labor. They do demand straight thinking and control centered thousands of miles nearer Washington State than Washington, D. C., and in the hands of someone occupied with fewer things than are the Secretaries of the Interior and of Agriculture.



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## EDUCATION AND ARCHITECTURE

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formalize its economic basis, and from that knowledge work out a pattern of ideas to be later translated into a pattern of structures. Such investigations are, in my opinion, more useful than those general surveys in what are called, somewhat quaintly, the *social sciences*. These are apt to interpose a screen of idea and theory between the student and the substance of architecture.

The other day I heard one of our students explain to a jury his design for *A Coöperative Farm*. His explanation began with an account of the social services such a farm might render, included next some data relating to potato growing and the care of bees, and finally some considerations relative to buildings as tools for these "social and economic objectives." This explanation was assisted by charts, diagrams, reports, and photographs. The student had, it appeared, projected himself into the life of his farm. The habits of rural society were in part at least known to him—the conditions of farm labor, the changes wrought by recent inventions, and the impact of these on the forms of shelter—and it seemed to me that by that means he had attained, not a practical knowledge merely, but the sympathy and insight which gave his design a surprising eloquence. If, now, it should happen that this hypothetical farmer could not make out quite so well with his potatoes as my student planned, some essential economic or human factor having been overlooked, that would not be important. What is important is the anchor to reality implied in the method. This farmer is a better client than those ambassadors, archbishops and captains of industry who were my clients in my student days at Columbia: a truer friend to architecture even than that eccentric, affectionately remembered old gentlemen who, "finding himself in possession of four antique columns," decided to build a museum.

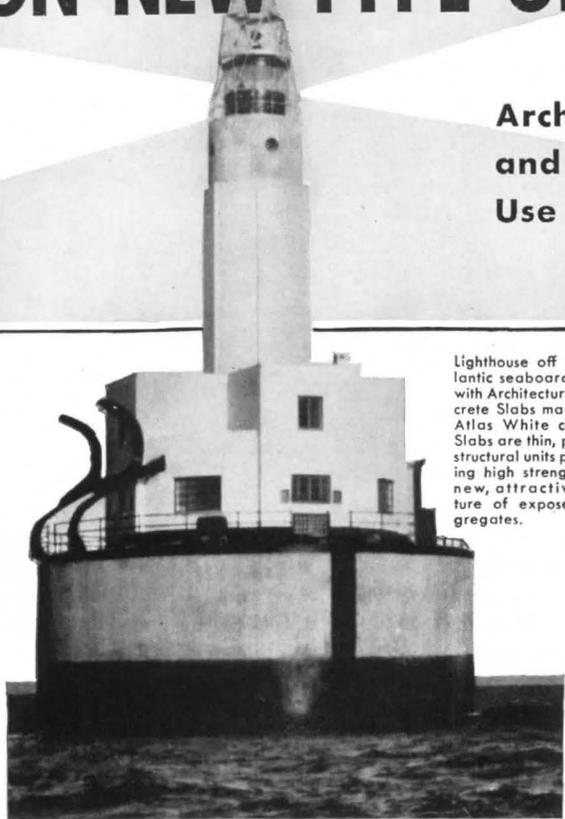
I SHOULD like our students to leave our schools of architecture with a wider vision and a broader range of interests than those which I had at the end of my professional studies. I should like them to feel a deeper comradeship for those who, although architects in spirit and in way of working, are yet practitioners of an affiliated art. I should wish them to be armed with a practical and immediate technology, but they should have also minds that are curious and awake to every new discovery and invention; and they should be resolute to use their art, woven into actualities and yet addressed to the spirit, for the reconstruction of our ravaged world. In that direction lies the recovered authority of architecture.

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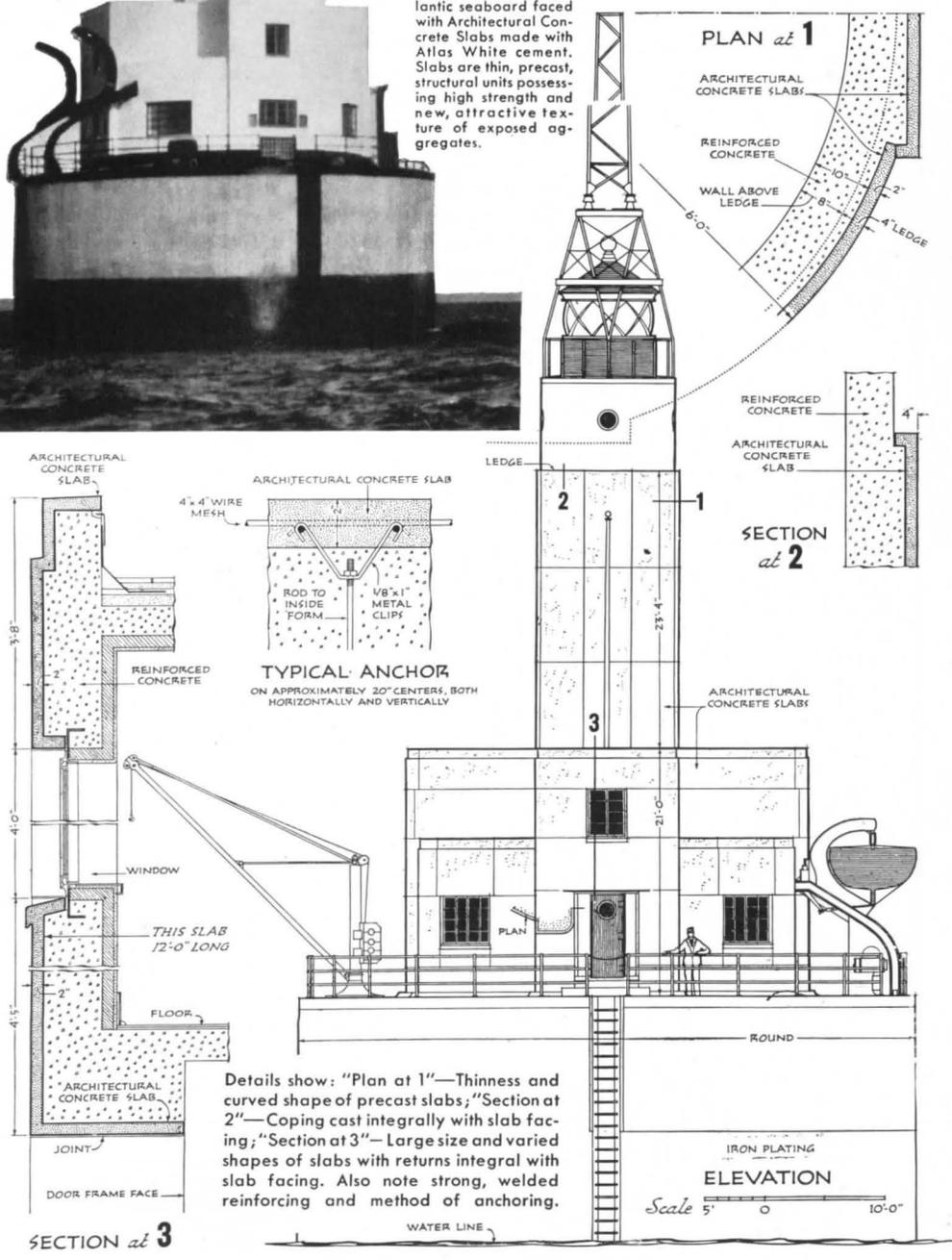
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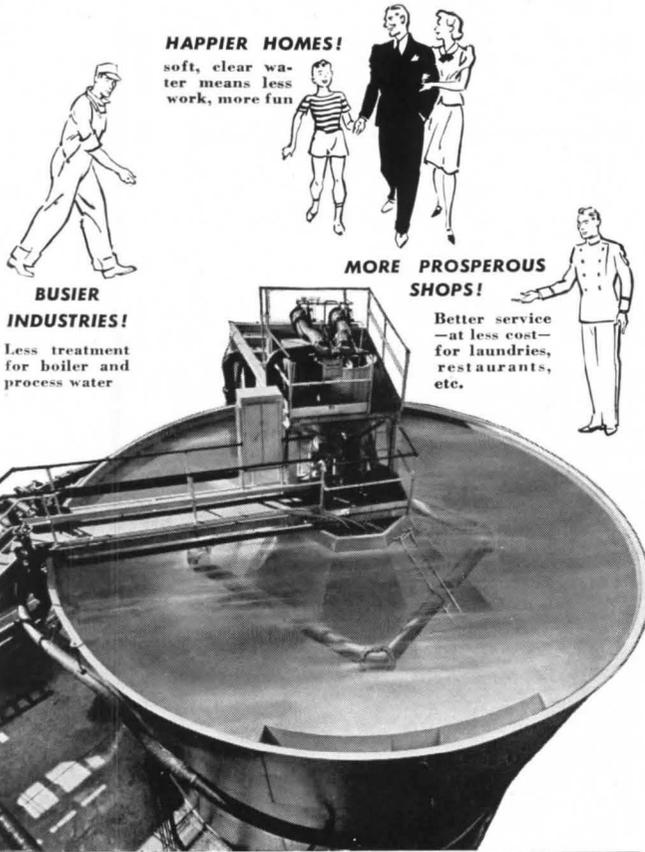
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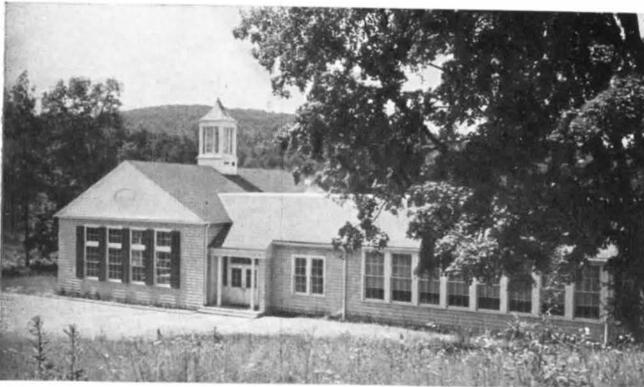
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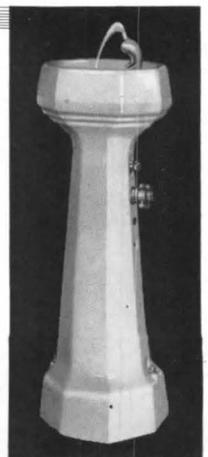
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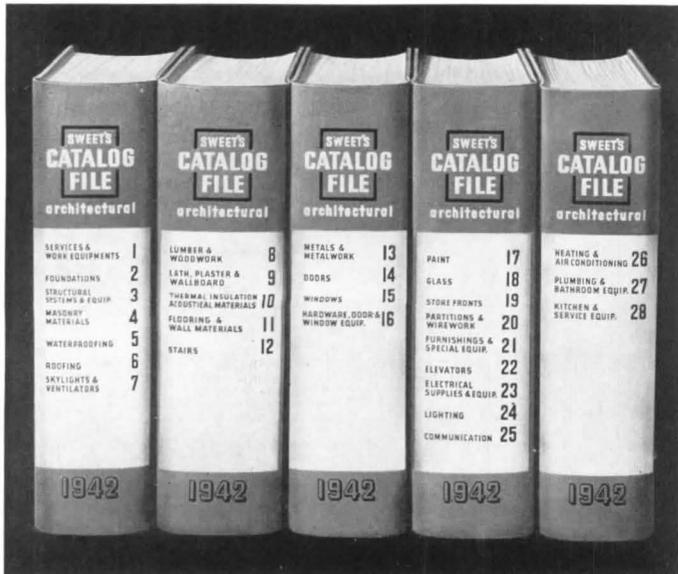
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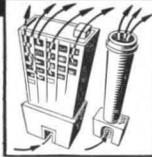
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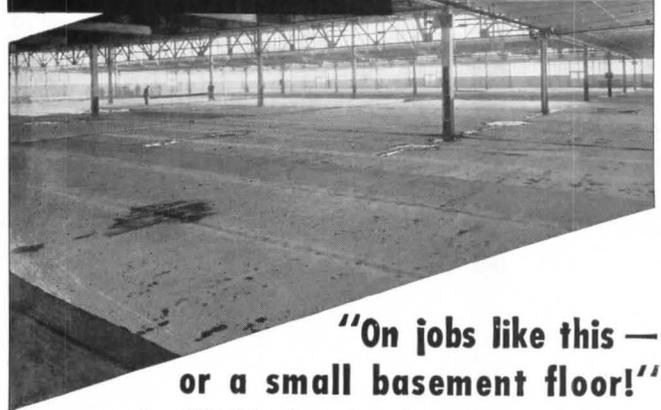
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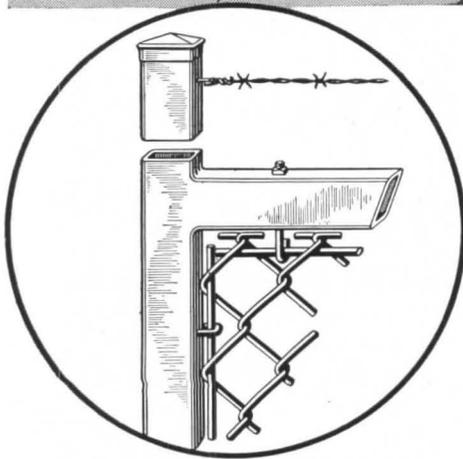
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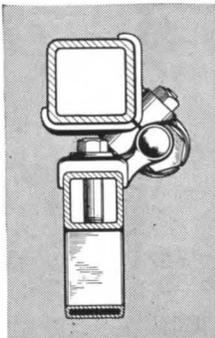
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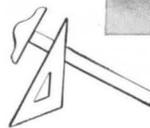
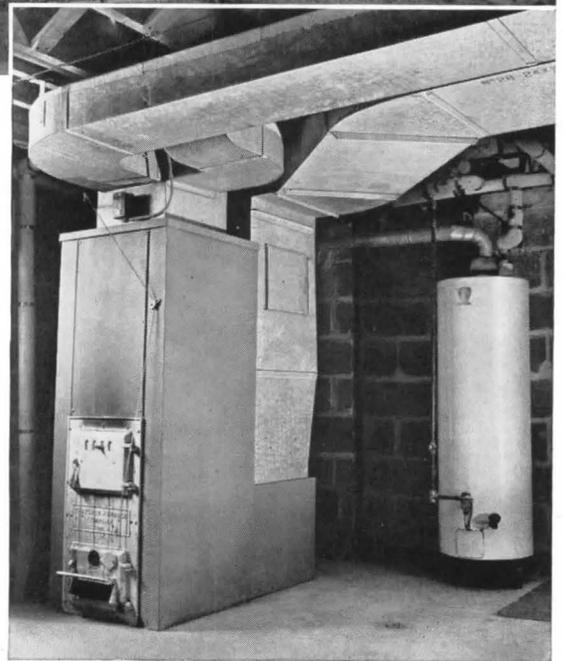
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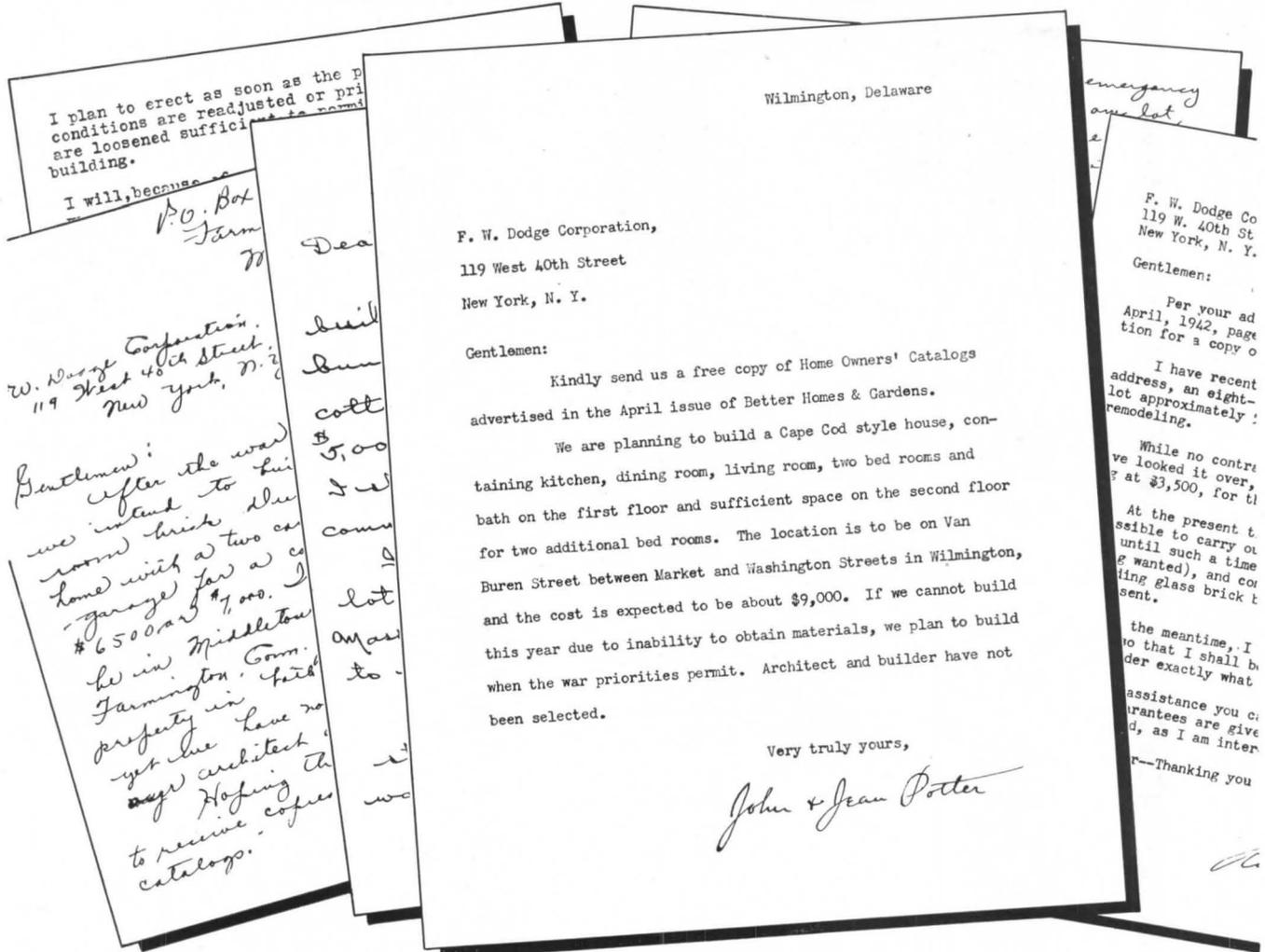


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