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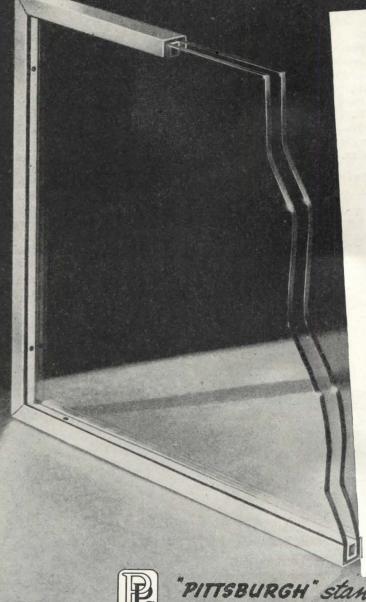
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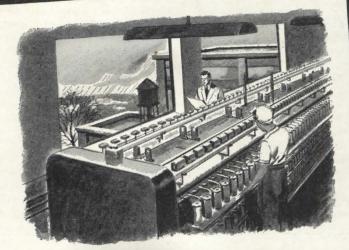
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# **Building Report Asked**

Building materials, in official opinion, probably will remain under price and production control longer than the rest of the national economy. Even in writing the law to extend OPA, Congress made specific note of this. It asked the President to list by next April the commodities "including housing accommodations" in such critically short supply as to need price controls after next June.

Of course, the Congress, set on getting rid of OPA, specified that the President recommend some other unit of government to handle the controls.

# OPA Delay Hurts Housing

Congressional delay in extending OPA upset the housing program in many ways, both directly and indirectly. It directly affected, for instance, the premium payments schedules. The Inter-Agency Steering Committee on these payments, after studying the new law and checking on market conditions during the OPA lapse, decided to retain the July 1 opening date only on the convector radiator regulation. The regulations on hardwood flooring and on cast iron soil pipe, originally scheduled for July 1, were delayed to August 1.

Building material companies were kept in a state of uncertainty all during the month and many builders were likewise hampered.

That building costs in the second half of the year will run on a higher average goes without saying. As OPA got its life renewed, it announced a long list of ceiling price increases, including 19 in the category of lumber and building materials.

## New HH Dividing Line

NHA, in announcing a new "dividing line" standard whereby at least half of all HH priorities must be at rental or sales prices below that line, had to await the decision on OPA before it could determine the future of the line. Under the plan, monthly rather than quarterly quotas are set to make the flow of materials more orderly. First preference continues for veterans on homes they intend to occupy; then comes rental housing below the dividing line.

## Guaranteed Markets On

The guaranteed market program, getting under way in July, swung more fully into operation in August. However, officials recognize that broadest effects of prefabrication stimulus will not show up until the 1947 building year. Care will be exercised, they say, to keep out inferior products and fly-by-night producers.

# **CPA Channels Supplies**

The Civilian Production Administration labored during the summer doldrums to channel more and more materials into housing. It recommended that the government release from its stocks 50 million pounds of aluminum ingots; it channeled all, instead of the original 70 per cent, of certain surplus governmentowned building materials into housing; it gave preference on iron foundry schedules to iron castings for home construction; it broadened its priority system to speed the output of electrical wiring devices; it studied the need of dipping into the government's copper stockpile for three months to aid housing.

# Other Building Reined

Besides these things, CPA held a tight check rein on non-residential building applications. From March 26 to July 18 it denied 22,246 requests valued at \$946 million compared to approval of 39,290 valued at \$1.58 billion.

It announced a survey to determine the effect of non-housing construction on the materials supply, showing that the dollar value of critical materials going into commercial and industrial construction amounts to only 3 per cent of total costs. Of the total, 55 per cent goes to labor and 42 per cent to other materials such as steel, limestone, plate glass and concrete, which are all in relatively good supply.

## Model Code Studied

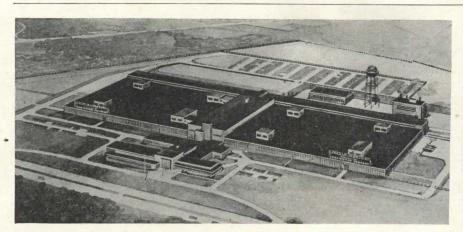
The Department of Commerce has under way a survey to compile data for a model basic code that could be adapted to local conditions. Points to be considered in the analysis include minimum standards, unnecessary safeguards, restrictive provisions, and administrative provisions to permit new materials and improved methods.

Cities will be furnished with the results of the study, which will show code deficiencies. Provisions that are unnecessary and increase construction costs will be indicated.

# Survey on Repairs

In a new booklet, "The Pattern of Expenditures for Non-farm Residential Repair and Maintenance," the Department of Commerce advises that homeowners' expenditures to repair their homes in the years 1929–44 averaged two-thirds as much annually in the United States as was spent to build new homes.

The average annual expenditure for (Continued on page 12)



One of three similar Kahn-designed assembly plants under construction for Ford Motor Co.

#### BUILDING NOTES

#### Ford Plants

Three new plants are under construction for the Ford Motor Co., one at Metuchen, N. J., one at St. Louis, Mo., and one at Atlanta, Ga. All three are assembly plants, and all are from the boards of Albert Kahn Associated Architects and Engineers, Inc.

The Metuchen plant, typical of the three, will have approximately 650,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Main assembly building is one story, with steel frame, brick and sash walls and cement tile roof. The office building, roughly H-shaped, is also one story, with stone facing in the

central portion. Boiler house and oil house are separate, and a large parking area is provided for employees. Contractors are the Wigton-Abbott Corp.

#### Ampule Plant

Employees and visitors who enter the new ampule building of the Winthrop Chemical Co., Inc., at Rensselaer, N. Y., must pass through a de-dusting chamber where blowers and suction devices remove all lint and dust. There are two such chambers in the basement, near the employees' locker room.

Every known scientific development is said to have been taken advantage of (Continued on page 152)

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repair and maintenance in the 16-year period was \$1,166,000,000 — of which about 92 per cent represented work done on non-farm homes — compared with an average of \$1,741,000,000 spent annually to build new dwellings.

#### Construction Estimated

John R. Steelman, who replaced John W. Snyder as Reconversion Director, threw light on the construction picture in his first report to the President. Boosting construction estimates for the year from \$14 billion to \$17 billion, he made clear that a large part of the increase was in non-residential construction.

Other points:

1. Production of essential building materials continues upward.

2. Authorizations for non-residential construction will be held to a minimum.

3. Issuance of priorities is being related more closely to housing program goals.

 Guaranteed markets for prefabricated houses are expected to boost the program substantially.

5. More units are being sought in the low-rent ranges.

#### New Materials Cited

He cited new materials which, on the basis of an NHA survey, "have been found useful — though on a small scale, since they cannot get into high volume production for some time."

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#### Odds and Ends

Odds and ends of import from the National Capital include an FHA announcement that it will seek \$1 billion in rental housing out of the contemplated \$2 billion of mortgage insurance under the Veterans Housing Act. . . Another FHA announcement of broadened regulations to make "country" homes eligible for insured financing. . . . A forecast from CPA that lumber production this



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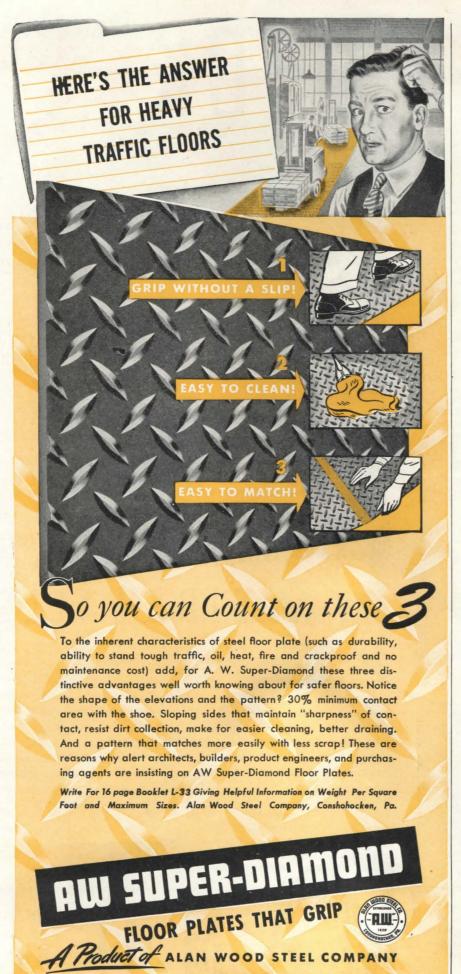


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financing technique, and many other things which had nothing directly to do with veterans' housing. The framers and supporters of this bill at a later date attempted to play politics with the needs of veterans by taking on the designation that this was a 'Veterans' Housing Bill.' The subterfuge is so transparent that it needs little analysis. None of the projects contemplated by the bill can take place until we get into a period of abundant skilled labor supply and to a period of availability of large quantities of material. As a matter of fact, the bill was conceived as a depression measure to cushion unemployment by the projecting of large public projects." — Arthur W. Binns, president, National Home and Property Owners Foundation.

## FAIR RENTS ASKED

Realtors and the millions of small property owners throughout the country will renew immediately their battle for a fair measure of relief from the oppressive rent control reestablished by Congress in the OPA revival act, according to Boyd T. Barnard, president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

Rents have been the only single factor in the national economy, Mr. Barnard said, which have remained rigidly controlled since their original freeze date, in most cases March 1, 1942, or before. All items of operating costs and building maintenance, however, have risen sharply in price, some as much as 100 per cent, and the typical city has already had substantial increases in tax bills, in some cases several times since the rent freeze date.

"The National Association of Real Estate Boards subscribed fully to wartime price control and assisted in establishing rent control," Mr. Barnard states. "Real estate boards throughout the country held the line on rents and prevented skyrocketing during the interim when OPA was dead. They have always cooperated 100 per cent. Consequently, it was a bitter disappointment to them that Congress failed to provide equitable relief for them, as it did for other groups in the economy. They have no alternative but to continue their fight for a just measure of relief."

#### ASKS HOUSING CENSUS

An up-to-date and impartial census of housing is needed to help the construction industry make intelligent plans for meeting the country's housing needs, says J. Ernest Fender, president of the Structural Clay Products Institute.

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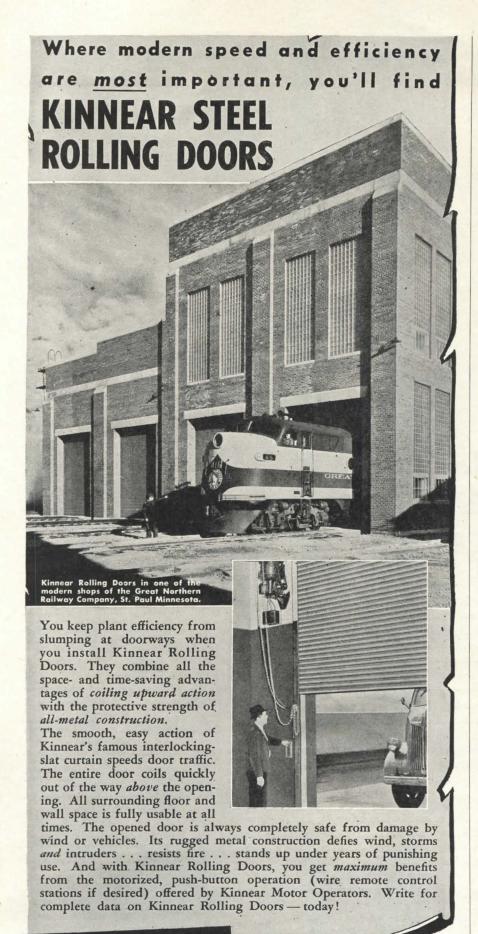
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eliminated funds for a housing census from the Department of Commerce appropriation bill, Mr. Fender points out, "it is to be hoped that some way can be found to authorize the Bureau of the Census to collect the needed data in the immediate future....

immediate future. . . .

"We need to know how many additional homes are needed, where and when they are needed, what the price ranges should be, how many rental units are required, and other pertinent facts. . . . The construction industry can do a far more effective job of planning to meet the housing needs of veterans and others if it has reliable data on which to base decisions than if it is compelled to guess at requirements on the basis of data which is out of date or supplied by prejudiced sources."

## AT THE COLLEGES

#### Instructors Needed

Increased enrollments at the schools of architecture will require additional instructors for the fall semester, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture reports. The need is urgent, particularly for instructors to teach architectural design and structural courses.

Those qualified and interested in teaching positions should send their personnel records to Prof. Paul Weigel, Secretary, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, Dept. of Architecture, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

# Assistantship Open

The State Board of Agriculture governing Michigan State College has approved one half-time graduate assistantship in the Department of Landscape Architecture for the academic year 1946–47. This assistantship is at the rate of \$800 for candidates for the Master's degree and \$1,000 for those who have the Master's degree (M.S. or M.A.) or its credit equivalent and who are candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Education.

Appointment is to be based particularly upon the candidate's scholastic record and his promise as a graduate student. For further information address the Dept. of Landscape Architecture, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

#### New Leaflets

Several new circulars have been added to the University of Illinois' growing library of planning leaflets:

1. "Planning for Electricity in the Home" (Circular Series No. G4.0), a nontechnical discussion of the electric (Continued on page 144) BUILD LIVABLE BASEMENTS







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# BUILDING VOLUME IN NEW STRIDE

Building construction in 1946 has hit a phenomenal stride, establishing in the first six months a record dollar volume of \$3,937,736,000 in contracts awarded - greater by half a billion dollars than the first six months of 1928, the previous peak year.

No longer under controls as rigid as during wartime, this great construction activity is seen not only in housing but in every building type. Figures released by the F. W. Dodge Corporation, covering the 37 states east of the Rockies for the six months ending July 1, reveal large increases in dollars being invested and in numbers of projects on which contracts have been awarded. The following comparisons are for the first half-year of 1945 and 1946.

#### Commercial Buildings

In 1946 there are 16,652 projects, compared to 4,896 in 1945: 340 per cent of 1945. Their valuation is \$478,200,000: 718 per cent of 1945. Double the dollars, on the average, are going into each commercial project this year.

# Manufacturing Buildings

Despite terrific plant expansion during the war years, 1946 projects number 8,408 against 6,416 last year: 131 per cent of 1945. And dollar valuation is up, too: 140 per cent of 1945.

# Educational and Science

The number of projects almost exactly matches the 1945 figure (944 and 943). Most interesting feature: the average amount being invested in each individual building project; the '46 average is

\$118,177, while in 1945 it was \$34,447. Total valuation is 343 per cent of 1945.

## Hospital, Institutional

Number of projects in 1946 is only 27 per cent of last year, valuation only 85 per cent, but here are two important considerations: (1) more dollars are going into the average project this year average valuations run \$103,406 for 1946, compared to only \$32,518 for 1945 - three times greater; (2) a vast potential is found in the tremendous number of hospital and institutional units which have not yet reached the contract stage - the RECORD's emphasis on hospitals in June, July and August issues was based on a recent one month study made by Dodge showing 266 projects valued at \$118,494,000 in the contemplated and planning stage or, in one month, more than twice the dollar valuation of the entire six-month period.

## Public Buildings

Reflections are similar to trends in hospitals and institutional buildings: 1946 projects numbered only 63 per cent of 1945, but the total dollar valuation of these projects is 308 per cent of 1945.

# Religious Buildings

In 1946 there are 923 projects, compared to 540 in 1945: 171 per cent of 1945. Average project valuation soared from \$16,091 in 1945 to \$40,260 this year; total valuation, 428 per cent of 1945.

#### Social, Recreational

Both numerically and dollar-wise,

social and recreational buildings show a marked increase over last year: they are 164 per cent of 1945 numerically; 267 per cent of the 1945 dollar valuation.

## Hotels, Apartment Hotels

Hotel building contracts awarded in 1946 were 187 per cent of 1945: 306 projects compared to 164 projects. The average dollar valuation per project jumped from \$20,427 last year to \$104,-647 - over five times as great. Total valuation is 956 per cent of 1945.

#### Dormitories

The average valuation of dormitory projects has multiplied four times, increasing from \$40,859 in 1945 to \$164,223 this year; total valuation is 653 per cent of 1945. Most recent figures showing dormitories in the contemplated and planning stages - tabulated for one month only - place valuation at \$12,-262,000: almost twice that of the entire six-month 1945 period.

## Apartment Buildings

Contracts awarded for apartment construction in 1946 ran 179 per cent of '45 in number of projects and 457 per cent in valuation. Average project valuation almost tripled.

# One-Family Dwellings

Owner-occupancy dwellings showed a great increase, rising from 6,309 projects in 1945 to 25,420 in 1946; valuation, 718 per cent of 1945. In one recent month, Dodge reports of projects in the contemplated and planning stages showed that projects being developed were half the '45 total, numerically, and exceeded in dollar valuation the entire six-month 1945 total.

# CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AWARDED

(New Buildings and major alterations combined) F. W. Dodge Figures for First Six Months 1945 & 1946 \*

	NUMI	BER OF PRO.	JECTS	DOLLAR VALUATION OF PROJECTS			
TYPE BUILDING	½ year 1945	½ year 1946	% of 1945	½ year 1945	½ year 1946	% of 1945	
				NON-RESIDENTIAL			
Commercial	4,896	16,652	340%	\$66,574,000	\$478,200,000	718%	
Manufacturing	6,416	8,408	131%	515,806,000	721,096,000	140%	
Educational & Science	943	944	100%	32,484,000	111,559,000	343%	
Hospital & Institutional	1,985	534	27%	64,548,000	55,219,000	85%	
Public	468	294	63%	4,068,000	12,512,000	308%	
Religious	540	923	171%	8,689,000	37,160,000	428%	
Social & Recreational	753	1,237	164%	22,446,000	59,904,000	267%	
				RESIDENTIAL			
Hotels & Apt. Hotels	164	306	187%	\$3,350,000	\$32,022,000	956%	
Dormitories	163	265	163%	6,660,000	43,519,000	653%	
Apartment	1,836	3,285	179%	29,207,000	133,503,000	457%	
1-Family Dwellings							
(owner-occupancy)	6,309	25,420	403%	28,463,000	204,399,000	718%	
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# CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES

# Labor and Materials

United States average 1926 - 1929 = 100

Compiled by Clyde Shute, manager, Statistical and Research Division, F. W. Dodge Corporation, from data collected by E. H. Boeckh & Associates, Inc

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Period	Residential		Apts., Hotels, Office Bldgs. Brick and	Commercial and Factory Buildings Brick Brick and and		Residential		Apts., Hotels, Office Bldgs. Brick and	Commercial and Factory Buildings Brick Brick and and	
	Brick	Frame	Concr.	Concr.	Steel	Brick	Frame	Concr.	Concr.	Steel
1920	136.1	136.9	123.3	123.6	122.6	122.8	122.9	108.6	109.8	105.7
1925	121.5	122.8	111.4	113.3	110.3	86.4	85.0	88.6	92.5	83.4
1930	127.0	126.7	124.1	128.0	123.6	82.1	80.9	84.5	86.1	83.6
1935	93.8	91.3	104.7	108.5	105.5	72.3	67.9	84.0	87.1	85.1
1939	123.5	122.4	130.7	133.4	130.1	86.3	83.1	95.1	97.4	94.7
1940	126.3	125.1	132.2	135.1	131.4	91.0	89.0	96.9	98.5	97.5
1941	134.5	135.1	135.1	137.2	134.5	97.5	96.1	99.9	101.4	100.8
1942	139.1	140.7	137.9	139.3	137.1	102.8	102.5	104.4	104.9	105.1
1943	142.5	144.5	140.2	141.7	139.0	109.2	109.8	108.5	108.1	108.7
1944	153.1	154.3	149.6	152.6	149.6	123.2	124.5	117.3	117.2	118.2
1945	160.5	161.7	156.3	158.0	155.4	132.1	133.9	123.2	122.8	123.3
Jan. 1946	173.1	173.7	169.8	170.4	167.0	137.9	138.4	127.4	127.3	127.0
Feb. 1946	173.1	173.7	169.8	170.4	167.0	140.8	142.6	130.4	128.9	128.9
Mar. 1946	174.9	175.6	172.1	172.9	169.0	141.2	143.0	133.6	129.3	129.3
Apr. 1946	175.5	176.2	172.9	173.5	169.6	141.2	143.0	131.3	129.5	130.1
May 1946	180.3	180.6	177.4	179.3	174.7	144.7	147.2	133.2	131.0	131.3
June 1946	180.7	181.0	177.9	179.7	175.1	144.9	147.4	133.5	131.2	131.5
July 1946	181.3	181.6	178.6	180.3	175.6	148.6	150.2	138.6	137.0	135.5
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The index numbers shown are for combined material and labor costs. The indexes for each separate type of construction relate to the United States average for 1926–29 for that particular type — considered 100.

Cost comparisons, as percentage differences for any particular type of construction, are possible between localities, or periods of time within the same city, by dividing the difference between the two index numbers by one of them; i.e.:

index for city A = 110

index for city B = 95

(both indexes must be for the same type of construction).

Then: costs in A are approximately 16 per cent higher than in B.

$$\frac{110-95}{95} = 0.158$$

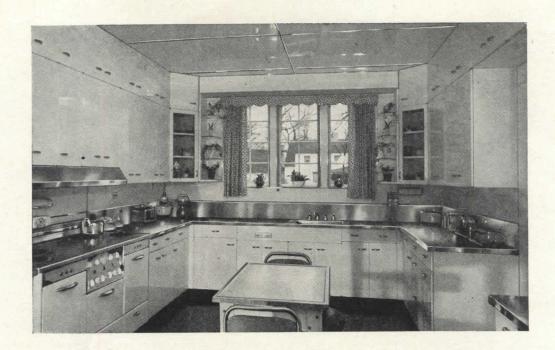
Conversely: costs in B are approximately 14 per cent lower than in A. 110-95

$$\frac{110-95}{110} = 0.136$$

Cost comparisons cannot be made between different types of construction because the index numbers for each type relate to a different U. S. average for 1926–29.

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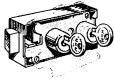
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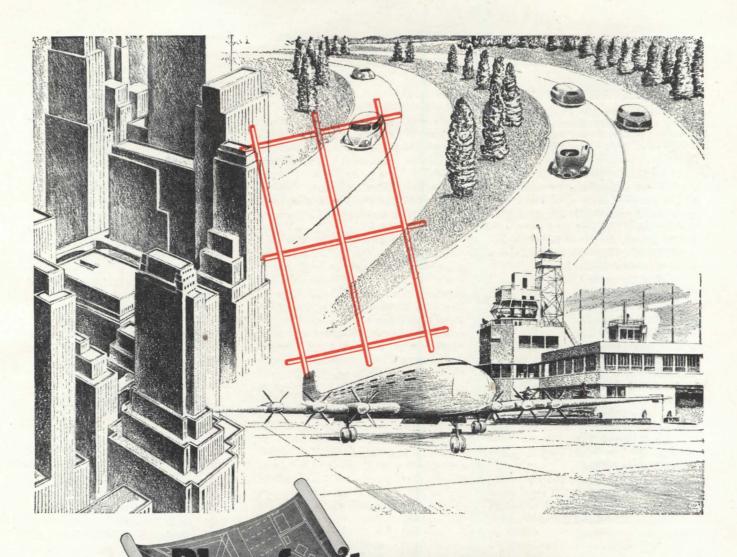
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#### AUSTRALIAN HOUSING

Homes in the Sun: The Past, Present and Future of Australian Housing. By Walter Bunning. Sydney, Australia (124 Liverpool St.), W. J. Nesbit, 1945. 7½ by 10 in. 100 pp. illus.

As its title so clearly indicates, this book is not antipathetic to romance—to the romance, that is, of a country's growth and potentialities. It starts with the dreams of the first settlers on Australian shores, dreams of fair cities and good living for all. And it ends with present-day dreams for the future.

In 1788 Governor Phillip drew up a plan for Sydney which provided main thoroughfares 200 ft. wide, and building blocks not less than 60 ft. in width, with one building on each block to "preserve a kind of uniformity in the buildings, prevent narrow streets, and to exclude many inconveniences which a rapid increase of inhabitants might otherwise occasion hereafter." It was a worthy plan, but not destined to be fulfilled. Shortages of materials and labor (how familiar it sounds!) caused postponement, and Sydney grew Topsy-like along crowded, irregular lines.

Outside Sydney, too, town planning was started early. In 1829 regulations were laid down fixing the width and depth of all blocks of land and the width of the streets, and requiring cross streets to be at right angles to main streets. Furthermore, it was required that "in order to preserve uniformity the door sill of each building shall be one foot above the level of the Crown of the street . . . and that "no person shall be permitted to build at a greater or less distance from the footpath than 14 feet, which space to be appropriated to an open verandah or such plantations as may be desired." The plan drawn by Col. William Light for Adelaide in 1837 provided a green belt of parkland entirely around the town, and a gridiron system of parallel roads. Melbourne, too, was planned in 1837, by Robert Hoddle, with a green belt surrounding the town, and actually laid out that way; unfortunately, suburbs since have sprawled over it.

As for the houses, there gradually evolved what Mr. Bunning terms Australia's "first real architecture" — "sensible homes surrounded by trees with verandahs to shade the walls and provide space for social living. The verandah in the country takes the place of the living room in urban houses. The bedrooms, living-dining rooms and kitchen are usually entered from the verandah. This provides a cool arrangement because the breeze can pass right through the house; there are no passageways and halls to obstruct it."

Despite the efforts of the early town

planners, of course, the promise of good living conditions for everyone failed to materialize. The reason, Mr. Bunning says, can be summed up in the one word, poverty. Slums developed, profit-seeking speculators subdivided the land and gobbled up the green belts and open spaces. Today there is a shortage throughout Australia of 196,500 dwellings and a third of Australian families are inadequately housed.

What will tomorrow bring to this wide-awake land "down under"? Community planning seems to be no catch phrase there. To help speed it on its way, Mr. Bunning offers a number of plans for single dwellings, a brief chapter on the principles of house planning, others on apartment houses, community needs, community planning and town planning. And to top it all off, he adds a final chapter on regional planning, with maps of Australia showing population, resources, topography, climate, etc.

"The city is an outward expression of the life of the time," he concludes. "The present chaotic development is no exception. It is a true picture of the selfish scramble for private monetary gain at the expense of the community as a whole. Let us put a stop to the muddled expansion of our towns and reconstruct the centers so that we can again live in them and glory in them. It is for the community to patch up the errors of the past."

#### BUILDERS OF BOSTON

Boston After Bulfinch: An Account of Its Architecture, 1800–1900. By Walter H. Kilham. Cambridge 38, Mass., Harvard University Press, 1946. 6 by 9 in. xvi + 114 pp. illus. \$3.50.

Architects really seem to be coming into their own at last in print. This is the third volume to appear within the past few months dealing primarily with the early architects of this country. It is a much shorter account than either Beatrice St. Julien Ravenel's Architects of Charleston or Thomas Tileston Waterman's The Mansions of Virginia, but its brevity is no deterrent. It is a highly readable report on the architectural growth of Boston in the 19th Century, enlivened with bits of history and local color, and replete with brief sketches of the leading architects of the period -Charles Bulfinch, Asher Benjamin, Peter Banner, Samuel McIntire, Alexander Parris, Solomon Willard, Richard Upjohn, Edward C. Cabot, William Robert Ware, Henry Hobson Richardson, and others.

Mr. Kilham, himself an architect, does much more than chronicle past history, however. He describes the successive architectural styles, the effects of new building materials, the importation of architectural ideas from abroad. He knows Boston architecture and history—and he knows Bostonians. The result is a compact study of one phase of a city's development.

#### HOUSES TO SUIT

Home Planners' Guide. Hartford, Conn., The Hartford Times, 1946. 8½ by 11 in. 168 pp. illus.

Prospective home owners will enjoy poring over this collection of house plans by such architects as A. Raymond Ellis, Herbert Gibson, Keith Sellers Heine and Raymond J. Percival. The houses range in size from small two-bedroom, one-story cottages to large 10-room units, and in style from the Cape Codder to the flatroofed modern. Articles provide basic information on mortgages, design, construction loans, the need for an architect, lighting, heating, etc. One section is devoted to interior decoration, one to kitchen and bathroom planning.

#### **Technical Books**

#### ENGINEERING DATA

Data Book for Civil Engineers: Vol. II, Specifications and Costs. By Elwyn E. Seelye. New York 16 (440 Fourth Ave.), John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1946. 93/8 by 113/4 in. 326 pp. \$6.75.

This second volume in a series of three "Data Books" covers contract documents, structural specifications, and costs. With Volume I, Design, published late last year, and Volume III, Field Practice, soon to appear, the series will offer the practicing civil engineer a whole library of the special information he needs.

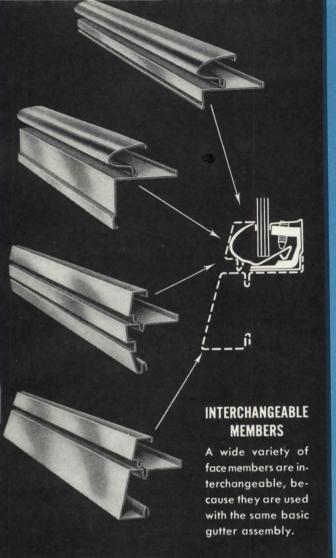
The current volume presents structural specifications for site preparation, borings, excavation and grading, piling, foundations, masonry, stone masonry, structural concrete, structural steel, fire-proofing, steel joists, waterproofing, wooden buildings, wood preservation and painting. In addition there is a table of suggested grades and species for timber specification. Also included are suggestions for specifying paints.

Separate sections of the book deal with airports, roads and railroads, bridges, docks, dams, drainage, sewers, sewage treatment and water. A special feature is the exhaustive glossary, which runs to 72 pages.

#### TEMPERATURE CONTROL

Heating and Ventilating for Architects and Builders. By R. K. Cornell, A.M.I.H.V.E. London, E.C.1 (37–38 Hatton Garden), Paul Elek Publishers Ltd., 1946. 7½ by 10 in. 56 pp. illus. 7s. 6d.

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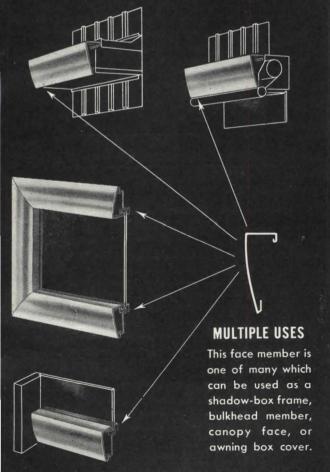
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# GEOMETRICAL LIVING

The Geometry of Art and Life. By Matila Ghyka. New York (63 Fifth Ave.), Sheed & Ward, 1946. 6 by 9 in. xviii + 174 pp. illus. \$4.00.

Here is a learned and highly technical volume on symmetry or proportion. It is not the sort of thing one picks up and reads through casually, but an architect or engineer blessed with a mathematically alert mind should find considerable enjoyment and profit in a study of it.

The author, visiting professor of esthetics at the University of Southern California, has traced the transmission of regulating diagrams and canons of proportion from antiquity to the present. He shows, with diagrams, how "as early as Egyptian times the plans of the important monuments of every great period or style of architecture were executed according to a very subtle and rational 'dynamic symmetry'. . . ." And he concludes that "in all great periods of Western Art the knowledge and use of Symmetry in its antique meaning have been the mainspring of 'symphonic' compo-

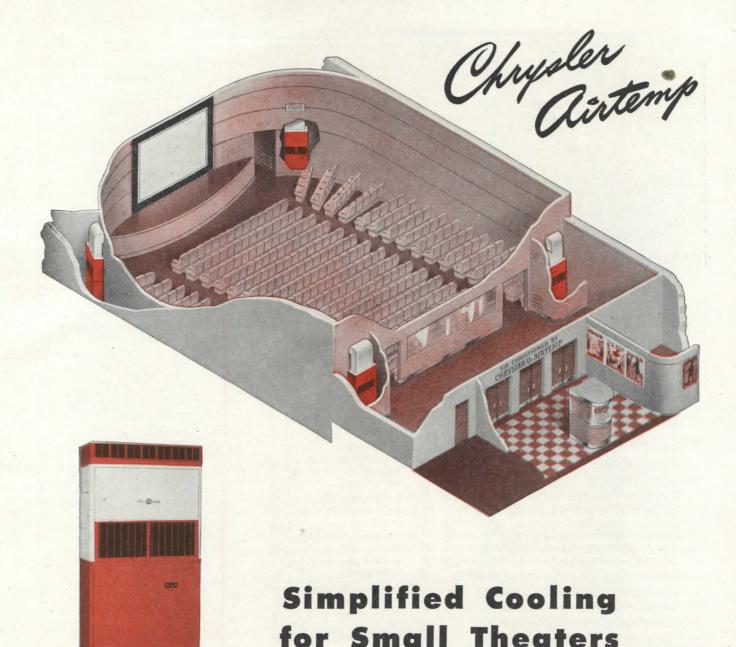
# **New Editions**

#### HEATING GUIDE

Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Guide: 1946 Edition. New York (51 Madison Ave.), American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, 1946. 6 x 9 in. xxiv + 1,373 pp. \$6.00.

This 24th edition of the "Guide," like its annual predecessors, provides the latest available data for use of the practicing engineer, compiled from authoritative sources and reflecting progress of engineering in this field. All chapters have been revised to conform with current engineering practice. Principal changes or amplification occur in the following: Fluid Flow, Air Contaminants, Physiological Principles, Cooling Load, Dehumidification by Sorbent Materials, Heating Boilers and Furnaces,

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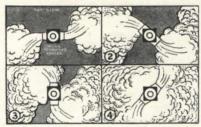
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# REQUIRED READING

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Warm Air Systems, Refrigeration, and Codes and Standards. The technical section also has been enlarged.

#### BUILDING WITH BRICK

Brick Structures: How to Build Them. 11th Edition. Revised and Edited by Ralph P. Stoddard. New York 18 (330 W. 42nd St.), McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1946. 51/4 by 81/2 in. x + 170 pp. illus. \$2.00.

This is the first "permanent" edition of "Brick — How to Build and Estimate," a handbook originally written by William Carver and published in 1920 by The Brick Manufacturers Association of America. It has been completely revised and modernized.

Intended to give contractors, builders, architects and engineers all necessary information for brick construction, the handbook covers structural properties of brick, building brick masonry, structural uses of brick masonry, and construction other than exterior walls. Generously illustrated, it includes a number of tables for estimating costs, weights, quantities, durability, etc.

#### CONCRETE DESIGN

Design of Reinforced Concrete Structures. By Dean Peabody, Jr. 2nd Edition. New York 16 (440 Fourth Ave.), John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1946. 5½ by 8¼ in. xii + 532 pp. illus. \$5.50.

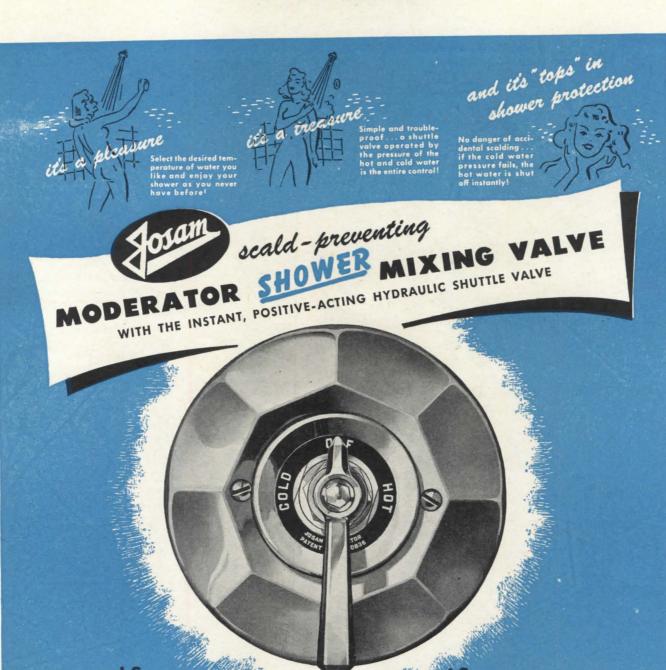
This new edition of Professor Peabody's textbook has been completely revised and brought up to date to conform with the most recent codes and recommended practices. New material includes the plastic theory of design and the design of forms. Several sections have been rewritten and expanded, including the material on shrinkage and plastic flow and the chapter on elastic frame analysis.

Written for use at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, this text is clearcut and thorough. Diagrams are numerous. An appendix furnishes building code regulations, tables and graphs.

#### ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

List of Inspected Electrical Equipment: May, 1946. New York 13 (161 Sixth Ave.), Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., 1946. 5¾ by 8½ in. 448 pp.

Including all listings up to May 1, 1946, and replacing all earlier lists, this latest Underwriters' Laboratories volume is as usual carefully classified and indexed. It contains summaries of reports on electrical equipment which has been examined with reference to fire and accident hazards and for conformity with the provisions of the National Electrical Code. At the head of each classification is general information on the method of listing in that group, and, where necessary, certain general information on requirements, suitability, safety requirements, installation, etc.



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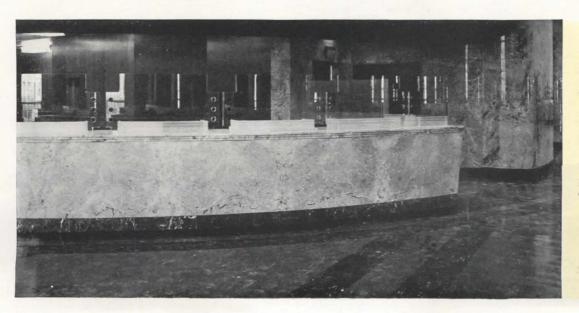


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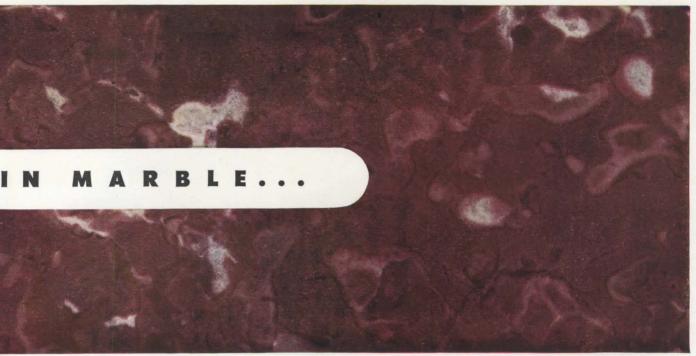
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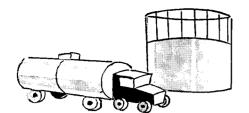
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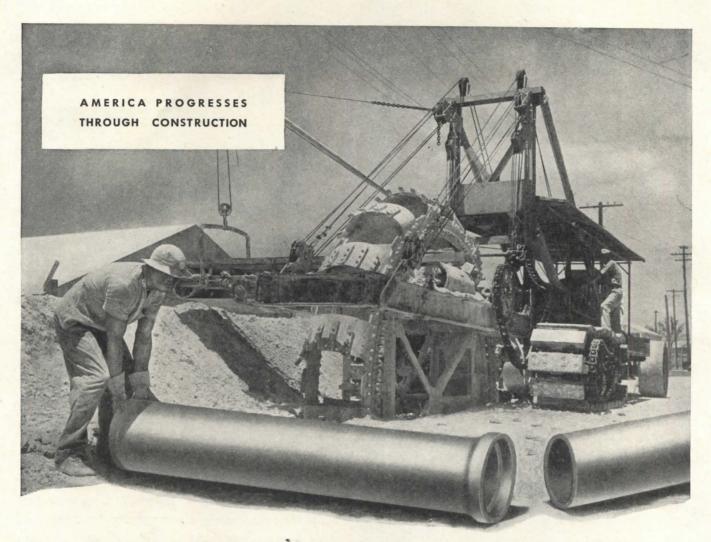
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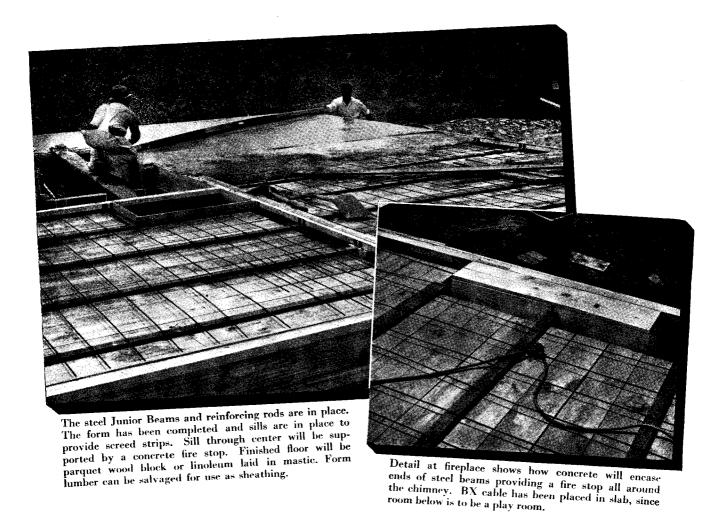
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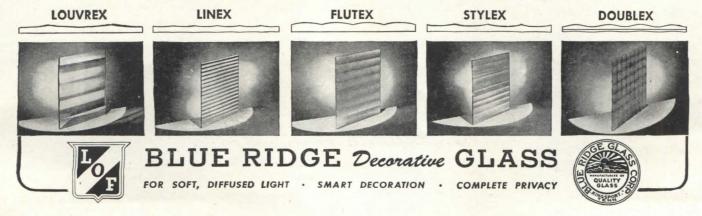
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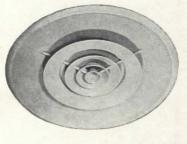
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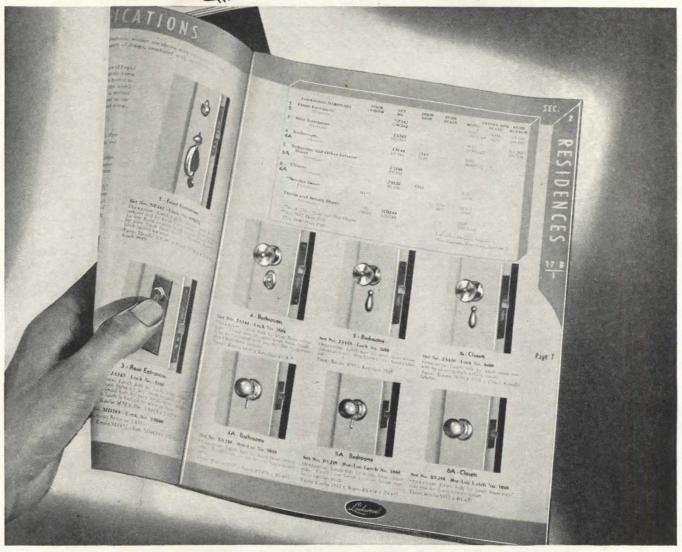


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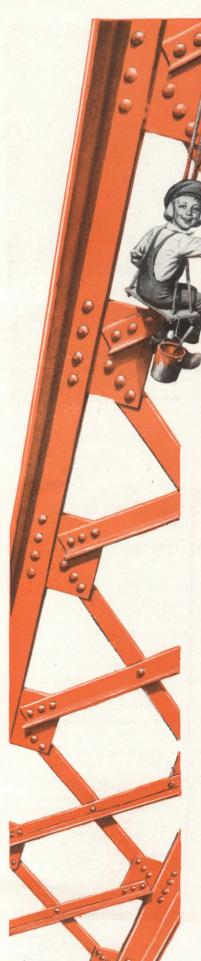
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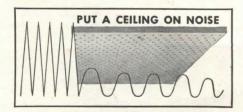
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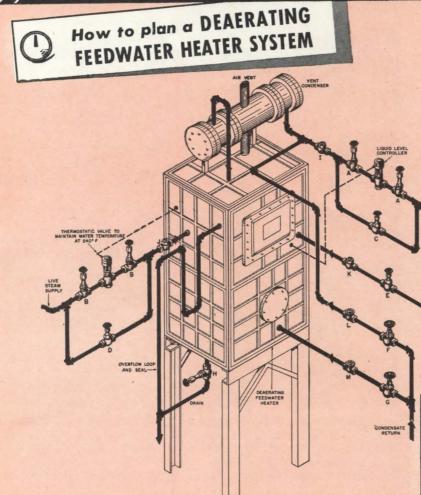


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Diagram by Huxley Madeheim, Consulting Engineer

Here is a common Combination of deaeration and heating in a feedwater heater as used to avoid corrosion of boiler tubes and cold water shock to the boiler. In this layout a vent condenser is superimposed to help maintain a little pressure in the heater to produce higher temperatures and consequent better deaeration. In addition, the vapors, which would represent waste heat, are condensed by either cold makeup water or a mixture of makeup water and condensate. Provisions are shown for introducing condensate or makeup water either directly into heater or through vent condenser.

Normal operation usually puts water through makeup condenser, utilizing the automatic level controller. Condensate, which cannot be controlled is returned directly to heater. Thus makeup water VALVE RECOMMENDATIONS

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replenishes natural losses in condensate system and evaporation losses in heater. To maintain deaeration, live steam must be added in condensate system.

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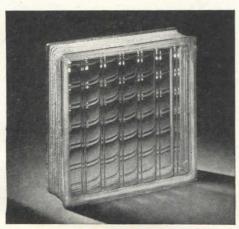
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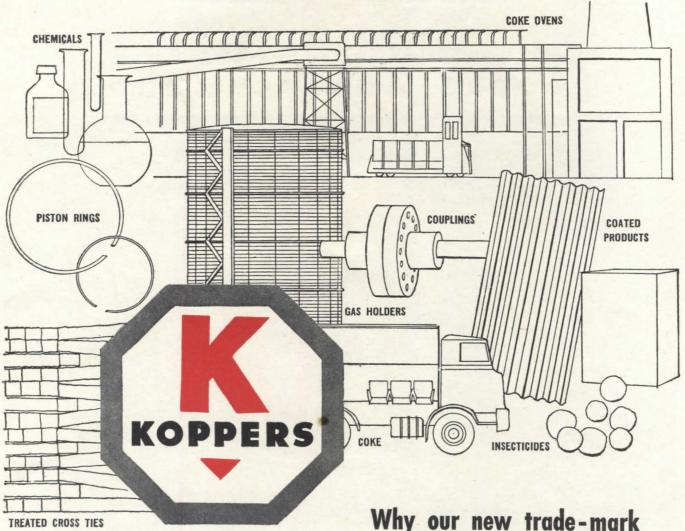


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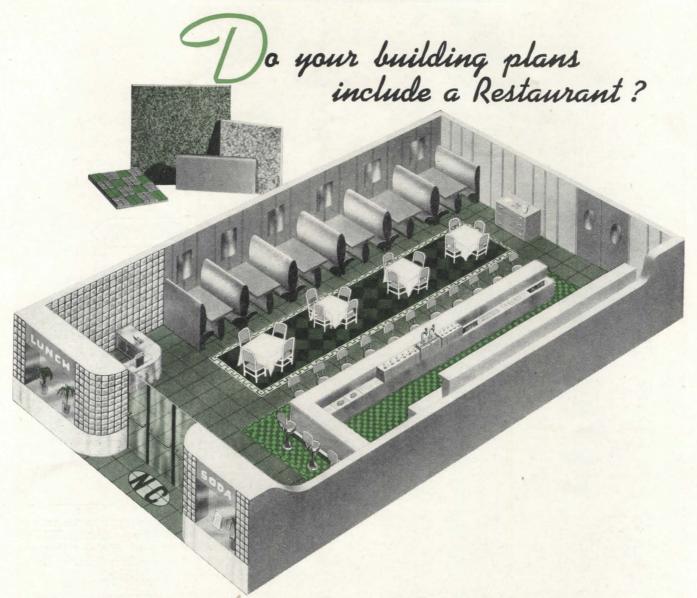
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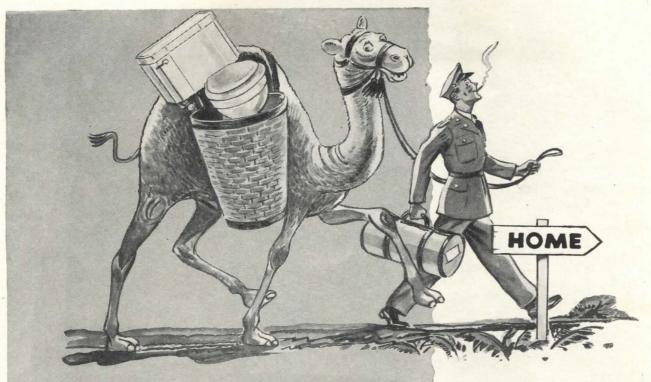
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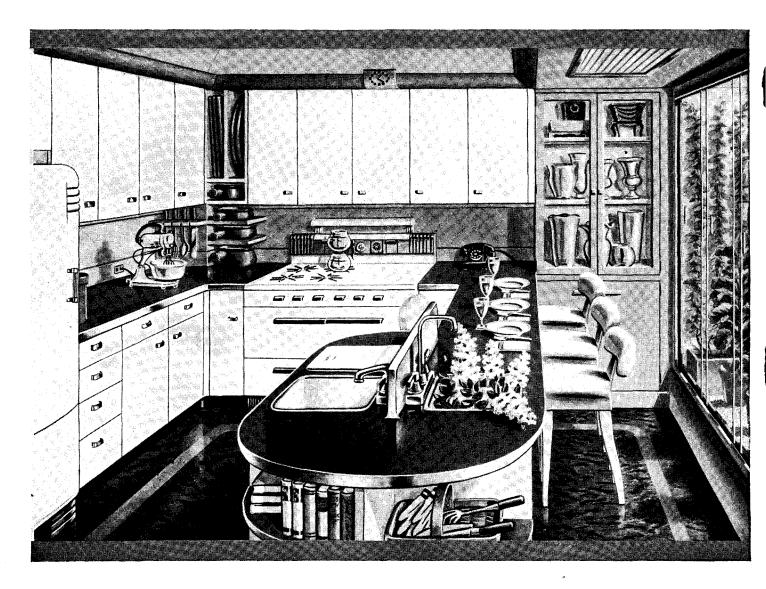
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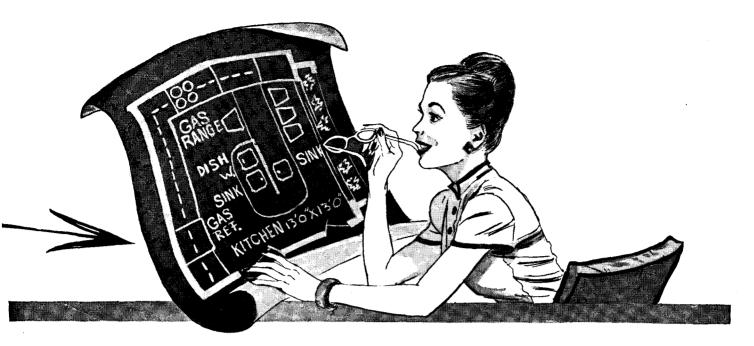
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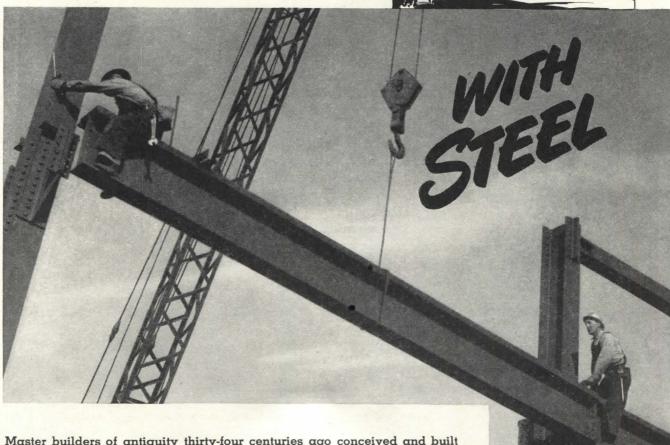
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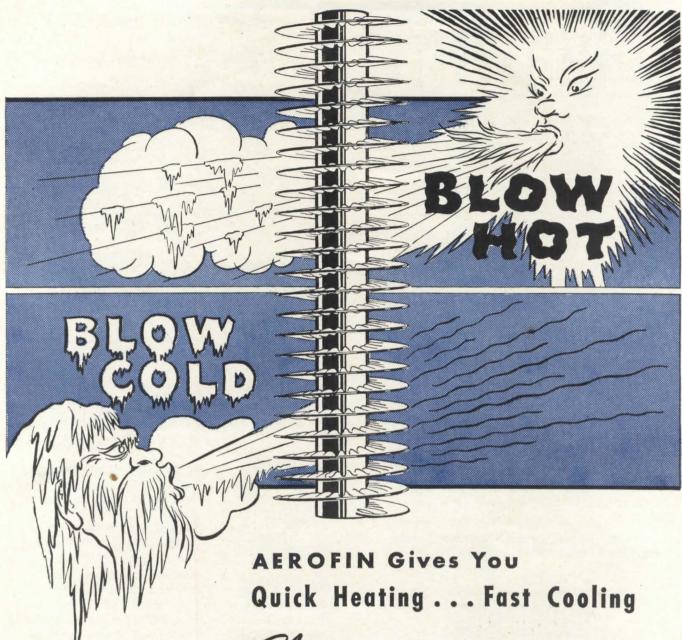
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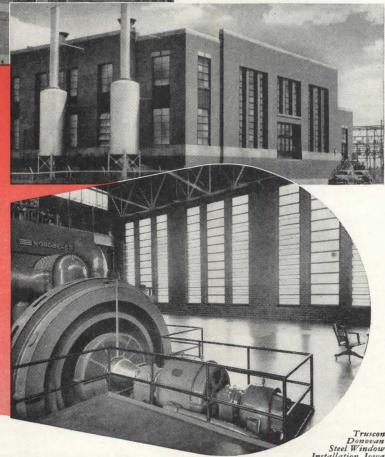


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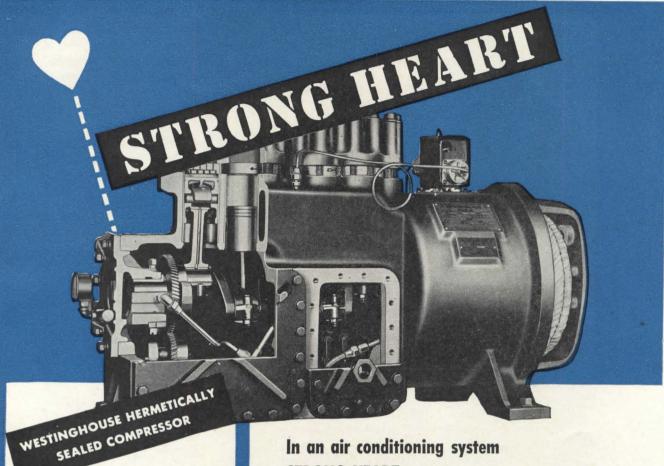
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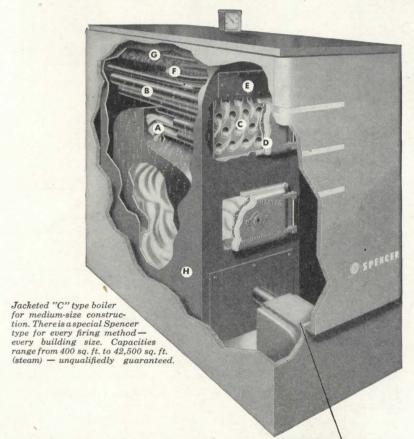
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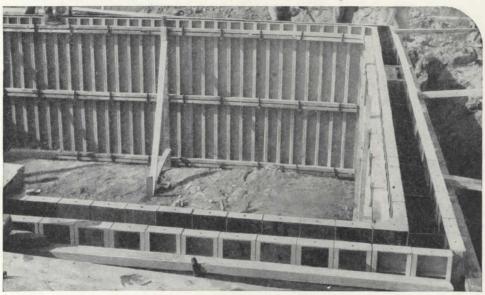
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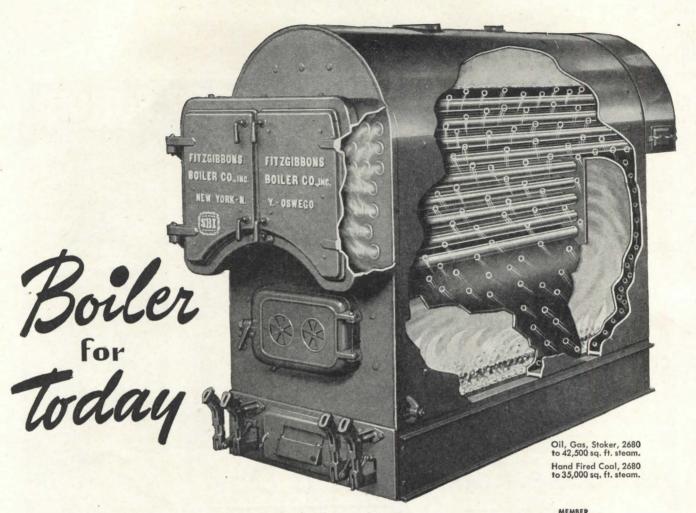
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# BUILDING A MARKET FOR DESIGN

T MAY seem strange even to consider such a topic when the demand for design services are at an all time peak, when architectural and engineering offices are so busy they can find neither the time nor the trained personnel to execute the commissions that are offered, when the professions as well as all other business are in a "sellers' market." Yet this is precisely the time when a re-examination of methods of organization, of production, of promotion and merchandising is most necessary to insure the professions' increasing share in both the present and future markets. It will be much too late when there is a buyers' market.

With so much design work clamoring to be done, all sorts of organizations are expanding to handle it, and such organizations constitute the future competition of the professional firms in private practice. A list of such competitors of the profession would include the so-called industrial designer, the "complete production" firms (which offer all design, construction and equipment services, delivering a building complete), the contracting firm, with "our own designer and architectural department," the plan-book or ready-made blueprint sellers, the corporations with their own design-and-construction departments, and the government architectural and building bureaus, local, state or national.

Of course the profession must expect competition; there is nothing new in this. In fact, if my memory serves me aright, it was just this sort of competitive situation that brought about the formation of the American Institute of Architects. It was the desire of the founding group to be "of ever-increasing service to society" by establishing a firm business and ethical basis for carrying on their design work, both in their own and the public interest.

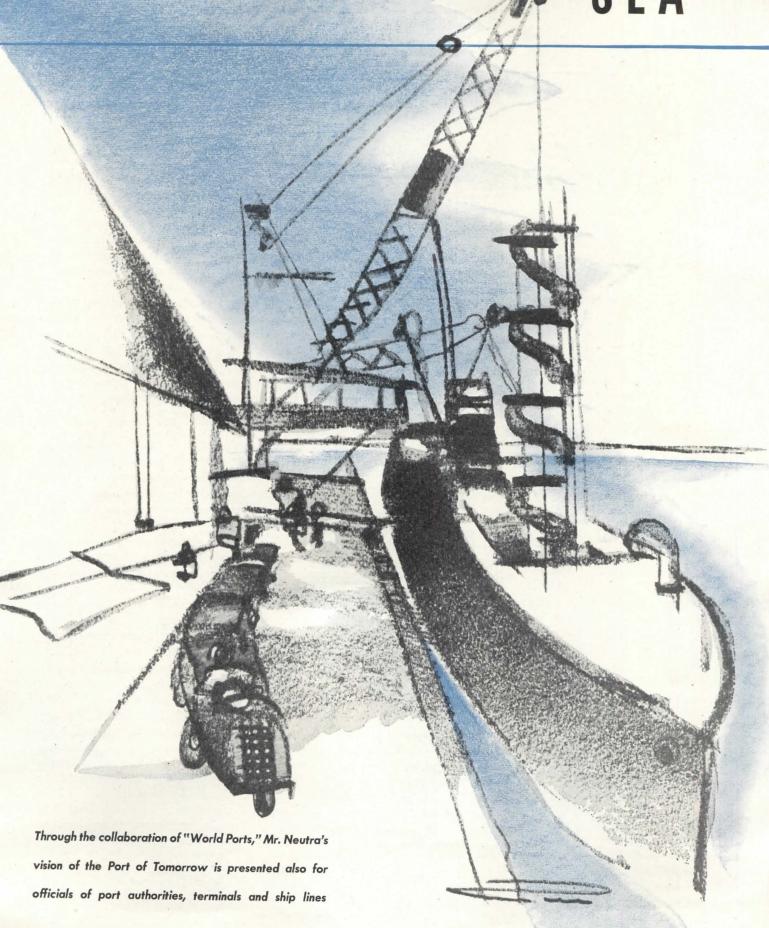
This is the crux of the matter: on what basis, under what policies and procedures, by what methods will the public be convinced of the best methods of obtaining their ends—better buildings and communities, safe, efficient, economical and esthetically satisfying? Through the competition among the groups just listed the public will be able to make its choices; one or two types of organization will emerge as preferred because of their efficiency in producing the kind of service and the tangible results that the public wants. Certainly the profession must be as alert to changing business techniques as to changing building methods.

It may well be that in order to serve society better, new responsibilities must be assumed, new or more complete services must be offered. New types of organizations, new methods of doing business, new forms of contracts, new instruments of service, new educational and public relations techniques may well be indicated. Perhaps some sacred cows must be sacrificed, some traditional taboos relegated to the discard. A study of the methods of the professions' competitors would show their strong points (perhaps their more modern merchandising methods for one thing), might unearth better public relations techniques, might suggest ways and means to be adopted or adapted to increase the efficiency, effectiveness and influence of the profession without compromising fundamental professional or business ethics. Only alertness to the possibilities of improving the quality and scope of architectural service will insure an expanding market for the professions' services.

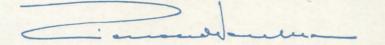
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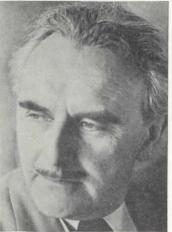


# LAND TRANSFER



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"If these postwar days of world wide port construction and reconstruction will not warm us up to truly new plans, grandly adjusted to a singular opportunity of rejuvenation, then we may not live to see a similar chance arrive once more." All his life a zealous observer of ancient and modern seaports of all the Seven Seas, the author long ago turned his passion for PLANNING toward ports, to the economics that make them transfers, not terminals ("Terminals? — Transfer!" Architectural Record, Aug., 1930), and to the people who toil in them . . . "A seaport constitutes a link in a vastly extended national and global machine, but it also constitutes a community, with human requirements and contemporary living standards."

The first world-renowned ports of the western hemisphere were, I believe, St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands and Porto Bello, on the north coast of Panama. In the 16th century they illustrated those two distinguishable historical types: the transfer and the port without a hinterland.

Through Porto Bello, for more than four generations, before buccaneer Henry Morgan sacked it thoroughly in 1668, went all the precious metals of Peru that were shipped up from Lima to the great dividing isthmus, and again all the manufactured commodities and all the adventurous passengers from back home, en route to New Spain beyond the seas and mountains.

By contrast St. Thomas was an end in itself, the hideout, the pirate's den, the gambling spot of the Carribean. It became all of that pretty soon after the Columbus fleet, groping along, had found its passage between these lovely isles, so fit for ambush and so little connected with anything beyond them.

But, generally speaking, many seaports had for long been points at which regular voyages simply seemed to come to their end, to terminate. Rio de Janeiro is typical for this sort of a colonial port, which, rather isolated by itself, develops to repeat in time the towns of the home country, or even surpass them, but from which no great inland route takes its start.

"Inner Brazil" is even at this late date amazingly undeveloped, in other words, full of promise — and Rio still has much less of a hinterland than, for example, Santos-São Paulo to the south.

In very recent times, it was surprising how short a distance one could drive an automobile inland out of the metropolitan area of so vast a city as Shanghai. In many historical cases like these, the port almost seemed to justify the expression terminal. For the most part they filtered and delayed the further movement of people and goods, acting as sedimenting pools beyond which movement could only seep and spread — sometimes with almost imperceptible slowness. However, as Porto Bello shows, there are notable exceptions, and a curious variety in the genetics of seaports.

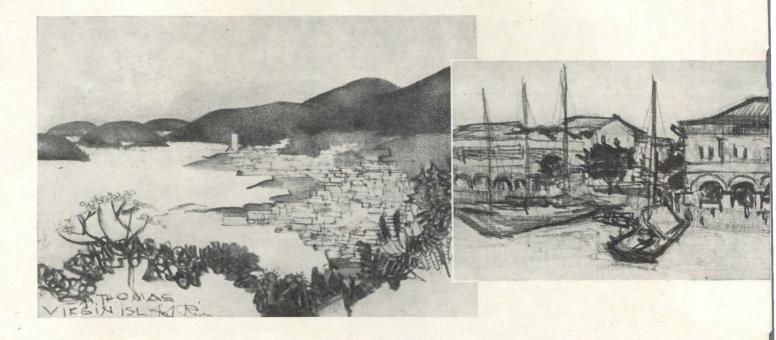
Some of them, even in colonial countries, developed, like Buenos Aires, after the "hinterland." The vast Argentine, in those first three centuries of precious metal exploitation in the new Spanish countries beyond the seas, was penetrated at a snail's pace from Bolivia and Peru. World interest in the Southern Pampas was to develop only at a much later date. Then, and only then, Buenos Aires started its fantastic ascent, to become the greatest harbor of the South Atlantic — and that without any particular natural topography or setting, such as helped Montevideo, to bring about its growth.

#### MAN-MADE PORTS

Nature was here overtaken by doings of man, as in the construction of many a modern port. San Pedro, Los Angeles, which in *natural* advantages cannot compare with the unique bays of San Francisco, and an ample number of similar cases would encourage us not to let things happen fatalistically but to *correct fortune by plan*.

It is good to shun alibis which blame nature for our failures. It can be shown that man-made construction and planned circumstances can often prevail.

In some cases they do prevail to an amazing degree,



St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, West Indies (above): A typical port without hinterland; it is the historical counterpart to Porto Bello, the famous isthmus transfer of the 16th century Spanish trade from the Atlantic to Pacific, the "South Sea" and greater Peru. St. Thomas and Porto Bello make up the earliest examples of world-renowned ports in the Western Hemisphere.

Far East, Colonial-Portuguese Port of Macao (above, 2nd & 3rd drawings, I. to r.): Waterfronts used to have their architectural flourish, and, even with their habitual depravity, were

more personalized and more in human scale than the exhaustingly far-flung, monotonously stretching, unoverseeable shore installations of late-Victorian ports. In Chinese-Portuguese Macao, the ship-to-brothel distance is as short as the walk a man from a buccaneer crew had to take on shore in St. Thomas of the Virgins, to pawn his bit of booty and to get roaring drunk after. Modern ports will be more orderly and sanitary than those of the olden days, but they will also, beyond their technification, be more human than they have been in past and present examples

as in Santos, which now, quite unexpected by earlier generations, contests the rank of Buenos Aires.

Almost like Hongkong or Singapore, Santos is situated on an island; like the above described Rio, it seems naturally cut off — by a coastal mountain bank, a divide and a bluff of several thousand feet — from an interior that with all its water streams used to turn its face away from the coast and toward the large river of the west.

It seemed by no means a promising situation or physiography for a world harbor, but the unique reversing of water ways on the high plateau, the construction of a system of artificial lakes to head a series of great hydroelectric plants down coastward, have transformed the entire region of harbor and hinterland into one of highest industrial potential, into a region with import needs that match its huge and bulky export possibilities. From a one-outward-cargo harbor, Santos has now quickly grown to a most diversified receiver as well.

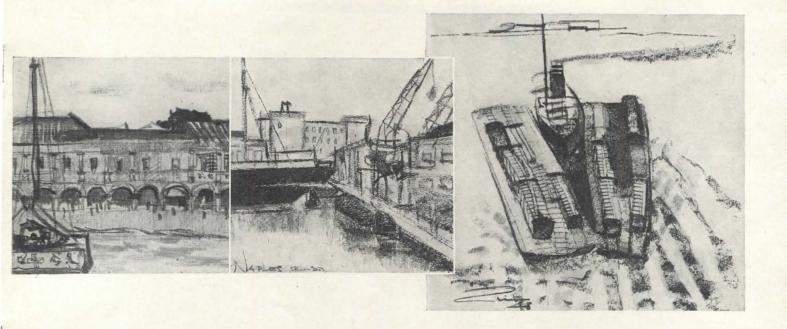
Considering such gigantic successes of modern technological ingenuity, the mere systematic perfection of what too long has been called "port terminal operations" seems encouragingly less difficult.

The fundamental attitude here must be transfer not terminal. Coordinated, continuous flow fits modern mass transactions best, with no static ending to them anywhere.

#### SEAPORT ALSO A HUMAN COMMUNITY

A seaport constitutes a link in a vastly extended national and global machine, but it also constitutes a community, with human requirements and contemporary living standards.

A port has to be considered as to the ultimate capacity it will have, when all its natural potential is fully realized by resourceful engineering in keeping with the economic possibilities of the region served. Then, once this ultimate but clearly limited capacity — the number of ships berthed, the tonnage and kind of goods to be transacted — is as well established as possible, a refined quantitative analysis must be made, and not merely as to trackage of classification yards, floor footage of warehousing, size of graving docks, and facilities for voyage repairs. Human elements must be recognized and computed: the numbers of stevedoring personnel, on the basis of contemplated mechanical equipment; and the entire human crew, from pier guards to fire fighters, cargo checkers, skilled mechanics and maintenance men, from steamship agents and pilots to time keepers, railroad employees, and switchboard girls, who all will have to serve this transfer. Finally the total population tributary to it, in terms of families, children, adolescents, adults, and oldsters will have to be accommodated. All will live nearby and in articulated residential neighbor-



Naples, Waterfront in Need of Rejuvenation (above, 4th drawing): Ah, Naples! — a glamorous name: but it was a drab, essentially 19th century waterfront, which the Germans blasted to bits before they left. Two and three story warehouses, with diminutive aprons in front, cast the shadow wherein a tired longshoreman could rest his head on a rubbish heap to hold siesta. Naples will have a new and a greatly promising start like Le Havre, Marseille, Hamburg.

Tug With Two Floating Sidings (above, 5th drawing): The

freight bagged, crated and palleted uniformly; the huge containers, of which two or three make up the load of a truck trailer; or the flowing type of bulk, like oil, grain or coke, unloaded, handled, transported, stored and warehoused: all these—together with the size and type of carrier from which and to which goods are transferred—are the basic subject of technical port design. Handling larger units, tugging a dozen box cars on floating sidings, gives more efficiency than movement piecemeal and in petty quanta

hoods of easy commuting distance to the waterfront.

To design a port in this sense means indeed apportioning lanes and transit storage or parking for highly diversified traffic, but it also means calculating and pleasantly supplying the required number of grade school classrooms, day care centers, kindergartens, health substations, transient hotel rooms, less transient apartments, and garaging; above all, of stable homes, and the various recreational and auxiliary amenities which paleotechnic builders always seemed to forget but which modern people insist on. Convenient local shopping, lunch hours, evenings and weekends spent in wholesome recreation call for provisions in the plan; as well as properly laid-out industrial zones and practically connected subdivisions for such light manufacturing as will logically congregate about the port.

Among a host of specialized technical experts, the architect will keep his place if he is skilled to evaluate the human motor behind all the machinery, and is intent on avoiding its exhaustion, by ponderable and, often enough, by subtle imponderable means.

## COOPERATION OF AGENCIES

To achieve the desired broader integration, a close cooperation of many agencies is needed.

When chairman of the California State Planning

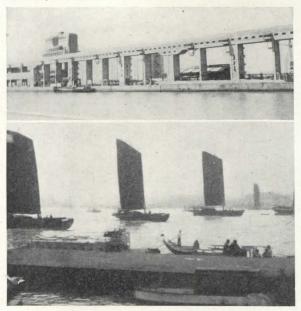
Board and visiting for mutual information with local commissions, I was often enough astounded to find that the members of a harbor board would never meet with the city planning commission or the park or school board; they would not know one member of those other civilian policy-making bodies, nor follow their work, or pay attention to the plans of, say, the local Housing Authority. Calling all groups together into one hall, into joint meetings, inviting and effecting a regional combine of neighboring communities and of the corresponding county commission, seemed to me the most deserving scheme.

#### PRIDE OF COMMUNITY

In past periods, not endowed with the technical means of virtually limitless multiplication, human scale was more or less naturally preserved. Standing under Galeazzo Alessi's Porta Marina, anyone could overlook Genoese shipping in one sweep. The best architect of the Republic had chosen the spot and made the layout.

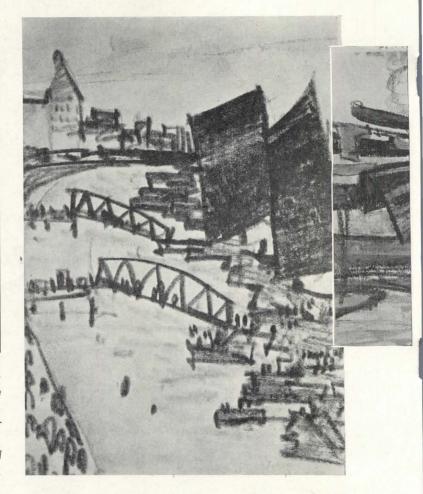
In those past periods the economic activities had been more clear to all, more conspicuously over the table—in fact they were the pride and exhibit of a community. The jewelers' and goldsmiths' street, the potters' shops in a medieval or any oriental town, the glassmaking of Murano-Venice, all the industrious occupations of a

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The Brand New German Built and Never-Used Grain Elevators of Buenos Aires (above, top) are an example of the need for world-wide interchangeable technique and equipment. The German contracting firms have disappeared and no other equipment but theirs fits the extensive structure.

The River Port of Shanghai (above), crowded with black-sailed junks. Picturesqueness has to make up for a rational pattern.



place were quite conspicuously located and comprehensible to the eye, whether in Cairo, in Canton or in Nuremberg. The seaport with its foreign ships, big and small, was something to look at, to appraise in a glance, and to be proud of — in Antwerp, Basra, Valencia, Marseille, or Lübeck.

When, however, the real mass-handling started in the Victorian age, dry exploitation of space, material, and human beings took not only to a bewildering scale, but also to a manner not in keeping with official moral concepts. Industrial activities were generally banished out of sight and, as well as possible, relegated to ever new mistreated outskirts or sacrificed "faubourgs," as the down-town Parisians would call them.

However, this process of pushing the new technified activities about in the community, as a bastard stepchild, was, in the case of the seaport, not so easy. The waterfront was there and simply could not be pushed away. It could be developed, though, to be humanly bearable, according to an integrated plan, according to a feeling of the oneness of life — in and out of working hours — or it could be publicly and grossly exploited, humanly neglected, as a depressing man-made fringe of desert.

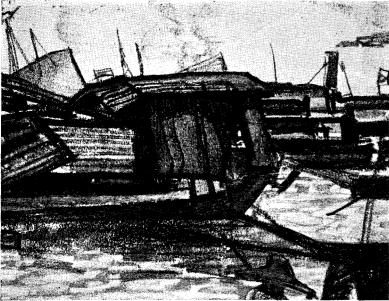
But in fact harbors, as in some classical examples, can also today be more attractive than railroad stations and airfields. While ships, picturesque, old fashioned, or modern, are not and will not be as fast as streamliner trains and jet propelled planes, they are really more pleasant in their motions, arrivals and departures for anyone watching them from a café terrace, and they are less noisy.

In Montevideo the city administration has recently built a noise-removed café restaurant at the slope of lighthouse hill. The view over the harbor is the loveliest sight in town, and points the way to esthetical considerations in any new or to-be-improved port.

Arrivals and departures should be pleasant memories—for the traveler, certainly, as well as the onlooker. But as it is, they are too often memories of drab confusion, of psychological fatigue, of physical discomfort. There is no opportunity for the traveller or visitor to master and integrate his first impressions. The mere task of orientation, of finding a place, a particular office, a transit shed, a ferry—and reaching it unexhausted—should in itself be a consideration for suitable design.

### WORLD-WIDE UNIFICATION

In many respects a seaport is a most significant example of today's planning problematics. In general, land-sea transfer, or what used to be called "terminal operation," is becoming a systematic technique, which should lead to broadly acceptable principles and standards, just as air transfers and airfields also tend toward





"Bund" and "Go Downs" in Shanghai (left): But port work, even with all improvements, is never so hundred-per cent mechanized that it does not profoundly depend on human beings to get things done. Ports may have had their glitter and soaring incomes, but they also have too often been known for debasement of humanity, moral and physical filth. Shanghai used to boast its "bund" and numerous "go downs," where starving

coolies, with many-voiced sing-song, carried back-breaking loads, only to gain a handful of rice and to sleep nights in any dirty alley.

"Sampans," Floating Housing in Far Eastern Ports (abovel: Many thousands of longshoremen in Singapore must lodge their families in house boats, the watery counterpart of our emergency living in trailers with the same tendency to turn permanent.

unification all over the earth. Our technological civilization is at bottom cosmopolitan in its trends, and port designers must here be leaders and path finders.

Of course, we know that a pleasing harmonization and the shrinkage of the globe is painfully obstructed by background contrasts and economic discrepancies. Widely divergent wage scales and labor supply will engender equally divergent methods and pose difficulties in finding a common denominator for a peaceful world civilization.

Sea-land and air transfers show up this transition difficulty in brightest relief; but they also may become crystallization points for tuning a modern world together. Provincialism per se will finally have to wither in the face of global needs.

Too many new features and considerations to be ignored have entered the field since the pure railroad age created its harbors. There is tailgate loading of trucks. There is the cab-over-engine tractor, which has transformed the waiting truck driver into a busy man, spotting and picking up big trailers. There is the docktrain tractor pulling and depositing here and there miniature and not-track-bound freight trains (up to 12 small low units), slipping through side ports on ship, rolling along its decks, as on the floors of transit sheds, of warehouses and in the wide span halls of "portside" industries (which now can really be a mile off the waterfront).

Docktrains rise on ramps, reach overhead boxcars and special truck loading docks, and feed gravity conveyors and chutes. There is the left truck, numbly wheeling and working in boxcars, a carrier entering the inside of another carrier.

A nationwide, perhaps a worldwide, regulation and standardization of means and methods, above all, of ship length, berth length, as well as general length and cross-dimensioning of piers (of course, with all due consideration to special cases and particular requirements) may ultimately be anticipated. Also the dimensional standardization of cubage for crates, pallets and containers — in rational relation to dock and truck trailers and modernized boxcars, to customary lifting and traction equipment, as well as to tiering space and stacking height.

Optimum elementary units, established first, lead naturally to a design in multiples of such a module, which will have to find approval of the maritime commission and last but not least of the practical operators, the steamship, trucking, and railroad people, whom port administrators should mobilize as voting consultants, before architects' and engineers' proposals are given the go signal. Vessels will then not have to be shifted ahead and astern, holds will always coincide with shed doors, and the entire over-all pier traffic pattern will achieve the needed integration and harmony.

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Typical docks 750 feet wide: all electric supply lines underground; high-line double tracks along 50-foot wharf apron; fluorescently illuminated, free-span transit sheds, 120 and 200 feet deep, windowless; overpaved low-line trackage between sheds and truck-loading dock space. Warehousing largely removed from harbor to "consumer's ends" of metropolitan region. Port-maintained heavy equipment such as portal cranes, coal loading equip-

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Lighthouse promontory park: drives and bridle paths leading toward town center, and to vacation beaches on North Shore

ment, grain elevators. "Gear corrals" for stevedoring companies, with free-wheeling equipment (dock-trains, lift up trucks)

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Repair docks, west, oil harbor, east (with pipe line to refinery); centrifugal pumps load a tanker in six or eight hours. 10,000 barrel barges motor to slips and refuel ships during stevedoring operations

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Intermediate warehousing facilities accessible to railway sidings and freight-trailer parking ribbons; with 3-ft. 10-in. loading platforms, 50-ft. truck drives in front, helicopter roof loading docks

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Lumber import and storage area. (Lumber export harbors with timber pool and portside saw mills require special planning also in relation to inland water ways)

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Employees' parking and lunch recreation area with garden-porch canteens, health stations, game facilities, all accessible to industrial operators, shore and ships' crews

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Portside light and subsidiary manufacturing (smaller establishments without need of immediate water frontage), accessible to dock trains directly from shipside by a system of under- or over-passes

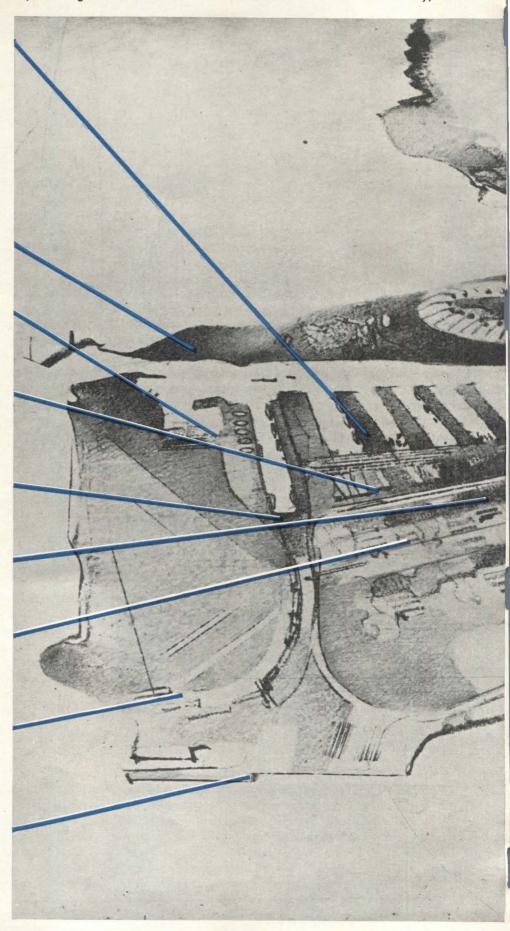
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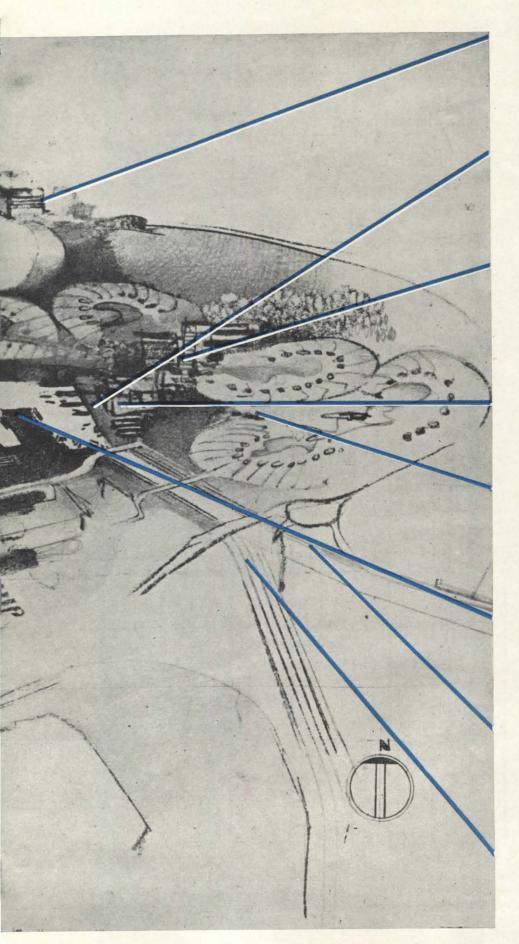
General freight airfield for inland distribution and collection of speed freight. Warehouses leased to companies operating their own air-carrier fleets. Docktrains drive to wharf aprons; tracks connect directly with low and high pier lines

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Sea plane base and entry to "extension basin," with such portside industries as require immediate water frontage or large areas; or which are obnoxious and require segregation (fish canneries; oil refining, borax, potash plants, etc.)

A planned port will set a new keynote, overcoming the endless drabness of material exploitation, the mere striving for technical efficiency and the debasement of humanity near an important working place. We try to find even a quicker "way out of Manchester," than to get drunk like a sailor — and it will be a more over-all wholesome way, too





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Beaches which make North Shore resorts the weekend and holiday areas of the port people and the metropolitan region, are segregated as well as possible from port traffic on land and sea

#### 11

"The Quay." Town waterfront with ferry and suburban-island commutation wharfs; buildings of port administration, marine exchange, radar and radio operation, port police guard — headquarters, post office, etc.

#### 12

Hotels and transient apartments at conflux of residential commuters' area, near terminal of Monorail Rapid Transit to city, central helicopter park and adjacent country club area on the northeastern rolling hills. Seamen's and port hospital on 30 acre plot in wooded area, east-northeast

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Port shopping center slightly elevated, with central underground parking facilities above high tide line, and peripheral multi-story garage zone adjacent

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Residential neighborhoods with belt roads and stub-end service drives, a pedestrian green core to each neighborhood, with communal recreation grounds and desirable facilities from health sub-stations to branch libraries, day care centers for children, kindergartens and grade schools

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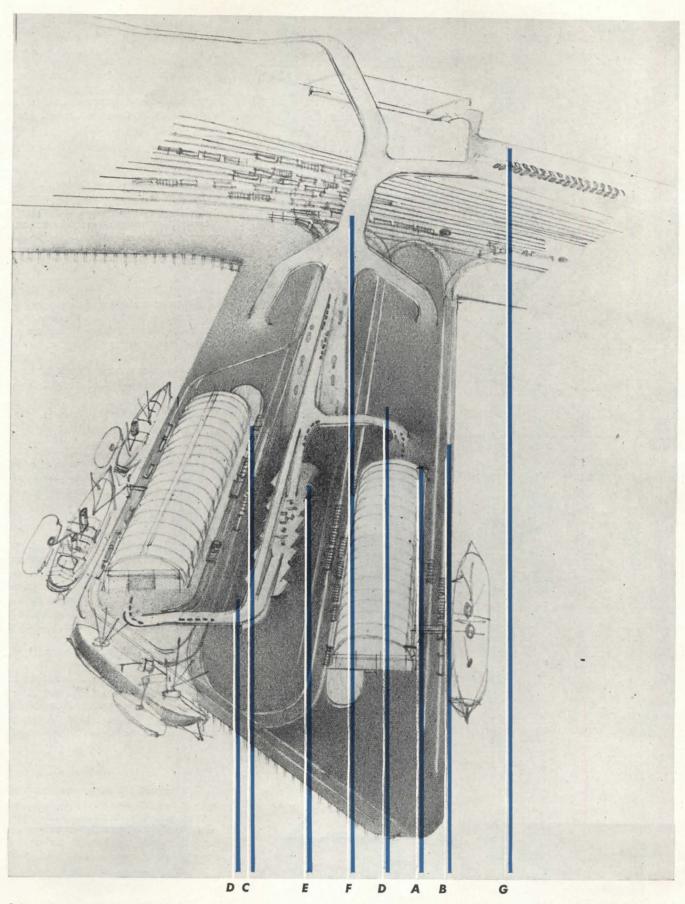
Passenger docks for several transoceanic lines with two-story transit sheds, passenger gallery and portal-supported "gangplanks" or embarking bridges, rolling past berths on waterfront tracks

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Six lane parkway, passing passenger airtransfer east and leading within 1000 foot landscaped strip, partly between residential neighborhoods and partly along heavy industrial development and extension zones, to metropolitan center area

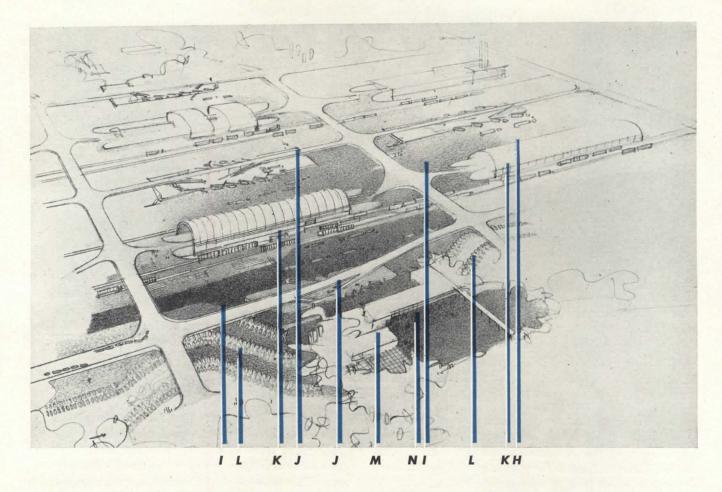
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Trucking super-boulevard, straddling Rapid Transit to city, paralleled by Portoperated electrified railway-belt line which connects all industrial zones of "Rush City Reformed"



Schematic Sketch of Pier: With (A) 200-ft. free span sheds and continuous broadside door arrangement both to (B) 50-ft. wharf aprons and to (C) 15-ft. loading platforms at lowlines. Docktrains cross overhead (D) to specialized truck trailer loading

dock (E), and all rubber-tire traffic reaches level free crossing (F) over rail sidings and classification yards to trailer parks (G). Berthed vessels may break out cargo onto both wharfs and lighters, and refuel simultaneously from barges in ample slips



Portside Light Industries cannot all have and do not all need immediate water frontage but they all call for a new type of subdivision and segregated traffic provisions. (H) Wide-span, unobstructed plant structures for mass handling need a continuous raw material approach, by rail, over-the-road-truck-trailer, and docktrain from shipside. Finished products may leave

by the same three types of carriers, and thus also reach the air freight terminal. (I) Rubber wheel traction elevated. (J) Truck trailer loading docks without interference with box cars spotted at lowlines (K). (L) Parking lots of workmen and employees. (M) Lunch canteens, and (N) recreational green area, play field, health substation, etc.

### HAND OPERATION STANDARDS FADING

In certain Asiatic and African ports natives are still ready to dive three minutes for a nickel, and their diminutive wages keep out more rational and more human methods.

But also in these United States, if we analyze it correctly, long past pay scales, and in keeping with them, hand operation in breaking out and moving cargo, once upon a time established a great deal of our still existing pier layouts — for example, practical cross dimensions of transit sheds. Now, the fact that inadequacy of hand equipment, and layout to suit it, means that there will be congestion-crippled ports and that terminal operation, as it is, may run as costly as the entire water transport, calls for measures which cannot well be too far reaching.

We need a sort of minimum quanta theory of cargo handling, so to speak. Unit volumes, unit loads, unit energy exertions, which the mechanized stevedore, the railroad

man, the truck driver who picks up properly maneuverable trailers, find optimum common denominators for their operation, must be recognized by the producer, by the crating designer, the makers of containers and pallets. Thus also the stowing on dock and in ships' holds may become unified accordingly and less of a puzzle.

The containers may turn out to be expendable and thrown away in one case, or stabilized and re-usable in the other; they may be weatherproof and obviate the protection of transit sheds. Still they may fit into a modular system of volume and have the unified handling feature of allowing the tines of a fork truck under the load. Or perhaps the overhead handling gear or crane will have its comeback for handling the more colossal ones of these containers of goods.

First must come the establishment and acceptance of basic quanta governing containers and handling equipment. Then, the paths which these elemental particles must travel, the routes of their carriers within sheds,

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Map of Port Buenos Aires: From the "Boca," with its Genoese fishermen, to the newly filled-up and well-landscaped shore park area at Barrio Parque (upper right), the Buenos Aires "Diques" and new harbor stretch intimately at the front lawn

of a capital metropolis, with the Plaza de Mayo, the President's pink palace, the Plaza San Martin facing the ships. There is pleasant tidiness about this great southern port, and administrational skill and ambition for a representational setting is evident

outside on wharfs and along the inner lines of piers and quays could stand better segregation and should be helped along by the acceptance of the minimum quanta theory. Their continuous flow would greatly profit from elimination of all possible mutual interference.

Circular routes are generally the correlate of such a continuous flow. In principle the design must establish them, and they must be made elastically possible for adaptation to particular cases. Almost continuous door opening along all shed fronts is a vital point in this desirable flexibility.

### CROSS TRAFFIC

Free wheeling mechanical equipment should ideally have its opportunity to level-free cross-over from pier front to pier front, from shed to shed, from trucking dock to ship side or to nearby industrial establishments. Power operated bridges are a solution that take time and energy. They are far from automatic. Two level traffic systems, with easy ascent and descent ramps, may in some cases pay for themselves. Seven per cent grades are recommended for loaded fork truck or dock tractor pulling its train of trailers.

### REDESIGN FOR MASS FLOW

In a time of air freight on the increase for less bulky quality goods, sea cargo may become more uniformly of the bulkiest kind, and unprecedented mass transactions will dominate the pier and port scene.

If these postwar days of world wide port construction and reconstruction will not warm us up to truly new plans, grandly adjusted to a singular opportunity of rejuvenation, then we may not live to see a similar chance arrive once more, until indeed atomic bombs are being scattered for the final general leveling. Le Havre is now in rubble, like Hamburg; Naples, Marseille, Kobe, Manila are war casualties; and places like Santos, Galveston, Long Beach are bound to move up several notches at a time — so that profoundly new starts, not only piecemeal improvements, are going to happen under our eyes. It is probably an unprecedented moment in the history of port renewal and planning.

And so a picturesque variety of suggestions are at hand. But naturally, all proposals and novelties ought to be tempered with the practical know-how of experienced waterfront men. The bold and original, as P. R. Shoemaker, chief harbor engineer of Long Beach says, must be merged with the conservatism of tested routine.

### PASSENGER PIERS

One wonders whether, apart from a few mass immigration and pleasure cruising ports, steamship passenger disembarking facilities will be overtaxed, as undoubtedly will be cargo provisions. However, to cut interference on the cargo handling level and give safety and and comfort to the passenger, specific designs are well foreshadowed and will undoubtedly develop in practical application.

Such a cargo-passenger "terminal" provides a onestory type shed structure, with a shipside mezzanine passenger corridor. This again connects to shipdeck by means of an electrically operated, automatically adjustable traveling landing stage, gangplank, and platform for the handling of baggage. Baggage inspection, etc., is also placed on the upper level. There is cross connection by overhead walkways above the cargo ground floor, to landside and to the elevator which lowers passengers and their baggage to street level, taxicabs and auto park. Accident risks are here, as always, best minimized by suitable segregation and organization of traffic. Free Ways with Level Free Crossings (top, right) and commercial centers placed between residential neighborhoods will connect the harbor area with other sectors of the metropolitan region; by their accompanying zones of landscaping these arteries will wholesomely articulate the vastness to which modern communities tend.

Multi-Story Parking Garage (2nd from top, right): Passenger cars, like all other vehicles and carriers, will accumulate in large numbers about a port. Provisions for them should be no afterthought, and horizontal acreage may not suffice.

Portside "Neighborhood" (3rd from top): Housing projects at seaports may often be greatly benefited by lovely, sometimes panoramic, outlooks over sea or harbor.

Channel Heights Housing Project (bottom, right): Built for the Housing Authority of Los Angeles, Howard Holtzendorff executive, L. S. Wilson consultant, takes all possible advantage of the promontorial ground configuration of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The living quarters of every dwelling face down to the Pacific. All communal facilities and local market and trading center were part of architect's planning work. (Richard Neutra was architect for all projects described above.)

### MORE SPACE AND OPENINGS

Apart from a diversity of specialties, stands the principle of allotting more unobstructed and elastic space to aprons, to dock stowage and transit sheds, to railway cars, to over-the-road trailers, backed up onto loading platforms or onto special docks of their own.

The opinion grows that a wharf of 50 feet may be very superior to one of 32, in allowing track passage to neighboring berths or to spot boxcars and truck trailers under the hook opposite the holds of each ship. Free span sheds of 200 feet width and more, and practically continuous front doors, working upward, somewhat like in the new Long Beach proposal, become more frequently constituent parts of pier design; end doors take on new significance when docktrains begin to serve segregated truck loading docks.

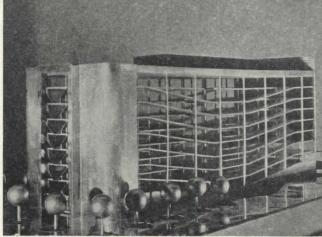
### LIGHT AROUND THE CLOCK

Industrial engineers for the manufacturing and production field have increased — even almost doubled — the output, while cutting the accident rate, by proper and well-distributed, shadowless illumination. But they have also recognized that daylight hardly ever does the trick economically or satisfactorily, and that modern mass operations utilize expensive facilities best by a continuous sequence of working shifts. Once general and well localized night lighting is installed, it may perhaps best serve around the clock. Weatherproof flashing and glass may be forgotten together with the more complicated structural features to provide for daylight.

### EASING OF WORK

Managerial supervision from an upper level, with a catwalk-network, with loudspeakers and intercommunicating microphone connections, engage the





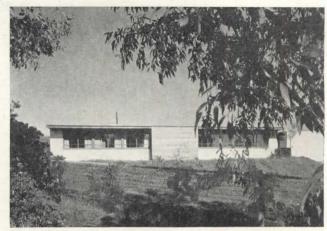




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For Port Labor in Green Setting: Two-story row houses (above) and ground floor double houses (above, 2nd photo, 1. to r.) serve the families of longshoremen, chandlers and shipyard workers, who, in their spare time, grow their own vegetables and

flower gardens. Grade School in Green Setting (3rd photol and Kindergarten (4th photo): are needs of the new living neighborhoods to be developed within walking or easy commuting distance of the harbor. Health centers (perspective,

imagination of designers. Paper work should be shot from office to office through a system of pneumatic tubes, instead of cluttering the place with runners and messengers, like highroads of the Persian king. Finally, there may even be broadcast exhilarating music over the docks, a late and more accomplished substitute for the coolies' sing-song on the go-downs of Shanghai which, as I noticed, sweetened a bit and eased so much hard and sweated work.

But more important than all gadgets and trimmings is the substructure itself. Concentrated and impact loads on the pier deck may be on the increase, and solid level and mildly ramped, non-skid floors, with tracks always over-paved, and with lane width and curve radii provided for the maneuvering of dock trains and heaviest truck trailers, will become characteristic, not only for pier design, but for the layout of the entire warehousing and portside industrial area.

### PORTSIDE MANUFACTURES

Portside industries may, of course, be of a great diversity and vary profoundly from one geographical location to the other. But, in general, they may by proper provisions partake in the immediate benefits of free-wheeling mechanical stevedoring and port traction equipment without themselves being directly forced onto the precious and restricted waterfront itself.

Granted that light manufacturing of a mass output is the typical industry at immediate portside, shop fabrication for large quantity housing may serve as example.

It may need raw material approach by truck, by rail and water of several hundred thousand board feet of lumber a day, and perhaps twice as many square feet of panel board, plywood, etc. to produce the elements of a thousand houses a month. The finished panel elements will go off the plant on the other end of a hall of say 300 feet width by 1000 or even 1500 feet lengths.

The mechanization of a continuously running production, the suitable assembly line, will, of course, be very diversified for different products, but there is, in most cases, the same character of a non-stop flow from whatever external transport carrier to the internal carriers within a hall of extraordinary dimensions.

No belt conveyor can interrupt action, no truck or docktrain can overpark its time at the loading platform, no ship must be berthed longer than pre-allocated — or all the facilities and their time capacities, as well as the required spaces, appear at once dimensionally out of gear.

A new type of subdivision for light industrial zones is needed, providing for circumflux of diversified traffic with level-free intersections on one hand, and on the other for employees' parking and recreation areas.

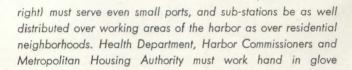
The bewildering contrast between an amorphously stretching desert of technico-commercial activities and far distant residential areas which alone are allowed to have human aspirations, is not the only and certainly not the most truly productive or timely approach to a contemporary order of things. The solution must become well-rounded and more equitable.

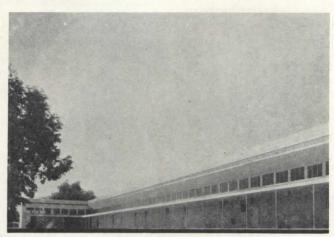
### IN CONCLUSION

Technical perfection in quasi-automatic harbor facilities concerned with an almost continuous flow of goods, based on and helped by the rational unification of containers and cargo elements — is, after all, only one line of progress for a coastal transfer. The comfort of the numerous human beings who spend their working lives on and about the docks, of travellers and ships' crews, of the labor employed by portside manufacture, of a concentrated shore population at large — call for a



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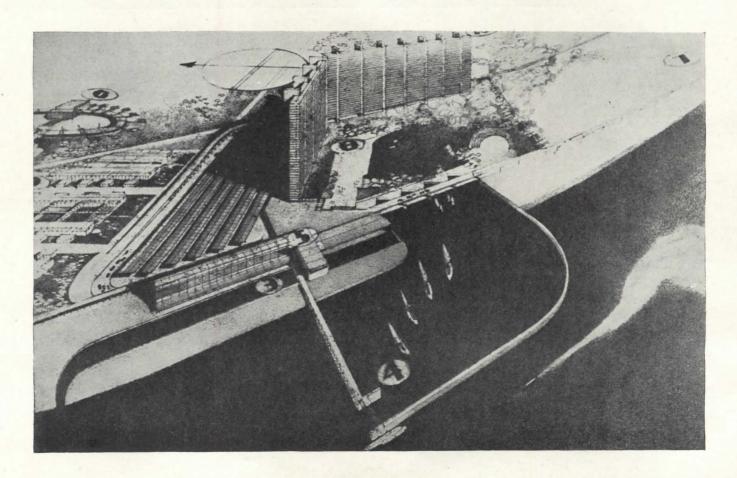




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more circumspect, a farther reaching, a more wholesome design and for a planfully integrated layout, so as to make a truly *living entity* out of the far-flung installations, the tributary industrial, commercial and dwelling areas that cluster around the modern mass transfer of a seaport. Suburban Holiday Beach for the People (below) is segregated as well as possible from port traffic on land and sea, but it serves the port population and the entire region with its sail sport, shore amusement park, bathing establishments, yacht harbor, vacation housing, and summer schools. (Richard Neutra was the architect for all projects shown on these two pages)



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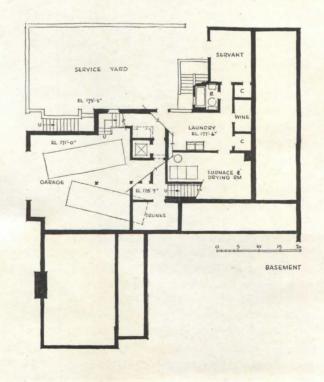
Main entrance from street is an open passage along the enclosed living terrace, a patio where family and guests may soak up sunshine and still escape the trade winds that so often bring a chill to the hilly spots in San Francisco. Planting consists of a large olive tree in one corner, a magnolia stellata in another, and azalias, dwarf lemon trees along with seasonal flowers. Children have their own outdoor area, where toys supplant the flowers



# A HOUSE DIVIDED KEEPS THE PEACE

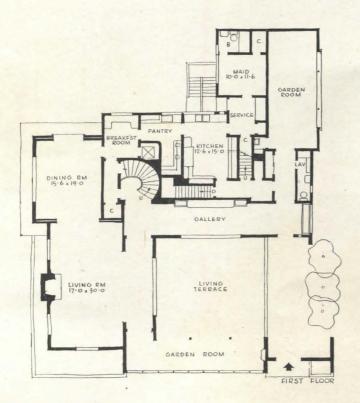
James P. Bradley Residence, San Francisco Gardner A. Dailey, Architect

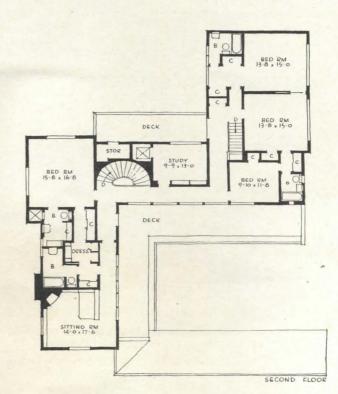
HERE is a plan that requires, and repays, considerable study. Gradually it becomes apparent that functionally this house is really two houses, one for the children and servants, one for the grown-ups and guests. The clients asked that this dual concept be carried out also in the outdoor living spaces, to provide a fairly formal living terrace for grown-ups, sheltered from the San Francisco winds, and a play yard where youngsters could work off their energies without fear of breaking windows or trampling flower beds. The children also have the rear garden room as part of their domain, where they have room to play vigorously even on rainy days, and may strew toys around as they like.





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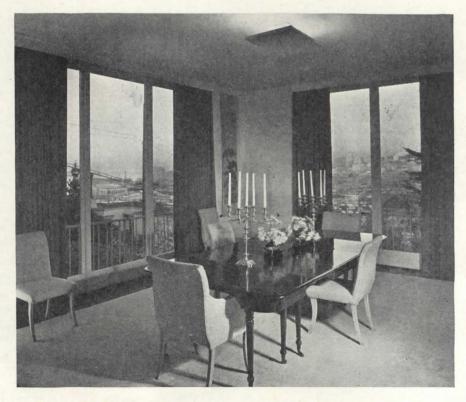
Left: Front of the house is the sheltered portion of the patio (''garden room'' on plan). Left below: on opposite side of patio is the gallery from entrance past the kitchen section. Center below: view of living room facing patio. Decoration of living rooms was influenced by Mrs. Bradley's collection of Chinese Tomb figures (decorator, Beth Armstrong, of Armstrong, Carter & Kenyon). Views out the dining room windows give just a suggestion of the panoramic scenery which is always a design factor in houses near San Francisco







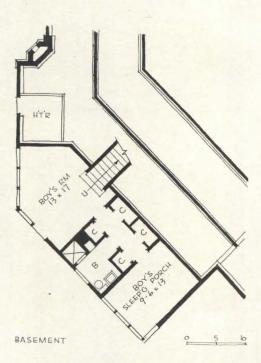






# SERVANT 8-6 x 11 CARAGE AUNDRY DINING 15 x 17 LIVING FIRST FLOOR

## HILLTOP HOUSE TOO



This completely unrestrained plan grew partly out of the nature of this hilltop site, partly from the requirements of the owner, partly from orientation considerations. It protects a sheltered garden against summer sun, invites the winter sun to warm the porch, while protecting it against the wind, and also provides an expansible house for welcoming any given assortment of grandchildren



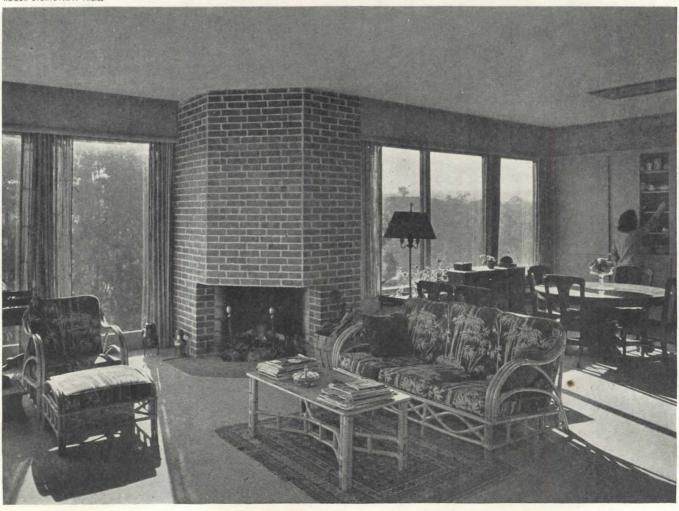
### CLOSE TO THE SKY

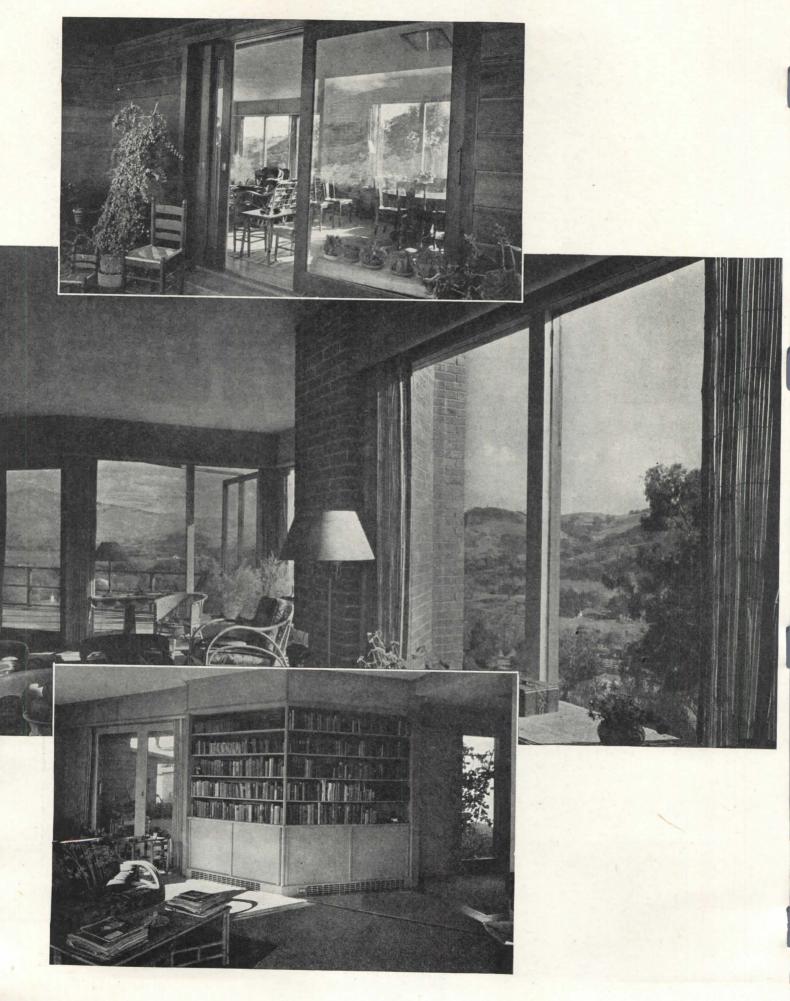
J. Warren McKibben Residence, near San Francisco

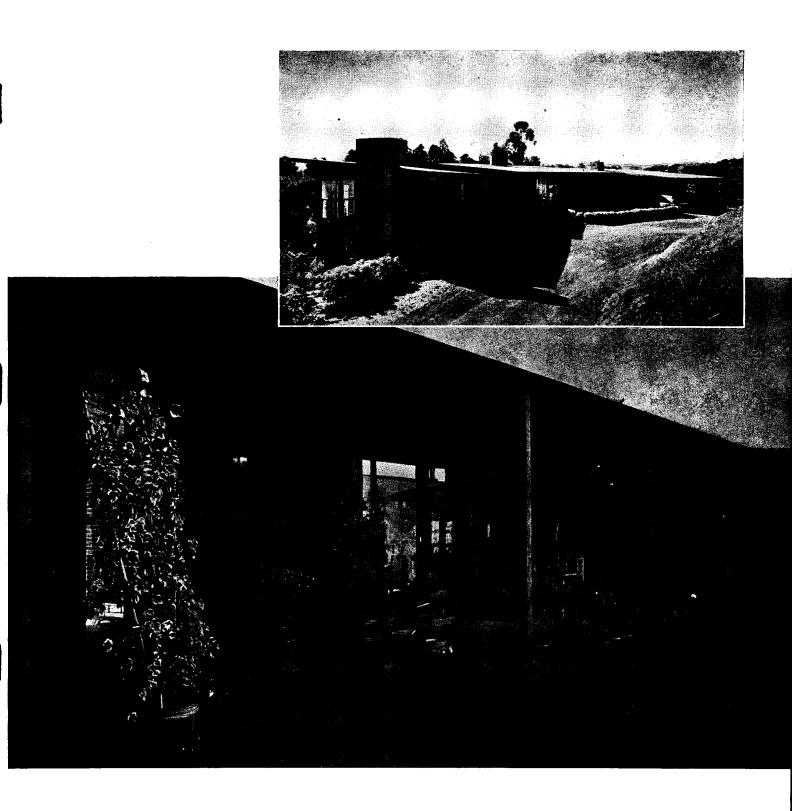
Clarence W. W. Mayhew, Architect

If this house has somewhat the appearance of an outsize flying wing, there is a reason for it. And the architect was a bit reluctant about the whole thing. He was bothered by the "constant intrusion of the sky" on this sun-swept hillock. But the clients insisted, and the view of Mt. Diablo was persuasive too. The problem of glare, coupled with the desire to bring in the outdoors and the view, led to the wide up-angled overhangs and wide low construction which give the house that airplane appearance. The glare was further reduced by a dark stain on the horizontal redwood siding. There was another problem which made its contribution to the far-flung scheme of the plan. The McKibbens have four children and many grandchildren, and they anticipated the inevitable confusion of three generations together on visiting occasions. Thus the master bedroom is isolated, beyond a sleeping porch, at the end of the house. And sleeping rooms for children were tucked in under the huge porch; these extra rooms can be closed off when not in use. Sliding glass doors open the living-dining room to the sheltered front garden, which, with its northern exposure, offers cool shade in summer. On the other side the overhang permits winter sun to warm the porch, and a glass screen protects it against the wind. The porch serves as outdoor living room, especially nice for grandchildren.

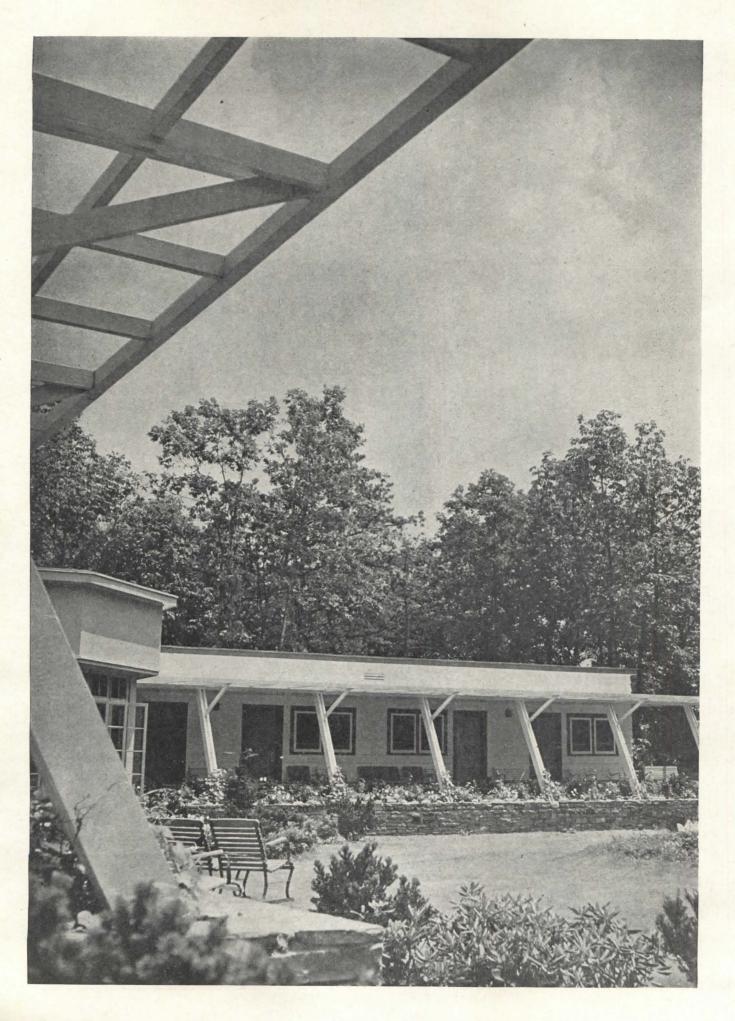
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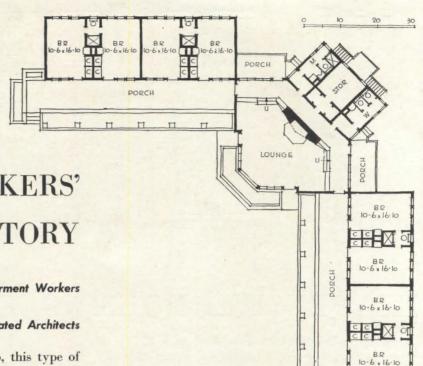






The McKibben house is designed for the informal living that goes naturally with an isolated hilltop site in Contra Costa County, Cal., where views of hills in all directions make for close communication with sun and wind and storm. So the house looks outward, not inward, and the professional decorators' wiles were strictly forbidden; indeed the furnishings represent the family's accumulation of the things that had stood the one test of comfort. An example is the curtains of vertically hung bamboo, in the living room view. The McKibbens insisted on this simple screening, but could not convince the workmen, who insisted on putting in a complicated system of rods, strings, pulleys and the whole works. Despairing of argument, they finally just watched quietly and later when the coast was clear took out all but the rod, achieving simplicity the hard way





GARMENT WORKERS'
SUMMER DORMITORY

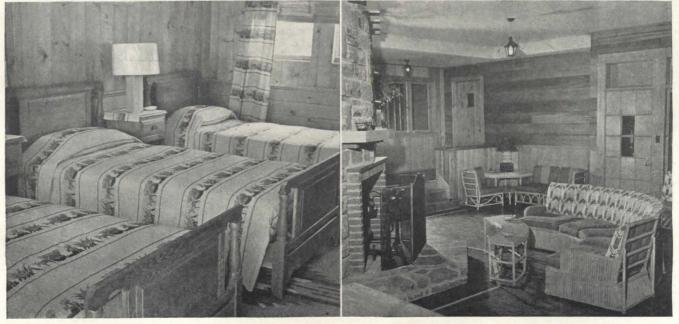
Camp Dormitory for International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Forest Park, Pa.

Alfred March and Robert Kliegman, Associated Architects

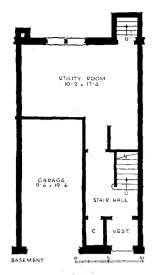
An unusual assignment a few years ago, this type of project may be expected to appear more frequently in the future as more and more labor unions spend their funds to entertain as well as to enlist workers. The summer camp of which this dormitory is a part is an old one; this project was completed just as the war closed down on building. It is strictly a dormitory; all meals are served in another building. And it runs by nature to a playfulness in design expressive of the carefree atmosphere of vacation time. The plan is open, not only for through ventilation, but also for the porch area which serves as additional get-together space. The connecting passage is carried through the lounge as a raised gallery. A solarium, well screened from surrounding grounds, was provided over the service wing.

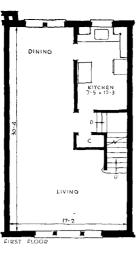
Woodwork in the lounge is a combination of cypress and cedar. Some of the bedrooms are finished in pine, others in cedar. Bedroom windows are at high level, can be lowered in a slot below the sill to permit full opening. The wall of native stone around the porch was laid up dry around lower flower beds, with mortar at the upper porch wall. A slate coping was installed at the upper wall at a little above seat height





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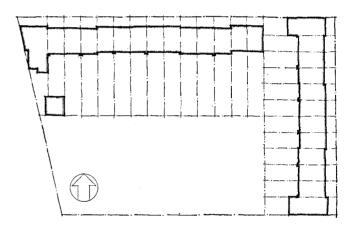


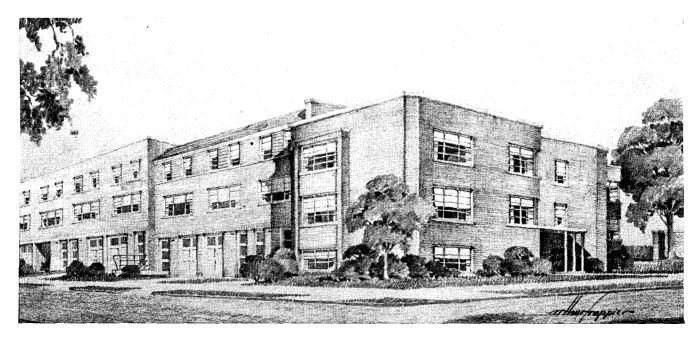
Project includes 26 dwellings for sale to veterans, built under priorities. Except for the corner lots, all are of the typical one-family plan shown. The outside corner unit is a special plan for two apartments, and the end lot has a special unit

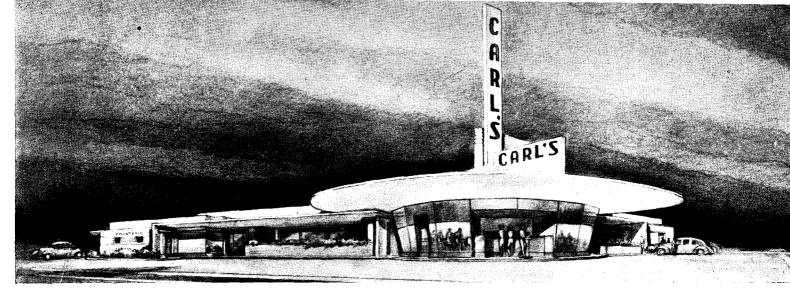
### INEXPENSIVE HOUSING FOR VETERANS

Row Housing by Oakcrest Estates, Inc., Flushing, N. Y. Robert Kliegman and M. Sherman, Associated Architects

Main purpose in the design of these row houses was to produce a maximum house within existing limitations. Thus modern simplicity was stressed throughout, and all unnecessary frills eliminated. Since the existing grade of the property was higher than the street level, placement of entrances at street level obviated the need for outside stairs and allowed for more flexible and efficient plans above. The stair lands at a central point above, saving steps and keeping the living room free for the full width. A five-foot high closet separates the stair landing from the open living-dining room. This stair scheme also allows a generous vestibule and stair hall on the ground floor, and closet.







### DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS AND LUNCHEONETTES

# ARCHITECTURAL RECORD'S BUILDING TYPES STUDY NUMBER 117. IN COLLABORATION WITH RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

These two types of eating establishment, distinct from each other in some obvious respects, are for other important reasons in common united for joint consideration. Both depend largely for their profitable existence on transient customers, rather than upon a regular or repetitive clientele. These must be attracted by devices in addition to excellence of cookery and efficiency of service. Both, for profit on food at minimum prices, depend

on fluid and frequent customer turnover—necessitating maximum efficiency in food-preparation and service layouts.

E. M. Fleischman on page 107 discusses principles in luncheonette planning. Below, Architect Harry E. Werner, on the basis of extensive experience with the type, outlines principles of drive-in planning in California, where a basic circular arrangement appears to have become a wide-spread prototype.

For the typical circular drive-in with no formal dining or cocktail room, nothing less than the equivalent of a 150 by 150-ft. corner should be chosen, as the seating capacity and gross receipts of the project are entirely governed by the number of cars that can be parked on the property. When dining and cocktail space are included, additional parking space must be provided.

The drive-in building must be designed to attract the attention of motorists and pull them in. This can be accomplished partly by maximum use of glass. The eating public feels that a crowd indicates good food. Glass reveals the crowd inside, as well as the attractiveness of the building's interior and equipment.

Illumination and illuminated advertising also help to attract the motorist. Large illuminated signs, visible and legible as far away as possible, arrest attention and give motorists an opportunity to reduce speed and get into the proper traffic lane. After they have entered the property, the illumination into which they look as they sit in their cars should be subdued and in no case shine directly in their eyes. This can best be accomplished by neon tubular lighting or by recessed spot and flood lights. If a canopy is used, neon tubing can be made a part of the design, reflecting softly against the lower side of the canopy and illuminating the building and

parking space. Recessed lights under a canopy will throw the light downward and leave the canopy in darkness . . . a very unattractive effect.

If soft-colored illumination is used on the outside, stronger recessed spotlights can be used over the counter and service areas, thereby attracting the eye through the soft light to the final goal . . . the interior. Care should be used, however, to shield this strong light from the eyes of customers. Care should also be taken in the selection of neon colors, as certain colors distort the appearance of food and the ladies' make-up.

In California, most drive-in operators prefer a wide canopy. A width of 18 ft. will protect service to both front and rear car doors. It may be of cantilever construction, either wood or steel — easily adaptable to any type of construction or fire requirement.

The service walk under the canopy should be three and one-half feet wide. Wider walks will force the cars beyond the canopy; narrower walks will be obstructed by car bumpers. The walk should be raised six inches above the parking lot; over six inches makes a tiring step for the car hops; less than six inches permits cars to jump and obstruct the walk or break the glass. The parking area should slope away from the curb at the rate of ½ in. to the foot; more induces the cars to move

if brakes are not set; less does not handle drainage.

All parking areas and traffic lanes should be distinctly marked with traffic-white in order to encourage the maximum amount of parking.

Drive-ins are designed primarily for speedy service from the standpoint of both customer and owner. The more rapidly a car can be served, the more the turnover. Drive-in customers do not like to linger. To obtain this speedy service, care must be used in the selection and arrangement of equipment and fixtures, eliminating lost motion and double and triple handling.

The average car hop can handle six cars. Sufficient pick-up space should be allowed for fifty per cent of the required car hops at one time. They themselves should be able to secure all service set-ups, trays and water, obtainable from wings at each side of the pick-up counter.

All checking is done at the time food is delivered to the car hops; therefore, the cash register should be centrally located in the pick-up space.

Counter men serving the car hops should, by taking not more than three steps, be able to reach the pass port from the kitchen, coffee urns, malt mixers, fountain, and refrigerated bottle box.

Inside the port, the cooks should have at their finger-

tips a make-up table with refrigerated salad cabinet below, a steam table, griddle, waffle irons, deep-fat fryers, and a reach-in refrigerator.

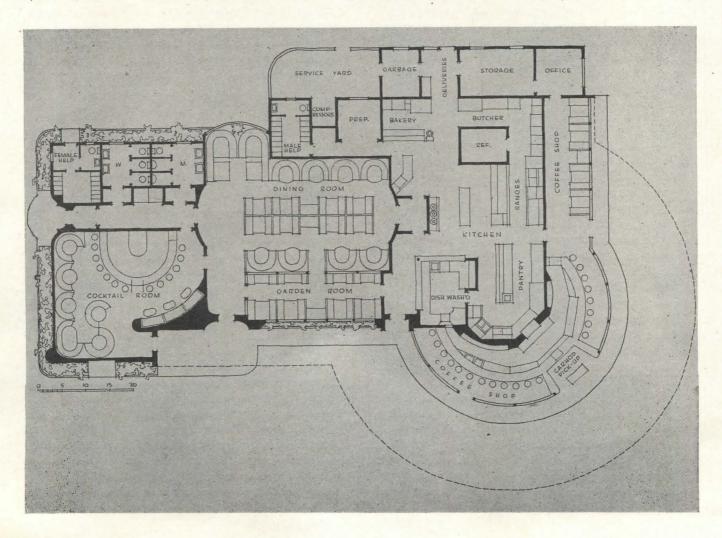
Adjacent, but not interfering, should be ample range space, baker's table and bake ovens, sinks and preparation space.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the dishwashing compartment. Regardless of the efficiency of kitchen, counter service and car hops, all can be bottlenecked if there are not sufficient clean dishes, glasses and silverware.

This compartment should be located so as to be accessible to car hops from the outside through an automatic pass door, to the inside counter service, and to the kitchen. It is well to conceal this compartment from the public as it is impossible to keep it as clean in appearance as the balance of the building.

When a dining room is included, this area must also have easy access to the dishwashing compartment. The preparation ranges, sinks and baking table can also serve this room. Additional pantry space, steam table, refrigerators, coffee urns, etc., should be provided. Where possible the layout should be such that during quiet hours one cook can handle the entire kitchen.

Below (see also frontispiece, preceding page): Carl's Drive-In Restaurant, Los Angeles; Harry E. Werner, Architect. On a plot 218 by 355 ft., this drive-in offers dining, garden and cocktail rooms in addition to the typical basic circular car and counter services

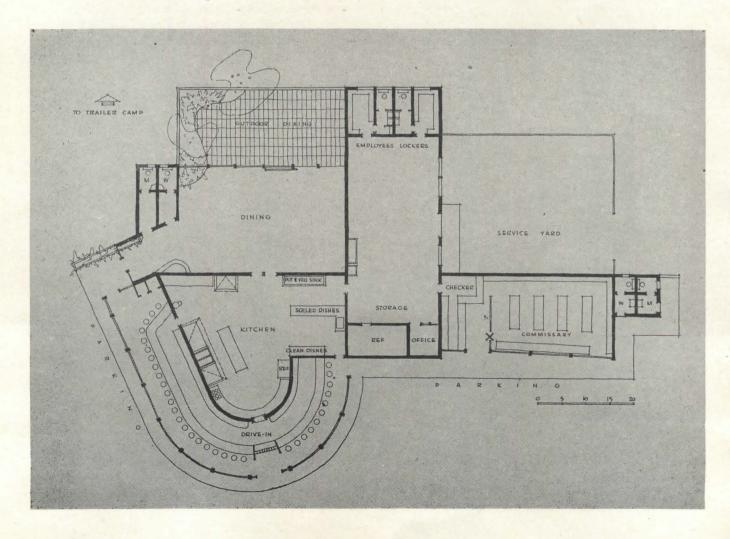


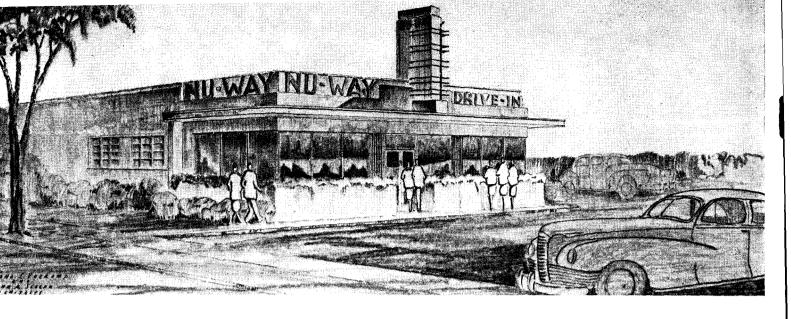


Confirmation of many Werner principles are evident in this plan by another architect for a drive-in at Van Nuys, Calif. Employing an almost identical arrangement of car-hop facilities, he has also similarly achieved a convenient placement of the dishwashing area, equally for car, counter and dining-room servers. Differing regard for local climatic tradition has, perhaps, in this case produced a reduction in the dimensions of the canopy. Also this architect, in place of a cocktail lounge, chooses to include a commissary. Construction will be wood frame and stucco, with portions of stone veneer.

# CIRCULAR DRIVE-IN INCLUDES COMMISSARY

Louis Shoall Miller, Architect

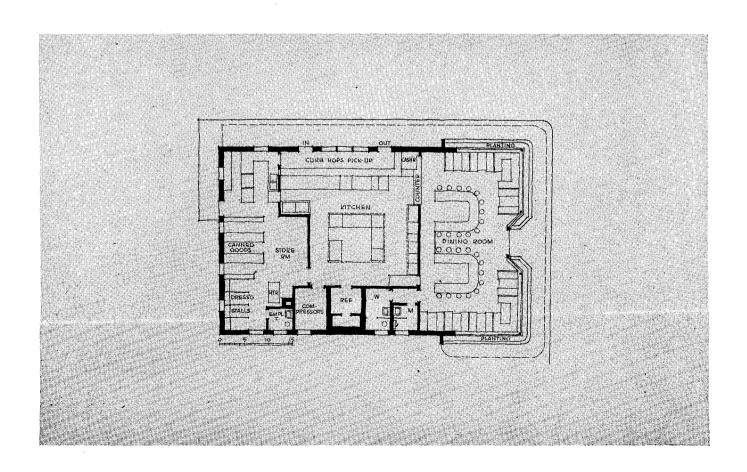


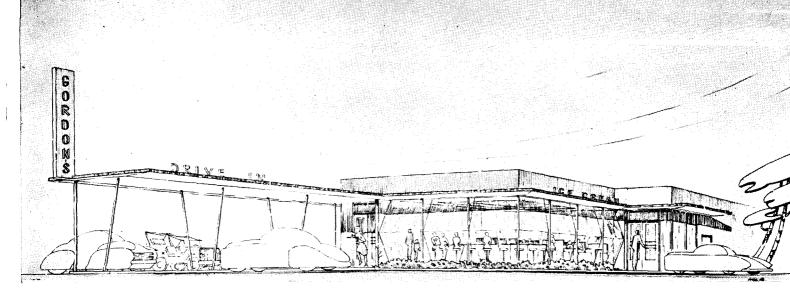


# RECTANGULAR PLAN SEPARATES SERVICES

Raymond L. Voskamp and Frank R. Slezak, Architects

This rectangular Kansas City version, in common with the California prototype, shows free and effective use of plate glass; follows similar canons in lighting, with neon tubing on the display tower, fixtures reflecting on the underside of the canopy and semi-indirect interior illumination drawing attention into the dining room. The plan, however, almost completely separates car-hop and counter services. Cashier's location, convenient for car hops, is less so for booth and counter servers. Position of dishwashing area (upper left in plan), handy for car hops, requires long-distance bussing of dining-room dishes. Construction is concrete block; light buff stucco outside; plastered inside and painted.

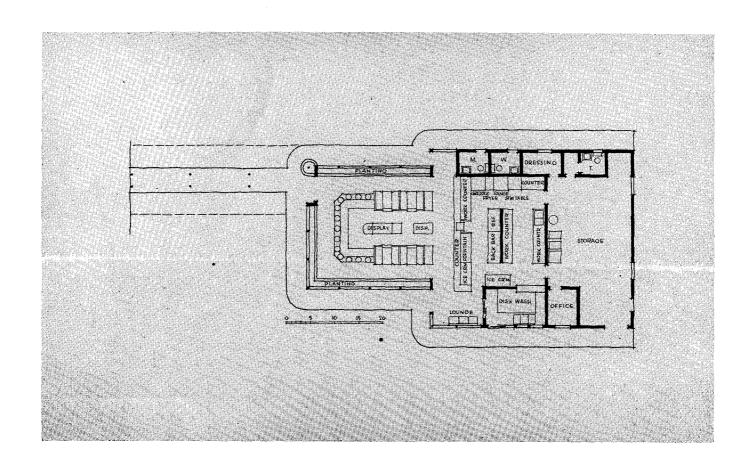




DEPARTURES from the circular prototype occur also in California. Sheets of plate glass in this one at Richmond are canted out from top and bottom, supported at meeting point by  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. pipe columns. Flat roof is water covered. Plan permits both booth and counter service from inside "horseshoe." Curb service is from the general counter rather than a special pick-up center. Dishwashing area is convenient by pass port to car hops; is relatively so, also, to booth and counter area. Cashier's location between fountain and work counter in plan is more favorable to counter servers, less to car hops. Construction is wood frame; exterior surfaces, cement plaster; interior, plaster on gypsum lath.

# RECTANGULAR DRIVE-IN WITH NON-GLARE FRONT

Hardison, Rhoda & Moist, Architects

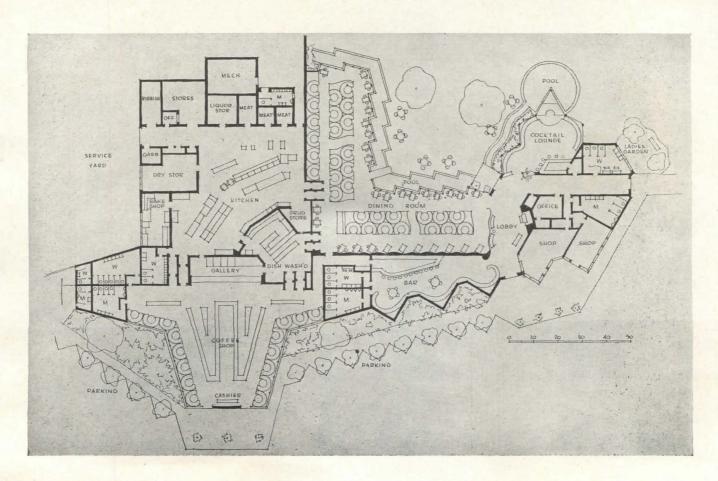




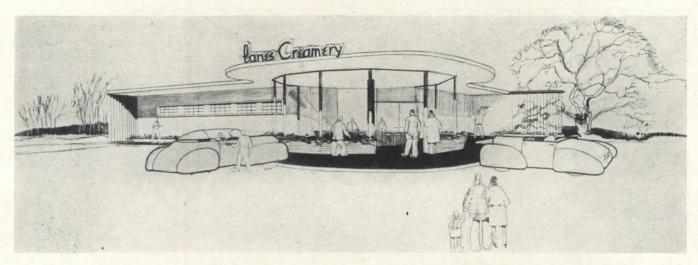
### COLOSSAL DRIVE-IN FOR SUPER SCENERY

Robert Stanton, Architect

Location of this proposed drive-in will be on the main four-lane highway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, "in a small valley rich in citrus ranches and surrounded by mountains." It is to be the initial building in a group eventually to include a central hotel building, cottages and shops. Construction will be of local stone, with steel frame roof and pipe columns to withstand earthquake stresses. Interiors will be treated wood and colored plaster. Large areas of glass will permit close association between inside and garden dining spaces; a water course at the level of the patio will be circulated by pumps and stocked with tropical fish.



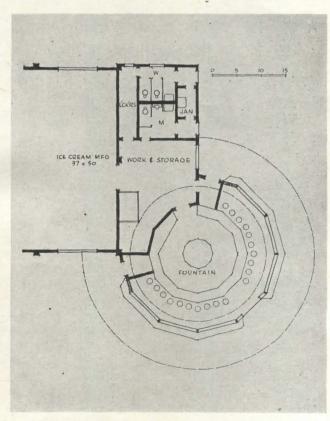


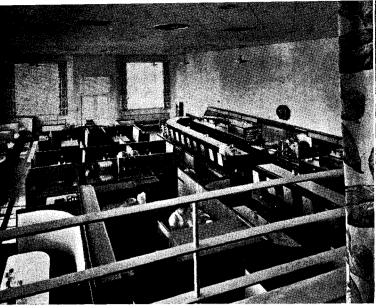


# DRIVE-IN OUTLET FOR ICE-CREAM

Lawrence Gentry, Architect

RETURNING for a moment to circular orthodoxy, this project now under construction at Mountain View, Calif., combines the processes of ice-cream manufacturing with the principles of drive-in distribution. Construction is wood frame; steel roof framing over the fountain. Exterior wall surfaces are stucco with brushed texture; interior walls are of hardwood plyboard. Compressor and other heavy machinery are in the basement.





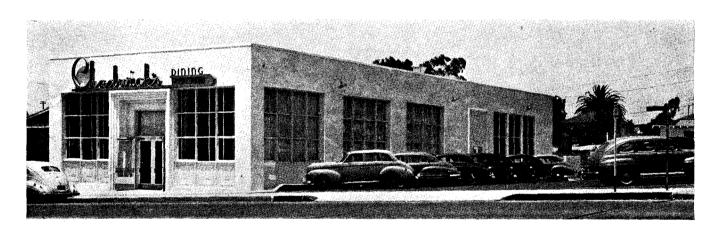


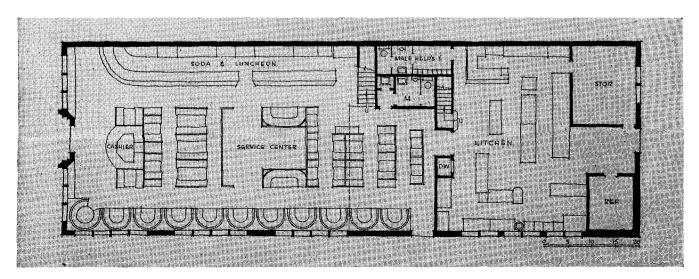
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# CENTRAL SERVICE AREA INCREASES EFFICIENCY

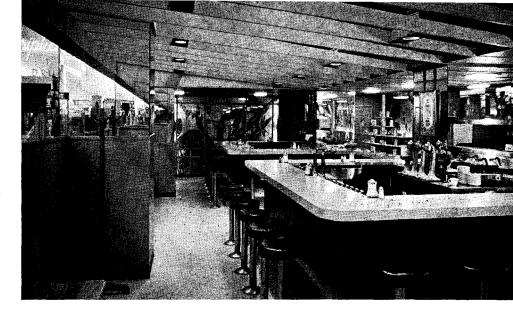
Frank L. Hope, Architect

Location, size and parking features retain this example, at San Diego, Calif., in the drive-in category, although many characteristics make it a logical cross-over into discussion of the luncheonette type. Position of cashier and arrangement of booths and counter in relation to preparation and service areas imply many of the principles of luncheonette planning outlined on pages 107 to 109. Loose relationship between kitchen, booth and counter areas, not endorsed by Mr. Fleischman, is offset by provision of the service center.





Soda-luncheonette in the Owl Drug Store, Hollywood and Vine, Los Angeles. Floor, step and base of counter are pale grey, white and small amount of red terrazzo. Counter top is beige; front, gun metal; stools, red. Rafters and walls are darker beige. Soiled-dish conveyor moves along entire length of counter, concealed from customer. Alyne Whalen, Designer; Fred L. Schmid, Vice President, United Rexall Drug Co., in charge of layouts



### PLANNING THE MODERN LUNCHEONETTE

By E. M. Fleischman\*

LUNCHEONETTE design is preponderantly a question of adapting layouts and architectural treatment to limitations of space within existing structures. The first architectural requirement is an inviting entrance — attracting patronage and allowing free flow of traffic in both directions. A dark and uninviting entrance, jammed with people in confusion, does not promise the prospective patron anything but an inefficient and not very pleasant atmosphere for the taking of food and refreshment.

### Counter Seats vs. Tables

If the operation is to be small or medium sized and the location is a busy one, counter seats should predominate in the layout — in fact, they are best for the entire operation. The turn-over will be much faster; the cost of operation much less than with tables.

If the luncheonette is large and the location busy—counter seats still should predominate and be placed nearest the entrances. The balance of the available space may then be devoted to tables or booths, or both. In this case care must be taken to provide space at the counter for the servers of tables and booths, as well as easy access to the kitchen.

People like to sit at counters for many reasons. As against sitting at a table awaiting server, and then food, a patron at the counter has much closer contact with counterman or girl. He can see various food items at close view instead of picturing them from a menu. He can change his mind without being a nuisance, by calling out to the counterman to leave out this or add that. He can quickly secure condiments or extra cream, butter, bread or water.

If the operator desires tables to invite "off-hour" business, or for dinner, it is wiser to use two seaters placed a few inches apart. When demand arises for three or four

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in a party, two tables are simply pushed together.

Booths waste more space than all other systems. They are also the slowest in turn-over and the most difficult to serve properly. Also, four-seater booths tend more than tables to be occupied by only two patrons; 50 per cent of capacity is wasted.

If the location is in a home or suburban section, booths or tables may be an incentive for some customers. But care must be taken in their arrangement. There are four good ways to use the space along the two long walls: as aisles for free circulation of customers and waitresses; for two-seater booths; for two-seater tables; for four-seater tables placed with one point of table near wall, allowing the four chairs to be placed so that they do not obstruct the aisle, also permitting each place to be served easily. Tables or booths, open at both ends, may be used in the balance of the space available. A popular system is two-seater booths next to each other with a 4-ft. partition along the center line.

### Types of Layout

The first and simplest form of luncheonette consists of a counter with fixed stools, the length of counter determined by the over-all interior dimensions, and the amount of space required for the kitchen and other facilities. If the existing space is wide enough for kitchen and washrooms to be placed behind the counter, practically the entire length can then be utilized for the counter. In such case a central entrance to the kitchen from behind the counter is desirable. Preferred is a central entrance from behind counter and a rear entrance for deliveries. If only a central entrance is used from behind the counter, make the aisle in rear and the aisle space behind the counter wider to allow for deliveries, removal of garbage, etc. without confusion.

If the space is not wide enough for kitchen behind the counter, space must be cut off from the rear. One quarter of the length of the space as a minimum should be

used for the kitchen if basement, mezzanine or upper floor is available, and one third or more if not.

It is good business to have washrooms for customers. When cutting off rear part of space for the kitchen, it is advisable to use the section cut off opposite the counter side for washrooms.

In some places where ground floor space is limited, customers' washrooms may be placed on mezzanines, other floors, or in the basement.

If the space is shaped like an L with one part long and the other short, the rear part is, as a rule, the short end of the L. In such a case this section will make an ideal kitchen space. In a T shaped space, the long part will be the counter, one upper side of the T will be the kitchen and the other upper side of the T may be men's and women's washrooms.

To determine on which side of a luncheonette to have the counter is important. Here is a fairly good rule to follow for "inside the block" locations: People keep to the right on most sidewalks. Therefore, the counter should be placed to the left side looking in. The entrance should be in the center, or on the right side looking in. If planning for a corner location, place counter on opposite wall from entrance, so that it may be seen from the street.

If enough space is available, two doors into the kitchen are preferable. One "In" and one "Out" door prevent accidents and speed up traffic. If the kitchen is behind the counter, openings should be provided counter high for passing out hot dishes and salads, clean dishes, glasses and silverware; and below counter height for passing in trays of soiled dishes. These aids cut down walking, carrying of trays, and will speed up service.

A popular type of layout is a U-shaped counter, either in single or multiple form — two, three, or more sections, joined together to form one large unit. These are favored greatly by chain and department stores, because of space economy and ease of operation.

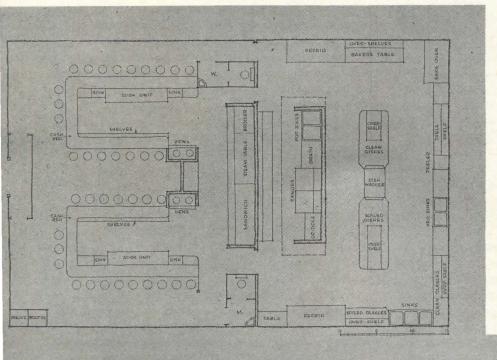
The bays may be only 8 to 10 stools each or they may run as high as 30 and 40 stools. The usual layout for small seating capacity bays is to have the equipment placed at the point where two bays meet in rear. The equipment is placed across the meeting point of bays facing the rear of the store.

If bays are large and counters tall enough to carry the equipment, the layout is the same along one side as for a straight counter. Along the other side there is shelving for dishes, pies, napkins, etc. If bays are low, serving equipment must be placed at the point of meeting of the bays or against the rear wall.

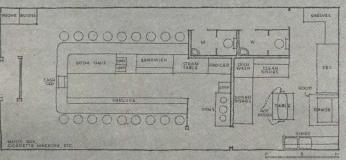
Quite often these multi-counter operations are combined with additional tables or booths, in which case service is supplied from the same serving stations, sometimes reinforced by service from the kitchen proper.

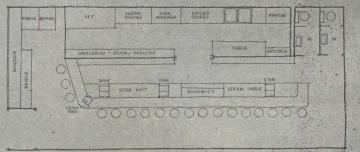
#### Stools and Counters

The spacing of stools is determined primarily by whether or not they have backs. With backs, more space is



Basic counter types and equipment requirements: Type A (below), straight counter with kitchen behind, shows kinds and layout of equipment required for efficient typical luncheonette service of 18 stools or less. For 18-24, same equipment should be spaced out. For 24-30, duplicate soda unit at other end of counter; increase size of other units. For over 30, place larger soda unit in center; duplicate other units for 18 stools on both flanks. Type B (below, left), U-shaped counter with kitchen behind, 18 stools. Increase of stools up to 30 may be accomplished with increase and rearrangement of equipment similar to that for straight counter. Stools in excess of 30 are usually best accommodated by an arrangement of multiple U-shaped units, using Type C (left) as a basis for layouts





needed to allow persons to turn on the seats to get in or out. Good practice is to use 24 in. centers for stools with backs; without backs, 22 in.

Stools, with counter heights of 32 in. to 42 in., require foot rests. Some systems have individual rests; others require a rail fastened to the counter or floor, or both. A popular solution is a counter built-in foot rest, approximately 7 in. wide and of a height suitable to counter and stool.

Another solution is to use stools of normal chair height (18 in.) placed on a platform 18 in. to 24 in. wide. The height of the platform will vary with counter height.

Many modern counter installations are as low as 30 or even 28 in., practically precluding the use of equipment behind the counter and necessitating its placement along the rear wall. This counter height is popular, particularly with women, because it does away with foot rests or platforms and the possibility of accidents. The stools used with this installation are normal chair height of 18 in. Frequently with this arrangement the floor behind the counter is lowered 6 or more in. permitting the installation of equipment behind the counter.

Counter tops should be of a material which does not discolor, scratch or chip easily. The best woods for the purpose are mahogany, walnut, maple, knotted pine, or birch, usually left unstained and impregnated with oil and beeswax.

Black glass will scratch and chip. Rubber will discolor and wear away too quickly. A good grade of inlaid linoleum, if waxed frequently, will stand up quite well. Stainless steel is good, but not as warm looking as other materials. Marble is good but expensive, and heavy construction is necessary to support it. Tile, in one color or combination of colors, is economical and durable. Terrazzo is very good and clean looking in various colors or in one shade. The entire counter, front of counter and foot rest may be continued, to blend into the floor.

Formica or similar type of plastic, in thin sheets or bonded on wood, stands up very well under heavy usage, does not discolor and needs no particular maintenance except hot water and soap.

### Kitchen Equipment

Size of steam tables should be in proportion to the anticipated volume of business. Most places underestimate their requirements in this respect. It is far better to have extra capacity at first than insufficient space later.

Cutting boards in conjunction with the steam table, are useful for handling plates and carving meats. The board may be as narrow as 5 to 6 in., or wider if there is sufficient room. (While implying the question of aisles behind counters, we advise that as much clear working space as possible be allowed. Certain cities have laws specifying no less than 30 in.; some require 36.)

Floors should be of tile, terrazzo, concrete or a magnesium composition, and should be pitched to drains. A hot water faucet with a threaded end should be available for hose flushing. A sanitary edge all around the room should be 6 in. or 8 in. high, rounded at corners and part of the floor proper, to discourage the breeding

of vermin and rodents. All equipment should be on legs, except built-in refrigerators or ranges. Ranges, ovens, broilers and fryers should be placed on bricks or a raised solid platform. Ranges should, as a rule, be near the rear wall, properly hooded so that exhaust fans in the hood will draw fumes and odors from the other part of the kitchen towards the rear and then out.

Refrigerators: Two smaller ones may well be more convenient and flexible than a large one — one at about 40 degrees for vegetables, dairy items, eggs, fruits and general purposes; and another, at about 36 degrees for meats, fish, etc. A freezing cabinet in which to keep frosted foods is desirable. This should be in a separate room away from the heat of the kitchen.

Spreader plates are useful between ranges to hold pots and pans. Arrange to have a cold water faucet on a swivel handy at ranges.

### Decorating — Painting — Plumbing

As a rule, it is unwise to have dark walls in a food shop. Light colors — salmon, rose, green or blue with gold or silver — with darker borders of the same shades will be attractive. Mirrors make a store cheerful. They reflect light and brighten the place, besides making it appear larger. People like to look in mirrors.

Brass pipes are a good investment. Unless local regulations prevent it, try to get a union coupling in as many places as possible for hooking up equipment. It will enable any defective apparatus to be removed, repaired or replaced with a minimum of time and effort.

Savell faucets instead of the old-fashioned screw shank type will prevent leaking — an expensive loss.

If using dumbwaiter from basement or mezzanine, make sure that it is a sturdy one, with steel cable and steel body rather than wood, which absorbs drippings—a breeding place for vermin.

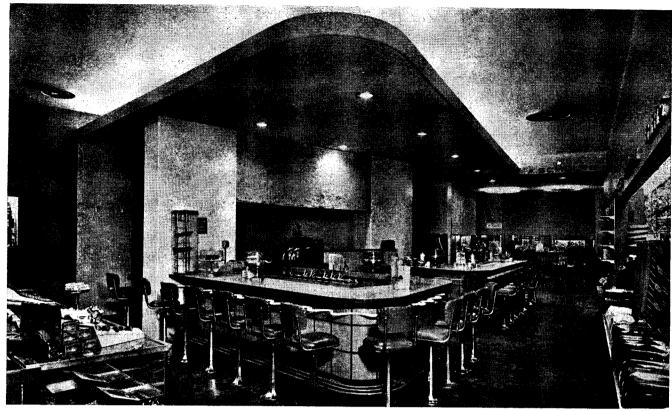
There should be plenty of electrical outlets on back bar, in dining room, behind cashier's desk, in kitchen, stock room and washroom. Fuse boxes should be conveniently placed, easily accessible and plainly marked with the designation of each station and outlet. Try to get machines of the same voltage throughout the store.

Have plenty of non-glaring lights in kitchen. Accidents will be cut down greatly and glasses and dishes will be washed cleaner.

### Lighting — Cashier's Desk

A well-lit place invites trade. Fluorescent lights are economical in operation and flexible for use on back bars in various treatments. It is inadvisable, however, to use white light alone. The coffee will look greenish and other foods will appear unnatural. This defect can be overcome by combining different color tubes — daylight, rose or light amber. The combination of incandescent lights with fluorescent is also good.

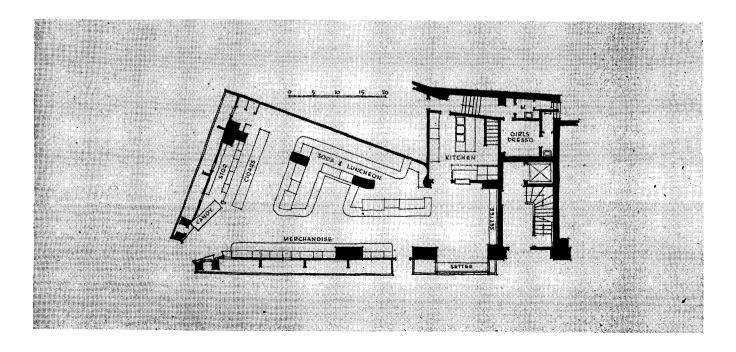
The cashier's desk should be sufficiently large to take care of several customers at once, and placed near the entrance for control and supervision, but not so near as to cause congestion. It may have a small case for the sale of cigars, chewing gum, candy, etc.

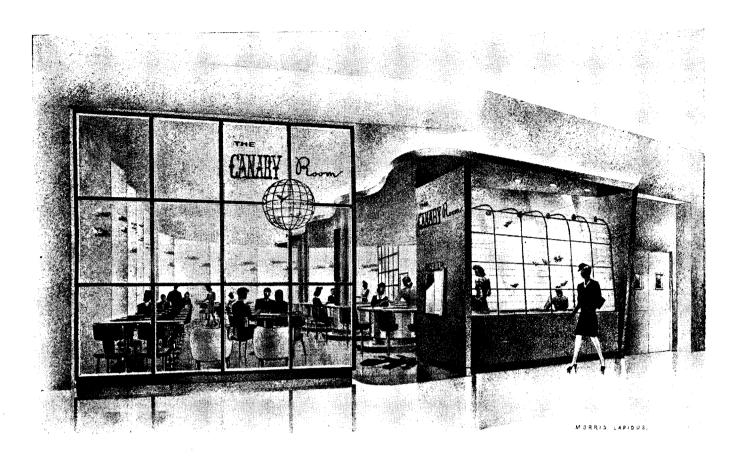


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# LATEST SCHULTE PLAN FOR CORNER LOCATION

Designed by John A. Young, Engineer Morris Lapidus, Associated Architect This most recent Schulte luncheonette, in Washington, D. C., is a typical exploitation of the corner site preferred by that organization for its chain locations. In accordance with Fleischman principles, the counter is on the wall opposite the entrance and visible from the street. Counter arrangement is a combination of single "U" and straight counter, with a joint steam table; otherwise they adhere to the basic layouts prescribed for each on page 108. Relationship of counter, kitchen and table area is tightly planned for maximum efficiency.

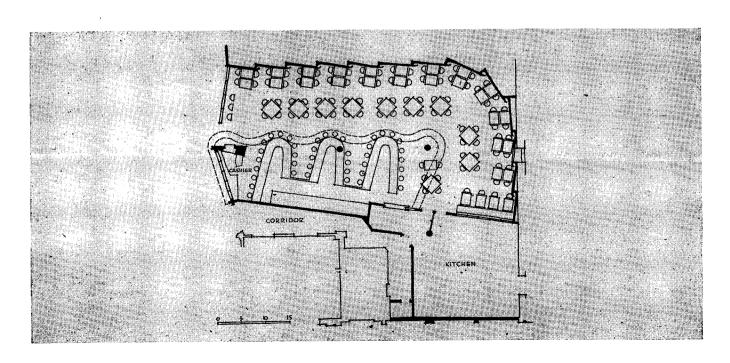




At least equally with luncheonettes on teeming street fronts, varieties of the type located in diversely busy building interiors require imaginative architectural treatment to make them distinctive and attractive. Bird-cage motif at Namm's, Brooklyn, is implemented by wood and glass screen at the entrance. Counter is backed with squares of architectural glass. Cashier is boxed in marble. The plan provides for separation of counter and table service. Counter waitresses get food through pass port; table waitresses enter kitchen directly.

# INTERIOR LOCATION SETS SPECIAL PROBLEM

Morris Lapidus, Architect

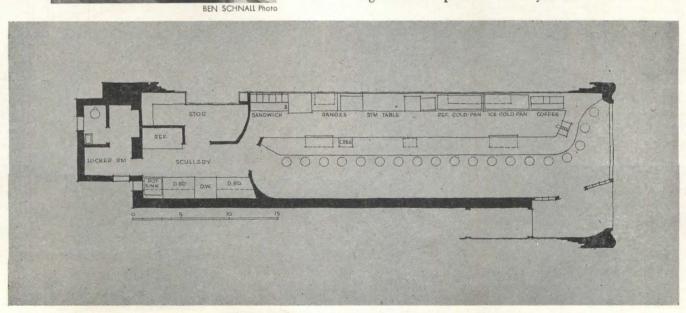


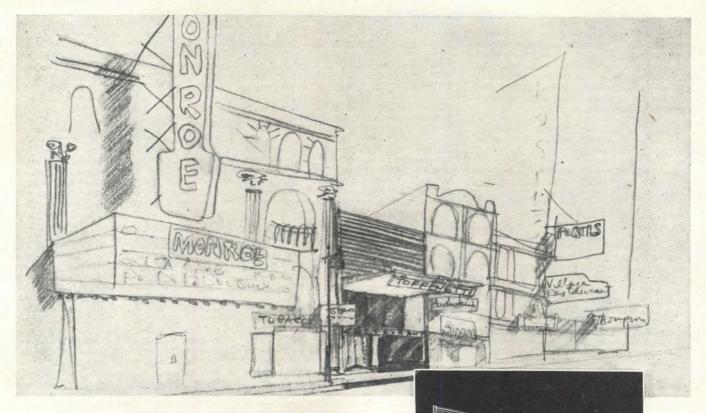


### MOSAIC FOR NEW DRAMA

Daniel Laitin, Architect; Mark J. Joseph, Engineer

Mosaic tile was used extensively in this New York City Riker shop, according to the architect, "to make it as sanitary as possible . . . the first premise in design"—but as well to advance the new owner's intention of "transforming this set of shops from the white porcelain enamel stage." Glass tapestry mosaic, on the exterior, alternates in colors of Venetian red and buff. Special lettering originally designed for each panel gave way to owner insistence on traditional insignia "to retain some character of the old business." On the interior, diagonal tile strips are alternately cerulean blue and buff.

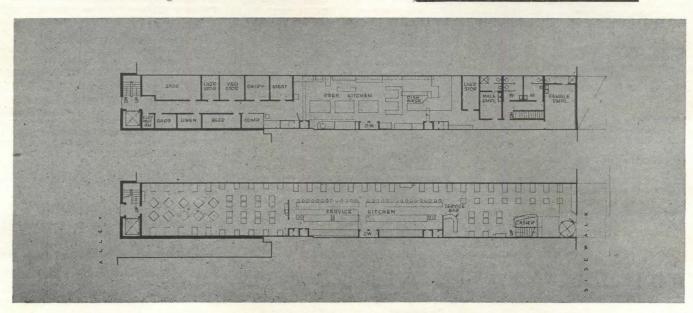




### VERTICAL BASIS FOR DESIGN

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Architects

Part of Mr. Toffenetti's technique," say the architects, "is in keeping open to patrons' view the preparation of food, especially the operation of the service kitchen, the preliminary or heavy preparation being done behind the scenes," in this case on the second floor. Relative location of the two kitchens was the major consideration in fitting this restaurant into a Chicago location 24 by 190 ft. A basement location for the preparatory kitchen would have required very costly underpinning. "The two kitchens, one above the other, form a central core and a vertical basis of design for the entire restaurant."



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### TECHNICAL NEWS AND RESEARCH

### BLACK LIGHT AND COLOR MAGIC

UMINESCENCE and "black light" suggest that kind of open magic which the modern architect especially loves. The whole process by which luminescence is produced by near-ultraviolet light, the so-called "black light" which is invisible in itself, creates a visual effect that is entrancing and mysterious.

Rarely has the emotional content of "black light" been capitalized by architecture as art, although spectacular use of it has been made on the stage of theaters. There, surrounded by darkness, figures in luminescent costumes are superlatively transformed. The only limit upon its effectiveness has been the skill and imagination of choreographer and stage designer. Some of the first attempts at architectural effects, on the other hand, have been rather infantile, consisting of decorative doodlings which jump at the spectator out of the darkness and merely suggest the possibilities dormant in the medium.

In the meantime the secondary use of luminescence, for safety, has been given enormous impetus by the war. On countless ships, proceeding through pitchblack night, phosphorescent marking

tape, which glows after exposure to light, served to guide crews and passengers to their stations after "darken ship." Below decks it was used to help locate vital equipment in the event of power failure, and as a guide to firefighting equipment and escape hatches.

In aircraft, the dials of instrument panels and gauges were delineated in fluorescent paint so that they could be seen under black light; maps and navigational charts were printed in fluorescent ink, or by standard lithographic process on fluorescent-filled paper. This enabled the pilot to read his instruments and charts with eyes adapted to darkness.

Use of the afterglow characteristics of phosphorescence for safety purposes in the event of light failure has been carried over into peacetime practice. Fire insurance companies recommend that fireescape doors and emergency exits in public buildings, theaters, and institutions be marked with phosphorescent signs that will continue to glow for a considerable time after power failure. In fact, the city of Hartford has passed a city code requiring that all buildings of this type be equipped with exit signs

that will glow for at least one half hour. In addition to directional signs, phosphorescent paint or plastic moldings might well be used to outline the base of walls in enclosed halls and stair risers.

In houses, phosphorescent materials in strategic locations can save many a cracked shin resulting from groping in the dark. Light switches and switch plates, door knobs, and kick plates are being made from phosphorescent plastics which will glow for hours after exposure to natural or artificial light. Pointing to the promised day of television, fluorescent or phosphorescent lighting offers a means of providing minimum directional lighting for rooms when lights are turned off for its reception.

It has also been suggested that luminescent paints might offer an economical means of stepping up lighting in rooms that employ conventional tubular fluorescent lighting. Luminescent paint on walls and ceilings is activated by ultraviolet light escaping from the fluorescent fixtures, and thus utilizes the otherwise wasted energy. The glow of the paint, although not apparent in the lighted room, would add to the total effect.

LUMINESCENT LIGHT Luminescent Light is cold light, which glows colorfully in certain chemical pigments when activated by outside radiant energy.

BLACK LIGHT

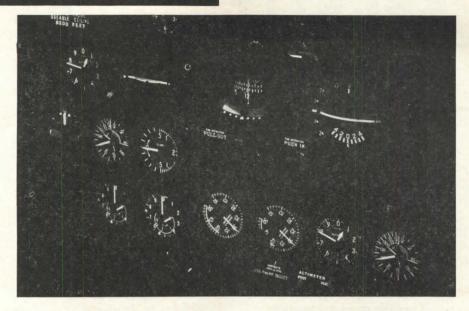
Black Light, the usual source of this radiant energy, is that portion of ultraviolet light nearest the visible portion of the spectrum.

There are two types of luminescent pigments; FLUORESCENT and PHOSPHORESCENT. Fluorescent pigments emit light only during time of exposure to radiant energy and require black light for viewing. Phosphorescent pigments emit light not only during exposure but produce an afterglow. When only afterglow is to be used, sunlight or ordinary lighting can serve as "charging" medium.

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An invaluable wartime use of black light was to illuminate instrument panels in aircraft. Gauges were delineated in fluorescent paint in order to be visible to dark-adapted eyes

### DECORATIVE EFFECTS

In the field of decoration, luminescent lighting offers an effective kind of color magic. Its first large-scale use for decorative effect was in theatrical staging and costuming. Under black light, scenery painted with fluorescent pigments bloom with clear color, and chorus girls, costumed in fluorescent treated fabrics, become disembodied patches of color in the darkness.

In similar fields of architectural decoration where showmanship and unusual color effects are desirable, such as in

DANGER
FIRE HOSE
EXIT
ROOM K
ROOM E

These signs, glowing in the dark, demonstrate the use of phosphorescence for safety in the event of sudden power failure

theaters, bars, and night clubs, luminescent lighting offers a new medium of decoration. In such darkened or dimly lighted interiors, luminescent colors can furnish glowing accents of color in murals, architectural trim, displays, and fixtures, and also in draperies, fabrics, and floor coverings. Since luminescent color is a direct source of transformed light, rather than merely a reflecting surface, the effect is that of exceptionally pure color glowing from within. Certain fluorescent lacquers display a heightened brilliance even in daylight or shadow, with a luminous quality not found in ordinary colors. Under black light, the effect is increased.

Decorative murals have been overpainted with luminescent paints in several motion picture theaters, and, aside from their arresting effect, were found to give the audience a feeling of being within a theater rather than in the center of black nothingness. Also, theater patrons need no longer grope in darkness for seats. Carpets, woven with fluorescent-treated yarns, mark aisles clearly and less obtrusively than aisle lights.

There are no harmful effects upon eyesight that are characteristic of commercial black light. While one probably should not stare directly at its source for a long period of time any more than at any source of light, its wavelength is very near that of visible light and above that of the harmful ultraviolet rays of a lower wavelength.

Black light requires shielding at its source, however, because direct nearultraviolet rays may produce an unpleasant haze, due to calcium in the eyeball and chemicals in some tinted eyeglasses which are mildly fluorescent. It should be shielded from people for this reason and also because it causes hair, teeth, and finger nails to "glow" or fluoresce, upon direct exposure. Sources of black light can readily be directed and shielded, just as any type of confined lighting source, and is best suited for wall, cove, and ceiling lighting. An ideal location to assure proper illumination of a fluorescent wall mural is in the ceiling. Black-light sources should be placed at an angle, centering their beams two-thirds of the way from ceiling to floor. They should be evenly spaced for equalized light upon the mural so that resulting colors will be uniformly bright.

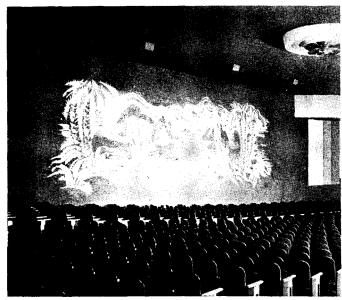
In locations where black light is inapplicable, phosphorescent afterglow can be used. After exposure to normal artificial light, phosphorescent material will glow independently for a considerable length of time, though with decreasing intensity. In a night club, the normal interval between floor shows would seem to be sufficient to "excite" phosphorescent surfaces more than enough to last for the duration of the performance, when lights are dimmed. The brightness level of afterglow of a bluish green phosphorescent pigment has been compared with the visibility of white paint on a bright starlit night and found to be 25 times as bright in the first hour. diminishing to twice the brightness, or more, after seven hours.

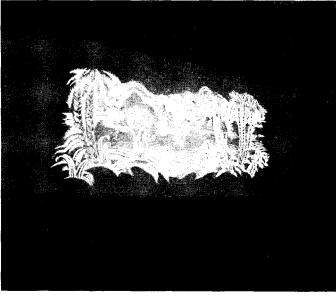
### THE ABC's OF LUMINESCENCE

In chemistry there are certain pigments or chemical substances which absorb energy from a radiant source, and, after converting such energy to another form, re-emit it as visible, colored light. In other words, the pigment swallows up one form of light and immediately or slowly re-emits visible light of another color. The basic ingredients of these substances are organic or inorganic chemical compounds manufactured under exactly controlled conditions. Before the war they were scarce and expensive, but now are produced on a tonnage basis.

These inorganic compounds include zinc sulfides, zinc and cadmium sulfides, and calcium and strontium sulfides, depending upon which metal is predominant in each compound. In their manufacture, an exceedingly small amount of some other metal, such as copper, bismuth, silver, or manganese, is mixed with the pure compounds because none of the compounds alone would have a brilliant luminescence. When a little of this activating metal is added, however, a compound is formed which will glow colorfully. Organic materials consist of synthetic dyes, dye intermediates and their metallic salts, including such materials as rhodamine, eosine and flavine.

Consequently, luminescent compounds or pigments have the unique ability of being able to absorb radiant energy





Auditorium walls are a logical place to utilize fluorescence in the decorative scheme of theaters. Left: A mural usually is effective only when house lights are on. Right: When painted in colors that are fluorescent under black light, it glows subtly in the dark. Black light sources, located in the ceiling, confine their unseen rays to the mural. Auburn Theater, Rockford, III.: Edward Paul Lewin, Architect

principally from near-ultraviolet light, and re-emit it as visible light.

In commercial practice, these substances are incorporated in paints, dyes, or plastics and a ready source of activating energy used, so that large surfaces and objects can be given luminescence with an altogether new freedom.

There are, of course, the two different types of luminescent pigments: fluorescent and phosphorescent. Fluorescent pigments emit light only during the time of activation. When the activating source of ultraviolet or black light is cut off, the fluorescent pigments cease to glow practically immediately. Phosphorescent pigments, however, have a useful afterglow and continue to emit visible radiant energy for varying periods after activation ceases. This afterglow varies in duration from 30 minutes to eight to ten hours, depending upon the phosphorescent material used. When only the afterglow characteristics are to be utilized, the activating source need not be black light but can be sunlight or any form of artificial lighting, which of course must be removed before the phosphorescent effect can be seen.

### COLORS AND INTENSITY

Colors of fluorescent pigments in daylight or under regular lighting, appear as white, green, buff, cream, light yellow, deep yellow, cerise, and blue. But during excitation in comparative darkness these colors change to various other colors: light yellow to brilliant orange-yellow, deep yellow to rich red, and slate blue to light blue. Other pigments fluoresce green and yellow. Phosphorescent pigments after excitation range in color from blue to orange yellow. Certain organic substances have been developed which have bright, rich daylight color and retain practically the same color under black light, merely increasing in brilliance.

Aside from the color, the intensity or brightness of fluorescence depends on the type of pigment. For example, under the same excitation, one pigment fluorescing a yellow light may be brighter than another pigment which also fluoresces yellow. The brightness or intensity also varies with the intensity or power (wattage) of the exciting light. Each of these pigments will be considerably brighter under a 100-watt "black" light than when exposed to a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -watt argon glow lamp, which is a weak source.

In the case of phosphorescent pigments, the intensity and length of afterglow depend on many factors, including (1) type of pigment, (2) medium in which it is incorporated, (3) intensity of the exciting light, (4) the length of time that the pigment is exposed to the light, and (5) the temperature. For instance, one type of phosphorescent pigment will glow for a longer time than another when both are excited by the same light for an identical period of time. Either pigment would require a much longer exposure to a 25-watt lamp than to a similar 100-watt lamp to excite its full duration of phosphorescence.

The amount of activation required to attain maximum afterglow also depends on the type of pigment. Generally speaking, a pigment that has a long afterglow requires more time of exposure to an exciting light than a pigment that has a short afterglow. A few seconds direct exposure to sunlight will fully excite a short-afterglow pigment, while a long-afterglow pigment may require a minute or two. The sun, of course, is a very in-

tense light source and will excite these pigments more rapidly than any manmade light.

Another fact to keep in mind is that the initial brightness, which is the brightness of afterglow immediately after the exciting light is removed, is not the same for all phosphorescent pigments. The brightest pigment may be about ten times more intense than the dimmest pigment, the brightness of the others being somewhere between them.

It is difficult to say definitely to what point the afterglow can fade before it becomes no longer visible. In complete

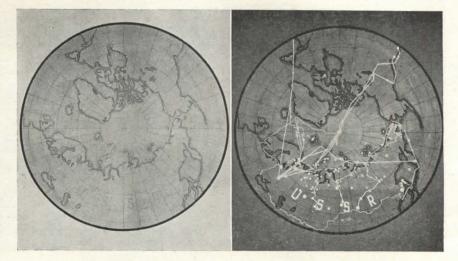


On ceilings, too, fluorescence imparts a self-luminous effect in glowing color, adding interest to an otherwise dim void

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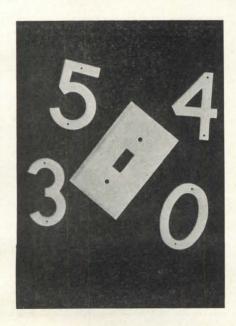


Fluorescent-treated yarns are woven into carpet so that under black light they guide theatergoers in darkened auditoriums



You may remember seeing this at the New York World's Fair in 1939. One of the first striking uses of fluorescence, this air-routes chart gave little indication of its fluorescence until exposed to black light. Then directional lines "jumped" at spectators in bright color

darkness, the afterglow of most pigments can be detected by dark-adapted eyes for twenty-four hours or longer, particularly where large areas are to be covered. For decorative effect, its useful duration would be less, of course, from 30 minutes to about eight to ten hours, depending upon the pigment and area covered. In addition to the brightness and the size of the area covered, other factors which are involved are the degree of surrounding darkness, the sensitivity of the eye, and the distance from which the phosphorescence is observed.



Phosphorescent door numbers and switch plate can be seen for six to eight hours after exposure to sunlight or other illumination

### DURABILITY

Similarly, it is not easy to formulate an exact standard of durability for luminescent pigments, due to the varying factors and conditions involved. Some phosphorescent types, however, were in continuous use for two or three years during the war. All of the zinc and cadmium pigments, both fluorescent and phosphorescent, are quite stable under conditions of normal service. Under certain conditions of outdoor service and in certain vehicles, some pigments may show a photochemical change called "light-darkening." Calcium and strontium phosphorescent pigments are sensitive to water and acids, and, if not protected by a binder medium, are unstable. When properly protected, these pigments are said to give service for at least six months outdoors. Organic pigments, which have a brighter daylight color, now possess a fair resistance to sunlight and excellent durability indoors.

### LUMINESCENT PAINTS

Both types of luminescent materials, fluorescent and phosphorescent, are used in making luminescent paints. Best results are obtained when luminescent paints are applied over bright white surfaces. In general, it is good practice to use an undercoat of regular paint or two undercoats using the same vehicle as that used in the luminescent coating. Since fluorescent pigments are comparable to regular pigments in their paintmaking properties, fluorescent paint can be applied readily by brush, spray gun, or palette knife.

Phosphorescent pigments, because of their coarse crystalline structure, provide poor brushing characteristics to paint. The best method of applying is by spray gun. Uniform covering, however, can be obtained by the application of two coats over at least one coat of white primer.

No radium, radioactive material or elemental phosphorus is used in these pigments, and therefore luminescent materials are non-toxic. Of the sulfides used, only cadmium sulfide can be thought of as a possible hazard; but in the amounts contained in paint, it is impossible to consider that this compound of cadmium will be as dangerous as is the ordinary application, either by brush or spraying, of paints using lead pigments. In the removal of the cadmium-containing paint from old surfaces, precautions ordinarily used for lead paints will be entirely satisfactory.\*

### LUMINESCENT TEXTILES

Textile fabrics may be coated or printed with luminescent pigments, or processed with fluorescent dyes, for such applications as marking tapes, draperies, upholstery, and wall and floor coverings. Treated yarns have been used with success for luminescent carpeting.

### LUMINESCENT PLASTICS

Plastic rods, sheets, discs, cast films, and laminates are being made, which contain luminescent pigments incorporated in transparent or translucent plastics at the mill. Also, ordinary plastic articles can be coated with luminescent paints or printed with luminescent inks. In the first case, the luminescent pigment is incorporated with the resin before the molding or casting operation.

<sup>\*</sup>Quotation from a letter by Dr. C. K. Drinker, Dean and Professor of Physiology, Harvard University School of Public Health.

In the other, the plastic product is molded or finished and then given a luminescent coating by one of several printing processes—letterpress, silk screen, lithography, dusting process, or decalcomania.

#### LUMINESCENT INKS AND PAPERS

Also available, although not as applicable to the field of architectural decoration, are pigment-coated paper and luminescent printing inks.

#### ACTIVATING LIGHT SOURCES

The sun, of course, is the most efficient light source. Its use, however, is limited to the excitation of phosphorescent pigments since fluorescent pigments must be viewed during the time of exposure to the light source and the sun is too bright to permit full viewing of fluorescence.

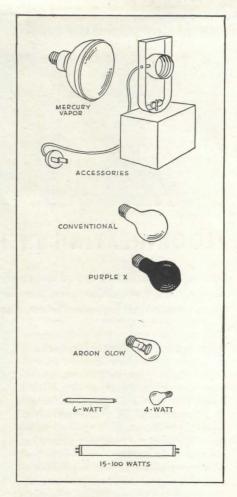
Mercury Vapor Lamps: A number of mercury-arc lamps, ranging from a 100-watt to 1,000-watt (water-cooled) and higher, are available. They are probably the most efficient light sources for the excitation of both types of luminescent pigments, but if used to excite fluorescent pigments they must be equipped with suitable filters to eliminate the greater part of visible light. They can be used only with alternating current, and require a few minutes warm-up before output reaches normal. If turned off, they must cool before they will relight.

Fluorescent Tubular Lamps: These are very efficient for use with phosphorescent pigments, but do not deliver sufficient ultraviolet light for the excitation of fluorescence, except at close range. However, the new fluores-

cent lamps which contain the so-called "360 BL" phosphor are highly efficient for use to excite fluorescence, but they must be equipped with filters to eliminate most of the visible light. A 4-watt (known as the RP-12) fluorescent (360 BL) lamp operates on a 24-volt directcurrent circuit. Also available are 6-, 15-, 30-, 40-, and 75-watt tubular fluorescent lamps, for use on regular 110-120 volt, 60 cycle alternatingcurrent circuits. They are suitably filtered, and can be used for efficient excitation of fluorescent or phosphorescent pigments. If phosphorescence only is to be utilized, any of these lamps without filters can be used.

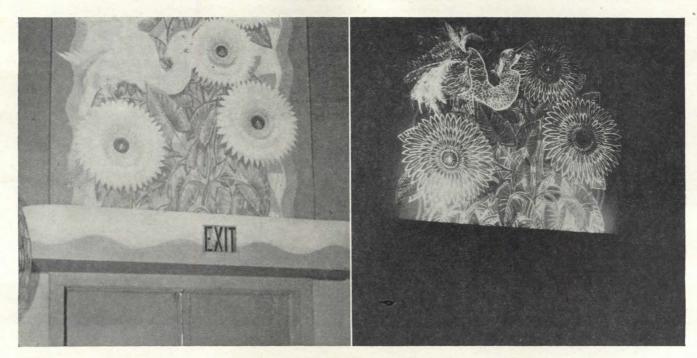
Incandescent Filament Lamps: Filament lamps are used primarily for the excitation of phosphorescent pigments but the lamp can also be used to excite fluorescence if it is properly filtered to exclude white light. A "purple-X" bulb is a filtered filament lamp (250 watts) operating at overvoltage on either alternating-current or direct-current circuit for intermittent use to excite fluorescent pigments. It should not be used for periods longer than 10 minutes as the bulb will overheat and soften.

Argon Glow Lamps: These lamps are small in size, low in cost, light up immediately, and have a long life. They are available in conventional sizes and operate on either alternating current or direct current. Although they are satisfactory for the excitation of either fluorescence or phosphorescence, their use is limited to such uses as glow lamps and small decorative effects, because of low output, ½ to 2½ watts.



Some activating sources of black light

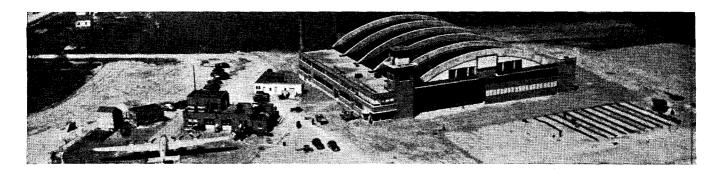
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Normal under ordinary light, this theater mural glows mysteriously in darkness Centre Theater, Bloomfield, N. J.: M. D. Sornik, Architect

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### FLOOR-HEATING IN HANGAR DESIGN

General Electric Test Hangar, Schenectady, N. Y. Office of Marcus T. Reynolds, Architects-Engineers; Roberts and Schaefer Company, Engineers; Joseph L. Ottenheimer, Mechanical Engineer; Corbetta Construction Company, General Contractor

THE heating of hangars customarily presents a problem because of their high ceilings, great cubic area, and the large size and frequent opening of their doors. The General Electric Test Hangar at Schenectady, N. Y., required an especially efficient heating system because it is used not only as a hangar but also as a laboratory, requiring both adequate comfort for working personnel and relatively constant temperatures for development and test work. Indications were that this would be a logical building type for radiant heating, by the circulation of hot water through a carefully designed system of pipes embedded in the concrete floor; a premise borne out by later tests.

Hangar is 160 ft. wide and 175 ft. deep, with a two-story office and workshop wing and an adjoining 60-ft. control tower. A steam vapor heating system is used for the offices and workshops, but the entire hangar area is heated by 20,000 ft. of  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. pipe in the concrete floor for the circulation of hot water.

### DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

The radiant-heating system is designed to provide comfortable conditions in cold weather with floor surface temperature of 85° F., and water supply temperature not to exceed 130° F.

Floor area of the hangar is divided into 20 heating panels, each 40 ft. long and from 24 to 40 ft. wide. The longest radiant panel coil was designed to be 1,600 ft. long, which indicated use of 1½-in. pipe for proper flow resistance. Wroughtiron pipe was employed because of its adaptability to bending and welding, and sinusoidal pipe coils, to insure full water circulation.

In periphery floor panels, spacing of pipes is on 12-in. centers; and in interior floor panels, on 24-in. centers. Floor slabs were placed upon a 12-in. fill of compacted gravel. Each radiant heating floor panel is isolated from adjacent panels and walls by a preformed expansion joint. Wherever floor panel supply or return lines pass through construction expansion joints, flexibility is provided by expansion loops, covered with asbestos cell insulation jacketed with roofing felt, all of which is embedded in the concrete. Each radiant heating floor coil has a manual air relief valve for bleeding air to prevent air binding, and the system has master automatic air-relief valves.

### BOILER EQUIPMENT AND CONTROLS

Boiler equipment consists of two castiron sectional steam-heating boilers, fired by heavy oil burners. Water for floor-panel coils is heated by means of a steam-water heat exchanger. Positive water circulation to the floor panel coils is obtained by means of two electric centrifugal pumps. Temperature within hangar area is controlled by an outside thermostat and a pilot limiting the temperature of the water for the heating panels. These two controls activate

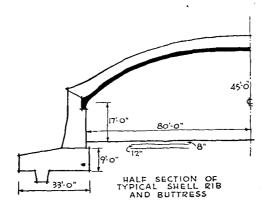
the steam valve which supplies heat to panel water as required.

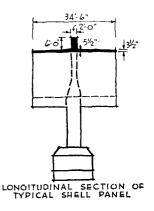
#### LEAK TESTING

A hazard in such a heating system is the possibility of leaks in pipe joints, bends, and seams that cannot be reached for repair once the floor slab has been completed. Therefore, as each radiant panel pipe coil was completed, and before concrete was poured, it was hydrostatically tested under 150 lb. per sq. in. pressure for 24 hours, losing a minimum of 5 lb. per sq. in. Water was then drained and the coil pneumatically tested at 150 lb. per sq. in., inspecting all joints for leaks with a soapy solution.

### INITIAL OPERATION

The system was completed and placed in service in March, 1946. Radiant floor panels were filled with water when the temperature of the concrete was 34° F.; air temperature within the hangar, 40° F.; and outside temperature, 35° F. After five hours of operation, a complete set of readings showed that the outside temperature had dropped to 25° F.,





Detail of concrete-arch clear-span roof and buttress of General Electric Test Hangar

while the radiant floor panels had reached 84° F. and the air temperature within the hangar had risen to 48° F. At the time of these readings, the temperature of water supplied to the radiant floor panels was 130° F., and that of returned water, 90° F.

After 15 hours of operation, the temperature of the air within the hangar assumed the desired 60° F., while the outside temperature continued to drop. Average vertical temperatures from breath line to ceiling of the hangar showed a variation of less than 2° F.

While no extreme winter weather has been encountered since this initial operation, it is expected that such a condition can be met without difficulty, due to the system's previous performance and the heat "pick-up" shown upon starting and operation.

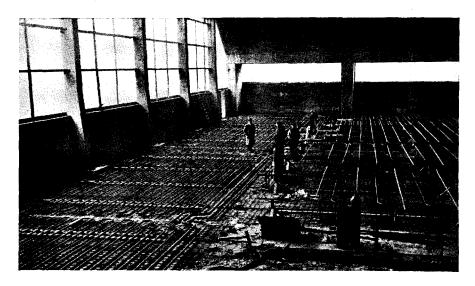
### HANGAR CONSTRUCTION

Of interest also in these days of material shortage is the construction of the hangar, itself, which is of reinforced poured concrete with brick and glass curtain walls. The hangar proper, 160 ft. by 175 ft., is roofed by a concrete-arch clear-span roof with a height of 17 ft. at side walls and 45 ft. at the center of the span.

The roof is divided into five panels having four main and two end arch ribs homogeneous with a concrete roof slab or shell, covering a width of 34 ft. 6 in. by the full span of 160 ft., and constructed in the inverted T-beam manner. Ribs are 2 ft. thick and 6 ft. high, and the roof slab supported from the bottom of the rib is 51/2 in. thick at the rib and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. thick at the construction and expansion joints. Each rib springs from a concrete abutment pier, 3 ft. by 10 ft., which in turn is carried on a concrete footing, measuring 15 ft. in width, and extending in the form of a foot 33 ft. away from the building. The keyway measures 3 ft. by 3 ft. by 15 ft. Footing, pier, rib arch, and roof arch slab are all homogeneous, the footings being carried down to solid rock base.

This particular type of construction was selected because it made possible immediate building with readily available materials. Its fire-resistant qualities were demonstrated by a wartime accident when a B-29 bomber crashed inside a similar hangar in Dayton causing fire and explosion of six smaller aircraft within the hangar. The intense heat caused practically no damage to the hangar other than minor surface damage.

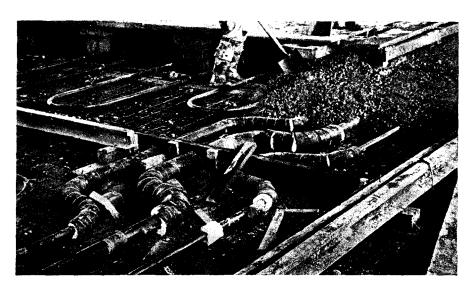
Other advantages of this type of hangar roofing is that it may be painted white for improved interior lighting, and that the elimination of exposed steel trusses affords no nesting surfaces for birds, which often frequent such areas and cause no small expense for cleaning.



Floor area, 160 ft. by 175 ft., is divided into twenty radiant-heating panels. Spacing of pipe is on 12-in. centers, in periphery panels, and on 24-in. centers, in interior panels



Radiant-heating coils form an integral part of the floor. Cement is poured on a 12-in. fill of compacted gravel. Before pouring, pipe joints are pressure-tested for leaks



Where supply or return lines pass through construction expansion joints, expansion loops are provided, covered with asbestos cell insulation, then jacketed with roofing felt

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### TRENDS IN MARINE TERMINAL DESIGN

Now that the world has returned to the peacetime pursuit of trade, new interest centers on marine terminal and port construction. The RECORD, in collaboration with the publication World Ports, presents a factual report on design features recommended by port engineers and operators.

THE function of a marine terminal is to provide efficient handling of cargo between ship and rail or truck. Its workable operation depends largely upon the design and relationship of component parts, such as length and width of sheds and platforms, vertical clearances, spacing of wall and interior columns, dimensions of door openings, and location of railroad tracks.

Basis of the following recommendations for the design of marine cargo terminals was a survey conducted by two port engineers, E. C. Earle of Los Angeles and Frank G. White of San Francisco. Port engineers and operating companies were canvassed by questionnaires to learn the general dimensional factors which they favored for future construction, in order to provide a helpful index of recommendations based on experience.

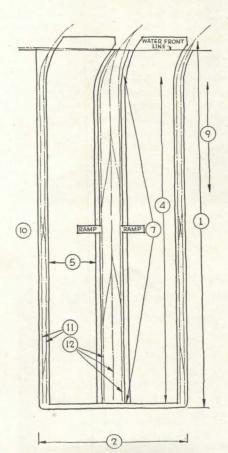
The "double pier" type of terminal with one-story sheds was approved in the majority of cases for the handling of general cargo. Recommended dimensions for a pier of this type are shown in the accompanying table. The dimensions consist of the highest figure recommended by anyone, the lowest figure, and the average of all replies. These are recommendations of port engineers. Operators

of steamship companies and stevedoring companies gave averages for certain basic dimensional factors as shown in the right-hand column of the table.

Note should be made of the fact that recommendations of all experts in the survey were in relatively close agreement as to dimensional recommendations, despite the fact that they had been made with local considerations in mind.

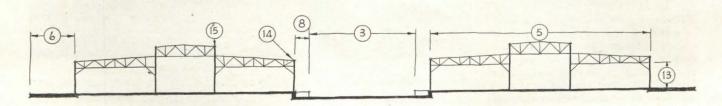
The recommendations are summarized as being indicative of a trend toward wider transit sheds with wider apron wharves, resulting from changes in types of vessel construction, size of vessels and modern methods of cargo handling.

Many engineers question the usefulness of the loading platform (guide numbers 7 and 8) in terms of the cost of the additional pier width required to provide for it. Its appearance in the plan is for reference purposes only. Individual cost conditions, such as whether the terminal is to be constructed on piling or fill, or is to be a marginal wharf, are the governing factors.

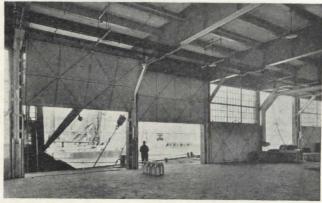


### DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL CARGO MARINE TERMINAL FACILITIES

	Dimensional Factor	RECOMMENDATIONS (ALL DIMENSIONS IN FEET)			Average Recommendation by Steamship and
		Highest		Average	
1.	Over-all length of terminal	1500	500	1100	920
2.	Width of double pier	676	316	489	
3.	Width between platforms	164	38	86	
4.	Length of shed	1460	450	810	
5.	Width of shed	220	96	155	200
6.	Width of apron	50	15	33	33
7.	Length of loading platform	1460	450	840	
8.	Width of loading platform	17	4	12	
9.	Average length of ship accommodated	600	400	470	
10.	Depth of water alongside	40	30	35	
11.	No. shipside railroad tracks	4	1	2	2
12.	No. landside railroad tracks	5	1	3	2
13.	Minimum vertical clearance in shed	24	12	17	25
14.	Longitudinal spacing of wall columns	44	10	24	A PROPERTY OF
15.	Longitudinal spacing of interior columns	100	20	33	
16.	Width of door openings waterside	24	12	16	
17.	Height of door openings waterside	20	9	14	
18.	Width of door openings landside	24	10	16	
19.	Height of door openings landside	20	9	12	







MORRIS ROSENFELD Photo

Good pier shed design features continuous series of doors. Shown here are two general types. Left: The rolling curtain type door is made with interlocking slats, fitted with end locks for easy operation, and counterbalanced by means of coil springs inside the roller shafts. Wind locks prevent pulling out in high winds. Right: The turnover door is divided into two leaves or sections, the lower section rising behind the upper one and both then swinging away from the door header to assume a horizontal position

### PIER DOORS - PRINCIPLES AND TYPES

TYPICAL pier and dock shed construction embodies solid ends, inshore and offshore, in which may appear utility openings in the form of windows and doors. However, by "pier doors" is generally meant that series of large doors running the length of the shed, with emphasis upon those serving the shipside or landside portion of the terminal. These doors are of two basic types: the rolling curtain door with metal slats, and the horizontally-hinged section-type door with panels formed of structural members covered with heavy sheet metal, usually 16 to 14 gauge. A recent survey reveals an over-all preference of port engineers for the rolling curtain door, although several major ports, particularly on the east coast, prefer the folding type.

Regardless of type of construction,

certain major principles apply.

Size: Height and width must permit unimpeded flow of mobile freight-handling equipment and regular and easy traffic to and from apron area. (See Table of Recommendations, opposite page.)

Spacing: Doors, particularly shipside doors, should be numerous to the extent of being practically continuous.

Durability: Doors must withstand frequent opening and rough usage. Rolling curtains or sections should be heavily galvanized by hot process on account of moisture and salt air.

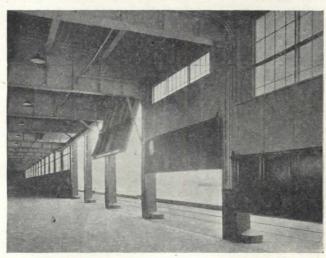
Operation: Primary requirement is simplicity. Doors should open upwards so that close proximity of stacked cargo will not impede their opening. Doors generally are manually operated, there being little time element in their operation. Motor-operated doors are preferable, however, from the standpoint of convenience and protection against pilferage.

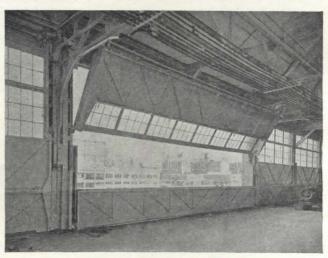
Safety: Manufacturers have incorporated safety devices to prevent uncontrolled descent in case a chain breaks.

Lighting: Doors can provide additional natural lighting within shed, particularly in two-story pier sheds where sash in upper panels can furnish light to that area. Solid doors, however, give more protection against fire and pilferage.

Maintenance: Doors require systematic maintenance. A regular program of lubricating moving parts and making minor repairs will prolong their life indefinitely. The rolling-curtain type door can be repaired readily in case of damage by sliding in new interlocking sections to replace damaged portion. This type has an additional advantage of adjusting itself to settling of pier structure.

Left: The lift-swing door is similar to the turnover door in operation except that it swings inward at the bottom. This has the advantage that in bad weather the door does not have to be opened fully to permit cargo hoisting lines to clear the door. Right: The lower section of this type of door may be left in position when it is desired to provide a barrier for passenger decks of steamship piers





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### DESIGNING THE HOME DARKROOM\*

The construction of the darkroom will be influenced by these factors: How often will the room be used? How many people are to work in it simultaneously? And, what type of work is to be done there — film development, contact printing, enlarging, or the "works"?

A room that is to be used frequently, even by only one person, should naturally be larger and better fitted for convenient operation than one which is to be used only on occasion. Likewise, two workers will definitely require more space than one. And since photography is a companionable art, and most photographers enjoy having another work with them from time to time, two workers should be considered the rule rather than the exception.

As for processing operations, contact printing and film development require relatively little space, but enlarging is a bit more demanding. Many amateur photographers today either own enlargers or have definite plans for acquiring one as soon as possible. Therefore, from any standpoint it is not practical to think of the home darkroom exclusively in terms of an additional closet. A darkroom may be located in a large closet, but for photographic efficiency and for added home appeal, it is advisable to approach the proposed darkroom as a room—complete in itself, and yet an integral part of the house.

#### **Location Fundamentals**

The location of the darkroom will, of course, be determined by what space is available, yet consideration must be given to convenience in relation to plumbing and electrical facilities, uniformity of temperature, and dryness.

An attic is seldom satisfactory for a darkroom, because unless well insulated it is likely to be too hot in summer and too cold in winter. The installation of plumbing in the attic is often difficult and usually expensive. Spillage and overflows can cause extensive damage. A damp cellar, on the other hand, is just about as poor a location as an attic. Dampness causes deterioration of films and papers, and results in weak, mottled pictures. A first or second floor room is likely to work out nicely if space can be allotted there, but the ideal location for the darkroom is a dry basement --- particularly if uniform temperatures are maintained there - since plumbing and electrical connections are usually nearby.

But regardless of location and size, the first requirement is obviously that the room be capable of excluding all light. The sensitivity of modern photographic materials is such that total darkness is an absolute necessity. No white light can be permitted to leak in around the door or through any other opening.

The second requirement is that space for necessary equipment and apparatus should be so arranged as to allow the work to progress in the most convenient and efficient manner with a minimum of lost motion. The general flow of all photographic processing is from dry work to wet, and, finally, to drying or dry work again. In printing, this is exemplified by dry work at the contact printer or enlarger, then wet work as the print moves through the developer, stop bath, fixing bath, and wash water, and dry work once more as the print is dried again. It is therefore good practice to plan the darkroom in such a manner that all of the dry work can be done on one side, or at one end, and the wet work on the other side or the opposite end.

A darkroom of the type of Plan A (page 125) is very well adapted to all amateur work, and provides all necessary facilities for processing and print making, so that the home photographic unit is complete. Notice that the number of electrical outlets in the room provides for two safelights on the "wet" side, a safelight and outlets for the printer and enlarger on the "dry" side, and a central overhead indirect lighting box. An indirect lighting box can be used, incidentally, for a white light, or if preferred, for a general over-all safelight.

### Home Darkroom Sinks

Since the majority of the operations on the "wet" side of the darkroom will center about the sink, and since several operations may be carried on in the sink itself, it is important that the sink be large and properly placed.

A good standard size for the sink is 36 to 48 in. long and 18 to 20 in. wide. The best sinks for darkroom work are those made of stainless steel, but they are also the most expensive and, these days, the most difficult to get. Enameled iron sinks are also very satisfactory, but if a metal sink is not obtainable, wooden sinks can be utilized.

Waterproofed plywood has made good sinks, but cypress is more or less the standard wood for such construction. Tongue and groove joints should be used and the sides of the sink should be held in position by steel tierods. A rubberbased paint, when obtainable, gives a good binding for wooden sinks. Wooden sinks are, by and large, not as good for amateur use as metal, for the main trouble with wooden sinks is that when used only intermittently, they may dry out with resulting opening of the seams.

Whatever type of sink is used, however, it is best to overlap the linoleum or other shelf covering about the edges of the sink, so that spillage or drippings may be easily wiped off the shelf surface and into the sink. Note in the sketches of Plan A how the linoleum shelf covering, on both the wet and dry sides, rounds the corner and runs in an unbroken sheet up the wall to a height of 6 or 8 in. Such design prevents seepage down the corner and protects the wall from splashings.

### Tray and Drying Racks

Note also, on the "wet" side, that space has been provided below the sink for a tray rack. If the tray rack is built as a unit, to slide into the space provided, it may be easily removed for cleaning as occasion demands.

On the "dry" side of the darkroom a most important inclusion is that of drying racks for prints. These racks are simple wooden frames covered with cheese-cloth — on which the prints may be laid — designed to slide in and out on fixed wooden supports.

#### Floor and Bench Covering

A sheet of linoleum which is given a slight turn-up at the sides to protect the corners, is recommended for floor covering in a darkroom of this type. Benches and shelves are all mounted on 2 by 4 studding and covered with at least ¼-in. plywood or other suitable lumber. Note that toe space is provided at the bottom of all cabinets and structures.

### Ventilation

Regardless of the type of home darkroom decided upon, there is one further
factor that should be taken into consideration in planning and construction
— that is, the matter of proper ventilation. Small darkrooms which are not
ventilated properly will show a decided
rise in temperature, as the result of enlarger and body heat, in a short period
of time. The best solution to this problem
is the use of an automatic darkroom fan
for forced draft ventilation, but if this is
not possible, light-trapped ventilators
should be installed near the floor and
ceiling.

<sup>\*</sup>By N. C. Ferguson, Eastman Kodak Co.

### TIME-SAVER STANDARDS

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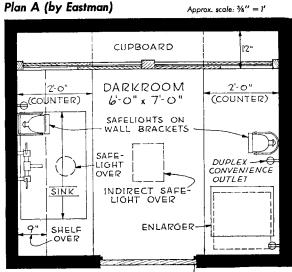
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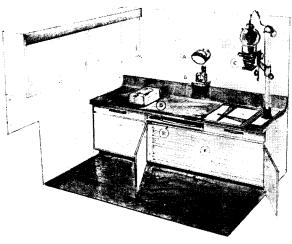
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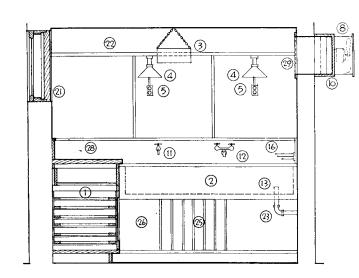
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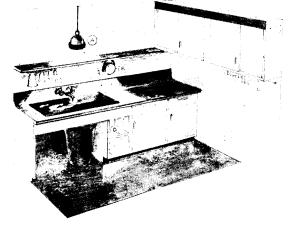


Plan B (by Lee Parsons Davis) Approx. scale: %" = 1" (3) V<sub>2</sub> 12 (14) (5) 2 (b) (G) ⊕ 29 (3) ⑦<sup>O</sup> 1 DARKROOM 6-1" x 7-0" **(21)** (17) (19) (8)





- A Adjustable safe-light
- D Printer
  E Trimming board
  F Print drying racks
- B Timer
  C Precision enlarger



- A Darkroom lamp B Adjustable safe=
- --- Tray rack --- Negative drying line light
  C — Graduates

- Print drying racks
   Lead lined sink
- 3. Indirect safelight
- 4. Adjustable safe-
- lights
- 5. Convenience outlets
- 6. Enlarger outlet
- 7. Bright light 8. Exhaust fan
- 9. Light-trapped air
- inlet 10. Foul air outlet
- 11. Cold water faucet 12. Hot and cold water
- Variable drain pipe
   Removable drain board
- 15. Sliding trays
- 16. Towel rack
- 17. Door gasket
- 18. Air thermometer
- 20. Stool
- 21. Window blind
- 22. Storage shelf
- 23. Storage space
- 24. Trimming board
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- 26. Storage space 27. Full depth drawers
- 28. Micarta back board 29. Air outlet grille

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### MANUFACTURERS' LITERATURE

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Corrosion Control in Air Conditioning: The Chromate Treatment of Their Water Systems. How to employ chromate to the best advantage in various central systems of unit air conditioners. Data on chromate consumption and effects of chloride concentrations. Graphs and examples. 12 pp. Mutual Chemical Co. of America, 270 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

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Automatic Heat for Real Living. A pocket-book sized manual for the home owner and prospective owner describing what heating comfort is and how to get it. Discusses the various types of heating systems, the advantages and applications of each, the choice of fuel, etc. Provides a check-list of the heating system in the home, and an explanation of heating terms. 56 pp., illus. Surface Combustion Corp., Toledo, Ohio.\*

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Heating the Modern Home Electrically. Discussion of electrical home heating, containing factual data on insulation, home wiring, climatic requirements. Description of available models, with specifications tables and diagrams. 18 pp., illus. Electromode Corp., Rochester 2, N. Y.

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Case Histories of Successful Mass-Feeding Installations. Contains 28 plans of successful kitchen installations in hospitals, schools, hotels, restaurants and institutions. Photos and description of equipment, planning tips, and a brief article on the essentials of kitchen plan-

ning also are included. 36 pp., illus. The G. S. Blodgett Co., Inc., 50 Lakeside Ave., Burlington, Vt.

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America's No. 1 Lighting Job. Résumé of the relighting of West Point study rooms and classrooms, together with information from the lighting research and eyesight studies upon which the relighting was based. Included also are details of the lighting units used. 6 pp., illus. The Edwin F. Guth Co., 2615 Washington Blvd., St. Louis 3, Mo.

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How to Work with Kimpreg Plastic Surfaced Plywood. A fabrication-data sheet on the methods of sawing, glueing, painting, nailing and refinishing Kimpreg surfaced plywood. Gives the names and manufacturers of recommended resin glues and paints. Illustrates uses of Kimpreg in the building and industrial fields. 6 pp., illus. Kimberly-Clark Corp., Plastics Division, Neenah, Wis.\*

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New Water-Repellent Gypsum Sheathing. Specifications for erection of water-repellent gypsum sheathing; details showing application of brick veneer, wood siding, asbestos cement, etc., over sheathing. Advantages claimed. 12 pp., illus. Gypsum Assn., 211 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Ill.

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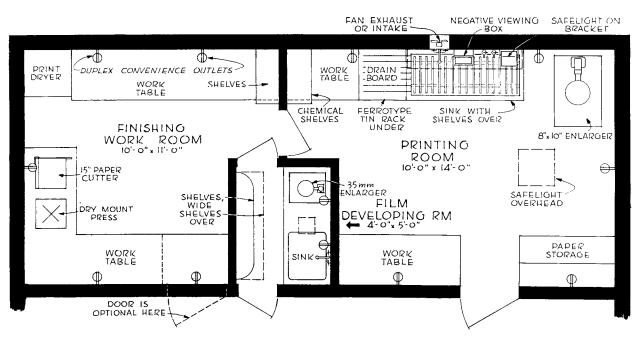
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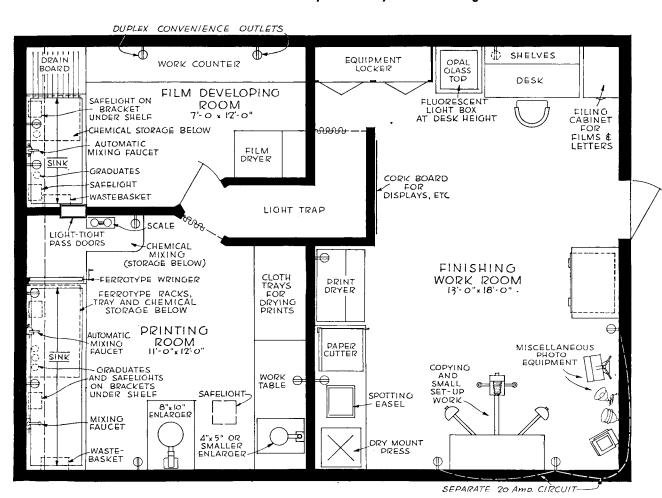
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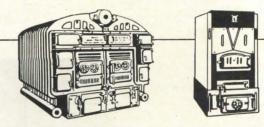
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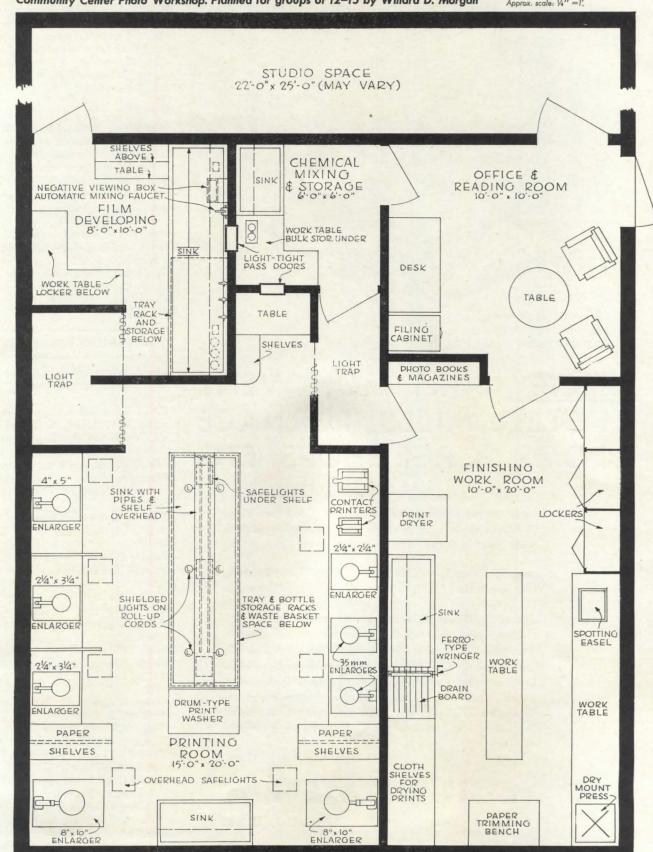
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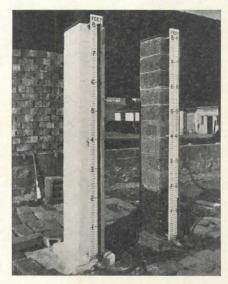
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### WATERPROOFING

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### WARM-TONE FLUORESCENT

Introduced last year in 40-watt and 100-watt size fluorescent lamps, the new 4500-white color is now available in a full line of fluorescent lamps, from 6watt to 100-watt sizes, and in all four sizes of Slimline fluorescent lamps. The new color has characteristics which are a balance between white and daylight colors, lighting engineers at Nela Park say. The color is described as being sufficiently near daylight to meet ordinary needs for color discrimination, and at the same time, warm enough in tone to be pleasing for indoor illumination. Colors of most materials will appear more natural under the 4500-white lamp, appropriate for all lighting applications including home, office, store, and industrial uses. General Electric Company, Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio.

### INSULATING GLASS

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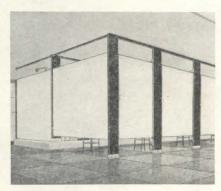
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### PAPER-PLASTIC RUGS

Some time in the future, plastic-treated paper rugs may find wide use in patios, sunporches, and summer cottages where formality is not the rule. Paper twine is coated with a flexible plastic called vinyl butyral and then woven on standard mill equipment into rugs that have improved resistance to water, wear, skidding, mildew, and fading. It will be possible to wipe stains from them with a damp cloth. For decorative effects weavers can use pigments permanently incorporated in the plastic. Monsanto Chemical Company, St. Louis 4, Mo.



Private showers and dressing rooms

### SHOWER UNITS

Shower stall compartments are now being made of Porcena, a porcelain-onsteel product with a vitreous enamel finish said to be scratch-resistant and resistant to blows because of the high degree of elasticity offered by glass and sheet steel, with a hard smooth surface which is easy to clean and discourages defacement. Shower stalls are available with or without dressing room compartments in as many units as desired. Installations are usually composed of compartments 3 ft. sq., but are available in any size that complies with the modular system of dimensional coordination. Doors are usually furnished for the entrance to the dressing room compartment and the opening between shower stall compartment and the dressing room is customarily equipped with a white duck curtain. Sanymetal Products Co., Inc., 1705 Urbana Rd., Cleveland 12, Ohio.

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### COLD-SPRAY ROOF COATING

A cold-process adhesive and built-up roofing material is now on the market for application by spraying. Eliminating the need of expensive heating equipment on the job and skilled workmen for the application of hot asphalt, this new product, both adhesive and top coating, can be used with a specially developed package unit of spray equipment. Formerly spray equipment available was too delicate to handle heavy fibrated roofing

materials, and the materials themselves, too unsuitable for spray application, because coatings thus produced were heavily pockmarked or "orange peeled" by the impact of the spray. These difficulties have been overcome through development of special spraying equipment and new cold-process products especially engineered for spray application. The following advantages are announced: (1) faster application; (2) improved workmanship through more uniform coat-



Faster roof-coating by cold-spray method

ings; (3) easier application on inaccessible areas; (4) rapid dampproofing of parapet walls and coating of metal surfaces adjacent to roof areas; (5) tighter bond because of impact effect of spray; and (6) more effective merchandising by roofers through convenience and neatness of method. The Flintkote Company, Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.

### **HEATING UNIT**

Combining the advantages of convected and radiant heating, the Trane Convector-radiator has been so simplified that it can easily be specified and ordered directly from jobbers' stock for large or small jobs. There is only one model, so designed that it can be installed either as an exposed floor cabinet or as a semirecessed unit. A universal header has been developed which permits either top or bottom connections at each end. It is said to be suitable for any gravity or forced hot water system or any two-pipe steam system. The complete line consists of 57 sizes in three standard depths and lengths with capacities ranging from 16 to 100 sq. ft. The Trane Company, La Crosse, Wisc.

### **ELEVATOR GUIDES**

Savings in current consumption and maintenance costs of 24 to 44 per cent are claimed for the Elsco Safety Roller Guide for elevators, designed for new installations or as a replacement for the old slipper-type sliding shoes. This guide contacts the guide rail with rollers mounted on compensating arms designed to yield automatically under varying conditions of use and yet maintain constant contact. Elimination of friction results in savings in maintenance and current, and eliminates greasing of the rails, thereby reducing the fire hazard within the shaftway. A stabilizing spring suspension eliminates rail joint knocks and absorbs rail inequalities, giving a smooth, gliding ride. The roller guide has been approved by the Bureau of Standards and Appeals of the City of New York for use up to 1200 ft. per minute. Elevator Safety Corporation, 165 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

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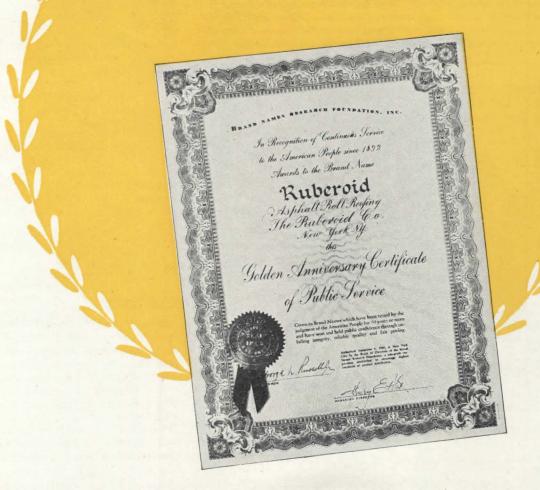
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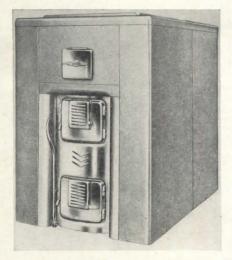
### SHOWER DOORS

Aluminum frames for glass shower doors are now being sold by the manufacturer to hardware dealers, building supply houses, plumbers, glass companies, and venetian blind contractors, and shipped to them knocked-down (minus glass) in standard lengths. Two simple cuts allow the doors to be made in any width, 30 in. and under. Frame is pressure-set in non-deteriorating duorubber. Each door is equipped with anti-

drip channel, which protects the floor from water when the door is open and insures rapid drainage of water into the shower stall. American Shower Door Company, Dept. AR, 1001 N. La Brea Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

### FORCED AIR FURNACE

War-developed processes account for many of the improvements in the Supersteel forced air furnace, made of "Torridsteel," a 7-gauge steel chosen for dura-



Furnace features larger heating surface

bility and resistance to corrosion, coupled with quick heat response. Eighty-eight per cent of its joints are leakproof "submerged" welded, a new process that penetrates twice as deep as ordinary welding. A new "steel ring" radiator makes smoke and gases travel farther, and speeds up heating. The new furnace design has up to 21 per cent greater heating surface than the average furnace. Kalamazoo Stove and Furnace Co., Rochester Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.

### SOIL TESTER

Damage wrought by electrolysis upon underground pipelines, water supply systems, utility services, and communications often can be avoided if it is anticipated and protective measures are taken. A Soil Resistivity Meter Model 243 has been developed for quick and easy soil readings, in a radius of approximately 12 in. of prod tip, inserted to any desired level. Tiresome cranking is eliminated through a self-contained power source. The meter is lightweight and comes equipped with a comfortable webbed strapping harness for carrying. Associated Research, Inc., 231 South Green St., Chicago 7, Ill.

### PRE-CAST CONCRETE

A new concrete-base material, Modern Crete, is now in first stages of production, By a patented process, this material is produced in block form, weighing approximately one-third that of an equal amount of concrete. According to the manufacturer, it can be nailed near its edge without cracking or chipping, and can be sawed to size at the construction site: a factory-controlled process permits its bending to desired specifications. In addition it is said to have a positive thermal insulation quality, and to be proof against termite-attack. Schaaf Pre-Cast Concrete Company, G-5522 North Dort Highway, Flint, Mich.

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### The WALDORF-ASTORIA installs draperies that CANNOT BURN

### STARLIGHT ROOF

This fabulous dining and dancing spot in the Waldorf-Astoria reflects a new mood of restrained elegance. Shimmering festoons of lustrous, coral toned Fiberglas\* contrast with the stark white rococo cornices—provide the exactly right background for carefree entertainment. Decorated by W. & J. Sloane, Contract Division, New York.

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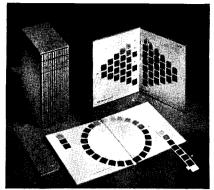
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### **COLOR GUIDE**

A new "Large Chip" edition has been brought out to supplement the original Color Harmony Manual published in 1942. The new edition provides color chips that are one inch square plus a tab, with two and one-half times more working area than the chips in the first edition. This permits increased speed in visual impression, and greater ease in color matching. The Color Harmony

Manual was originally published to reduce the problem of color harmonizing almost to a mathematical formula. It consists of a set of 13 volumes containing 680 movable color chips, and the Color Harmony Index, a set of mechanical indexes, which makes the same 680 colors available for comparison. Chips are dull on one side and shiny on the other so that unknown colors can readily be compared to them. A new feature is a work chart in which the chips may be



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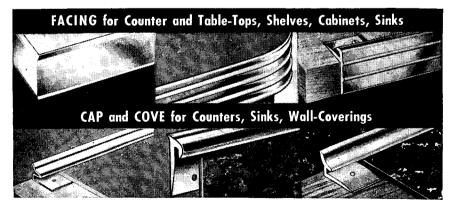
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#### CLEANING BLUEPRINT ROLLS

The cleaning of blueprint duplicating machine rolls by hand-scraping or sanding can prove tedious work. An electrically-powered wire-brush proves a great time-saver in removing crystalline substances that form on the rolls. Brushes come in two types: .005-in. wire for normal cleaning, and .0095-in. wire for removing heavier coating. Brush Division, The Osborn Manufacturing Company, 5401 Hamilton Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

### **GREASE CATCHER**

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### **STANDARDS**

### Welding

A 1946 edition of the Standard Code for Arc and Gas Welding in Building Construction has been published to replace the 1941 (tentative) edition. The new edition embodies revisions based on research and on recent applications of welding to structural fabrication. The section on design now provides for increased allowable weld unit stresses equal to those allowed for the steel being welded. Other sections on filler metal. workmanship, inspection, and qualification of welding operators and procedures have also been revised. American Welding Society, 33 West 39th St., New York 18, N. Y. 50 cents.

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3. "Interior Decoration" (Circular Se-

ries No. H1.0), hints for arrangement of furniture, choice of color, style combinations, etc., in home decorating.

Copies of all three pamphlets may be obtained gratis from the Small Homes Council, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Ill.

### Extension Courses

The Extension Division, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., through its department of civil and structural engineering, is now offering two revised correspondence-study courses in mechanics for engineers, mainly for qualified students not currently attending schools of engineering. The aim of each is to afford a preparation in the principles of the subject and in their application to engineering problems. The courses are Mechanics 1a (statics) and Mechanics 2 (dynamics). Each embodies 24 assignments and allows three credits toward a degree in any branch of engineering. These credits are accepted by most institutions of higher learning.

### Courses Reoriented

General reorientation of the landscape architecture field at Michigan State College is being undertaken by Harold W. Lautner, new head of the department, and formerly of the department of city and regional planning, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University. A broad program is being mapped for strengthening all courses in design and construction on a high professional level with emphasis aimed at techniques in keeping with progress in modern architecture, urban development and landscape architecture.

The point of view of space planning in functional design in these fields, as reflected in the work of the best modern designers, is being incorporated into the revamped courses and schedules. Commencing with the fall term, intensified work will be given in the functional esthetic approach.

Assistants in the department will be Charles Barr and Carl Gerlach, both formerly of Massachusetts State College, and Milton Baron of the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University.

### HOUSING CONFERENCE

The first workshop conference on cooperative housing was held at Massachusetts State College, Amherst, July 28 to August 3. The project was designed to provide assistance to 50 groups, about half of them veterans, which have appealed to Eastern Cooperative League for help. Speakers included Dorothy Rosenman, president, National Committee on Housing, and John Jessup, project services advisor, FPHA.

### COMING EVENTS

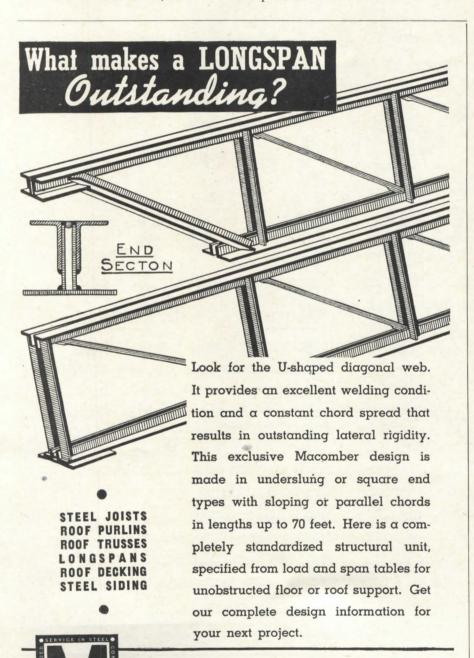
September 30 to October 3: 48th Annual Convention, American Hospital Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 7-11: National Exhibition of Gas Appliance Manufacturers and Annual Convention, American Gas Association, Atlantic City, N. J.

October 7-12: 18th International Congress for Housing and Town Planning, Hastings, Sussex, England.

November 11-16: 39th Annual Convention, National Association of Real Estate Boards, Atlantic City, N. J.

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November 18-22: 28th Annual National Metal Congress and Exposition, Municipal Auditorium, Atlantic City, N. J.

December 2-7: 17th National Exposition of Power and Mechanical Engineering, Grand Central Palace, New York City.

May 5-11, 1947: 2nd National Plastics Exposition and Annual Convention of The Society of the Plastics Industry, Coliseum, Chicago.

### HANDBOOK DELAYED

Publication of the Illuminating Engineering Society's Lighting Handbook, originally scheduled for next month, has been postponed to October, 1947.

### MEDAL AWARDED

The I.E.S. Medal, given by the Illuminating Engineering Society in recognition of meritorious achievement in the lighting field has been awarded by action of the Society's Council to Eugene C.

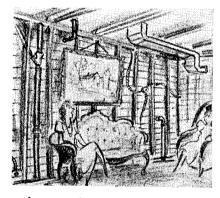
Crittenden, chief of the electrical division, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C. Presentation will take place at the I.E.S. convention at Quebec this month.



Architect's home is like Dunn cartoon

### CARTOON VIVIFIED

When cartoonist Alan Dunn drew the two women shown below chatting amid a mass of exposed studs, pipes, conduits and wiring (published in the Record in July, 1943), he little thought that one day his drawing would come to life. But architect Frederick H. Reimers has sent us the above photo showing how he and his wife "are living in a corner of their unfinished home in Piedmont, Calif., due



to shortage of materials while they wait for someone to finish—anything." Architect Reimers and his wife probably are telling their visitors, as did the lady in the cartoon, "Perhaps I should explain that my architect believes in exploiting the natural characteristics of the materials."

### OFFICE NOTES Offices Opened, Reopened

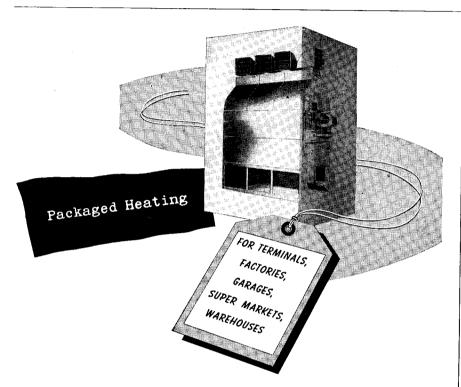
The American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc., has opened a district office at 1617 Pennsylvania Blvd., Room 542, Philadelphia 3, Penn.

Frank Gibson, Architect, has opened an office in the McCaysville City Hall Bldg., Copperhill, Tenn.

R. J. Graham, Structural Engineer, has reopened his offices at 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

Howard R. Meyer, A.I.A., recently released from active duty as Major in the Corps of Engineers, AUS, has resumed his architectural practice with

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Sylvester Leroy Smith, A.I.A., has opened offices for the general practice of architecture at 250 N. 15th St., Philadelphia 2, Penn.

Paul Schweikher and Winston Elting, Architects, have reopened their offices on Meacham Rd., Roselle, Ill., following more than three years in the Navy.

LeRoy W. Thompson, Architect and Engineer, after four years in construc-

IN OFFICE BUILDINGS

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tion work for war plants, has reopened his office for the practice of architecture and engineering at 355 Congdon Ave., Elgin, Ill.

#### New Addresses

The following new addresses have been announced:

Walter W. De Cherrie, Architect-Engineer, 180 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill.

Irving J. Gluck, 2110 Chartres St.,

Houston 3, Texas.

Palmer Sabin, Architect, 1009 E. Green St., Pasadena 1, Calif.

Theodore R. Sills & Co. and Sills, Inc., 39 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, 3, Ill.

#### Firm Changes

Abbott, Merkt & Co., specialists in department store structures, have announced the election of Richard H. Tatlow III as their new president.

Samuel D. Cooper, A.I.A., R.E., and C. Reginald Perry, A.I.A., have announced formation of the firm of Cooper & Perry for the general practice of architecture and engineering, with offices at 204 Journal Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn.

Ingham & Boyd, Architects, announce that Charles S. Ingham and Thomas C. Pratt have been admitted to partnership, and the name of the firm has been changed to Ingham, Boyd & Pratt. Address, 1211 Empire Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Penn.

Homer F. Neville and Mark S. Sharp have announced that on July 1st William H. Simon was taken into their firm, which will henceforth be known as Neville, Sharp and Simon, Architects. Address, 801 Midland Bldg., Kansas City 6, Mo.

John E. Somerville, Architect, and Milo Griggs, Engineer, have formed a partnership for the practice of architecture and engineering, specializing in industrial and commercial plants and processes. Address, 230 E. Walnut St., Green Bay, Wis.

E. Post Tooker, Lewis Bowman, Ira H. Davey and Ella V. Kelleher have announced formation of the firm of E. Post Tooker & Associates, Architects, with offices at 101 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

Kurt Vonnegut, A.I.A., George Caleb Wright, A.I.A., and Ralph O. Yeager, A.I.A., have formed the new architectural firm of Vonnegut, Wright & Yeager, Architects, with offices at 1126 Hume Mansur Bldg., Indianapolis 4, and at 402 Opera House Bldg., Terre Haute, Ind. Mr. Yeager and Ralph O. Yeager, Jr., an associate in the firm, will operate the Terre Haute office. Other associates are W. C. Wright and A. J. Porteous.

James K. Wright, A.I.A., and Lennon Selby have established the firm of Wright and Selby, Architects and Engineers, with offices at 211a Hightower Bldg., Oklahoma City 2, Okla.

### APPOINTMENTS

G. H. Collingwood has joined the staff of Wilson W. Wyatt, Housing Expediter and NHA Administrator, as chief lumber specialist in the Materials Supply Branch of the NHA.

Harry J. Durbin has been retained by the NHA as a special consultant on problems of the industry arising from the Veterans Emergency Housing Program. (Continued on page 150)

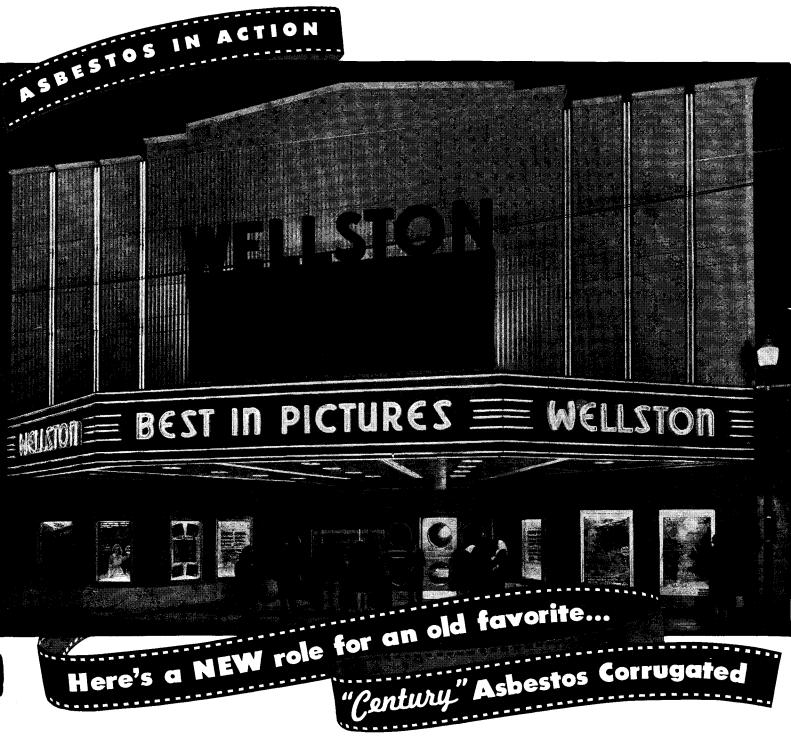


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William D. Flanders has been appointed Deputy Expediter for Rental Housing and Special Assistant Commissioner of the FHA. Mr. Flanders, on leave of absence from Fred R. French Companies of New York, of which he is executive vice president, will devote his attention to stimulating the provision of rental units under the Veterans Emergency Housing Program.

Harold D. Hauf, architect and engineer, has been appointed director of the

Technical Branch of the NHA. He was formerly associated with Rousseau and McConkey at Ann Arbor, Mich., and York and Sawyer, New York, and was professor of civil engineering and architecture at Yale.

Thomas Larrick, A.I.A., has resigned his position with Ohio University to accept an appointment to the faculty of the School of Architecture, University of Florida.

Al Levinson, president of The Steel-

craft Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, has been appointed technical advisor to the Wyatt Housing Program on prefabricated steel housing.

Charles A. Mayer has been appointed assistant engineer in the New York office

of the Asphalt Institute.

Robert La Montagne St. Hubert, former professor at the American School of Fontainebleau, Paris, has been appointed professor of architecture at Clemson College, S. C.

Capt. Laurance P. Roberts, Signal Corps, has been appointed director of the American Academy in Rome. He was formerly director of the Brooklyn Museum.

Eugene Sternberg, Czech architect and town planner, has been appointed to the staff of the department of city and regional planning of Cornell University. Since the war, he has been active in the replanning of bombed areas in London, serving as senior assistant architect to Sir Patrick Abercrombie.

### **ELECTIONS**

Frederick J. Mayo, Albert P. Durso, Murray E. Johnson and Donald W. Neville have been elected vice presidents of F. H. McGraw & Co., engineers and constructors of Hartford, Conn.

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers are: president, J. Elmer Housley, district power manager, Aluminum Co. of America; vice presidents, E. W. Davis, Cambridge, Mass., O. E. Buckley, New York City, T. G. LeClair, Chicago, R. F. Danner, Oklahoma City, C. F. Terrell, Seattle, Wash.; directors, J. F. Fairman, New York, R. T. Henry, Buffalo, E. P. Yerkes, Philadelphia; treasurer, W. I. Slichter, Schenectady (reelected).

Gilbert K. Hardacre, manager commercial sales of the Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, has been elected president of the Illuminating Engineering Society.

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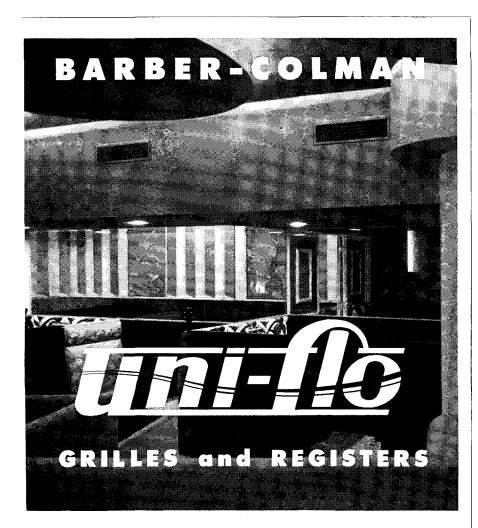
Joe E. Smay, director of the School of Architecture, University of Oklahoma, writes that he has "succeeded in securing a set of beautifully bound Architectural Records beginning with Vol. I, No. 1, and continuing uninterruptedly through to Vol. XLIX, 1920." He adds that he thinks he will be able to complete the file through to the present date.

### NHA NOTES

### Veterans' Housing

A total of 225,000 houses and apartments were completed and nearly half a million started under the Veterans Emergency Housing Program in the first six months of the year, according to Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt.

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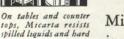
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#### School Expansion

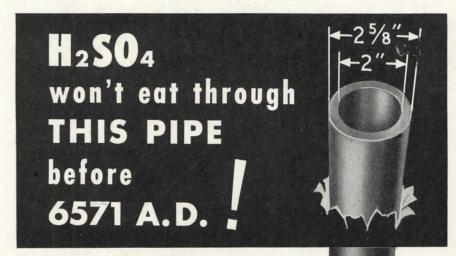
A \$3,000,000 expansion program is currently under way at Boys Town, Neb., a community for underprivileged boys. The program, which will make it possible for the school to double its present enrollment of 500, includes construction of a high school building, trade school, cafeteria, administration building and 25 cottages. Each cottage will contain five dormitory rooms and a counselor's apartment, living room and study hall and two playrooms. Two warm air furnaces will be used in each cottage, one taking care of the dormitory section and the other of the living quarters; heating in both sections will be controlled by Minneapolis-Honeywell's Moduflow, intended to eliminate stratification of air. Leo A. Daly & Co., Omaha, is architect and engineer for the project.

### Furniture Showroom

Approximately 38,000 ft. form the new display room and offices of the Simmons Company on Park Avenue, New York.

Display space is in two sections — the main showroom for general sales lines, and the contract and export showroom. The former, consisting of display rooms and open display space, occupies 22,000 sq. ft., comprises a total of 27 special display units. The individual displays have been given separate treatment: striped plate glass mirror backgrounds and colorful drapery to set off the tufted and richly upholstered headboards with swing beds; a colorful background of modern fabrics for the new Hide-a-Bed sofa; a terrace with trellis-work wallpaper and a real brick wall for the outdoor furniture.

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Architect for the new show floor was Herbert B. Beidler of Chicago, working with the Murrill Co., responsible for Simmons merchandising and styling.

#### Yarn Showroom

Neutral colors and a simplicity of architectural background were chosen for the new retail wool yarn display area of James Lees & Sons Co., New York. Specially designed display fixtures combine glass, plastic and oak trim, accommodate skeins, balls of yarn and style books. For skein yarn, open wall bins of glass serve the dual purpose of display unit and storage bin. Fixtures for ball yarn feature tiered trays, slanting slightly downward to allow the balls to roll forward as immediate replacements for those removed.

General illumination is a combination of recessed fluorescent and incandescent units; long-stemmed, swivel, parabolic reflectors provide accent lighting. Wall surfaces are predominantly warm gray, the carpet is gray-beige, accents are terra-cotta. Raymond Loewy Associates were the designers.

#### Veterans Build Homes

Tired of waiting for their housing problems to be solved, 15 Ohio veterans banded together and did their own solving. Incorporating as the Inwood Place Association, the group worked out with the First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. arrangements to finance, under the G.I. Bill of Rights, 15 six-room dwellings at Maumee, a suburb of Toledo.

Land with a 1,000 ft. frontage and a depth of 105 ft. was purchased, and two former AAF pilots, Howard Schneider and Lee Shrewsbury, now Toledo building contractors operating under the firm name of Schneider and Shrewsbury, were engaged to build the houses in accordance with FHA requirements.

The homes will be designed on a single basic plan, but each will be adapted to meet the taste of its owner. Each lot will be approximately 60 by 105 ft. Two lots in the rear of the house sites will be used as a recreation area.

#### Veterans' Hospitals

Army Engineers have engaged Fugard, Olson, Urbain and Neilers, of Chicago, as architect-engineers for the Veterans Administration hospitals at Iron Mountain, Mich., and Decatur, Ill. Work of preparing plans and specifications will be started immediately.

Both hospitals are of the 250-bed general medical and surgical type, and the design will be the same for each, adaptable to the site in each location. The original estimated cost of the Iron Mountain hospital is \$4,633,000, that of the Decatur structure, \$4,375,000.

A contract has also been signed by the Army Engineers with A. V. McIver, Cushing and Terrell of Great Falls, Mont., to act as architect-engineers for the Miles City, Mont., Veterans Administration hospital. This is a 100-bed general medical and surgical hospital estimated to cost \$2,750,000.

Architect-engineer contracts for three other VA hospitals will be let in the near future: a 200-bed general medical and surgical institution at Phoenix, Ariz., and another of the same size and type at Fort Wayne, Ind.; and a 1,000-bed neuropsychiatric hospital at Houston, Tex.

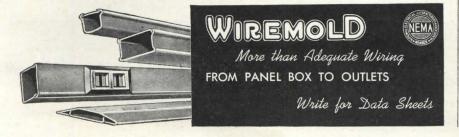


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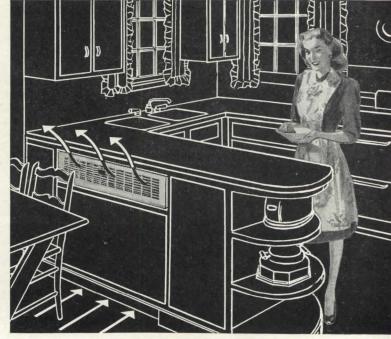
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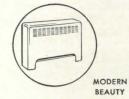
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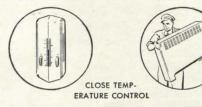


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Of the units completed, 153,000 are new permanent houses and apartments, and 72,000 are temporary re-use housing, conversions and trailers.

### College Housing

With 76,000 temporary housing accommodations for student veterans completed or under construction and another 27,000 in preliminary stages, the FPHA has announced that all allocations of emergency temporary housing to be supplied to schools at federal expense under existing authorizations have now been made.

The total of 103,000 accommodations for student veterans and their families has been allocated to 675 educational institutions. These accommodations represent about half of the veterans' temporary housing to be provided this year as part of the Veterans Emergency Housing Program. The balance under terms of the Mead resolution amending Title V of the Lanham Act, is to be supplied to local communities for emergency housing of other veterans and the families of men still in service.

### **Premium Payments**

Premium Payments Regulations Nos. 5, 6 and 7, covering convector radiators for residential heating, and the Southern and Northern hardwood flooring industries, respectively, have been issued.

Regulation No. 5 provides for incentive payments of 10 cents per "shipment unit" produced in excess of established quotas. Together with other government action, including a 10 per cent price increase, it is expected to enable the industry to expand considerably and perhaps even double production of convector radiators for residential heating within six months.

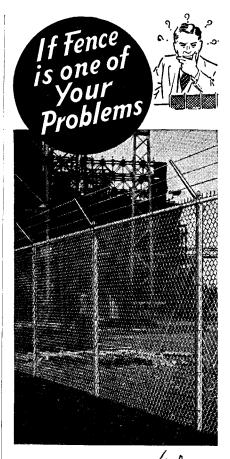
Regulations Nos. 6 and 7 authorize manufacturers participating in the plan to pay bonuses to their suppliers of certain grades and species of hardwood lumber. A production increase of about 50 per cent within the next few months is expected to result.

#### Access to Timber

The allotment of \$1,234,000 to Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug for the construction of 222 miles of access roads to out-of-the-way timber lands on Indian reservations to boost production for the Veterans Emergency Housing Program by an estimated 17,070,000 board feet this year has been announced by Housing Expediter Wyatt.

Since about 10,000 board feet of lumber are required for a six-room frame house, Mr. Wyatt points out, the additional lumber from Indian lands this

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year is the equivalent requirement for approximately 17,000 houses.

#### Negro Housing

Eight Southern states are making available for Negro families 21.6 per cent of new housing units already planned under the Veterans Emergency Housing Program, according to a survey by the NHA. The eight states are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Virginia.

Goals of new construction needs in 430 urban centers have been set through Mayors' Emergency Housing Committees, and a poll of these committees indicates a substantial percentage of such units will be available to Negroes.

Memphis, Tenn., leads the nation in the percentage of such new housing units. Its goal is 8,500 units of residential construction with at least 3,500 available to Negro families. The second highest percentage quota is in Meridian, Miss., which plans 2,000 units of which 800 will be available for Negroes.

In volume of new housing planned to accommodate Negroes, New York City leads the country with a total of 6,172 units. Already under construction for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. are the Riverton Houses with 1,232 units, and the James Weldon Johnson Houses for the New York City Housing Authority with 1,310 units. Other projects planned include: Amsterdam Houses, 1,024 units; Abraham Lincoln Houses, 1,286 units; Stephen Foster Houses, 1,320 units.

#### HOUSING RESEARCH

A Low-Cost Housing Research project has been organized at Louisiana State University as a part of the Engineering Experiment Station of the University. The purpose is "to determine a better method of substantial construction, a better selection of building materials and equipment, a better type of plan and design, a better layout of utilities, at a minimum cost." The program will consist of: scientific study and research on new materials and developments, with publication of results; cooperation with all phases of the building industry; and demonstration of construction methods.

### LANDSCAPE GROUP

The Washington Society of Landscape Architects has been organized in Seattle to further better design, construction and maintenance standards for garden owners and for all other landscape projects. Officers are: president, Cash M. Beardsley; vice president, Willard E. Morgan; secretary-treasurer, Roberta Wightman. Edwin W. Grohs is the architect and engineer representative.



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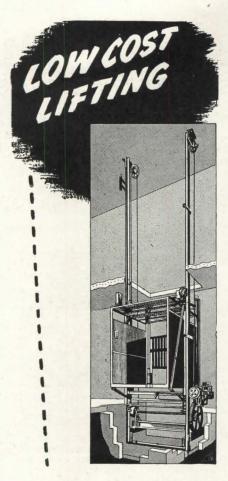
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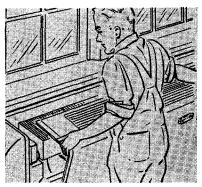
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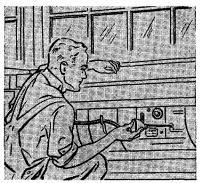
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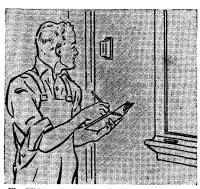


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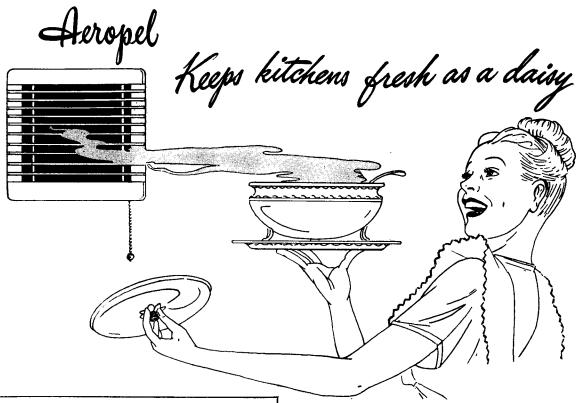
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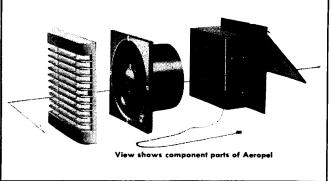
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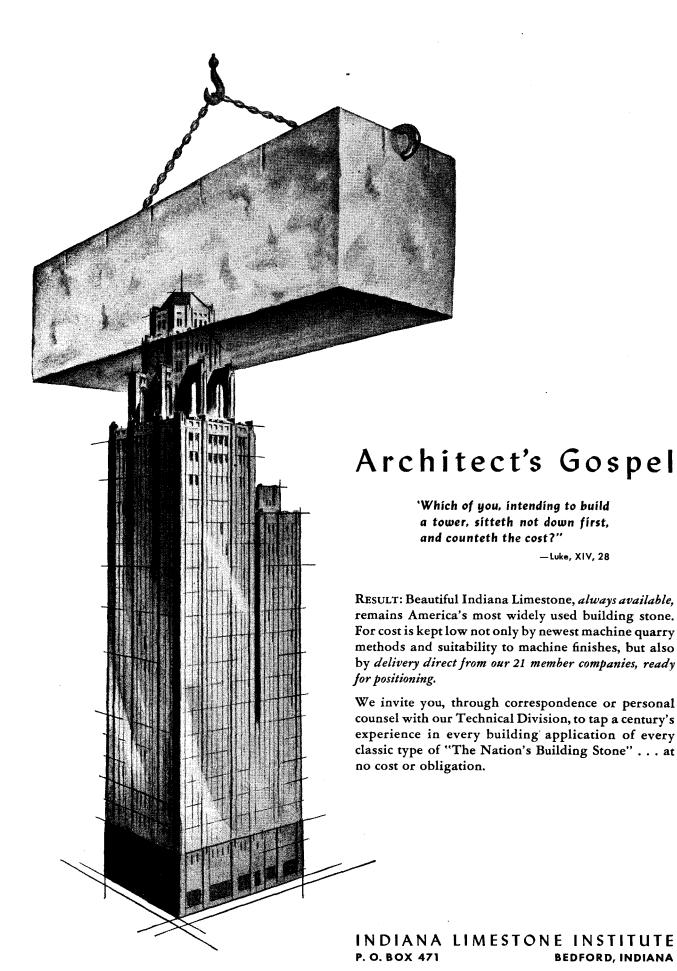
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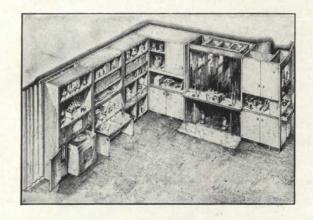
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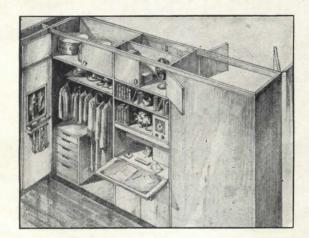
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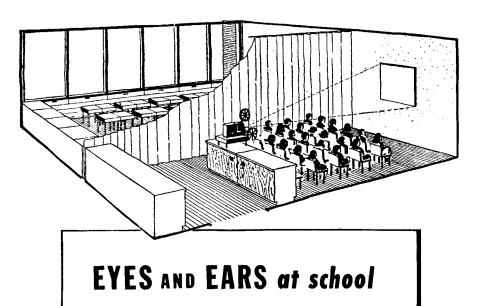
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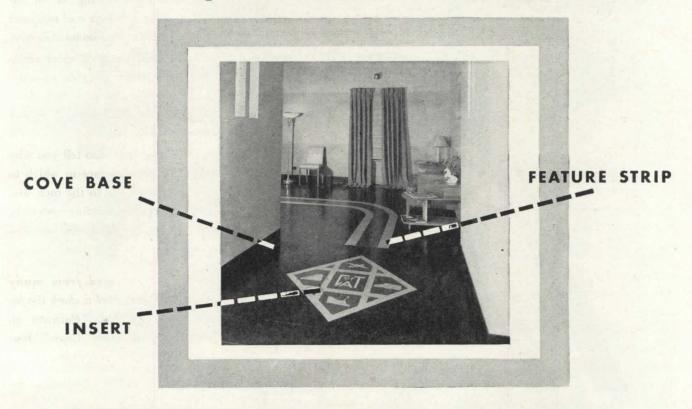
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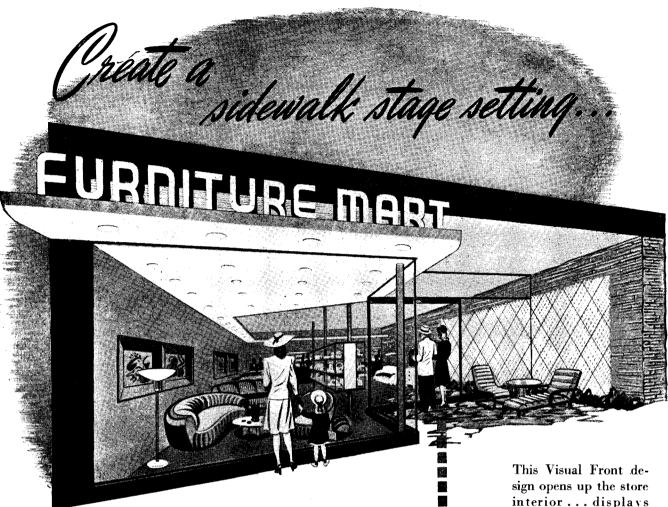


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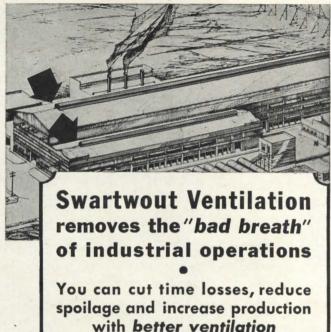
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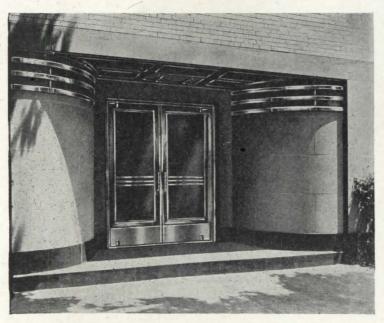
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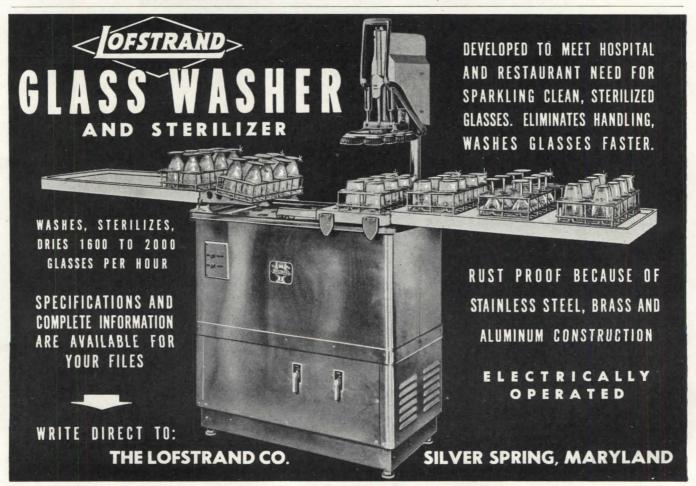
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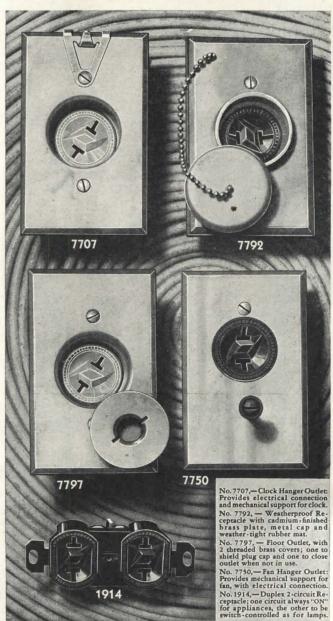
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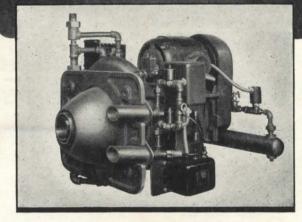
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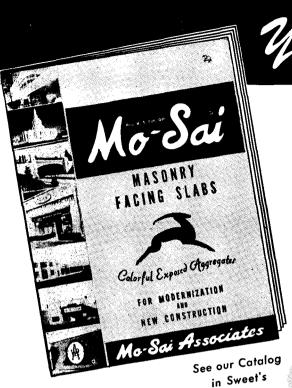
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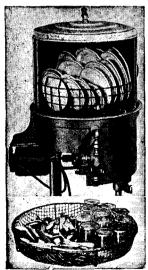
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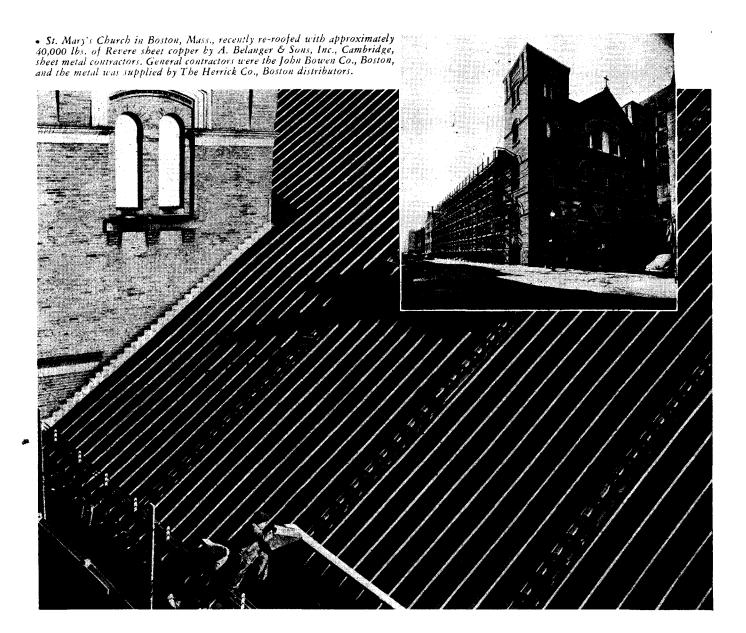


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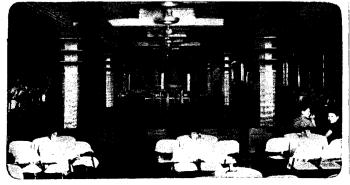
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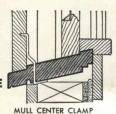
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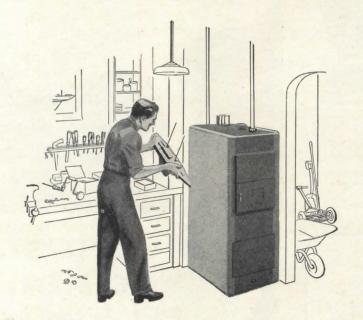
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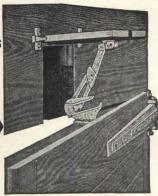
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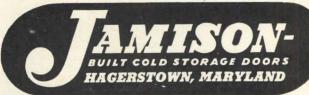
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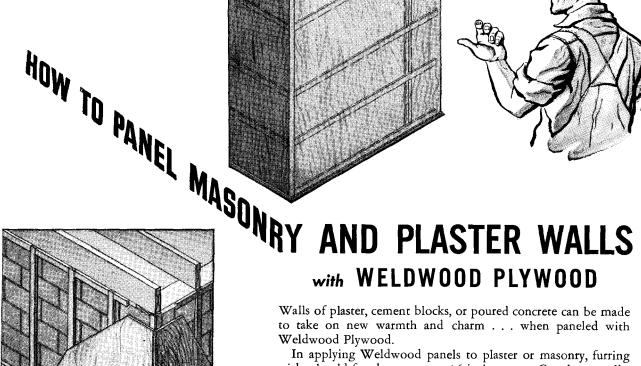


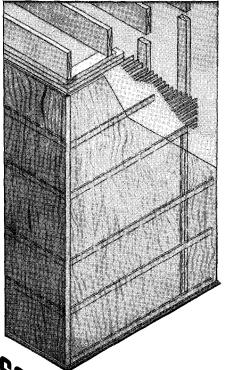






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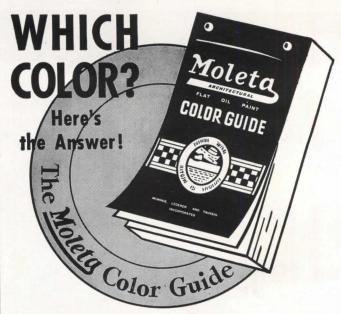
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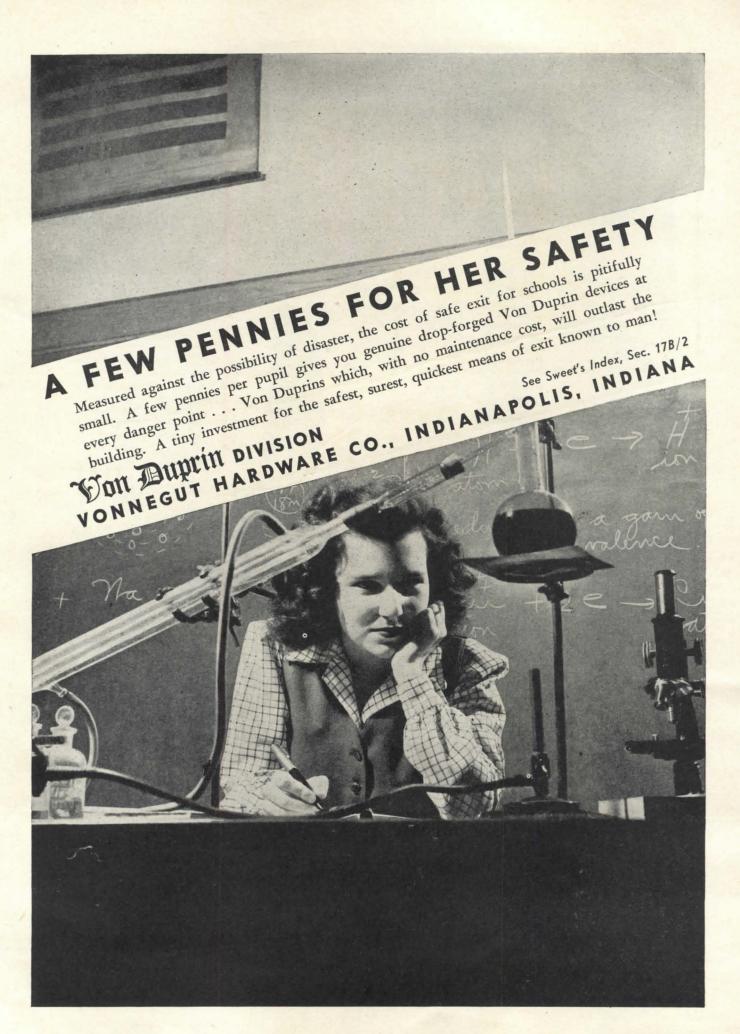
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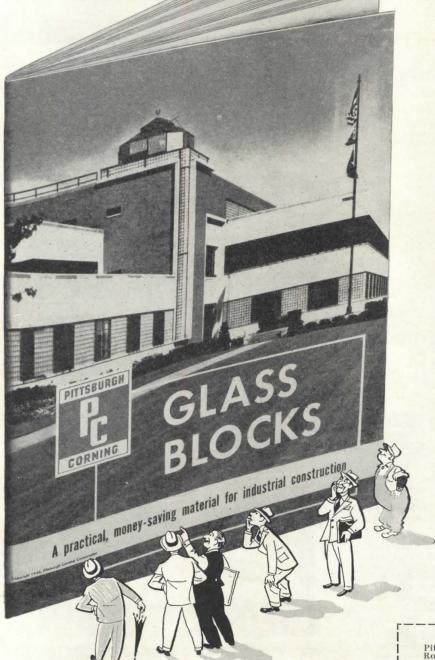




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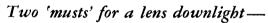
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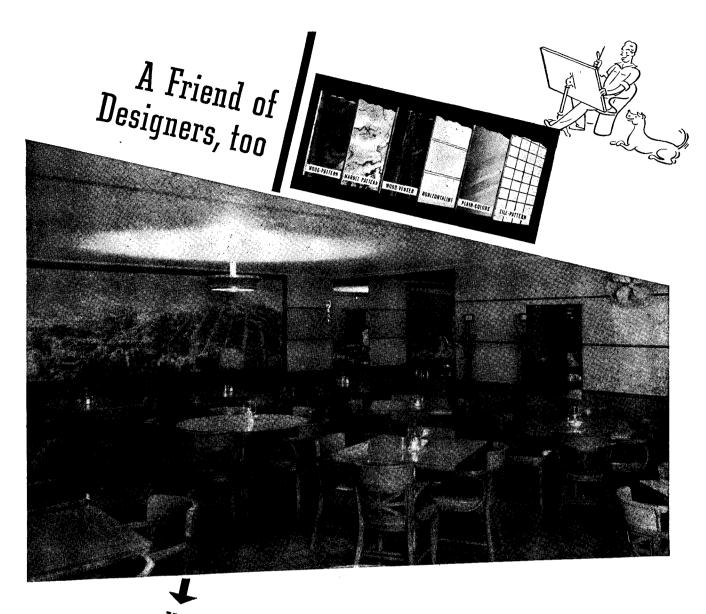
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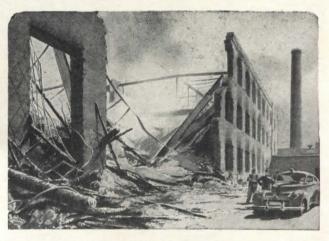
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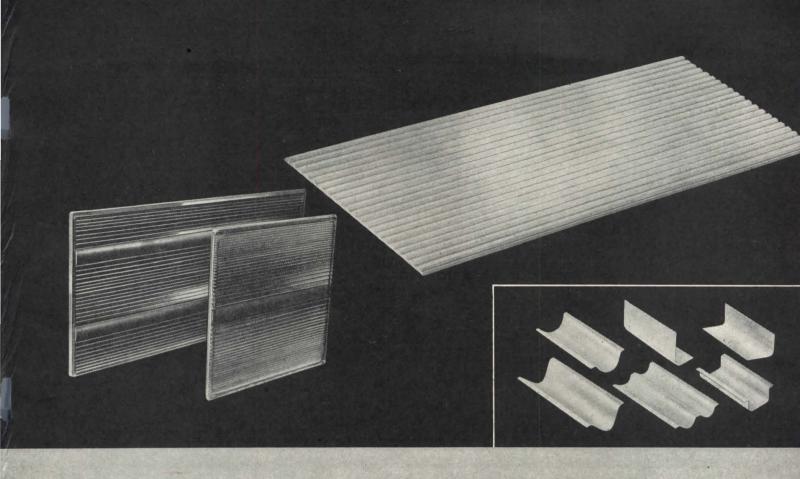
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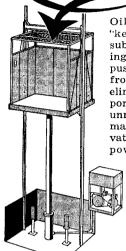
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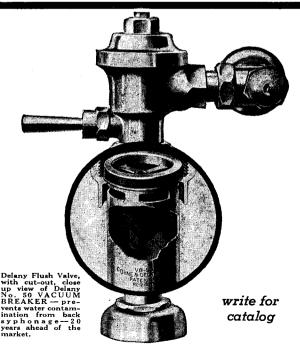
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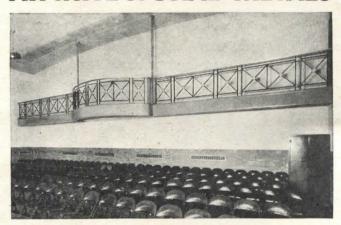


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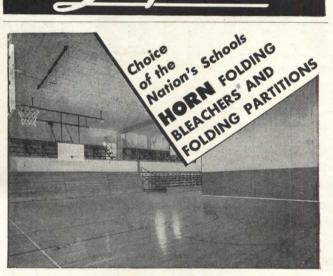


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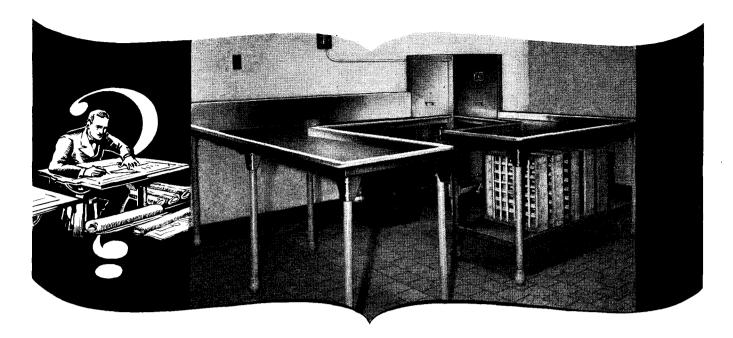
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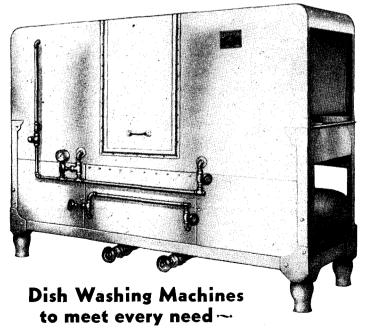
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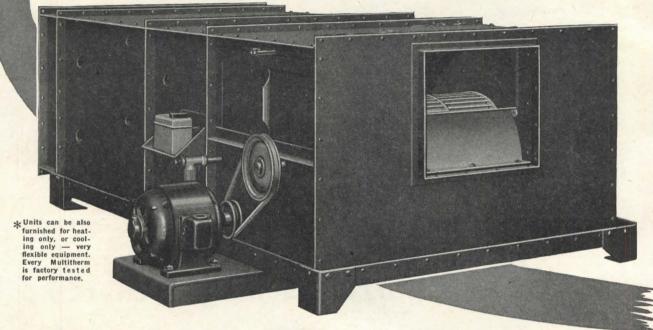
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