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New Housing Legislation Begins to Shape Up
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and South - Costs Are Approaching Average

Housing stir in Congress this year ranges beyond the much-noised extension of rent controls and emergency financial aids. New legislation is taking shape. While, as this is written, it is early enough to get a bird's eye view of proposals, whether enactment will actually come before adjournment is not clear.

A look at both Administration and Congressional thinking gives a good idea of what is in the wind.

Administrative thinking is effectively summed up in President Truman's recent communication to Congress in which he asks for an integrated housing program to obtain "more housing at lower cost, both in the immediate future and for the long run."

In requesting an additional $2 billion of insurance authorization until March, 1949, he advises special emphasis on rental housing. He wants further to reduce costs, assist communities in low-rent projects, and help cities rebuild run-down areas, and recommends steps for better distribution of building materials.

Other points:
1. Yield insurance for large-scale rental projects.
2. An integrated program of building research.
3. Modernization of building codes to permit prompt use of technical advances.
4. Loan guarantees before regular mortgage loan financing is available (for on-site construction).
5. Extension of production loan guarantees for prefabrication to cover entire period from start in plant to erection on site.
6. Insurance of loans to housing cooperatives.
7. Financial aids and expanded building services for rural housing.
8. 100,000 public housing units each year for the next five years.

Plans in Congress

On the Congressional side of the ledger, many of the Administration's ideas are duplicated, some modified, and others added. A paramount point in Congress is the establishing of a national housing policy. (House Banking Committee Chairman Wolcott's stress on this was set forth recently in the Architectural Record.) Senator McCarthy's draft bill on housing projects a policy which would include (a) a decent home for every American family, (b) elimination of slums, (c) a stabilized building industry, (d) chief reliance on private enterprise; it specifies the types of federal assistance to be given.

In his report as vice chairman of the Joint Committee on Housing, Senator McCarthy recommends encouragement of rental housing, transfer of Veterans Administration housing functions to FHA, restricting present public housing to low-income groups (he favors separate legislation on public housing), coordination of research in HUPA, as well as work on standard building codes, enactment of a long-range slum clearance program separate from public housing and restricted to cities without cost-increasing building codes, increased salaries for housing agency heads, and more personnel for apprentice training.

The report, discussing cost reduction techniques, commends modular coordination as "perhaps the most fertile field in which to bring about lower costs in home construction." On financing, it supports aid to veterans cooperative housing ventures.

Joint Committee Chairman Gamble emphasizes the separation of slum clearance and public housing, pointing out that slum clearance is urban redevelopment and not necessarily tied to housing.

Senator Wagner, in a study of slum clearance, reports that an overwhelming majority of governors, mayors and prominent private citizens (responding to a survey) urge the need for federal aid in housing for low-income families and endorse slum clearance.

Price Controls Unlikely

Price controls apparently are not in the cards during the present session of Congress. Any favor that may have carried over from the fall session was largely dissipated by the tumble in commodity markets. The rise in steel prices renewed control talk slightly. It brought action by President Truman, who asked the Justice Department to look into factors causing the rise in such a basic commodity. However, legislators doubt passage of a new law on prices. Export controls, on the other hand, are due to be continued.

The Justice Department, it should be noted, has been given more funds by the House to carry out its Anti-Trust Division work. The Division has various cases pending in the field of building.

Voluntary Allocations

In carrying out the voluntary agreements program enacted by the Congress in its special session last fall, the Department of Commerce has set up an Office of Industry Cooperation with one of the seven staff members to deal with building materials. Mathias W. Niewenhous, who will work with the building trades industry, entered government service.

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in 1910, having been associated most of his business life in building operations. He was deputy director of WPB's Lumber Division and subsequently director of CPA's Forest Products Division. Until recently he was consultant with a Massachusetts home building firm.

To Study Panel Heating

The Department wants Congress to provide more funds for its Bureau of Standards work on building technology. In this connection the Bureau advises that it plans to investigate the engineering features of panel heating and floor-line radiation. It hopes to determine principles to guide engineers in the design of heating equipment and arrangement of heating systems.

First phases of an investigation on new types of concrete reinforcing bars have been completed. Use of these bars, Bureau officials comment, will ultimately save approximately one-third of the steel now needed in some classes of work. In the past year, the Bureau obtained engineering data on the properties of light-weight concretes, which are finding use in building, particularly in prefabricated or partially prefabricated construction.

Construction Shifts

In the years since 1939, U. S. construction has shifted its centers of activity, moving westward and southward. In the course of a detailed study, 1939-1917, staff workers of the Commerce Department's Construction Division find that some areas which gained during the war are holding or even adding to their gains, others are resuming their prewar standing, and some which lost in the war years are regaining and exceeding their 1939 status.

By the end of the first postwar year, 1946, the East North Central states replaced the Pacific states (which had zoomed from third to first place by 1941) as the leader in construction, and the Middle Atlantic states, first in 1939, fell to third place. The Pacific states were second, although in home building they ranked first.

South Atlantic Gains

Almost as significant as the rise of the Pacific group, say CI's fact-finders, is the advance of the South Atlantic states to fourth position. They comment:

"Considered together with population and income changes, the South Atlantic states now offer one of the largest potentials for growth in business activity and certainly exhibit a tremendously significant change from their predominant agricultural prewar status." In 1916, $1 billion of construction was put in place against a billion and a half in the Middle Atlantic states which comprise New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

California Leads

California became the leading state in construction activity after 1939 and remains so. From 1939 through 1946 it boosted its share of U. S. total construction from 10.7 to 11.2 per cent, the largest gain of any state. In the East North Central region Ohio and Michigan expanded both in construction and, like California, in population. The growth pattern in Texas has been similar to that on the West Coast. Growing population and mounting vacationist business brought a construction boom in Florida in 1946, which lifted the state's share of construction from 2.2 per cent prewar to 3 per cent or nearly $300 million in 1946.

Costs Approach Average

Analyzing construction costs, CI's study shows that building construction costs during the 1939-1946 period tended in each region to approach the national average. The three regions which had relatively low costs in 1939—

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Brick veneer and glass warehouse under construction for S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc., in Long Island City will provide 35,000 sq. ft. of office and storage space

BUILDING NOTES

New Warehouse

A new 35,000 sq. ft. office and warehouse for S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc., Racine wax manufacturers, is now under construction in Long Island City, N. Y., and is expected to be completed by Sept. 1st. The $900,000 brick veneer and glass building is designed for modern material handling equipment, will contain inside truck docks to accommodate four trucks at one time. The office section will be fluorescent-lighted and air conditioned. Construction is under the supervision of Lockwood Green Engineers, Inc.; John Halama of the Johnson Company is associate architect.

Medical Center

Construction of the University section of the New York University-Bellevue Medical Center in New York City will get under way by mid-summer or early fall. Edwin A. Salmon, Director of the Center, has announced.

First buildings to be started will be the Hall of Residence, the Alumni Hall, and new clinical laboratories and classrooms for the College of Medicine. All buildings will be of steel and reinforced concrete construction, with a warm-toned limestone and brick exterior. Architects for the various buildings are Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

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Physics Laboratory

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Flexibility is the theme of new CBS television studios in midtown New York

Television Studios

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South Atlantic, East South Central and West South Central — remained below the average in 1946 but to a lesser degree.

No consistent relationship is found between changes in construction volume and costs. On the other hand, the point is made that costs have a more significant long-range effect on a region's economy than the slight short-run effect they may have on new construction. Costs during a period of high building activity, the analysts point out, set the level of structural capital charges for construction which must be paid in the future by the people in the area.

Modernization Begins

Describing the construction shift westward and southward as the result of manufacturing and commercial development in the newer areas, the analysts comment that structures of some of the older states have become obsolete and modernization is getting under way with the help of public redevelopment plans. They cite the work of the Port Authority of New York, the port rehabilitation work at Boston, the great postwar highway programs of New York and Pennsylvania, and the state-sponsored public housing programs of New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Modern factories for light manufactures, new additions to steel plants, increased research facilities, and planned medium-residential communities will serve, they add, to improve the competitive positions of the New England and Middle Atlantic regions industrially and from the viewpoint of dwelling desirability.

Farm Households Fewer

The nation's households are concentrating more and more in urban areas, the Census Director, J. C. Capt, advises. A sample survey reveals that in April, 1947, about 83 per cent of U.S. households was located in cities, villages and other non-farm areas compared with 80 per cent in 1940 and 78 per cent in 1930. The proportion located on farms has gone down sharply. In 1930, 22 per cent was on rural farms; in 1940, 20 per cent; and in April, 1947, about 17 per cent.

Between 1940 and 1947 the net growth of households was about 12 per cent in the Northeastern states, about 10 per cent in the North Central states, and about 25 per cent in the West. No significant change was found in the South. The Census Director says the pattern of change in the number of households

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has been similar to the population change. In non-farm areas, however, households increased at a more rapid rate than the population and in rural-farm areas households declined less sharply than the population.

Odds and Ends

Other construction developments:
1. Prefabricated home dealers will increase substantially in number this year, the Prefabricated Home Manufacturers' Institute reports. Companies surveyed plan to establish 700 new dealers in 1948, a 64 per cent gain over the 1100 authorized last year.
2. The Civil Aeronautics Administration is proceeding with grant offers to local sponsors for airport construction or improvement. A total of $13,000,000 was granted in 1947 to take care of 127 projects.
3. Non-farm mortgage financing continued to rise in 1947 but at a slower pace. It reached an estimated $11,400,000,000—10 per cent above 1946. Increase in the number of mortgages, however, states the Home Loan Bank Board, was only 2 per cent.
4. Over 500,000 World War II veterans bought homes of their own in 1947 with the aid of government-guaranteed loans under the G.I. Bill. Veterans Administration gives the total as 540,000 compared with 410,000 in 1946—a total of 1,056,771 since the program started.

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Associated Home Builders of San Francisco, Inc., Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif.


May 20–21: Annual Spring Meeting of The Society of the Plastics Industry, featuring merchandising, technical and business sessions, Atlantic City, N. J.

June 12–22: Construction Industries Home and Building Exposition of Southern California, Pan-Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles, Calif.


Architects' Register

The first accredited listing of practicing New York architects has been compiled in a yearbook and register issued by the New York Chapter, A.I.A.

The 100-page manual, indexed for quick reference, lists alphabetically by firm name members of the A.I.A. who are in active practice in New York and also gives the types of architectural work executed by the firm or its members.

Included under the architect's name is a listing of the awards and honors he has received, his education, scholarships, employment record and experience in practice, as well as the states in which he is registered. A special section gives recognition to winners of architectural awards and honors.

Copies of the register may be obtained from the New York Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, 115 E. 40th St., New York 16, N. Y., for $5.00 each.

At the Colleges

New Schools

Columbia University has established a School of Dramatic Arts and a School of Painting and Sculpture which will be combined with the School of Architecture and the Department of Music to form the Columbia University Arts Center. The newly created schools will accept students next September and plans are being made for the location of the Arts Center building which will in-

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|        | Jan.        | 238.8           | 225.1                           |
| % increase over 1939 | | 93.4           | 72.2                            |

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| 1947     | Oct.        | 210.7         | 192.2           |
|          | Nov.        | 212.1         | 214.0           |
|          | Dec.        | 217.5         | 220.9           |
|          | Jan.        | 220.6         | 224.0           |
| % increase over 1939 | | 100.0         | 66.8            |

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.

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\frac{110 - 95}{95} = 0.158
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Conversely: costs in B are approximately 14 per cent lower than in A.

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

Material prices and wage rates used in the current indexes make no allowance for payments in excess of published list prices, thus indexes reflect minimum costs and not necessarily actual costs.

These index numbers will appear whenever changes are significant.

|        | % increase over 1939 | % increase over 1939 |
| 1948    | 100.0         | 67.7            |
| 109.2   | 67.7          | 67.7            |
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A unanimous jury praised the beauty of this 590-ft. Jefferson arch (1) by the Saarinens, symbolising a gateway to the West (2). The chairman of a Fine Arts Commission made newspaper implications of plagiarism from this forgotten arch (3) for Mussolini, which was never executed. Mussolini’s arch, when seen fairly head-on, instead of sideways as the chairman presented it (insert!), turned out to be round, spreading, not tall nor parabolic. Neither arch wore “Roman Classical” school tie preferred by chairman.

Thousands of years before Mussolini, parabolic arches were preferred form of world’s master vault builders in Persia, who were able, by 220–640 A.D., to erect this vast parabolic-vaulted palace at Ctesiphon (4). Worn thin by erosion, mud-brick ruin still survives by unique stability of form. Same reasoning motivated engineer Eiffel in his 450-ft. high Garrabit aqueduct back in 1884 (5). Continuity of steel, concrete, made possible bold new attenuation. 1919 Perret factory, round (6), famous hangars, Orly (7), parabolic, built 1918.

By 1948, monumental thin arches were new enough to be exciting, yet familiar enough to symbolize architecture in yearbooks (8), were commonplace in vast structures; had been employed by every Western faith to stimulate worship (9). In no sense a property of fascists, parabolic thin arch was previously used, 1938, by Ladislav Rado (now of New York) in prize-winning design (10) to commemorate Thomas Masaryk. This monument, likewise unbuilt, now serves as sad reminder of the once Jeffersonian Czechoslovak Republic.

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**AN ARCH IS AN ARCH**
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On February 26, a New York morning newspaper carried a letter referring to the award of $40,000 for the Jefferson Memorial competition to a team headed by Eero Saarinen (page 97). It was from Gilmore D. Clark, chairman of the national Fine Arts Commission, said "unfortunately the design is not new; it (the big arch) was the central element for Mussolini... to celebrate twenty years of Fascism."

Dean Wurster, jury chairman, reported that "there had probably been hundreds of arches like that" (page 97); Eero Saarinen, denying previous knowledge of Mussolini's arch, said "it was just a basic form"; asked if the Washington monument should be razed because Cleopatra's needle had been built by slaves.

Others asked how Clark would like to see his own Brooklyn memorial denounced for at least equal similarity to Nazi buildings, or his favored free classical style denounced as Communist because it is the official style in Russia.
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in school corridors, gyms, and wherever else eager hands can reach, choose a permanent, mar-proof surface like genuine clay tile. Public officials appreciate it when real clay tile is specified because tile makes tax dollars go further.

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even when you enter this world-famous New York hotel it is hard to realize it was built 34 years ago. recently, an extensive modernization program was undertaken to further enhance its distinctive charm. Original Georgian furnishings are being replaced with “modern Georgian.”

Besides keeping beautiful, all hotels must also keep maintenance costs low. A guest in the Biltmore who steps into any one of the 550 modernized bathrooms appreciates the smart looking beauty and cleanliness of the walls which have 61 of newly added genuine clay tile. And behind scenes are the easily cleaned, sanitary, tile floors now installed in the 18th floor kitchen and Bowman Room pantry. Equally important to the Biltmore management is the money which will be saved over the coming years by the maintenance economies real tile assures. Keeping beauty bright, and maintenance costs low, in this case go hand in hand.
"FORESTGATE" IS BECOMING FAMOUS

as an outstanding example of how private capital and management are providing a truly cooperative residential community at Forest Hills, New York, for World War II Veterans. When fully developed, 5,669 apartments of 3½ to 5½ rooms will cover a 55-acre tract in this New York City suburban development. Featured in these well-planned apartments are bathroom walls and floors of genuine clay tile in harmonious colors.

The Veteran's Administration, in appraising this and other housing projects, looks for the long-range value, economy, and durability that real clay tile provides. In both large-scale housing projects and individual custom-built homes, tile is preferred for bathroom walls and floors, kitchens, sun rooms, powder rooms, halls, stairs, and porches because it increases sales appeal. Experienced real estate people stress the presence of genuine clay tile since home buyers and renters recognize tile as the hallmark of quality and are willing to pay for its advantages.

when candy is cookin',

cleanliness counts. Naturally, candy and food factories need walls and floors that are easy to clean and keep clean.

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It is therefore beside the point to criticize or cast aspersions on the use of a particular form just because it, or a similar form, has been used before for a particular purpose. Such natural and traditional use of precedent is inherent in architectural development and it should not be implied that plagiarism is involved. If every design had to be judged as good or bad on the basis of having or not having precedents or prototypes, we would have no good designs. It is not surprising either to find that two minds, when facing similar problems, should arrive by analysis and reasoning at similar solutions, similar design forms. And no plagiarism is involved in such cases though the designs may stem from the same prototypes.

Eclecticism in its broad sense should not be condemned; it is, in fact, essential to the progress of good design. The quality of the eclecticism is what counts. The skill and judgment of the architect in choosing the form that is most appropriate to his purposes, whether materialistic or esthetic, merit our praise or scorn. The question is — not has he used a form that has been used before (for what form hasn’t?) — but has he chosen a form or combination of forms, materials, colors and textures best suited to both the "practical" and the "esthetic" implications of his problem? And, has he arrived at a solution that indicates an improvement on such precedent as there may be? Does the design he has evolved (for he must evolve it out of forms already known) constitute a more fitting or more pleasing expression of the purposes of his structure? "More fitting" can be judged on many counts — economy, durability, efficiency, functioning, visual expression and current esthetic standards, fads or fancies.

Eclecticism becomes plagiarism only when the choice of form or design is in the nature of a "cold crib," the copying of prototypes without any significant contribution, modification, or improvement on the part of the designer. Plagiarism is unintelligent eclecticism — originality is imaginative eclecticism. Let us have no fear of eclecticism; it should carry no stigma. And let us not confuse plagiarism with the intelligent, imaginative use of design precedents and prototypes.
JEFFERSON MEMORIAL COMPETITION WINNERS

Photographs on these two pages show final winning design of Saarinen, Saarinen and Associates

When Dean Wurster handed the $40,000 first-prize check to Eero Saarinen and his associates, it was done with congratulations on "a work of architectural genius." There was no denying the warmth of the occasion.

This warmth had relatively little to do with the size of the check — even though the total of $50,000 to the winners, counting in the $10,000 received at the end of the first stage, was a record amount for architects in competition. The warmth had to do mainly with the sense of an arduous 15-year project brought to a pre-eminently successful conclusion.

The jury had been unanimous on the very first ballot, and with general enthusiasm.

The other competitors were prompt and vocal in their praise. It was easier to lose first place when the winner had so obviously been inspired.

Still other factors contributed to general good feeling. Second place had gone to a group of advanced students from the University of Illinois — giving them $30,000 with which to complete their education and making it seem that competitions were a means of rewarding ideas independently of reputation.

It was a happy day, and not only for the St. Louis businessmen who had invested a cool quarter of a million. It remains so in memory, beyond reach of malice. Consensus was that the whole profession should press for final construction, undiminished. D.H.

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The Jefferson Memorial competition took place as the culmination of a 15-year effort. In 1933 there was formed, by the citizens of St. Louis and neighboring territory, the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association, known more simply as "Jenniemay."

It sponsored the creation in 1934 of a Congressional Committee of somewhat similar title, and passage by Congress in 1935 of the Historic Sites and Buildings Act. The City of St. Louis voted a $7,500,000 bond issue the same year in aid of the project, and the President by executive order designated the Park Service as Executive Agency to acquire and develop the site of Old St. Louis as an Historic Site. The President allocated $6,750,000 of government funds for the purpose, to be matched by $2,250,000 from the city.

Between 1936 and 1940 the Park Service made its property acquisitions and prepared legally for demolition of existing buildings, carried through 1940-41. The war interrupted further activity until 1947.

In 1947 public-spirited citizens contributed $225,000 to the Association to conduct the competition for a memorial by architects and practitioners of allied arts.

IN THE first, more general, phase there was far more emphasis on a "living memorial" and broader reliance on cooperation from institutions such as railroads, neighboring communities. It called for several groups having to do with (a) an architectural memorial or memorials to Jefferson; dealing (b) with preservation of the site of Old St. Louis — landscaping, provision of an open-air campfire theater, recreation or reproduction of a few typical old buildings, provision of a Museum interpreting the Westward Movement; (c) a living memorial to Jefferson's "vision of greater opportunities for men of all races and creeds"; (d) recreational facilities, both sides of the river; and (e) parking facilities, access, relocation of railroads, placement of an interstate highway.

The second phase limited the area to that between the levee and city; eliminated the "living memorial"; required that the architectural memorial be "essentially non-functional"; placed numerous restrictions; anticipated easy Park Service maintenance, step-wise completion. Most competitors were actually obliged to "start all over," to meet the revised requirements.
"This entry placed in the First Stage, for it contains intrinsically the very features aspired to by the Program... a memorial, a park, balanced harmony and fine grouping of buildings. The success of the plan does not depend upon the carrying out of a suggested collaboration of communities on the eastern bank of the Mississippi though it suggests to the full the advantages of such a possibility.

"The Second Stage resulted in an enriched and improved plan with no diminution of any of its initial excellencies. It tends to have the inevitable quality of a right solution. The Monument suggests the historic past
of St. Louis as the Gateway to the West. It is large in
scale, yet does not dwarf other structures, and by its
very form is sympathetic with the Courthouse dome.
The use of the Manuel Lisa Warehouse as an entrance
to the Memorial is a peculiarly happy instance of the
brilliant effect to be gained by the occasional close
juxtaposition of old and new.
"The park gives promise of shade in the warm season.
The treatment of roadways is an effective guard against
traffic intrusion. The approach to the Old Cathedral
and its adjacent dependencies insure a proper setting
for that dignified structure. The treatment of sculpture
commemorating historical episodes is particularly en-
gaging as it gradually unfolds along the levee edge.
A frontier village in the wooded area recalls the flavor
of the time of the Western Expansion. Restaurants on
either end afford vistas of the Memorial area and the
Mississippi. Feature by feature a masterful plan reaches
desired fulfillment.

"The entire concept, full of exciting possibilities for
actual achievement, is a work of genius, and the me-
memorial structure is of that high order which will rank
it among the nation's greatest monuments."

— From Report of the Jury
SECOND PRIZE:  
$20,000

Left to right: Gordon A. Phillips, William Eng, both architects; George N. Foster, painter, and, again, Dean W. W. Wurster

SIMPLE and broad in conception, this design has an uncluttered terrace with the memorial gaining strength from the repeat of shafts commemorating historical events. A band of thickly planted trees gives respite from the traffic and city noise.” — Dean Wurster.

"Emphasizes the natural fall of the site by placing the long museum building and the restaurant with its panoramic view on highest ground . . . immediately accessible from the city center . . . creates direct connection between park and courthouse . . .” — Jury

Pylon, from first stage, is typical detail by competitors
THIRD PRIZE:
$10,000

Equal team-mates: Ralph J. Menconi, sculptor, George S. Lewis, Caleb Hornbostel, William N. Bregar, architects

A single great idea carried through with conviction in the form of a terrace earned a place in the first group of five.

"In the development of the second stage a monument was introduced which has beauty and a stately symbolism. This symbolism is to emphasize that through this one city were funneled the countless settlers to spread through the West. The terrace museum is retained on the high ground and an intimate grouping of old buildings developed at the levee. The picnic and restaurant areas at each end all contribute to the human scale which would make it a pleasant place in which to relax." — Report of the jury

"The historical structures find themselves as of old close by the levee." — Remarks of Dean Wurster
Shift from first plan (lower) to second (upper) in this project is typical of the changed program. First stage emphasizes long terrace over three vast parking floors taking up change of grade; to right is bus and railroad station, helicopter landings on top; to left, "living memorial" centered on a broadcasting station continuing Jefferson's interest in dissemination of knowledge. In second stage, parking is at grade on terrace at right wing; long structure with round terminal is museum; the other museum, extreme left, is for what advisor George Howe charmingly designated as "architectural remains cherished for sentiment".

Living memorial of first phase was open pavilion; pictorial elements included large transparencies. In all plans, the cross-shaped domed building on axis is the Old Court House; the old Cathedral is further forward, offset toward the left.

W. C. Runder Photos
RUNNER-UP: $2,500 Prize

Real study of the site brought, in the Second Stage, a memorial structure that in its simple mass would stand clear of the existing structures on either river bank. Great sensitivity brought the need of presenting the view from the city which is day-by-day truth. The Cathedral close and the tree-shaded areas are pleasant in scale and concept.” — Report of the Jury
"The first submission (of Harris Armstrong) raised high the symbolism of the levee although in doing so it violated possibility," said the Jury. "A broad conception which by its very austerity would mark it as a monument amidst the natural turmoil of commerce."

In its "austerity," which one might be more inclined to call simplicity, this design typified the quality which set off all winning designs from unsuccessful submissions. The number of separate facilities asked for in the first program was so great that most of the 172 schemes entered appeared to be greatly overcrowded: the other common failing was that it would have been impossible, with these submissions as the only guide, to arrive at any accurate notion of scale — how big the area was in fact and in effect.

So entirely fresh was this "ground-sculpturing" concept of Mr. Armstrong, as also that of Isamu Noguchi on page 103, and so possible of realization, that there was some regret when the approach was ruled out.

"Alternate" competitors named after the first stage were Percival Goodman, Suren Pilafian, Hugh Stubbins, Jr., and their respective associates, in that order.
RUNNER-UP: $2,500 Prize

As orderly but informal park with welcome open space, surrounded by the structures required, brought this scheme up for further consideration.

These qualities were retained in the second stage, with the monument developed as a minor structure in relation to the museum buildings. The cathedral has been used successfully as a means of transition from a fully contemporary plaza to an area of historical flavor."

— Report of the Jury

Upper view shows First Stage submission; large photograph the Final Submission of these middle-western competitors.

Left to right: Robert S. Robinson, painter; Julian F. Bechtold, sculptor; T. Marshall Romley, architect (receiving the prize); John F. Kirkpatrick, landscape architect; Robert A. Deshon, planner; John B. Sheblessy, engineer-planner.

Final note on winning teams: no winner came from the Far West, which was represented by some 20 submissions.
Architects' Collaborative goes in for hard work, carefree play

In common with most competitions, "Jenniemay" produced a great many remarkable ideas among unpremiated projects. The Architects' Collaborative, for example, took very seriously Jefferson's role of scientist (a modern research center) and of educator (center for dissemination of knowledge); provided regional programs, got a plethora of facilities together in good order, played gaily in art and sculpture (painter, Xanti Schawinsky; sculptor, Bruno Innocenti; museum consultant, Alexander Dorner; historian, James Gore King). One of the most generic and creative ideas was Isamu Noguchi's (working with Edward D. Stone) who proposed putting most of the buildings underground, treating the surface as a modern kind of Indian mound which would not only please the eye by its sculpturesque shapes but give climbing, rolling, tumbling children a new experience of Mother Earth. This would be a new integration of architecture and sculpture, of art and play.

Hardest worker among all concerned was probably patient, fair, witty George Howe, professional adviser, adopted son of the city.
Sculptor Noguchi makes a modern mound

Noguchi's contribution dominated in the surface treatment of the scheme by the team of Edward D. Stone (Lloyd Flood, Stanley Reese, Karl Holzinger, Henry Billings). The moundlike shapes were to be planted with grasses and otherwise surfaced in such a way as to provide a great and pleasant variety of experience, tactile, kinetic, visual, to holiday visitors of all ages including especially the children.

Elie Saarinen makes architectural swirls

In a submission separate from that of his son, the elder Mr. Saarinen used a vista of stepped curving walls along the face of his major museum; produced his other buildings in domed circular forms; set a vast arched parking area across the river, and built stadia out to project into the water or be surrounded by it.
A SMALL HOUSE OF IMPRESSIVE STATURE

House for Dr. and Mrs. Alex J. Ker,
Marin County,
California

Contemporary design in California seems bent on confounding critics who use such terms as "nude," "ascetic," or "dull." For this house, which won first award in a recent competition by House and Garden, is ample demonstration that modern can be as imaginative, as impressionistic, as anybody could wish. It makes full use of extended structural members, contrasting forms and materials, and long, strong lines to create dramatic interest. And, incidentally, the several accessory spaces implicit in such planning add important utility to the small country house, and greatly enhance its stature.

Fred Langhorst, Architect

Roger Sturtevant Photos
All rooms have been related to a southerly exposure, which fortunately coincides with the view from this hillside site. The rooms have all been related also to appropriate corresponding outdoor living areas, an outdoor living area in these views, in other photographs an enclosed garden, a service yard, a covered entry

While the site comprised several acres, the topography was rugged. An extensive grading operation created a long level area of varying width, running east and west. The house is set close to the hill, to leave maximum free area to the south
The house is closely tied to the hillside, structurally as well as visually. This placing provides the maximum level area at the other side, south, for enjoyment of sunshine and view. Roof members of the car shelter extend to piers on hillside.
The architect explains that, since this house was definitely designed for adults, he waived one of his basic rules—that a living room should not be a passage. Except for the high windows the room is closed to the crowding hillside, but expansively open to the valley view. A light shelf on two walls provides indirect general lighting. Stone hobs in the fireplace are "andiron eliminators" and serve as an informal place for sitting close to the fire. Heating is by gas-fired, forced warm air furnace.
In order to preserve the privacy of various outdoor living spaces, the entrance is brought in from the parking space along the rear of the house. An extension of the garage roof covers the first portion of the walk and continues free of the house to the entrance door. As the upper pictures show, the effect is quite gracious; the shelter suggests the regal canopy and red carpet of an earlier day. A planting strip screens the walk from the service yard on the one side and the cribbing-type retaining wall on the other.
CURRENT TRENDS IN STORE DESIGN

by Morris Ketchum, Jr., A.I.A.
of Ketchum, Gina and Sharp, Architects

AFTER a period of slow progress during the war and depression years, retailing has now embarked on a full-fledged building program. In every branch of trade — from specialty shop to department store — new building projects are on the drafting board, under construction, or newly completed. The encouraging feature of this new era in store design is the high quality of its planning. Thanks to the stern training of the war and depression years, merchants and their architects are now building stores that are realistic answers to the demands of contemporary merchandising.

Today, store designers and their clients are fully exploring — and solving — the inter-related problems of the indoor and outdoor shopping street — sales and services, advertising and display, pedestrian and auto traffic, walkways and parking spaces. In addition, a real start has been made in solving the problems of our blighted city shopping districts and in creating new, decentralized shopping centers built for the drive-in trade. This is perhaps the most significant current trend.

In our cities, the problem of the small retail shop is being restated in fresh, new terms. Designers have long since realized that the basic fundamental of store planning is flexibility — in the planning of the indoor sales space (and its behind-the-scenes operational activities). The current trend is to organize each sales floor for flexible free-flow of horizontal traffic and for centralized vertical traffic, which provides an efficient merchandise transportation system for incoming stock and outgoing deliveries. Flexibility is furthered by equipping the sales space with stock fixtures that have many interchangeable parts and uses. Another major trend is the integration of sales space and sidewalk displays by a visually open store front that — for the sake of flexible change of pace — may become a closed front whenever closed window backgrounds are installed.

For maximum flexibility and adaptability, the current trend is to reduce to the absolute minimum those structural elements that form the fixed shell of the store building — columns, floor slabs, shaftways, etc. The remainder of the structure — the finish floor surfaces, ceilings and partitions — that enclose sales, services and displays — are being designed as dry-built, knock-down units capable of multiple use and providing flexible access to the space and equipment they enclose.

Two other important trends are worthy of special note — the increasingly effective lighting of both store and merchandise, and the year-round air conditioning that provides customer comfort and retailer profit. The examples of non-glare, high-level lighting (without distressing brightness contrasts) show both imagination and engineering skill in using light as an integral design factor and a sales adjunct.

All this progress is evident in the current crop of new shops and stores presented in this issue. Perhaps the most striking examples are those
branch department stores that, by their highway location and drive-in facilities, have made it possible for their parent stores in the heart of the city to expand horizontally. Stores always follow the crowd — there is no mousetrap philosophy to retailing — and these stores are following their decentralized customers out to the suburbs.

The chief problem facing any department store is to give its customers the same cheerful personal service, the same leisurely selection, the same glamorous sales atmosphere offered by its smaller rivals. The problem is not an easy one, but careful attention to the individual design of each sales department and to the overall relationship of all departments on the floor has successfully created, in these new branch stores, the atmosphere of an indoor collection of specialty shops instead of the warehouse atmosphere of a bargain basement devoted to a volume trade. Behind the scenes, an equally careful study of operational requirements has given the sales force more freedom from routine, more time for personal salesmanship.

Next, the smaller shops and stores located in the heart of the city prove that it is still possible to give a fresh answer to the problem of high rentals, restricted space, and a store front almost limited to two dimensions. Within their own slice of shopping environment, each of them has solved the eternal problems of maximum interior efficiency, exterior advertising and display, individuality and character. Their store buildings are necessarily part of the weird, accidental pattern common to all our city shopping districts. There is little or no chance for light, air, or spatial development around each store. Instead, their designers must do their best to appeal to the passing crowd by taking every advantage in width, height, and depth of the limited display frontage at their disposal. Then, when they are all through, a curbed parked truck may hide all their efforts, destroy all the sparkle and glamour of their sidewalk show.

The list is long and varied, but most of the stores shown appeal to women shoppers. This appeal is visually expressed in the architecture of store fronts and sales floors — in the refined elegance and conservative luxury of the perfume salon, the carefully controlled mass displays and open hospitality of the popular-priced dress shop, in the open showcase character of the mid-block shoe stores. All these shops, regardless of their individual showmanship, have one trait in common — the promise that shopping will be a leisurely, pleasant experience spiced with personal attention from the sales force and an entertaining background and atmosphere.

The men's clothing store strikes a different note on the same theme. Its store front emphasized privacy tempered by hospitality, its sales floor is organized like the lounge of a men's club. It successfully combines "sample selling" with variety sales of furnishings and clothing. Materials, textures, colors and lighting all combine to make its men customers feel at home.

The camera, flower, jewelry and liquor shops — all selling more to the general public than to a particular age or sex — rely on emphasizing the specialized appeal of their respective merchandise. Each one has solved its own problems of site, location and layout; all represent a better than average answer to the small store problem.

These selected examples of current progress in the field of store design give an encouraging picture of its future. Today's demand for increased shopping facilities is being met by a larger group of trained designers than have ever before devoted themselves to this branch of architecture. Despite the fact that some find it hard to free themselves from the use of imitative design cliches and from the temptation to "busy" their solutions with unnecessary and distracting detail, all have realistically attacked the problems involved. Their shops and stores are cleanly organized, well equipped and well related to the shopping environment around them. With such a high average today, tomorrow's stores should mark the full maturity of design for merchandising.

Morris Ketchum, Jr. has collaborated further by analyzing and commenting upon most of the selected stores shown in the following pages.
America’s newest and most inviting store opened its doors, and blocked traffic for miles, the last week in February. It is a model of smart advanced design and incorporates many of the newest most effective contributions to the art and science of retail merchandising. An atmosphere of cheerful well-being is created by the open, airy, light, colorful, free-flowing interior design. The planning gives each merchandising department its own appropriate and individual milieu and decor while maintaining a consistent unity of spirit and a gay harmony of pastel color. Settings are successfully designed to augment the display of the merchandise itself, not to compete with it. And the store is as efficient as it is attractive, for the facilities for delivery, storage, distribution, marking, wrapping, etc., have been arranged to save steps, time, space and handling. — M. K., Jr.
An easily-accessible, centrally-located suburban site was chosen for the store at White Plains and Wilmot Roads in an uncongested neighborhood. Parking for 1000 cars is provided and buses go past the door. The plan shows the well-arranged parking facilities and eventual attractive landscaping. Above, the south-west corner and canopied entrance. Left, looking south along the White Plains Road or west side of the store.
There are two selling floors, and, due to the contours of the site, both are accessible by car. The lower level on the east side (rear) of the store is shown above, the receiving department and truck loading area are at the northeast corner. Below, the south entrance, executive offices, employee’s lounge and lunch room open on the wide roof deck of the second story.
Above, the dignified setting for "better fashions" opens to the east of the high, glazed, south entrance. Below, looking toward the south entrance from the "Young New Yorker" department, stair to lower floor in foreground. Opposite, the semi-circular area of the "Young New Yorker" section. The planning of stock rooms, fitting rooms and other off-stage services is worthy of careful study. Accessibility, efficiency, and flexibility are apparent. Numerals refer to camera locations on the plan.
The interior decorating of the store was executed by Edgar Tallman, store decorator, and head of Lord and Taylor's interior display department. A series of spontaneous amusing sketches, by Warren Franklin of the interior display department, adorns the curtains of the fitting rooms.
Page opposite, the gay Parisian street-scene mural enlivens the shoe department, and the painted drape encircling of the candy display graces the turn of a wall. Above, white clapboards, yellow shingles and rustic furniture give an outdoor air to the display of sports clothes. Below, dream-fantasy architecture painted on the curved wall as a background for night-robed mannequins, one of James Patton's attractive murals.
The quality of the interior design, which is orderly but free, and uses color and light to such good effect, produces a psychological lift in the spirits of all who enter the store. There is a light, sure touch in the decorations which are subtly amusing and never obtrusive, and shoppers are put in a pleasant frame of mind by the bright colorfulness evident throughout. Both natural and artificial light are used to create this bright, cheerful atmosphere, and light is always concentrated on the merchandise. Racks of garments are brilliantly lighted so that the colors of the dresses and hats are part of the decorative effect. The floor is softly carpeted in a pleasing taupe which is neutral and blends with the light pastel shades of the walls and fixtures. M. K., Jr.

Opposite page, above, hats in the brilliant niches are held by amusing cupids. Extensive stock is accessible to the clerks through the draped door. Opposite, below, lingerie shelf-doors are painted to simulate beveled construction and are interlaced with painted ribbons and flowers. Yellow stool tops add a bright note of color. Below, the corset department at the left of the south entrance features its laced-corset chairs in brown and pink with appropriately upholstered fronts.
The popular tearoom, flooded with daylight and sunshine, is made colorful by upholstery of blue, chartreuse and raspberry, with a floor of striped terrazzo. Supplementary light, when necessary, is supplied by both indirect coves and diffusing downlights. Opposite, the plan of the lower floor shows its main entrance to the east. Directly opposite the foot of the stairs the toy counter is painted as bright children’s blocks, and above are clever cut-outs of favorite animals.
The employees' lounge, dining room and cafeteria open onto the wide expanse of the roof deck (omitted from the plan diagram below) which is available to them in summer. The kitchen serves both the customer tearoom and the employees' dining room. Expansion of the store is possible by converting the roof deck area to another selling floor, if necessary.

Above, an interesting treatment of the layette department display. Mirror-enclosed columns increase the sense of spaciousness. Below, the curving stair connecting the two selling floors has ingeniously laced canvas sides rather than conventional balusters. Rails are polished brass.
BULLOCK’S PALM SPRINGS STORE, CALIFORNIA

Walter Wurdeman and Welton Becket, A.I.A., Architects

This drive-in department store, located in a winter resort, is another — and very different — example of the trend toward large-scale decentralized shopping units. Although the principal entrance for the automobile trade is on a rear parking court, design interest has been centered, perhaps by force of habit, on the sidewalk approach. Spaciousness, sunlight and hospitality are more important here than the token displays of seasonal merchandise. — M. K., Jr.
The store's bold planes and masses, bathed in sunlight, stand out against a rugged setting of mountains and palm trees. Symmetrically placed wings enclose an attractive entrance patio. The vertical louvers of the second floor are designed for sun protection to lessen the air conditioning load. Materials and colors, outdoors and in, are in harmony with the store's shopping environment.

— M. K., Jr.

Wide roof projections shield the large show window bays from the hot sun, and colorful curtains provide supplementary light control.
The heating and air conditioning system is of the "reverse cycle" type having three Freon compressors equipped with water-cooled condensers, three vertical shell and tube water chillers, circulating pumps, deep well pump, etc. Ten air conditioning units are placed above the suspended ceilings of the store and are used for both cooling and heating.
Expert planning of sales departments gives each an individual character and distinction in spite of the absence of dividing partitions. Cabinet work and lighting are smoothly handled; sales backgrounds are gay and colorful. Note that the merchandising program — apparel and home furnishings — is keyed to holiday demands. Low counters and open planning permit use of a skeleton crew in slack season. There is no attempt to include all the shopping goods shown in a complete department store. — M. K., Jr.
The use of small movable display and storage cases instead of long counters permits flexibility and easy reorganization of sales areas. Display cases are spotlit from the ceiling rather than lighted from within. Wood is mostly natural and bleached.
Four floors of remodeled seven-story building directly serve the public. Exterior is faced with American travertine, with recessed planting boxes (section below) to add floral notes according to the season.
HIGH-FASHION SELLING

The formal, trade-mark approach to "exclusive" retailing here reappears in a new and refreshing solution. High-fashion goods and services are given appropriate sales backgrounds, lighting and equipment, though the goods and services cover an abnormally wide range. In this salon, featuring the Lenthéric perfume, there is a considerable range of women's trinkets and clothing items, and even a men's shop. From a rather severely conservative exterior, relieved by open show windows, the note changes, following the client's wish that the salon have "a mood of quiet tranquility, with the odor of fresh flowers and sweet-scented greens," and that it be flooded with sunshine. So the lighting tends toward a warm rosy glow designed to make the customer feel beautiful, though in the Men's Corner there is a shift to something a bit more rugged. First floor merchandise, besides the perfume, includes accessories and jewelry; the second floor is devoted to women's clothes, the third and fourth to the hair dressing salon. The shop is entirely air conditioned. (See section opposite.)
Right: Men's corner has luminous egg-crate ceiling with high-intensity slimline lamps to simulate outdoor brilliance. Walls are honey-colored leather, carpeting is beige color.

Below: First floor interior in the Salon Lentheric, with smoky antiqued mirrors and recessed display niches, each with vertical slimline tubes recessed behind a new plastic...
View of second floor, devoted to at-home clothes, negligees, dinner dresses and so on. Carpet is pink-beige, banquette is gray-beige velvet and gray-beige curtains are of silk gauze. Recessed wall display cases are trimmed with bleached wood picture frames. In the lighting, pastel shades of cold cathode tubing were employed to achieve a delicate, light pink color cast designed to be flattering to customers.
CAMERA STORE FOR PHOTO ART COMPANY

Trenton, New Jersey

J. A. Fernandez, A.I.A., Architect
The high standards set for small shops during the last decade are exemplified in this mid-block camera store. Well-organized signs, displays, sales and services create an over-all effect suited to the specialized character of the goods on sale. Only the slight confusion of multiple lighting and display systems might seem to detract from the essential unity of the design as a whole. The diagonal film racks form an interesting pattern and the larger paraphernalia is well displayed at the rear of the store. — M. K., Jr.

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This shop and the one on the page opposite prove that the possibilities of the open front store are far from exhausted. This Florida store combines refinement of design and construction with eye-catching colors and textures (the rug is a deep sea green). The edge-lighted lucite sign along the west wall continues from the exterior through the glass line into the store. The glass line is well back from the street minimizing disturbing reflections, an arrangement augmented by high intensity interior lighting which serves the same purpose.

— M. K., Jr.
This Chicago shop achieves drama and distinction by a bold treatment of signs, backgrounds and displays. The silhouetted sign provides unmistakable identification by day or night and at considerable distances. Maximum show window display is attained in a very narrow frontage by the ingenious placing of the main entrance door at a splayed angle. Heavy beamed ceiling and exposed brickwork contribute to the masculine atmosphere of the store. The beams conceal indirect uplighting sources for the white ceiling above. Supplementary downlighting on the displays increases their sales effectiveness. — M. K., Jr.
TO SELL TAILORING FIRST, THEN MERCHANDISE

Carver's, Custom Tailors, Los Angeles, California

Burke & Kober, Designers
The reserved, almost barren, exterior of this exclusive men's shop is in striking contrast to the luxurious treatment of the interior sales room. A few sales fixtures designed like pieces of residential equipment, massive display racks, soft carpets, colorful greenery, brick and woodwork, a hospitable blaze in the fireplace—all help to create the friendly atmosphere of a lounge. Fabric samples are discreetly displayed in a rear alcove. Behind the scenes, fitting and stock rooms, offices and workrooms, are efficiently arranged. The club-like atmosphere of this establishment is typical of a popular trend in marketing men's wear. — M. K., Jr.

Since the impulse merchandise is a secondary consideration to the custom tailoring, the façade was designed to permit a view into the main sales room, rather than to display men's furnishings. Exterior is Red Ark Fossil marble (more brown than red), with stucco above marked off and finished as cast stone. Trim around tempered glass doors is Macassar ebony. As the client did not want any "commercial effect," the main sales area was designed as a lounge, with the furnishings housed in equipment designed like furniture. The studio rooms have north light, but the large skylight in the woolens room is artificial, with a combination of fluorescent and incandescent lighting. Second floor is a large tailoring shop, with skylights.
The shop itself is its own show window. The slightly recessed and angled front invites the passer-by to pause and enjoy without being buffeted by other pedestrians.

SMART FLORIST'S SHOP, NEW YORK

Marvin J. Neivert, Architect

A striking example — in materials, textures, colors and lighting — of the trend towards greater richness for open-faced shops. That perpetual problem — the separate building entrance — is successfully solved. Sales and service elements, including necessarily large work spaces and the rear greenhouse, are well coordinated. Signs and store front are better handled than the somewhat complicated pattern of overhead lighting or the self-important "free-form" wall cases. — M. K., Jr.
LINDEL'S JEWELRY STORE, TOLEDO

Bellman, Gillett and Richards, Architects

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one, sheltered front, the mass display of sparkling merchandise, high intensity lighting, thorough air-conditioning, and a straightforward plan for sales and services all add up to an effective bid for a volume trade. Inside, there is very little attempt to give separate identity to each sales department or to soften the somewhat mechanical floor pattern, except the slightly angled setting of side cases toward the entering customer. — M. K., Jr.
COMPANION SHOPS WITHOUT CONFUSION, LONG BEACH, CAL.

Kenneth S. Wing, Architect
THE two stores together can outfit milady from top to toe, but they are entirely separate entities under separate proprietors. From a design point of view they are complementary rather than clashing. A good example of luxury retailing, the intimate Irene Burke shop offers its patrons feminine merchandise and personal salesmanship against appropriate and colorful backgrounds. Sales floor flexibility is, perhaps justifiably, sacrificed to a formal arrangement of sales departments, each in its own setting. Equally intimate but more spacious interior effects can be achieved if boundary partitions are kept lower than ceiling level, but higher than eye level. Outside, the rich texture of brick and marble make an excellent foil for the interesting tri-part pattern of show windows — only the oversized canopy and sign letters seem to be unnecessarily large and heavy for so feminine a shop. — M. K., Jr.
The raised letters of the signs cast shadows contrasting with their surfaces and increasing legibility by both day and night.
This shop is a good companion to its next door neighbor (shown on preceding pages). Indoors, shoe sales and reserve — the demand department — are properly placed at the rear, impulse accessories at the front, for maximum customer traffic and display value. This arrangement also gives the sales floor an air of privacy in spite of the visually open front. The high point of both interior and store front is the well-organized and detailed accessories section. Indoors and out, lighting, textures, colors, all contribute to the shop’s intimate appeal. Recessed store front and canopy are more consistent in scale as compared to its next door neighbor. — M. K., Jr.
THE outstanding feature of this interior modernization is the tremendous stock capacity gained by careful replanning. The design of the clean-cut sales counter is also commendable. It is unfortunate that in the photograph the rectangular lighting pattern of the ceiling seems to compete with the curved lighting of the stock shelving. Materials, colors, customer traffic and behind-the-scenes services are all well handled.

— M. K., Jr.
Since the spotlight of publicity has been focused on the heat pump, many people believe that the technological advances of the war years will now make this development a practical product that many people can own. Actually, all the evidence indicates that the advent of the heat pump depends much more upon economic factors than upon technological advances.

The most important technical difference between the commercial installation and a residential installation is that practically all commercial installations have a relatively much greater internal generation of heat than has a residence. This heat comes from lights, heat given off by people, from cooking and from other sources. It reduces the requirement for heating in the winter and increases the requirements for cooling in the summer to such a degree that the economics of heat pump applications are completely different from those for residences. The place that the electric heat pump will take in this field is a matter of much speculation at the present time and it is doubtful whether anyone can predict with accuracy the course of this development for the next few years.

**Technical-Economic Problems in Residential Air Conditioning**

The Temperature of the Heat Source: There are two important kinds of heat source that must be clearly distinguished in any heat pump application. First, there is the heat source of variable temperature, in which the temperature of the source decreases as the weather gets colder while at the same time the heat loss of the house is increasing. The second important classification is that in which the heat source is substantially constant, or in which the temperature of the source will not suddenly fall below a satisfactory value.

The only common example of the first type is outside air used as the source of heat. Air as a source does not fall in the second class excepting in very temperate climates. This kind of heat source has a profound effect on the economics of design. The major effect of a variable source such as air is substantially to increase the maximum displacement rate required by the compressor whenever the design temperature goes below approximately 30° F. Design temperatures below 30° F. are common throughout most of the United States. Some ideas of the geographical areas in which air-to-air residential heat pumps will be practical can be obtained from the map shown as Fig. 1.

A second major effect of the variable temperature heat source is to require a larger motor than would otherwise be required. It should be noted that the size of the heat transfer surface is not appreciably affected for any given heat loss. However, the extra displacement and the larger motor size together introduce some difficult problems in providing the automatic capacity modulation required, and they aggravate the problems of maximum electrical demand and of starting without excessive currents.

Because of the inherent difficulties of using air as a source of heat, a great deal of emphasis has been placed recently upon the use of heat sources that fall in the second class (essentially constant temperature). Some of these are discussed in the following paragraphs.

**Well Water:** Well water, when available, makes an excellent source of heat since its temperature is usually close to the annual mean temperature, and its temperature is not subject to sudden changes. The distribution of well water temperature over the United States is shown in Fig. 2. The sinking of a well and the provision of pumps must be considered, however, as a factor in first cost. Also to be considered is the problem of disposal. In some commercial installations this has been solved by drilling two wells, pumping from one and discharging into the other. This is entirely practicable as long as the wells are not too close together so that short circuiting can occur with a gradual decrease of temperature of the source. For residential heating, disposal by means of an extra well is probably not economical. Any extensive use of well water without restoration (pump back) would tend, in many localities, to deplete the supply and to give rise to local problems of disposal. Other problems arising in the use of well water which is pumped directly include corrosion and maintenance of pumping equipment. The latter

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**Fig. 1.** Weather map discloses areas most favorable to heat pump.
is not to be considered lightly when 24-hour service is a requirement.

For these reasons the use of directly pumped well water as a source of heat is not considered very practicable from the long range point of view for residential heat pumps, although it is entirely practicable in many commercial installations.

**Underground Water — Not Pumped:** If underground water is available, and particularly if it is moving, it is feasible to sink a heat exchanger into the ground in the form of a well through which a secondary medium is circulated to pick up heat from the water. This is the system used by one manufacturer. The heat exchange fluid may be water, or, if conditions require, it might be a special solution.

The use of underground water in this manner, providing a source of heat at substantially constant temperature, has a profound influence on the design of the heat pump itself. The large displacement rate characteristic of a low temperature air-to-air system is no longer required and the motor can be sized more economically. The air side heat transfer surface with its air moving equipment is no longer required on the well side of the system, and this naturally reduces the overall size. Against these advantages, however, must be charged the first cost of the well and the cost and maintenance of the fluid pumping element.

With this type of installation it is important that the presence of underground water be known in advance of installation. The chemistry of the water should be investigated in relation to the metals used, and it should be determined whether the underground water is moving or stationary. A very slow movement will, of course, make available great quantities of heat, but if the water is actually stationary there is some danger of freezing, and this might not be discovered until the most severe weather has caused the maximum demand to be placed on the well.

**Earth as a Source of Heat:** While the earth under some conditions is a practical source of heat, there are probably some misconceptions about its use. The heat that flows from the center of the earth and through its crust apparently comes through at an exceedingly slow rate. Dr. E. N. Kemler in his recent paper on "Properties of the Earth" gave an interesting tabulation showing the wide range of conductivities that have been reported for different kinds of earth under different conditions of moisture. These conductivities ranged all the way from 0.2 to over 2.0 Btu per (hr) (deg) (ft). If a conductivity of 0.5 is assumed, it would require several acres of ground to supply heat from the center of the earth at the rate required for a six or seven room house.

In practice, if the evaporator tubes are sunk into one or more trenches 3 to 6 ft. below the surface, the amount of heat picked up from the center of the earth will be almost negligible.

When the earth is used as a source of heat the true source is the sun, which provides radiation and warm convection currents to heat the surface. The flow of this heat, of course, has a tremendous time lag. Neverthless, it is this source, or heat from underground water, which is used to replenish the heat drawn from the earth by a heat pump.

**The Use of Water Storage:** An air-to-air system making use of water storage for peak load conditions has been proposed many times in the past. While this system is workable it may have an economic disadvantage in that it combines most of the complexity of the air-to-air system with the additional first cost of a water storage system. Its chief advantage lies in reducing the size of the air-to-air heat pump required because it is capable of handling severe peaks of short duration.

Other Methods of Obtaining a Constant Temperature Source: Other methods of maintaining a reasonable temperature at the heat source have been proposed. One of these methods is the use of an air-to-air system with city water during peak load conditions. One of the difficulties of this system is that city water in many localities may get very low in temperature, so that excessive quantities must be used. If the water is used as a spray on the outside air heat transfer surface, it tends to aggravate the defrosting problem.

Ice storage is another method that has been proposed and which can be
used in much the same manner as water storage, since the ice in forming yields its latent heat. This system is beset with the well known problems of freezing ice, and allowing for its expansion.

**Effect of Climate, Source of Heat, and Internal Heat Load on First Cost**

This leads to the crux of the heat pump problem. This problem is one of determining the design that will give the most economical first cost considering the effect of climate, the nature of the source of heat and the influence of internal heat load in the building.

This problem has not yet been solved, and it is very probable that the best solution will not appear until a sufficient number of installations of different types of machines have been made to provide the answer. However, it is possible to gain some perspective of the problem by studying the cost trend of an air-to-air heat pump as a function of the winter design temperature. The results of an elementary study of this kind are shown in Fig. 3.

The cost figures shown in Fig. 3 are purely relative values taken from an arbitrary base of $500 per nominal horsepower at a 40° F, winter design temperature. Fig. 3 is also based on the heating and cooling requirements of a small house that would require 50,000 Btu per hr. of heating at a 10° F, outdoor temperature. The first significant point to note is that the cost of the machine is determined equally by the summer cooling and by the winter heating requirements down to an outdoor temperature of 40° F. Below this temperature the cost of the equipment is determined by the heating requirements, because it must be larger than would be required by the summer cooling demand. This does not mean that the equipment is necessarily uneconomical at temperatures below 40° F, when compared with a water-to-air system.

Any comparison with a water-to-air system must take into consideration the first cost of the well and its auxiliary equipment.

The second and most important observation that may be made by referring to Fig. 3 is the very substantial effect of an internal heat load. If it is assumed that this same structure were used for commercial purposes, and if in such use an internal load were generated sufficient to maintain a 15° F, differential in the winter, and with ventilation excluded, it will be observed that the cooling requirements in the summer are substantially increased and that an economical balance on first cost can be reached when the unit is applied for heating at outdoor temperatures down to 12° F.

The actual effect of internal heat load varies widely among different commercial installations, and the points of economical balance for the first cost may vary widely from those shown for a typical small house in Fig. 4. However, the effect of an internal heat load such as is commonly encountered in commercial installations is fundamental, and will often be of sufficient magnitude to have a major effect on the economics of first cost.

**The Problem of Delivering Low Grade Heat**

One item that must be watched closely in the application of a heat pump is the cost of moving the air stream. Typically in a heat pump installation, the rate of air flow required to deliver heat to the house will be approximately twice that required in an ordinary automatic warm-air conditioner such as an oil fired warm-air unit. If the ducts are unchanged over those used with an ordinary heating system the power required for circulating the air will be excessive. Even when the ducts are designed for reasonably low velocity the power requirements will be higher than those of a more conventional warm air heating system. These relations are shown in Fig. 6.

Any substantial increase in power for moving air decreases the coefficient of performance, and this problem is serious enough to make a heat pump unattractive unless the system is designed for low pressure drop.

**Operating Economy**

As a general statement it appears that in most localities and for moderate winter design temperature the heat pump can be competitive with other fuels on the basis of operating costs at a power rate of one cent or less per kilowatt hour. Tables 1 and 2 tabulate the competitive costs of electricity.
against some commonly quoted prices of other fuels.

It should be emphasized in this connection that overall seasonal weather conditions will have a great deal to do with the operating economy. A heat pump with a relatively low coefficient of performance at its design point may nevertheless compare favorably over an entire season, if the design conditions are of short duration.

The cost of operating auxiliaries has already been mentioned in connection with the problem of delivering heat, and the cost of operating blowers or water pumps will be found to be a significant item.

Another problem influencing the operating economy of the heat pump is the ratio of its peak load to its average load, which may, in certain localities, impose unfavorable demand charges. These will, of course, vary with the locality and with the effect on the utility’s distribution system. The use of a constant temperature source of heat such as well water is favorable from this point of view, excepting in very temperate climates.

It will be noted in Fig. 7 that the maximum electrical demand will be substantially higher than the power required at the design point. This graph shows the results computed for an air-to-air design provided with capacity modulation in steps of 25 per cent down to 25 per cent of full compressor displacement.

It is difficult, at the present stage of heat pump development, to give statistically averaged and authentic figures on actual operating costs. As a matter of interest, however, studies of two commercial and one residential installations gave power consumption rates ranging from \( \frac{1}{2} \) to \( \frac{3}{4} \) kw/hr per degree day for installed compressor motor horsepower (installed power of auxiliaries not included).

**Other Technical Problems**

It has been emphasized previously that the important problems of the heat pump are primarily economic in nature. This does not mean that there are not a host of other problems that need attention and that will arise in any specific design. These other problems may all be considered minor to the extent that technical solutions are possible. For completeness some of these problems are mentioned in the following paragraphs:

*Automatic Defrosting* is a necessity on air-to-air systems. This has been a common problem in conditioned air coolers, and there is no reason why it cannot be satisfactorily solved in the heat pump.

*Automatic Capacity Modulation* is a necessity on almost any design of heat pump, and must cover a wider than normal range in an air-to-air system designed for low temperatures. A control problem in connection with this arises from the fact that the response must reverse from summer to winter conditions.

**Table 1 — Fuel Costs for Heating—Northwest United States**

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<th>Heat Source</th>
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<td>Bituminous Coal</td>
<td>$9.00</td>
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<td>Gas, Mfd.</td>
<td>0.60</td>
<td>570/ cu ft</td>
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<td>1.40</td>
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<td>0.017/kwhr</td>
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5 Maximum demand = 85,000 Btu/hr; design temperature = +10 °F; heating season = 4500 deg days.

**Table 2 — Fuel Costs for Heating—Northeast United States**

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<td>Anthracite Coal (Stoker)</td>
<td>$11.10</td>
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5 Maximum demand = 100,000 Btu/hr; design temperature = 0 °F; heating season = 5400 deg days.

**Automatic Switching** from heating to cooling and vice versa is at least a desirable feature, and will probably be a necessity. In mild weather, particularly, people do not remember to move manual controls, and as a result they suffer some discomfort.

**Compressor Unloading** and sequence starting of auxiliaries appears to be essential if single phase power is to be used and if starting currents are to be kept within acceptable values.

**Automatic Reversal of Refrigerant Flow** is one of the most attractive means of reversing the cycle from heating to cooling. With single coils, however, the system will tend to trap oil in one direction or the other, and additional complications of the circuit are necessary to prevent this.

The **Dissipation of Losses from Auxiliary Motors** is an important one, since it is desired to dissipate these losses into the house in winter and into the outside air in summer.

**Noise and Vibration** are well-known problems, particularly in household appliances and equipment. The installation of equipment using several installed horsepower while maintaining noise levels in the order of 50 db is no easy task, and is a different problem from that imposed by the usual commercial installation.

**Easiness** is a vital requirement for any piece of equipment in the home on which the occupant is depending for his source of heat. Any heat pump that is designed for use in a home must be designed for rapid and efficient service, so that operation can be resumed on short notice in case of failure.

**Advantages of the Heat Pump**

Among the actual and potential advantages that a heat pump offers to the home owner may be mentioned the following:

1. A heat pump will furnish heat that will be clean and free from odor, excepting such odors as may be acquired on wet surfaces during summer air conditioning.

2. If desired the chimney can be eliminated, thus saving a substantial item of construction cost.

3. For those who are willing to break with precedent, fixed double glazed windows can be used, giving the immediate advantage of storm windows and eliminating the cost of the sliding sash.

4. Properly applied to avoid drafts, low grade heat will probably give greater comfort and less sensation of heat and cold than the higher grade heat normally supplied by conventional heating systems.

5. A single piece of equipment pro-
vides the air conditioning for both summer and winter, and this brings with it the advantage of dealing with a single service organization.

6. A single utility is used, saving the nuisance of additional fuel bills, and there is no fuel delivery problem.

7. There are no waste products to dispose of.

8. The heat pump will deliver heat quickly, since it does not involve the time lag necessary for warming up a boiler or furnace.

Most of these advantages to the ultimate user are real. However, it must be realized that the service which the heat pump offers can be obtained efficiently by other means now available. It does not at the present time compare as the automobile does to the horse and buggy. Consequently, it is doubtful that a substantial residential market will develop unless heat pump prices are reasonably competitive with other available means of providing year-round air conditioning.

Influence of the Housing Situation

There are factors in the present housing situation which will tend to retard the use of heat pumps in home heating. As mentioned previously, the delivery of low grade heat requires a different design of duct system than that commonly used in present construction. As a consequence the installation of a heat pump in existing construction will tend to be expensive.

The basic economics of the heat pump indicate that its use in the home will almost certainly be limited to those installations in which the home owner desires summer air conditioning. A person in this financial class, if he already owns his home, will in many cases have it equipped with automatic heating and there may be little incentive for him to replace his existing system, particularly if it is relatively new.

One factor in the housing situation which is favorable to the heat pump is the current interest in panel heating. This makes use of low temperature heat and thus tends to become a natural partner of the heat pump. Unfortunately, panel heating cannot be easily used for summer cooling while retaining the advantage of panel heating for the winter operation.

In general, it seems fair to state that the immediate housing situation with its emphasis on low cost housing is not favorable to the use of the residential heat pump. Over the next few years, of course, this situation will improve as individuals are able to build the kind of houses they want at reasonable prices.

Conclusions

It is with some hesitancy that any conclusions are drawn on a subject as complex and dynamic as this one; nevertheless, conclusions there should be if we are to make the kind of progress that should be made in the next few years. It is recognized that these conclusions are necessarily of short range, for the simple reason that many of the problems of the heat pump have not yet been actually solved, and their solution will almost certainly bring some changes in the general outlook. In addition there are the uncertainties of our general economic situation and these too may drastically change any picture that is drawn today. With these reservations, the following are the conclusions that seem to follow most naturally from this study:

1. The operating cost of the heat pump will ordinarily be competitive with that of other fuels in areas of low power cost.

2. The use of heat pumps in industrial processes will depend on the economics of each individual process and upon the economics of the region in which the plant is located. There is probably a good potential market in this field, although in this country it will be limited by the relative abundance of natural fuels.

3. The fundamental economic problem of the heat pump, as applied to a residence, is its first cost, which is related to such technical problems as the selection of the source of heat. It is emphasized that this problem has not yet been solved, and probably will not be solved until competitive designs of several types have been applied over a sufficient area to determine the economics involved. It is very likely that both types of units (air source and water source) will find their own best markets.

4. For year-round air conditioning in the home, the most favorable field for the heat pump will be found:

(a) In those geographical areas where the design heating requirement most nearly equals the design cooling requirement.

(b) In those cases where the home owner desires and is willing and capable of paying for summer air conditioning. This places the market in the field of higher priced homes.

(c) In those cases where new construction is being made by the home owners themselves. In existing construction the cost of replacing existing equipment will tend to discourage the use of the heat pump.

5. There are fundamental and significant differences relating directly to the economy of first cost that differentiate the commercial installation from the residential installation. In general these differences strongly favor commercial installations for the application of heat pumps, and because of this it is believed that the commercial market will develop most rapidly and will tend to pave the way for use of the heat pump in residential heating.
SANDWICH PANELS TESTED FOR THE SMALL HOUSE

Resin-treated paper cores make a stiff, strong panel for structural use.

ONE of the few ideas to come from the once much-heralded "postwar technology" which really seems to hold promise is a new type of "sandwich panel" construction for small houses. Sandwich panels, which were developed during the war for high-speed aircraft, have been getting critical attention at the Forest Products Laboratory, in cooperation with the Housing and Home Finance Agency. So far they seem to justify the hopes held for them.

They differ from the sandwich type of thin-wall panels for large buildings in that they are structural, not merely a suspended wall. The basic concept, nevertheless, is quite similar: a pair of covers of some thin, strong sheet material, with a light insulating core. Here, however, the core must have stiffness to provide strength.

The material used for cores in the Forest Products Laboratory sandwich panels is paper — a fairly close relative of the brown kraft paper of the grocery bag. Large sheets of this paper are treated with a synthetic resin, run through a corrugating machine, and glued together in honeycomb fashion. Three different core patterns are shown in the small photographs below.

The covers, which are glued to such cores, may be thin metal, plywood, veneer, or other sheet material. With modern glues, the covers can be bonded on so firmly that the joint is likely to be stronger than the cover.

The resulting panel is stiff and strong, and also so light that a 4' by 8'-ft. panel, 2 or 3 in. thick, can be handled by one man. They can be mass produced in factories with machinery already used for other purposes. And the honeycomb cores, with multitudes of air cells, are good insulating materials. The panels can be joined together into essentially frameless houses, serving for floors and roofs as well as walls. They might also be factory-finished, exterior as well as interior. Small wonder that they seem to hold the promise of big strides for the small house!

Early Tests Encouraging

While engineers of the HHFA and the Forest Products Laboratory are carefully withholding final judgment on the panels and the construction system using them, the panels have been severely tested already, and results have been far from negative.

For an actual service test, specimen panels of different designs have been assembled into an outdoor structure resembling a small house. Panels have been tested for strength in load and deflection tests, and have been given accelerated aging tests to check possible effects of weathering. Also, of course, there was much investigation of resin coatings, methods of application, resistance to decay and moisture, and so on, before the panels were made up.

Results of the tests might be summed up as "so far so good," though a report* currently being issued by the HHFA simply says: "No attempt to evaluate or estimate the performance of the various sandwich panel constructions utilized in the exposure test unit is made in this report. Such an evaluation must await the accumulation of the necessary data over a period of years." The more academic tests, however, are reported, and the published report does include erection details (see sketches) and even a suggested plan to indicate how such panels might be assembled for a house.

Strength Tests

Panels installed in the house-like unit were tested before erection to determine their deflection and span-deflection ratio.


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tios at design loads. Laboratory-made wall panels met the requirement that the span-deflection ratio be not less than 270 under a design load of 20 lb. per sq. ft. Roof panels also were within the span-deflection ratio of 270. Floor panels had span-deflection ratios of about 500, at a load of 40 lb. per sq. ft.

**Accelerated Aging Tests**

Five smaller specimens (all plywood facings) were subjected to aging tests as follows:

1. Immersed in water at 122°F for 1 hour.
2. Sprayed with wet steam at 194°F for 3 hours.
3. Stored in 10°F for 20 hours.
4. Heated in dry air at 212°F, 3 hours.
5. Sprayed with wet steam at 194°F to 200°F for 3 hours.
6. Heated in dry air at 212°F, 18 hours.

This sequence of exposures was continued through six cycles, after which appearance of the specimens was noted and tests made to determine any change in strength properties, in comparison with panels not subjected to the aging tests.

The reduction in shear stress was about 20 to 30 per cent, but the weakest specimen after aging developed a shear stress more than six times that of design load. Reduction in stiffness was about 20 per cent, but this would not produce span-deflection ratios less than 270.

Appearance of the panels subjected to accelerated aging tests was studied. For this purpose, two pieces of 3/4-in. Douglas fir, one edge-grain and one flat-grain; one of 1/2-in. Douglas fir plywood; and one of 3/4-in. Douglas fir plywood with paper overlays, were given the aging treatment. The plywood exhibited raised grain and many surface checks. The edge-grain Douglas fir showed some grain raising, but no checking. The flat-grain piece was severely checked and had pronounced raised grain. The sandwich specimens with paper overlays on the facings showed some slight raising of the grain but no surface checks. The plywood specimens were warped and bent, the plain wood specimens cupped a slight amount, but the sandwich specimens were straight.

Wall panels under test include both 4- by 8-ft. panels with plywood and veneer facings, made in the laboratory, and 3- by 8-ft. panels with aluminum facings commercially fabricated. Some of the laboratory-made panels have resin-treated paper overlays. Cores are of the three types shown in the photographs. In the commercial aluminum-faced panels the cores are of a different type, mechanically expanded, with flutes perpendicular to the facing.

Laboratory-made wall panels are 3 in. thick. Roof panels are 4 1/2 in. thick, and 4 by 14 ft. Some have ventilating flues 2 by 3 in. in section running the length of the panel. Floor panels are 6 in. deep, with 3/8-in., five-ply Douglas fir facings. Copper heating pipes were laid in these to study radiant heating.

In the test unit the panels were joined loosely, so that each would be free to move independently. Suggested joints for more normal construction are shown in the diagrams.
STORE LIGHTING PRACTICES

Recommendations of the Store Lighting Committee, Illuminating Engineering Society

These charts, summarizing current store lighting recommendations for a wide variety of types of stores, are part of an extensive report, "Lighting Practices for Stores and Other Merchandising Areas," to be published in the June issue of Illuminating Engineering, as a report of the Store Lighting Committee of the Illuminating Engineering Society.

The study of lighting practices began many months ago, when Kenneth C. Welch, A.I.A., I.E.S., submitted his own recommendations to the Committee, of which he is a member. His original text was abstracted in "New Concepts of Store Lighting," Architectural Record, Aug., 1946.

These charts make recommendations for 34 types of stores, giving preferences of the Committee as to the color of light — the K value in degrees — the method of lighting, and the level in footcandles.

The report stresses the fact that footcandle measurements are but a convenient device, footcandle values being "merely a step in getting the end-product brightness." The actual brightness of an object is a function of the amount of light and the reflection coefficient of the object itself. The amount of light, expressed in footcandles, multiplied by the reflection factor, which is the percentage of light reflected, equals the brightness, measured in footlamberts. Nevertheless, footcandles can be simply calculated and predicted, and can easily be measured.

However, the report says:
"Brightness in either footlamberts or candles per square inch are as readily measured as footcandles. There are several types of meters usable for this purpose: the simplest is the indicating type that employs a light-sensitive cell calibrated to read footcandles. By employing a suitable correction factor, which compensates for the light lost through striking the glass cell cover at a grazing angle, these meters will measure the footlamberts of brightness of diffuse reflecting or transmitting surfaces.

"Other types of instruments measure brightness by direct comparison of two fields of brightness, a calibrated known brightness against the unknown. With a suitable system of filters usable over either the test or comparison brightness fields, these meters make possible a very wide range of brightness values that can be measured.

"Although brightness is the actual end product desired, it is not simple at the present stage of lighting science to completely specify store lighting in terms of brightness and, by calculation, arrive at those values.

"Many designers who are experienced in using footcandles as a criterion of lighting values, will still use them as a basis for store lighting design. If they are to take advantage of newest practices in lighting design, then calculations should include the brightness that will occur on major room surfaces, an estimate of the resulting brightness pattern in producing a pleasing interior, and an analysis of the relative brightnesses of kinds of merchandise sold in those areas."
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**Removal**

- High values of illumination make it possible to see texture, essentially adding to the display. For highlighted merchandise on stands, the light should be positioned so that it does not create glare or overstep merchandise. Overhead or door lighting should be used for single or group displays of merchandise. Multiple illumination should be used for formal matching. Attraction lighting is an asset for merchandise display and finishing. For displays with attractive backdrops and highlight, spotlights should be used to produce a shadowless effect. Merchandise in stores is usually designated for dark factories, particularly window.

- Selling light should be from large area low brightness sources. Only differs from specular surfaces and colored underlights. Underlights with directional lighting, such as when displayed against a dark background and reflected in a glass shelf and picked up by reflective surfaces and window, can be secured through the use of back lighting, silhouette lighting, edge lighting and similar methods.

- Wall displays should be for displays. Attraction lighting of small structures of small housewares, foods, goods, toys, and wares without sales aids and aids to overall brightness. Technical lighting is important. It is especially important when in line with environmental designs such as spot lights. Large low brightness lightings are valuable and can be produced as reflections or environmental brightness.

- High displays of radio and phonographs can have local green volume lighting. Concentration of light should be avoided. Special attention should be paid to accent lighting for record albums.

- Majority of items combination in art with metallic tube. High levels of attraction lighting necessary. Spotlighting is effective.

- Garden supplies often sold in open in Spring and Summer only. Can use floodlighting techniques.

- Wall displays used for building supplies. Can use value lighting.

- Displayed stand often uses general lighting. Good technical lighting required for wholes and wall display. Illuminated shelf coves can be used to advantage. For the showrooms can be designed with lighting effects. The light should be ample but not too bright. In general desirable to show and appeal to sales and invitation cream. For make color visible or white light as well as a decorative effect. Light should be visible.

- Individual cases may be functioned by spot lighting. Majority of pictures and store displayed on walls. Can use value type lighting. Projection of light shown in motion to be avoided as they are usually distracting. Lamps with control over illumination. Didactic work on the spot.

- Displays and curtail lighting both displayed and curtail lighting in non-color. Vertical surface perimeter lighting should be used with special features in machinery with form or tinting. Glass curtains are very attractive when displayed against lighted backdrops or artificially lighted windows.

See complete key to symbols on page 159
ALCOA OFFICES
FEATURE ALUMINUM

Sheet aluminum, polished wood paneling and louvered glass form the decorative theme of the recently opened Cleveland sales offices of the Aluminum Company of America.

Occupying a large section of the 14th floor in the Terminal Tower building in Cleveland, the offices, as would be expected, make free use of aluminum sheet, plate and extruded shapes. Doors and frames, door hardware, thresholds, radiator and ventilator grilles, venetian blinds, trim on office partitions, moldings, pilasters, display panel frames, and the front door sign are some of the aluminum items used, and even the wastebaskets, table lamps and letter trays are of aluminum. A particularly dramatic feature is the aluminum conference table shown above. Irvin & Company were the decorators for the new suite.

INSULATING MATERIAL

A new insulating product, Kaylo Insulation, forming the core of a wood faced door, resisted a one-hour fire in a demonstration staged recently at South River, N. J., the manufacturers report.

The demonstration door was a duplicate of a flush-type door with hardwood faces and incombustible core that was tested at the Underwriters' Laboratories in Chicago and given a one-hour fire rating.

Kaylo is a cellular compound of inorganic materials, combining light weight with structural strength. It was first developed by the Owens-Illinois Glass Company during the war and produced in limited quantities for the armed forces and essential industries. It will now be produced full-scale at the new South River plant of the American Structural Products Co., an Owens-Illinois subsidiary. It will be manufactured in two weights — 20 lb. and 11 lb. per cu. ft., the heavy density being intended for use where structural strength is paramount, the lighter for use where heat insulation is a necessity and structural strength is of secondary importance. The light density will serve as heat insulation in the form of heat insulating block, and later as pipe covering. The 20-lb. material will be used for production of fireproof doors, fireproof roof tile and other building purposes. A flush-type door with hardwood faces and a Kaylo insulating core, such as that used in the tests, will be manufactured and marketed soon by the U. S. Plywood Corp., Algoma, Wis.

TICKET OFFICE

A flowing curved wall of striated plywood is the dominant feature of the new Chesapeake and Ohio ticket office in Rockefeller Center, New York.

The curved wall not only creates an air of spaciousness, but encloses air conditioning equipment, lockers, etc. The Weldtex wall panels are front- and back-nailed to keep them from springing away from the curved framing. Dorothy Draper, Inc., designer; woodwork by Nuroco Woodwork, New Rochelle, N. Y.

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**Remarks**

- Light source degree E method:
  - Preferred range: 600 E
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- Combined use of high intensity and concentrated flourescent or incandescent lighting is desirable to bring out shine, texture, and color of materials. Concentrated flourescent or incandescent lighting is desirable to bring out shine, texture, and color of materials. See complete key to symbols on page 159.
Above, the two Fitzgibbons "D" Type boilers, each of 25,000 sq. ft. steam, S.B.I. net rating, which serve Public School 20 (at right), Paterson, N. J. Architects, Fanning & Shaw, Newark. Engineer, Herbert Fox, Newark. Heating Contractor, Frank A. McBride Company, Paterson.

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### Notes:
- Adaptable to display lighting when adjustment is made to colors and amount of light available from the sources.
- Suggest three methods for each class of merchandise. Recommendation for each method is based on the condition of the store, the type of display, and the character of the merchandise.

### Remarks:
- Depots and rugs are usually displayed on horizontal platforms which require high levels of horizontal illumination for successful aerial photography. To show these colors correctly, a quality lighting system using daylight fluorescent and filament lamps are desirable. When using vertically mounted fluorescent, perimeter lighting combined with incandescent reflectors may be used.

To avoid specular reflections in polished wood and metal surfaces of furniture, the lighting should be form diffused, large area, low brightness ceiling fixtures or from indirect sources. Highlighting from concentrated sources may be objectionable. Adequate illumination is required for good appraisal of details of fabrics and upholstery, style, color, and design. A combination of cold fluorescent and diffused incandescent has proved satisfactory in such cases.

Usually open displays stock, using selling light for display.

High brightness from general lighting gives impression of sanitation and encourages good housekeeping. Incandescent ceiling lighting should be located over counters and display cases. With backed goods, warm incandescent downlighting should be used with cold fluorescent case lighting to give good color value on goods.

Alphanumeric of brightness and cleanliness important. Shelves and panels in self-service food stores require good vertical illumination. Spot lighting in low areas important. High intensity cone-shaped spot lights help toward focusing and radiating the correct amount intensity. Fibre and soft white fluorescent lighting preferred for retail stores and display and sales area.

Goods displayed in shelves. Display small lighting may be used. Fixtures with strong vertical component desirable, arranged fairly close to walls.

Tobacco stocks kept in showcases and wall cases. Radiators are used in cases, not and color important. Wall cases may be lit by vertical component from ceiling fixtures or volume lighting may be used.

Lighting of display color quality is recommended for flowers in the natural setting. Fluorescent lamps suitable for refrigerated cases. Radiant cases of flowers, wired, and cable display should be spotlighted.

Both horizontal and vertical components of lighting are essential in hair cutting. An attempt should be made in the barber shop to prevent reflections of bright sources in mirrors by proper location of luminaires with respect to mirrors. In a beauty parlor mirror lighting should be given special consideration to furnish shadowless illumination of complementary color on the face.
MANUFACTURERS' LITERATURE

COMPRESSORS

Ice and Frost (Bulletin No. 100-D). Introduces the "New Eclipse" compressors designed for air conditioning, water cooling, food storage, marine service, process plants and other refrigeration needs. Lists uses, sizes, capacities and construction specifications. Illustrated by photographs and detailed drawings. 8 pp., Frick Co., Waynesboro, Pa.

DECORATIONS

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LIGHTING

Cold Cathode Lighting. A catalog including data on standard cold cathode fluorescent lamps, cold cathode industrial and commercial fluorescent lighting fixtures and accessories for series circuit cold cathode lighting. As they are issued, additional-pages will be mailed to all original holders of this booklet. 11 pp., illus. Catho-Lite Co., Inc., 1122 W. Belvedere Ave., Baltimore 15, Md.

Creating the Spectacular. Catalog of focal lighting units for commercial and residential use, including operation diagrams, performance data and application recommendations. Fixtures are designed for recessed or wall installations. 8 pp., illus. Kurt Versen Co., 4 Slocum Ave., Englewood, N. J.

METALWORK

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Practical Piping Layouts. A compilation of twenty-five basic practical piping layouts published in the past as separate items. These fundamental layouts were designed for use as guides to practicing engineers, consultants and architects in the selection and placement of valves and may be easily altered to incorporate additional problems. Illustrated by isometric diagrams. 32 pp., Jenkins Brothers, 80 White St., New York 13, N. Y.
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include theaters, rehearsal rooms, workshops, studios, libraries and classrooms.

The Department of Architecture of the University of Texas has been re-organized as a School of Architecture consisting of the Department of Architecture and Planning and the Department of Architectural Engineering. Professor James J. Pollard, A.I.A., has been appointed Professor of Architectural Engineering and chairman of the Department. M. Robert Louard has joined the staff of the Department of Architecture and Planning as a visiting lecturer in design.

The California School of Design in Los Angeles, offering courses in Fine Arts and Architecture, opened its first semester on February 9th. Members of the faculty include: Leslie Thomas, founder and director; William Ferrari, architect; Max Band, painter; Edgardo Simone, sculptor and Arthur Millier, art critic for the Los Angeles Times.

Research Bureaus

Columbia University has established the Institute for Urban Land Use and Housing Studies under the directorship of Dr. Ernest M. Fisher, professor of Urban Land Economics. Working with Dr. Fisher will be a board of university experts in economics, architecture, sociology, law and allied fields as well as an advisory board comprised of nationally known business men. The projects on which research will be undertaken are those which have a direct bearing on the more systematic and effective use of real estate in our cities and villages. The results of investigations will be published as they are completed.

An Audio-Visual Materials Consultation Bureau has been established at Wayne University to help commercial firms produce instructional materials. Companies interested in preparing films, records, manuals, charts, etc., for industrial training programs should address inquiries to Dr. Arthur Stetina, 3272 Second Blvd., Detroit 1, Mich.

Curriculum Changes

Beginning with the fall, 1948, semester, the curricula in architecture and architectural engineering at Pennsylvania State College will be of five years' duration.

A course in Architecture and Esthetic Appreciation has been added to the curriculum of the School of Art and the School of Engineering at Cooper Union. The new course is designed to develop the student's ability to visualize in three dimensions, to acquaint him with the

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A storm of protest has arisen over the plan to erect a luxury apartment house on the site of "Genius Row" in Washington Square, New York, which has housed many of the country’s most famous artists.

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serve the historic buildings, furnish facilities for the exhibition of artists' memorabilia and provide living and working quarters for artists and writers at rentals within their means. The proposal was put forward by Bishop William T. Manning, president of the hastily organized Committee for the Washington Square Living Art Center. It has been approved by the City Planning Commission.

WOULD CHANGE TAX LAW

To give owners of homes parity with owners of other property, the Realtors' Washington Committee of the National Association of Real Estate Boards is seeking three amendments to the Internal Revenue law. NAREB contends that the home owner should be allowed to deduct the depreciation on the home he occupies, that in exchanging one home for another he should be taxed only on such profit as is realized in cash, and that he should be permitted to deduct losses incurred through sale.

NEW COMPETITIONS

Arterial Road

The Town Planning Board of Stockholm, Sweden, has announced an open competition for the design of an arterial road which will carry all types of traffic between the districts of Sodermalm and Ostermalm. Also involved is a relatively extensive system of approaches. Four prizes, totaling 60,000 Swedish crowns, will be awarded. Further information may be obtained from any Swedish Embassy, Legation or Consulate. The competition closes April 1, 1949.

Commemorative Medals

The City of New York has announced a nation-wide competition for the design of three medals which will be awarded as part of the city's 50th birthday celebration. The medals are the Medal of Honor of the City of New York, the Award of the Golden Anniversary of the City of New York, and the Departmental Medal. John J. Cunningham, director of the National Sculpture Society, is chairman of the jury which will select the winning designs. The winner in each group will be paid $1500 for the finished models of the obverse and reverse sides of the design.

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Further information about the competition may be obtained from the Mayor's Committee, 1 E. 60th St., New York 22. Entries must be submitted by May 15th.

FACT-FINDING PROGRAM

A fact-finding program to foster better public understanding of the building industry has been inaugurated by the newly formed Construction Industry Information Committee. Financial backing for the program is being provided by contributions from manufacturers of building materials and equipment.

Research reports, compiled under the direction of Miles L. Colman, well known housing economist, will cover such subjects as: material production, cost trends, trends in worker productivity, labor supply, labor saving methods, building code revisions, and relation of general price inflation to construction costs.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT

The dollar volume of construction contracts awarded during January in the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains set a new high mark for the month, F. W. Dodge statistics show. Although January awards were 2 per cent less than the total for December, the $615,206,000 volume represented a gain of 8 per cent over the same month last year.

Ten of the 15 Dodge reporting regions showed gains over January, 1948, with increases of more than 50 per cent reported for upstate New York, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, southern Michigan, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota. Declines from last January ranging from 17 to 35 per cent were reported for New England, metropolitan New York and northern New Jersey, southwestern Ohio and Kentucky, Louisiana and Mississippi, and Texas.

January's nonresidential contracts awarded for projects east of the Rockies amounted to $230,544,000, showing a gain of 20 per cent over January of last year. Residential contracts totaled $238,098,000, showing an 8 per cent decline from January a year ago, but a 5 per cent gain over December.

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Recreational facilities planned for the exclusive use of Joseph J. Brunetti's 700-family apartment project in Maywood, N.J., designed by Kelly & Gruzen, New York architects. The development also will have a circular shopping center, designed by Kelly & Gruzen (see ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, Feb. '48, p. 10).

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CODES INADEQUATE?

In an analysis of industrial ventilation codes presented to the 54th annual meeting of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, Knowlton J. Caplan and Allen D. Brandt reported that state legal requirements in regard to factory ventilation are either nonexistent or inadequate. Eleven states have no codes at all, and 25 have only very general requirements, their survey showed. Six states have what may be regarded as a reasonably complete code or set of standards covering a number of typical operations or exhaust hood types.

Messrs. Caplan and Brandt recommend that specific and quantitative design criteria should not be included in legislation, but that such data, standards and recommendations be incorporated in regulations or in advisory standards accompanying regulations in order that greater flexibility be obtained.

HOME BUILDING REPORT

The private building industry provided new homes in proper proportions during 1947 for families in every income group except the lowest tenth and the highest fifth of the country's income brackets, according to Melvin H. Baker, chairman of the Construction Industry Information Committee.

"By the third quarter of the year, the industry also was starting new homes at the record-breaking rate of one million units a year, surpassing the previous high record set in 1925," Mr. Baker said.

NAME CHANGED

In keeping with the expansion of its functions, the Vermiculite Research Institute of Evanston, Ill., has changed its name to the Vermiculite Institute. Its activities will no longer be confined to research, but will include the promotion and publicizing of vermiculite products in cooperation with allied industries in the construction field.

Edward R. Murphy, a civil engineer (Continued on page 176)
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formerly with the Gypsum Association, has succeeded Vilas E. Watts as managing director and executive secretary of the Institute. Institute offices are at 2540 Eastwood Ave., Evanston.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS

The Buffalo-Western New York Chapter of the A.I.A. has elected Roswell E. Pfohl, president; S. Harold Fenko, vice president; Trevor W. Rogers, secretary-treasurer; and G. Morton Wolfe, New York State associate director. Mr. Wolfe has also been named to the executive committee for three years as has John Highland, Sr. Eugene Walter will serve on the committee for two years completing the unexpired term of Mr. Fenko.

Robert F. Blanks, Chief of Research and Geology for the Bureau of Reclamation, was elected president of the American Concrete Institute at the Institute's recent annual convention in Denver.

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Gilmore D. Clarke, dean of the College of Architecture at Cornell University, has been appointed to an advisory board on reorganization of the public works functions of the executive branch of the government. Under the general direction of Herbert Hoover, the board is one of several authorized by Congress to study government reorganization. Other members include: James B. Conant, president of Harvard University; David Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission; Charles Sells, superintendent of public works of New York State and Charles E. Wilson, president of the General Electric Company.

Charles S. Conrad, Jr., has been named chief architect of the Armstrong Cork Co., filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Henry Boettcher. Floyd Kline will move to the post of assistant chief architect formerly held by Mr. Conrad.

Peter W. Eller, vice-chairman of the Thompson-Starrett Co., has been elected president of the Building Trades Employers Association. Other officers elected to serve for 1948 are: H. M. Hughes, first vice-president; John F. Birch, second vice-president and Fred J. Driscoll, third vice-president. William J. Olvany remains as treasurer for the third year, Christian G. Norman as chairman of the board of governors for his 31st year, and William G. Wheeler as secretary for his 19th term.

Julian O. Heppes, executive vice-president of the Tile-Tex Co., Inc., has been elected president of the Asphalt Tile Institute. Elected to serve with him were: J. P. Stiger, Johns-Manville Corp., vice-president; and Winthrop Brown, Jr., Hood Rubber Co., secretary-treasurer.

Nathaniel A. Owings, architect, has been appointed to a four-year term as Chairman of the Chicago Plan Commission. Mr. Owings is the first architect and planner to hold this position.

OFFICE NOTES

Offices Opened, Reopened

Conrad I. Arnold, A.I.A., has opened an office for the general practice of architecture at 15 Cayuga St., Seneca Falls, N. Y. Mr. Arnold also is affiliated with Antonin Raymond Associates, 101 Park Ave., New York City, as a consulting architect.

Benjamin Baldwin, Designer, has opened an office for the practice of interior architecture and furniture and product design at 33 E. 55th St., New York 21, N. Y.

John Gartman, Designer, has established the studio of Modern Home Furnishings Design at 299 W. 12th St., New York 14, N. Y.

John M. Hirsch, Architect, has opened (Continued on page 178)
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Jack M. Levy, Consulting Engineer, has opened an office for the design of air conditioning and other mechanical equipment of buildings at 151 Lexington Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

Elmer J. Manson, A.I.A., has opened an office at 410 W. Saginaw, Lansing 15, Mich.

William C. Martucci, Architect, has opened new offices at 1001 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

Anthony Thormin and Arthur Wolfe, Architects, have reopened their offices at 672 S. Lafayette Park Place, Los Angeles 5, Calif.

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Firm Changes

Karl E. Blomberg, Architect, associated for the past 20 years with the late firm of Sice & Bryson, Architects, 16 Court St., Brooklyn, N. Y., will continue to practice at the same address.


Arthur A. Graves, Architect, and David W. Dykeman, Jr., Designer, have formed a partnership for the general practice of architecture and interior design under the firm name of Graves & Dykeman, 515-519 Commerce Bldg., Everett, Wash.

Uel C. Ramey, Harold W. Hines and Robert E. Buchner have formed a partnership for the practice of architecture under the name of Ramey, Hines & Buchner with offices at 519 S. Broadway, Suite 5, Wichita, Kansas.

Ben L. Rose, designer and builder of stores and interiors, is now doing business under the name of Ben L. Rose Associates at 1674 Broadway, New York.

T. Raymond Turner and Allen M. Northington have formed a partnership for the practice of architecture under the firm name of Turner and Northington, Architects, with offices at 317 Medical Arts Bldg., Florence, Ala.

A. Stewart Walker and Alfred Easton Poor, Architects, have announced formation of a partnership to be known as Walker & Poor, Architects, replacing the consolidated firms of Walker & Gillette and Alfred Easton Poor. Offices have been moved to 542 Fifth Ave., New York 19, N. Y.

ADDENDUM

Our apologies for the inadvertent omission of the names of the architects responsible for the design of Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company housing developments shown on page 112 of the February Architectural Record. The late R. H. Shreve, of Shreve, Lamb and Harmon, was Chairman of the Board and Chief Architect of both developments until illness forced his retirement. Gilmore D. Clark then became Chairman of the Board and Irwin Clavan, who had worked with Mr. Shreve on the projects, succeeded him as Chief Architect.
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Photo shows section of the New York City Housing Authority's Brownsville housing project. Reinforced concrete frame and floors with wide shallow beams were used in the 27 six-story apartment buildings with three-story wings. Project includes 1,338 units to house over 5,000 residents. Frederick G. Frost, architect. Fred N. Severud, engineer.
REQUIRED READING

CITY VILLAGE


Who but Alan Dunn would have thought of dramatizing a day in the life of a typical New York City apartment house? Just an average day, too—24 hours of the normal happenings in a 52-apartment building on a mid-Manhattan street just east of Fifth Avenue!

But Mr. Dunn's sly sense of humor and cartoonist's whimsical perception, both long familiar to readers of the Architectural Record and The New Yorker, have proved that such normal happenings are anything but dull.

This is not a book of cartoons, contrary to expectations, as were Mr. Dunn's earlier volumes. It is a text piece, illustrated with drawings—many drawings, happily—by the author. Much of the fun and interest are lost if the reader skims the pages; the book is one continuous whole, should be read from cover to cover.

The story starts at two o'clock in the afternoon of a late Indian-summer day. Tenants with terraces are watering their gardens (the water dripping over the parapet and sprinkling the doorman many floors below); bridge games are breaking up in favor of Scotch Mists for the social-registerite Edwardses and beer for the Jukeses of unknown origin. A new couple moves into 6B (a swap deal with the former tenants who wanted to live in Westchester), is branded by the doorman as "only worth ten thousand a year," and is visited almost immediately by Peggy Poole, the house pipeline. The renting agent briefs the superintendent on 7A's men visitors, 3A's unwashed windows, 5D's reported roomers. The exterminator reassures a worried tenant: "You can trust us, ma'am—On my floor report I'll say 'beetles."

Alan Dunn has lived in New York all his life, presumably in an apartment house not unlike this one. He knows his tenants. Nothing escapes him: the men coming home from their offices, the higher income brackets slackening or quickening their pace to avoid their lower level brethren; the night elevator man deserting his car for a bottle of beer with Peggy-the-pipeline; the doorman identifying his tenants' mail as he sorts it. The ex-Westchesterites newly moved into 6B can't sleep—they miss their crickets. An advertising copy-writer is requested to stop typing at midnight, presently in his turn calls out to "Please turn down that sleep record!"

And eventually the sun rises on another day.

In between all these commonplace events of course, the maids, the building employees, the tenants themselves discuss, explain, elucidate. A bride packs her trousseau. Love-born Miss Grayson gives her Tony one last chance, then quietly takes poison. ("I have to hand it to her for using poison," the superintendent comments, "You take gas, for instance—icebox switch sets it off and maybe 50 people get hurt—and jumping's messy.")

No secrets are left in Number 43 once Mr. Dunn has toured the building with pen and pencil in hand, but apartment living in the metropolis has taken on a new and interesting humanity.

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH?


Any architect engaged in or interested in church planning will find this a worth while volume to consult despite the fact (Continued on page 182)
take a look at
YOUR BACK DOOR
not your front door ... if you think you're sitting pretty

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GOODS CAN'T MOVE FASTER THAN THEY'RE LOADED!
REQUIRED READING (Continued from page 180)

(or possibly because of it) that it is written specifically for the layman. Mr. Leach is not an architect, but an ordained minister and editor of Church Management. As such he is well acquainted with the inner workings of church building committees and with the problems which such committees have to solve. This book therefore has a double value to the church: first, it gives him the layman’s point of view; and second, it arms him with a fine volume to recommend to the building committees with which he is dealing. The book is well illustrated.

TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY


Incredible as it seems, here is still another volume to help the would-be home owner get just the house he wants.

All we need now is a “Handbook for the Selection of a Handbook on How to Build or Buy a House.”

Two things make this particular volume of interest despite its many predecessors: (1) it is written by an architect, and contains more than the usual amount of technical and structural information; (2) in addition to the inevitable questionnaires and check lists it contains an amusing and perhaps valuable “housing preference test” which presumably will tell the reader with just what type of housing he would be most content. How accurate this test may be, however, this reviewer cannot say: we took the test, discovered to our perplexity that we should avoid all cost renting an apartment or house — something we have been doing all our life.

Mr. Kaufman covers all the traditional topics from budgets and mortgages to interior decoration and landscaping. Almost half the book is given over to “building your own” and here, as would be expected, Mr. Kaufman is at his best. His chapter on materials, for example, is divided into materials for foundation, for exterior walls (both masonry and frame construction), roofing, flooring, and interior walls and partitions. A second chapter is equally detailed on mechanical equipment. Also included are a fine discussion of the architect’s services, and a complete explanation of construction contracts. All in all this is one of the most helpful of all volumes to date written to help the would-be home owner get off to a good start.

UNIVERSITY PLANNING


Reports on conferences very seldom achieve the liveliness and interest of the conferences themselves. People just do not talk for publication as a rule. But Dean Hunsaker’s skillful editing of this report has maintained much of the original flavor of the two-day session in Cleveland. It makes interesting reading.

Most of the men taking part in the panel discussions were either educators or architects. The give and take of their conversation on “Planning the University Plant in Relation to the City” and “Design and Facilities of a Modern University Plant,” for example, thus probably sum up the best thinking of the day on those problems. Here in one handy volume the university deans report on what they want, what they need, what they are planning, and the architects tell them what they could have if they wanted it and could afford it. Even costs are discussed quite frankly. No architect doing university work can afford to miss this report.
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CONCRETE PROGRESS
To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the introduction of Incor, a high early strength portland cement, the Lone Star Cement Corp. has issued an interesting 44-page illustrated booklet called "20 Years—a New Era in Concrete." The booklet shows how the material has stood up in various types of usage ranging from street pavement to seaplane hangars.

"High early strength portland cement," the company comments, "has made it possible to introduce in construction those principles of line-production which characterize the American way in industry generally... The only basic difference between high early and regular portland cement is that the former, through refinements in the process of manufacture, cures or hardens thoroughly in 24 hours, where it formerly took a week or longer. While no change in concreting methods has been required, increased rate of strength gained has made possible far-reaching changes in building techniques by making concrete in effect a ready-to-use, year-around construction material."

HEATING
Baseboard Radiation
A new form of baseboard radiation called Convect-O-Base is a combination of aluminum fins which are detachable, mounted on 1-in. pipe, and copper tubing on which are permanently mounted aluminum fins. The system uses a very small volume of water to assure a more constant temperature without long warm-ups, and according to the manufacturer maintains a 3° average floor-ceiling differential.

Piping can be run through walls from room to room, and no valves are required. The unit comes with two covers: an inner liner that is nailed or screwed to the wall in place of the conventional baseboard, and a front grille that hooks over the top edge of the liner and fits over the pipe and fins. Both covers are made in 6-ft. lengths, can be cut to size on the job. Finish is natural aluminum, can be painted to conform to any decorative note. Minimite Co., 623 S. Kildare Ave., Chicago 24, Ill.

Baseboard Conectors
The U. S. Fin-Ray Baseboard Connector, shown at the February Heating and Ventilating Exposition in New York, is a fin-type steel radiator enclosed with a grilled steel covering plate. Installed near the bottom of the wall in place of the usual wooden baseboard, the Fin-Ray can be used in either new or remodeled homes or commercial buildings, can be painted or finished to match any decorative scheme. U. S. Radiator Corp., Detroit, Mich.

Smokeless Stove
Developed primarily to meet the requirements of anti-smoke ordinances such as St. Louis and other cities have adopted, the Worsham Minute Smokeless Furnaces and Stoves are semi-automatic, requiring only three simple tending operations. One lever dumps the ashes into an ash container. Another transfers the remaining incandescent coke. Coal is then poured into the unit

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The Grenadier II is designed with all reflecting surfaces turned downward so that they collect a minimum of dust. Side panels, louvers and channel covers are easily removed for periodic washings. Each model is built for installing in continuous runs and standard connecting parts are available from jobbers' stocks or the factory. The single unit for small rooms and corridors has twin suspension.

Excellent for stores is the Grenadier II equipped with a spotlight using a 150W Sealed Beam lamp and adjustable 35° in any direction. Details in the new Wakefield catalog.

Lighting Design Data. This table shows the number of square feet allowable per luminaire (for the model illustrated; catalog No. GRL-24824) for varying interior conditions and requirements. Divide the square foot area by the proper figure to find the number of luminaires required. Figures are based on present data book ratings for 4500° white lamps.

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The flux or light of any lighting unit is plotted as a curve as a result of an impartial test made by Electrical Testing Laboratories. Shown here is the distribution curve resulting from such a test of the Grenadier unit illustrated above (Catalog No. GRL-24824). For further data, consult Sweet's File or write for catalog to

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Gas-Fired Unit Heater

A new line of gas-fired unit heaters is designed to embody all the latest features of forced air heating. The units, ranging in size from an input of 65,000 to 200,000 Btu's per hour, operate on either manufactured, natural or mixed gas.

Known as Type L to T, the new line has a heat interchanger and combustion chamber assembly made of "aluminized" heavy gauge steel, electric welded to provide a one-piece, leak-proof construction. Air for combustion purposes and for the draft diverter intake is drawn from the sides of the unit to prevent mixing with the heated air stream. Double action high temperature safety control and adjustable louvers are features of the unit. Casing is styled and finished in durable neutral gray enamel. Carrier Corp., Syracuse, N. Y.

Line Expanded

Three new home heating units have been added to the Richmond line of plumbing and heating equipment. The new units are the Type K Gas Boiler, which has built-in domestic hot water coil; the Horizontal Gas Winter Air Conditioner, said to require a relatively small amount of floor space; and the Oil Inter Air Conditioner, designed for installation in low cost homes. Richmond Radiator Co., 19 E. 45th St., New York 17.

SET-UP WINDOWS

Window panels of Celanese Vimpite are being used by B. Altman & Co., New York, in room set-ups for home furnishing displays. The Vimpite, a light-weight wire mesh coated with transparent Celanese cellulose acetate, can be cut into any form desired and is quickly installed with hammer and nails. It admits light while covering out-of-stock and unwanted details, is shatter-proof, can be cleaned with a damp cloth, and can be rolled up for storage. Celanese Corp. of America, 180 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

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Electric Unit

A new automatic electric water heater, the U. S. Capitol, is available in sizes from 10 to 140 gal., and is designed to operate without noise and odor, free from the necessity of storing fuel. It can be installed in kitchen, utility room basement or recreation room. U. S. Radiator Corp., Detroit 31, Mich.

LIGHTING

Plastic Louvers

The entire ceiling becomes a lighting unit with a new fluorescent lighting system called the Sky-Glo, the transparent Vynylite plastic louvers of which are said to reflect 18 per cent of the light striking its surface and to allow 71 per cent transmission. The system consists of standardized stock sections of the plastic louvers, channels and fittings. Benjamin Electric Mfg. Co., Des Plaines, Ill.

New Fixtures

A completely new line of fluorescent and slimline Executive Luminaire lighting fixtures just announced has been designed for correct illumination and ease of maintenance. Available in two and four lamp units, with louvered or glass bottoms, for standard 40-watt fluorescent and 51-watt slimline sizes, the units are "wafer-thin" in depth, sturdily constructed, and finished in baked white enamel having a reflection factor of 87 per cent. All-bright Electric Products Co., 3917 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago 18, Ill.

PAINTS

Heat-Resisting

A new high-heat resisting aluminum paint called Heatrem is made specifically for use on exterior and interior metal surfaces where temperatures reach 1500°F., or any wood, brick or concrete surfaces exposed to extreme heat.

According to the manufacturer, Heatrem fuses with metal surfaces to form a permanently bright, elastic finish that resists moisture, corrosion, acids, alkalis and industrial fumes. It is said to set up in four hours and dry completely over night. Speco, Inc., 3142 Superior Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Self-Sealing

A self-sealing, oil-base, flat wall finish called Dutch Standard Wall Charm is suitable for painting over wall paper, wallboard, kalsomine, tile, brick, wood

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Mr. V. H. Paulsen is a member of the firm of Ziegler, Childs & Paulsen, Jersey City, N. J., whose plans for a 1000-bed hospital, to be erected at the boundary of Newark, East Orange and South Orange, New Jersey, have recently been in the news. Constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers for the Veterans Administration, this hospital will consist of a group of nine buildings occupying a 3.5 acre site.

During the past 27 years Mr. Paulsen has specialized in institutional planning, including large hospital projects in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. He is currently retained as hospital consultant on a nation-wide hospital program.

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TECHNICAL NEWS AND RESEARCH

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ends of each section, permits a unit of any desired length to be made. An 1-bolt attached to one end of the cable ties to the outside eyelot of one of the end sections. Blaw-Knox Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

TERMITE CONTROL

A new system of termite control has been developed which consists of installing a series of slotted pipes at the time of construction in all accessible areas such as porches, sun parlors, stoops, steps and fireplaces. A perforated pipe is inserted annually into these installed pipes through which all hidden areas are treated with a chemical toxic. Hill Termite Control Systems, Inc., Memphis, Tenn.

REVISED STANDARD

Old Growth Douglas Fir Standard Stock Doors (CS 73043) is a revision which has been submitted to manufacturers and others for consideration and approval. It proposes to eliminate several sizes of house doors and a number of layouts of designs no longer in demand. Will permit the use of Sitka spruce and Western hemlock as well as Douglas fir in the manufacture of doors as covered by the standard. In the lower quality doors, a mixture of these woods will be permissible. Mimeographed copies of the revision are available from the Commodity Standards Division, National Bureau of Standards, Washington 25, D. C.

AIR CONDITIONERS

Room Conditioner

A compact window-type room conditioner for homes and offices, the SR 1-50, is entirely self-contained and does not require building alterations for installation. It fits any double-hung window from 29 to 52 in. in width, needs only a plug-in connection to operate. Designed for installation in almost any household or office window, the unit provides cooling for rooms up to approximately 250 sq. ft. It is powered by a Meter-Miser refrigerating unit which is hermetically sealed and self-oiling. It circulates filtered air at the rate of 185 cu. ft. per minute, cooling, dehumidifying and ventilating the room. Angled grilles direct air upward to prevent direct drafts. If desired, the cooling mechanism can be turned off and the unit will continue to ventilate the room. Room temperature control is provided by a three-position switch. Finish is bronze. Frigidaire Division, General Motors Corp., Dayton 1, Ohio.

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**Window Blower**

Specifically designed for small homes, apartments, tourist courts and cottages, the new Sno-Breeze Evaporative Air Cooler features quiet operation and ease of installation. Motor and blower are free floating and rubber mounted to eliminate vibration and noise. The unit is balanced to the window sill, has metal side panels adjustable to fill any space between the cooler and the window; it is positioned and held by lowering the window to the angle weather stripping on top of the cooler. Cabinet is 22 gauge rust-resistant, press-formed, with rear louvered panel removable without tools for quick changing of the pads and for servicing.

Other features of the unit include: a trough type water distributing system with automatic water regulator; recessed adjustable front grille (patent pending); and convenient fingertip control provided by a switch and water control valve on the front panel. Finish is a light brown baked Hammertone enamel. Palmer Mfg. Corp., Phoenix, Ariz.

**Schoolroom Unit**

Gradual throttling of the steam supply for uniform temperature control is possible with a new unit ventilator designed for use in school classrooms. This is achieved by a newly designed assembly consisting of a floating heating element with steam distributing tubes, a pressure equalizing unit including a special checking device, and condensate cooling surface.

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