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Party Differences Fade as Congress Tackles Housing Measures • BRAB Executive Committee Announced • Truman Cuts VA Hospital Program

True to predictions, the Administration lost no time in applying the pressure to its own anti-inflation and housing programs once Congress settled down to work in the 81st session. Inauguration seemed to mark the starting date. A week after President Truman took the oath of office Congress had before it half a dozen major housing bills and both of the Banking Committees had approved a seven-months extension of voluntary allocations of scarce materials beyond March 1.

Democratic leaders announced they would try to get through Congress stand-by powers for the President to impose compulsory price, wage and allocation controls — part of the muchheralded anti-inflation pattern. All emphasis seemed to be on stepping up the legislative tempo, and bills having to do with rent controls, housing, export controls and allocations all were caught in this sudden draft of pressure.

(About the same time came the announcement that the Administration was readying a bill to create a Columbia River Authority, seen as further evidence of an all-embracing effort to revamp and "strengthen" laws having to do with construction matters.)

#### Party Cleavages Closing Up

Observers watched the party cleavages slip away in the first significant test of power in the House; 49 Republicans had voted with the Democrats to liberalize the House Rules Committee, the body that bottled up the housing bill in the 80th Congress. With that obstacle removed, the 81st Congress is generally expected to enact a comprehensive measure aimed at freer government financing guarantees and including the construction of public housing units. Builders favor the former provision, oppose the latter.

Further evidencing an area of interparty agreement on the broad housing issues, Senator Robert Taft's followers and Administration supporters ignored differences long enough to agree on the fundamental methods of attacking the housing shortage legislatively.

### **Housing Bills Much Alike**

When the bills of both parties had been unmasked, they were found to be remarkably alike in principle, differing essentially in the following points: the number of public housing units to be constructed, amount of capital grant outlays, and tax exemption for local bonds. Other points of difference noted: rate of construction of public housing units, length of program, and amortization period. The Administration and Republican bills approached the problem of home shortages along parallel lines in respect to slum clearance, farm housing, research and changes in Federal Housing Administration operations.

Summed up, both major parties jumped in to foster comprehensive housing measures, the Republicans making a somewhat softer approach toward the same end.

Banking Committees of both houses of Congress worked over the rent and housing proposal concurrently. A Senate Banking Subcommittee, under Sparkman of Alabama, started hearings on the housing bills almost immediately early in February — while the House Committee rushed its consideration of extending rent controls, in strengthened form, for two years beyond March 31. The agreement was for each of the committees to take up the other subject when it had finished with its initial hearing. This was arranged in an effort to get the bills on the floor as soon as possible.

Throughout the legislation proposed runs an emphasis on more housing at lower sales and rental figures. Stressing this phase particularly is the Administration's own suggestion for amending the National Housing Act. This was introduced by the Banking Committee chairman, Senator Maybank of South Carolina, and Rep. Spence of Kentucky, clearly marking it for committee support. Dealing with the mortgage insurance programs and the secondary market program, it would, in brief:

1. Provide direct loans to veterans' housing cooperatives if private lending institutions failed to do the job. This is an entirely new proposal.

2. Exempt cooperatives, rental housing projects and low-cost homes built for sale from the present 50 per cent limitation on the amount of loans which the Federal National Mortgage Association can buy from any one mortgagee. This would have the effect of permitting the federal government to purchase without limit mortgages on low-priced housing.

3. Continue government insurance up to 90 per cent of 40-year, 4 per cent interest loans on nonprofit cooperative (Continued on page 10)



"Sorry, lady—"

-Drawn for the RECORD by Alan Dunn

## The use of Asphalt Tile in Modern Multiple Housing Projects

By Edwin H. Mittelbusher, Architect



The design of a rental housing project is secondary only to the financing pattern. The selection of each and every detail of construction, and the selection of each and every material is influenced thereby. The physical security for long term loans, by that I mean 27 to 32 year loans, must fulfill certain fundamental requisites and standards, some of which are dictated to us by the lenders, others by the myriad of building ordinance, and still others imposed upon us by the future tenants themselves.

We arrive, eventually then, at an area or range within which we must design. It is necessary, in order to obtain a fair return, that both construction, operating, and maintenance costs be consistent with the rental income expectancy. The fullest possible advantage must be taken of all the factors involved.

In the 366 unit rental project now under construction in LaGrange Park, there is about 360,000 square feet of floor area or surface (not including basement laundry, storage and boiler room area).

These floors consist of a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " concrete slab poured in place over light weight steel beams. The choice of a floor covering for these concrete floors received our utmost attention for many months.

We are faced primarily with a maintenance problem. In addition to that, we were concerned with the original cost of installation or first cost.

In this project there are 32 garden type apartments, in which the floors are about 2'-0" below grade. A floor material, such as asphalt tile, which resists moisture is required in these units.

Then last but not least in importance was the matter of floor color and its effect on the apartment color scheme. With these four basic and fundamental requirements in mind, we selected asphalt tile as the material which would best fulfill and satisfy every one of these standards and many more.

#### MAINTENANCE

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Reading from left to right, Charles E. Joern, President of Wm. Joern & Sons, Builders; Edwin H. Mittelbusher, Architect; and Elmer M. Larson, General Supt. for Wm. Joern & Sons...one of many discussions concerning "The Homestead."



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ownership housing projects but increase from 95 per cent to 100 per cent the insurance of such loans where at least 80 per cent of the members of the cooperative concerned are veterans of World War II. (Maximum amount of the mortgage in the case of the 90 per cent loan would remain at \$8100 per family dwelling, or \$1800 per room. In the case of the 100 per cent loan, maximum amount of the mortgage would be \$9000 per family dwelling or \$2000 per room. In all these instances the insurance would be based on current replacement costs.

4. Increase the total insurance authorization under Title II of the present Act by \$1 billion. Use of the fund would require approval of the President.

It is obvious that this piece of legislation, drawn under the guidance of Raymond M. Foley, Housing and Home Finance Agency administrator, would greatly liberalize the use of government credit for financing and the construction of lower cost homes.

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Architects' model of the University section of New York University-Bellevue Medical Center. The 20-story University Hospital is at right, Hall of Residence at extreme left

#### CONSTRUCTION OF MEDICAL CENTER TO START SOON

Details of new definitive architectural plans for the new University section of the New York University-Bellevue Medical Center, announced in mid-January, indicate a total cost of about \$32,744,000 for the University's share of the Center. The plans now call for facilities for two medical schools, a 600-bed University Hospital designed primarily to serve patients in the middle-income brackets, and related clinics. Architects for the project are Skidmore, Owings & Merrill of New York. Construction is expected to begin this spring.

NEWS FROM CANADA

### By John Caulfield Smith



Stone and frame house (plans below) now under construction in Port Credit, Ont., 10 miles from Toronto, for Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hewson. Designed by E. C. S. Cox, Architect, it faces south, overlooks a golf course, and combines one and two story height

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#### Lower Cost Homes Materializing

Meanwhile the National Association of Home Builders is pointing with pride to the sucess of its efforts to increase the number of lower-cost homes being built. Of more than one million units of all types added to the housing supply in 1948, N.A.H.B. reports, thousands were of the Economy House variety and sold for \$4500 to \$8500. Two of every five homes purchased last year were bought by families with income of less than \$3000, and four out of five by families with incomes under \$5000. Eighty per cent of all houses sold went for less than \$10,000 while the average purchase price paid by veterans for houses, old and new, was \$7600.

N.A.H.B. is proud of these figures, contending that home builders — private home builders — are meeting the needs of relatively low-income families.

Agencies of government, incidentally, have been speeding up their plans to bring down the cost of home construction. A meeting of those concerned with the HHFA drive - officials of both government and industry groups - was held in January and field sessions aimed at taking the gospel of economic home building to the men who handle actual construction details, to the architect, the contractor, supplier, etc., began on February 8. An effort will be made to hold similar meetings in every city in the country of 10,000 population or over. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is cooperating and local FHA officials are handling details of the conclaves.

#### **Housing Research Programmed**

New attention also is being given to research on housing. A significant move in this field is the recent appointment of Joseph H. Orendorff as Director of Design and Methods in HHFA's Division of Standardized Building Codes and Materials. Mr. Orendorff had temporarily handled administration of management and disposition policies for the war-built Lanham Act housing and now returns to the Division to supervise the development of modular construction research involving standardized dimensions for building materials. This is certain to be an expanding activity under present agency plans. The Housing Act of 1948 authorized the HHFA to create the Division for advancing adop-(Continued on page 14)

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tion of standardized building codes and standardized dimensions and methods. Officials expect this work to increase its strides immeasurably under legislation now before Congress.

A few weeks ago Mr. Foley announced the completion of arrangements, involving the signing of a \$10,000 contract, whereby the National Research Council will act in an advisory capacity to the Division's research program on building techniques. National Council committees are composed of leading scientists and engineers from industry, educational and nonprofit organizations. Therefore this bridges the gap more effectively between government and industry research.

Making the announcement of the contract, Mr. Foley said: "Greater use of standardized parts, and improved methods of building are constructive policies, adoption of which would help in the solution of the problem of costs in the house building industry."

#### **BRAB** Pulse Is Quickened

Closer coordination of all research in construction was promised when members of the Building Research Advisory Board met in Washington in mid-February. This meeting breathed new life into the organization. BRAB was first thought of in the fall of 1946, was organized then and has been growing slowly since that time. The Board is a group of industry and government people interested in coordinating and advancing the research idea. It seeks eventually to get cooperation from all layers of industry, from the producers of building materials who now may be carrying on their own research projects in isolated and unknown instances. Bringing together information of these research activities, and making their benefits available to the construction industry as a whole, can go a long way toward improving building techniques - and lowering costs at the same time.

That is the aim. It is emphasized that BRAB intends to do no researching itself. The general chairman is Dr. Frank B. Jewett, a former president of the National Academy of Sciences. His executive committee is composed of Walter A. Taylor, director of research and education for the American Institute of Architects; Harry C. Plummer, (Continued on page 16)

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director of engineering and research for the Structural Clay Products Institute; Dr. C. F. Rassweiler, vice president in charge of research development for Johns-Manville Corp.; W. E. Reynolds, commissioner of the Public Buildings Administration; and Prof. William H. Scheick, coordinator of the Small Homes Council at the University of Illinois.

The form that BRAB activities will take from now on was more clearly defined at the Washington session. It may take its future operative clue from the National Highway Research Board, a group that has grown in 25 years to be a most valuable implementation instrument serving the highway industry. It is realized that the functions of the building industry are much different and in themselves diversified, but BRAB will grow into such an implementing body.

#### **VA Hospital Program Cut**

The architectural profession, along with all other segments of the building industry, was surprised by the President's sudden decision to cut back the Veterans Administration hospital construction program rather drastically. Mr. Truman revealed without previous indication that he had ordered the program slashed to the extent of 16,000 beds, both temporary and emergency types. Several firms throughout the country were caught in the midst of preparing plans and specifications for those hospitals struck from the list.

VA said the proposed construction of 24 new hospitals and reduction of the size of 14 others were involved in the mandate.

Repercussions are expected in Congress before the appropriation bills are passed. While Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., of the veterans' agency announced that the curtailed building program would not deny hospitalization to any service-connected veteran, the protest pressure on congressmen from their constituents is severe.

Veterans' organizations were quick to announce their opposition to the decision. The American Legion expressed this attitude when it announced: "At a time when there are two million veterans of both World Wars being compensated for service-incurred and aggra-(Continued on page 18)



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vated disabilities, when thousands of new claims are pending adjudication, and when nearly 15,000 veterans are awaiting hospital admission, we will strenuously fight curtailment of the VA hospital construction program."

(Note: VA itself estimates that the amount lost through the cutback order was nearly \$10 million. That is, \$1.4 million in site acquisition expenditures, and between \$7 million and \$8 million spent on all technical services including preparation of plans and specifications. The decision to reduce, of course, will result in an immense saving in construction costs otherwise charged to the VA program. Administrator Gray estimated this at \$280 million.)

The Administration had one argument (Continued on page 20)

### ELIOT CROSS

Eliot Cross, Architect, and founder of the New York real estate investment firm of Webb & Knapp, Inc., died on January 23 in Princeton, N. J., following a long illness. He was 65.

Mr. Cross was a practicing architect in New York for 40 years. He and his brother, John W. Cross, founded the architectural firm of Cross & Cross in 1907, and designed some of New York City's best-known buildings, among them the Hotel Barclay, Doctors Hospital, the Postum Building, the Harriman Building, and the new Tiffany & Company building on Fifth Avenue at 57th Street. The firm was dissolved in 1942.

In 1922 Mr. Cross, with P. Seward Webb and the late Robert C. Knapp, founded Webb & Knapp, serving as chairman of the firm's board of directors from its founding until 1947 when ill health forced him to retire.

### HENRY E. RICHARDS

Henry E. Richards, alumnus of Harvard University with the class of 1869 and of Massachusetts Institute of Technology with the class of 1871, died at his home in Gardiner, Me., on January 26 at the age of 100.

An architect by profession, Mr. Richards practiced in Boston for seven years following his graduation from M.I.T., and then moved to Gardiner, where he was for many years head of the Richards Paper Company. In Miami Beach's gracious Seaview Hotel

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for its decision: the saving on steel to result from cancellation of \$280 million worth of heavy construction. The rift between the White House and steel producers over additional capacity, how much should be built and by whom, was growing in extent as the President pressed for power to put the federal government in a position to build steel plants should industry fail to take advantage of federal loans he proposed to extend for the purpose.

The publicly-announced reason for the reduction in the hospital construction program was this — re-evaluation since the end of the war has shown that estimated needs for hospital beds were "considerably larger than actually has proven necessary." Sixty-four individual projects not under contract at the time were surveyed in reaching the decision to drop 24 entirely and reduce 14 others.

The announcement came at a time when production prospects for most building materials, excluding steel and aluminum, are better than at any other time since the end of the war. The Producers' Council is confident that there will be an adequate supply to satisfy the volume of construction of all types anticipated in 1949.

Iron and steel companies spent \$583 million in 1948 to expand and improve production facilities. The figure will increase to \$627 million in 1949. Some producers have ventured the opinion that the 1949 requirements might actually be met in all major fields with the exception of transportation.

#### Federal Grants Promised Building

Large amounts of money in the form of federal grants are included in building construction bills introduced in the 81st Congress. The large scale federal aid to education bill which lost out in the last session and is being pushed again now, does not contain specific funds for building purposes. This fact has brought out a number of suggestions for direct federal grants to be used in school building construction alone. Foremost among these is the House bill authored by Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., former GOP House Speaker. It would commit the government to an annual outlay of \$300 million over a three-year period and require state and local governments to match the (Continued on page 22)

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federal grants on a 50-50 basis. Altogether, this calls for a school building program nearing the \$2 billion figure over the three years.

Important in the Martin legislation is the fact that it gives state education departments authority to determine priorities for school buildings. This enhanced its chances for passage by removing a common area for criticism federal regulation of the school systems.

The name of Senator Robert Taft gives strength to a measure introduced by four Senators; this would double the volume of construction of non-federal hospitals in the program administered by the U.S. Public Health Service under the Hill-Burton hospital construction act. Sponsoring the bill with Taft are Senators Ellender (La.), Hill (Ala.), and Smith (N.J.).

In addition to increasing federal grants for hospital and health center construction from \$75 million annually to \$150 million, the Senate bill provides for:

1. Extending the time of operation of the program another five years beyond 1949, making a total of eight years instead of the five originally specified.

2. Placing allotments of federal funds for individual projects on the same basis of "variable need" as that now determining the overall allotment to any state.

3. An extra \$1.2 million in federal money for research and experiment.

4. Federal funds to aid states in administration of hospitals and health centers.

The first specific indication of the nation's school construction and equipment needs has been given by the Federal Works Agency's Office of Economic Research. Following several months of work on the subject, this Office places total overall requirements, in terms of 1947 cost, at \$11 billion. This amount will have to be spent before the current critical shortage in classroom space for public elementary and secondary education can be overcome.

The extremely large backlog reflects a long period of underbuilding and persistent accumulation of needs through the past several years. Architects specializing in school buildings will be coping with this increasing work when (Continued on page 160)

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1925	121.5	122.8	111.4	113.3	110.3	86.4	85.0	88.6	92.5	83.4
1930	127.0	126.7	124.1	128.0	123.6	82.1	80.9	84.5	86.1	83.6
1935	93.8	91.3	104.7	108.5	105.5	72.3	67.9	84.0	87.1	85.1
1939	123.5	122.4	130.7	133.4	130.1	86.3	83.1	95.1	97.4	94.7
1940	126.3	125.1	132.2	135.1	131.4	91.0	89.0	96.9	98.5	97.5
1941	134.5	135.1	135.1	137.2	134.5	97.5	96.1	99.9	101.4	100.8
1942 1943	139.1 142.5	140.7	137.9	139.3	137.1	102.8	102.5	104.4	104.9	105.1
1943	142.5	144.5 154.3	140.2	141.7 152.6	139.0	109.2	109.8	108.5	108.1	108.7
1944	160.5	161.7	156.3	152.0	149.6 155.4	123.2	124.5 133.9	123.2	117.2	118.2 123.3
1946	181.8	182.4	177.2	179.0	174.8	148.1	149.2	136.8	136.4	125.3
1947	219.3	222.0	207.6	207.5	203.8	180.4	184.0	158.1	157.1	158.0
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1920	118.1	121.1	112.1	110.7	113.1	108.8	107.5	115.2	115.1	122.1
1925	118.6	118.4	116.3	118.1	114.4	91.0	86.5	99.5	102.1	98.0
1930	108.9	108.3	112.4	115.3	111.3	90.8	86.8	100.4	104.9	100.4
1935	95.1	90.1	104.1	108.3	105.4	89.5	84.5	96.4	103.7	99.7
1939	110.2	107.0	118.7	119.8	119.0	105.6	99.3	117.4	121.9	116.5
1940	112.6	110.1	119.3	120.3	119.4	106.4	101.2	116.3	120.1	115.5
1941	118.8	118.0	121.2	121.7	122.2	116.3	112.9	120.5	123.4	124.3
1942	124.5	123.3	126.9	128.6	126.9	123.6	120.1	127.5	129.3	130.8
1943	128.2	126.4	131.2	133.3	130.3	131.3	127.7	133.2	136.6	136.3
1944	138.4	138.4	135.7	136.7	136.6	139.4	137.1	139.4	142.0	142.4
1945	152.8	152.3	146.2	148.5	145.6	146.2	144.3	144.5	146.8	147.9
1946	167.1	167.4	159.1	161.1	158.1	159.7	157.5	157.9	159.3	160.0
1947	202.4	203.8	183.9	184.2	184.0	193.1	191.6	183.7	186.8	186.9
Oct. 1948	233.9	236.7	215.9	218.3	215.7	225.6	223.3	216.2	221.7	219.9
Nov. 1948	231.5	233.6	215.5	218.0	215.1	224.2	221.5	215.9	221.5	219.5
Dec. 1948	227.6	228.6	214.8	217.6	214.1	220.7	217.0	215.3	221.1	218.6
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Dec. 1948	106.5	113.6		81.6	79.9	109.0	118.5		81.3	87.6

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 = 110index for city B = 95

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

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

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### LE CORBUSIER AGAIN

Concerning Town Planning. By Le Corbusier. Translated by Clive Entwistle. The Yale University Press (New Haven, Conn.), 1948. 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> by 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in. 128 pp., illus. \$2.75.

The publishers of this first English translation of Le Corbusier's PROPOS D'URBANISME call it that indefatigable and prolific author's "most important postwar book," and perhaps it is. Certainly it is one of his most interesting, packed full of typical Le Corbusier-isms and drawings.

"Towns are born, and grow throughout the ages; they deform under the assaults of life." From that introductory sentence all the way through to the final conclusion reached, this is a volume carefully calculated to stimulate and intrigue the imagination of its reader. It takes the form of replies to a series of 18 questions put to Le Corbusier in 1944 by an English source, and it takes the opportunity once again to expound the philosophies of town planning which for years have been synonymous with the name of their author.

#### **CITY PLANNING**

Planning the Modern City. By Harold MacLean Lewis. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (440 Fourth Ave., New York 16), 1949.  $7\frac{1}{2}$ by 10¼ in. Two volumes: Vol. I, xxi + 284 pp.; Vol. II, xii + 224 pp.; illus. \$6.00 each.

Subtitled "A Modern Treatment Based on THE PLANNING OF THE MODERN CITY by Nelson P. Lewis," these two volumes are inherently a revised edition of the text first published in 1916, but the revision has been so extensive that the present work ranks as a new publication. Its author is the son of Nelson P. Lewis, author of the original volume.

Following several introductory chapters defining city planning and describing its goals, Volume I of the present edition plunges into such subjects as population distribution and trends, land surveys, zoning, transportation, development of shopping centers. Planning trends both here and abroad are discussed, and the mechanics of planning are thoroughly described. Volume II takes up neighborhood and community planning, housing, redevelopment of blighted areas, and special planning problems such as airport location, parking and decentralization of industry. A final section is devoted to legal, economic and administrative problems. Maps, diagrams, photos and drawings abound throughout both volumes.

Arranged as it is with questions and reference lists at the end of each chapter, the book is ideally suited for classroom use as well as for independent study.

Mr. Lewis has adhered closely to the planning principles laid down by his father, but has replaced references, brought statistics up to date, and added new chapters and much new material. The result is a book which very likely will be a standard text for some time.

### NEIGHBORHOOD STANDARDS

Planning the Neighborhood. By the American Public Health Association Committee on the Hygiene of Housing. Public Administration Service (1313 E. 60th St., Chicago 7, 111.), 1948. 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> by 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in. viii + 90 pp. \$2.50.

Based upon the authority, standards and findings of the American Public Health Association Committee on the Hygiene of Housing, PLANNING THE NEIGHBORHOOD is concerned with criteria for the environment of residential areas — with the physical setting in which homes should be located. It includes basic health standards which may direct the planning of the residential neighborhood, and the Committee's recommendations for the selection and development of sites.

Intended to reach several groups (personnel of planning and zoning boards, architects, builders, producers of building materials, government building program authorities, etc.), this brief volume is admittedly not a manual of design, but "a formulation of those principles and standards which the technician will use in combinations to be determined by him in the course of his design solutions."

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION

Public Health Engineering: Vol. I. By Earle B. Phelps. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (440 Fourth Ave., New York 16), 1948.  $5\frac{3}{4}$  by  $8\frac{1}{2}$  in. ix + 655 pp., illus. \$7.50.

In this highly technical book, written primarily for the public health engineer, the architect will find much information not readily available to him elsewhere. For instance, there is a detailed chapter on the air supply of enclosed places, which includes such items as air pollution by human occupancy and the effect of industrial operations. Another chapter deals with heating, ventilation and air conditioning needs and practice, and another with lighting. Still others treat sewage disposal, swimming pool requirements, and rural sanitation.



"Dactyllic Frustum." From "Geo-Metric Verse" by Gerald Lynton Kaufman, A.I.A.

#### **ARCHITECTONICS IN RHYME**

Geo-metric Verse. By Gerald Lynton Kaufman. The Beechhurst Press (296 Broadway, New York 7), 1948. 5 by 6½ in. 64 pp., illus. \$1.50.

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#### LATIN AMERICAN ART

A Guide to the Art of Latin America. Edited by Robert C. Smith and Elizabeth Wilder. No. 21 in the Latin American Series of The Library of Congress. Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., 5¾ by 9 in. 480 pp. \$1.50.

Architects participating in the tour to Mexico following the A.I.A. Convention in Houston this month will welcome this extensive bibliography listing some 5000 books and articles on the art of the 20 Latin American republics and Puerto Rico.

The bibliography is divided into three chronological periods: the Colonial Period, the 19th Century, and the Contemporary Period. A preliminary section lists general works covering the whole field, and texts dealing with two or more periods. For each period there are three preliminary groupings: Latin America, (Continued on page 30)

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South America, Central America and the West Indies. These are followed by sections for each country, subdivided into subjects such as architecture, graphic arts, painting, sculpture, and so on. This simple pattern makes it easy to find exactly the kind of reference desired.

### HOSPITALS

The Hospital Building: Seminar Addresses at the 1947 A.I.A. Convention. Compiled and Edited by Walter A. Taylor. The American Institute of Architects (The Octagon, Washington 6, D. C.), 1948. 8½ by 11 in. 72 pp., illus. To members of the A.I.A., \$1.00; to non-members, \$2.00.

In answer to repeated demands, the lectures given at the Hospital Seminars at the 1947 A.I.A. Convention have now been compiled in book form, supplemented by a comprehensive bibliography for the subjects covered and additional data and notes reprinted from the A.I.A. *Bulletin*. The result is a compact volume which no architect interested in hospital construction can afford to miss.

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Home Furnishing. By Anna Hong Rutt. 2nd Edition. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (440 Fourth Ave., New York 16), 1948. 6 by 9 in. viii + 508 pp., illus. \$6.00.

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# AIR CONDITIONING THE MODERN SPECIALTY SHOP

by Bruce Jacobi, Chief Engineer, Lerner Stores Corporation, New York.



**Bruce Jacobi**, a graduate engineer of Carnegie Institute of Technology, has complete control of design and installation of air conditioning systems in chain of 200 stores in 42 states. He is a member of the A. S. H.V. E.

Because women spend from 20 minutes to well over an hour in the average specialty shop, air conditioning serves a double purpose. It affords both comfort for customers and protection for merchandise. Ordinarily, without air conditioning, merchandise losses may run high owing to handling, perspiration, staining and the like. A "pre-cooled" customer who tries on a dress seldom damages it.

#### **STORE ENTRANCE DOORS**

One of the most critical points in cooling or heating the busy store is at the entranceway. Adequate provision for this area facilitates conditioning the main sales area.

Doors are opened so frequently in most shops that cooling loads must be calculated on the assumption that they are *constantly* open. For this reason it is necessary to develop a positive air pressure at the entrance and to provide for exfiltration of air into the store lobby. This may be accomplished by adjusting the return air damper on the sales floor until a positive pressure condition is obtained at the doorway.

In tall buildings, a stack effect is frequently prevalent. In such cases, the return air damper adjustment may be insufficient to effect suitable exfiltration into the lobby. A supply outlet above the entrance, however, can be designed to deliver sufficient air to blanket infiltration.

Heating during cold months is as important as cooling during the warm periods. For the cold seasons, a booster heating coil—controlled by a



Store entranceway showing front door booster system, utilizing high velocity ejectors.

thermostat located near the doors—may be placed in a supply duct at the entrance. In some instances, a thermostatically controlled unit heater can be recessed in the wall near the entrance. Care should be taken to avoid insufficient, or excessive, heating, at this point.

Multiple entrances in wider stores will require a separate centrifugal blower installed in the hung ceiling above the entrance, or in the basement below it. A separate duct system with cooling and heating coils and high velocity ejectors, installed along the entire width, is most effective.

#### **AIR DISTRIBUTION**

Air distribution presents a different problem for each store. It is contended by many that wall type grilles frequently interfere with decorative plans and that, like light sources, air outlets should not be apparent. Hung ceilings allow for architectural blending of lighting fixtures with the air outlets, and the use of ceiling air dispersal points permits designing a draftless type of distribution.

#### SYSTEMS

In larger stores with installations of 50 tons or more, two or more separate air conditioning units, each complete in itself, will provide better results than one large, central unit with a single blower. The separate units increase flexibility and allow greater ease of operation. In the event that one unit becomes inoperative, the other continues to function and the store will not then be entirely without air conditioning. Several small units also permit by-passing one into another if required during a breakdown period. Although more expensive to install, the savings over a period of years, obtained through flexibility of operation and better air conditioning, more than offset initial costs.

An air conditioning system does not improve with age and use. It is therefore desirable to install a system slightly larger than design calculations indicate to overcome inefficiencies which may develop, such as dirt collection on coils or normal wearing of mechanical parts.

#### **FITTING ROOMS**

This area has a more concentrated occupancy than any other part of the store. Generally it is enclosed with a low ceiling and is separated from the sales area. Customers spend more time here than in other areas.

It is desirable to install a separate zone from the fan outlet into the fitting room area. A booster coil connected to a small condensing unit may be installed within this duct and a booster coil may also be placed in it. The area usually requires slightly higher temperature than other parts of the store because customers disrobe while trying on various garments. A two or three degree differential has been found satisfactory in most cases.

It is important that a sufficient amount of outside air be circulated in fitting rooms to prevent odors. This air must be rapidly exhausted, discarded and not re-circulated.

#### DOUBLE PLENUM SYSTEM





Zoning is important where more than one sales floor is encountered. Recently, many stores have been designed with the double plenum hot and cold deck, blow through system (see diagram). Thermostatically controlled dampers regulate conditions in each zone. The double plenum system has the advantage of concentrating all air conditioning equipment in one room. It possesses a vast amount of flexibility in being able to divert heat-

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ing and cooling loads from regions where they are less required to areas in which there is a heavy concentration.

#### LIGHTING and SHOW WINDOWS

Lighting in most stores is designed to maintain a level of 35 to 50 footcandles. Because of color distortion in apparel shops, fluorescent lighting is generally confined to decorative treatments and incandescent lighting is used as a primary source. Consideration should be given to the popular trend of eliminating show window backings. Where formerly an insulated partition sepa-



Air conditioning outlet in modern, backless window which extends into the main sales area.

rated show windows from sales areas, today the windows of many stores are part of the general sales area.

Windows are normally lighted along their periphery with 150 watts per running foot. In addition, during the cooling season the solar effect upon the window, with increased cooling load, must be considered. Conversely, heat loss is experienced during the colder periods of the year. Glass of low thermal conductivity aids in reducing this condition.

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#### REVELATION BY COMPETITION

WHEN you come to think of it (and we hope you will), the designs submitted in competition are most revealing — and in more ways than one. They disclose present architectural virtues, vices and significant trends, as well as discovering a modicum of hidden talent. They are worth far more than a casual glance and a dismissal with a note of personal approval or rejection. The designs inherently reflect and express current influences, philosophies, tastes, theories, educational emphases, esthetic tenets — and these, rather than the designs themselves, are food for thought. They thus reveal much of the present state of architectural design — and are portents of its future. They may even suggest that it is time to take stock of the current approaches and emphases with an eye to clarifying our own thinking and establishing a new or reaffirmed direction.

It is natural, in part because of the forward-looking sponsorship of the competition, that one should find no designs that hark back to period stylism. All are in the vernacular and idioms of the present. It is not difficult, however, to find the sources of inspiration (or imitation) for most of the designs; the great tradition of architecture — eclecticism — is still evident. The designers no longer choose the masses, molding and mannerisms of Brunelleschi, Bramante, Sanmicheli and Vignola, but select as models the works of Mies, Wright, Corbusier, Gropius, Breuer or other modern masters.

As has always been the case, some designers use their chosen precedent intelligently, others adopt unthinkingly forms or details from the latest magazine-featured building. Novelty of design rather than appropriateness of form to purpose too often proves more intriguing to the young (or old) disciple whose mental processes do not involve analysis.

Too few designs show minds and hands thoroughly trained to plan for use — to analyze the activities to be housed and the character of the space and facilities to serve them. It takes imagination as well as logic to provide an environment that is both thoroughly convenient in use and a joy to experience. Too many plans submitted seemed to be exercises in abstract pattern rather than indications of thoughtfully organized space for people to use and enjoy.

This preoccupation with form may indicate the current dominance of the esthetic interest in architecture rather than the materialistic, scientific, or so-called "functional." Such an interest may augur well for the future of the fine art of architecture, whether one expects or hopes the developments will tend toward "monumentality," "the new empiricism," "indigenous localism," the "organic" or what have you.

Whether or not you find that any of the designs chosen by the jury solve the problem of a Mid-Western community center "which will arouse civic pride as well as serve its particular function," we commend to your attention the designs and the jury report and comment as indications of the influences of present educational methods, current periodicals, and professional design leadership on the younger generation whose genius or talent will not always be hidden.

Leuneth K. Stowell

# HIDDEN TALENT COMPETITION REPORT OF THE JURY

Joseph Hudnut, Chairman



The jurors are puzzled by a plan. In the usual order, Wallace K. Harrison (hiding Morris Ketchum), Eero Saarinen, Mies van der Rohe, and Dean Hudnut. Below: Mr. Ketchum is no longer hidden



The jury looks up at a design still in the running. From left to right, Morris Ketchum, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Eero Saarinen, Wallace K. Harrison and Dean Joseph Hudnut



APPROXIMATELY 500 designs were submitted in the Hidden Talent Competition. These came from every part of the country and furnished as a whole an arresting presentation of the attitude and the ideals of our younger designers in the field of architecture.

In general it can not be said that the impression created by these designs is an inspiring one. Most of the designs were humdrum in the extreme and the quantity of gold which they unearthed seemed shockingly disproportionate to the dross. Most of the competitors seemed well satisfied to present a practical or commonsense arrangement of the elements and then to clothe these with the familiar clichés of modernism. Rare, indeed, was the designer who attempted to draw from the work to be done and the method to be used that organic form and expression which are the essentials of good design.

The jury gave First Prize to the design of Mr. Joseph Yusuru Fujikawa, of Chicago, because it seemed to them that the design he submitted did possess that kind of organic order which has its source directly in the purpose of the building and in its structure.

It may be thought that a design which is symmetrical in its space arrangement and as simple as the Parthenon in its outward aspects could not be called modern, but to the jury it seemed quite obvious that this symmetry of space was not forced upon the program from some academic source and that the simplicity of the enframement was arrived at through a sincere desire to achieve an expression consistent with the idea of community participation. After all, the requirements of the building were very simple and certainly did not require that torturing of space into all manner of strange relationships and forms which was characteristic of at least half of the designs submitted and it seemed to the jury that no expression could be more suitable for the life of the community than classic purity in outward form. Community life is not expressed in extreme individuality but rather

#### HIDDEN TALENT COMPETITION

The Jury, beginning its work January 7th, 1949. Final decisions were made on the 8th. Seated, Philip C. Johnson, Professional Adviser (Museum of Modern Art); Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Director, Department of Architecture, Illinois Institute of Technology. Standing, left to right: Wallace K. Harrison, Director of Planning, United Nations Headquarters; Eero Saarinen, winner of Jefferson National Memorial Competition; Kenneth K. Stowell, Professional Adviser (ARCHITECTURAL RECORD); Morris Ketchum, author "Shops and Stores"; Joseph Hudnut, Dean, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, Chairman of Jury



in that serene universality which we associate with Greek architecture and which it should be our effort to recapture and make visible in terms of our own technologies.

The Second Prize — a design submitted by Mr. G. Lee Everidge, of Oklahoma City - would seem at first glance to present a curious contrast to the design given First Prize. Certainly it lacks the classic restraint and dignity of the First Prize entry. The jury nevertheless felt that more than one form of expression might be appropriate to the program and that a design based upon the exploitation of present-day structural techniques and upon an ordering of space which is in every way simple and organic might deserve almost equal consideration with the more abstract beauty of the design awarded First Prize. The relationship of lounge, lobby and auditorium is admirable and if the relation of the structure to the spatial pattern is somewhat arbitrary it does not, at any rate, do violence to good sense in planning and construction. There is about the Second Prize design a certain sculptural quality which gives it great interest. Its esthetic might be defined as structural baroque - a form of expression certainly not wholly uncongenial to a mechanized civilization. Some members of the jury could not accept the use of a costly and conspicuous ramp as a means of access to general purpose rooms in a balcony, but it must be admitted that this feature is a source of vitality and interest in the design.

The Third Prize, submitted by Mr. Edward Chase Weren, of Bloomfield Hills, is a design which in many ways achieves the more classic qualities of the design given First Prize. Mr. Weren's design is indeed the most original in conception among those submitted and it combines in a striking way novelty of esthetic expression and excellent judgment in the arrangement of plans. The lounge is so placed as to command wide vistas into the surrounding park, while the elements placed to right and left are enclosed in a double enframement first of glass and then of stone. This contrast of open centre and enclosed areas might well result in a pattern of great distinction and beauty. The sense of enclosure would play against the open vistas in a charming manner, and the quality of lighting, especially that of the auditorium, would be not only novel but certainly most satisfying. It may be that in the Third Prize design there is lacking that sense of the community which seemed to the jury to be an essential in the expression to be given the building. Community life could hardly be expressed in an enclosure of blank stone walls. Perhaps also the intimate quality of the interior spaces would be more suitable for a residence than for a public building.

The design submitted by Herbert S. Johnson, of Gainesville, Florida, was given Fourth Place since it offered a plan which seemed logical, even if somewhat more loosely organized than the designs previously mentioned. Mr. Johnson has exploited two of the favorite clichés in modern design; namely, the butterfly roof and the court open through the roof. These were once interesting devices but it must be said frankly that they have lost something of their novelty after 100,000 repetitions.

The design awarded Fifth Place submitted by Mr. William R. Reed, of Chicago, won the jury by its daring originality and the boldness of its attack upon the problem. Had the theme been other than that of a community centre, this design would have received a higher rating; but the jury found it hard to reconcile the design with the requirements or the expression of a midwestern community.

The design of Mr. Louis F. Mammier, of Brooklyn, New York, would have received a higher place, had it not been for the strange inconsistency of judgment which weighted a row of metal columns with a wall of rubble masonry. Mr. Mammier's plan is excellent, not only because of its good sense but also because of a feeling of organic unity throughout the enclosed spaces, and its exterior has a reticence combined with a bold exploitation of modern techniques which is admirable.

The design submitted by Mr. Clifford G. Foreman, of Homestead, Pennsylvania, shows competence in the organization of facilities but seems a little complex in its outward forms for so small a building.

The design of Mr. Edward Fearney, of Gainesville, Florida, held the jury's attention for a considerable period of time, and his design was considered one of the most original and daring among those submitted — especially in its management of flowing space — but as a whole it lacked those practical qualities which were obviously essential to the program.

The design submitted by Mr. Spero Paul Daltas, of Boston, is that of a man who is especially sensitive to spatial values; and that of Mr. George Rafferty, of St. Paul, pleased the jury by its clarity in plan, organization and exterior expression.

Elnor M. Hoops, of Pontiac, Michigan submitted a plan showing very great promise but it was not sufficiently studied; and the design of Mary Ellen Linberger, of Brooklyn, although admirable in directness of organization, was held to be somewhat too Spartan in exploitation of exterior elements.

The design of James V. Hirsch, of St. Paul, was much too busy in plan for so simple a building, giving on the exterior an effect more suited to a commercial building than a building devoted to civic use.

It was the feeling of the jury that the Museum of Modern Art and the ARCHITECTURAL RECORD have rendered an important service to the architectural profession in the conduct of this competition, which was in every way exceptionally well managed. We hope that the experiment will be repeated frequently.

#### A Few Thoughts about the Hidden Talent Competition

#### By Eero Saarinen

I would like to add a few thoughts to the Jury's report. It seems to me that the outcome of the competition can be taken as a statement that there are certain aspects of architecture that should be emphasized—simplicity, the need for an over-all concept in a building, a clear structural system, and, in some cases, the need for a certain formality. I wholeheartedly concur with this, but I also can see the danger in an emphasis on these aspects too early in the design of the building. One runs the risk of designing from the outside in. I therefore would like to emphasize the one thing that is fundamental in any of these expressions of architecture: whatever the expression may be, its roots should be in life itself-the way the building is used and a love for the people who use it.

To illustrate what I mean, I would like to focus on one plan. In my opinion, the plan by Clifford G.

Foreman has these qualities to a high degree, I think more so than many placed higher than his. His plan is a clean, simple, unsophisticated plan, and one can tell that he understands the life and the problems around a community building as they occur in actual life. One can tell that, while designing the building, he imagined himself entering the building and using the lounge, the game room, etc. In a community house, there is the problem of both separation and concentration. Small committees and meetings need to be closed off; but for other occasions, such as dances, much of the space should be thrown together, Mr. Foreman has understood this part of the problem well. Office, coat room, fireplaces, storage spaces, toilets, etc., are all located well in relation to the normal activities of the community house. Perhaps the only criticism I have is the location and size of the kitchen. A larger kitchen located to serve one or two of the small rooms as well as the auditorium pleases many a sewing circle. While cost was not a limitation of the program, still we cannot divorce economy from architecture. I think it is to Mr. Foreman's credit that he did not embark upon an extravagant solution. Few communities could afford anything but a modest solution; and if they could, they would add more usable space instead of architecture. It is unfortunate that the over-all mass of the building, as well as its exterior treatment with too complicated roofs, is not up to the standard of the very livable, honest plan.

I am not writing this in the spirit of a minority report, because we were all pretty much in agreement on the Jury. I am writing it more as a postscript on my thinking about the competition.

E. S.

#### HIDDEN TALENT COMPETITION WINNERS

#### FIRST PRIZE

Joseph Yusuru Fujikawa Chicago, III.

#### HONORABLE MENTIONS

Herbert S. Johnson Gainesville, Fla.

William R. Reed Chicago, III.

Louis F. Mammier Brooklyn, N. Y.

Clifford G. Foreman Homestead, Pa.

Edward M. Fearney Gainesville, Fla. Spero Paul Daltas Boston, Mass. George E. Rafferty St. Paul, Minn. Elnor M. Hoops Pontiac, Mich. Mary Ellen Linberger Brooklyn, N. Y. James V. Hirsch St. Paul, Minn

#### SECOND PRIZE

G. Lee Everidge Oklahoma City, Okla.

#### THIRD PRIZE

Edward Chase Weren Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

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Arthur C. Giorchino New York, N. Y.

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Knoxville, Tenn. Harold C. Rose

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Joseph Y. Fujikawa, Chicago, Illinois



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MEZZANINE

Born in 1922, attended the University of Southern California 1939-42, and then went to Illinois Institute of Technology where he received his degree B.S. in Architecture in 1944. He served in the United States Army 1944-45 and since 1946 has been in the office of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, and also has been doing graduate work at Illinois Tech.







NORTH ELEVATION

#### SECOND PRIZE: \$750.00

G. J. Lee Everidge, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Of part Choctaw Indian descent, he was born in Oklahoma in 1926; studied architecture at University of Oklahoma 1943. After serving in the Army Air Corps 1944–45, returned to University of Oklahoma, then moved to North Carolina State College to continue his studies with the same faculty which went to organize the new School of Design at North Carolina

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#### THIRD PRIZE: \$500.00

Edward Chase Weren, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

A native New Yorker, born in 1920, he received his secondary education at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, received his A.B. at Harvard College, 1942. Served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve 1942-46, received his degree of B. Arch. 1948 at Harvard University where he was awarded the A.I.A. School Medal. Was associated with the architectural firm of Ketchum, Gina and Sharp, and is at present with Saarinen, Saarinen and Associates





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William R. Reed. Moved from Cincinnati where he was born in 1922, to Chicago in 1930, where he later entered the American Conservatory of Music. He attended Harvard University, 1940, the Institute of Design, 1941, and served with the Army Air Force from 1943–46. He is associated with Robert Bruce Tague, A.I.A., and is currently remodeling a Chicago building as his office



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Herbert Johnson. Born in Chicago 28 years ago, he attended Chicago Latin School, and the Asheville School, Asheville, North Carolina, before entering the University of Florida, College of Architecture and Allied Arts. He served three years with the Seabees in both European and Pacific Theaters of the war, married, and returned to the University of Florida in 1946.





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#### HONORABLE MENTION: \$50.00

Clifford G. Foreman. A Pennsylvanian, born in 1926 in Pittsburgh, he received his secondary education in Homestead, Pennsylvania, and is now a student in the Department of Architecture of Carnegie Institute of Technology







Edward M. Fearney, A.I.A. Born in 1915 in Providence, Rhode Island, he attended Brown University, but transferred to Carnegie Institute of Technology, B. Arch. 1939. Served as Marine Aviation Cadet, and worked in Newfoundland and on the Alaska Highway. Was with Dickey Associates, Architects, in Honolulu; now teaching in the University of Florida, College of Architecture and Allied Arts

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Spero Paul Daltas. A native of St. Paul, age 28, he attended the University of Minnesota 1938–43, receiving his B. Arch. degree. He was a gunnery and torpedo officer on a destroyer in the Pacific from 1943–46, was an architectural designer for Northwest Airlines 1946– 47, received M. Arch. at M. I. T. in 1948, where he won the Chamberlain Prize. Now with Carl Koch and Associates, Cambridge, Mass











George E. Rafferty. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, born 1917, he graduated in architecture at the University of Minnesota 1942. He was a sergeant in the Air Corps and an instructor 1942-46. He is a designer with Ingemann, Bergstedt, and Cavin, Jr., architects, in St. Paul, and an instructor in design at the University of Minnesota



#### HONORABLE MENTION: \$50.00

Elnor M. Hoops. Born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1924, she graduated from Middlebury College, Vermont, in 1946, having majored in liberal arts. Though she has had no formal architectural education she shares with her husband, a graduate student at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, an intense interest in the development of modern architecture











Mary Ellen Linberger. In 1926 she was born in Youngstown, Ohio. She took the liberal arts course at Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, 1943–45, before going to Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, where she is now a senior in the department of architecture. She received the Pratt Alumni award, "outstanding junior student", 1948, and received an honorable mention in the New York State Housing Competition 1948

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#### HONORABLE MENTION: \$50.00

James V. Hirsch. Born in Medford, Wisconsin 25 years ago, he studied at the University of Minnesota, graduating with distinction in 1947 with a degree B. Arch. He served in Europe as a sergeant in the Infantry 12th Armored Division 1943–46, and is now a designer with Ingemann, Bergstedt and Cavin, Jr., of St. Paul, Minnesota



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#### ARCHITECT-ENGINEER OFFICES, PEORIA, ILLINOIS

W/HEN this architectural firm expanded to the point of designing its own building, it chose an outlying site, about a mile from the center of the city, on a fairly prominent hillside. The building is placed to be seen from a considerable distance, and is floodlighted at night. The building was designed to provide exceptionally good working conditions for a total personnel of 36; besides 8 architects, there are 5 licensed engineers, 18 draftsmen and superintendents, a delineator and 4 stenographers or accountants, including as a not-unimportant part of the facilities, parking space for the employees' cars. Scruggs and Hammond were the landscape architects. The heating and air conditioning system includes several innovations, some experimental. Heating combines radiant heating with forced warm air, permitting a large volume of ventilating air to be circulated. The duct work is divided into two zones, so that different exposures may be separately heated or cooled. To reduce water consumption in the cooling period, an evaporative condenser was installed with the compressor. Dehumidification is exceptionally important for hot Illinois weather, especially in a drafting room, where humidity hampers drawing. Air handling equipment can supply 100 per cent fresh air, when weather conditions are propitious. A tri-ethylolene vaporizer is installed in the ventilation system on an experimental basis, in the belief that it may cut down absenteeism due to colds. The architects point out that it frequently has had this result. So far, however, no definite conclusions have been reached regarding its effectiveness in this particular office.

Office Building of J. Fletcher Lankton

John N. Ziegele and Associates

Architects and Engineers

Exterior is of Indiana limestone, backed with insulating concrete block. Large pieces of stone are shot sawed: ashlar is of long pieces of two different thicknesses





Above: view of reception room, looking toward entrance. Right: conference room. Below: general office, looking toward receptionist's desk and waiting room. Indirect lighting of the display renderings is effectively arranged in connection with the cabinets Drafting room walls are the concrete blocks, painted with two coats of resin emulsion paint: in other rooms the block is plastered and painted. All ceilings are acoustic tile; floors are rubber tile, except in executive offices where carpet is used. The basement contains, besides air conditioning equipment, a model shop, dead files, and an employees' lunch room, where the coffee making equipment is always much appreciated











• • • • or at least Mexico City where much modern architecture has bloomed against the rich background of former periods. So here are a few candid shots of recent buildings and a decorative and useful map (overpage) showing their locations and other points of interest, prepared by Susanne Wasson-Tucker especially for ARCHITECTURAL RECORD and your edification



Office Building, Victor de la Lama, Architect

Hotel Prado (opened 1948, 660 rooms), Carlos Obregon Santacilia, Architect

Left, Office Building, Pani & del Moral, Architects. Right, Office Building, Mario Pani, Architect

Office Building for Eastern Airlines, Juan Sordo Madaleno & Augusto Alvarez, Architects (1947)

Numbers refer to locations indicated on the map (overpage)



Office Building, Mario Pani and Enrique del Moral, Architects Office Building "Edificio Continental," Carlos Lazo, Architect (1948)

Hotel (partially hidden by billboards) by Mario Pani, Architect

Apartment House and Shops, Augusto Alvarez, Architect

See also "Modern Mexico," by Ann Binkley Horn, ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, July 1947, pp. 70-83.





#### KEY TO PLAN

#### LIST OF BUILDINGS

- \* Office Building 1.
- Victor de la Lama, Architect 2 \* Office Building, 37 stories high
- Augusto Alvarez, Architect 3. Hotel Prado (opened 1948)
- Carlos Obregon Santacilia, Architect \* Office Building 4
- Mario Pani, Architect
- Office Building, Eastern Airlines J. S. Madaleno & A. Alvarez, Arch'ts. 6. \* Office Building, Mario Pani & En-
- rique del Morai, Architects Office Building "Edificio Continental" Carlos Lazo, Architect (1948) Hotel, Mario Pani, Architect (1948) 7.
- 8.
- Apartment House and Shops 9.
- Augusto Alvarez, Architect (1948) Students Center "San Cosme" 10.
- Enrique Yañez, Architect (1947) Normal School for Teachers 11.
- 12.
- Mario Pani, Architect (1947) \* Sociel Security Building Carlos Obregon Santacilia, Architect 13. \* Hotel
- Ingeniors Associates, Architects 14. \* Office Building
- Rámon Marcos, Architect 15. **Apartment House**
- Juan Sordo Madaleno, Architect 16. Apartment House
- Juan Sordo Madaleno, Architect
- National Conservatory of Music Mario Pani, Architect (1947) Center for Mothers and Infants
- 18. Enrique de la Mora, Architect (1947) (ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, August 1947) 19. Office Building (1947)
- J. S. Madaleno & A. Alvarez, Arch'ts. Office Building (1947) 20.
- J. S. Madaleno & A. Alvarez, Arch'ts.
- 21 Apartment House
- Juan de Madariaga, Architect (1947) 22. Medical Center of the City of Mexico: Childrens Hospital and Cardiological Institute (1948) José Villagrán García, Architect **Emergency Pavilion** Mario Pani, Architect
- Malt Factory Fernando Cervantes, Archilect
   Film Studios, Churubusco Gil Robles, Architect (1946–48)
   Tuberculosis Sanatorium (1948)

- José Villagrán García, Architect 26. \* Housing Project, Apartments
- Mario Pani, Architet 27. Bull Ring and Stadium M. Roland, Engineer in charge 28. Garden and Residences, Pedregal Luis Barragan, Architect
- Hill House, Max Cetto & John Mc-Andrew, Architects (1947)
- \* House of Architect Max Cetto
  29. Turf Club, Km 12 Road to Toluca "Artecnica", Architects (1947)
  30. Lomas de Chapultepec, Residence Carlos Lazo, Architect
- Military Hospital 31.
- Luis MacGregor, Architect 32. Industrial Area, Alzepozalco and Colonia Vallejo, Factory "Crown Cork de Mexico," Gonzalez Reyna & Arozarena, Architect (1949) \* Textile Factories
- Gonzalez Reyna & Arozarena, Arch'ts. Industrial Development, Factories, Housing, Recreation 33.
- Industria Nacional S.A., Ruiz Galinda 34. Residence of
  - Augusto Alvorez, Architect



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Students' Center, ''San Cosme," Enrique Yañez, Architect (1947)

Normal School for Teachers, Mario Pani, Architect (ARCHI-TECTURAL RECORD, July 1947) 12

Social Security Building, Carlos Obregon Santacilia, Architect

Hotel by Ingeniors Associates, Architects



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Office Building, Rámon Marcos, Architect

Apartment House, Juan Sordo Madaleno, Architect

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Apartment House, Juan Sordo Madaleno, Architect

#### 22-A

Medical Center of the City of Mexico: Children's Hospital, José Villagrán García, Architect (ARCHITECTURAL **RECORD**, October 1944)



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22-B

Medical Center of the City of Mexico: Cardiological Institute, José Villagrán García, Architect (1948)

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Malt Factory, Fernando Cervantes, Architect (1945-48)

Housing Project, Apartment Group, Mario Pani, Architect

Bull Ring and Stadium, M. Roland, Engineer in charge

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Hill House, Max Cetto and John McAndrew, Architects Residence of Carlos Lazo, Architect, Lomas de Chapultepec

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Factory ''Crown Cork de Mexico,'' Gonzalez Reyna and Arozarena, Architects (1949)

Residence, Augusto Alvarez, Architect and owner (1948)

#### A BRIEF LIST OF SOME OF THE ARCHITECTS

#### AND NEW BUILDINGS IN MEXICO D. F.

AUGUSTO ALVAREZ

Calle de Mississippi 31

Apartment House Alfonso Herrera 11

Office Building Paseo de la Reforma and Avenida Morelos

Office Building Avenida de los Insurgentes and Tonalá

Office Building Avenida de los Insurgentes and Monterrey

Office buildings while associated with Juan Sordo Madaleno

Own Residence, "San Angel," Simon Yarto 11

"ARTECNICA" Avenida Juarez 88

"Turf Club" 18 Kilometers from the City on the way to Toluca

LUIS BARRAGAN Paseo de la Reforma 137

Garden on the Pedregal, and Development of Private Residences Pedregal

FERNANDO CERVANTES Avenida Juarez 76

Malt Factory Calzada de Cuitlahuac and Boturini

MAX CETTO Avenida Juarez 139 Coyoacan D. F.

> Residence Calle Tornel Tacubaya

Residence Guerrero 10 San Angel D. F. (with John McAndrew)

CARLOS CONTRERAS Edificio la Nacional 1004 Avenida Juarez No. 4

VICTOR DE LA LAMA Paseo de la Reforma 1

Office Building Avenida de Mayo and Condesa

ENRICO DE LA MORA Avenida Juarez 30

General Hospital, Medical Center of the City of Mexico Calzada de la Piedad and Pasteur

Center for Mothers and Infants Calzada de Madereros and Guernavaca Railroad

ENRIQUE DEL MORAL Paseo de la Reforma 503

Pavilion for Infectious Diseases,

Medical Center of the City of Mexico Calzada de la Piedad and Pasteur

Office Buildings (with Mario Pani)

JUAN DE MADARIAGA Apartment House Avenida de los Insurgentes and Chilpancingo

JOSÉ VILLAGRÁN GARCÍA Calle de Palma 30

Medica Center of the City of Mexico Calzada de la Piedad and Pasteur Maternity Pavilion Children's Pavilion Cardiological Pavilion

Tuberculosis Sanatorium Coyoacan

"Costa Rica" School

INDUSTRIA NACIONAL S. A. Ruiz Galinde

Industrial Development, Housing, Recreation Guadelupe, Road to Pachuca

CARLOS LAZO Avenida Sonora 80

Office Building Paseo de la Reforma, near Paris Residence

Sierra Leona 374 Lomas de Chapultepec

LUIS MACGREGOR Military Hospital Avenida del Castillo Lomas de Chapultepec

JUAN SORDO MADALENO Avenida Morelos 110

Apartment House Paseo de la Reforma and Calzada Gral Mariano Office buildings, while associated with Augusto Alvarez

MARIO PANI Paseo de la Reforma 503

Normal School for Teachers Calzada Mexico-Tacuba and Avenida de los Maestros

National Conservatory of Music Paseo de la Reforma and Moliere

Emergency Pavilion, Medical Center of the City of Mexico Calzada de la Piedad and Pasteur Hotel Van Sullivan and Ramón Gutzmân

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Office Building

Paseo de a Reforma and Artes

Office Building Paseo de la Reforma and Francia

Church Calle de Leibnitz

Housing Project Avenida Coyoacan and Cuevas

#### GONZALEZ REYNA and AROZARENA Avenida Juarez 56

Factory "Crown Cork de Mexico" Colonia Vallejo

Textile Factories Atzapozalco

GIL ROBLES Filmstudios Calzada de Mexico a Tlalpam Churubusco

M. ROLAND Engineer n charge Bull Ring and Stadium Avenida de los Insurgentes

CARLOS OBREGON SANTACILIA Calle Lisboa 22

Hotel Prado Avenida Juarez and Luis Moya

Social Security Building Paseo de la Reforma and Toleda

ENRIQUE YAÑEZ Calle de Emparan 35

> Students Center "San Cosme" Centro Escolar Ribera de San Cosme Avenida Ribera de San Cosme and Fresno



George P. Turner, Designer

#### "DESIGN FOR LIVING-WITH KIDS"

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Turner, La Canada, Calif.



The house was designed by Mr. Turner himself, a radiant heating engineer, who made every nook and cranny conform exactly to the requirements and preferences of his family. The kitchen, for example (see photos, next page), seems to be unusually workable, organized as it is into zones of preparation, etc., grouped around a special refrigeration unit designed and built by Mr. Turner. A happy feature while the children are young is the clear view of the sand box and play area obtainable from the kitchen.





Julius Shulman Photos





Every room in the house opens to the patio, seen in the two views above (left, the living room; right, the bedroom wing). The carport, a corner of which is shown in the small view above, doubles as a lanai. The kitchen (below) is organized into working areas grouped around a departmentalized refrigeration unit combining all required temperature zones; a breakfast bar separates kitchen and dining area (below, left). Lighting throughout the house is predominantly indirect, and much special equipment is built in






Julius Shulman Photos

The master bedroom (above) looks directly out to the children's sandbox, which will be converted to a reflecting pool when the children have outgrown it. Below: the built-in dressing table and storage unit in the master bedroom. Interior finish is natural redwood and painted or stained plywood; exterior is redwood siding. Windows are aluminum double hung; floor coverings are asphalt tile and hemp matting. Heating, of course, is radiant. Careful orientation shades every room from the hot Southern California afternoon sun



# AND SCHOOL COSTS

ARCHITECTURAL RECORD'S BUILDING TYPES STUDY NUMBER 147

WHAT about school costs? How are costs affected by school planning? Can a modern "finger-plan" school be built within the same price range as a conventional school, or are its advantages bought at a price premium? How does a single-story school compare in cost with a two-story school?

These and other cost questions are important today. The first half of the century has brought some enormous improvements in school standards. Meanwhile the birthrate has outrun us, and so have the costs of materials, labor, taxes, and overhead organization. We have to remember: better schools for *all* children!

In last year's school study, the RECORD concentrated entirely on standards, chiefly those of the visual environment in school. Mr. Clapp, of the Michigan Department of Public Instruction, expressed the opinion then that such standards could be obtained in the "cold-winter" eastern states as well as the "warm-winter" west. We now open this question to research.

To start things, Alonzo Harriman and Philip Gatz, school architects of the saving state of Maine, have made a thorough study herewith presented. It contains some surprises. One of these is the great effect on cost of *room height* as compared to span. Incidentally, the champion performer among school plans to date, in their calculation, is the one-story plan with doubleloaded corridor, and a trussed pitched roof.

Among examples shown are some striking cases of schools built at low cost. But standards have also been advancing. Among executed examples, we show two more "top-lighted" schools — one of them Ernest J. Kump's improvement over last year's model, and another the contribution of Wm. Arild Johnson in the Northwest; also the remarkable "portables," p. 128.

Low maintenance cost of ceramic tile is combined with utility of corkboard nailing strip in Quaker Ridge School, N. Y. by Howard S. Patterson, Architect and Francis Keally, Associate



To eliminate costly crawl space and ''slab on grade,'' the floor of this New Jersey school was made of a concrete slab, on which were laid rows of concrete block, 3 ft. on centers, running from window wall to corridor. On these was stretched steel lath supporting another 2-in. slab, eliminating form work. The hollow space was used as return ducts for air originally supplied from plenum over corridor, by means of univents. This eliminates exterior-wall crawl space, reduces piping, wall boxes, grilles. A finned tube under windows is auxiliary heat source. Alexander Merchant & Sons, Architects



By Alonzo J. Harriman \*

#### EDITORS' NOTE: READ WELL BEFORE USING!

Here at last is a method of testing school plans for comparative structural cost, using real figures. These have been assembled by the partners in an architectural firm that has designed successful schools over a period of 69 years in Maine, the frugal, cold-winter State.

What the authors have done is to collect those unit costs which are significant in establishing the comparative structural cost, per square foot and per classroom, of various accepted plan arrangements. They themselves explain carefully how this has been done.

Authors and editors both wish it clearly understood, however, that figures given do not, in general, represent total building costs and cannot be used to estimate what the final cost of a school building, or part of a building, of any given size or type should be. They are useful only as a basis of comparison among plan arrangements. We believe that the authors have demonstrated a splendid working method. Although the actual figures would be modified in different localities, the method is one which any reader can set up for himself, filling in with correct figures for his locality, and come to a sound result.

We believe there is a strong presumption in favor of the authors' general conclusions, on a country-wide basis, and there are some interesting surprises among these conclusions. Editorial commentary has been added where the Maine situations seem to be specialized, and we invite the further commentary of our readers.

Further studies will be published by the same authors adding factors of upkeep and maintenance, and of mechanical equipment such as heating and lighting.

The Editors

**T**<sup>HROUGH</sup> an intimate association with schoolhouse construction over a period of the past 29 years, I am convinced that it is the community, and not the building committee, that determines whether an architect *continues* doing schools. And no matter how good a completed schoolhouse may be, if it has cost too much, they never forget it.

As we all know, this country's need for new school construction is astronomical, and funds are hard to get. If we can help the community get one or two classrooms more for the same money, by sound engineering planning, we justify the human usefulness of our profession.

My partner, Philip Gatz, has analyzed the contractor's cost sheet for every school that we have built, and the figures which follow are taken directly from the current cost sheets of contractors. Since our purpose is to study the *effect of different plan arrangements* on structural cost, and not to establish the full final cost of any one school, the figures in the table on the next page cover materials and labor only. They do not include overhead or fees of any kind.

This first installment of our study is in two parts. In the first part, we compare a typical *section*, composed of a corridor with either one or two adjoining classrooms of standard length (varying the other dimensions), and again the same thing in two stories.

#### Basis of Cost Comparison of One-Story Types (Non-fireproof)

Floor area of unit considered includes one half corridor for double units shown, and whole corridor for single units.

Construction cost analysis, in general, is based on level of ground floor as the starting point and includes side walls, roof, corridor walls, one end partition in each classroom, wood stud partitions, ceilings strapped with wood strapping, walls and ceiling covered with gypsum board, painted. The material and labor prices used to arrive at estimated square foot cost are net without overhead or profit.

The square foot prices indicated are to be used only as a basis of comparison between different types of construction.

The assumption has been made that the foundation and ground floor construction will not materially affect the relative costs of the various types so that the cost of these items is not reflected in the square foot comparison.

The assumption has also been made that the cost of heating, plumbing and electrical installations is an independent cost factor of the various types so that the cost of the same is not included in this square foot comparison.

#### Basis of Cost Comparison of Two-Story Types (Semi-fireproof)

Floor area of unit considered includes adjoining corridor.

Construction cost analysis, in general, is based on level of ground floor as the starting point and includes side walls, upper floor, roof, corridor, lath and plaster ceiling and one end partition in each classroom of semifireproof construction.

The square foot prices indicated are to be used only as a basis of comparison between different types of construction.

The assumption that foundations, ground floor construction, heating, plumbing and electrical installations will not affect the relative cost of the various types has been made in this comparison, the same as in the case of one-story non-fireproof types. These costs are not included in the square foot comparisons.

<sup>\*</sup> Figures compiled by Philip Gatz, partner of Mr. Harriman, Alanza J. Harriman, Inc. Architects • Engineers

TABLE 1

#### COMPARATIVE STRUCTURAL COST, IN SCHOOLHOUSE SEGMENTS OF STANDARD LENGTH

Costs given cover selected structural factors only. What these factors are is fully described on page 111, preceding the table.

GROUP 1.

Schools with double-loaded corridor and unilateral daylighting; classrooms facing approximately east and west, in 1-story or 2-story buildings

	CD. 22'*32' 22'*32'	CD. 25'x 32' 25'x 32'	00° × 32' 30' × 32'
TYPE OF	AREA 1792. <sup>‡</sup>	AREA 1984 *	AREA 2304*
CONSTRUCTION			
TYPE 1. Non-fireproof Roof construction: wood joist, wood-sheathed deck, rigid insulation covered with 20-yr. tar and gravel roofing Side-wall construction: concrete to window sill, steel frame, directional glass block, metal sash and hopper vents Corridor walls: bearing wood stud partition	Per sq. ft. * \$3.52 Per classroom \$3156	Per sq. ft\$3.59 Per classroom\$3554	Per sq. ft\$3.65 Per classroom\$4182
TYPE 2. Non-fireproof Roof construction: steel open-web joist with wood nailers, wood-sheathed deck, rigid insulation cov- ered with 20-yr. tar and gravel roofing Side-wall construction: concrete to window sill, steel frame, directional glass block, metal sash and hop- per vents Corridor walls: steel frame and wood stud partition	Per sq. ft \$3.56 Per classroom \$3190	Per sq. ft\$3.60 Per classroom\$3575	eight, see sections at top of page Per sq. ft\$3.65 Per classroom\$4207 eight 11 ft. (for comparison only) Per sq. ft\$3.26 Per classroom\$3.725
<b>TYPE 3. Semi-fireproof</b> Floor construction (2nd floor): open-web steel joist with 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -in. concrete slab, with metal-lath and plaster ceiling applied directly to bottom of joist. Corridor reinforced concrete slab exposed on ceiling side			
Roof construction: same as floor except roof is insulated with 1-in, rigid insulation covered with 20-yr, tar and gravel roofing			ght, see sections immediately above Per sa, ft
Roof construction: same as floor except roof is insulated with 1-in, rigid insulation covered with	Per sq. ft\$3.97 Per classroom\$3560	Per sq. ft\$4,04 Per classroom\$4009	ght, see sections immediately above Per sq. ft\$4.10 Per classroom\$4731 sight 11 ft. (for comparison only) Per sq. ft\$3.63

Roof construction: steel open-web joists with wood nailers, wood-sheathed deck, rigid insulation covered with 20-yr. tar and gravel roofing. Continuous metal skylight Exterior side wall construction: concrete to window sill, steel frame, wood sash glazed with clear glass, no glass block

Corridor walls: steel frame, wood studs under, clear glass over

Corridor ceiling: wood joists, insulation with batts, covered on underside with gypsum board

## AUTHOR'S CONCLUSIONS FROM

### ANALYSIS OF PLAN TYPES

1. An analysis of the square foot costs of the constant height building shows that in all cases the square foot cost *decreases* with an increase of the span.

Per sq. ft.....\$4.16

Per classroom . . . . . . . . \$4799

As the span increases, and the height remains constant, the additional roof cost is not sufficient to offset the lower resultant cost per square foot of the total building area.

2. An analysis of the square foot cost of the classroom with a variable height shows an increase in cost as the span increases. The height in this case varies

(TABLE I)

GROUP 2.

Schools with single-loaded corridor and bilateral daylighting; classrooms facing approximately north, in 1-story or 2-story buildings †



#### FOOTNOTES, opposite page and this page.

\* Costs per square foot of floor area.

† Schools of Group 2 conform to code in some States but not in others. So far as performance is concerned, in producing a high-quality environment for children, these schools would seem to be at least on a par with Group 1, and many architects consider them superior (Ed.)

\*\* Some of the roofs on this page were drawn with thinner construction above corridors, some with equal thickness throughout The discrepancy was inadvertent. Mr. Harriman believes that economy is greater, in his region, in a roof of equal thickness throughout, for this plan type.

# in accordance with the recommendation of the National Council or the state law.

As the height increases in proportion to the span, in accordance with state law and national code, the additional roof and wall cost is great enough to more than offset the lower resultant cost per square foot of the total building area.

3. This would seem to indicate that a typical building similar to Type X, with a pitched roof and bilaterally lighted, and a minimum height at the eaves, would be the most economical type of schoolhouse to build.

We would suggest classroom floors 24 ft. by 36 ft. and an eaves' height of 9 or 10 feet, and a height at corridor wall under skylight of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  feet to classroom ceiling. This building would have a continuous skylight similar to Type X.

4. In all cases shown here, wood construction is cheaper than steel. It should be noted that over 30-ft. classroom span steel will probably be cheaper than wood.



Above: 1. Semi-fireproof one-story school; 2. one-story school with combustible roof; 3. plan used in computing both Below: 4, first-floor plan, and 5. secondfloor plan of two-story semi-fireproof school seen in (6)



TABLE 2:

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#### SCHOOL COST COMPARISON

One-story Semi-fireproof, One-story Combustible Roof and Two-story Semi-fireproof

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This comparison is based on identical construction in both the one- and twostory semi-fireproof buildings, employing poured concrete to the first floor window sills, steel sash set in the steel building frame with glass block above, and corrugated asbestos cement spandrels over wood studding insulated with batts in the two-story building. The second floor and roof construction are poured concrete slabs over bar joists in classroom areas, with poured concrete slabs spanning between concrete corridor walls for both second floor and roof.

First floor in either building is poured concrete over fill, using framed slabs over the boiler room. Ceilings in semi-fireproof buildings are lath and plaster and in combustible buildings are of acoustic tile. Floors are of asphalt tile. The roof is insulated with fiber board over concrete for semi-fireproof construction. Batt insulation is used in ceiling of combustible building.

The wood roof used in the one-story combustible roof building is composed of light wood trusses 24 in. o.c., covered with tongue and grooved sheathing and slate surface asphalt shingles. The corridor wall in this type is wood studscovered with ½-in. gypsum board on both sides.

ESTIMATES Total Cost Total Area Cost sq. fl. Cost per classroom

COST

One-story Semi-fireproof \$194,564 13,660 sq. ft. \$ 14.25 1946

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One-story Combustible Roof \$189,142 13,660 sq. ft. \$ 13.84 1891 Two-story Semi-fireproof \$203,437 16,214 sq. ff-\$ 12.54 2034



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Brewer School, Maine, by the same architect, is of concrete frame, with exterior facing and brick piers of Canadian brick. Glass block (directional) are in steel frames carried over steel operating windows making up vision strip. Spandrels of corrugated asbestos backed by insulation help to make the wall texture rich and interesting at low cost. Let in 1947 at \$9.91 per sq. ft. Projecting wing houses kindergarten



AUTHOR'S CONCLUSIONS ON COSTS IN TABLE 2 A further breakdown will follow in the April issue

1. An analysis of total cost of two-story semi-fireproof, one-story semi-fireproof and one-story combustible shows a saving of 4.3 per cent in favor of the one-story building.

The same one-story building with combustible roof shows a further saving by use of combustible roof of 2.7 per cent or a total saving of 7 per cent between the onestory combustible roof and two-story semi-fireproof building. 2. In general, the one-story plan shows a saving in the net area due to the omission of stairs.

3. The following factors show an increase in construction cost:

A. In the one-story building Excavation Foundation Walls Roofing Heating and Ventilating B. In the two-story building Concrete floor construction Masonry Carpentry Steel Frame Ceramic Tile

Shop of Brewer School, Maine, is on a sloping site. On the sloping site each floor has direct egress, permitting non-fireproof mill construction. Cost \$7.37 per sq. ft.





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# A HIGH SCHOOL AT LOW COST WITH FACTORY CONSTRUCTION

Memorial High School and Gymnasium, Calais, Maine



FIRST FLOOR



Clarence H. White Photos



As IN all of this architect's schools, the academic, administrative, and athletic elements are separated the athletic so it can be used independently. The conference and clinic room (see plan) is used also as a teachers' room large enough to accommodate the entire staff. The off-stage storage room still remains as cafeteria and lunch room; two sittings take care of all students who remain for lunch. The last-minute demand for an instructor's room between kitchen and gym gave the architect a little trouble with his front.

Structure is of concrete frame, using lally columns

at the exterior wall, so that the wall together with the corrugated asbestos spandrels carries no roof load, and windows reach to full ceiling height. Bricks were imported Canadian. There is vapor heating system with unit heaters ventilating out through corridors. Walls between classrooms are a "utility" type of prefab partitions, faced with Transite both sides, and "standing up very well," giving some flexibility.

Built in 1946–47, the total building cost \$9.10 per sq. ft. or 81 cents per cu. ft. including gymnasium. Without gymnasium the figures were \$10.55 and 81 cents.









Gymnasium doubles as auditorium, and, as may be seen, the stage is large enough to serve as a practice room for music. The playing floor is 87 by 89 ft. Spectators are accommodated to the number of 600, although it is said that for a big basketball game the capacity comes closer to 1,000

Clarence H. White Photos



Clarence H. White Photos



A large school shop, seen to the right, occupies the area underneath the gymnasium floor; the other rooms are a typical classroom and science laboratory. In both may be seen the lally-column supports under concrete beams, which

permit windows to extend up to the ceiling





MIDDLE WEST

## BETTER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT, LOWER COST

One of a group of rural schools, this is reported by the architect as having cost only \$6.34 per sq. ft., 51 cents per cu. ft., or \$7,360 per classroom, "complete with various bookshelves and cases but exclusive of asphalt tile floor." No sacrifice was made in essentials of good environment; on the contrary, classrooms are square, large; have ample bilateral daylight; have radiant heat (wrought iron pipe in floors). Cost-saving methods: (a) cinder block walls entirely on modular grid; (b) "absolutely no cutting of block, wood ceiling joist, or oversize wallboard (finished with cold-water paint)"; (c) low rural labor cost; (d) "well detailed plans, easily interpreted by small rural contractors." Another nearby school, almost complete, by the same architect, shows a contract cost of \$7.86 per sq. ft. with more complete finish — structural tile toilet partitions; lockers; acoustical plastered ceilings; asphalt tile floor. The Milan school has just been completed.



Walter T. Anicka, Architect









WEST

## A CHILD-SCALED SCHOOL IN A FRESH MODEL

Shoreview School, San Mateo, California

By Ernest J. Kump & Mark Falk

A<sup>GAIN</sup> this architect has given a vivid expression to the idea of a school as a pleasant place for children.

Like the Laurel School by the same architect (RECORD, Jan., 1948) and the Barstow School (March, 1948), it is toplighted; but instead of a skylight, which might involve maintenance factors, there is a high clerestory. This has been managed with a minimum disturbance to the quiet sheltering roof lines; and the low eaves height brings the school into nice scale with the surrounding bungalow-type houses (photograph, page 123). (A low eaves height has been found, incidentally, to be a prime factor in holding down school building costs — see page 113.)

On the south side, windows have been eliminated altogether (photograph, opposite page).

Exterior walls are stucco; roof shows wood and steel, with stainless steel fascia. Olivegreen doors set off stone-gray walls, terra cotta red trim.



Telescoped plan. Between ''A'' and ''B'' there are five classrooms similar to ''C''



Roger Sturtevant Photos



Roger Sturtevant Photos



The very excellence of Mr. Sturtevant's photography in conveying how the interior is put together has one disadvantage. The lens subtends a wider angle than the main field of view of the child's eye; the ceiling and the clerestory light are far less prominent in the child's normal way of looking. Because the "top light" is well above the  $60^{\circ}$  central cone of vision of seated children

looking straight across the room, the architect has omitted any baffles to screen off the glare of the sky. Such baffles, he contends, add initial cost and maintenance; and he prefers to use the restraining effect of tempered obscure glass up above. In other schools of the same model, now under construction, there has been restored a set of south transom windows. Opposite page, typical classroom; this page, kindergarten, both looking east. Interior walls are plywood, floor asphalt tile, ceiling acoustic tile. The soft effect of the fireproof curtain suggests that more use might be made in the U.S. of drapes and awnings, as is done in Switzerland and Scandinavian countries. The glare of white houses seen through windows is to be screened by planting





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Above are seen typical sections. The section at the right is of the north window wall. The way the slanted top plate (in the circle) fits against the roof arch may be seen by comparison with the corresponding plate of the south wall (arrow in top drawing). The structure is of rigid steel frames at 16-ft. spacing; the roof deck is carried on wood purlins. (Roof was covered with asphalt shingles instead of wood shakes as seen in drawing.) Drawings at bottom of page show how partitions are connected; and photographs give a clear indication of the way the structural frame is kept independent of all walls and partitions for flexibility. South overhang (small photo, opposite page) is solid because no windows; the latticed overhang to the north admits more light to windows while cutting glare. Note stainless steel fascia











Roger Sturtevant Photos





#### NORTHWEST





William Arild Johnson & Associates, Architects

## TRANSVERSE FRAMING MAKES TOP DAYLIGHT ECONOMICAL

Schools in Edmonds, Washington

N the Pacific Northwest, as well as the Bay Region, there has been some desire to bring the open, California, side-corridor in out of the weather, and to "double-load" it for economy. Yet square classrooms are retained for teaching convenience and shortening of the building length. Auxiliary top-lighting is then needed for inside areas of the wide-span classroom. In San Francisco, Frank Wynkoop achieved this by a kind of "monitor" system supported on a heavy longitudinal steel girder (RECORD, June, 1945). Here we see, instead, the monitor carried on a series of transverse beams of laminated wood — in some examples with the aid of trussing cased in plywood (see photographs); in other examples by the unaided, uncased beam. The roof deck is of mill construction. The architect contends that the combination, for a room of 30-ft. span, is cheaper than conventional joists for a room of 24-ft. span.

Directional glass block, in the upper part of the outside wall, even out the curve of light intensity toward the middle of the room, where it otherwise tends to dip in a room with this vertical section. Clerestory or monitor windows, being out of view when pupils are at work, are left with obscure glass. Low brightness differences in the visual environment are further controlled by paint of calculated reflection values, furniture and asphalt tile floors of light color. Exterior construction is of concrete block, oil-painted, with natural-finish pumice block interior partitions (all non-bearing); no plaster; acoustic tile above bulletin board height (these being of monk's cloth over cane board); chalk-boards bright green. Wardrobes are heated slightly by electricity, and vented by fan into the attic.

Costs were reported, for erection during 1947, at \$9.23 per sq. ft. for structure only.



In photographs may be seen interiors of the Edmonds Grade School. The corridor side of a classroom 30-ft. deep is daylighted by a high monitor or clerestory, which is supported on a series of transverse beams of laminated wood. These are aided by trusses and the structure cased in plywood. In other schools the laminated truss does the work alone and is uncased (sketch)







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Briarcliff and Dover Schools, Seattle

George Wellington Stoddard and Associates, Architects and Engineers

CONSTRUCTION is now going forward, after years of research, on this unusual project.

It attacks directly the most vexing problem of school people: how to provide adequate accommodations, not makeshift, and yet without bankrupting the community, for a school population which not only multiplies fast but also *shifts*. Such shifts can result in *local decline* (in the very face of the general growth) leaving heavy school investments derelict, and tempting communities into makeshift solutions.

In Seattle, Director of School Planning Byron B. Smith put before Architect Stoddard the problem of an immediate critical need, in several districts, for classroom space, with foreseeable need for additional space within two to five years, then a gradual reduction in load back to the present need, and perhaps to the point of final elimination. Temporary classrooms were discarded as a solution. There evolved the theory of the first-class transportable school. To make the story short, this meant a minimum of fixed facilities that could be expanded or contracted, and a maximum of facilities that could be moved.

Building codes strongly affected the classroom plan. Since 12-ft. ceilings were required except in one-room schoolhouses, each classroom was designed as a oneroom schoolhouse with 10-ft. ceiling. (A 12-ft. height would be totally unnecessary for lighting and ventilation in this type of room; also, the unit must pass under trolley wires and bridges.) Next, the one-room schoolhouse had to be spaced 10 ft. or more from its fellows; hence the intermediate courts (see plan). Central heat-

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ing was adopted instead of unit heating. Corridors were needed only as a means of distributing children and services, every classroom having direct outdoor egress.

A basic 4-room school is the starting point. A boiler room has been erected with a boiler installed capable of handling 8 classrooms, and with provision for a second boiler handling 4 classrooms more, plus auditorium. Corridors with 3-ft. crawl space come next. Heating connection to classrooms is by 2 unions which can be connected and disconnected in a matter of minutes. (Classroom heating is by a split system of convectors plus unit heater-ventilators.) One flexible connection serves for electricity. Toilet rooms are provided between classrooms; the initial program also includes a combination office and teachers' room, book room, janitor's closet. The second step is to add 2 to 4 more classrooms with additional corridor; also the main office and health room. The third step adds the combined auditorium, playroom, and cafeteria, big enough for a gymnasium, to remain as a community facility if the remainder of the school is dismantled.

Upon the decline of the local school load, the school will be removed room by room, either to a new site or, where need develops, to replace obsolete types.

Promising high economy, the saving of this scheme

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Component parts of transportable school, and plan of "Dover School"

is not so much in initial cost (only slightly under conventional types) but in replacement. Fully equipped, these rooms can be moved and relocated for at least 50 per cent less than a relocated portable, say the architects, while full amenities are provided. "As a result we have a permanent school but the equivalent of a movable site."



1955-380

1954-400

1953-**380** 

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1957-**320** 1958-**280** 

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Models were used to demonstrate the progressive growth and the subsequent dismantling which is possible in two schools under construction in Seattle. (Figures show the anticipated school population during the years of use.) The final school ends with the same capacity as the initial one, except that a permanent gym-cafeteria-auditorium is left behind, as a community facility, even though the school may later be totally removed.

Although the mobility is like that of 'temporaries,' the equipment and environment are up to the firstclass standard





 $S^{
m CHOOL}$  architects should all be familiar with the studies of school building problems by W. W. Caudill, classics in their field (Space for Teaching, published by The Texas Engineering Experiment Station, College Station, Texas, and the film Building for Learning issued from the same source). Those who have studied these essays are aware of the importance which the author, working in the Southwest, attaches to natural ventilation by prevailing breezes. In a pair of schools for Blackwell, Oklahoma, of which the first is under construction, the author and his partners have seized the opportunity to practice what they have been preaching.



#### SOUTHWEST

## SCHOOLS THAT UTILIZE THE PREVAILING BREEZE

#### First Unit for Blackwell, Oklahoma

Caudill, Rowlett, Scott, Architects

The preliminary plans, reproduced herewith, show classroom wings placed in accordance with the dictum that "the distance between groups should be no less than five times the height of the classroom." The first of the vertical sections shows graphically how an air stream has been found to travel by actual tests made at College Station with smoke candles. The result is different from that which is too often found drawn in on the diagrams of the unknowing. Thus a projecting member, such as a canopy or porch roof, seems to deflect the air stream in such a manner as to make a window opening directly above it almost useless as a device of ventilation; and air must be drawn through underneath.

In general, the Blackwell scheme bears a resemblance to the Fairfax school by Bamberger & Reid (Record, Jan. 1949). Corridors and outdoor classrooms are both to the south.

Plans call for steel frame, cavity brick wall construction, steel sash, concrete floor slabs with radiant heating.



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## WATER-REPELLENT PRESERVATIVES FOR WOOD

By F. L. Browne, Chemist

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A tives and their related products are popularly regarded as recent developments, they have been in use for many years. Wood window sash have been treated with them for a decade and a half. During the wartime a number of new applications were found that stimulated wider interest in them.

Products of the kind are sold under various trade names; until recently there have been no recognized collective names for them. In 1948, however, the National Door Manufacturers' Association published suitable names and definitions for five kinds of products as follows: NSP water repellent for wood, NSP preservative for wood, NSP waterrepellent preservative for wood, wood sealer, and preservative wood sealer. The letters NSP stand for "nonswelling, paintable," meaning the wood does not swell when the product is applied and can subsequently be coated with ordinary paints and varnishes.

All of these products are designed for treating wood quickly and with equipment that is simple, inexpensive, and readily available. The preferred method of treatment is by dipping, which requires dip tanks, but other methods of application also are used, such as brushing, spraying, mopping, and roller coating. Wood treated by such superficial methods takes up only limited amounts of the material applied, which penetrates only a short distance into the wood. Into the end-grain of pine sapwood, which is relatively easy to penetrate, the water repellents, NSP preservatives, and water-repellent preservatives may go as much as 2 or 3 in. but into the heartwood they seldom go as far as  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Into the side-grain even of

sapwood the penetration rarely attains as much as  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. Wood sealers penetrate even less deeply.

With such limited penetration and absorption the superficial treatments cannot give wood the degree of protection or preservative obtainable by slower, more costly, but more thorough methods. These newer products, therefore, do not compete with the long established methods of wood preservation or with the more effective procedures for stabilizing the dimensions of wood. For severe conditions of service the more thorough methods remain more economical in the long run despite greater initial cost and inconvenience.

The newer products find their proper use where the conditions of service are not severe enough or the chance of adverse conditions arising are not great enough to justify the more thorough methods of treatment. A vast amount of wood falls in this category. In the past it has commonly gone untreated. Too often it has given poor service or has had to be repaired or replaced when a moderate degree of treatment would have kept it in satisfactory condition. The availability of the water-repellent preservatives and related products makes neglect of such treatment less easily excusable in the future.

#### **General Considerations**

The shallow penetration obtainable by superficial application makes it necessary to do all or practically all of the surfacing, cutting, and fitting of the wood before it is treated. After treatment little or no wood can be removed from any of the surfaces without laying bare untreated wood. If some cutting must be done subsequently, as in fitting windows or doors at the site or cutting pieces to length, the cut surfaces should be retreated before the parts are fastened in place. Delaying treatment until the carpenter work has been done may sometimes inconvenience closely scheduled production lines, but it has the advantage of saving waste in treating wood that eventually turns up as sawdust, shavings, cuttings, or rejections.

The best point for applying treatment in a production schedule comes after all cutting, fitting, and boring out before assembling the wood parts. Surfaces that will be concealed after assembly are then freely accessible to the treating solution. The water repellents, NSP preservatives, and water-repellent preservatives, however, have the property of penetrating well into even well fitting joints, especially if the application is by dipping. When desired, therefore, woodwork to be treated with these products may be assembled but not glazed before they are dipped. Sealers do not penetrate joints so well; they are best applied before assembling unless they are used chiefly for decoration rather than for protection.

Gluing should be done before any of these products, except the NSP preservatives, is applied. Water repellents and sealers tend to interfere with gluing by impairing the strength of the glued joints. On the other hand the preservatives that contain neither water repellents nor sealers cause little if any interference with gluing providing the wood has been dried long enough after treatment for all of the solvent in the preservative to escape.

Thorough drying to remove solvent is likewise necessary before the treated wood is painted. Sealers dry rapidly because they do not penetrate far into the wood and because they are often made with solvents that evaporate quickly. Even after the wood has been thoroughly dried, however, water repellents and water-repellent preservatives retard the drying of most coatings slightly and some of them seriously. The delay in the drying of finishes is

<sup>\*</sup> Maintained at Madison, Wisconsin, in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin. Part of the work on which this article is based was done in cooperation with the federal Housing and Home Finance Agency and another part in cooperation with the Office of Production Research and Development of the War Production Board.

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troublesome in operations in factories with closely planned production schedules, especially if the finishes are lacquers. For ordinary painting of buildings the drying is not retarded enough to delay the painters unless dark-colored enamels, such as trim and trellis, porch and deck, or quick-drying enamels are applied directly on the treated wood. No such trouble should be experienced if the enamels are applied over priming paint or enamel undercoater, as they properly should be in any case.

#### Water Repellents for Wood

The nature of the essential ingredients in the commercial water repellents for wood is usually kept as a trade secret. Products having all of their important properties, however, might be made by dissolving 2 or 3 per cent by weight of paraffin wax and 5 or 10 per cent of resin in mineral spirits of suitable solvent power. The wax imparts the water repellency but it tends to interfere with subsequent painting or gluing of the treated wood. The resin largely overcomes the interference with painting but is not so successful in the matter of gluing. Almost any resin that is soluble in mineral spirits will serve. A drying oil such as linseed or tung oil may be used in place of part or all of the resin, but oil and resin are not first cooked together as in varnish making, because that would reduce the extent to which the product penetrates into wood. Mineral spirits is the volatile thinner commonly used in paints and varnishes; the grade needed for water repellents is one having good solvent power and a flash-point not less than 100° F. by the Tagliabue closed-cup method.

Water repellents retard changes in moisture content and in dimensions of wood. They furnish the maximum protection yet obtainable by superficial methods of application that leave the wood practically unchanged in appearance and susceptible to almost any of the decorative finishes generally used on wood. The treated wood may be varnished, stained and varnished, painted or enameled as may be decided upon later. Water stains, however, may not spread readily on wood treated with water repellent nor color it evenly.

Water repellents afford a practicable means of protecting wood against changes while it is being shipped from factory to place of erection or while it is held in storage. Such protection, however, should not be taken as an excuse for omitting the precautions that should normally be taken in handling fine woodwork.

Neither water repellents nor other protective coatings make wood waterproof. They do not alter the capacity of the wood to take up moisture or to swell proportionately. They merely delay the changes by making it harder for moisture to pass in or out through the surfaces. For wood exposed to even changing conditions of dampness and dryness such delay serves to hold the wood closer to an average moisture content and dimension than would be the case without protection. Protection is most effective when the conditions of ex-

Water-repellent preservatives (C1, C2) penetrate farther than sealers (A1, A2)



posure fluctuate rapidly; it becomes useless for prolonged exposure to a steady extreme of dampness or of dryness.

Water repellents afford wood better protection than can be assuredly obtained with a single application of other coating materials such as sealers, varnishes, paints, enamels, and lacquers. On the other hand water repellents give much less protection than can be obtained with two or more applications of surface coatings. But considerations of cost and the practicalities of fabrication usually limit the surface coatings to the surfaces exposed to view and leave the concealed surfaces entirely unprotected even though they may be accessible to moisture. Moreover, surface coatings do not last long on surfaces subject to mechanical wear and are unsuitable for nicely fitted, sliding joints such as between window sash and frame.

Water repellents, therefore, are particularly valuable for furnishing protection to those parts of woodwork that otherwise are generally left entirely unprotected. They effectively supplement but are not good substitutes for the older types of protective coatings.

#### **NSP** Preservatives

The NSP preservatives for wood are solutions of fungicides or fungicides and insecticides in volatile solvents, such as mineral spirits, that do not swell wood. The reliable commercial products disclose the kind and amount of fungicide that they contain. For treating window sash and millwork the National Door Manufacturers' Association accepts preservatives that contain not less than 5 per cent by weight of pentachlorophenol, tetrachlorophenol, chloro-2-phenylphenol, or their mixtures. Commercial preservatives also are made with other fungicides such as zinc naphthenate and, when its green color is acceptable, copper naphthenate.

NSP preservatives made with pentachlorophenol may contain a small amount of resin or nonvolatile oil to prevent blooming. Blooming is a deposition of crystals of pentachlorophenol on the surface of wood as it dries after treatment. It mars the appearance and may irritate the skin and mucous membranes of workers.

When applied by superficial methods the NSP preservatives guard wood ade-(Continued on page 174)

Some do's and don'ts to insure good performance

#### By W. P. Chapman \* and R. E. Fischer †

NLIKE most innovations in the building industry, radiant heating had quick public acceptance. People wanted such a heating system - one that would "provide added comfort, reduce operating costs, be invisible and save space, and have the advantage of cleanliness." Yet while there is admittedly laboratory and field investigation to be done, the theory is far advanced and there are a great many facts known which, if utilized, will go a long way toward insuring good performance from a radiant heating system.

Most occupants of radiant heated structures are enthusiastic about their heating systems. Performance may not come up to expectations, however, if special considerations in the design of radiant heating systems are overlooked.

#### MEETING THE HEATING LOAD

The first requisite of a radiant heating system is that the heat from the available panel area be sufficient to meet the loss through the structure and to ventilation. In most cases, structures are insulated well enough for economy reasons to keep conduction losses low. High ventilation rates, whether due to infiltration or to forced air circulation con-

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sistent with fresh air requirements, can cause such excessive losses that discomfort results.

A common misconception is that since a large portion of the heat transfer from a panel into a room is radiation (ceilings 70 per cent radiation, 30 per cent convection; walls 56 per cent r., 44 percent c.; floors 50 per cent r., 50 per cent c.), the occupant will be kept comfortable by radiation although a large amount of heat is removed by ventilation. All heat losses still have to be made up by the panel, and when excessive quantities of heat are taken from the air, the panel area required to make up the heat in the percentages listed — may be either unavailable or impractical.

When the ventilation rate is likely to exceed three air changes an hour, the design should be checked carefully to make certain that the heat from the panel is sufficient to take care of the total loss. A low rate of heat output is characteristic of radiant heating panels because of the limitation on panel surface temperatures <sup>1</sup> — to keep them within a comfortable range — and due to the lack of much air movement across the panel. Standard ratings are approximately:

Panel Location	Surface Temp., F	Heat Output, Btu/hr./sq. ft.		
		High	Average	
Ceiling	120	84	80	
Wall	100	65	60	
Floor	85	40	36	

The problem of not having enough panel area is hardly ever encountered in houses, where ventilation rate is about one air change an hour. but may occur frequently in garages, warehouses and offices. Oftentimes in buildings like garages, methods must be devised to prevent infiltration - for instance, locating doors away from prevailing winds or in shielded spots. If this is not possible, then convectors may have to be installed so as to form a curtain of warm air across doorways that are frequently left open. In installations such as offices where people are located close together and forced ventilation is employed to remove stale air, it is advisable to temper the air when there are more than three air changes per hour.

The effect of excessive ventilation is best demonstrated by the following

\* Product Engineering Dept., National Tube Co. IU. S. Steel Corp. subsidiary), Pittsburgh, Pa. † Associate Editor, ARCHITECTURAL RECORD. <sup>1</sup> Recommended surface temperatures: floor 85 F, wall 100 F, ceiling 110 F at 8 ft., 120 F at 9 ft. and over.

Effect of varying pipe depth in floor slabs is shown here. Heat output was assumed to equal the heat input at 12 o'clock; then the temperature was increased in pipe. Clocks indicate time when slab surfaces come up to a higher, constant temperature

1.5

2.5"

8.65

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examples. In some cases the panel temperatures required to get sufficient heat output would make occupants uncomfortable. In other cases where the panel temperature is kept within bounds, the panel area needed to get sufficient heat is more than that available. The "impossible" conditions are indicated by bold face type.

#### Example:

Room 10 by 20 by 8 ft. (clg.). Outside temperature designed for 0 F.

A. The entire floor (200 sq. ft.) is assumed as total available panel area; ventilation rate equals 2.8 air changes per hour.

	Panel Surface Temp., F	Insulatin Efficienc	•
1.	85		0.04)* 200
2.	90	very good ( $U_e =$	0.08) 200
3.	100	good (Ue=	0.16) 189

B. The entire ceiling (200 sq. ft.) is assumed as available panel area. Ventilation rate equals 2.8 changes per hour for cases 4 and 6 and 3.3 for cases 5, 7 and 8.

	Panel Area Req'd		lating iency	Panel Surface Temp., F
4.	195	very good	$(U_e = 0.08)$	100
5.	213	very good	ł	100
6.	205	good	$(U_e = 0.16)$	110
7.	217	good		110
8.	202	average	$(U_e = 0.20)$	120

In cases 2 and 3 the panel temperature

\* U<sub>e</sub> X area of unheated room surfaces X temperature difference between inside and outside air=heat loss by conduction.

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would cause discomfort; in cases 5, 6 and 7 the panel area required to give sufficient heat output is larger than that available. In case 8 the panel area is close enough to that required, but the panel temperature exceeds that recommended for an 8 ft. ceiling.

It is true that heat loss due to ventilation is less with radiant heating because of the lower air temperature inherent with the system; and consequently less fuel is required to maintain comfort. It is not true, as can be seen from the foregoing examples, that a large ventilation rate poses no problem for radiant heating design.

#### RESPONSE TO CHANGING HEATING LOAD

Another prime requisite for a radiant heating system is that the surface temperature of the panel must respond to a change in the heating load — whether it be due to outside air temperature, wind velocity or solar radiation - so as to maintain always a comfortable environment. The rate at which the panel temperature has to respond depends on how fast heat is conducted through walls, roofs, floors; how large the glass areas are: and how much ventilation is introduced. For example, heavy masonry walls delay the effect of outside air temperature and absorbed solar heat on inside conditions. At the other extreme, changes in the amount of solar radiation transmitted through large glass areas and the effect of changes in the amount and temperature of ventilation are felt immediately. A proper evaluation of these will determine just how much time can be allowed for the panel surface temperature to change following a change in weather. Failure to do this often results in under- and overheating, especially in the spring and fall.

What determines how fast a panel will respond? There are two things to consider — the depth of the pipe coils (or warm air ducts) from the panel surface and the conductivity of the intervening material. Most panels are constructed with a cover of plaster or concrete which have high enough conductivity; of course no insulating plaster or concrete ever should be placed between the pipe and panel surface. When the coils are buried too deep in concrete, the panel response will be sluggish. When there is a demand for more heat from a panel, following a condition where heat input was equal to heat output, the surface temperature cannot change until every particle between the heating medium (pipe coils) and the surface has risen in temperature. Even if the water temperature is set in accordance with the outside air temperature, this still cannot offset panel sluggishness, or lag, as it is called. This is clearly demonstrated in Fig. 1 where the heat output was assumed to equal the heat input at 12 o'clock; at this time there was a demand for more heat and the heat input in the pipe coils. was increased. The clocks show the time at which the *surface* temperature comes up to a higher, constant value. (Heat output again equals heat input.) Wherethe coils were buried 1 in. in a 3.3 in. slab it took a half hour for the surfacetemperature to respond to the increased input; and in the worst case, coils buried 4 in. in 8.65 in. slab, it took nearly three hours and a half.

#### **Controls**

Since the function of a thermostat isto "request" heat from the panel until comfort conditions are met, the effec-

Although the change in panel surface temperature is smoother with a modulating control than an on-off control, the fluctuation with the latter is still slight Surface temperature of an actual radiant heating panel varies, as shown here, both parallel to and in between the pipe coils

tiveness of different arrangements should be examined. Under conditions of ideal comfort in radiant heating, the inside air temperature decreases as the outside air temperature decreases. This is because the additional heat loss is made up in great part by radiation, instead of the mass of air alone being heated. This suggests the need for a thermostat that would be reset in accordance with outside temperatures. It can be shown, however,<sup>2</sup> that the inside temperature variation would rarely be more than two degrees during a daily heating period, which is really inconsequential; therefore, a control device set at a constant inside air temperature will suffice for most installations.

Modulating and on-off controls used with hot water radiant systems operate just as their names imply. With the modulating control, either the supply and return lines are mixed in a proportion so as to meet the heating demand or else the fuel supply is modulated, for instance operating one or several burners according to the heating load.

With an on-off system (assuming continuous pump operation), the additional heat required is supplied at full capacity. The only difference between the two systems is that the panel surface temperature would fluctuate to a lesser degree with the modulating system than with the on-off control. As can be seen from Fig. 2,<sup>3</sup> the panel temperature variation with the on-off control is quite small; so it is a question of whether the improved performance is worth the added cost. The modulating system chosen for comparison with the on-off control sets the boiler water temperature according to the outside air temperature and then resets the temperature of the water going to the panels by means of a modulating inside air thermostat.

#### **Pump** Operation

It is recommended that the pump operate continuously. If it operates periodically, there will be added difficulties in the control of the system. For example, when the inside air thermostat responds to a drop in temperature and



actuates the pump, heat is supplied until the air temperature is brought back to the value set by the thermostat, and then, in addition, stored heat in the panel pushes the air temperature and panel surface temperature beyond that desired. If the pump operates continuously there is never a period of sudden temperature change to hinder response of the system.

#### Uniformity of Panel Surface Temperature

The degree of panel surface temperature uniformity that is possible is governed by allowable expense and the rate at which a panel has to respond to changing heating load. A hot water panel as is shown in Fig. 3 will be taken, as an example in illustrating the variations that exist. It is evident that there is a temperature variation in a direction parallel to the pipe and in between (or at right angles) to the pipe, the lattervariation being by far the greatest.

The parallel variation can only be reduced by increasing the flow rate; and then the flow rate must be doubled to, reduce the variation by one half, and this is usually prohibitive. The most important variation, that in between the pipes, can be reduced by (1) increasing the "cover" (plaster or concrete) over the coil or (2) decreasing the pipe spacing. Of these two means, the second is the best since the response of the panel (Continued on page 176)

Detail of floor slab radiant heating designed to minimize back-side heat losses



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Simplifying Comfort Control for Radiant Heating," W. P. Chapman and R. E. Fischer, Heating and Ventilating, June, 1948.

<sup>1948.</sup> <sup>3</sup> Fig. 2 is from "Response and Lag in the Control of Panel Heating Systems" by F. W. Hutchinson, Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning, Feb., 1947.

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## TEST HOUSE HEATED ONLY BY SOLAR HEAT

Dr. Maria Telkes Residence, Dover, Mass.; Eleanor Raymond, Architect

**F**<sup>ROM</sup> time immemorial man has tried to find new ways to utilize the heat energy of the sun directly, without waiting a few thousand years for it to be transformed into burnable fuel. This house, in the Boston area, represents one of the most recent solar experiments. It incorporates the ideas of Dr. Maria Telkes of the Department of Metallurgy of M.I.T., but is sponsored by Miss Amelia Peabody as a private project.



It is not a solar house as the term has been used commonly in recent years to describe a house with large windows. It is the genuine article — a house depending entirely on the sun for space heating. As such it is bound to be watched closely, not only to see how man's efforts in this general direction are coming, but also to see whether the particular method of heat storage which is used will win out.

The heating system consists of a huge solar heat collector, air ducts to convey the heat, and "heat bins" filled with chemical for storing the heat, from which it is distributed to the rooms as needed.

The heat collector, running the full length of the house, consists of double sheets of glass 10 ft. high with air spaces between, backed by a thin metal sheet to trap the heat. Behind the sheet, enclosed with a well-insulated wall, is an air space forming a duct. The air heated by the metal sheet is circulated by fans to the heat bins located on the first floor.

Each heat bin serves to heat the two rooms which adjoin it, except one which heats only the living room. There is a

Paul Davis Photos

wall register in every room with a thermostatically controlled fan to convey warm air into the room. The cold air is drawn back into the heat bin through a return-air register. A small amount of heat is freely transmitted into the rooms from the walls of the heat bins as radiant heat, enough to keep the rooms warm on milder days. Thus convected and radiant heat are combined.

The test feature of this system is the method of storing the heat. Each heat bin is simply a small warehouse filled with metal drums of a sodium compound whose properties for absorbing and giving off heat are under test. The warm air circulated between the metal drums melts the chemical, which enables it to store heat at a constant temperature. When the heat is drawn out, the chemical re-crystalizes, returning the absorbed heat to the air. This is the "heat of fusion" method of storing solar heat.

The heating system is so designed that the heat it obtains from the sun in December, January and February is equal to the heat needed during these months



Progress pictures here show heat collector installed across attic front. Double glass panels, 10 ft. high, with an air space between, invite the sun to heat a thin metal panel behind the glass. Within the limits of black and white photography the photographer has tried to show that the glass reflects the tones and colors of the sky; thus the house does not appear as top-heavy as might be supposed

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Right. Massachusetts Institute of Technology has just announced the completion of its own sun-heated house as part of its continuing research in this field. The heating system, using water as the medium, consists of roof collectors, attic storage tank, radiant ceiling, panel units, pumps and controls. Further details will appear in the April issue



to maintain the standard 70 degrees F. inside the house even if the temperature is zero outside. Naturally allowance has to be made for a succession of sunless days. An analysis of the sunshine records of the nearby Blue Hills Observatory shows that a heat storage capacity for ten average winter days will be sufficient to assure an adequate supply of heat for any number of consecutive sunless days statistics have shown to be probable.

The heat collected by the heating system in this sun-heated house on an average winter day is equal to the heat obtained by burning 70 pounds of coal; on a clear winter day it may equal 140 pounds of coal. The house is naturally well insulated to diminish heat losses. Boston, or places of similar sunshine and temperature conditions, appears to be the northern limit for the practical working of this system. In less severe climates the size of the collector and the heat storage bins can be made smaller, with fewer restrictions on the size of the house.

The method of solar heating used in this house was developed by Dr. Maria Telkes. Dr. Telkes will live in the house this winter and will continue the tests and the collection of data on solar heating which she has been conducting for some time.

The house was designed by Eleanor Raymond, a Boston architect. Miss Raymond had to meet the problem of designing a liveable house within the restrictions imposed by the heating system. The heat collector had to face south and had to be large enough to collect the required heat for this particular house in this climate. This meant that an area equal to the entire south wall had to be given over to the heat collector. But as there must also be sunlight in the living space, that is, windows, the problem was solved by moving the collector up to become the south wall of an attic. The space in this attic story can not be heated but serves the purposes of both attic and cellar (the house is built on an insulated concrete slab). Farther south, where a smaller collector could be used, greater flexibility in the design of the house would be possible. Affecting the design of the house too was

A fan in the wall between a bedroom and the heat bin supplied heat to the room under the dictates of a thermostat. Note that the bedroom ceiling has aluminum reflective insulation the fact that for the Boston climate 4 linear ft. of the collecting glass will produce only enough heat to serve a space 4 ft. wide by about 17 ft. deep. This meant that the house could be only one room deep. Although the house has a fireplace, this is solely an aesthetic feature and is not depended on for the production of heat.

Exact accounts of the costs of this solar system are being kept so that comparison may be made with the cost of conventional fuel-burning systems.



This closet full of ''insecticide'' (it says on the cans) becomes the ''heater room''. It is one of three ''heat bins'' in which solar heat is stored by the heat-of-fusion method in a sodium compound. The metal plate is a baffle to guide heated air in a longer route. Right-hand picture shows duct work behind the heat collector plate





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## MODULAR DESIGN DATA FOR WOOD WINDOWS

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MODULAR wood window sizes listed on the Time-Saver pages that follow are those adopted as industry standard by the National Door Manufacturers Association. The standardization of these sizes substitutes one national-wide standard for ten different market practices — allowances of wood over glass; Ponderosa Pine stock windows are widely produced in accordance with the sizes. The window opening sizes established were designed to meet the basic requirements of the American Standards Association Project A62<sup>\*</sup>.

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The basis for coordination of the window sizes with other building products is the 4 in. module or increment. The window sizes are coordinated by determining, through \*Project AO2 for Coordination of Dimensions of Building Materials and Equipment, jointly sponsored by AIA and The Producers Council, Inc. a study of modular installation details, one size that works well for a certain type. Other sizes for that type must then be equal in width and height to the first size plus or minus some 4 in. multiple. This does not necessarily mean that the window dimensions have to be in 4 in. multiples. The window sizes listed herewith have widths in multiples of 4 in. and heights in multiples of 4 in. plus 2 in. These sizes were selected because they included a maximum number of present stock windows.

Coordination of windows is simplified a great deal by consistent referencing to grid openings. The position on the grid for the edges of wall openings may differ considerably for various types of construction. Thus it is useful to identify the lines which are used for layout and referencing on

#### Adaptation of modular wood window to the grid layout



the grid as the *grid opening*. As a result of referencing modular wall and window details to the same grid opening, many combinations are indicated by a small number of drawings.

Windows are placed in a symmetrical grid position horizontally so that modular details are the same at each jamb. This does not apply vertically because the head and sill details are essentially different. The usual space between the window and grid opening is 2 in. at the jamb and 2 % 6 in. at the head. The sill space varies, depending on whether the construction is modular masonry, custom masonry, wood frame, etc.; 4 in. is sufficient to include all wood sill details. It is desirable to have a size of grid opening for each window size that will apply to any sill. A symmetrical grid position for walls simplifies dimensioning, estimating, quantity take-offs and the determination of actual dimensions when needed. It also reduces the variety of lengths for frame members and other parts.

The only inconsistency with the modular program arises in the case of multiple window openings in masonry walls. If all mullions were made 4 in. wide, there would be no complication in any case. But mullions are 6 in. wide for conventional weight-type balances and need be no more than 2 in. for the streamlined mullions used with patent balances. Thus when 2 or 6 in. mullions are used, there have to be an even number, or else a 2 in. masonry offset will be required at one jamb. In brick walls this is done by either cutting the brick at one jamb or providing three-quarter length brick. In cement block walls built with standard 16 in. nominal length units, the offset cannot be produced, so either an even number of mullions must be used, or for patent balances a 4 in. auxiliary mullion can be employed.

#### WELDING GUN ATTACHES CORRUGATED ASBESTOS TO STRUCTURE

Application of corrugated sheet asbestos (Transite) with the lightweight, automatic *Nelson stud welding gun* is reported to have achieved a distinctive streamlined effect for the exterior of the new two-story carton plant with basement and three-story factory addition to the Sunshine Biscuit bakery at Dayton, Ohio.

Studs end-welded to the Z-bars with the Nelson gun secured the siding to the struts, making it possible for installation of all sidewall materials to be handled from the outside and eliminating exposed fasteners or clips on the inside.

One-inch panels of insulating board (Transitop) surfaced on the inside with  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. veneer (Flexboard) were used for insulation. Around the inside, the outside and the bottom of these insulating panels, where they were set into a layer of caulking putty, were wrapped sheets of 15-lb. asbestos felt in a U-shape.

On the outside, in the same bed of putty, the corrugated asbestos sheets were then placed, and holes were drilled at regular intervals to facilitate installation of the Nelson studs, which extend through the siding and insulating board to the structural supports.

To provide uniform weather protection and an even surface overall, corrugated back batten strips were installed at joints. Nelson Stud-Welding Division, Morton-Gregory Corp., Lorain, Ohio.



Corrugated sheet asbestos, achieving a streamlined effect on the exterior of the factory addition to Sunshine Biscuit bakery, Dayton, Ohio (above), was secured to steel members through use of the Nelson stud and automatic welding gun. Detail (right) shows how siding was secured, making possible installation of all side-wall materials from the outside



#### HEATING CONTROL SET AT TIME BUILDING IS TO BE WARM



Now in production is a weatheractuated regulator for building heating designed to set back inside temperatures at night and still insure adequate warmth in the morning, regardless of outside temperature change.

The Weather-Chron, wired into the regular room thermostat circuit like any other clock switch, is set, not for the time heating is to start, but to the

Weather-actuated regulator starts heating system so that building will be warm at a certain time in the morning regardless of change in outside air temperature time the building is to be warm every morning.

According to the manufacturer, Weather-Chron automatically changes the time heating starts with the changes in weather. On the coldest nights, when outdoor temperatures drop below a preselected level, the device is reported to hold building temperatures at daytime level throughout the night. When outdoor temperatures rise above 65 F., heating is eliminated.

Daytime building temperatures are maintained by the regular room thermostat at comfort level. Automatic Devices Co., 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill.

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### MANUFACTURERS' LITERATURE

#### Insulation

Silvercote's Handbook of "U" Values. Lists large number of heat transmission coefficients ("U" values) for various types of wall, floor and ceiling construction, including the coefficients for constructions using six different types of reflective insulation made by Silvercote.

A unique feature of the booklet, according to the manufacturer, is that it lists both winter and summer insulation values. The coefficients are reported to have been calculated in accordance with FHA procedure. The manufacturer's reflective insulations are described; three of these are thin sheet types and three others are of the blanket type. 108 pp., illus. Silvercote Products, Inc., 161 E. Erie St., Chicago, Ill.

#### Heating System Controls

Sarcotherm Weather Control for Hot Water and Radiant Heating (Technical Bulletin No. 1). This is the first in a series of bulletins designed to assist architects and engineers in the selection of appropriate controls for radiant heating systems. Includes descriptions and wiring diagrams of new thermostats developed especially for radiant heating. 8 pp., illus. Sarcotherm Controls, Inc., Empire State Bldg., New York 1, N. Y.

(1) Electronic Moduflow; (2) Zone Control and Individual Room Control. The first booklet describes a "supersensitive" electronic control system designed to vary the length of the "on" and "off" periods of the burner in direct proportion to the heating load. Components of the system and typical applications are illustrated and described. Diagrams are included for gravity and forced warm air and warm water, steam and radiant panel systems. The second booklet tells how zone or individual room control is accomplished for forced warm air and hot water and radiant panel applications. 8 pp. each, illus. Minneapolis Honeywell, Minneapolis 8, Minn.

#### **Carpet** Anchoring Device

Smoothedge Carpet Gripper. Describes method for installing wall-to-wall carpeting without the use of tacks. Narrow \*Other product information in Sweet's File, 1949. strips of plywood containing two rows of pins set at a 60° angle are installed level with the padding at the edge of the carpet. The pins penetrate the warp of the carpet to hold it rigidly in place. Sketches show how the strips are installed for both rolled and sealed edge finishes, and how they can be used for both wood and concrete floors. 4 pp., illus. The Roberts Co., 1536 N. Indiana St., Los Angeles 33, Calif.\*

#### Incinerators

Incinerators: The Proper Type for Each Purpose. Covers complete line of flue-fed incinerators for residential, industrial and municipal use. Models are shown for installation in basements of residences and for multiple floor installation in apartments, hospitals, hotels and schools. The heavy-duty types are available in capacities ranging from 50 lb. per hr. to 100 tons per day. Specifications and detailed drawings are included. 8 pp., illus. Morse Boulger Destructor Co., 205-A E. 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y.\*

#### Wood-Plastic Material

Weldwood Catalogue. Newly issued catalogue on Weldwood products lists and illustrates new items in the line such as fire-resistant doors, *Plankweld*, *Weldwood* mouldings, several new wood species — Korina, American Elm and Vertical Grain Cedar, and two new finishing materials. 32 pp., illus. United States Plywood Corp., Weldwood Bldg., 55 W. 44th St., New York 18, N. Y.\*

#### Plaster

Ohio Autoclaved Finishing Hydrated Lime. Pamphlet points out special features of autoclaved hydrated lime which is reported to need no soaking and to have greater yield than ordinary hydrated limes. Preparation instructions are given. 4 pp. The Ohio Hydrate and Supply Co., Woodville, Ohio.

#### **Toilet** Compartments

Sanymetal Toilet Compartments. (Catalog No. 68.) Five types of toilet compartments are illustrated — overhead braced, ceiling hung, floor supported, standard flush type and standard panel type. A color chart shows the 21 different shades available for porcelain and baked-on enamel over steel. Other products catalogued are hospital cubicles, shower cabinets, dressing room compartments and hardware. Advantages are listed and extensive construction details and specifications are given. 20 pp., illus. The Sanymetal Products Co., Inc., 1701 Urbana Rd., Cleveland 12, Ohio.\*

#### Hospital Communication

Auth Hospital Bulletin No. 170. Typical specifications and wiring diagrams on such hospital and institutional equipment as call systems, paging systems, emergency alarms, and intercommunicating telephone systems. Two pages are devoted to architects' symbols. 18 pp., illus. Auth Electric Co., 34–20 45th St., Long Island City 1, N. Y.

#### Wall, Ceiling Panels

New Interiors for Old. A collection of 79 repair and remodeling ideas using Upson wall and ceiling panels. Besides containing suggestions on how to cover cracked plaster with Upson materials, the booklet is profusely illustrated with pictures showing color schemes in rooms where Upson wall and ceiling panels have been applied. Color suggestions are given for predominant, secondary and accent colors. The various types of panels available are described and dimensions given. Diagrams show a variety of ceiling and sidewall panel designs. Accessories such as fasteners, mouldings and ornaments are included. 32 pp., illus. The Upson Co., Lockport, N. Y. 25 cents.

#### Wood

Douglas Fir of the Western Pine Region. Booklet on properties, uses and grades of Douglas Fir. General information provided covers appearance, weight, working stresses, shrinkage, nail holding power, ease of working, ability to take finishes, preservation and gluing. Other sections describe and picture various residential, commercial and heavy construction uses. The different grades available are shown with full page pictures accompanied by a description of the material and a general outline of grading rules. 52 pp., illus. Western Pine Assn., Yeon Bldg., Portland 4, Ore.\*

Typical Designs of Timber Structures. This book, prepared especially for use by architects and engineers, contains 88 new, typical designs and valuable technical information. Modern methods of timber construction using Teco (Continued on page 198)







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G-E flight test hanger at Schenectady, N. Y., used for maintenance, testing and development. Marcus T. Reynolds, architect; Heating Maintenance Corp., heating contractors.

Heating the mammoth General Electric flight test hangar at Schenectady, N. Y., presented — as it always does in buildings of this type — the serious problem of how to maintain reasonably uniform temperatures despite very high ceilings and frequent air changes due to the opening and closing of hangar doors.

Consulting Engineer J. L. Ottenheimer solved the problem by specifying a radiant heating system installed in the concrete floor to maintain a comfortable temperature which is recovered unusually fast after hangar doors have been open. In spite of the 45-foot ceiling, a breathline temperature of only  $60^{\circ}$  has proved comfortable, and ceiling temperature is actually  $2^{\circ}$  lower, representing a considerable saving in fuel.

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H. B. Smith boilers are being selected more and more for the difficult heating jobs where only the *best* equipment will do. How to heat almost an acre of hangar



Two H. B. Smith No. 440 Mills water tube boilers, fired by heavy-oil burners, furnish steam for the heat exchanger from which water is circulated to the panels.

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CHECK RAIL WINDOWS, 13/8"

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Window opening sizes are in bold face type Glass sizes are in ordinary type.

WINDOW					
OPENINGS					
	2 Lt.	Top 3 Lt. W.	4 Lt. H.	Top 6 Lt.	12 Lt.
1-8 x 3- 2	16 x 16		16 x 73/4		
3-10 4- 6	20 24		93/4 113/4		
2-0 x 2-10	20 x 14	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> x 14	20 x 6 <sup>3</sup> /4	6 ½ x 7	
3- 2	16	16	73/4	8	6 <sup>21</sup> / <sub>32</sub> x 8
3- 6	18	18	83/4	9	9
3-10	20	20	93/4	10	10
4- 2	22	22	103/4	11	11
4- 6	24	24	113/4	12	12
4-10	26	26	123/4	13	13
5-2	28	28	13¾	14	14
2-4 x 2-10	24 x 14	7 <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> / <sub>2</sub> x 14	24 x 63/4	7 <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> / <sub>32</sub> x 7	
3- 2 3- 6	16	16	73/4	8	8 x 8
3-10	18	18	83/4	9	9
4- 2	20	20	93/4	10	10
4- 2	22	22	103/4	11	11
4- 0	24	24	113/4	12	12
5- 2	26 28	26 28	12¾ 13¾	13 14	13 14
2-8 x 2-10	28 x 14	9 5/32 x 14	28 x 6¾	9 <sup>5</sup> /32 x 7	
3- 2	16	16	73/4	8	
3- 6	18	18	83/4	9	
3-10	20	20	93/4	10	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>32</sub> x 10
4-2	22	22	103/4	11	7 732 1 10
4- 6	24	24	113/4	12	12
4-10	26	26	123/4	13	13
5- 2	28	28	133/4	14	14
		Top 4 Lt. W.		Top 8 Lt.	16 Lt.
3-0 x 2-10	32 x 14	7 <sup>13</sup> /16 x 14	$32 \times 6^{3/4}$	7 <sup>13</sup> /16 x 7	
3-10	20	20	93/4	10	7 <sup>13</sup> /16 x 10
4- 6	24	24	113/4	12	12
4-10 5- 2	26 28	26 28	1 2 3/4 1 3 3/4	13 14	14
3-4 x 4- 6	36 x 24	8 <sup>13</sup> / <sub>16</sub> x 24			
3-4 x 4- 0 4-10	36 x 24 26	8 <sup>13</sup> /16 x 24 26	36 x 11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	8 <sup>13</sup> / <sub>16</sub> x 12	8 <sup>13</sup> / <sub>16</sub> x 12
5- 2	28	28	123⁄4 133⁄4	13 14	13 14
3-8 x 4- 6	40 x 24	9 <sup>13</sup> /16 x 24	40 x 113/4	9 <sup>13</sup> / <sub>16</sub> x 12	9 <sup>13</sup> /16 x 12
5- 2	28	28	133/4	14	14
Note: The windows on this page are made 1/6 in. harrower and 1/16 in. shorter than window opening sizes listed. Di-	Top Rail Bottom Rail		····· 1 <sup>29</sup> / <sub>32</sub> " ····· 3	St         1 <sup>29</sup> / <sub>32</sub> "           T.R         1 <sup>21</sup> / <sub>32</sub> "           B.R         3           V.B         3/ <sub>16</sub> "	St.* 1 <sup>21</sup> / <sub>3</sub> T.R 1 <sup>21</sup> / <sub>3</sub> B.R 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> V.B <sup>3</sup> / <sub>1</sub>

\* Stiles for 16 lt. sash are 1 29/32 in. Other window parts are the same.

# Something Really NEW in lightingware



Now you can get "egg crate" fluorescent lighting effect without the egg crate! Corning "Fota-Lite" is a new glass in which vertical louvers are photographically transferred to the full thickness of the glass.

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CASEMENT SASH, 13/8"

3 Lt. H.

12 x 10<sup>13</sup>/16

16 x 1013/16

131/2

131/2

1 Lt.

12 x 33

16 x 33

41

49

41

49

4 Lights

High

12 x 101/16

16 x 10<sup>1</sup>/16

121/16

121/16

8 Lights

2 Wide

51/8 x 101/16

71/8 x 101/16

121/16

121/16

6 Lt. 2 W.

51/8 x 1013/16

71/8 x 1013/16

131/2

131/2



Storm Sash	Screens
<b>5t.</b>	<b>St.</b>
<b>I.R.</b>	<b>T.R.</b> 1 <sup>2</sup> 7/ <sub>32</sub> <sup>11</sup>
<b>B.R.</b>	B.R
C.R	C.R 5/8"

CELLAR SASH 11/8** AND 13/8**					
St	2 Lt.				
2-0 x 1-4 2-4 x 1-4 1-8 2-0	10 x 12 12 x 12 16 20				
St	3 Lights Wide				
$2-4 \times 1-4 2-8 \times 1-0 1-4 1-8 3-0 \times 1-4 1-8 3-4 \times 1-8 $	$8 \times 12 \\9^{1}/_{32} \times 8 \\12 \\16 \\10^{21}/_{32} \times 12 \\16 \\10^{21}/_{32} \times 12 \\16 \\12 \times 16$				
St	4 Lights Wide				
3-8 x 1-4 1-8 4-4 x 1-4 1-8	9 <sup>13</sup> % × 12 16 11 <sup>13</sup> % × 12 16				

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SASH

OPENING

1-31/2 x 3- 2

1-7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x 3- 2 3-10

3-10

4- 6

4- 6

Stiles.....1<sup>2</sup>/<sub>32</sub>"

# Macomber Makes It So Darned Easy To Design and Erect a Building





# NEWS FROM CANADA

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# **Building Outlook Bright**

Construction industry leaders see a contract award total in 1949 that will about equal last year's record \$954 million. But they agree that physical volume may drop as much as 5 to 10 per cent. Building costs, they say, will probably continue to rise slightly during the first six months of the year, then they will level off.

Contractors and suppliers are slowly returning to the practice of quoting firm prices, at least on jobs requiring a short completion time, but a buyers' market seems to be as far away as ever. It is expected that there will be more cement and lumber in 1949, but bottlenecks will remain in the supply of steel pipe, gypsum lath, plasterers and bricklayers.

No decline is anticipated, either in dollar value or in number of units completed, in residential construction. As a matter of fact, there may be an increase in both categories because of the unusually large carryover — 55,000 units from 1948. The volume of engineering works, and commercial and institutional building, is expected to remain unchanged. Industrial building, in keeping with last year's trend, may be down a little.

### Hamiltonian New President

Charles Lenz of Hamilton was elected president of the Ontario Association of Architects for 1949 at the annual meeting held in Toronto, January 21–22.

Retiring president L. E. Shore urged Association members to dip into their treasury to build "permanent quarters" in Toronto, with a lecture hall to accommodate from 100 to 150 architectural students. He also suggested that practising architects might give more assistance to architects-in-training by providing them with office experience.

Members were loud in their praise of the work done by the Committee of Arrangements, voted the meeting among the most memorable in the history of the Association. The program ranged from an exhibition of new building materials and tour of current construction projects to panel discussions on topics of architectural interest. Highlight of the annual dinner was an address by Louis Skidmore, senior partner of (Continued on page 148)



# Air Conditioning – Unabridged

The new name for air conditioning is UniTrane. It's too new for the dictionary-but it does have one important feature in common with the big Merriam-Webster book: both are completeunabridged.

UniTrane is not merely a new system. It is a new kind of air conditioning. And it deserves a new name: It is a *Unit* system. It is a *Trane* system. It is a *UniTrane* system.

UniTrane air conditioning has individual room temperature control, moisture control, ventilation control. Filtered air. All *without* ducts.

It is designed for big buildings with small rooms. Office buildings. Hotels. Hospitals.

Type MC UniTrane units have *two* circuits in one cabinet. One circuit controls ventilation and moisture. The other circuit controls

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New York Architect Louis Skidmore (left) is presented with an inscribed monel metal memento by L. E. Shore, president of the Ontario Association of Architects, on behalf of the Association at its Toronto meeting. Mr. Skidmore received the honor in recognition of his part in planning important international projects such as the United Nations Center and the Atomic Energy Commission's Oak Ridge

Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, who extended fraternal greetings from architects in the U.S.

### **First Home Show Scheduled**

Canada's first National Home Show will be staged in the Canadian National Exhibition's Horticultural Building, Toronto, May 20–28. It will feature demonstrations of new methods, materials and equipment calculated to produce better, cheaper building. Co-sponsors are the National House Builders' Association and the Toronto Metropolitan Home Builders' Association.

### New P.M. Says Subsidies Out

Pressure for subsidized housing has been mounting. It is favored by the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, the Canadian Construction Association, the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, the Canadian Welfare Council and many other organizations. However, the Dominion Government appears to have a low estimate of the political potency of (Continued on page 150)



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these groups. Beyond providing a concealed grant to the veterans' housing program carried on by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, it has disregarded the subsidy plea.

Public housers were not hopeful of a change in attitude when Louis St. Laurent sat down in the chair so long warmed by Mr. William Lyon Mackenzie King. (Mr. St. Laurent once declared that no government of which he was a member would ever subsidize housing.) It turns out they were right. At a recent press conference, the new Prime Minister expressed belief that lack of money was not holding back building. Since all possible manpower and material was going into it, government subsidies were not needed to sustain housing construction.

This, of course, is not the housers' argument at all. They don't say subsidies are needed to sustain housing construction. They say they are needed to enable low-income families to occupy a percentage of the housing built. Misinterpretation of their object, though perhaps unintentional, drives them to distraction. One protests, "It seems obvious that the concept of subsidized low-rental housing is not well understood . . . on the part of the new Prime Minister."

### **Building Costs Level Off**

"The most encouraging sign in the construction cost field in 1948 is the leveling off of the marked price increases of 1946 and 1947," Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation reports in the latest issue of *Housing in Canada*, a quarterly review of major trends in the shelter field.

Attributed to a more moderate rise of material prices in 1948 as compared with the very rapid increase of the previous year, the combined index of building material wholesale prices and wage rates in construction trades increased only 7 per cent from January to September of 1948 as compared to a 17 per cent increase in the first nine months of 1947. The 1948 increase is made up of a 6 per cent rise in the composite index of building material wholesale prices and a 9 per cent gain in the index of average hourly wage rates (including holiday pay allowances) paid to building workers.

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# **Planners Hear Detroit Expert**

That able fledgling, the Institute of Professional Town Planners, held its annual meeting on January 28 in Toronto. Two principal subjects were dealt with: the planning accomplishments of the past five years and the methods to be employed in solving problems that remain.

George F. Emery, Director of the Detroit Planning Commission, was guest speaker at the luncheon session. He told delegates how the one and one third billion dollar Detroit plan would be implemented. The plan provides for a new civic center, riverfront development, improved cultural, educational and recreational facilities, more efficient transportation, slum clearance and public housing. "The citizens can have all this," Mr. Emery declared, "without adding more to their tax bills than they annually spend on movies."

### **Completion Time Stands Still**

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that 68,103 dwelling units were completed in Canada in the first 11 months of 1948. Those finished in November took an average of 6.0 months to build, a figure showing practically no change from October's 6.1 months.

### **Report on Building Research**

A year-end summary of the work of the National Research Council pays tribute to the Division of Building Research. The Division has, it appears, continued its close cooperation with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Joint studies have been made of such problems as paint deterioration and basementless houses, and a longterm study of mortar deterioration is about to be launched. The first of a series of technical reports — a directory of commercial testing laboratories has been prepared and published.

The construction industry is particularly interested in the work done by the section of the Division dealing with codes and specifications. Worthwhile results are expected from a meeting of municipal officials held in Ottawa, February 28–March 1. The meeting aimed at full discussion of existing building codes with reference to the start of further work on the National Building Code. The Code, which appeared in (Continued on page 154)



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1941, has not had the recognition and application originally hoped for.

### \$670 Million since 1927

In an introduction to the 1949 edition of the Book of Homes, a MacLean-Hunter publication, D. B. Mansur, president of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, states that the outlay of federal funds and guarantees for housing has reached a figure in the neighborhood of \$670 million. Since the Canadian Farm Loans Act was passed in 1927, the Dominion Government has contributed financial assistance or taken a direct part in the construction of more than 150,000 dwelling units. The greatest volume of government assistance was funneled through the Dominion Housing Act and the two National Housing Acts which superseded this legislation.

The figure of \$670 million may seem to be a staggering amount. Actually, it is little more than the anticipated budgetary surplus rolled up by Canadian taxpayers for the Dominion Government in 1948.

### **Growing Pains in Edmonton**

Edmonton, Alberta, faces one of the most serious housing crises in its history. The population has mushroomed, largely because of the sensational oil discoveries in the province.

The house production target for 1949 is 3000 units, 1000 more than was aimed at previously. It is proposed that 400 of these be built according to a plan for small, basementless houses developed by the Edmonton House Builders' Association. Available in three sizes - one, two and three bedrooms and seven different exterior designs. these dwellings would meet local and national minimum building standards and require a down payment of only \$700 or \$800. The plan has been submitted to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for approval under the National Housing Act. Ways of restricting sales to Edmontonians with monthly incomes of less than \$200 are being reviewed.

### **Rental Ceiling Gets Boost**

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation announces that the ceiling on rentals for completely serviced dwelling units covered by rental insurance (Continued on page 156)





Close-up of the Empire Savings facade shows effective use of bronze against background of black Italian marble. Heavy outer doors are made of cast panels framed in Anaconda Extruded Bronze. Grille above is fabricated from red brass sheet, rod and tubes. The street windows, presenting dioramas of the Old West, are also framed in Anaconda Bronze.

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Architect for the new home of the Empire Savings Building and Loan Association is Roger J. Musick, of Denver. Architectural bronze work was fabricated by the William G. Zimmerman Ornamental Iron Works, also of Denver.

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Long Branch, Ont., war memorial: a public library. Murray Brown & Elton, Architects

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Designed for exterior beauty as well as for indoor comfort, Gate City Awning Windows lend interest to the architectural design of this well known hotel. From the strictly formal pattern made by the closed sash to the distinctive lacy effect of the open tiers, the result is always pleasing. Even when the sash are opened their widest, the window space does not resemble a "hole in the wall".



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Loans on insured rental housing projects are made directly by recognized mortgage institutions, and are authorized up to 85 per cent of present costs, as estimated by Central Mortgage. The mortgage repayment period is 20 years, with principal repayments at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per annum. The maximum interest rate is  $4\frac{1}{4}$  per cent per annum, calculated semi-annually.

Rental insurance, to quote D. B. Mansur, president of the Corporation, "virtually assures that . . . an investor will never lose his property to a mortgagee, no matter what happens to rental levels." The worst that could happen would be that the owner's equity would bear interest at 2 per cent, with amortization of the mortgage continuing at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

Despite its advantages, the response of investors and builders to the rental insurance program has been luke-warm. The \$4 boost in the rental ceiling may induce more enthusiasm on their part.

### **Construction Association Meets**

Allan C. Ross of Ottawa and Robert Drummond of Toronto were re-elected president and vice president respectively of the Canadian Construction Association at its annual convention in Toronto, January 23–26. T. N. Carter of Toronto was elected honorary secretary and P. G. Wilmut of Montreal honorary treasurer.

The C. C. A. is Canada's leading building organization and its convention deliberations always are of general interest. This year's program proved no exception. Highlights of some of the addresses follow:

1. End of Cost Rise in Sight. "While it would be improper to forecast any substantial drop in costs in 1949, there is reason to hope that, if we continue to make progress in restraining inflationary factors, the cost rise may be halted by the end of the year." — Allan (Continued on page 158)



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C. Ross, President, Canadian Construction Association.

Figures presented to support this prediction showed that the pace at which costs had increased was slowed from 20 per cent in 1947 to approximately 10 per cent in 1948.

2. Industry to Go Underground. "I think that it is in this sphere of activity (the decentralization of war plants) that the construction industry will be called upon to play a major part." — H. J. Carmichael, Chairman, Canadian Industrial Defence Board.

The Board is working on plans to put the Dominion's vital factories underground to protect them against atomic attack. Two sites have already been selected and surveyed for certain plants which are "of such strategic importance that their destruction would be disastrous."



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Net family formation, including immigration, has kept up with the volume of house building. We have just managed to look after current needs without making much progress on the backlog of demand which accumulated during the war years.

4. Public Works Shelf Exists. "In the years beyond 1949 . . . public investment may have to play a more important part than it did in the last four years." — Hon. R. H. Winters, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply.

A public works shelf consisting of fully-planned projects exceeding \$100 million in value has been built up "but much remains to be done. We would like to have a shelf of at least three hundred millions of worthwhile federal projects. If provinces and municipalities would build up a proportionate shelf, this would mean a total of potential public projects of about one billion dollars."

5. Canada Needs More Apprentices. "We have to find ways and means of drawing into the ranks of our workers five times as many boys as we have now. And, after we get them, we have to find ways of training them to be good mechanics more quickly and efficiently than is presently the fashion." — J. M. Pigott, Chairman, C.C.A. Apprenticeship Committee.

An early meeting between employers, representatives of organized labor and appropriate departments of government was advocated to face the problem created by apathy to apprenticeship training. Need for an entirely new approach was indicated.

6. More Steel Unlikely in '49. Our production of steel ingot in 1949 should increase at least 100,000 net tons over 1948's 3,075,000 total, providing scrap steel continues to flow and there are no major mill breakdowns or strikes. — F. K. Ashbaugh, Dominion Steel Controller.

Canada can hope to import about 800,000 tons of U.S. steel in 1949, about 119,000 less than last year. The deficit will be offset partially by increased imports from Europe. Total steel supply should be about equal to that of last year.

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Fig. 1. Arc welding steel panels to form the side walls. Panels are made from 4" Bethlehem expanded steel studs.

walls and the center utility room walls, forms the center support for the expanded steel second floor framework. The erection of the second floor panels is then done without the need for any scaffolding.

Exterior walls are finished with

masonry, and interior plastering is applied to metal lath. In addition to direct cost savings in the building erection, additional benefits are easier, less costly installation of plumbing, wiring and insulation. The structure is both shrinkproof and verminproof.



Fig. 2. Placing second floor prefabricated steel wall panels in position. Panels are hoisted and welded in place without use of any scaffolding.



Fig. 3. Framework for one of many multiple family apartments built with all-welded steel construction. The Estabrook Homes project is located in Shorewood, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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# **THE RECORD REPORTS** (Continued from page 22)

funds can be generated to implement school construction on a heavy scale. This increase is expected to become evident as soon as costs actually start to drop.

The FWA Office said this about the progress of school construction over the past 30 years: "If the rate of public school building in the decade of the 1920's had been continued from 1932 through 1947, we would have today an

additional \$5.5 billion (in terms of 1947 costs) worth of public school plant. The average annual rate of public school construction in recent years, 1940 through 1947, was little more than a fourth of the average annual accomplishment of the 1920's."

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classrooms. This takes into account an anticipated enrollment increase of 6.2 million children seven years from now. This can be worked out with fair accuracy on the basis of known birth rate totals.

Public and private sources are concerned over the problems presented in the education picture. They see competing needs for other types of public works (sewer and water facilities, roads, hospitals and other community building types) taking a highly competitive position in the overall building programs. Intensive home construction activity, commercial and industrial building eat up large amounts of building materials, manpower and contracting and engineering potential.

Value of public school construction put in place in 1948 is measured at \$550 million. In terms of physical volume, however, this proves out to be well below the yearly average of the 1920's and not much more than half the volume of public school plant added in 1939.

Many perfectly adequate school structures were found to be "geographically obsolete" due to extensive migration of workers and their families to new production areas during the war. Still another factor in this has been the reshifting of population accompanying reconversion to a peacetime economy. The shifting pupil loads are creating need for new schools far faster than it can be satisfied.

## ON THE CALENDAR

Through March 19: "Piranesi Drawings," exhibition of 79 drawings by Giovanni Battista Piranesi, 18th century Italian architect and etcher. The Pierpont Morgan Library, 29 E. 36th St., New York City.

Through March 20: "American Paintings from the Museum Collection." exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art, New York City.

March 4-April 2: Whole-House Architectural Exhibition, The Art Alliance, 251 S. 18th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

March 4-indefinite: "Ancient Art of the Near and Middle East," exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.

March 6-31: Survey of 200 Years of Print-Making, exhibition by Kennedy and Company, The Akron Art Institute, Akron, Ohio.

March 14-17: Chicago Technical So-(Continued on page 162)

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cieties Conference and 7th Chicago Production Show, Stevens Hotel, Chicago.

March 15–18: 81st Annual Convention of the American Institute of Architects, Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas.

March 29-April 1: 3rd National Lighting Exposition, Chicago.

April 11–15: 6th Western Metal Congress and Exposition, Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles. April 19–21: South West District Meeting, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

April 20-23: Spring Meeting, American Society of Civil Engineers, Oklahoma City, Okla.

May 1-27: Inaugural Exhibitions in the new building, and 26th Annual May Show of works by local artists, The Akron Art Institute, Akron, Ohio.



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Model of office building for busy corner in Tulsa. Carson & Lundin, Architects

### OFFICE BUILDING

Now under construction in Tulsa. Okla., is a 20-story office building which will house the First National Bank & Trust Company of Tulsa and the main offices of the Sun Ray Oil Corp. To cost approximately \$5,500,000, the building was designed by Carson & Lundin, New York architects. It will have exterior walls of gray brick, with lighter colored marble. Windows will be continuous, arranged in 5-ft. units to facilitate installation of office partitions with a wide degree of latitude. An unusual feature will be an open arcade on the ground floor. The First National's main banking floor will be located on the second floor of the building, and will be reached from the street level by moving stairways. Other bank services will be housed in the first sub-basement and on the third, fourth and fifth floors.

# COMPETITION WINNERS NAMED

Nearly 3000 entries from 31 countries were submitted in the Competition for Low-Cost Furniture sponsored by the Museum of Modern Art, New York City, and the Museum Design Project, Inc., results of which were announced in mid-January.

The \$5000 first prize for seating units was divided between Don R. Knorr of Chicago and Professor Georg Leowald of Berlin, Germany. Mr. Knorr, an architect, is a graduate of the University of Chicago and is currently working in both architecture and furniture in the office of Eero Saarinen at Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Prof. Leowald is a designer (Continued on page 164)



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Left, winners and officials of the Low-Cost Furniture Competition: seated, Robert E. Lewis, Davis J. Pratt, Don R. Knorr, Ralph W. Fox, Clive Latimer; standing, James L. Prestini, John O. Merrill, Rene d'Harnoncourt (farthest back), Harry Fish, John B. McMorran, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Dean L. M. K. Boelter, Alexey Brodovitch, Ira A. Hirschmann, Robin Day, Edgar Kaufmann, Jr., Charles Eames, Prof. Georg Leowald. Above, the Competition Jury: front row, Rene d'Harnoncourt, Catherine Bauer, Luis de Florez, Mies van der Rohe; second row, Hugh Lawson, Alfred Auerbach, Gordon Russell; standing, Edgar Kaufmann, Jr., Director

hitherto unknown in this country.

The \$2500 second prize for seating units was divided between Charles Eames and the University of California, Los Angeles Campus, group with which he was working, and Davis J. Pratt of Chicago. The third prize of \$1250 for seating units went to Alexey Brodovitch, art director of *Harper's Bazaar* since 1934.

Only the \$5000 first prize for storage units was awarded, the recipients being Robin Day and Clive Latimer, wellknown British designers. The \$2500 prize for the best research report was awarded to James L. Prestini and the Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology, where Mr. Prestini is now working.

The Simmons Prize, offered for a sleeping unit convertible for daytime use, was not awarded as no designs submitted were considered superior to those already in use.

Honorable Mentions, carrying no reward, were given for a seating unit design to John O. Merrill and John B. McMorran of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and for a storage unit design to Ernest Race, an English designer.

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### **Tile Flooring**

Winners in the \$10,000 Kentile-Architectural Forum design competition have been announced as follows:

First prize of \$1500, to New York Architect George Cooper Rudolph for his design of a modern candy shop;

First prize of \$1500 to G. Russello and B. Johnson of Detroit for their design of a suburban home's kitchen and breakfast area:

First prize of \$1500 to A. Albert Cooling of Los Angeles, for his design of a living room;

Second prizes of \$750 each to George Cooper Rudolph of New York (kitchen), Robert Pattison of Elyria, Ohio (living and dining room), and Mrs. Barbara Upshaw Siegel of Chicago (candy shop);

Third prizes of \$500 each to Harlan E. McClure of Minneapolis (kitchen),





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Mary Royer of Los Angeles (living and dining room), and Thomas Weatherwax of Philadelphia (candy shop).



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### HOME BUILDERS SHOW TRI-LEVEL HOME

A special scale model of the Tri-Level Home - a three-bedroom house ready for factory mass production by Lumber Fabricators, Inc., of Detroit - was displayed at the Annual Convention and Exposition of the National Association of Home Builders in Chicago last month.

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### **APPRENTICESHIP EXHIBITS**

A traveling exhibition of stained glass panels executed by apprentices in the stained-glass industry has been shown recently in Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Milwaukee, and is opening on March 29th at the Delaware Art Center in Wilmington. It will be shown in New York City, at the Cooper Union, from May 23 to June 8 and later will be taken to St. Louis and Boston. The tour was arranged by the Stained Glass Association of America.

# AT THE COLLEGES **Fellowships Announced**

The annual competition for the Traveling Fellowship in Architecture offered by Rice Institute will be held in the Department of Architecture begin-(Continued on page 168)





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ning April 12 and ending May 16. The Fellowship provides a sum of \$1200 to be used for foreign travel and study, with a minimum of five months' residence in the foreign country chosen. It is open only to graduates of the Rice Institute Department of Architecture. For further information address The Department of Architecture, The Rice Institute, Houston 1, Texas.

The University of Illinois has an-

nounced the 18th annual consideration of candidates for the Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship. The Fellowship offers \$1000 toward defraying the expenses of advanced study of Fine Arts in America or abroad. It is open to graduates of the College of Fine and Applied Arts of the University of Illinois and to graduates of similar institutions of equal educational standing whose principal studies have been in Music,



Art, or Architecture. Applicants should not exceed 24 years of age on June 1, 1949. Requests for application blanks and instructions should be addressed to Dean Rexford Newcomb, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Room 110, Architecture Building, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. Applications should reach the Committee by May 1st.

### **Florida School Reorganized**

The University of Florida has announced that its School of Architecture and Allied Arts has been redesignated as the College of Architecture and Allied Arts. The College is composed of the Department of Architecture, the Department of Art, and the Bureau of Architectural and Community Research.

William T. Arnett, a member of the faculty since 1929 and director of the School since 1946, has been named dean of the College and director of the Bureau of Architectural and Community Research. John L. R. Grand, a member of the faculty since 1937, has been named head of the Department of Architecture.

### Appointments

Henry S. Churchill, town planner and architect of the firm of Churchill-Fulmer Associates, has been named an Associate in Planning at Columbia University. Mr. Churchill, who has been a special lecturer and advisor on town planning at the University, will act as a critic during the spring session.

Robert B. O'Connor, of the New York architectural firm of O'Connor and Kilham, has been appointed supervising architect of Princeton University.

Athelstan F. Spilhaus has been named Dean of the Institute of Technology of the University of Minnesota.

### **Carnegie Tech's Building Program**

Carnegie Institute of Technology has announced the reopening of a \$4 million campus building and renovation program, which will include a million-dollar wing for Engineering Hall, a power plant and a steam and electricity distribution system expected to cost over \$1 million, and extensive revamping and renovation of available space in existing buildings of the colleges of Engineering and Science, Fine Arts and Margaret Morrison Carnegie College. The program originally was decided upon in March, 1947, but was not put into effect because of the high building costs. The plans have been revised somewhat to permit available funds to cover as much as possible of the original program.

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### **New Engineering Building**

Construction of a million-dollar engineering building has been begun at Wayne University in Detroit, as the first step in the developing of engineering facilities for 1382 students now enrolled in its Engineering College. Engineering students heretofore have been using facilities developed under emergency conditions in old and temporary structures. The first unit to be built under the program will be three stories high, and will contain the essential power and supply equipment for the additional structures to be built later. The building will be of reinforced concrete construction, the exterior faced with brick. Interior partitions will be cinder block, and the flooring will be colored Masterplate finish over concrete. Architects are Pilafian and Montana of Detroit.

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### OFFICE NOTES Offices Opened, Reopened

The H. K. Ferguson Co., Industrial Engineers and Builders, has established a new Western district office in Los Angeles. The office, at 712 Curson St., will be managed by Henry Maag, a member of the Ferguson organization for the past 22 years.

Myron F. Nelle, Structural Engineer, has opened his own office at 707 Cottage Grove Ave., South Bend 16, Ind. His past experience has been with residential, commercial, industrial and public utilities structures.

John T. Simpson, A.I.A., Architect and Engineer, has opened an office at 12 Broad St., Red Bank, N. J. Formerly of Newark, Mr. Simpson has been doing special work for the War Department for the past six years.

Max J. Wolfson, Architect, has opened his own office at 3845 Alta Vista Terrace, Chicago 13, Ill.

### New Addresses

The following new addresses have been announced:

John Hancock Callender, Architect, 280 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

Paul Kang, Consulting Engineer, 260 Kearny St., San Francisco, Calif.

George E. McIntyre, Architect and Engineer, 528 Dwight Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

Thomas L. Shepherd, Architect, 7466 Girard Ave., La Jolla, Calif.

### New Firms, Firm Changes

Othmar H. Ammann and Charles S. Whitney have announced the reorganization of the firm of Ammann & Whitney, Consulting Engineers, with the following staff members as Associate Partners: Milton Brumer, Werner Ammann, Boyd G. Anderson, and James S. Whitney. Offices are maintained at 76 Ninth Ave., New York 11, and at 724 E. Mason, Milwaukee 2, Wis.

A new firm, Architectural & Engineering Enterprises, Inc., of 1806 Hillcrest Dr., Bartlesville, Okla., has been organized to serve the architect whose volume of work has been limited by lack of drafting help. The new firm will take the architect's preliminary drawings and produce from them complete working drawings and specifications, bound and ready for the contractor. All mechanical and structural engineering is furnished.

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Los Angeles, have announced the election of E. S. Coldwell as president, succeeding James F. Towers, who will actively continue as chairman of the Board of Directors.

The Kuljian Corp., Engineers and Constructors, of Philadelphia, has announced the appointment of Edwin Lundgren as their Washington, D. C. representative, with offices at 1415 K St., N. W. Abraham Levy and Edwin H. Silverman have announced the establishment of individual offices for the practice of architecture in their present quarters at 1411 Walnut St., Philadelphia 2, Pa. The firm of Silverman & Levy was dissolved on December 31.

E. B. Van Keuren, Chas. F. Davis, Jr., Paul M. Speake and J. Marion Thrasher have announced the formation of a partnership for the general practice

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of architecture and related engineering under the firm name of Van Keuren, Davis and Company, Architects & Engineers. Address: American Life Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

The name of the firm of Merrill & Wigen, Architects, has been changed to Frederick E. Wigen, Architect. Address: 132 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, Mich.

### **ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS**

Edmund N. Bacon has been appointed executive director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission. A graduate of Cornell University College of Architecture, Mr. Bacon has worked with architects Oskar Stonorov and W. Pope Barney of Philadelphia, and in 1938 was awarded a graduate fellowship to study under Eliel Saarinen at Cranbrook Academy.

John M. Ducey, formerly economic adviser and director of planning for the Chicago Housing Authority, has been appointed executive director of the National Association of Housing Officials.

Richard J. Seltzer, Philadelphia realtor, has been reelected president of the Urban Land Institute. Reelected to serve with him were: Foster Winter, Detroit, vice president; Herbert U. Nelson, Chicago, secretary; and L. D. McKendry, Chicago, treasurer.

Franklin Thomas, Professor of Civil Engineering and Dean of Students at California Institute of Technology, has been elected president of the American Society of Civil Engineers. TRUCKS THAT HAVE ADEQUATE PLATFORMS ... ROOM TO MOVE AROUND IN ... SAVE YOUR DOLLARS AND TIME! GOODS

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problems.

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unless they are treated. On the other hand, superficially applied preservative does not furnish adequate treatment for wood that remains damp much or all of the time, such as wood in contact with the soil.

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## Wood Sealers

Wood sealers are forms of varnish or lacquer made to sink into wood surfaces but not to penetrate much beyond the pores close to the surface. They are themselves decorative finishes of a kind that cannot chip or wear off as surface coatings do. They may also serve to seal or prime the wood in preparation for surface coatings of wax, varnish, lacquer, or enamel. A single application of wood sealer gives wood much less protection against change in moisture content than can be obtained with a water repellent, but two applications of wood sealer may prove equal to or, with the best sealers, somewhat superior to a water repellent in protection.

Preservative wood sealers contain fungicides. The water-repellent preservatives, because they penetrate farther into wood, are considered superior to preservative wood sealers for keeping wood free from bluestain and decay. Sealers, however, are now used fairly frequently for woodwork exposed to the weather when a natural finish is desired. In such uses the preservative is often needed to resist mildew, which is a growth of fungi on the surface of the finish. A good plan is to apply a waterrepellent preservative first, to preserve the wood, and then to apply the preservative wood sealer to give the desired appearance.

The water-repellent preservatives and related products enjoy a wide field of usefulness in which they can improve the service or prolong the life of wood that has usually had to struggle along without treatment of any kind. Sapwood and other kinds of wood that absorb moisture quickly and rot easily can be particularly benefited. Structures in which there are joints through which rainwater gains access to unprotected parts of the wood can be improved at their most vulnerable points. On the other hand the limitations of these products by reason of the superficial way in which they are applied should be kept constantly in mind; they should not be used where more thoroughgoing treatments are needed.



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coils and depth of the coils has already been discussed. But it might be well to point out that there is no space for variation of pipe coil depth for wall or ceiling panels as normally fastened to metal lath and covered with plaster. For floor slabs there is the possibility of a compromise between a deep coil with good uniformity and poor control with a shallow coil having poor uniformity and good control. The latter is favored, however (see Fig. 4) because good control is more important than uniformity.

Availability of panel area means that the portion of heated surface that has been considered effective by the designer should not be made ineffective by changing furniture, rugs, tapestries, or other objects that will reduce or in other words "hide" the radiating surface. For example, if a designer requires 1000 sq. ft. of wall panel area in an office and it is necessary to place filing cabinets against all but 500 sq. ft. of the wall area, then the availability of panel is insufficient.

# **REVERSE SIDE HEAT LOSSES** Floor Panels

During the fall when the heating system is just starting to operate, the ground beneath the slab is at its minimum temperature — about 60 F. Then losses from the back of panel to the ground are at a maximum; however, total heat load on the system is very low because of the higher outside air temperatures. The boiler, therefore, has sufficient reserve to carry the back losses during the peak periods. During coldest weather, when the boiler is operating at full capacity, the ground has been warmed and back losses are at a minimum. It is for this condition that back losses should be computed in determining the size of the boiler. Floor panel construction to minimize back losses is illustrated in Fig. 4. (See also Time-Saver Standards, ARCHITECTURAL REC-ORD, Jan., 1948.)

# Wall and Ceiling Panels

When wall or ceiling panels are used adjacent to warm rooms there is, of course, no back loss. When the reverse side of the panel is exposed to unheated spaces (outdoors, attics, etc.), insulation to prevent back losses must be determined from an economic standpoint. Back losses add slightly to the boiler size and fuel bill, but insulation adds to the initial cost. The proper amount of insulation, therefore, depends upon initial costs, fuel costs, and interest rates. (Continued on page 178)

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### PREVENTING DAMAGE TO PANELS

Where floor or wall panels are contemplated, adequate protection should be provided to prevent damage to pipe coils or warm air ducts.

*Floor Panels:* a substantial cover of concrete will prevent damage that might be incurred due to excessive concentrated loads such as narrow wheel trucks or sharp objects. Such damage could

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also occur during the moving of heavy furniture or in garages and warehouses. Another hazard to floor coils exists if there is any probability of renovation such as cutting in new drains for a garage floor. Although not an injury to floor panels, the placing of large crates, stock piles or low furniture will "hide" the panel and prevent effective radiation.

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likely to be used near wall panels, the panels should be protected with a bumper placed on the floor similar to those used to protect a fence. It is seldom wise to use an inside wall for panels in commercial buildings since they are often altered. In residences, wall panels of thin tubing are apt to be punctured when tapestries or pictures are hung. If the panels are not injured, they are at least made less effective as radiant areas.

### VENTING

The venting problem for radiant heating coils is just the same as for any other forced hot water system; however, some points should still be stressed. When the system is being filled, petcocks at the end of the coils must be opened to release the air. After the system has been completely filled, any air that gets into the system must either leak in or be released by the air at the boiler. If a positive pressure of 2 or 3 psi is maintained in the coils, no air will leak into the system, so the only remaining source is the boiler. There are vents made for the purpose of venting the boiler; these vents should be located preferably at the boiler or at the high point by the expansion tank. The use of automatic air vents at high points is unnecessary; they frequently rust and become useless. The air that remains after filling the system will be carried along by the high velocity of the water and eventually expelled at the vent or collected in the expansion tank.

# APPEARANCE OF RADIANT PANELS

The appearance of a radiant heating panel should remain unimpaired until it has been decided to redecorate the panel. This means that streaking and cracking must be considered in selecting the material and in constructing the panel.

It is generally accepted that present construction practices allowing  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. cover of plaster will prevent cracking and streaking of the panel. In addition to having an acceptable appearance, the material should have a high conductivity. If low conductivity materials are used, the required boiler water temperature will be increased and the controllability will be decreased.

The material should also withstand the operating temperature that is to be used. For example, some asphalt products tend to soften at temperatures of 100 F; therefore, these materials would be inadequate for coverings in halls where panel temperatures of 100 F are expected.

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# WOOD PRESERVATIVE

Insurance against premature replacement of millwork is among the benefits claimed by the manufacturer for *Tremco Wood Preservative*, a double-action treatment which is said to keep moisture out — reducing warping, shrinking, swelling — as well as preventing wood from rotting.

Usable for treatment of wood either

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during fabrication or at the time of installation, Tremco Wood Preservative is applied by impregnation, dipping, brushing or painting.

Strips of wood treated with Tremco and buried in the ground for test purposes were reported by the manufacturer to have remained in excellent condition. The Tremco Manufacturing Company, 8701 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.



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# AIR DIFFUSERS MODIFIED

A modification in the design of the *Kno-Draft* adjustable air diffusers, a new, quick-opening set-lock assembly, is reported to reduce installation time and simplify cleaning and inspection by allowing the whole inner element of the unit to be removed or replaced in a few seconds.

The diffuser is comprised of an outer, stationary cone and an inner, remov-



Slight upward pressure on inner cone of the air diffuser releases it for inspection



able cone. A slight upward pressure on the inner cone releases slotted washers which control springloaded catches (see diagram). With washers removed the holes in the inner cone slip over the heads of the bolts which secure the inner cone to the rest of the diffuser, and the element is removed. W. B. Connor Engineering Corp., 114 East 32nd St., New York 16, N. Y.

# IMPROVED ELECTRIC DRYER

Addition of a new and improved heating element in the *Sani-Dri* electric face and hand dryer is reported by the manufacturer to cut drying time by 25 per cent without increasing consumption of current.

Replacement of present units by the new element can be accomplished by any maintenance man in a few minutes, according to the manufacturer. Chicago Hardware Foundry Company, North Chicago, Ill.

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#### These Experiences are Proof



"Increased dollar volume and better employee efficiency have resulted from my decision to install Frigidaire Air Conditioning in my jewelry store," says Robert S. Cohen, Winchester, Ky. C. Ratcliff Henry, Winchester, handled the installation of these Frigidaire Store Conditioners.



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Prefab window comes in modular sizes

#### BASEMENT-UTILITY WINDOW

A completely prefabricated window for basements, cottages, tourist homes and similar applications is now being marketed.

Designed for sash reversibility (sash can be swung at top or bottom), the unit includes frame, glazed sash, hardware, chemical treatment of all wood parts, weatherstripping and (optional) screen and storm sash.

Modular sizing makes for easy installation in standard 8 by 8 by 16 in. concrete block walls - the window is two blocks high and 2,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and 3 blocks wide. The sash can be reversed without tools and can also be combined in ribbon or stack fashion for additional fenestration. Andersen Corp., 1370 Northwestern Bank Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

#### CAST ALUMINUM SOIL PIPE

Gasco aluminum soil pipes and fittings for above-ground plumbing installations such as venting, waste, drainage, stacks and downspouts are distinctive for the lightweight feature, according to the manufacturer, who reports the components to be 75 per cent lighter than extra heavy cast iron pipe.

Other assets claimed for the soil pipe are resistance to corrosion, good appearance and immediate availability, and it is said also to have greater impact (Continued on page 184) Sanders, Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Thermopane installed in Brasco Stainless Steel Settings. Architects & Engineers: Pollmar, Ropes and Lundy.



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#### TRIGGER-ACTION TACKER

A trigger-action stapler especially designed to work in places where there is not room enough to swing a hammer is now available.

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Bostitch Model T-5, for driving staples into wood and similar materials, has a short, narrow base that gets into small places and is said to drive the staple within  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. of inside corners, moldings, etc.

Three models are available, using light, medium, and heavy wire staples of varying lengths. The machine weighs only 3 lb. Bostitch, 651 Mechanic St., Westerly, R. I.

#### HEAVY DUTY TUBULAR LOCKS

Yale Heavy Duty Tubular Locks, made to be assembled in 30 seconds, have been developed in an effort to cut building costs by reducing installation time.

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#### GAS FLOOR FURNACE

An automatic gas floor furnace which requires no basement or utility room is reported by the manufacturer to provide the advantages of "big home" automatic heating at a fraction of the cost.

The unit, which is  $25\frac{1}{2}$  in. deep, is installed directly beneath the floor. Only the floor-level grill through which the heat flows is visible from the room.

Desired temperature is maintained by a wall thermostat, which automatically turns the gas supply off and on. Tennessee Enamel Mfg. Co., Nashville, Tenn.

#### ACOUSTICAL TILE

Development of a new acoustical tile composed of compressed glass fibers has (Continued on page 186)

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been announced by the manufacturer.

The lightweight, perforated tile is described as non-combustible, and the manufacturer reports that its high sound-absorbing properties are supplemented by excellent thermal insulation value.

Weighing 0.7 lb. per sq. ft., the tile comes in two sizes, 12 by 12 in. and 12 by 24 in., both 3/4 in. thick.

The tile is said to be unaffected by

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humidity conditions and claimed not to warp, buckle, expand or contract. Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp., Toledo 1, Ohio.

#### HOUSE NUMBERS

Metal numbers permanently cemented to a 12 by 12 in. glass block create a new house number said by the maker to be clearly visible by day or night.

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Below: Sanitary foot-controlled Bradley circular Washfountain protects students' health.



see College, Roanoke City School, Simmons School (Oak Lawn, Ill.), St. Joseph Glenbrook Academy (Clinton, Nich.), Univ. of Massachusetts, Pendleton (Ore.) School, West Phoenix High School, Lebanon (Ore.) Grade School, Brookward School (Kansas City, Mo.),

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serves two simultaneously.

Cedar Grove School (Shreveport, La.), St. Joseph (Mich.) School, Booker T. Washington School (Phoenix). For suggestions on washroom layouts,

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2227 W. Michigan St., Milwaukee 1, Wis.



the numbers after they are cemented in place. The block, which is 4 in. thick, is installed in the frame or masonry of a new house during construction.

The Silhouette house number utilizes the light from inside to illuminate the figures and is reported to give a soft general illumination to the entrance porch as well. Paul M. Burroway, P.O. Box 3592, Phoenix, Ariz.



House numbers are cemented to glass block

#### ASBESTOS CEMENT SIDING

Ceramo Asbestos Cement Siding is back on the market after a seven-year absence due to difficulty of obtaining necessary high-quality raw materials, according to an announcement from the manufacturer.

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#### FLUORESCENT FIXTURE

A new, slimline fluorescent lighting fixture has been designed particularly for stores, banks, institutional and public buildings having moderately high ceilings. The new fixture, CSL-496, is an unshielded unit utilizing four fluorescent lamps having a total power of 204 watts. It can be installed either surface or pendant mounted, individually or in continuous rows. To eliminate shadows in end-to-end installation, the 98 in. long unit is designed with a blunt end chassis. Both the chassis and the reflector, which is removable for installation (Continued on page 188)



Worthington Pump & Machinery Corporation, Harrison, New Jersey

## **NEW EVAPORATIVE CONDENSER** SAVES MANY COSTS

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Air Conditioning and Refrigeration



#### **Higbee Is Ahead On** Air Conditioning, Too

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suggested having worthington provide the new machinery. The new installation provides for 2,000 tons of Worthington centrifugal refrigeration. J. Gordon Turnbull, Inc., Consulting Engineers.



North American Mfg. Co. plant, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### **Another Modern Plant Selects** Modern Air Conditioning

When North American Manufacturing Company—manufacturer of oil and gas-fired fur-naces—built its new plant in Cuyahoga Heights, Cleveland, it decided first, to install air condi-tioning in its offices and, second, to install the

most modern air conditioning equipment. These decisions led to the selection of a 30-ton Worthington 4-HF-6 air conditioning unit. This is the 6-cylinder W type, operating on Freon-12, with water-cooled condenser and full force-feed lubrication.

Vincent Eaton, Consulting Engineer.

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system consists of machinery all manufactured —not just assembled—by one company. This makes more possible a perfect balance among all interrelated machinery. Worthington is the company that manufac-tures all the vital "innards"—compressors, condensers, engines, turbines, pumps. The result is a completely integrated system—for more efficient, more economical operation. That's why there's more worth in Worthington. See your nearby Worthington distributor—in the Classified Telephone Book.

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and inspection, are finished in white. The end caps, which do not have to be removed or disturbed for servicing, are aluminum finished. Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., 500 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

#### UNDERGROUND DAM

Shellperm, a new method of controlling subsurface seepage which may cause loss or pollution of water, consists of a

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subterranean barrier built without excavating by injecting an asphalt emulsion into the earth through a pipe.

In addition to its function in water conservation, the originator claims it can also be used to check seepage around tunnels, road beds or other subsurface structures, without the use of such relatively expensive techniques as sheet piling.

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*Vitrolite* structural glass now comes in a tenth shade, Sky Blue, the first new color to be added to the line in 1949.

Sky blue is described as a more subdued shade, deeper and richer, than the prewar Princess Blue, which it replaces. It is being produced in  $1\frac{1}{32}$  in. thickness with a fire-polished surface.

Vitrolite is considered especially suitable for bathroom and kitchen in the home and for rest rooms in public buildings because its color is permanent, being inherent in the glass itself. Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., Nicholas Bldg., Toledo 3, Ohio.

#### CONVECTOR RADIATORS

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Designed for household, institutional and commercial installations, a new line of  $Type \ F \ Convector-Radiators$  is said to combine attractive appearance with high heating efficiency.

Cabinets designed for either free standing or semi-recessed installations are made of formed steel with removable front panel. Stamped louvers integral with the front panel give directional circulation of air into the room.

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#### TILE FLOORING

A chemically reacted combination of plastics makes *Corlon Tile*, a new luxury flooring recently put on the market.

Reported to offer very high resistance to wear, Corlon is said by the maker to have the depth of color, beautiful graining and plate finish of rubber tile.

The tile is available in 10 colors and comes in four sizes, 6 in. square, 9 in. square, 12 in. square, and 18 in. by 36 in., all  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. thick. Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa.

#### MASTIC GLAZING COMPOUND

An aluminum colored, mastic glazing compound has been developed for aluminum windows which requires no painting because the necessary coloring and protection are incorporated within the mastic itself. According to the manufacturer, *Tremglaze* is applied just like putty, sets firm, bonding tightly to aluminum mun-(*Continued on page 192*) WELDWOOD PANELING ... one basic reason

#### for the architectural excellence of THE ZILBOORG HOUSE

**This interesting Dri-Built** home was designed on a 4' module ... to make most efficient use of Standard Weldwood Panels



RCHITECT Percival Goodman's modern technique and A use of modern materials make a showplace of the recently completed home of Dr. & Mrs. Gregory Zilboorg, Bedford Village, New York.

Almost every room is paneled in Weldwood, using either birch, maple, cedar or oak. And . . . taking advantage of the ease with which "built-ins" can be planned into Weldwood walls ... Mr. Goodman provided extensive cabinet and storage wall accommodations in the bedrooms, kitchen, dining room and living room ... all executed in matching Weldwood.

Other features include ceilings of acoustical tile ... brick-paved flooring in the entrance foyer, with most of the other floors in cork tile ... and a dead-flat built-up roof which is flooded with two inches of water throughout the summer for cooling purposes.

Another interesting detail is the use, in most rooms, of Keyhole Standards and Brackets extending from floor to ceiling between each Weldwood panel. This makes possible easily moveable, random width shelving almost anywhere in the house. In addition, the metal strips contribute an interesting decorative effect to the Weldwoodpaneled walls.

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Looking from the dining room into the living room. Notice the commodious cabinets in dining room wall.



Again built-ins are accented in the birch-paneled living room and sliding-door closets in vestibule. Keyhole bracket, one of many used, is illustrated.

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This Weldwood-paneled service wall saves many steps between the kitchen and dining room.

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tins, remains resilient and is water- and weatherproof to insure leak-proof windows without maintenance costs of painting. Tremco Mfg. Co., 8701 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

#### FOLDING LUNCHROOM TABLES

All-steel, folding table and bench units designed to convert gymnasiums, auditoriums and similar areas into lunch rooms are now being offered with mar-

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belized as well as solid color linoleum tops.

These folding tables are available in two types — against-the-wall and inthe-wall units. The first type folds into a cabinet that extends 7 in. from the wall, and can be installed in existing buildings without remodeling. The second type is built into the wall in new construction. Schieber Mfg. Co., 12720 Burt Rd., Detroit, Mich.



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This shower cabinet, 36 in. in size, is said to be particularly easy to install. Milwaukee Stamping Co., Bathe-Rite Div., 865 S. 72nd St., Milwaukee 14, Wis.

#### **CELLULAR CEILING**

A new type of louvered ceiling for diffused lighting has been developed which consists of thin, corrugated, steel strips prefabricated into honey-combed panels. The panels fit together into a single continuous ceiling when hung below lighting fixtures.

The panels come in 24- or 30-in. widths and in lengths varying by 6 in. steps from 96 down to 12 in. The light weight of *Cell-Ceil*, 12 ounces per sq. ft., is said to eliminate cumbersome, expensive hanging equipment.

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With the *Mueller Climatrol Modular Furnace*, the home owner can buy a complete winter and summer air conditioning system in installments.

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#### AUTOMATIC HOT WATER AIR VALVE

Complete elimination of air from convectors, radiators, mains, baseboard radiators and panel heating units is claimed for the new *Dole No. 20 Automatic Hot Water Air Valve*.

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for one of the three functions: fully automatic air eliminator, manual shut-off, manual venting. The Dole Valve Co., 1933 Carroll Ave., Chicago 12, Ill.

#### LAWN HOSE HOLDERS

An answer to the problem of hose storage is offered in the Guardian Lawn Hose Holder, said to be simple to manipulate and a contribution to fire protection.

A wire basket attached to the basement ceiling receives the hose, which will coil itself into the receptacle after it



Wire basket attached to basement ceiling stores garden hose until ready for use

is pushed with a very slight twist through a pipe leading from the exterior wall, according to the manufacturer's description.

The hose is always connected for immediate use with the water supply. Guardian Mfg. Co., P. O. Box 302, Minneapolis, Minn.

#### INTERCOMMUNICATION SYSTEM

An intercommunication system has been designed recently to enable workers to answer paged messages clearly and intelligibly from high noise level areas. The new circuit coordinates the operation of a "trumpet-type" reproducer and a two-way "staff station."

When the system is used to page a person in one of the high noise level areas, the message is reproduced at high volume through the trumpet station. To reply, the paged person depresses a lever on the nearest staff station. The trumpet is automatically cut out, and two-way (Continued on page 196)



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conversation at normal voice level can be conducted between the person paged and the originator of the call.

Formerly, when replies were made through a two-way trumpet reproducer, the trumpet would pick up all shop noises so that the reply was frequently unintelligible.

The trumpet reproducer is constructed of heavy gauge, spun aluminum with gray wrinkle finish; it is  $10\frac{1}{2}$  in. in diameter and in overall length, and is equipped with an adjustable mounting bracket. The compact, die-cast staff station is 6 in. wide,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  in. high and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. deep, and is finished to match the trumpet reproducer. Executone, Inc., 415 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N.Y.

#### **ELECTRIC RADIATOR**

Electrically heated through the medium of hermetically sealed oil is a new pressed steel radiator unit called Hurseal.

The thermostatically controlled radiator is filled with a special grade, low expansion oil, and is permanently sealed. An electrical element, welded into the radiator or wall panel types, heats the oil and is said to provide a quick temperature rise to a surface temperature of 160° F.

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Illustrations above show a general view of the Fox Theater, Spokane, with (inset) a close-up of large ornamental bas-relief butterfly panel cast integrally with the wall against a plaster mold built into the forms. R. C. Reamer and Frank Wynkoop were the architects. Alloway & George were the contractors.

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#### Boilers

Federal Boilers (Bulletin No. 125). Outlines special features and advantages of a line of boilers for radiant heating, domestic hot water, steam and hot water heating. Drawings and photos illustrate construction details. Ratings and specifications are listed. 6 pp., illus. Federal Boiler Co., Inc., Granite and West Sts., Midland Park, N. J.

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The following individuals and firms request manufacturers' literature:

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Pierre Beauvais, Architectural Student, 3518 Dorion, Montreal, Canada.

Bilt-Rite Organization, Inc., General Contractors, 68 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn 17, N. Y.

A. Burns Cadwalader, Designer-Draftsman, 1525 Jay Street, Redding, Calif.

Alvaro Cardenas, Carrera 13 NO. 33–13, Bogota, Colombia, S. A.

William V. Cobern, Architectural-Draftsman, 2913 Monroe Street, Ashland, Ky.

Herbert I. Fogelberg, P.O. Box 300, Fort Lincoln, Bismarck, No. Dakota.

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