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Maybe it's because 175 years is a long time and none of us can remember that far back—maybe it's because we have gotten used to this thing called freedom—maybe it's because we have had it so long we can't imagine life without it—maybe we believe we just cannot lose it. But we can!

Today, the threat against the freedom of the American people is as great as it was that memorable night 175 years ago. In some sense greater. Guns do not threaten us—not yet at least—but an idea, a plan, artfully disguised, promises us the "secure" life.

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Now, let's forego all the high sounding language and get down to cases. What threatens our freedom?

The threat is two-fold ... from the outside and from within. It isn't hard to identify the danger from the outside. Some twenty years ago, the leaders of Communism and Socialism brought their threats into sharp focus when they declared their operating policies for the future. Both contained a simple philosophy. Bore from within—take a little at a time. Usurp high office—guide the evolution until it becomes complete.

Has any of that happened?

The Communist trials in our country have been most revealing. Every day the press and radio tell us of new infiltration into high places. Nor have the ranks of labor escaped.

What about the inside?

That can easily be answered by another question. Do the American people have as much freedom of use of the money they earn as they did ten years ago? They do not! More people surrender a larger part of their money for tax use than ever before in history. More restrictions curb more people than ever before. More compulsion over the entire populace is advocated. It is a mounting trend becoming more inclusive every year. All of this is offered under the glib promise of liberating man from economic servitude—of a planned life—a total welfare.

So, we have the two threats... one from the outside and one from within.

It is doubtful that the American people are fearful that Communism will take over our country in the foreseeable future. It is doubtful too that they are unduly alarmed that Socialism as a method of government will replace our government.

But, what they do not understand is that a creeping Socialistic pattern is spreading itself from within—that it can advance to a point from which there can be no retreat. Because this Socialistic pattern moves forward a little at a time, it is not spectacular enough to be recognized for the dangerous thing it is. It is so easy to accept glittering promises—broad generalities, that mask the eventual result.

So, what is to be done about it?

We believe the state of the nation calls for a Command Performance from Business—a performance to stop this creeping Socialistic pattern which threatens the freedom of all.

Why does business get the call? There are two reasons.

First, business should do this job because of its obligation to people. That is not a new contention at Ceco. For three years, Ceco has been advancing the thought that the prosperity and security of our nation are tied unremittingly to a four letter word W-O-R-K. Ceco has said and still says management must work more at managing. We believe this job is the most important task in the over-all concept of management. It is...
up to alert management to provide real security in the present, as well as the future, to prove that responsibility for economic welfare belongs in private, not in public hands.

The second reason is that business—business men—are the best qualified for the job because American business knows most about selling. Businesses grow because business men sell their product. Is merchandise more important than the system which produced it? Isn't the system worthy of our best selling talents too? Yes ... Business must and should sell the idea that real security and freedom for all are possible only under a virile free enterprise system.

Business must expose the alluring misrepresentations that spawn the myth "you can get something for nothing." It must boldly proclaim the simple truth that welfare projects cost money—cost the people their own money. For government has no money except that which is given it by the people through taxes. It must show that excessive taxation is creating a competition to industry which is challenging its right to lead—its right to guarantee economic freedom to people. It must question the cost which could be more than money. Unchecked, taxes can bankrupt the people, bankrupt business, thus making it impossible for individuals acting in private capacities—for business, through free enterprise management—to provide jobs, improve working conditions, assure real security.

It was protest against excessive taxation that occasioned the midnight ride 175 years ago. Now, as then, the same danger threatens. Yes, freedom is at stake!

Business must create a crusading attitude toward free enterprise. Here the problem is not simple. For lately, the people are taking lightly our system of private endeavor which has had a moving influence on life around the world and given us the highest living standards ever. They are "going along" thinking little of where it leads. They are not yet alarmed. Therefore, unreserved belief in that which we so casually call the American Way of Life must practically be revived. New vigor must fire appreciation of the system of individual effort and reward. There must be reaffirmation of faith in the dignity of man, in the real security to be found only in the individual acting in self-interest guided by conscience and a sense of fair play. All the people must be awakened. There must be 150 million individual crusades in this country, acting in concert, to keep the American Way of Life vital.

Business men must light the fire of a passionate belief within all the people—a belief in our way of life that burns brighter than any fanatical faith in the destiny of any other system.

Once the people know the danger, once their enthusiasm for incentive living reaches crusading fervor, they will know how to act. They will see through the will-o'-the-wisp promises of an inexhaustible public purse. They will recognize the fallacy of "something for nothing." Their horse-sense will renounce it. But to bring all this about, business men must become vocal. Each business must inform its own people. From little companies employing only a few, to big corporations employing many thousands. This program can succeed. The drift toward public dependency can be stopped but business men must be articulate and act decisively.

Mr. Chairman of the Board, Mr. President of Industry, Vice Presidents, Managers, yes—all of us—must get off of our pants and into the plants. We must meet with the people ... talk with the people ... work with the people. This isn't something that can be done by writing a check!

Let's accept this call for a Command Performance now! Today! This very minute!!

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STANDARD UNIT SCHEME VARIED TO SPEED AIRPORT TRAFFIC

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First Step in Scheme for Palm Springs Corporation, Palm Springs, Calif. A. Quincy Jones, Architect; Paul R. Williams, Associate

BUILDING TYPES STUDY NO. 158...HOOSPITALS

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Peter Pfisterer, Chief Architect, Brazilian Field Party, Institute of Inter-American Affairs

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Continued High Building Volume Estimated; Some Adjustment Still Expected

The old year closed at or near the peak of the renewed postwar construction boom which developed in the last five months of the year, Thomas S. Holden, president of F. W. Dodge Corporation, says.

Last year opened with market adjustment in full swing. In the past, Mr. Holden points out, such an adjustment following postwar price inflation has customarily been accompanied by a fairly severe recession in construction and in general business activity. In early 1949 the decline in construction volume was moderate and of short duration, but it was sufficient to arrest the upward trend of construction costs.

"It was apparently sufficient," Mr. Holden observes, "to convince the investing public by midsummer that costs had become relatively stabilized and no important advantage was to be gained by further deferment of needed projects."

Adjustment Factors Cited

The ease with which the market adjustment was accomplished is attributed by Mr. Holden to five main factors: (1) government supports for farm prices and industrial wage scales; (2) previous absence of speculation and absence of large-scale liquidation of private debt; (3) continued liberalization of home financing; (4) large-scale government spending; and (5) the inherent strength of the American economy.

This last factor, as reflected in the amazing postwar production performance of American industry and American agriculture, Mr. Holden sees as the most important of all.

Our economy produced in the year 1948 goods and services to the amount of $179 billion, and approximately the same amount again in 1949. Mr. Holden estimates that $43 billion of this staggering total represents improvement over the consumption standards of 1929, an earlier year of very high prosperity. Such improvement means more and better goods and services, because the figure was arrived at after making full allowance for population and price changes since 1929.

At the same time, and in spite of record dollar volume of construction last year, new construction investment was less in proportion to national income than it had been in earlier years of great prosperity. Physical volume of construction also, with the exception of new dwelling units, was less than the total physical volume of those earlier boom years and less than the wartime peak volume of 1942.

Mr. Holden suggests that these comparisons indicate that the American people have the financial resources to invest even larger amounts in new construction than they did in 1948 and 1949.

Demand for new construction arises principally from the growth factors in the economy. Population growth, new family formations and migration of populations create demands for new housing facilities, new school buildings and other types of community facilities. New industries and new products require new industrial plants; new developments in transportation require ground facilities and terminal facilities.

Although growth factors were temporarily devitalized in the 1930's, this defeatism happily proved to be a temporary ailment, says Mr. Holden, and potentially, the United States has "the capacity to develop its material prosperity and its enormous productivity into a truly great civilization."

"Great civilizations," he adds, "are known to history by the quality and magnitude of their achievements in architecture, engineering and construction techniques."

What Blocks 1950 Upswing?

Consideration of the huge potential growth factors in our economy, Mr. Holden feels, may well prompt the question: Why will not a considerable measure of this potential growth be realized in 1950? and why is construction volume not expected to increase substantially this year?

Among the lines of reasoning reported by Mr. Holden to underlie Dodge figures on the construction outlook, which estimated a 4 per cent decline from the 1949 total in dollar volume of contracts, are these:

First, the belief that in many respects the readjustments of last year were not fully realized in all lines of business and that readjustments will continue this year.

Government Impact Felt

Second, the knowledge that the recent upsurge in construction was in large part stimulated by the federal government. Dollar volume of private contracts increased less than 2 per cent over 1948, but public construction contracts increased 26 per cent. Besides direct spending and large outlays for grants-in-aid, there was in midsummer a new injection of liberal home-financing credit to stimulate home building.

"It appears to be a deliberate policy of the federal government," Mr. Holden observes on this point, "to use every means at its disposal to maintain construction activity at something approximating the present high levels. Whether this policy is sound, from the point of view of the whole economy, and whether it can be continued indefinitely are questions open to argument."

Our high productivity and our great prosperity, Mr. Holden continues, can be attributed largely to our having invested in production facilities more capital per worker than any other people ever did.

Mr. Holden cites as "but one testimonial among many" to the industry's strength the report issued by a delegation of British industry construction people who visited this country last summer under the auspices of ECA. That report said the American construction industry is "at least 50 per cent more efficient" than Great Britain's.

It looks as though the construction industry will have another good year, Mr. Holden concludes.
BUILT FOR EXPANDING RESEARCH

The main research building of a new organic chemicals research center for the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corp. has just been put into operation on its 140-acre tract near the company's South Charleston, W. Va., plant.

The new structure, first of five scheduled in the largest single laboratory project the corporation has ever undertaken, is equipped according to the most recently developed requirements for chemical research. The completed project will eventually house fundamental organic chemical and resin research, as well as process development work for the Chemicals Corp.

The laboratory building proper is designed as a three-story T-shaped structure of steel and brick, 325 ft long by 96 ft deep. It contains 69 individual laboratories and 48 offices, a large-scale laboratory, a large library, an auditorium seating 125, and necessary storage and service rooms. Now in operation also are a 40,000-lb-per-hr steam plant, a maintenance and equipment fabricating shop, and a cooling tower, all connected by subways carrying utility lines.

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TITLE VIII PROGRAM MOVES SLOWLY

The desperate need for more adequate housing for military personnel throughout the world is claiming increasing attention. The Title VIII program enacted last year (Wherry Bill) will make some inroads on this complex problem but it is necessarily slow in getting started. As of Dec. 1, Federal Housing Administration had received application for loan insurance for only 5057 units of the rental-type construction, had written insurance on only 1000.

Confusion surrounded the initial phases of this program last fall and architects, along with others in the building industry, have been uncertain of procedures.

Each of the three services involved — Army, Navy and Air Force — has its own plan of operation. While there are varying degrees of centralization in Washington, architects interested in these housing projects can learn of them earlier by contacting field personnel.

The Navy, for example, recommends its projects through a chain of command starting with the local public works official at the yard or station location. This recommendation passes through the district public works office and then to the Bureau of Yards and Docks in Washington. In the Army setup, the application originates with a housing officer at the camp, post or station, goes through the commanding officer, the Army Command and finally to Washington. The Air Force has a more centralized scheme, but early information on proposed projects originates at the field or base.

A prospective sponsor — a private contracting firm or experienced operative builder — may find himself in competition with others for the same project;

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RICHMOND AND GOLDBERG AWARDED 1949 HARLESTON PARKER MEDAL

For excellence in the design and construction of the Southern Brookline Community Center, Temple Emeth, the Harleston Parker Medal for 1949 has been awarded to Isidor Richmond and Carney Goldberg, Architects and Engineers, of Boston. Established in 1921 by J. Harleston Parker of Parker, Thomas & Rice, the award is made at intervals of not more than three years for “the most beautiful piece of architecture, building, monument or structure within the limits of the City of Boston or of the Metropolitan Parks District.” The Boston Society of Architects selects the recipient.

Below: Southern Brookline Community Center, Temple Emeth, Brookline, Massachusetts

Albert Hanson, A.R.I.B.A., A.R.A.I.A.
Architect

WINS AWARD
IN AUSTRALIA

This house designed by an architect for his own family has recently won for him the Sir John Sulman Medal given annually since 1932 “for the design of a building of exceptional merit” built in New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory during the previous year. Overlooking a natural bush-covered valley, the house has pink tiles, grey walls and white accessories. Each room except bathroom and laundry faces north and has sunlight all day.

FEBRUARY 1950
MEMORIAL STIRS CONTROVERSY

THAT old argument has a new storm center — and some very familiar protagonists.

Percival Goodman’s design for a memorial for the 6,000,000 Jews killed in Europe (composite photos above) has the architect, the sponsoring committee and the New York City Department of Parks in battle joined over civic art.

The Museum of Modern Art has leaped to the fray by giving the model a month-long exhibition “to get the public reaction.” A site for the memorial, on Riverside Drive at 84th Street, already has been dedicated as a gift from the city.

Is the controversy fresh evidence that the old guard never dies? Or is this a case where the esthetic truly has not been reconciled with the functional?

After failing to approve a group of statuary sketched at their invitation by Jo Davidson, the committee invited designs from five artists: William Zorach, Chaim Gross and Leo Friedlander, sculptors; Eric Mendelsohn and Mr. Goodman, architects.

Mr. Goodman says the committee accepted his design subject to modifications in the sculptured parts and that the Department of Parks rejected it because of its severe, modern lines.

Administrative Chairman A. L. Lerner of the committee, the American Memorial to Six Million Jews of Europe, Inc., has said that although the directors favored the design they did not finally accept it.

For the Department of Parks, Executive Officer Arthur Hodgkiss explains that the Department rejected the design not because of its style but because it would take up an inordinately large amount of space in one of the city’s most crowded parks and because the candelabrum, set between the West Side Highway and Riverside Drive, might cause automobile accidents by attracting the eyes of drivers.

The beleaguered architect writes:

“The issue seems to me to be this: In general, the Department of Parks is interested ... in a design that will stir no comment, awaken no feeling, positive or negative, arouse no interest. From this point of view, the best work would not be noticed at all, but as a mere decorative adjunct; and the best means to this is to approve only works like those that exist, that are, I fear deservedly, not noticed. But thus we shall never have a monumental art at all.”

LARGEST SWEET’S FILE — ARCHITECTURAL IS DISTRIBUTED

The six volumes, 33 sections and 8400 pages of the 1950 Sweet’s File — Architectural make the new file easily the largest collection of pre-filed manufacturers’ catalogs ever put together. Nine hundred manufacturers are represented.

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An architect is often required to spend several years in working out and developing a project. Only when he has completed the work does he receive his fee, or the bulk of his fee. This has the effect taxwise of piling up income within one taxable year and causing his income to soar into higher brackets. The result is that he pays a much higher income tax than he would have paid had his income been received ratably over the period of his work.

Several years ago Congress recognized this inequity and drafted Section 107 into the Internal Revenue Code. Section 107 provides tax relief for any professional person who receives lump sum income in one year by allowing the individual to go back over a period of years and amend his tax returns for the period over which he did the work.

There are certain strings attached, of course, if one is to take advantage of this privilege. Specifically, there are three criteria imposed. First, the compensation received must be for personal services rendered. No architect should have any difficulty here. Secondly, the services rendered must have covered a period of at least 36 months; and, third, 80 per cent of the compensation for the work must have been received in one year.

Savings Through Income Proration

For the purposes of examining the practical effects of the law, let us assume that on Dec. 13, 1949, an architect receives a fee of $45,000 for services performed over the period March 7, 1946 to Nov. 26, 1949. In passing, it should be noted that fractional months are disregarded unless the fractional period amounts to more than half a month. In this event, the fractional period is considered equivalent to one month. In the situation just outlined, the architect has earned $45,000 over a period of 45 months and is entitled to prorate his earnings as follows:

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It can be seen that the proration of income is by actual months from the time the work was begun; it is not blanketed merely by calendar years. The architect in question may amend his 1946, 1947 and 1948 income by adding thereto the amounts shown above. He adds $11,000 to his other 1949 income.

To illustrate the amount of tax savings possible, let us further assume that the architect had net taxable income, other than from that of the above fee, of $10,000 per year in each of the years 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949. The following table will show his net tax saving if he amends his prior year returns rather than including the entire $45,000 in his 1949 income.

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From this example, it can be seen that a saving of $5127 would result from amendment of former returns as against paying the tax on the income when received.

"Functionalism would date you — what you want is space cadence —"

— Drawn for the RECORD by Alan Dunn
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"We sold all the houses in ten days, due to the right combination of houses and appliances. Tens of thousands went through the Model Home... were favorably impressed with the complete line of General Electric appliances."

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Nathan Brisker, President of KENSINGTON ESTATES, INC., Brentwood, Maryland, says:

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"Our model house was featured in national magazines and thousands visited it. The item which caused the greatest comment was the G-E Kitchen. We sold the entire development—67 houses—the first Sunday!"

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"Sold not only the 40 houses, but 37 additional!"

Mr. Mark S. Waggener, President of SPURR HOMES, INC., Denver, Colorado, says:

"We held open house for 3 days...sold not only the 40 houses under construction, but 37 additional on the basis of many factors in the house, particularly the General Electric Kitchen!"

"Sold 44 houses from 1 sample in 1 day!"

Mr. Ralph Talbott, President of the Talbott Building Co., Baltimore, Maryland, says:

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Included in each of the 160 Talbott homes are the following: General Electric dishwasher and sink, 52-gallon electric water heater, electric range, Disposall® and cabinets!

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Elections To Consider

A few technical details are perhaps necessary to clarify further the workings of Section 107. First of all, it should be noted that the right to amend prior year returns is an election, not a mandate, under the law. For instance, in the example cited above, if the architect had large 1949 losses from other ventures, he might be “tax wise” to include the entire $45,000 in his 1949 income and not bother with amending his former returns. It is not always easy to say that the relief provided in the tax laws is the best individual solution. A careful computation of taxes must be made before deciding to amend former returns.

This gives rise to the further thought that most architects report their income on a cash basis—that is, they report their incomes in the year they are received in cash and deduct only those expenses paid in cash. This is contrary to the rule in most businesses, where tax returns are filed on the accrual basis. Thus, for the “cash basis” architect, although the income he earns may be prorated over a period of years, the expenses of producing that income are not prorated. He can control his expenses to suit his best interests. In the years when taxes are high, he can plan his expenditures and deductions to be at a maximum; in low tax years he can keep expenses at a minimum. By doing this, he secures the greatest tax advantages.

Time of Completion of Project

It often happens that the time of the completion of a work and its payment do not happen simultaneously. In that case, the event that takes place first controls the period over which income may be prorated. In the above case, assume that the architect was paid for his services on Aug. 18, 1948 instead of on Dec. 13, 1949 as originally supposed, or on Nov. 26, 1949, when his work was completed. Despite the lapse between the time of payment and the time of completion, the architect is entitled to prorate his income only over the 30-month period from March 7, 1946 to Aug. 18, 1948. This would be at the rate of $1500 a month. He may qualify for relief because his services were ac-
tuaily performed over 43-month period even though he received his fee at a time when he had worked only 30 months.

On the other hand, if the architect were to be paid at any time after Nov. 26, 1949, possibly in a succeeding year, he is entitled only to a 45-month pro­ration for the period March 7, 1916, to Nov. 26, 1949. His 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949 returns are affected as shown by the first table above.

Others Eligible For Relief

If a partnership is in existence, all the partners are entitled to secure tax relief even though the services were performed by one of the partners. This would mean that the firm’s partnership returns would have to be amended and all of the partners would have to file amended individual returns to reflect the differences in the partnership’s income.

It is perfectly possible that an individual architect or a firm may have several jobs being completed in one year that are eligible to qualify for proration. In that case, some fairly complicated scheduling and computations might be necessary, but all of the jobs may be worked out on the prior year returns.

Ordinarily claims for tax refund are outlawed within three years after the returns have been filed. This is not true of income eligible for proration. Returns for as many as 20 years back may be opened up and income restated, if the taxpayer can show he was truly engaged in working on a job over this period of time.

Cautions To Be Observed

In conclusion, it should be reiterated that 80 per cent of the income from a job must be received in one year. If 79.9 per cent of the total fee is received in one year and 20.1 per cent in another, the privilege of proration is gone. By the unwise billing of jobs, substantial tax advantages may be sacrificed.

The task of securing tax relief under Section 107 may require many hours of computations and large consumption of midnight oil. At the same time, the tax relief that can be secured may offset even longer hours spent over a drafting board.

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Jewish Community Center for Englewood, New Jersey; Kelly & Gruzen, Architects

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MODULAR PLANNING CITED AS AID IN KEEPING COSTS DOWN

EXTENSIVE use of uninterrupted glass exterior walls and modular interior partitioning systems providing an unusual versatility of room arrangement helped the architects for this quarter-million-dollar Jewish Community Center in Englewood, N. J., to create a building with a variety of social, educational and recreational facilities at a cost far below that of the usual structure of this type.

In working out a suitable structural design, the architects and Structural Engineer Fred Severud considered all usual and several unusual methods of spanning large areas. These included laminated wood arches, metal and concrete rigid frames, etc. For this particular job it was determined that more conventional steel framing provided the least expensive and from the design point of view the most satisfactory method of enclosing the space.

The building will occupy a plot 125 ft by 345 ft adjacent to an existing small temple belonging to the same congregation.

Interior and exterior wood construction was found to be most economical. The auditorium portion will have steel framing and brick cavity walls. Precast concrete planks are used for the main auditorium roof. Briar Hill stone will be used on the front elevation only. Continuous strips of steel windows located between bearing wood mullions will contribute to good daylighting for classrooms, which have clerestory windows on the upper north wall for cross ventilation and augmented daylighting.

The auditorium, seating 700 and for use also as a gymnasium, will open off a 60 ft lobby. Mezzanine dressing rooms over the stage will serve as choir room and organ loft when the auditorium is used for high holiday services.

The school section, normally comprising six classrooms and a kindergarten, is designed as a modular system for flexibility to meet any change in space requirements. The kindergarten opens on an interior patio.

A youth game room 64 ft by 33 ft is part of the social and recreational area in the basement, which also includes a special exercise room, a darkroom for camera enthusiasts, and an arts and crafts room.

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BRAB WEATHER CONFERENCE

The first Research Correlation Conference of the Building Research Advisory Board held Jan. 11 and 12 in Washington was in the nature of an exploratory meeting designed to bring out what weather data is available, how this data is applied now and, more important, how it might be put to better use in the future and also what further data is needed.

The problem of designing the structure to fit the climate, as brought out by the speeches and panel discussions, can fairly well be divided into four main points.

First of all is climate itself, the climate of a fairly large area (macroclimate) and the climate of a site (microclimate). The more important of these to the designer, who needs more information on how to determine it, is microclimate. Second, there is greater availability than demand for existing weather data, and new methods of exploiting it are needed for determining durability of building materials and performance of climate control devices. Third, economics of construction must be considered as well as optimum design from the scientific angle. And fourth, people are looking for psychological satisfaction as well as thermal comfort in a structure.

Conference Chairman C. F. Rasseweiler, who is BRAB Executive Committee chairman and vice president in charge of research for Johns-Manville Corp., opened the program and at the end summarized the results of the meeting from the standpoint of building technology. Francis W. Reichelderfer, chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau, summarized the conference for the weather sciences.

The conference led off with reports on recent climatological research by government and Army weather experts including Dr. Paul Siple, U. S. Army General Staff military geographer and Dr. Helmut Lunsberg, executive director of the Committee on Geophysics and Geography of the Research and Development Board.

Walter A. Taylor, director of the A.I.A.'s Department of Research and Education, was moderator for the discussion "Climate and the Design of Building," which included talks by James M. Fitch, architectural editor of House Beautiful, on "Buildings Designed for Climate Control," and by Dr. L. P. Herrington, director of research for the John B. Pierce Laboratory of Hygiene, on "Human Factors in Planning for Climate Control." Speakers in the discussion that followed were William B. Caudill, Robert W. Cutler, Carl Koch, Alfred B. Parker, Buford L. Pickens.

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**Taft-Hartley Results Called “Disappointing” to Builders**

Counsel General Robert N. Denham of the National Labor Relations Board addressed some 1100 leaders in the building industry at the January 12 annual dinner of the Building Trades' Employers Assn. of New York City. Speaking on the application of the Taft-Hartley Act to the building industry, Denham summarized: “It is pretty disappointing to find how little we seem to have accomplished (to achieve) a crystallization of official thought as to the meaning and intent of the law.” "Difficulty in obtaining a divorcement of thinking... from (the) old Wagner Act formulae," "expectation that the Taft-Hartley Act would be repealed," and "honestly held conflicting opinions" were among the factors he advanced for the present state of uncertainty. Many of the pitfalls for both labor and employers were stressed.

On the rosier side, Denham felt that before the end of 1950 there would be "some constructive decisions of the Courts" to clarify the situation. A tribute was paid the New York organization of contractors and labor to handle disputes, cited in a previous speech by Peter W. Eller, chairman of the BTEA Board of Governors. The group gave "a very real inspiration" for the National Joint (Dunlop) Board for the Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes, Denham added. Since the forming of this board in 1948, "losses to builders and employees throughout the nation... from work stoppages based on jurisdictional disputes... have been reduced to less than 10 per cent of (those before) the Taft-Hartley Act went into effect."

Earlier that same day, the New York Building Congress met to hear Nelson Rockefeller speak on "The Growth of the Community." Architect Louis Skidmore, president of the Building Congress, presided at the meeting.

Mr. Rockefeller was introduced by Architect Wallace K. Harrison, Honorary Chairman, who cited the large volume of construction done by Rockefeller, particularly in South America. Beginning with a discussion on Rockefeller Center, Mr. Rockefeller continued with comments on the operation of the community as it applies to the world and our special obligations of today.

**ASHVE MEETS IN DALLAS**

The American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers held its 56th annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, January 22-26. Highlighting the five-day meeting was a series of technical sessions devoted to discussing new developments in the field.

The first session covered night-air cooling and a physiologic examination of the effective temperature index. Topics of interest in the following meetings included heat pump performance, solar heating and baseboard radiation. Panel heating and cooling were analyzed from such varied aspects as heat flow within concrete panels and effect of panel location on skin surface temperature.

C. Rollins Gardner was general chairman of the committee on arrangements.

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### CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES

**Labor and Materials**

United States average 1926-1929 = 100

Presented by Clyde Shute, manager, Statistical and Research Division, F. W. Dodge Corp., from data compiled by E. H. Boeckh & Assocs., Inc.

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Cost comparisons, as percentage differences for any particular type of construction, are possible between localities, or periods of time within the same city, by dividing the difference between the two index numbers by one of them; i.e.: index for city A = 110

index for city B = 95

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

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

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

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\frac{110-95}{110} = 0.136
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Cost comparisons cannot be made between different types of construction because the index numbers for each type relate to a different U. S. average for 1926-29.

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

These index numbers will appear whenever changes are significant.


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This collection of articles originally published in "The Modern Hospital" is intended, according to an introductory statement, to give hospital architects "the same familiarity with hospital functioning that they would have if they worked on the floors and in the kitchens, boiler room, laundry, and other hospital departments."

Although no architect could qualify for a nurse's aide certificate on the basis of his reading of this book alone, many will find here in convenient form a great deal of general information about hospital procedure as it affects building design. The flow charts, area tables, and equipment schedules should be particularly useful for check-list purposes.

Methods being used in the State of Washington for determining specific hospital and public health service needs are set forth in this report, which is intended to explain criteria for allocating the federal funds for hospital construction available to the states through the Hospital Survey and Construction Act, Public Law 725. Aside from its interest as a survey document, this report presents study methods of interest to all planners of hospital service.

TWO ON FURNITURE


Furniture Forum. Published quarterly by Phillip L. Pritchard, 254 West 5th St., New York 19, N. Y., 8½ by 11 in., 64 pp., illus. $4.50 per year.

Mario Dal Fabbro, ex-Italian furniture designer now in the U.S.A., has produced his first American book—not his only one, if his future work can be predicted from his past. This venture is at least refreshing: mostly drawings which have a flavor foreign to this country, it shows us what the furniture of several designers looks like when viewed by an ex-Italian.

Perhaps half a dozen American designers' chairs, tables, cabinets, stools, etc. are included; the remainder are Italian or Swiss, with a few pieces of Swedish, English, or German origins. The drawings are quite carefully accurate, and at first glance convey the impression of full detail; over-all dimensions are given for each piece; but close examination reveals that in actuality the details which matter are appallingly absent. There is great preoccupation with the mechanical operation of the furniture; everything tilts or hinges or folds or demounts or collapses—one hopes not accidentally. All this is indicated with lots of arrows. When one tries to ferret out the design of a joint, however, to see just how that surface is planned around a corner and over a horizontal—well, none but the most obvious are included. (Perhaps furniture designers and manufacturers consider these trade secrets.) There is almost no upholstered furniture. Nor are there any notes on the specific materials, colors, or finishes: wood is wood, metal metal, cloth cloth, and that's that.

In the back of the book are 16 simple pieces laid out for the amateur craftsman to build. Here the details are fairly complete, although the hatracks and night tables shown are not much advanced over the projects built in the average high school manual arts class. Indeed, the examples so carefully selected throughout the entire book have the spindle-legged, delicate, too-nicely-balanced look of much contemporary Italian work. There is a faint odor of decadence about them—or does this come from the style of drawing? Surely not all of Charles Eames', George Nelson's, or even Mario Dal Fabbro's furniture has exactly that unsubstantial quality.

In contrast, "Furniture Forum," a quarterly started in 1949, contains a nearly complete presentation of good contemporary American furniture, plus several of the standard modern fabrics, accessories, and lamps. In reality a catalog obtainable by subscription, this publication contains not only photographs of all pieces, their prices, dimensions, species and finishes of wood, colors, fabrics, etc.; it also includes thumbnail biographies of the designers, and addresses of both manufacturers and retailers. The more recent issues include brief articles by designers in various fields. These aren't long, and every designer has pet subjects concerning which he can often write entertainingly and sometimes profoundly. But even though this reviewer agrees thoroughly with Alvin Lustig, for instance, when that able dialectician squares off versus the current preoccupations with superflexibility and super technology, is a catalog the place for expressions of opinion? Aside from this, and an occasional bit of typography so carefully designed as to be unreadable, the quarterly catalog deserves a big hand. We venture the guess that it would save every architect who buys furniture for his clients many times the cost of a subscription.

NEW EDITIONS


Originally published in January, 1948, this manual for the practicing architect has now been brought up to date with recent changes in registration requirements, new sample examinations, and new material on professional liability insurance in the contracts section. Two new features are the results of a study (Continued on page 30)
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REQUIRED READING

(Continued from page 28)

of the rating of architects and draftsmen made by the Michigan Society of Architects, and the findings of a survey on product specification.


Many sections of the book have been enlarged in this new Sixth Edition, and the page size has been reduced, making the volume easier to handle.


The publication of Frank Lloyd Wright's Genius and the Mobocracy makes timely this new printing of the Sullivan apologia, made from the original 1924 plates by arrangement with the American Institute of Architects.

PIONEER ARCHAEOLOGIST
Frederick Catherwood Arch. By Victor Wolfgang von Hagen, with introduction by Alans Huxley. Oxford University Press (114 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N.Y.), 1951. 6 by 9¼ in. 177 pp. + 31 plates. $5.00.

Best known for his drawings of Mayan culture, the British artist and archaeologist Frederick Catherwood seems to have pursued a career of unique accomplishments coupled with a strange fate of misfortune and obscurity.

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AIR CONDITIONING

THE MODERN HOSPITAL

By E. J. Benesch, Chief Air Conditioning Engineer, Syska & Hennessy, Inc. Consulting Engineers, New York, N. Y.

Modern hospital practice demands that year-round automatically controlled air conditioning be provided for such sections as anesthesia rooms, the operating unit, delivery rooms, diagnostic x-ray unit and the allergy unit. This is dictated not only as an important aid in the treatment of disease and the promotion of the patients’ welfare (since controlled temperature is often closely associated with rapid recovery), but for greater efficiency of the hospital’s staff and personnel.

Although completely air conditioned hospitals may not have been common in the past, partly because of installation costs and operating expenses, today there is a steadily increasing recognition of the importance of comfortable environment for patients, doctors, interns, nurses, technicians, laboratory workers and others.

At present, engineering studies are being made which will undoubtedly result in bringing extensive air conditioning well within the construction and operating budgets of the average hospital.

OPERATING ROOMS

Operating units are practically always air conditioned. These, and anesthesia rooms, are first in importance. They must satisfy the following three conditions:

1. **Provide comfort** for the surgeons and medical staff.

2. **Provide an atmosphere** that is not conducive to electrostatic spark discharges so as to reduce the possibilities of anesthetic explosions.

3. **Make available a supply** of clean, filtered air that is free from dust, dirt and bacteria.

The location of the operating unit has a definite relation to the design of the refrigeration plant that is part of the air conditioning system. An operating unit so located that the heat loss will be at a minimum, will probably require air cooling during the winter months. Even though 100% outside air is circulated, it may be necessary to supply heated air to permit the necessary humidification, and then to cool this air so that it can absorb the internal heat gain of the room. Because of this possible winter operation, it is essential that the cooling equipment for the refrigeration condenser water be so installed that the compressor can operate during the winter.

It is important that a high relative humidity be maintained in the operating room to eliminate the possibility of electrostatic spark discharges. In fact, the National Fire Protection Association states:

"The temperatures and humidity maintained in operating rooms should be chosen on the basis of well-being of patient and personnel. High humidity will reduce the hazard of electrostatic spark discharge under certain conditions, but it is not sufficiently reliable for their complete elimination."

Since the relative humidity favorable to the comfort of both personnel and patient is from 55 to 60%, there will be an automatic reduction of this fire and explosion hazard.

However, because of the high relative humidity that is maintained in operating rooms, double glass windows are often necessary to prevent condensation and frosting on the glass during the winter, and also as a means of reducing drafts.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

Beside the operating unit, it is important that air conditioning be planned for the recovery room to which the patient is removed following the operation. During summer, cool air not only stimulates recuperation but it also increases comfort.

Delivery and labor rooms should receive the same treatment as operating rooms.

While year-round air conditioning is not important in the nursery for full-term infants, there must be careful automatic control of the relative humidity and temperature.

Because of changing medical technique, it is important that the medical staff be consulted.

DESIGN CONDITIONS

Although it has been a practice to use 80°F. as in-
side design conditions for summer, the operating staff of a large general hospital constructed in 1949 found that a maintained temperature of 68°F, provided the most satisfactory working conditions. It indicates that it is essential to have a plant capacity sufficient to produce air conditions at least 15°F lower than current practice requires.

For overall hospital comfort in the tropics, one study indicates that the maximum inside temperature be 85°F. D.B. or 77.5°F E.T. (effective temperature); the summer range of the inside temperature should be 75-83°F. D.B. or 70-77°F E.T.; maximum relative humidity, 60%; the relative humidity may cycle between 25 and 50%; if the dry bulb temperature is right; the dry bulb temperature may cycle through about 6°F, without being noticeable; for winter comfort, an acceptable condition is 70°F. D.B. and between 25 to 50% relative humidity.

**TEMPORARY PROVISIONS**

Some comfort cooling for patients has been provided in a few hospitals by supplying electric power outlets conveniently located for the installation of portable air-cooled, window-type conditioning units. While at best these are but a temporary expedient, they do provide some air conditioning, even if only for the private patient.

**VENTILATION**

Recirculation of air in an operating room air conditioning system is not permitted. The reason is obvious. Air recirculated would increase the concentration of possible explosive mixtures of anesthetics, raise the odor concentration, and build up the dust content of the supply air.

Use of an electronic or electrostatic air filter will reduce to a minimum the passage of dust particles on which bacteria ride. However, mechanical filters should be employed ahead of the electrostatic filter to guard, in the event of power failures, against unfiltered air entering the conditioned area.

The number of air changes has a definite bearing on the control of infections. It is essential to have a rapid air change, devoid of drafts, to reduce bacterial concentration and therefore the rate of infection. A minimum of 12 air changes per hour are attainable without unreasonable temperature differentials between supply and room air.

Supply air outlets should be located not less than 6 feet from the floor, not only to prevent the cooled air from being blown directly on the room occupants, but also to prevent the circulation of anesthetics through the entire room. Exhaust outlets should be provided both at the ceiling and near the floor.

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With increased use of floor or ceiling coils for hospital heating, designers will do well to consider the advisability of using these coils as part of the means for supplying air conditioning during the summer.

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Although at first, as has been stated, air conditioning was introduced in hospitals for maintaining comfortable conditions for the operating staff, it was later learned that controlled air conditions during operations resulted in better recovery by the patient. Now air conditioning is considered a necessary, and often an indispensable, adjunct in the proper therapy and treatment of a large number of diseases.

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House for Dorothy Levin, Palm Springs, California

William F. Cody, Architect
Good architecture has always taken into account local topography, climate, customs and economics; however, one seldom finds a building so closely related to its locale as is this house. In a new Palm Springs subdivision, it has a more distant view of the mountains than many of its type in the vicinity, and as the subdivision grows it is bound to acquire more urbanity than will outlying houses. Yet the desert's influence will continue. Protection against extreme temperatures and brilliant light, co-existent with glass walls, and development of the entire lot (not merely the house) as the living unit, were the principal design postulates. Terrace and living areas are laid out on a 3-by-5-ft module, expressed in floor stripping and window mullions.
Top of page: glass-roofed solarium; view across walled court to living room. Left: kitchen counter, semi-hidden, may double as a bar, or be closed off with folding doors. Bottom: left, looking from dining area through glazed wall to small court; right, view from east, where badminton court, drive and parking lie between adobe wall and the house proper.
From almost any point indoors there is a pleasant vista through adjoining rooms, across the adobe wall surrounding the planted courts, to the San Jacinto Mountains. Interior walls of guest room and kitchen fold so these rooms can be thrown open or closed off. The exterior shower is for use with a possible future swimming pool. House is wood frame; ceiling joists are exposed in main rooms, with glass roof panels in solarium. Roof surfacing is heat-reflecting; insulation is mineral wool; heating, electrical. There is a cooling unit, and windows have awning-type screening to cut heat and glare. Floors are asphalt tile over concrete; terrace paving, cement with redwood strips.
Top, left: guest-room-den wall folds, throwing room open to view of court; right, looking from living room through solarium to drive and badminton court. Notice progression from delicacy and refinement, in the interior, to less carefully finished materials—for instance, adobe wall—where the property meets the desert. Bottom of page: looking the other way, from solarium to living room and courtyard. Planned for all-year, indoor-outdoor living, the house is designed around a 3-foot by 5-foot module; note panels of concrete paving separated by redwood strips.
STANDARD UNIT SCHEME VARIED TO SPEED

Paul Gerhardt, Jr.
City Architect
An extended unit scheme helps allay confusion for some 2,500,000 passengers accommodated yearly in the Chicago Municipal Airport Terminal: each air line has individual facilities to serve its planes and passengers. Two lines share each waiting room. A corridor links units to the central block housing administration, operational space and concessions. The two major zones, air and ground transport, are bridged by a narrow plan, permitting short, direct flow of separated passenger and baggage traffic. Casual spectators have good observation posts, removed from operational activities, in a central public space and promenade roof deck.

The building was designed as low cost construction to be amortized within 10 years. Planning for a longer period was deemed unwise: perpetual change is expected in aviation requirements. For flexibility, the steel structure uses a module of 3 ft 4 in. longitudinally, six units to a bay. Exterior walls are buff-tinted concrete slabs, backed by concrete block; roof is poured gypsum.
Compact, private working space for airport operation and administration is provided on top floors of central tower. Glazed control room has remote controls for field lights, radar, radio and recording devices. Equipment is on floor below and in basement. Building is 40 ft wide, almost ½ mile long, has stations for 15 planes.
Five waiting rooms (three shown below left) serve nine airlines. Each line has separate baggage rooms, ticket counters and offices. Design standards for furniture, signs, etc., set by airlines and architect. Counter design at top left provides extra baggage space, facilitates traffic. Floors are asphalt tile, ceilings acoustic plaster. Partitions are gypsum tile and plaster, built free of structure for easy change.

Concessions help defray airport operating costs. Revenue is derived from parking meters, promenade deck, lockers, clocks and, above all, eating facilities. Main dining room overlooks field (above right), shares second floor of central tower with kitchens. Restaurant on first floor (below right) is served by dumbwaiters, remains open 24 hours a day. Refreshment stands are in flanking towers on promenade deck. Refrigerators and locker rooms are in basement.

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REDEVELOPED
WITH A FLAIR

First Step in Scheme for Palm Springs Corp.,
Palm Springs, Calif.

A. Quincy Jones, Jr., Architect;
Paul R. Williams, Associate

In this restaurant's first season, customers were so successfully drawn into the interior court and surrounding shops that the owners of the property are now trying to speed up the remodeling of the entire block. As the photographs on these four pages show, considerable flair and flavor were used to good effect as a customer lure.

The new restaurant building was the first step in the remodeling project. Its design was complicated by the fact that the existing foundation and basement had to be used, and also by the leases already signed with four different types of tenant. The building houses the Town and Country Restaurant, the offices of "The Desert Sun," Palm Springs' newspaper, and three shops, plus the offices of the Palm Springs Corporation, owners of the property, and four small apartments. Exterior walls are cement plaster and redwood; interior walls are plaster, redwood and Roman brick; ceilings are acoustically treated. Framing is steel.

Completion of the entire project originally was expected to take two or three years and called for a careful construction schedule. To avoid even brief interruption of business, as one section is finished, a tenant from an untouched section is moved into it to make way for further remodeling or rebuilding.
Spark of the redevelopment scheme is the atmosphere-packed patio leading to the Town & Country Restaurant. The restaurant building, first one completed under the plan, houses also offices and shops, and has four small apartments on second floor (see plan, next page).
The second-floor apartments have their own entrance from Indian Avenue along the south side of the block, but shops and restaurant face the court (opposite page). Commercial tenants are varied, including the local newspaper, and three different types of stores.
Doubling the amount of federal funds for hospital construction — one of the final authorization acts of the Congress last fall — makes hospitals perhaps the most important of all planning assignments now before architects and engineers.

It means not only more hospitals, of all kinds, in the future; it also means more architects designing hospitals. What was once considered a fairly specialized task for designers is now work for any well organized architectural office, as America becomes increasingly determined to bring better hospital service and medical care to large city and remote area alike. Doing a hospital of course is still a highly intricate assignment, made more so by each advance in medicine. At the same time more and more data are available to planners. The careful basic research of the architectural staff of the U.S. Public Health Service, under the direction of Marshall Shaffer, has put before the design profession a valuable fund of planning information. (See the following studies in Architectural Record: "Elements of the General Hospital," June 1946; "Type Plans for the General Hospital," January 1948; "Public Health Centers," July 1942; and the Building Types Study on Hospitals, May 1949.)

In 1950 the Record will step up its coverage of hospital design. This current Study deals largely with special types of hospitals and other health facilities, though one general hospital is also included, and others will be presented throughout the year.

It is worth noting that the more special types of hospital may be expected to appear more frequently in the lists of projects receiving federal aid. While the early concentration was on the acute general hospital and the smaller health facilities for rural areas, the Hill-Burton Act is quite broad. It is to be expected that the increased allotments will reach further into the needs for facilities for cancer, T.B., mental illness, and for buildings for public health work and for medical research.

Under terms of the new legislation, federal grants to states are increased from $75 to $150 millions annually, and the period during which allotments can be made is extended to June 30, 1955. In addition a new formula has been developed which permits a federal contribution ranging up to 66.6 per cent of the total construction costs for new hospitals as against 33.3 per cent under the original law. The new law provides also for federal grants totaling $1,200,000 a year for five years for research programs looking toward coordination and improvement of hospital services.

Surely the new law speaks well of the concept and administration of the original hospital program, which took shape in the Hill-Burton Act of 1946. Whatever the fears about the "welfare state," there have been no agonized screams about the program for improving the country's health facilities. From federal offices to volunteer committees in outlying communities the program has won cooperation and interest.

Architects have responded in the planning, in the committee work, and also in the basic study. Large attendance at the Southern Conference on Hospital Planning and the New England Regional Seminar on Hospital Planning sponsored by the A.I.A. have had their share in sharpening the techniques of hospital planning. Meanwhile similar groups of the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, and the new American Association of Hospital Consultants have been researching both the technical problems of planning and the procedure of hospital programming, for better harmony between architects and consultants. Such efforts will add rapidly to the literature on hospital planning, and will insure wise spending of the immense sums available for extending health facilities.

— Emerson Goble
STATE health laboratories have steadily increased their activities in recent years, usually in facilities that were outdated and inadequate. The need for new buildings has become so apparent that two suggestive type plans have been developed through collaboration between the Conference of State and Provincial Public Health Laboratory Directors and the Division of Hospital Facilities of the Public Health Service.  

These plans are intended merely to assist the laboratory director and his architect in formulating a sound basic program for the solution of their particular problem. They serve also to explain the relationship of

*Acknowledgement is made of the assistance of Dr. Seward E. Miller, Chief, Laboratory Div., Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Ga.
the various elements to be found in a laboratory building of this type. The basic requirements, such as the type of laboratory work to be done, the allotment of space to each department and local site conditions, will vary so much that it would not be possible to develop a plan that would be suitable to all situations. It will be found that the departments and their component elements as shown in these plans will exceed minimum requirements of some states and be somewhat below those of others.

Maximum flexibility, simplicity of piping and ease of expansion are essential in a laboratory building. It should be possible to rearrange spaces and equipment without making changes in the basic building structure or its mechanical and electrical system. Such flexibility will greatly reduce the time and expense required to alter laboratory space as the changes in character of work occur. It should be possible also to expand the building without disturbing the basic arrangement of the plan.

The accompanying Type A plans illustrate this principle. The fixed facilities, such as the elevator, main stairs, toilets, "walk-in" refrigerators and incubator, have been placed in central location. The general services (glass washing, sterilizing and culture media) are located in the rear wing while the laboratories are in the two side wings. This arrangement will allow expansion of the general services and the laboratories.

Other solutions are possible, of course. An alternate plan, Type B (p. 102), has been developed by the Public Health Service, in which the laboratories have been placed on the north side of one wing and the general
services on the opposite side. The administration and education departments are located in a separate wing on the south side of the building.

The major services provided in the state public health laboratories at the present time are in the fields of bacteriology, chemistry and syphilis serology. The manufacture of biologicals is done to a limited degree. Provision must also be made for research, teaching, central services, animal quarters, administration and storage facilities. It is highly desirable to provide a separate animal house. Where a virology department is required it too should be in a separate building.

The bacteriology department should be located near the general services because of the volume of sterilizing, glass washing and culture media required in its work. Considerable refrigerator and incubator space is required, and in most cases the "walk-in" type is desirable. The preferable location for the refrigerators is near the water, food and milk laboratory of the department. A separate incubator is suggested for tuberculosis work and at least one sterile room for the department is required. Generous provision of space for a research laboratory is highly recommended. In those laboratories which do a considerable amount of microscopic work, it may be desirable to provide a small room or alcove screened from the glare of natural light.

Sixteen feet in width and twenty feet in depth have been used for the smallest laboratory in these plans. This size permits use of laboratory benches on the exterior wall and side walls to take advantage of the natural light and an island table 3 ft. 6 in. wide (without utilities) in the center leaving sufficient space for circulation.
Social customs peculiar to South America make it difficult to attract girls of educated families to the nursing profession. It was therefore important in the building program of the Medical Center of the University of São Paulo not only to build a nurses' school and dormitory, but also to create a pleasant atmosphere of informal distinction, if not luxury, with particular emphasis on inviting living accommodations, ample facilities for social gatherings and recreational space. The following plan features were directed toward that end:

1. The loosely knit main floor, with multi-purpose auditorium and gallery forming a link between school and residence.

2. The design of the area for dining and social activities, extending on one side through sliding doors into an intimately landscaped, sheltered patio, and connected on the other side with an open terrace commanding a dramatic view over the city to distant mountains.

3. Indoor and outdoor access to a paved recreation porch under the center wing of the residence at basement level, opening onto garden and tennis courts.

4. Reading patio, surrounded by garden walls and partially shaded by the pergola, easily supervised and accessible from library.

5. Lounges and living rooms with kitchenettes at focal points of residence wings on each floor.

6. A large roof terrace over central wing of residence, partly shaded by canopies and pergola, partly open.
In spite of costs, the building committee decided that most students should have private rooms. Many first-year students, on the other hand, seem to prefer the company of classmates. One floor of the Z-shaped residence was subdivided into rooms for three nurses each (see detail plan). Each of these rooms takes twice the area of a single room, and therefore does not disturb a modular layout with one single room as the unit. Each pair of rooms has brick non-bearing partitions at column points, and shop-fabricated, closet and cabinet wall as the separating partition, with built-ins to save usable space.
Transversal cross-section

1. Viewing-galleries of operating rooms
2. Surgical center and central sterilizing and supply rooms
3. Paying patients
4. Half-paying patients
5. Non-paying patients
6. Library and lecture room
7. Administration offices
8. Entrance from the street, business office, first-aid and pharmacy
9. Kitchen, anatomical pathology and morgue
10. Treatment rooms for outpatients, detection center and radiology
11. X-ray, radium-and electro-therapy and laboratories
12. Stores, nonprofessionals' quarters and laundry
13. Cafeteria and chapel
14. Internes' quarters
15. Nurses' quarters
This projected South American cancer hospital provides an interesting comparison with North American progress in hospital design, always remembering, of course, that there are some foreign customs to be taken into account. It might seem strange, for example, to see two separate banks of elevators, one for "paying patients," the other for "charity patients," but in South America it seems perfectly logical. One might hazard the guess that eventually such differences will gradually disappear, as each point is evaluated, but probably they never will completely.

The three building units shown are: one for hospitalization of some two hundred patients, a second for diagnostic and treatment facilities, the third for living quarters for doctors and nurses.

The hospitalization unit of eleven stories provides beds for about 125 charity, 30 semi-private and 45 private patients. Patient rooms are oriented away from the street to the northeast, receive sun from early morning to mid-afternoon, and are effectively isolated from traffic noises. They are, however, exposed to possible annoyance from the laundry and employees' dining room on the first floor of the adjoining adjunct service unit.

Wealthy upper class patients are the prime source of revenue in many countries. It is customary in Latin America to give them added facilities and complete privacy where conveniently possible. The separation of paying patients from charity patients in both inpatient and outpatient sections is clearly evident. Waiting rooms are separate and special bath and dressing rooms are provided where charity patients may presumably put on clean clothes before entering the hospital.

The architects state that the two separate elevator groups will be used indiscriminately for hospital service functions. It must be pointed out that while segregation of paying patients is successfully achieved by this division of elevators into two separate groups, a sizable service control problem has been created for the nurses on the patient floors and the operating room floor.

There are only fifteen patients, one to a room, in each paying patient nursing unit. This low patient-nurse ratio, which makes nursing care per patient excessively expensive, is due to the Latin American custom of providing an extra bed in each room for the patient's companion or private nurse.

An interesting feature in the plan is the cantilevered service corridor on the surgery floor which provides access from the elevator to service rooms and the sterilization center without congesting the main operating room corridor.

The three-story-and-basement second unit of the hospital group is closely connected by ramps to the hospitalization unit on the south and by corridor to the staff living quarters on the north. The hospital diagnostic and therapeutic facilities for both inpatients and outpatients have been planned in this section. Outpatients enter directly from the admission department by ramp up to the third floor examining and radiographic department or by ramp down to the second floor therapeutic services. Separate waiting rooms for charity and paying patients are again provided. Inpatients must descend to the first floor of the hospitalization building and cross over the same ramps used by outpatients to reach these facilities. There appears to be a lack of stretcher waiting space for inpatients.

The kitchen is well located with relation to nursing unit service. Food service from the kitchen to the help and staff dining rooms on the lower floor of the treatment building is perhaps a little inconvenient.

*Translation and analysis by Edmund J. Whiting, A.I.A.*
The isolated yet convenient relationship of the staff living quarters in the third building unit is well worked out. Terracing, using the natural slope of the property, has been done with pleasant informality.

As a general observation on the hospital group it must be observed that no day rooms or solariums, nor recreational or occupational therapy facilities appear in the plan. It is unusual in a cancer hospital of this size and importance that facilities to encourage the psychological well being of patients were not included as a necessary part of the program and planning.
ONE of several projected cancer hospitals, this one well illustrates the complications of such an institution. It has everything from isotopes housed in thick concrete walls to a beauty parlor, the latter explained by the enlightened concept of hospital care which treats the whole patient, not merely his tissues.

The new buildings here will provide more than 500 beds and add a great variety of laboratory facilities to a 50-year-old institution that has gradually burst through each new building added. The present site will be used, and the new facilities must place their feet down carefully amid the old, many of which will later be torn down, and others converted.* These considerations largely determined the form and disposition of the new buildings. The architect would have liked, for example, to keep some of the wings in a linear arrangement, but had to turn their ends to form a shallow U because of site restrictions.

The basement contains the usual services and two unusual ones. The usual admonition not to put the kitchen in the basement is here taken figuratively. As the ground slopes from north downward to south, the basement kitchen will have ample light and ventilation. An elevator originating in the kitchen is to deliver food trucks directly to the serving pantries on the several patient floors.

Consistent with this age, the right hand south wing contains the radiation laboratories, with their radium and isotopes. Much possible grief is avoided by placing these services in direct contact with the earth. As an additional precaution, the overhead slab is to be two feet thick, many of the walls are to be of concrete from one to two feet in thickness, and various other measures are to be incorporated in the plans and specifications against contamination and injury from stray radiation.

The entire first floor is taken up by the outpatient department. Some of its features, like the diagnostic and the therapeutic x-ray departments, will serve inpatients as well as outpatients. These departments, therefore, are located under the block of nursing units for immediate accessibility by inpatients. The end spaces of the therapeutic x-ray department are occupied respectively by one- and two-million volt machines. It was felt that even though these were surrounded by two-foot concrete walls and floors, it would be well to avoid human occupancy under them. For that reason, these rooms have no structure under them other than supporting piers.

The patients' quarters (nursing units) begin at the second floor and continue uniformly through the seventh floor, providing 516 beds in 12 nursing units of 43 beds each. The wide gradation in patient room types, the day and dining facilities, and the integrated units of doctors' office-treatment room-nurses' station and utility room are worth noting.

The remainder of the second floor, insofar as new construction is concerned, is occupied by administrative and related functions. Insofar as Simpson Hall (one of the old buildings) is concerned, its laboratories begin

* Dr. Louis C. Kress, Director of the Institute, prepared the program for the new project.
at this floor and terminate with animal quarters occupying the fifth floor and one half of the sixth floor.

Outpatients, visitors to patients, and people on various business, all enter the hospital through a two-story high metal and glass vestibule which faces Elm Street. This is designed with a small pool, plants, color and sunshine in mind, in order to relax and reassure the tense and anxious patients and visitors as they enter. The modern hospital building must reflect the maxim that modern medicine treats the whole human being. While the outpatients proceed through the vestibule to various clinics on the first floor, visitors and others ascend the vestibule stair to the waiting room on the second floor. People who should not climb stairs have access to an elevator at the first corridor intersection.

While the nursing floors continue to be typical, the rear wings are different from floor to floor. At the third floor these wings are occupied by surgery and all its supporting services. The contiguous laboratories in Simpson Hall are primarily concerned with the study of tissues obtained from the operating department.

The rear wings at the fourth floor are in a less grim vein. They contain the auditorium, the chapel, with a chaplain's consultation office, patients' library, physical and occupational therapy facilities, canteen, beauty and barber shop, a psychiatric consultation office, and, in fact, all the elements necessary to the treatment of the patient's spirit and the bolstering of his morale. A further extension of this idea will be found in gardens, yet to be planned, which will be seen and enjoyed by most of the patients from their rooms, and also by direct access to the grounds through two passages provided at the basement level.
1 Radiographic Storage
2 Soiled Linen
3 Ventilating Machine Room
4 Janitors' Room
5 Detection
6 Radium Records
7 Radon Receiving
8 Radon Measure
9 Wash Room
10 Radon Pump Room
11 Radon Solution
12 Glass Blowing
13 Isotope Emission
14 Isotope Measure
15 Radium Make-Up
16 Male Employees' Lockers - 5
17 Female Employees' Lockers - 3
18 Male Employees' Toilet
19 Female Employees' Toilet
20 Dry Stores
21 Trash Room
22 Garbage Refrigerator
23 Deep Freeze Refrigerator
24 Meat Refrigerator
25 Dairy Refrigerator
26 Chefs' Refrigerator
27 Dry Refrigerator
28 General Refrigerator
29 Commissary
30 Meat Preparation
31 Fish Preparation
32 Ice Cream Making
33 Bakery
34 Main Kitchen
35 Cuisine Room
36 Diet Kitchen
37 Office - Assistant
38 Office - Dietitian
39 Vegetable Preparation
40 Vegetable Refrigerator
41 Food Carts
42 Female Employees' Lockers - 84
43 Storage
44 Female Employees' Lounge
45 Employees' Cafeteria - (290 Seats)
46 Serving Pantry
47 Dishwashing
48 Male Employees' Lounge
49 Male Employees' Lockers - 45
50 Housekeeper's Office
51 General Stores
52 Receiving Stores
53 Receiving Office
54 Morgue
55 Paint Shop
56 Carpentry Shop
57 Plumbing Shop
58 Garage
59 Mimeoograph Room
60 Mail Room
61 Office
62 Drafting Room
63 Work Room
64 Store Room
65 Ground Maintenance
66 Ground Storage
67 Office - Chief Engineer
68 Mail Employees' Lockers - 35
69 Machine Room
70 Electric Shop
71 Machine Shop
72 Female Employees' Lockers - 26
73 Female Employees' Lounge
74 Male Employees' Lockers - 5
75 Electricity & Transformer
76 Clean Linen
77 Personnel Linen
78 Sewing Room
79 Office
80 Sorting
81 Laundry
82 Exercise Room
83 Toilet
84 Incinerator Room
85 Hoist Room
86 Boiler Room
87 Record Storage
88 Unassigned
TYPICAL NURSING UNIT - 43 BEDS

1 Instrument Storage
2 Clean-up
3 Anesthesia Induction
4 Gallery - 12 Seats
5 Operating Room
6 Scrub-up Room
7 Sub-Sterilizing
8 Secretary's Office
9 Surgical Supervisor
10 Stock Supply
11 Radium Receiving
12 Stretchers
13 Anesthesia Storage
14 Chief Anesthetist
15 Nurses' Lounge
16 Nurses' Toilet
17 Nurses' Lockers - 26
18 Male Attendants' Lockers
19 Male Attendants' Toilet
20 Doctors' Lockers - 24
21 Doctors' Toilet
22 Doctors' Lounge
23 Visiting Doctors' Lockers
24 Frozen Section Laboratory
25 Janitors' Room
26 Directors' Office
27 Closet
28 Toilet
29 Examining Room
30 Secretary's Office
31 Unassigned
32 Staff Toilet - Male
33 Staff Toilet - Female
34 Storage
35 Maze
36 Chemical Preparation Room
37 Dark Room
38 Finishing Room
39 Office
40 Camera Room
41 Non-Sterile Stores
42 Solution Room
43 Work & Receiving Room
44 Sterile Stores
45 Operating Dept. - Sterile Supply
46 Tissue Examining
47 Preparation
48 Special Laboratory
49 Doctors' Office
50 Museum
51 Classroom
52 Male Lockers - 11
53 Female Lockers - 5
54 Slides & Records
55 Index Card Room
56 Secretary's Office
57 Washing & Sterilizing
58 Autopsy - 2 bodies
59 Toilet
60 General Laboratory
61 Office of Assistant
62 Office of Department Head
63 Resident's Room
64 Closet
65 Bath Room
66 Linen Closet
67 Storage
In the category of a general hospital, this one comes about as close as possible to a "standard." It receives no federal or state aid, and thus is not particularly designed within the requirements of the Hill-Burton Act, but is actually quite comparable. But since the hospital was to be a completely new institution, without fixed systems of operation, the plan was kept fairly well formalized and the relations between departments kept as nearly as possible to a standard arrangement. Although it was originally conceived and will be run as a Catholic Hospital, other faiths are represented on the Board, so that it is truly non-sectarian, and strictly typical in every factor from fund-raising to planning.

Planning was left entirely in the hands of the architects,
with various Sister superintendents of other hospitals as their consultants. Several doctors and surgeons in the community also met in informal committees with the architects on matters of local practices and needs.

The site consists of about 18 acres, and the building was planned to take advantage of the natural slope for three different entrance levels. The power plant, garages, maintenance shops, together with an undertaker and autopsy suite, all have natural access to the sub-basement level. Since the hospital is to be run entirely by female staff, a men's locker room, together with three small bedrooms have been located on this floor for the engineering staff who live in, as far removed from the female staff in residence as possible.

The main receiving platform on the basement level is located closely adjacent to the kitchen and to the general hospital storage area, so that delivery of goods can be made on a level and stored without use of elevator or stairs. On the east side of the hospital on this level, where the grade is higher, are located the main dining rooms for staff, with a separate Sisters' dining room, called refectory, closely adjacent to the main elevator lobby, so that both may be reached without getting into the basement corridors. It will be noted
that the service elevator is so arranged as to have access to the basement service corridors and completely segregated from the passenger elevators, so that easy access can be had to the housekeeper's suite, laundry, and linen exchange, as well as to the female locker rooms. It will also be noted that the main kitchen serves directly into the hospital service elevator for distribution of food to the bed floors by means of heated food cart circulation.

On the first floor, access from the main lobby to the administration quarters and to the main elevator lobby can be had without getting into the corridors serving the general laboratories, out-patient department, x-ray department, or other hospital functions. At the end of the east wing there is a staff entrance for the doctors directly adjacent to the staff room and staff library and other administrative offices.

On the west wing, the architects explain, the entrance to the ambulance department adjacent to which is the O.P.D. entrance, is not an ideal arrangement, in that ambulance cases serious enough to become in-patients will have to be transported by stretcher from the emergency department through O.P.D. waiting room, and thence to the hospital service elevators. It
On the third and fourth floors the nursing units are virtually identical with those of the second floor (p. 111); portions here given show rear wings: operating suite on third floor (below), quarters for clergy and interns on fourth floor

is a functional arrangement which is difficult to avoid unless something else more serious be sacrificed to obtain another grade entrance, which in this case was impossible.

It will be noted that the location of the O.P.D. in close proximity to the general laboratories, and x-ray department, is good; it will eliminate the necessity for ambulatory out-patients to become involved in the circulation of the general hospital.

The second floor consists of maternity division, together with the obstetrical suite, and a small pediatrics section. Originally this entire floor was to be devoted to maternity cases, and all of the beds on the floor were to be so designated. It was later decided that funds would not be available for completion of one entire floor, the fourth in the building, and that the reduction of beds necessary, because of this cut-back, would eliminate the necessity or desirability for an entire floor
devoted to maternity. At that time the administration of the hospital decided that the nurseries on the east side of the main corridor on this floor should be devoted to infant pediatrics, with the partition work arranged substantially as needed for infant newborn nurseries, so that if and when the entire floor be turned back to maternity, these needed nurseries could be reinstated. As the plans are published, the pediatrics department is therefore a functional makeshift. Discussions are now under way for returning this entire floor to maternity and redispersing the infant pediatric spaces back to infant newborn bassinets. Pediatrics in this latter case will be relocated on the fourth floor in a segregated wing, which is of course the proper way.

The total construction cost of the building is $2,788,112, which, together with the cost of fees, supervision, etc. results in a cost per cubic foot of $1.83, inclusive of fees but without the cost of movable equipment.
The more enlightened concept of hospital care is here illustrated in a specialized type of hospital for the care of T.B. patients. This one points up the current idea that a hospital for long-time care has even more reason for close attention to psychological factors than has a general hospital.

So this one puts its patients in a quiet country location. It takes them into pleasant, attractive quarters. It offers not only good medical care but also things like occupational therapy and psychological and rehabilitation treatment. And, very importantly, it rejects the large ward in favor of a three-bed unit. There is a large out-patient department also.

In general the various elements follow closely the suggestions of the U. S. Public Health Service. Nursing units have the offset corridor with most of the patient rooms facing south and service rooms on the north. The three-bed room is an innovation; the three beds are aligned perpendicular to the wall. The lavatory is in the bedroom for the use of the patient, nurse and doctor. Each patient has his own clothes closet in the room. The water closet, with bedpan washing attachment and dental basin, is in an interconnecting location between rooms. Oral hygiene of the semi-ambulant patient would be permitted only at the dental basin.

The building is to have concrete frame, concrete floors with tile filler, brick exterior with terra cotta back-up and limestone trim. Interior partitions will be tile, plaster and glazed tile finish. Floors will be covered with rubber tile, ceilings with acoustical tile. Heating will be steam; surgical and medical unit air conditioned.
Ground floor brings two entrances at grade level, one for the ambulance entrance, the other for deliveries and help. There are also separate dining rooms for patients, staff and help, also for patients, barber shop, library, occupational therapy room and auditorium; and, of course, various services.
Most of the patients will be in three-bed rooms; there are no large wards. These rooms all have south orientation. There are a relatively small number of private rooms, these taking less desirable outlook. Normally the two end units would be used as day rooms for patients.
SPACE ALLOTMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL HOTELS

By Frank Harrison Randolph, Professor of Hotel Engineering, Cornell University

Architects of commercial hotels frequently are handicapped by the lack of factual data on space requirements. Too much space results in excessive investment and operating costs. Too little space makes it impossible for the hotel owners to realize satisfactory profits.

Information can likely be located for a few hotels by the architect, but some may be of wrong size, or of the wrong type or built to meet unusual requirements. The remaining data is apt to be inadequate. This was found to be the case in the writer's class in “Hotel Planning.” Consequently, space allotments were measured from the plans of 33 representative commercial hotels, ranging from 125 to 500 guest rooms. The relationship between hotel height and number of guest rooms was investigated for 110 hotels. This data has been translated into the graphs contained here.

They are intended as a reliable guide in planning future hotels, with such changes being made as the times or customs may require, but not going too far from long established values without adequate reason.

General Data

As an example, suppose an architect is planning a 300-room commercial hotel and wants to know its chief physical aspects. From the first few graphs on general data, the following information is found: (1) ground floor area, 22,000 sq ft; (2) height, 11 stories; (3) typical guest floor area, 12,000 sq ft; (4) guest rooms per floor, 38. With 38 guest rooms per floor, a 300-room hotel will require eight typical floors. This leaves three stories for the lobby floor, mezzanine and possibly a ground floor devoted to stores or a service floor.
To convert the mass of data accumulated from the hotel plans investigated to a clear and usable form, each space or other factor was put on a separate chart, with the number of guest rooms on the base line. Then a point was plotted for the value obtained for each hotel. The result was a chart that was peppered with points, often rather widely scattered. Seldom did the arrangement of the points encourage one to attempt to draw a line through them.

Through the field of points on the graphs, a solid diagonal line was drawn to show the median trend. This line was started at the lower left corner, at the "zero-zero" value. The line was located by trial so that half the points were above it and half below it. On graphs that had sufficient points to warrant, two broken diagonal lines were drawn in addition. The upper broken diagonal has one-fourth of the total points above it and the lower broken diagonal has one-fourth of the total points below it. Thus the area between the two broken diagonals contains half the points and may be considered as the usual range encountered in practice.

Each trend line has been drawn straight because the data points were insufficient to justify the location of a smooth curve, with the exception of the Stories Above Ground graph. The relationship between stories above ground and number of guest rooms was investigated for 110 hotels, including a number of 1000 rooms and over (the graph shows only that portion of the curve up to 550 rooms).
Each of these foregoing values is an approximation which may need revision as plans develop. It is evident, however, that expectations can be determined at a glance without requiring an assortment of assumptions, tedious calculations or extensive experience with hotel structures.

The graph on stairways shows that most of the hotels investigated have two stairways through guest floors. Usual practice is to have not more than 30 rooms per stairway on the typical guest floor. The average hotel has about 16 or 18 guest rooms per stairway.

**USE OF GRAPHS**

The plotted points were scattered widely, but a curve of parabolic form drawn through them showed the trend satisfactorily.

Presenting the data in the form of these graphs offers several advantages. The reader immediately sees about how many cases are represented. The relative divergence of the data is obvious. An exceptional case or two has no great influence on the trend line, in contrast to taking an average value which may be influenced considerably by one abnormally high or low figure.

These studies are not presented as the final word on space allotments. They indicate a good method which may serve as a basis for more extensive work and probably slight revisions in the trend lines.

**Public Space**

The Main Lobby graph indicates 12 sq ft of lobby area per guest room. The lounge was indicated for 63 per cent of the hotels investigated, with about 4 sq ft being provided per guest room. Many hotels use a part of the lobby or mezzanine gallery as the lounge, although it is not specifically designated as such on the plans.

The mezzanine was shown for 70 per cent of the hotels. For each hotel on this graph, two points were plotted—a dot for the mezzanine area and a cross for the upper part of the lobby or “well hole.” In several cases these points were connected by a dotted line to emphasize this fact. For example the 345 room hotel had a gross area of 5800 sq ft for the mezzanine and 1800 sq ft for the well hole. The gallery area is the difference between these values or 4000 sq ft.

The ballroom was shown in 70 per cent of the designs studied. From 10 to 18 sq ft of ballroom area per guest room is usual, with 12 1/2 sq ft being the median value.

Ballroom storage (graph not included) is often omitted to the inconvenience of the management in storing tables and chairs. Where provided, it is about 10 per cent of the ballroom area or a little more.

A ballroom serving pantry (graph not included) is needed for banquet service unless the main kitchen is adjacent to the ballroom. The pantry is typically 22 per cent of the ballroom or banquet room area.

In providing public toilet facilities for guests, about 1 sq ft of men’s toilet area is furnished per guest room. About 1 1/2 to 2 sq ft per guest room is allotted for the corresponding facilities for women, half of this area being used for the women’s rest room and half for the women’s toilets.

**Concession and Sub-Rental Space**

The barber shop is allotted 2 1/2 sq ft per guest room. The valet shop (graph not included) is customarily found in the larger hotels—a little over 1 sq ft per guest room. Often it is not specifically provided in the plans, and the management is forced to convert some service area to this use.

Rented stores are important because the income from them is required to carry the premium cost of a choice location for the commercial hotel. Typically, 20 sq ft of rented store area is provided per guest room. About 2 1/2 stores are provided per 100 guest rooms. The rental value of a store is enhanced considerably if the store is provided with a low rental value storage area, often in the basement.

**Food and Beverage Space**

Most hotels have a main dining room, with 9 sq ft being provided per guest room. Some hotels have only a coffee shop or its equivalent with 7 sq ft per guest room as the typical value. Many hotels have both facilities. The trend is to minimize the main dining room in present day practice because of the difficulty in operating it profitably.

In planning private dining rooms, the architect must become acquainted with the local demand. The graphs on these are valuable, however, in showing normal expectations.
Data plotted for the barroom were obtained by correspondence with about two dozen hotels to ascertain conditions as of 1949.

Once the scope of the food business is determined, the ratio of the several food service areas, one to another, becomes significant. Main dining rooms usually are about 80 per cent of the main kitchen. Only one-fourth of the main dining rooms exceeded 118 per cent of the kitchen while only one-fourth are less than 69 per cent of the kitchen.

When an auxiliary kitchen is provided, the coffee shop is nearly four times this area.

**General Service Space**

General service space includes the working quarters of the hotel and the administration offices, exclusive of food beverage space. The wide variations in area for the manager's office are not surprising. Possibly the larger offices were due to the insistence of the manager or the generosity of the architect. This office for one individual is typically 150 sq ft, regardless of hotel size. The accounting office can be expected to require more personnel in the larger and more complex hotels than in the smaller ones. It is often omitted from the plans, requiring the management to sacrifice one or two guest rooms for the purpose.

The central linen room was shown on only half the plans studied. Having a central point from which linens are distributed is quite essential in maintaining proper control and in reducing delays.

A laundry is customarily installed in larger hotels but not in small ones. Half of the 200-room hotels have their own laundry, according to a survey by the American Hotel Association. Around 5 or 6 sq ft per guest room includes allowance for restaurant linen. For extensive guest laundry work, 7 or 8 sq ft may be needed.

The engineering and maintenance spaces are neglected too often. The following figures commonly apply (per guest room): 6.6 sq ft of boiler room, 1.7 sq ft of fuel storage, (graphs not included for remaining) 1.6 sq ft of carpenter-and-furniture workshop, 3.2 sq ft of machinery (and refrigeration) space, 2.2 sq ft of furniture and trunk storage space, and 1.6 sq ft of basement fan room area. For the last three areas mentioned, actual space used often exceeded that indicated on plans.
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A ROOF DECK THE WEATHER WON'T BOTHER

Most roofs are readily accessible if repairs are required. Not so with bituminous roofs laid over concrete slabs and covered with rigid walking decks or roof gardens. Under these surfaces, which may be either concrete, clay tile or other rigid permanent materials, the waterproofing membrane is not only inaccessible but is subject to rupture and ruin if the original installation is not correctly done.

The effect of large temperature changes in expanding and contracting the overlying slab in comparison with the structural slab below is not completely considered in many cases. Costly experience has demonstrated that materials in the surface slabs often bond themselves into the flood-coated membrane below, which in turn has been bonded to the structural slab on which it lies. In consequence, the moving top slab either carries the membrane with it in places, or drags on it — in either case rupturing it. Rainwater penetrates the joints as they open in cooler, rainy times, and soon a leak shows up in a room below, sometimes far distant from the original point of water penetration at the top surface.

To locate the point of rupture is impossible. Occasionally it is possible to force a cold liquid bitumen onto the membrane below, but the repair is only temporary. Continued movement and the low-temperature hardening of the asphalt or tar opens the cracks, and greater leaks appear. The only remedy is to remove all and start over again, better.

To prevent such trouble in the new stack addition to the Seattle Public Library, a roof deck developed according to the following plan was used. In such a roof, it is necessary to (1) isolate the membrane from the slabs both below and above and (2) strengthen the membrane so that movements of either the top or bottom slab or of the membrane will cause only harmless slippage on surfaces prepared to receive it. First, no bond may exist between the structural slab and the membrane. To guarantee this, the slab should be smooth-troweled as for a finished floor. Second, the slip joint between slab and membrane should consist of at least two slip surfaces, usually created by the laying of a tough dry sheet (such as heavy kraft paper) on the concrete, superimposed by another heavy kraft paper surface. The second layer generally consists of a 20-lb material having kraft paper on one side and prepared roofing on the other. It is laid with the kraft side down and the membrane is mopped to the roofing side, with
care being taken not to get asphalt or tar between the kraft layers. At least 2 courses of reinforcement are needed to strengthen the membrane, lapped at least 6 in. to assure continuity of strength. The upper layers of the membrane should be just like the lower two layers, except in reverse — having the kraft surface up, and a kraft sheet above it, over which the wearing surface of tile or concrete is placed.

Floor drains are necessary, both for the surface drainage and for subsurface drainage of the water that may get by the top slab through shrinkage cracks. To these double-drainage-type floor drains, the membrane must be carried and clamped tightly in place. To avoid trouble from ponding and winter freezing of water that may be trapped on an uneven slab below, it is recommended that the structural slab as well as the surface slab be laid to slope to the drain.

Sealing the base is not complete until a pan is formed by flashing the membrane against the vertical surfaces adjoining. Low sections of dividing walls such as at door openings should have the membrane carried unbroken over them, but where a tile or concrete base is used, the membrane can be carried up behind it and returned, and sealed in reglets cast into the walls. For this sealing purpose, a bituminous mastic should be used.

To avoid tearing or stripping and pulling away of the membrane from the vertical surface, a cold bituminous primer is first applied to the wall. To this the various plies are then bonded using a cold bituminous adhesive. Cold adhesive is used instead of hot mopping in order to create the most flexible bond possible — one which also will permit a slight movement of the membrane without tearing it from its base surface.

Some architects and applicators may prefer a cold cemented job in its entirety, in which case the membrane is laid using the standard cold-application roof specification. One advantage of this method, seldom considered, is that, using the proper materials, the membrane may be laid in relatively wet weather by (1) keeping all operations closely coupled, by (2) using a wet-surface plastic for the flashing bond to a previously primed surface and (3) by rolling the plies into close contact and simultaneously forcing out any water.

If carefully done, the foregoing should result in a permanently watertight job. If any substantial variation occurs, especially in allowing any bitumen to come between the membrane and the slab, one may expect trouble.
PLASTICS DAYLIGHT A FIELD HOUSE

Large enough to hold baseball and football practice, as well as indoor track events, the new field house of the University of Delaware gets its daylight through 24 skylights of shatter-resistant plastic. The 172-ft-long field house is a war surplus airplane hangar which has been sheathed with corrugated aluminum and glazed with panels of translucent acrylic plastic, corrugated to match the aluminum. The skylights conform to the curvature of the roof, and when viewed from the outside are barely discernible.

An outstanding advantage of the 18 by 5 ft plastic skylights is ease of installation (see details). The top of each plastic panel runs under the corrugated aluminum, and the bottom extends over the metal. The plastic panels are bolted at the bottom and rest on a structural member at the top, with cross-pieces across the center to aid in supporting snow loads. Standard "Z" clips attached to the cross-pieces tie the plastic panels together at the center. This operation is shown in the right-hand photo. Aluminum border strips, bolted to the plastic at each edge, seal the sides. Synthetic rubber washers and grommets were used in the fastenings to take care of expansion of the plastic sheets.

Cost of erecting the skylights, including material and labor, was $2 per sq ft. The plastic skylight weighs 70 lb, as compared with 437 lb for glass. Other advantages include light diffusion, helping to minimize glare; freedom from deterioration; and strength to withstand snow loads. The size of the individual plastic sheets is 36 by 60 by 0.125 in.

Architect was E. William Martin, Wilmington, Del.
THE material presented here is abridged from the Housing and Home Finance Agency's publication, Condensation Control, by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in collaboration with the HHFA.

Vapor barriers, combined with ventilation and proper insulation help prevent moisture accumulations in dwellings and subsequent damage and rot. They are materials or coatings that check transmission of water vapor. A good vapor barrier, when installed, should have an average vapor transmission rate less than 1.25 grains per sq ft per hr per in. of mercury differential including joints and around openings.

Types

A number of satisfactory materials are available, including asphalt impregnated and coated papers with a glossy or bright finish. Thin, dull-surfaced papers are not as effective. Other good vapor barriers are: duplex papers composed of two sheets of 30-lb kraft paper with a 60-lb per 3000 sq ft asphalt layer between; aluminum foil mounted on a paper support or to the plaster base; and aluminum paint, oil paint or rubber base paint in sufficient coats for a smooth glossy finish. Papers used to support insulating materials which have narrow strips of asphalt as adhesive joints are not usually good vapor barriers. Value should be checked before purchase.

Use of Vapor Barriers

Not all moisture is caused by leaks or infiltration; when surfaces cool below dew point, water condenses in an enclosed space. Condensation control is possible by proper use of vapor barriers, ventilation or both. Ventilation serves to force out vapor laden air. Vapor barriers should form a light, carefully installed envelope near the warm side of the building element in which it is placed, to prevent vapor reaching the cool surfaces. The cold side of a wall should be capable of losing moisture yet resist rain and strong winds. Sheathing or breathing paper, often used between sheathing and siding, should be capable of passing five or more grains of water vapor per sq ft per hr per in. of mer-

cury when tested by a dry method, and be resistant to wetting by free water. Vapor barriers should always be used when outside of walls have low permeability, in northern climates, and where walls contain materials adversely affected by moisture or moisture freezing. Basement walls are often damp from condensation. Little harm is done unless floors and walls are finished with damageable materials.

Concrete Floors Laid on Ground (Fig. 1)

1. Vapor barrier of durable paper or heavy roll roofing between gravel fill and concrete slab checks water seepage.
2. Thermal insulation (waterproofed) 1½ ft wide around perimeter and over edge of floor slab checks condensation on floors cooled by conduction to walls in winter, by breaking continuity of the concrete. Provide recess in gravel fill and around wall for the insulation.
3. Vermiculite in a low density concrete aggregate or thermal insulation below floor prevents condensation caused by heat conduction to soil cooler than air in summer.

Floors Over Unheated Crawl Spaces (Figs. 2, 3)

1. Ventilate crawl space with min of 4 vents, placed high near corners of building for free air movement. Net ventilation should equal 2 sq ft per 100 lineal ft of building perimeter plus ½ of 1 per cent of crawl space ground area. Total ventilation area = specified net area x factor “A”:

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2. Ground Cover of roll roofing (55 lb per 108 sq ft or heavier) restricts evaporation and reduces need of ventilation to 10 per cent amount indicated
CONDENSATION CONTROL FOR HOUSES

Vapor Barriers — 2: Floors and Side Walls

![Diagram of vapor barrier system for floors and side walls.](image-url)
CONDENSATION CONTROL FOR HOUSES

Vapor Barriers — 3: Floors and Side Walls

above. Lap edges at least 2 in. Four in. of gravel (3/4 in. diam or larger) may be used but requires more ventilation.

3. Drainage, preferably underground, is necessary on sloping sites. Soil surface below building should be above grade if there is a chance water might get inside foundation wall on level sites.

4. Vapor barrier is not required in floor if lower (cold) side is permeable. It is recommended, however, between finish and sub floors to prevent possible buckling from dampness in crawl space.

5. Insulate floors and pipes so vents can be left open all year, if necessary for condensation control. Some blanket insulations are made with good quality vapor barriers; when used, place building paper (or vapor barriers if desired) between finish and sub floors. Low surface temperature of reflective insulation necessitates use of vapor barrier. Allow min of 3/4-in. air space between such insulation and adjacent surfaces. It is not practical to seal joints of asphalt-treated board supports for insulation, therefore use of a vapor barrier is indicated. Where corner packs are used along outside joists, crawl space must be well vented and ground covers used in wet locations.

Basement Floors (Fig. 4)

1. Vapor barrier below finish floor prevents entry of water into space between concrete and finish floor.
2. Membrane waterproofing is recommended over concrete sub floors.
3. Gravel should be placed below concrete for drainage.

Basement Walls (Fig. 5)

1. Vapor barrier placed behind surface, parallel to furring strips and lapped only over solid supports, prevents accumulation of free water behind finish surface.
2. Insulation is not essential, but will keep finish at a higher temperature, lower moisture content, and keep basement warm in winter. Allow air space between wall and insulation.
3. Drain tiles are recommended near footings in wet soils as well as waterproofing coating on outside of wall.
4. Asphalt paint is recommended on inside of masonry wall.
5. Furring Strips should be of durable wood or treated with preservative. Strips at top, bottom, and around openings should be continuous to form a good seal. Both wall finish and furring strips should be kept 3/4-in. above concrete floor.

Floors Over Basements (Fig. 6)

1. Vapor barriers should be placed over insulation above foundation wall.
2. Building paper should be placed between finish and sub floors.

Side Walls (Figs. 7, 8, 9)

1. Vapor barriers should be placed over inside (warm) face of studs and run vertically through full story height, lapping only over studs. Fit closely around all openings and partitions.
2. Insulation is best placed on the warm side of wall, as water will be dispersed more readily than if placed against sheathing. Air space should be left on one or both sides of insulation if possible. If blanket insulation with vapor barrier is used, thoroughly close openings at top and bottom of stud spaces or other horizontal obstructions such as fire stops. Reflective insulation requires a separate vapor barrier.
3. Ventilation in cold cavities of walls is effective if opened to the outside. Use 1-in. of opening per running ft of wall, at both top and bottom.
4. Brick Walls over crawl spaces, with vapor barriers, require a horizontal furring strip fixed tightly to the brick over joists or above sub floor. Fill any gaps with caulking compound to prevent migration of water vapor from crawl space to attic. Allow air space between insulation and brick.
HARDWARE—7: Hinges

By Seymour Howard, Architect, with the cooperation of American Society of Architectural Hardware Consultants

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Modular Seating Units

The Nuclear Series of 20 basic seating units has been designed by Harvey Prohber to create custom-tailored architectural effects. Units are varying sized components of squares and circles; curved sections are made concave or convex. Uniform 27 in. height and 30 in. depth allows each piece to fit with others, to be used singly or combined permanently in large seating surfaces.

Frames are made of selected hardwood; fillings are foam rubber, mounted on coil springs. Legs are 4 in. plated brass rods, recessed several inches from the front. An adjusting device allows legs to be raised or lowered to make up for any unevenness in the floor. They may also be fitted with rubber set glides or ball-bearing casters. Various tweedy-type materials are used for upholstery: denims, herringbone tweeds, covert cloth, linen and leather, etc.

Though especially designed for large public areas, the units are adaptable for sofa-bed and couch groupings in residences. Harvey Prohber, Inc., 136 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Plastic Laminates

Parkwood Decorative, a permanently finished laminated plastic material is now on the market for such uses as table tops, counters, furniture and other interior surfaces. Finishes include wood veneers, Pebble-Tex and Star Dust color patterns. The latter are three dimensional patterns, offered in a choice of several colors. Special veneers, colors and inlaid designs are also available.

Two other plastic laminates are available from the same manufacturer: Parkwood Hi-Den, said to be a tough, dense, moisture-resistant, impregnated laminate for machinery parts; and Parkwood Honeycomb, an impregnated paper core for use between structural sheets to form lightweight panels. Parkwood Corp., Dept. 10, 34 Water St., Wakefield, Mass.

Odorless Paint

The new Keystone One Coat Flat Oil Paint is reported to be free of any obnoxious paint fumes. This quality is made possible by the use of an odorless solvent developed by the petroleum industry, and a binder rendered odorless by Keystone through a secret process. These replace the customary turpentine and linseed oil. No deodorant or perfume to mask fumes is said to be used.

Increased efficiency in application is claimed for the paint, with a substantial saving in revenue to concerns which derive an income from the premises, as rooms may be occupied following completion. Keystone Paint and Varnish Co., 71 Otsego St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Gas Gravity Furnace

The Type 111 updraft gas gravity furnace is announced for the low cost housing market. The unit is compactly sized: 251/2 in. wide, 51 in. high, and 261/2 in. deep. Features include a heavy, welded steel heat exchanger with a square radiator connected to eliminate expansion strain and noise; free-floating corner baffles to create a whirling action and provide greater heat extraction; and circular cast-iron burner with manifold and controls external and adjacent to the unit. A solid base with leveling screws eliminates the need of a concrete setting or grouting. The unit is shipped pre-assembled in two packages—one with burner and trim and the other with heat exchanger and casing. L. J. Mueller Furnace Co., 2005 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee 15, Wis.

New Planning Service

A Construction Service Department has been created by Hart & Hegeman to provide technical information on the use, specification, performance or availability of wiring devices. The service is available at no obligation to architects, electrical engineers and contractors. A field service staff of experts on wiring devices has been located throughout the U. S. for help with problems involving H & H products. Hart & Hegeman Div., The Arrow-Hart & Hegeman Electric Co., Hartford 6, Conn.

Cockpit Elevator

Elevators in the new Jordan Marsh store in Boston, Mass., have private cockpits for the operators to provide safer, more efficient service. Floors of these compartments are 1 ft. above the passenger level, giving the operator an unobstructed view of the elevator entrance. Space behind the operator is closed off, allowing passengers to move directly forward when getting off, instead of working their way from behind the operator. Westinghouse Electric Corp., 306 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh 30, Pa.

Humidity Control

The Niagara Controlled Humidity Method is a system of air conditioning employing Hygro, a hygroscopic chemical, to control relative humidity. Reportedly, the unit can provide dry air at (Continued on page 186)
Aluminum Windows

Specifications — Aluminum Windows. Presents a short form and a master specification for general requirements of aluminum windows. The latter includes materials, construction, protective coating, finish, air infiltration, fixed windows, screens, drawings, erection, caulking, glazing and cleaning after erection.

A second section gives specific requirements for double-hung, casement, and projected type windows for various requirements for double-hung, casement, and wood doors, shutters, grilles, enclosures for moving stairways, and wood doors. Specifications, details and tables of dimensions and clearances are included for all the above. Other types of Cornell Iron Works, Inc., are noted. 12 pp., illus. Cornell Iron Works, Inc., 36th Ave. & 13th St., Long Island City 6, N. Y.*

Rolling Doors

Cornell Rolling Doors (Catalog No. Z-27). Describes steel fire doors, service doors, shutters, grilles, enclosures for moving stairways, and wood doors. Specifications, details and tables of dimensions and clearances are included for all the above. Other types of Cornell doors are noted. 12 pp., illus. Cornell Iron Works, Inc., 36th Ave. & 13th St., Long Island City 6, N. Y.*

Copper Roofing

Master Specifications for Copper Roofing and Sheet Metal Work in Building Construction (Specification 100). Covers the following classifications: flat seam, standing seam and batten seam roofing; flashings; gutters and leaders; leader heads and straps; splash pans; cornices and belt courses; building expansion joints; coping covers; louvers; scuttles and caved snow flashings. 23 pp. Revere Copper and Brass Inc., 230 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y.*

Heating Equipment

Coleman Advanced Automatic Heating Equipment for Low Cost Homes (Form A653B). Discusses line of oil or gas furnaces, floor furnaces, wall heaters and water heaters. Data includes specifications, construction details, operation diagrams, controls, crowns, adapters and notes on location. 20 pp., illus. The Coleman Co., Inc., Wichita 1, Kansas.

Mahogany

For American Industry — Philippine Mahogany. Folder pictures uses of mahogany in homes, commercial installations and furniture. Color photographs show 24 finishes possible with the wood. An enclosed insert gives formulas for producing these finishes. 8 pp., illus. The Philippine Mahogany Assn., 111 W. 7th St., Los Angeles 14, Calif.

Cooling Towers

Binks Type E Series Induced Draft Cooling Towers (Bulletin 42). Presents design features and operation of a compact induced draft cooling tower for use with packaged, water-cooled air conditioning and refrigeration condensing units. Specifications, size and weight tables, performance data are given, with a typical installation diagram. A cooling tower and pump selection table is included. 4 pp., illus. Binks Manufacturing Co., 3114-40 Carroll Ave., Chicago 12, III.

Aluminum Roofing and Siding

Alcoa Aluminum Industrial Roofing and Siding. Booklet discusses qualities of the material and gives dimension, coverage and load tables. Details show a variety of fasteners and flashings. Sketches accompany recommended application procedure and suggested specifications. 17 pp., illus. Aluminum Co. of America, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.*

Tramrail Systems

Typical Tramrail Specification File For Architects and Engineers. A set of sample specifications, to be modified to meet particular conditions, on tramrail design and operation. It covers tracks, runways, track fittings, shielded electrification, switches, bridge cranes, push trolleys, motor driven trolleys, push cranes, transfer bridges and superstructures. 10 pp. The Forker Corp., 2044 Random Road, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dumbwaiters

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Non-Template: for Wood Doors and Wood Jams (All Wood Screws)
Template: for Wood Doors and Pressed Metal Jams (Order 1/2 Machine Screws); or for Hollow Metal Doors and Pressed Metal Jams (Order All Machine Screws)

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**FULL SURFACE BUTT HINGE**
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Template: for Kalamein Doors and Pressed Metal Jams (Order All Machine Screws, 1/2 with Grommet Nuts)

**OLIVE KNUCKLE (PAUMELLE) HINGE**
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Note: Above sizes are based on height (same as length) of hinge. Full mortise butt hinges are usually made of same width as their height (e.g.: 4½ by 4½ in., 6 by 6 in.), but are available in other widths. When clearance for trim (see Hinges, Sheet 7) make these widths unsuitable (e.g.: trim very narrow or omitted, or very wide plinth or trim), specify width desired, to nearest larger ½ in. dimension, and manufacturer will be able to furnish. Half surface, full surface and half mortise hinge widths are not variable.

### METALS AND FINISHES USED

#### Recommended For Interior Doors:
- Wrought steel, highly polished & heavily plated
- Wrought steel, polished & plated
- Wrought steel, primed for painting
- Cast iron (sometimes malleable iron)

#### Recommended For Exterior and Interior Doors:
- Wrought or cast brass or bronze
- Wrought or cast white bronze
- Wrought aluminum
- Wrought stainless steel
- Wrought mosed metal

Ball bearings and oilite bearings are regularly permanently fitted to knuckles to prevent accidental detachment and loss. Ball bearings are of hardened carbon steel; may be of stainless steel. Oilite is a powder metallurgy product: an alloy of 85 per cent copper, 10 per cent tin, 5 per cent graphite (typical composition), of porous or sponge-like structure, containing lubricating oil within its pores. Depending on manufacturer, bearings may be either externally visible or concealed within knuckles (see drawings of hinge types).

Pins are usually of hardened carbon steel; may be of stainless steel. "Removable" pins should be designed to be non-rising. "Non-removable" pins may be held by set screw in barrel to permit removal; or they may be "fast" pins, riveted, driven in, spun or welded at both ends. Fast pins make hanging of door more difficult. Types of tips available:

- Standard with All Manufacturers
- Either Type Optional on All Except Prime Coated Hinges, for which Button Tip Only is Standard
- Available to Order Except on Prime Coated Hinges

For "Removable" Pins (or "Non-Removable" with Set Screw)

### NOTES

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  - Should have either ball or oilite bearings; also stainless steel pin
  - Ditto

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  - May have either ball or oilite bearings; also stainless steel pin
  - Ditto

- BALL: Standard with All Manufacturers
- BUTTON: Either Type Optional on All Except Prime Coated Hinges, for which Button Tip Only is Standard
- BULLET: Available to Order Except on Prime Coated Hinges
- MODERN: Available from All Manufacturers as Alternate to Ball or Button Tips; Used in Hospitals and Other Institutions for Added Safety and Cleanliness
- STEEPLE: Available from All Manufacturers as Alternate to Ball or Button Tips; Used in Hospitals and Other Institutions for Added Safety and Cleanliness

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**ON THE CALENDAR**


Through Mar. 5: Exhibition of Mies van der Rohe Model, Museum of Modern Art, New York City.


Apr. 19-21: Spring Meeting, American Society of Civil Engineers, Los Angeles, Calif.

**COMPETITIONS**

**Welded Bridges Theme for 1950 Lincoln Competition**

"Welded Bridges of the Future" is the 1950 Award Program of the James F. Lincoln Arc Wielding Foundation. Its objective is "to stimulate original and creative thinking on the design of bridges."

The competition, which carries awards totaling $10,750, is open to all persons who consider themselves qualified. Each participant must present an original, all-welded design for a two-lane through highway bridge with a span of 250 ft. All exhibits must have been completely executed between Nov. 1, 1949 and June 30, 1950, when the competition closes.

In rating the merits of exhibits, the Jury of Award will consider five factors: compliance with competition specifications; ingenuity in developing shapes, arrangement of individual members, sections and connections that can readily be assembled and welded in both shop fabrication and field erection, with due regard to methods possible in existing and future fabricating shops; the cost, including maintenance; probable life; the appearance of the bridge.

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Awards will be made as follows: First Award, $5000; Second Award, $2500; Third Award, $1250; 10 Honorable Mentions, $200 each.

The 1950 Program is dedicated to Wilbur M. Wilson, Research Professor of Structural Engineering Emeritus, University of Illinois.

Mr. Wilson is honorary chairman of both the Rules Committee and the Jury of Award, which is to include at least five members of the Rules Committee.

Chairman of the Rules Committee is Prof. James G. Clark of the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Illinois.

Other members of the Rules Committee are: Prof. E. E. Dreese, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Ohio State University; Raymond Archibald, chairman, AASHO Bridge Comm., U. S. Bureau of Public Roads; Harry C. Boardman, director of research, Chicago Bridge and Iron Co.; Shortridge Hardesty, consulting engineer, Hardesty and Hanover, New York City; Lee E. Philbrook, asst. bridge engineer, Illinois State Div. of Highways; Prof. Frank W. Stubb Jr., School of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, Purdue University.

Prospective participants may obtain complete information by addressing: The Secretary, The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, P.O. Box 5728, Cleveland 1, Ohio.

Allied Arts Building
“An Allied Arts Building” is the subject for the 20th annual competition conducted by the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. March 14 is the deadline for entries.

The competition is open to all students who have legal residence in the Chapter’s territorial area (Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk) and who attend architectural schools anywhere in the United States, and to architectural draftsmen employed in or living in the territorial area.

Three prizes — $100, $50, and $25 — will be awarded, and winning designs will receive public recognition.

Programs and details may be obtained from Vito P. Battista, chairman of the Committee on Education, Brooklyn Chapter, A.I.A., 26 Court St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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LeBrun Scholarship

Opening of the 23rd annual LeBrun Traveling Scholarship, a national competition offered by the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, has been announced by Robert I. Carson, chairman of the chapter's Committee on LeBrun Scholarship.

Design of a suburban railway station is this year's competition subject. First prize is $2800, which must be used for travel and the study of architecture outside the continental United States for a period of at least six months.

Applicants must be nominated before February 10 by an A.I.A. member who will certify that the applicant meets competition requirements. These requirements are: U.S. citizenship and residence; age 23 to 33; at least two years' practical experience as architect or architectural draftsman. In addition, the applicant must never have been the beneficiary of any other traveling scholarship.

The first scholarship was awarded in 1912, under the terms of a deed of gift from Pierre LeBrun to the New York Chapter.

Further details may be obtained from the LeBrun Scholarship Committee, New York Chapter, A.I.A., 115 E. 40th St., New York, N. Y.

ELECTIONS APPOINTMENTS

- Brig.-Gen. John S. Bragdon has been designated Deputy Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, according to an announcement by Maj.-Gen. Lewis A. Pick, Chief of Engineers.
- John G. Bergdoll Jr., vice president and general works manager of York Corp., York, Pa., has been elected president for 1950 of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers. Other officers for this year are: Paul B. Christensen, Merchants Refrigerating Co., New York City, and Edward Simons, consulting engineer, San Francisco, vice presidents; R. C. Jordan, professor of mechanical engineering, University of Minnesota, treasurer.
- Dr. George G. Brown, chairman of the Department of Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering at the University of Michigan, has been named director of...
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the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission’s Division of Engineering, it has been announced by Dr. Lawrence R. Hafstead, director of AEC’s Division of Reactor Development.

* E. E. Carl, Johns-Manville Corp., is the newly-elected president of the Chicago Chapter of the Producers’ Council, Inc. Other officers for the coming year are: E. J. Bradbury, Chamberlin Co. of America, Inc., vice president; J. R. Keller, Aluminum Co. of America, secretary; W. M. Buchroeder, Jr., Alberene Stone Corp. of Va., treasurer.

* Edward J. Dennis of Kew Gardens Hills, Queens, N. Y., has been named vice president and general manager of the Gross-Morton Co., Long Island builders and developers.

* Capt. Joseph F. Jelley, Jr., Civil Engineer Corps., U.S.N., has been appointed to a four-year term as chief of the Navy’s Bureau of Yards and Docks and Chief of Civil Engineers, succeeding Rear Admiral John J. Manning, CEC, USN. The appointment, which will elevate Captain Jelley to Rear Admiral rank, must be confirmed by the Congress.

* Robert B. Taylor of Newark, Ohio, has been named to the post of Director of Research for the new Structural Clay Products Research Foundation, Foundation Chairman E. F. Plumb has announced. Mr. Taylor has been assistant director of research for Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp.

** AT THE COLLEGES **

** Colorado Adds Five-Year Architecture Curriculum **

A five-year curriculum leading to the degree, Bachelor of Science in Architecture, will be offered by the Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering of the University of Colorado beginning next September.

This course of study will be in addition to that in Architectural Engineering which was established 25 years ago and which has at present about 230 students.

The new curriculum will include five years of architectural design. It will also emphasize structure, Department Head Warren Raeder reports, "since we feel that the boldness of modern design requires an appreciation of both the esthetic and engineering."

** Institute of Design Becomes Department of Illinois Tech **

The Institute of Design at 632 North Dearborn St., Chicago, is now the department of design of Illinois Institute of Technology.

The design department will continue the Institute of Design curricula in industrial design and visual communications, and architectural students will be permitted to transfer to Illinois Tech’s department of architecture, which will have the only course in architecture of the two former institutions.

Serge Chermayeff, president of the Institute of Design, is now director of the new design department. Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, director of Illinois

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Tech's department of architecture, continues in that position.

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Opened in 1937, the Institute of Design was founded by Lázlo Moholy, who continued as its Director till his death in 1946.

Harley, Ellington and Day Give Michigan Scholarship

A scholarship of $1000 to be awarded each Spring for the next five years has been established at the College of Architecture and Design, University of Michigan, by Harley, Ellington and Day, architects and engineers, of Detroit.

The "Harley, Ellington and Day Scholarship," which will be awarded this Spring for the first time, will go to an upper junior student in architecture about to enter the two senior semesters in architectural design.

The recipient will be named by the faculty for "marked ability and promise." The scholarship will not be considered a loan, nor will it be given because of financial difficulties. Its purpose, according to the announcement from the College, is "to assist an outstanding senior student to reach a higher degree of attainment than might otherwise be possible."

Faculty Appointments

- William Wilson Wurster, nationally known California architect and Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has accepted appointment as dean of the School of Architecture and professor of architecture on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. The appointment is effective next year.

Dean Wurster, who has been with M.I.T. since 1941, is an active member of the architectural firm of Wurster, Bernardi and Emmons in San Francisco. He is also, by Presidential appointment, chairman of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission of Washington, D. C.

One of the better-known of American architects, Wurster has designed several hundred houses in the Bay Region, in the Central Valley, Santa Cruz and on the Monterey Peninsula; but he has achieved distinction in other fields of architectural design as well.

Among his outstanding works have been Valencia Gardens Housing Project for the San Francisco Housing Authority, in association with Harry A. Thomsen Jr.; the Yerba Buena Club on Treasure Island during the 1939 San Francisco Exposition; and, in association with Corbett and MacMurray of New York, Stern Hall, women’s residence hall on the Berkeley campus. Valencia Gardens Housing Project and the Schuckl and Co. office building at Sunnyvale, Calif., were chosen by the Museum of Modern Art as examples of significant American buildings of the past decade.

Wurster, a native of California and a graduate (1919) of the University of California, established his firm in San Francisco in 1926, after working for a time for Delano and Aldrich in New York.

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Dean Wurster will replace Prof. Warren C. Perry at California. Professor Perry resigned as dean last June, but will continue as a professor in the school of architecture.

- Ralph W. Fox, 37, has been named assistant chairman of the applied mechanics department of Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. Fox has been a research engineer in the department for two and a half years.

- Several recent appointments to the teaching staff of the department of architecture of the University of Illinois have included: William S. Kinne Jr., professor of architecture; Gabriel Guevrekian, professor of architecture; Henry C. Edwards, instructor; James A. Prestridge Jr., assistant professor.

The university has inaugurated a new program of bringing outstanding practitioners as visiting critics in advanced design to live on the campus for six-week periods. Participants this year will include L. Morgan Yost of Kenilworth, III.; William T. Priestley Jr., Chicago; Karl Kamrath, Houston; Igor Polevitsky, Miami; Max O. Urbahn, New York.

Special Courses
- Harold R. Sleeper, A.I.A., is giving a course of 10 weekly lectures for prospective home owners at Columbia University. Entitled "A Practical Course for Home Builders and Buyers," the course seeks practical answers to the would-be home owner's problems in terms of today's conditions and costs.

- Elementary and Advanced Architectural Theory and Design is among the subjects listed by the New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences for the Spring Semester of the Evening Extension Division. New courses in the structural field will include Real Estate Practice and Procedure, Building Codes, Estimating, and Structural Theory and Design. Among the subjects being continued are: Construction Laboratory, Plan Reading and Quantity Takeoff, and Structural Detailing.

- A Studytour to selected urban areas in the United States is being planned for professional people, teachers and students in related fields of urban planning,

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housing and architecture for the Columbia University Summer session of 1950.

- Lehigh University will hold its second Product Design Seminar June 26 to July 21, 1950, again in cooperation with the Society of Industrial Designers.

Fellowships

- The 19th competition for the James Harrison Steedman Memorial Fellowship in Architecture will take place this Spring. The Fellowship is an award of $3000 for a year of study and travel in foreign lands.

The competition is open to all graduates of accredited architectural schools in this country who have had at least one year of practical work in the office of an architect, including one year's residence in St. Louis, Mo.

The competition consists of a 15-hour preliminary sketch followed by a six-week development period. The preliminary exercise will be held on Saturday, Mar. 4, at the Washington University School of Architecture, or, in the case of candidates living outside St. Louis, during the same hours under duly approved conditions.

Application blanks may be obtained from the School of Architecture, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. They must be filled out and returned before Feb. 18, 1950.

- Applications for the Lowell M. Palmer Fellowship in Architecture at Princeton University will be received by the Secretary of the School of Architecture until March 1.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to assist a student of unusual promise in the advanced study of architecture at Princeton, including research in architectural composition at the Architectural Laboratory, and the opportunities offered through the close affiliation of the School of Architecture, the Bureau of Urban Research, the Department of Urban Research, the Department of Art and Archaeology, and the other graduate departments of the university.

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Gold Medal Award

Sir Patrick Abercrombie, M.A., Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects and internationally known British architect and town planner, will receive the Gold Medal of the American Institute of Architects at the 82nd A.I.A. convention in Washington, D.C., next May 10-13.

Sir Patrick, who will be the sixth foreign architect to receive the Gold Medal, highest honor the Institute can bestow, was the Royal Gold Medallist in 1946. For the past 11 years he has been professor of town planning at the Bartlett School of Architecture, University College, London. Earlier, he was for 20 years professor of civic design at Liverpool University.

In announcing the selection of the Board of Directors, Ralph Walker of New York, A.I.A. president, said the award was made in recognition of Sir Patrick's "distinguished contribution to the profession of architecture and regional planning."

A.I.A. Honor Awards

Awards for distinguished accomplishment in three classes of buildings—residential, commercial and religious—will be made in the second annual nationwide program of honor awards for current work of the American Institute of Architects.

All entries must be buildings designed by registered architects practicing professionally in the United States, although the buildings may have been erected either in this country or abroad. Buildings must have been erected since Jan. 1, 1945.

Entries, which must be prepared and submitted according to mandatory rules of the program, must be submitted directly to national headquarters of the American Institute of Architects and shipped on or before April 26.

A First Honor Award and a number of Awards of Merit in each classification will be selected by three separate juries, one for each classification. Announcement of awards will be made on May 11 at the 82nd convention of the A.I.A.

All entries receiving awards, and such other entries as the juries may select, will become A.I.A. property for exhibits.

Copies of the program of National Honor Awards are available to architects who are not members of the A.I.A. from the Department of Education and Research, The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

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Economists in General Services Administration say public construction in 1950 can account for as much as $6 billion out of a total $19 billion volume. Such a percentage would bring the public construction ratio to a little more than 31 per cent. In 1949 it was 27 per cent.

Significantly then, public construction now is just beginning to reach the same range as the average proportion during the 20-year period from 1920 through 1939. Obvious reasons have delayed this pick-up on public building. As stressed on every occasion by General Services personnel, depression, war and postwar enigmas piled up a hitherto unimaginined backlog of need; need for municipal utility improvements, for new schools, churches, hospitals, public buildings and every type of construction needed to serve an expanding economy. Increasing population is another source of pressure.

Wartime and later cross-migrations have added to the demands. New developments for housing mushrooming on the fringe of metropolitan areas continue to create a vast potential for architectural and engineering services. As GSA puts it, full employment and a very high national income have resulted in an accepted higher standard of living. All this has added to needs already backed up by long postponement of construction.

What's being done? Private and public sources acknowledge that present and projected accomplishments fall far short of meeting this piled-up construction need; a reservoir of demand that requires billions of dollars in public funds and private investment. But already Congress is talking economy—and will practice it before the current session ends. The money to cover loans to states and cities for advance planning of public works has been allocated, the public housing program is pushing ahead. These, however, appear to be small stabs at the larger problem.

**Housing Legislation**

There was a call, meanwhile, from both private and government people for a 1950 betterment of the record number of approximately one million housing units added to the country's inventory last year. Such an increase, if it comes about in substantial proportions, in turn must be reckoned with in terms of (Continued on page 164)
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down with a civil rights filibuster, it is likely floor action on new housing proposals will come before that time.

**Progress In Research**

There were two important developments on the research front during the past month: Dr. Richard U. Ratcliff of Wisconsin University took over as new Director of Housing Research in the Housing and Home Finance Agency, and the Building Research Advisory Board held its first conference — on weather effects.

Said Dr. Ratcliff after his appointment by Administrator Raymond M. Foley: "It is true but true to say that Public Law 171 — the Housing Act of 1949 — marks the dawn of a new and promising day in housing research." He sees its greatest importance in the recognition of the role of research in the attempt to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.

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It is clear that under Dr. Ratcliff's leadership the research effort will take the long view; the program will not proceed too fast for its own good. He means to put first things first, to identify and evaluate the problems of housing before defining even the fundamentals of investigating these problems. Also, through his first remarks following the appointment runs the philosophy of further economies in home production. Besides financial costs, the director plans to cope with social costs which include discomfort, inconvenience, irritation and discontent, misery, ill health, disease and loss of working efficiency, family disruption and disorganization, group tensions and conflict.

A large order, any way it is interpreted.

Future operations of the building industry will be affected as well by the steps outlined by the BRAE under direction of William H. Scheick. Six specific projects are to be started immediately and the weather conference already has given concrete evidence of the Board's programs. The six specifics are:

1. A survey to develop a list of urgent problems of the building industry susceptible to solution by research. This information will be sought by a canvass of research agencies, trade and professional organizations, and technical and research personnel in the industry.

2. A series of research correlation conferences to bring together those actively engaged in research along specific lines in order to explore and evaluate subjects, review accomplishments and chart future action. (The weather conference is an example.)

3. Initiation of detailed analysis of "master outline" of building research and related fields to clarify the present

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Aerial view of Woodlawn Park, Minneapolis. These 100 new homes built by Wilkorp, Inc. all have Richmond Plumbing Fixtures and Richmond Gas-Fired Winter Air Conditioners—distributed by Globe Plumbing Supply Company. Plumbing installed by Tabaka Plumbing—heating installed by Welter Heating Company.

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4. Encouragement of government agencies concerned with building research to avail themselves of the advisory services of BRAB.

5. Cooperation with builders' and contractors' associations to promote field tests and demonstrations of research results as a method of speeding up the application of technological advances.

6. Development of an effective program of publication and information.

**Prefabs**

As Congress convened, there was a possibility efforts would be made to revive the plan to establish a $25 million loan fund for supporting distribution of prefabricated housing—the so-called interim financing loans. This plan was defeated in the last Congressional session, but there was strong talk it might be proposed again.

Simultaneously, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation said it would make no more production loans to Lustron Corp. at Columbus, O.; at least until it might be ordered to do so by Congress.

This word came just as Lustron was preparing to ask for an additional loan of $12.5 million to get it out of the red.

The whole Lustron inquiry appeared to be coming quickly to a head. Rep. Albert Cole (R-Kans.) was pressing his advantage after inaugurating a full investigation last August. He wrote the federal lending agency asking for a full accounting of the Lustron loans. He will not let the matter cool. Meanwhile, RFC's legal staff had requested Lustron to file an explanation as to how it hopes to get out of the current contretemps. Other organized prefabbers never have been too enthusiastic over the production loan idea. Interim financing would be more acceptable.

**SHORTS**

- The Army has been perfecting an all-plastic house with the advantage of more durability for storage. Packaged utilities, also worked out for manufacture from plastics, have been designed. While referred to as a challenge to the plastics industry because of a huge potential market, it was acknowledged extremely high production costs will cool industry interests for some time to come.

- The Defense Housing Commission, a three-man team appointed by Defense Secretary Johnson to study military housing needs, has returned from an inspection trip in Alaska.

- A graphic-arts mechanic at the Norfolk Naval Air Station has devised a new method for speedy reproduction of line drawings to scale by photo. Reversing the normal practice, the rear of the copy camera is made moveable and lens remains fixed. Graduated scales are installed on the bed for use in measuring size of copy desired. This makes it possible to turn out copies quickly and...
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contracts in distressed employment areas. The orders determine award of contracts where equal bids have been received and where both large and small concerns are bidding.

- Basing point problems are due for more airing in Washington. Settlement of the proposed consent order in the steel case was still in question as the new year began. Furthermore, it was pretty certain Commerce Secretary Sawyer's new interagency committee on competition and monopoly would get into the pricing practices and wind up with a conclusion or two regarding freight absorption and other aspects of the basing point problem. Congress will consider it again also.

- All government agencies concerned have issued new orders on tie bids which will aid small business firms in getting

without unnecessary waste of film due to guesswork.

- By December 1, 1949, the Federal National Mortgage Association had purchased FHA-insured or VA-guaranteed home mortgages in the total amount of $767,211,000. It had outstanding contracts to acquire additional mortgages aggregating $792,127,000. This secondary mortgage operation was well fixed financially for future functioning.

- The American Legion has launched a survey to prove or disprove the recent contention of former President Herbert Hoover that 70,000 federal hospital beds are unoccupied while efforts are made to build facilities for 50,000 additional beds. The Veterans Administration hospital construction program continues to operate on the curtailed schedule assigned a year ago in an order signed by President Truman.

- Tests of "rubber highways" are being made in Virginia. A small amount of natural rubber has been incorporated in asphalt highways and has been found to lessen skidding materially.

- It is estimated the prefabricated housing industry shipped 35,000 permanent units of wood construction in 1949. This is an increase of 16.67 per cent over the 30,000 shipped in 1948. Eighty-five companies were covered in a survey which resulted in the preliminary estimates.

- Civil Aeronautics Administration has issued new information on airport planning and design. The pamphlet, Airport Design, covers general principles of airport planning and design and emphasizes preliminary steps involving size and type of field to be constructed, site selection, airport layout, plans and specifications and details of design. Drawings show a variety of model airport layouts for both large and small fields. Airport Design discusses soils, paving, drainage, lighting, turfing and other items important to sound airport construction.

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Agreement Is Reached
On New Fee Schedules

Maximum fees to be allowed for architectural services for the public housing program have been established on a "fixed fee plus reimbursable contract" basis, the American Institute of Architects has announced.

The newly approved fee schedule was worked out jointly by the A.I.A., the Public Housing Administration and the National Association of Housing Officials after both the N.A.H.O. and the A.I.A. had requested reconsideration of a fixed fee schedule announced by PHA in October.

The new basis of compensation, while generally 2.5 times payroll costs, provides for a contract which establishes a fee to include three factors: a fixed amount equal to forty per cent of the maximum fee schedule contained in the PHA schedule; an amount for "time card costs" (technical payroll) which would be reimbursed to the architect on presentation of cost data approved by the local housing authority; an amount for overhead equal to 50 percent of "time card costs."

As an alternate, now designated Option No. 1, the PHA intends to retain its previously approved schedule of fees. The new schedule will be known as Option No. 2. The decision as to whether the architect's contract is based on Option No. 1 or Option No. 2 will be left entirely to the determination of each local housing authority and its architect.

Representing the A.I.A. in the negotiations were members of the Committee on Fees: Clarence B. Litchfield, chairman; Harry M. Price, vice chairman; and David H. Morgan.

OFFICE NOTES

Offices Opened, Reopened

James P. Lockett, Architect, announces the opening of his office for the practice of architecture at 212 West Main Street, Visalia, Calif.

Guy B. Panero, Engineer, of New York, announces the opening of a branch office with Walter L. Rubel in charge at 1406 "G" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Mair Samuels has opened an office for the general practice of architecture at 1225 Longham Ave., Camden, N. J.


New Firms, Firm Changes

The firm of Architects, Richard Hawley Cutting, Anthony S. Ciresi and Associated Architects has become Richard Hawley Cutting Associates, with offices at 2074 E. 36th St., Cleveland 15, Ohio.

Hutchings & Milani, architects, engineers & constructors, of Hamilton, Bermuda, announce the formation of a subsidiary company, Bermuda-Caribbean Consultants Ltd., which will handle all the firm's foreign work, especially its hotel and resort development program in the Caribbean area. The firm's president and secretary, Louis C. Milani, is also president and secretary of the sub-

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Photographs of Graefield Terrace
Birmingham, Mich.

BUILDERS: H. J. Durbin,
Detroit, Michigan.

ARCHITECT: Merle Wm. Hagan,
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sideriary. Other officers of the new company are: Clarke Warner Abbott, R.I.B.A., vice president; Sylvia M. Pace (the firm's treasurer), treasurer; N. J. Senesey, A.I.A., chief architect; and John W. Duffy, A.R.I.B.A., M.R.I.B.A., chief draftsman. English and American architects make up the balance of the organization.

V. E. Vallet, president of Giffels & Vallet, Inc., L. Rossetti, Associated Architects and Engineers, of Detroit, has announced the formation of a Canadian subsidiary, Giffels & Vallet of Canada, Ltd., with offices at 210 Canada Trust Bldg., Windsor, Ont. The new subsidiary will be closely associated with the main office, with its organization of some 500 engineers, architects and technicians.

John Alfred Wahl, A.I.A., has joined the firm of Kelly & Gruzen, architects-engineers, as office and production manager. Mr. Wahl was formerly assistant-in-charge to Irwin Clavan, architect for the Board of Design of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., on the Stuyvesant Town, Peter Cooper and River- ton Housing Projects, and was recently with W. Stuart Thompson and Phelps Barnum, architects.

New Addresses

The following new addresses have been announced:
Akron Art Institute, 69 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio.
G. A. Downs, Architect, 101 Post St., San Francisco 8, Calif.
Arne G. Engberg, A.I.A., 3810 Fannin St., Houston, Tex.
Gross-Morton Co., bldrs. and developers, 255-55 Union Turnpike, Glen Oaks, Queens, N. Y.

ERRATUM
An incorrect credit line appeared under the rendering of the Cafritz Building, Washington, D. C., which was shown on page 12 of the December issue of the Record. The rendering should have been credited to the architect, LeRoy L. Werner, A.I.A.

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The National Capital Plan, shown here in photos of a marvelously minute and accurate model currently touring the Dominion, proposes creation in the heart of Ottawa of a large park surrounded by public buildings. First step will be construction of a new bridge (top right in photo above) to relieve congestion at the Plaza. New city hall, new National Institute of Fine Arts, a civic theatre are among the projects visualized in the completed plan.

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Why Rotary Oildraulic Elevators were selected for new Doctors' Hospital at Coral Gables

Quietness was an important consideration in the design of the new Doctors' Hospital in Coral Gables. Rotary Oildraulic Elevators were selected because the Rota-Flow hydraulic power unit eliminates the noise and vibration of ordinary hydraulic elevator pumps. The elevator car rises and descends on a pulsation-free column of oil which is "locked" whenever the car is stopped.

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the status of planning for those cities, development planning seems to be very much on center stage in Canada.

Hon. Robert H. Winters, Minister of Reconstruction, recently underlined one practical reason when he told the Maritime Conference of the Community Planning Association of Canada that he doubted whether federal or provincial governments should make financial contributions for housing in any area where a process of appraisal and planning has not taken place.

Encouraged by official approval of the Toronto Planning Board's proposals for the city's next 30 years of growth, the Toronto and York County Planning Board has submitted a report dealing with the metropolitan area as a whole. This report advocates outright amalgamation of Toronto and seven suburban municipalities as a metropolis of 900,000 as well as unified planning and spending for highway, water sewerage and other public services in the area.

A report from Professors John Bland and Harold Spence-Sales of McGill University on planning for Edmonton draws attention to a problem which is not confined to Edmonton — the difficulty of defining the useful areas of activity in planning of permanent municipal servants and the citizens' groups making up community planning commissions. The report recommends an advisory District Planning Board staffed with provincial and municipal members and a City Planning and Development Board of city officials responsible for planning.
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but often there is only one sponsor bidding for the work.

As the Wherry Bill was written, the military projects may be either on or off the military reservation. Private interests undertake the developments with mortgage money insured by the FHA. Congress last year voted a $1 billion fund for this insurance. Administered by the FHA, it is charged on the books to the military.

Sponsors bidding for the right to construct these projects on their own must submit an outline, a site plan and line drawings to form the basis for rent schedule determination. The rents to be charged must be in line with ability of the personnel to pay. Complete plans and specifications are not prepared until the final sponsor is selected.

In general, the financing plan follows the pattern of FHA operations under Sec. 608. Each of the three services must certify, on its own projects, that the location is fairly permanent and that the proposed housing is needed. This is done before FHA insurance is obtained.

There is no separate set of FHA construction standards for the Wherry Bill housing. An agency spokesman said there might have to be some modification of the existing rules and regulations in certain instances affected by land arrangements, but the present FHA standards will apply as written to the military rental construction.

If the land selected for the project is government property inside the reservation, the branch of service concerned can rent or sell the area to the sponsor selected. In most instances the military establishment will furnish utility connections for the development. This provision was necessary because often the post is located in an isolated area, away from ordinary city connections.

It is important to the prospective builder and architect that decisions in the program made at local level are almost always upheld and carried on through for the individual development. The National Military Establishment, rather than FHA, is having the "last word" on details in the complex program. But the agency's minimum construction standards must be observed.

The program will pick up speed in 1950. It is hoped a large volume of rental construction can be contributed to alleviate deplorable housing conditions at many installations.
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**Kitchen and Bath Fixtures**

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The line of Murray kitchen appliances

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and bathroom fixtures is announced for the moderate price field. The kitchen line comprises gas and electric ranges, a series of sink and cabinet combinations, floor and wall cabinets and flat-rim sinks. The equipment is of welded construction throughout and is available with a wide range of fittings and features.

Bathroom fixtures include corner and recess bathtubs and open base or cabinet base lavatories. Bathtubs are said to be lightweight, and of an acid-resisting porcelain. Fixtures are made in white, blue, green, sandstone and ivory colors. Murray Corp. of America, Home Appliance Div., Scranton, Pa.

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Based on a survey of average room sizes throughout the U. S., a new line of broadloom rugs, called Floor-Plan Rugs, is available in 20 sizes, ranging from 27 by 54 in. to 12 by 21 ft. The plan is said to allow cheaper cost and quicker delivery than special tailored carpeting. The line is made in 12 solid colors in a nubby twist weave, 15 patterns of multicolor designs, and 12 patterns of tone-on-tone textures. Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Co., 295 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

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**TV Antenna System**

A multiple-outlet TV antenna system, called Antenaplex has been designed to meet the problems of apartment houses, hotels, office buildings, etc. The system consists of a roof-top antenna for each channel to be received; a master signal amplifier to boost the strength of signals received; and a co-axial cable carrying all signals to outlets throughout the building. Each system is specially engineered for a building, with antennas individually tuned to a particular channel. Receivers are electrically isolated from others in the system. These features are said to insure maximum signal strength and eliminate ghost images caused by signal reflections from other buildings. RCA Victor Div., Radio Corp. of America, Camden, N. J.

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PRODUCTS

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Available in stainless or regular steel the range comes complete with seven switches, pilot light on burners, appliance receptacle and automatic time and temperature controls. The base is 57¼ by 30 in.; the cook top 10¾ in. high, and the oven top 22¾ in. high. Associated Products, Inc., 20 S. Ontario St., Toledo, Ohio.

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Classroom uses new seating units arranged on an arc for good visibility

Lecture Room Seating

Designed to save space and increase seating capacity in lecture rooms, Universal tables and swivel chairs have simple and sturdy construction. Tables may be installed in straight rows or on an arc, with ends mitered. Tops are heavy, cored plywood, bonded with hot-press, urea-resin adhesive, and have tongue-and-groove hardwood framing. They are said to offer great resistance to warping, checking, splitting, moisture and temperature change. Pedestals are steel with an offset flange mounting of cast iron providing ample leg and knee room. The pedestal fastens to the top with screws through flange arms extending the width of the table. Finished in lacquer, the tables are 29 in. high, 16 to 24 in. wide; lengths are available as desired, usually in two-pupil sections.

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Flexible wall lamp adjusts for height

Lighting Fixtures

Four new lamps designed by Greta von Nessen feature extreme flexibility. Swivels and extensions allow adjustment for both angle and height. The group includes two floor lamps, a wall lamp and a table lamp. All are simply designed. Satin chrome is used for arms and bases; natural cherrywood or rosewood for bases; frameless plasticized fabric, glass fiber and spun aluminum for shades and reflectors. Nessen Studio Inc., 40 E. 21 St., New York, N. Y.

Wall and Ceiling Panels

Marlite plastic-finished wall and ceiling panels now include 10 new wood
Highly dramatic, carefully planned, the Prudential Insurance Company's new Western home office now brings another example of modern workability to the Southern California scene. Realizing the need for a modern, flexible wiring system that matched the workability of the building itself—Wurdeman & Becket, architects, specified a G-E Fiberduct raceway system. This triple-duct system utilizes approximately 80,000 feet of G-E Fiberduct raceways, and supplies three completely separate channels for telephone, signal, and electrical distribution. It provides for immediate wiring changes as personnel are moved, partitions shifted, and business machines and phones are added.

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Panels of the marble patterns are 32 by 48 in. and 96 by 48 in. The panels are said to be dirt, grease and moisture proof, and may be applied over any wall surfaces in new or old construction. Marsh Wall Products, Inc., Dover, Ohio.

Combination Window Unit
Insaulex Unit Fenestration combines light-directional glass block and a conventional double-hung window in a single prefabricated unit. The glass block is said to diffuse and reflect light over the room and to reduce glare, contrast, and the need for shading devices. Two types of prismatic block are available, each reputed to have the same thermal insulating value as 8 in. of brick — No. 351 for ordinary conditions and a special design for severe sun exposures. The lower clear glass portion can be raised for ventilation.

The unit is available in sizes to 4 ft 8 in. by 10 ft 2 in. max., and can be installed like ordinary double-hung windows in single, multiple or continuous units in new construction or to replace worn-out sash. American Structural Products Co., Toledo 1, Ohio.

Aluminum Siding
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Air Diffuser

New Square Anemostat Aspirating Air Diffuser Types E & EI (Bulletin 29A). Covers features, description and installation photographs of the units. Tables list dimensions, capacity and performance data. Mounting and assemblies are shown. 4 pp., illus. Anemostat Corp. of America, 10 E. 39th St., New York, N. Y.*

MASTER CLOCKS

Cincinnati Time Indicating & Signaling Systems. Booklet shows line of master clocks, gives operating principles and wiring charts and diagrams. Program machines, repeat clocks and time signaling equipment are also included. All are covered by specifications. 22 pp., illus. The Cincinnati Time Recorder Co., 1741 Central Ave., Cincinnati 14, Ohio.

ELECTRIC HEATERS

Electromode Domestic Catalog (EC-63); Electromode Industrial Catalog (EC-62). Each catalog contains descriptions, specifications, illustrations and installation notes on various portable and built-in electric heaters. The second also includes wiring diagrams and data on control mechanisms. 4 pp., 8 pp., illus. Electromode Corp., 45 Crouch St., Rochester 3, N. Y.

LIGHTING FIXTURES

Over-All Lighting by Wakefield (Catalog No. 50). Gives description, specifications, details and sections of several ceiling fixtures. Lighting design data and graphs analyze fixture performance and room lighting needs. Notes are included on maintenance and methods of hanging fixtures. 40 pp., illus. The F. W. Wakefield Brass Co., Vermillion, Ohio.*

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1. Exterior view of the new Saint Clare's Hospital, Schenectady, N. Y.; York & Sawyer, architects.

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"Marcel Breuer: Architect and Designer"

by PETER BLAKE

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Includes Many Reproductions

Fortunately, the author realized that actual reproductions of Breuer's work would explain his growth more graphically than words. Thus, the book is profusely illustrated with plans, drawings and designs made at every stage of the architect's career. In all there are 196 illustrations, giving fascinating glimpses of Breuer's talents in action; showing his increasing interest in architecture, as distinguished from furniture design, and his later pre-occupation with American techniques. The illustrative material includes not only Breuer's designs, but also the works of those who inspired him: the expressionists, Kandinsky and Klee as well as the rationalists, Maholy-Nagy, Albers and Gropius.

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