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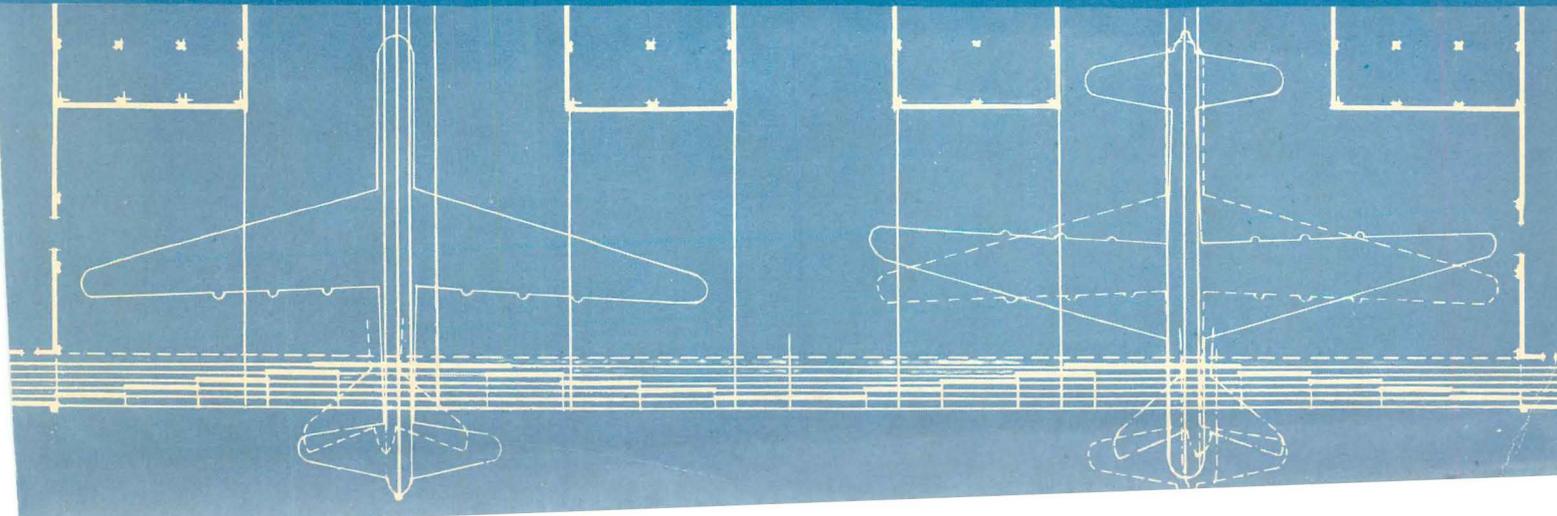


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ARCHITECTS, owners and contractors shared the honors when the awards were given for 32 building projects in a competition sponsored by the Southern California and Pasadena chapters of the American Institute of Architects.

The first architectural competition in the area in three years drew 114 entries in seven categories; but its success didn't have to be measured by size, as the quality of the buildings shown here and on the next two pages testifies.

Besides the two Distinguished Awards and 11 Honor Awards, there were 18 Honorable Mentions and one Special Citation. The competition was open to all members of the sponsoring chapters, about 500 in all. Buildings erected since 1946 were eligible for submission.

A three-man jury spent four days screening the entries. Jurors were Dean William Wurster of the University of California's School of Architecture; Harris Armstrong of St. Louis; and Lawrence B. Perkins of Chicago.



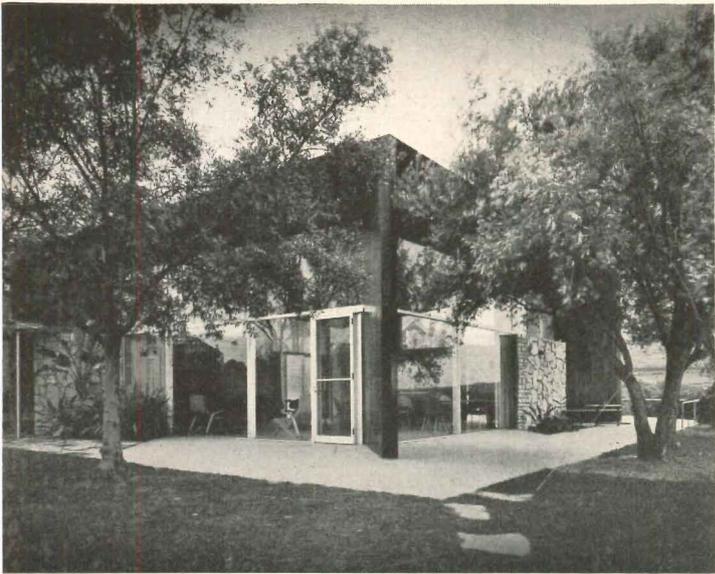
Distinguished Awards: Children's camp for City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks—Whitney Smith, A. Quincey Jones and Edgardo Contini, architects, engineers and site planners; U.C.L.A. Elementary School—Robert E. Alexander, architect. Photo above shows play area in camp's main building and twin fireplace dividing it from dining area. Below: U.C.L.A. school entrance; use of outdoor area was commended



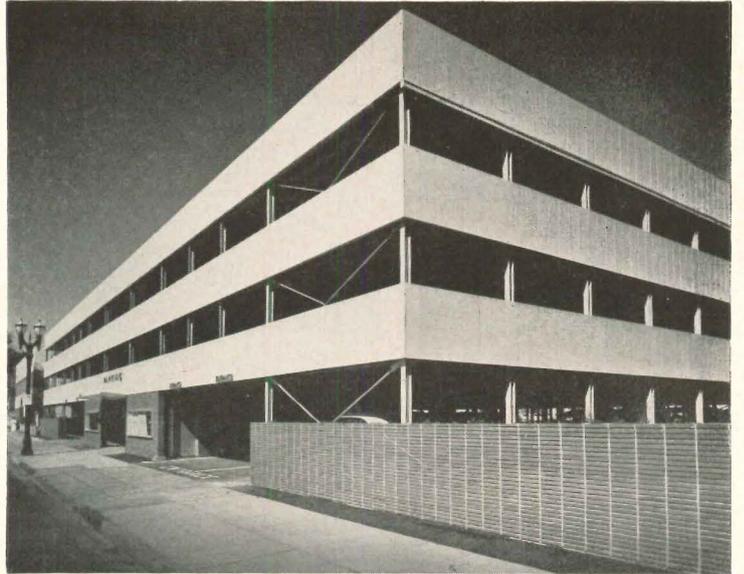
Distinguished Award winners with Southern California A.I.A. President John Landon and President Thomas S. Holden, F. W. Dodge Corp., special guest at presentation banquet. L. to r.: Whitney Smith; Mr. Landon; A. Quincey Jones; Mr. Holden; Robert E. Alexander; Edgardo Contini



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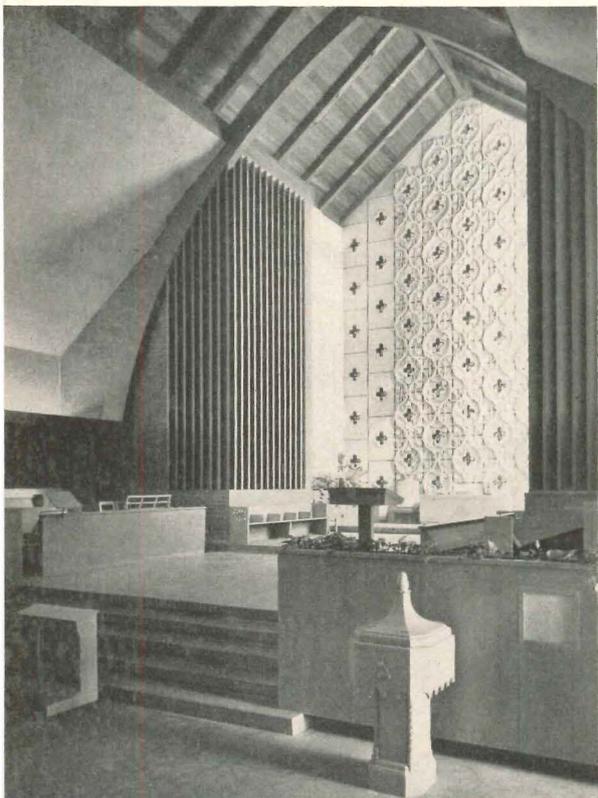
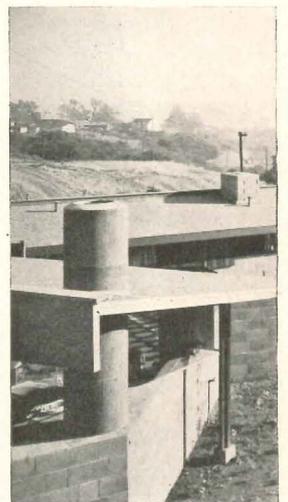


Residence of stone, redwood and glass for Mr. and Mrs. Arch Ekdale, San Pedro. Architects: Summer Spaulding and John Rex

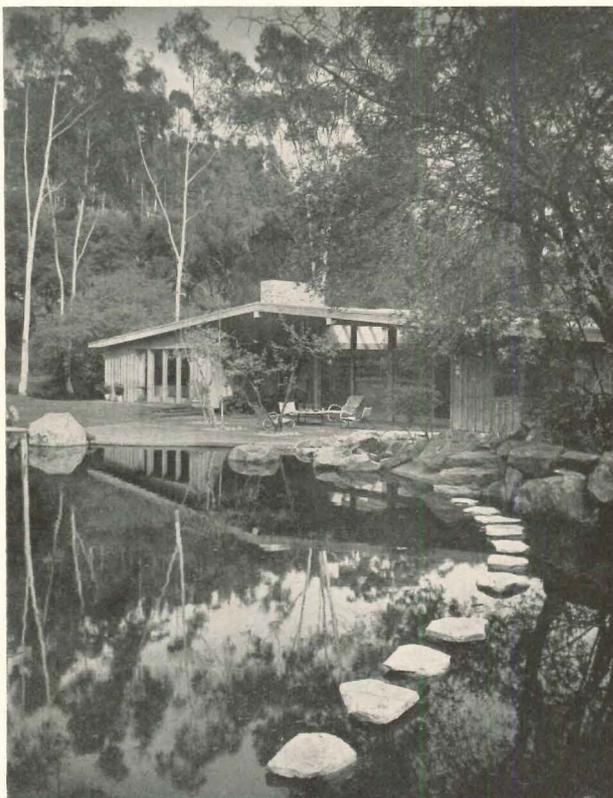


Multi-deck structure for Beverly Medical Center parks 400 cars in 94,848 sq ft. Architects and engineers: Pereira & Luckman

THE RECORD REPORTS: CALIFORNIA HONOR AWARDS

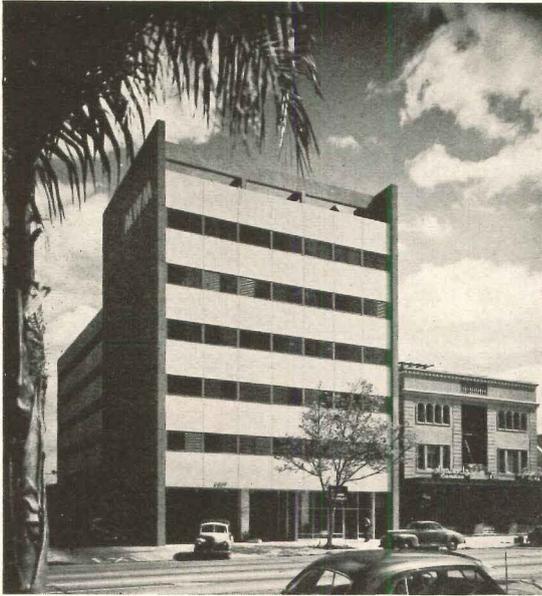


Oneonta Congregational Church, South Pasadena, brick and redwood. Architects: Marsh, Smith & Powell



Residence of redwood and natural stone for Miss Zona Hall, West Los Angeles, has outdoor pool. Architect: Edla Muir

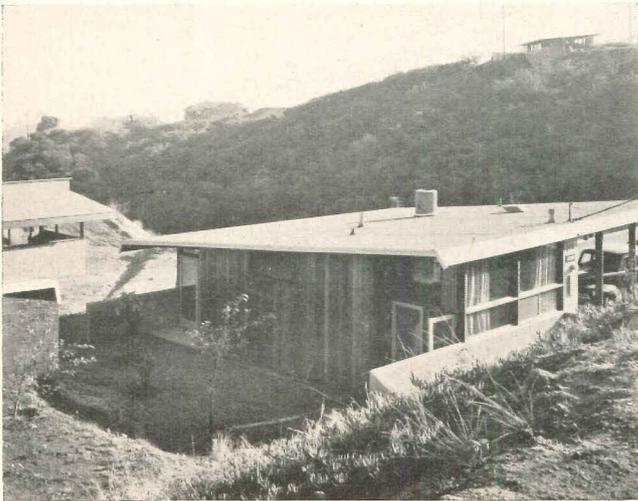
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Mid-Wilshire Medical Building for Pacific Projects, L. A. Architect: Victor Gruen; associate: R. L. Baumfield



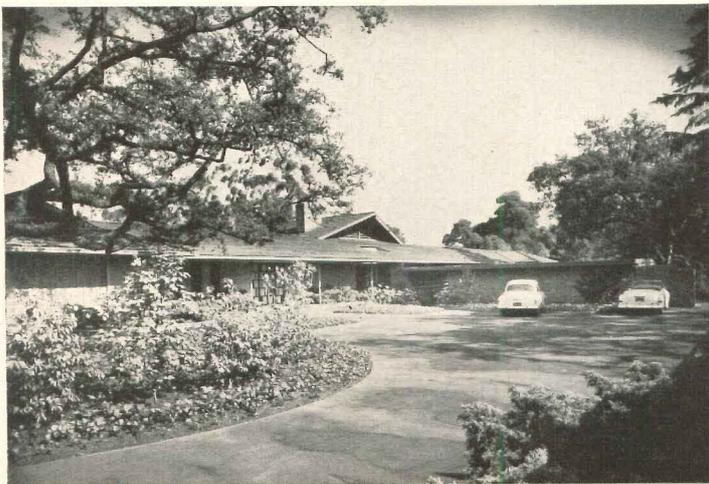
Administration Building, Culver City Unified School District, Culver City, Cal. Exterior walls are brick and copper. Architects and engineers: Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall



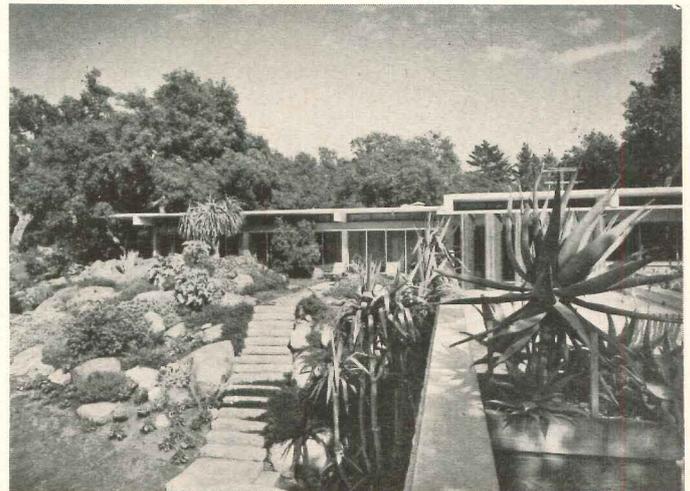
500-family community for Mutual Housing Association, Brentwood. Architects, engineers and site planners: Whitney Smith, A. Quincey Jones, Edgardo Contini



Residence and office for Mr. and Mrs. John E. Baird. Cost: \$6800 for 742 sq ft, including blacktop, paving of brick, curbs, fill planting and draperies. Architect: Edward Killingsworth



Residence of stone and redwood for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hanisch, Pasadena. Architect: Henry Eggers; assoc., Walter Wilkman



Residence of reinforced concrete, aluminum and glass for Mr. and Mrs. Warren Tremaine, Montecito, Cal. Architect: Richard Neutra



AUGUSTE PERRET NAMED FOR A.I.A. GOLD MEDAL

77-Year-Old French Architect Chosen for 1952 Award

AUGUSTE PERRET, 77-year-old French architect whose eminence has been little recognized outside the profession in this country, will receive the Gold Medal of the American Institute of Architects at the national convention of the A.I.A. in New York next June.

The Institute's highest professional honor has been awarded in recent years to Bernard Maybeck (1951), Sir Patrick Abercrombie (1950) and Frank Lloyd Wright (1949).

M. Perret, whose design of buildings in reinforced concrete has brought him worldwide recognition in the field, last visited this country in 1949. An exhibition of his work was shown in New York and Chicago in 1950.

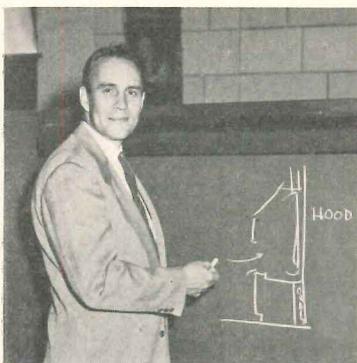


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Another of the Honor Awards in the California program went to the Lea County Hospital, Hobbs, N. Mex., 80 beds, public and private. Architects and engineers: Pereira and Luckman; associate: Truman J. Mathews



A.I.A. President Glenn Stanton, in Charleston for last month's Craftsmanship Award meeting of the West Virginia Chapter, paid a visit to Governor Patteson at the same time. Above: L. D. Schmidt, chapter president; Walter F. Martens, president of the West Virginia State Board of Architects; Mr. Stanton; and the governor

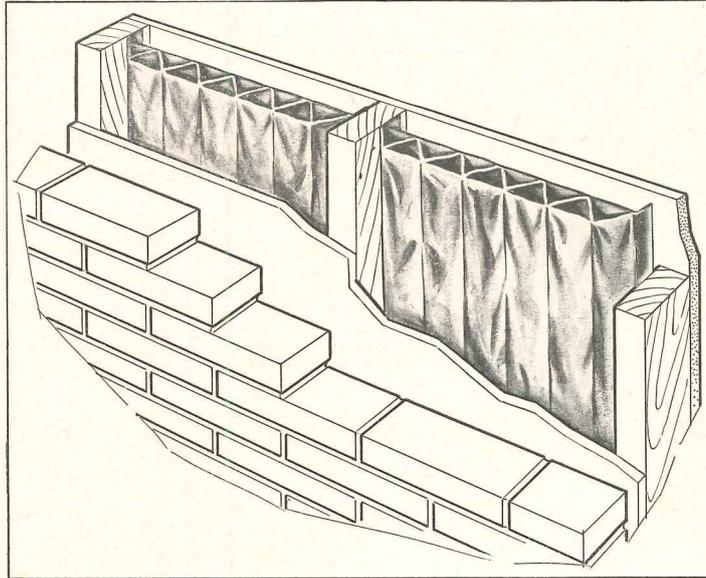


Alexander Macintosh, A.I.A., superintendent of New Facilities, Design and Construction at A.E.C.'s Oak Ridge National Laboratory, was one of the speakers at the BRAB conference. His article on radiochemical laboratories appears on pages 159-164 of this issue



At the recent Washington conference on design of laboratories to handle radioactive materials, jointly sponsored by the American Institute of Architects and the Building Research Advisory Board: A.I.A.'s Walter Taylor; Dr. W. N. Witheridge of General Motors; Bernis E. Brazier, architect; Charles Haines, of the architectural firm of Voorhees, Walker, Foley and Smith; and Thomas K. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the A.I.A. Committee on Atomic Design

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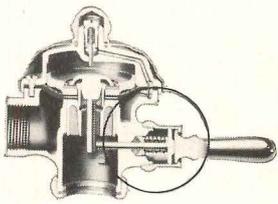
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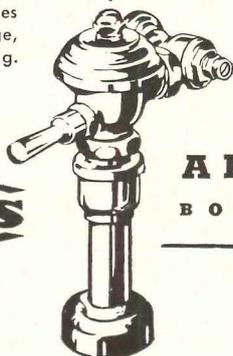
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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON by Ernest Mickel

Fleischmann Promises Materials Allocations by Project, Not by Quarter; End-Use Orders Expected for "B" Product Manufacturers; Shelter Design Manuals Coming March 1; Coogan Heads Housing for Armed Forces; Industry-Wide Session on Controls Set February 12

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY for the most part began its 1952 operations in an atmosphere of little optimism. The truce talks had bogged down in Korea during December. Defense agency officials had said repeatedly that settlement of the Korean conflict would have little effect (immediate effect) on the country's ever-accelerating mobilization program. Mounting, rather than diminishing, controls faced builders, large and small.

The possibility of one change in administration of controls appeared in Manly Fleischmann's "promise" to the Executive Committee of the American Institute of Architects of allocations of controlled materials for building on a project, rather than a quarterly basis.

Such a system would insure that what's started can be completed, and the A.I.A. hailed the statement as "the first major indication that the stream of critical evaluations of CMP . . . is having some effect on NPA policies."

When and how the statement would be implemented was not immediately apparent, but some amendments were expected early in the new year. Mr. Fleischmann acknowledged that the quarterly system had caused many difficulties in building, with its long-term commitments.

There was strong talk — and it was not without foundation — that new conservation orders would be applied soon to manufacturers; the "B" product producers who turn out thousands upon thousands of items that wind up as components, or finished products themselves, in completed equipment and projects. This talk was not new to the architects who, in a sense, had led the way toward greater conservation of scarce materials in their design practices.

While Defense Production Administration declined to confirm the reports as of mid-December, informal statements by defense agency officials indicated that the orders were being prepared to be in readiness for application when

circumstances demanded them. When might this be? The most reasonable guess being made was right after the first of the year. Certainly, if the conservation regulations were to be applied, they could not wait until after exhausted inventories emptied the pipelines of supply and sent the plans for controlling the economy into a tailspin.

Inventory Trouble Coming

Inventories were fast becoming objects of greater concern at the turn of the year. In the building materials line, both DPA and National Production Authority spokesmen warned that things had been running fairly smoothly up to January 1, but that trouble from dwindling stocks could be expected in the first quarter of 1952. This was hammered out at every opportunity with special emphasis on the condition of copper and

brass supplies. Here, DPA and NPA frankly looked for trouble to develop rapidly; trouble so severe that many producers, mainly smaller ones, might be thrown out of business altogether.

The plan to inaugurate the conservation (or limitation) orders was being devised as a supplementary assistance to the Controlled Materials Plan. It was believed the system could work as a prop to aid in keeping many firms in business that might otherwise have to fold, or at least turn to other lines that did not use the scarcest materials.

Standardization Tied In

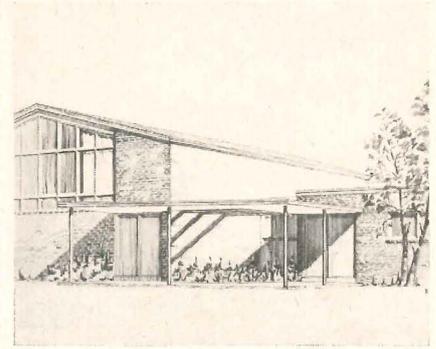
Tied in with the conservation plan was a program of standardization and simplification conceived to throw available material into the production of more goods without actually depriving the manufacturer of any of his allocation. This apparently anomalous plan sought to force a simplification of design for many end items — such as door handles, locks, gears and a large array of construction products — resulting in the output of more of these without any increase in the quantities of material assigned to the manufacturer. In short, cutting out the frills and non-utilitarian features that consume any steel, copper, aluminum, nickel, etc. in the present processing can bring much larger numbers of needed goods for construction as well as durable goods production.

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— Drawn for the RECORD by Alan Dunn

"Now the next move is up to Mrs. Truman . . ."



Royal York Road Elementary School, Etobicoke, Ont., features clerestory lighting on same side of room as conventional lighting. Architect: E. C. S. Cox, Islington

NEWS FROM CANADA by John Caulfield Smith

Architects and Engineers Reported Top Earners

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS led all other Canadian earners in 1949, according to a government statistical report published in November.

Together they edged out lawyers and doctors, who in 1948 held first and second places respectively.

The tax collector counted 1210 architects and engineers. They had an average income of \$10,248, were the only group whose average topped the \$10,000 mark. Their average income tax amounted to \$2460.

Wanted: A Company to Build New Cities

CANADA'S SHIFT from an agricultural to an industrial economy has been dramatically emphasized by the Ford Company's decision to build a multi-million

dollar plant on 427 acres of farmland outside Oakville, Ont.

The new plant will employ 5000 workers. With their families, they'll constitute a town of 20,000 people. Since many of Ford's suppliers are expected to follow the company to Oakville, the population may actually be closer to 40,000 or 50,000. Present population is 7000.

Challenge to Planners

Obviously, comments *The Financial Post*, a leading business newspaper, here is a great opportunity for constructive community building. Conjured up is the vision of a thoroughly modern city with wide, well-laid-out streets, handsome schools and other public buildings, shopping centers with ample parking areas, clean industries, and quiet, attractive residential sections.

"In its way," the *Post* observes, "it could be as far in advance of the con-

glomeration of ugly chaos that characterizes most of our urban settlements as today's Ford is ahead of the Model T."

Zoning Safeguards Provided

The problem is how to make the dream come true. Local municipal authorities have had the foresight to draft zoning bylaws to guide the future development of the Oakville district. But zoning is necessarily restrictive rather than creative.

What is needed, says the *Post*, is something that doesn't exist. There is no community building agency in Canada with sufficient authority and capital to assume control of a new city site, plan it, build on it and turn the result into a happy, safe, rewarding place to work and live. Despite the possibilities for profitable, long-term investment that exist when the preservation and appreciation of realty values are assured, there's no organization to do the job that should be done for prospective residents of new cities and towns.

One Way to Do It

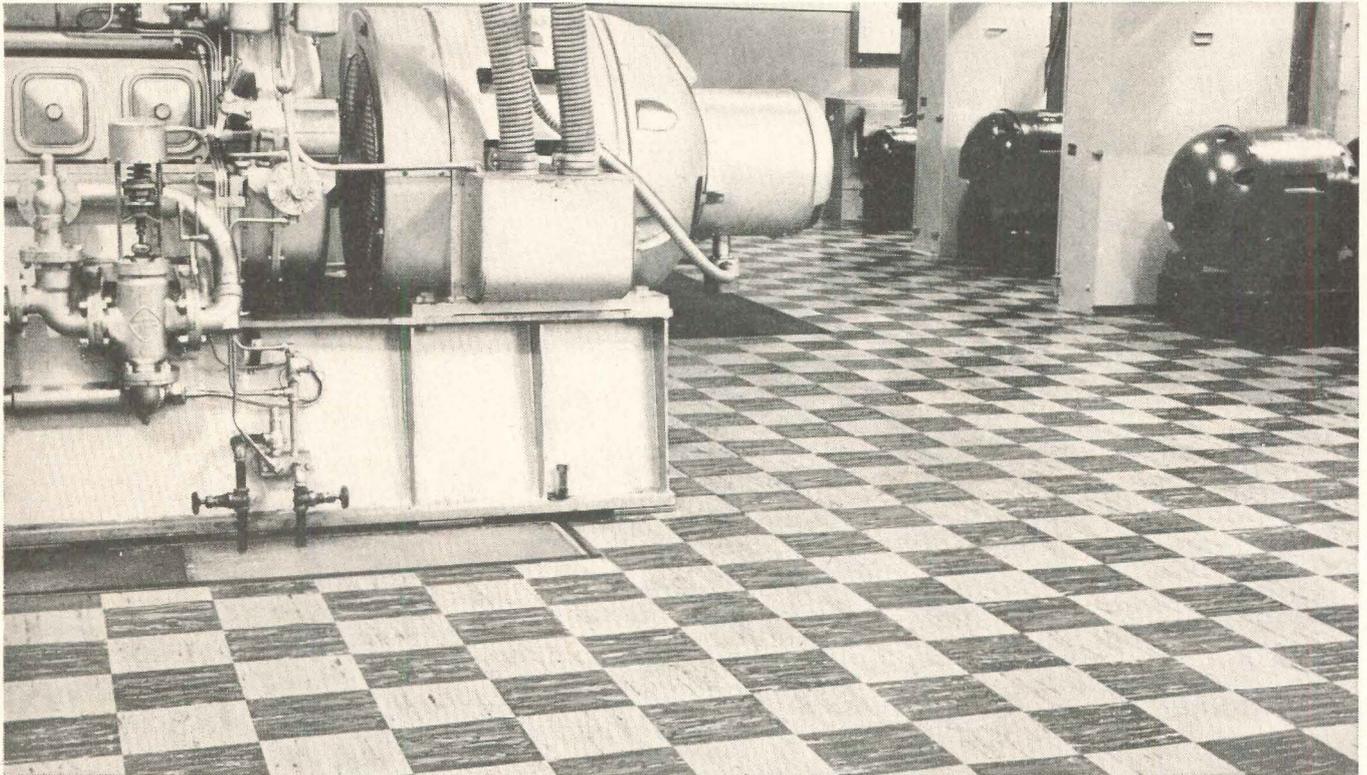
Precedents in the way of community building exist in U. S. and Britain, but they are public, not private. Perhaps a joint effort could be worked out in Canada.

The province of Ontario possesses the legislation, including the right to expropriate, to assemble land without paying speculators' profits. At the same time, life insurance companies have tremendous sums to invest. Some of them, notably Sun Life, have been active in financing new U. S. communities like Park Forest, outside Chicago. They might welcome a chance to do as much in Canada.

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St. Louis-Marie de Montfort Hospital, Ottawa, will provide 218 beds and 67 nursery cubicles, four major operating rooms, two delivery rooms and emergency operating suite as well as the usual diagnostic facilities. The top floor has accommodations for 50 nuns and nursing sisters. There is also a chapel seating 200. Kitchen and dining facilities are in the basement. Substructure is reinforced concrete; superstructure steel frame; exteriors will be cream brick. Architects: LeFort & Gilleland, Ottawa



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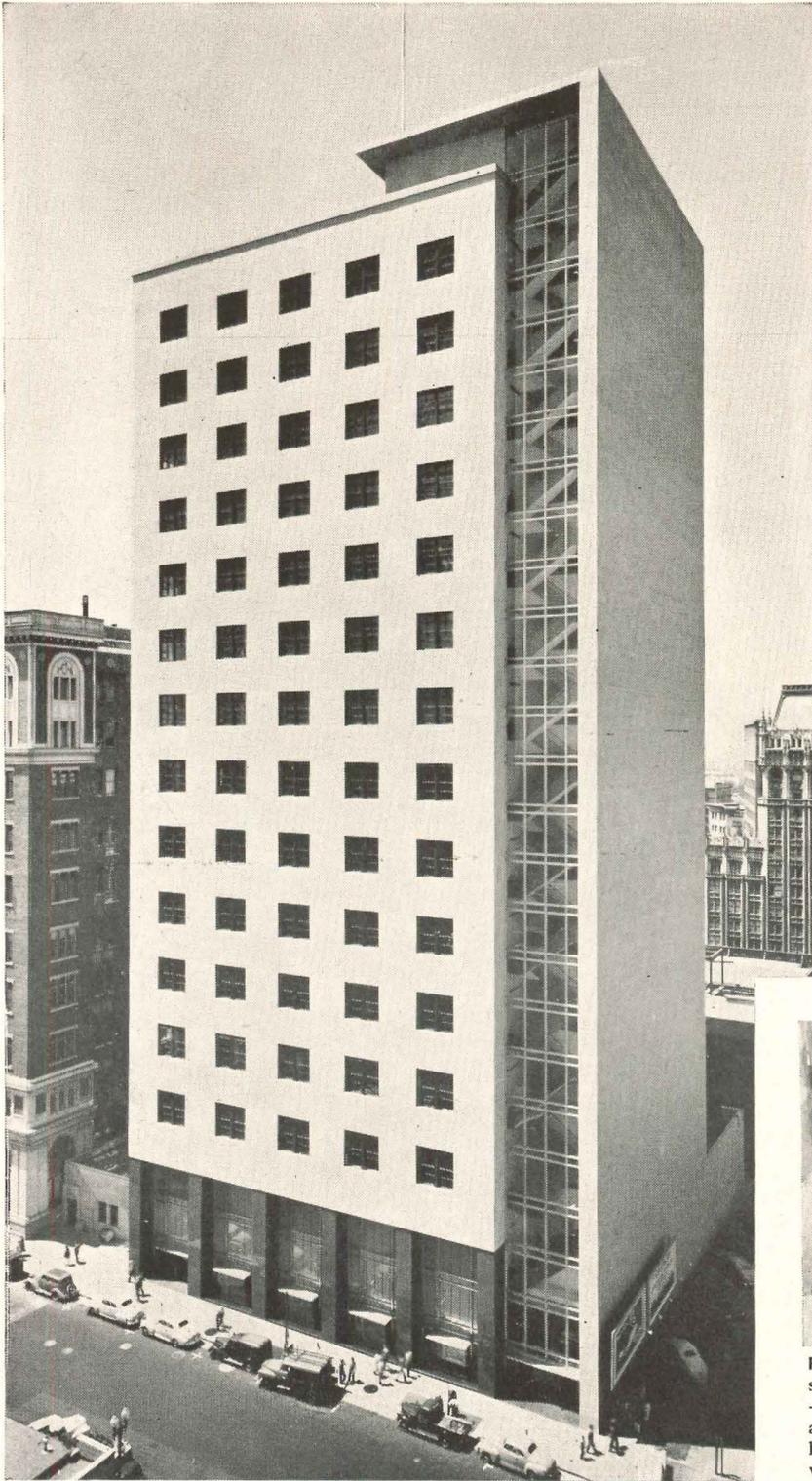
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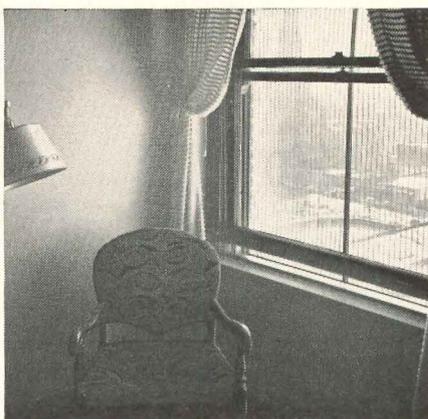
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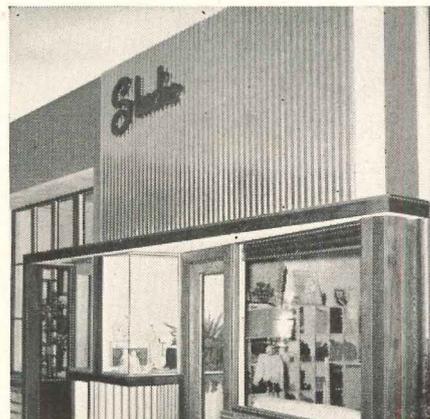
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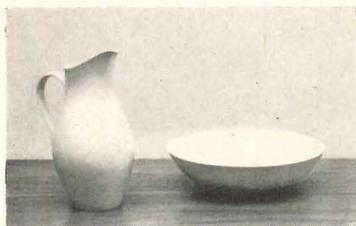
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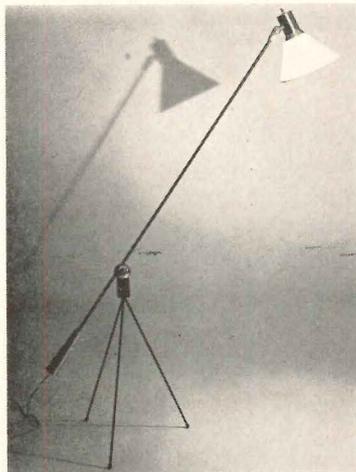
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Most liked by consumers: oak frame chair with reed seat. Designer: Hans Wegner



Porcelain pitcher by Trude Petri-Raben, one of three much liked by consumer voters



Gilbert A. Watrous' metal tripod floor lamp was another highly popular item

THE 1951 GOOD DESIGN EXHIBITION at the Museum of Modern Art was the springboard for a spirited discussion at the second of the Museum's current series on "The Related Arts of Today."

Basis of the discussion, "How Good Is Good Design," was a collection of objects from the exhibition which a poll of consumer visitors had indicated were "most liked" and "most disliked."

On this occasion the "experts" and the consumers were not as far apart as is sometimes suggested. The simplest designs met with warmest approval from the consumers; and the professionals



A wooden chair with a flavor of "traditional" was among consumer "dislikes"

liked their choices, but were equally pleased with more complicated designs.

Members of the panel differed among themselves on some points, leading one of them, Ceramic Designer Eve Zeisel, to provide a useful summary statement with the reminder that "love is a very personal thing."

Others on the panel were: Christine Holbrook, editor of *Better Living*; Lasette van Houten, fashion editor of *Retailing Daily*; Paul McCobb, furniture designer; and Russel Wright, home furnishings designer. Edgar J. Kaufman, director of the Museum's Good Design project, was moderator.

Gropius Wins Howard Myers Award

DR. WALTER GROPIUS of Harvard has received the first Howard Myers Memorial Award of \$500 for the "best written, most progressive and most influential" architectural writing in periodicals.

The award was given for Dr. Gropius' article "Not Gothic but Modern for Our Colleges," published in *The New York Times Magazine*, October 29, 1949.

There were two honorable mentions: Walter L. Creese, for his article "Architecture and Learning," *Magazine of Art*, April 1950; and Jean Murray Bangs for "Prophet without Honor," *House Beautiful*, May 1950.

The award is administered by the Committee on Scholarships and Special Awards of the Architectural League of New York.

New Honors for FLW

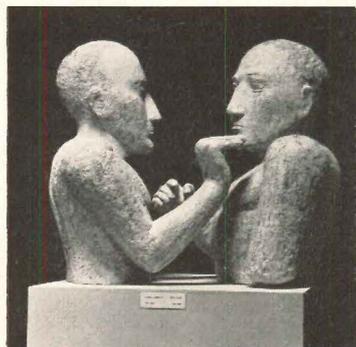
FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT was among six Americans recently elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters. The Academy, which has a life membership limited to 50, chooses each new member as "a creative artist whose works are most likely to achieve a permanent place in American culture."

Mr. Wright has recently been named for another award — he was one of 100 persons to get "Centennial Awards for the Northwest Territory" at the Centennial Convocation of Northwestern University on December 2.

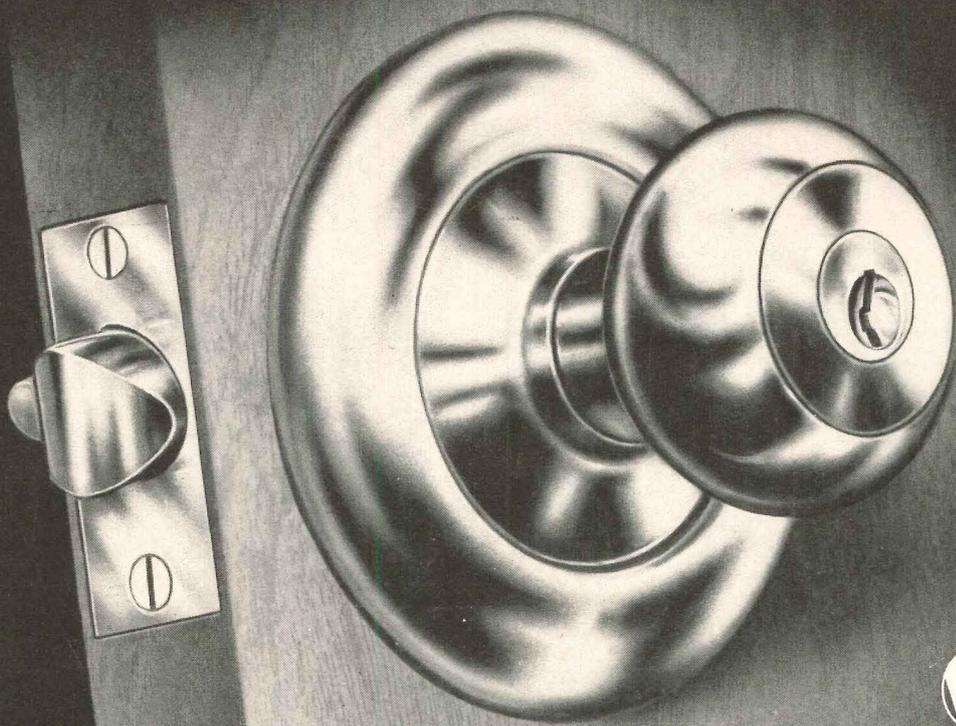
Architectural League Honors Sculptors

THREE AMERICAN SCULPTORS, Henry Kreis, Helen Wilson and Koren der Harootian, received honorable mentions for their entries in the Gold Medal Sculpture Show of the Architectural League of New York, this year holding its 55th annual Gold Medal Exhibition series. The jury felt that no entry merited the Gold Medal.

TOP AWARDS: AMERICAN SCULPTURE, 1951



For her cast stone statue "Two Men" (photo far left), New York Sculptress Minna Harkavy has won the \$3500 first prize in the nationwide competitive sculpture exhibition sponsored by the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Rhys Caparn, also of New York, won the \$2500 second prize for her hydrocal "Animal Form I" (photo at left). Other awards: third prize, \$1500—Abbott Pattison, Chicago, for the bronze "Striding Man"; fourth prize, \$1000—Joseph J. Greenberg Jr., Huntingdon Valley, Pa., for the bronze "Eve"; Honorable Mention—Emil Lazarevich, Palo Alto, Cal., for the cast stone "Woman with Lyre."



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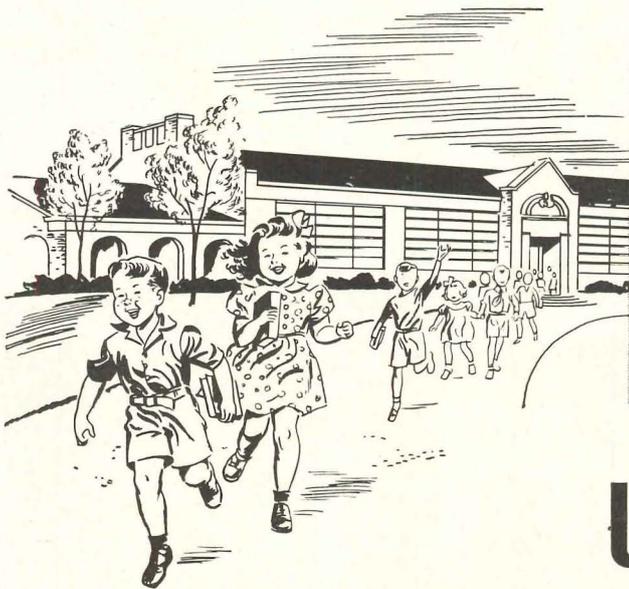
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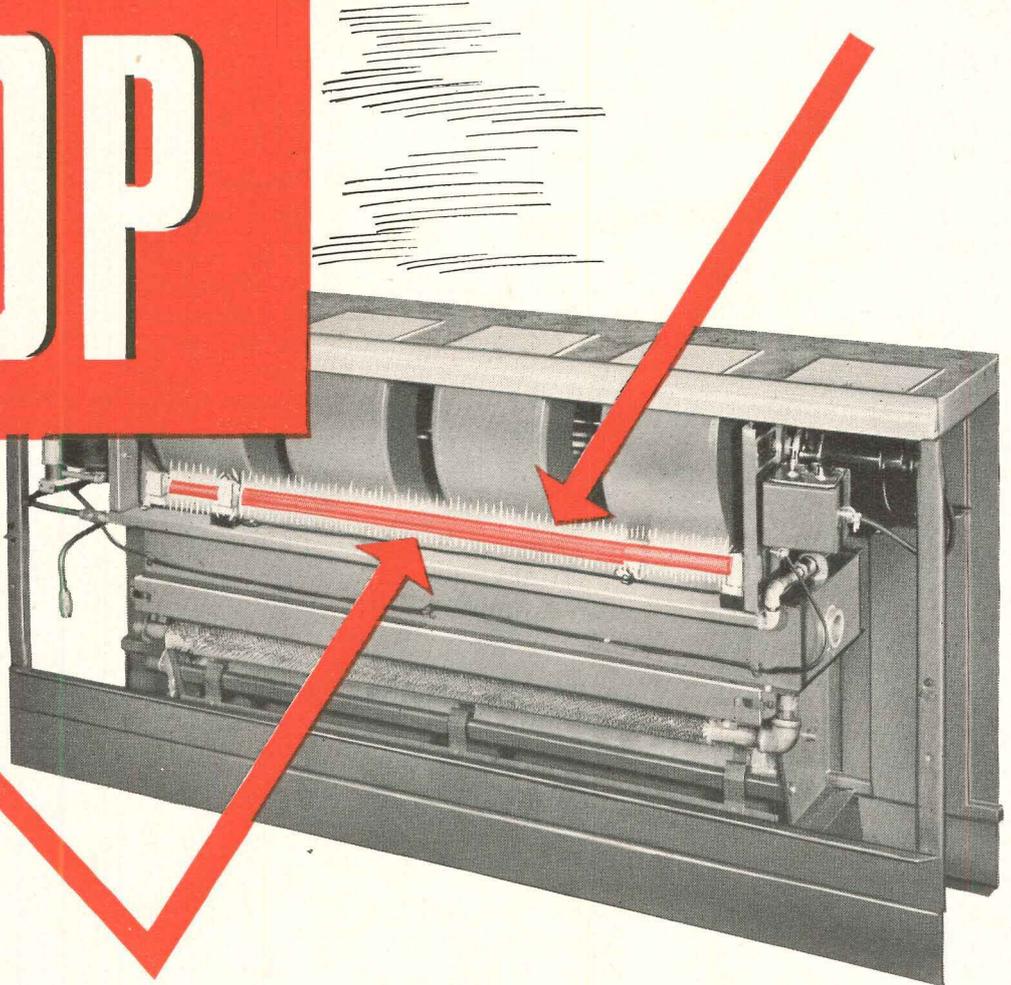
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Officials are not fooling themselves into thinking that the implementation of this plan will result in saving any steel, copper or aluminum at the source, they say. But they remain convinced that something must be done if and when inventories dwindle too far, and they feel it's better to be prepared in advance. As one said: "If nothing is done, there just won't be enough to go around."

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Their answer, then, lies in revising specifications, reducing the size and varieties of manufactured items in the hope that this will bring a multiplication of finished products rolling off the assembly lines.

More than CMP

The CMP has been content with apportioning estimated available supplies of steel, copper and aluminum. The use

of this material, once it reached the producer, was largely up to him. Conservation orders would change this in that manufacturers would be told how and just to what extent the materials could be used in each product processed. Labor, production and handling costs would be saved at the same time.

There already is much activity along these lines — all of a voluntary nature. This was inevitable, say the planning officials, with allotments of scarce materials being cut so drastically. When a producer's "take" on copper drops to only 40 per cent of his base period use, for example, he's going to begin to think in terms of conserving that supply and stretching it into the production of more items. But the whole scheme apparently is not moving fast enough on the voluntary basis to suit the federal officials. They want to forestall trends that developed in World War II when some producers went the other way; dressed up their products with needless metal-consuming features to put them in a better competitive position. Limitation orders stopped the practice then; conservation orders might nip it now before it gets started on a broad basis.

Producers May Resist

Industry reaction, aside from patriotic motives, can be expected to be resistance. There will have to be assurance that the metal saved by design simplification can be used by the producer to further his output. This promises to be one of the knottiest problems in the proposal.

During the past few weeks some DPA officials have expressed their conviction that much improvement in the supplies of controlled materials could result from the application of a simplification and standardization system.

Follin Group for Program

Conservation in the use of controlled materials (principally metals) in the supplies for building purposes is being promoted every day by the construction subcommittee of DPA's Conservation Coordinating Committee. This group, headed by James W. Follin, is going to resist any move that might be made toward the substitution of ersatz products such as the plumbing fixtures turned out during World War II, but it will favor just as strongly the saving of metals through standardization and simplification. It points out that simplification cuts down the number of product lines at once and reduces inventory take while permitting usage to stay at the

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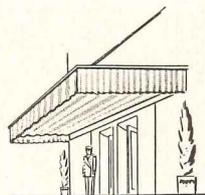
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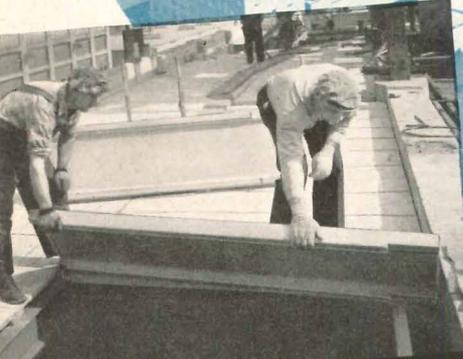


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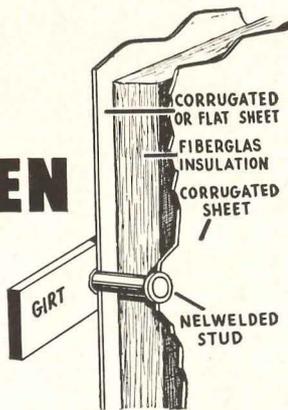
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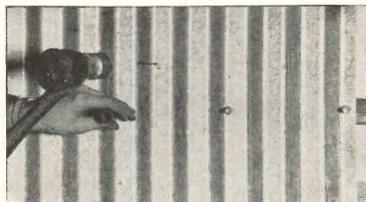
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same level. This, in turn, reduces the demand for raw materials.

One Opinion on Copper

Mr. Follin has summed up the copper situation as follows:

"The greatest question respecting construction in 1952, particularly in the latter half of the year, is the doubtful adequacy of many building supplies for the finishing of structures of various kinds. This refers particularly to plumbing, heating, electrical and hardware supplies. Copper allocations to these segments of manufacturing have been greatly reduced in the third and fourth quarters of 1951 and further reduced for the first quarter of 1952. Copper allocation to plumbing brass manufacturers for the first quarter is only about 35 per cent of the usage during the base period, which was the first part of 1950.

"It is difficult to see how an adequate number of necessary items can be manufactured from the greatly reduced metal supply, and conservation measures are very much in line here.

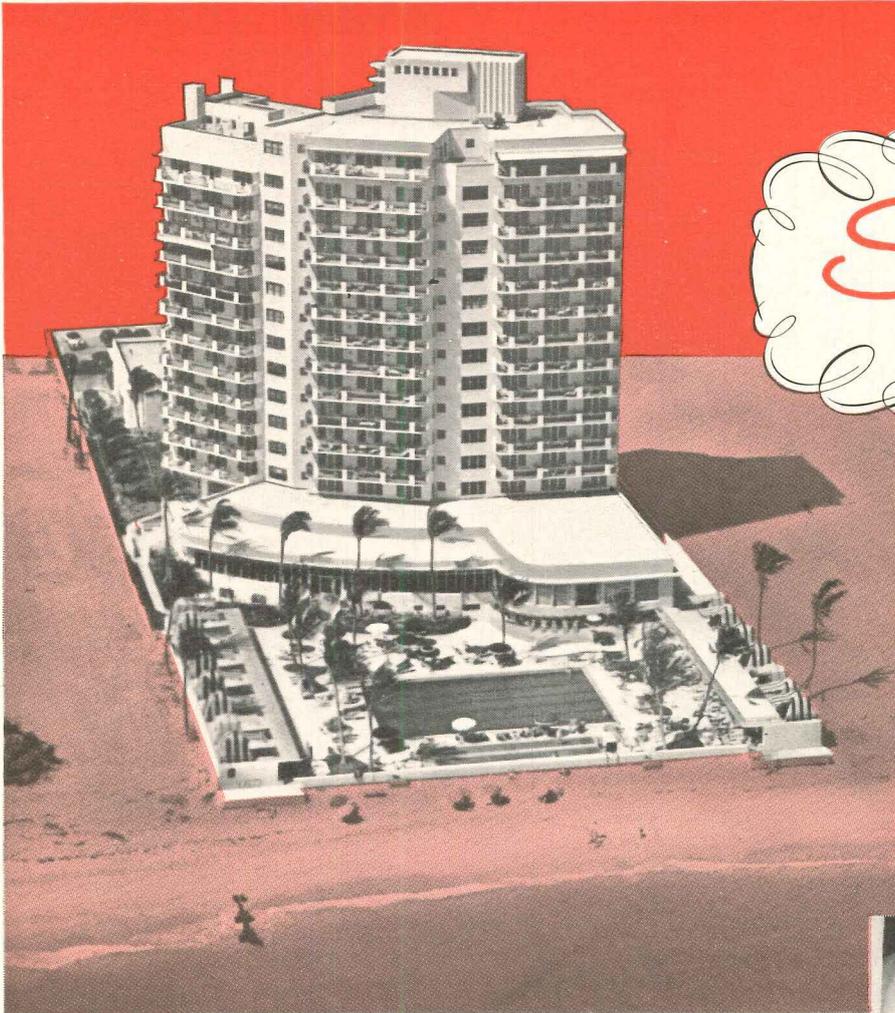
"The Industry Advisory Committee has recommended the adoption of a conservation program which would modify specifications, requiring substitutions where practicable, but also simplify production by reducing the variety of sizes and types. The latter move would make a one-time heavy reduction in metal use by reducing the amount tied up in inventories.

"Conservation can help close up the large gap between supply and demand. The pipe line of such products is still running fairly full and the real shortages may not be felt until the first or second quarter of 1952."

Design Effects: Now and Later

The architect is among the first to realize the effect of material shortages and to do something about it. In house design his influence already has been felt to a marked degree and will be increasingly shown in the months ahead. The private home builders recognize this when they say that the need for conservation of critical materials is going to stimulate many new ideas in home planning and in design and specification of materials in 1952.

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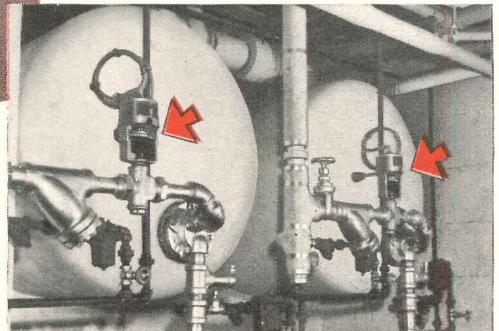
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Carl G. Lans, former director of the Technical Service Dept. of the National Assn. of Home Builders (now with Earl Smith, builder, El Cerrito, Cal.), calls attention to the testing of many materials designed to take the place of steel and copper. Some of them, Mr. Lans says, will receive limited acceptance by local and state authorities, and federal officials; but most of them will be forgotten because of the short time they will be needed. Critical metals are widely expected to be in better supply in 1953, leaving a relatively short time to force acceptance of substitutes, he points out, even though the alternate materials might be satisfactory in performance.

Lans Notes Some Trends

Mr. Lans suggests that the principal contribution to conservation will be in the planning stage. He looks for kitchens and baths to move to the front of the house, back-to-back, where the shortest possible utility connection will be required. This automatically places the living room toward the garden, where Mr. Lans says it ought to be.

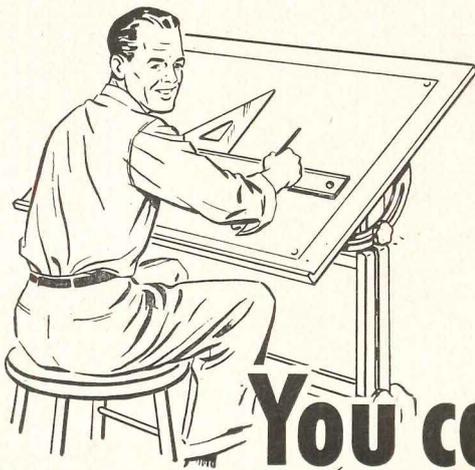
Other trends seen coming from steel shortages: increased use of wooden kitchen cabinets painted in a variety of colors; plastics in doorknobs, escutcheon plates, parts of faucets and other trim; standardization of plumbing layouts; and the casting of large soilpipe fittings to combine several fittings now used. Exterior design trends are seen heading for the "rational contemporary" in most parts of the country.

Long-Delayed FCDA Manuals Now Promised for March 1

An early December meeting in Washington helped pave the way for publication of the long-awaited shelter construction manuals of the Federal Civil Defense Administration. These now are scheduled to appear by March 1.

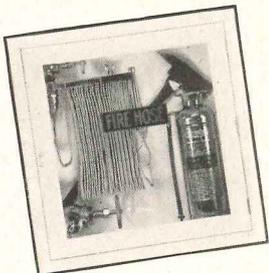
At the December meeting, industry representatives were introduced to the contents of the proposed publications and agreed they would be useful tools from the practical standpoint. These manuals follow the first in a series, which defined a technique for deter-

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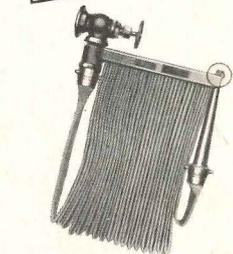
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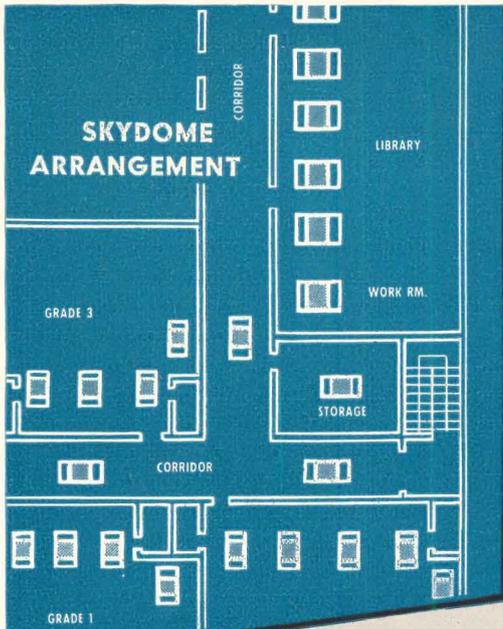
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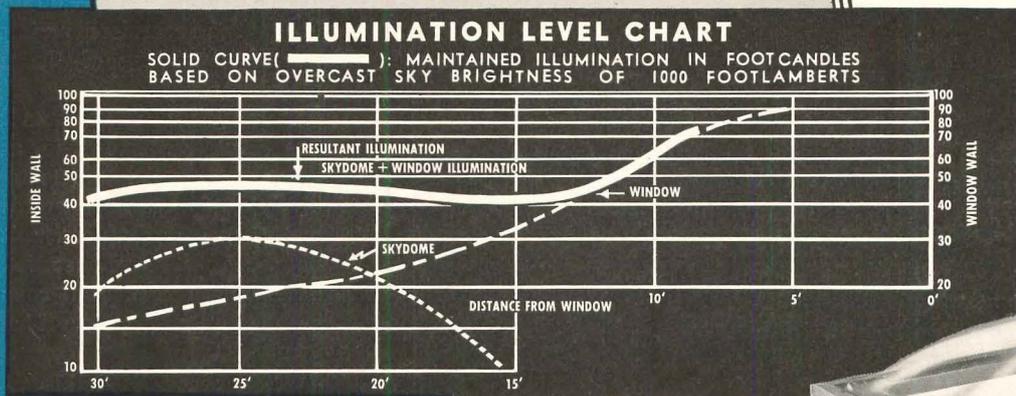
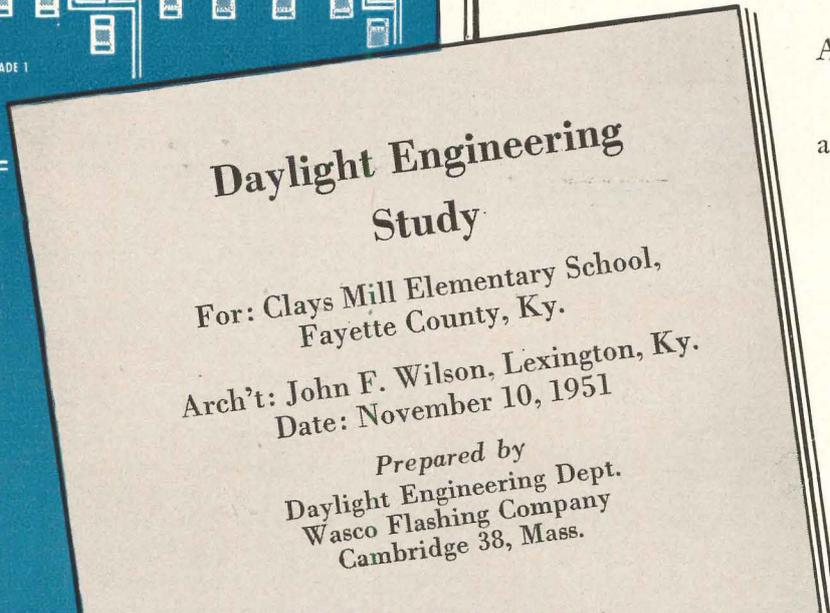


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mining what shelter is needed in terms of number of persons to be protected. The first manual was published some months ago and dealt primarily with the identification of existing structures as bomb shelter types. One of the forthcoming manuals, which actually will be a second part of the survey treatise, will suggest proper structural changes to bring existing buildings into the category one classification as bomb shelters.

Design Criteria for Shelters

The third publication, considered by some in the FCDA shelter division to be the most important in the series, will deal forthrightly with design criteria. The agency describes it as an interim guide for the design of buildings exposed to atomic blast load.

Contents of these forthcoming booklets was reviewed at the December sessions by the several representatives

of industry (selected by the National Industrial Conference Board), by those who contributed material to the books, and by FCDA design engineers. The contents had been "cleared" earlier with architects and engineers.

Some in attendance asked if they should incorporate protective construction in new building activity immediately. FCDA, while not discouraging any effort toward bombproof design, explained that it would issue definite recommendations at the time the manuals appear. The location of the proposed structure, or of a present structure to be remodeled, is a strong determining factor in the treatment, architecturally, that it should be given, FCDA personnel say. The agency earlier sent states a list of supposed target areas. This document is still classified, but industries can go to their state civil defense offices and learn whether or not their plants and proposed plant locations are in the so-called target regions.

FCDA now is in the process of defining the "twilight zones," those areas not directly in the center of targets and yet where there should be an element of protection from bomb blast.

Coming: Textbook on Blast

All this leads to the future publication of a complete textbook on exposure of structures to A-bomb blast load. There's no indication of when this will come at the present time. The survey and improvement texts stand by themselves, but the No. 3 publication — on design criteria — is to be considered an interim guide pending printing of the more comprehensive report.

It sums up to this: FCDA wants those private concerns that know they are in the center of potential targets to get busy immediately on their protective construction plans; others can wait for the more complete guidance in the manual. As one official said, common sense should dictate the course of action.

New Moves on Housing: Eyes on Cost and Design

At long last some order was developing in military housing programs at the administration level. The Armed Forces Housing Agency created in September by the Department of Defense got a director last month — Thomas P. Coogan of Miami, former president of the National Association of Home Builders. An outgrowth of the old military construction commission, this new agency will have a broader field of operation. It goes

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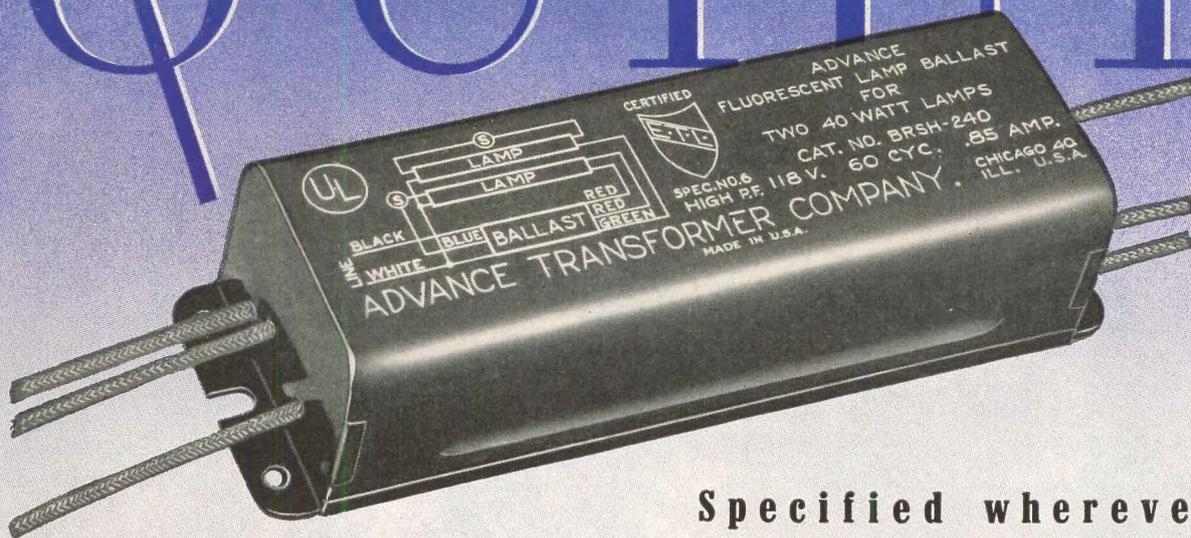
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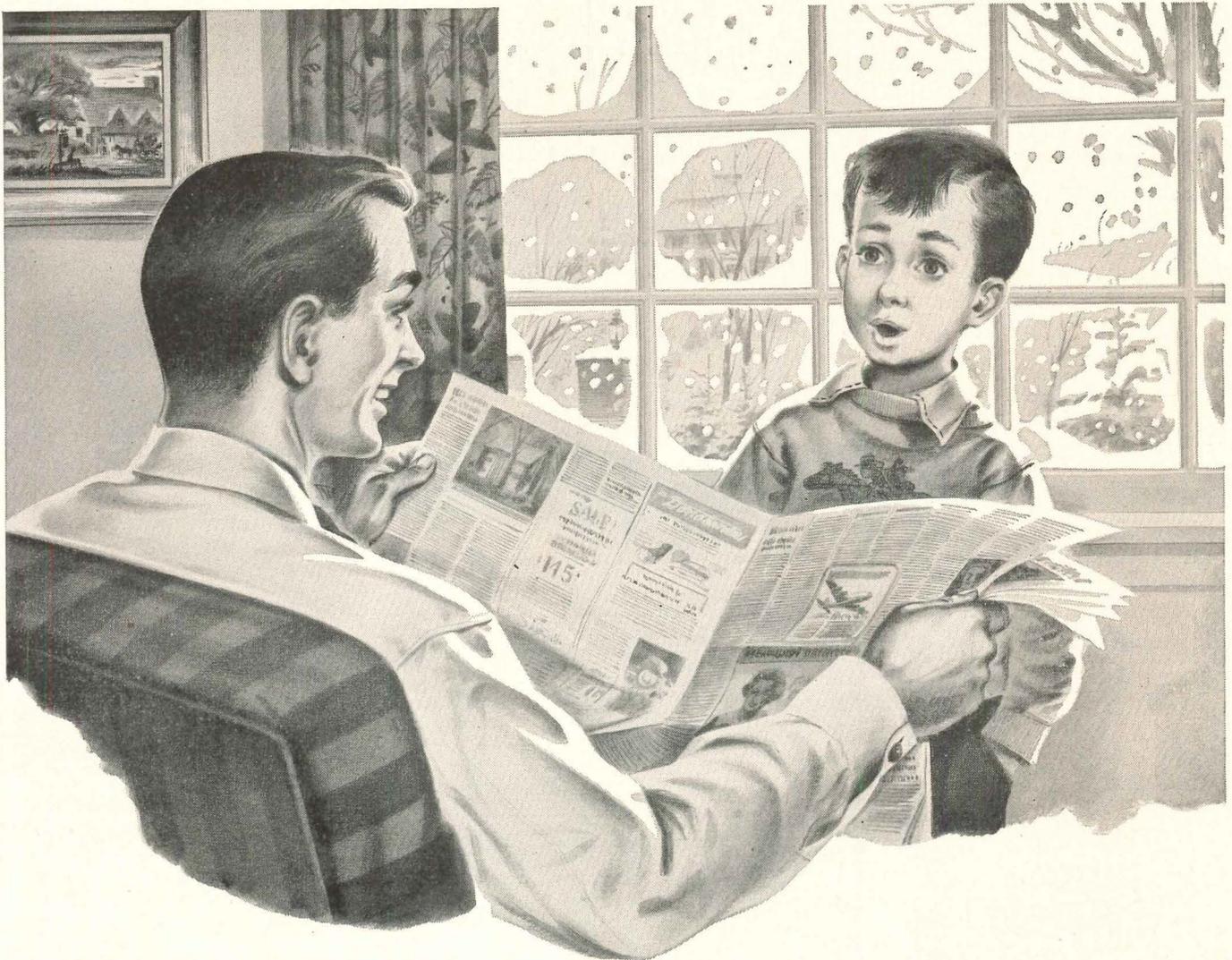
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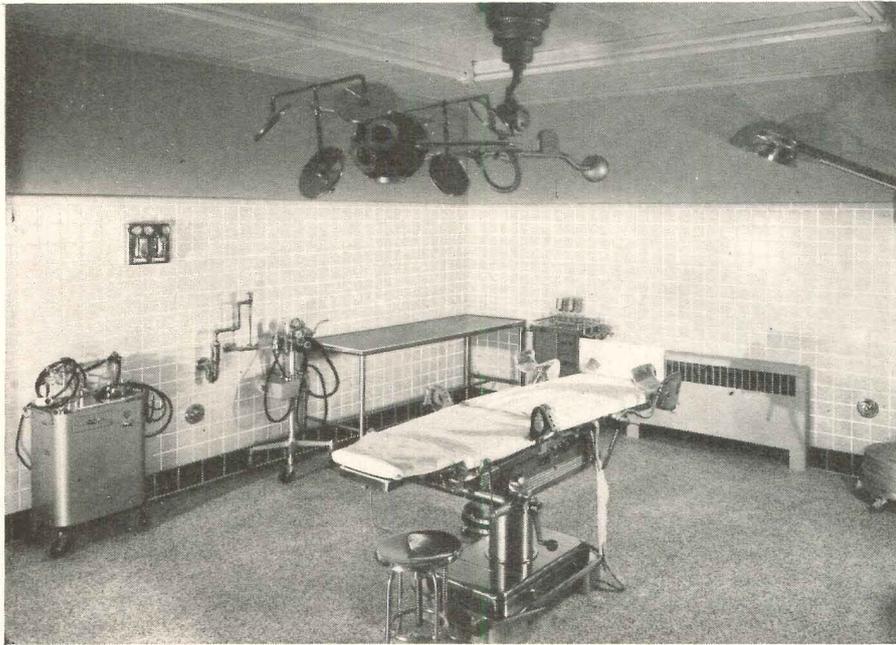
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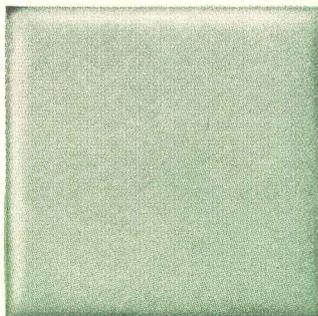
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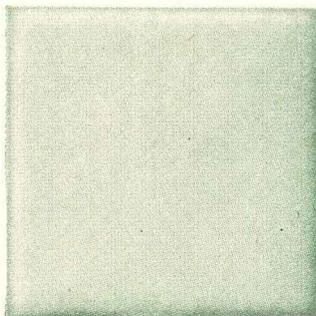
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1930	127.0	126.7	124.1	128.0	123.6		82.1	80.9	84.5	86.1	83.6	
1935	93.8	91.3	104.7	108.5	105.5		72.3	67.9	84.0	87.1	85.1	
1939	123.5	122.4	130.7	133.4	130.1		86.3	83.1	95.1	97.4	94.7	
1940	126.3	125.1	132.2	135.1	131.4		91.0	89.0	96.9	98.5	97.5	
1946	181.8	182.4	177.2	179.0	174.8		148.1	149.2	136.8	136.4	135.1	
1947	219.3	222.0	207.6	207.5	203.8		180.4	184.0	158.1	157.1	158.0	
1948	250.1	251.6	239.4	242.2	235.6		199.2	202.5	178.8	178.8	178.8	
1949	243.7	240.8	242.8	246.4	240.0		189.3	189.9	180.6	180.8	177.5	
1950	256.2	254.5	249.5	251.5	248.0		194.3	196.2	185.4	183.7	185.0	
Aug. 1951	272.3	269.8	264.5	266.3	263.2		212.6	214.3	204.9	203.7	206.8	
Sept. 1951	273.7	271.6	264.8	266.5	263.6		213.0	214.8	205.0	203.7	206.9	
Oct. 1951	274.4	272.5	264.9	266.6	263.8		214.6	216.4	206.6	204.7	208.3	
Oct. 1951	% increase over 1939			% increase over 1939			% increase over 1939			% increase over 1939		
Oct. 1951	122.2	122.6	102.7	99.9	102.8		148.7	160.4	117.2	110.2	120.0	

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1925	118.6	118.4	116.3	118.1	114.4	91.0	86.5	99.5	102.1	98.0	
1930	108.9	108.3	112.4	115.3	111.3	90.8	86.8	100.4	104.9	100.4	
1935	95.1	90.1	104.1	108.3	105.4	89.5	84.5	96.4	103.7	99.7	
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1948	227.9	231.2	207.7	210.0	208.1	218.9	216.6	208.3	214.7	211.1	
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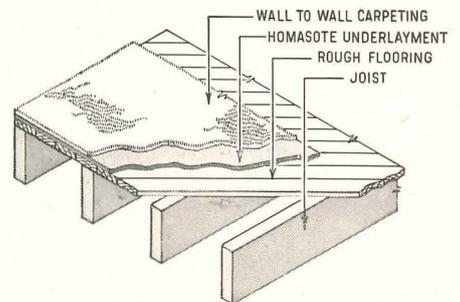
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BEAUPORT

Beauport at Gloucester. Pictures by Samuel Chamberlain; text by Paul Hollister. Hastings House (41 E. 50th St., New York, N. Y.), 1951. 7 by 9¼ in. 88 pp., illus. \$3.75.

REVIEWED BY KENNETH REID

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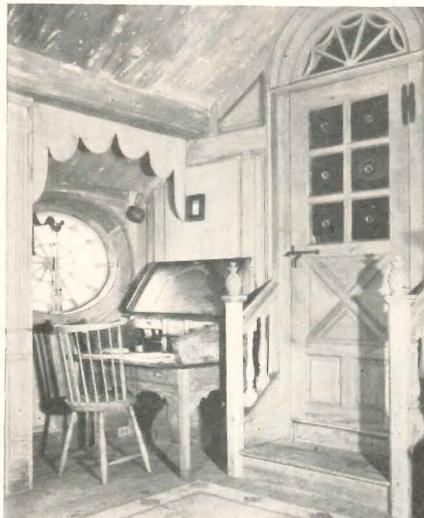
Henry Sleeper, the creator and lifetime owner of Beauport, was, as a young man, possessed of a dream. His dream

was to make a house "in which each room could recapture some of the spirit of a specific mood or phase or 'period' of our American life from the time of Plymouth down through the Revolution and the early Republic." Granting the validity of his objective, he attained something not far short of perfection. For the house he made was no dry-as-dust, pedantic restoration of existing precedent, meticulously copied from measured drawings. On the contrary, it had life and warmth and richness and humanity because it was the expression of the spirit of an individual man. He was an eclectic, as were most of his contemporaries, and was thus true to his times. The house, as shown by Chamberlain's admirable photographs and described by Mr. Hollister's playful text, is evidence enough of Sleeper's love for fine form, color, and texture and of his

understanding of their significance in environment.

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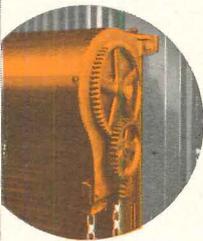
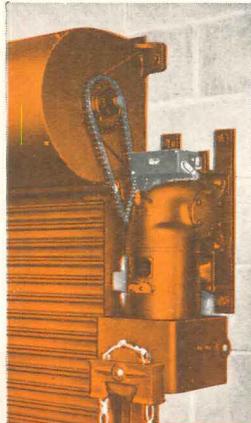
The pity of it is that Beauport will be seized upon by many as a justification for another wave of "period" interiors, and the antique ensemble will find renewed public favor. Ah well, we'll just have to give them something they'll like better! *(Reviews continued on page 46)*



Far left: the Pembroke Room. "Probably nowhere on earth will you find a more sympathetic reconstruction of the heart of the pioneer home, family, community than here in the room which Sleeper reassembled from the oak-and-pine house of his forbears at Pembroke"

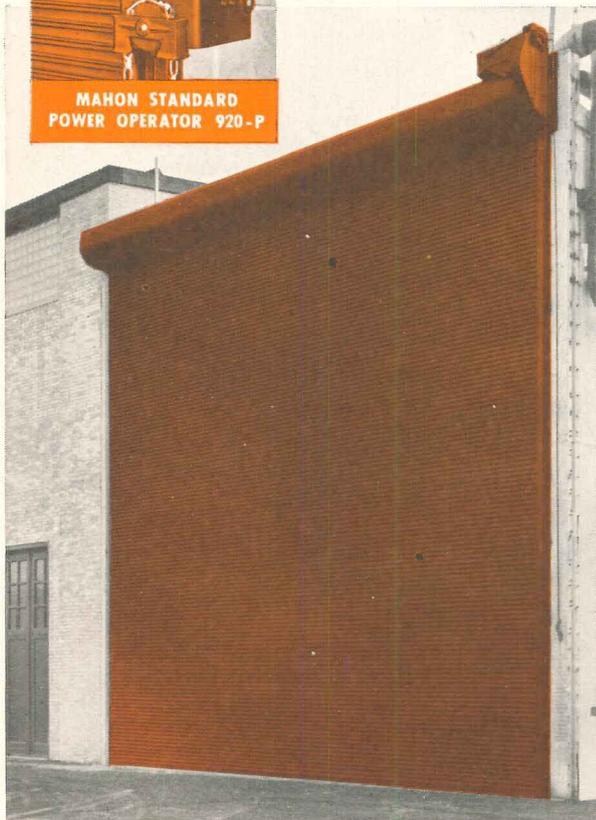
Near left: the Mariner's Room—a pine attic-room—bespeaks the salty simplicity of an early New England seafaring existence

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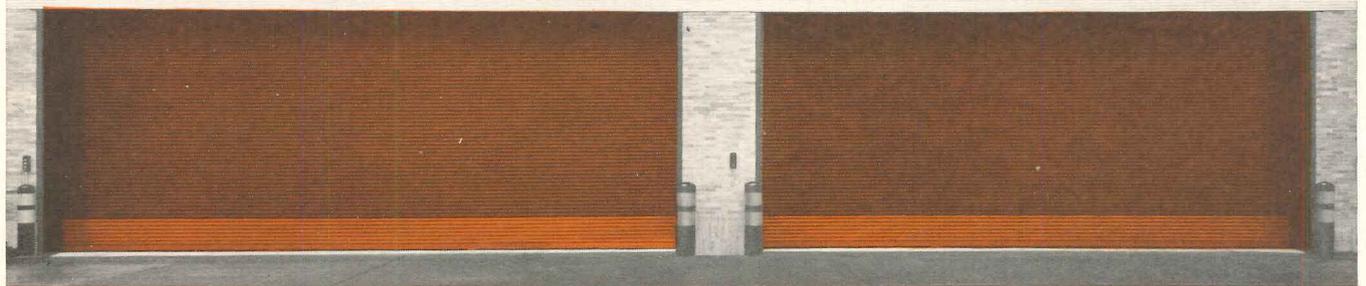
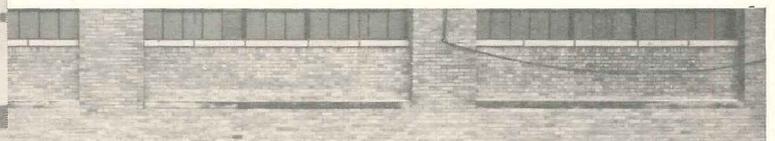


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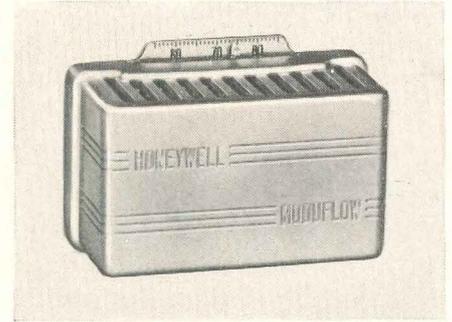
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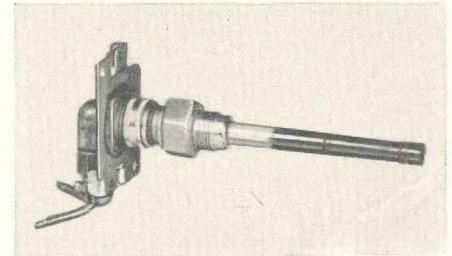
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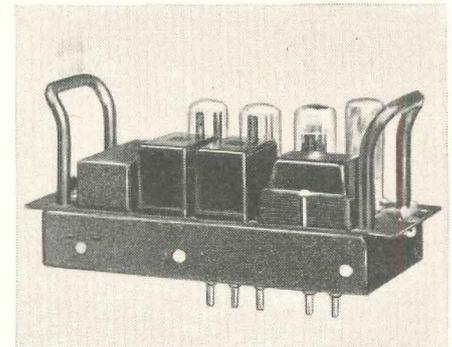
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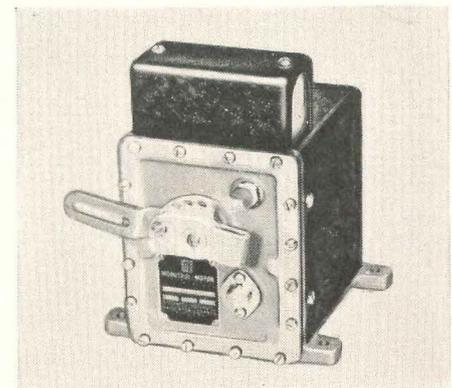
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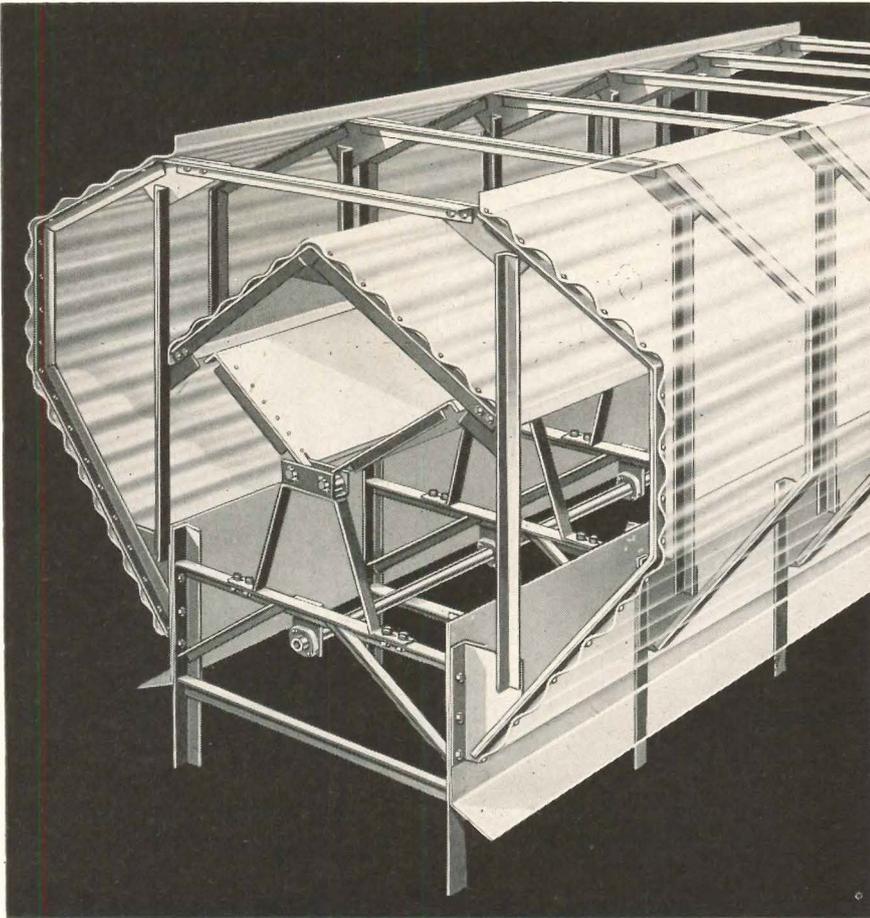
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LATROBE'S THOUGHTS ON EARLY NEW ORLEANS

Impressions Respecting New Orleans — Diary & Sketches 1818-1820. By Benjamin Henry Latrobe. Edited with an introduction and notes by Samuel Wilson, Jr. Columbia University Press (2960 Broadway, New York 27, N. Y.), 1951. 8 $\frac{1}{8}$ by 11 in. xxiv + 196 pp., illus. \$8.75.

Mr. Wilson has brought together in a handsomely presented volume the existing diaries of Latrobe covering the last years of his life, which were spent in New Orleans. Although parts of these journals were published in 1905, it is the first time the original manuscripts have been presented in their entirety or with any number of the neat sketches drawn by Latrobe during this period.

The vivid descriptions contained in the diaries present precise and revealing pictures both of early New Orleans and of Latrobe himself. His comments run the gamut from philosophical and moral questions, the state of society, and the style of buildings to Negro music, flora and fauna. The value of the book probably lies more in these varied observations and thoughts of the man referred to by many as the father of the American architectural profession, than to any extensive material on his architectural techniques.

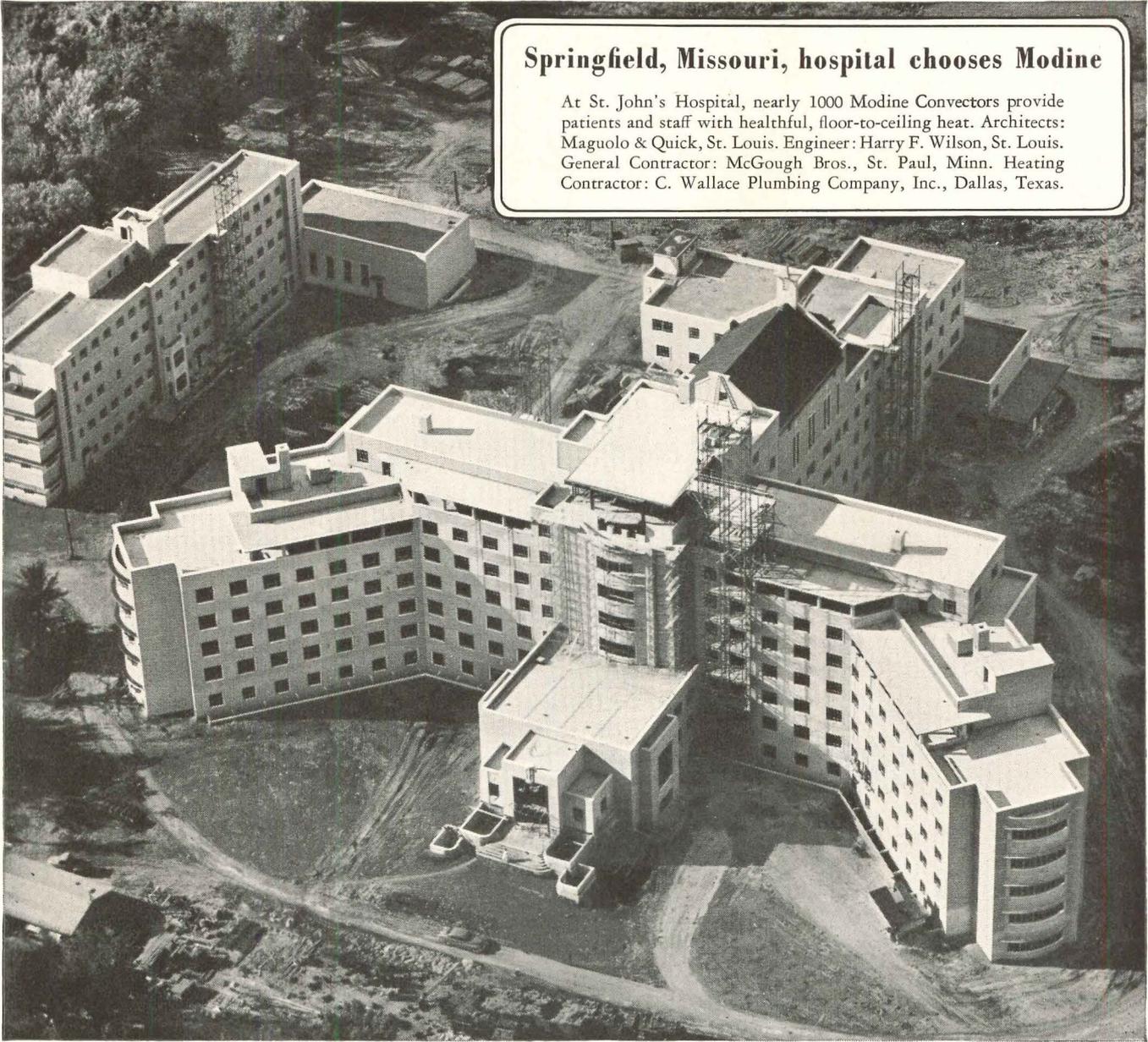
The introduction by Mr. Wilson includes a brief biography of Latrobe's life, and a review of his work in Louisiana. This is frequently spiked with examples of the difficulties and frustrations which pursued Latrobe's career, and which, it would appear, are not new to the profession.

RELIGIOUS ARCHITECTURE

A History of Religious Architecture. By Ernest Short. Third revised edition. W. W. Norton Co. (101 5th Ave., New York, N. Y.), 1951. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ in., 306 pp., illus. \$6.00.

As a comprehensive history of religious building for the general reader, this is a volume which certainly has much to recommend it. At the same time, although it covers the field more than adequately, the book cannot escape from the inevitable characteristic quality of the generalized history, and in its very sweep tends to be at times somewhat cursory. Thus although all the usual high spots are hit, one finds that buildings of such importance as

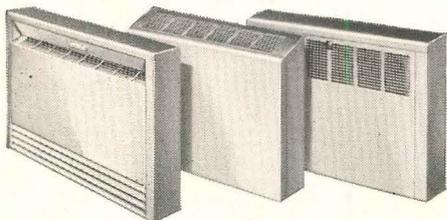
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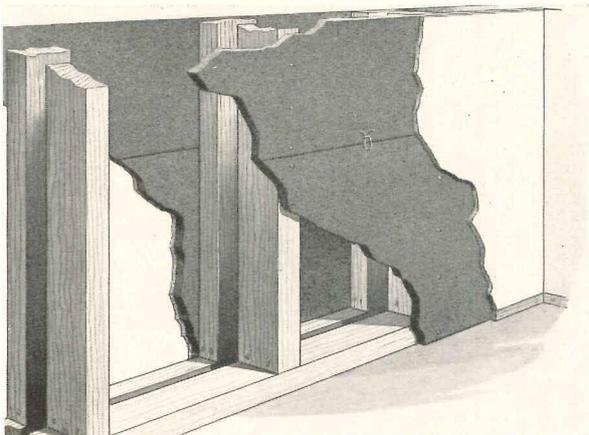
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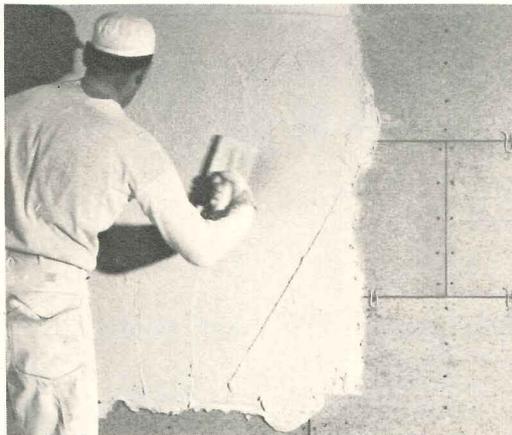


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St. Denis and Cluny are either brushed off with a brief note or not mentioned at all. Still, considering its scope, the book is remarkably inclusive. An American reader is particularly aware, however, of some notable omissions such as the New England Meeting House and Richardson's Trinity Church.

The book's ending is somewhat disappointing, too, in view of Mr. Short's avowed purpose. This—in his own words—is "to show how the chief manifestations of religious art are connected with outstanding social, political and geographical circumstances; to gauge the emotions and thoughts embodied in various types of buildings, and the actions and reactions which created the different national styles; always striving to penetrate through the artistic production to the intellectual and emotional circumstances which shaped and vitalized it." In terms of such a broadly human and intelligent intention, it seems a little strange that the author should devote his attentions in discussing the 20th century to such contemporaneous but non-contemporary structures as the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and Liverpool Cathedral; buildings which, whatever else they may be, can hardly be said to be a direct or honest expression of our time and place in the vital manner in which Mr. Short would like us to think of religious architecture—as an index of a culture's essential spirit.

ART CRITICISM

The Works of Man. By Lisle March Phillipps. The Philosophical Library, Inc. (15 E. 40th St., New York, N. Y.), 1951. 5½ by 8½ in. 330 pp., illus. \$4.75.

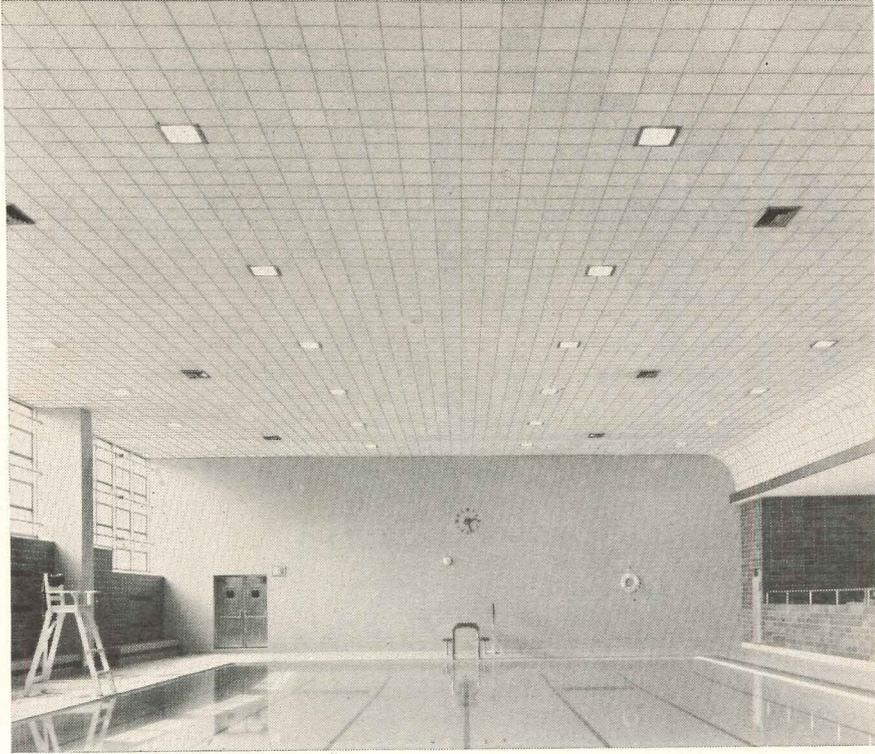
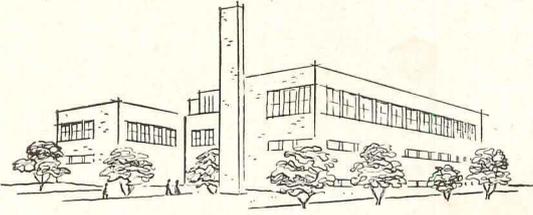
This is the second edition of a well-known work on art criticism. The first edition appeared in 1911 and has been out of print for eighteen years.

For those who haven't read the book, Mr. Phillipps' main concern is to discover in art, more particularly in architecture which he considers the most broadly human of all the arts, the distinguishing characteristics of man in each historical epoch.

The author believes that art is most significant when it finds expression in definite styles. Art, he says, cannot be inspired only by individual caprice. Another of his theses is that art and

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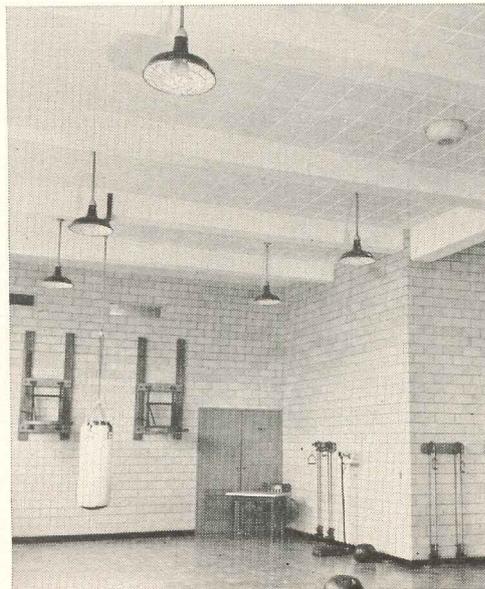
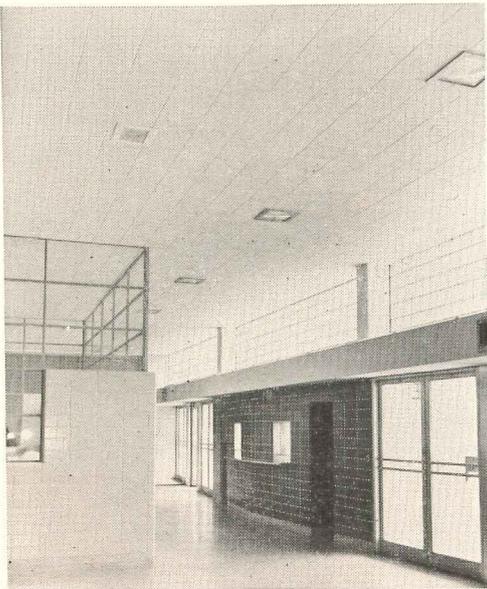
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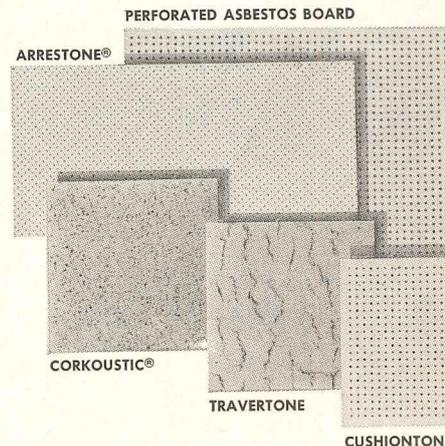
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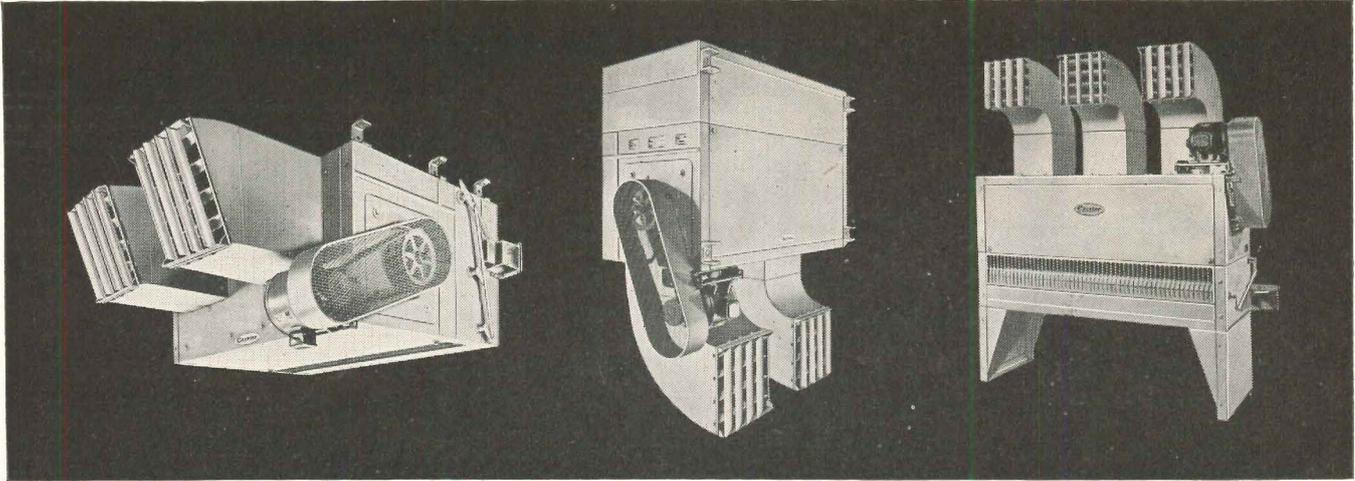
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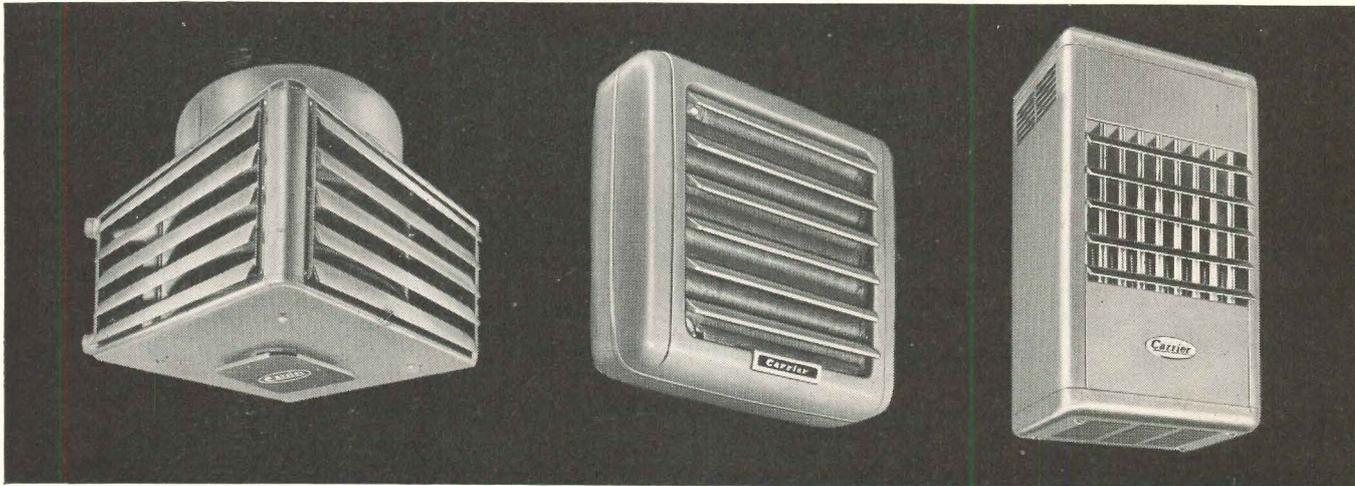
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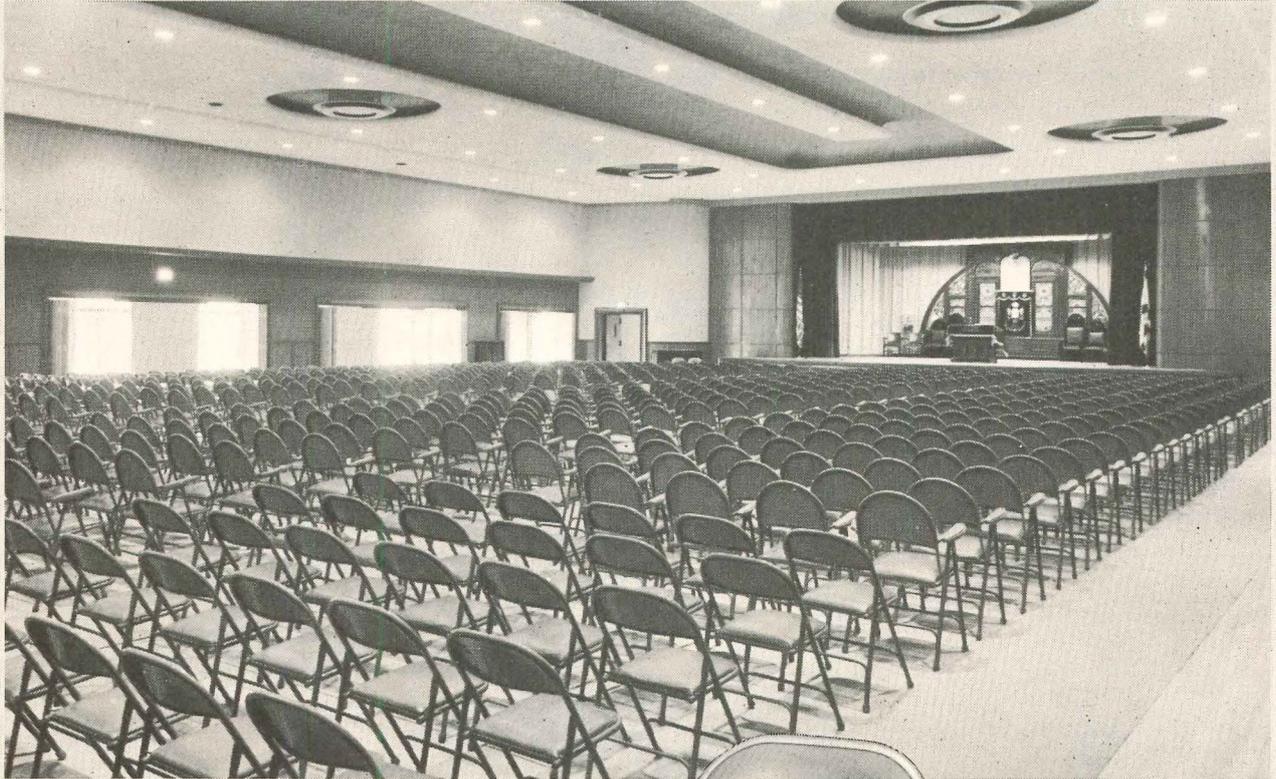
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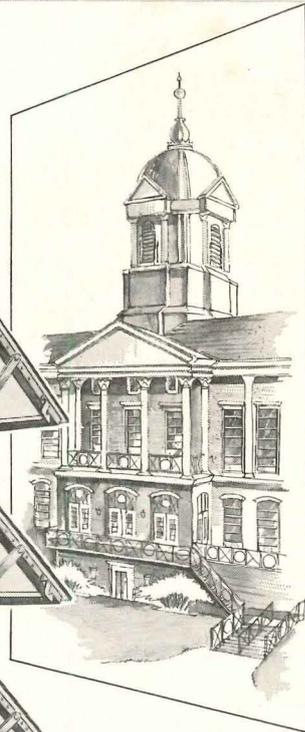
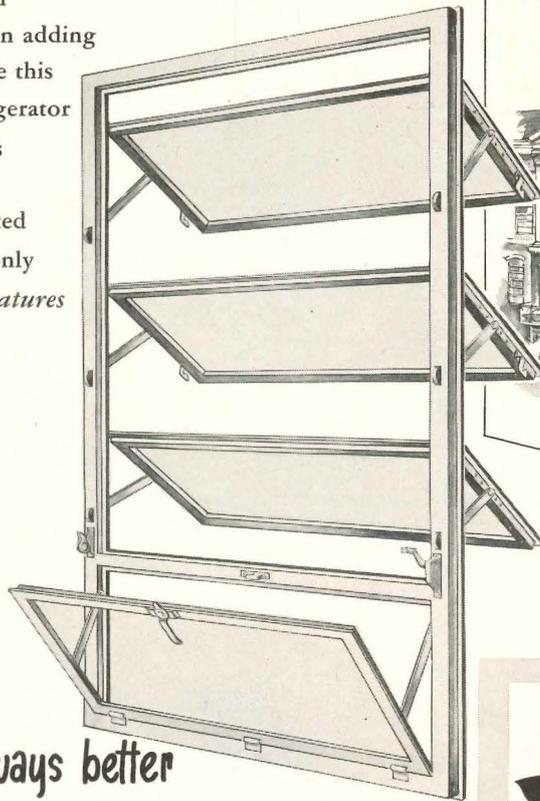
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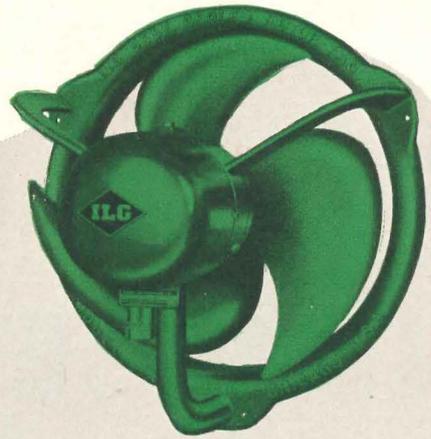
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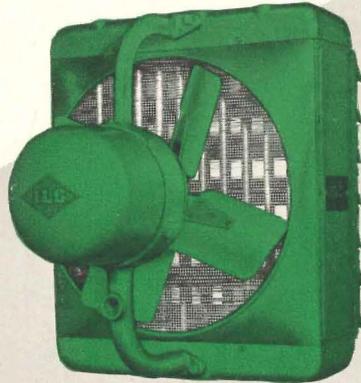
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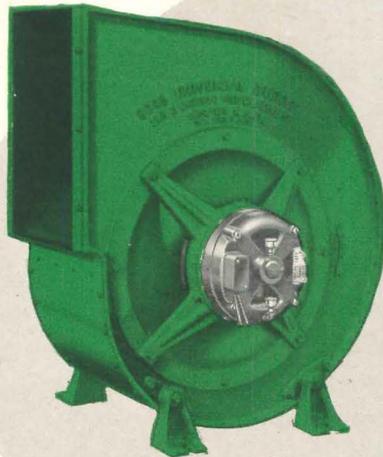
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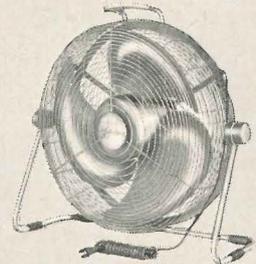
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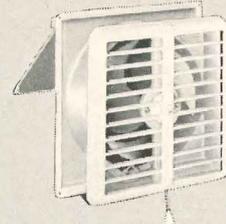
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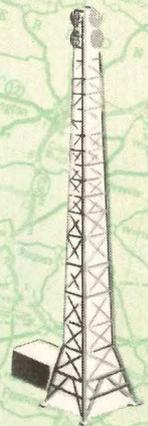
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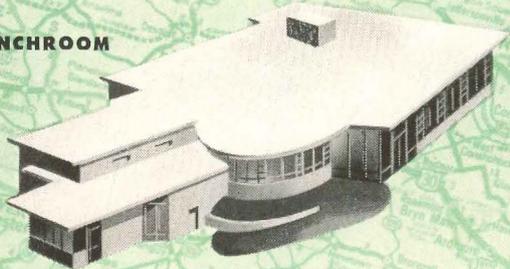
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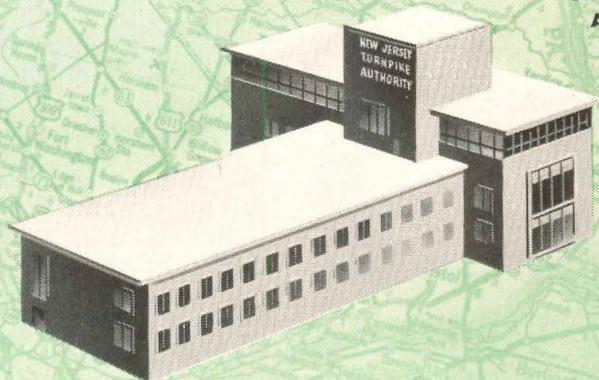
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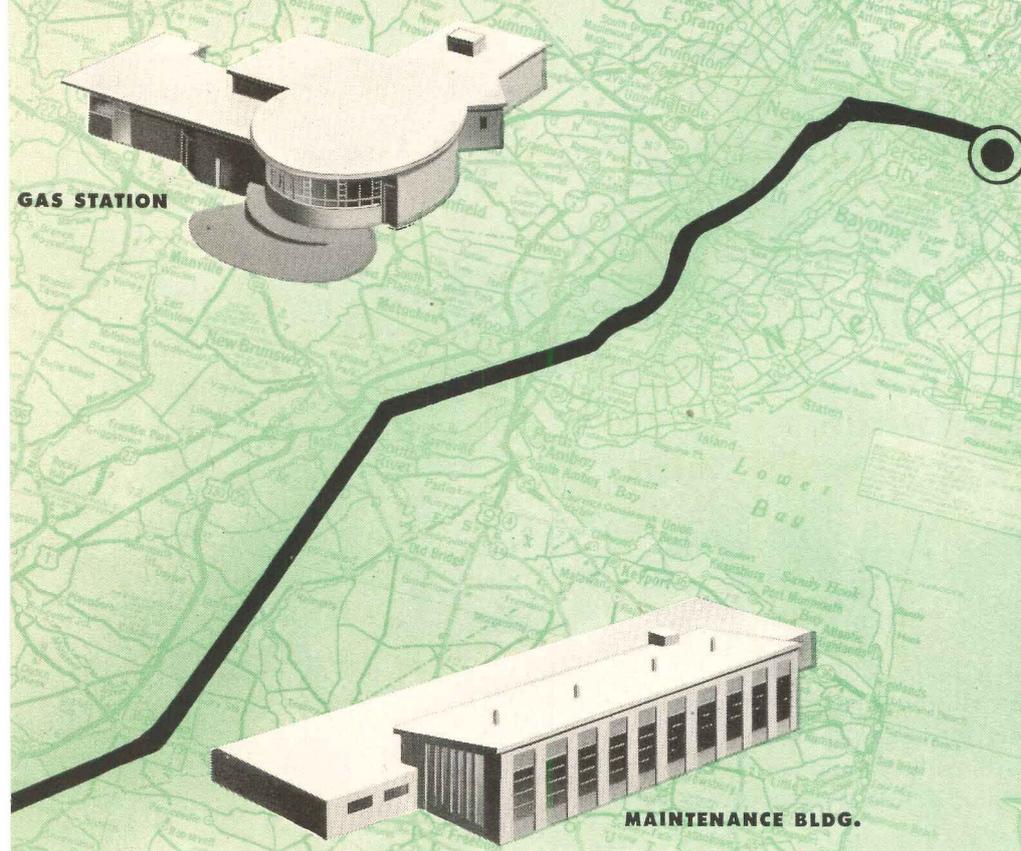


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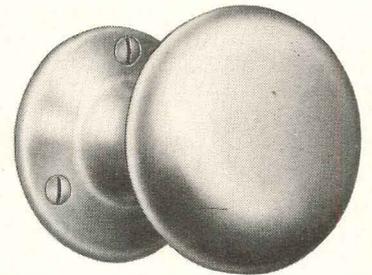
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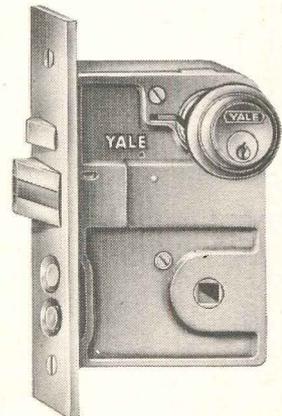


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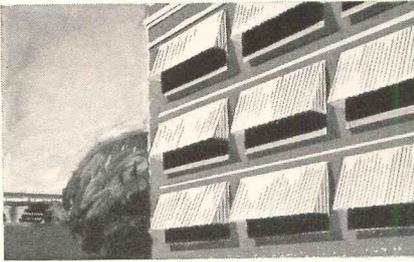
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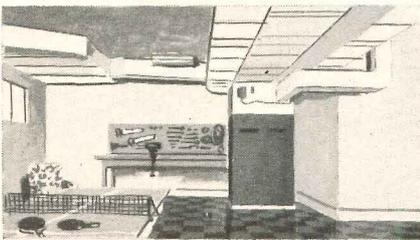
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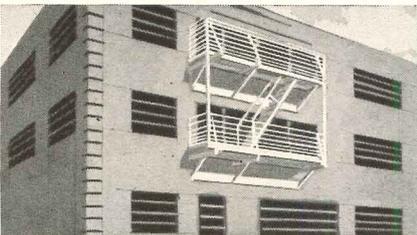
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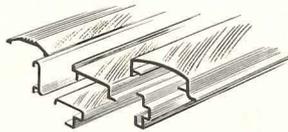
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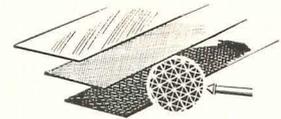
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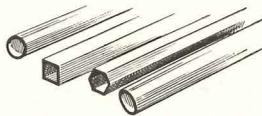
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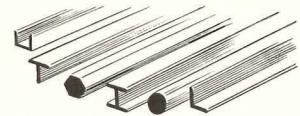
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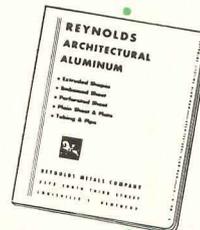
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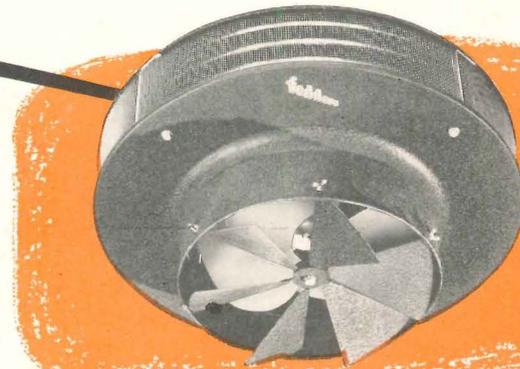
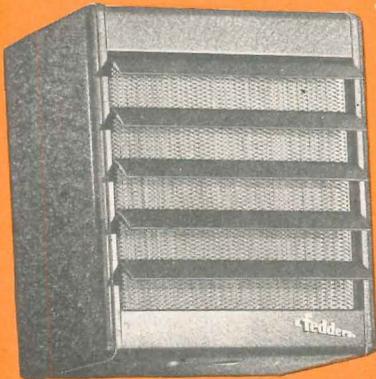


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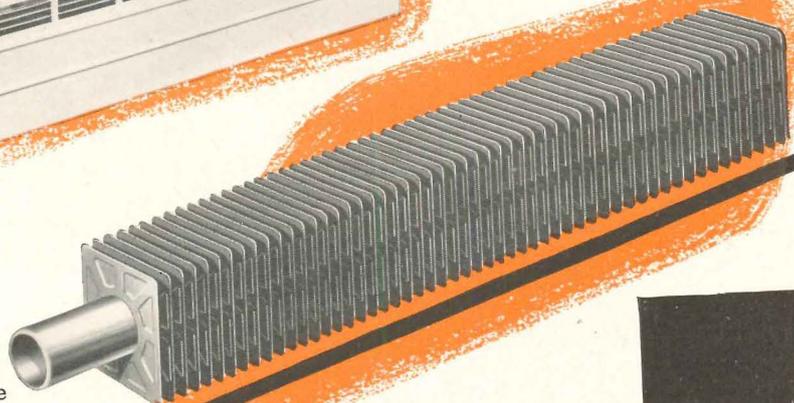


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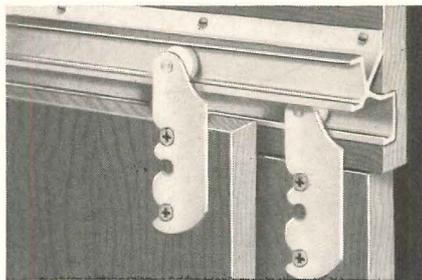
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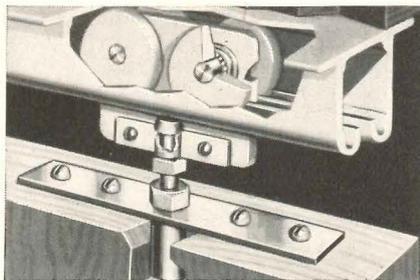
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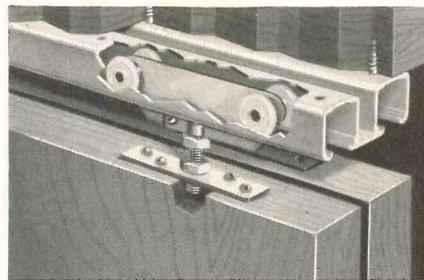
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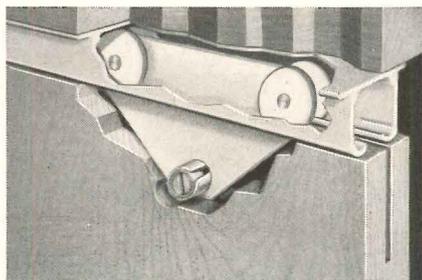
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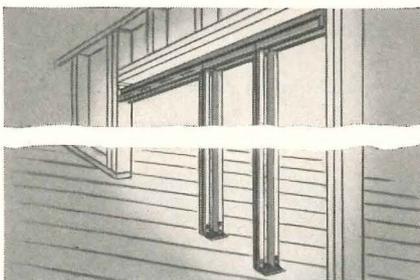
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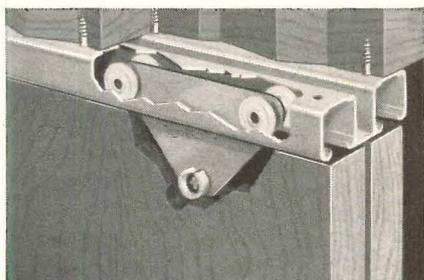
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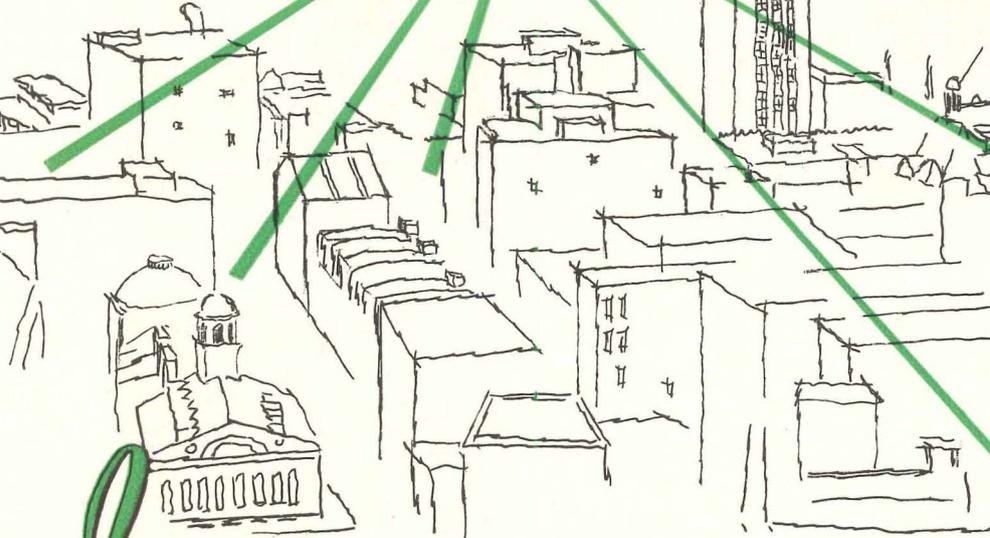
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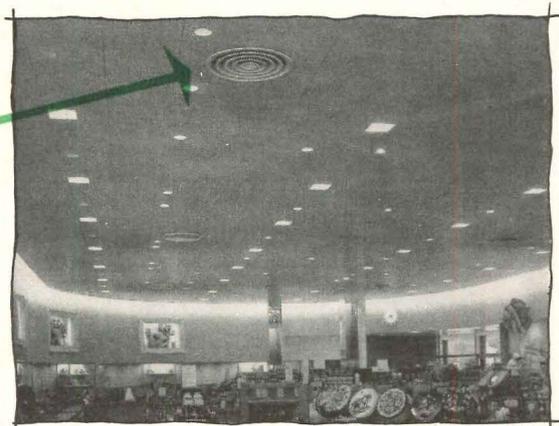
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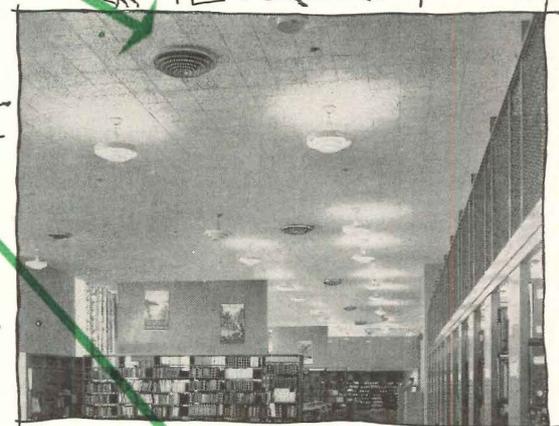
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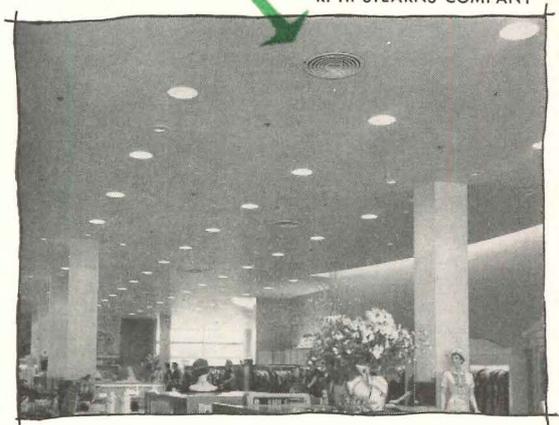
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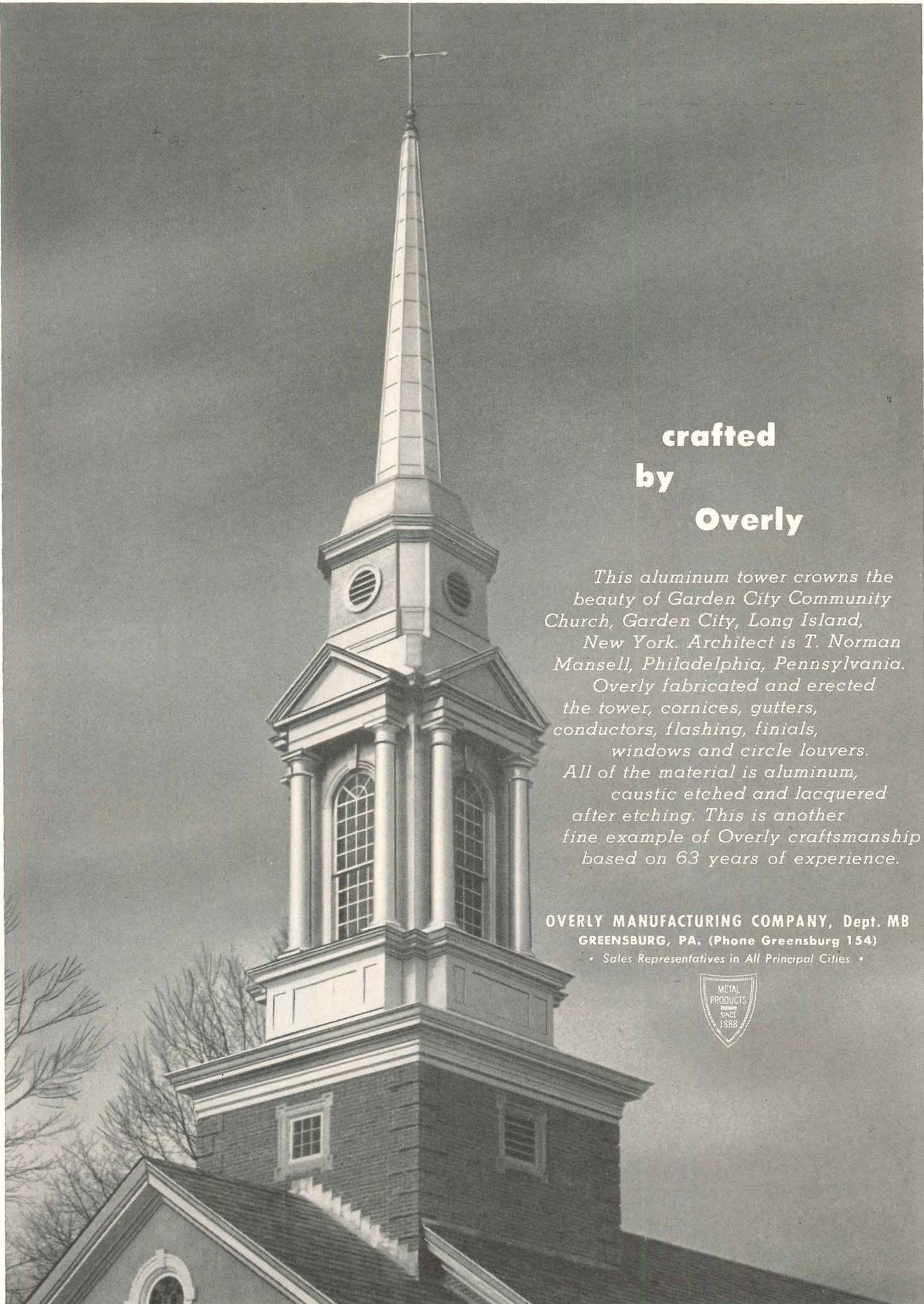
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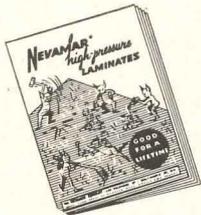
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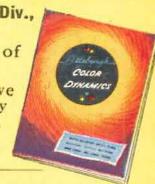
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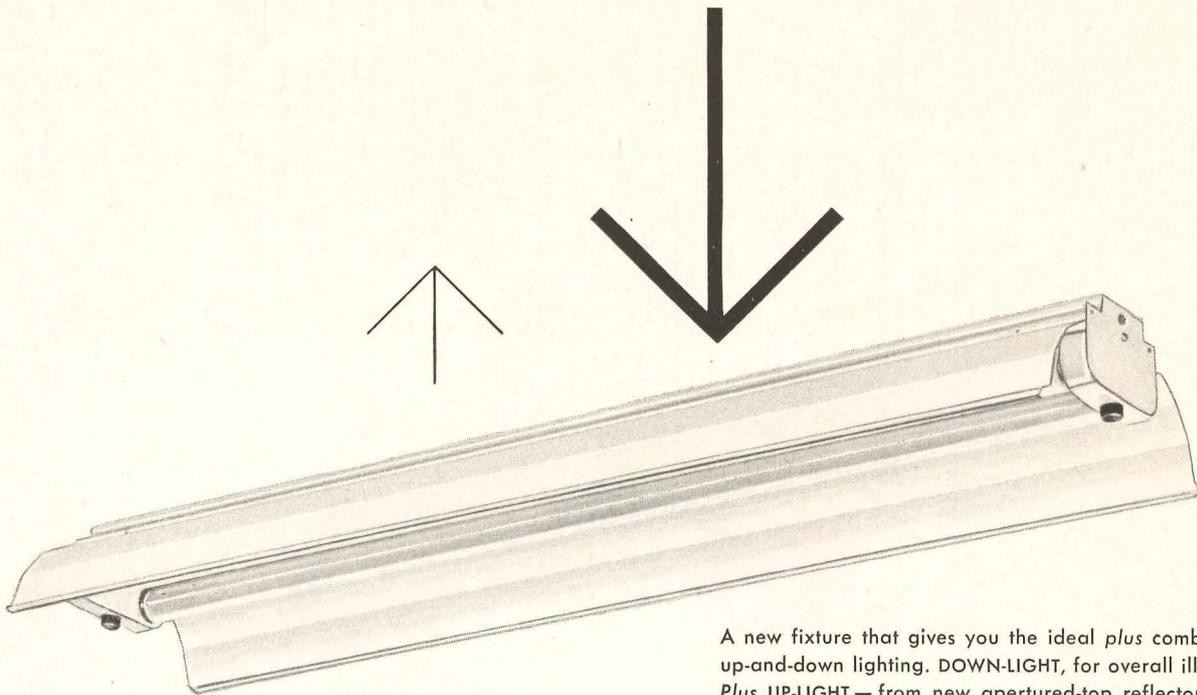
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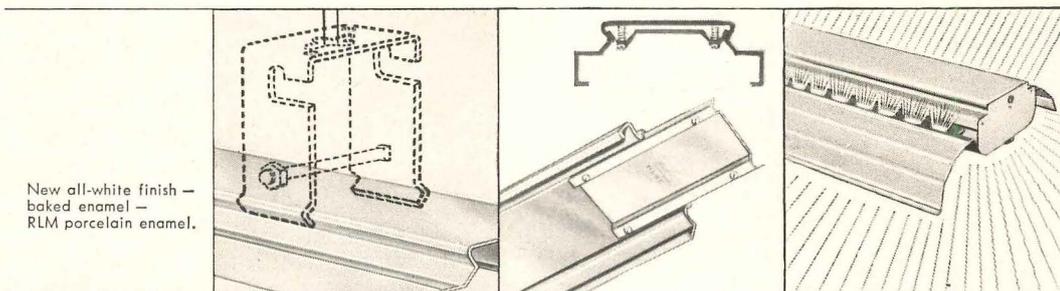


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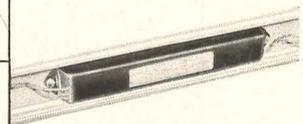
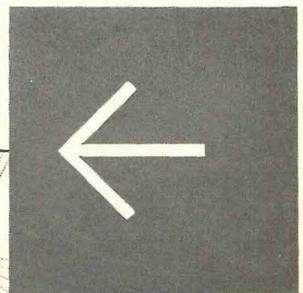


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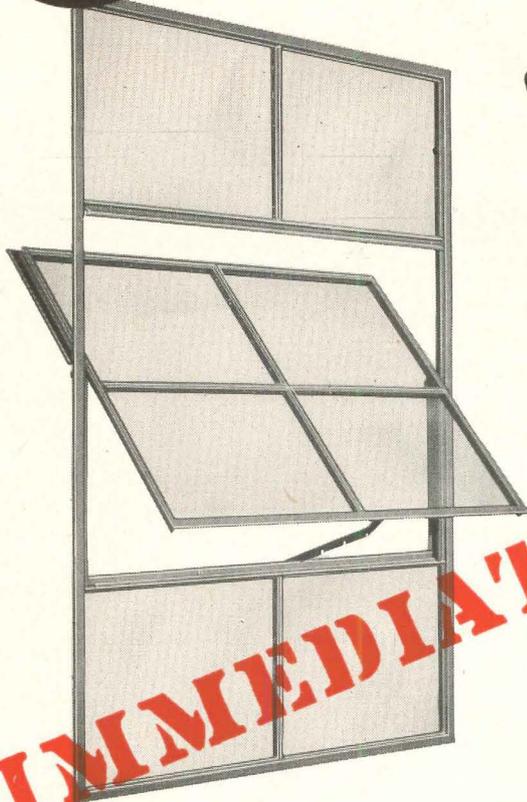
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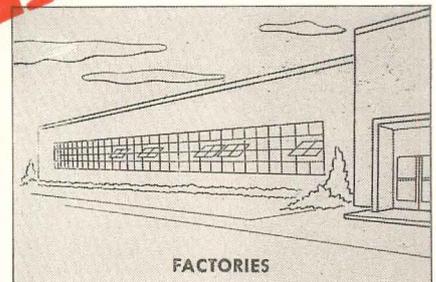


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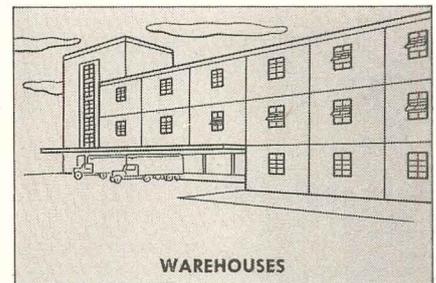
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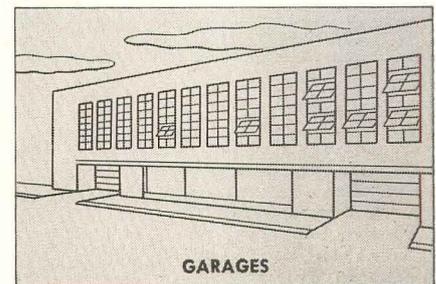
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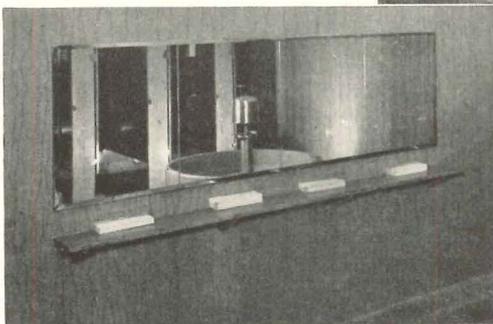
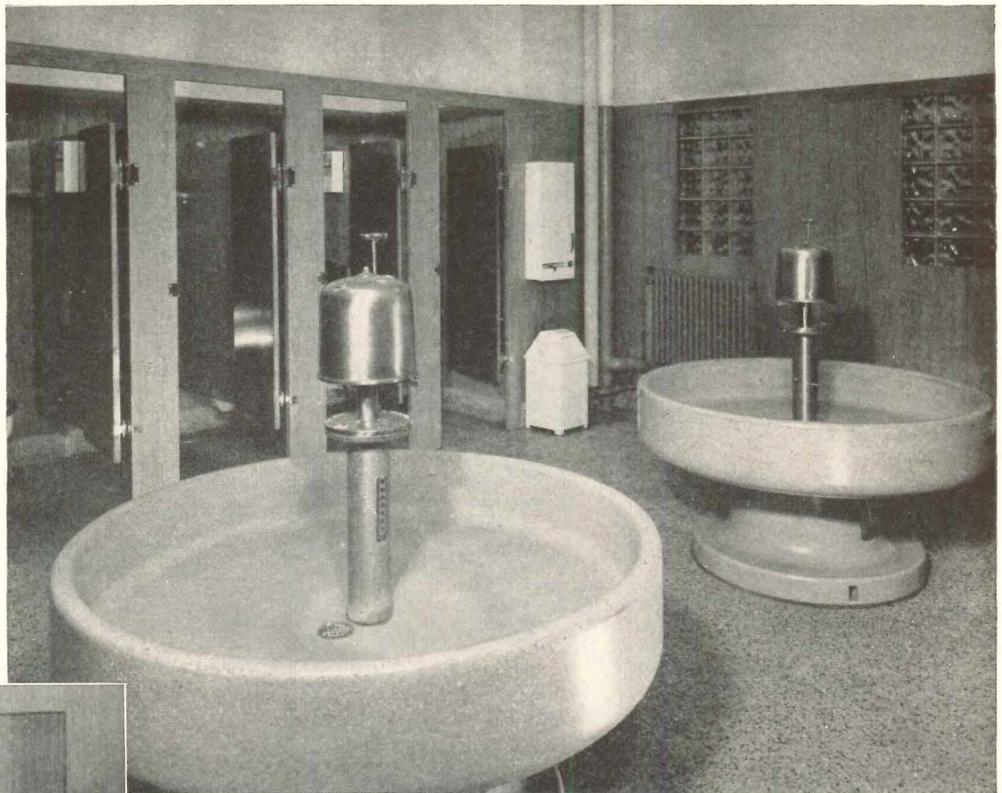
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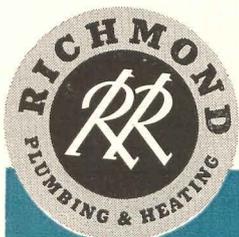
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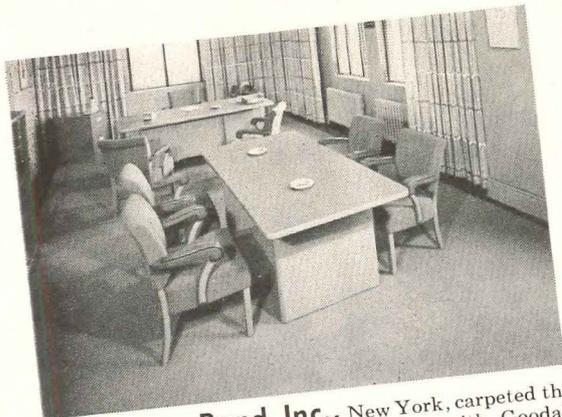
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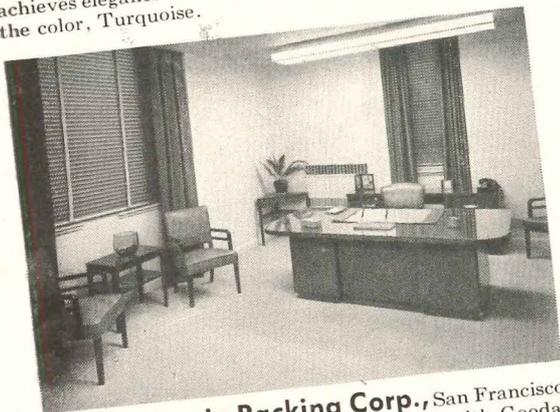
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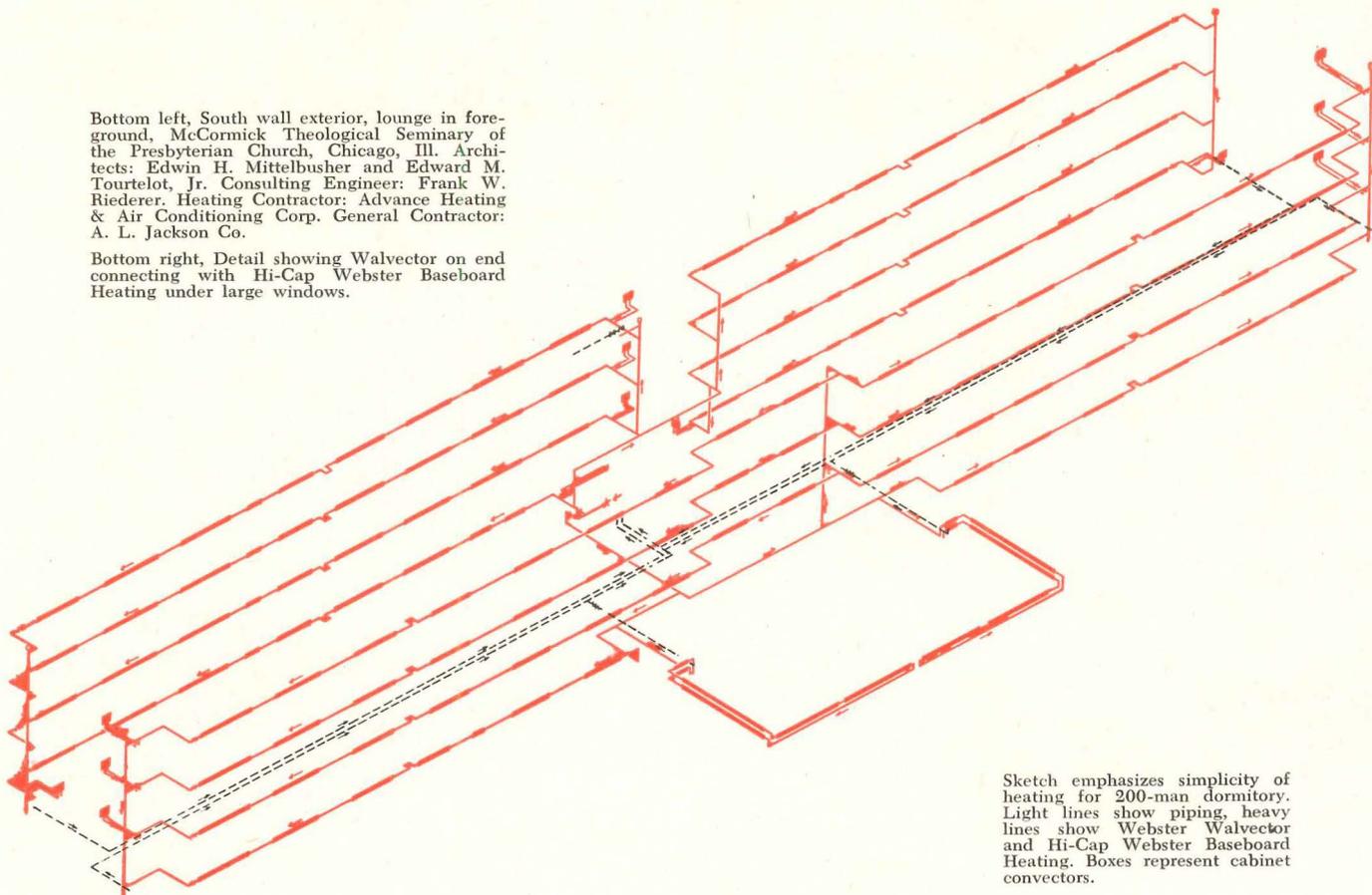
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Bottom right, Detail showing Walvector on end connecting with Hi-Cap Webster Baseboard Heating under large windows.



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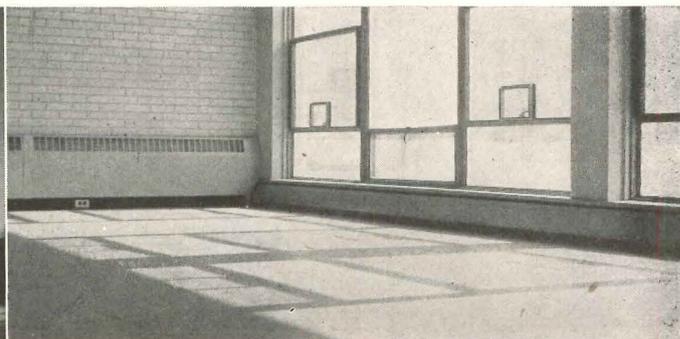
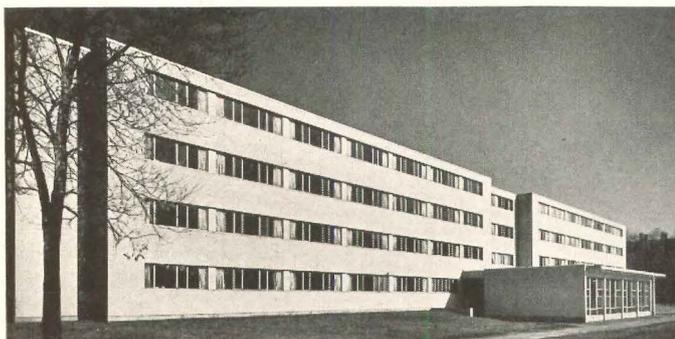
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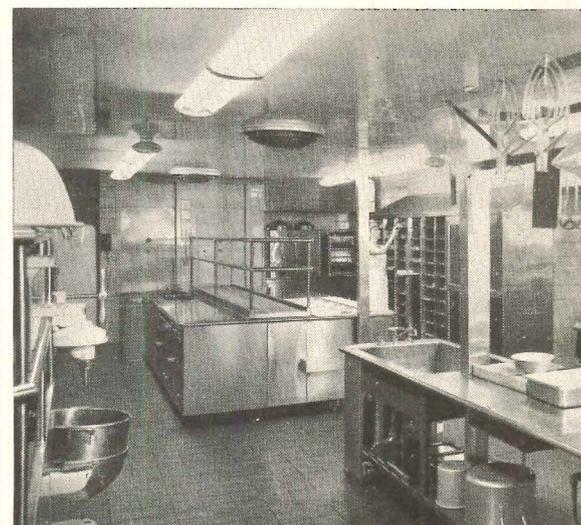
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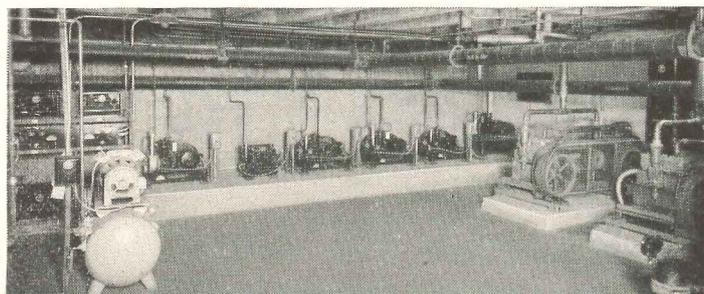
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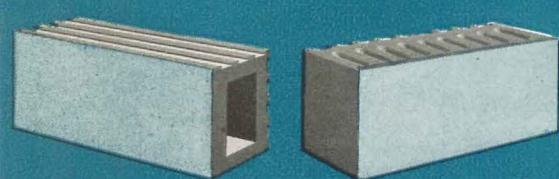
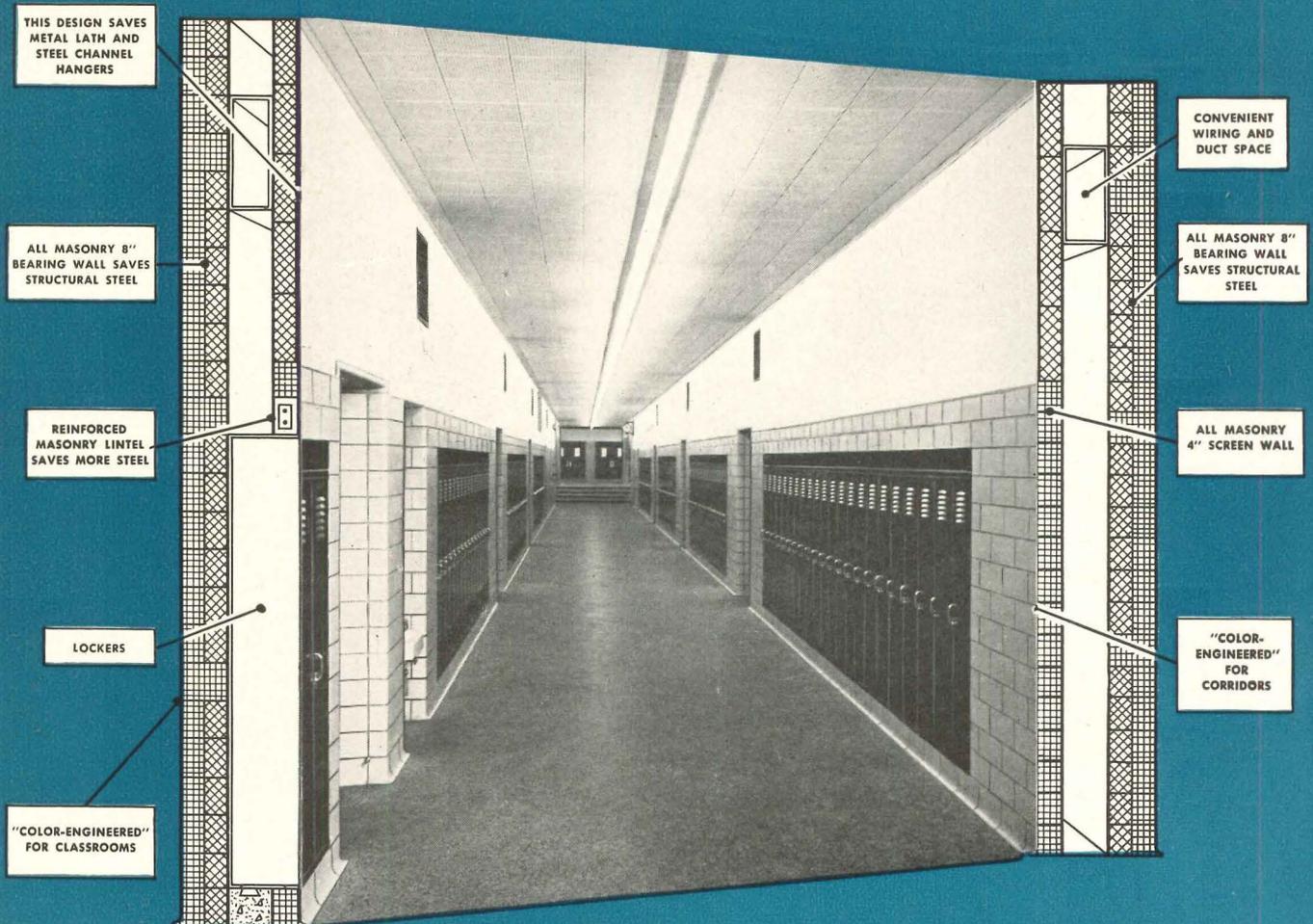
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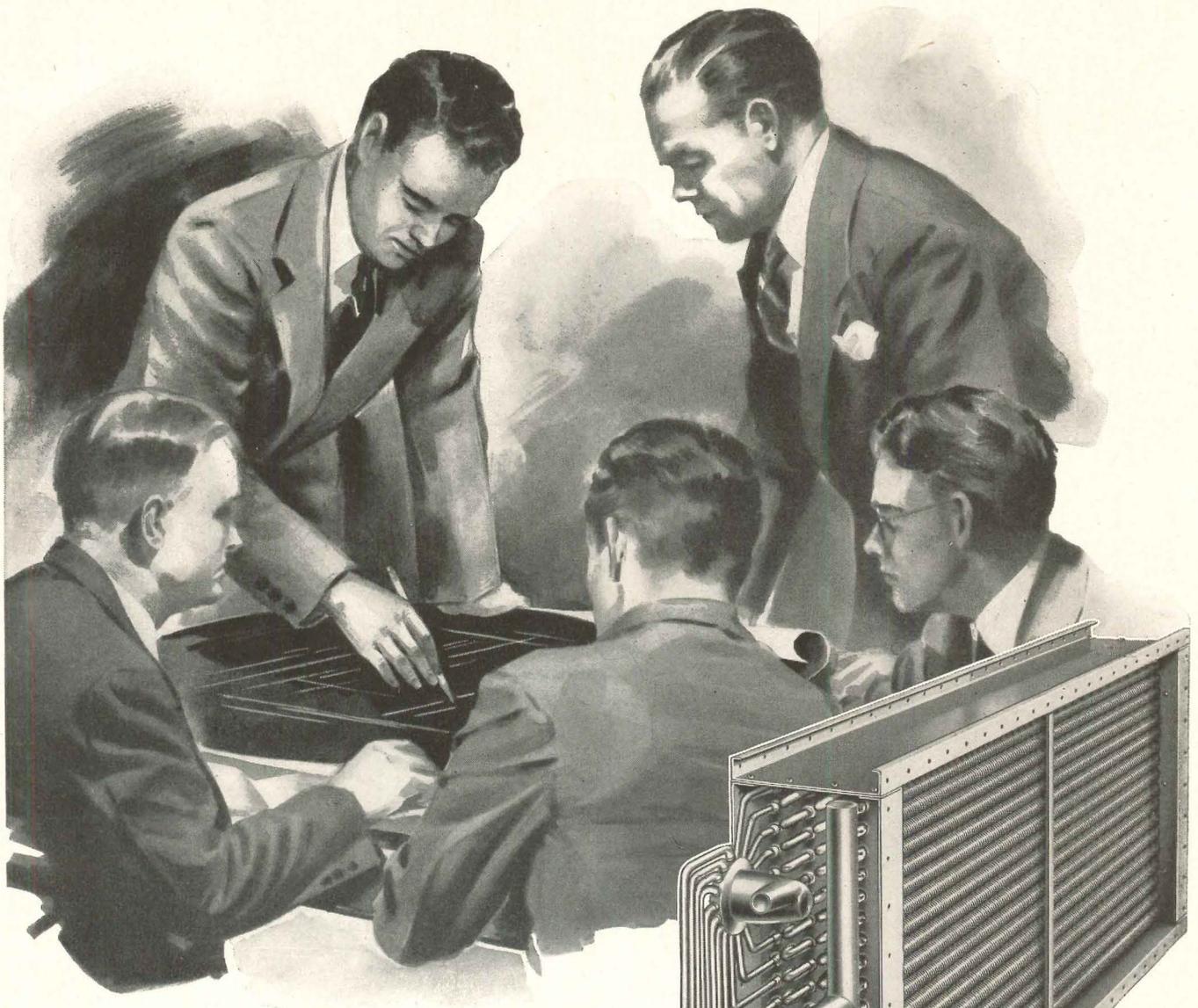
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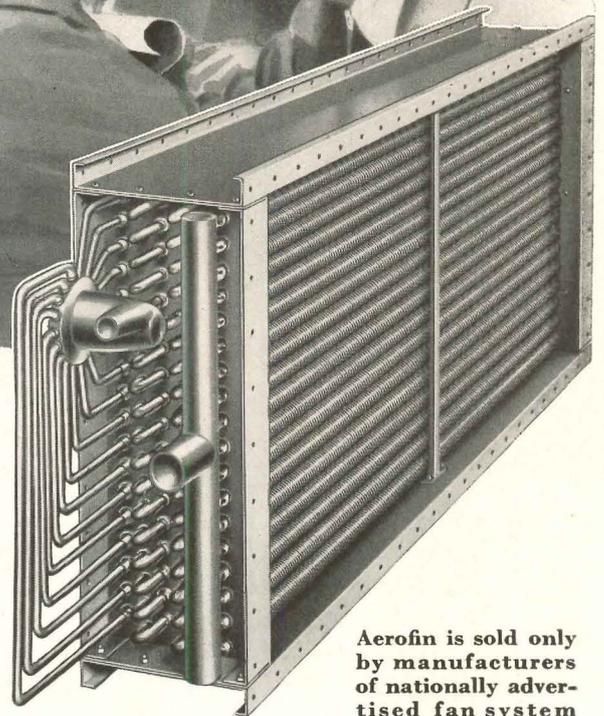
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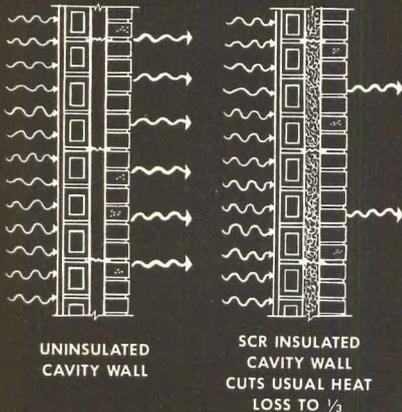
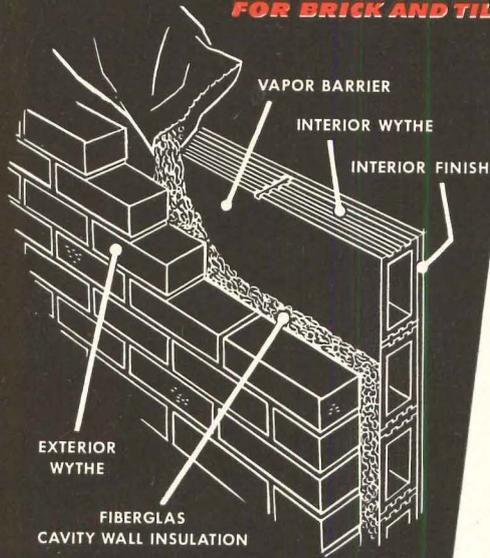
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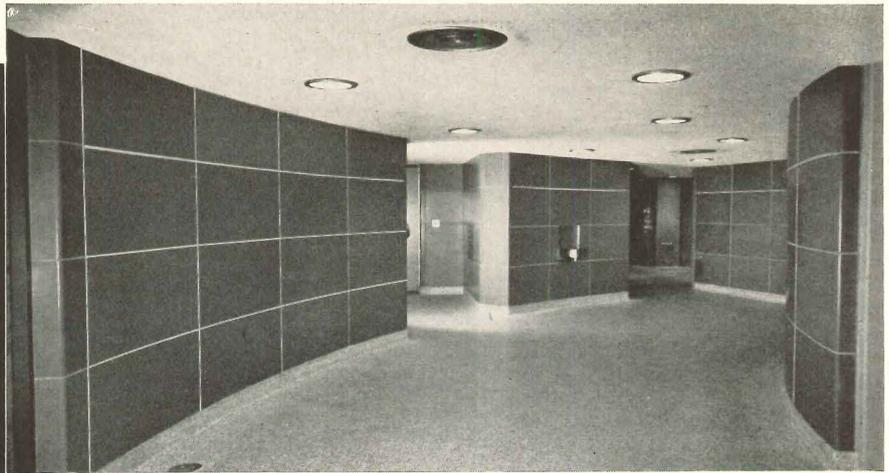
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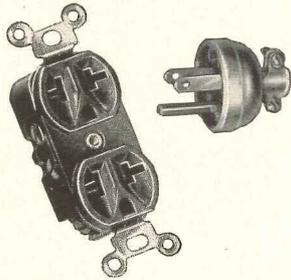
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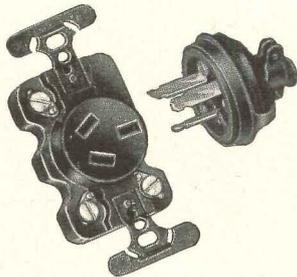
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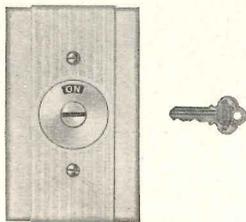




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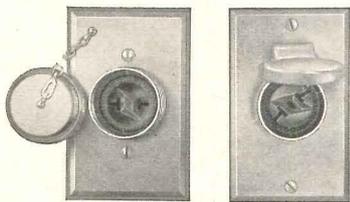


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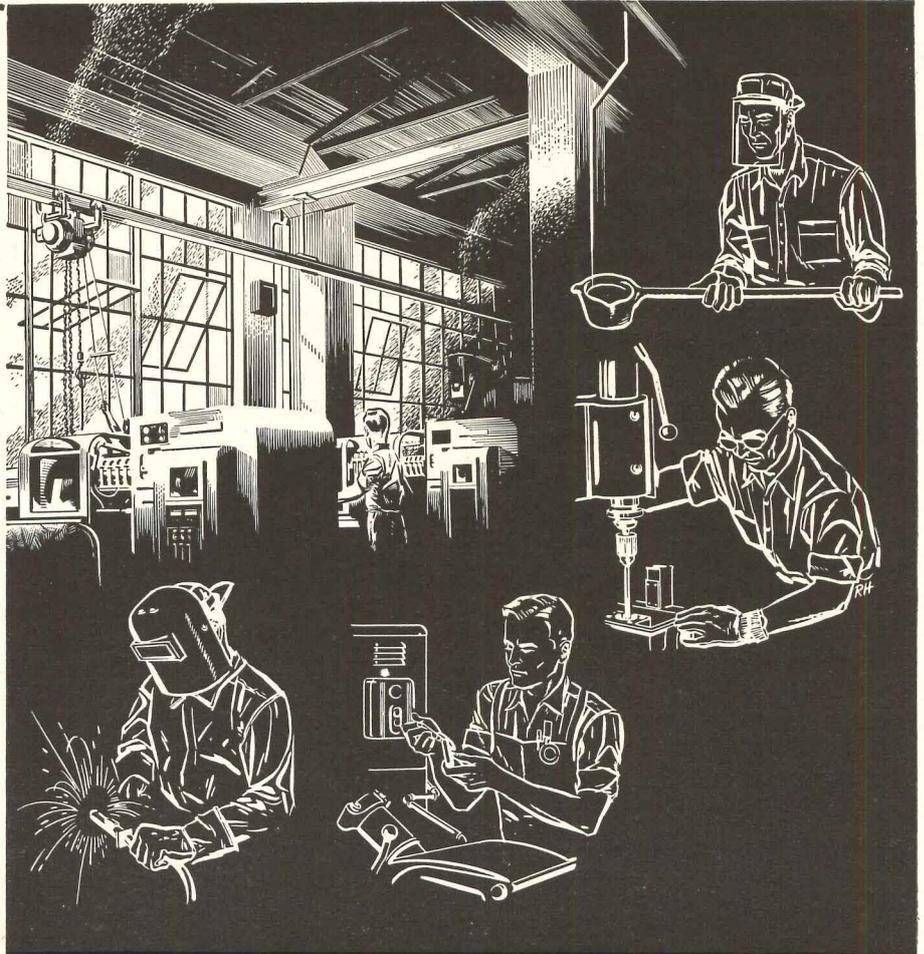
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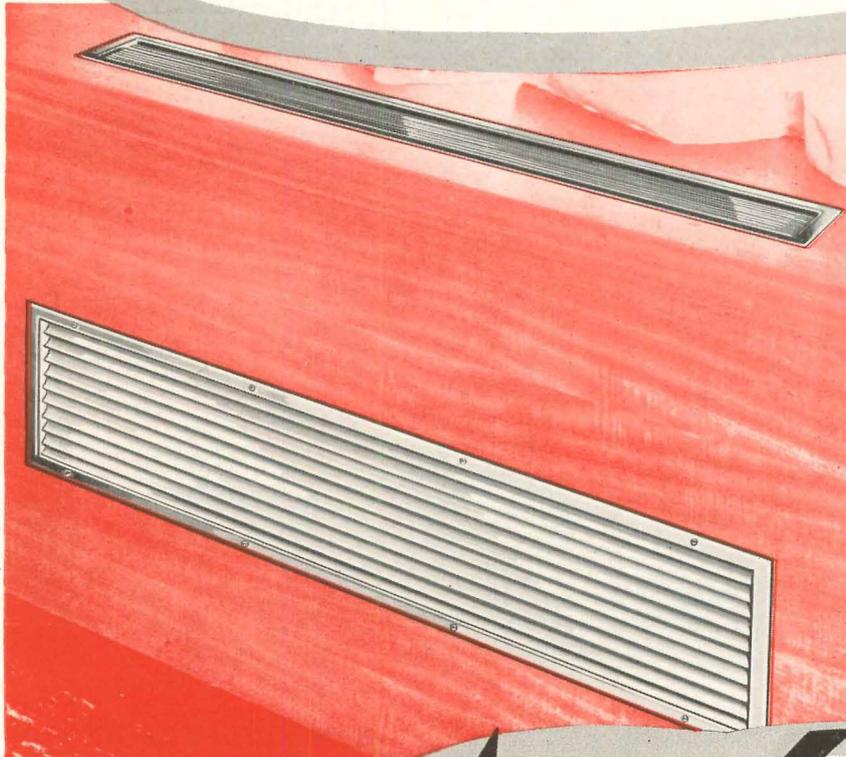
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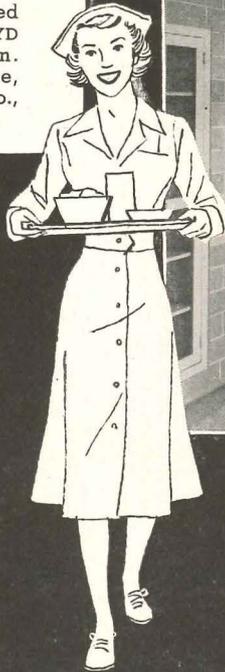
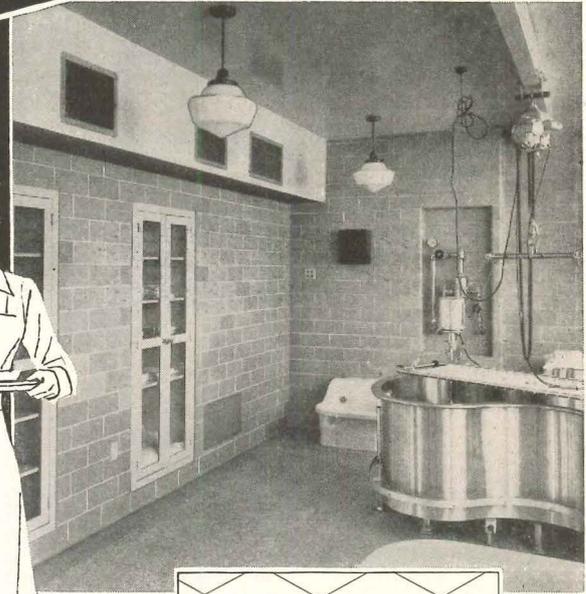
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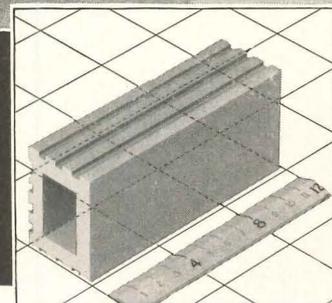
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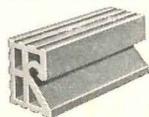


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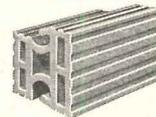
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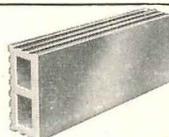
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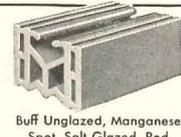
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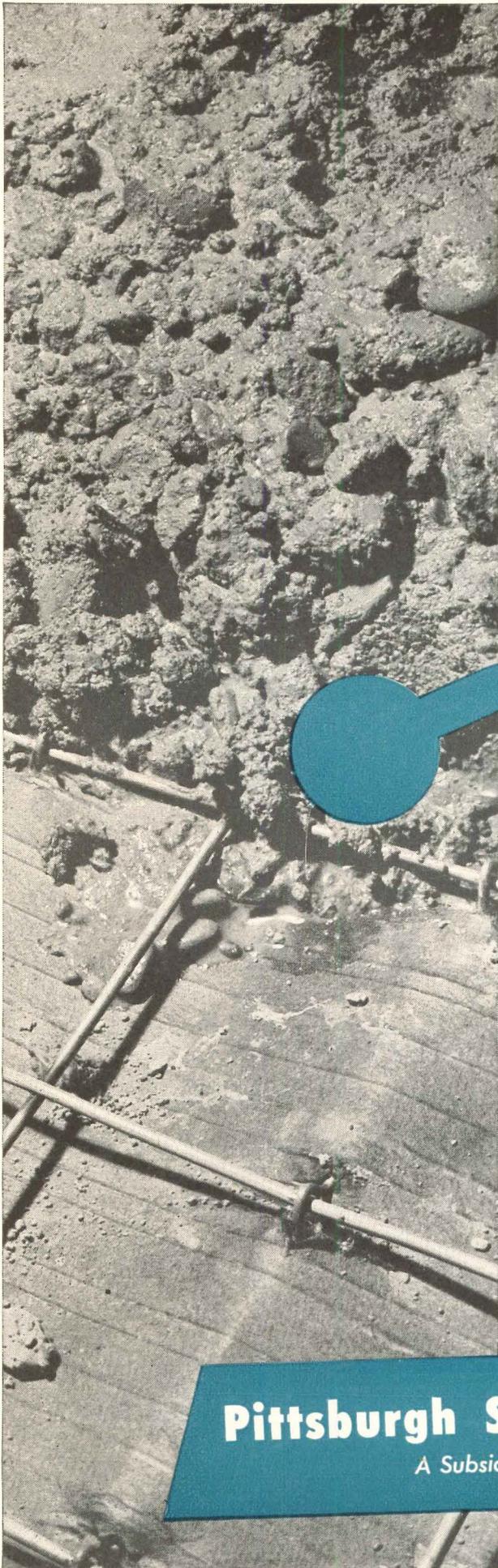
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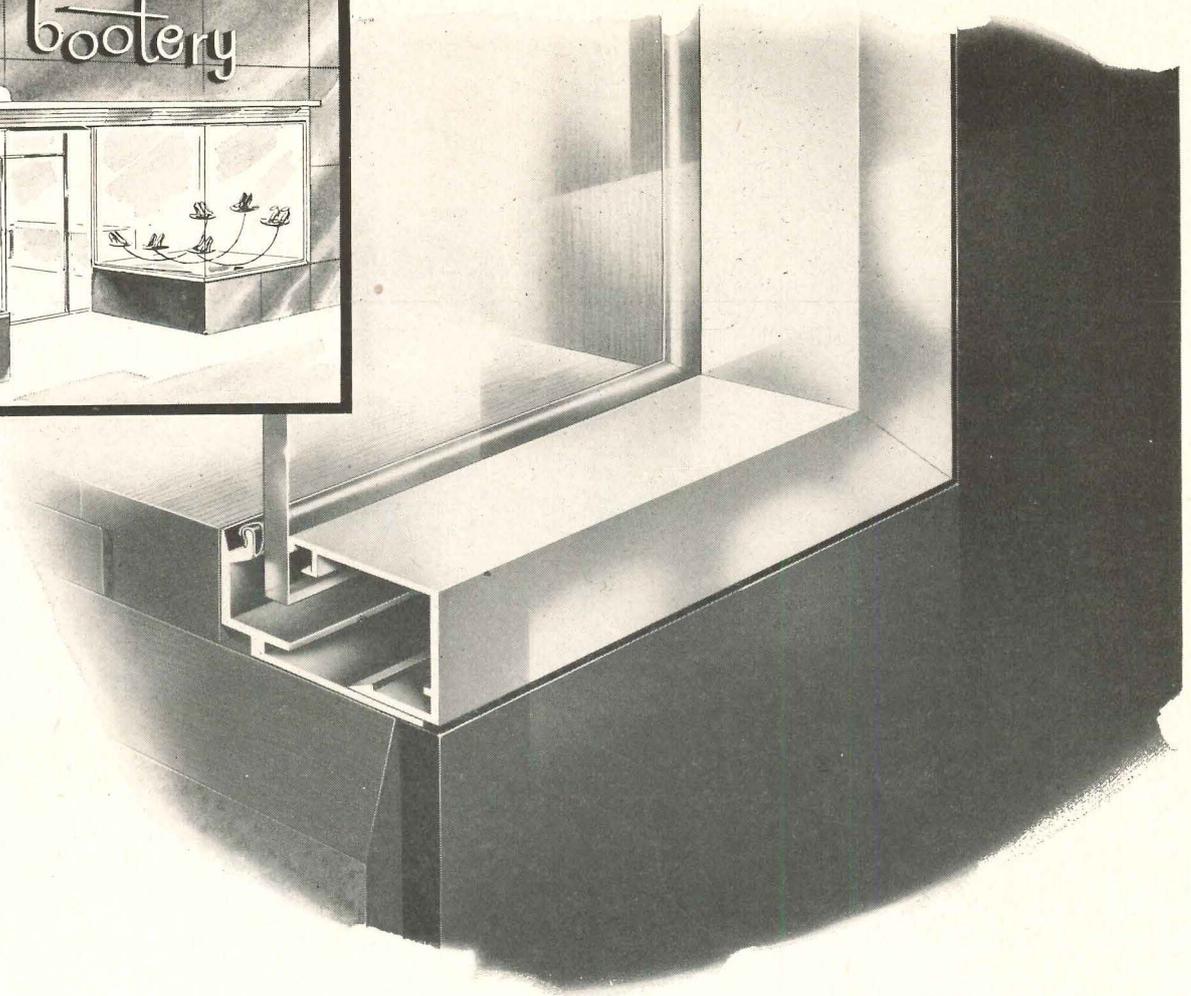
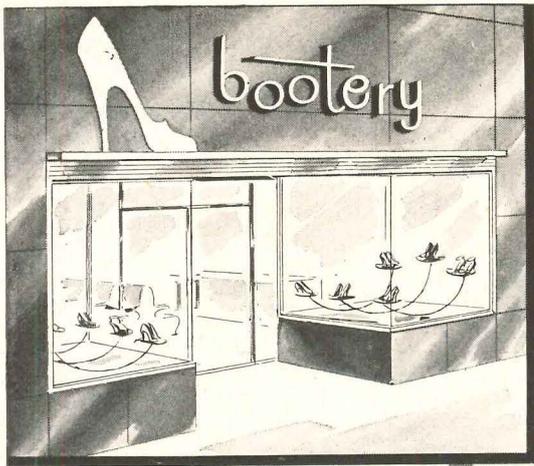


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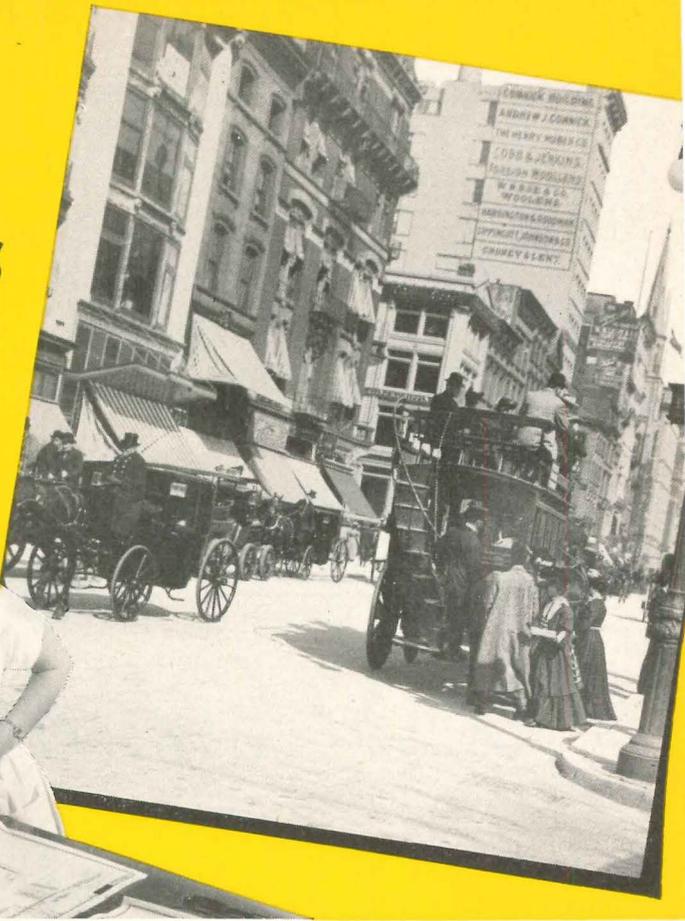


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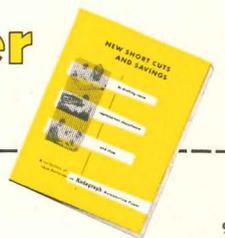
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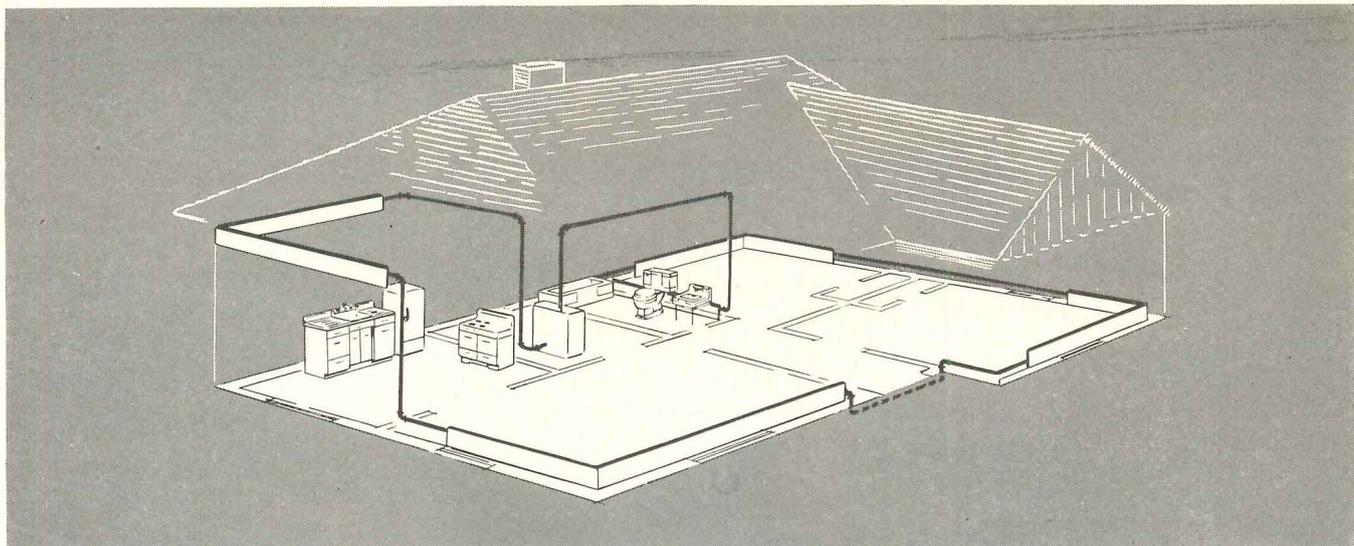
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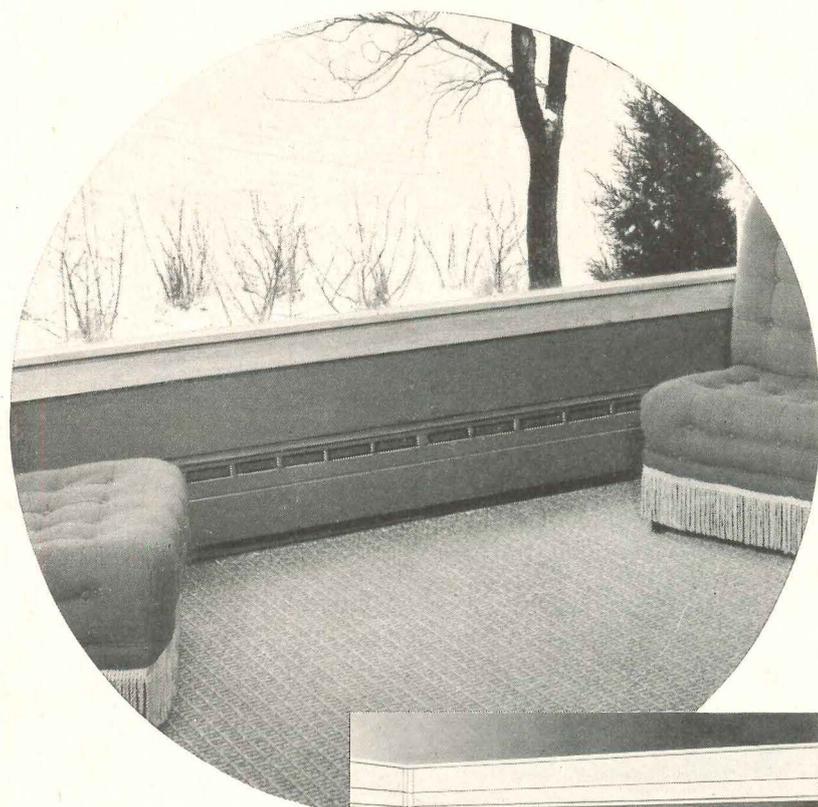
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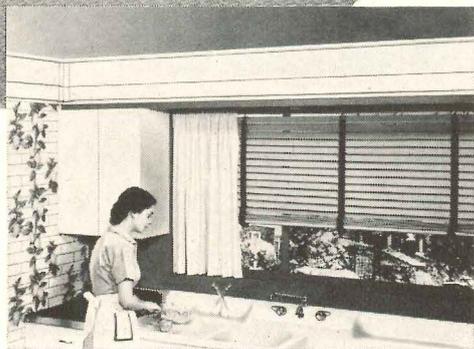
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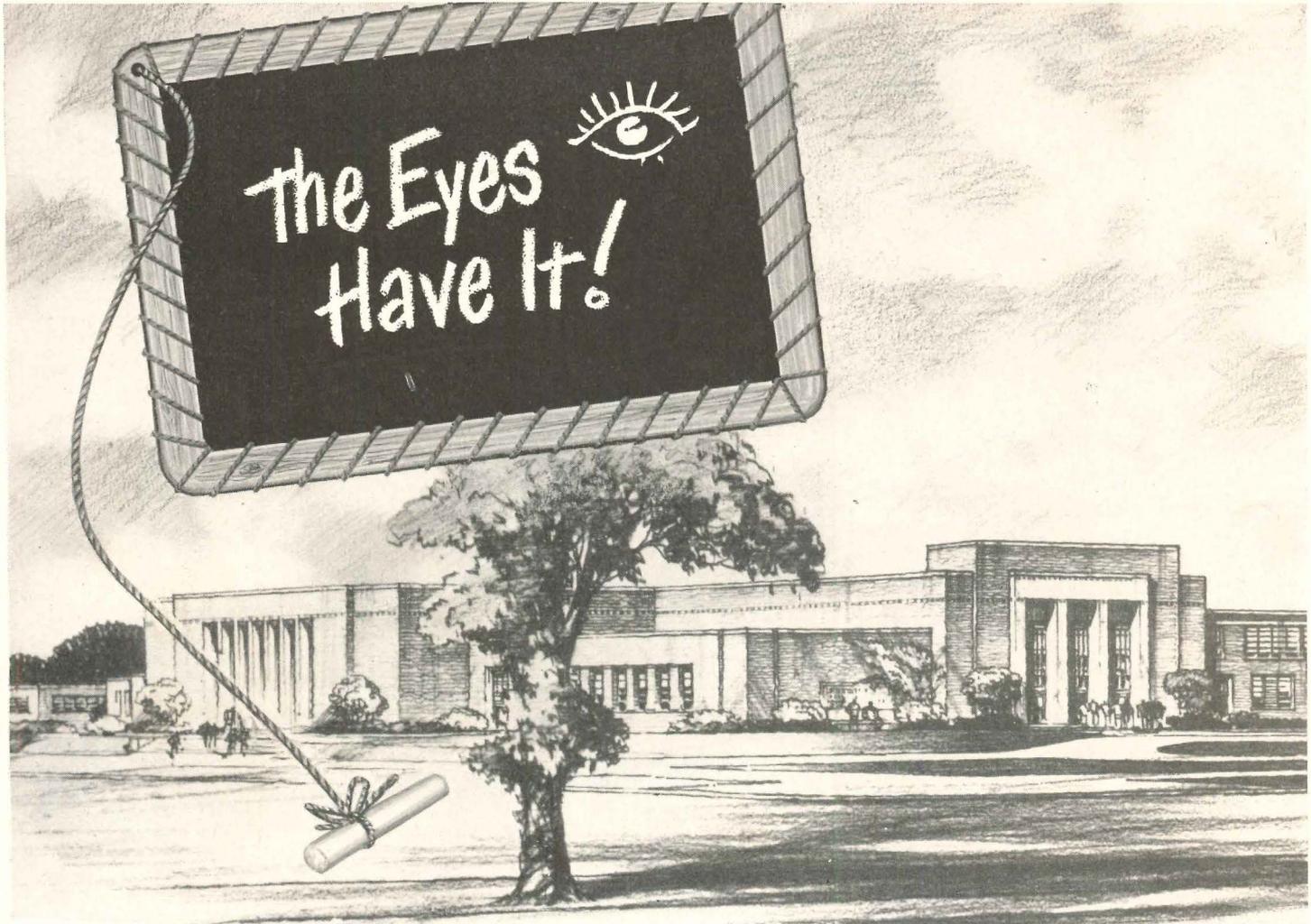


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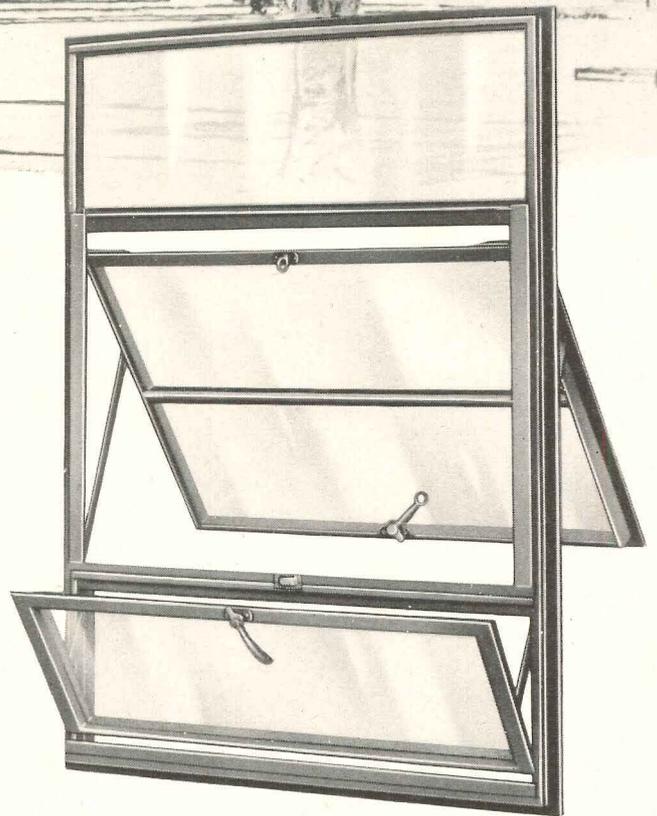
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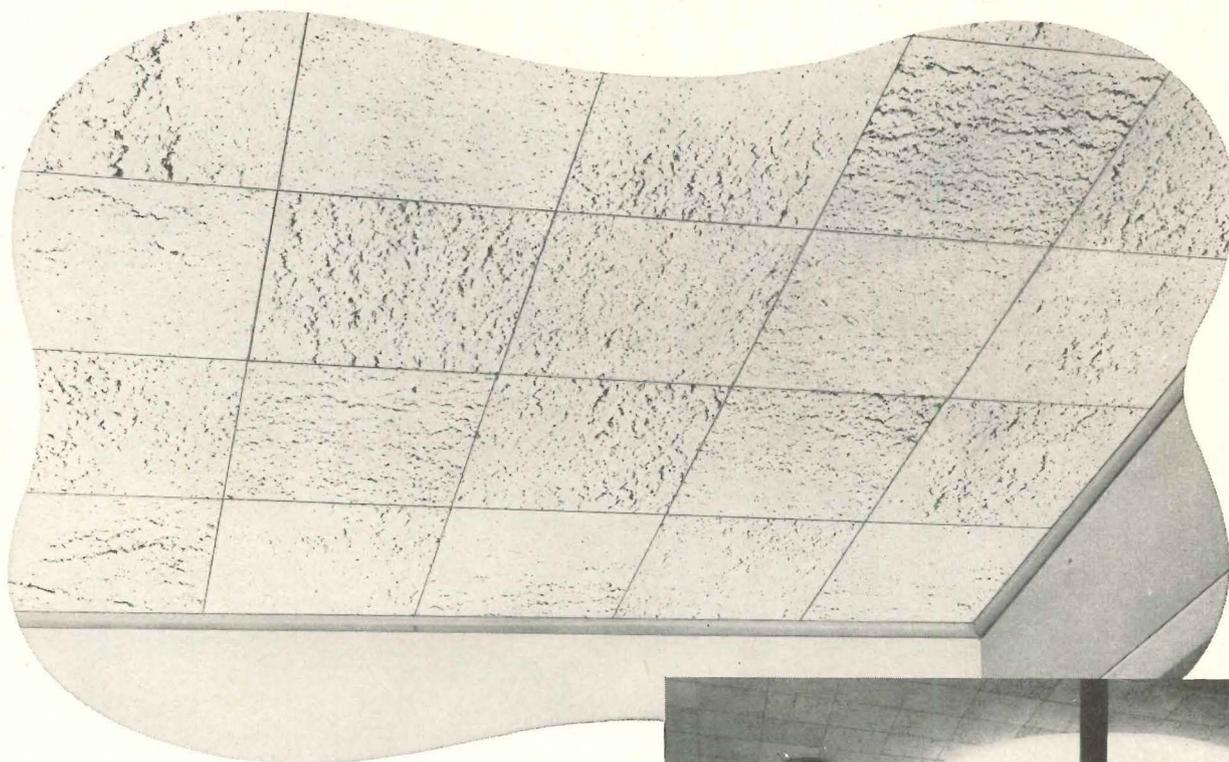


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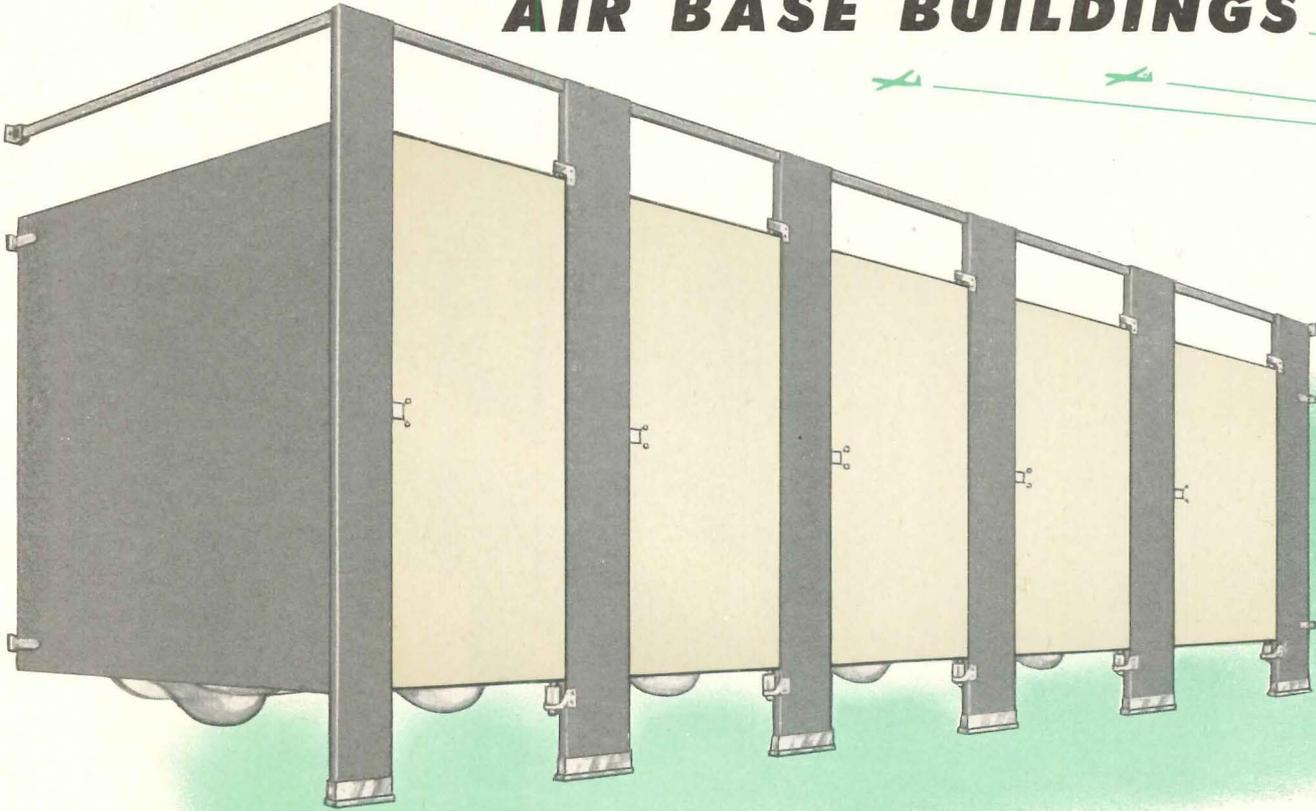


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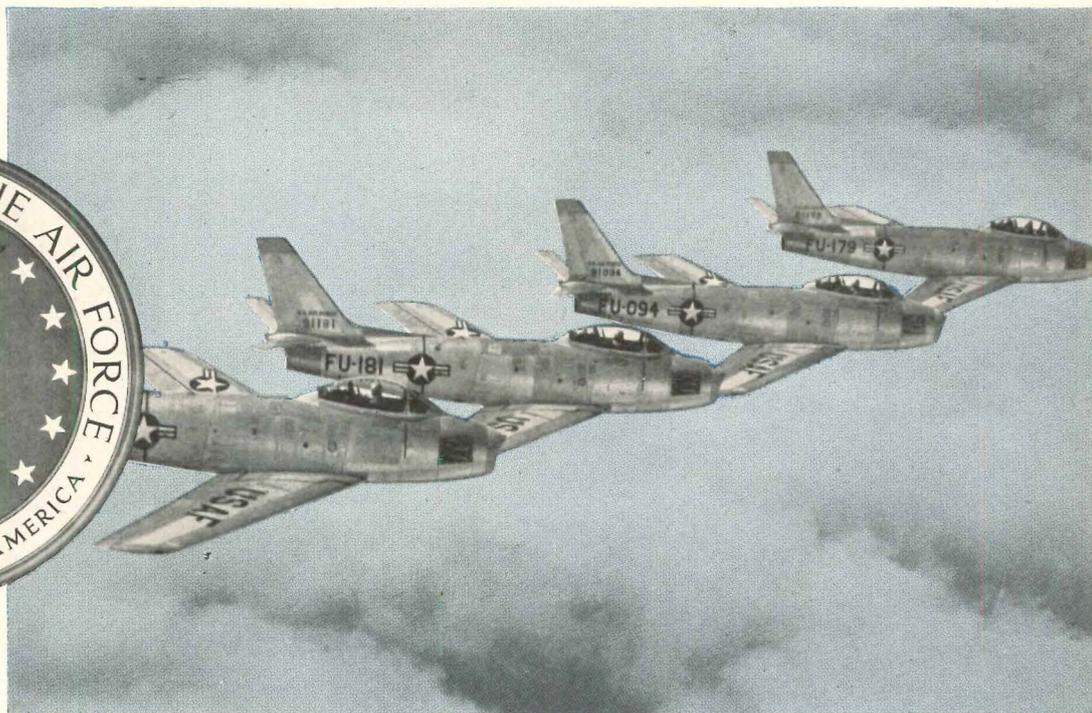
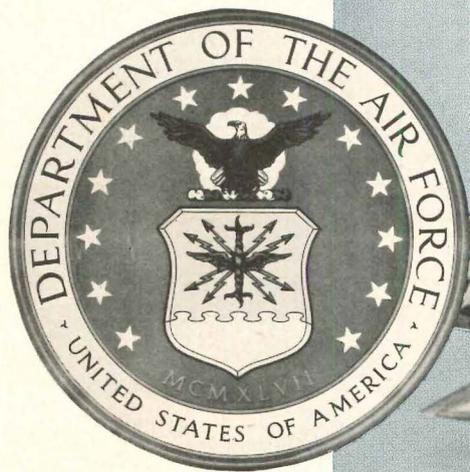
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ARCHITECTS anxious to turn their talents to buildings for the Air Force will find a well formulated program, complete with planning criteria, awaiting them. Architect-engineer contracts are given out by the Division and District offices of the Army Corps of Engineers (see ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, March, 1951, for directory), where full instructions and basic planning aids are available. While the background planning study for various types of buildings, from barracks to celestial-navigation-trainer buildings, was done by a central architectural unit for the Air Force, all of the prototype plans are given out to participating architects through the decentralized offices of the Corps of Engineers. No Washington contact is necessary.

Planning aids take the form of "definitive drawings" for various types of buildings (there are more than two hundred drawings), plus a set of outline specifications. The definitives are basic plans, similar to the usual preliminaries, for various sizes and types of dozens of specialized buildings. They are not working drawings, and they leave a good deal of scope to individual architects.

The definitives are the result of intensive field surveys of the special requirements of Air Force buildings by staff architects of the Architectural Services Branch of the Directorate of Installations. Through such study, criteria have been developed for all standard types of buildings, to insure functional adequacy, economy of construction and speed of execution. Participating architects, then, are presented with a prepared parti for each building and outline instructions as to specifications, from which to complete an architectural design suited to local conditions, final plans and working drawings, detailed specifications and contract documents.

Architects are called upon to work to rigid dictates of economy, in fact the word "austerity" is heard frequently in the Pentagon. In spite of the ease with which Washington talks about billions — and the Air Force building program does run into billions — military architects are extremely sensitive to murmurs of extravagance. The American airman, like the American foot soldier, will be the best housed and best fed in the world, but there will be no fanciness in his buildings.

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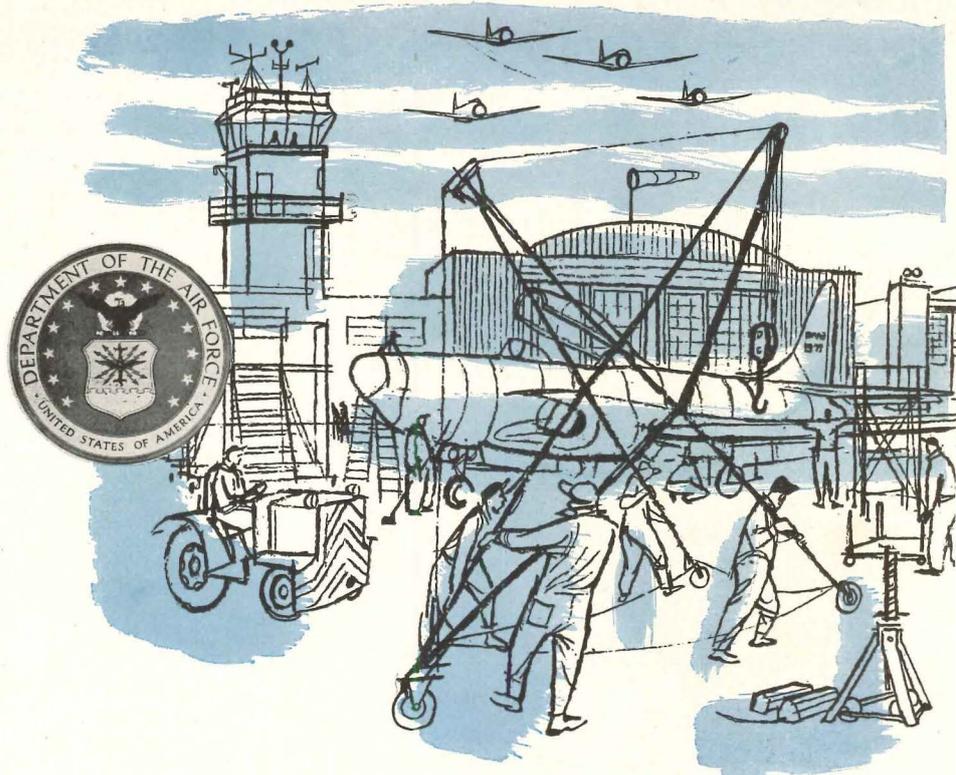
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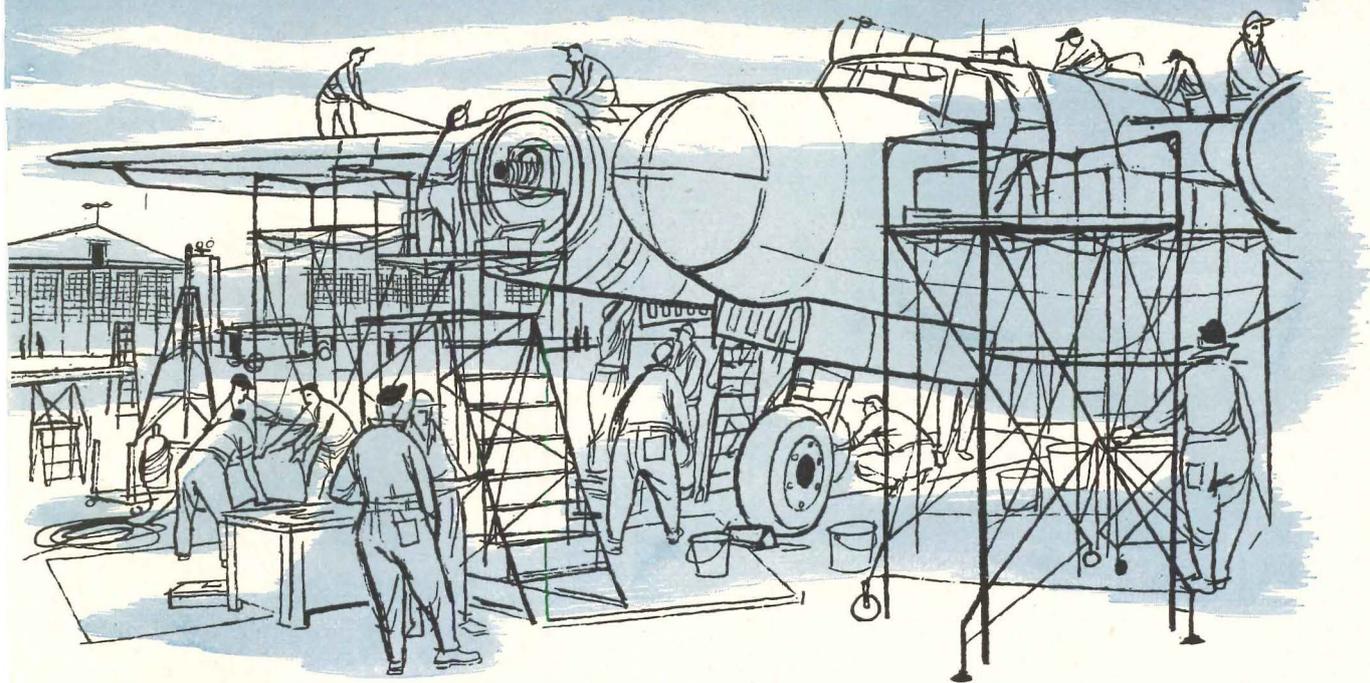
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ARCHITECTS undertaking commissions to plan buildings for the Air Force will be expected to produce final plans, working drawings and contract documents expeditiously, and they may expect to adhere to the strictest dictates of economy. They are not asked, however, to put aside imaginative urgings or common-sense inventiveness; they are, in fact, expected to exhibit their usual design ingenuity within the requirements of function and budget. Of course, should the design urge run to useless embellishments or nostalgic doodads, the Engineer Corps, which makes contracts for the Air Force, will give it all a crisp veto. But the whole Air Force building program is designed to utilize the services of private architects, local architects wherever possible, and to exact full performance.

Most of the background thinking has already been done by the Air Force Architectural Services Branch, Directorate of Installations, and is available to participating architects in the books of definitive drawings which may be reviewed at the various offices of the Engineer Corps. These show the requirements, space allotments, and policies of the Air Force for a great variety of more or less standard building types. These drawings, with the Outline Specifications, become virtually the Air Force instructions to the Corps of Engineers, and thence to commissioned architects. They are essentially diagrammatic floor plans; the architect is then to develop site plans, provisions for utilities, working drawings, detailed specifications and contract documents.

Air Force buildings for the current emergency are assumed for a 10-year life, though in some for permanent use the specifications are drawn for a 25-year



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life. And the 10-year buildings are so designed that with some refinements in finishes, siding, roofing and so on they will meet the 25-year specifications if these are required for longer use.

The 10-year description comes from the assumption that in general new installations will be semi-permanent, as part of a preparedness program of unpredictable duration. Some bases, on the other hand, are planned as part of a permanent, or 25-year, standing defense installation. It is assumed, too, that some of the semi-permanent bases may later be designated permanent, and the 10-year buildings brought up to 25-year standards. In any case, the policy is to anticipate the dismantling of most bases and building installations, and hold investments to a minimum.

Actually the savings represented by the differences in specifications are not up to expectations at the time the policy was laid down by Congress, when the savings were lightly assumed in the neighborhood of 20 per cent; life expectancies for buildings are pretty vague calculations, and for any building it is necessary to use a sound structural system and a certain minimum of equipment. The area for savings then is limited to such minor items as siding material, roofing, floor and wall finishes. Nevertheless there is some saving, and if the building is dismantled according to plan, the savings hold, for the experience of wartime shows that virtually nothing is salvaged when military buildings are junked.

The difference in planned life is, usually, merely a matter of specifications, not of plan. In other words, the floor plans in the definitive drawings hold, no matter what the assumed life.

Specifications are given in fairly general terms in the

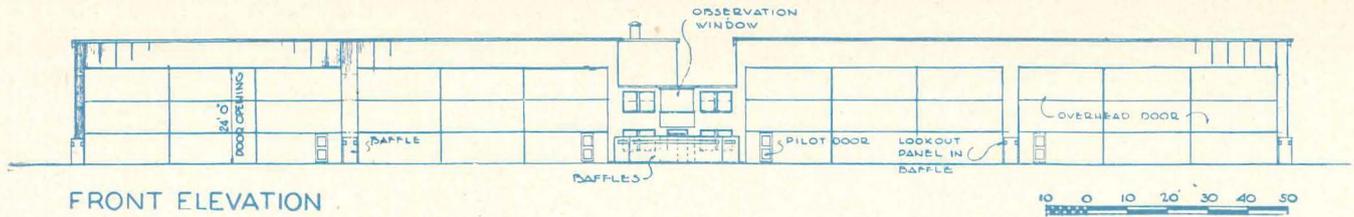
“Outline Specifications for Standard Air Force Buildings,” for the two major categories, which are usually referred to as Type C (combustible) and Type N (non-combustible). Type C is, of course, normal wood frame construction, and the specifications assert that this “will be accepted from the standpoint of longevity and should be considered in every case except where combustible materials are specifically prohibited or where more durable and satisfactory construction is obtainable at a cost no greater than that of wood frame.”

Also, “These specifications are not intended to preclude the use of new materials and construction methods if they are comparable in cost and equally suitable.”

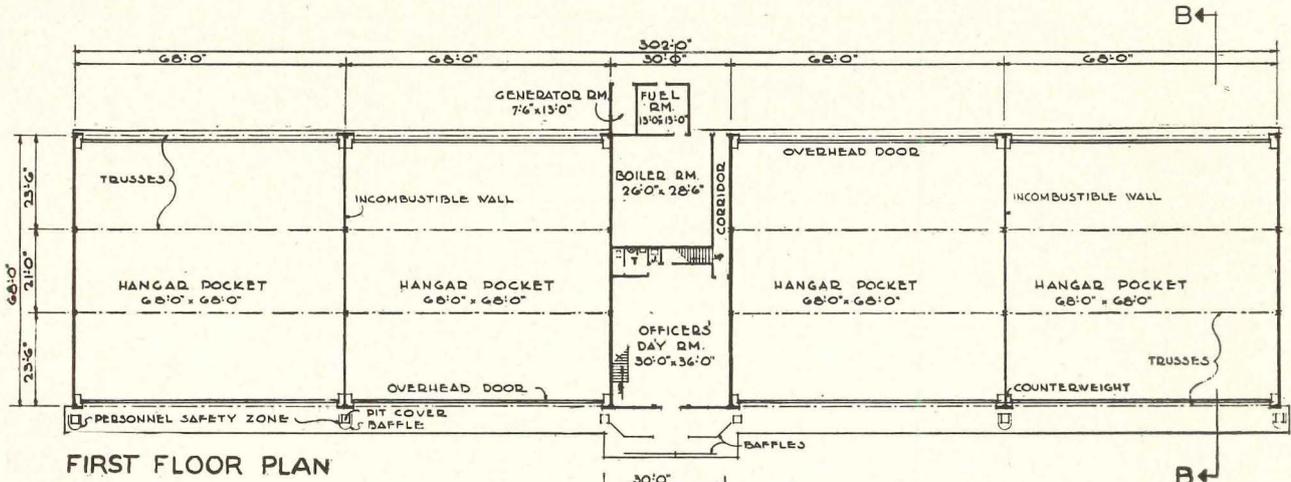
Prefabricated construction is encouraged, with the usual stipulations as to cost and suitability.

Of especial interest to architects is this paragraph: “It is not considered essential that new structures conform with the established style of architecture at existing installations. It is desirable instead that the designs be consistently economical and generally in harmony with the simple contemporary architectural trends, devoid of any details or ornamentations, applied purely for the sake of embellishment. Full advantage should be taken of the use of the natural textures and color of the materials employed as well as of the variety afforded by the properly selected color schemes where paint is applied.”

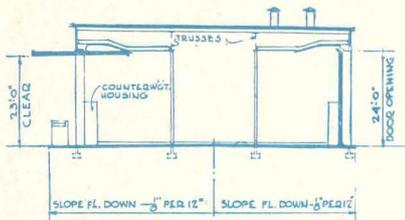
In other words, even though he may be called upon to follow floor plans with near exactness, he must determine architectural styling, must adapt plans to local climate, and will find considerable range in fenestration, overhang, materials and colors. He is still expected to be an architect, and to think as such.



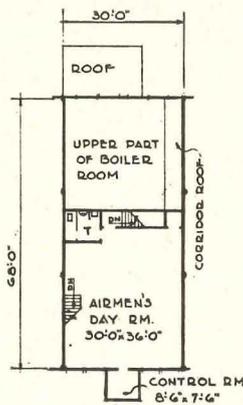
FRONT ELEVATION



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECTION B-B



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

ALERT HANGARS

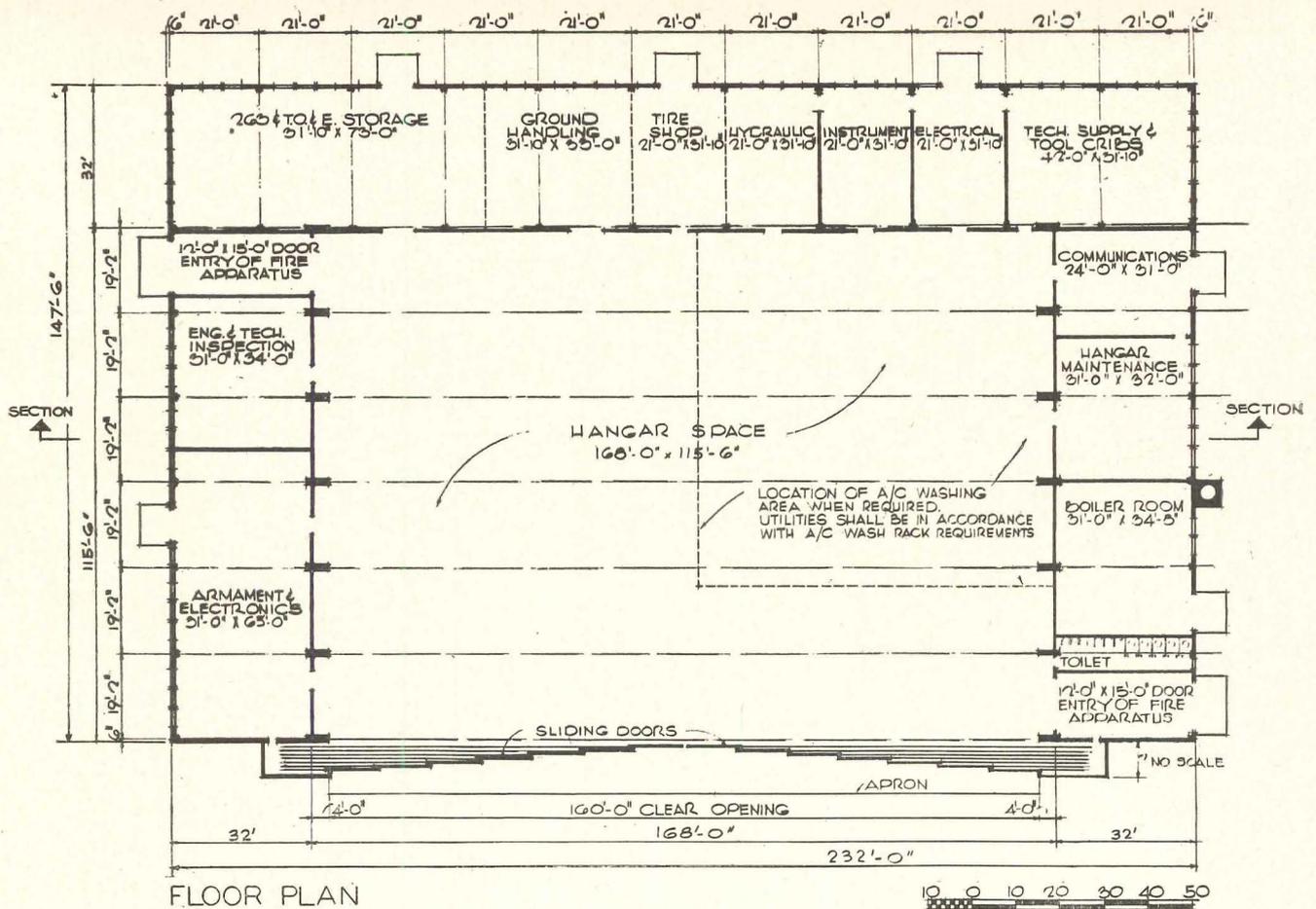
THE AIR FORCE "alert hangar" represents a new concept of defensive preparedness, in which fighter planes are to be air borne within 90 seconds. Such fast action imposes a number of requirements which, in the first place, necessitate keeping the alerted planes in hangars, and also then dictate the design of the hangar. Planes must be under cover so that they can be kept warmed up, manned, and ready to fly.

Actually the planes must take off right from the hangar; there is no time in the 90-second schedule for wheeling them out. A hangar which is actually a take-off point must, then, fulfil some special requirements. In the first place, the hangar must have quick-operating doors, both front and back, so that the plane can move quickly, and so that its power will not blow the building apart. The requirement is for vertical-operating doors to achieve full opening within 30 seconds. The hangar form must be narrow, with one pocket for each plane. It must be fire-resistant, of course, and heated. It must also have accommodations for airmen, comprising a day room for officers, on the ground floor, and one for

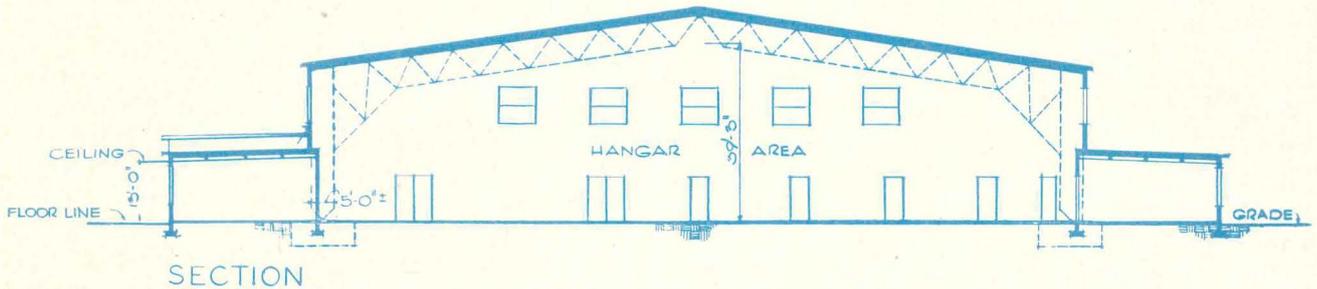
airmen on the second floor. Note also on the plan the baffles at the personnel entrance and at the pocket partitions; these are for protection against the air blast, or jet blast. The individual baffles between pocket doors protect the man operating the doors when the plane takes off.

Each alert hangar is arranged for four alerted planes. The scheme is to have sufficient hangar pockets, in several hangars, for the first flight of fighter planes to take off during an alert. Other fighters might be kept in a "readiness hangar," as a second line. These planes would have some more time than the first flight; the normal plan would be for them to take the places of the first flight in the alert hangars to await signals to take off.

The alert hangar might appear at any base from which fighter planes would operate, whether an advanced base or an "aircraft control and warning station." So, while this is a new type of hangar, it is expected to be built in large numbers, so that the Air Force is never caught with its fighters on the ground.



FLOOR PLAN



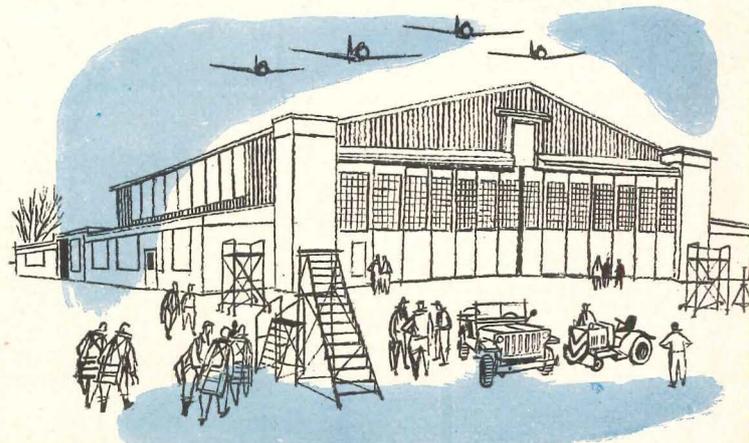
READINESS HANGARS

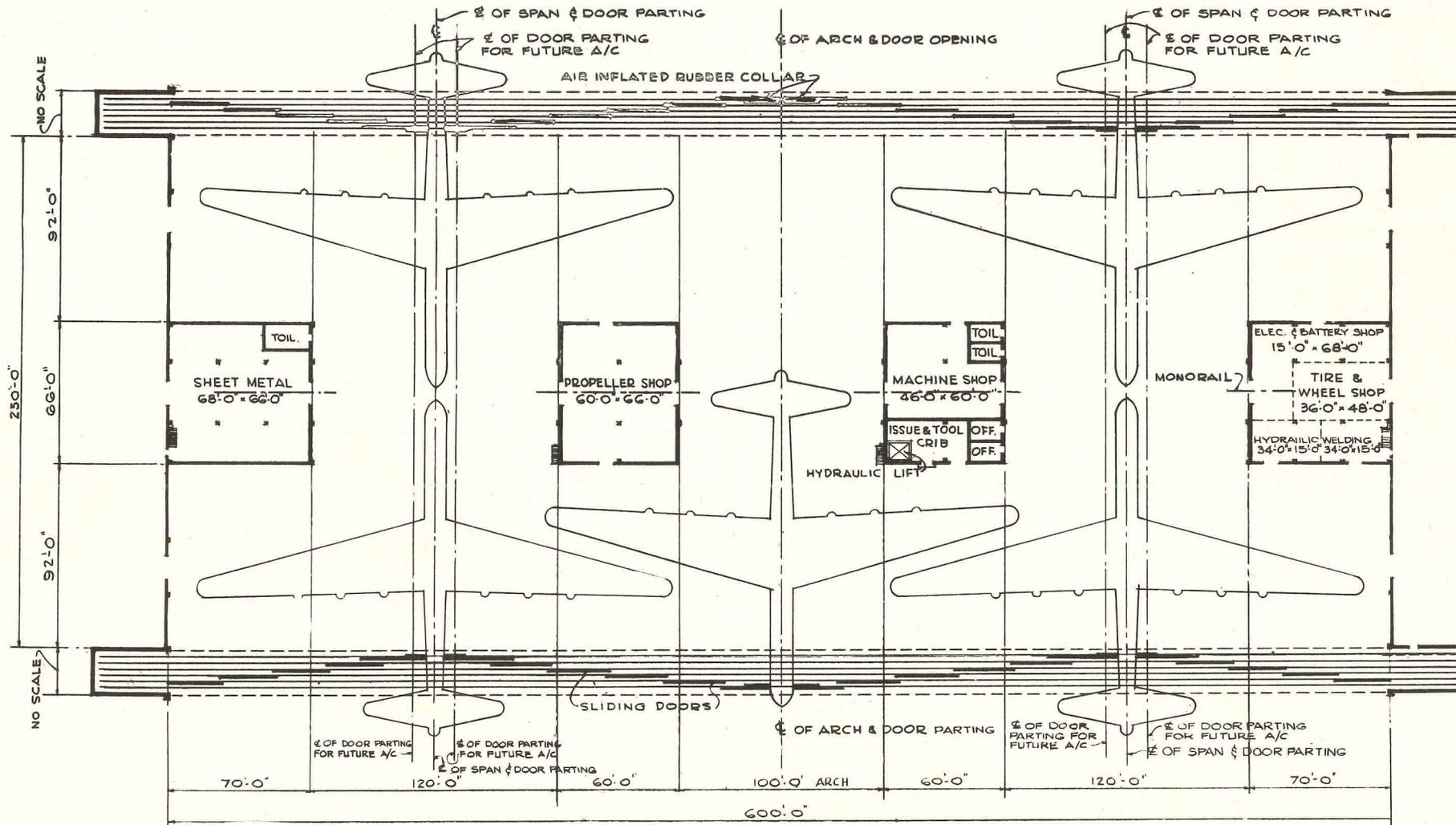
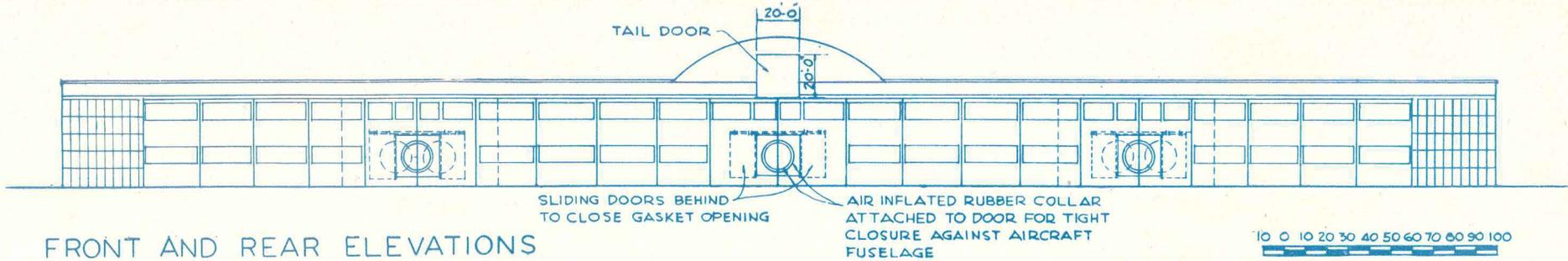
THE READINESS HANGAR is one of the Air Force hangar designs that uses the conventional form so familiar in the last war. It is really a multiple-purpose hangar, without the highly specialized requirements of the alert hangar, but useful in many ways.

For planes kept "in readiness" it provides a place where fighter planes, or even larger ones, can be parked under cover, kept warm, and can be taken out with reasonable despatch, either to use or to the alert hangar. Thus the long-span, completely open interior is desirable. There is no thought, however, that planes would be kept lined up for instant service, or that they would actually be flown out of the hangar.

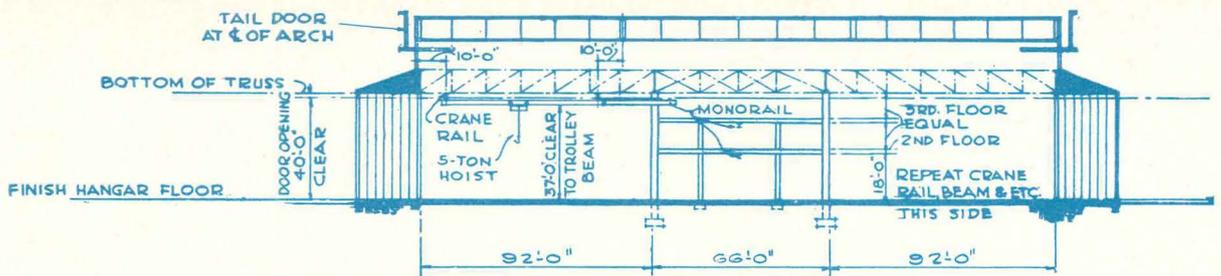
The readiness hangar is also a maintenance shop for anything short of major overhaul. It is quite possible to use the hangar for both readiness and service at the

same time. Or, of course, for almost any hangar service in case the operations of the base should change. It is useful also for many different types of planes, short of the largest bombers. It is in many respects an old-fashioned type of hangar, as succeeding pages will show, but still a very useful one.





GROUND FLOOR PLAN



DOUBLE CANTILEVER HANGARS

ONE of the most interesting hangars is the new double-cantilever type now under development by the Air Force. It promises to change the form of long-span hangars in the future, through one of those simple switches in concept which makes one say, "Why didn't I think of that?"

In principle it amounts to turning the structure sideways, so that the distance spanned is toward the hangar doors and away from the center of the hangar. Thus, in theory, the hangar dimension corresponding to the wing spread of the plane is completely unlimited.

The structural system is a double row of large columns, each two columns supporting a huge truss which cantilevers to the front and to the rear. As the diagrams show, it is possible to service a large plane with either its nose or its tail projecting out of the hangar; the critical dimension, then, is something less than the length of the plane — the wing spread does not matter.

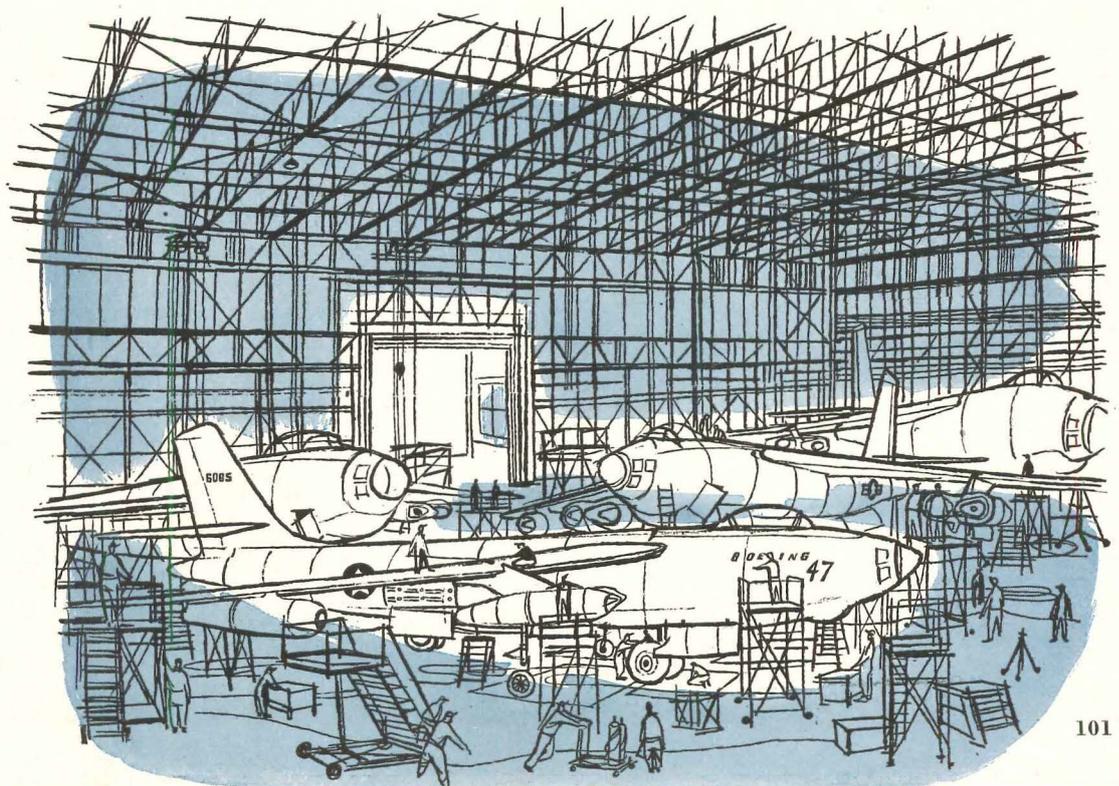
The double cantilever idea developed, of course, as wing spread grew increasingly long, making the arch-type hangar awkward and expensive. The spans were working up toward 300 ft, and there was also the problem of overlapping planes to get more than one in a hangar. Turning the span require-

ment sidewise promises, therefore, to be a bright idea.

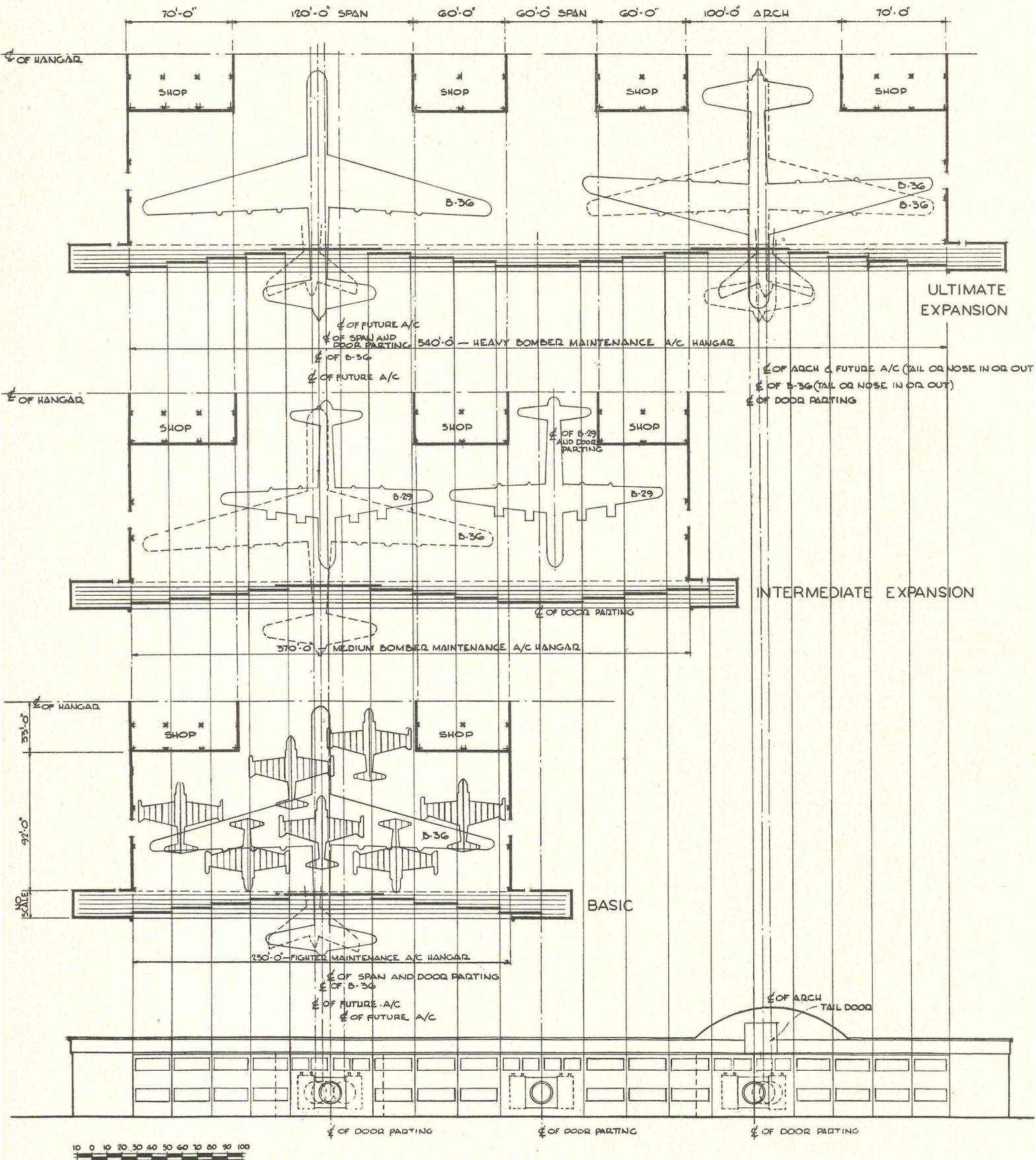
It is not all quite so simple, however, for the swept-back wing arrived and accordingly increased the necessary depth of the cantilever. Early designs for the double-cantilever hangar put this dimension at 80 ft; now it is up to 92 ft. Truss designs are now in process for this 92-ft cantilever, with the central supporting columns 66 ft apart. The trusses must also support five-ton cranes which must operate almost to the end of the cantilever.

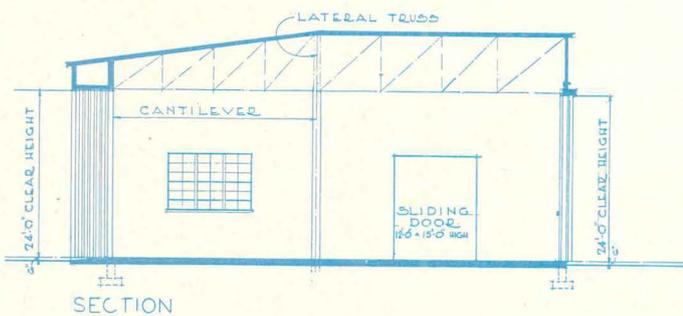
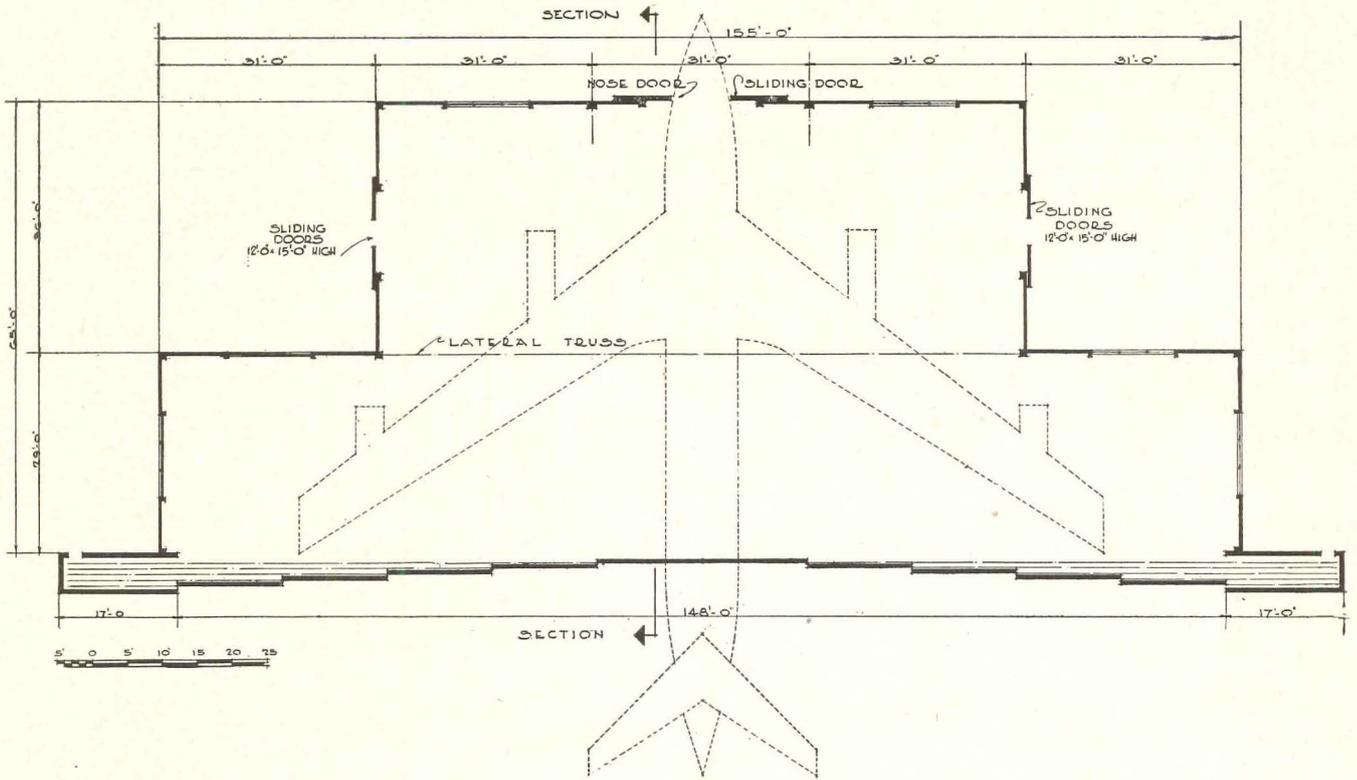
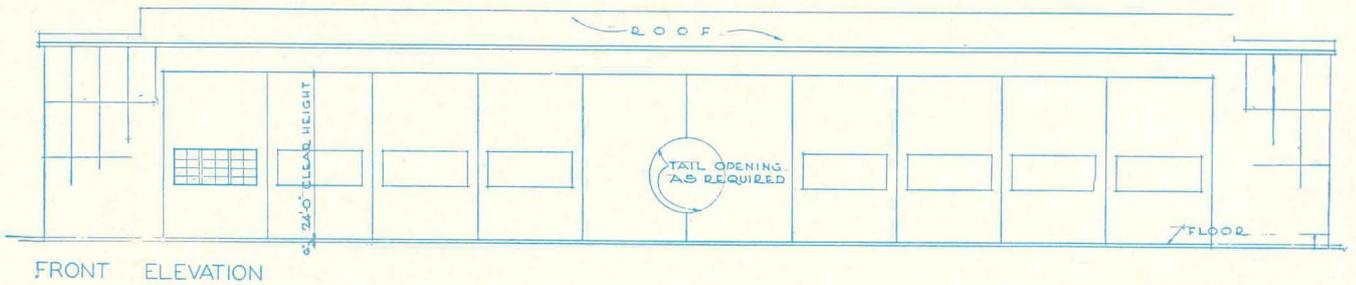
Early designs called for 40-ft-high doors (see section and elevation) with one higher bay for the tail section of large planes. New designs (now being developed by the Kaljian Corporation in an architect-engineer contract) indicate that it is just as economical to have 60-ft doors throughout, since the necessary depth of the truss is such as to permit that height almost automatically.

In such a hangar the shops come at the center, not strung out along the sides. Various shops come in square spaces, three stories high, between the columns. This arrangement, by the way, substantially shortens the distances over which heavy parts must be transported from plane to shop, and utilizes space that would be largely wasted in the old single-span hangars.

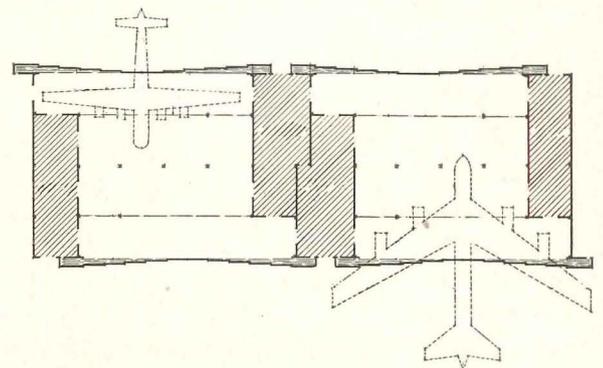
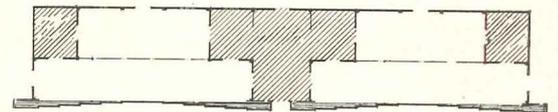
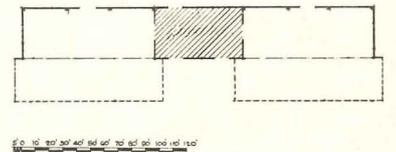
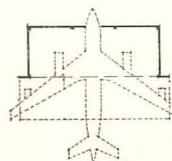


EXTENSIONS OF DOUBLE CANTILEVER HANGAR

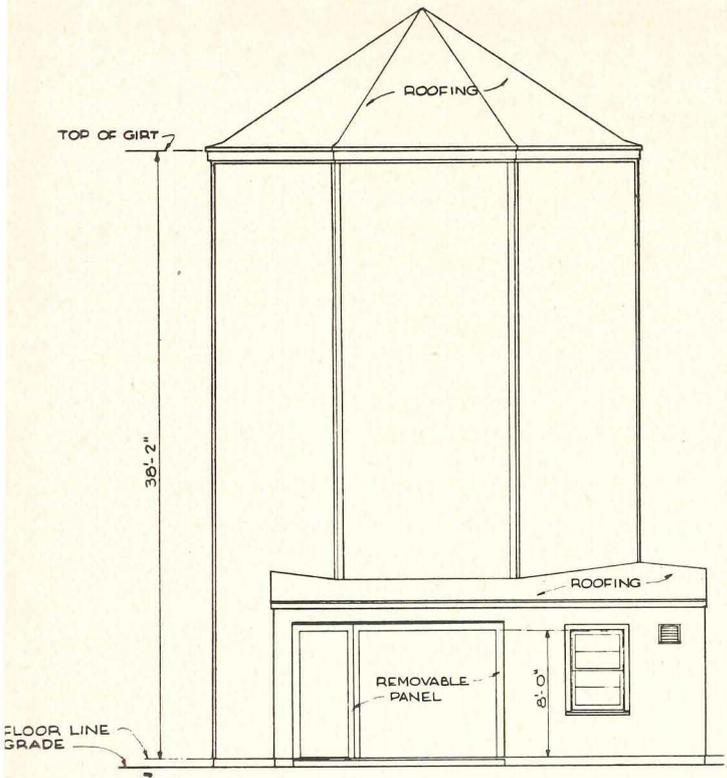




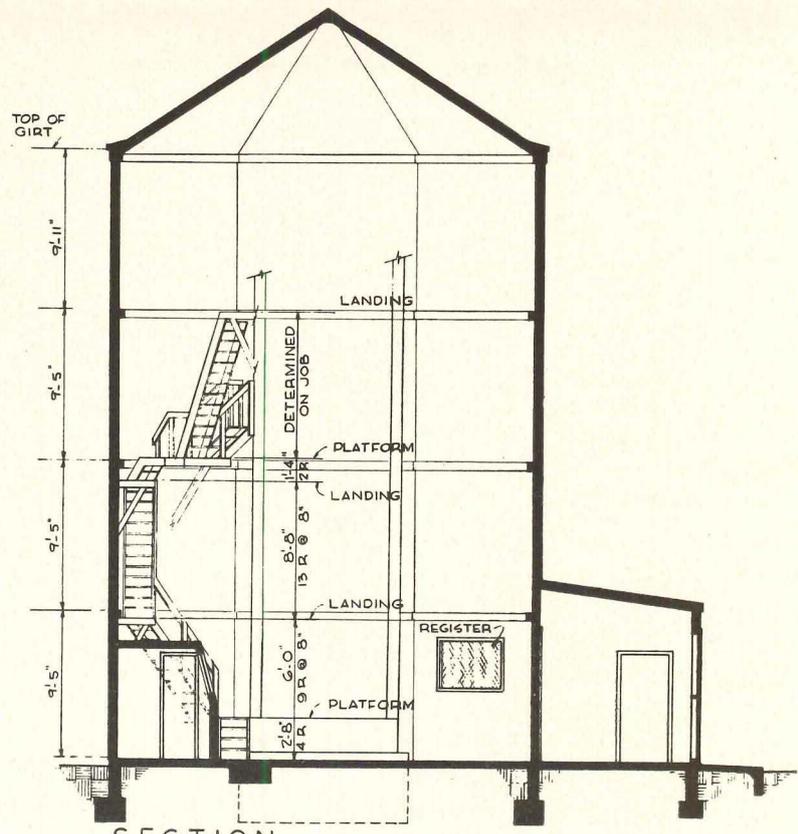
NOSE HANGAR



AN OLD IDEA IN HANGARS for large planes appears here in new form. The large plan shows its simplest form, a sort of minimum hangar for the occasional large plane. Diagrams at the right show how the same general idea might be used in various combinations, with shop areas included, for different types of planes. All of these assume that the whole plane need not be in the hangar. Canvas drops are used in many.

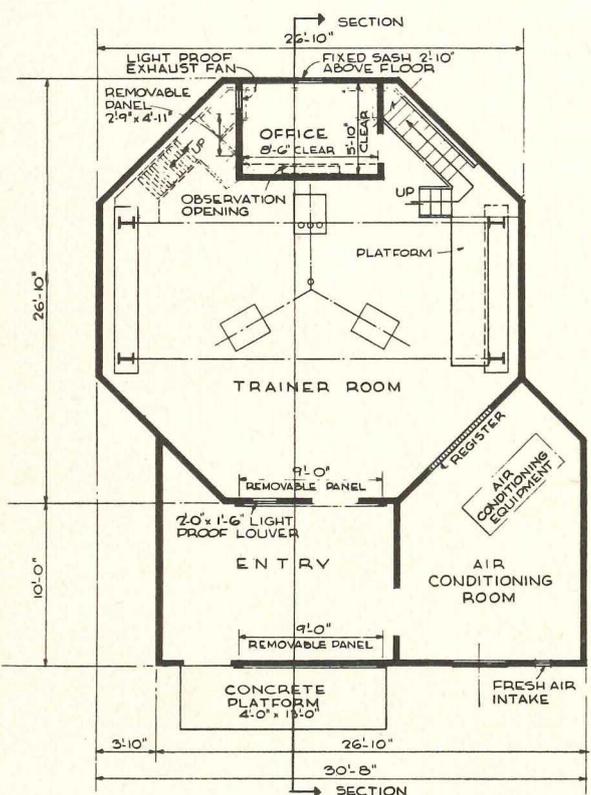


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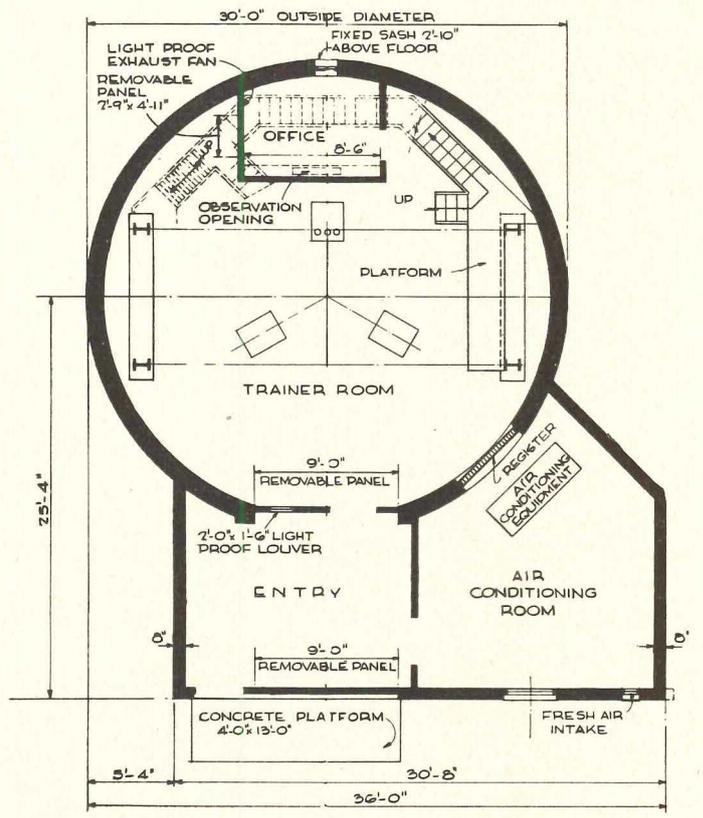


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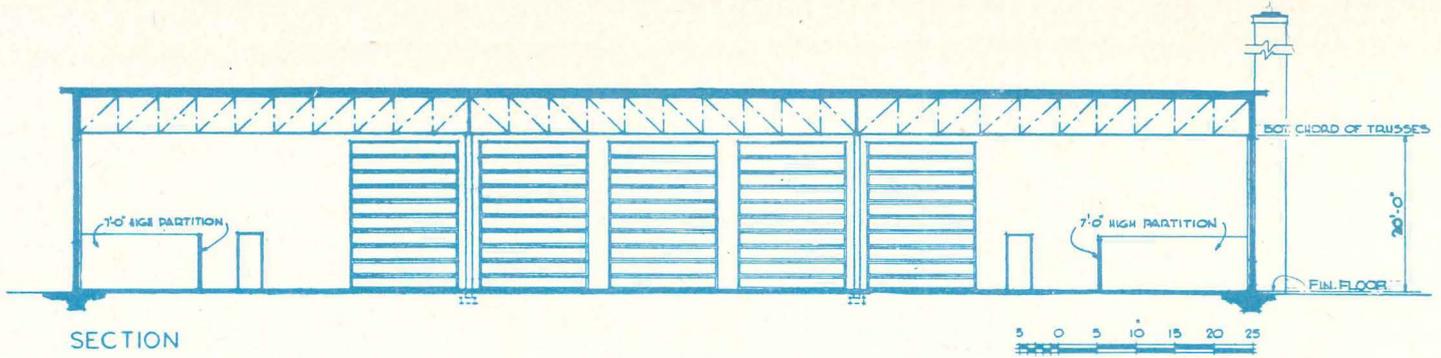
CELESTIAL NAVIGATION TRAINER BUILDING



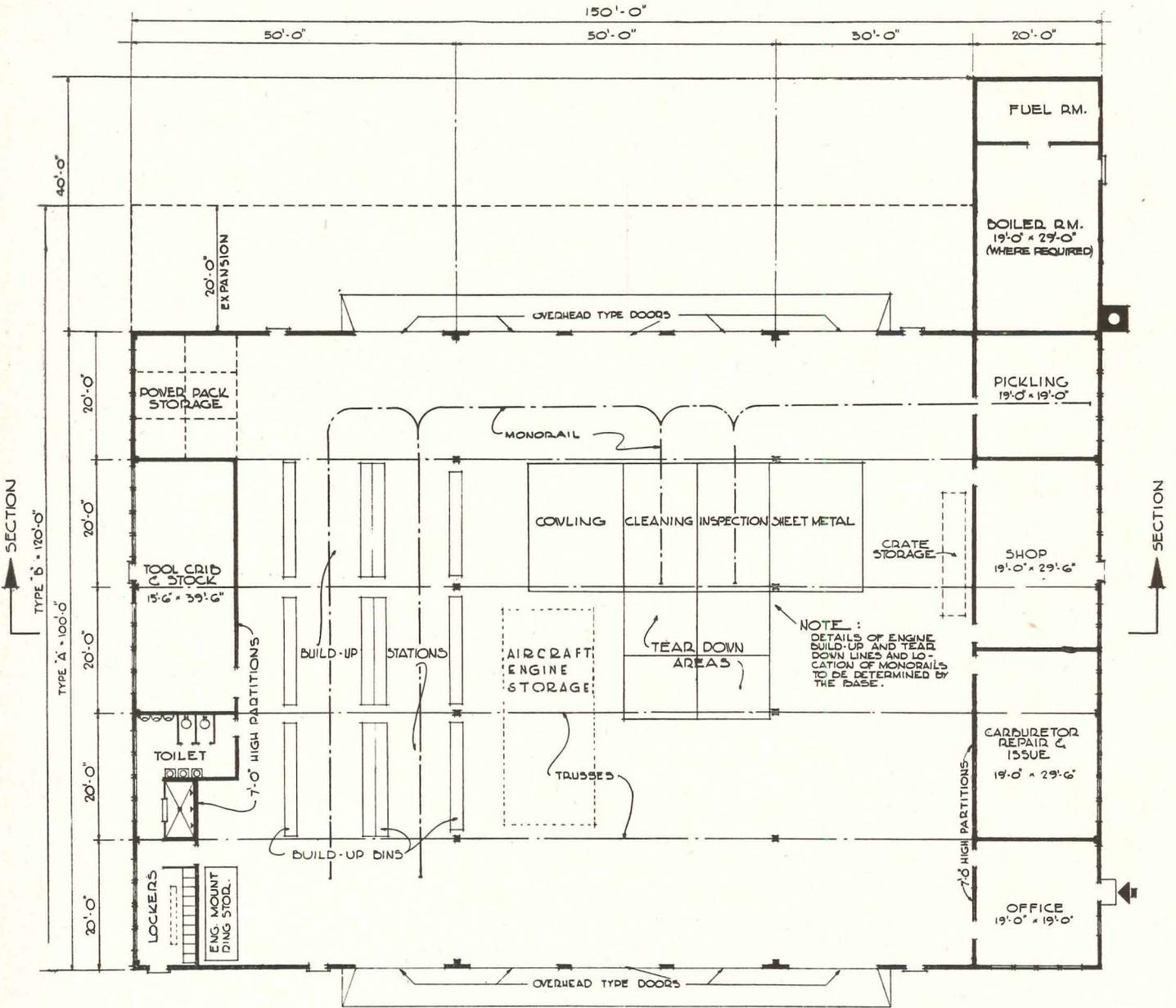
FLOOR PLAN



ARCHITECTURAL RECORD



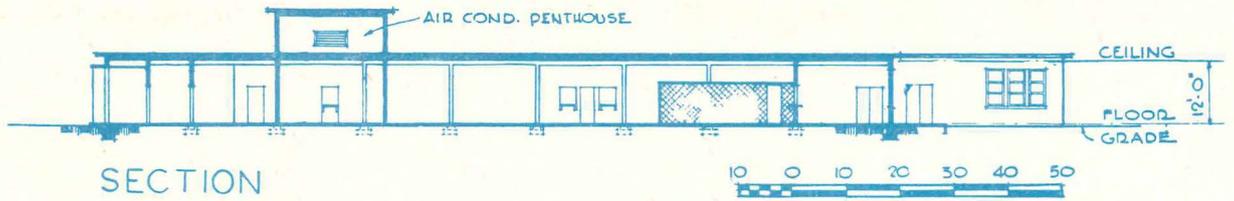
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AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE—ENGINE BUILD-UP BUILDING

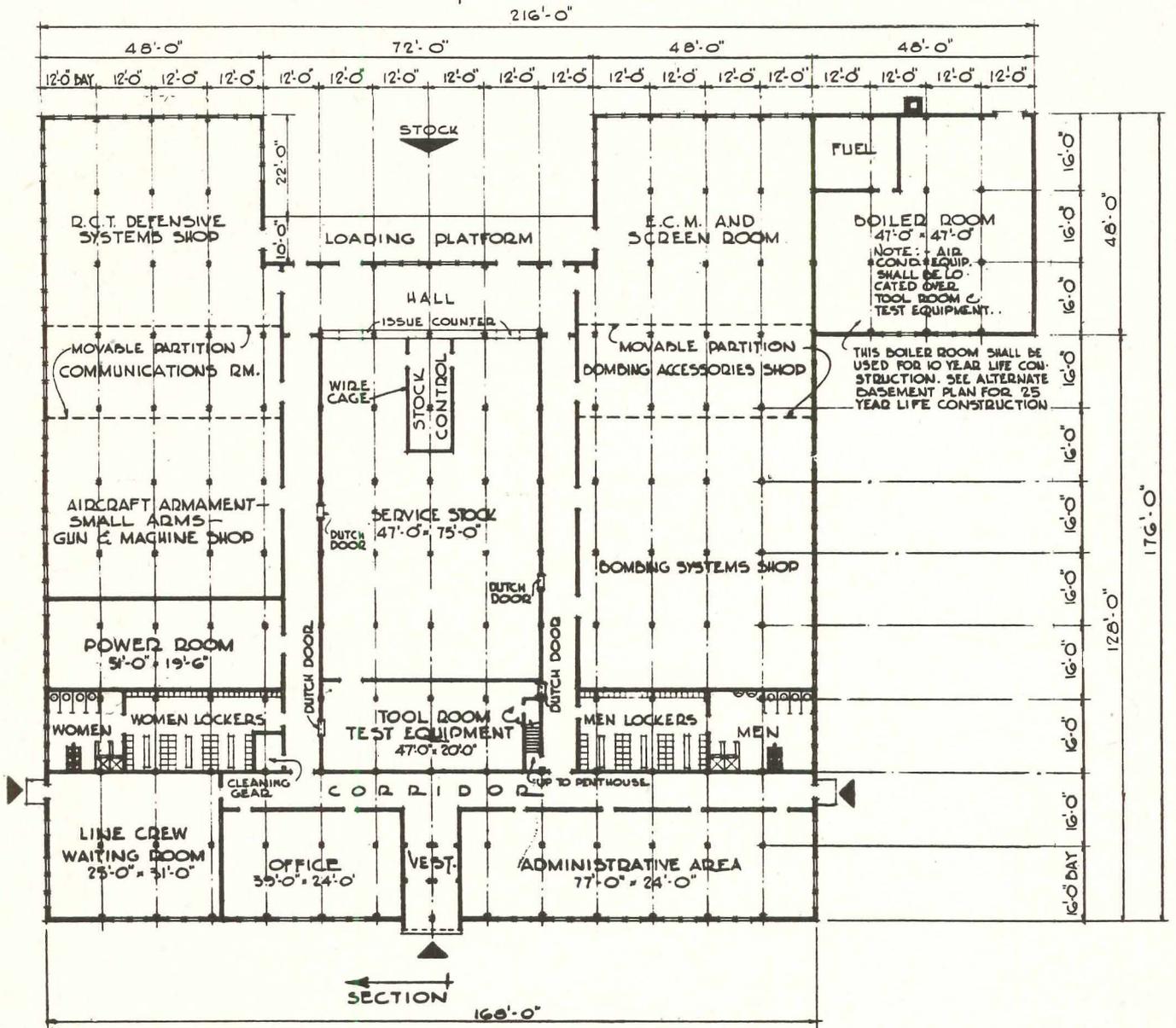
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE becomes a highly complicated procedure in the Air Force, including everything from routine tune-up to tear-down and rebuilding. Simpler conditioning is done by flight squadrons on their own fields, but for major overhauls the planes would go to a maintenance group for the base. Thus there is a differ-

ence between a maintenance hangar, which handles a wide variety of tasks, and a central group consisting of four principal buildings: Fabrication, Engine Build-up, Armament and Electronics and Parachute and Dinghy Shop. The Engine Build-up building, shown here, is not a hangar, but a complete shop for rebuilding engines.



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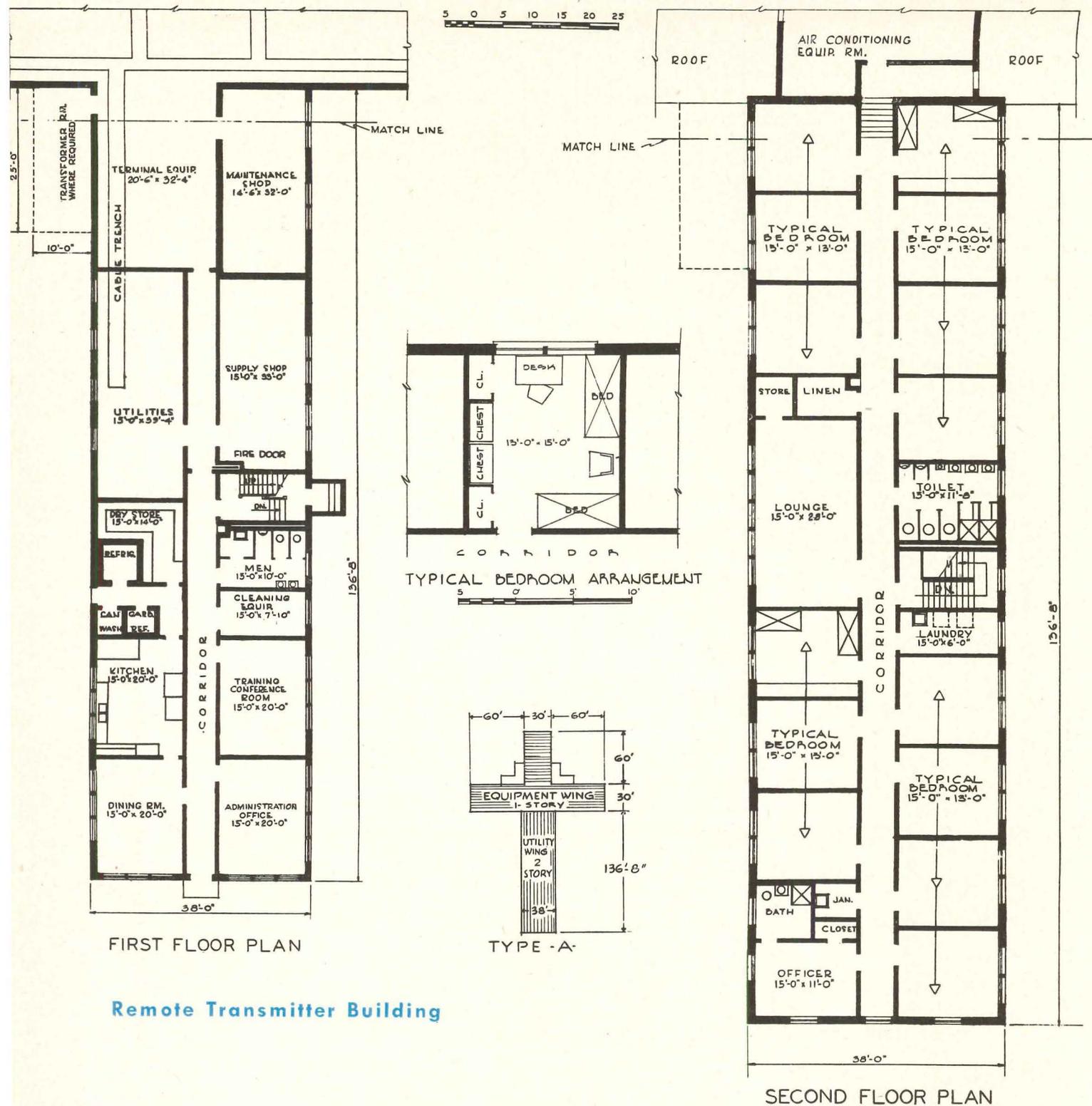
SECTION



ARMAMENT AND ELECTRONICS BUILDING

ANYBODY who has ever been to the movies knows that military planes are loaded down with the most glamorous and complicated electronic equipment, guns, bombsights, and other wonderful secrets. All of it has to be serviced, and this is the standard building for that. Again it is not a hangar, but a fairly simple shops build-

ing with various arrangements of spaces in 12-ft modules for small-equipment repairs. The work here would be done on equipment taken out of planes, but a line crew is kept here for service calls to various hangars for such checking and repairs as could be done in place, or for removing the equipment from planes for later servicing.



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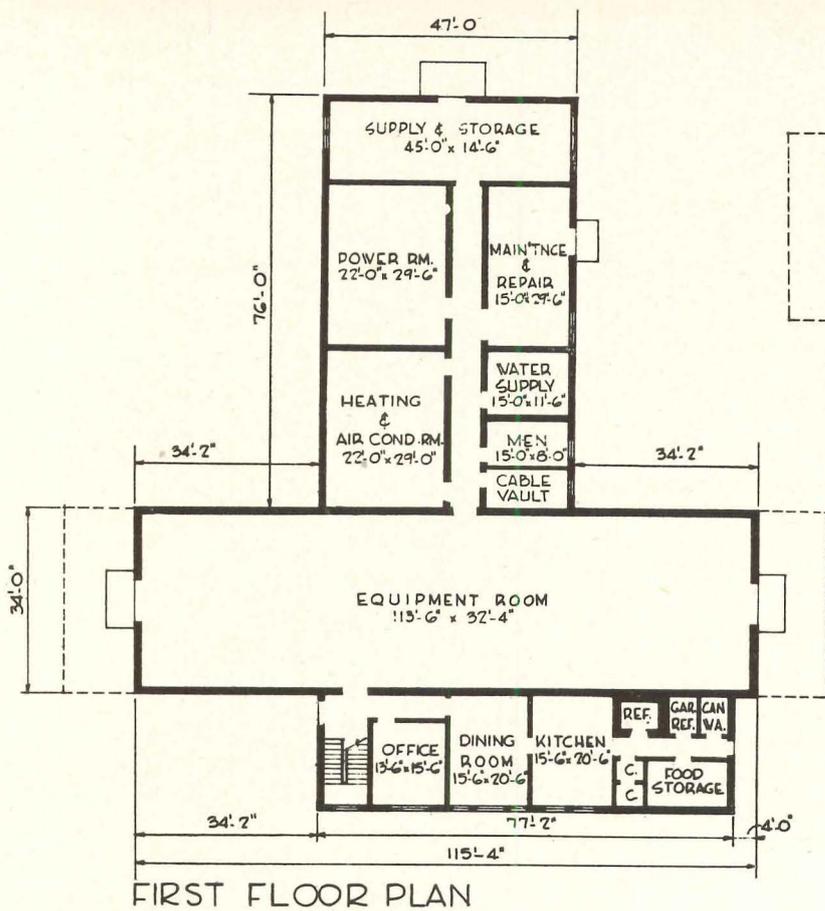
Remote Transmitter Building

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

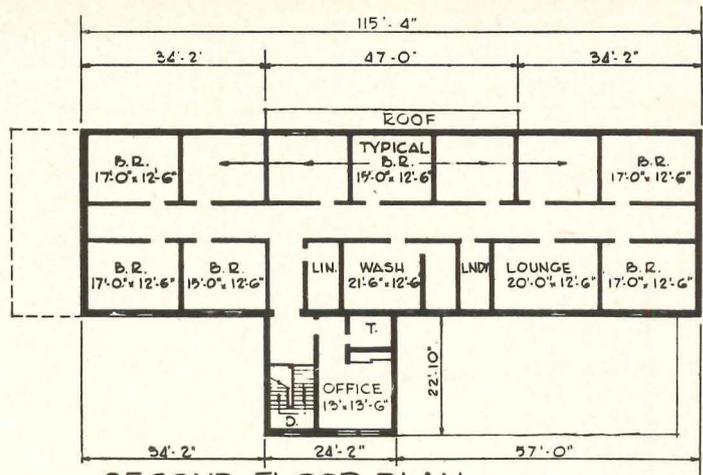
COMMUNICATIONS BUILDINGS

COMMUNICATIONS MAKES UP another category of highly specialized buildings for the Air Force. There are three general classifications: Receiving, Transmitter and Communications Center. The equipment wings call for no comment here; they are full of esoteric and classified equipment which can be left to the Air Force personnel. The Communications Center (opposite page) is a

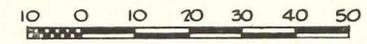
strictly equipment building, simple in design and construction, with 16 by 30 ft bays for economy. The other two types (Transmitter above; Receiving Building opposite page above) are different in that they must also house the operating personnel. So they have bedrooms, lounges, kitchen and dining rooms. There are variations on the basic schemes shown.



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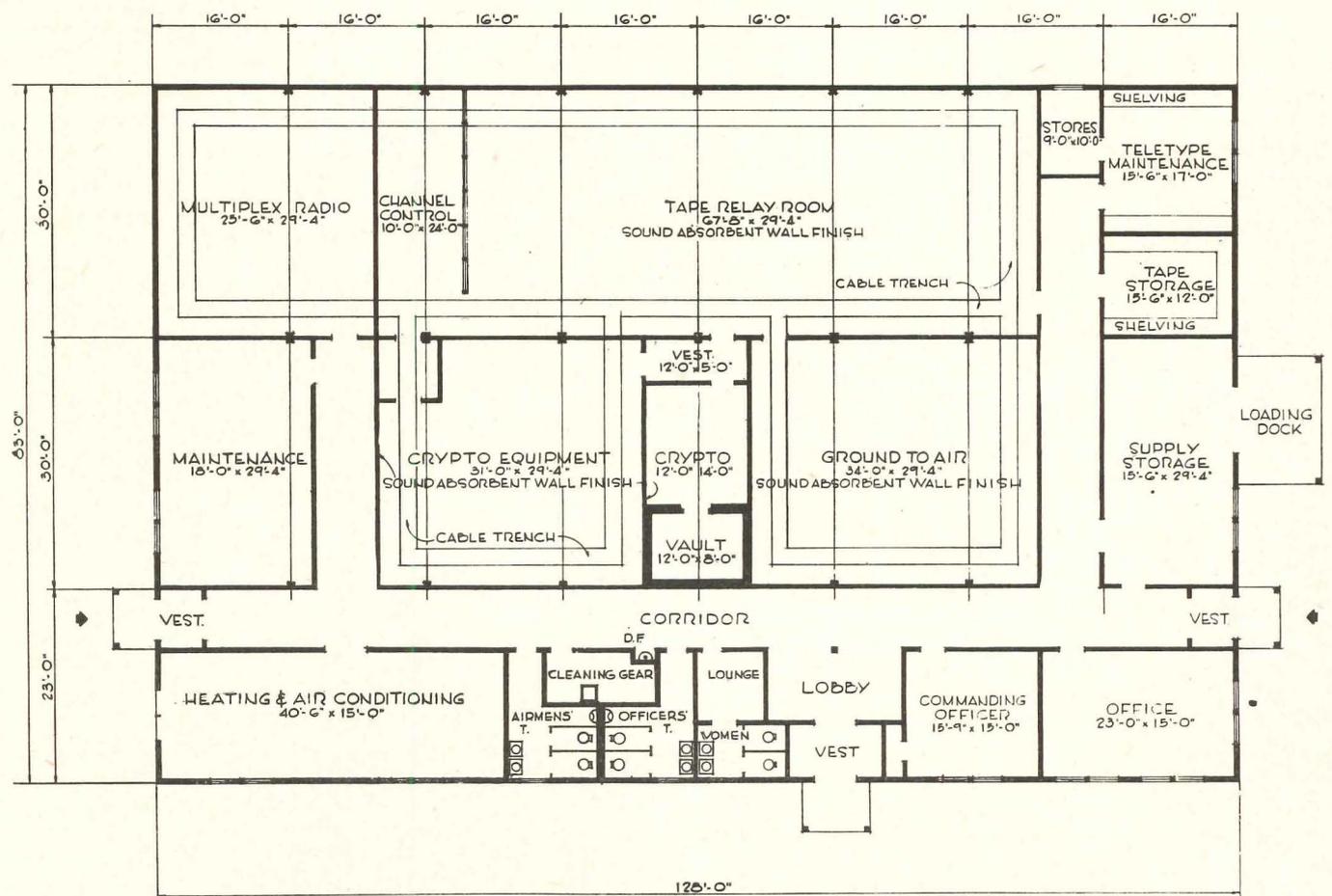


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Remote Receiving Building

Communications Center

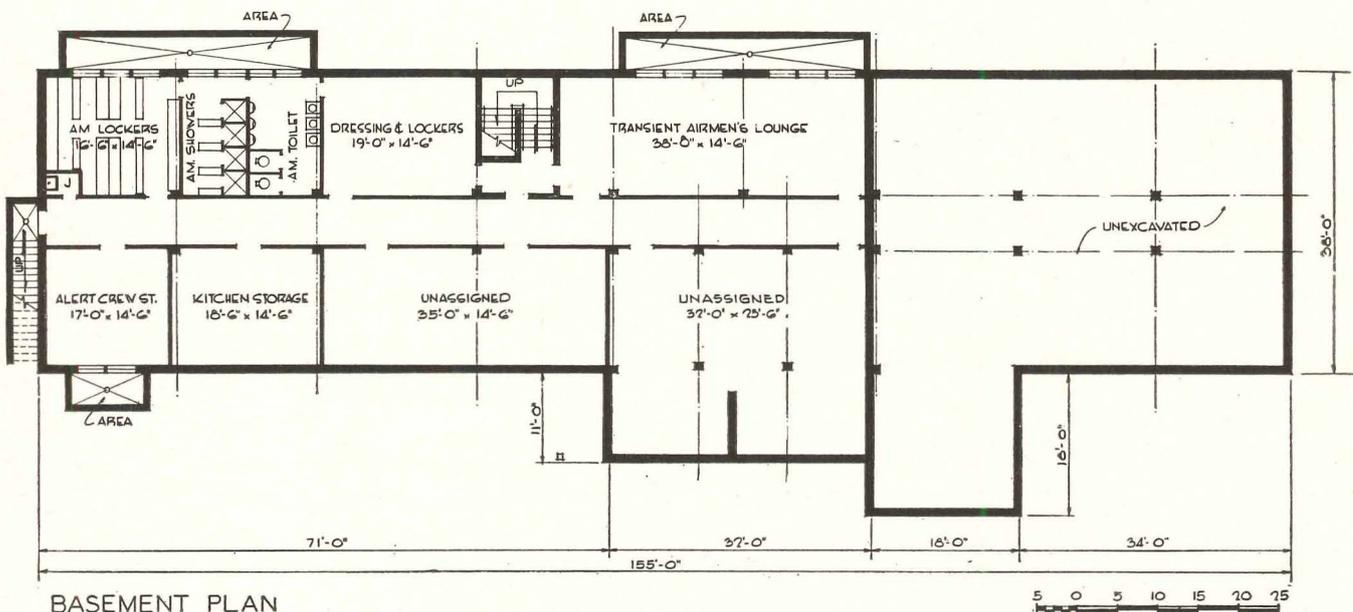
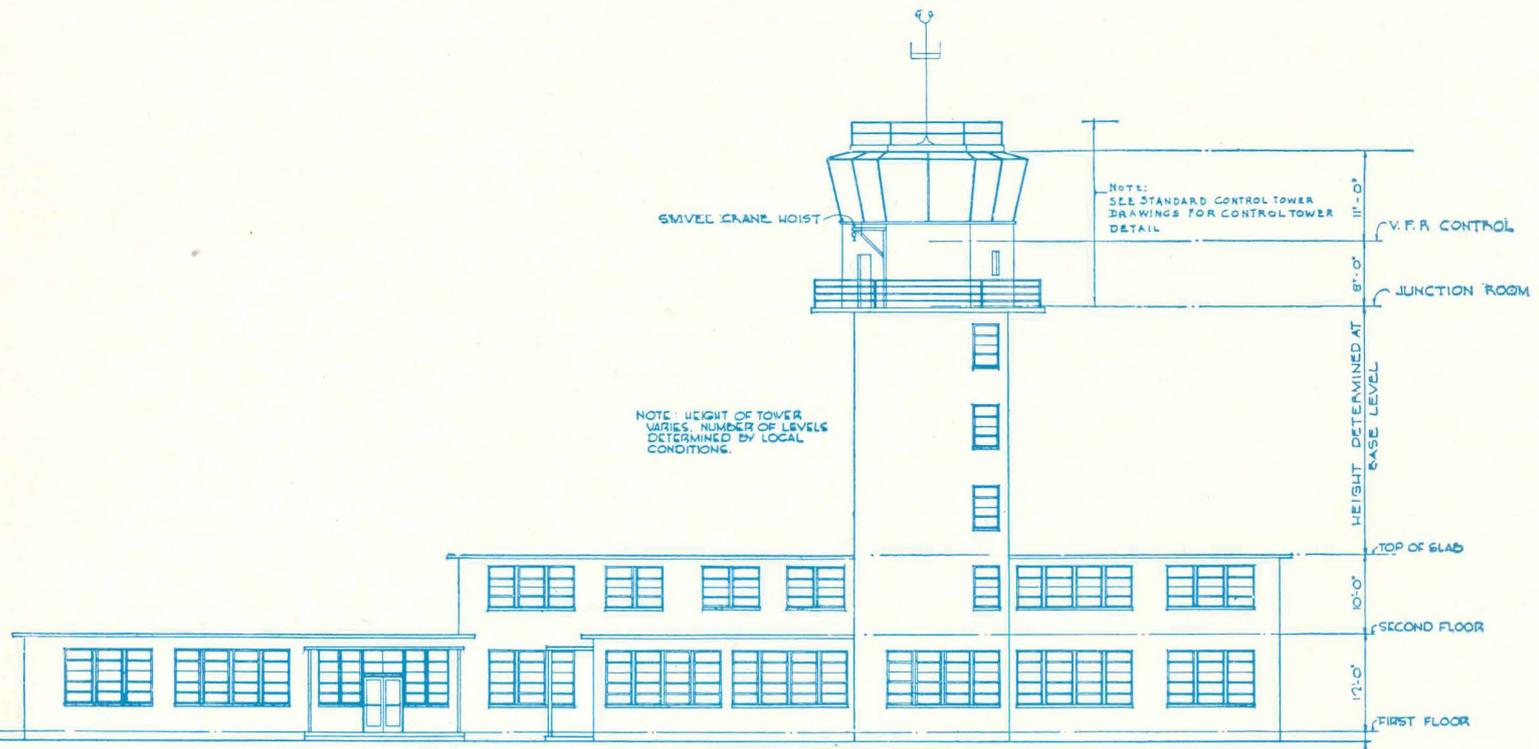


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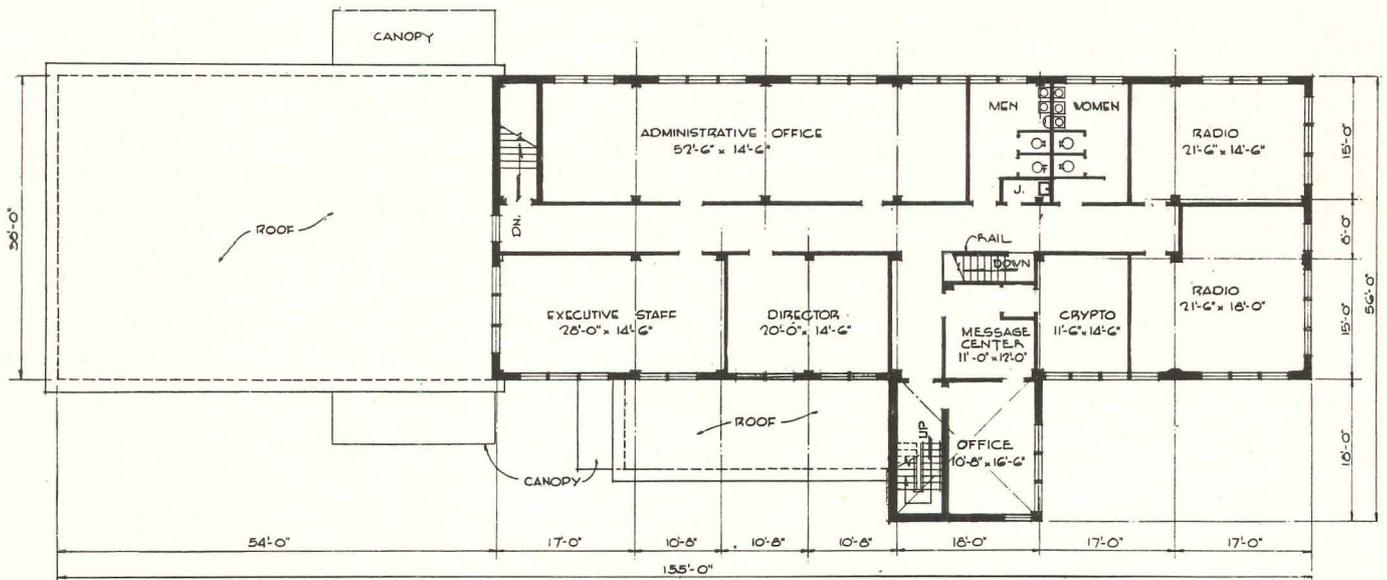
OPERATIONS BUILDINGS



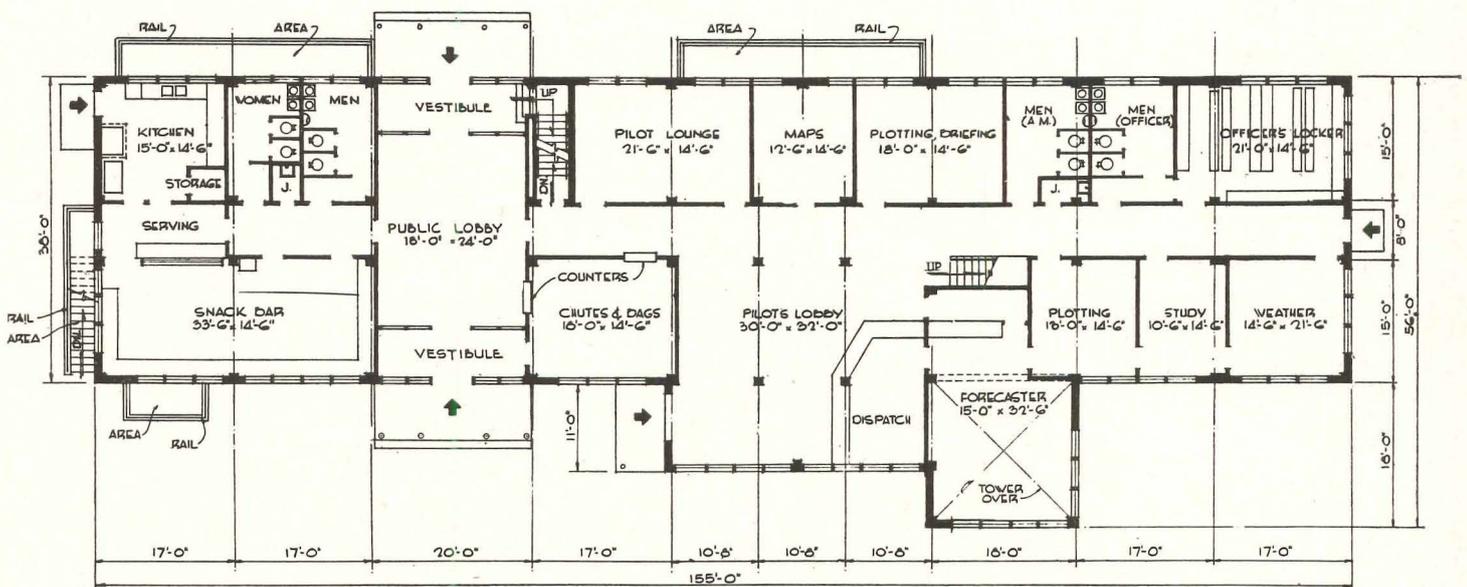
BASEMENT PLAN

THE OPERATIONS BUILDING of an air base corresponds to the terminal building of a civilian airport. It has the control tower, from which is controlled all of the flying to and from the field, just as in an ordinary airport. Aside from the flying control center, however, the operations building is virtually apart from the rest of the base, having virtually no other function in the base operation. It does, however, serve virtually all functions for flights and personnel in transit. This might

involve anything from the visit of some brass on tour to considerable operational flights from other bases. The plans themselves give a good summation of the several functions this building serves for its visitors; notice the briefing room, again for personnel not normally assigned to the base. Like other buildings, operations buildings are large or small depending on local conditions. This is a fairly large one; a smaller type is shown on page 114.



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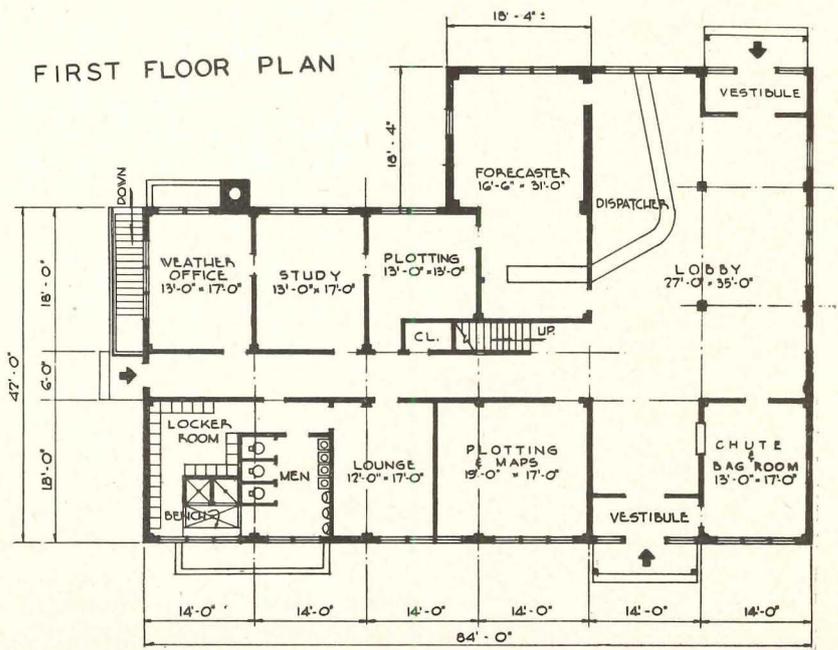
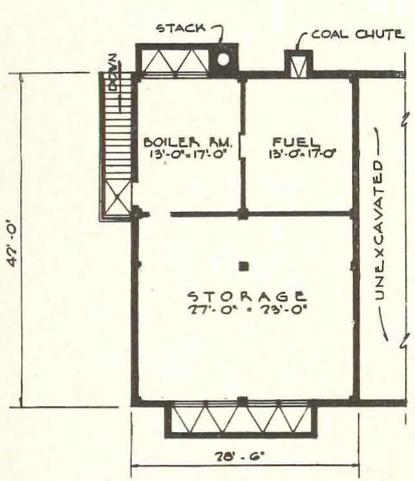
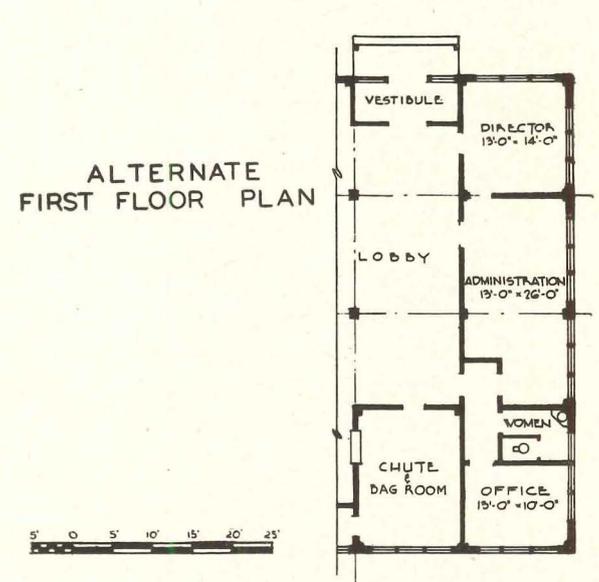
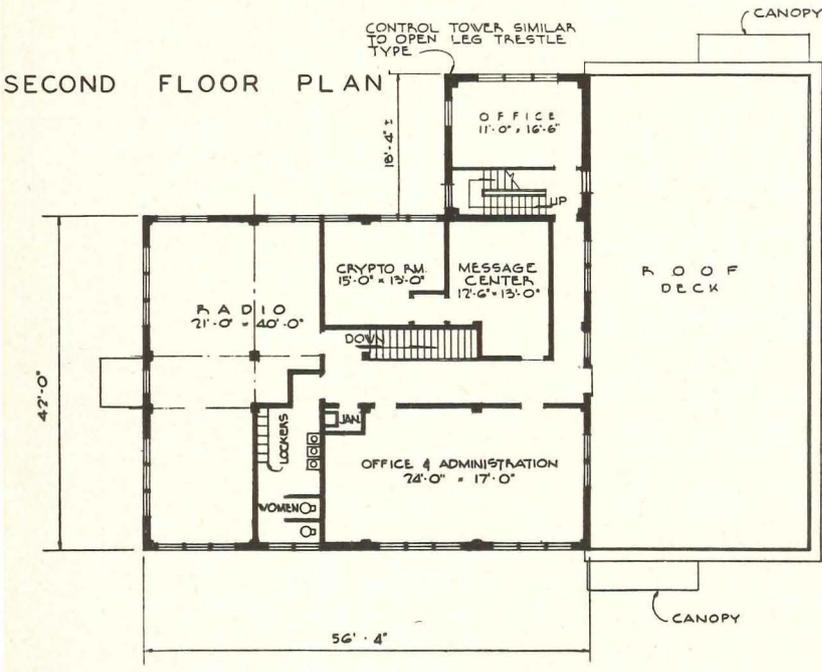
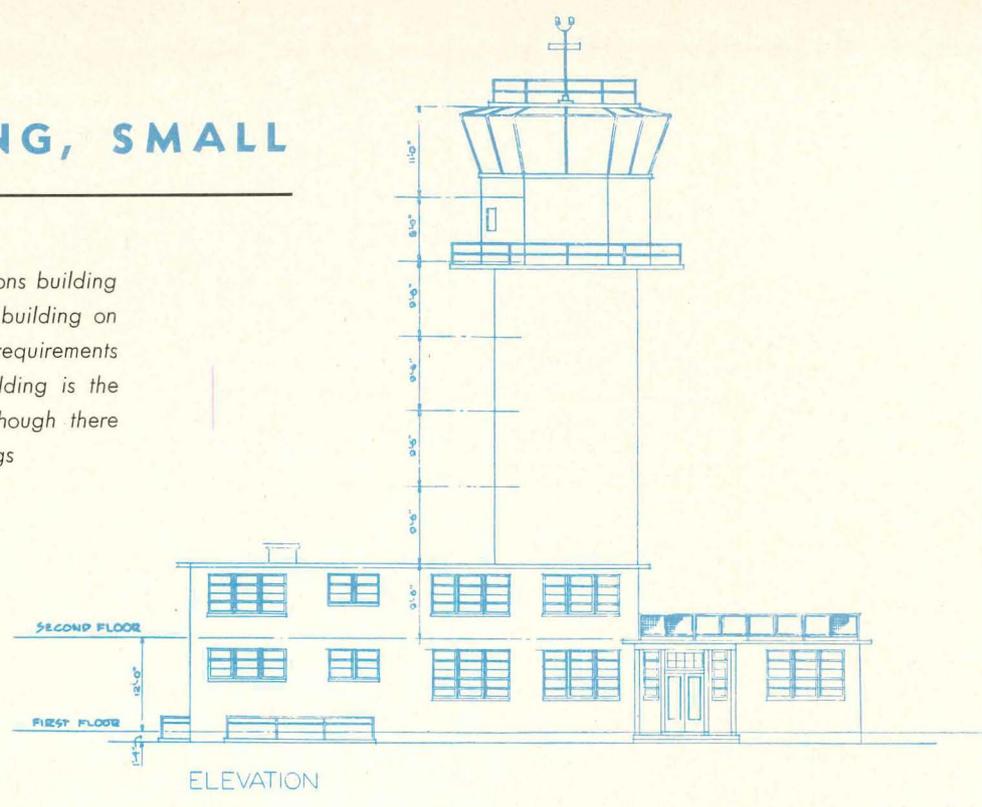


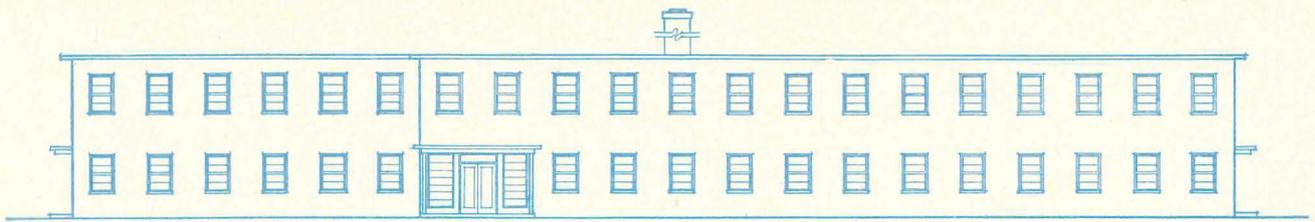
FIRST FLOOR PLAN

FIELD SIDE ELEVATION

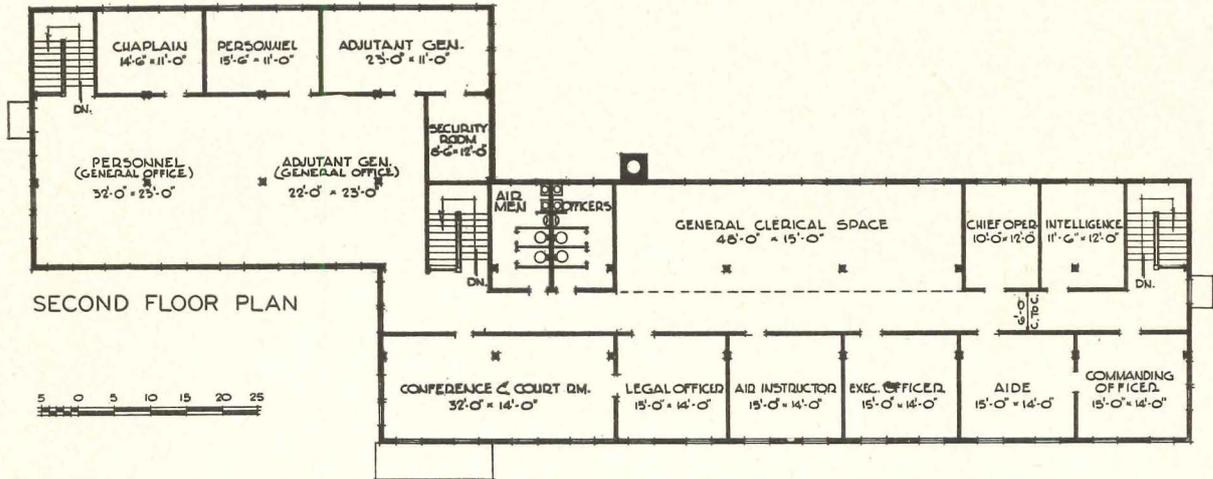
OPERATIONS BUILDING, SMALL

At a small field the functions of the operations building are in general those of the corresponding building on a large base, but cut down in space requirements much as in a small civilian port. This building is the smallest one to require a control tower, though there is a still smaller one in the definitive drawings

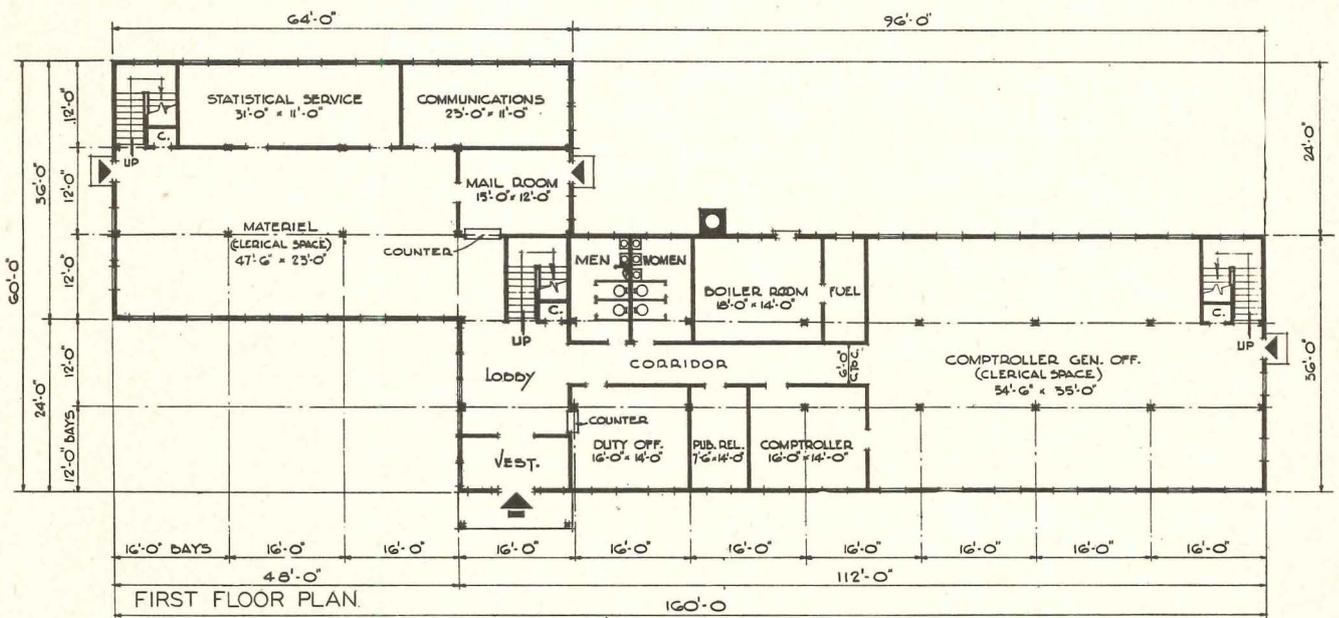




FRONT ELEVATION



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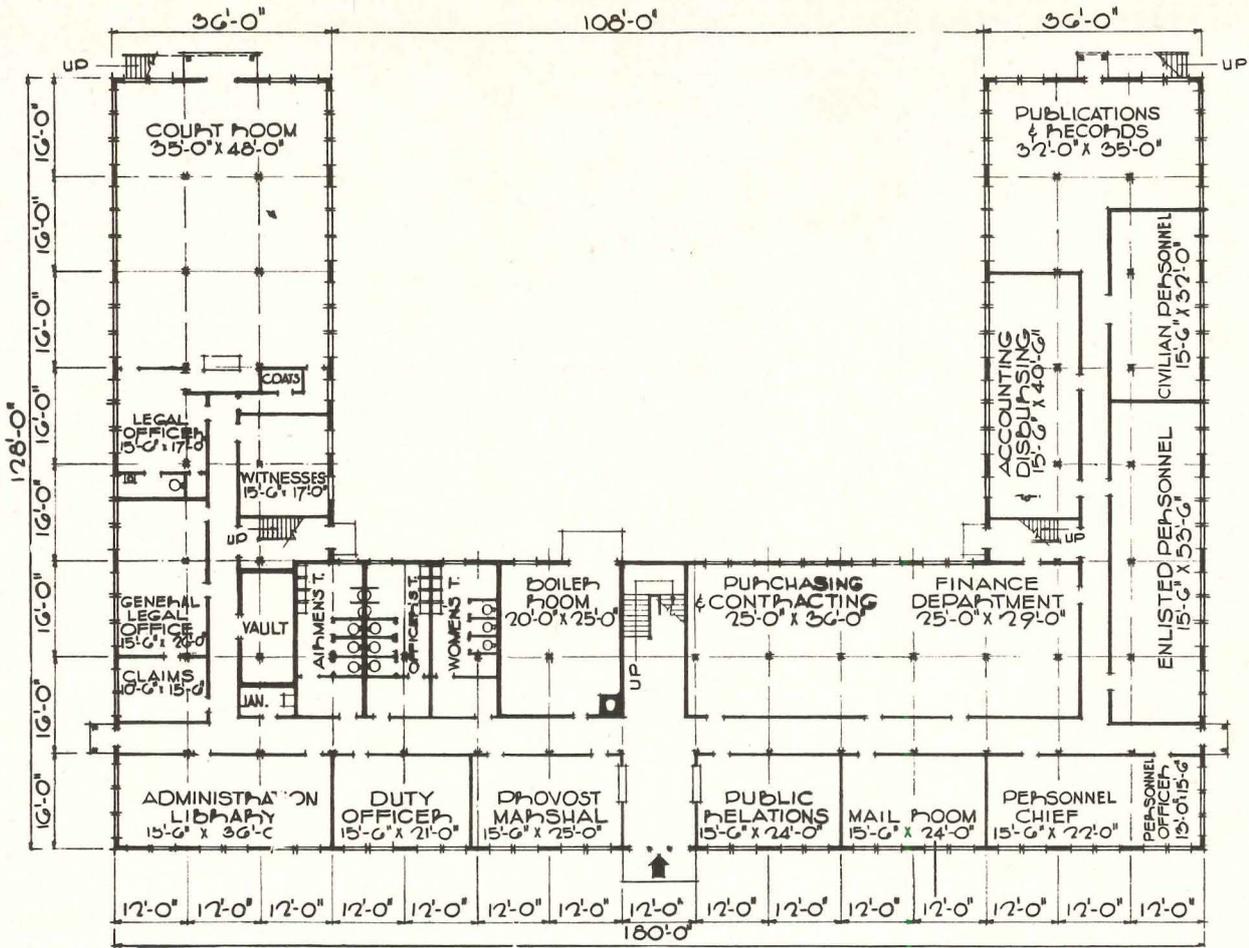
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HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

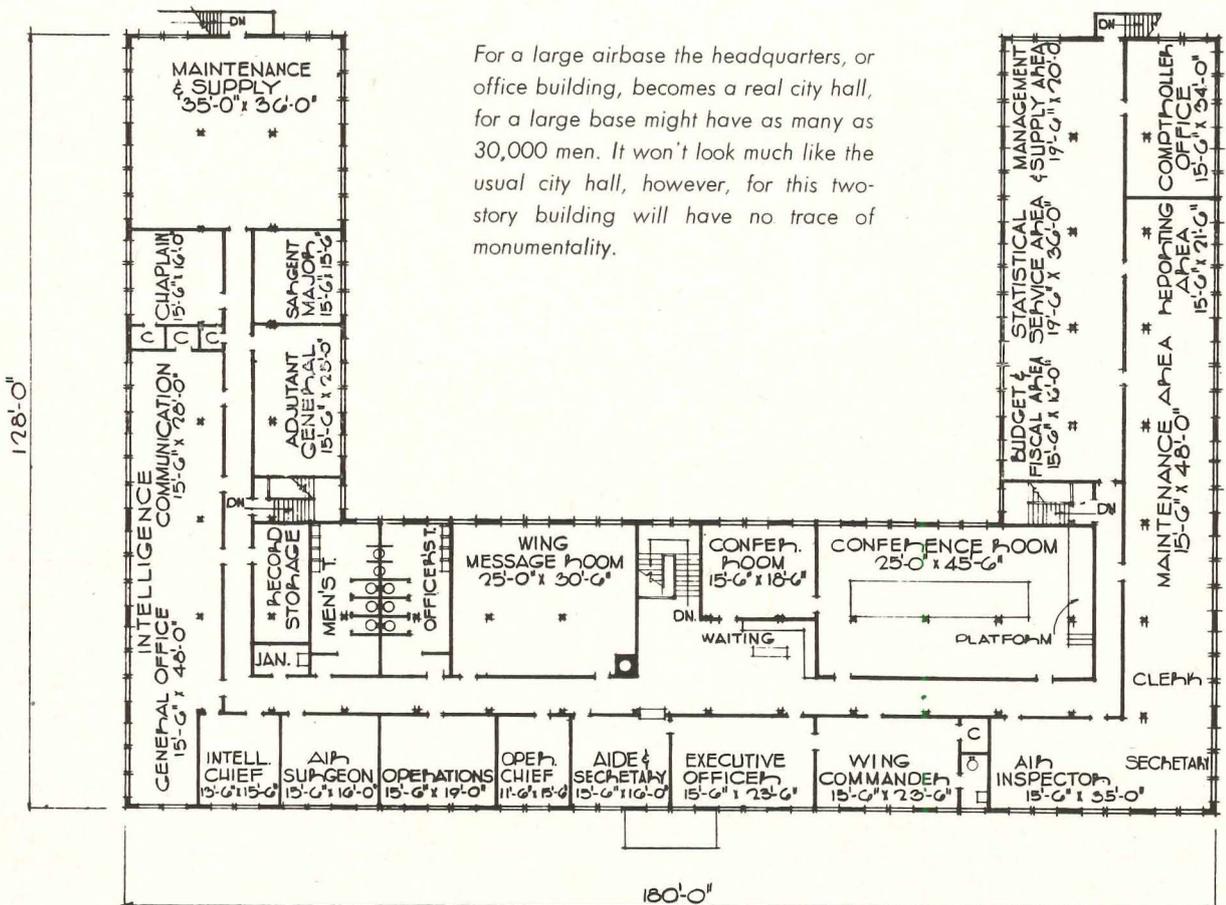
THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING of an Air Force base is its office building. Its planning problems are quite similar to those of designing any office building for an individual client, and the building will be simple and small, or large and involved, as any other office building might. It is not, however, like an industrial office building, in that this is the headquarters only of the base commander and his staff, who operate the base as

such. They may have little to do with flight operations from the base, or training or what not, which would be under squadron or group commanders. There would, then, be other places where office space would be used.

In general, however, this is office use, including in its general requirements the purchasing, public relations, accounting, legal, statistical and other like functions. The building here shown is one of the smaller ones.



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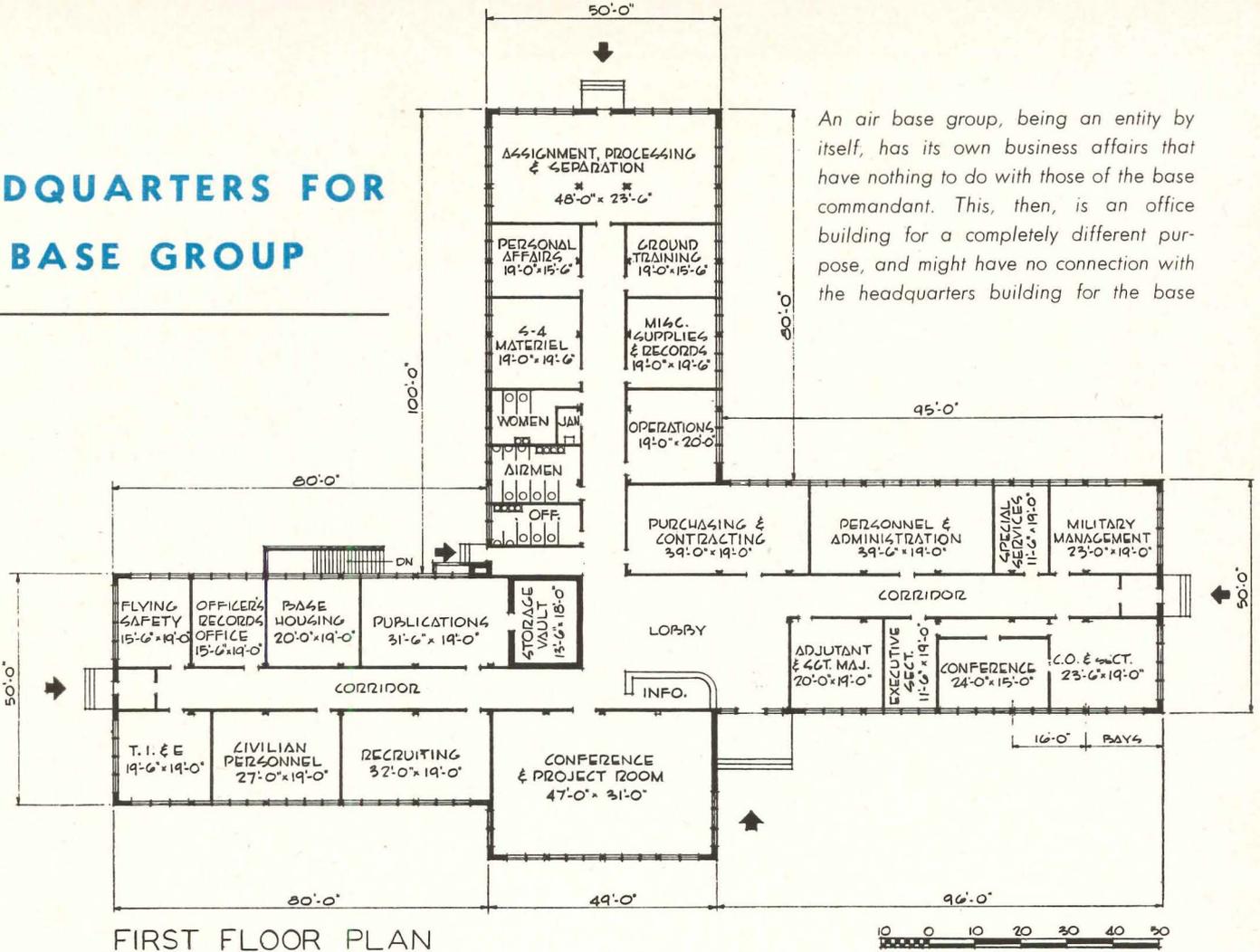


For a large airbase the headquarters, or office building, becomes a real city hall, for a large base might have as many as 30,000 men. It won't look much like the usual city hall, however, for this two-story building will have no trace of monumentality.

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

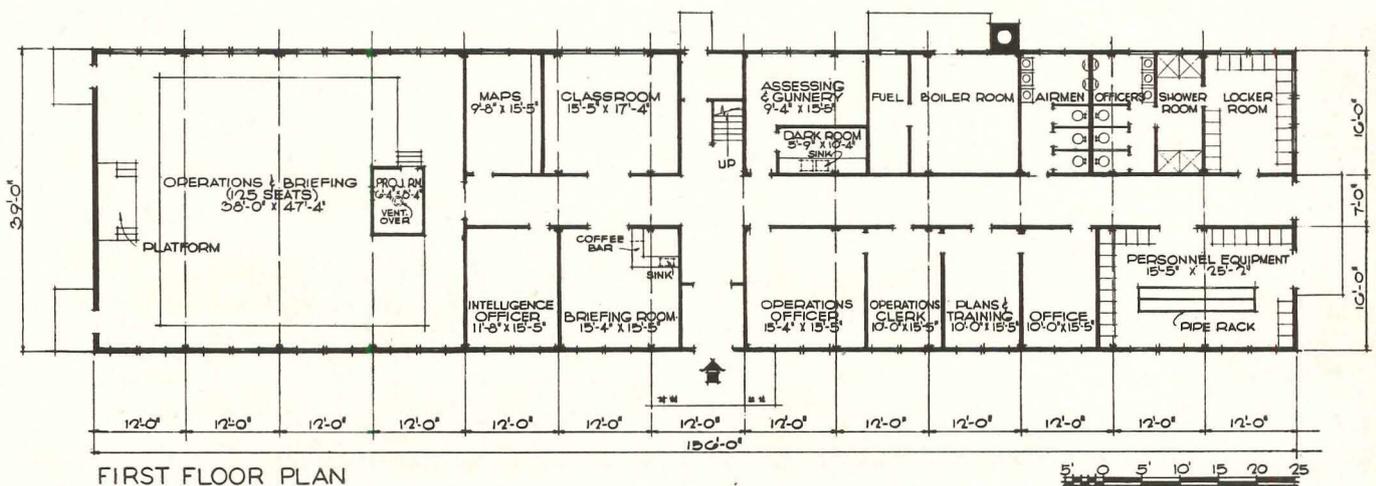
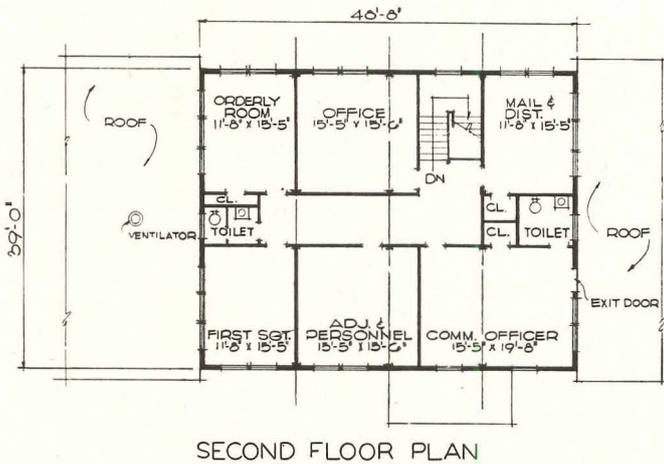
HEADQUARTERS FOR AIR BASE GROUP

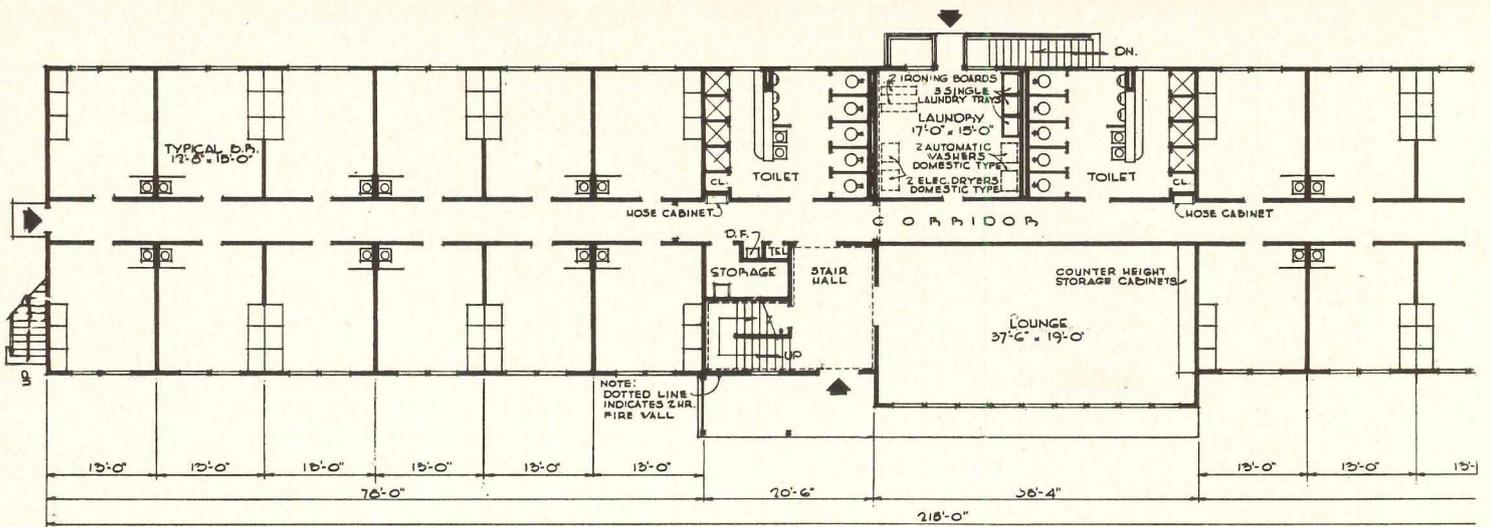
An air base group, being an entity by itself, has its own business affairs that have nothing to do with those of the base commandant. This, then, is an office building for a completely different purpose, and might have no connection with the headquarters building for the base



HEADQUARTERS AND OPERATIONS BUILDING COMBAT SQUADRON

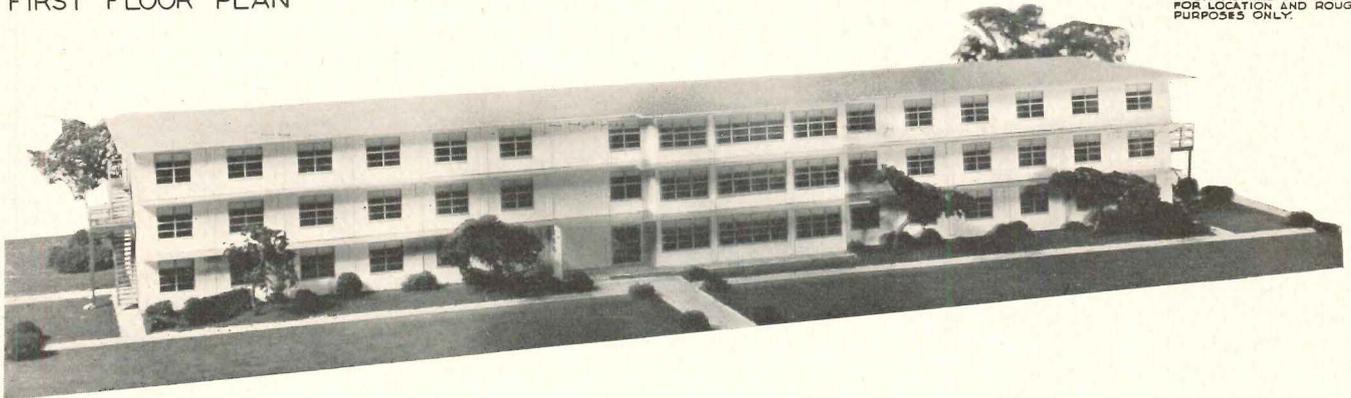
When a squadron gets into actual combat, in some distant battle area, its routine operations are naturally quite different from those of a training base. It still has its office problems, however, so in this building office space is combined with operational needs, making a combination headquarters and operations building





FIRST FLOOR PLAN

NOTE: WASHERS AND DRYERS ARE SHOWN FOR LOCATION AND ROUGHING IN PURPOSES ONLY.



DORMITORIES

OF ALL OF THE TYPES of Air Force building, probably none has had such intensive study as barracks or dormitories. Here the need for economy is especially great, since naturally dormitories are everywhere and extras in the cost would be multiplied over and over again at every Air Force base. So these buildings have been studied and re-studied and are still being discussed.

On the functional side, they are not to be regarded as the barracks buildings of the last war or the war before that, for airmen in training must study just as assiduously and as frantically as college students. They must, in fact, absorb technology at a rate that would give pause to college engineering students. Thus the studies center around a dormitory type of building, in place of the barracks kind of squad room accommodations, with at least some provision for study. There is also the problem, worse than in college dormitories, of some men studying while others are sleeping, for Air Force shifts usually go around the clock, some men being assigned to night operations which may or may not be part of their training.

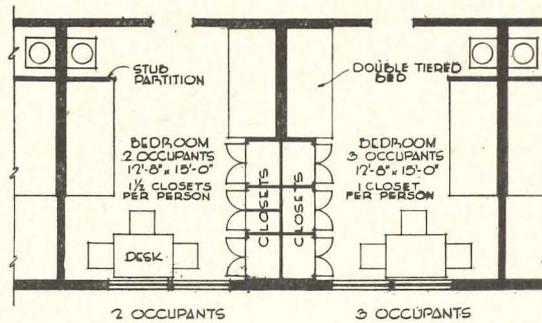
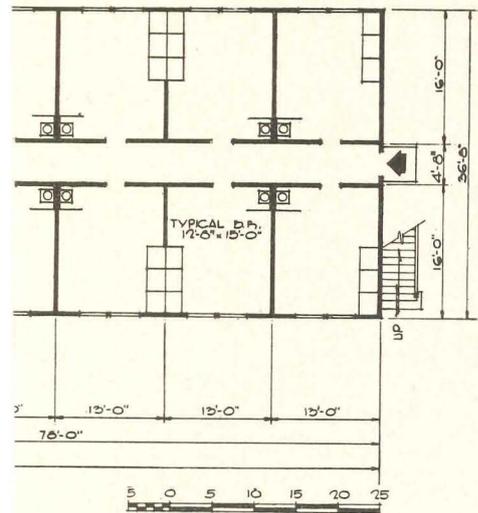
The problem, then, was to develop dormitory-type accommodations that would come within the prescribed limit of 72 net sq ft per man in bedrooms.

The design here shown is the 1952 model, which is in many respects more economical than the 1951 plan. The men are housed in rooms, with cot-type or bunk beds, a

study table, a straight chair for each man, and a storage closet. In a college such a room would be considered small for two students, and each would expect his own study desk and certainly some easy chairs. In the Air Force the rooms are designed for either two or three men. To meet the 72-sq-ft limit it is necessary to put three men in many of the rooms, though not all of them. Then at least one two-deck bunk would be used, and the closet space would be divided for three men each to have his own space.

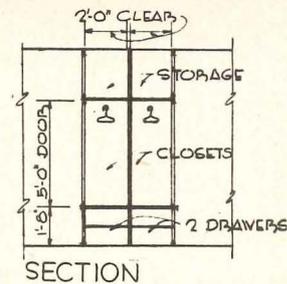
Another problem, in half-war half-peace times, is to encourage reenlistment, and this is largely a matter of giving the men decent living accommodations. Training of airmen is frightfully expensive, and base commanders have called vociferously for all possible means to keep men for more than just the first hitch. It doesn't matter much whether they are pilots or ground crew men, their training is still long and painful, and to keep them from leaving for good paying jobs in private industry requires at least livable quarters.

The plan shown is more economical than earlier schemes. Storage space is provided above the individual closets in the room, whereas in previous schemes there was a central storage room; the newer arrangement not only saves space but also makes storage easier to control. The new model also uses outside stairs for fire exits, a further saving in space.

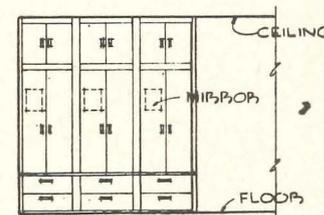


TYPICAL ROOM LAYOUT

Each typical room has three closets, full ceiling height, with built-in drawers and upper storage compartments. For two-man occupancy, center closet is cut in half

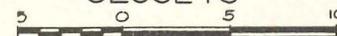


SECTION



ELEVATION

CLOSETS



The plan shown would be identical for first, second or third floor, except that the laundry room would not occur on the third floor. The laundry, by the way, has proved an appreciated convenience; it is surprising how much of their own washing the men will do. The equipment is actually paid for by the men, out of their welfare fund.

Notice that the lounge room does not connect directly to corridors; it may be used for entertaining guests not permitted in the rest of the building. This is especially

necessary in women's dormitories. Incidentally, the plan would be virtually identical for use by women, with only minor changes in facilities, and with the addition of a small kitchenette in the lounge.

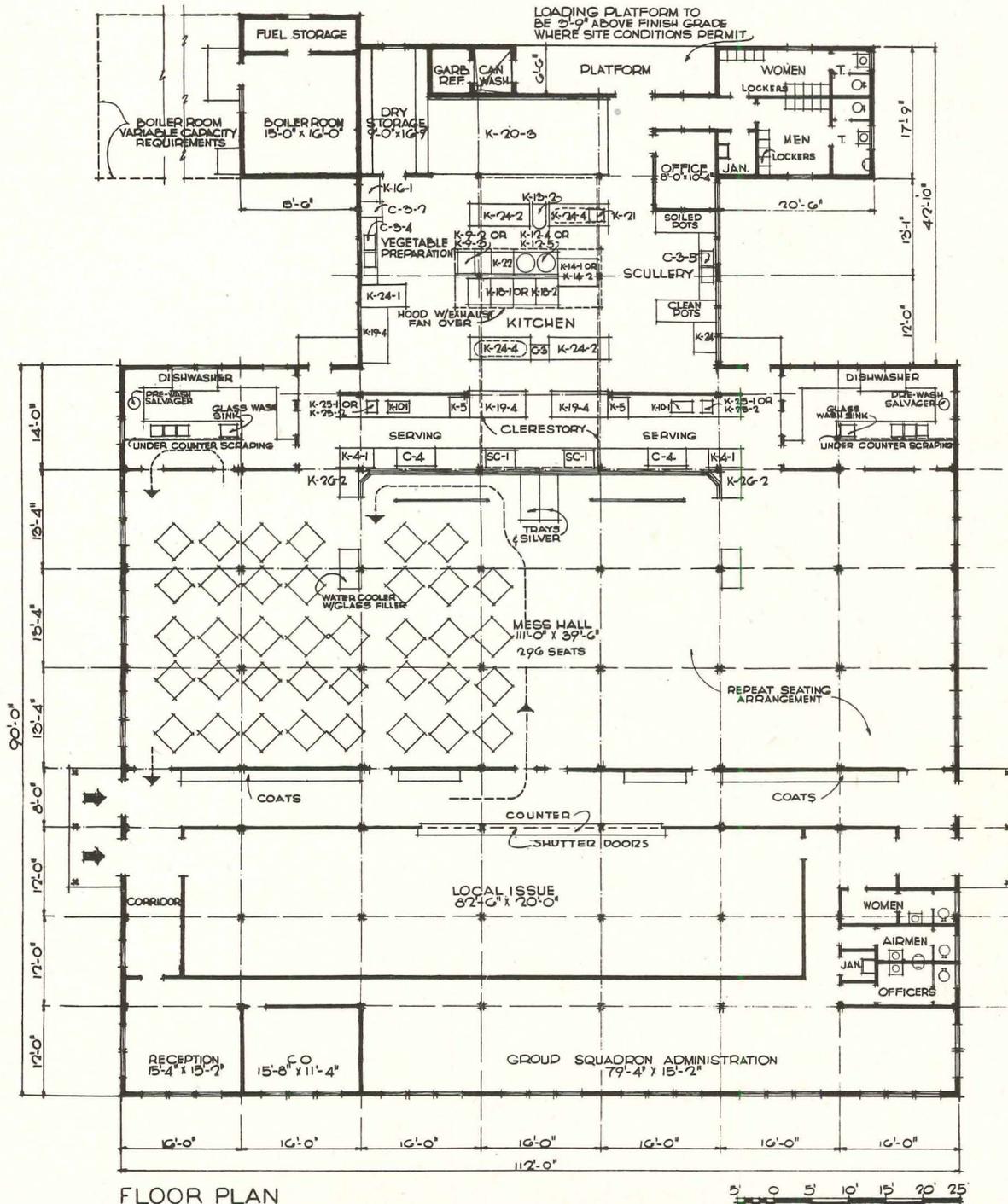
Normally the dormitories would be three stories high, in "25-year" construction — concrete frame, masonry walls, fire-resistant design. This would compare in cost with wood construction, two-story buildings with "10-year" finishes. They are usually built in groups of four buildings, with mess hall, in a rough quadrangle scheme.



Item No.	Item	Size	No. Req'd	Fuel or Power	Item No.	Item	Size	No. Req'd	Fuel or Power
K-4-1	Cabinet, ice cream 4 hole, 20 gal.	53" x 31" x 34"	2	Elect.	K-21	Slicer, meat—pedestal or table mounted	26" x 20"	1	Elect.
K-5	Chest, ice crushed— 200 lbs.	32" x 32" x 32"	2		K-22	Steamer, veg., 6 bu.	36" x 36" x 66"	1	Elect.
	Dishwasher		2		K-24-1	Table, work	72" x 36"	1	
K-9-2, or	Fryer, deep fat—68 lbs.	21" x 36" x 34"	2	Gas	K-24-2	Table, work	96" x 36"	2	
K-9-3	Fryer, deep fat—90 lbs.	27" x 34"		Elect.	K-24-4	Table, cook's w/pan rack	96" x 36"	2	
K-10-1	Griddle (type A)	34" x 18"	2	Elect.	K-25-1, or	Toaster, conveyor— 360 slice	16" x 18" x 28 1/2"	2	Gas
K-12-4, or	Kettle—Jacketed— 60 gal.	30" OD	2	Steam	K-25-2	Toaster, conveyor— 360 slice	16" x 18" x 28 1/2"		Elect.
K-12-5	Kettle—Jacketed— 60 gal.	35" OD		Gas	K-26-2	Urn, coffee, twin w/stand 6/34/6 gal.	48" x 33" x 64"	2	Elect., gas, or steam
K-13-2	Mixer—Vertical—30 OT.	23" x 39"	1	Elect.	C-3	Sink, glass wash	24" x 20"	2	
K-14-1, or	Oven bake, 3 deck (tile)	55" x 48"	1	Gas	C-3-2	Sink, cook's, 1 comp.	30" x 24" x 14"	1	
K-14-2	Oven bake, 3 deck (metal)	60" x 44"		Gas	C-3-4	Sink, scullery, 2 comp. w/drain boards	108" x 26" x 16"	1	
K-16-1	Peeler, veg.—30 lb.	40" x 30"	1	Elect.	C-3-5	Sink, scullery w/steam jet, drain boards	108" x 26" x 20"	1	
K-18-1, or	Range, H.D. hotel type	36" x 42"	4	Gas	C-4	Table, steam	61" x 28"	2	Steam, Gas, or elect.
K-18-2	Range, H.D. hotel type	36" x 36"		Elect.	SC-1	Cold pan Prewash salvager	46" x 28"	2	
K-19-4	Refrigerator, 65 cu. ft.	90" x 42" x 74"	3	Elect.				2	
K-20-3	Refrigerator, prefab., 1310 C.F.	120" x 288" x 94"	1	Elect.				2	

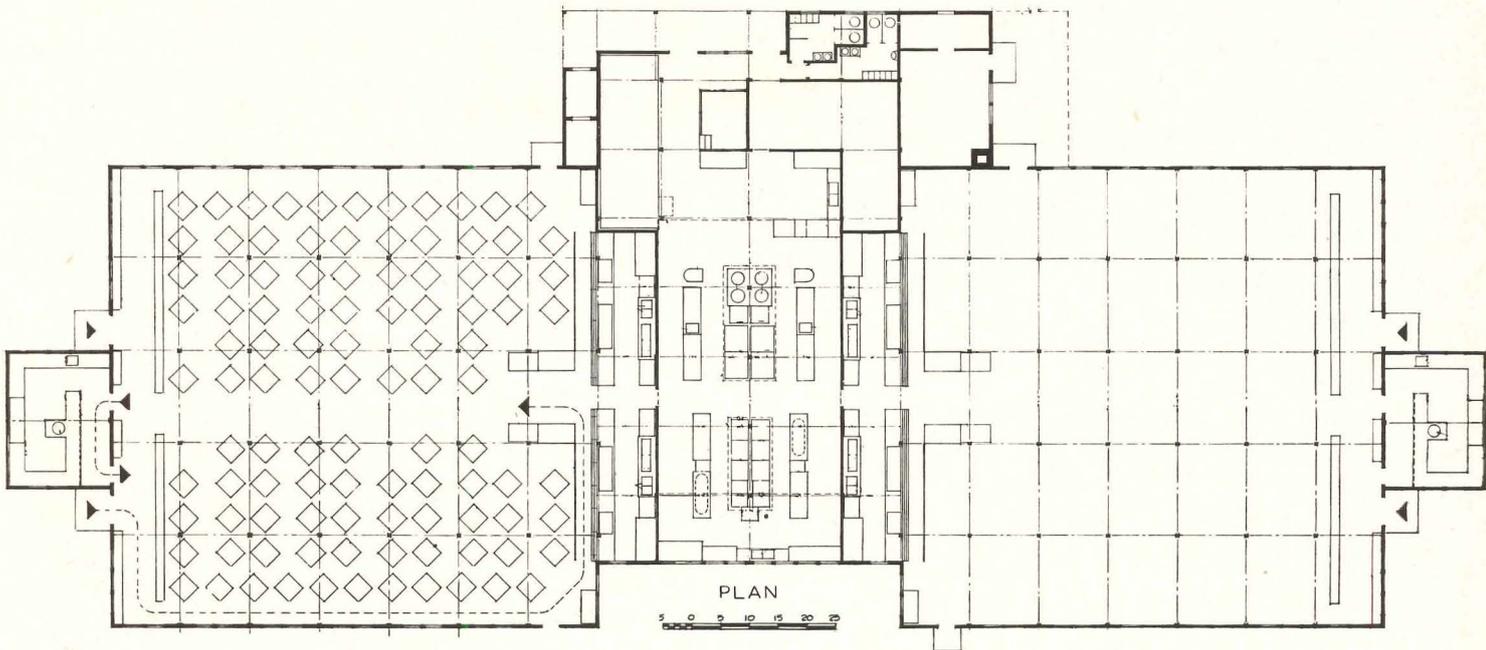
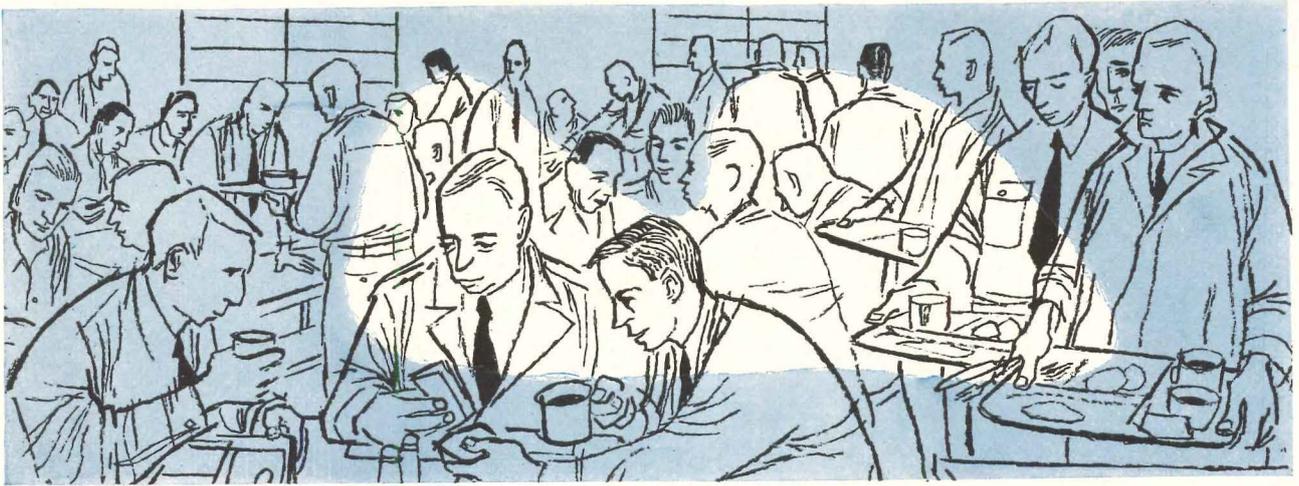
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FLOOR PLAN

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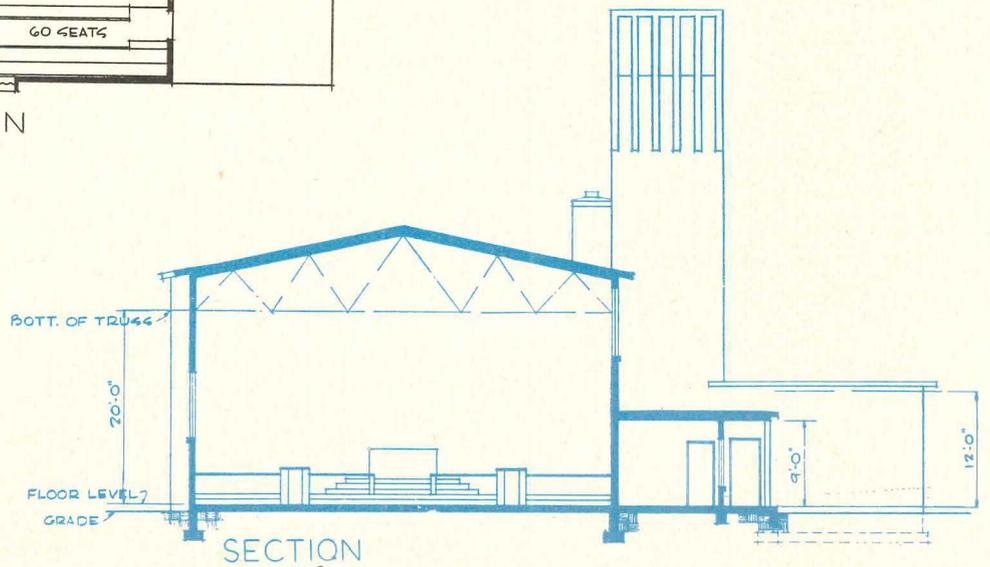
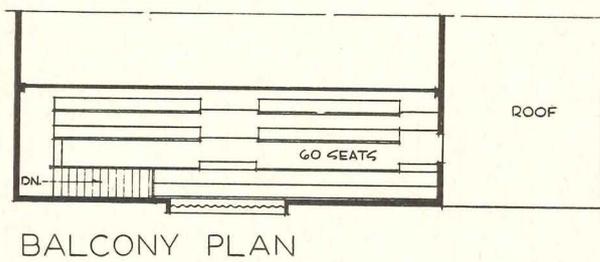
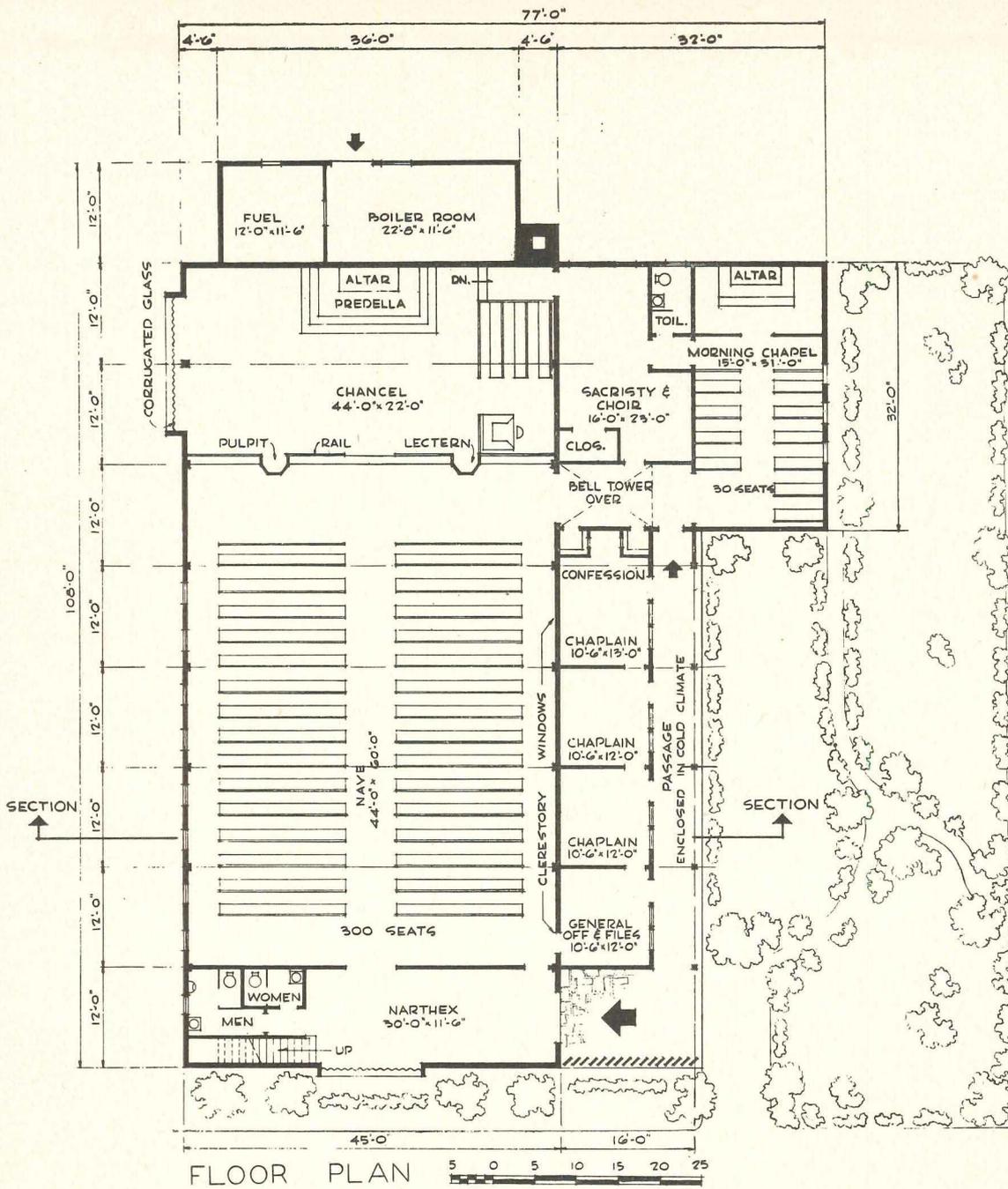


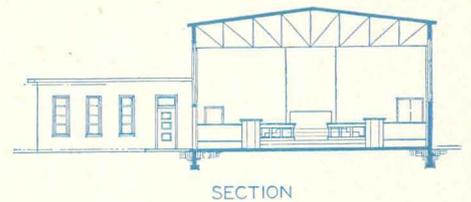
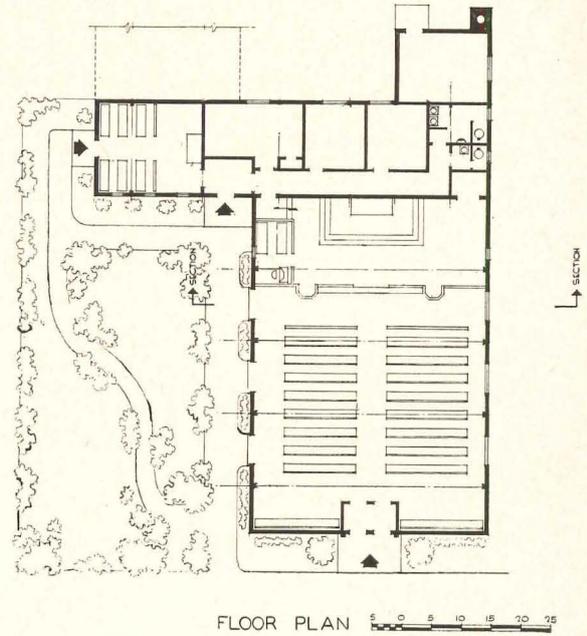
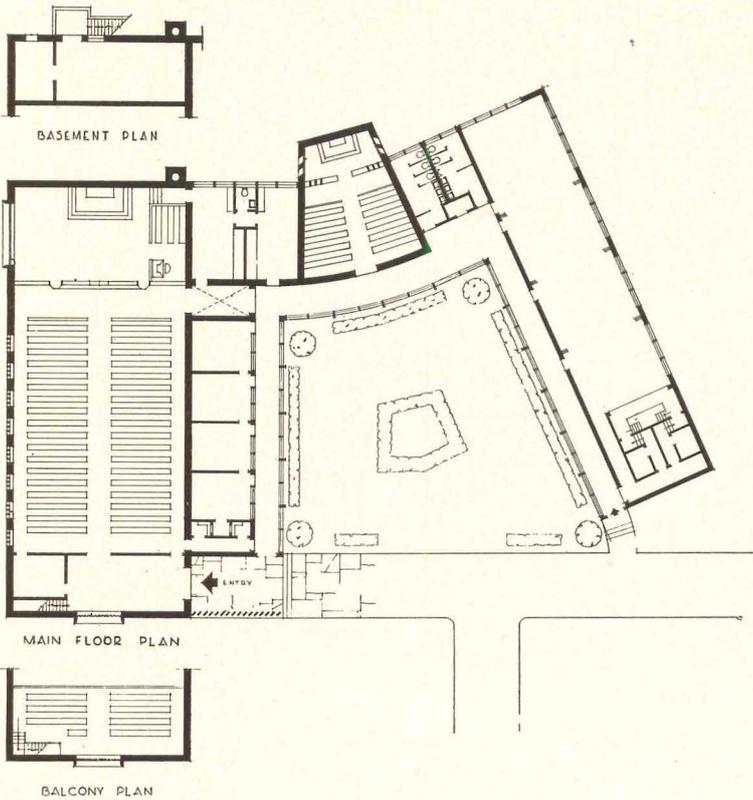
MESS HALLS

THE MESS HALL shown in plan on the opposite page is the one used most frequently. Its normal capacity is 500 men, but it will serve up to 750 without overloading. Normally such a mess hall serves four dormitory buildings, which would be arranged around it. Serving is handled in a double cafeteria arrangement, with double entrance, double dishwashing scheme. The plan pretty well explains itself, except for the lower part of the drawing. The building actually serves the double pur-

pose of serving food and issuing it, for various operational maneuvers which involve feeding away from the base. In the scheme shown the same corridor serves both the cafeteria and the issue counters.

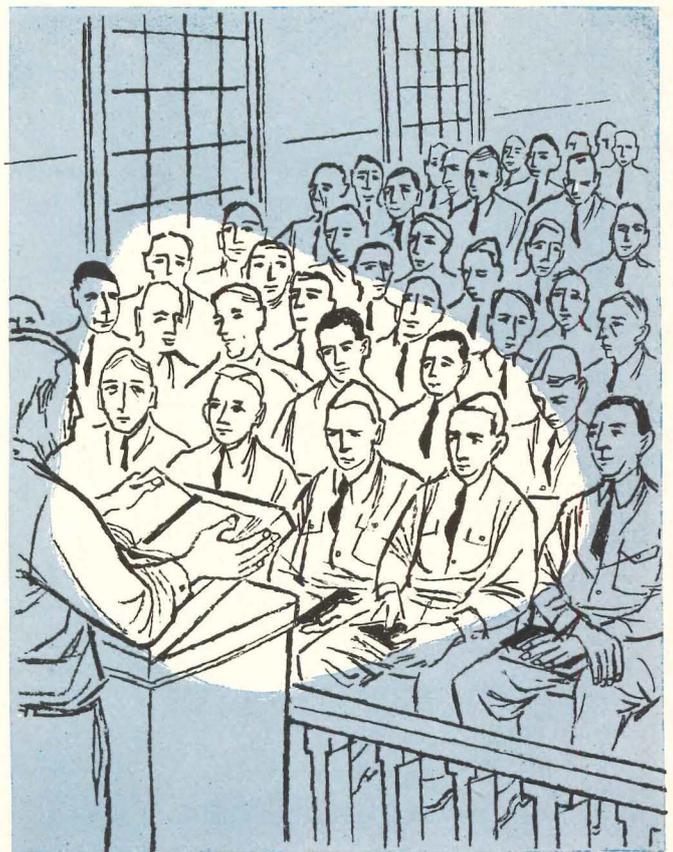
The plan above is a larger variation of the double cafeteria scheme, for 1200 men. It is not normal to the dormitory grouping mentioned above, and so would not be frequently used, but is available in case a larger group of living quarters were found more practical.





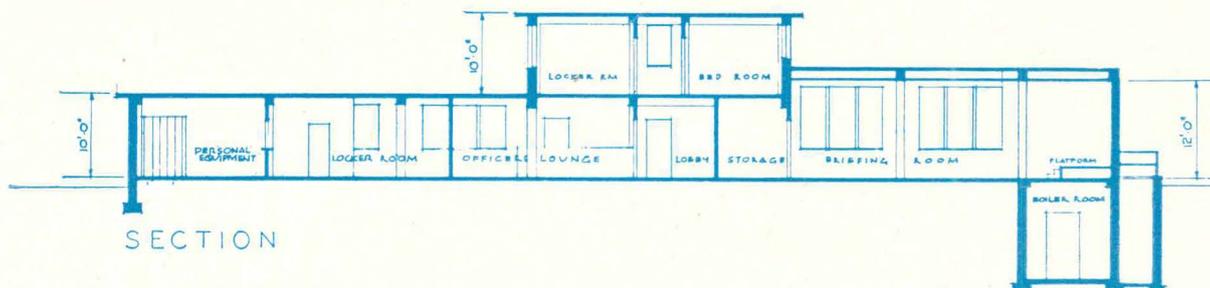
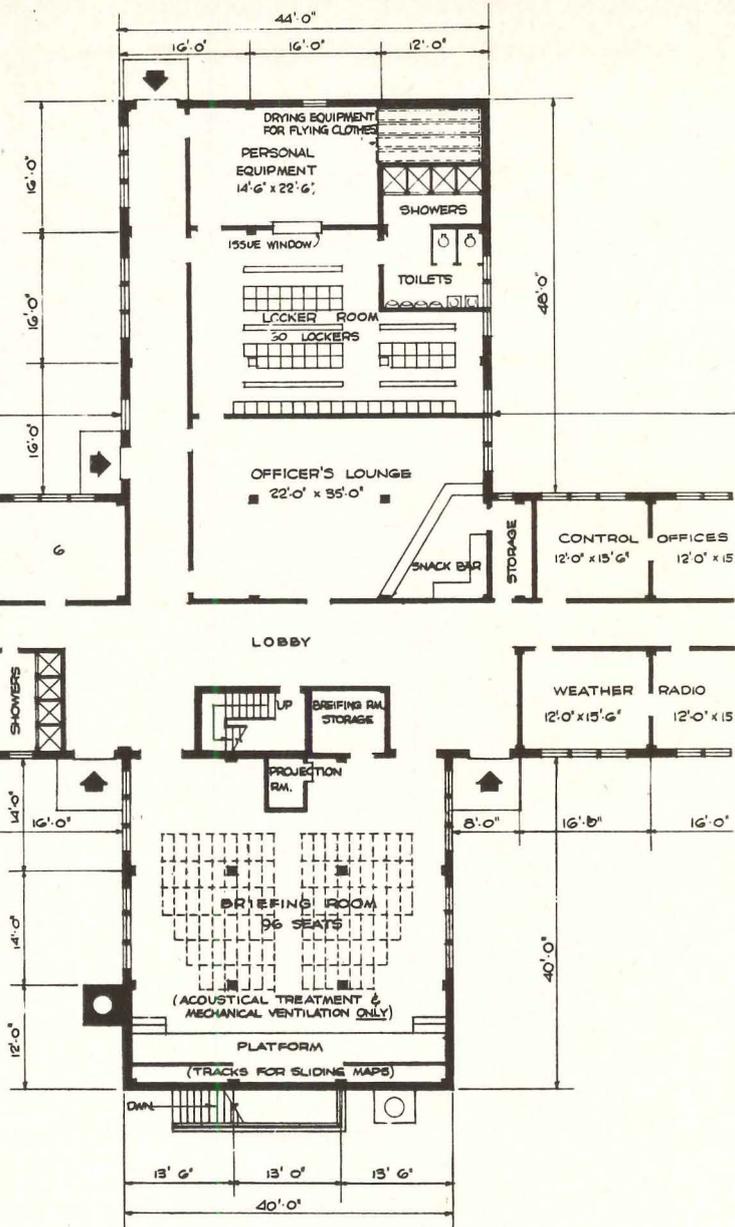
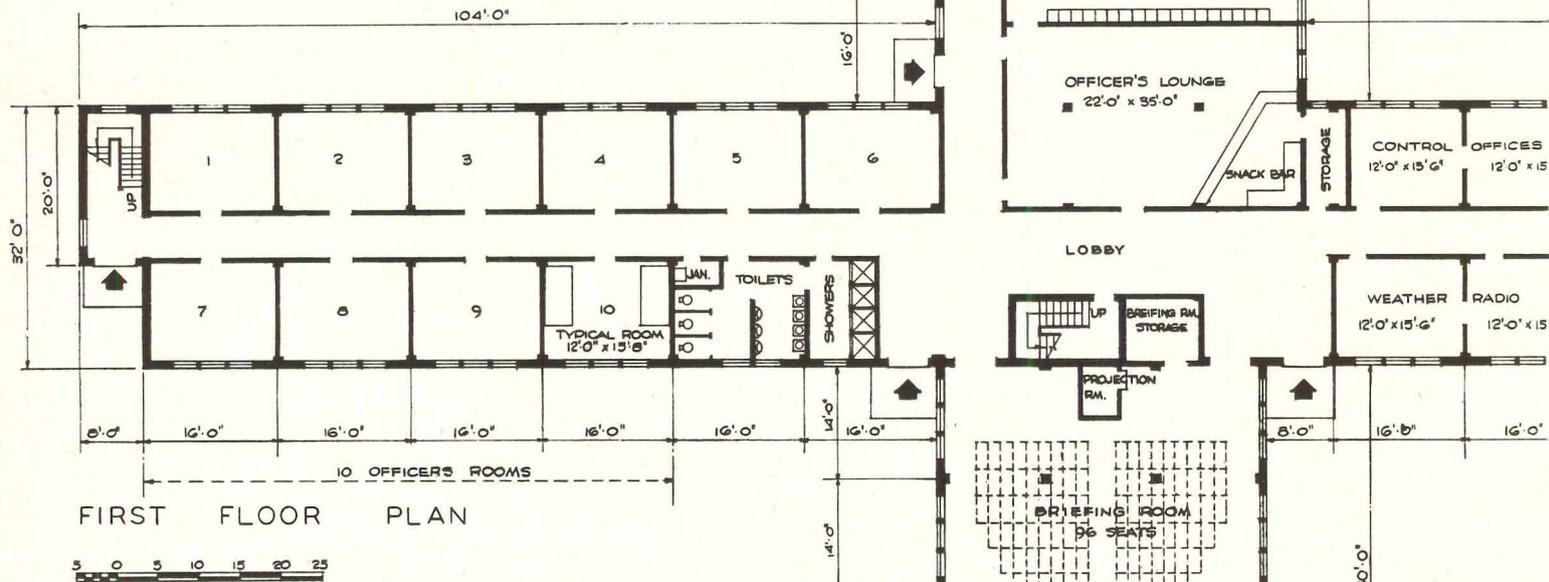
CHAPELS

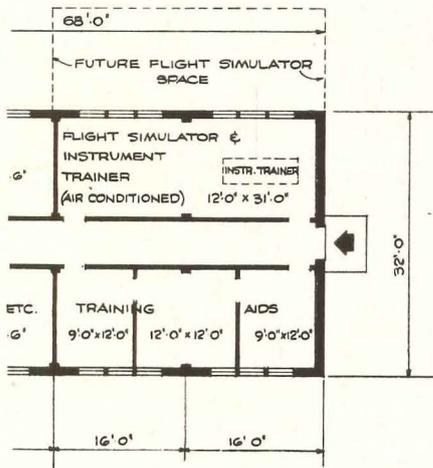
CHAPELS FOR AIRMEN are, of course, non-sectarian, will serve equally well for any religious group. The basic chapel is shown opposite, with all of the principal requirements, but without classrooms for religious teaching. The 300-seat chapel is the most common one, but there are also definitive designs for smaller and larger buildings. The morning chapel is considered a firm requirement, the classrooms desirable. Thus the morning chapel is set to the side so that the classroom wing can be added, if not during original construction, at a later time. Where the classroom is part of the first construction it might well be angled as shown above, if for no other reason than relief from the cumulative rectangularity that might begin to seem regimented when an air base grows quite large. While the 300-seat chapel is considered the regular size, it is possible to put all necessary requirements in a small chapel, without bell tower, as shown at the right above.



READINESS BUILDING

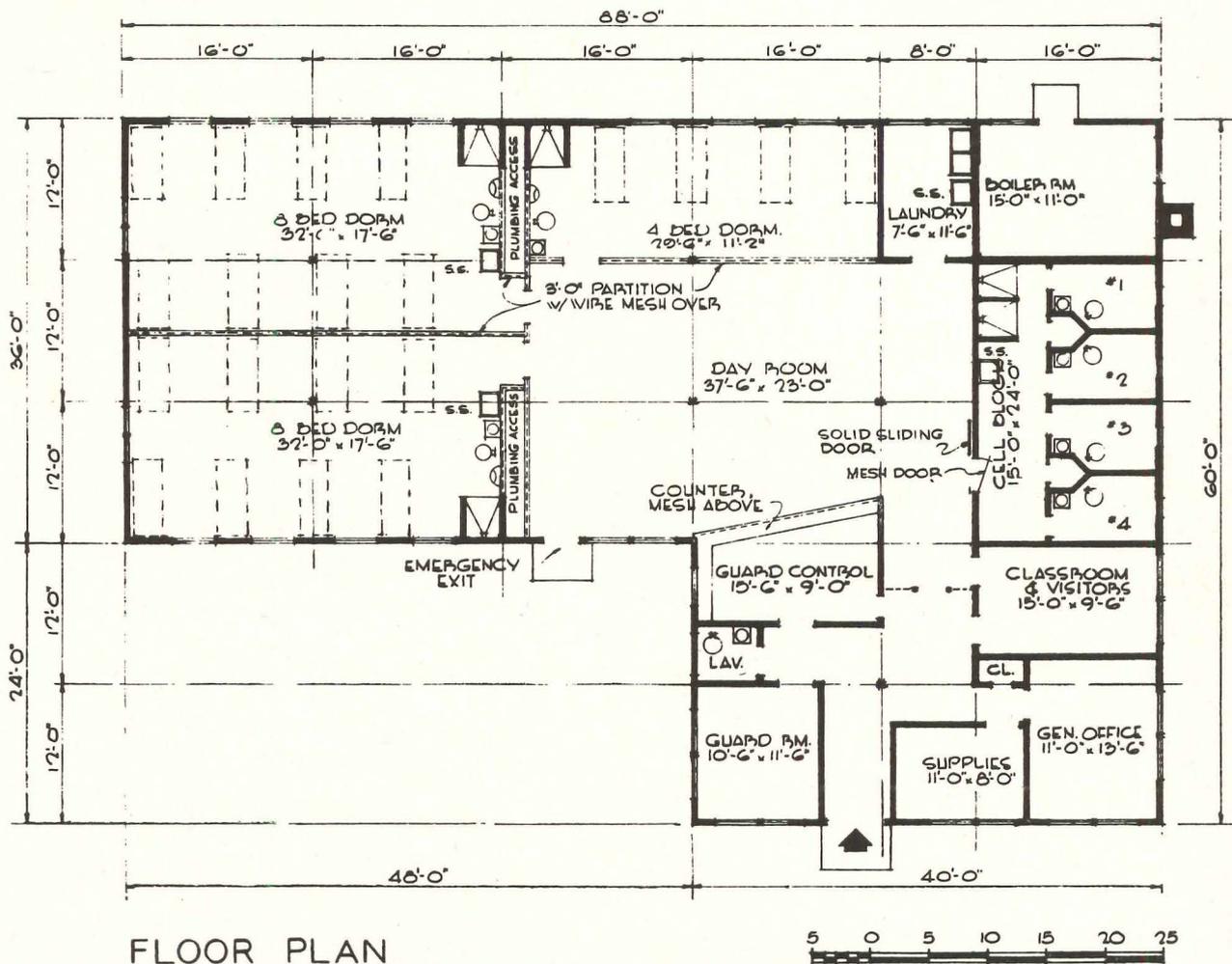
THE NAME OF THIS BUILDING and its plan pretty well describe its functions. It is an advanced base dormitory for flying personnel, where normal activities may be hurried at times. So briefing room is attached, as are also certain operational functions for this particular group, and a few training facilities for boning up on new equipment, or perhaps for the final training of replacement personnel.



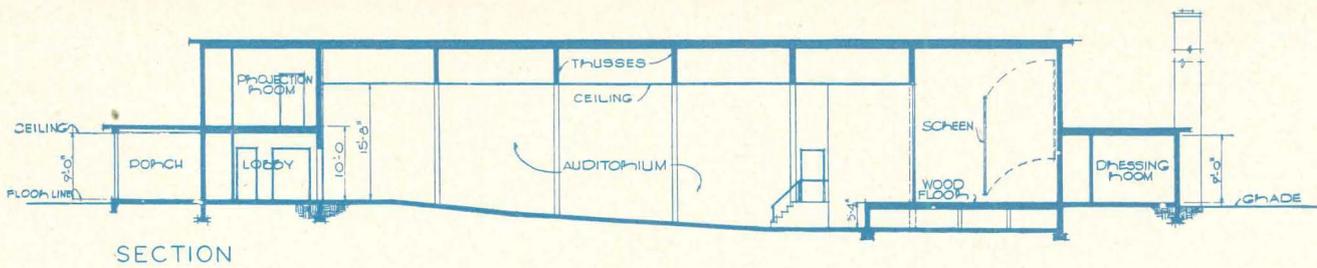


GUARD HOUSES

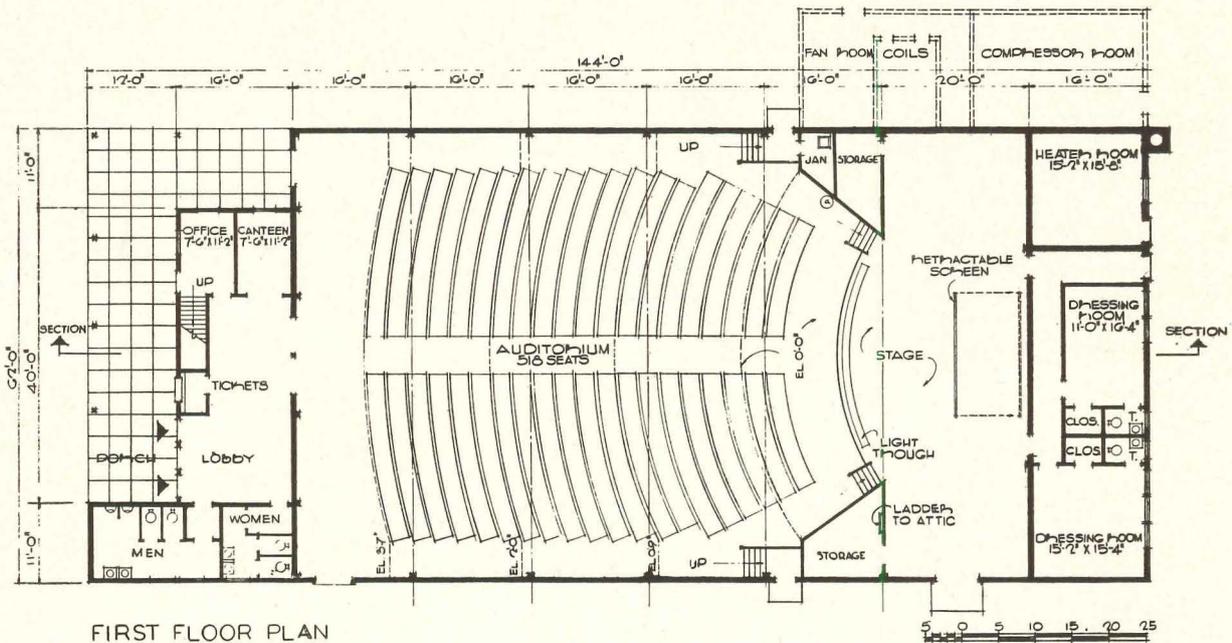
AND, of course, the inevitable guard house. This scheme represents fairly normal prison design as adapted to Air Force needs. There is an isolation block, for the infrequent crack-up case. But the normal assumption is that the guard house is for temporary detainment of a few "good kids" who get too boisterous once in a while.



FLOOR PLAN



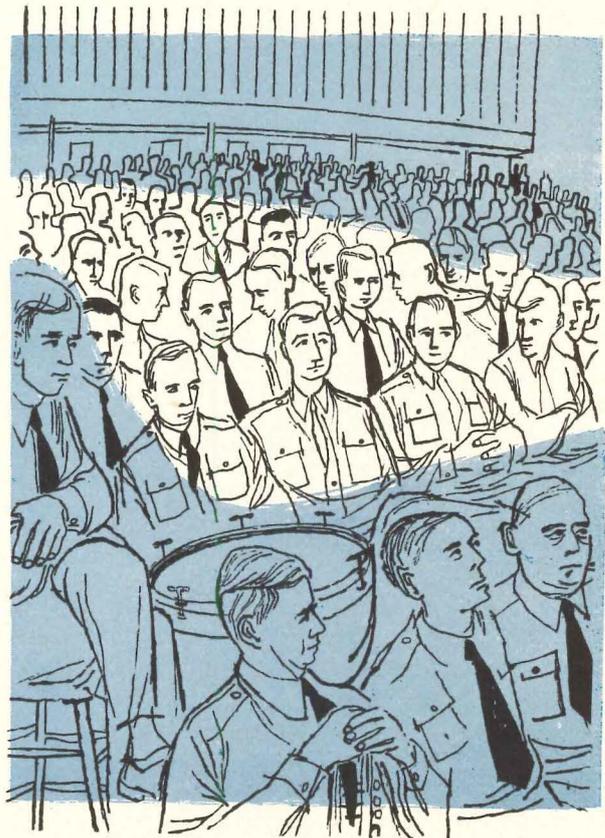
SECTION



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

THEATERS

THIS is one of a considerable group of theater designs for the Air Force, this one having some 500 seats. All plans are basically alike, differing mainly in size, somewhat in facilities. Most of the entertainment will be movies, but in all theaters there should be some provision for live-talent shows. Some sort of theater is considered a must at every air base. In a normal base of, say, 6,000 men, a 1,000-seat theater would be used. A training base, which might run up to 30,000 men, would have several theaters. All are pared down to bare essentials. Working drawings are available for certain of the theater designs, done by John and Drew Ebersson.



Marcel Breuer, Architect

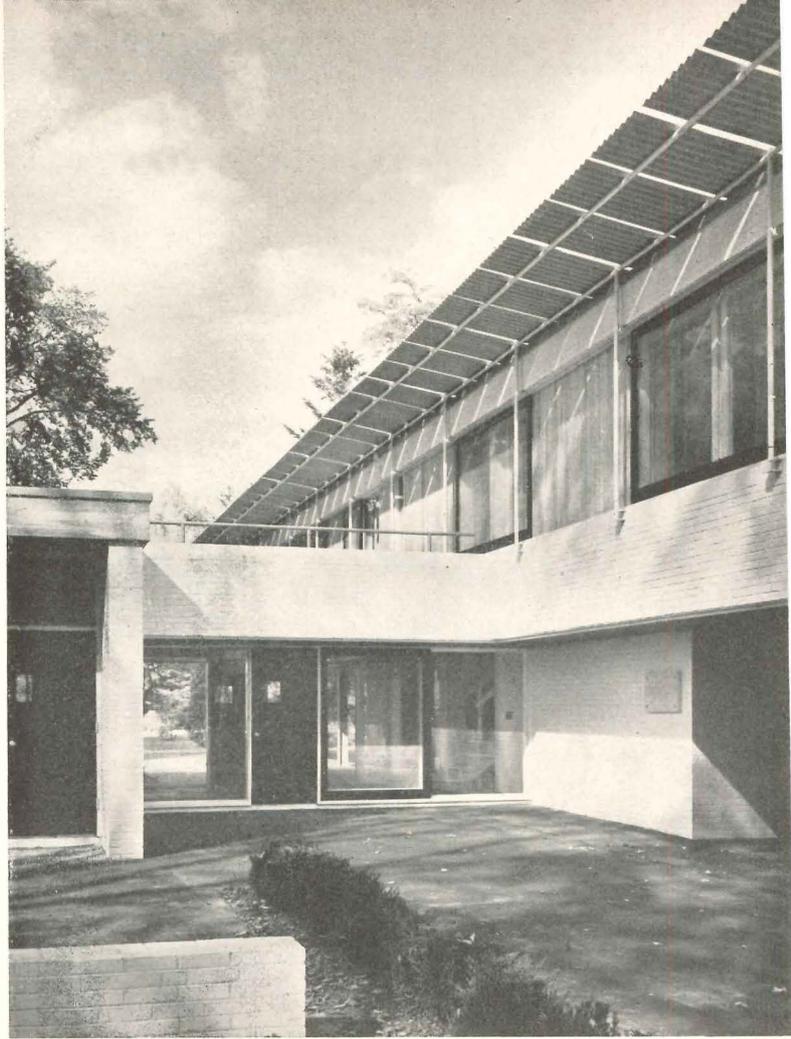
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Cooperative Dormitory

Vassar College

Poughkeepsie, New York



AN ARCHITECTURE OF ENERGY

IN AN OLD COLLEGE SETTING, with its venerable buildings, this new dormitory has a quality that almost makes it jump. There was no attempt here to make it blend with its ancient neighbors, not even any urging that it do so. The desire was rather to assert the "floating, still uncrystallized energies" of a college group, to create something felt, not merely seen.

Breuer has taken pains with laymen to explain that form-follows-function is inadequate explanation of this particular form, though hastening to add that the functional approach is assumed to be a simple necessity in any building problem, up to a certain point.

In this instance the analysis went: there should be privacy for the bedrooms; one way to achieve this is to elevate them from the ground. Two gains follow: covered outdoor areas for ping-pong tables, games, bicycles, and uninterrupted views, so that the building does not split its site quite so sharply, or seem to crowd its campus.

The living-dining portion does sit on the ground, giving the dormitory a binuclear scheme that separates, actually and psychologically, the noise, music and traffic of this area from the relative quiet of the study-bedrooms.

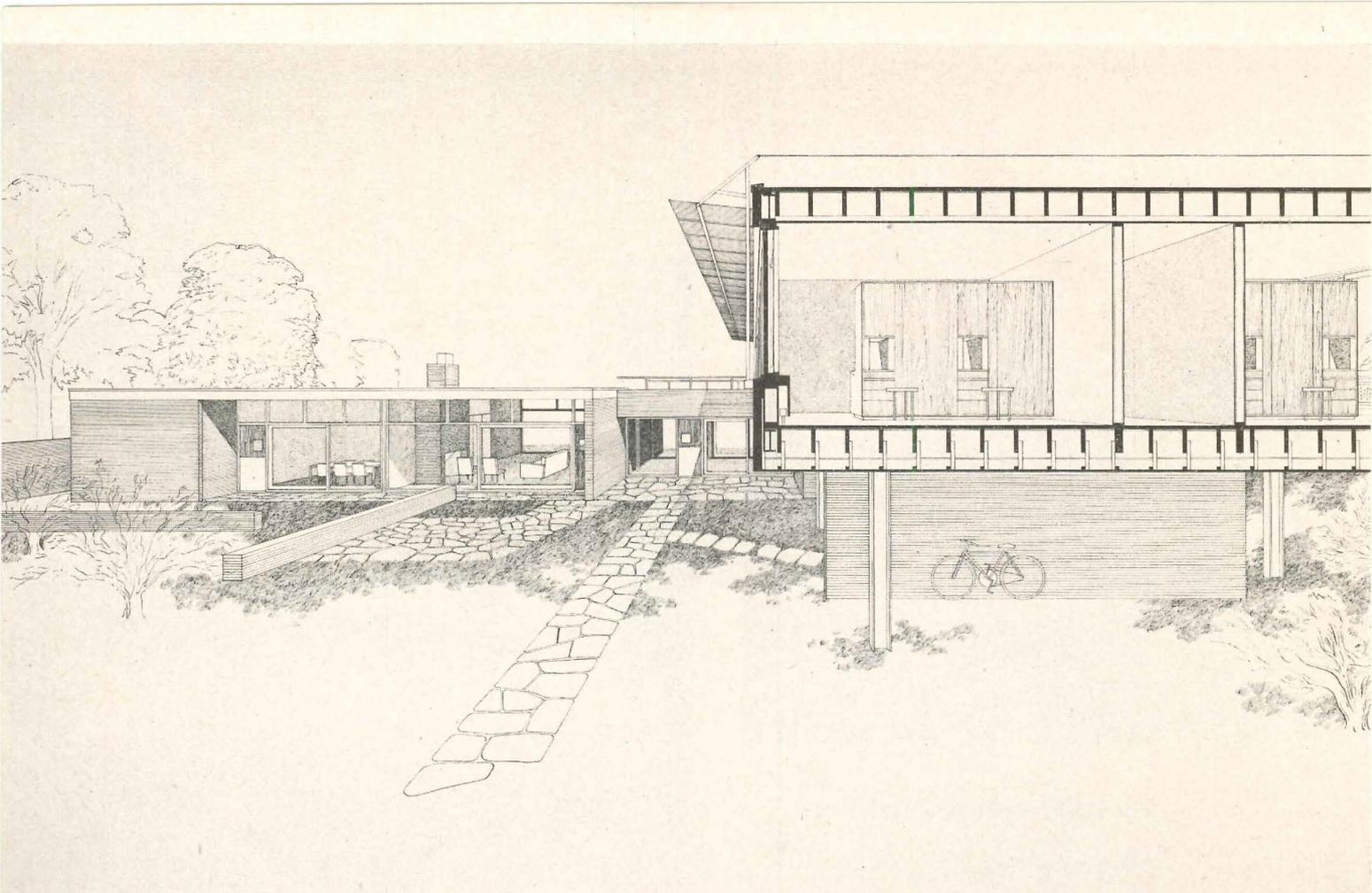
Bedrooms, besides being elevated, should be sunny: thus the orientation of windows is east-west. There should be protection from hot midday sun, hence the sunshades. Office, utility room, upstairs lounge, telephone booth and bathrooms should be along the central path of traffic, to reduce disturbance and nervousity as well as mere number of steps.

Most of the bedrooms are for double occupancy, though they are partially compartmentalized so that one girl may sleep while the other studies.

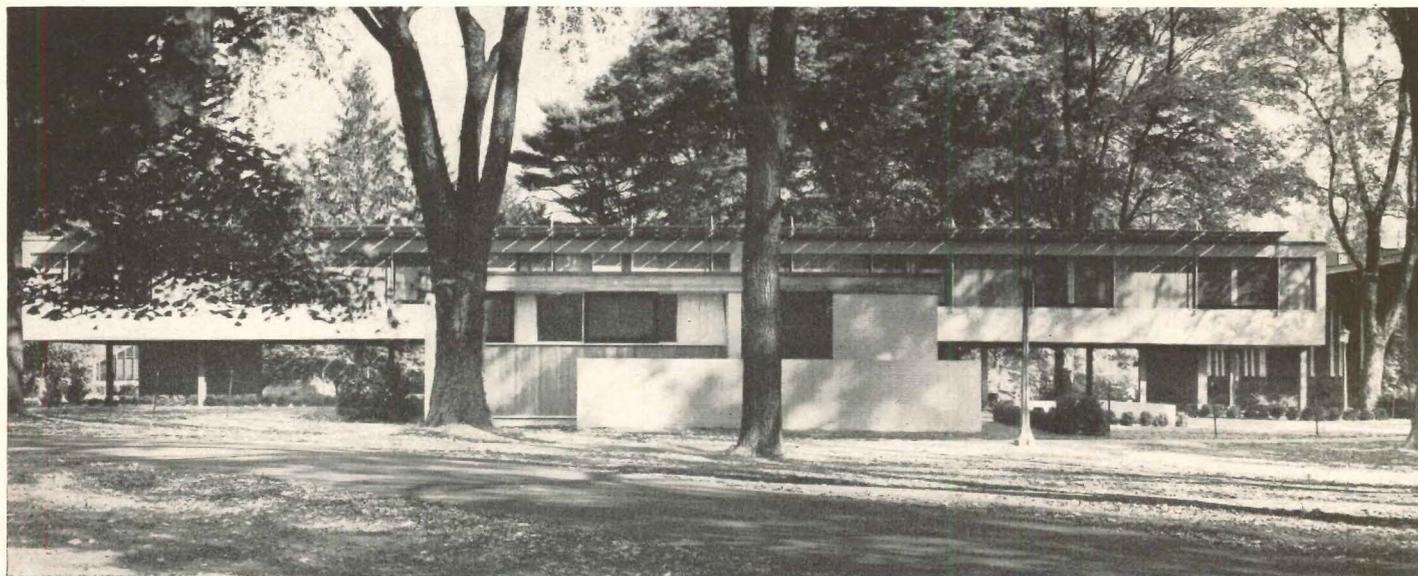
If this analysis determines form, how say what determines esthetics? Breuer has made a thrust at it in this (his first and only poem):

"Often you ask: where and how and what are esthetics, beyond functions needed?
Colors which you can hear with ears,
Sounds to see with eyes,
The void you touch with your elbow,
The taste of space on your tongue,
The fragrance of dimensions,
The juice of stone."

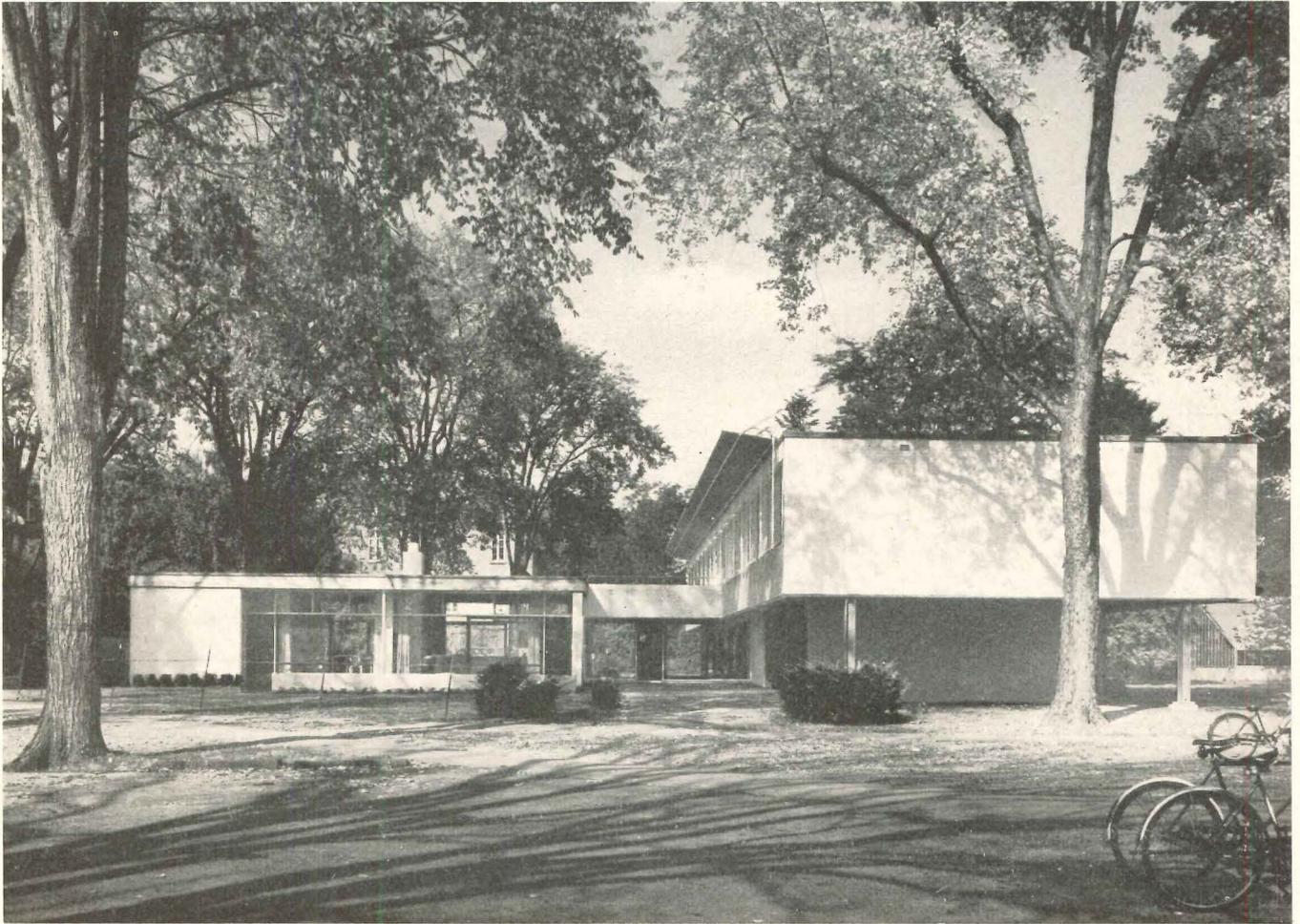
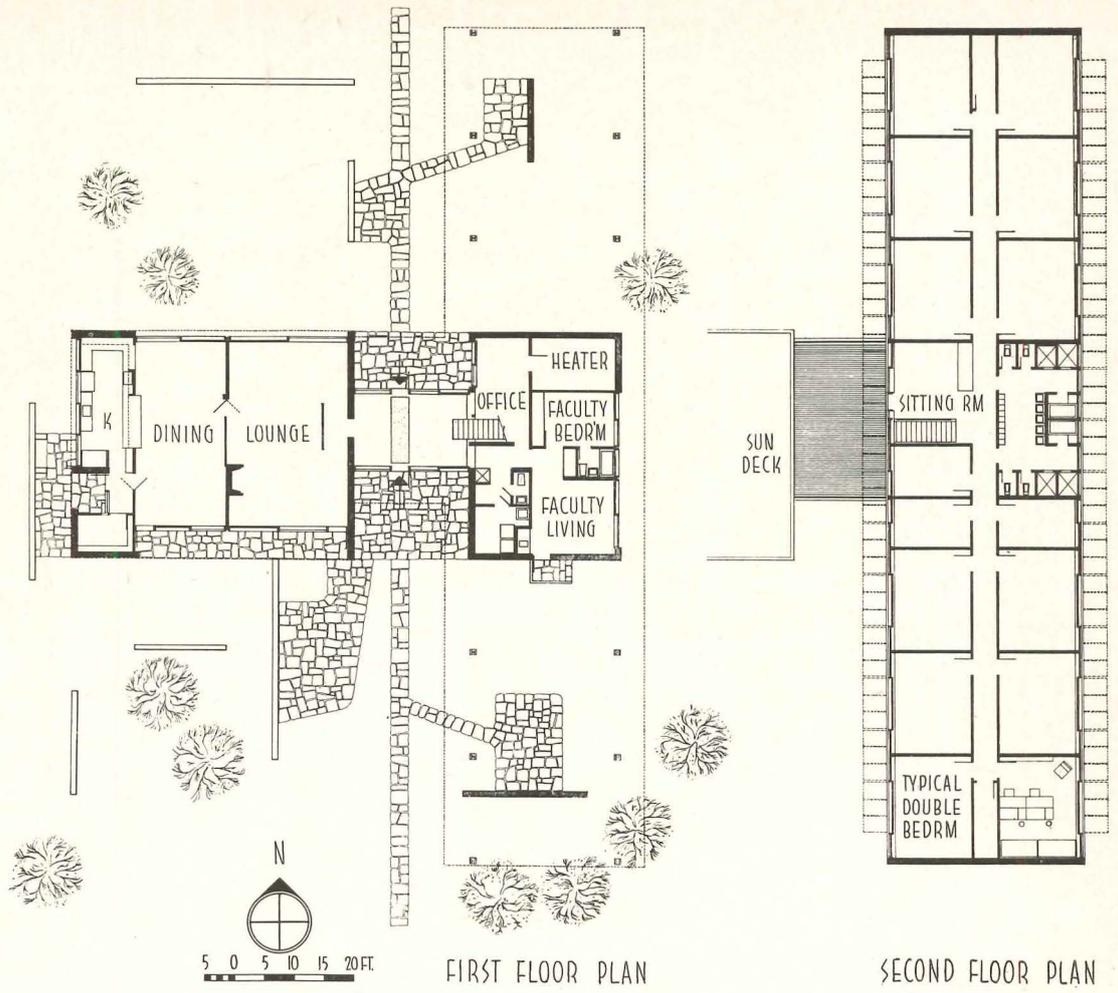
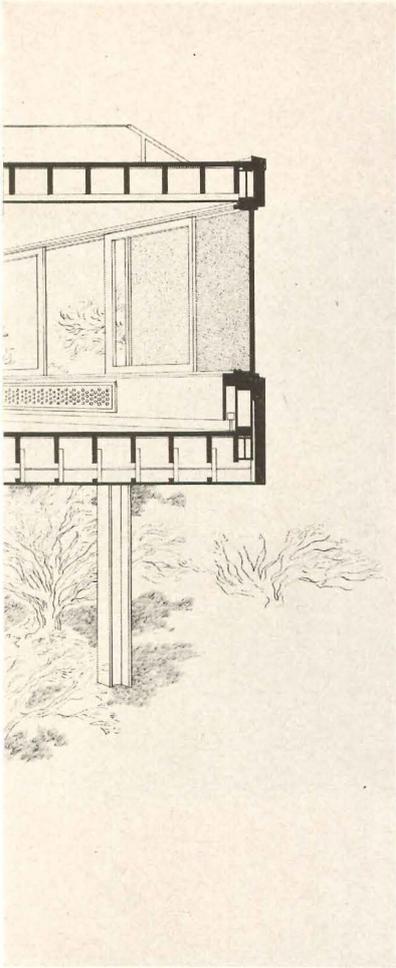
Which is probably as good a way as any to explain an architecture that is not to be seen in one plane, but must be experienced.



Whether Breuer builds into his site or onto it is a question that will not be settled by the Vassar Dormitory, for this building has the familiar Breuer low-seat walls to merge site and building, also the frank elevation of one portion above ground. Maybe this building suggests an answer to a current academic argument which has generated many thousands of words

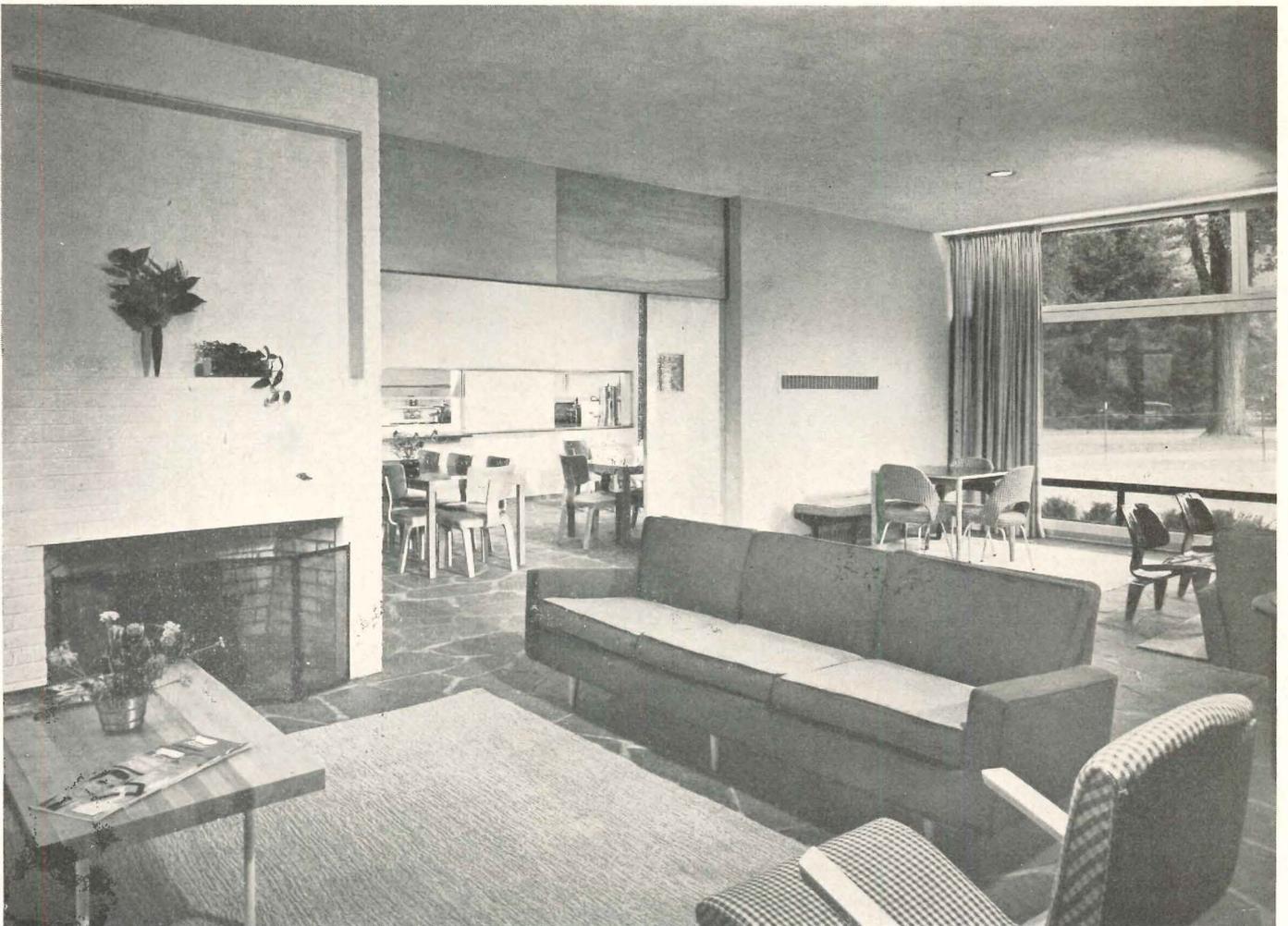


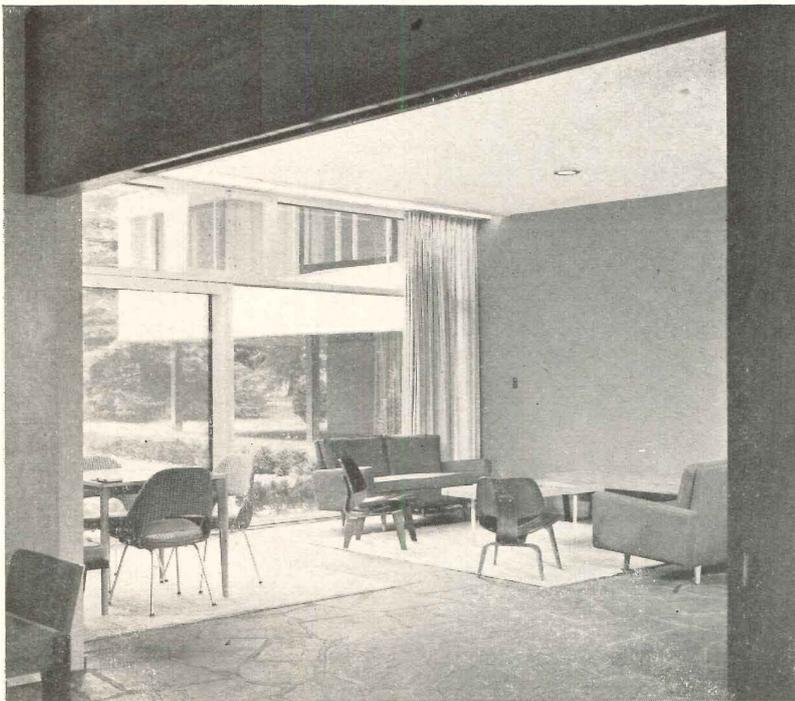
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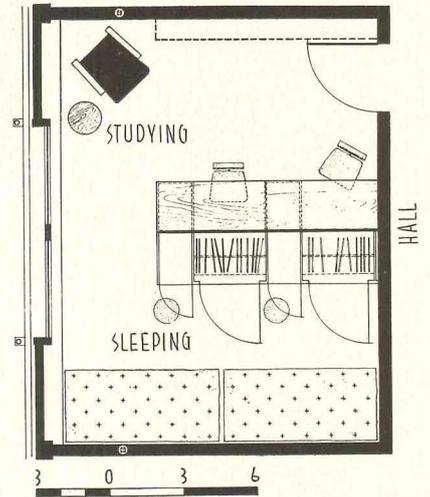
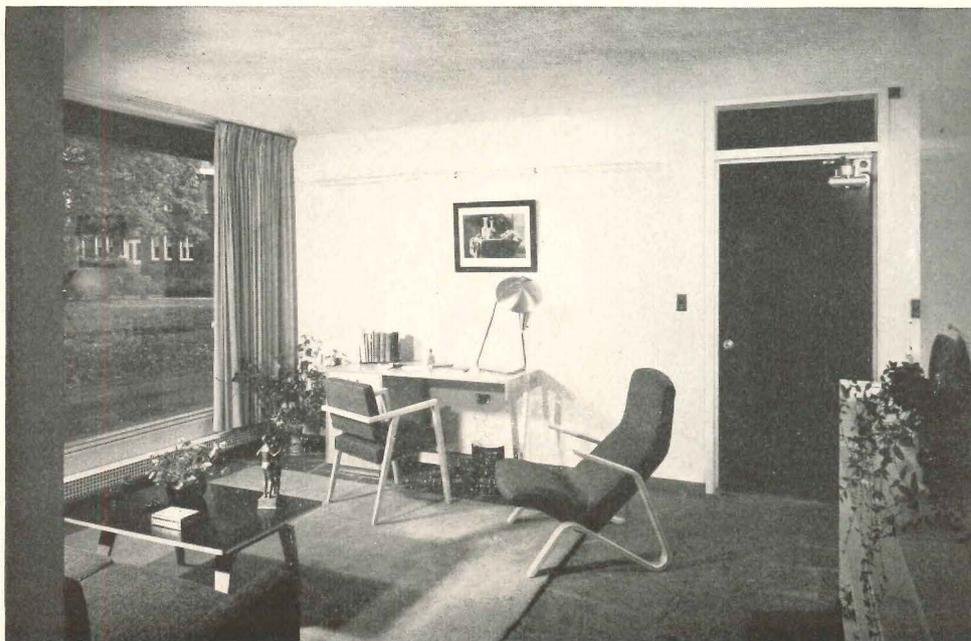
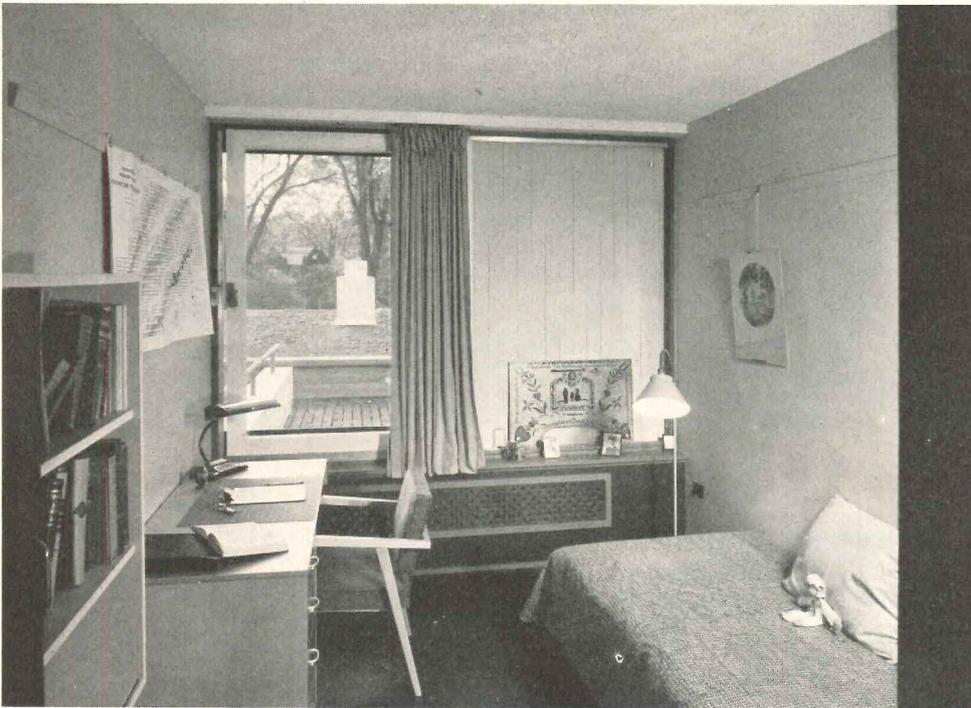
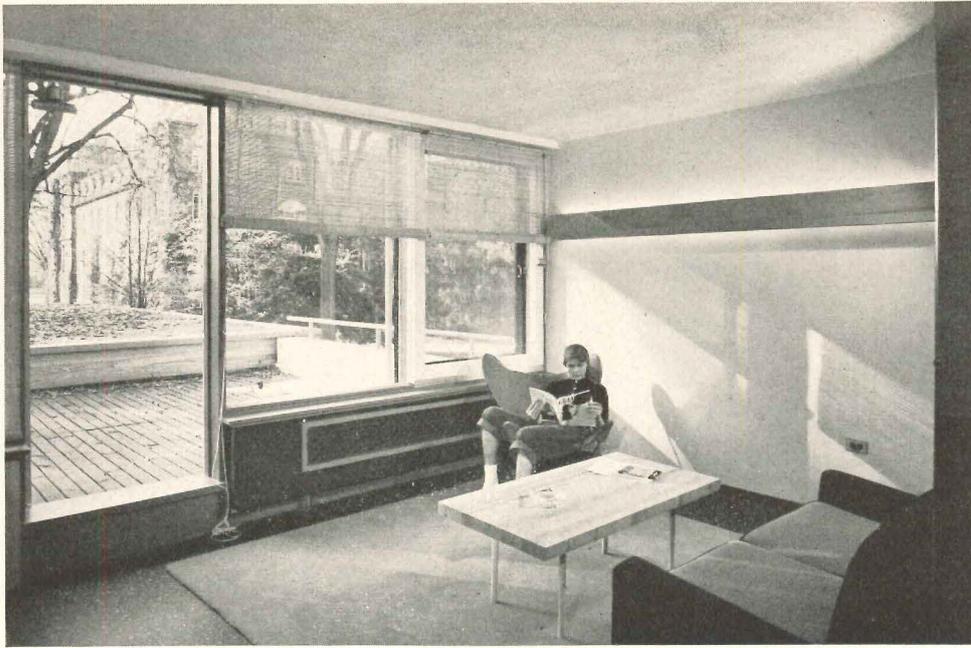


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Breuer's Vassar Dormitory is a cooperative house in which the girls do their own work, even the cooking. Efficiency exhibits itself in kitchen and serving arrangements, but by no means dominates the interiors. The living-dining area presupposes a good measure of energy and noise, and is set apart from the strictly dormitory portion so that exuberance need not be inhibited. The glass walls do more than "bring the outside in;" there is perhaps a suggestion of letting the inside out. At any rate, these interiors are designed to be open, with a calculated note of gaiety



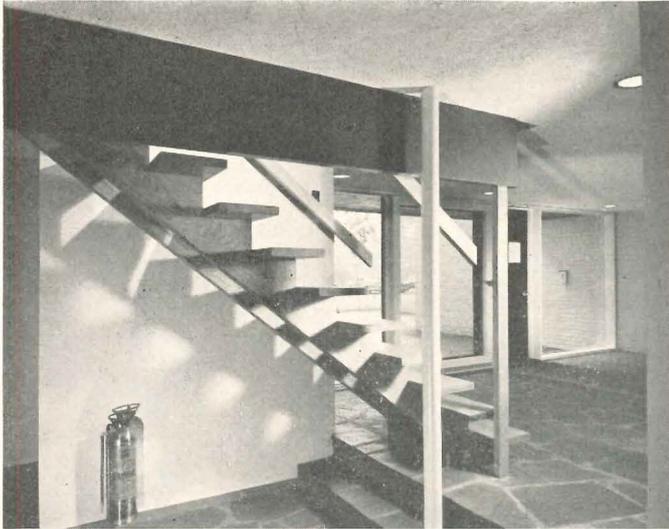
Upper photograph shows the upstairs lounge where the girls may break the grind for that all-important chatter. It is located right at the head of the stairs, opens to roof deck beyond. View in center is one of the single rooms; note the panel in the convector cover; holes may be closed for heat control by just sliding the panel. Photograph at left shows living room of special apartment for the faculty adviser



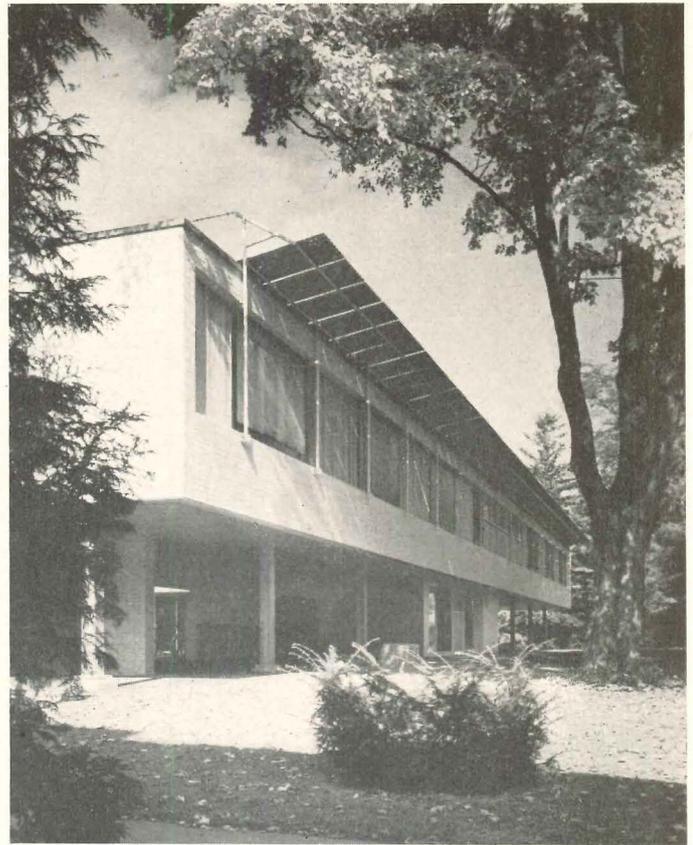
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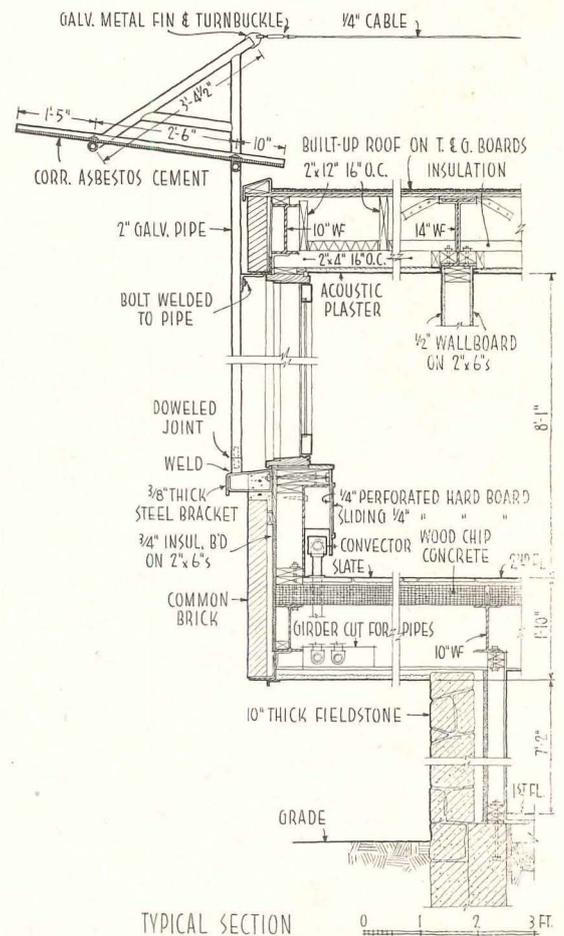
Typical double bedroom is divided into sleeping space and study space by head-high cabinet partition. On one side are aligned two study desks, each with inset lighted panel. Other side of this same fixture lights dressing table in sleeping portion



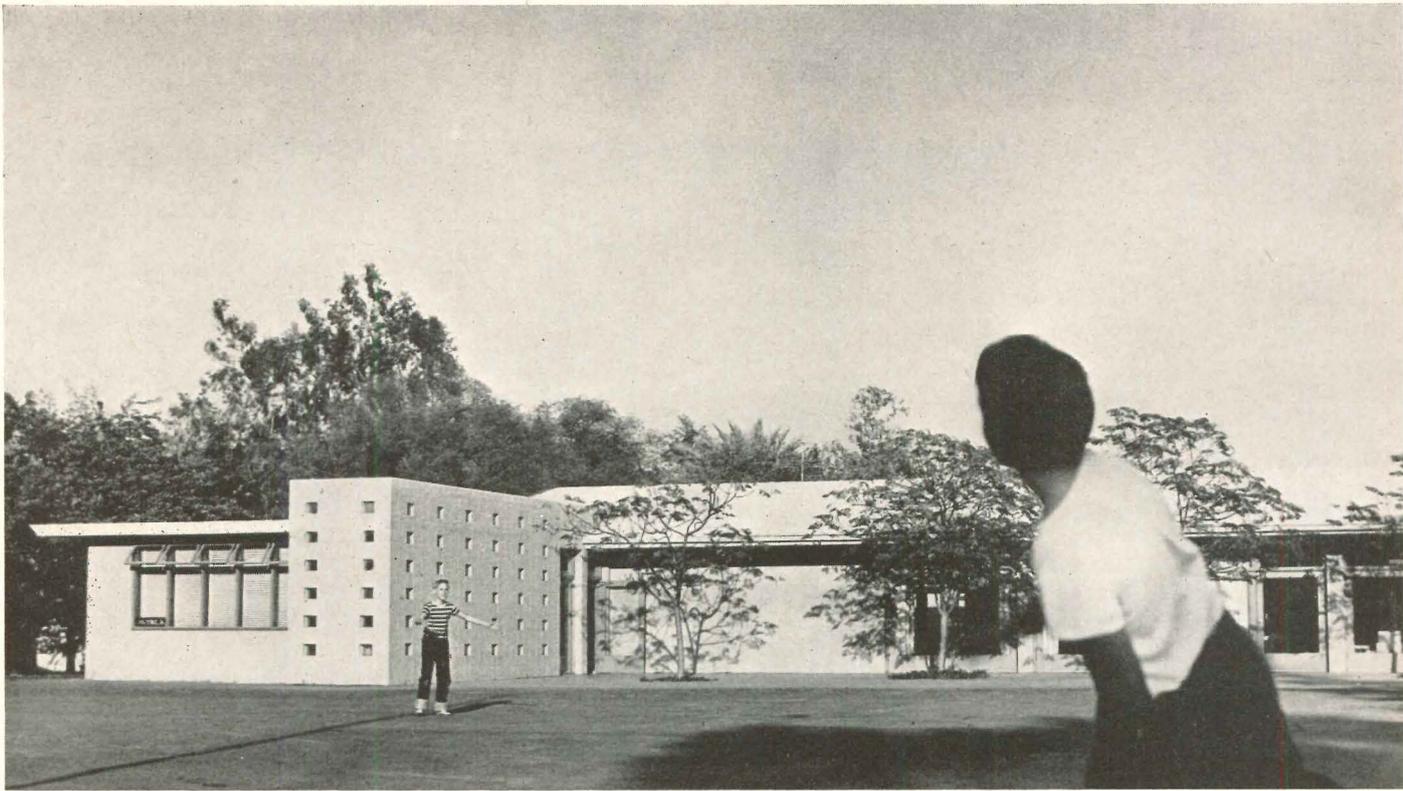
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The fun of structural things in tension here comes out in a cable stabilizer for the pipe-supported sunshades. Shade itself is sections of corrugated asbestos cement, with small spaces between sections to make light stripes across the building



TYPICAL SECTION

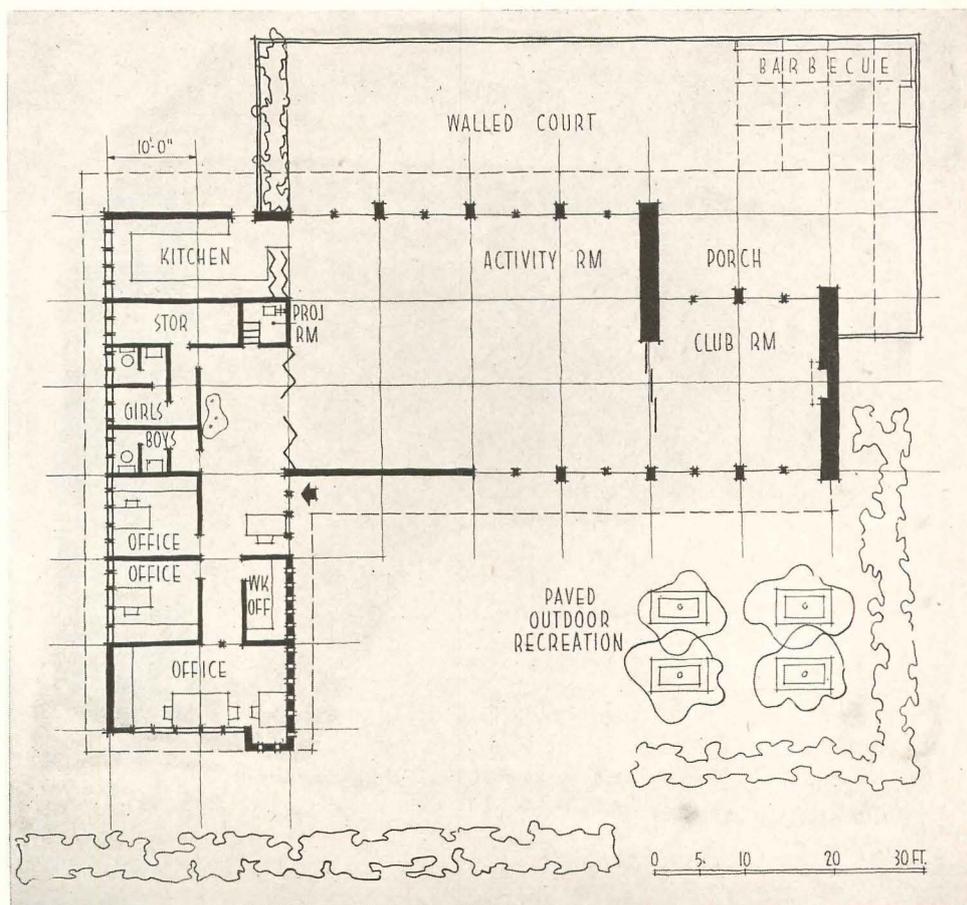
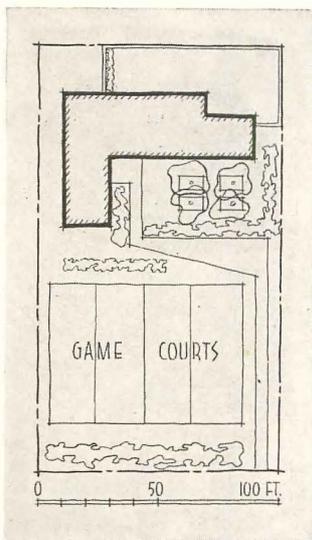


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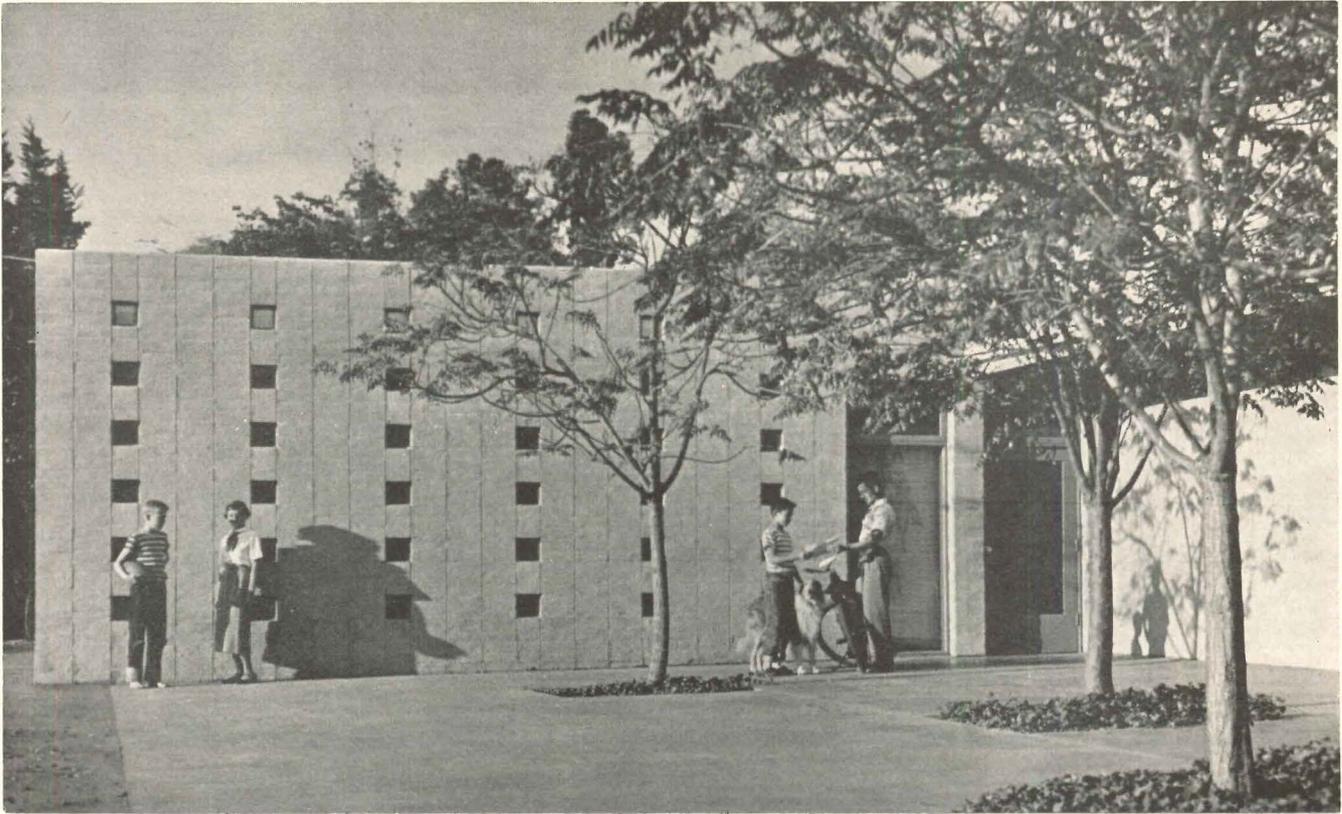
YMCA-YWCA OFFICE AND ACTIVITY BUILDING

North Hollywood, California

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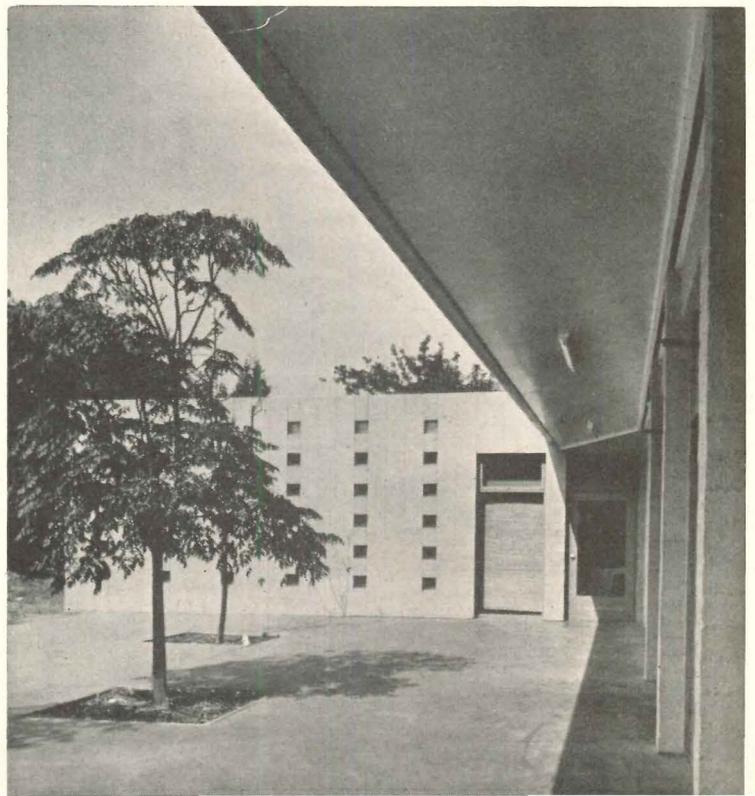
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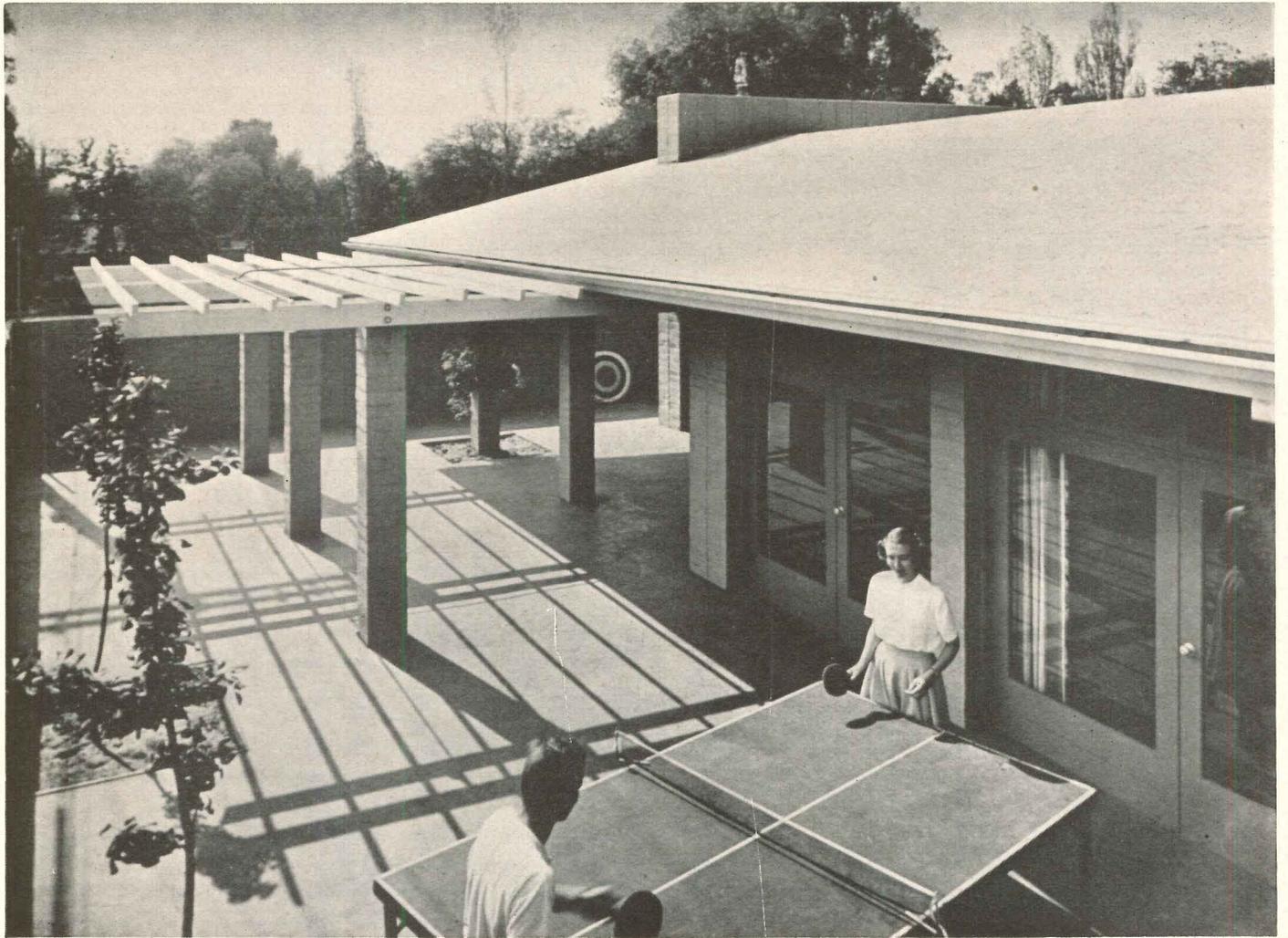


Known as the "Y" youth center, this activities building was constructed at $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ the comparable cost of conventional Y buildings in California. Modular construction, elimination of much plaster, articulation of plan and similar factors are credited with keeping cost to \$29,000

BETWEEN 1940 AND 1944 the San Fernando Valley gained 59,000 residents; "Y" boards and supporters started a drive for funds when the need for facilities became apparent. The budget, based on what the community could raise, was one factor behind the decision to share YM and YW facilities. In certain respects this decision satisfied social needs that might not otherwise have been met; and it also introduced a new group of design problems. A multi-use, mixed occupancy building cannot be compared with the typical, single-use "Y" building. The demands which joint scheduling made on space and facilities tended to increase, not decrease, cost per square foot.

The plan had to be flexible. Either the club room or the activity room had to be usable as an isolated social room with access to the outdoor barbecue. Construction is concrete block finished with an exterior cement brush coat; the roof is of solid wood sheathing with a white top surfacing to reflect heat. Floors are stained concrete. Sash are wood; heating is provided by individual space heaters.





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Top of page, game area in walled court; bottom, 30 by 40-ft activity room seen from 20 by 20-ft club room. Ceiling between the exposed wood trusses is acoustical tile

SCHOOL DESIGN IN 1952

What Is The Materials Situation, And How Can We Meet The Crisis?

ESTIMATED PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS NEEDED, BY YEARS*

School year	Estimated public elementary and secondary enrollment	Classrooms needed			
		To house increase	For normal replacements	To reduce backlog	Total annual need
1950-51.....	26,259,000
1951-52.....	26,907,000	24,000	18,000	36,000	78,000
1952-53.....	28,329,000	53,000	18,000	36,000	107,000
1953-54.....	29,610,000	47,000	18,000	36,000	101,000
1954-55.....	30,722,000	41,000	18,000	36,000	95,000
1955-56.....	31,484,000	28,000	18,000	36,000	82,000
1956-57.....	31,966,000	18,000	18,000	36,000	72,000
1957-58.....	32,251,000	11,000	18,000	36,000	65,000
7-year total.....	222,000	126,000	252,000	600,000

By Frank G. Lopez
A. I. A.

* Source: Ray L. Hamon, Chief, School Housing Section, U. S. Office of Education; published in "School Life," November 1951

WHEN you get right down to cases, this crisis in school construction is nothing new, except as it has been accentuated by the concurrent and continuing mobilization crisis. The causes are now of a different nature, more acute and possibly more drastically limiting to architects, educators, and material or equipment suppliers; but the end result is actually just the addition of another — though a very serious — set of obstacles in the way of designing adequate schools.

To be specific: almost never since the tag end of the depression, when schools began again to be built, has an architect had a free hand in design, or has the educator gotten built all the space he needed. School boards or building committees have seldom been able to get either all the money or all the public comprehension of their aims they have wanted. We have had constantly to hunt for less expensive structure, materials and equipment; mounting construction costs have forced school design into this channel. The School Building Type studies published in ARCHITECTURAL RECORD in 1949, 1950 and since have emphasized economy as much as pedagogical demands.

ALMOST, BUT NOT QUITE, THE SAME

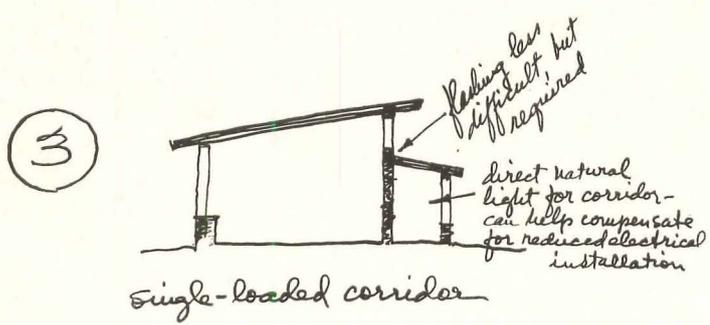
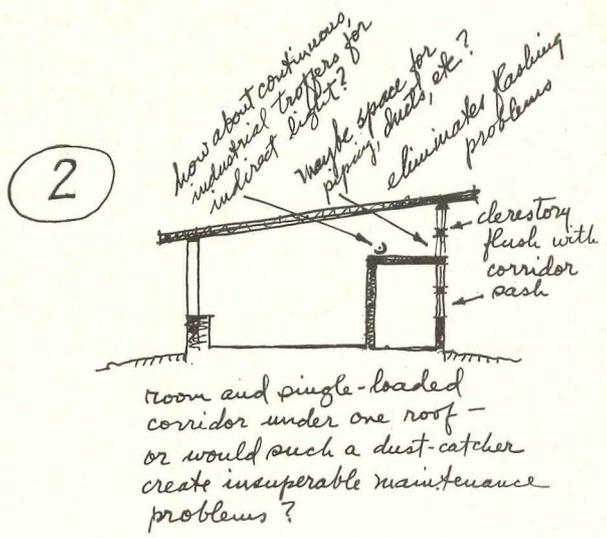
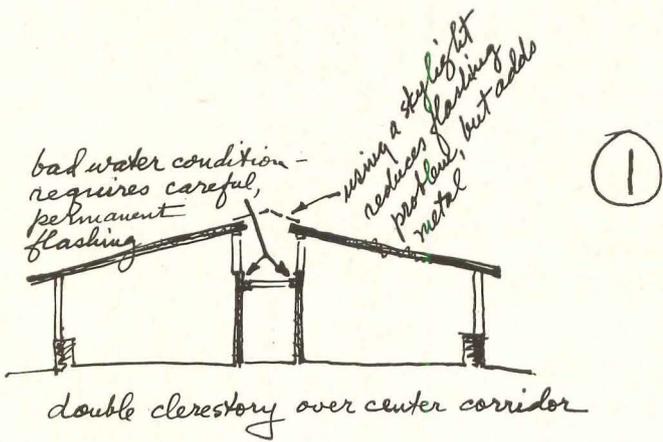
The differences, of course, are that now we must economize in two ways, in dollars *and* in certain types of materials; that economies of cost may at times have to give way to saving materials. If we can't save materials we are to be prevented from building enough schools. We are no longer at liberty to choose freely among steel, reinforced concrete or wood for framing systems, to determine which will do a given job most cheaply in view of a local set of conditions. Add copper and aluminum to the materials on which we must economize, and you have a great part of the picture.

There are a lot of other factors. For instance, designing a school takes many months. It is far too costly for an architect to redesign so that out of the intimately and intricately related spatial-framing system-equipment complex of a modern school is squeezed every possible ounce of critical material; he can't afford it,

and his client can't pay him for the extra work involved. Again, a tremendous backlog of needed construction has been building up since 1930, and our feverish school building pace since 1945 has done little to reduce it (see table). Still again, schools wear out and, though they aren't replaced often enough, some need for their replacement does have to be acknowledged. Worst of all, perhaps, is the biological fact that wars cause increased birth rates. World War II babies are now at the doors of the schools to which the law says they must be admitted, and shortly these children will be entering secondary schools (which have been built in far smaller numbers than elementary schools). The present mobilization is eventually going to increase the clamor at the school gates. Just to complicate matters, add this item: the school building problem cannot be solved by any sweeping national dictum. It is a grass-roots problem, each individual case differing from every other in respect to financing, educational demand, and suitability of materials and equipment. In this, perhaps, lies salvation.

O.E., A.I.A., D.P.A., AND CONGRESS

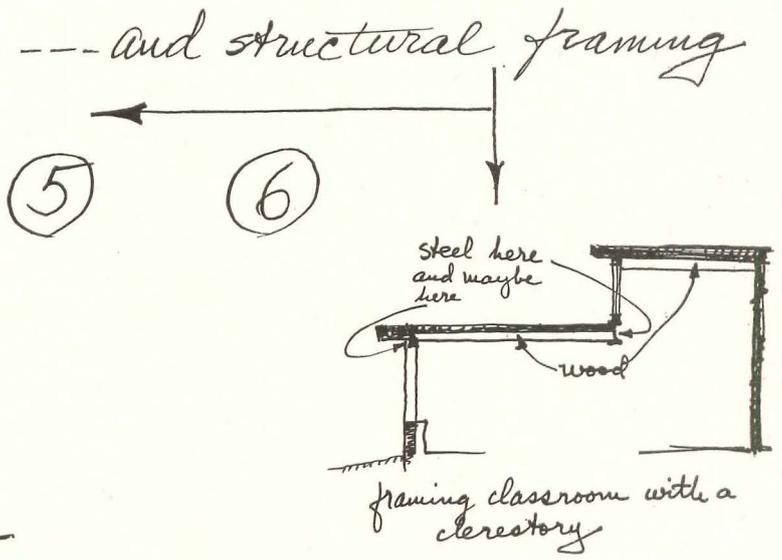
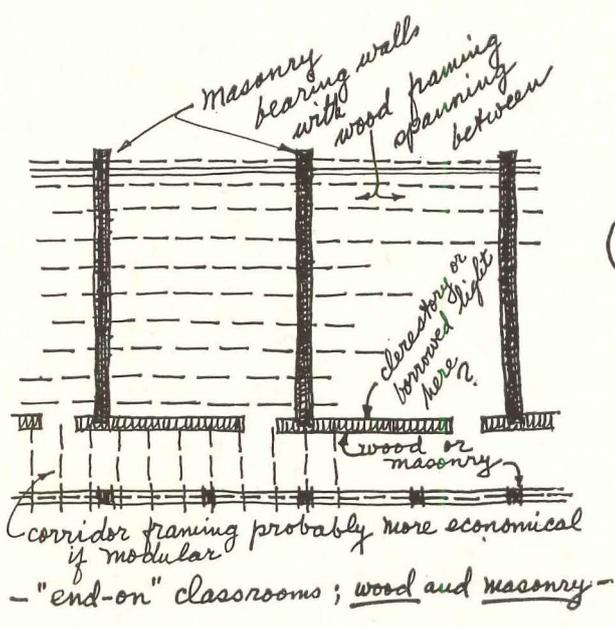
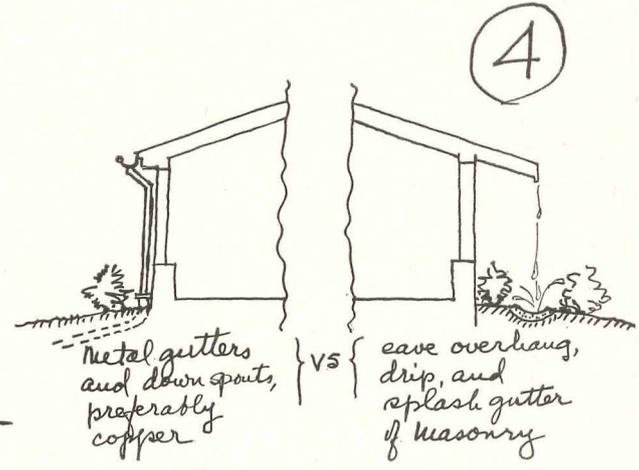
The United States Office of Education, though neither set up nor equipped to act as a traffic cop controlling materials flow, has had to assume exactly that function for school construction. There have been the inevitable inequities in its processing of applications; for these USOE can hardly be blamed. They would have existed to a greater degree in an agency of lesser integrity and sincerity. USOE has considered every means of improving the situation. As far as it could it has battled vigorously for more material. The American Institute of Architects' Committee on School Buildings, composed of several of the nation's ablest school architects (who have labored long and at some personal sacrifice), has been trying to formulate a technical basis on which to proceed. The public, meaning local parent-teacher groups as well as boards and committees, has made its complaints heard even in Congress (which is not surprising in a pre-election year).



Classroom concepts can complicate - or simplify -

----- flashing problems

----- gutters and leaders



Merely to state a sequence of facts, the steel allocation has been increased by 15,000 tons for the first quarter of 1952. Though this is far from enough, it carries with it an extension of 60% of the same amount for the next quarter, 50 and 20% for each of the following quarters. Thus, approval of an application carries some assurance of sufficient materials for completing a project once it has been started. The system can cause some complications; for one thing, the advance commitments can pile up to more than 100% of future quarterly allocations, unless these are increased.

There are other straws in the wind. There is talk of, possibly, applying the self-certification principle to school jobs, up to, say, 25 tons of steel per project. This might enable architects to negotiate for local warehouse stocks, or to adapt their designs to what was locally available. On the other hand, though it might get many schools built, it might, if completely unregulated, prove too great a drain on the supply of materials; and if it were to be hedged about with regulatory measures, difficulties of operation might become greater than they are now. Also, a very serious case can be made against self-certification as a virtual opening of the flood gates; one might as well have no controls at all. There is, too, a considerable opinion, which can be persuasively argued, to the effect that by mid-1952 the steel shortage will be easing off. Proponents of this point of view cite increasing production coincident with a leveling off of abnormal demands; its opponents, not as optimistic about production, indicate also the possible changes for the worse in the international situation.

ALUMINUM AND COPPER, TOO

While there is every sign that aluminum production, now being increased as fast as possible, will in time catch up with demand, not so much can be said for copper. The United States does not produce enough copper, we hear, and that is a most serious limitation on school work. Reportedly, aluminum wire can be substituted for copper as an electrical conductor only in the larger gauges; wire sizes normally used for lighting and convenience circuits appear to demand copper. Considering the emphasis placed on high-level artificial illumination, the need for current for audio-visual aids, and the like, this becomes an onerous shortage.

It has been hopefully suggested that perhaps one row of lighting fixtures, that nearest a window wall, could be temporarily omitted from each classroom. The problem is not as simple as that. Can standards be so arbitrarily lowered? Would it be better to wring out of all circuits every possible surplus bit of precious copper? To insist that circuits be run in the most direct fashion, not bothering to "square" the corners of runs? To reduce the number of convenience outlets? To explore potential savings in such devices as remote-control switch-wiring between switch and outlet? The same reasoning might be applied to layout of piping systems. A short supply of copper means a shortage of brass goods, and this in turn means a shortage of hardware. Anything that can be done to reduce the hard-

ware required will help decrease the difficulties.

A copper shortage also affects spatial and structural design concepts. One can so organize space within a school building, and so devise structural overhangs, clerestories, corridor roofs, etc., that a minimum of flashing is required. One can design in wood, even to employing wood sash superlatively well. This may not always be a totally satisfactory solution, but we are going to have to do more of such things. We are going to have to explore fully the potentialities of utilizing a room shape which may induce natural ventilation, with the object of reducing the load on artificial ventilation equipment. We are going to have to study the advantages and disadvantages of using small boilers, for instance, to heat each of several groups of rooms, one, two or three to a group, rather than one large installation to heat an entire school.

In all of this we are inevitably going to find ourselves, at times, in conflict with codes and prejudices. Not many codes are flexible enough to admit all these practices. Yet, curiously, many state school building authorities are willing to accept one-story, semi-fireproof or non-fireproof buildings (provided there are direct exits from classrooms); while local building committees will insist upon structures more costly in money and critical materials because they think them proper.

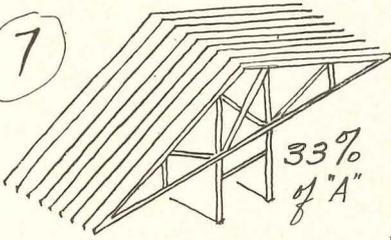
SOME PROPOSALS ARE REALISTIC

Other suggestions besides the omission of some lighting circuits have been proposed, some of them realistic and some betraying ignorance. If we eliminate gymnasiums and auditoriums (and by inference cafeterias), we hear, we may be able to build as many classrooms in 1952 as in our peak year, 1951. Well, the gym is not a luxury, it's an instructional space. The cafeteria is a necessity in any school which has a bus transport system. The object of the suggestion, one would guess, is to save framing steel. What about the use of wood trusses, prefabricated or job-fabricated, of solid timbers, or laminated, or with a stressed plywood skin? These need virtually no metal! A great deal can be done, and undoubtedly will, in the way of remodeling or renovating existing structures, and of building additions to schools in such fashion as not to require the full amount of wiring, piping, ductwork, etc., which a completely new structure would demand. If work of this nature can be done in such a way that it does not saddle a community for another quarter century with a perpetuation of a long-since outmoded building, remodeling or additions can help alleviate conditions.

We intimated previously that in the fact that each school building presents its individual problems, and that each architect of a school building has his individual method of attacking them, might lie salvation. Certainly no agency is going successfully to promulgate a set of rules for school design. We know of architects who have recently built schools which are good in the light of their own circumstances for as little as \$4.50 to \$7.50 per square foot. If architects can economize on dollars so well, they can surely economize on steel, copper and aluminum.

Structural devices.....

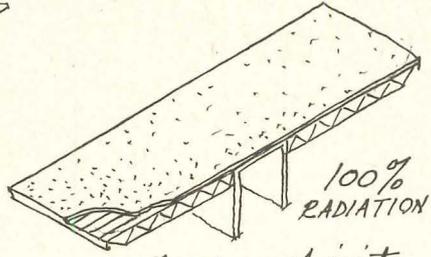
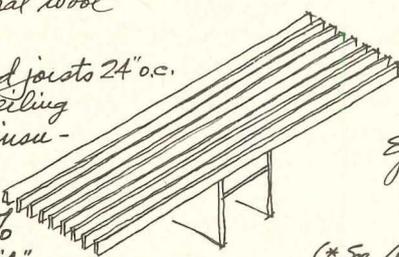
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B - light wood trusses 24" o.c.
gypsum board, painted
4" mineral wool

C - wood joists 24" o.c.
wood ceiling
board insulation

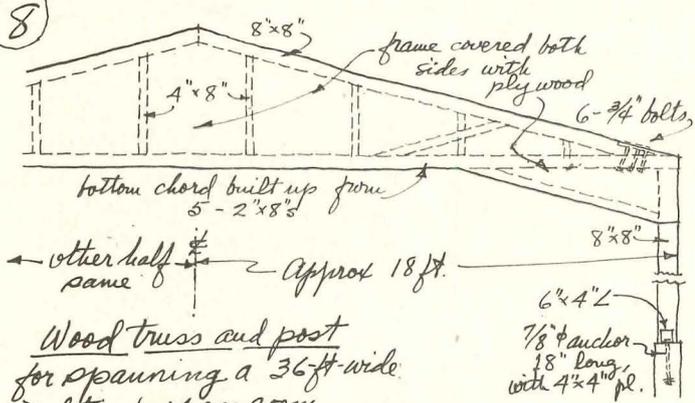
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A - open-web joists,
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ceiling, board insulation

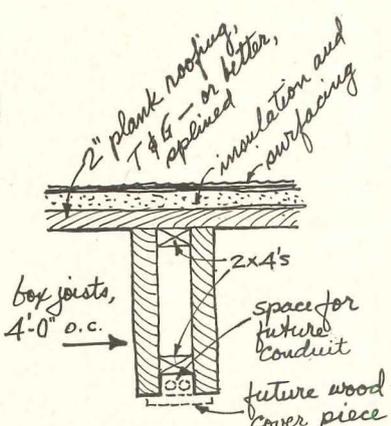
Effect of structure
on radiation
requirements*
(* See April, 1950 issue)

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Wood truss and post
for spanning a 36-ft-wide
multi-purpose room
(in effect a rigid frame)
Note use of plywood stressed skin!

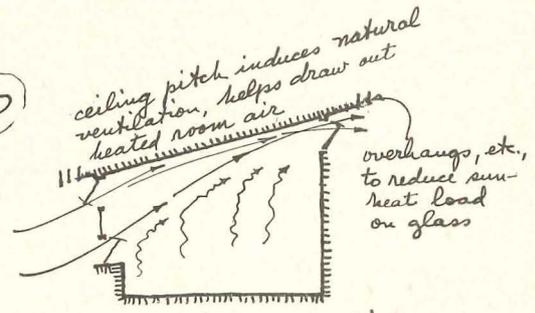
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Mill construction - for
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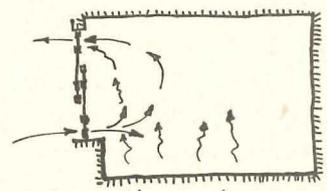
Equipment.....

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Shape and fenestration
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to reduce ventilating
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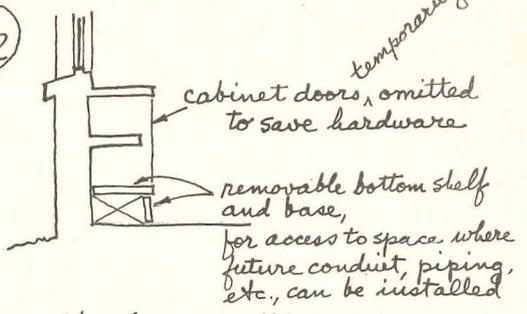
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Conventional classroom
shape and fenestration does
little to employ natural
ventilation, relies mostly
on artificial means

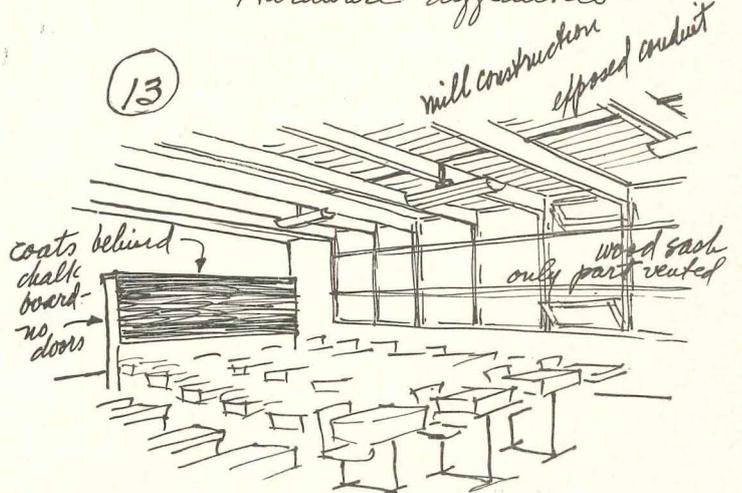
Hardware etc.....

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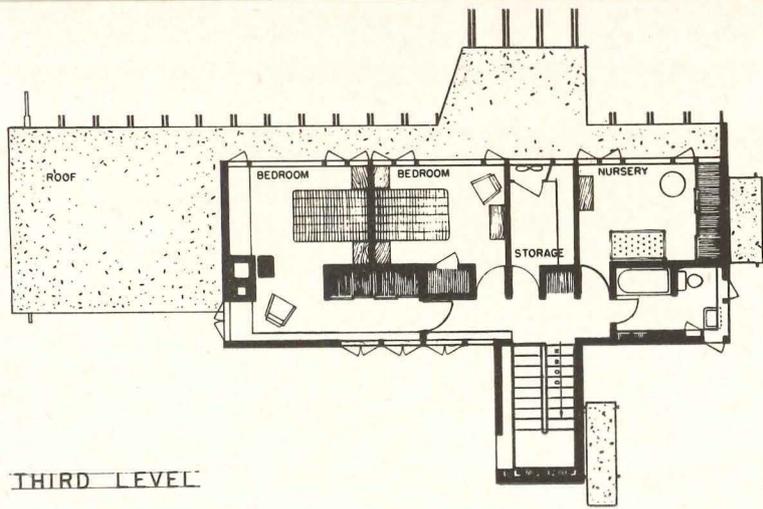


Hardware difficulties -

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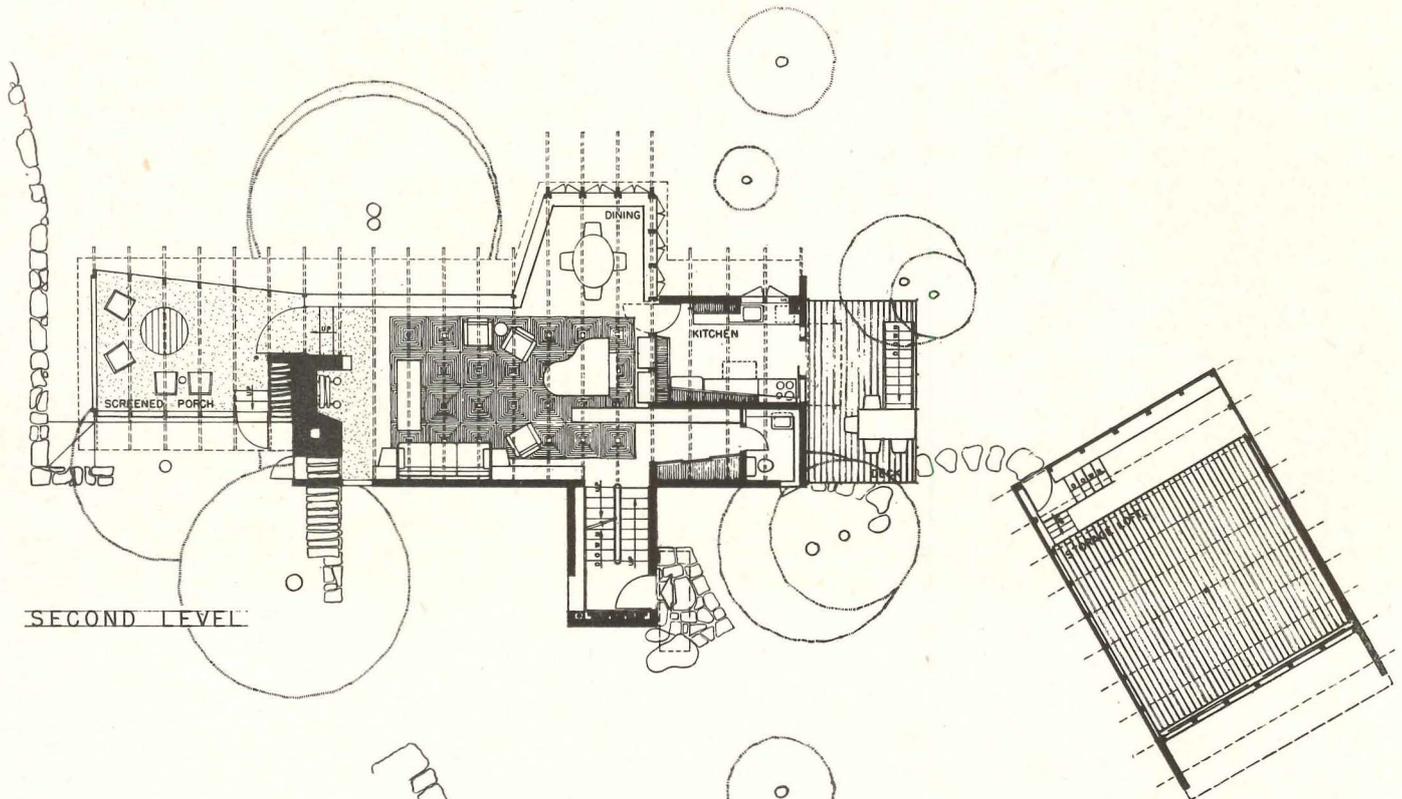


Several means of cutting use
of metals
(See April 1950 issue)

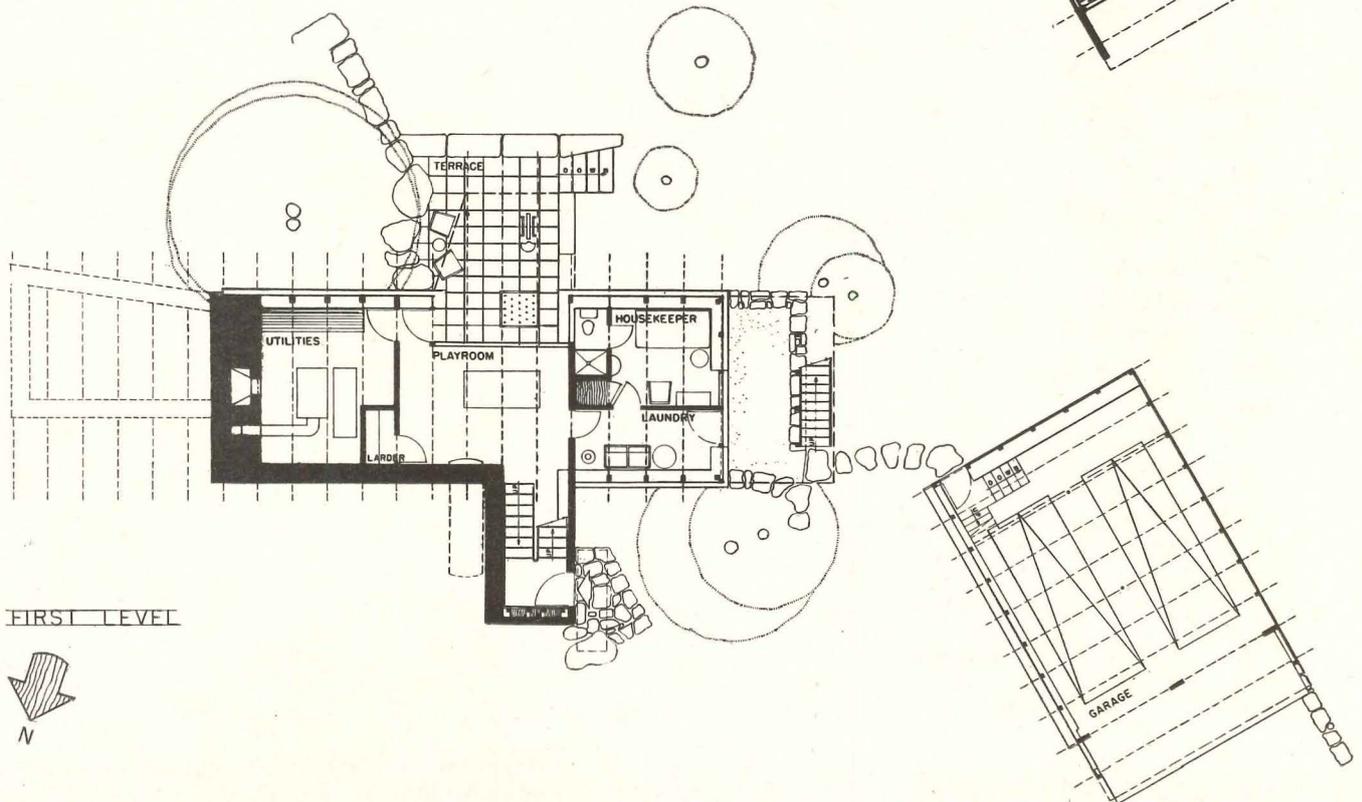


THIRD LEVEL

The steep site, with its one location precisely right for overlooking the southerly view of meadows, small pond and distant hills, dictated a vertical house. Small photo taken from end of garage shows main entrance at left, and outdoor stair to service porch which doubles for outdoor dining and nursery

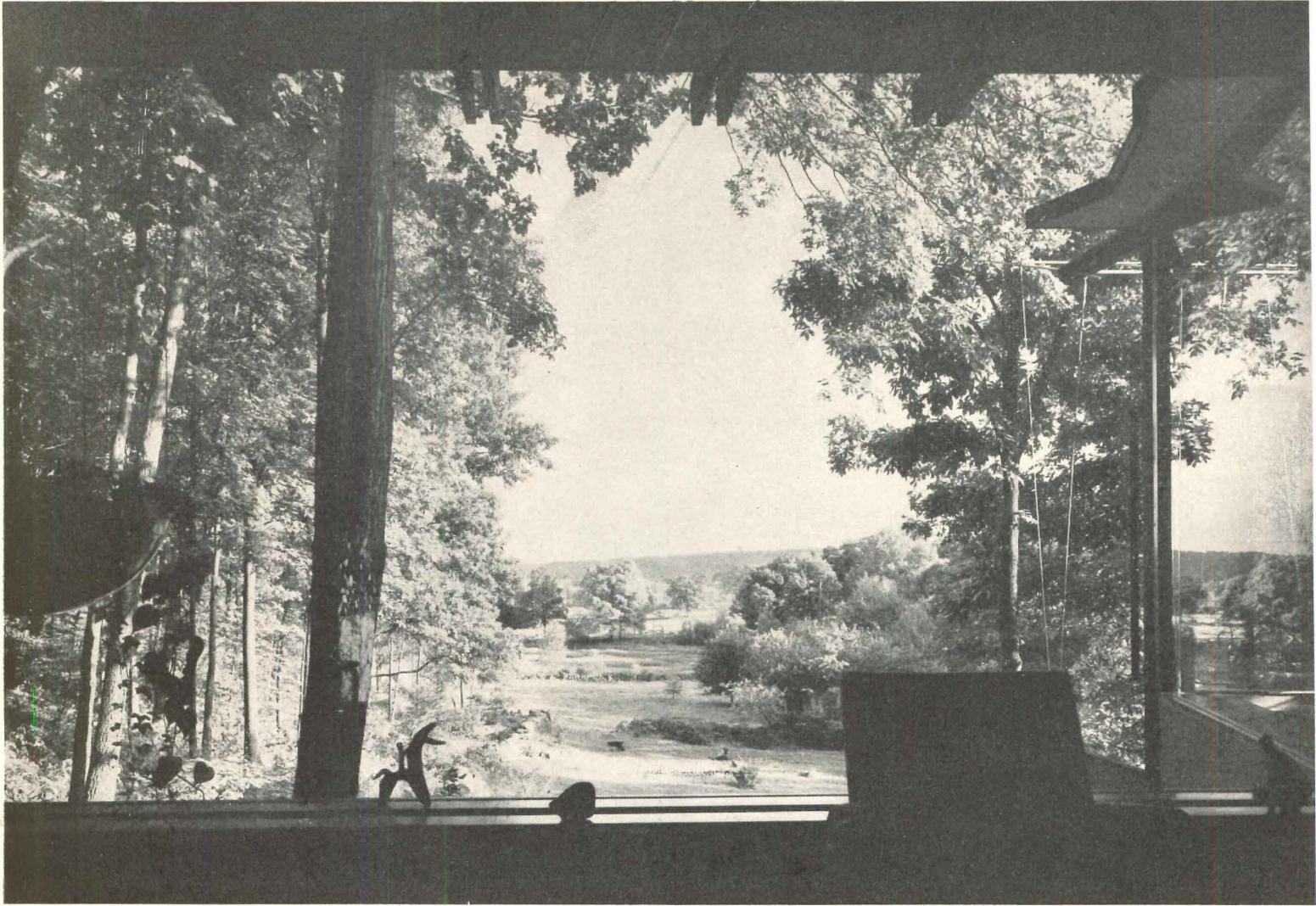


SECOND LEVEL



FIRST LEVEL



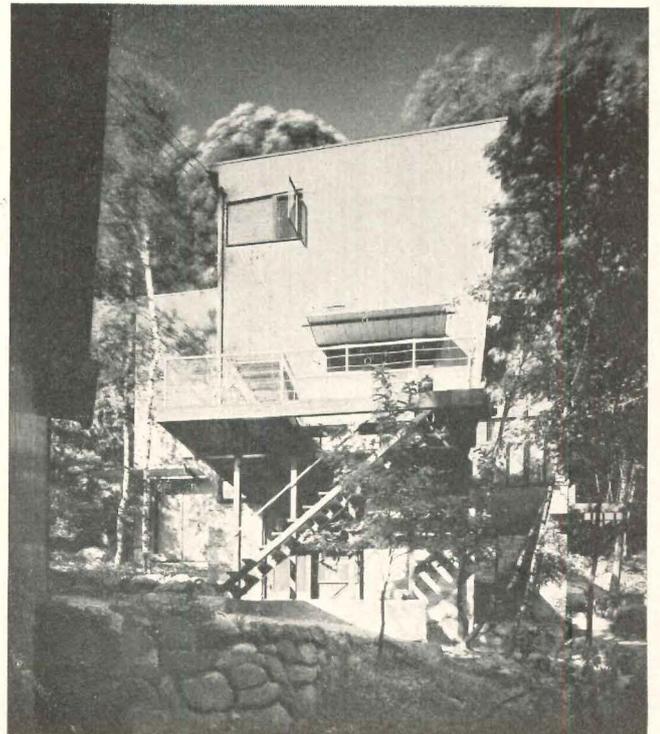


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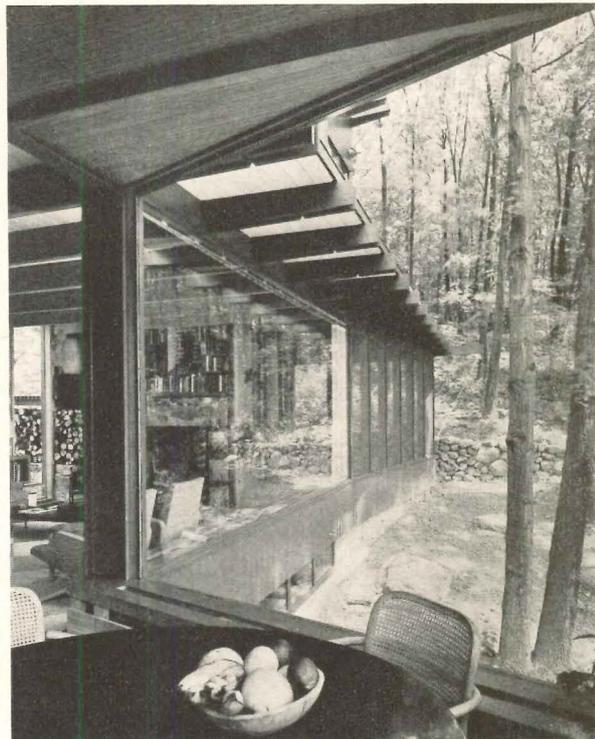
**HOUSE FOR
MR. & MRS. CHAUNCEY RILEY
NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT**

*Chauncey W. Riley
Architect*

JANUARY 1952

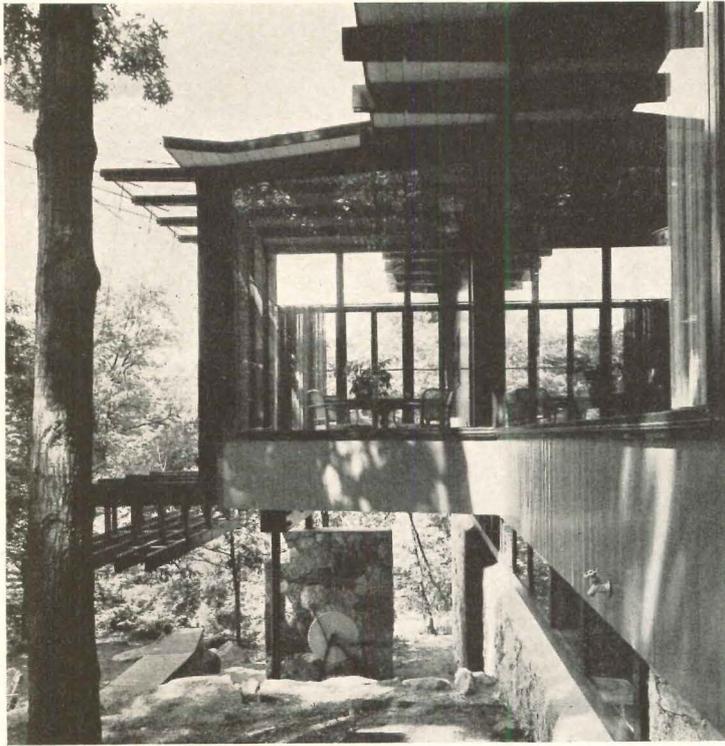


RILEY HOUSE



Above, left, exterior from south showing screened porch at east end under trees; center, dining bay, looking along glass wall of living room; right, dining bay and wall beneath shelter the terrace. Below, left, living room with screened porch beyond; center, kitchen; right, looking toward dining bay and kitchen



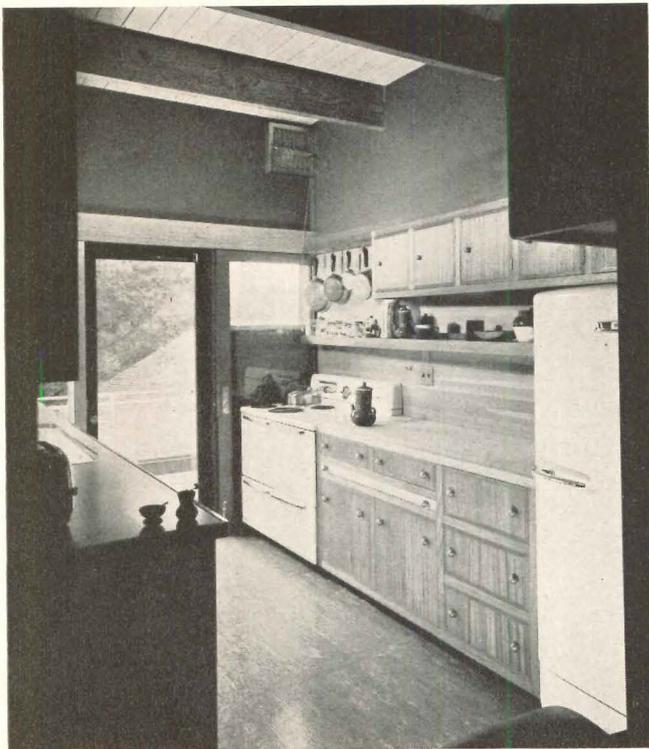


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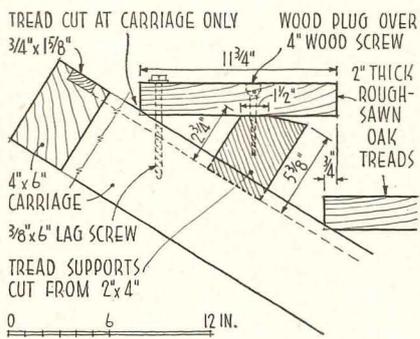
MY CLIENT," says Chauncey Riley, the architect of this house, "was Mrs. Riley." She and Mr. Riley both commute to New York, which rendered essential quick access to the garage and thence to the highway. Although the site and view demanded a vertical house, the ease associated with one-floor houses was appreciated, and so the stairs were designed to attain complete comfort. This is the reason the stair hall (see next page for details) was taken outside the house proper.

Woody growth on the site was carefully thinned so the deciduous trees would provide summer shade but not obstruct winter sun; the moon, the Rileys discovered, is highest in midwinter, lowest in midsummer, and this reverse of sun positions makes moonlit evenings enjoyable all year. On summer evenings, also, there is constant movement of air down the hillside toward the pond below; air flowing through the screened north-south walls of the porch — its east wall is glass to keep out damp east winds — makes it a pleasant, insectless sitting place. In daytime the prevailing summer breeze is southwest, so the two walls of the dining bay facing in this direction have operating sash.

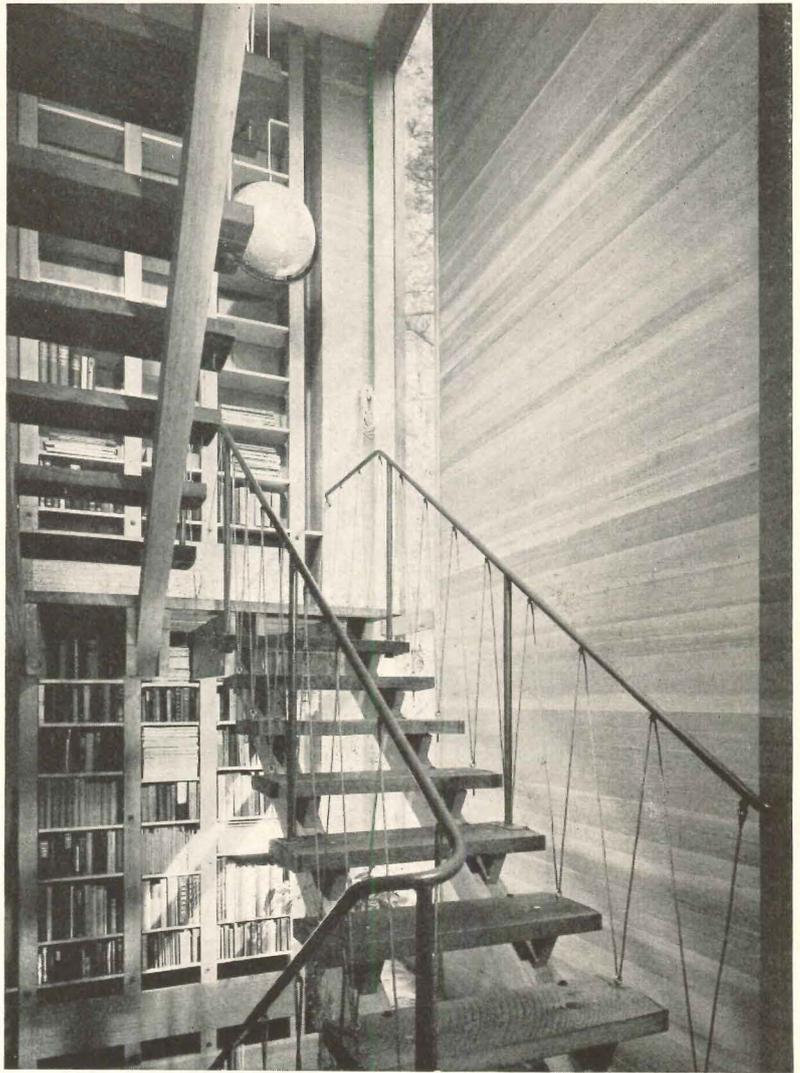
The interior was thoughtfully studied to capture within the character of the countryside. Some plywood finish was used (for instance, all kitchen cabinet work is mahogany plywood); but flooring, exposed framing members and trim are all unfinished solid fir, whose color is deepening in the sunshine. Doors are mahogany, simply waxed. Much furniture is built in; all this was thoroughly detailed. Stone found on the site forms the chimney. Exterior materials are vertical fir siding painted russet, dark green fir trim, and the same stone masonry so disposed as to blend the house into the land and its traditional stone fences.



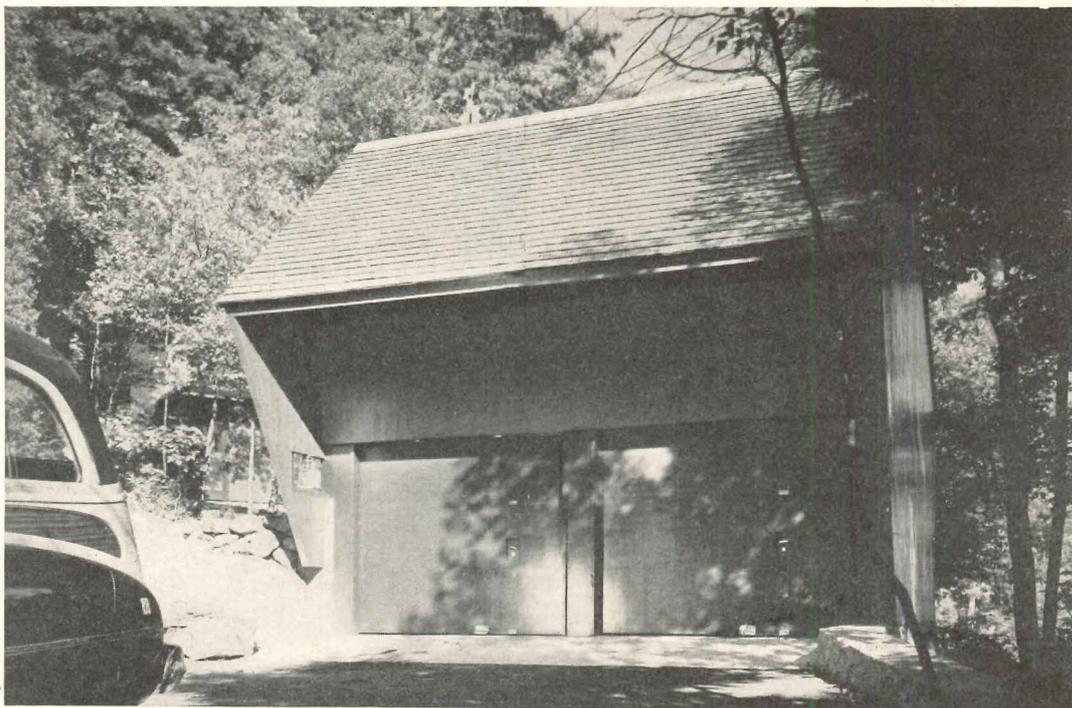
RILEY HOUSE



Stair hall was disengaged from other elements so easy stair proportions would not be cramped. As wood adjusts to atmospheric moisture, lag screws are taken up to eliminate squeaking treads. Cantilevered nosings add to stair's resiliency. Rail is 1-in. round iron; balustrade, wire rope. Garage, below, has vertical lift doors; old architectural documents are stored on upper level



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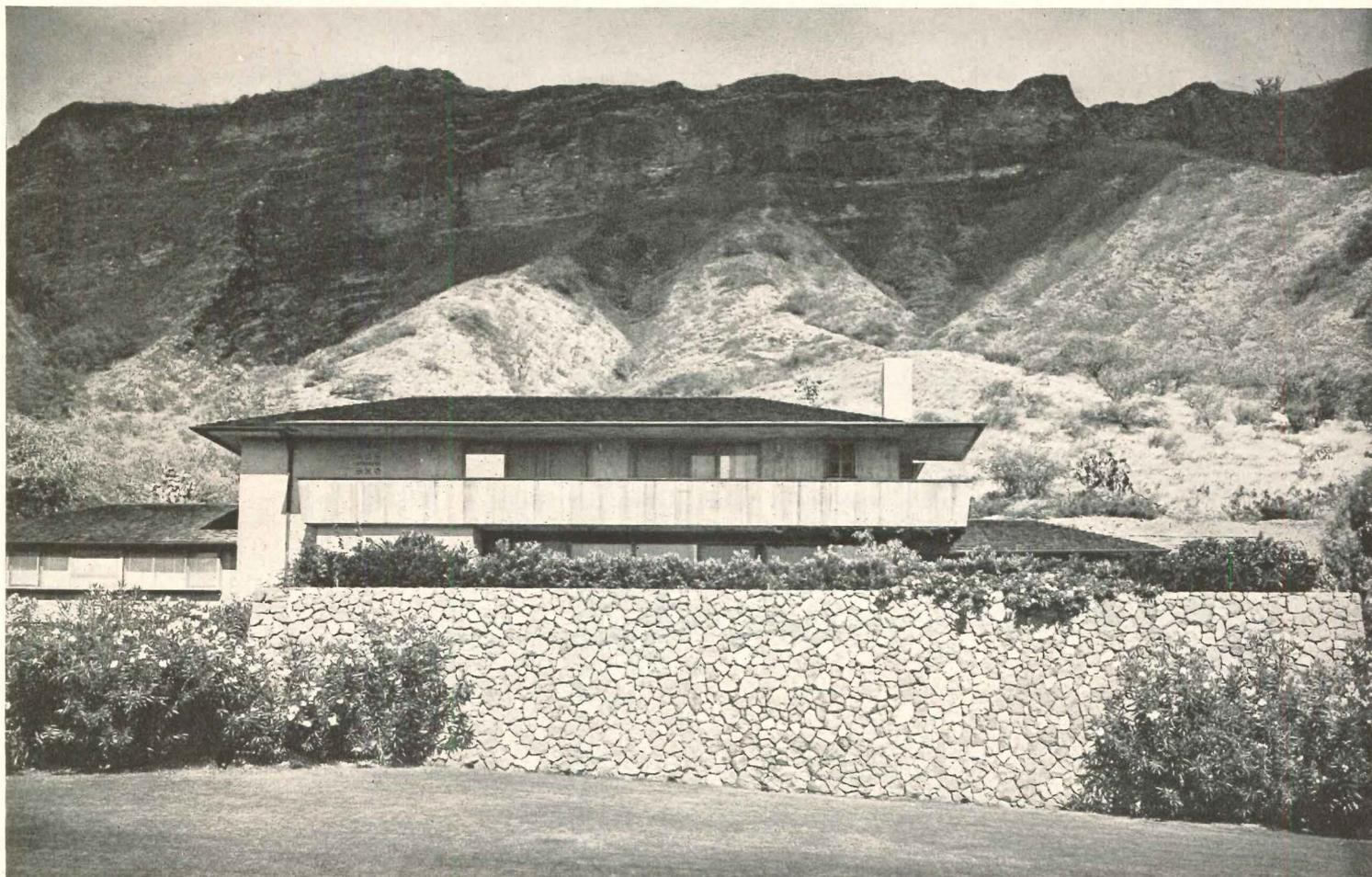
RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. E. J. GREANEY

Honolulu, T.H.

Vladimir Ossipoff, Architect

R. O. Thompson, Landscape Architect

Robert Ansteth's, Ltd., Interior Decorator



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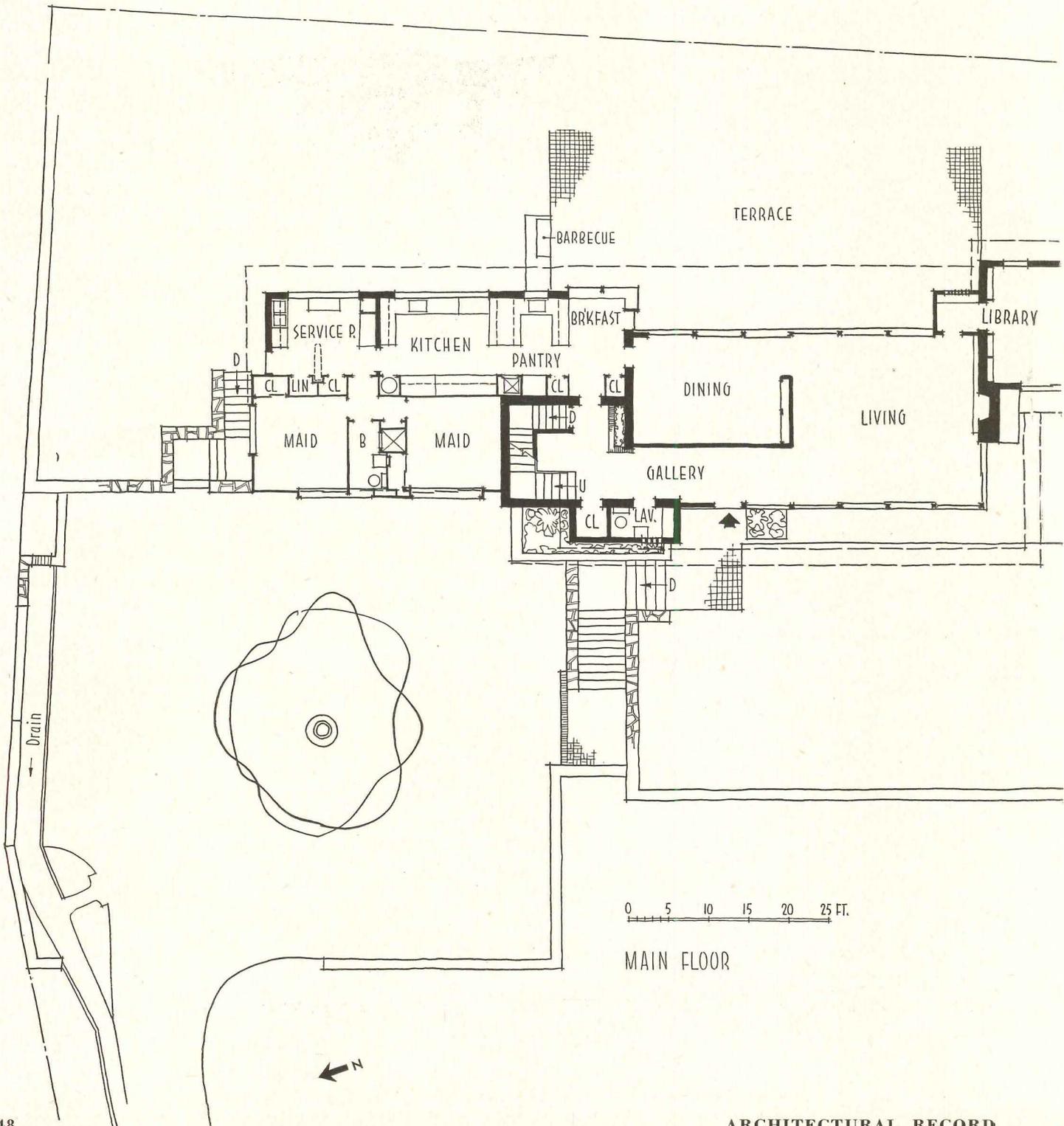
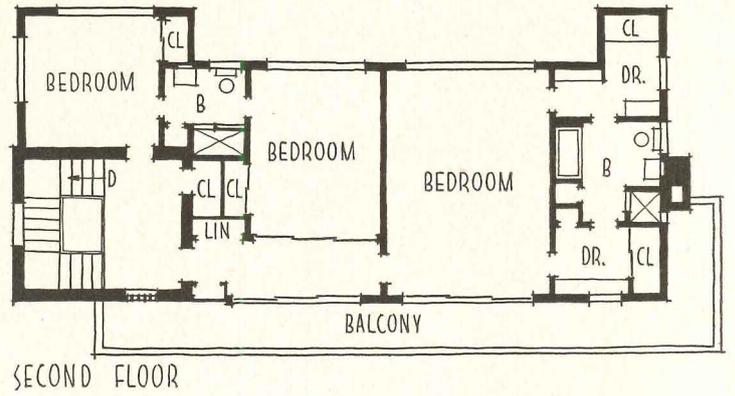
IN PLAN, this house is characteristic of Hawaii, with sliding glass doors opening the main living area to surrounding lanais, or terraces. At first glance, however, it does not seem at all typical of the open architecture of the Islands. True, it has a balcony, but the high stone wall gives it a closed-in look which is surprising, particularly as the house faces the ocean. The reason is this: the house is situated on the slopes of the famous Diamond Head — slopes so steep that retaining walls were required along two sides of the property. (The stone used for the walls was excavated on the site, and the excavation in turn was used to form the lanai at the rear of the house.)

The architect obviously gave considerable thought to how the house would look against its background. As the photo shows, the horizontal emphasis, the varied levels, and the low hipped roof echo the contours of the mountain itself.

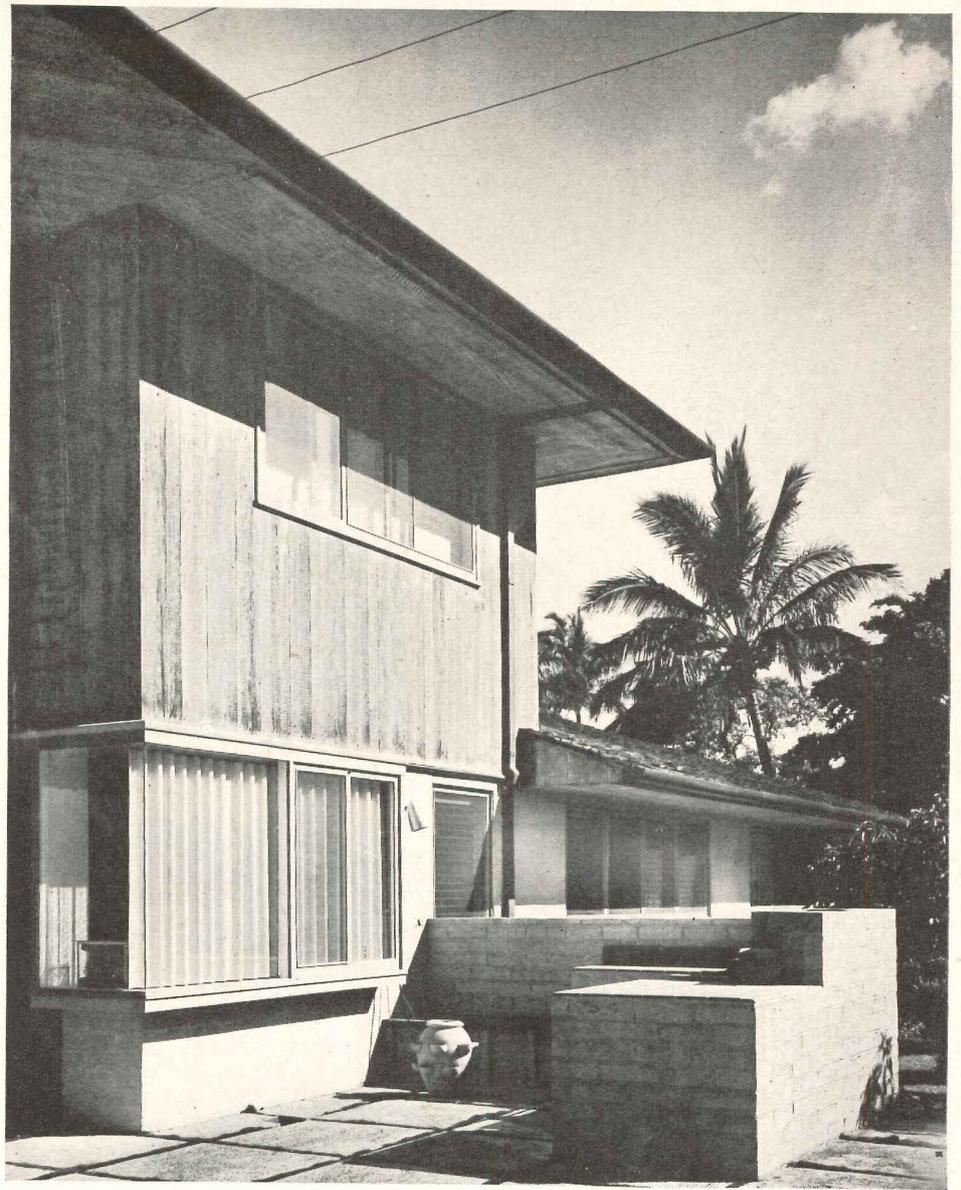
Exterior of the house is hollow cement block and rough Northwest pine which has been given a weathered finish; the tan of the pine blends with the warm dark brown of the stonework. The roof is cedar shakes, the foundation masonry and concrete. Ceilings are acoustic plaster and, upstairs, a local cane fiberboard with a pleasant texture and both thermal and acoustic insulating qualities.

GREANEY HOUSE

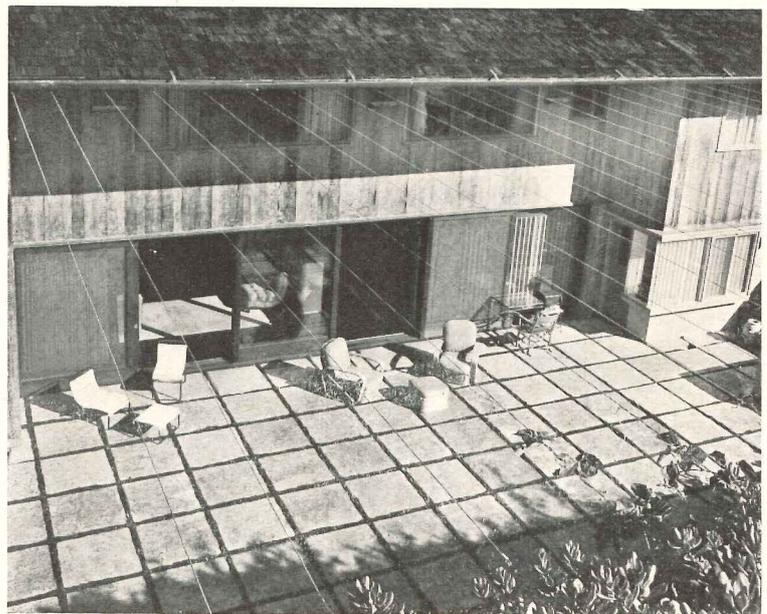
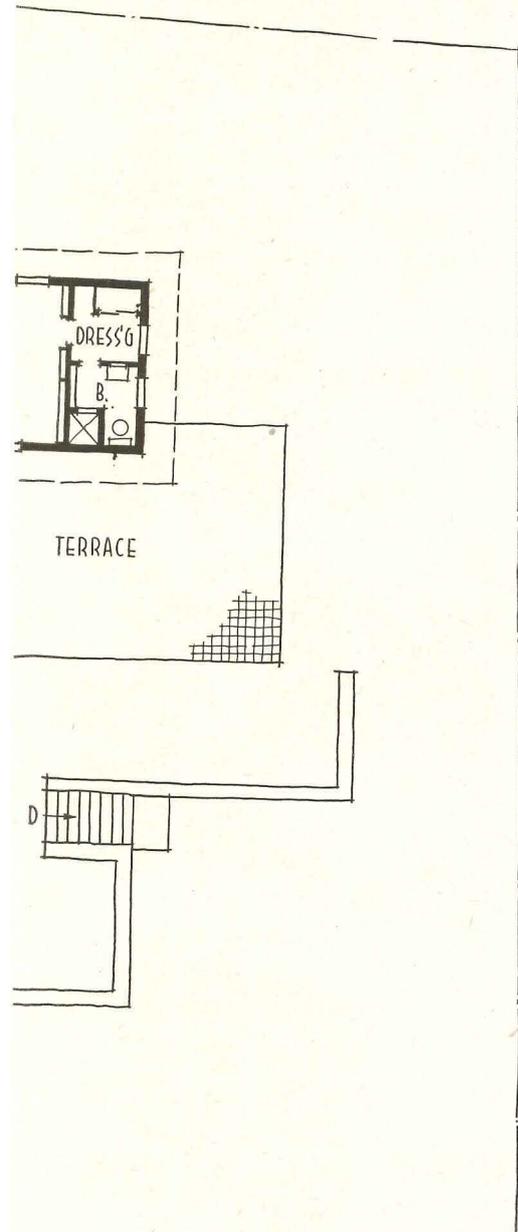
The site is both steep and irregular, sloping from 132 to 116 ft along northern edge and from 138 to 106 ft along southern. Elevation of the turnaround is 118 ft, that of the house and terraces 126. Garage is under the service wing



Right: barbecue is at one end of rear lanai, out of the way, but handy to kitchen. It serves effectively to terminate sitting area and shut off service wing from terrace



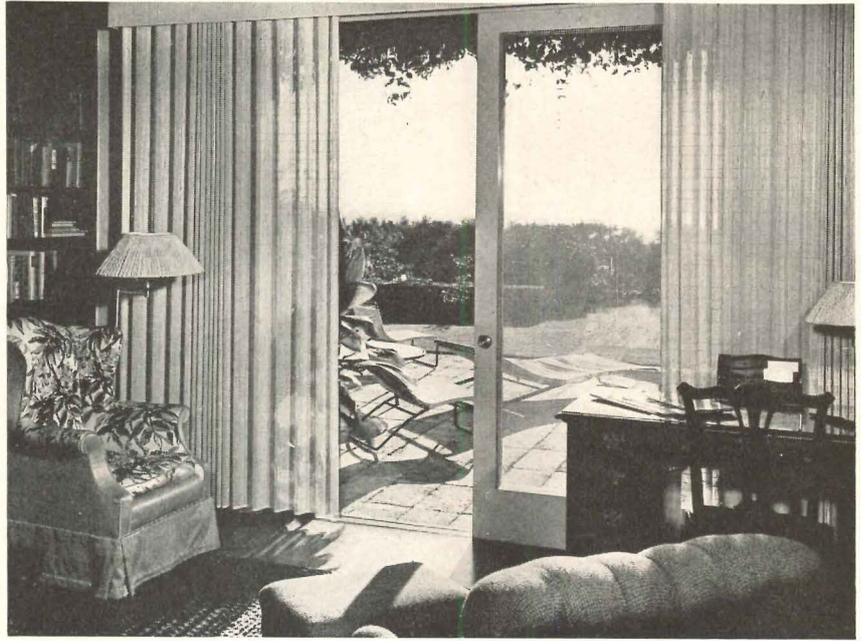
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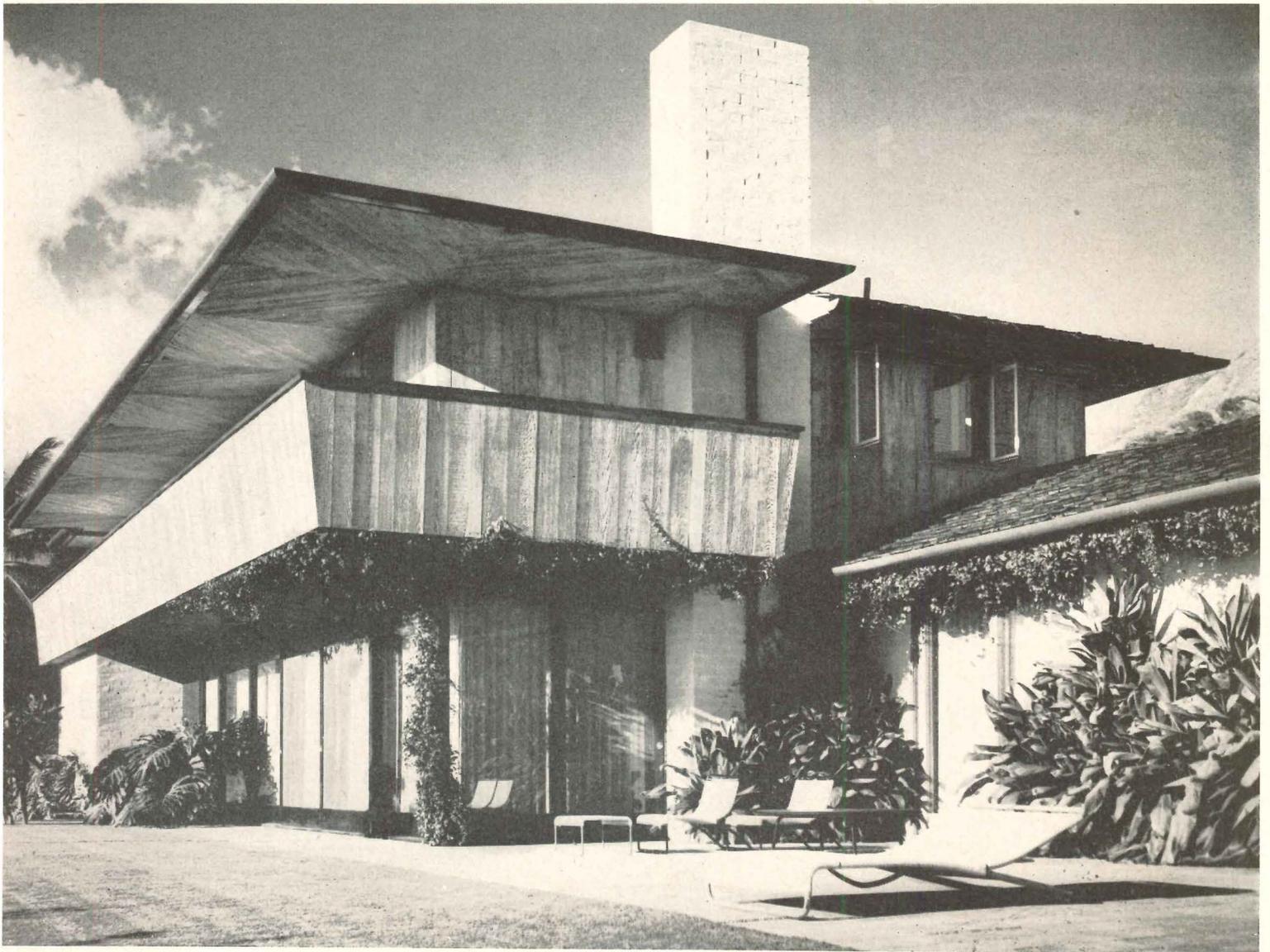
Upper or rear lanai is paved with concrete blocks using a coral aggregate; joints are planted with a Japanese moss grass. Wires above are to carry vines to provide needed shade in middle of day

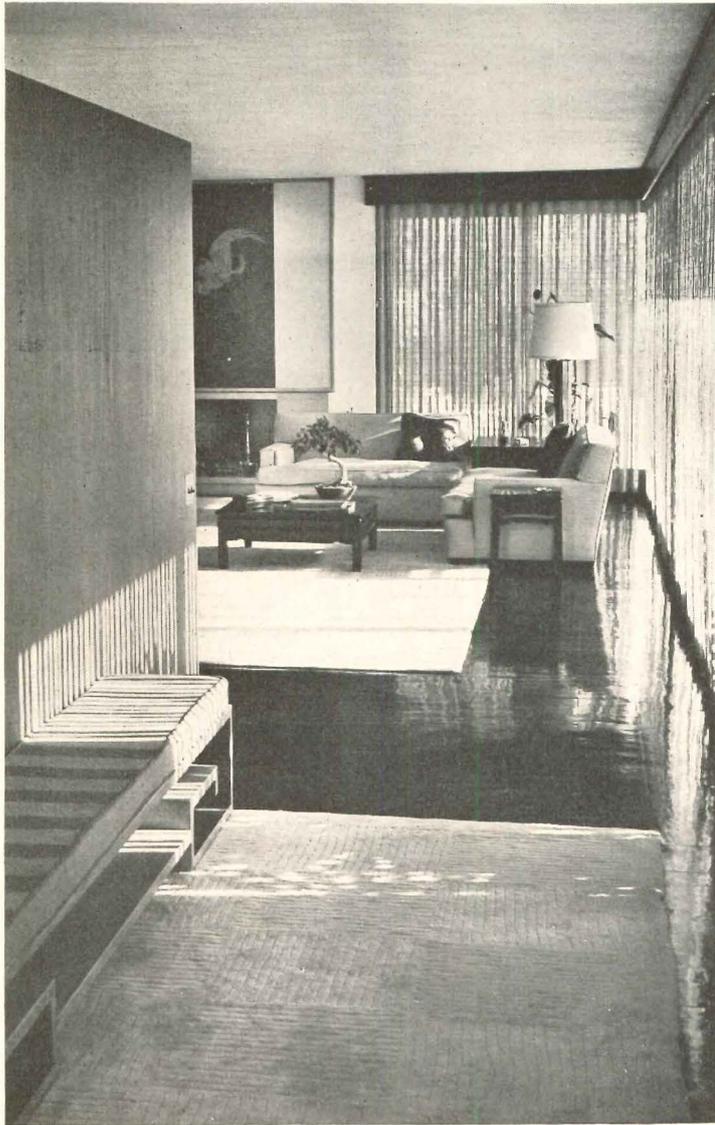
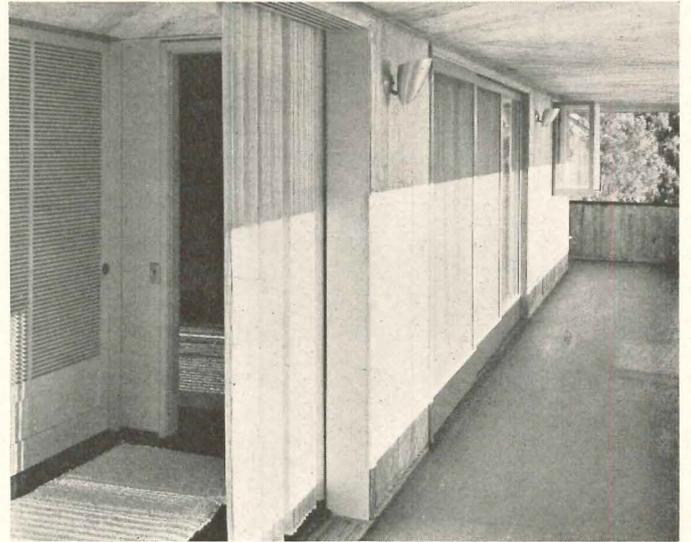
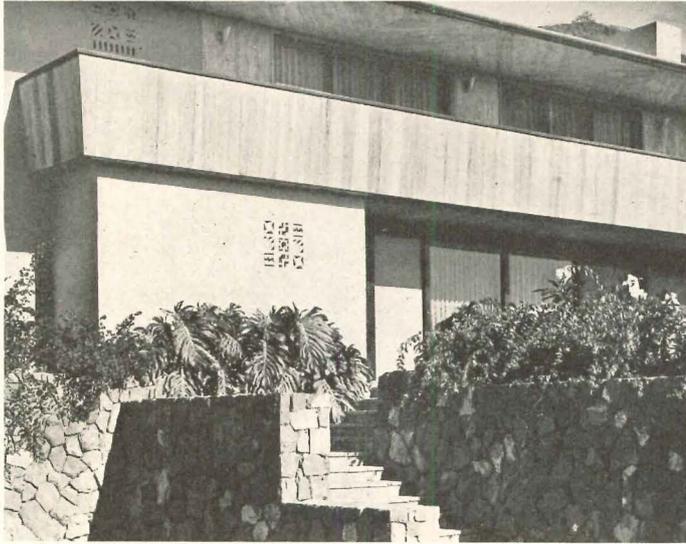
GREANEY HOUSE

Sliding glass doors in library (right) and elsewhere throughout house are hung with split Hong Kong reed. Floors are ohia, a Hawaiian hardwood. Below: another view of upper terrace, with living room at left and library at right

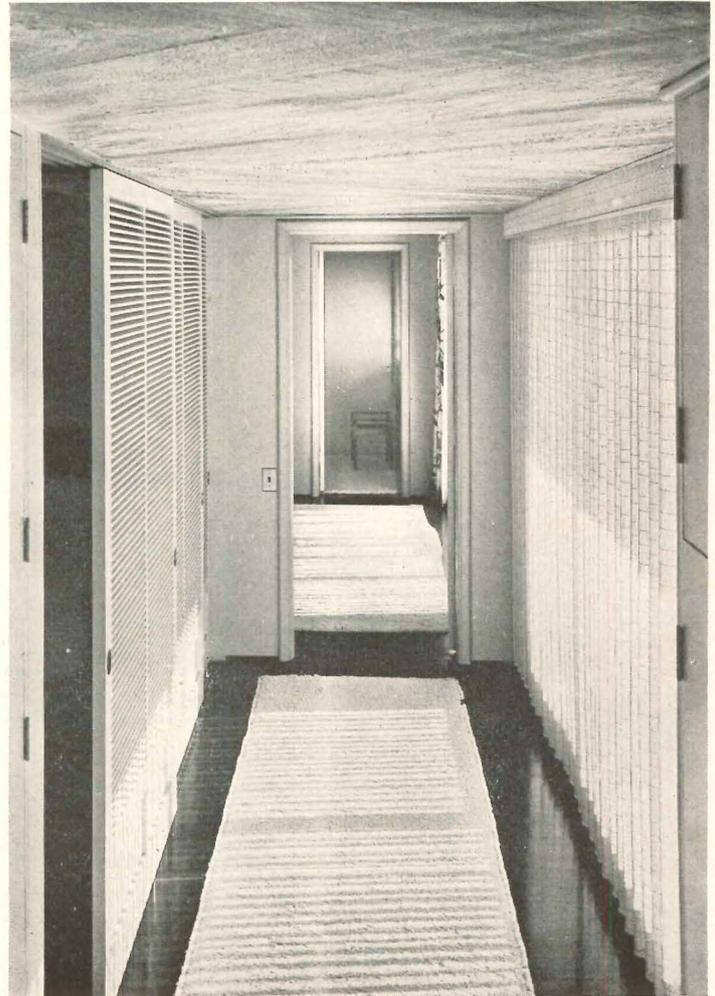


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Above, left: stairs to main entrance. Below, left: living room from entrance hall; floor here is black rubber tile, fireplace is gray marble. Above and below, second floor hall has sliding doors to balcony. Note louvered sliding doors of center bedroom, which has only one exposure

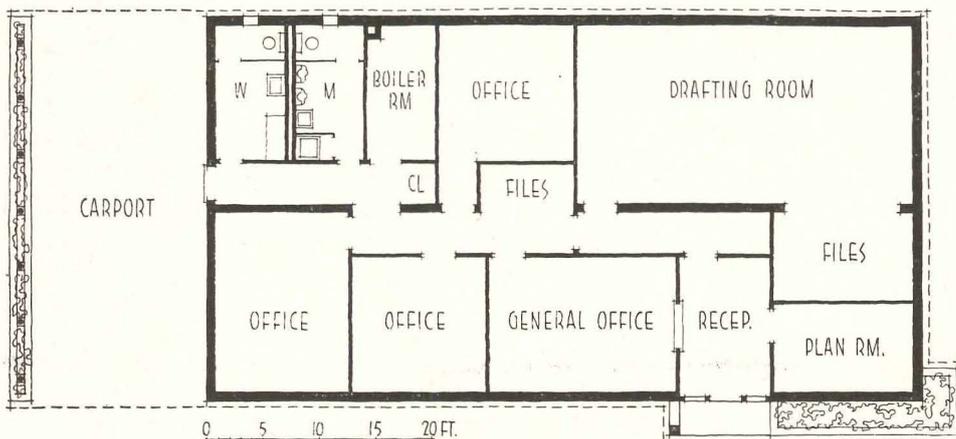




WINDOWLESS OFFICE FOR AN ENGINEER

P. L. Davidson Office Building, Greensboro, North Carolina

Charles C. Hartmann, Architect

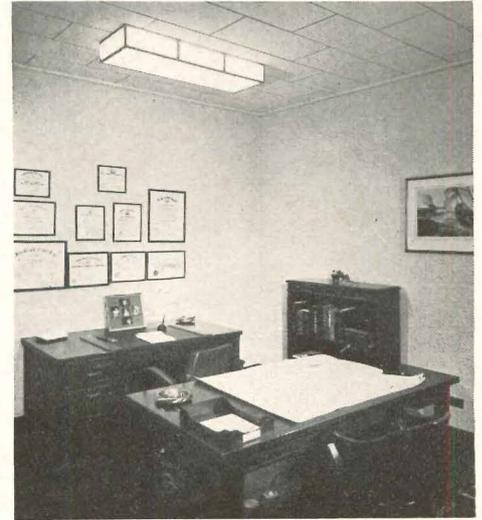


The omission of windows in this compact, trim office building serves both to reduce costs and lessen distraction from outside noise, and also permits flexibility in the placement of furniture along walls. Openings in toilets on plan are exhaust louvers

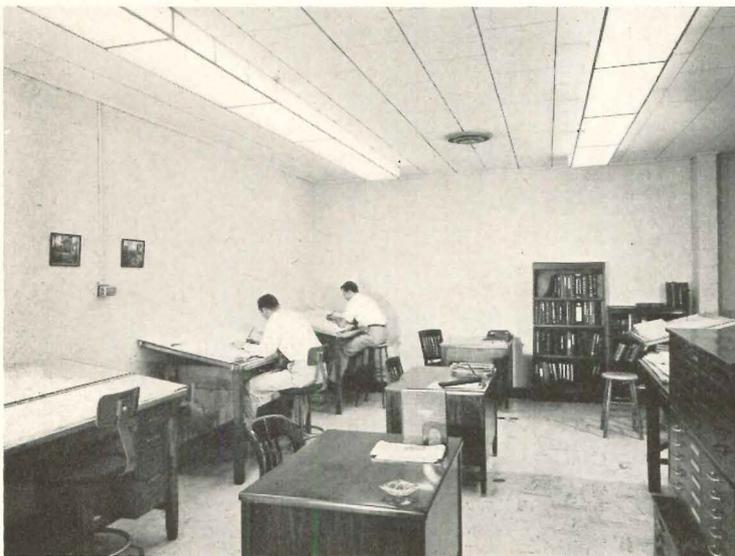


Joseph Molitor Photos

The only glazing used in the building is at the front door (left), where it serves to make the entrance more open and inviting. It is sheltered by a marquee and side louvers of redwood painted white



All interiors have year-round air conditioning, fluorescent lighting and acoustical tile ceilings. Partitions are painted slag block, doors and trim are metal. Above: private office. Left: drafting room

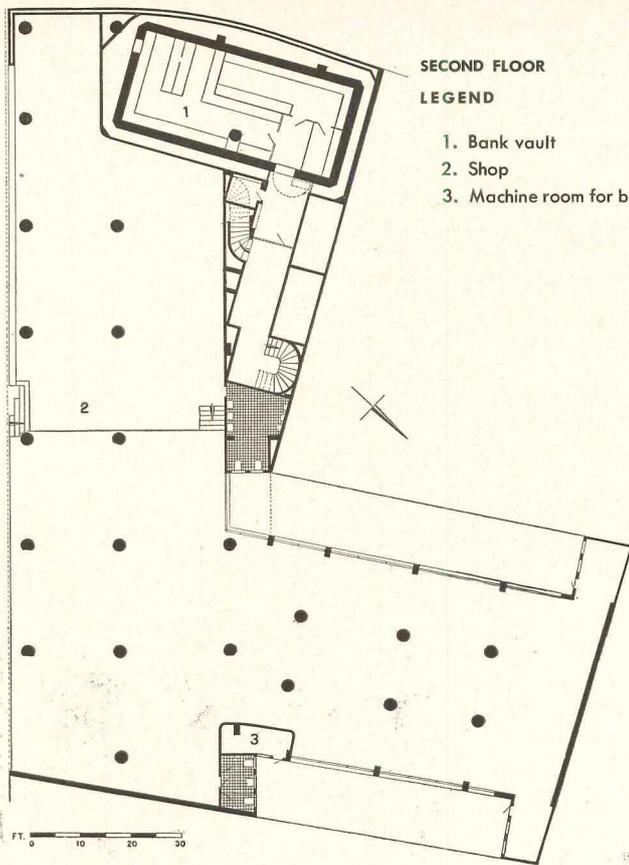


LONG AN ADVOCATE of windowless manufacturing areas, P. L. Davidson, a consulting engineer who specializes in the design of air conditioning systems, requested that his theory of a closed-in, artificially ventilated and lighted structure be applied in the design of a new branch office building for his firm in Greensboro.

The resulting windowless building has had favorable reaction from both personnel and visitors, and demonstrates a number of economies in construction and operation, a high degree of quietness and lack of outside distraction in the offices, and a considerable amount of flexibility in the placement of furniture and equipment. The office is constructed of concrete block, painted to match the brick veneer facade. The floor is a 2-in. rein-

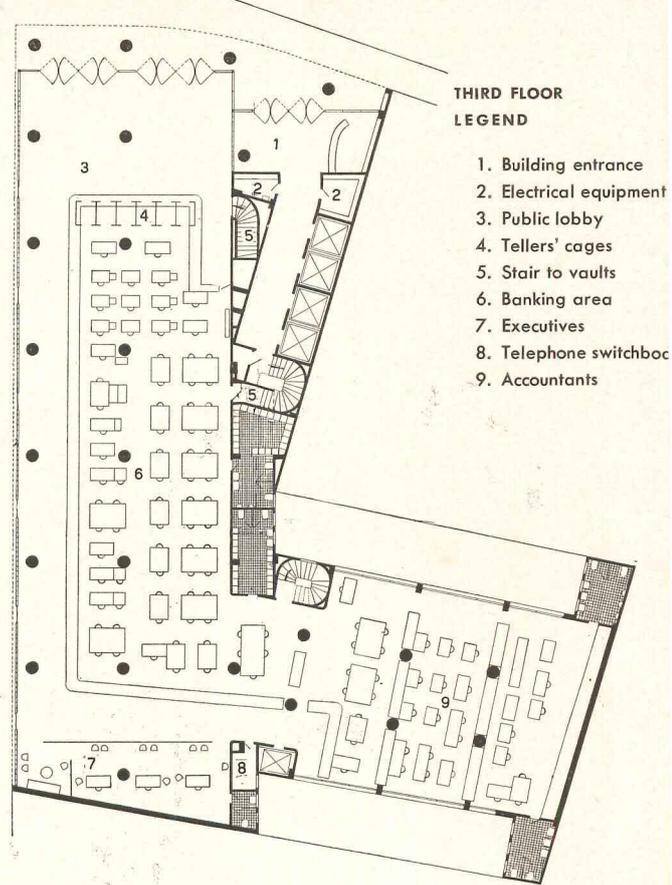
forced concrete slab, laid over clay tiles set in alternate directions, and finished with rubber tile. A foamglass cold barrier goes around the slab perimeter. The use of modular planning and omission of windows in such a structure combined to give a relatively low first cost. Further savings were effected in the air conditioning and heating system — a simple one-zone system made of standard components, which uses city water for condensing purposes without evaporative condenser or cooling tower. Main ducts in furred-down corridor ceilings lead to ceiling diffusers in each room. Maintenance problems are simplified by the durable materials used, and by the lack of dust on the interior, so often introduced by open windows in standard buildings.





SECOND FLOOR
LEGEND

- 1. Bank vault
- 2. Shop
- 3. Machine room for bank's elevator



THIRD FLOOR
LEGEND

- 1. Building entrance
- 2. Electrical equipment
- 3. Public lobby
- 4. Tellers' cages
- 5. Stair to vaults
- 6. Banking area
- 7. Executives
- 8. Telephone switchboard
- 9. Accountants

OFFICE BUILDING FOR SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

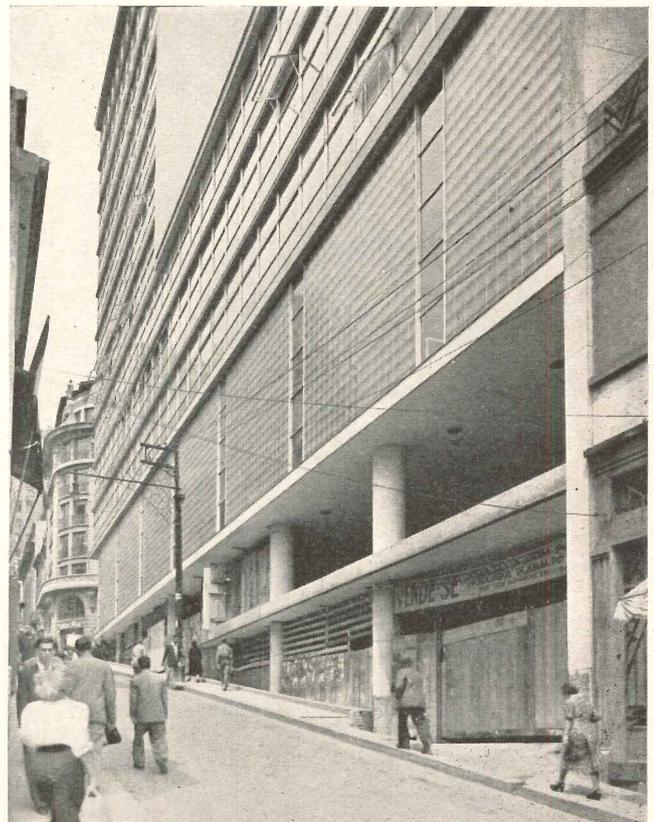
Rino Levi, Architect

Roberto Cerqueira Cezar, Associate Architect

ALTHOUGH it stems from a concept similar to that of many recent structures, this glass-walled, fifteen-story office building in São Paulo introduces several well thought out planning factors which distinguish it from the average example.

The program requirements were familiar ones: a simple, easy-to-maintain building that would fill the maximum building envelope allowed by the city, and whose structure would give great flexibility in arrangement of office areas in the top eleven floors. These floors were to be subdivided and sold as cooperatives after completion of the building. A steep site which permitted street access to three floor levels led to the allocation of the two lowest for shops, and the combined third and fourth for the Paulista Bank of Commerce and the building lobby, each with main street entrances.

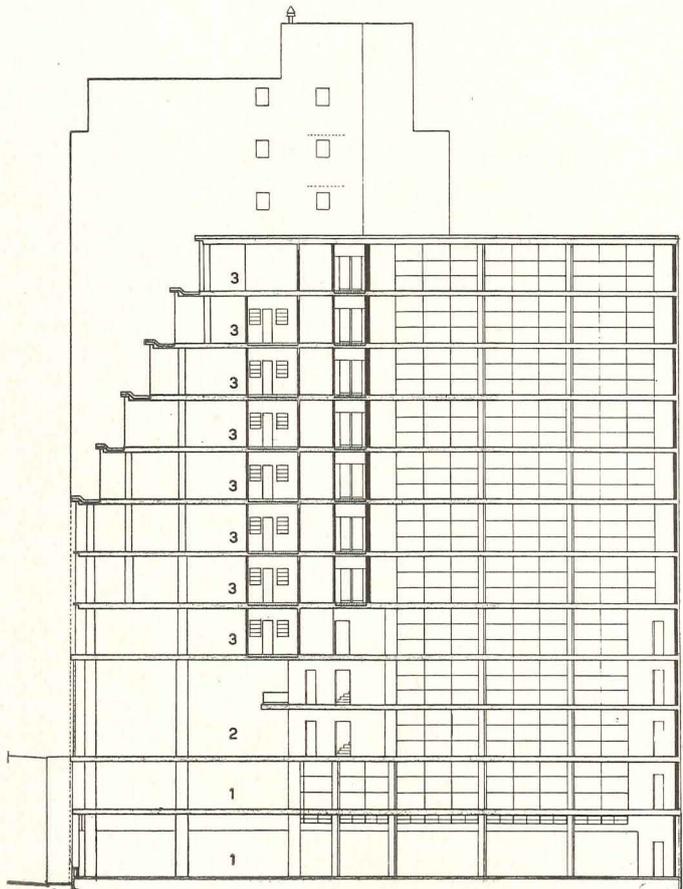
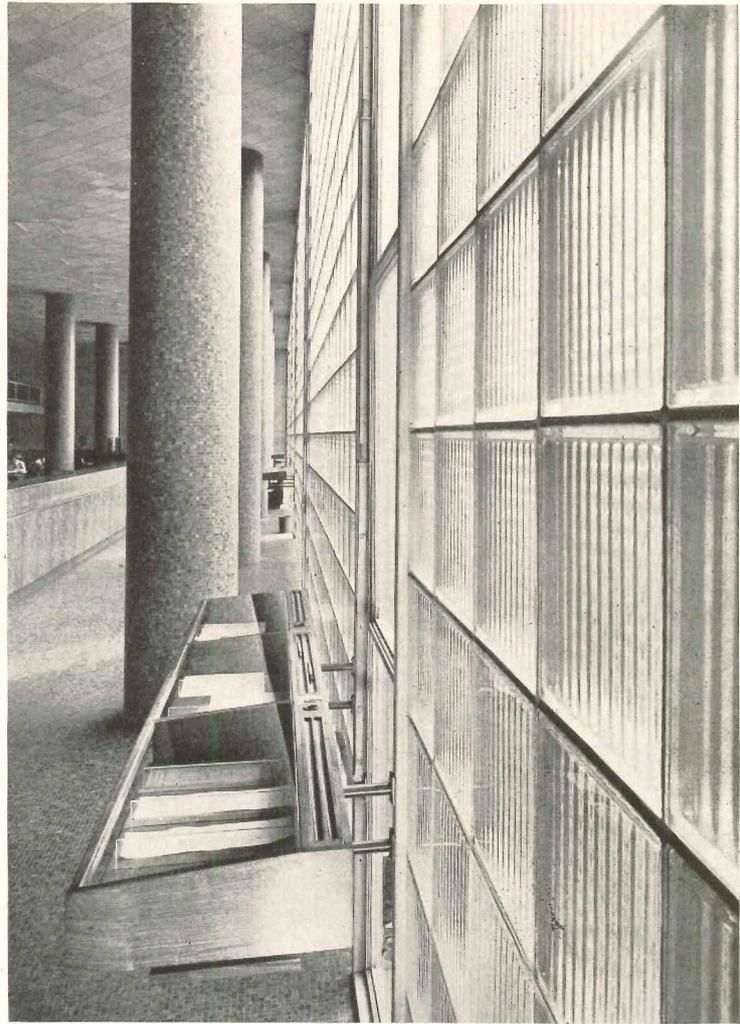
Unlike the more usual solution, glass curtain walls were used only on the sunless southern facades; walls to the sunny north are completely blank except for a section with wide overhangs in the ell. The fenestration of each floor is divided into three bands, with the lower one of fixed obscured glass protected by a wide interior baseboard which also serves as an electrical duct. The upper panes are clear and open independently for ventilation. Deft use of glass block gives privacy to the banking floor, yet preserves continuity of glazed facade.



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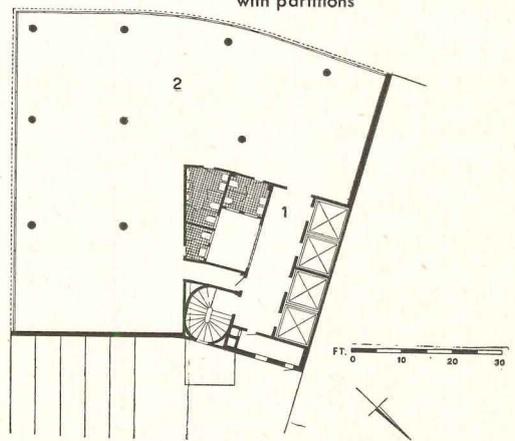


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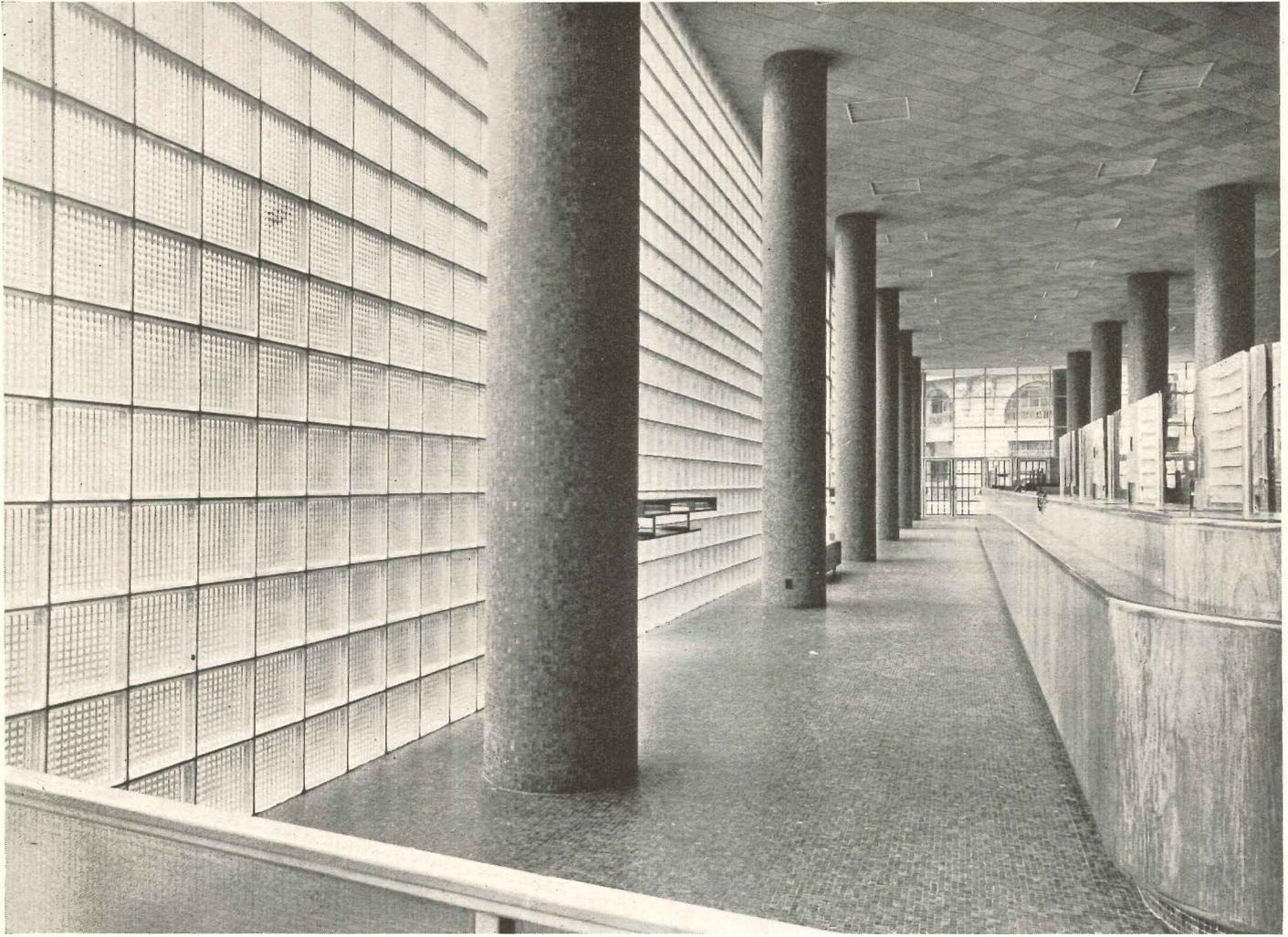


**13TH TO 15TH FLOORS
LEGEND**

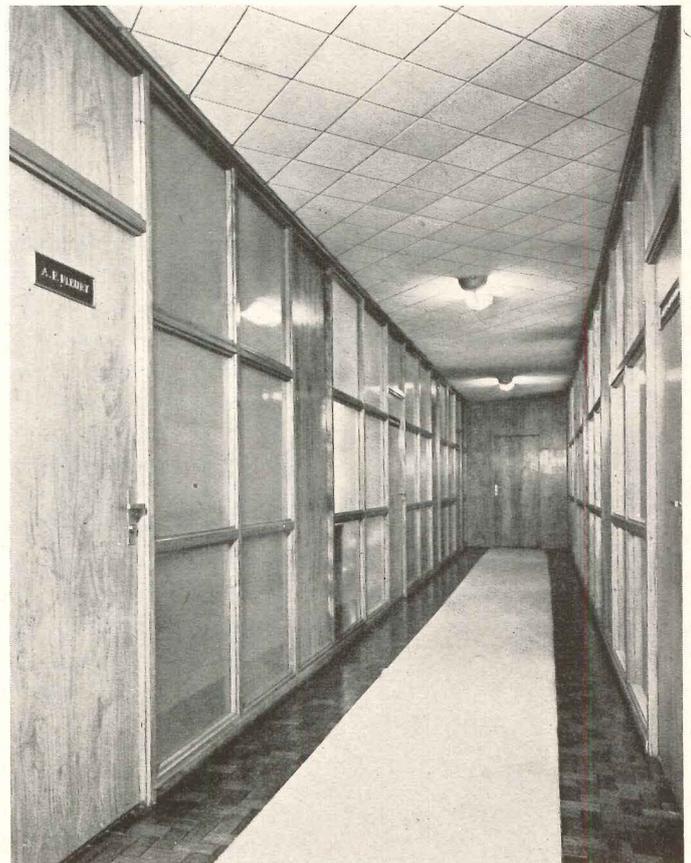
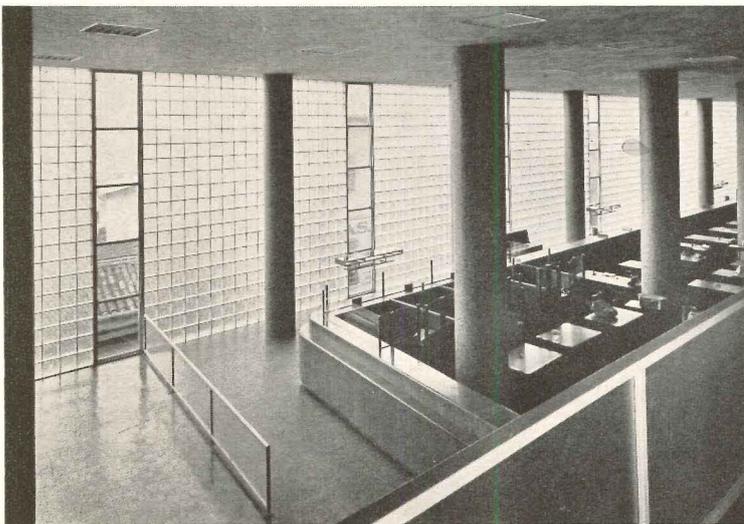
- 1. Elevator hall
- 2. Office space—to be divided with partitions

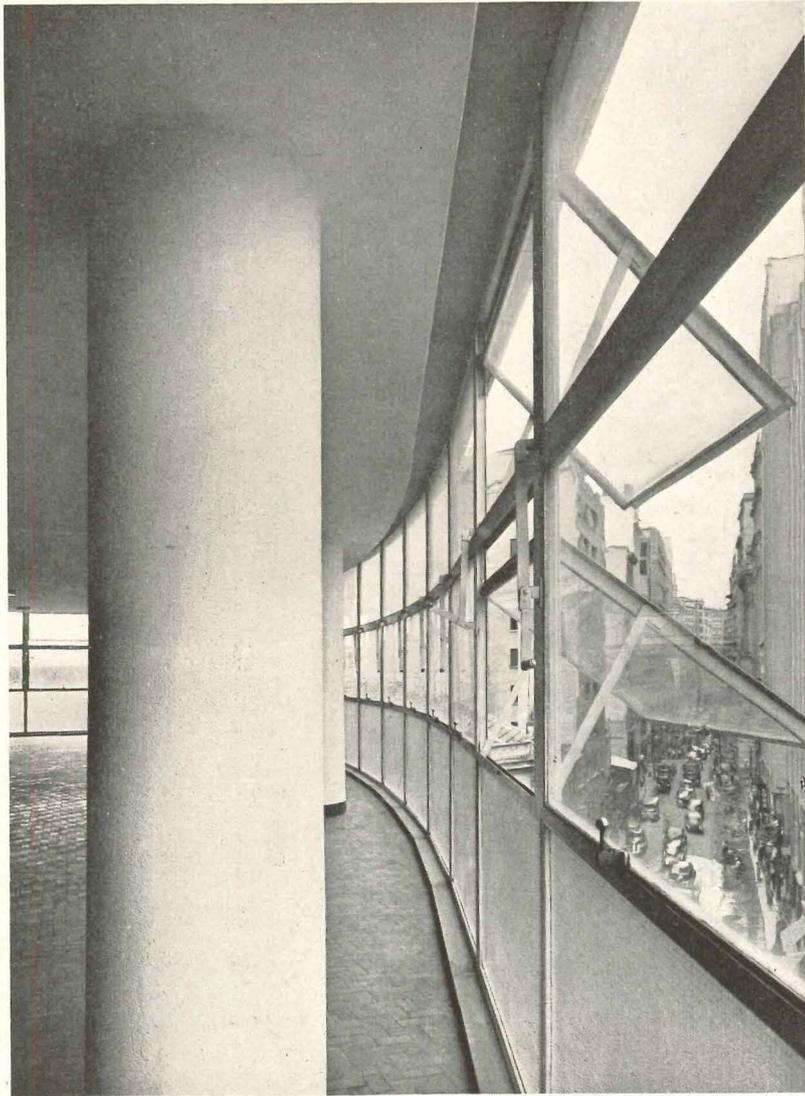


Setbacks of the building follow city regulations. The structure is of reinforced concrete, with brick used in dark areas of section shown left. Numbers indicate floor use: 1. shops; 2. bank; 3. offices. The three top floors follow plan shown above. Utilities are dispersed on each of lower floors to aid in office rearrangement

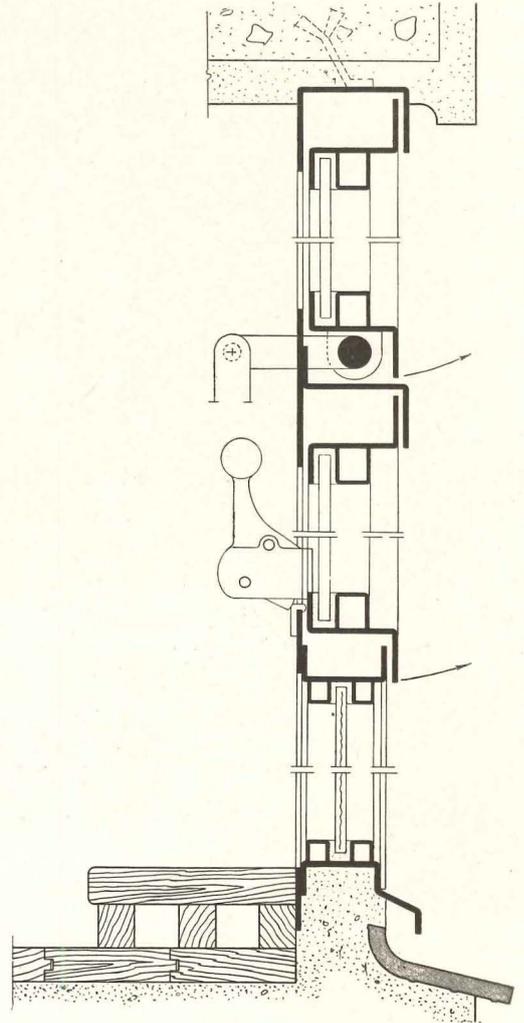


A slight extension of floor slabs on the exterior (above left) subtly emphasizes the building's structure without destroying the unity of design. The bank interior is richly finished in glass and ceramic mosaic on floors and columns; forthright screen of glass block with window insets gives privacy. Below right: mezzanine office corridor



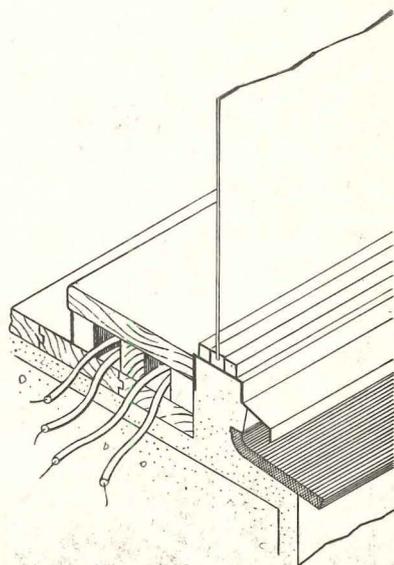


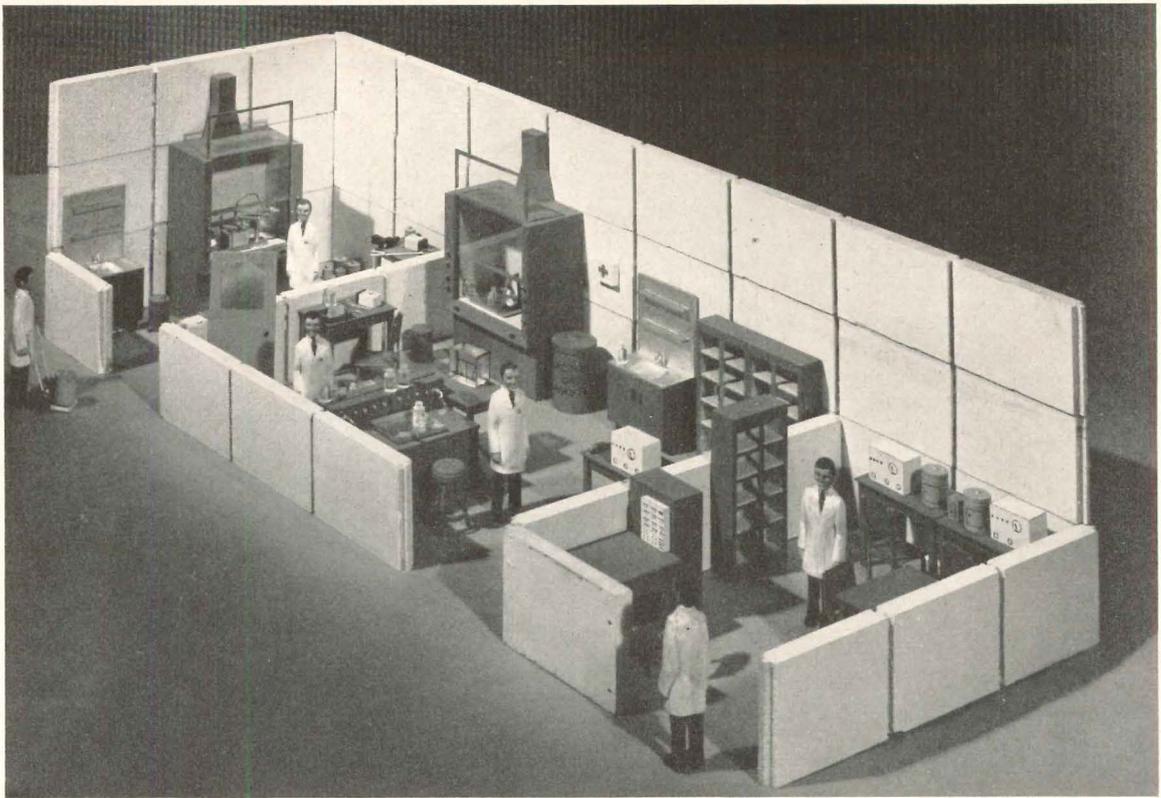
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Above left: typical office floor. Above right: section through window wall; bottom pane is fixed obscured glass. Below: baseboard detail showing use as electrical duct

The eleven office floors are planned to be as open as possible, with utilities and toilets ranged along the blank walls to the north. A number of features were incorporated to facilitate the partitioning off and selling of individual office spaces. These include use of regular, short spaced divisions in the windows, and the lack of projecting beams on the ceilings. As it was assumed that most desks would be placed near the window walls, electrical and telephone conduits were run through the protective baseboard, and vertically through the hollow metal window columns. The curve of the front wall follows the bend of the street below. Ceramic tile sills below the windows also serve as finishing caps for the projecting edges of the floor slabs to the exterior. All the office floors are 3.15 meters (about 10 ft 3 in.) high. Flooring is wood parquet glued directly to the concrete slabs with a special mastic.





U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Isotopes Division

Model of a three-room laboratory to handle beta- and gamma-emitting materials. Rooms are, from left to right: high level lab, low level lab, and counting room. This plan prevents random radiations from the high level lab from registering false "counts" on the counting room instruments and minimizes the possibility of contamination

ARCHITECTURAL PROBLEMS IN ATOMIC LABS

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PEACETIME APPLICATIONS OF ATOMIC energy are coming along much faster than many people expected. Probably the most rapid development of interest to the architect is the demand for radiochemical laboratories for industrial, agricultural and medical applications. Although there is a great deal of similarity between conventional chemical laboratories and those handling radioactive materials, the concepts of laboratory design, from site planning to selection of interior finishes, have to be revised in terms of protecting personnel and equipment from radioactivity: areas have to be shielded with lead and concrete, causing heavier and more concentrated floor loads than commonly encountered; some highly radioactive wastes must be buried; large quantities of air must be drawn in through fume hoods to be sure that radioactive particles are not inhaled; finish materials must be easily decontaminated if radioactive materials are spilled.

Location of Radiochemical Labs

For low level radioactive laboratories, site problems are minor; in fact, they are no different from those encountered in conventional chemical laboratories.

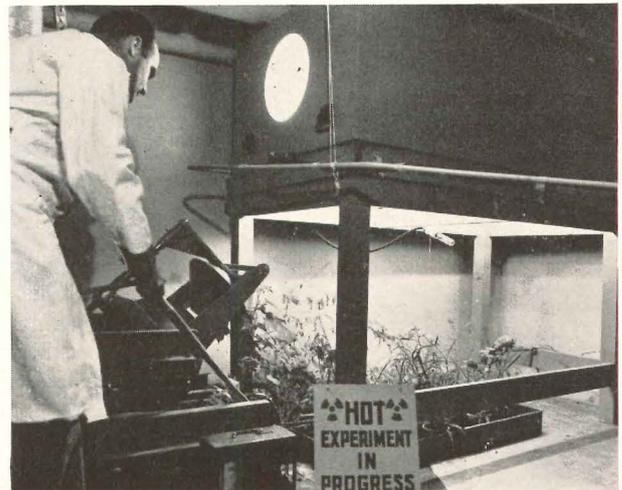
For high level work, the site selection and orientation of buildings is of great importance. Prevailing winds will govern locations of the hotter facilities and their

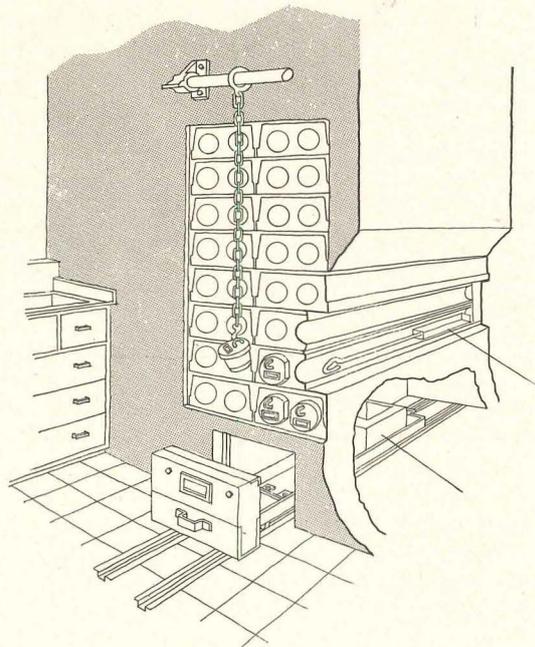
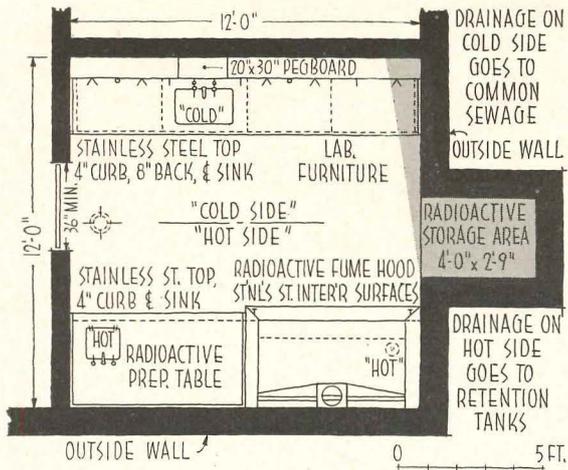
vent stacks. These stacks must be placed down-wind from the areas of lower activities, to prevent contamination of the areas of less than normal background.

Normal Activity (background) refers to the level of radiation ordinarily encoun-

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Research is being conducted in "hot" labs throughout the country to discover how radioactivity* effects plant life





Above: plan of a typical, small radioisotope laboratory. Shading indicates the area covered by the perspective of the radioactive storage vault at right. A vertical section through the storage vault is shown across the page

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tered from natural sources and from cosmic rays that reach the earth's surface. "Hot" (high level activity) is used when referring to anything contaminated by, or possessing properties of, radioactive materials. Likewise, "cold" is used when something is not "hot," and "warm" indicates a low level of activity. The word activity refers to various types of radiation.

Ground slope must be kept in mind in order that surface waters will not carry possible contamination, deposited by foot traffic, from the areas of higher activity to areas of lower activity. The water table flow should not be permitted to carry any possibly "warm" waste toward the water supply. These comments, of course, do not apply to work dealing with any of the lower levels of activity.

In all cases contamination must be localized. Potential spread of activity must be reduced by avoiding the placement of hot facilities directly adjacent to cold facilities whenever possible. "Hot" processing areas should be grouped together to simplify waste handling and to prevent accidental contamination of normally "cold" areas. It is not desirable practice to place a "hot" working unit in a "cold" laboratory.

Building Layout

When considering interior layout, a similar approach must be made with

regard to all levels of activity. As far as possible all areas should be kept free and open, through the use of movable partitions, so that complete flexibility is possible with regard to initial layout, future revisions, and later readjustments. A modular principle should be adopted in order that services may be placed as indicated later.

As in considering the site layout, one should first enter into the "cold" areas and then go progressively to the "warmer" ones.

Location of Lab Equipment

In considering the location of laboratory equipment within the building, the greatest flexibility is achieved when working on a modular basis. It has been found that bays about 24 ft sq lend themselves more readily to subdivisions which will be most useful. This 24 ft chief module is subdivided easily into a lesser module of 4 ft and combinations of it.

Washroom and locker facilities frequently need provision for both "warm" and "cold" use, when serving areas of highest activity. It is recommended by most health authorities that one area be provided for the storage of street clothing, and that the work clothes and coveralls which are used on the job be stored separately, in an adjacent area.

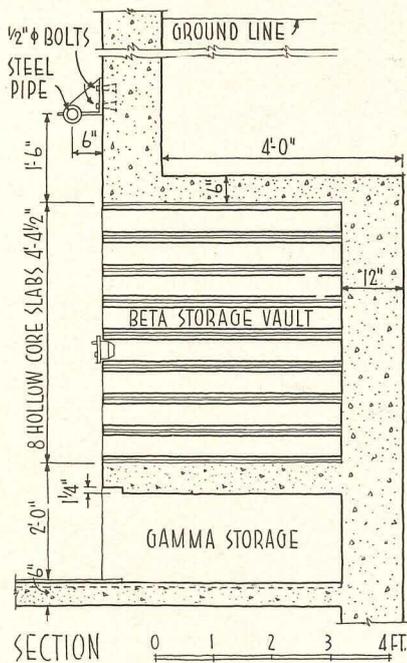
For the "low activity" level, housing work dealing with microcurie, amounts of radioactivity, it is found that very

little provision must be made for these laboratories beyond that normally used in any chemical laboratory, with the exception that hoods must be available to exhaust contaminated airborne particles.

For "middle activity" laboratories, some attention should be given to isolating areas where radioactivity is handled, mainly to provide for centralized waste gas and liquid handling facilities. Traffic patterns do not necessarily have to be rigidly controlled, although "built-in" means of preventing excessive and unnecessary traffic between "cold" and "hot" areas should be provided. It will be necessary now to introduce at least local shielding, which will be placed around the equipment within the hoods; this is usually an enclosure of lead bricks, 2 by 4 by 8 in. in size.

Laboratories in which work of a "high level" activity is carried on frequently need to be surrounded by massive shielding, in addition to the local shielding in the hoods. This general shielding may take the form of 1- or 2-ft thicknesses of solid concrete blocks; these units are usually 4 by 8 by 16 in., laid dry. The use of block is more desirable than a monolithic pour, for flexibility as well as for decontamination purposes. High activity areas must be isolated from areas of lower activity.

The areas for alpha particle operations need special attention paid to



ventilation. Here dry boxes should be used wherever possible.

Radiation is the collective term for the rays and particles released by radioactive materials. When radiation passes through other materials, such as air, metal, or animal tissue, it has the property of electrifying the materials along its path. This process is called "ionization." In living tissues the ionizing effect of radiation causes the injury and death of cells. Ionizing radiation, if applied in large amounts, can do great harm to a plant, an animal, or a human being.

We are familiar with three common types of nuclear ionizing radiation: *alpha particles*, *beta particles*, and *gamma rays*. All three produce ionization when passing through other materials. Each **alpha particle** bears a positive electric charge and is the nucleus of an ordinary helium atom. **Beta particles** — which are electrons — are very much lighter and have a negative, rather than positive, charge. **Gamma radiation**, unlike alpha and beta particles, is radiant energy similar to light or X-rays. There is no associated particle and no electrical charge.

Dry Box is a term now applied to a completely enclosed work surface, which may or may not be vented by a small flow of air. Glove ports permit an operator to work through attached rubber gloves.

In alpha laboratories considerable danger lies in the possible contamination of personnel; the alpha particles

are not sufficiently potent to get through even a sheet of paper, but their great ionizing power can cause heavy damage inside the body. One must be extremely careful not to inhale or ingest this type of radiation, nor should one permit any of this material to pass through an incision or abrasion of the skin surface. Beta particles, although they do not penetrate deeply, can cause burns if in sufficient concentration. Gamma rays penetrate deeply into the body and can cause enough damage to make a person ill, or even cause death.

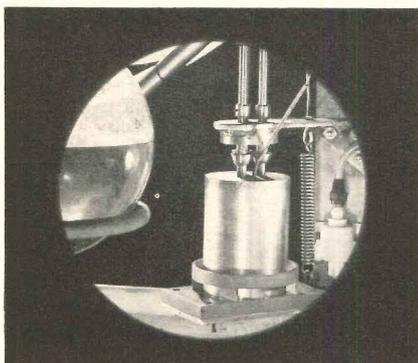
It can be seen that the "warmer" the use to which the facility is to be applied, the more careful must be the approach directed toward the equipment layout and design. Not only does the shielding for instrumentation become progressively more necessary, but also the traffic pattern, shielding, and biological protective measures become more important.

In placing equipment within the laboratories the factor of safety should always govern layout, in order not to bottle any personnel into an area from which no escape would be available in event of some disaster. Likewise, it should be kept in mind that persons entering or leaving the laboratory space should not have to make their way between rows of equipment where others are carrying on their operations.

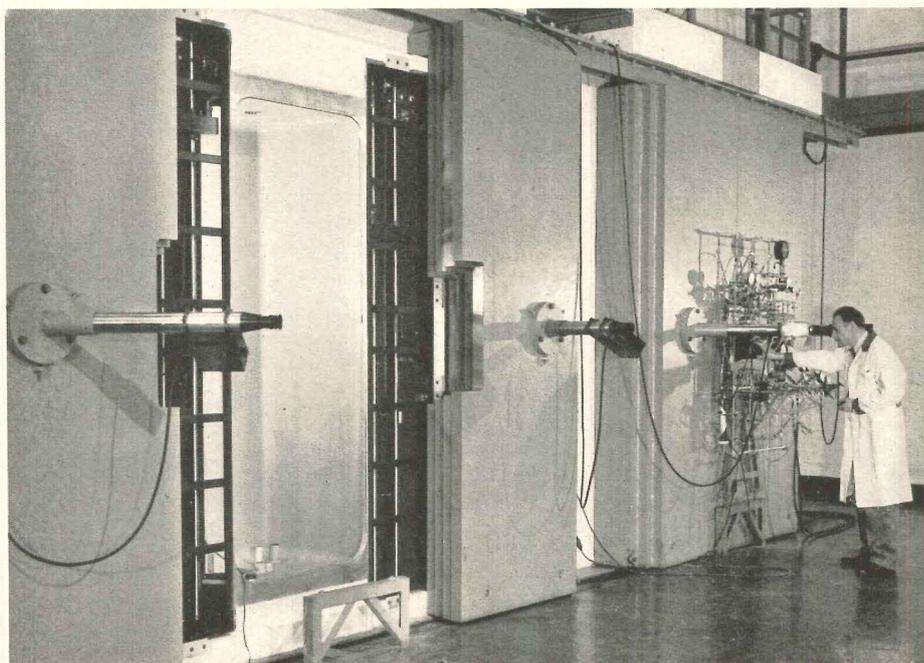
Interior Finishes

Movable metal partitions with baked enamel finish make a very satisfactory enclosure.

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Experiments dealing with very high levels of radioactivity are conducted in steel "hot" cells behind 1-ft solid steel doors. The inside of the cell is painted with a strippable coating to facilitate decontamination. Remote controls are used and progress is observed through a periscope which gives a picture as shown above. The metallic vessel will be removed by remote control and placed in a special shipping shield





In this semi-hot laboratory at Brookhaven National Laboratory, two types of shielding are provided. The sliding lead door provides easy access in setting up an experiment. A barrier of lead bricks can be adjusted to suit the experiment. Mirrors along the back wall enable technicians to observe and operate equipment at a safe distance

Electronic counters are provided in "hot" labs to detect contamination and prevent it from being carried beyond lab exits



It is generally agreed that the floor covering should be of asphalt tile, or some similar material in small square sections. Although some people favor large, continuous sheets, small squares are more readily replaced when decontamination becomes necessary. Large sheets present fewer cracks through which contamination may find its way down to the concrete floor slab, but these large sheets are more difficult to cut and patch, while the cracks of the small squares may be further backed up by an undermat of paper with applied metallic foil.

Hung ceilings, with a uniform height throughout, also lend themselves to better flexibility with regard to partition location; at the same time they cover the maze of ductwork, electrical conduit, and other services.

Shielding

This is a problem the architect does not encounter in other work, with the exception of X-ray facilities for hospitals or doctors' offices. Safety is maintained by: (1) shielding, (2) distance of workers from the radioactive source and (3) time limits of exposure. Shielding is always important because the entire layout of facilities is dependent upon what materials are used, and how they are employed. There are, broadly, two approaches to shielding: "local" and "general." Local shielding means a restricted, local application of protection, confining one or two specific instru-

ments or vessels. General shielding embraces an entire cell, room, or area.

Cell is the term applied to an area, surrounded by adequate shielding, within which highly radioactive operations may be performed by remote control.

A rough approximation as to the shielding needed may be "guesstimated" by using tables and graphs (see the graph on page 164.) Permanent shielding (dead loads) and movable shielding (live loads) may be figured with fair precision. These load figures will then indicate the positive, or negative, desirability of single-story vs. multi-story layout of various units to be incorporated.

Some shielding will probably be needed for "hot" drain lines. Vertical risers must be protected as they pass rooms below. Tanks or other storage vessels must be enclosed.

Having been introduced to the basic problems which must be kept in mind during preliminary sketch stages, we should examine more carefully the steps to be followed for installing shielding. First, one must determine the most desirable technique to be used. For small operations which may be closely confined, or for protection of instruments, local shielding will probably be used.

For more extensive assemblies of equipment, or to enclose a large number of instruments, general shielding, surrounding an entire cell or room should

be used; the cells (and even the rooms) might need labyrinthal entrances to protect against direct passage of radiation through the hatch or doorway.

Depending on the thickness of shield required, storage vaults for "hot" materials can be enclosed either by local or general shielding, or even a combination of the two.

With regard to laboratory equipment, it is well to enclose as much alpha work as possible in dry boxes; this will save much cost when considering volumes of air needed for ventilation. Beta and gamma work, which is not so "hot" as to require remote control in a cell, will be done inside ventilating hoods; a barrier of lead may be needed in the hood, behind which the work will be carried on.

Floor and ceiling slabs must be checked to see that areas below and above receive protection. Adding to the thickness of concrete slabs is the most economical way to provide this general shielding. It may be found that it is more economical to relocate certain facilities on grade because of excessive loads, especially when the movement of portable shielding is added into calculations.

Determination of Specific Shielding Needs

Let us now examine the method of determining "what" thickness is required, and of "which" material. The scientist will determine for us the level of radioactivity with which we shall be dealing.

Alpha Protection. The equivalent thickness of a sheet of writing paper will usually provide sufficient mass shielding to block the particles.

Where the dry box does not permit the operator sufficient flexibility of movement for alpha work, it is sometimes necessary to use hoods.

Beta and Gamma Protection. In providing for beta or gamma work, hoods will normally enclose the operations. The beta radiations usually may be reduced by using a transparent lucite shield of about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thickness. Gamma rays, however, require far more mass to stop them; lead bricks are stacked between the source and the operator, with control of operations being conducted by means of bent handling devices, around or over the lead, the work being viewed by mirrors.

Local shielding is used to protect individual units within cells and rooms, or instruments outside. This is usually of lead, but might also be of iron.

General shielding is frequently placed around a laboratory in order to protect persons and instruments in adjacent areas. This is ordinarily of concrete; solid concrete blocks 4 by 8 by 16 in. give better flexibility for later revision than is permitted by the use of poured walls. Likewise, the blocks may be more readily removed when decontamination is necessary. Most shields are built to provide a radiation level of about 6.5 mr (milliroentgens) per hr.

If the level of activity is as high as one curie, or greater, the work is ordinarily carried on within a "cell," by remote control. The cell walls may be poured with a multitude of sleeves, or laid up of solid concrete block. As in hood work, the process system is vented.

Curie: an amount of radioactive material in which 37 billion nuclear disintegrations per second occur. This is approximately the number of disintegrations that takes place each second in one gram of radium. A millicurie is one-thousandth of this amount, and a microcurie is one millionth of this amount.

Roentgen: measures the amount of energy absorbed by material receiving radiation. It is a unit based on the amount of X-rays or gamma rays required to produce ions equivalent to one electrostatic unit of charge in one cubic centimeter of air under standard conditions.

Waste Disposal

Waste disposal, with regard to vapors

and liquids, varies considerably depending on the type of site which is being developed, and the level of activity. Waste gases from chemical experiments will usually originate in hoods, from which three types of exhaust are possible:

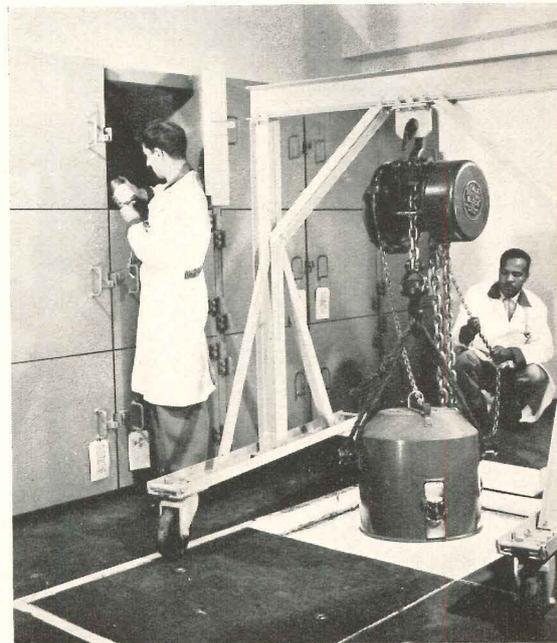
Normal Hood Air taken in through the hood door. In low activity areas, need for filtration of this air is questionable. Where only a few millicuries of activity are handled, filtration is unnecessary. However, in densely populated areas, filters may be desirable to provide "legal insurance." Gases from hoods using "tracer" quantities of activity (small amount of radioactive material added to a larger quantity of inert material of the same nature) can be discharged to the atmosphere using standard precautions for laboratory hood exhaust.

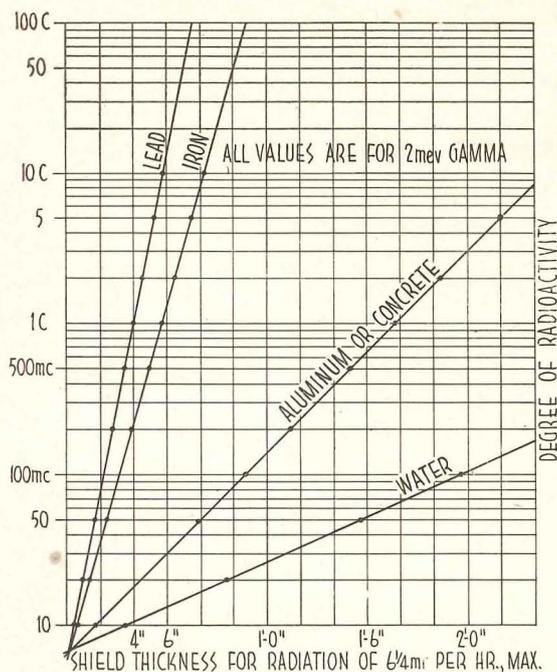
Equipment Ventilation Air. Each hood can be provided with a small ($\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) low vacuum line through which vent gases from sealed process units can be discharged. For higher levels of work, this line provides a small volume collection system for all corrosive and possibly radioactive gases. If cleaning is required, only a small installation for all hoods in an entire lab building is then needed. The system should be constructed of stainless steel for corrosion resistance.

Laboratory High Vacuum. Discharge of gases from this system can be accomplished in a manner similar to the

Brookhaven National Laboratory Photo

Very "hot" materials are stored beneath the floor in special shielded containers at one of the national laboratories. Other materials not quite as "hot" are placed in locker compartments





Graph gives thicknesses of shielding for various materials to reduce gamma radiation having a potential of 2 million electron volts (mev) and a given intensity in curies (vertical scale, mc is millicuries) to a recommended safe level for personnel

parts: one "cold," and one "warm." The warm process waste would then need to be retained in a bottle or tank until analysis would indicate what manner of disposal would be considered necessary.

"Hot" Drain Line. Should always be of stainless steel. There should be no traps in these lines, because of the build-up of "activity" which would take place in any traps. Therefore, all such drains should be located within hoods where they will be adequately vented. The hot drain lines will lead to a hot storage tank.

Solid Waste

Solids which become contaminated with radioactivity must either be decontaminated chemically, or collected and disposed of in a safe burial ground. Non-combustibles which cannot be decontaminated are usually buried. Combustibles can be burned provided a safe incinerator is available.

Laboratory glassware used with radioactive solutions can be washed in a normal manner, provided the waste solutions are sent to the "hot" drain system and are properly monitored before either collection or disposal.

Ventilation Supply

Heating and ventilating of the areas for radiochemical work possesses certain unique characteristics. The major portion of air to be introduced is fed directly into the laboratories. The travel of air from one space to another should always be calculated so that it moves from "cooler" areas, through "warmer" ones to the "hot" facilities.

Supplementary air to the laboratories is usually introduced first to the office areas, from which it passes into the hallways, and then on into the laboratories through the louvered slots in doors. The laboratory must have a slightly negative pressure differential in order to guarantee air movement in that direction.

No recirculation of air in occupied areas is possible, except in separate administrative and service parts of the building. Hence, hood design is most important in order to effect greatest reduction to air demand, while remaining within safe limits.

Air conditioning will be mandatory only in certain special areas where process and instrumentation considerations govern. In some climates it is needed to help prevent workers from picking up radioactivity.

low vacuum system with manner of cleaning to be determined by the hazard involved.

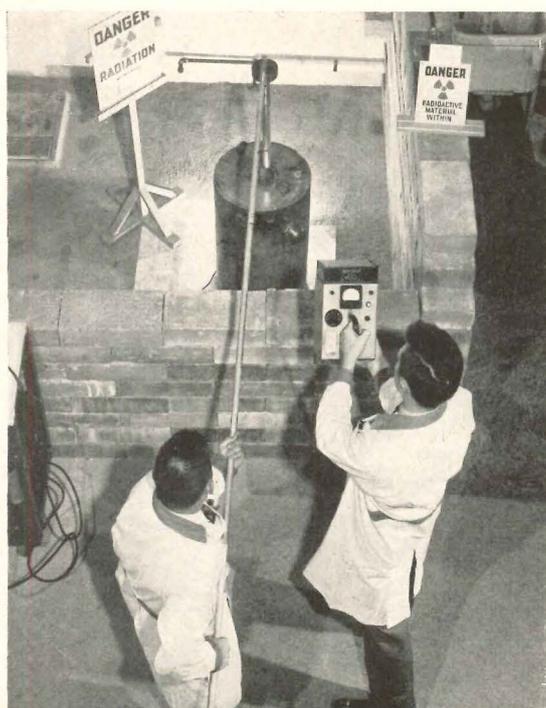
Liquid Disposal

There are usually three main liquid disposal systems:

Normal Sanitary System. Waste from washrooms and kitchen facilities. The treatment will be quite traditional, except for hospitals using "tracers" in

patients, where careful analyses must be made of waste material.

Process Waste. Essentially a normal, neutralized, chemical waste system. In the very low level tracer work, there will be no need to consider this to be more of a problem than the chemical waste from a normal laboratory. In dealing with radiochemicals in the higher levels of activities, however, process waste might be subdivided into two



A technician stands behind a barrier and uses a long pole to lower a sample by remote control. The health physicist (right) uses a survey meter to make sure that the technician is not exposed to dangerous amounts of radiation

CHECK LIST

TO SAVE METALS IN HOUSES

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The NPA method of controlling housing construction through a limitation on the delivery and use of controlled materials (steel, copper and aluminum) on a functional basis, rather than on a dollar or area limitation, marks a milestone in the writing of regulations by the Federal Government. Since the weights of these materials allowed per structure is limited, it is squarely up to the designer and his own ingenuity to stretch these amounts of materials to the utmost; at the same time, the Federal Government's objective of conservation is accomplished best.

While many of the methods of saving metals are well known, designers have made little effort to follow them in the face of liberal supplies of metals.

Here are nineteen practical methods to save metals which should be investigated by every architect and designer of residences during the planning stages.

√ **1. Steel in footings can be reduced and sometimes eliminated.** Local practice and regulations frequently require reinforcing steel in footings of small structures, regardless of soil conditions. Engineering evaluation will indicate that in many cases reinforcing of footings can be reduced considerably and frequently eliminated.

√ **2. Reinforcing mesh may not be necessary in slabs.** Local prejudices frequently require reinforcing mesh to be placed in the slabs of small houses built on the grade. Analysis will indicate that in most cases slabs can be installed without it. Perimeter insulation of the slabs and provisions to insure against capillarity are usually more important than reinforcing.

√ **3. Wood girders can replace structural steel framing.** For many years completely adequate small structures have been built without structural steel beams. As a matter of fact, the use of wood girders in basement framing in place of steel girders will tend to equalize shrinkage in those jobs in which no wood plate is used over the beam. A wood plate installed on the masonry exterior foundation wall without a similar wood plate on the steel girder is definitely poor practice.

√ **4. Reinforced masonry lintels easily supplant structural steel angles, used as lintels in masonry construction.** In most residences, two $\frac{1}{4}$ in. round reinforcing rods will be sufficient.

√ **5. Gutters and downspouts can be eliminated.** With the NPA prohibiting the use of copper for gutters and downspouts, many designers will turn towards galvanized sheet metal and aluminum. Since so many gutters are installed incorrectly, causing clogging with leaves, debris and ice and snow, the architect should consider the complete elimination of gutters and the installation of a wider hanging eave. In residential structures this practice is completely consistent with the trend toward simple, modern design. Unsightly soiling of the wall from the splash of the drip can be prevented by the use of gravel and by planting splash areas under the eaves.

√ **6. Additional insulation will keep in heat and thus save metal in the heating system.** While our designers of houses in recent years have tended towards the greater use of insulation, additional insulation will further reduce the heat loss and may make possible the use of smaller furnaces, along with less duct work or pipe.

√ **7. Crawl space heating eliminates metal ducts.** The use of the crawl space in the winter as a plenum chamber for the heating system has been successfully demonstrated. Where this type of heating system is feasible, almost all duct work can be eliminated.

√ **8. Warm air perimeter heating systems operate successfully with non-metallic ducts.** There have been many installations of perimeter heating in which

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warm air is carried to and around the perimeter of the structure in glazed ceramic pipe, glazed tile, fiber tubing and similar products. The use of non-metallic duct work in these systems eliminates most of the metal.

✓ **9. Metallic flashing can be eliminated.** Simple, straight-forward design of roofs can eliminate the need for flashing of valleys, hips and "trick" intersections. Obviously, much copper flashing can be eliminated by thoughtful design. Where valley flashing is absolutely required, self-flashing of roofing can be employed. The use of copper flashing of extremely long life in conjunction with roofing materials of much shorter life expectancy is wasteful practice.

✓ **10. Intelligent planning can reduce plumbing.** The opportunities of planning for the conservation of materials should be first on the list of every designer. In the case of plumbing in the small house, these are: the concentration of utilities, back to back plumbing, and the location of the plumbing on the side of the house nearest the utilities (when the utilities occur in the street, place the kitchen and bathrooms on the street side of the house).

✓ **11. Low voltage wiring uses less copper.** It is now generally believed that low voltage wiring saves small amounts of copper when compared to conventional wiring systems. For large houses, low voltage wiring systems definitely provide the opportunity for more utilities and switches than would be possible with the houses conventionally wired.

✓ **12. The National Electric Code describes and accepts the use of non-metallic-covered wiring systems.** The steel used in armoring the cable, and the steel used in outlet and switch boxes, can be conserved. Switches and outlets in kitchens and bathrooms can be grounded for safety without grounding the entire system.

✓ **13. Research back of the National Plumbing Code indicates that a high degree of safety can be obtained with much less piping.** The new National Plumbing Code, the result of research at the National Bureau of Standards and other laboratories, and written in cooperation with all elements of the plumbing industry, is a potent means of conservation. Recent studies by the Housing and Home Finance Agency indicate that the use of the plumbing code, with its simplified installation of drainage and vent piping, would conserve in terms of 100,000 small homes as much

as 21,800 tons of cast iron and 3,200 tons of steel. These savings would be possible without in any way reducing the health and sanitation requirements.

✓ **14. Non-metallic sewers have worked satisfactorily for many years.** The use of clay pipe, fiber pipe and cement asbestos pipe for sewerage systems outside of the house is a well established practice in many areas, yet many areas of this country require cast iron.

✓ **15. Better nailing means fewer nails.** While the average house requires something like 400 lb of nails, it is believed that considerable quantities of nails could be saved each year by a simple understanding of good practice in frame construction. Frequently more nails are used than are needed and, more frequently, nailing is done incorrectly. A splendid reference on house nailing is "The Technique of Nailing," published by the Housing and Home Finance Agency and available from the Government Printing Office for 20 cents.

✓ **16. Plastic pipe and tubing have potentialities.** The tremendous progress made by the plastics industry since World War II is currently being reflected in the limited use of plastic tubing in housing in some areas for water and gas service. While not all of the plastic tubings obtainable have been completely tested, some already have good installation records.

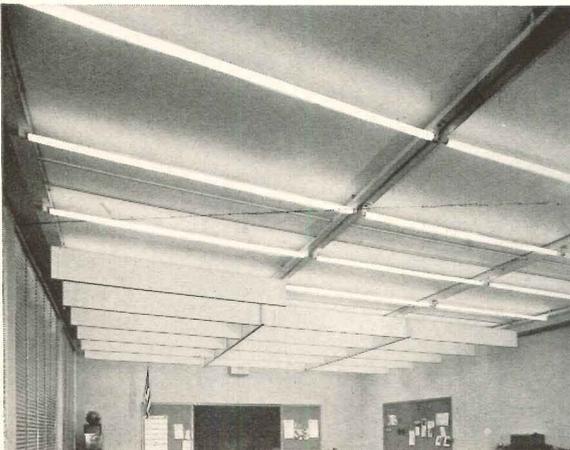
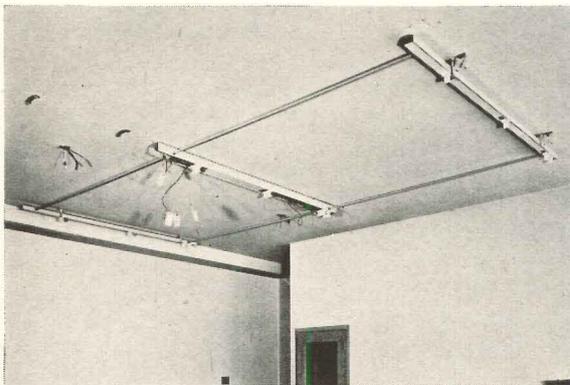
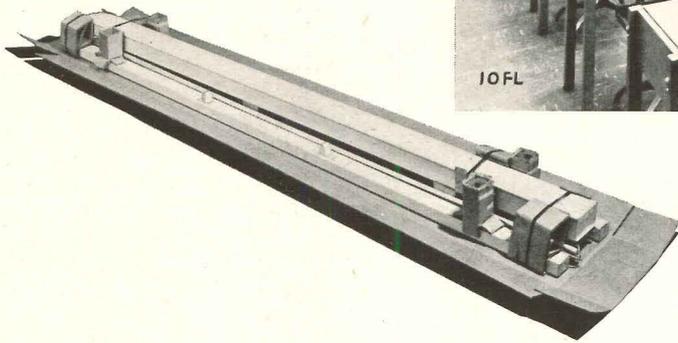
✓ **17. Septic tanks need not be made of steel.** Much steel can be conserved by the use of compartmented septic tanks made of large sections of clay pipe. The United States Public Health Service studies indicate that successful septic tanks can be made out of materials other than steel and reinforced concrete.

✓ **18. Temporary plastic coatings on bathtubs save metal by preventing damage to them during house construction.** Coatings, applied at the shop before the bathtub is taken to the job, will greatly lessen loss from chipping of the surface.

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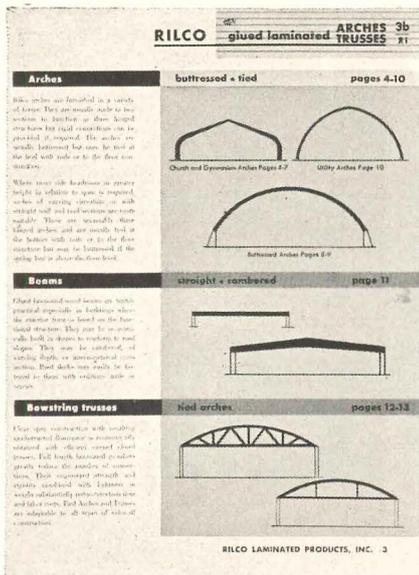
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Face Brick

Stone Creek - Ava Face Brick. In this catalog of the manufacturer's line of face brick shades and textures, 21 different varieties are illustrated in full color reproductions. In addition, photographs of more than 50 buildings, including houses, which employ face brick are included to illustrate the

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Heating for Small Houses

Heating the Home. A revision of a circular by the same title issued by the University of Illinois in 1945, this pamphlet incorporates advances made in heating systems for small houses in the last six years. Prominent attention is given to heating basementless houses, particularly with the forced hot-water and forced warm-air systems. Authors are Professors S. Konzo, W. S. Harris, and R. W. Roose, members of the staff of the Engineering Experiment Station at the University. 12 pp., illus. Price, 10 cents. Small Homes Council, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

Floor Treatment and Maintenance

Floor Facts. This booklet contains specifications for the manufacturer's line for use in original treatment and maintenance of floors — asphalt tile, rubber tile, linoleum, cork, terrazzo, wood, cement, marble and tile. In each case there are recommendations for cleaning, conditioning and finishing, and cautions to be observed for the particular kind of floor. 17 pp., illus. Vestal, Inc., 4963 Manchester Ave., St. Louis 10, Mo.

Cooling—Heating Systems

Application Engineering Data on G-E Personal Weather Control Systems. This pamphlet provides extensive technical information on the design of weather control systems and on the application of room air-conditioning units and other equipment to such systems. There are notes on the selection of a system, the application of this particular system to various types of buildings (with examples cited), system design considerations, and application data. 60 pp., illus. Price, 50 cents. Air Conditioning Division, General Electric, Bloomfield, N. J.*

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• **Simplified Practice Recommendation R243-51, Unorificed Radiator Supply Valves.** Proposed by the Steam Heating Equipment Manufacturers Association, the recommendation lists the sizes, patterns and capacities of unorificed radiator supply valves for use in two-pipe, low pressure steam heating systems that currently are in use and demand, and are regarded as affording an adequate selection for ordinary use and stock. General provisions are included as related and useful information concerning these valves. Price, 5 cents.

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• **Fixture Unit Ratings as Used in Plumbing System Design: Housing Research Paper No. 15.** By Herbert N. Eaton and John L. French. A comprehensive treatment of the subject which briefly but adequately deals with the material outlined in the authors' statement of purposes. These are (1) to relate briefly the derivation of the terms "fixture unit" and "fixture unit rating;" (2) to indicate in simplified form the mathematics of the probability relations associated with them; and (3) to clarify the significance and use of these terms in the determination of design flow rates for water supply systems in buildings containing large numbers of fixtures. According to the authors, the procedures indicated in the booklet can also be utilized to determine drainage flow rates, provided the proper unit ratings are assigned to the fixtures. Price, 15 cents.

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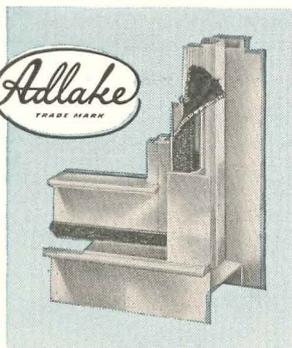
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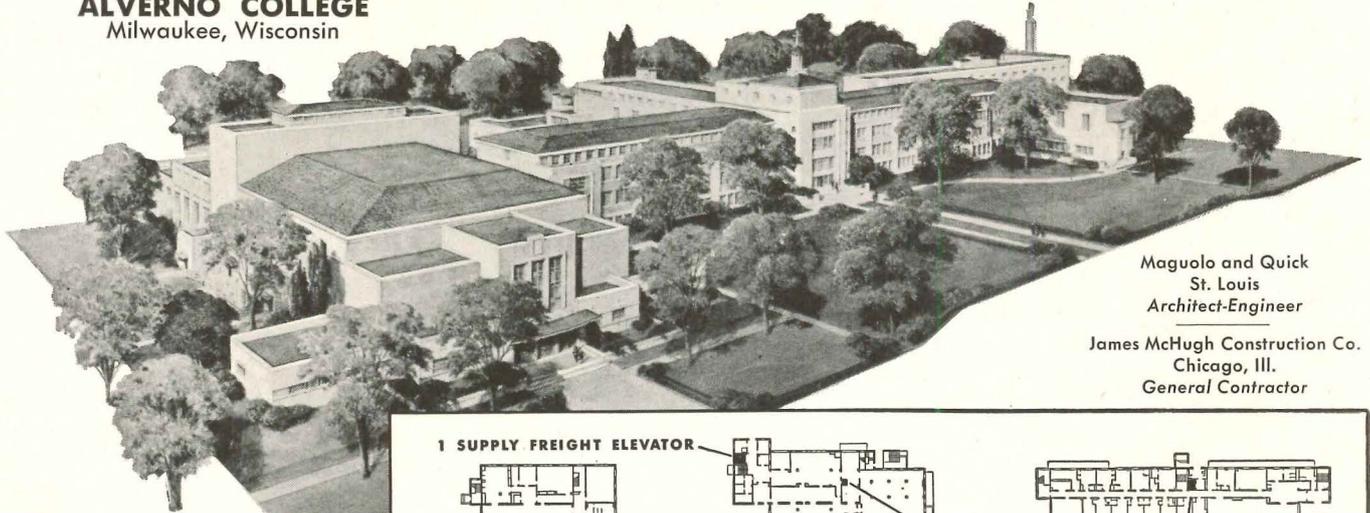
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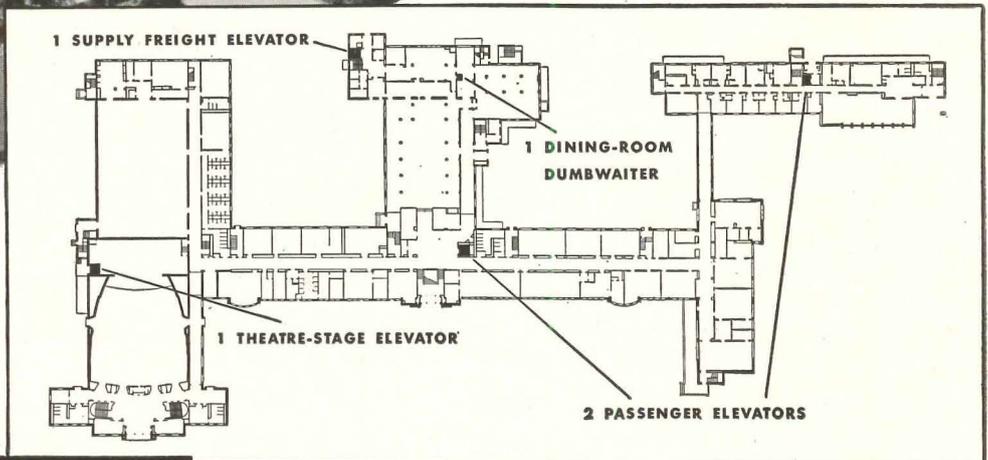
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RADIANT HEATING SYSTEMS FOR HOUSES—12: Hot Water Systems

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The fourth installment in a series on radiant heating, the following pages present a typical example using floor panels, and worked out by simplified methods presented in the Time-Saver Standards for August and September 1951. A similar example for a ceiling panel installation appeared in the October 1951 issue.

Example 2 — Floor Installation

This example illustrates the design of a system of floor coils for the heating of the same house (Fig. 12) as shown in Fig. 7, TSS, Oct. 1951, Sheet 8. The house is still assumed to be fully insulated and double glazed. Carpets may, in this case, be eliminated with some advantage to the operating economy.

1. Layout

The available panel areas are shown in Fig. 13. Coils should not be run below any fixed equipment such as kitchen floor cabinets. The bathroom panel might have been made smaller to avoid the area of bathtubs, although they are good transmitting surfaces and some piping below them assures comfort while bathing. Fig. 14 is a final summary of the design. Preliminary sketches resembling Fig. 14 should be made to study the possible location of coils and equipment and the routing of mains.

2. Net Hourly Heat Losses

Column 1, Table 6, lists the heat losses from the several rooms. For the use of floor coils, they include the losses through glass, walls and ceilings as well as infiltration of air. Perimeter floor loss is not included. The reverse flow from the pipes to the ground is later added to establish the gross heat loss (column 7, Table 6) from which the linear feet of pipe is selected for the coils.

3. Adjustment

Because this is a one-story house, there is no gain in any heated space from heat flowing in by reverse loss from a panel in a room above or below. Adjustment is not needed.

4. Net Output

It is well to keep the net output in Btu per hr per sq ft of panel below 55 in floors. Columns 1, 3 and 4 (Table 6) establish this output in the case of

each room. The dining room is critical at 55 and should be considered first.

5. Gross Output

The water circulated through the pipes must bring in enough heat to make up the net heat loss from the rooms and also the reverse loss to the ground. Fig. 1, TSS, Aug. 1951, Sheet 2, expresses the approximate reverse loss for various floor coverings. Columns 5, 6 and 7 of Table 6

Fig. 12. Plan, Example 2.

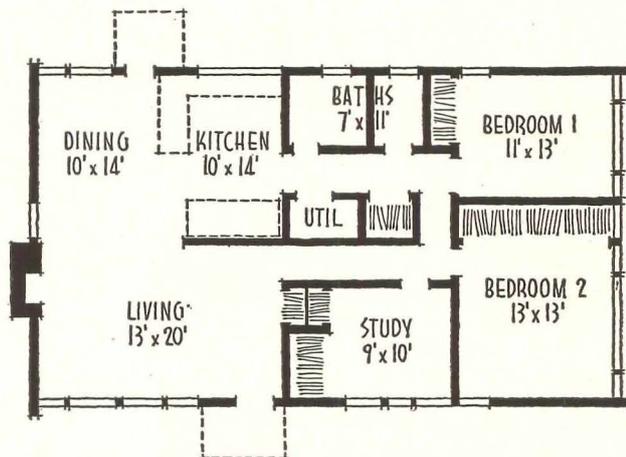
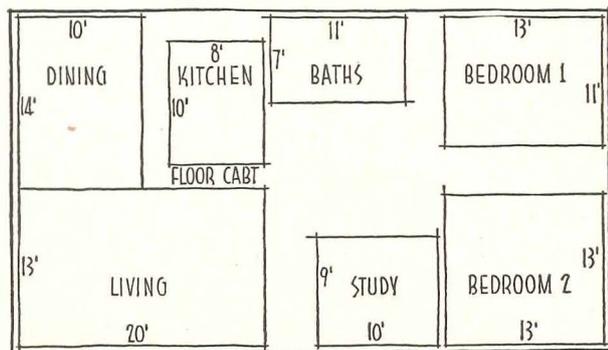


Fig. 13. Panel Areas Available, Example 2.

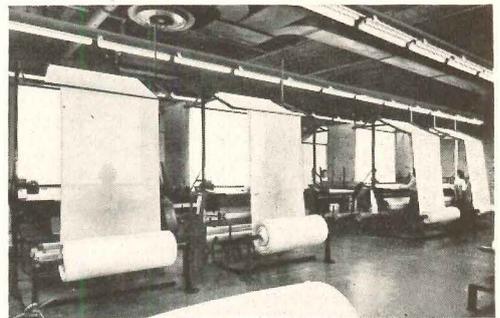


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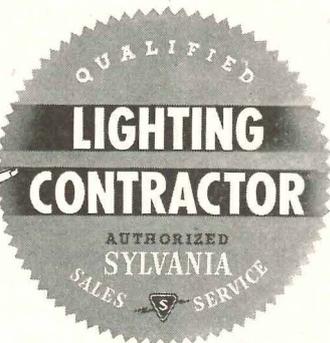
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Fig. 14. Coil Layout, Example 2.

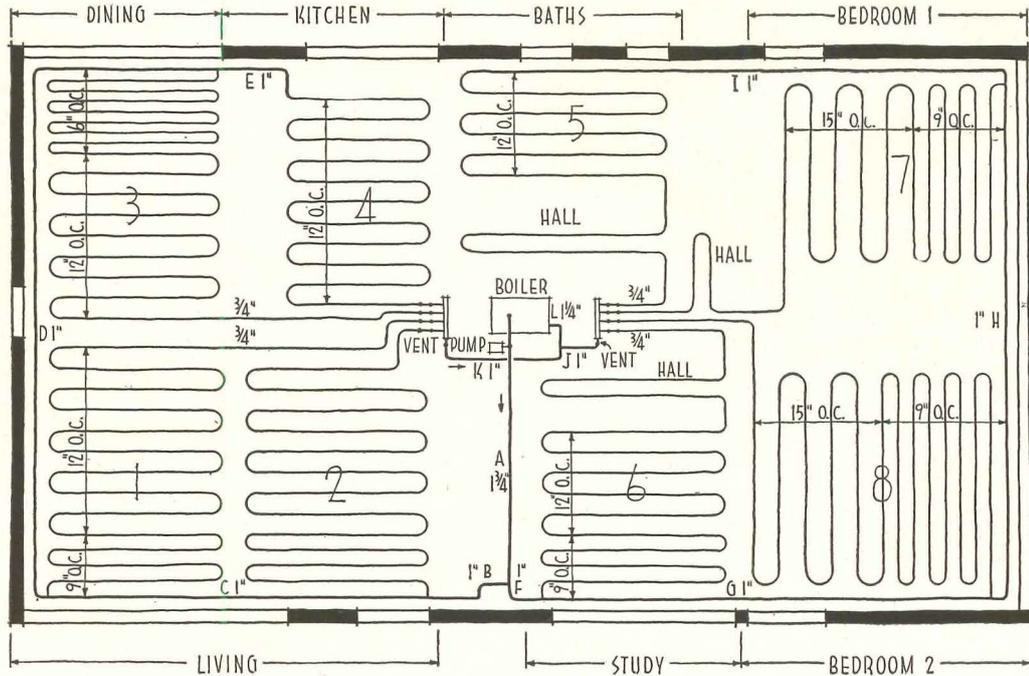


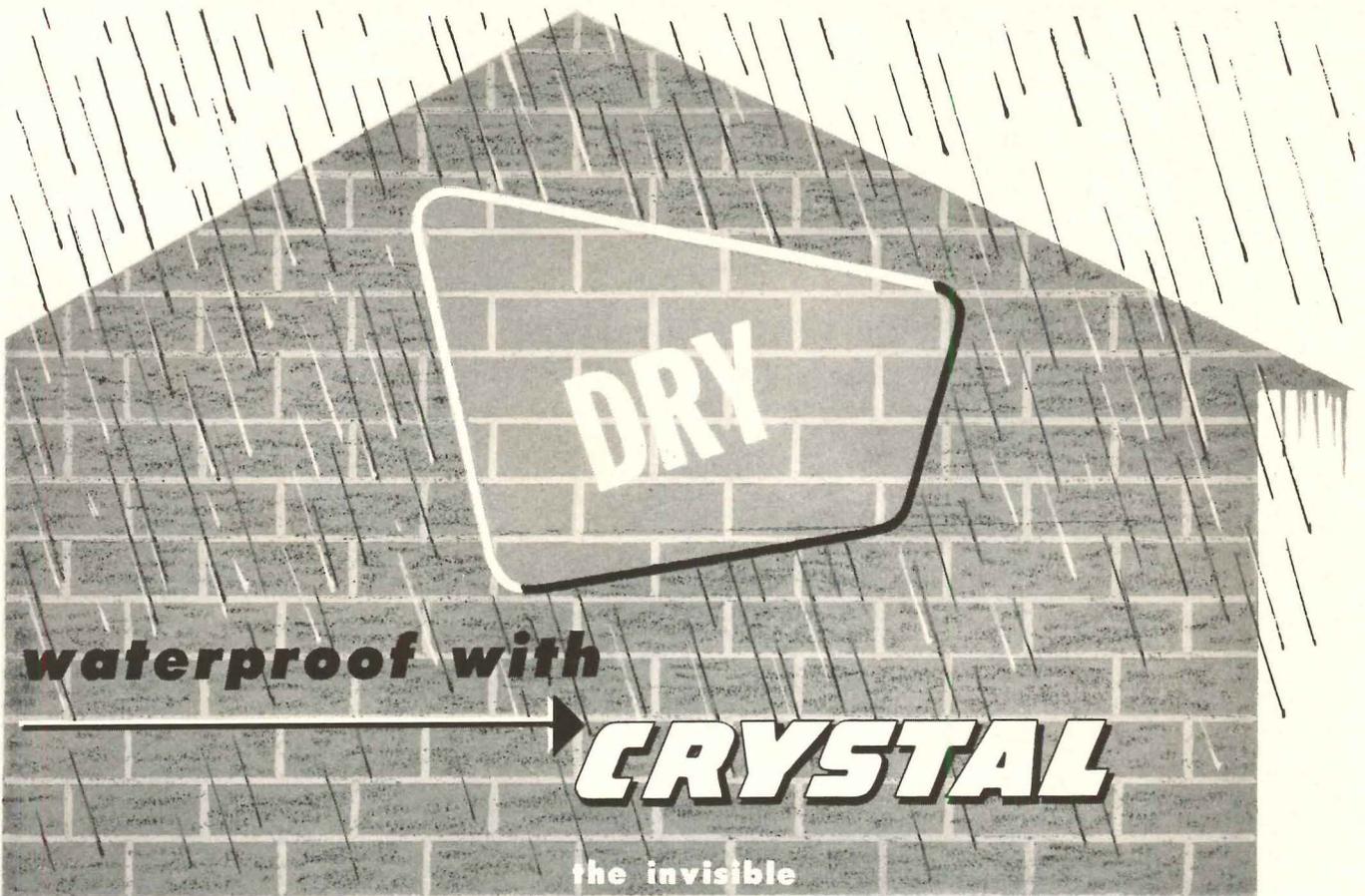
TABLE 6. Design Work Sheet, Example 2 House shown in Fig. 12

General Design Data		Coil Location—Floor		Gross Unit Output, Btu/hr/ft or pipe—53††								
		Pipe Size 3/4 in. wrought iron or steel		Avg. Water Temp. 130° F Temp. Drop in System 10° F								
Col. Nos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Net Room Heat Loss	Btu/hr	Available Panel		Unit Output of Panel	Floor Covering	Reverse Flow	Gross Heat Loss	Pipe Req'd. Per Room	Sinuous Coils	Identification	Approximate Pipe Spacing	
		Dimensions	Area								Trial	Final
		Ft	Sq Ft	Btu/hr/s.f.	Material Selected	% of Gross	Btu/hr	Ft	Number Per Room	Coil Numbers	Inches c. to c.	Inches c. to c.
Living	11,440	13 x 20	260	44	Carpet	20	14,350	270	2 @ 135	1, 2	11	9 & 12
Dining	7,700	10 x 14	140	55†	Asphalt Tile	10	8,550	160	1	3	9	6 & 12
Kitchen	3,250	8 x 10*	80	41	Asphalt Tile	10	3,620	68	1	4	13	12
Baths	2,740	7 x 10	70	39	Ceramic Tile	10	3,050	58	1	5	12	12
Study	3,760	9 x 10	90	42	1/4 in. wood in mastic	20	4,700	88	1	6	11	9 & 12
Bedroom 1	6,300	11 x 13	143	44	Asphalt Tile	10	7,000	132	1	7	12	9 & 15
Bedroom 2	8,100	13 x 13	169	48	Asphalt Tile	10	9,000	170	1	8	11	9 & 15
Totals	43,290						50,270	946	8			
Notes	Not incl. floor perimeter loss	*Exclusive of floor cabinets		Col 1 ÷ Col 3		See Fig. 1 TSS Aug. '51 Sheet 2.	Col—by .80 or .90	†† Col 7 ÷ 53	L.R. Divided for equalization	See Fig. 13	See Text	See Layout Fig. 13

† Critical output, (not to exceed 55 for floors)

†† From Table 1, TSS, Aug. '51, Sheet 4. 57 x .93 = 53 Btu/hr/ft of pipe

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show the method of arriving at the gross heat loss for each space.

6. Temperature Drop in the System

Pipes of wrought iron or steel $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in diameter will be used for the coils. In these relatively large pipes the friction is small and the water can be pumped through them quite rapidly. A small temperature drop can be expected and 10 deg is chosen.

7. Average Water Temperature

A trial computation was made using 110 F as the average water temperature, and it was found that the pipe spacings in the dining area were too small. A temperature of 130 F was then chosen and is used here. Table 1, TSS, Aug. 1951, Sheet 4, gives the output per ft of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. pipe as $57 \times .93 = 53$ Btu/hr at 130 F.

8. Critical Panel

If the gross heat loss of the dining area be divided by the output per ft of pipe (53 Btu), it is found that 160 ft of pipe are required. This works out to an average spacing of 9 in. on center. This is in accord with suggested spacings in Table 1, TSS, Aug. 1951, Sheet 4. To overcome the greater loss near glass, the pipes will be spaced 6 in. on center near the glass and wider as the coil recedes from the glass. 6 in. is greater than the closest possible spacing of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. pipe as determined by the minimum bend radius. Comments under the item "Critical Panel", TSS, Oct. 1951, Sheet 10, may be helpful in layout and study.

9. Other Panels

Columns 8 through 12 in Table 6 are a summary of the trial and final spacings based upon the required total linear footage for all coils. Coils up to 350 ft in length are permissible

using $\frac{3}{4}$ in. wrought iron or steel pipe. It will be seen that all of the proposed coils are less than this length, resulting in a simpler coil layout than that of Example 1. In that example, 12 coils were used instead of 8 because of the smaller tubing chosen. The living room requirements are met by two coils or lengths comparable to those in other rooms.

10. Size of Mains

Mains A and L convey more than 35,000 Btu per hr. Reference to Table 2, TSS, Sept. 1951, Sheet 6, results in the selection of $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. mains at these two points. All other mains can be 1 in. because their capacities are less than 35,000 Btu. The mains are shown in heavy lines on Fig. 14.

11. Water Flow

Sufficient water must be pumped to make up the gross heat loss. Dividing the gross heat loss of 50,270 Btu

by the factor 5000 for a 10 deg drop, 10 gallons per minute is found to be the necessary rate.

12. Selection of a Pump

The pump size will depend upon the rate of pumping and the friction head through the longest circuit (Coil 3) expressed in ft of water. The path of the water and the friction of each pipe length may be traced in Table 7. The resulting head of 2.38 ft of water makes no allowance for fittings and equipment for which 50% is commonly added. $2.38 \times 1.50 = 3.57$ ft of water, total friction head. If these coordinates (10 G.P.M. & 3.57 ft) are plotted on Fig. 6, TSS, Sept. 1951, Sheet 7, it will be seen that in this small system the usual minimum pump size of 1 in. is adequate.

13. Boiler

The hourly requirement of this house under design performance is 50,270 Btu for the gross connected heating load. A boiler must be se-

TABLE 7, Friction in the longest run (Coil 3)

Pipe Identification	Heat Conveyed	Pipe Size	Actual Length	Friction Ft/100 ft Pipe	Friction Head, Ft
A	50,270 Btu	$1\frac{1}{4}$ in.	19 ft	1.8 ft	.34 ft
B	26,520	1	5	2.0	.10
C	19,350	1	18	1.2	.22
D	12,180	1	36	.4	.14
Coil 3	8,550	$\frac{3}{4}$	170*	.8	1.37
K	26,520	1	8	2.0	.16
L	50,270	$1\frac{1}{4}$	3	1.8	.05
Total					2.38 ft
Notes	Fig. 13 & Table 6	Table 2, TSS Sept. '51 Sheet 6.	*160 + 10 ft to header	Fig. 5, TSS Aug. '51 Sheet 5.	

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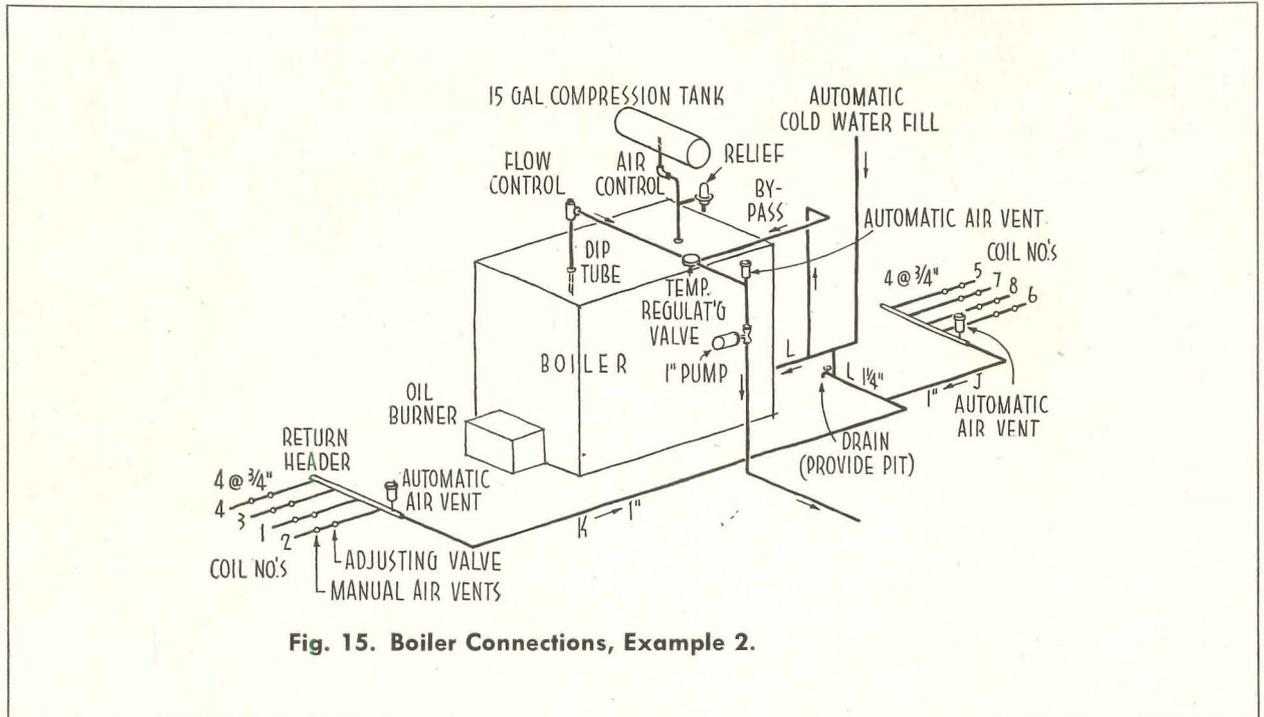


Fig. 15. Boiler Connections, Example 2.

lected to carry this load and also meet the demand for domestic hot water.

14. Compression Tank

A 15 gallon tank will permit the required expansion of the water in this system according to Table 3, TSS, Sept. 1951, Sheet 6, since the net heat loss is less than 50,000 Btu/hr.

Boiler Connections

The piping arrangements at the boiler are pictured in Fig. 15. For simplicity, some of the boiler controls, valves in the piping and domestic hot water connections have been omitted. The boiler will deliver water through main A at 135 F and it will return through L at 125 F. This is necessary to achieve the 130 deg average water temperature and the 10 deg drop. The bypass from the

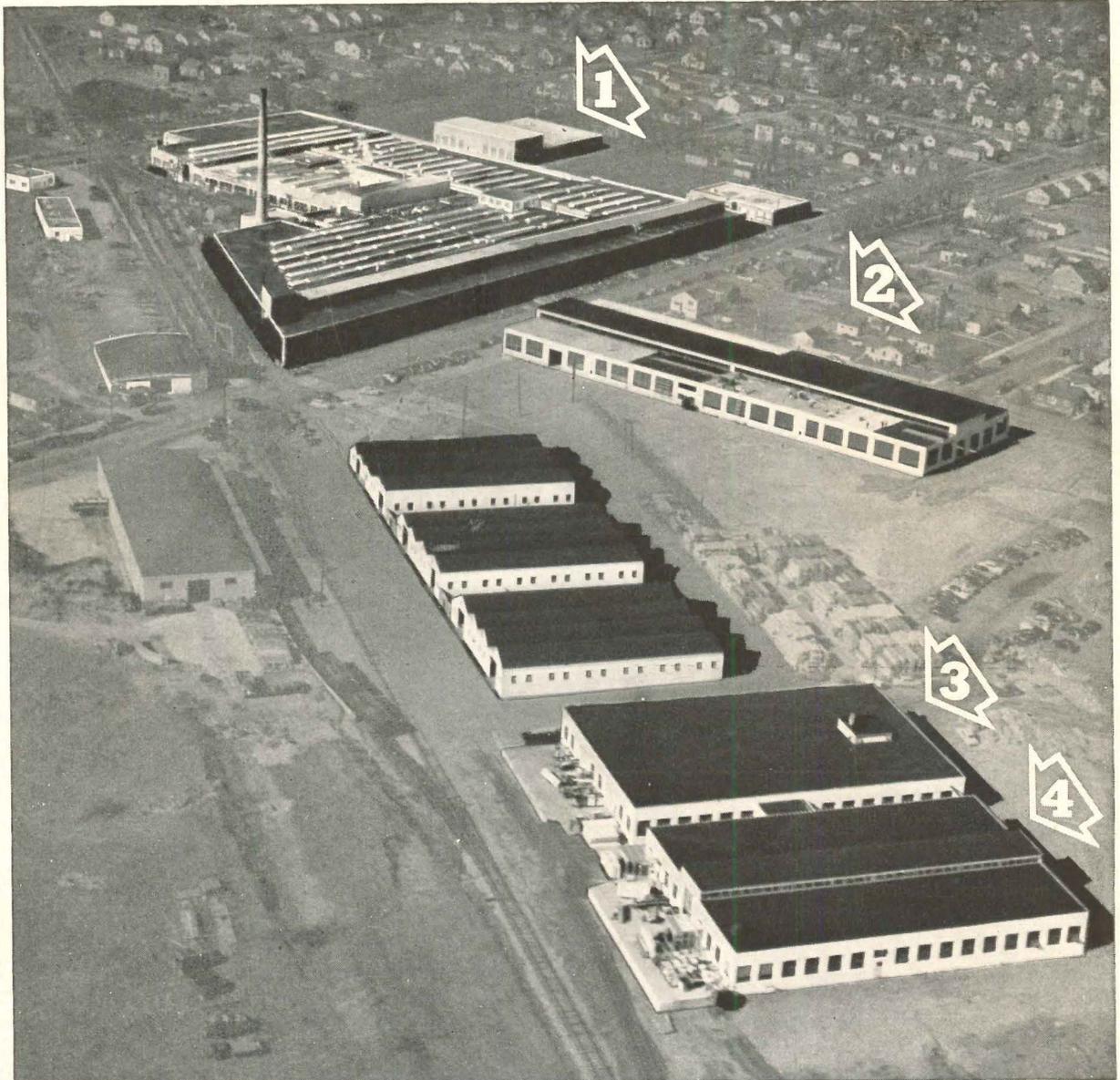
return line and the temperature regulating valve permit the boiler to operate at 180 deg or more, assuring a temperature high enough for domestic hot water (135 is not enough). The hot water of the boiler is mixed with the cooler return water to produce the supply water at 135. This mixing arrangement is needed in most cases where domestic hot water is generated by the same boiler. It would have to be used if domestic hot water were desired from the boiler in Example 1, Fig. 11, TSS, Oct. 1951, Sheet 11. The actual piping might be a good deal more compact than that shown in Fig. 15 resulting in the inclusion of the vents and adjusting valves within the utility room. Otherwise, the adjusting valves would have to be in a recess in the floor covered by an access plate. The automatic vents would have to be above the floor in a partition or utility space.

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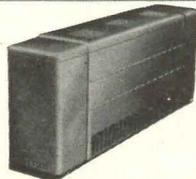
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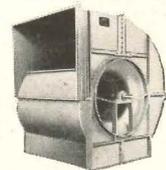
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