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THE WORST IS OVER: MOST NON-DEFENSE BUILDING IS PROMISED NPA APPROVAL FOR THIRD-QUARTER STARTS

Fleischmann Can See “Near Normal” Construction Operations by Last Quarter; End of Controls on Some Types of Steel and Aluminum Not Far Off; Producers Reiterate Reports of Easing Supply Outlook; Official Attitude on Homebuilding Unchanged

Building types that for the last year have provided more headaches than business for architects and engineers will be on the boards again in increasing numbers as the effect of moves by the Defense Production Administration that indicate increasing recognition of the easing in supplies of “critical” metals.

An important green light flashed with the announcement by DPA Administrator Manley Fleischmann on March 17 that practically all pending applications to start non-defense commercial and industrial buildings and most new applications will be approved for the second half of the year.

Projects that do not get metal rations for the third quarter will get advance allotments for the fourth quarter, Mr. Fleischmann said, so that planning and site preparation can go ahead.

Amusement and recreation buildings, and structures the DPA considers a “frivolous” use of metal, were not included; but the go-ahead for commercial construction generally relaxed a ban that had held up virtually all non-defense building in that field since February 1951.

Fleischmann said he is considering methods of removing controls on certain types of steel and aluminum—the first official recognition of the validity of cries from producers of the metals that oversupply was becoming a problem in some lines.

Residential structures using carbon steel, except for bars, plate, tubing and certain other forms which may still be scarce, might be removed from CMP by the fourth quarter, the DPA chief indicated, and aluminum may be decontrolled in the first quarter of 1953. Copper would still remain under tight government curbs.

Before Mr. Fleischmann’s statement, the mobilizers’ position had been that shape-by-shape decontrol would only lead to confusion.

More Schools, Hospitals

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Another type that appeared sure of materials by the end of the year: television stations. The Federal Communications Commission was expected to lift its ban on new TV stations.

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Fowler Lists Criteria

National Production Authority Administrator Henry Fowler named two important criteria to be used by the government in approving construction applications.

First, the project must be in a state of “engineering readiness”—that is, it must be ready to absorb metal rations as soon as they are issued; and second, all non-essential use of copper must be held to the absolute minimum.

Selective Decontrol Forecast

Mr. Fleischmann said he is considering methods of removing controls on appropriate metals for construction in general.

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FIVE SCHOOL BUILDINGS CITED FOR "OUTSTANDING DESIGN"

Stanley Humphries School, Castlegar, B.C.; Sharp & Thompson, Berwick, Pratt, Architects

Long Beach Elementary-Junior High School, Long Beach, N. Y.; Reisner & Urbahn, Architects

Vine Street School, Bangor, Maine; Eaton W. Tarbell, Architect

School Executive Magazine's
First Annual Competition
Draws 186 Entries

Award winners in the first annual Competition for Better School Design sponsored by School Executive Magazine were exhibited at the regional convention of the American Association of School Administrators February 23-27 in St. Louis. Also on exhibit were the winners in the A.A.S.A.-A.I.A. Regional Competition for school buildings.

The five winning entries and one Canadian school which won a special award in the School Executive Competition are shown on these pages. In addition, there were 15 Honorable Mentions and four Special Mentions.

One hundred eighty-six approved entries were received; 109 projects were actually submitted. The competition was open to all architectural firms in the United States and Canada which during 1951 designed or constructed a new school building in whole or in part.

Morris Ketchum, of Ketchum, Gina, and Sharp, Architects, New York, was chairman of the panel of judges chosen by The School Executive in cooperation with the A.I.A. Committee on Competitions.

Other judges were: Robert Hutchins, Moore and Hutchins, Architects, New York; Walter Kilham Jr., O’Connor and Kilham, Architects, New York; Ray L. Hamon, Chief of the School Housing Section, U. S. Office of Education; and Benjamin C. Willis, Superintendent of Schools, Buffalo.

Honorable Mentions were given to the following architectural firms: Aeck Associates, Atlanta; Clark and Beuttler, Robert Evans, San Francisco; Warren S. Holmes and Company, Lansing, Mich.; Johannes and Murray, Silver Springs, Md.; Kelly and Gruzen, New York; Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff, Columbia, S. C.; McLeod and Ferrara, Washington, D. C.; Perkins and Will, Chicago.

Also Sharp and Thompson, Berwick, Pratt, Vancouver, B. C.; Sibley and Sibley, West Hartford, Conn.; Spaulding-Rex-Deswarte, Los Angeles; and Weiler and Strong, Madison, Wis.
Westwood Elementary School, Stillwater, Okla.; Caudill, Rowlett, Scott & Associates, Architects

Colonial Heights Elementary School, Yonkers, N. Y.; Edward Fleagle, Architect

Mira Vista Elementary School, El Cerrito, Cal.; John C. Warnecke, Architect
MICHIGAN ARCHITECTS HOLD BIG AND BUSY MEETING

Awards in a small house competition sponsored by the Michigan Society of Architects and supported in prize money by a real estate developer were presented at the Michigan Building Industry Banquet which closed the Society's 38th annual convention at Detroit March 5-7.

Howard T. Keating of Birmingham, Mich., who contributed $1400 to the prize fund, made the presentations.

First prize went to Gordon A. Sheill, A.I.A., and Harold Binder, designer, both of the office of Albert Kahn Associated Architects and Engineers, Inc. Second prize was won by Charles D. Hannan, A.I.A., and Herbert L. Hawthorne, designer; and third prize by Morris Jackson of Smith, Hinchman and Grylls, Architects and Engineers.

Close to 400 members and guests attended the convention, and more than 1000 people were at the Industry banquet.

MEMORIAL DESIGNS EXHIBITED AT VIRGINIA CONVENTION

The nineteen entries in last winter's Virginia World War II Memorial Competition were on exhibit as one feature of the annual meeting of the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects February 15-16 in Richmond.

Construction is expected to begin next spring on the memorial, which will be erected from the winning design (photo of rendering below) by Samuel J. Collins of Staunton, in collaboration with his nephew, Richard F. Collins of Silver Springs, Md.

The annual banquet and some of the other sessions were held jointly with the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, which was meeting at the same time. Highlight of the joint sessions was the seminar on prestressed concrete, at which Beanie Miesal, Jack Lacey, Bill Blanton and Phil Melville, researchers and engineers, were among the speakers. One Virginia example of prestressed concrete construction, Sullivan's, Inc., Store in Kilmarnock, came in for discussion.

Louie L. Scribner of Charlottesville was reelected president of the Society.

A.I.A. MOUNTAIN REGION HOLDS FIRST CONFERENCE

The first annual conference of the Western Mountain District of the American Institute of Architects last month drew 225 architects from four of the district's five states to Colorado Springs for a highly stimulating and eventful session.

Seminars on urban redevelopment, prestressed concrete and landscape architecture were outstanding.

W. Gordon Jamieson of Denver was nominated by acclamation to be a candidate for regional director at the A.I.A. convention in June.

There was much indignant protest over the news that the School of Architecture at Denver University might be closed as "unprofitable."
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**Condensation Cannot Occur**

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ONE OF THE KNOTTIEST problems in current construction — condensation control — came in for thorough probing and discussion at the latest technical conference of the Building Research Advisory Board in Washington late in February. The conference was held at the National Academy of Sciences and was arranged by William H. Scheick, executive director of BRAB. The conference chairman was Tyler Stewart Rogers. An impressive group of technical experts presented papers covering condensation problems as related especially to paint problems and insulating materials.

To open the discussion a lively panel had been arranged to present the practical aspects of the problem. Here the down-to-earth views of an architect, a merchant builder, a lumber dealer and a painting contractor were aired. Thus, right at the start, the scientists and technicians were presented with a definite statement of condensation problems from the viewpoint of men in the field.

Moderator of this opening panel was Leonard Haeger, Research Director of the National Association of Home Builders.

Following the discussion of practical problems, Professor C. E. Lund of the University of Minnesota Engineering Experiment Station presented a paper on technological aspects of the problem. This was followed by "Mechanics of Moisture Movement," a study by J. D. Babbitt of the Canadian Scientific Liaison Office.

In the field of current technical progress, which was the subject of the afternoon session of the first day of the conference, another panel discussion was staged devoted to paint films. The subject was introduced by E. J. Dunn, Jr., of the National Lead Company, and members of the panel were W. G. Vannoy, E. I. duPont deNemours & Co.; G. G. Sward, National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Assn.; and W. A. Gloger, National Lead Company. The moderator was J. S. Long, Devoe and Reynolds.

Other subjects covered were paper and foil films, Floyd Newkirk moderator; insulation and construction problems, L. V. Teesdale, speaker and moderator. Members of the panel devoted to this subject were R. S. Dill, Bureau of Standards; Frank Rowley, University of Minnesota; Frank Parsons, National Mineral Wool Assn.; and A. S. Bull, Insulite Div., Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co.

The final session of the conference was devoted to future technical and educational opportunities with a panel presided over by Professor E. R. Queer of Pennsylvania State College.

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FOUR HOUSING PROJECTS IN CALIFORNIA CALLED BEST DEVELOPMENTS OF 1951

Four housing developments in California have been cited by the Architectural Board of Review of Southwest Research Institute's Quality House Program as the best builders' developments approved by the Institute during 1951.

Frederick E. Emmons and A. Quincey Jones, Anshen and Allen, were architects and Eichler Homes, builders, for all four projects — Charleston Meadows, Channing Park and Fairmeadow, all in Palo Alto, and Ladera, in Menlo Park.

Second honors went to Robert Morris Park, Morristown, N. J., a project approved late in 1950 and considered with this year's projects in accordance with a decision of the Board at the time last year's award was made. Nemeny and Geller were architects, Lynch and Kline, site planners. Owner is Standard Holding Company and Edward S. Klausner is the builder.

The Board also recommended a special mention for Conantum on the Sudbury River, Concord, Mass., which was commended for "superb" site planning. Carl Koch and Associates were the architects, Conantum Realty Trust, the builder.

12 Projects Considered

Of the 20 projects approved during 1951, the Board gave serious consideration to 11 and the Morristown project from last year made the total reviewed for the award 12.

The effort of the Board in selecting the award winner was to cite the project which best exemplified the aim of the Quality House Program — to make houses of high quality available to the public at moderate prices.

Honorable Mentions Given

Three honorable mentions were given by the Board:

Vista Val Verde Ranches, Provo, Utah; W. Rowe Smith, architect; Delmar C. Kenner, builder.

Orchard Hill, Branford, Conn.; Peter Powers Hale, architect; The Builders Corporation, builder.

Holmes Run, Fairfax County, Va.; Keyes, Smith and Satterlee, architects, Francis D. Lethbridge, associate; Luria Brothers, Inc., builder.

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Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, N. J.
Architects: John H. & Wilson C. Ely, Newark, N. J.
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"PROTECTIVE" CONSTRUCTION

The new pathology hospital to be constructed at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital in Washington will feature the first "protective" construction in the Washington area — exterior walls of reinforced concrete 12 in. thick, designed to withstand an atomic bomb blast up to half a mile away. Building will have 3,221,900 cu ft, cost $7 million. Architects: Faulkner, Kingsbury and Stenhouse; engineer, Guy D. Panero; structural engineers, Marshall and Gongwer.

HOSPITAL FOR THE INDIGENT

Coolidge, Shepley, Bullfinch and Abbott are architects for the new buildings to replace the old Springfield, Mass., Municipal Hospital, which is operated for indigent patients without charge by 70 volunteer doctors. There will be a six-story main building containing children's rehabilitation center, operating and laboratory rooms, and two wards for 234 patients. Attached two-story building will house 204 aged patients and their own rehabilitation center.

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NPA APPROVAL
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Long-Awaited Orders Issued

Issuance of the new construction control orders on March 6 was already almost incidental in the general stream of NPA announcements loosening the reins on construction.

By the time it issued its revised CMP Regulation 6 and the new housing order, M-100, NPA had: (1) lifted the ban on 646 community projects previously denied approvals; (2) allowed completion of 186 other commercial-type projects previously halted; and (3) granted permits to 105 new commercial building projects in six metropolitan areas where building curbs under the defense program have brought about serious unemployment.

The revised edition of Regulation 6 consolidated all the controls formerly grouped under M-4A; and M-100 was the new order covering housing.

Even structural steel was favored, though not so much as carbon steel of other types, in the new orders. Self-authorization was applied to 2300 lb of carbon steel per housing unit per quarter; and in Regulation 6 the self-authorization provision for permitted types of commercial construction was raised to five tons, including two tons of structural steel.

It was a different story for copper; but even there the housing order issued was more liberal than the original draft which drew such strong protest from the industry. The threatened bathroom limitation was entirely removed and the order permits adequate wiring facilities for new homes; the original proposal had cut close — too close, the industry insisted — to the "safe" level. Area limitations on housing likewise had been dropped.

Major drawback from builders' point of view: the new order set up a use limitation, instead of a delivery limitation, on controlled materials. That meant that whatever a builder used from his own inventory must be counted as part of his self-authorization maximum; it drew immediate protest from home builders.

Housing for Servicemen: Coogan Reviews Program

By Ernest Mickel

Things are not running as smoothly as they might be in the Armed Forces Housing Agency. Director Thomas P. Coogan, the Miami home builder and former president of the National Association of Home Builders, is having trouble in laying the groundwork for a solid approach to construction of adequate shelter space for U. S. servicemen.

Interservice Differences

Differences in attitude of the various branches of service toward their own housing — its volume and characteristics — hinder the attempts of AFHA to develop uniform types of housing.

For example, the Air Force actually can afford better accommodations than the Navy and the Army. One of the immediate goals of the new agency is to establish in drawings and specifications a standardized house for similar grades

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A demonstration wood house has been designed for construction on the grounds of the Canadian International Trade Fair. Preliminary plans show a 1000-sq-ft house with living-dining room, den or guest room and two bedrooms. The design by Fred S. Brodie shown here was selected in a competition sponsored by the architectural firm of Sharp & Thompson, Berwick, Pratt, of Vancouver, who had been asked to prepare preliminary sketches. Requirements included compliance with National Housing Act provisions, use of western red cedar lumber, and approximate cost of $12,000.

**NEWS FROM CANADA by John Caulfield Smith**

**More Steel Is Permitted For Commercial Building**

Up to two tons of steel may now be used to build commercial structures of some types, according to a recent announcement by D. C. Beam, steel construction adviser to the Department of Defense Production.

Mr. Beam’s announcement was made at the Toronto convention of the Canadian construction Association, and it salved a sore spot of long standing.

The C.C.A. has repeatedly pointed out that many defense and defense-supporting projects require less field labor and a lower content of other construction materials per ton of steel than is normally the case. Yet it is to these projects that the bulk of all steel available for building has been diverted. The Association has urged that restrictions be relaxed to permit worthy construction projects requiring relatively small amounts of steel to go ahead.

**Some Types Excluded**

The relaxation of the steel ban applies to such buildings as stores, warehouses, garages, banks, motels. Not included are amusement and recreational buildings, or buildings for the storage of tobacco, liquor or beer.

Mr. Beam stressed that the permits are merely “hunting licenses” and it is still necessary to obtain the steel on the open market. He noted that pipe less than 4 in. in diameter has also been removed from federal control, but indicated that no further relaxations can be expected for the present.

**January Building Total Off; Housing Up from Last Year**

Construction contracts awarded in January came to $151.3 million, as against $159.1 million for the same month in 1951. Impact of winter on the building industry varies from year to year, so this five per cent drop is not considered a reliable indicator of what may lie ahead.

Analysis of award totals compiled by MacLean Building Reports Ltd. shows an extremely sharp drop in industrial work and a substantial decrease in commercial volume. Housing contracts rose 25 per cent; but the biggest gain was made in the engineering category, largely because of the letting of the Edmonton-Burnaby pipeline contract at $82 million.

Other large jobs were the Toronto-Montreal TV relay system; railway improvements at Port aux Basques; a power station in Vancouver; factories at Thorold and Cowansville; hospitals in London and Montreal; a telephone ex-change in Ottawa; barracks in Esquimalt; defense married quarters in Comox; and various housing projects.

Here is a summary of the MacLean report on January (in millions of dollars):

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**Quebec Architects Elect Maurice Payette as Head**

Maurice Payette of Montreal has been elected president of the Province of Quebec Association of Architects.

Other officers of the 1952 P.Q.A.A. Council are: H. Ross Wiggs, Montreal — past president; John Bland, Montreal — first vice president; Lucian Mamguy, Quebec — second vice president; E. J. Turcotte, Montreal — honorary treasurer; Henri Mercier, Montreal — honorary secretary.

Councillors are: H. A. I. Valentine, Montreal; S. A. Cyr, Montreal; Georges de Varennes, Montreal; F. J. Nobbs, Montreal; Gerard Benne, Quebec; R. C.

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**Supply Outlook**

The outlook for supplies of building materials as reported in a recent survey is reported in an article that begins on page 382.
George Washington University's new $5,000,000 hospital, designed by Faulkner, Kingsbury and Stenhouse (Washington architects), exemplifies the functional benefits of Bostwick diamond mesh metal lath and cold rolled channel. Bostwick lath, channel and expanded corner bead fit the design...no adjustments in dimensions were required by limitation of the lath or corner bead. Both met modern architectural requirements, providing reinforcement, long life, cleanliness, and low maintenance in the finished walls.

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Active in Civic Affairs

The Association’s new president has been extremely active in civic as well as professional areas. A Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada since 1946, Mr. Payette has been a member of the City Planning Committee, the Committee on Housing and the Building Code Committee, all of Montreal.

Mr. Payette, who is equally at home in speaking French and English, was admitted to architectural practice in 1929. He has designed, alone or in partnership, a large number of residential, religious, educational, commercial and industrial buildings. He is now in practice under his own name.

Mr. Payette has been a member of the P.Q.A.A. Council since 1932 and has served as both honorary secretary and honorary treasurer.

Expect Acceptance of Building Safety Code

Acceptance of the newly drafted section on Construction Safety Measures for the revised National Building Code is now expected by officials of the Division of Building Research of the National Research Council.

Over 900 copies of the draft have been distributed across Canada. While there has been no official expression of opinion from municipal councils, Building Research spokesmen say there is reason to believe the new regulations will be acceptable, since they are comparable to those already in force “in several jurisdictions.”

Comments made by municipal officials, builders and material suppliers indicate there is general agreement the provisions are appropriate for the purpose. There appears to be no conflict with similar provisions in force in various provinces under the supervision of such agencies as Workman’s Compensation Boards, etc., and that no indication the enforcement of such regulations would not add to construction costs.

When it is approved, it is expected that this section of the National Building Code will be issued in separate booklet form for the use of foremen, superintendents and others.

Defense Building Under Way Totals Over $235 Millions

Though only 18 months old, the Canadian Government’s Defense Construction Ltd. has chalked up an impressive record of achievement.

During 1951 this crown company awarded contracts totaling $183 millions; and including carryover from previous years, it is now administering over $235 millions in 700 contracts.

D.C.L. reports that when the fiscal year ended March 31, it had awarded in the 12-month period about $250 millions in contracts and had spent approximately half that amount.

The carryover into the 1952-53 program will be slightly over $100 million and contracts in the 1952 calendar year may total about $200 million.

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Lancer Avenue Elementary School, Etobicoke, Ont., now under construction, has colored wall panels under all exterior windows. The building has nine classrooms, two kindergartens and a general-purpose room. Architect: Gordon S. Adamson of Toronto

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on direct defense construction in 1951. There are three classes of construction for which this money pays. Class I consists of permanent buildings of solid masonry at long-established naval, military and air force bases, camps and naval stations. Class II is made up of buildings having a structural steel or concrete frame with wooden partitions and outside walls. Class III refers to structures which are entirely wooden, except for concrete foundations and ground floor.

Private Firms Employed

A feature of the defense building program is its employment of private architectural and consulting engineering firms.

In the early stages of the program, much of the designing was carried out by consultants in Ontario and Quebec. This was done because of their proximity to defense headquarters and the necessity for close liaison in the design of standard buildings, whose construction was to be started as quickly as possible and repeated from coast to coast.

As the program got under way, however, every effort was made to employ consultants in all regions of the country. Central Mortgage & Housing Corp. usually supervises construction in the field, but in the case of special buildings the knowledge of the consultant is of particular importance. Then he is employed on supervision.

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sistent effort,” says D.C.L. President R. G. Johnson. “An escalator clause is an easy answer; but experience indicates that firm prices can be obtained when a real effort is made.”

Ontario City Plans to Build Big Downtown Parking Garage

It looks as though London, Ont., a city of 120,000, will beat its larger colleagues to the draw in providing downtown parking facilities.

Plans are well advanced for erection of a $2 million, two-and-a-quarter-acre market and parking garage to replace the city’s present Covent Garden and open-air public market. Architect is Victor J. Blackwell, London.

The capacity of the garage will be 2200 passenger cars. Some concept of the size of this structure may be gained from the fact that it has very nearly the combined capacity of all public parking garages in the city of Toronto.

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The building is to be of simplest possible design, and will be constructed of reinforced concrete.

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Sides of the building are left open, with protection provided by low parapets.

Shift in Building Emphasis Reflected in 3-Year Totals

How much the construction picture has changed as the nation presses its defense program is demonstrated by a table showing percentage comparisons by categories of building for the last three years.

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Conversely: costs in B are approximately 14 per cent lower than in A. 110–95 = 0.136

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REQUIRED READING

HOUSING


REVIEWED BY ELISABETH COTT, A.I.A.

Nathan Straus, first administrator of the United States Housing Authority and long a dedicated friend of economical shelter, follows THE SEVEN MYTHS OF HOUSING with a book of broader scope. The former volume focused on public housing: the present one serves as well the income group that needs help short of subsidy: families who have been forced to buy when it might have been wiser to rent, who have been offered shoddy, ill-planned houses, and who have been subject to misleading advice. Advertised monthly financing payments, priced apparently for their benefit, rarely have included costs of utilities and maintenance that might add as much as forty-five per cent to the obligation.

The work proposes several corrective measures: one is Connecticut's venture into the moderate-rental field, using short-term, low-cost state financing. Middle-income families approved by the state may buy state-approved houses, borrowing low-interest state housing funds through local banks. Rental housing for families above the subsidized range may be sponsored by local authorities using state loans. The "Straus Plan" would use municipal credit to acquire capital by selling local housing authority bonds, two-thirds of which would be secured by a mortgage lien on the project, amortized by the rent roll. The remaining third would be guaranteed by the city, covered by a special tax, which, however, would normally not be collected after the first year, Mr. Straus believes, since rents would pay yearly charges. Some features of this plan were used by the New York City Housing Authority for its unsubsidized program of 1948-1950. A third hope for moderately-priced homes lies in cooperative housing ventures. These should be aided by informed technical and administrative guidance, by low-cost financing and by local cooperation in site selection, utility provision and basic design data. A small grant from a philanthropic foundation establishing a guiding central bureau would approach the help that Sweden and Denmark, for example, have given to their successful cooperatives.

Other chapters on government-aided housing give us facts, philosophy and forecast, together with a discussion of urban redevelopment schemes and their effect on low- and modest-rental housing. Special assignments are contributed by guest authors. Eric L. Bird, editor of the Journal of the R.I.B.A., writes of British policies and accomplishments, including aid to middle-income families. Chester Bowles charts the state's responsibilities working with federal and city agencies. Charles Abrams' chapter on segregation in housing traces its background and analyzes present tendencies and future opportunities that a federal program can offer to dissolve enforced segregation. Mr. Abrams also points out how housing shortages encourage segregation. Lee F. Johnson supplies a useful account of the Housing Act of 1949 and its possible effect on communities. In addition, the author supports his well-organized text with quotations from many other authorities.

There are two appendixes to the book. One, by William C. Vladeck, describes the use of a housing-rent chart for quick analysis of the relation of land cost, density and other factors to rentals. The other (from notes of Raymond Unwin) treats of land values and densities.

Perhaps the work's most likable quality is its candor about sore subjects — real estate lobbying against aided housing, canned anti-housing propaganda distributed country-wide, brazenly inaccurate claims of speculative builders, and the double standard of criticism given to private and public construction. Mr. Straus feels that FHA has been converted to a mechanism for providing high-rent housing and fantastic profits for speculative builders.

Two-Thirds of a Nation will be sought by anyone who wants to know about advances in urban redevelopment and housing, both British and American. The few charts, tables and illustrations add to the text. The volume is well documented, and there is a full index.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN


As more than two-thirds of this book is devoted to a discussion of the historical background surrounding Sir Christopher Wren, the "Work" and "Times" order of importance in the title might well be reversed. If, like this reviewer, one likes to refresh his college history courses, he should find this book most enjoyable. If, on the other hand, a detailed explanation of Wren's work is sought, I am afraid that its contents might prove disappointing. A better or more accurate title would undoubtedly improve the book's popular appeal.

Mr. Lindsey's main interest appears to be in Wren as a man. As a consequence it is apparent that the author has done much constructive research on affairs of state that had a great influence on Wren's work. While all this is educational, and it is fascinating to follow the development of Wren's interest in mathematics to a compelling absorption in architecture as Surveyor-General to the Crown, one does wish that the author had covered Wren's techniques, methods and architecture in the same thorough manner.

In the pages of this book one meets again with Charles II, Pepys, Evelyn and Grinling Gibbons, not to mention those less scrupulous dealers in archi-

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As further evidence of the trend to Insulated Metal Walls in modern construction, the new plant recently built for Quaker Oats in Omaha, Neb., is presented. A second plant for Quaker Oats is now nearing completion in Chattanooga, Tenn. Mahon Insulated Metal Walls with Aluminum exterior wall plates, coping, flashing, etc., and Mahon Steel Deck Roofs, were employed to good advantage in the construction of both of these completely new and modern plants. Mahon Insulated Metal Walls can be furnished in the three distinct exterior patterns illustrated at left... they are available in two "Field Constructed" types, and in two types of "Prefabricated Panels". Walls of the "Field Constructed" type can be erected up to fifty feet in height without horizontal joints—a feature of Mahon walls which is particularly desirable in power houses or other buildings where high expanses of unbroken wall surface are common. For complete information on this modern, permanent, firesafe Wall and Roof Construction see Sweet's Files, or write for Catalogs No. B-52-A and B.

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Architecture that include Mr. Barebone. Over all of these men falls the shadow of St. Paul’s, for its history and shape are inseparable from the period and the leading figures of the time.

If one is planning to visit any of the fifty-two city churches designed by Wren, or is simply interested in his work and the period in which he lived, this book should be of interest.

"THAT THE PRESENT MAY LEARN FROM THE PAST"


This investigation of a sociological disaster should scare the wits out of anyone involved in industrial expansion in this latter day of defense mobilization. What happened at Willow Run from 1941 to 1945 can happen this year or the next or the next in practically any "decentralized" industrial area.

What happened at Willow Run was that the world's largest bomber plant, set up in the open fields near a quiet village, attracted tens of thousands of workers but made no provision for their housing or community needs until the plant had been in operation over a year. While plant operators, the U.A.W., the government housing authorities, and local real estate people and builders argued among themselves, the workers and their families crowded into trailers, shanties, and even tents. Housing, schools, and shopping centers finally arrived, but were never adequate to meet the social problem. Ironically, designs for an integrated community were completed by the architectural faculty at the University of Michigan, but, the authors note, "no one was interested."

Professors Carr and Stermer, both well known sociologists, actually worked at the plant while gathering material for this study. Their conclusions are supported by their own diaries, those of trailer dwellers and office workers, and many other convincing human interest anecdotes, as well as graphs, charts, tables, statistics, and photographs.

No smug hindsight solution is offered for the Willow Run problem. The authors place the blame with no particular individuals or groups. "The social fiasco

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Architectural Record
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**FHA Accepts 3/8" Plywood Over Rafters 24" O.C.**

On the basis of recent tests and experience data, Federal Housing Administration now accepts plywood 3/8"-thick as roof decking over rafters spaced 24" on centers, according to a letter from Curt Mack, assistant commissioner of the FHA underwriting office, to Douglas Fir Plywood Association.

A revision of FHA Minimum Property Requirements is planned; meanwhile, FHA at Washington (Underwriting Office) will advise any inquiring office upon inquiry that 3/8" plywood over rafters 24" on centers will be accepted. Plywood roof deck thicknesses now accepted by FHA are shown below in tabular form.

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*Under wood shingles If plywood is less than 3/8" thick, apply 1" x 2" nailing strips.

A folder giving information regarding use and acceptance of fir plywood in homes built under FHA financing may be had free of charge from Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Wash.

**Plywood Builds Band Shell**

The problem was to design a symphonic band shell for the University of Virginia that would be, as nearly as possible, acoustically perfect, light and easily erected, yet amply strong and rigid. To meet these requirements, Architect Floyd E. Johnson, Charlottesville, Va., chose Exterior fir plywood framed with lumber, fir and light steel bow string trusses.

Floor of the structure is 3/4" Exterior plywood, supported by 2x10 joists over...
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Plywood Catalog Available

The 1952 Basic Plywood Construction Catalog, a reprint of the 20-page insert for Sweets File, Architectural, is now available free of charge to architects, engineers, builders and dealers. It contains plywood grade-use data, finishing information, suggested details and plywood construction techniques. Order from Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Washington.

Garden-Room Addition Uses Single Wall Construction

Faced with the problem of creating extra living space to accommodate the needs of his growing family, Architect Whitney R. Smith combined Douglas fir plywood, plate glass and considerable skill to add this large multi-purpose garden-living room to his Los Angeles country home.

Situated in an April-like garden planted 40 years ago, the striking plywood addition creates an intimate link between indoors and out. Physically, this is accomplished by having the floor of the room at the same level as the garden which surrounds the room on four sides. Visually, the slender supports combine with high ceiling windows to permit a smooth, unbroken flow of plywood ceiling paneling outward into the broad plywood soffits.

Architect Smith used a single thickness of 1/2" Exterior plywood secured to the inside of 4"x4" posts, 4' o.c. Interior ceiling paneling is 3/8" Interior plywood; soffits are 5/8" Exterior. Both interior and exterior walls are painted a pleasing grey-green; ceiling and soffit are light-stained.

Plywood Built-Ins Often Mean The Difference Between For Sale and Sold

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AIR CONDITIONING

THE MODERN HOTEL

By Guy B. Panero—Consulting Engineer

GUY B. PANERO, whose firm has offices in New York and Washington, has practiced as a professional engineer both in this country and abroad over a 25-year period. His organization has specialized in the design of air conditioning systems for commercial, institutional and industrial buildings, and has been responsible for mechanical engineering on numerous large hotels—among them the Waldorf-Astoria and the new Hotel El Panama. His firm is presently serving as consultants for a new hotel in Italy and has recently completed work on a luxury residential hotel in Bogota, Colombia.

Today's hotel structure is essentially a group of special occupancies housed under one roof. In a modern hotel of medium size, for example, there will be guest rooms, a cocktail lounge and bar, dining rooms, coffee shop, ballroom, various private dining rooms, stores and offices. For both business and competitive reasons, all these spaces should be air conditioned.

Each area, however, presents a special problem. To illustrate, air conditioning for the dining room, cocktail lounge and bar will differ little from that of restaurants and bars of the luxury type discussed previously in this series.

In the hotel, however, judgment is required in grouping similar types of occupancies and load demands to obtain highest efficiency from the installed system.

GUEST ROOMS

The largest part of the load demand in any hotel, of course, is that supplied by the guest rooms. These rooms can be served by a central system or one based on the unit-system plan. Let us first consider the central-station system. This can be one of two designs, although, basically, both use a central air conditioner with a supply fan or blower to deliver conditioned air through the air-distribution system or ducts.

The central-system design, using zones, will have areas of similar load conditions grouped together; each with its own air distribution and its own fan or blower. Volume control has been used but is not the writer's recommendation. Control by temperature is preferred.

A central-station system can also be part of a design that uses two separate ducts to convey air to the rooms. One duct transports cool and dehumidified air when cooling is required; when heating is necessary, it has air from the return system. The other line carries heated and humidified air when it is necessary to supply heat, or by-passed air for cooling. In this way, the two lines can be used summer and winter for supplying air at different temperatures. Automatic dampers take care of the air mixing problem to provide the proper room conditions, although the total air volume delivered is fixed.

Air from these two systems can be supplied to the rooms through cabinet units placed at windows, or, where a less conspicuous location is desired, ceiling outlets may be used.

Air conditioning through the unit system can be by:
1. Self-contained units.
2. Fan units.
3. High-pressure induction units.

Although there are many trade names for unit systems now available, they can be grouped into three classifications:

Self-contained units are boxes installed outside windows and connected to the nearest appropriate inside electrical outlet. They contain a compressor or air conditioning unit, cooling coil, filter, fan, motor and the necessary controls.

Fan units can be set in a cabinet placed at a window, or
ceiling-mounted and installed over a door or in a closet. The cabinet contains a fan and motor, cooling or heating coil, condensate pan, filters and controls. Such units are commonly served from a central system supplying chilled water or refrigerant. With a central system, the fan only handles recirculated air, although some outside air can be brought in. When heating is required, hot water is circulated through the cabinet coil.

**High-pressure induction units** consist of a cabinet that contains a coil used for cooling or for heating, a condensate pan and controls. Conditioned outside air is delivered from a central station at high velocity. As the air emerges from the cabinet, it causes a secondary flow of room air over the coil. From 75% to 80% of the room air is recirculated.

**NOISE IN ROOMS**

Guests demand an air conditioning system that is quiet in operation. Whether self-contained units, fan units, induction units or a central-station system is selected, precaution must be taken to keep the noise level at a minimum in the guest rooms or conditioned spaces.

**VENTILATION**

In addition to conditioned air normally supplied, a large amount of outdoor air may be necessary to dilute smoking and other odors. In between cooling and heating seasons, there may be a period when it is desirable to deliver 100% outside air.

The central-station systems described can supply 100% outside air when necessary. However, the self-contained units and the induction units are limited to the delivery of about 25% outside air. Although fan units can deliver an amount larger than this, they cannot approach the quantity of outside air that can be supplied by a central system.

The three unit systems continuously recirculate the same room air. Central-station systems mix return air from all rooms and in that way dissipate smoking and other odors.

**AIR SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION**

The successful system must properly condition air supplied. The air must be delivered evenly over the entire conditioned area so that there is an absence of drafts, and air quantity will remain constant with varying loads. How the air should be distributed calls for good engineering.

**GROUPING OF LOADS**

Systems serving the hotel lobby and guest rooms are designed to function 24 hours a day. Public dining rooms, cocktail lounge, barber and beauty shops, stores and offices, however, are in use only part of the day. Since barber and beauty shops and stores have the same operating characteristics, they may be grouped and served by one system. A ballroom has a high heat load but is only used occasionally. Considerable attention must be given the occupancy and use factors before determining the grouping of areas to be served by one system to cut down operating costs.

**MAINTENANCE**

Central-station systems can be serviced easily because the equipment is installed in a few locations. Such equipment is more conveniently attended, and better maintenance becomes possible at lower cost. Although central systems may be costlier, savings in operation generally help offset initial expense.

Equipment located in guest rooms may frequently be difficult to service because of room occupancy. Self-contained and fan units have filters that must be changed periodically, and both fan and induction-type units have pans that may become clogged. For best results at all times, the hotel should have an effective maintenance schedule for servicing all units of the systems.

In the foregoing paper, Mr. Panero has presented a working approach to the complicated problem of air conditioning today's hotel structure. There are, of course, many details which could not possibly be covered in so brief a report. However, it is believed that this outline of the various types of air conditioning systems available will prove helpful in determining how best to meet specific requirements.

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The Humanization of Urban Life

By S. Giedion

If we examine, from a human point of view, the road that architecture has been obliged to follow during this century in order to come to terms with its own period, we shall find this divided into two distinct stages.

The development started as a fight against an “infected atmosphere and as a moral revolt against the falsification of forms” (Henry van de Velde). It began far back in the nineteenth century with William Morris’s purification of the immediate human environment by giving dignity of form to objects of daily use. From here it passed on to architecture, nowhere more markedly than in the single-family houses built around 1900 by Frank Lloyd Wright and others in the suburbs of Chicago. The American spark reached Europe. The work of the Stijl Group in Holland, Mies van der Rohe’s projects for a country house, Le Corbusier’s first Paris house in reinforced concrete, were all produced early in the century and all were single-family houses. A study of the single-family house —
human's most intimate environment — enables one to understand better than anything else whether a man really knows how to build. The climax of this development came later in California. (I was able to develop this observation when editing a volume of the works of CIAM architects from 22 countries — "A Decade of Contemporary Architecture," Zurich 1952.)

The family cell was still the motif of the different forms of multi-storied dwellings that were developed parallel in time, including three-story row houses and skyscrapers. The so-called "tower" houses that have been particularly developed in Sweden are a compromise between high and low forms of housing and, for several reasons, they may be discarded sooner than expected.

The beginning of a link between social and esthetic aspects of the housing movement was marked by J. J. P. Oud's Rotterdam worker settlement (Tusschendyken 1919/20). Today it has reached an experimental climax in Le Corbusier's Unité d'Habitation at Marseilles which, by reason of its esthetic importance as well as its internal organization, is as much a contribution to urban design as it is an agglomeration of family dwellings.

This has been the first part of the route. The second stage of contemporary architecture is more concerned with the humanization of urban life. The relation of the parts to the whole, the contact between the individual and the community, has to be restored.

A glance at the big cities, whose functioning has become paralyzed by the impact of mechanization, gives rise to scepticism. Where in a "megalopolis" does one find any trace of community life, or of enjoyment based upon spontaneity and social intercourse, other than in passive observance of a movie or a football match?

Absolutely true. Yet the suppressed demand for social contact, which has lived on imperishably in the human soul ever since men first met in caves during the ice ages and left their ritual symbols on the walls, breaks out spontaneously when man is shaken by some great event. I remember the gathering that collected at the tiny Rockefeller Center at the end of the second World War, when the voice of Lily Pons suddenly arose and gave expression to the emotion that moved the masses.

It is one of the curious features of present day civilization that the contemporary creative focus can no longer be traced to a single center. Today creative impulses within the same movement arise all over the earth.

The Heart of the City

The endeavor to re-establish an equipoise between the individual and the collective sphere is proceeding today throughout the world. This may have been the underlying reason for the selection of the Core of the City as the theme for the 8th congress of CIAM (Hoddesdon, England, July, 1951). The term "core" which was introduced by the MARS group of London in the place of "civic center" (whose meaning has become too closely restricted to administrative buildings) may soon come into general use.* Since 1300, according to the Oxford

Agoro of Athens was an exception in that it had a temple—"the Acropolis was never a gathering place." Right: the agora of Priene, an example of the final status of the agora of old Greek cities.

English Dictionary, the word core has meant "the central innermost part, the heart of anything" and it was defined by the MARS group as "the element which makes a community a community and not merely an aggregate of individuals."

Contemporary interest in the core is part of a general humanizing process; of a return to the human scale and the assertion of the rights of the individual over the tyranny of mechanical tools. It seems possible that this demand for the re-establishment of community life is likely to be satisfied sooner in the new town cores that are now coming into being in Peru, Colombia and India than in the highly mechanized cities of the USA.

Is it possible, in our western civilization, to build functioning city cores in the absence of a well-defined structure of society? In contemporary art—poetry, music, painting, architecture—we can see that during the last forty years a new language has been evolved out of our own period by artists who themselves seldom adhere to a formal religious creed or well-defined political convictions.

This development is not without an inner significance. It seems that a new stage of civilization is in formation in which the human being as such—the bare and naked man—will find a direct means of expression. We do not know consciously, for instance, why certain forms or symbols which have no direct significance appear again and again in the works of the most diverse painters. All of these forms are somehow bare and naked as yet. They are, at any rate for the present, symbols without immediate significance. As Sartre once wrote, "we need today signs and symbols which spring directly to the senses without explanation." He then strengthened this statement by reference to experiments that have been carried out by certain psychologists.

The problem of the core is a human problem. The extent to which it will be fired with life will depend on the people themselves. Architects and planners know that they cannot solve this problem alone and that they need the cooperation of sociologists, doctors, historians. For example, no one at the CIAM 8th congress was listened to with greater attention than Dr. G. Scott Williamson, founder of the Peckham Health Center in London, which was indeed a "core" based on the spontaneous activities of people of all ages. Then the historian was asked to present the historical background of the core, because our period has lost so many of the formerly accepted norms of human behavior and human relations that a special interest has arisen in the continuity of human experience. We are vitally concerned to know how those who came before us handled certain like problems. For instance, how did they develop social intercourse and community life? There is, of course, no suggestion that we should imitate our forebears, but I believe (and here I come back to the symbol of the bare and naked man) that there are certain continuous features running through human history—certain experiences which appear and are lost and then come up again.

To take only a very simple example: the right of the pedestrian in the center of community life—in the core.
This was carefully respected, and indeed self-evident, in all former civilizations. Today this right of the pedestrian — this human right — has been over-ridden by the petrol engine, and so the gathering places of the people — the places where people can meet together without hindrance — have been destroyed. Today one of our hardest tasks is the reestablishment of this human right, which is not merely imperiled but has been destroyed altogether.

So, when we look back into history we wish to pose very human questions such as, "What is still the same and what is quite different between us and you?" Or, in this particular case, "Is there still today a need for the core?"

Does this question really need an answer? There are many architects and planners who are at this moment engaged in the actual work of construction and reconstruction of city centers; who are in the midst of the practical problems of realization of their plans for the core. Besides this there are also other anonymous signs of interest in this question, which are, from the point of view of the historian, just as important. These are direct impulses that are arising from the general public.

**Spontaneity**

The man in the street — and that means each of us — has undoubtedly an urgent desire to get away from his purely passive position as an onlooker at a football match. Today he wants — and this is different from the nineteenth century — to act his own part in social life.

In June, 1951, we had a festival in Zurich to celebrate the 600th anniversary of the entrance of Zurich into the Swiss Confederation. The streets of the medieval city center were closed for two days to all traffic, and benches were spread over the tracks of the tramways. It poured with rain, and yet one couldn't chase the people away from the streets. Everywhere there was music and throughout the whole night people danced in the streets under umbrellas, and medieval nooks and squares were used as open air theaters. The festival was a reunion of people from the whole canton of Zurich. Those who came from the different parts of the canton gathered spontaneously together and performed their own plays. We had been very much afraid that the medieval core of Zurich had been altogether destroyed. Suddenly we discovered that something still remains and that — given the opportunity — people will dance and play theater in these open spaces.

Everybody was astonished at the spontaneity of the public. To be actor and spectator in one person, that's what is wanted! It is clear that the public is ready. The question is whether we are! Let us not wait for a structurally well-defined society to arise. Let us just ask what is alive in the bare and naked man and needs to be given form and expression. Let us just ask what there is that lives in the bare and naked man, who is not just a symbol but is us, ourselves.

I had another experience recently in Amsterdam. I saw a number of childrens' playgrounds that have been created under the guidance of van Eesteren and designed...
by a young Dutch architect Aldo van Eyck. These have been made from very simple elements — a circular sand pit, some upright steel hoops, a parallel pair of tree trunks lying horizontally. But these simple elements are grouped so subtly — with a background of the Stijl movement and modern art which injects some kind of vitamin into the whole performance — that they act as fantastic starting points for the child’s imagination. These playgrounds also, simultaneously, fulfill another function. The careful design of their layout has transformed useless pieces of waste ground into active urban elements. One needs only to provide the opportunity and we, the public, who are also maybe children of a kind, will know how to make use of it.

The Core in Greece and Rome

Like plants, human settlements require certain conditions for growth, though human community life depends upon far more intricate conditions than the plant. What is common to both however is that there are certain periods which favor growth and other periods which hinder it. There are periods in which many new cities are founded, and hundreds of years during which no new cities are started at all.

A city is the expression of a diversity of social relationships which have become fused into a single organism. The conditions which influence its growth can be of a widely dissimilar nature. New cities have arisen in periods of dictatorship, when the despot has had power to compel everyone to build in conformity with a single design. They have also arisen in periods of purposeful communal energy. The despot has the advantage of his capacity for rapid and ruthless action; but, as his sovereign will is bound to ignore the imponderable laws which stimulate human cooperation, a city built under a dictatorship can never acquire that essential quality of organic diversity. In cities that have been developed by the united efforts of their citizens, everything — even to the last detail — is permeated by a marvelous strength.

Never since the Fifth Century B.C., when the democratic way first found expression, has so much loving care been lavished upon the gathering places of the people, or space been so amply provided for them. Nor has the place where the decisions of the people have been enunciated ever dominated the physical and moral structure of the town so effectively as the agora of these Greek cities.

When I was in the United States I felt very conscious of the absence of places where one could stand about — to rest, to stop, to speak, just to move about in. To make the future generation of architects consciously aware of this absence, I conducted a seminar on “civic centers and social life first at Yale in 1942, then in both Zurich and M.I.T., where some of the illustrations to this article were made by the students. These illustrations follow the normal methods of CIAM in that each city is represented in the same manner and upon the same scale.

A sociological question came up immediately: “What was the relation between the plan of the city and its
social life?" and we were plunged at once into this curious experiment of Greece — the most exciting that mankind has ever experienced — this sudden awakening of the individual mind with, behind it, the enormous background of Oriental and Egyptian tradition.

The gridiron system is an oriental invention. This is clear, not only from recent discoveries in the Valley of the Indus, but — above all — in the work of the only Egyptian revolutionary, the Pharaoh Akten-Aton, who in the 14th century B.C. built, within twenty-five years, a city on the Nile (on the site of the present village of Tel-el Amarna), which is an absolutely clearcut gridiron. But the Greek gridiron of Hippodamus is something quite different from the gridiron of Akten-Aton (and also completely different from the gridiron of Manhattan). In both Egypt and the Near East the gridiron had within its center either the palace of the king or the temple. In Greece it was different. Here the core of the gridiron was the agora — the gathering place of the people.

What is the agora? It is now established that in the beginning the agora was above all the gathering place of the people and not just a market. It was only with increasing trade and wealth in the fifth century B.C. that the agora became more intermingled with commerce. The agora in principle is an open space — a square — surrounded loosely by simple buildings intended for public use. In the Hellenistic period the agora came to be bounded by standardized elements, still very simple in form — columns, porticos and an entablature — that formed the stoa, a covered way protected against rain and sunshine which served above all as a meeting place for the formation of public opinion. Sociologically it is especially interesting that no buildings faced directly upon the agora itself. The stoa was supreme. The public buildings — Prytaneum*, Buleuterion**, etc., were in close contact with the agora, but stood behind the stoa. The agora itself was for the community: not for the council, not for anyone else, but only for the people, and exclusively for the people. On the inner wall of the stoa and in the square itself objects were placed in memory of those who had worked well for the community.

Priene is one of the best examples for study because of the excellence of its excavation, and it is interesting to notice here the lack of direct relation between effect and cause. Here, as in so many other cities, the final status of the agora only appeared after the Greeks had in fact lost their liberty. Agoras in their final form were made at the time of Alexander or later, very few before. But the idea of the agora is inherent in the democratic conception of Greek life.

One thing more. In the Greek cities there is a clear classification of functions. Monumentality is only for the gods. The Acropolis was never a gathering place. First it was the quarters of the king, then, when he was eliminated, it became the quarters of the gods, the consecrated area with the temples. Recent American excavations have shown that there was a temple on the

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* Public building enclosing the eternal hearth, mystical court and the assembly of the elders.
** Council Hall.
The main square of Siena, all lines as well as the formation of the square, pointing to the town hall

tagora at Athens, but this agora, which was gradually built throughout centuries, was an exception. The agora is a community place, well defined and very nicely arranged, but very simple. Finally there is the private life. By the law of Athens any citizen who had too large a private house was chased out from the city. Private life was very humble. These three degrees — first the gods, then community life, then private life — were never again distinguished so clearly. Even in medieval cities — the only period in which we can see a continuation of antiquity — different functions were intermingled.

Now the Romans. What is the difference between the Forum Romanum and the agora? It is very clear and very great. The Forum Romanum was a completely disordered place. It would have been impossible in Greece to place the prayer, the career, next to the rostrum, the people’s platform. Career, rostrum, temples, treasure houses and comitium (the patrician’s stronghold): this was the nucleus of the Roman Forum Romanum. The Romans from the beginning intermingled business, religion, justice and public life. But this does not mean that the Romans did not understand how to build cities. It is true that Rome itself never had a plan. All failed who made the attempt — Julius Caesar, Nero, the Antonins. The city of Rome was so much a disorder that traffic had to be forbidden in the streets during the day by law. The rich lived in the best places on the hills and the poor in squalor in buildings of five to eight stories.

But there are small Roman cities such as Ostia or Pompeii where the urban development becomes more evident. In both of these — in contrast to the Greek practice — there is a temple dominating the forum.

But besides differences between Greece and Rome, which reveal divergent conceptions of community life, common features prevail. The right of the pedestrian is regarded as sancrosanct in both the agora and the forum. For instance, the surface of the main forum of Pompeii was depressed: “stepping stones” and columns made it impossible for wheeled traffic to enter.

One word about the Imperial Fora of Rome, which were built over a relatively short period — 50 B.C. to 115 A.D. — from Julius Caesar to Trajan. The Imperial Fora in their sterile pomp are, for me, the beginning of academic architecture. They somehow foreshadowed the nineteenth century.

The Core in the Gothic Period

What happened through the medieval period? Decay, decay, decay, through centuries. The standard of life sank rapidly. Existing cities became depopulated and hung heavily, like an over-large garment, upon the shoulders of their shrunken inhabitants. Then came a sudden awakening. In the eleventh and twelfth centuries new cities were founded all over Europe. I may have a certain prejudice, but I find the most interesting are those in South Germany and Switzerland. The normal view of the romantic medieval city is here entirely debunked. These new towns were not in any way haphazard foundations. As a consequence of the low stand-
ards of living that had prevailed through centuries, these new medieval cities, in contrast to the cities of Greece and Rome, show an intermingling of public and private life. The market place, whether bordered or not by arcades, is surrounded by the private houses of the citizens. Also, in contrast for instance to Pompeii with its stepping stones, no care is taken to see that traffic is kept out of the public square. On the other hand, the street—the shopping street—acquired a new and much more intense significance.

The city of Berne may be taken as an example of one of the planned towns of the 13th century (and also to destroy the romantic conception of the medieval cowpath city). Berne was laid out in regular and equal ground plots, 100 x 60 feet, along three parallel streets. These plots determined the whole construction of the town. The front length of 100 feet could be subdivided in 4, 5, 6, or 8 parts—a system which still prevails today. The streets and the porticos which stood in front of the houses, were owned by the protector of trading rights, the emperor or his representative. Both street and porticos were therefore res publica destined for the market, for public affairs and for justice. The life of the city took place along the street: the town hall with its square was not built until the fifteenth century.

The Core and the Artists

Finally we may come back to our question: How can we build the core in the absence of a well-defined structure of society? There is certainly some relationship between the social structure of a city and the physical structure, or urban form, of its core. But one must issue a warning that this is not always strictly true.

It was all so easy in the old days—even in the nineteenth century! History was simple and so was physics: effect and cause in history, effect and cause in physics, effect and cause in psychology. It was the physical sciences that first abolished this rule, and today we are forced to recognize that the relation between the core of the city and the social structure of the city is not at all so simple and so rational as we once thought. It does not always obey the law of effect and cause.

Let me finish with a single example. It is a tragic example: Michelangelo’s Capitol in Rome. The Area Capitolina occupies one of the hilltops of ancient Rome. It is composed of a complex of the square itself (which is not a real square, but more of a trapezoid); a broad ramped stairway (the Cordinata), and three buildings (the Senatorial Palace or town hall in the background, the Palazzo dei Conservatori on the right and the Capitolina Museum on the left).

The architectural composition of the Capitol can be rapidly summarized as a comprehensive development in depth: piazza, stairway and the relation with the old medieval city of Rome.

In 1530 the city-republic of Florence lost its independence to the Medici despot, Cosimo the First. Michelangelo came from an old Florentine family and, in 1534, he left Florence forever and spent the remaining thirty years of his life in voluntary exile in Rome. Here
he gave concrete reality to what he had derived from his youthful democratic experiences in Florence. Here, in the Rome of the Counter-Reformation, a Rome in which there was no freedom and no democracy. Michelangelo’s Capitol — a very perfect expression of the core — was a symbol of the vanished liberties of the medieval city-republic that he held in his heart. It was, at the same time, a memorial to the tragic dreams of its creator.

The lack of imagination usually shown today (though there are a few exceptions) in our attempts to devise new city centers — new city cores — is invariably excused on the ground that we no longer have a way of life that it is possible to express. What Michelangelo has mirrored in his Area Capitolina is the baffling irrationality of historic events and the enigmatic omission of any direct relation between effect and cause. Once more we realize that a great artist is able to create the artistic form for a phase of future social development long before that phase has begun to take shape. This is our task today!

* In the forthcoming 9th printing of Space, Time and Architecture this problem is treated more extensively.

The square at St. Peter's, completed by Bernini, who erected the colonnades enclosing the piazza
IN DESIGNING this school building the architects and engineers translated advanced architectural and educational thinking into a building for a specific climate and location. Maine has real winters. Folks there are traditionally cautious about spending money. The natural environment had to be controlled and a building and classrooms which would stimulate both children and teachers had to be produced without wasting money. The cost per classroom for this six-room structure was $13,861; per student, the cost was $462. Construction is simple: steel columns, with walls continuous outside them; open-web joists fully exposed, supporting an insulated wood-plank roof; and a concrete slab on grade.
Section above and photos at right show use of clerestory to admit sunlight to all rooms, even those which face almost due north. Entire structure can be comprehended at a glance; disposed in an orderly fashion, structural elements and mechanical and electrical runs are visible to a degree as satisfying as the vaulting of a cathedral, the half timber of medieval houses, or a beamed colonial ceiling.
Easel units, one for each classroom, were built locally for $500 each. See details on following pages.

Toilets are blue and yellow, have ceramic tile floors and wainscots, wall-hung fixtures to facilitate cleaning.
In photo and details on this page, note classroom easel units.
Numerous things were done in Washburn School to make it a children's building. Children in the elementary grades which it houses have a love for strong color. At the same time optimum visual conditions demand light, highly reflective wall and ceiling colors which are, to children, scarcely color at all. Here, brilliant color is used sparingly against a light background. In each room one ceiling joist and column are painted a strong primary color; besides satisfying a psychological need, the color serves to delimit the portion of each room used as an activity area. Ceiling and upper walls are white. Floors are concrete covered with gray asphalt tile. Wainscot, of light-toned hardwood plywood, and tackboards and chalkboards, are carried to the top of the door trim. Chalkboards, as shown in the sketch above, are carried from door-head full to the floor. At this age, children vary somewhat in height, and whatever their height they often sprawl on the floor to draw. Lengths of chalk tray are inserted into the board at convenient intervals. Tackboards also extend to the floor.
Artificial lighting is incandescent, with photo-electric cell controls which switch them on whenever daylight provides too little interior illumination. This relieves the teacher of the chore — often neglected — of controlling lights manually. Heating and ventilation are supplied by units under windows. Stale air is vented through the roof. The main steam supply, often buried in a floor trench, is here suspended on the wall of the north bank of classrooms beneath the clerestory. In this position its unavoidable emission of some heat is employed to minimize cold downdrafts from the high windows.

Exterior classroom doors are painted different primary colors, keyed to colors used inside. This helps each child identify himself with his room, and achieves the gaiety and brilliance of a toy.
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13. Temp. Office, Bond

Library-clinic anteroom (above) and principal’s office are treated with color and furnishings to induce relaxation.
WHEN THE REAL ESTATE and development company which owns this building chose the site for the project, it had two main goals in mind: to provide offices away from the center of town and to prove that low, swampy property could be used to good advantage. The site is in the midst of a large area owned by the Bessemer Company. Most of it was 8 ft below the street and several feet below existing sewers; it was partially wooded and generally under water during rainy seasons. Similar sites on the property were not saleable until this building had been completed and it had been proved that construction was possible without great expense and filling.

The original plan was to place the building on a single, central column enclosing the services. The owner considered this too radical, however, and suggested four columns. A block foundation finally was adopted after it had been decided to provide space for heating and air conditioning, plus a garage-work shop at ground level. The original contours of the site were preserved, which is expected to permit easy landscaping and planting in the future.

Half of the building is given over to a private office suite which includes the owner’s office, storage space, lounge and light lunch facilities, and a screened sun deck where business may be transacted in good weather. The other half of the building consists of offices for the development company’s staff.

Foundation is concrete block, framing is wood stud. Exterior walls are random width pine, painted. Interior walls are plywood, floors are rubber tile over wood, ceilings are acoustical cane fiber tile.

OFFICE FOR BESSEMER IMPROVEMENT CO.

*Greensboro, North Carolina*

*Edward Loewenstein, Architect*
In both plan and section the building is refreshingly simple and well adapted to its swampy site. Opposite page: offices are well lighted and airy; windows are shaded with venetian blinds (top) or split bamboo (bottom). Fireplace wall has marble inserts.
The two doctors who share this building are specialists who spend about half the day in hospitals, and the other half in their own offices and consultation rooms. For their non-hospital hours they were anxious to secure as pleasant and relaxing an environment as possible.

Thanks to Pasadena's mild climate, a good part of the reception area could be in a walled garden, outside the building proper. Identical paving, plaster soffit wall finish and lattice work were used in both the garden and the indoor reception room to make them visually one continuous area.

The architects tried consciously to express on the exterior of the building the difference in use and character between the reception and consultation wings. The former is almost wholly of glass, the latter is almost solid masonry, with natural light filtered into the examining rooms through grills formed by glass brick spaced separately in a pattern on the concrete walls.

The building is located in the center of a busy medical district and for that reason was set far back from the street to permit on-site parking for five cars. Air conditioning is controlled by both clock and thermostat, and music is piped to all rooms from an LP record player located near the secretary's desk (photo, page 145).
Informality of reception area is accentuated by corner fireplace in enclosed portion (above), small pool and cloth "ceiling" in garden portion. The larger of the two consultation rooms (page 146) opens to garden.

Screens, glass block and clear glass are used as interior partitions wherever possible throughout the reception area; ceilings are high, furniture arrangement is informal. Within the limits of the local fire code, this entire area is a glass enclosure, contrasting strongly with the privacy of the examination and consultation rooms. The "cold, clinical look" has been avoided everywhere, despite the fact that the entire building was planned for the efficient use of the latest developments in medical equipment and technique.
Secretary's office is at almost dead center of the building, between reception area and consultation rooms. Location permits secretary to keep her eyes on entire building, and be instantly available to both patients and doctors; screening of her cubbyhole makes her presence unobtrusive.
MEDICAL BUILDING

Larger consultation room (above) opens to garden, has built-in desk and cabinets. Examination rooms (one at right) are day lighted by glass block, separated by lavatory and laboratory.
ON APRIL 7, 1951, the town of Hayward, California, proudly dedicated its new Public Library "to enrich personal life and enlighten the citizens." The library, as an institution, was then some 55 years old; it was started as a reading room back in 1896; two years later it was formally established as a library in a small storeroom in the center of what was then the village of Hayward; by 1905 it was supported by the town and had a building of its own — a building which served the community until the end of 1948.

The new library was planned as part of the City Hall Plaza. Because its site is in a public park opposite the City Hall, the architect felt that the exterior design must blend well with a park setting. That it does exactly that is apparent in the air view above. The hip roof, with a 5-ft overhang, is of red mission tile, chosen for its rich color and texture; beneath it is a thoroughly modern library designed on modular lines.

The structural frame is steel and concrete, spanning the full width of the building; with the exception of

HAYWARD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hayward, California

John Carl Warnecke, Architect

Thomas D. Church, Landscape Architect
Main reading room (opposite) lies between lecture room (background, above) and children's reading room (background, below). Charge desk is strategically located for control of entire building.
the mezzanine, all partitions are non-bearing to provide almost complete flexibility in plan. At each end of the building is a floor-to-ceiling window approximately 24 by 16 ft in size; these huge windows, plus the clear glass of interior partitions, bring a view of the park to every part of the building.

Furniture and draperies were carefully planned to harmonize with the interior color scheme. Furniture is of light bleached oak to blend with the buff walls; arm and side chairs are upholstered in olive green leather; the floor-to-ceiling curtains between lecture room and main reading room are a light olive green.

The lecture room was one of the main requirements of the library board and the librarian: needed for lectures and showings of movies and slides, it had to be completely cut off from the adult reading room. Both it and the children's room at the opposite end of the building have separate entrances.

The building is concrete and brick on concrete foundation. Floors are cork and asphalt tile, ceilings are acoustic tile.
Children's reading room (above) has low shelves, generous bulletin board space, and informal arrangement of furniture.
Because the site of this small library is in a municipal park, the owner specifically requested that the building be kept informal in character and residential in scale. Facilities required were: adult and children's reading rooms, each with an outdoor patio; a record-playing room; a meeting room for book discussions and movies; a work room; a staff room which could also be used for small group meetings; and a kitchen to serve both the staff room and the children's patio. The meeting room was to be so located that its capacity could be considerably enlarged by opening it to the children's reading room. These various facilities, furthermore, plus the washrooms, must all be within visual control of a single librarian.

Around these exacting requirements the architects designed a simple and pleasing building, one story in height, with hipped roof and wide overhang to keep out the hot Arizona sun. Walls are reinforced pumice block masonry carrying a rigid frame; roof is exposed steel bents. The reading rooms are tri-laterally lighted, with shaded skylights. The building is fully insulated, and air cooled.
Capacity of meeting room (above) can be about doubled when folding doors between it and children's reading room are opened. Charge desk (below) is close to main entrance, and so located that from it the librarian can watch over entire building—patios included. All windows have movable panels (photo and detail above left) with metal inserts and drop-hinges which double as stops and handles.
Reading rooms receive more than usual amount of daylight, but are kept cool nonetheless: skylights are shade-screened, and glazed with heat-resistant glass; roof is insulated with 2 in. of glass fiber and topped with white asbestos. Roof decking is of acoustical units in reading rooms, standard steel elsewhere.
NOT IN THE STRICT SENSE OF THE WORD a library, this unusual building was sponsored by a group of midwestern universities as a cooperative deposit and research center (ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, June 1950, pp. 143–145). The University of Chicago contributed a 320 by 130 ft site on the edge of its Chicago campus; the Carnegie Corporation and the Rockefeller Foundation provided grants for the first unit of the project.

The building is predominantly a gigantic stack area. In its present phase it can accommodate 2½ million volumes; the addition of three similar stack areas eventually will bring its capacity up to 10 million. Service facilities adequate for the entire project are provided in the two-story service wing. These include: provision for truck transport of incoming and outgoing books for the member universities; work areas for receiving, cataloging and filing; offices; carrels or study-cubicles; teletype room and microfilm laboratory.
A unique feature of the building is the "triple sandwich stack" scheme shown below and top opposite. Three double-faced stacks are placed together, the center one fixed and the two exterior ones pivoted. This system, possible because general public does not enter the area, greatly increased the volume-per-cubic-foot ratio and permitted wide 3 ft 4 in. aisles. Elevators servicing the stacks are outside the stack area; access corridor will connect them with future parallel stack areas.
Service wing is entirely air conditioned; stacks are not cooled, but conditioned with filtered air kept at comfortable temperature and book-preserving humidity.
KALIHI-PALAMA BRANCH, LIBRARY OF HAWAII

Honolulu, T.H.

Fisk, Johnson, Ossipoff & Preis, Architects

Vladimir Ossipoff, Coordinator

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EVERYTHING about this branch library in Honolulu suggests coolness and pleasant informality. As few partitions as possible are used to separate the various departments; the high-ceilinged main reading room and the combination children's room-community center both open to the patio. The cement block and brick of the interior are cool materials both visually and actually.

Bright colors are used throughout, particularly in the upholstered furniture, tables and lamps in the main reading room. The patio — an outdoor reading room — is gay with colorful umbrellas and chairs, a fish pond, and tropical planting.

Sun control was a vital part of the planning, since during the spring months the sun would shine through
The architects designed much special furniture for the library, such as the spacious and efficient charge desk (opposite page), and the rolltop book and storage shelves (left and above)
Fixed louvers at windows labovel and adjustable shutters along east wall provide ventilation and sun control. Floors throughout are cement and cork; ceilings are acoustic plaster.

the building on an almost horizontal line after three in the afternoon. The east wall, therefore, has adjustable wood louvers along its entire length (detail below). Louvers are used also for ventilation above the doors between the main reading room and the patio, and above and below many of the windows.

Interestingly, the unbroken expanse of exterior wall was planned as an outdoor exhibit area.
SIMPLE DESIGN FOR SOUTHERN LIVING

Residence for Dr. Ann Stuckey
Griffin, Georgia

Aeck Associates, Architects

The quiet, unobtrusive character of this house set in a grove of pines somewhat belies a skillful handling of its structural and design elements. Use was made of the sloping site to divide the plan into three sections: on the lower level are the utility areas — boiler room, storage, carport, entry — and a short flight of outside steps to the kitchen; on the main level are the living areas, flanked by kitchen and guest room; at the top level is a suite for the owner which can be closed off for privacy and a sense of security. All levels are connected by ramps, frankly used to provide a gracious entrance, and in this case fitted in without an extravagant waste of space. The structure uses brick in all lower sections, with lighter-weight pine boards on second floor exteriors and above most of the window openings. The butterfly roof with its wide overhangs permits larger, and protected, fenestration for major rooms.
The property slopes up a half-story in the width of the house, giving ground level entrance to all rooms but owner's suite. Heating is by a hot water radiant system in the ceilings.
Living area (below) has generous scale, great sense of spaciousness. Ramps have skylight above, serve to separate sitting and dining areas. Interior walls are painted plaster.
VICTORIAN STABLE BECOMES
MODERN HOUSE

THE STRIKING ADAPTATION of part of a Victorian stable for contemporary residence is the result of a series of carefully considered compromises between the qualities of the original building and those desired in the remodeled house. At the beginning of the project, the architect found himself confronted with sections of a dilapidated but still pretentious stable- and carriage-hall building, located in the midst of a lovely old park. The land had been divided through the center of the building, and the middle hall demolished. Both architect and client felt that the original structure had a pleasant mellowness, "a composite of age, weather, wear and patina that can go far in compensating for architectural deficiencies in an old house." It was reasoned that this quality "explains why sensitive people accept as greatly pleasing things that they might not tolerate in a fairly new building." Thus a conscious, deliberate effort was made to preserve this atmosphere — especially in the choice of materials and finishes — without any sacrifice of plan or design efficiency. The result is a fresh design that should not have to depend on a state of newness for effect.

Only the southern wing of the stable (portion to left of vertical line in sketch) was used in final house; photo at upper right is from same angle as the drawing.
The main portion of the house was adapted from the carriage hall, retained only major parts of structure. Music shed and garage were transformed with only minor alterations from stable wing. House is site of annual Locust Valley Music Festival.
It was desired to save as much as possible of the original structure for economy. The complicated roofs, however, were completely out of scale with the revised design, and were removed except for one large truss on the south. This was refashioned into a rectangular truss, and a simple built-up roof was sloped from it down to the north (see eave details at right — scale is in inches). Problems were also posed by the existence of four different floor levels. These were solved by converting the high-ceilinged, concrete-floored space to the south into an open porch, and by sloping the redwood siding of the upper story to conform with the 3 ft difference in floor level. The lower floor exterior was left stuccoed as it had been before. Interior partitions were rearranged to provide a convenient plan. All mechanical equipment is new, and is kept simple and unobtrusive.

The original variations in floor levels were retained for economy. West elevation of upper floor was sloped to unify the two different levels. A rectangular truss, refashioned from an existing truss, spans new porch.
The living area (above and below) was planned to permit entertaining of large groups; broad windows open on park. Both fixed and metal casement windows have wood surrounds for uniformity, as in kitchen window detail above right (scale is in inches).
The existing stairs were opened up toward living and dining spaces, with a new railing planned to make rooms seem as open as possible. Large central hall on second floor (right) is lighted by dormer windows, has bank of storage closets. Interior walls are plaster, floors maple.
MAXIMUM USE OF ODD-SHAPED

Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Handler, Los Angeles, California

Kenneth N. Lind, Architect
A lot of ingenuity was used in planning this house for its odd-shaped, two-level site in a rather crowded residential area. The clients wanted as much space and privacy as possible, both indoors and outdoors, for the family activities, and space for entertaining business associates. To achieve these objectives, the architect used the natural drop in site level to divide the one-story sleeping and service section from the two-floor living wing. It also serves as an exterior transition from the upper levels to the walled-in garden below. All major rooms open directly to the outside, and have windows shielded from immediately adjoining properties.
The structure of the house is wood frame on concrete foundations. Exterior walls are stucco, or redwood stained and oiled; the roof is surfaced with 2½- to 3-in. terra-cotta-colored granules. Considerable use is made of rough stone for walls and terraces, and the stone is continued into the recreation room together with planting (see photo below) to visually tie it in with outdoor areas. Interior walls are plaster, mahogany plywood or random pine strips. Ceilings are lightweight aggregate plaster or exposed tongue-and-groove sheathing. Roof areas over exposed beamed ceilings are thermally insulated with a 2-in. layer of poured lightweight aggregate.

Heating is by a hot water radiant system installed on top of wood floor framing. Coils are imbedded in a 1½-in. layer of concrete, separated from the wood by a membrane. The concrete also stiffens floors, reduces squeaks and spring.
Living areas on the upper level form large, open rooms with suggested divisions: general sitting area (above) is separated from book area by raised stone floor flanking central fireplace; from dining area (above left) by stairwell and railing. All rooms open to out of doors, including bedrooms and kitchen.
ISLAND WEEK-END HOUSE FOR ALL-YEAR USE

Country House for Mr. Richard Lea

Lopez Island, San Juan Group, Washington

Lionel H. Pries, Architect

A dramatic, isolated site which faces an often-stormy strait affords the owners of this house a retreat from the hustle of Seattle, 100 miles away. Designed for year-round week-end occupancy, the house is set off by half-mile stretches of beach on either side and by heavy woods behind. It is constructed of concrete block, clear-finished on the exterior, painted on the interior. Floors are tobacco-brown concrete and ceilings are clear-lacquered cedar. The sodded roof, which helps tie the low-spaying house to its setting, never needs trimming, since salt spray breaking over it stunts the native grasses and Japanese Iris with which it is planted.

Casual nature of house is pointed up by decorative effects, including painted motif on underside of entry and copper "thunderbird" sculpture atop chimney.
Simplicity of interior offers pleasant, effective contrast to the dramatic site, as in entry, above. Living room, above right and below, has glass doors leading to terrace, can be thrown open to breezes from the sound
Ten billion dollars worth of hospital construction is still required to satisfy the nation's needs for medical care. According to the U. S. Public Health Service, we now have around a million acceptable hospital beds, with 874,000 beds still needed. At current per-bed costs, $10,000,000,000 is probably conservative.

Since 1947, when the Hospital Survey and Construction (Hill-Burton) Act became effective, a systematic state-by-state inventory of hospital facilities has been taken, and a sizeable start made on building of needed hospitals and public health centers. The chart below shows what proportion of total bed requirements have been met, and how much building remains to be done.

In terms of new hospital construction yet to come, the chart figures mean that there is still much to be done in general hospitals, especially in small communities, but the program will gradually shift toward mental hospitals, then later toward chronic disease hospitals.

**New and Revised Hospital Elements**

"Elements of the General Hospital," a series of planning aids prepared for hospital architects by Marshall Shaffer and his staff at the U. S. Public Health Service, was published in ARCHITECTURAL RECORD in 1946; since then something like fifty thousand reprints have been distributed. In intervening years many of the elements have been revised in accordance with changing hospital practice, and many new plans have been added. The first dozen pages of this Building Types Study bring the series up to date, include all of the revisions and additions. As before, these are not intended to be arbitrary or restrictive; rather they represent a convenient method of showing important planning considerations, not forgetting major items of equipment shown in place.
NEW AND REVISED ELEMENTS OF

By Division of Hospital Facilities
U. S. Public Health Service
Federal Security Agency

NURSING DEPARTMENT

25-BED NURSING UNIT - TWO BED BAY

25-BED NURSING UNIT - ONE BED BAY
THE GENERAL HOSPITAL

SURGERY RECOVERY ROOM FOR A 200-BED GENERAL HOSPITAL

TYPICAL PATIENTS' ROOMS (TWO-BED BAY)

TYPICAL PATIENTS' ROOMS (ONE-BED BAY)

SURGERY RECOVERY ROOM
1. Adjustable hospital bed
2. Bedside cabinet
3. Oxygen outlet, 5 ft 3 in. above floor
4. Suction outlet, 5 ft 3 in. above floor
5. Cubicle curtain
6. Partition to ceiling, glass 40 in. above floor to 7 ft above floor
7. Lavatory with gooseneck spout and knee or elbow control
8. Waste paper receptacle
9. Paper towel dispenser
10. Vision panel
11. Table
12. Straight chair
13. Executive type desk
14. Clock
15. Mirror
16. Locked wall cabinet with inner locked narcotic compartment and inside light
17. Shelf 12 in. wide, 38 in. above floor with cabinets above and below
18. Work counter 2 ft 4 in. wide, 38 in. above floor
19. Refrigerator under counter
20. Double compartment sink, one comp. 6 in. deep, the other 10 in. deep, gooseneck spout
22. Sanitary waste receptacle
23. Laundry hamper
24. Clinical sink with bed pan flushing attachment
25. Storage cabinet
26. Telephone outlet
27. Nurses call with emergency call button with duplex receptacle
28. 500 watt indirect lighting units
29. 200 watt semidirect lighting unit
30. Single receptacle 30 amp
31. Glazed door
32. Hook strip
33. Shelf 48 in. above floor
34. Window sills approximately 6 ft above floor

TYPICAL PATIENTS' ROOMS
1. Built-in locker
2. Bedside cabinet
3. Adjustable hospital bed
4. Duplex convenience outlet
5. Nurses' calling station with duplex receptacles
6. Sliding window curtain
7. Waste paper receptacle
8. Lavatory with gooseneck spout and knee or elbow control
9. Wall bracket light, switch controlled
10. Bed light
11. Corridor dome light
12. Night light, switch controlled
13. Over bed table
14. Telephone outlet and duplex receptacle
15. Cubicle rod and curtain
16. Easy chair
17. Nurses calling station (push button type)
18. Grab rail
19. Water closet with bed pan lugs and bed pan flushing attachment
20. Built-in dresser

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ISOLATION AND PSYCHIATRIC ROOMS

Note: All numbers noted with "R" denote that the items shall be removable.
1. Built-in lockers
2. Bedside cabinet
3. Adjustable hospital bed
4. Straight chair
5R. Nurses calling station with duplex receptacle, contagious type
6R. Sliding window curtain
7. Waste paper receptacle
8. Lavatory with gooseneck spout and knee or elbow control
9. Wall bracket, switch controlled
10R. Bed light
11. Corridor dome light
12. Night light, switch controlled
13. Over bed table
14. Utensil sterilizer 20" x 20" x 24"
15. Sink and drainboard
16. Linen hamper
17. Nurses calling station (push button type)
18. Grab rail
19. Water closet with bed pan lugs and bed pan flushing attachment
20. Hook strip
21. Dome light and buzzer, 5' 6" above floor
22. View panel with heat tempered glass approx. 8" x 12" and 4' 6" from floor
23. Obscure glass
24. Coat hook
25. Sanitary waste receptacle
26. Shower
27. Ceiling light
28. Detention screen
29. Shutter
30. Duplex receptacle
31. Easy chair
32. Desk
33. Desk lamp
34R. Mirror
35. Night light with heat tempered glass and switch controlled from sub-utility
36. Air-conditioning unit
37. Supply and exhaust openings with grille
38. Telephone outlet and duplex receptacle

ARCHITECTURAL RECORD
SUGGESTED PLAN OF PSYCHIATRIC WARD FOR THE GENERAL HOSPITAL
FOR DISTURBED, QUIET AND DEPRESSED (MEN AND WOMEN)  CAPACITY 30 PATIENTS

WING 1

SUGGESTED TYPE PLAN OF PSYCHIATRIC WARD FOR THE GENERAL HOSPITAL
FOR DISTURBED, QUIET AND DEPRESSED (MEN OR WOMEN)  CAPACITY 20 PATIENTS

WING 2

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PHARMACY FOR A 100 BED GENERAL HOSPITAL

26. Narcotic safe, under counter
27. Prescription scale, class A
28. Prescription scale, heavy duty
29. Counter scale
30. Heat outlet grill, inlet grill in base of cabinet
31. Guards, at all windows
32. Mixing tank, 20 gallons, mounted on stand with casters
33. Counter, 24 inches wide, 36 inches high, adjustable open shelves below
34. Adjustable open shelves, 12 inches wide
35. Counter, 18 inches wide, adjustable shelves below
36. Filter rack above counter
37. Bottle rack
38. Two compartment sink, gooseneck spout, cabinets below
39. Sink with distilled water rinser, omit hot and cold water supply, cabinets below
40. Double element hot plate
41. Vent at ceiling and floor
42. Metric solution scale
43. Gas outlet
44. Sterilizer carriage under counter
45. Sterilizer, 24 x 36 x 48 inches
46. Drip pan with waste connection in counter top
47. Still, 5 gallon per hour
48. Suction and pressure pump
49. Storage cabinet, open adjustable shelves
50. Counter, open below
51. High window

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21. Prescription scale, class A
22. Prescription scale, heavy duty
23. Counter scale
24. Heat outlet grill, inlet grill in base of cabinet
25. Guards, at all windows
26. Counter scale
27. Guards, at all windows
28. Mixing tank, 20 gallons, mounted on stand with casters
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30. Adjustable open shelves, 12 inches wide
31. Counter, 18 inches wide, adjustable shelves below
32. Filter rack above counter
33. Bottle rack
34. Two compartment sink, gooseneck spout, cabinets below
35. Sink with distilled water rinser, omit hot and cold water supply, cabinets below
36. Double element hot plate
37. Vent at ceiling and floor
38. Metric solution scale
39. Gas outlet
40. Sterilizer carriage under counter
41. Sterilizer, 24 x 36 x 48 inches
42. Drip pan with waste connection in counter top
43. Still, 5 gallon per hour
44. Suction and pressure pump
45. Storage cabinet, open adjustable shelves
46. Counter, open below
47. High window

PHARMACY FOR A 50 BED GENERAL HOSPITAL

1. Desk
2. Chair
3. Telephone outlet
4. 2 drawer file
5. Book shelves
6. Waste paper receptacle
7. Prescription scale, class A
8. Prescription scale, heavy duty
9. Counter scale
10. Counter scale
11. Counter, open adjustable shelves below
12. Carboy rack above counter
13. Sanitary waste can
14. Sink with gooseneck spout and drainboard, graduate rack above, cabinets below
15. Cabinet, adjustable shelves
16. Drug cabinet, sectional type, with shelf above counter
17. Drug cabinets, sectional type
18. Prescription counter, cabinets, sectional type drawers below
19. Counter, cabinets and drawers below
20. Dispensing window
21. Adjustable open shelves, starting 18 inches above counter
22. Shelves, starting 42 inches above floor
23. Prescription file
24. Refrigerator, 16 cubic feet, with biological drawers
25. Dumbwaiter
26. Narcotic safe
27. Gas outlet
28. Double element hot plate
29. Heat outlet grill, inlet grill in base of cabinet
30. Guards, at both windows
TREATMENT FACILITIES

PHYSICAL THERAPY SUITES

SUITE FOR A 200 BED GENERAL HOSPITAL

PHYSICAL THERAPY SUITES

1. Desk
2. Bulletin board
3. Lavatory with gooseneck spout
4. Whirlpool bath
5. Laundry hamper
6. Wall cabinet
7. Sink with drainboard
8. Glass shelf over sink
9. Treatment table with storage space below
10. Chair
11. Bedside table
12. Paraffin bath
13. Infrared lamp
14. Ultraviolet lamp
15. Short wave diathermy unit
16. Rod and curtains
17. Gym mat
18. Examination table with storage space below
19. Posture mirror (triple, portable)
20. Parallel bars, folding type
21. Three shelves, 6, 27, and 48 in. above floor
22. Table, 24 by 24 in.
23. Sayre head sling attached to ceiling
24. Foot rest
25. Shoulder wheel
26. Steps
27. Stall bars
28. Shoulder abduction ladder arch type
29. Stationary bicycle
30. Pulley weights
31. Wall mirror
32. Shelf 6 ft above floor
33. Wheel chair
34. Wheel stretcher
35. Hubbard tank; a therapeutic pool 8 by 12 ft may replace the Hubbard tank by increasing length of suite
36. Monorail over
37. Direct current generators
38. File cabinet
39. Water closet
40. Bench
41. Adjustable stool
42. Hand rail
43. Three single outlets on separate branch circuits, 1 outlet 2-pole, 2 outlets 3-pole
44. Telephone outlet
45. Gym mat hooks
46. Parallel bars

SUITE FOR A 100 BED GENERAL HOSPITAL

SUITE FOR A 50 BED GENERAL HOSPITAL

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1. Service sink with grease trap and medicine cabinet above
2. Desk
3. Desk chair
4. Telephone outlet
5. Legal size, 4-drawer filing cabinet
6. Fluorescent light, 7 ft above floor
7. Wall cabinet
8. Steel clothes locker, 15 x 15 x 60 inches
9. Master clock
10. Steel cabinet with shelves and doors
11. Bulletin board, 26 x 30 inches
12. Frame for portable drill press
13. Work bench, 36 inches high with heavy plank top, slide drawers and cabinets below
14. Test board with lamp and bell transformer
15. Electric buffer and grinder
16. Machinist’s bench vise
17. Wall racks
18. Four wheel truck especially equipped for each shop
19. Step ladder, 8 ft high
20. Fire alarm board
21. Heating and ventilating control board
22. Automatic closing, metal covered fire door
23. Wall vents at floor and ceiling
24. Book shelf
25. Steel shelving
26. Extension cord reel, attached to wall
27. Compressed air outlet
28. Straight chair
29. Waste paper receptacle
30. Pedestal stand
31. Watchman’s station
32. Sectional bookcase
33. Window blinds
34. Clear glass, beginning 40 inches above floor
35. Glass cutting table, 30 x 64 x 36 inches high with glass rack below
36. Automatic closing, metal covered sliding door with glass view panel
37. Door with upper panel of clear glass
38. Plan rack, 26 x 42 x 51 inches high, open top and bottom
39. Portable welding outfit
40. Portable ventilator hood
41. Portable pipe vise
42. Woodworker’s vise
43. Work table, 30 x 64 x 36 inches high
44. Vapor tight spray hood with exhaust fan and hinged panels front and sides
45. Electric rip saw and jointer combination, 10” diam.
46. Key cutter
47. Drill press
48. Steel storage bins
49. Intercommunication, remote station
The enlightened program of mental care in Minnesota takes another step forward with this addition to the State Hospital at Hastings. The enlightenment is plainly evident in this building, the feature of which is the several provisions for maintaining patient morale. The architects have done everything possible to obviate an institutional atmosphere, and to provide an array of lounges, visiting rooms, canteens, beauty shops, recreational facilities to cheer patients and to encourage visits of friends and relatives.

The addition is really two separate buildings, the Administration Building at the lower level and the Receiving Unit placed between wings of existing buildings. The Administration Building contains offices for medical, business and supervisory personnel, with a private entrance and an adequate parking space before it. Thus natural topography was utilized to give a nice separation of administrative and hospital functions, especially desirable to encourage visiting. The large visitors' lounge, the dominating mass in this building, projects out over the main entrance drive to provide a shelter. The large glass wall overlooks a beautiful valley, offering a restful scene to ease many an awkward interview.

A separate patient receiving entrance (ground floor of Receiving Building) makes it easy to arrange a carefully handled reception, to reduce the gravity of the situation and avoid emotional trauma.

From then on every effort is made to maintain the dignity of the patient and encourage him to share in normal activities. Thus there are beauty shop, barber shop, library, gymnasium, auditorium, canteen area, and other facilities for a continuous program of physical therapy, social dancing, games, movies, church, theater and concerts. Emphasis in the design has been on a gay residential character. Color is liberally used, furniture carefully chosen, for safety as well as esthetics. Detention at windows is maintained by a sturdy stainless steel screen visually similar to insect screening. A soft low night light is contained in the recessed ceiling fixtures.

The four-story Receiving Building has a reinforced concrete frame and slab construction, with brick veneer exterior walls. Positive ventilation and humidity and heating control is provided throughout. Heating is by ceiling radiant panels in nursing floors, floor panels elsewhere, radiators being considered a hazard.
One-story Administration Building occupies lowest level of hilly site, is thus nicely separated from hospital functions. Receiving Building, at higher level, connects with nursing wings in existing buildings, and by covered passage to Administration Building.
Some of the morale-building facilities at Minnesota State Hospital — on this page: dining room, beauty shop, dayroom and canteen; opposite page: auditorium-gymnasium, staff dining room and library and patients’ library. Such elaborate rooms and equipment, gaily and colorfully done, have high therapeutic value, for morale is the primary objective in every mental hospital.
FIRST UNIT OF NEW MEDICAL CENTER

In the Texas state plan for hospital facilities, El Paso is slated to be a regional center for 10 counties, with this hospital as the first unit in a teaching center, hence so large a building, with its 272 beds. It is a good example of the cruciform plan, with large central core and radiating wings giving good isolation to nursing units and various medical and surgical departments. Nurses' stations are at central angles, for good supervision in all directions; utility rooms are centrally located in nursing wings to save nurses travel. The two plans shown indicate how the cruciform scheme works out; other floors repeat in general the nursing wings shown here. The hospital, with all Class I equipment but not including movable Class II equipment, cost a total of $2,427,300; this comes out at $1.19 per cu ft, $15.10 per sq ft, or $10,846 per bed.

Providence Memorial Hospital
El Paso, Texas

Carroll and Daebule
Architects

Norman B. Roberts
Consultant-Administrator

Landauer, Guerrero and Shafer
Consulting Engineers
Providence Memorial Hospital is fully air conditioned for summer and winter. More than half of patients’ rooms have access to private toilet and bath facilities; each room is piped for oxygen, has telephone jacks, radio and nurses’ call of latest type. Building is a concrete frame, fireproof structure, with adequate fire towers and fire doors in all corridors to permit transfer of patients from wing to wing in case of emergency.
Flow Memorial Hospital
Denton, Texas

Bennett and Crittenden
Architects

Mullen & Powell
Structural Engineers

Landauer, Guerrero & Shafer
Mechanical and Electrical
Engineers

60-BED HOSPITAL ON 100-BED CHASSIS
According to the survey of needs, this hospital should have 100 beds, but needs and funds did not quite match, so it became a 60-bed hospital on a 100-bed chassis. Actually its facilities will accommodate 120 beds, and it can be enlarged to that size.

It is a hospital well worthy of study. Departmentalization is well worked out, with separate wings giving cul-de-sac locations for office, diagnostic (plus emergency suite), operating, obstetrical departments, and good privacy for nursing units. This last has been the subject of especially favorable comments. Ground floor has a 10-bed nursing unit with its separate entrance.

The hospital won an award of merit at the Texas State Hospital Association convention in 1951. It was constructed and equipped, including its oversize chassis, for a total cost of $809,725.

Offset corridor scheme in nursing wing gives southern exposure to most of the bedrooms, lines up necessary facilities opposite. Nurses' station in central location, flanked on both sides by utilities, saves traffic for nurses. This location is sometimes argued, on the grounds that a station at the inside end of the unit gives better control, particularly at night, but probably efficiency is a more important consideration than police duty. Corridors in nursing wing are shielded from all non-essential traffic.
Obstetrical and operating departments each have dead-end locations in separate wings. Both departments, with their supporting facilities, are large enough for double the present bed capacity of the hospital, need not be disturbed when additional nursing units are added to building.

Entrance lobby and waiting room get attention in the modern hospital. Planting box inside and planting strip just beyond big windows may ease the tension of visitors.
Central sterilizing, above, is well placed near operating suite, not too far from obstetrical department. Below, one of major operating rooms.
IN THE very small hospital — this one has but 20 beds — functions begin to flow together, and the various departments cannot be so nicely isolated. This one represents clever manipulation in keeping separations that are necessary (isolation of operation, obstetrical and emergency) and in separating traffic. A double corridor scheme helps in this regard, also serves to keep the building compact and economical. The plan even manages to have separate entrances as in a larger hospital,
and to keep nursing units separated from service traffic and noise. The scheme also assures good control at all times, and makes it possible to maintain supervision with a minimum number of employees. The nurses' station permits supervision of waiting room and of outpatient facilities too, if that should be necessary. Nursery is close to nurses' station, to save steps for nurses, especially during night shifts. The plan also is arranged for expansion of the nursing unit as required later.
A 54-BED HOSPITAL is just about large enough to require full facilities, not quite large enough to allow full departmentalization. Here the separations are maintained quite well; only medical and surgical nursing beds are put together. A small separated wing at the back keeps the laundry and service operations well away from the rest of the hospital, and gives an isolated location for the surgical suite. Perhaps the most noteworthy feature of the plan is the development of the offset corridor scheme to give the good southern exposure to most of the bedrooms and still utilize to the full the opposite side of the corridor. Actually the corridor...
is offset for only a small portion of its length, but the general development of the floor follows the "offset corridor" idea in that only nursery, pediatrics section and a couple of isolation rooms get the northern exposure. The nurses' station with its utilities seems to be an exceptionally workable layout, with the possible exception of the location of the linen room. The nurses' station is well placed and the utility space both adequate and centrally located. The hospital serves an essentially rural area which was badly in need of hospital facilities. There was plenty of difficulty in fund raising, in the face of low average income and rising costs, but with Hill-Burton aid the total cost of $840,000 was finally met. Per bed cost is given at $15,555.
MOVING STAIRWAYS FOR TALL BUILDINGS

By G. B. Gusrae

Voorhees, Walker, Foley & Smith, Architects

The relative costs and advantages of moving stairways and elevators in office buildings were analyzed by Mr. Gusrae in the December, 1950, issue of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD. He concluded that moving stairways could transport many more people than the number of elevators that could be provided at the same cost. But, because of the slower speed of moving stairways and the walking time required between them at each floor, they were deemed most practical for heights up to 6 stories, with 8 stories being the absolute limit. Elevators would be used to reach any remaining floors.

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Moving stairways traveling a vertical height equal to that of a 5-story building are a familiar sight in New York City subway stations. The author proposes to use three-floor express units in a 10-story office building. There is considerable recoverable cubage under the express units which could be inside offices or storage. The model and drawing have different arrangements of one-floor units just to show what can be done.
Still, Mr. Gusrae reasoned, moving stairways are cheaper to install and operate than a comparable elevator installation. Their speed can be increased only slightly, so the big obstacle to their total use in tall buildings is the time consumed in changing from one stairway to another. When he was asked to design a moving stairway system for a proposed 10-story building, he hit upon the idea of using express moving stairways together with local (floor-to-floor) units. In this article, he reviews some of the background information presented in the first article and then discusses the possible solutions for moving stairways in a 10-story building.

Below is a cost comparison of moving stairways and elevators in a 6-story building. The author said in his previous article that this height was about the practical limit for "local" (floor-to-floor) moving stairways. The example, however, is indicative of costs for an express system.

**EXAMPLE**

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**MOVING STAIRWAYS FOR TALL BUILDINGS**

They Cost Less

In today's modern commercial buildings with large populations, we must seriously consider the use of moving stairways in place of elevators—even in buildings up to 20 stories and perhaps higher. Often their application offers the only successful solution to the involved transportation problems, economically and functionally as well.

**Advantages of Moving Stairways Reviewed**

Five-hundred persons can board a single moving stairway, traveling upward or downward, in any 5 min. interval. A moving stairway "run" (up and down) can successfully serve a building with a population up to 4000 persons. An equivalent elevator installation, capable of transporting 500 persons in any 5 min. interval, would consist of at least thirteen 3000 lb or fifteen 2500 lb elevators. This is based on the average 5 min. carrying capacity of a 3000 lb elevator of 40 persons and that of a 2500 lb elevator of 32 persons. (Usually elevators are designed to make about two round trips in 5 min. Of course this time varies with building heights so as to be within practical limits. In taller buildings, elevators are made to run faster in order to obtain about two trips in 5 min., and cost more. For instance, an elevator traveling at a rate of 200 fpm might cost $15,000 to $20,000. If the speed is increased to 350 fpm, the same type of elevator will cost $25,000 to $30,000.)

Bearing in mind that an up-down moving stairway "run" (spanning one story at a time) occupies little more than the space of just three elevators (See Fig. 2), that it is always available for immediate use, and that it does not require a machine room, pit, or attendants, its advantages are self-evident.

**Cost Comparisons**

It has been shown that the daily cost of elevators is considerably higher than that of moving stairways. The daily cost of a single moving stairway unit running between two floors, including all factors, is about $9.15.

A 6-story building about 350 ft wide and 250 ft deep may have a population of 4000 persons, based on one person per 100 sq ft of net area. A moving stairway installation for such a building would consist of 5 up and 5 down units or a total of 10 units. In a single-purpose building, it must be assumed that at least 20% of the people will be able to obtain transportation in any 5 min. period at the beginning and end of the day. Both runs of moving stairways then will be operated in the same direction. This doubles the capacity so that 4000 people can be transported up or down in 20 min. The daily cost of the entire moving stairway installation, including capital recovery, liability insurance, electric power and maintenance, would be about $92.

The daily cost of an equivalent elevator installation based on fifteen $30,000 elevators manned with elevator attendants, would be $423. In other words, for the above condition, the daily cost of elevators is nearly 43 1/2 times that of the moving stairways.

In view of the obvious economic advantage, the convenience of immediate availability, the superior functional value, and simpler installation requirements, moving stairways will tend to displace elevators where warranted.

**Limitations**

Moving stairways are, however, subject to certain limitations and, consequently, cannot be used indiscriminately. They cannot transport disabled persons; nor can they move freight such as office furniture. Most of all, they are limited in speed. The fastest moving stairways in the United States are rated at 125 linear fpm. Some 150 linear fpm moving stairways have been installed in
England. In any event, at 125 linear fpm, the vertical speed is limited to 60 fpm or 1 ft per second.

An average moving stair unit (1 story span) in a building has a vertical rise of about 15 ft. At the rate of one fps, this distance requires 15 sec. to complete. Since an additional 5 to 8 sec. are required for walking between stairway units, the addition of the walking time to the moving stairway time indicates that the equivalent continuous vertical speed obtained with a 125 linear fpm moving stairway is only about 40 fpm.

For that reason, a 6-story building is about the tallest suitable for a standard, floor to floor, moving stairway installation. Taking an extreme case, i.e. a floor height of 15 ft, the overall traveling height of a 6-floor building would be 75 ft, and a passenger would require about 2 min. to complete this trip. It is generally recognized that, although there are 480 min. in an 8-hr working day, 2 to 3 min. appear to be as long as a passenger is willing to wait to reach his destination.

The problem is to find a way of taking advantage of the functional and economic superiority of the moving stairways in applying these to buildings over 6 stories in height.

Solution

The great disadvantage in using standard floor to floor moving stairway

These sketches give some idea of the space saved by using moving stairways. For example, a moving stairway system may take only a little more cubage than three elevators (Fig. 2), although it would take many more elevators to transport the same number of people. Fig. 1 shows relative amounts of lobby space required for each. These figures apply only for one run of moving stairways.
# Moving Stairways for Tall Buildings

How They Could Be Used in a 10-Story Building

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## Design No. 2

Express stairway 1st to 10th floor (9-floor unit)

This system has very little to offer since it will benefit only those at the 10th floor and, therefore, need not be further considered.

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units in taller buildings is the necessity, on the part of the passenger, of being subjected to the constantly recurring cycles, each consisting of (1) a brief period of relaxation, (2) the anticipation of required alertness in approaching the landing, (3) the actual alertness in leaving the unit, (4) the competition with other passengers in approaching the next unit, and (5) the final alertness required in boarding the next unit. Any system which cuts down the number of cycles would stimulate a more ready acceptance by the public of moving stairways, even though the time required for the arrival to the destination exceeds that of the speedier elevators by as much as one minute.

The means for obtaining a superior moving stairway system would be to employ “express” moving stairways. This means stairway units traveling more than one floor as contrasted with “local” units traveling from floor to floor.

Moving stairway units traveling a vertical height equal to a 5-story building are commonplace. Many have been and are being installed in various New York City subway stations, and all have been readily accepted by the public. Often the moving stairway of this type is considered superior compared with elevators, primarily due to its immediate availability, less competition in obtaining transportation, and complete absence of uncomfortable jostling and packing in the confined spaces of elevator cabs.

Four 5-story moving stairway express units could easily serve a highly populated 21-story building. Those who have had the experience of traveling on any high rise moving stairway would, most likely, admit that the use of four units for traveling to the 21st floor would be quite acceptable, even though the traveling time would be in the range of 4\frac{1}{2} min. The trip to the 11th floor in such a building would require the use of only two units, take about 2\frac{1}{2} min., and would certainly be superior to any elevator arrangement.

**Design**

Two factors that influence the design of a system of express and local moving stairway units, are (1) the travel time and (2) the number of changes from unit to unit.

There is not much that can be done to reduce the travel time. The maximum speed of moving stairways is limited by the average human reaction time required for boarding or for leaving a unit. The speed of 150 linear fpm, used successfully in England, could easily be adapted to express stairways.

A change from one local unit to another takes about 8 sec. Consequently, any express unit by-passing two floors saves about 16 sec., or the average time required for a local unit for floor to floor transportation. In other words, when the local passenger would be getting off at the 3rd floor, an express passenger on a 5-floor express unit would be getting off at the 5th floor.

Any attempt at equalizing time intervals within local and express zones, as is being done with elevators, is not feasible. Further increase in the speed of moving stairways, would be too small to alter the situation much.

Of the two factors influencing design, the number of changes from unit to unit is the one that can be controlled. The underlying principle of the system of express and local moving stairway units is the deletion or reduction of the number of annoying changes normally required by standard floor to floor units.

**Example of Express Units**

Let us assume a 10-story office or department store building with a 15-ft story height from floor to floor (again extreme, but assumed as the worst possible case). A quick analysis indicates that there are five possible basic designs.

(Same size express stairways are used in each design, i.e., all 2-floor, all 3-floor, or all 4-floor units.) Other designs are possible, using different size units in different zones of the building. These will not be considered.

The analysis of designs Nos. 1 to 5 indicates that two designs would provide the most satisfactory results: design No. 3 using 4-floor express units, and design No. 4 using 3-floor express units. In these designs there would be the least number of changes and about 2\frac{1}{2} sec. of traveling time to the top (10th) floor compared with about 1\frac{1}{2} min. required by a modern elevator.

Design No. 4 is, however, more desirable than design No. 3 because it occupies less floor space, requires a smaller hoistway, and uses less supporting steel.

The installation would have three express stairway “runs”: 1st to 4th, 4th to 7th, and 7th to 10th floors. In each “run” would be one “up” and one “down,” 3-floor express unit. The total express system would consist of six 3-floor units.

The local stairway “runs” would consist of one “up” and one “down” unit for each floor, or a total of 18 single floor units. The entire system would be enclosed in a common hoistway, and the units in each “run” would be arranged in a scissor type grouping. (See Fig. 2.) The linear speed of the units would be 125 fpm. This system would be capable of clearing 1000 persons in 5 min. and could easily serve a population of 5000 people distributed evenly through the 9 floors of the 10-floor building.

An equivalent elevator installation, capable of clearing the same number of people in 5 min., would have to consist of at least thirty 2500-lb passenger elevators. (Such an installation would be very impractical, taking entirely too much cubage, in relation to the size of the building, and being expensive to operate and maintain. Actually, if elevators were selected, fewer than 30 would be used, and the flow of traffic would have to be staggered.)

**Economics**

The initial cost of the stairway system as described would probably not exceed $900,000. The initial cost of the equivalent 30-elevator installation would be about $1,500,000.

The daily cost of the stairway system, including capital recovery, liability insurance, electric power, and cost of maintenance, would probably be $325. The daily cost of the equivalent elevator installation, including cost of elevator attendants, would be $1000, or about three times that of the moving stairway system.

**Conclusion**

Benefits besides lower daily cost are obtained with moving stairways. They do not require penthouses, pits and complicated controls, and occupy considerably less floor space. Breakdowns effect only one unit at a time with the parallel unit always available as a spare for upward travel. The equipment is simpler and easier to maintain. Its life is equal to and often longer than that of elevators. Initial cost of moving stairways will no doubt continue to decrease in proportion to the increasing demand.

Their use is justified in department stores and office buildings with large populations. The system described, employing express and local moving stairways, will easily provide an acceptable form of vertical transportation for buildings up to 20 stories or even higher.
Many of New York City’s buildings stand on solid rock, but now that marginal areas are being developed, piles must be driven in silt to support buildings such as those in the Governor Alfred Smith housing project along the East River.

Whether a particular soil is good or bad depends on how it is to be used. For example, a plastic clay makes excellent earthenware; gravel does not. But a clay soil underneath a building may mean that piling is necessary for support, rather than footings which can be placed safely on gravel, and are simpler and cheaper to construct.

**Mapping The Soil**

The first step in determining the type of foundation required for a building is to have soil borings made. From them two types of information can be learned: (1) a picture of subsurface conditions (just as a topographic survey describes the surface of the soil), and (2) the physical properties of the various layers of soil found in the soil survey.

Borings ascertain whether there are any layers of soft soil, and if so, if piles are necessary. Borings also disclose whether the soil is suitable for footings. The footings can be designed after a safe load bearing value is determined from tests on boring samples. Depending on
Soil sampling followed by testing gives two types of information: (A) what kind of soil lies under the surface and (B) the physical properties of this soil. Continuous sampling, as diagrammed above, means that one sample is taken each foot for the first 15 ft, then every 5 ft. Sketch at right shows how a treacherous layer of soil might be missed if samples are taken only once every 5 ft, as is sometimes specified. How it's done: (1) 5-ft length of casing is driven down by drop hammer; (2) water jet washes out casing until plug is removed; (3) sample spoon is driven by lighter drop hammer and then withdrawn; (4) jet washes below casing; (5) another sample is taken a foot lower; (6) wash water shows new type of soil, so a sample is taken (7).

Soil investigations for heavy structures call for more complicated equipment than the auger. Casing is being driven into the ground by the "standard boring" method prior to taking a sample. The steps are outlined above.

If a power shovel is on the job, test pits may be dug to show soil as it exists. The shovel digs the hole fast enough so that the soil can be examined before the pit collapses.
HOW SOILS ARE TESTED

Consolidation Test—Simulates the loading that new construction will impose on subsoil. A vertical load is applied to the soil sample, and the amount the sample decreases in height is measured. By applying the results to the actual thickness of the soft subsoil layers, one can estimate the amount that the new construction will settle.

Unconfined Compression Test—This is very easy to make and can be done in the field with portable apparatus. The apparatus measures the amount of vertical load per sq in. that the sample will carry before it fails. One-half of this load is equal to the shear strength (cohesion) of the soil.

Liquid Limit and Plastic Limit Tests—These tests show the approximate amount of clay in the soil. The higher the clay content, the more settlement to be expected.

Unit Weight and Moisture Content Tests—These are determined by measuring the volume and weight of a sample before any of the moisture has evaporated. The sample is then placed in an oven and dried, then weighed a second time. These tests are necessary to know the wet and dry weight per cu ft of soil in order to make settlement computations.

what the first set of borings shows, the investigation may be kept simple, or may become very complex.

If any compressible or suspicious layers are disclosed by the first set of borings, then additional borings must be made, and undisturbed samples taken and tested. Typical tests are: Consolidation, Unconfined Compression, Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, Unit Weight, and Moisture Content. By use of complex formulas and analyses, the behavior of soil layers may be predicted under the proposed building load, i.e., the amount of settlement, and the factor of safety against a "mud wave."

Even for as simple a structure as a house, borings should be made when the foundation conditions are unknown. Probably, it will not be necessary to hire any high-priced boring equipment. In certain soils, the needed information (whether there are any soft layers from 10 to 20 ft under the foundation) can be learned by using a post hole auger. With larger buildings, when a crane is available, a few test pits are a good supplement to borings because one can see what the soil looks like—under a proposed footing, for example.

When standard borings are made using wash water, a casing and a dry sample spoon, then it is of the utmost importance that continuous samples be taken for a depth of at least 15 ft below footing level. (See p. 219.) If this is not done, usually the borings only show accurately what is in the soil every 5 ft. In fact, I have been at sites where borings had been made, and later I found soft layers of clay or peat never shown by the borings.

Piles

Now, knowing what should be learned about subsurface conditions, their effect on design of building foundations will be discussed. Starting with a plastic clay, there is no such thing as a cure-all; one professor used to propose, "When in doubt, use piles."

Have you been sold on the idea of using piles for a building and then, after construction has started, found that you had quite a problem? Perhaps a pile is "hung up" above an adjacent pile (cannot be driven any further and sticks up above the other pile) in the same group. There could be several reasons. Perhaps the pile has hit solid rock; it will be a firm pile because of its solid base. The pile may come to rest on the edge of a rock cliff, or on a compact layer of gravel overlying rock. If, however, the pile hits a boulder that may have a soft, compressible soil under it, the pile will probably settle. This possibility can't be discounted because piles wouldn't have been driven in the first place if the soils had not been found treacherous.

One of the most displeasing experiences in foundation work is to find that a group of piles has ended up bearing on a 45 degree slope. In the trade we say that the piles "walked" before they "fetched" (hit a solid bearing surface). This occurs because a layer of rock underground slopes at this angle.

If borings indicate a layer that will cause hard driving, underlaid by a soft soil, one must be careful about the type of pile used. A thin-wall, closed-end pipe
Above: Field test simulates the load of a proposed structure. Weight of the trucks presses down on the ends of "I" beam while a hydraulic jack in the center pushes up on the "I" beam and down on a 2 ft sq steel plate on the ground. Hydraulic pressure and amount plate sinks are measured. Right, top: apparatus for measuring shearing strength (cohesion) of soil samples. Right, bottom: typical samples.

may collapse when being driven through the hard layer, so a thick-wall pipe pile or H-pile should be used.

When a pile is difficult to drive, it is safe to jet the pile down if it is not near any existing footings. With this method, two water pipes are put down with the pile; and while the pile is being driven, water is forced out of the pipes under high pressure, loosening the soil. If a footing were nearby, this action would undermine it. Jetting is usually done when a pile must penetrate a dense layer of gravel overlaying a layer of soft soil. If the piles are stopped above this soft soil, it will consolidate later, causing the building to settle. The piles must be driven through the soft layer to a firm layer underneath.

When short, end-bearing piles (tubular steel piles with plates covering the bottom) are driven through soft silt, nothing is more annoying than seeing some of the piles, already down, "heave" when the last pile in the group is driven. By "heaving" is meant that the piles pop up out of the ground. This happens because the piles displace the soil when driven and cause an upward pressure on both tapered and closed-end pipe piles. (See p. 222.) Careful analysis of borings would have uncovered this condition, indicating that H-piles or open-end pipe piles should have been used.

Even though the pile contractor may not have to be paid extra for redriving the piles, the job takes longer and costs the client more money.

Although there is a multitude of jobs where piles not only are proper, but are mandatory, still there are other types of foundations that can be employed on soft clay.

**Basement Foundations**

When the building is an isolated structure, the simplest foundation is a deep basement with the floor slab designed as a foundation mat under the building. Naturally, the depth of the basement and the amount of mat overhang depend on the softness of the clay and the weight of the building. (See p. 222.)

One doesn’t need to abandon all hope for an inexpensive foundation if the site for a house or small apartment house is underlain by organic silt or even peat which is below the water table. First, he must make certain that there is no
Pile Heaving. Tapered Piles: after the first pile is down, the additional piles displace more soil. This soil tends to move upward, causing the ground surface to rise. It also pushes up on the sides of the pile, which may lift (heave) the pile an inch or so. Pipe Piles: vibration of pile driving makes the soil temporarily semi-liquid. The piles are hollow until all are driven; then they are filled with concrete. The ‘soupy’ soil tries to float the pile, exactly as a body of water would buoy up a hollow drum. Therefore, the pile may heave about an inch.

This lowers the water level and increases the net weight on the compressible soil because the buoyant effect is lost.

With most house basements, the weight of the soil removed will be more than the weight of the structure — so it won’t settle very much. There are houses in Binghamton, New York, in very good condition that are built over beds of peat.

In areas of Norfolk, Virginia, the soil is a very loose alluvial silt, so houses set on footings will surely settle. Therefore, the houses are built with poured reinforced concrete basement walls so that the walls act as distributing beams: if the soil sinks under one part of the footing, the concrete wall can transfer the load of the house to another section.

By making the basement a strong enough box to keep the settlement fairly uniform, the foundation is safe, economical, and cracks are prevented from occurring in the superstructure.

A Mixture of Theory and Practicality

When I first started to work, I was imbued with the theory of soil mechan-

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Precast Insulated Sandwich Walls

A newly developed, insulated sandwich wall panel for commercial, industrial and residential use is reported to help lower costs in masonry construction. Designed by Ford, Bacon and Davis, Architects, the development can be used as a curtain wall to be attached to structural steel, or as a load-bearing wall. Installations to date have been successful enough to encourage the Marietta Concrete Corp., Marietta, Ohio, to build a plant especially for the manufacture of the panels, which consist of a layer of Fibreglas insulation between two layers of concrete. The panels are made in slabs of from 8 by 8 ft. to 8 by 30 ft. all 5 in. thick. Edges of the standard panels are tongue-and-groove to provide an interlocking joint.

In the construction of the panels, illustrated at right, concrete is placed in a steel form which has muslin stretched tautly over the bottom form plate. The concrete is vibrated, following which a panel of pre-formed fibreglas insulation is placed on top of it. A second layer of concrete is poured over the insulation and the form is again vibrated. When the concrete has hardened, the slabs are removed from the forms and steam-cured for a minimum of 48 hours, then stored in the open for a minimum of 10 days before being transported to a construction job.

The new sandwich wall is reported by the manufacturer to receive favor among contractors because of the speed with which it can be erected. It is also said to save up to 40 per cent in masonry costs and to be very durable because of its fewer number of joints. The wall is further reported to help cut the expenses of insulating and heating large industrial buildings. It is described as resembling natural Indiana limestone, but may be painted if desired with regular cement paint on the exterior and rubber-base paint on the interior. Owens-Corning Fibreglas Corp., Toledo 1, Ohio. 

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LITERATURE FOR THE OFFICE

Flue Pipe For Venting Domestic Gas Appliances

Johns-Manville Transite Flue Pipe. Folder describes the manufacturer's asbestos-and-cement flue pipe especially designed for venting domestic gas-burning appliances. Features are noted and fittings are illustrated with photographs and drawings. Tables of dimensions and weights are given and are keyed to a chart of round and oval pipe and fittings. 4 pp., illus. Johns-Manville, 22 E. 40th St., New York 16, N. Y.*

Plumbing Fixture Color Kit

Kohler Plumbing Fixture Colors. Kit contains color samples of vitreous china in four colors in which the manufacturer's plumbing fixtures are made. It is designed to help eliminate guesswork in planning wall, floor and ceiling colors where colored plumbing fixtures are employed. Kohler Co., Kohler, Wis.

Split-Level Houses

14 Split-Level Houses Designed for Solid-Fuel Heat. Booklet lists the advantages of a house containing three basic floor elevations, from the standpoint of solid-fuel use, from a livability point of view and from a cost standpoint. Containing floor plans and sketches of 14 different "staggered" level houses, this booklet is attractively laid out and numbers 16 pages. Price: 50 cents. Small Homes Council, Mumford House, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

Lumber

Sugar Pine — The King of Pines. Booklet describes all of the characteristics of sugar pine, including the botanical classification, appearance, structure, weight, etc. The manufacture of this pine is clearly defined — giving information on the seasoning, milling and grading. Building and industrial uses are listed, and photographs illustrate siding, sheathing, subflooring, roof decking, concrete forms, paneling, architectural woodwork, and other installations in actual use. Recommended grades are shown for construction uses in residences, garages, multiple dwellings and large buildings. 52 pp., illus. Western Pine Assoc., 510 Yeon Building, Portland 4, Ore.

Paneling

Barclay Plasticcoated Paneling and Barclay Paneling. Both folders point out varied uses for panels, illustrating with colored photographs, typical installations in a bathroom, kitchen and store, and listing many other examples of its use. All available colors are given — both standard and special — and complete information on grades, standard sizes, metal moldings, putty, touch-up and waterproof cement is included. A description of the three surface designs is given and an actual sample of the plasticcoated paneling is contained in one of the folders. Short form specifications give instructions for preparation of surfaces on both old and new walls, and application details are shown with drawings. Each folder is 4 pp., illus. Barclay Mfg. Co., Inc., 385 Gerard Ave., New York 51, N. Y.*

Theatrical Lighting

Stage Lighting Artistry with the Davis Dimmer. Booklet explains how dramatic lighting effects may be obtained in the theater, school, church and auditorium with the use of a lighting control. The basic requirements for flexible stage lighting are given and a typical floor plan shows the proper installation locations of the whole lighting system. The features of the portable and the master dimmers are described and wiring diagrams are included. The booklet contains complete specifications for the various models of the panel, and photographs and technical drawings illustrate how the panels operate and obtain results. Contained in the booklet is a dealers’ layout and quotation sheet, giving a description of the component parts and the list prices — for "not wired" and for "wired and assembled." 35 pp., illus. Ariel Davis Mfg. Co., Provo, Utah.

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METHODS OF FASTENING TO MASONRY WALLS: 1

The following sheets, presented through the courtesy of Structural Clay Products Institute, contain many of the current methods in general use of fastening to masonry walls. Other methods, including more data on the use of powder-driven tools, will be covered in subsequent installments of Time-Saver Standards.

Introduction
When other materials, fixtures, etc., are to be attached to brick or tile walls, the procedure is relatively simple if planned and executed during the construction of the walls. Usually the necessary anchors, nailing blocks, etc., can be properly located and built in by the mason as his work proceeds. The designer or builder has a wide variety of anchoring methods and products from which to select and the final selection will depend largely upon the type of fixtures or material to be attached and the type of masonry to which those fixtures will be affixed.

Attaching Wood Trim
The most common method of anchoring such items as baseboards, chair rails, picture moldings, etc., to masonry walls is by the use of wood nailing blocks placed in vertical mortar joints by the mason as he builds the wall. These blocks should be of seasoned soft wood and creosoted to prevent shrinkage or rot. They should never be placed in the horizontal joints, but only in the vertical mortar joints.

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Methods of Attaching Fixtures, Cabinets, Etc.

Several methods of attaching fixtures, cabinets, shelving, trim, etc., are shown in Fig. 2. The methods illustrated in Fig. 2(a), (b) and (d) can be used only with structural clay tile walls and are installed after the walls are built and the exact location of the fixture is determined.

Fig. 2(e) illustrates a method of fastening that can be used with either brick or tile construction, by building the wood plug in as the wall is built, or by driving it into a hole drilled into the masonry after it has been erected.

Fig. 2(e) and (f) show two methods which may be used with either brick or tile construction. Usually, the expansion shields or fiber plugs are placed in holes drilled in the mortar joints. As required, such holes may be drilled through the face shells of tile, or into the mortar joints with hard steel or carbide tipped drills.

In some cases where softer tile is used, as in plastered partitions, small holes may be made by the use of an ordinary 3/8-in. punch and hammer.

A relatively new method of attaching to solid masonry walls has been developed which consists essentially of using a power-actuated tool which, in effect, "rams" or drives an anchor or pin into the masonry instantaneously. There are suitable pins for almost any type of anchorage desired. Three typical pins are illustrated in Fig. 3.

Furring Applications

Although there are many examples of brick, structural clay tile and composite brick and tile walls with plaster finish applied directly to the interior masonry surface, furring on 8-in. walls is recommended, particularly in northern areas and for residential construction. In southern areas, an 8-in. vertical cell tile wall is often satisfactory with no interior finish other than paint or with the plaster applied directly to interior surface.

Furring may be of wood, metal, or hollow tile, depending upon the type of construction and the local building requirements.

In Fig. 4 are shown several typical methods of attaching wood furring. The wood furring strips are either 1 x 2" or 2 x 2" and are applied vertically to the wall at intervals usually 16 in. on center. The wood strips may be attached by nailing into wood nailing blocks or metal wall plugs as shown in 4(e), or directly into the mortar joints by the use of case-hardened "cut" nails or special spiral-threaded masonry nails as shown in 4(d). Special anchor nails fastened to the masonry wall with an adhesive cement is a recent development for installing furring and is illustrated in 4(a). Such fastenings are easily and quickly installed without drilling, plugging or nailing. Brick-size porous clay nailing blocks are available in some areas. Since such blocks are completely inert, there is no danger of nail disintegration from chemical reaction. The use of such blocks is illustrated in 4(b).

Metal furring strips consist of standard light steel channels fastened by either tie wires built into the mortar joint or by special clips designed for this purpose.

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structural clay units when used as attached furring may be 2, 3 or 4 in. in nominal thickness. The 2-in. thickness is available either as a solid back unit or as "split" furring. The split units should always be applied directly to the wall without mortar on the back of the ribs, thus providing an uninterrupted air space. Since the solid back furring tile have one or more air cells through their thicknesses, the space between the units and the wall may be filled with mortar, if desired for greater rigidity or where exterior wall parging is specified. Fig. 5 illustrates typical method of applying split furring tile.

A number of different methods of attaching tile furring to masonry walls may be used. Table 1 gives the proper spacing of anchors or ties for attached furring, together with height and length limitations of the furring itself.

Nailing

Typical 12 x 12-in. face size structural and split furring tile may be attached to walls by driving 10d nails into the mortar joints of the main wall and clinching the heads of the nails down into the cells of the tile or over the ends of the split tile as shown in Fig. 5.

Wire Ties

Heavy wire ties may be built into the mortar joints of the wall as the masonry is erected. These ties should not be less than No. 11 gauge and bent down into the cells of the furring tile as they are erected. If No. 13 gauge wire is used, it should be doubled and looped through the mortar bed to form a secure bond.

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The tie used in furring is the galvanized corrugated or crimped type. These ties should be at least \( \frac{3}{8} \) in. wide and not lighter than No. 22 gauge.

**Wire Mesh**

Where wire mesh or hardware cloth ties are specified, they should be at least 4-in. wide strips of \( \frac{3}{8} \)-in. mesh, No. 20 gauge galvanized wire fabric. These ties should extend at least 3 in. into the masonry wall and to within \( \frac{3}{8} \) in. of the face of the furring.

**Anchors**

Tile furring is attached to concrete by the use of dovetail anchors inserted into metal slots embedded in the concrete. These anchors should be at least \( \frac{3}{8} \) in. wide and not lighter than No. 16 gauge. Wire ties not lighter than No. 9 gauge may be used in place of the dovetail anchors. The wire is hooked into the slots or inserts cast in the concrete.

**Grout or Adhesives**

When using solid-back hollow units, they may often be applied directly to the structural wall without metal anchors or ties by utilizing the high adhesive bond obtained by filling the back space with cement grout. Experiments conducted on reinforced grouted brick masonry indicate that adhesion of cement grout to natural masonry surfaces is very effective.

Recent developments in self-bonding and waterproof adhesives indicate that metal furring anchors or ties may also be omitted for certain types of construction when using this method of attachment. Such adhesives are usually heavy-bodied solvent-type mastics which set without heat or pressure.

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**Fig. 5.**

Typical Methods Of Attaching Furring Tile

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**Table 1**

| Height and Length Limitations For Attached Furring | Maximum Allowable Spacing of Ties |
|---|---|---|---|
| Type and Thickness of Furring | No Ties Required | 24" Vertical | 24" Horizontal | 16" Vertical | 24" Horizontal |
| 2-in. Split | | Up to 14 ft. | 14 to 35 ft. |  |
| 2-in. Hollow | 9 ft. * | 9 to 14 ft. | 14 to 35 ft. |  |
| 3-in. Hollow | 12 ft. | 12 to 18 ft. | 18 to 35 ft. |  |
| 4-in. Hollow | 15 ft. | 15 to 22 ft. | 22 to 35 ft. |  |

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ics, and didn’t have too much regard for the “practical” foundation engineers. But I have found that it takes a mixture of both theory and practicality to build an economical foundation. The soil table and graph included in this article are quite a step forward from the old “rule of thumb” days. At the same time, they should be used with caution; more as a trial balloon. As an example if the soil is so dense that 20 blows on the sample spoon are required to make it penetrate one foot, then there is no need for the architect to consult a foundation engineer. Conversely, if five, or only three, blows on the sample spoon make it penetrate one foot, it isn’t always necessary to discard the site or to use piles. The table and graph indicate that a building should never be built on a five-blow soil. Yet, several buildings have been constructed on spread footings bearing on five and even three-blow soil (non-plastic silt — a very fine sand). Of course, this was done only after a very thorough soil study had been made. In these borderline cases, large sums of money usually can be saved by calling in a foundation engineer.

**Can You Build on Fill?**

There is still considerable debate about the question of putting up a building on fill. However, a clean, coarse sand which has been flooded deliberately to compact it, and has been in place for several years provides a satisfactory house foundation. Examples can be found at many seaside towns. The houses have been up for years and are still in excellent condition. 

But building on top of an ash dump — then look out! The odds are against a satisfactory foundation. I have seen several buildings, ranging from a one-story manufacturing plant to a school building, with sections of each built on dumps. Objectionable cracks have opened up, the walls have gone out of plumb, and eventually the building has had to be underpinned. 

To be fair, I should say that I also have seen a 25-ft high storage building located on 12 ft of cinder fill, underlaid by 30 ft of organic silt. Even with this condition, the subsoil was so uniform that no cracks occurred when the building settled.

**Sand, Gravel, Silt and Rock**

It has been mentioned that clays and silts are the least desirable soils, and that sand and gravel are the best. Yet, there are still problems to worry about with them. They are caused by water and lots of it. If the excavation goes below groundwater level, it will be necessary to use pumps and a sump or well points, depending on subsoil conditions.

Either a good or bad foundation might be built on non-plastic silt (very fine sand or rock flour) depending on how closely the soil is examined. People on a foundation job sometimes think that piles should be used because the surface of this silt may appear muddy. If laborers are allowed to trample up and down in the footings bottom when the soil is full of water, they start the soil quaking, and it looks like a "mud pie." Trampling on this soil vibrates the top layers and tends to cause them to consolidate. The soil voids are full of water, impeding this process, so the soil temporarily acts like a sponge. This is still a good soil, but some people are ready to call for a pile driver. The secret is to keep the soil well drained and to prevent laborers from making it muddy.

Then there are the difficulties with rock as a foundation. Whenever a hole is excavated in rock, there must be some provision to drain the hole, or else the basement must be designed to resist the water pressure, and this is expensive. In addition to the possibility of an underground stream flowing in the rock which will not show up until spring, the hole will act as a cistern for any rain or surface water. If no outlet is provided, the water pressure will build up, crack the basement slab and walls, and then water floods the basement.

When rock has been formed in layers, such as shale, precautions must be taken that there are no slip planes in the rock (See below); or, if so, that there are no columns next to excavations. Otherwise, the weight of the column load may push a plane of rock into the excavation, and the column will sink.

When some sections of a building are on rock, and others on soil, several precautions must be taken, depending on what type of soil is adjacent to the rock. If the footings are near rock, but resting on hardpan or a very stiff clay, no precautions are necessary. If they are on sand, then the customary procedure of using one-half the standard soil pressure for the footings adjacent to the rock will be satisfactory.

If the soil adjoining rock is a medium clay, then it may be necessary to provide a settlement joint between the footings on rocks and those on soil. Whether this settlement joint is a permanent one (something like an expansion joint between roof sections) or only open during the construction period will depend on whether the soil consolidates quickly or slowly. Settlement joints are quite often very tricky architectural details.

When building on rock, the actual elevations of rock layers should be located by soundings. This reduces the possibility of extra costs for excavations.

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*Here is a good-sized footing being poured from a transit-mix truck.*
Glass in commercial buildings

AT THIS THEATRE in Los Angeles, California, Pittsburgh Products bring more beauty to the exterior, more comfort to the interior. Herculite Doors, as shown here, were chosen for the entrance. Additionally, Pittsburgh Polished Plate Glass was installed on the outside. And inside, Pittsburgh Mirrors, Heavy Plate Glass and Carrara Structural Glass rounded out a practical, well-thought-out-plan of glass utilization. Architects: Arthur Froehlich (Beverly Hills, Calif.) & T. Rogovy, Detroit, Mich.

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COVE LIGHTING, UNUSUAL FOR OFFICES

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A special system of cove lighting — unusual for an office — which combines a high quality of illumination with low surface brightness has been developed for the remodeled offices of Sperry & Hutchinson Company in New York City by Guy B. Panero, Engineers.

The offices occupy two floors in which the floor beams drop below the ceilings, so lighting fixtures and air conditioning ducts were designed to fill the spaces between beams, and a hung ceiling of acoustical metal tile was used.

The client asked that the lighting conform to the following conditions: (1) optimum illumination, (2) low surface brightness, (3) no long, narrow lines of light (precluded troffers), (4) no surface mounted or suspended lighting units, and (5) no sacrifice of lighting quality.

One lighting scheme considered was 4 by 4 ft squares in the ceiling, with rows of fluorescent tubes behind a glass screen, thus making use of standard lighting equipment. This, however, would result in a number of high intensity sources of direct light, with long, dark lines in between. Also, it would have been extremely difficult to avoid a high surface brightness; therefore, it was decided to use indirect light.

Since suspended fixtures were not to be used, the only other practical method of indirect light was cove lighting. A standard cove around the perimeter of the room would not provide a high intensity illumination and good quality at the same time. However, it was possible to use a coffered ceiling. These coffers could be illuminated, to almost any level.

The coffers needed to be as large as possible, so that most of the ceiling would be lighted. A 7 by 7 ft square opening in the ceiling tile was finally decided upon, since four of these could be placed in a bay, with the air conditioning duct running between them.

A lip was provided around the coffer to make room for the fluorescent tubes and, also, to shield the tubes from view.

In order to throw more light to the center and away from the backwall, a vertical backwall and asymmetrical reflectors were used.

After one week of operation, the maximum light was 44 footcandles. The illumination close to walls dropped to a minimum of 32 footcandles due to the high absorbency, and low reflectivity, of the wall finishes used.

Wood Arches Span 180 Feet in Private Hangar

Nine, three-hinged, laminated wood arches, believed the largest to have gone up during the current steel shortage, have been used in a $250,000 private hangar for the Continental Can Co.

The hangar is 180 ft long, 160 ft wide and 25 ft high. Constructed almost entirely without strategic materials, the hangar features an asbestos shingle exterior and doors covered by hardboard. Designers and builders are the Wigton-Abbott Corp. of Plainfield, N. J.

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RADIANT HEATING PIPES IN DETROIT BUS GARAGES
PROTECTED FROM CORROSION AFTER EARLY TROUBLE

Most radiant heating systems in service for a number of years have performed satisfactorily, but in a few cases they have been designed and installed in such a way that trouble is inevitable. First of all, the slab must be designed properly, waterproofed, and underlaid with a recommended fill.

There are times when still further precautions must be taken — electrolytic protection, for example. A case in point was the problem at three terminal garages built for the Detroit Department of Street Railways four years ago, each building covering 250,000 sq ft and with a capacity of between 450 to 500 buses.

To melt the accumulation of snow and ice the buses pick up — as much as one ton each during one "trick" — and to provide comfortable working conditions, radiant heating systems were installed in each garage, with pipe coils laid on sand fill. The radiant heating systems operated satisfactorily until the second heating season, when deterioration from corrosion of the pipe coils became so severe that the system in one garage had to be abandoned, and leaks were developing at an alarming rate in the other two.

What happened, according to engineers who were called in to determine whether cathodic protection would save the remaining two heating systems, was that the pipes were eaten away by a salt solution. Salt came from two sources. The snow-ice mixture picked up by buses from the streets is saturated with salt used to melt snow. This drops off the buses and leaks through the slab joints and other cracks in the floor, and eventually seeps through to the sand fill. Also, the soil, itself, around Detroit is notorious for its saline content.

Cathodic protection was found practicable, costing approximately $15,000 for each garage, in contrast to $80,000 each to replace the radiant heating by space heaters. Cathodic protection in effect reverses the flow of electrical current that originally caused the pipes to oxidize, so no further corrosion occurs. Under the floor of each of the two garages were installed 68 graphite anodes, buried 8 ft down. The series of anodes (called ground beds) are electrified by 12-volt rectifiers (for direct current). The protection systems were designed and installed by the Hinchman Corp. of Detroit.

Southwest Research Institute Suggests New Floor Slab Design

Results of 18 months study of structural concrete floor slabs for houses by Southwest Research Institute indicate that deep foundations under the perimeter probably are not needed. Conducted by the Housing Research Foundation of the Institute, the studies show that perimeter foundations or grade beams contribute little strength or stiffness to floor slabs laid on grade.

To cope with the problem of soil movement, attempts have been made in recent years to design "floating" slabs which offer no resistance to the soil's horizontal movement, but which can be reinforced economically against unevenly distributed vertical movement. One type, accepted by FHA in San Antonio, consists of perimeter grade beams and intermediate beams spaced on 12 to 16 ft centers. Most of the load is transmitted to the ground through these beams, but the slabs have not been entirely satisfactory for supporting heavy masonry walls.

Many models of slab designs were built and tested, and it was found that a slab of inverted pyramid design yielded the greatest strength and stiffness for the same estimated cost as the FHA design. The steel was placed diagonally in the slabs instead of parallel with the sides to increase strength and stiffness.

It is somewhat difficult to place steel in the inverted pyramid, but almost as good is a 10% in. slab, with the same amount of steel placed 12 in. on centers diagonally top and bottom. The flat slab is easier to place and waterproof.

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TEXAS A & M REPORTS ON AIR FLOW THROUGH CONVENTIONAL WINDOWS

Air flow patterns through a variety of conventional windows is the subject of a recent report by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station of Texas A & M (Research Report No. 33). Its purpose is to promote improved window designs as well as better selections of windows for particular applications. The researchers noted that in many cases the stress on window design is for draft-free ventilation in winter without much thought to summer cooling.

Three classes of windows were studied: simple openings (double-hung, horizontal sliding); vertical vane openings (casement); horizontal vane openings (projected, awning, jalousies).

Tests with manufacturers' windows were first conducted in a full-scale experimental building mounted on wheels (so that orientations could be varied). Then model windows were set in a model building and tested with a wind tunnel, the reason being that experiments could be controlled better. Acid smoke from titanium chloride blown through the windows by the tunnel's fan was used to show the air patterns, from which drawings, such as the three above, were made, covering 24 separate tests; the closer the dots, the faster the air flow.

Some conclusions were: Simple Openings. Window does not change vertical direction, nor alter speed much. Vertical Vanes. Folding windows spread air wide into the interior (perhaps fewer windows can be used than with other types). Vertical pivot windows have extreme air directing characteristics. Horizontal Vanes. Jalousies direct air up and down, allowing installation at different heights with little change in ventilation.

Engineer Discusses Hospital Electrical Requirements

Principal requirements for electrical distribution systems in hospitals is the subject of a recent article in The Construction Specifier, by Noyce L. Griffin of the Division of Hospital Facilities. The article covers power demands, major equipment, wiring in hazardous locations, and emphasizes emergency power systems.

Engineer Griffin says that, as a minimum, the emergency system should be on the site, and should serve at least the operating and delivery rooms, nurseries, stairs and partial lighting for corridors. He lists three acceptable systems, but believes that combinations may be desirable; these are: connection with separate generating plant, internal combustion engine, and storage battery. Generators starting cold require some time for warming up, so it is advisable to add a light duty storage battery system.