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In the current half-decade, the U. S. Office of Education estimates 195,000 classrooms will be needed to meet increased enrollment in elementary-secondary public schools, and 127,000 more to reduce the estimated shortage. With 120,000 more needed for replacement, changes in standards, migration, obsolescence and the like, that's a total of 442,000. That compares with a total of 366,000 for the 1956-1960 school years.

Total enrollment is growing. From 28.6 million in public and nonpublic schools, kindergarten through 12th grade, in 1950, the number rose to 42.2 million in 1960. It is projected at 48.7 million in 1965, 52.8 million in 1970, and 58 million in 1975. Add in colleges, total school enrollment last fall was 48.7 million, up 1 million in the year.

The one thing that is going down is the number of school systems—but there are still a goodly number for you to deal with. In the 1961-62 school year, there were 37,025 public school systems in the United States—a drop of 16,000 in five years.

Most systems procure individually, too. There's some consolidated purchasing in New York, and North Carolina, on a state-wide basis; and moves toward consolidation in California, some sections of Michigan and Florida.

School colors

The popularity of different colors is one of the most cheerful signs of the school contract furniture and furnishings boom. While most manufacturers carry four to eight standard colors that will blend with new building colors, they can supply almost any color a school will want. This has extended even to the science laboratories, where the old tabletop (any color as long as it's black) has given way to four to six different choices. Chalkboards, too, but schools still take most black and greens.

School libraries

Here's one of the noteworthy areas of progress. There's more living room comfort in school libraries, as there is in new public libraries. And the overbearing appearance of checkout counters and other workspace is going down to defeat before the new laminated plastics and new metal treatments, and to modular design so arrangement can be altered to suit the library's purpose or librarian's whim.

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General Services Administration, Kansas City — Metal furniture. Bedspreads.

GSA, Washington — Composite metal and wood quarters furniture, 4600 each. Polyurethane hospital bed mattresses, 120 each. General office steel chairs, indefinite quantity, Aug. 1, 1963 through July 31, 1964. Tubular steel lounges and tables quarters furniture, 172 each. Upholstered living room furniture, 2075 each. Also, 2849 each.

GSA, Fort Worth, Tex. — Tubular furniture various quantities.


GSA, San Francisco — Hospital furniture and equipment, including settees, tables, chairs benches, desks, credenzas, bookcases, cabinets.

GSA, Denver — Household wood furniture, miscellaneous pieces, 38 units.

Army Mobility Service Center, Columbus, O. — Brass floor lights, 369. Table lights, 716 each. Floor lights, 420 each.

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Room of Tomorrow plans for '64

Sponsors of the forthcoming 1964 Room of Tomorrow named its executive committee comprised of six members and elected E. E. Ranahan of the Simmons Co. as chairman to replace Roger C. Wilde, who is retiring from Simmons in October. The new executive committee is comprised of Robert Calдрone of the Crane Co.; Melvin Deutsch, Cohn-Hall-Marx; A. J. Hocking, U.S. Rubber Co.; Mrs. Natalie S. Marcus,Amtico Flooring; Mrs. Gordon Parker, Parkwood Laminates, Inc. The 1964 Room of Tomorrow, the sixth in the annual series, will be designed by Barbara Dorn, Parkwood Laminates. Inc. The 1964 Room of Tomorrow plans for '64 will be known as The National Decoration and Design Show. For the first Workshop, the designers are: Jinx Dobbins, Interiors Unlimited, Carleton Varney, Dorothy Draper & Co., Ken White, Ken White Associates; Harri Backus, Backus Associates; Richard Kramer, Integrated Design Associates, Inc., Drew McNamara, interior designer; Robert O. Burton, Robert O. Burton, Inc. Each designer will be available for discussion or consultation.

End plans $1 million motor-hotel

Henry End Associates, with interior design offices in Miami, New York, and Los Angeles, has been retained to design the interiors of a million dollar Convention Center Motor-Hotel which is being built by Property Investors, Inc., in Hobbs, New Mexico. The new motor-hotel will have 80 rooms including suites, a coffee shop, dining room, patio cafe, lounge, ballroom, and poolside cabanas. The public area space will cover 13,000 square feet.

Stockwell winner announced

Willard J. Giles, Jr., New York City, was named winner of the first Lucille Stockwell Chiat award of $500 for European study, to be presented annually to a second-year interiors student at Parsons School of Design. Sponsored by Stockwell Wallpaper Co., the competition consisted of planning the entire furniture layout for a New York luxury apartment. Emphasis was upon the use of wallpapers from the current Stockwell collections.

In photo, winner Giles, center, stands before his entry with Stanley Barrows, left, Parson instructor, and Robert Castle, right, chairman of the interior design department. Runners-up were Edd Parente, Forest Hills, N.Y., second place, and Terry Mally, Scarsdale, N.Y., third place.

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Architect adds interiors dept.

Stamford architectural firm of Sherwood Mills & Smith has expanded its services with the creation of a new department, interior design. Frances E. Wilson, formerly a member of the firm's color division, will direct the new department which will offer complete planning of interiors with detailed schemes for all furnishings, fabrics, materials, and basic color coordination.

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Prefab roof top pool developed

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Space planning symposium

Some 90-odd planning and design firms have received a detailed questionnaire in the last month, which will form the basis for the first exploratory symposium on space planning and office design. The symposium is scheduled to appear in the January 1963 issue of CONTRACT. Planning firms interested in receiving the questionnaire should contact us immediately.

New S.F. Mart contract showroom

A new showcase for contract furnishers opened recently in the Western Merchandise Mart, San Francisco, displaying lines by Vista Furniture Co., Costa Furniture Co., and Beecher & Thomas Furniture Mfg. Co. Sam Wenegrat is north California representative for the two firms sharing the showroom. Celebrating the recent opening are, left to right, Wenegrat; Henry Adams, Mart's general manager; Jack Gregory, Vista manager; Fred Green and Harry Witz, both of Albers-Gruen & Associates, contract design firm.

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ROBERT A. BERGER has been appointed Executive Director of National Office Furniture Association, Inc. With twenty-six years of experience in the field, Mr. Berger was formerly a manufacturer's representative, vice president of Standard Furniture Co., president of Macey-Fowler Inc., and vice president of Stow & Davis Furniture Co. He replaces John R. Gray, who recently announced his retirement from the NOFA post. Headquarters will be in Chicago.

JOSEF H. SINGER has joined Ben Rose, Chicago fabric firm, as sales manager for the eastern United States. Headquarters will be at the New York showroom, 501 Madison Avenue. Mr. Singer was formerly a member of M. Singer & Son furniture manufacturer.

JAMES McGUINN has been named by International Design Center to head its new mid-west sales office in Chicago.

DOUGLAS A. DICKEY was elected treasurer of Roxbury Carpet Co. at the annual stockholder's meeting in April. He succeeds HENRY M. DOAN, who was named vice president in charge of manufacturing.

MARIAN MORTON has been appointed national design coordinator for Jack Lenor Larsen, Inc. Miss Morton will synchronize design, promotion, sales activities and will direct special assignments and architectural commissions for the firm.

EARL DOW is new Metropolitan Furniture Co. representative for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama.

ANDREW E. PROBALA has been named a design executive of Irvin & Co., Cleveland interior design firm providing design facilities and architectural services for both residential and commercial accounts.

Howell Co., St. Charles, Ill., has named FRED BLOEMPOET, JOHN SCHMITT, and G. THOM MORTLAND as sales representatives of its contract division. The three men will cover New York City and maintain headquarters at 1 Park Ave. Two other sales representatives for the contract division, JOSEPH LEVINE and BARN LEVINE, will cover the New England states.

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Virtue Bros. Mfg. Co., Los Angeles, announced the following two appointments: PAUL EVENSON, director of marketing, and JOHN KOCH, director of manufacturing.

ARTHUR LAWRENCE, JR., architect, has opened offices offering total services for the design of interiors under the firm name of Arthur Lawrence Associates, located at 1900 Euclid Ave, Cleveland 15, Ohio.

BETTY M. KING has been appointed account executive for Designs For Business, Inc., planners and designers of business and institutional interiors. Miss King will concentrate on accounts and work relating to the firm’s institutional division.

HANK GREGOITTI and AL STAPLES have joined the interior design staff of Western Contract Furnishers, commercial interior design firm.

ARTHUR W. SELLERS has joined The Durham Mfg. Corp. as vice president-marketing.

HAYGOOD LASSETER, FAID, has opened design office in the International Design Centre Building, 41 North Miami Avenue, Miami.

Stow & Davis Furniture Co. has appointed BLAINE G. MOLSBERRY as district sales manager for California, Nevada, and Arizona.

WILLIAM SIMMONS has announced the opening of his own office for the practice of interior design with offices at 242 E. 51st St., New York City.

HOMER A. SHREWSBURY JR., Miami, has been named interior designer for Management Directors Inc.’s new $8.5 million motor-hotel in Columbus, Ohio. The 21-story building is due for completion in September, 1963.

Sumner J. Robinson

Sumner J. Robinson, president of Loomwoven Corp., died last month. He was 61 years of age.
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CONTRACT NEWS

FURNITURE ASSOCIATES, div. of Lighting Associates, Inc., New York City, has been appointed distributor for BURKE, INC., Dallas, designers and manufacturers of contemporary furniture.

PALLADIO CONTRACTS was recently organized as a division of F. J. NEWCOMB Co., specializing in ornamental work for interior decoration and including a special-order design service. Headquarters will be at 210 East 52nd Street, New York City.

FIBERSALES CORP., High Point, N. C., has appointed sales agent for FEDERAL INDUSTRIES, producer and supplier of vinyl coated fabrics.

MASTERPIECE MIRROR CORP., a newly organized firm formerly known as the Mirror Div. of Hooker Glass & Paint Mfg. Co., is planning a million plant expansion program in its first large-scale move since it severed itself from the parent organization.

BERVEN OF CALIFORNIA, manufacturers and distributors of Berven custom-made and broadloom carpets and rugs, has moved to its newly purchased and remodeled building at 645 Butt Street, San Francisco, which will house both offices and showrooms.

BELA DIVISION has increased its portable school and school furniture manufacturing facilities more than 30 percent with the acquisition of three floors of the plant owned by parent company, J. & J. Tool & Machine Co., Chicago.

THE ANNEX, Atlanta, Ga., will represent MANN ASSOCIATES in the Southeast and will play primitive paintings, contemporary paintings and wood carvings from the Mann collection.

NELSON/THOMAS & CO., INC., has been appointed the franchised dealer for Columbia office furniture in San Diego, Cal., by Standard Precision Steel Co., manufacturer of Columbia products.

A new organization that will manufacture quality tufted carpet has been established under the trade name of BEMPORAD CARPET MILLS. The new organization will operate Croft Carpet Mills plant in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Executive offices will be in New York City. Officers are: F. C. Bemporad, chairman of the board; E. Allen; Fred Novosel, vice president of operations; Al Isaacson, treasurer; Lewis Manilow, secretary.

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John J. Greer, AID, has been appointed the official interior design consultant for the French Pavilion of the New York World's Fair 1964-65. The Pavilion is being designed by Sidney L. Katz, FAIA, of Katz, Waisman, Weber & Strauss.

General Electric has opened a new distribution center for Textolite decorative laminated plastic surfacing material at 1125 Hub Street, Houston, Texas.

Molla, Inc., manufacturer of metal furniture, will move to the 11th floor of Chicago's Merchandise Mart in time for the June market. The Flu & Orr showroom, which features the Molla line, will move to Space 1120 on the Mart's new 11 floor contract furnishings center.

Effective immediately, the Antion Maix line of contemporary drapery, casement and upholstery fabrics is being distributed to the trade, including architects, interior designers and decorators, through contract purchasers by Lighting Associates, Inc., New York City.

Corrected report of Graham talk

Certain inaccurate or incomplete statements were made in this magazine's February 1963 report of Jane J. Graham's talk at a January press conference during the Chicago winter market.

1. Mrs. Graham did not state directly that "Only B....Co. has produced quality wood furniture for contract use" and "Only S....Inc. made a satisfactory metal desk." She did mention both favorably by name, identifying one as "the only people that have been able to do excellent work for me in wood," and the other as "first interested in developing an up-to-date design steel furniture...." Mrs. Graham's remarks should be understood as applying to her own experience, and not to the entire industry.

2. We stated Mrs. Graham had designed B....Co. and S....Inc. Actually, her designs (while a junior partner at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill) were made in behalf of specific paying clients, and manufactured by various factories including B....Co. and S....Inc., as well as others. These factories were not her clients.

Those unintentional errors resulted from a lack of complete information and the absence of an accurate copy of Mrs. Graham's actual talk. We regret the error and trust this statement will set the matter straight.
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THE SCHOOL FURNISHINGS MARKET
In the massive try to outpace population pressures, the school furnishings market will double before 1970, the products themselves revolutionized. By Norman Keifetz

The demographers tell us that our academic population will double before the Sixties end; this gives our colleges and universities less than a decade to build a second educational system out of and around our existing one. Schools, both elementary and secondary, face a higher hurdle, which they must leap in seven years but now.

By 1964 this country will need more than 400,000 classrooms and, of these, most are needed immediately. The pressure of numbers in the Sixties, it appears, is involving our educational system in the kind of inescapable fate that the chap in Thackery’s A Tragic Story found himself: “And though his efforts never slack and though he twist and swirl and tack, Alas! still faithful to his back the pigtails hang behind him.”

The problem is not only quantitatively great—it is also complex and diffuse in its magnitude; the unavailability of trained teachers, the dynamics of city growth and death, local control over major educational building decisions, etcetera. Since the problem hits the typical American in two touchy, protective spots—his children and his pocket—there are rewards in working it out. For the architect, designer, and contract supplier there are additional rewards, more mercenary rewards, in finding a solution.

Schools are the second biggest business in this country, topped only by the government. One fourth of the people in this country spend their working day in school as students or teachers. A conservative estimate places the value of the existing school plants—public, private, or church associated—at over $30 billion, which is roughly four times the assets of General Motors. Even if we assume that our schools fall far short of their Sixties’ building goal, it still adds up to an impressive sum for the contract market. It is, of course, a difficult figure to predict; we must leave you to your own mathematics. But even Charles Wilson, vis-à-vis the scope, might consider a sudden rephrasing: what is good for education is good for the country.

If the problem of inadequate educational facilities is more intense today, it is by no means one we have just recognized. Since the end of Wor

HARVARD’S convertible auditorium (above), seats 588 and can be changed, in minutes, to an Elizabethan stage, to theatre-in-the-round, to a conventional stage. Lounge area of new library (above, right) at Wagner College, designed by ISD, Inc., design division of Perkins & Will, architects, who also completed the men’s living center at Rockford College (right). The Rockford lounge is utilized as the group “living room” for three residence halls and has an apartment in its center for visitors.
ar II, the vast changes that were evident in American society have led anxious educators to ponder if the American schoolhouse had been aware of the changes taking place in the world around it. At the same time educators began to question the basic processes of the schools: Does education take place best in a single classroom filled with 35 students and one teacher, with these classrooms divided by grade and the school day broken into an unyielding succession of periods with only a bell to remind both students and teachers that more of the same awaits them? Have we revered the idea of the Quincy School (the first American school, circa 1847, in which children were arranged by grades) too far? And have we forgotten that Emerson said: “The secret of education lies in respecting the student”?

This criticism got its biggest explosion in 1959 when Dr. J. Lloyd Trump—education’s reorganization man—set a charge under the American classroom structure. He and the Commission of the National Association of Secondary School Principals put forth a set of recommendations advocating complete reorganization of the high school, including the teaming of teachers, the elimination of the ordinary classroom in favor of both smaller and larger classrooms, the employment of technology, and a greater emphasis on the resourceful and responsible scholar—all of which outmoded the classroom and the school as most of us know it.

New schools embodying some of Trump’s proposals have been designed and built over the past few years, marking the beginning of an educational revolution that is dethroning the long Quincy reign in educational thinking.

Wayland Senior High School—which is either ironically or coincidentally located in the backyard of the still existing 1847 Quincy School—in Wayland, Mass., is a school that actually preceeded the Trump report, but embodies many of its recommendations. The school consists of five flat-roofed buildings and a giant white dome set down in a field of green about a dozen miles from Boston’s Quincy. It was the most talked about school in the country during the Fall of 1960. The funda-
mental alteration at Wayland—from which most changes in arrangement and use of school space stem—was the unconventional approach to the role of the teacher—an approach most often called team teaching. Wayland’s planners have organized their school around five teams, giving each a building of its own. The team areas are made up of a large group room, several seminar rooms, its own library/reference center, the team office and classrooms equipped to teach the team’s subject. With this arrangement the exposition of any subject can be delivered by a single teacher to more than 100 students or the group can be broken down into smaller groups or seminar groups to explore the subject more intimately. Individual study is encouraged in the resource or reference rooms, centrally located in each team building, stocked with books, displays, periodicals, and teaching aids on the subject, which may be carried to and used at any of the many open desks or table and chair arrangements.

The design of the team area enables teachers to deploy themselves among the students from hour to hour according to what is to be taught to whom and where the emphasis is to be placed. Ideally, it is aimed at helping each student tailor a schedule to his individual requirements.

What has happened since Wayland and the Trump Report is that the school house is losing its long-time custodial atmosphere and has become more “homelike.” Internally, the very specialized school furniture is beginning to give way to more conventional commercial furniture of the kind usually found in conference rooms or libraries of office buildings. This is not so very much true in the classroom itself where specialized furniture (no longer nailed down, however) still predominates, but it is happening in the school libraries, lecture halls, and study or seminar rooms.

The newest classrooms have also abandoned their old rectilinear shape for hexagons or trapezoids; their floors are tiled or carpeted and everywhere there are operable walls, providing a flexible mode of space.

**Flexibility through operable walls**

Since team teaching methods most often require classrooms that do not stay put, operable walls are a necessity in providing high utilization of space and in making the school more adaptable. Three years ago, when team teaching schools were on the drawing boards, there was not an economical operable wall on the market that would provide true speech privacy and still be removable or replaceable by the teacher. Today, of course, economical partitions of this kind have been fi
ited and are available; its producers, before the
cade ends, should find the school market sub-
stantial.
Manufacturers of office furniture are in for a
similar treat, since teachers in new team teaching
hools are no longer able to hang their hats in a
room that changes into a large lecture hall
ring one hour and divides into seminar rooms
ext.
As a case in point, the campus of the Chicago
achers College, one of the milestone schools of
self-inspective Sixties, radiates from a six-
ory administrative and office building. The in-
ior was planned by I.S.D., Inc., the space de-
ision of Perkins & Will, architects for
n project.
In addition to the vast administrative offices, the
ilding has lounge areas in the elevator corridor
each floor above the first, used for faculty and
dent conference as well as waiting areas. The
geportion of the corridors is furnished with
ern pieces in dark wood, lending an air of
ained dignity to each conference area.
The office building has its feet in the library—
arge room with various levels and intimate
iding sections. Directly in its center is a re-
sed area, encircled by ledge seats which face
uge illuminated globe.
nterrelated, flexible space is the essence of the

CONTEMPORARY DESIGN RHYTHM
was played throughout the Cleveland
stitute of Music by its design consult-
ant Leon Gordon Miller. Modern styled
ating and facilities for teaching are
own here in a typical classroom
left), the lobby (left), and the
faculty lounge (above).
AT NORTHWOOD INSTITUTE, a business college in Midland, Mich., all buildings relate to the 176-acre woodland site. Glass is used throughout the complex of buildings, curtain with fabrics woven from Dow Chemical Co.'s Rovana. Pictured (top to bottom), a dining room, two-student room, women's study and lounge, and men's study and lounge.
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classroom element of the Chicago Teachers College; partitions, operable at will and at once, help achieve the desired fluidity of space. The classrooms—large, small, and intermediate—respond to the requirement of usefulness at the moment. Large areas can serve 60 students at once—an arbitrary figure—and then be divided to provide for two groups of 30. Likewise, smaller groups may alternate between 30 and a pair of 15's.

Perkins & Will's I.S.D. division has completed one other interesting commissions in the educational area, ranging from a flexible-spaced elementary school in Greenwich, Conn. (Dundee), to a science center and library in suburban Chicago (Lake Forest College), to a sophisticated college library in Staten Island, N.Y. (Wagner College), to a living center at a small midwestern school (Rockford College), to a flexible-spaced elementary school in Dallas, designed by architects O'Neil Ford and S. B. Zisman, was an answer to the clamor for more schools that did away with grade structure and stressed independent study as its specific goal. But in addition to its emphasis on the resourceful student, St. Mark's points out a number of other trends in the making of secondary school design. The classrooms have movable chairs and desks, specially lighted blackboards set into wood paneling, closed circuit television and carpeting.

New thinking on carpeting

Until recently carpeting was bypassed by designers for other flooring materials—asphalt tile, terrazzo, slate, etc.—but experiments with wall-to-wall carpets in classrooms and corridors, underwritten by the American Carpet Institute, changed the thinking. The old, general perception was that maintenance of the carpeting would get out of hand. This was not the case, however; maintenance problems did not increase. Not quite five years ago, when Shaker High School opened its doors in Newtonville, N.Y., students found that half of their school was supplied with asphalt tile flooring; the other half was covered, wall to wall, with 25,000 square feet of commercial carpeting of the hotel/office variety. Since then the carpeting has been subjected to strict supervision and tests and, to date, it has cost $6.61 a year to maintain every 1000 square feet. It cost almost twice as much, $350.75 a year, to maintain every 1000 square feet of tile. On top of this the experiments showed that it took about 34 compared to 64 minutes a day to maintain the carpeting. The hitch, if there is one, is that carpeting costs more to install, but many schools that have experimented with carpeting are finding that the cost differential on caring erases itself after a number of years.
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through savings on noise control, heating and cooling, as well as maintenance.

The future will undoubtedly bring more schools like St. Mark's, where students will teach themselves through programmed learning (teaching machines) without active intervention or assistance from teachers. Equally as important, perhaps, will be the arrangement of the interiors. As emphasis is placed on individual learning and as the home atmosphere is brought to the schools, interiors will become more identifiable with the home and gradually the custodial flavor which permeates most of the school air today will fade away.

Architects Caudill, Rowlett & Scott have been responsible for refreshing the school air in the Southwest. Their commissions in Stillwater and Blackwell, Oklahoma, and Saginaw, Texas, were some of the first in the country to make independent study of all kinds the central feature of its design. The most striking innovation was a series of study carrels, where individual students or pairs of students could get off by themselves, and where they spend most of their time. The use of traditional, nailed-down school furniture died when these school plants were given life. Blackwell Senior High School, for example, was planned for 600 students, with each having his own home base in the individual study center. The home base, especially designed for the school, is essentially a four-man desk with drawers serving as lockers. This one school ordered at least 600 chairs to go with the desks to say nothing of the furniture in the lobby, library, teachers' areas, theater and what have you: it adds up to a fattish contract dollar.

If we carry the arithmetic past graduation at the colleges, the dollar gets fatter. The money the colleges must put out for housing adds up to one-quarter of the building costs. With the accent on independent study, college students will be spending more and more of their waking time in the dormitories. The recognition of this has designers away from the stark, repetitive, adorned school residences of the past. The dormitories of today are being humanized; they have flavor, character, style; they are accommodative offering good provision for the student to read alone or review his studies with some of his fellows, for that matter.

Psychological influences

The interior spaces of fraternity row at Stanford University were influenced by a combination of psychological thinking and the humanist architecture of John Carl Warnecke, its architect Western Contract Furnishers, who landed the internal design assignment, said the interiors were created "as an answer to the need for rebellion and independence that accompanies the student approaching maturity, tempered with the building influence of responsibility." Psychological considerations, one gathers, were then coordinated with the architect's big hovering roofs, imaginative use of native redwood, his long patios. The project resulted in w
STRING BOOK SHELVES
(above) by Design International are being used in libraries and universities. A recent installation was completed in a public library (right) in Etobicoke, Ontario. A system of storage, study, and sleeping units, traded as Eames Contract Storage, manufactured by Herman Miller, Inc., allows for complete finishing of room prior to installation (left).

Lyman Shaffer, Western Contract's interior designer called, "functional masculinity."
Shaffer gained a "feeling of strength" in the building by his use of driftwood effects instead of paint. Using charcoals, beiges, and greens, he carried the "masculine feeling" into the 26 living-suites, furnished with walnut stained desks and Naugahyde armchairs. Six different color schemes were used to provide a variety of interest, then psychology was returned when the designer chose to give each tenant the opportunity to reflect his own individual personality with the decorations.

Schools for the changing scene
While most designers are not so permissive, the omission at Stanford does amplify the changing approach to dorm design.
Education in our big cities is also changing. School planners are becoming aware that communities do mature and old residential districts and way to business, commerce, and industry, that is being planned in the cities and its bigger burbs, is a school house that can accommodate elf to the changing scene. In New York City, for example, which was once notorious for planning schools for an unchanging society, there is strong move to reverse the errors of yesterday's niners. The city is giving serious consideration to new schools that will serve educational as well as civic and financial purposes.
One such project is a high school for business education that will occupy a portion of a building that will primarily house compatible private enterprise. If there is a need to withdraw or expand at some later date, the city will have the flexibility to move in either direction. The arrangement will also allow the Board of Education to recover the cost of the school in the first generation of its existence, freeing funds to set up elsewhere.

In the Bronx, a union-sponsored housing development is planning an elementary school as part of its project. This idea has long proved successful in London and Paris, since it allowed the educational system freedom to move the physical facilities in and out of the development according to the flow of children.

In the Yorkville section of New York a variation on this joint occupancy idea may soon rise. The plan calls for a complete elementary school on the first three floors of a middle-income apartment building. The school will serve the entire neighborhood and can grow or shrink with enrollment.

For a neighborhood that is expected to give way to commercialization after a number of heavy enrollment years, an addition to an existing school may be constructed across the street, which will provide facilities for children as long as they remain and then convert to commercial occupancy. Such an addition is being constructed in Brooklyn.
The school, as we have already pointed out, is the most numerous of public buildings in the country. Our age is demanding that the numbers double themselves. At best, this article has only hinted at the direction the numbers will take. The market is fraught with enormous potential, but it will bring the biggest rewards to those who have made the effort to understand it. (C)
AN "INTEGRATED" BUILDING: THE ROLE OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNER HENRY DREYFUSS IN CREATING THIS NEW STRUCTURE RAISES INTRIGUING INTERPROFESSIONAL QUESTIONS. BY VIVIEN RAYNO

THE FACADE and a model of the new Bankers Trust building in New York City illustrate problems created by setback regulations.
T may not have occurred to anyone that it was particularly desirable to have one over-all designer of a building, its interior, and contents. Whether the architects of "unintegrated" New York buildings and the occupants have been experiencing a sense of loss or not, an "integrated" building has come to New York City to show them that they are missing—the Bankers Trust at 280 Park Avenue. Though non-architects have been responsible for various structures here—the great Pier Luigi Nervi among them—this is the first time an industrial designer has been in charge of a large office building. Henry Dreyfuss, who has been associated with this bank for five years, and anything connected with its appearance has been his affair, from branch bank facilities to the entire building's housing—its location on the Avenue side of the block; 48th and 49th Streets, for example, is alternately blue and red, floor by floor, and while the shades vary, the color as expressed in closet doors, soft furnishings, washrooms, etc., is most often solid. Travertine faces all the elevator lobbies—Italy must be cheapness and durability endear it to architects, as well as the virtue of looking as elegant as marble, but being in fact a loose-textured limestone that does not require the finishing that marble does. There is plenty of wood throughout—walls, tables, chair frames, etc., and it is all unpolished teak and very handsome.

Lighting is outstanding

Dreyfuss Associates were to create, their colleagues to translate. The Bankers Trust did not want to compete with the other Park Avenue buildings, wanting something that would reflect security, ingenuity, dignity, and warmth. It is not clear in that area they were ducking competition, for the building occupies the Park Avenue side of the block, between 48th and 49th Streets, and is thirty stories high, the top thirteen of these being notional. In fact, it is at this point that we run into the same problem that we face in other areas, the matter of competition. If we accept the idea of competition, we accept the idea of designing, choosing materials, and overseeing generally, while aesthetic architects (Emery Roth) would produce the technical drawings and supervise the execution. From this we deduce that Dreyfuss Associates were to create, their colleagues to translate.

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But the most sensational feature is the new low-brightness lighting (developed by General Electric; Richard Kelly, lighting consultant); this is the best thing that has happened to modern interiors in years. The units are installed behind a translucent plastic, bolted together, so the invitation to take on the task of designing the lighting is a restful effect that will be even pleasanter when the summer heat is bouncing off the glass and metal of the surrounding buildings. Set on a podium, the structure is supported by columns of black granite, while the recessed ground and second floors are walled respectively by travertine and by glass set in bronze frames. On the first floor are the vaults and an auditorium, together with escalators that run to the second floor. Here the elevators start, there being no basement, and the public banking offices are located to the right and left. The sixth floor contains the employees' cafeteria; customers' dining rooms are on the tenth; the boardroom, money and conference rooms comprise the sixteenth, which is connected by a bronze staircase to the seventeenth, senior executives' floor.

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As we search for the touch of the over-all designer, however, the fog becomes thicker. Naturally, the shape of the building was affected by the sirtual toughness of the site, lying as it does on a step-back, wedding-cake, or whatever you wish to call the ziggurat space-saving style. True, there is only one step, but the proportions are so queer that the squat bottom (20,000 square feet in area) seems to hang out over the avenue, while the slim tower (7,500 square feet) is all but craning over the top. True, the disappointment of the design is mitigated by the building's complexion; the facade consists of pre-cast concrete window frames, 6 feet by 12 feet, bolted together and to the frame, and glazed with tinted glass.

The concrete is buff-colored and the glass appears dark and liquid, giving a restful effect that will be even pleasanter when the summer heat is bouncing off the glass and metal of the surrounding buildings. Set on a podium, the structure is supported by columns of black granite, while the recessed ground and second floors are walled respectively by travertine and by glass set in bronze frames. On the first floor are the vaults and an auditorium, together with escalators that run to the second floor. Here the elevators start, there being no basement, and the public banking offices are located to the right and left. The sixth floor contains the employees' cafeteria; customers' dining rooms are on the tenth; the boardroom, money and conference rooms comprise the sixteenth, which is connected by a bronze staircase to the seventeenth, senior executives' floor.

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But the most sensational feature is the new low-brightness lighting (developed by General Electric; Richard Kelly, lighting consultant); this is the best thing that has happened to modern interiors in years. The units are installed behind glass that looks similar to glass brick, and fitted into the usual ceiling grid system. Spreading out at 45 degrees from the vertical, the beam plays on the area immediately below, and there appears to be only a dim glow in the room until you stand beneath the fixture. The quality of the light itself is soft, eliminating the livid, mottled cast to flesh that has hitherto been part of the architectural package. However, the system cannot have been used throughout because the light in the...
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elevators and lobbies is filtered through grilles of anodized aluminum with dazzling results.
Among the interesting points on the seventeenth floor is the outside balcony accessible on three sides and decorated with plants, and the stained-glass window in one wall of the lobby (Robert Sowers). This is composed—without leads—of asymmetrical, squarish shapes in gray and reddish brown, the pieces being epoxy-ed together. I noticed some good-looking table lamps (Hansen Lamps; Safran & Glucksman Inc.), including one made of a tall block of alabaster topped by a pleated white shade, also tall. Dotted around both executive floors are low tables made of circular or oval slabs of onyx mounted on brushed aluminum legs. These should really be credited to the big interior decorator upstairs, since the milky-brown stone with its rose-shaped grain is so exquisite.

Descending the bronze staircase to the sixteenth floor, passing under a Harry Bertoia sunburst, we arrive in a large working area. Incidentally most of the office floors are arranged with the senior workers occupying the larger part of the total space, sitting at teak-topped desks, while the lower grades are grouped out of sight at either end of the floor, their individual areas partitioned by frosted glass. Conference rooms on the sixteenth are handsome but plain: the severity is relieved by teak paneling, the soft furnishings, and by the maps of old New York on the walls and a sprinkling of Chinese screens, which are of course beautiful but rather dull. The bank's scheme did not include much art apart from the commissioned pieces—I glimpsed a Karl Mann painting here and there and some water-colors through an open office door. One small conference room on this floor was interesting for its closed-circuit television set, enabling officers of the Midtown command to confer with their colleagues on Wall Street. They sit around a small circular table whose surface is especially treated to reflect light on the faces without causing a glare on the screen.

All kinds of art
On the tenth, a blue floor, are the customer dining rooms, large and small, with the occasion folding wall for flexibility. Art is again limited but tasteful, consisting of fake colonial inn-signs painted on antiqued wood panels. A very large metal and stained-glass screen by Alistair Bevin stands in the lobby, an attractive piece resembling a group of giant butterflies. The employees eat on the floor below, off gay plastic furniture—it does look as if collective eating taking place in brighter and brighter surroundings these days, the trend may have something to do with the 20th century decline in food sitting room partitioned from the cafeteria by a rather arty handwoven screen is notable for the carpet (Dorothy Liebes), patterned with serpentines and for sofas whose backs are curved instead of rectangular. The optical effect of the two attempts to get away from the right angle is dynamic but unnerving, arousing the suspicion that the walls are not true.

Arriving back on the first floor, we find vaults placed behind an orange mosaic wall on the north side, and accessible through a cage door. In addition to the conventional strong room pointments, there are some neat little rooms for customers to contemplate the contents of their strongboxes, as well as larger ones for consultations with bank officials and lawyers. Apparently the strongbox ritual has been made much easier by stacking them in a file-like structure, permitting the drawers to be pulled out and laid on to
ROBERT SOWERS stained glass window (right) on 17th floor of Bankers Trust is in tones of burundy red. Bertoia sunburst (below) crowns bronze staircase on upper floor. Opposite page (far left), a view of typical working or, and staff lounge area, with curved carpet by Bigelow, designed by Dorothy Liebes.
CUSTOMER DINING ROOM (right), and (below) metal screen by Stephanie Scuris and a view into the lobby well, showing planters and columns that unify area.

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On the opposite side of the lobby is a formidable security “desk” with screens receiving pictures from television cameras trained outside the building on all sides (there is, by the way, an interesting alley behind the building where cab drivers can drop their occupants directly at the back door). Also on the south side is the auditorium which has facilities for films, lectures, meetings, etc., and is stocked by stacking chairs and close in which to stack them. Flanking the lobby are two screens (Stephanie Scuris) made of rods 25 feet high and twisted like candy sticks.

Short of conducting a poll, there is no way of determining the occupants’ reaction to the new building. One secretary said she no longer knew where anyone was—in the Wall Street building superiors, inferiors, and visitors all had to pass her desk to go in and out of the department. Now with the huge open working areas, people come and go through innumerable exits. If then an official higher up the ladder observed that this was intentional, and was handy for clerks who wished to remain unobserved.

However, it should be clear from this small survey that not much fresh design ground has been plowed. Except for designing and/or modifying executive furniture—occasional, dining, and conference tables, credenzas, sofas, etc.—Dreyfuss did not move outside the normal range of an industrial designer in doing the building’s hardware, name signs, washroom fixtures and forth. His only important new function was Eisenhower-like coordination of several arms including B. Altman & Co. as contract furnisher. But architects usually do this, as well as come up with characteristic architecture. SOM is a team but still manages a distinctive stamp on work—even Morris Lapidus can be spotted several paces. But Bankers Trust, over-all designer or not, looks remarkably like an Em Roth job. (C)
THE MONEY ROOM (right) is high-level meeting place on 16th floor of Bankers Trust. Private sitting room (below) is for small conferences of board chairman and other executives. Closed TV circuit (bottom) permits face-to-face conference with colleagues at bank's Wall Street offices.

Bankers Trust Building

Over-all Design: Henry Dreyfuss
Building Architects: Emery Roth & Sons
Interior Architects: Shreve, Lamb & Harmon Associates
Artwork: Harry Bertoia; Alistair Bevington; Herbert W. Gahagan; Stephanie Scuris; Robert Sowers
Carpeting: Bigelow-Sanford, Inc.; James Lees & Sons; Dorothy Liebes
Drapery: Kravet Fabrics; Herman Miller Inc.
Flooring: Congoleum-Nairn, Inc.
Lamps: Hansen Lamps; Safran & Glucksman
Lighting: Century Lighting Inc.; Kent Lighting Corp.; Neo-Ray Products, Inc.
Lighting Consultant: Richard Kelly
Ornamental Metal: General Bronze Corp.
Plantings: Nielsen's Flowers
Venetian Blinds: M. Kialr Inc.
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ONE OF THE landscaped courts that are an integral part of the Pure Oil complex in the firm's headquarters near Chicago. Another court was developed as a Japanese garden. The courts are used daily by the staff during lunch and coffee breaks.
ike the Bankers Trust building described and characterized elsewhere in this issue, the recently completed headquarters of Pure Oil Co. in suburban Chicago (Palatin, Ill.) is the product of single organization that acted as "over-all" designer. The building is the work of Perkins & Will, architects, and its interiors are by I.S.D., Inc., the interior planning division of Perkins & Will. W's landscape department was responsible for site development, landscaping, and ornamentation, while the firm's equipment division planned and installed the Pure Oil kitchen and food service facilities.

Unlike Bankers Trust, Pure Oil occupies aony tract of what was formerly farmland, 260 acres in all, giving the planners a creative freedom and latitude undreamed of on New York's Fifth Avenue. Thus, instead of the skyscraper, Perkins & Will disposed the new facilities over seven acres. Fortunately, instead of constituting another suburban industrial sprawl, the courtyards and enclosed areas of the office building have a formal and meaningful pattern of red brick and limestone, housing about 1,500 employees in one of the largest office structures ever built in the Chicago suburban area. One hundred and forty acres of the site, including two huge circular parking lots, are landscaped—an excellent example of "nature methodized" in the contemporary industrial style—and the other half remains untouched farmland.

A modern apparatus for doing business within a rural setting, Pure Oil's headquarters was singled out for honors by Chicago's new architectural award program last year. Inside, it is insistently a model of flexibility and efficiency: office partitions are movable and all architectural features—structural, mechanical, and electrical—are modularly arranged in three-foot increments. The gross floor area, excluding courtyards, is 280,000 square feet, providing some idea of the magnitude of the planning job as well as the coordination between architecture and interior design that confronted I.S.D. and its parent architectural firm.

It is to their credit that the space was not only endowed with modern engineering precision but human emotional requirements were not lost

**RECEPTION AREAS, above and below.** High desk inside main entrance was specially designed by Perkins & Will staff. Note height of receptionist's chair; a footrail on back of desk compensates for the added height.
PURE OIL HEADQUARTERS

sight of in the process. There is no doubt that a significant element in this process—and a major surprise amid the thoroughly engineered space—is the predominance of traditional furnishings throughout the offices. With the exception of the employees' lounge, a unity of style and mood has been induced through the use of furniture that establishes links with tradition, sufficiently modified in character to avoid fussiness or a mannered look. Discerning attention has been paid to fine woodgrains and design details in the furniture that occupies the spacious offices, auditorium, dining areas, conference rooms, and reception areas. At the same time, the traditional styles have been adapted so that they function smoothly and hand-

somely with modern background materials, draperies, acoustical tile, wood paneling, and so forth.

From the operational point of view, the building offers some very rational innovations. It is designed as a series of five rectangular "doughnuts" around courtyards, any wing or section of which may be expanded as needed. A six-foot space between the first floor ceiling and roof houses much of the structure’s service equipment, allowing maintenance and repair work to be conducted with little interference with office routines. A separate building 285 feet to the rear of the office building and connected to the latter by a tunnel contains central conditioning, heating, and electrical power systems. (C)

CONVERSATIONAL GROUPING, above in employees' lounge, the only area in which contemporary furniture was used in Pure Oil headquarters. Left, small conference room is one of several for meeting with customers.
DIGNITY is the keynote in the board room, which adjoins private dining area. Much of the traditional furniture used throughout the premises is by Kittinger Co.

DINING ROOM, right, uses walnut paneling to close off private spaces and can be further divided by folding partitions. Below, walnut tables for executive dining room were specially designed by ISD division of Perkins & Will.
CONTRACT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

New Vicrtex textured pattern
L. E. Carpenter has added a new textured pattern to its line of durable U/L rated Vicrtex vinyl wall coverings. Called Forum, the new pattern captures the subtle shading of stone and is available in a selection of eight colors.

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Coordinated sectional cabinets for schools
A limitless number of variations are possible with the new coordinated sectional cabinets featuring the Duraframe construction concept developed by the school equipment division of Brunswick Corp. Its function and flexibility allow it to meet any storage, display, and work surface requirements at any school level, from elementary to college. The units will gang, stack, and corner to fit any layout. The system is built around a choice of three standard cabinet depths, two standard cabinet heights, three different sight lines, and four possible mountings. Door panels are offered in six colors; side panels in charcoal brown; back panel in bone white, and tops in gray.

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Perma plants by Flowers Unlimited
Bringing the outdoors in creates a pleasant atmosphere and an interesting focal point in the lobby of the Continental Apartments, Forest Hills, N.Y. Working closely with architect Arnold Rothstein, Flowers Unlimited, Inc., specialists in interior landscaping, created the setting as well as the surrounding garden. The marble floor was raised for the floating planter, and the structural pillar and reflection pool were lined with bluromosaic. The high-quality Perma plants and trees supplied by Flowers Unlimited are faithful reproductions of the natural counterparts, with special care given to detailing. An added advantage that Perma plants require minimum maintenance during their indefinite life span.

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A textured marble top is the distinctive note in a new table and chair group from the contract furniture division of Shelby Williams Mfg. Inc., fabricated for use in institutions, hotels, and motels. The hand-rubbed finish enriches the expertly crafted wood of the heavy base. The matching chairs are upholstered in thickly padded Naugahyde.

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Stacking chairs by Virco

A versatile new stacking chair manufactured by Virco Mfg. Corp. is based on a heavy gauge frame of square tubular steel and is equipped with steel-based swivel glides. All joints are hand brazed for maximum rigidity. The seat and back are upholstered with supported vinyl plastic over thick foam padding. Two additional features are a handle, facilitating easy moving and stacking, and the nylon leg bumpers which prevent chipping and scratching when stacked. The chair comes in chrome or baked enamel frame, with a choice of four upholstery colors.

Circle No. 58 on product information card
Executive L unit by Imperial

A new executive L unit, available in either right or left hand models, 60 by 82 inches, has been introduced by Imperial Desk Co., Inc., as part of its Line of modular units. The group includes a full range of interchangeable components from which an infinite number of combinations can be created. Case pieces in the line are walnut in Melotone or oiled walnut finishes; self-edge plastic tops and aluminum accents are available.

Circle No. 59 on product information card

Padded back metal chairs

A padded back has been added to Hampden Specialty Products' #77 and #111 metal folding chairs. The pad covers the entire back of the chair. For greater rigidity, a formed piece of sonite backs the padding. Both chairs are of steel tubular construction, rustproofed, with a-chip automobile type finish. Four rubber feet prevent marring or slipping. The legs are complete with upholstered replaceable seats and backs. Color combinations include: gray metal, green seat and back; beige frame, brown seat and back; gray frame, red seat and back.

Circle No. 60 on product information card

New Pionite woodgrains

Oiled Teak and Planked Rock Maple are two new woodgrains added to the Pionite line of high-pressure plastic laminates produced by Pioneer Plastics Corp. Oiled Teak is deep brown with highlights of a tawny lighter shade, showing the characteristics of deeply grained, hand-rubbed oil finish teak. Planked Rock Maple reproduces the figuring of solid hard rock maple in a broadly grained effect.

Circle No. 61 on product information card
the chairs are lightweight, easily reached, and equipped with a convenient lip handle. Fixtures offers a five-year guarantee on function and appearance of the Astro. A booklet, "How to Provide Better Portable Seating at Low Cost," describing the Astro stacking chair, is available from the firm.

Circle No. 62 on product information card

**Luminous ceiling kit from Progress Mfg.**

A kit providing all parts needed for the installation of a luminous ceiling, including a new-type perimeter track that affords both wall-to-wall and recess mounting, is being offered by Progress Manufacturing Co. The kits come in three sizes for ceiling areas, measuring 6 by 8 feet, 8 by 10 feet, and 10 by 12 feet, and can be used in combination for larger assemblies. Easy installation, requiring no special tools, is afforded by the perimeter track, precut to suitable lengths, which attaches to wood or masonry and has locating notches for main and cross tees. An instruction sheet is included with each kit. The white vinyl diffusing panels filter glare and resist discoloration, and can easily be removed for washing and relamping. All tracks are made of extruded aluminum with anodized finish.

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Faster set-up time for auditoriums, meeting rooms, and sales conferences can be achieved with the Astro stacking chair, a product of Fixtures Mfg. Corp. Astro stack safely 20 units high, and
ew size range in Krueger Fiberglas chairs

A new line of Fiberglas stack chairs, specifically designed to fill the need for flexible seating in the juvenile to adult size ranges, has been introduced by Krueger Metal Products Co. The new Series 3000 chairs range in seat-to-floor height from 12 to 18 inches in one-inch increments, with shells and leg spreads proportionate to seat height. The chairs incorporate the same basic construction details found in Series 3000 chairs—a heavy-duty Fiberglas shell shaped for correct posture support, sturdy seam-welded tubular steel leg section. For storage, the chairs stack six to eight high, depending on chair size. Shells come in six colors; leg sections either chrome plated or in matte black finish.

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lit-second precision timing

Numechron Co. has developed a new electronic clock that provides split second precision timing. Measuring 4 1/2 inches high, 12 inches deep, 4 1/3 inches deep, the clock features second-00-59 Kinetic Gradient readout and five polygonal drums on which time is registered. An independent front panel time reset controls digits individually; illumination is controlled by independent switch. With a shock resistant movement, the unit is completely enclosed in anodized metal dustproof case.

Circle No. 65 on product information card
Barrel chairs by Old Colony

Three new designs in cylinder downlights, by Prescolite Mfg. Corp., stress straight lines for modern interiors or exteriors. The largest cylinder includes an uplight and measures 6 inches in diameter by 18 inches high, extending 11 inches from the wall. A similar design, shown here, is available in a smaller downlight model. The third may be obtained with optional decorative perforations. Each of the new cylinders will fit a 3 1/4 or 4 inch outlet box mounting and comes in a wide range of colors.

Cylinder downlights by Prescolite

The Sears desk chair, a product of Old Colony Furniture Co., is designed after an English barn chair and is available with leather or fabric covering. The frame is of distressed fruitwood; the base has ball bearing casters and full swivel. The standard model Sears chair without swivel (inset) is also available for conference or reception room areas.

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Standard's 59 Group additions

The Standard Furniture Co. has expanded its 59 group line to allow complete selection of desks and modular components from which a wide variety of L-stations and credenzas can be created. The group is finished in gunstock walnut or lacquer finish. Tops are available in walnut finish, or in walnut finish with Stanguard, standard's new polyester protection that guards wood surfaces from scuffs, scratches, stains, and burns. Plastic tops in walnut grain are also available. Legs come in choice of baked-on ebony finish or satin chrome.

Circle No. 72 on product information card

New flock collection by Birge

velvet Flock Wallcovering, a collection of 61 locks with a complement of special matching backgrounds, comprises the new complete spring line by The Birge Co. Embossed backgrounds, metallics, and special patina treatments are featured. The heavy pile achieved resembles fine cut velvet, enriched by the delicate detail the designs patterned after classic European and Oriental damasks, brocades, and velvets. Damask, one design in the collection, is a production of an early Italian original damask.

Circle No. 73 on product information card

New colors in Musson products

Striking new colors have been added to the entire line of Koroseal-Vinyl treads, mats, and matting manufactured by the R. C. Musson Rubber Co., with Sand the newest color featured along with brown, green, gray, black and red. In the marbeleized color group, new choices are red, gray, mahogany, black, birch, beige, and walnut.

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make this tablet-arm room chair comfortable, attractive looking, and most practical for writing. Fiberglass seat comes in four colored-in colors and the base is welded tubular steel either satin chrome or matte finish. The tablet arm is high pressure woodgrain laminate. Shown here typical installation.

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Tropi-Cal rattan core chair

Tropi-Cal’s Peninsula chair is a trim design by Danny Ho Fong achieved by weaving new ivor
tan material (vinyl-coated rattan core) over si
solid steel frames. In a new Tropi-Cal weaving
technique, rattan ends are now locked in, rath
than snipped off, avoiding snagging of hosiery
clothing. Slim foam rubber pads are in bla
white, turquoise, or tangerine vinyl.
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Shelf Lite by Lightolier

The new dual-purpose Shelf Lite is a self-c*tained unit which may be plugged in or perm
ently mounted. Made by Lightolier, the S Lite consists of a concealed fluorescent be
casting direct, glareless lighting on work surf
or displays and an indirect wash lighting up o
the shelf. It has a durable finish of textured w
able vinyl laminated to steel, available in s
black and satin aluminum, or brown, beige, s
 satin aluminum. The opaque front assures pre
glare cut-off.
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metal letters for interior office doors

No drilling or tapping is required to affix the night Metal letters to interior office doors, for each letter is easily applied to wood, composition, metal surfaces with ordinary synthetic adhesives. Manufactured by H. W. Knight & Son, Inc., the well-designed letters are available in a wide variety of sizes and styles, including solid bronze, brass, or aluminum, and in oxidized, polished, or tin finishes.

Circle No. 68 on product information card

Modeling conference/dining table

A new style folding base table by Howell Co. comes in six top sizes, ranging from 30 by 69 inches to 36 by 96 inches, two metal finishes—tint chrome or Bronzite, and tops in walnut woodgrain plastic laminate, or colored woodgrain patterns. The table edge is a hard semi-rigid, breakable plastic molding which serves as a protective edging. The folding double leg base in tubular steel, controlled by a thumb release button for locking and unlocking. On the underside of the top a long strong reinforcing steel tunnel is attached. Several square tubular chair legs are available to match the new leg bases.

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Design coordinated Mylux line

The new Mylux furniture line centers around a wide offering of seating. Manufactured by Milwaukee Chair Co., the design-coordinated group includes chairs of several types, plus a selection of matching tables, sofas, settees, and lounges. The versatile chair groups are available in either contoured or straight line design, with pleated or plain upholstery, and a choice of wood or chrome bases. An extensive selection of stock upholstery materials of all types is available.

Circle No. 75 on product information card

Vinyl embossed abstract design

Contemporary sculpture provided inspiration for Abstract, a new design in Tapistron vinyl wallcovering by U.S. Plywood. Interlocking rectangles are embossed in high relief, providing an effect of light and shadow. Available colors include brass, lime, gold, pumpkin, antique white, moss green, chocolate, gray, and dark teal. U/L rated Tapistron wallcoverings are recommended for such installations as reception rooms, lobbies, hallways, and other public areas requiring durability, washability, and easy maintenance.

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yalmetal Corp. has a complete line of free-standing and built-in dormitory furniture, marking its entrance in the university field. The backbone of the flexible modular furniture is a built-in wardrobe system in Fiber-x, a solid, molded plastic board with a wood grain, designed to be permanently attached to the walls from floor to ceiling.

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A versatile collection of contemporary office furniture is displayed in the 1963 Hugh Acton catalog. Executive series desks, credenzas, conference tables; modular storage systems and components; dining tables; benches and wall-hung cabinets are predominantly of walnut and aluminum frame construction. Drawings, specification charts, and detailed descriptions supplement the many photographs.

Circle No. 78 on product information card

How to provide better portable seating at low cost is the theme of Fixtures Mfg. Corp.'s informative pamphlet that features the versatile Ast line of stacking chairs and portable seating. Installation photos illustrate the line's varied use.

Circle No. 79 on product information card

The Hooker Coordinated Group of institutional dormitory furniture is featured in a brochure of the contract division of Hooker Furniture Co. Illustrations of desks, chests and dressers, headboards, night tables are accompanied by a check list of construction features.

Circle No. 80 on product information card

Resin-Fiber surfaced plywood is featured in a new 25-page brochure by United States Plywood Corp. The booklet explains the physical properties test results and chemical resistance of Wood Permaply, Duraply, and Hardply, and contains suggested specifications and 47 industrial installations.

Circle No. 81 on product information card

An illustrated brochure published by L. E. Carpenter & Co. features full color photos of commercial institutional interiors using the firm's Vicrtex vinyl wallcoverings. Complete specifications, data charts, and product information for the company more than 250 color illustrations patterns from fabric textures and woods create sculptured effects in a full range of colors.

Circle No. 82 on product information card

A new Amtico installation-specification data manual covers the complete Amtico line of vinyl, rubber, vinyl asbestos, vinyl inlaid, and asphalt floorings. Included are physical properties tables, tailed architects' specification guide, instructions on preparation of subfloors, and maintenance instructions.

Circle No. 83 on product information card
Architecture and lighting are correlated in Globe Lighting's new specification binder which features the Focus collection of flexible lighting fixtures. The units come in squares, rectangles, ovals, circles, and cubes in choice of walnut, birch, chrome, brass, and white finishes. An illustrated Scandex digest precedes each section.

Circle No. 84 on product information card

A new catalog by Barricks Mfg. Co. presents four complete lines of folding tables in four price categories, 26 styles in all, ranging from all-purpose tables to plastic top conference tables. A variety of shapes, from rectangular to sectional-circle, are illustrated.

Circle No. 85 on product information card

A 16-page bedding manual, for use by hospital purchasing authorities, has been prepared by Holland Wire Products, Inc. The hospital mattress buying guide contains information on function and design, describes major aspects of modern mattress construction, and includes a detailed comparison of three major types of spring units.

Circle No. 86 on product information card

Wells Chair Corp. has published its catalog No. 958-662, illustrating its chair line, and price list No. 3610.

Circle No. 87 on product information card

JG Furniture Co. announces that its new wood office furniture catalog will be mailed to regular accounts. Others desiring a copy will receive one upon request.

Circle No. 88 on product information card

All types of doors, including sash, louver, panel, French, entrance, and bifold, are illustrated in the 1963 doors catalog by Simpson Timber Co. Information on sizes and thicknesses with cut away drawings is included in the 8-page catalog.

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National Gypsum Co. has issued two brochures on its Gold Bond No. 100 demountable partition systems—a technical bulletin and a construction guide. The system, designed for use where demountable, inexpensive partitions are required, comes in four heights.

Circle No. 90 on product information card

Architect's and Designer's Idea Book," by Formica Corp., shows applications of Formica laminated plastic in commercial/institutional interiors and contains reproductions of colors, patterns, and woodgrains.

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A new brochure from Hardwood House describes and illustrates its functional and space-saving, free-standing wall storage systems. The components provide unlimited flexibility of arrangement, suitable for offices and dormitories where efficient use of space is essential.

A full-color catalog for the architectural and light construction fields is offered by Pioneer Plastics Corp., manufacturers of Pionite plastic laminates. The eight-page brochure includes color reproductions of installations, black-and-white close-ups of surfacing features, and a selection chart of woodgrains, patterns, and solid colors. Technical information is also furnished.

Finesse Originals' new catalog devotes full-page illustrations to a wide selection of decorative wall sculptures, each of which is handmade and hand-colored in deep carved fiber glass resins, a material practically unbreakable and lighter in weight than plastic.

In a four-page folder, Vertical Blinds Corp. of America introduces its Louverdrape panels which are made of durable vinyls, styrenes, and other long-wearing, easily maintained materials for use as room dividers, window coverings, etc.

A portfolio of decorative bathroom fixtures and accessories and furniture and door hardware and ornaments illustrates the wide selection available from A. Wangerin Hardware Co. Choice of finishes includes brass plate, gold plate, silver plate antique gold plate, and antique silver plate.

Kirsch Co.'s new 16-page catalog features its complete line of Architrac aluminum drapery track and parts. Its two lines of enameled steel cut-to-measure drapery hardware are also shown.

A new 78-page, general brochure by Bentson Mfg Co. catalogs the firm's entire lines of desks, tables, credenzas, bookcases, and filing cabinets, with a special section on contemporary furniture.
Stendig, Inc.'s new brochure promotes the 8500 series, especially designed by Finnish architect Voitto Haapalainen for libraries, offices, cafeterias, hospitals, airports. The modular collection includes lounge and side chairs, armchairs, sofas, banquettes, planters, cafeteria and library tables, hospital furniture, etc.

Circle No. 99 on product information card

American Olean Tile's booklet 212 gives comprehensive coverage to the firm's ceramic and Murray quarry tiles. Sample tiles and completed projects are shown in color. Reference charts, installation methods, and architectural specifications and details are included.

Circle No. 100 on product information card

A new line of sliding, folding, and accordion door hardware for medium and heavy doors manufactured by House & Co. is presented in a brochure that includes a special section devoted to full-scale typical headroom conditions.

Circle No. 101 on product information card

Alma Desk Co.'s newest chair and lounge seating lines are incorporated in a new brochure along with other seating items for business interiors.

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GREEFF'S CONTRACT DIVISION

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Recent awards for contract furniture and furnishings include:

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