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**OUR WASHINGTON REPORT:**

- Cuts and boosts for '64
- Area redevelopment funds rejected
- Defense family housing procurement
- $1.2 billion for colleges

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The contract furniture and furnishings industry can look into the New Year with a split vision, from the federal viewpoint. From the angle of federal procurement of commercial and office items, the outlook is for a steadily increasing volume of business, as more federal buildings near completion and others are put into the construction pipeline, and as agencies update their offices for reasons of fashion or to put more workers into fewer square feet per capita.

The only cloud is the at best uncertain trend of Congress to dictate more economical building. The latest manifestation of this occurred with Veterans Administration hospitals. The House approved $72,754,000 for 7 hospital replacement projects, 18 modernizations—cutting VA's request by 10 percent. (The Senate came along, raised the figure to $76,877,000.) The House instructed VA to put up "good, substantial and useful buildings without frills and unessential features." It is praised for actions it has already taken in this respect—reducing total square foot areas; installing vinyl plastic wall covering instead of ceramic tile; using painted masonry walls for research and other selected areas.

From the angle of general industry activity requiring contract furniture and furnishings, the view is mixed. The apartment building boom in 1963 is accounting for 35 percent or better of total housing starts. And many crystal-gazers see this increasing in 1964. But within the federal government there is considerable uncertainty about apartment prospects, stemming from fear of overbuilding. Similarly, views are mixed about new office building. As much as anything, this

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Hurrahs and handshakes seem to go only to the stylists in the high-style arena of today's office furniture business. So it was with the stylists who created the brisk design clarity that became Corry Jamestown's award-winning DORIC line. Now we nominate a new set of heroes, the Corry Jamestown engineers who took DORIC and conjured up the practical refinements exposed on the next three pages.
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confusion reflects the lack of fully reliable statistics nationwide. And uncertainty over the timing and effect of tax cuts.

Federal uncertainties
One federal program that has opened up some opportunities in the contract field did it with so controversial a bang that its future remains uncertain. That's the Area Redevelopment Administration, which hit the headlines with some of its loans for new motels and hotels in areas that had no great lack of them. More funds for ARA were rejected by the House this year, and the outlook for passage in 1964 doesn't seem too much improved.

Small Business Administration continues with its local development company loans, which may have some impact. One recent loan was for a nursing home in Aberdeen, S.D., for American Nursing Center of Aberdeen, $344,000.

And the Commerce Department tries to stir up overseas business for you. This fall, it was spreading the word on a new Hilton hotel in Kuwait, Arabia.

Federal construction
The House treated General Services Administration's request for new construction with the same 10 percent-off brush it gave the Veterans Administration's request on hospitals. But that left $152,540,700, for 27 new buildings, 6 major renovations, and more funding for two projects already under way. It allowed $75 million for improving public buildings — where the backlog is estimated at $419 million. Consider that, along with improvement or new quarters comes an agency's desire for new furniture, in an effort to be more modern, usually, or more efficient or both, and the prospects for increasing volume for this industry from actual federal procurement are bright and glowing. (The Senate made this a 5 percent cut instead of 10.)

Defense family housing
For various reasons this program of on-base housing for servicemen's families will add to contract industry volume, but by a lesser figure than for fiscal 1963, which ended last June 30. Procurement by General Services Administration for these units was about $26 million. It's highly doubtful this will be approached this fiscal year (while procurement of office furniture will top the 1963 score of $73 million).

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The Defense Department has begun a policy of not purchasing furniture for family housing in most areas of the United States. This leaves GSA with procurement responsibilities for overseas housing, and for certain areas in the U.S. where Defense won't ship personal goods, and for replacements on the current $350 million inventory the Department has in household furniture.

Secretary McNamara feels there's been a tremendous amount of waste in this program, and until the Department can get a better hold on what it has, he strongly urges the clampdown on further furniture procurement for mainland use.

The number of new units the Department is getting funds for is shrinking. It started off, asking for 12,100. The Congress approved authorization for 10,140. But the House allowed it funds for 7,755 units for this fiscal year.

Nevertheless, at least some of the services would like GSA to continue buying their furniture. And they may still obtain it off GSA schedules—the no-buy order mainly affects specific quantity contracts. And certain pressures may be building up for a larger Defense housing program, which could open up the contract field again. This includes Congressional restrictions on an offbase house leasing program, and an offbase private rental construction program. And balance of payments problems will continue to press the Department to buy furniture for overseas use in this country.

College contracting

Another area of great federal impact is the college field. Most notably from the federal angle, this has occurred in college dormitories and college unions and dining halls. But the trend is toward more involvement in other construction. A joint Senate-House conference committee has, at this writing, approved a $1.2 billion 3-year program of federal grants and loans for construction of college classrooms, libraries, and laboratories. Aid to religious institutions has been the principal deterrent until now. (C)
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Pioneer Plastics Corp., Sanford, Maine, has appointed Allied Plywood Corp. as New England distributor for Pionite Lifetime Laminates.

No-Sag Spring Co., Detroit, has become a wholly owned subsidiary of American Metal Products Co.

O. Ames Co., Parkersburg, W. Va., has appointed Eller-Fox Associates, 969 Western Merchandise Mart, San Francisco, as northern California sales representative for its Ames-aire casual furniture line.

Royal Haeger Potteries, Dundee, Ill., has named Richard Flanagan, 561 Western Merchandise Mart, San Francisco, to introduce its line of ceramic lamps and related items in northern California.

Albert Van Luit & Co., Los Angeles, will display its wallcoverings lines at a new Chicago showroom, located in the Merchandise Mart, Space 11-123. Van Luit also announces the appointment of Borland Textiles as exclusive wholesale distributor in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Heywood-Wakefield Co., Gardner, Mass., will move its Chicago showroom to the Merchandise Mart as of January 1st.

Kneedler-Fauchere, San Francisco and Los Angeles, has been named by Kiesling-Hess Finishing Co. as its West Coast representative, providing stain repeller and flameproofing application on custom cut fabric orders.

Omni Div. of Aluminum Extrusions, Inc. has appointed two new showrooms to exhibit displays of its furniture groupings: The Annex, Inc., Atlanta, Ga., and Contemporary & Traditional Furniture Showrooms, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Seating created for the aged

An important step has been taken in the field of geriatric furniture, a specialized area that has been long neglected despite the rising population of the aged (see "Geriatrics: Prescription for Old-Age Furniture," February 1963 contract). Recognizing the need for this type of furniture, Nemshoff Chairs, Inc., conducted a research and field testing program for four years which resulted in a new group of geriatric seating expected to help fill the health, comfort, and emotional needs of retired people. According to Nemshoff, there are 21 million retired in the country today, and an average of 400,000 turn 62 each year. The new seating group includes several styles of armchairs with upholstered seats and backs in a medium-price range. Nemshoff describes the chairs as "appliances," although they are carefully designed not to appear as such. Unusual proportions, such as higher chair arms and adjustable seating depths, are not visually apparent. Seating depths are adjustable to four positions by an easily manipulated, totally concealed mechanism. A support for the lower spine is subtly integrated in the design. All upholstery is a premium grade Vinelle in a dozen color choices. Frames are walnut with a catalized lacquer finish resistant to scuffing and stains. Two variations of one design are shown here—one with a high back and modified wings, the other with a low back. Working closely with Nemshoff in the four-year development of this new program were the design firm of Allen Bushnell & Donald Hay, for product development, and Will Ross, Inc., to serve as sales distributor.

NDC plans Chicago opening

The new midwest headquarters of the National Design Center, now nearing completion in Chicago's Marina City, will herald its January opening with a "mouth of previews." The program will include special tours and programs, seminars and workshops for both consumers and architects, designers, and builders. Located in the Marina City Office Building (see cut), the Center will occupy 35,000 square feet of exhibit space on three floors. Permanent but constantly changing exhibitions will focus on new concepts and trends in interior design and architecture. One of the Center's features will be an information bureau which will supply complete information and reference material on all items and products exhibited.

Nylon—25 years old

It was 25 years ago this past October that Du Pont announced "a new word and a new material"—nylon. Today, the United States nylon industry produces nylon at an annual rate of 600 million pounds, at a value of almost $900,000,000. And it is still growing, with new variations and types constantly being developed for new consumer uses. Nylon was developed by Du Pont after investing almost eleven years and $27,100,000, the result of fundamental research by Du Pont chemists. Its impact on industry and the public was tremendous, and the importance of the new fiber, one of the first true synthetics, mushroomed. Basic research resulted in other advances in fibers, plastics, and synthetic rubber. Du Pont now markets 44 different types of nylon for apparel, home furnishings, industrial, and military uses, includ-

S-D forms billiard branch

There's a resurgent popularity in that ancient game of billiards, according to Straus-Duparquet, Inc., and to keep pace with the sporting world the firm has established a new subsidiary that will design and furnish complete "billiard lounges." The new Duparquet Billiards Mfg. Co. will provide a complete package from the billiard table to the financing. Morton Nash, a director of Strauss-Duparquet and vice president of Duparquet Billiards, said the first four centers the firm will design, build, and install (under contract from operators), will be in White Plains, Middletown, and the Bronx, New York, and Menlo Park, New Jersey. At these new centers Duparquet (Continued on page 20)

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will introduce the first of new billiard tables now in production. Mr. Nash explains that the billiard lounges will be a far cry from the stereotyped pool rooms of the past. The new centers will be bright and cheerful in design, furnishings, color, and lighting.

Flame-retardant fabrics program
The U.S. Public Health Service has planned a full-scale safety campaign to call the public's attention to flame-retardant fabrics. The first step in the program was an exhibit of flame-retardant fabrics and textile products displayed at last month's annual meeting of the American Public Health Association.

New assignments...
J. Gordon Carr & Associates, New York City, has been awarded one of the largest single office planning contracts on record—800,000 square feet of new office space for J. C. Penny in New York City. Carr office is also modernizing office areas at Young & Rubican advertising agency, part of a continuing program. For Sullivan, Stauffer, Colwell & Bayes agency, Carr is creating new offices in existing area plus remodeling older offices... Copeland, Novak & Israel, New York City, has been commissioned to act as interior design consultant for Army & Navy Stores, Ltd., in London, involving 302,000 square feet of new space on four floors, mostly selling areas including shopping arcade at grade level and 141 departments. The $8 million project is part of the Greater London reformation program... Planned Office Interiors, New York City, was just assigned three new space planning and interior design projects: 6,000 square feet of new office space, in new quarters, for Council on Student Travel; new offices in a new building for Cahners Publishing Co.; American Pulpwood Association's new offices. The firm was also responsible for the Encyclopedia Exhibit at the recent Decoration & Design show, and is preparing other display work for them... presently developing a portable, self-contained display unit for the New York district office. Nearing completion is the New York sales and servicing office for Consorcio, Pesquero del Peru, a newly organized fish meal export firm... Contracts received by Albert Parvin & Co., Beverly Hills, include interior design for two new Los Angeles Banks—The American City Bank and the Continental Bank. In Las Vegas, Parvin will redesign and redecorate the interiors of the main branch of the Bank of Las Vegas... Marilyn Motto, New York City and Florida, has been appointed to design guestrooms, dining and lounge areas, and public space facilities for the New Carriage House Motor Lodges being built at Greenville, S. C., and at Houston... Morton Textiles & Furniture, Chicago, undertakes a major remodeling job to convert the Sherry Hotel into an apartment hotel; 600 guestrooms will be converted into 300 apartments... Morton Textiles & Furniture, Chicago, will introduce the first of new billiard tables now in production. Mr. Nash explains that the billiard lounges will be a far cry from the stereotyped pool rooms of the past. The new centers will be bright and cheerful in design, furnishings, color, and lighting.

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A. W. Baker was elected president of Chicago Hardware Foundry Co., at the October board of directors meeting. Mr. Baker was a vice president prior to the new appointment. Other officers named include: Harold J. Tallett, vice president; Robert Sedgwick, re-elected secretary and treasurer; F. J. Sherwin, Sr., chairman of the board. In addition, Frank H. Tierman and Edward J. Jenkins were elected assistant secretary and assistant treasurer, respectively.

Maurice E. Ash has been elected president and chief executive officer of Straus-Duparquet, Inc. Mr. Ash was formerly president and chairman of FWD Corp.

George B. Tapner has been named a manufacturers' representative for office furniture group by The Worden Co. in the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska.

Robert H. Carruthers, Jr., has been appointed director of advertising and public relations of American Furniture Co., Martinsville, Va.

Royal P. Tuthill has been appointed sales product manager for Nyloft, Firestone Synthetic Fibers Co.

Edward E. Ranahan has been named general manager of the contract division of the Simmons Co., succeeding Roger C. Wilde who is retiring.

Lehigh Furniture Corp. has named the following sales representatives: Edward J. Polatsek, northern New Jersey and New York City area; Edward C. Leman, New York City, Long Island, Westchester and Fairfield Counties; Jens Olsen, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and western Pennsylvania.

Stuart G. Keiller has been named vice president of sales for Plastic Woven Products, Inc., Patterson, N. J.

Arnold H. Mundell has been appointed midwest regional sales manager for Commercial Carpet Corp. in Chicago. Richard H. McClure takes over Mr. Mundell's former post as district sales manager in Detroit.

Robert Porter has joined the sales staff of John Strauss, furnishings showroom, covering twelve states in the Midwest territory.
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COMMERCIAL wallcoverings volume should increase tenfold within the next five years, according to trade observers. New materials with low-maintenance characteristics, plus the universal interest in well-styled commercial and institutional interiors, have already generated astounding growth in wallcoverings. In large part, the development of this expanded usage has been due to the development of vinyls, but there is a great variety of other materials being specified by the commercial/institutional market. Wallpaper, for example, has been found thoroughly usable in areas of light wear, such as walls that are out of traffic and harm's way. Grasscloths, burlaps, synthetics, and cork are among the materials in active use for contract work. Mural designs, formerly restricted to wallpaper grounds, are now available on almost every material mentioned, including the most rugged laminates.

Vinyls themselves have changed rapidly in the past two years. Specifiers are saving money by using more of the light-gauge vinyls above dadoes, on guestroom walls, in smaller offices, and so forth, or wherever the traffic problem is not critical. Like the heavyweight materials, lightweight vinyls are stain-resistant, scrubbable, and fade-proof, but less expensive because of their lower vinyl content.

A consequence of this trend is that many producers who started out as specialists in heavy-duty wallcoverings are expanding their lines to include light and medium weight goods, which contain from 5 to 15 ounces of vinyl per square yard, approximately. The Hilton Hotel in New York, which opened this year, used hundreds of thousands of square yards of vinyl wallcoverings in public rooms and corridors, all of it light-gauge. Savings effected by specifying this class of vinyls brings the wall finish within competitive range of paint, at the same time that it provides the surface with a longer-lasting, more decorative material, with marked maintenance advantages.

One of the most notable recruits to wallcoverings producers in recent months in Ford Vinyls, a division of Ford Motors Co. George K. Birge Co. will be the exclusive manufacturer of handprints on Ford vinyls, thus making the entire G. K. Birge collection of sceneries available on an ultra-rugged cloth-backed vinyl, specifically engineered for contract use by the Ford Co. Mr. Birge's family began doing business in wallpaper in the early 1800's, when designs were printed on paper sheets about 12 inches square. The Birge name has been continuously prominent in wallcoverings for four generations, and now it becomes associated with the most advanced materials available and the most modern manufacturing techniques.

In process of development also is a new wallcovering line by U.S. Rubber Co., which will be ready for the market in the first half of 1964. Addition of a wide range of textures, to be made available in both light and heavy gauges, is being planned by Athol Manufacturing Co., producer of the Terson line of vinyl wallcoverings.

Along with the changes in materials and the invasion of new areas by wallcoverings there have been significant changes in distribution patterns. Specialized services to the contract trade have been on the increase, both by manufacturers with salesmen and detail men in the field and by wallcovering distributors who concentrate on commercial/institutional customers. Both the producers and the sales agencies are equipped nowadays to give precise specifications to the contract designer or specifier, and their brochures tend to emphasize fadeometer and tunnel tests and to de-emphasize the conventional advertising claims. Literature from these manufacturers can be very useful in selecting wallcoverings for specific contract situations, especially if the performance ratings are compared with the standards laid down by the federal government.
ALBERT VAN LUIT & CO. borrows the theme of Parthenon Riders (left) from the frieze of ancient Athens' Parthenon. Each set of the classic scenic consists of four 27-inch vinyl panels plus a three-roll bolt of the matching textured background. Raised 36 inches from the bottom, the design is 50 inches at highest point. Another Van Luit scenic, October (below left), is richly colored in autumn tones. Circle No. 47.

SCALAMANDRE SILKS: Chiswick (far left) is a light and airy damask design, printed on the firm's new paper-backed Cork Wallcovering. Nuvole (near left), a series of billowing clouds with emerging diagonal rays, creates an over-all textured pattern. Circle No. 48.
WALLCOVERINGS

STANDARD COATED PRODUCTS, INC. has developed a pressure sensitive plastic molding to protect walls and corners from abusive wear in heavy-traffic areas. Made of vinyl and foam, the moldings are applied by simply removing the paper lining, placing the molding in position, and then applying pressure with a seam roller to assure proper adhesion. Chair rail moldings and inside and outside corner moldings come in eight washable colors. The two wallcoverings above and below chair rail molding are also by Standard. Circle No. 49.

FACADE PAPERS, INC.: Jardin Ja-ponaise (far left) a large-scale hand-print in three colors, is printed on Naugahyde. Largest flower measures 15 inches across. Windblown (near left), a two-color print, has 24-inch repeat, trims to 48 inches wide. Circle No. 50.

VERDE WALLPAPERS’ D’Orsay stripe (left) consists of a damask design with a two-color striped overprint panel on vinyl. D‘Orsay was designed specially for main dining room of the Princess Hotel, Bermuda, and will be installed early in 1964. Circle No. 51.

McCORDI CORP. adds two new patterns to its extensive line of vinyls. Crash (top right) simulates a textured weave fabric; Duchess Moire (below right) has a textured silk-like surface. Both patterns come in 54-inch wide fabric-backed vinyl. Circle No. 52.
JAMES SEEMAN STUDIOS: Two outstanding designs from the firm's elaborate Scenic Collection. Garden Ornaments (left) is printed with vinyl inks on vinyl, measures 28 inches wide, ten feet high. Acacia (above) has delicate sprays of mimosa traversing the 28-inch width. Matching grounds are available for each pattern. Circle No. 53.

Diversity of design, material, and texture is apparent in this group, described clockwise, starting from lower left.

KALFLEX: Flora (below left) is a delicate pattern of ferns and leaves on unbleached linen, over which is laminated a sheet of washable vinyl. Circle No. 54.

F. SCHUMACHER has added a new line of woven wallcoverings to its collections—shown here (upper left), Deltox Inc.'s Chalkstripe, a woven textured straw cloth, one of 16 patterns. Circle No. 55.

BIRGE CO.'s new vinyl Textil wall cloth collection includes Alexandria (above) an over-all print combining vinyl, nylon, and Dacron. Circle No. 56.

FINE ART WALL PAPER: Highland Plaid (upper right), a bold pattern designed by Dorothy Draper & Co., has 28-inch repeat. Circle No. 57.

DURAWALL: Wood Grain (lower right), from the Vynundra collection of vinyl wall fabrics, captures the swirl effect of highly grained woods. Circle No. 58.
MICHEL'S DESIGNS: A multi-color flock border highlights traditional guestroom setting. From the firm's Vel-Vette line of pre-trimmed borders, Butternut Border (right), is printed on choice of vinyl or any other material specified and comes pre-trimmed. Circle No. 59.

FLEX-A-TILE CORP. patterns are printed on backgrounds resembling leather, have durability of vinyl. The three on the left—a mosaic, a delicate floral, and a pebbled effect—are stock designs; Flex-A-Tile also offers custom design service, duplicating insignias, trademarks, etc. Circle No. 60.

THOMAS STRAHAN handprints (left) include a subtle vertical stripe, a bold, over-all traditional pattern, and a delicate floral on a mottled background. The wallpapers come in a wide color range. Circle No. 61.

DOW CHEMICAL CO.'s Rovana, a textile fiber with high performance ratings, is used in the Vanaweve collection of wallcoverings. Illustrating its versatility (right) are the various combinations that can be evolved with stripes and solids. The Vanaweve collection was styled by Remy Chatain in collaboration with textile designer Marianne Strengell. Circle No. 62.
COLUMBUS COATED FABRICS' Wall-Tex patterns, Edgemont (above) and Lafayette (above right), are both deeply embossed vinyls with 18½-inch vertical repeats in 27-inch widths. Circle No. 63.

KATZENBACH & WARREN: Lordly Mansion (below) is reproduction of 15th century wallpaper. Aviary (bottom) is coordinated with a Schumacher fabric. Both wallpapers are vinyl-finished. Circle No. 64.

GEORGE K. BIRGE CO., New York City, has just completed a manufacturing agreement with Ford Vinlys, a division of Ford Motor Co., under which G. K. Birge will have exclusive manufacturing rights for all handprints and sceneries to be printed on Ford's vinyl materials. In photo, Charles Scholz, left, shows Ford plant facilities to George K. Birge, head of the wallcoverings firm. Mr. Birge is the fourth generation of his family in the wallcoverings manufacturing business in this country, one of his ancestors having started the firm back in the 1830's, when wallpapers were printed on sheets of paper about 12 inches square and then pieced together on the wall like a jigsaw puzzle. Circle No. 65.
DEDICATED in October, 1963, the new South Wing of Perth Amboy General Hospital represents a notable advance in hospital design. Perth Amboy General, which is located in Perth Amboy, N. J., is a voluntary, general-care hospital which, with its new annex, has 550 beds and cares for some 25,000 in-patients and 20,000 out-patients annually.

There has been an urgent need for expanded facilities at the hospital since the 1950's as population in the area more than doubled. In addition to regular community service, hospital history was made in 1950-51 when two of the country’s major disasters occurred nearby—the explosion of a munitions barge in the Raritan River and the wreck of “The Broker” commuter train in Woodbridge. In each case the staff was called upon to care for 200 or more victims without warning. Stretchers and beds were set up in corridors, dining rooms, and even in an unfinished lobby.

For its new South Wing, Perth Amboy General planned in terms of the most modern facilities and equipment available. The addition, six stories high, includes a 15-bed intensive care unit; a 14-bed surgical recovery unit; 10 operating rooms; six 12-crib nurseries; four emergency rooms with complete sub-surgery; a rapid-process X-ray department; a cafeteria and dining room for hospital personnel.

The building was designed by Ferrenz & Taylor, a foremost architectural firm in the hospital field. The task of expansion, without any land on which to build, was indeed an architectural design feat. Old and new had to function side by side through demolition and construction while hospital activities continued day by day. The job of designing the interiors of this entire edifice was given to the firm of Dan Ferziger, Inc., New York City, a young but experienced organization in hospital interiors, which worked closely with Anthony W. Eckert, chairman of the hospital's board.

Occupancy in the entire hospital has averaged

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USE OF WALLCOVERINGS in patients’ rooms (opposite page and right) rids hospital of drab institutional look, creating a pleasant and warm environment for patient, hospital staff, and visitors. The delicately shaded, textured vinyls serve as backgrounds for colorful print draperies and help soften severe lines of metal furniture. All wallcoverings were specified not only for their esthetic qualities, but also because they met the stringent hygienic standards demanded by hospital regulations. Public areas as well make optimum use of vinyl wallcoverings, such as the employee cafeteria (below), enlivened with a large-scale mural.
more than 80 percent of capacity annually, and the average length of stay is 7.5 days. With a case-load of this magnitude in a rapidly growing suburban area only 30 miles south of New York City, the board of governors at Perth Amboy General set high performance standards for their new facilities. They sought to develop a hospital environment that would enhance the comfort of the patient, speed his recovery, and at the same time reduce operating costs for the hospital.

One of the important departures in designing the new wing was the use of bright, attractive wallcoverings instead of the drab walls that have been used in the establishment's older buildings. In order to create a restful and at the same time cheerful atmosphere, the hospital decided to apply 140,000 square feet of vinyl wallcoverings. Made by Galon AB in Sweden and distributed through its own U. S. subsidiary, the wallcoverings selected offer a combination of qualities that any institutional management will look on with favor—they are stainproof, scrubbable, fireproof and resistant to chemicals. They conform to the stringent hygienic standards that are mandatory for hospital work, but at the same time they are made in a range of delicate colorings that enable the designer to bring a warm, human touch to his interiors and to avoid that unfortunate "institutional look." The Galon wallcoverings are extremely hard wearing, but lightweight and easy to apply, thus enabling the establishment to effect a saving in application costs, right at the outset. Use of this wall material also guaranteed little or no inconvenience or disturbance in future redecorating and a minimum of maintenance charges during the extended life of the wallcovering. The Galon line is distributed in the New York area by Leatherguild, Inc. Ben Ruskin is sales manager of Galon Fabrics.

Coordinated colors in several designs were chosen to clothe the walls of the hospital rooms and corridors. Variations of mild grays, beiges, yellows, greens, and blues predominate, in effects that include textured leather, linen, woodgraining, woven grass, and stripes. In the maternity section, pinks and blues coordinate with blue furnishings.

Throughout the new South Wing, contemporary furniture with good clean lines has been employed. The wallcoverings act as background for sturdy, well-designed seating pieces, tables, and counters in the public areas. Table-tops and counters are of plastic laminates for easy maintenance. Floors are mottled or striped resilient tile. Beds are equipped with the newest types of adjustment mechanisms, and their painted metal components have been given a matte finish. In the private rooms and wards, the patterned wallcoverings do a particularly effective job of softening the hard lines of the beds and other metal furnishings, while providing handsome backgrounds for draperies and pictures. (C)
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EVERYONE has observed the new competitiveness of banks, their intensified “merchandising” of services, their ads in the public press and on TV. To carry through to their premises, banks are now in a continuous sprucing up and refurbishing process that has radically changed their appearance in the past few years. Of necessity, they have developed a good many special design features related to banking services and to movement of traffic on the main banking floor. In a few cases, like the Orlando, Fla., bank on this spread, the building itself has been shaped to the demands of the banking facilities. Most of the time, however, even the banker has to work and live with an existing building in premises originally intended for a cafeteria, a supermarket, or what-have-you. Use of good construction materials, well-styled furniture, and low-maintenance surfaces has brought a congenial feeling not formerly associated with financial transactions. Some of the happier examples, plus one architect’s analysis of the problems of bank designing, are presented here.
American Federal Savings & Loan Association

An exceptional feature of this Orlando, Florida, bank is the circular teller counter in the center of the lobby directly beneath a large plastic dome. It was stipulated by bank officials for reasons of customer efficiency, and architect Robert E. Murphy, AIA, based the entire building on the circular design. For the functional interior, Vern Currie, AID, of Richard Plumer Business Interiors, Inc., borrowed local color to highlight the Americana theme, specifying Seminole red for the broad expanse of specially woven carpeting, shades of blue for most upholstery, and white wallcoverings to complete the tri-color motif. Desks and other wood furnishings are of oiled, hand-rubbed walnut; paneling in lobby is highly grained, light colored.

Lovola Federal Savings & Loan Association

Architect and designer collaborated to provide Loyola with a splendid example of taste and efficiency in its new building in Towson, Maryland. Architect was Wilson & Christie; Donald D. Potter, Jr., project captain. Responsible for the well-executed interiors is Charles F. Zimmerman, AID, of The H. Chambers Co. The inviting openness of space in the banking and special service areas is immediately apparent. The reception area contains an informal seating arrangement, while officers' area in main banking room is enclosed with a low, open railing. Teller counters and check desks are light in scale, purposely avoiding a heavy, cumbersome look. Greens and oranges dominate the color scheme, in the green-and-black tweed rug, green veining in white marble floor, orange upholstery on chairs. Draperies, by contrast, are off-white. Desks are oiled walnut with cane panels. Counters combine white laminate with rosewood.

Miami National Bank

To expand its banking facilities and enlarge its office areas, the Miami National Bank commissioned architect Rene Brugnoni to design an addition to its existing building. Brugnoni created a new facade and expanded the original structure not only horizontally, but vertically as well, providing exterior continuity of design. Brugnoni was also charged with the execution of the interiors—both the offices and the main banking floor. To dispel the awesome aura that has so often surrounded banking institutions in the past, he designed in terms of warm, restful colors, and contemporary furniture informally disposed. The main banking area is softened with yellows, whites, and greens, set against teak paneling. The president's office has a quiet color scheme of muted blues and white, with one wall and part of the ceiling in wood paneling. The oval conference room is dramatically paneled in curved sections, each of which is gracefully angled to provide high acoustical efficiency. Furniture throughout is walnut.

"Humanized" banking by Herman Miller, Inc.'s planning department. The interior design branch of the furniture firm undertook to scale the interiors to the individual through the use of simple materials, informal furniture arrangements, and sunny bright colors. The bank, located in Duluth, Minnesota, has two main floors, interconnected with a staircase which leads from the main banking floor to the second level, the latter housing special departments, executive offices, and conference room. Off-the-stair landing on the second floor is an attractive waiting area that doubles as an art gallery, displaying paintings and sculpture by local artists. Architect Melander, Pugels & Associates, who designed the new building, also designed the teller counters and checkwriting tables. Photos on front cover show two other views.

BRANCHES ON A BUDGET

THE BANCO DE PONCE, PUERTO RICO,
STANDARDIZES ITS DESIGN PROGRAM FOR THE MAINLAND

By ALBERT BARASH, AIA

What are the problems in designing a branch bank on a budget, particularly a branch whose home base is in the tropics? Recently I had to face this problem which, like so many others in life, grew like Topsy, but fortunately so.

The parent bank is the Banco de Ponce, of Ponce, Puerto Rico, which has branches located in all the key cities of the island. A decision was made to expand even farther by establishing a branch in the New York City area to serve the needs of a large and growing Spanish-speaking public.

The design program as set forth by the client was as follows:

A. Design a branch on a budget using not the most expensive materials available, but, rather, materials that will give the appearance of cost. Primarily, they must have high serviceability with low maintenance characteristics.

B. Plan the space to obtain not only a feeling of spaciousness, but actually utilizing every square inch of space. The budget does not allow the rental or purchase of overly generous quarters.

C. Create an atmosphere of welcome and of the color of the islands, and let it reflect in the furnishings and decor.

To date three branches have been established. The first branch, located in the Bronx, New York City, was primarily a problem of “creating an atmosphere of welcome and color.” Because of the over-all drabness of the neighborhood and the visual conflict with adjacent electric signs, a light-color background was designed and specified for the porcelain enamel panels of the facade. To insure my concept of a “white” facade rather than a dark green facade originally contemplated by the client, I journeyed to the porcelain enamel factory and personally worked with the factory foreman to create a white speckled granite in porcelain enamel. By the use of color, on a practical, reasonably priced material as compared with marble or granite, the facade of the first branch was made to stand out clearly amidst all the clutter.

The problems of the interior furnishings, finishes, and decor were solved by the strict adherence to the ABC design program outlined by the bank: and this program has been consistently followed in the succeeding two New York City branches, in Manhattan and Brooklyn respectively.

In the Bronx branch, and therefore setting much of the pattern for Manhattan and Brooklyn, vinyl wallcoverings in tropical textures, such as bamboo and grasscloth were used throughout. These practical materials were given additional impact by the judicious use of color. Caribbean blue was used to accent the vault, flamboyant red brightened an otherwise dark corner of a work area, and lemon yellow highlighted the wall of the checkwriting desk. These colors were then repeated in a large painted mural of Caribbean landscape complete with palms, plants, and flowers. The mural, right behind the working tellers, was painted directly on the vinyl wallcovering. Later, when more space was taken by the bank, it was necessary to break through a doorway adjacent to the finished mural; the contractor was able to peel back a portion of the wallcovering (including the mural) and then rehung it as though nothing had been disturbed. This was a feasible and economical solution to an otherwise awkward problem.

Laminated plastic, matching the wood grains and color of furniture tops, was used for rails, teller counters, and trim, thereby unifying the furniture with the interior architectural design. The same laminated plastic was used for the facings of columns in the Manhattan branch, and for grille-type railings in the Brooklyn branch.

The problem of flooring, subject to heavy traffic loads, spiked heels, and scuffing by children, was solved with vinyl asbestos. It was also necessary to create a strong design in the floor pattern to give visual width to the confined banking areas. To recall the black-and-white tile floors of the islands, I created an elongated checkerboard pattern in black and white terrazzo vinyl asbestos, relieved with a divider strip in lemon yellow run-
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...ning crosswise the length of the room. This was considerably cheaper than tile or marble, but just as effective in creating the atmosphere.

Three important design features were incorporated in the second installation, the Manhattan branch. The first involved the building itself—a long narrow structure with the narrow end facing the busy shopping street. An existing stairwell, which provided access to a necessary storage area in the basement, paralleled the long wall, making the space narrower than dictated by good planning. The stairwell was not only convenient, but also too costly to relocate. Therefore, to allow light, color, and air—namely space—to flow through, I omitted all solid bank rails and instead specified aluminum metal grilles. Together with the elongated pattern of the vinyl asbestos floors, the 30-foot-wide space seemingly doubled in appearance.

Second design feature was the installation of large-scale photo murals behind the teller counter. The photographs, a combination of landscape, architecture, and aerial perspectives of San Juan and the island, were black-and-white prints mounted on homasote and fitted into the architectural trim provided. The cost proved slightly less than the painted mural, and the black and whites resulted in an articulate and visual symbol of the homeland. Decoratively, they served as an excellent foil to the dramatic colors—flamboyant red on vault wall and carpet; Caribbean blue, the work area; and lemon yellow, the check-writing wall.

Third, original artwork, prints, and paintings by native Puerto Rican artists, of sophisticated quality, were included in the original budget estimate. Scenes of San Juan and the island, architecture, and human figures were subjects. The styles ranged from realism to the abstract, and from color to black and white. The cost of the pictures, including framing, was extremely reasonable in the over-all budget, and it proved to be one of the most valued assets in terms of total design and public relations. Pictures are now a permanent part of the budget.

Lighting and the control of light were one of the major budget and design problems in each of the three branches. The Bronx branch and the Manhattan branch employed mainly fluorescent lighting, flush recessed mounted or installed for (Continued on page 44)
Banco de Ponce, Manhattan Branch

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good over-all lighting with economy. Murals, vault, and window area however were accented with spots, hi-hat recessed, or hi-hat downlite. Strong sun loads in the Bronx and Brooklyn branches were controlled by wide vertical blinds on traverse. The colors of the canvas and Tontine became an important design element for the exterior as well as for the interior, with lemon yellow for the Brooklyn and Bronx branches, and blue for the Manhattan branch. In addition the vertical blinds, architecturally decorative in themselves, obviated the necessity of expensive curtains and draperies. Instead, colorful prints in fixed panels were used to cover awkward column conditions and give height and color to the interiors.

Departing from the standard lighting of Bronx and Manhattan, I decided to enhance the more restricted and awkward space of the Brooklyn branch with dramatic incandescent globes surmounted by colorful disks. My purpose was to mix incandescent with fluorescent to allow for use of one or the other depending upon strong sunlight conditions on the south and west side of the building. In addition, the globes or spheroids repeated the design theme of the Brooklyn branch, namely the colorful circular windows executed in colorful sheets of heavy plastic. The lighting became one of the most important eye-catching features for all three branches, for the exteriors were lighted by a canopy of double rows of exterior fluorescent washing the facade with light and lighting the stainless steel and porcelain enamel letters of the bank sign. The interiors were lighted at night, and prospective customers window-shopping at night and attracted by the bright colors and forms of the interior, together with the tropical accents of plants, actually became customers of the bank the following morning. The circular windows, by the way, were existing openings in the long brick wall of the Brooklyn branch. They had been blocked up, creating a dark, gloomy warehouse look to the side elevation of the building. With the use of heavy wood frame, mullions painted black, and insets of colorful plastic panes (less dangerous in a rock-throwing area), an ugly wall became a joy and delight. The cost was negligible in comparison to the public relations value.

Selection of furniture—desks, chairs, benches, etc.—was generally limited to two companies, both having complementary lines of metal and vinyl upholstered furniture. All finishes were teak and ebony, combined with chrome. All upholstery vinyls were in Caribbean colors or in black. Furniture can be switched and changed from branch to branch if necessary; it is interchangeable and this has proved economical. (C)
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Motel in the Wright Tradition: The Snow Flake, Michigan, is Bringing Its Owner the Esthetic Rewards and Financial Hardships Associated with the Master's Works. By Ruth Kain Bennett

With giant motel-hotel chains crowding the lodging industry and with increasing warnings of overbuilding and falling occupancy, it is surprising to find a lone entrepreneur painstakingly constructing a highly individual motel in St. Joseph, Michigan. When completed, the Snow Flake will contain 100 guestroom units, swimming pool, restaurant, coffee shop, cocktail lounge, and conference room. At present, 57 units, coffee shop, cocktail lounge, and swimming pool are completed and in use. Cost to date is approximately $1,500,000.

Since these figures exceed the per-unit cost of most luxury hotels and motels, it is obvious that a motive other than immediate financial success is responsible for the existence of the Snow Flake. That motive is the life-long dedication of Sahag Sarkesian to the works of Frank Lloyd Wright and his determination to build something of lasting value.

The architectural design, said to be based on a concept by Mr. Wright, was undertaken by Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation in 1959, the year of Mr. Wright's death. Designed by William Wesley Peters and originally called the Snow Crystal, it closely follows the intricate, hexagonal forms of the snowflake which is remarkably suited to the purpose. Guestrooms and public rooms are grouped into six wings which are laid out in a snowflake pattern. The hexagonal form is repeated in the shapes of the swimming and reflecting pools and the five service stations nestled in the angled corners of the wings, and again in the dome over the swimming pool, the roadside sign, the lighting standards spotted throughout the grounds, and the steel-tube trellis over walkways. A driveway surrounds the motel so that each room is easily accessible to guests from their cars.

When the plans were complete, construction bids proved to be considerably beyond the original estimate and financing was impossible to obtain. Undaunted, Mr. Sarkesian determined to do his
SHADOWS of steel tubing trellis over walkway and metal sheathed folded board roof form constantly changing patterns on walkways (left). Sawtooth pattern of the roof (below left) deflects the sun’s rays. Where feasible, existing pine and fruit trees were preserved; others to be planted later.

INTERIORS (two photos below), in typical Wright fashion, have built-in units, rely on natural construction materials for design elements, and use architectural forms for dramatic interest. Wall unit is Philippine mahogany with nylon carpet covering seat/luggage rack. Lighting over loft illuminates the pitched ceiling formed by interior of roof structure. Wright Foundation specified all furnishings, including nylon twist carpet and expanded metal chairs.

own contracting and finance the first stage with his own money, gained in the rug importing business. Construction was begun in July 1961 and the first 36 units were in service sixteen months later. By spring of 1963, 57 units, conference room, and the swimming, wading, and reflecting pools were completed.

The problems in constructing a Frank Lloyd Wright building have always been myriad and the Snow Flake was not exceptional. Steel and wood members were all cut on the site to such complex angles that engineers and mathematicians from nearby Immanuel College were brought in to work with local Seventh Day Adventist craftsmen. Concrete blocks were poured to achieve special angles and finishes. In this day of prefabrication and standardization, this was indeed a handcrafted structure.

The roof of the motel is covered with terne metal, an alloy of lead and tin on a base of steel sheathing, in a sawtooth pattern. The strips of
MOTEL IN THE WRIGHT TRADITION

Metal act to deflect the sun's rays from the roof and at the same time throw a constant pattern of shadows around the motel.

That the Wright name has great drawing power is demonstrated by the popularity of the motel even before completion of cocktail and dining facilities. Close to 500 architects have visited the site during construction. According to owner-manager Sarkesian, occupancy has run 70 to 75 percent since the units were completed; he considers 70 percent his break-even point. Until recently guests were able to take advantage of the excellent Schulers restaurant located directly across the highway. However, it burned to the ground this past July, making it essential that the Snow Flake dining facilities be rushed to completion.

The location of the motel has the double advantage of being close to Lake Michigan and in the heart of a booming industrial area. (C)

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Herman Miller’s Catenary Group

Two important new furniture groups, designed by George Nelson & Co., have been introduced by Herman Miller, Inc. The Catenary Group, shown here, comprised of a chair, ottoman, and coffee table, is based on a system of identical polished steel structural parts which can be assembled in minutes, with epoxy-glued joints, similar to aircraft construction techniques. The chair’s upholstered cushions, covered in leather or fabric, are suspended on concealed cables. The coffee table is available with clear or amber glass top. The Sling Sofa Group consists of a large leather and chrome-plated steel sofa and a steel-based granite-topped coffee table. The sofa frame is constructed simply of a hoop, bar, and two H-frame legs; seat of down and foam rubber cushions is held in a resilient suspension system. As in the Catenary Group, steel parts are joined by strong, invisible epoxy adhesive. Sofa is available in 87 inch or 112 inch widths, in black or tan leather upholstery.

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A comfortably upholstered executive chair, part of Dependable Furniture Mfg. Co.’s new Design 64 series, combines plastic covering on outside surfaces and headrest for durability with fabric upholstery on the seating surfaces for comfort. The walnut-trimmed, all-steel pedestal is equipped with a torsion bar and adjustable chair control. Other items in Design 64, designed for Dependable by Henry M. Conversano, include sofas, benches, tables, as well as other executive chairs. A variety of leathers, plastics, or fabrics are available for the upholstered furniture.

Circle No. 67 on product information card

Urethane formulated for rug backing

A new urethane rug backing, designed specifically for the floor coverings industry, has been developed by Scott Paper Co. after two years of research. Called Scott Securi-Tee the material has increased tensile strength, withstands laundering and drying methods, and shows superior wearing characteristics, according to Scott, while retaining a soft drapable hand. It will not chip, crack, or peel with age. In developing Securi-Tee, Scott worked with Burkhart-Schier, supplier of latex backings, and together developed a technique for adhering Securi-Tee. Gray goods are...
roller coated with a modified latex foam adhesive. Then a 3/32 inch thickness of Securi-Tee is applied to the foam latex through combining rolls, and the material is heat-cured for a permanent bond that withstands extensive testing. Because it is adhered rather than flame laminated, none of its thickness is lost. Marketing and performance tests have proved successful, and approximately twenty-five manufacturers are offering Securi-Tee on area rugs in sizes up to 6 by 4 feet. Scott is now planning to introduce Securi-Tee in widths suitable for tufted or broadloom carpeting in both 9 and 12 foot widths.

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New Goodyear vinyl pattern

Gold metallic veining characterizes Romanesque, a new pattern in the Cloisonette series of textured vinyl floor coverings by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Background colors include plain white, white swirled with beige, tawny beige, silver beige, and pale turquoise. The moderately priced vinyl is available in 12 by 12 inch tiles or in 72-inch wide rolls.

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Naugahyde-covered chair by Krueger

A molded opening at the lower back, providing ventilation and sitting comfort, is the design feature of Krueger Metal Products Co.'s new fiber glass side chair. The one-piece seat and back is padded in thick foam molded to the chair's contours and is covered by the U.S. Naval mechanical upholstering process in U.S. Rubber's Naugahyde Chromata, a sturdy and flexible material resistant to stains. Wide color range of designer colors include opal white, vermilion, black, azure blue, antique gold, and bronze green.

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**Octa 1 desk table by Helikon**

Clean lines and light-scale styling serve to emphasize the heavily grained walnut oil top and legs of Helikon's Octa 1 desk table. Yet for all its simplicity, the unit contains three drawers and two dictation slides. Octa 1, so named because of the octagonal shape of the legs, was designed by Robert Benham Becker, measures 60 by 30 by 29 inches high. Other sizes and top surfaces are also available.

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Bamboo motif in Miele armchair
Finished in white and covered with a brilliant yellow and sharp pink flowered cotton, Ralph. A. Miele’s armchairs, in carved wood bamboo motif.

were selected by Barbara Brown and Claire Eggleston Morrow for I. Miller’s new boutique department. Upholstery fabric by Falconetto of Italy is repeated in lamp shade.

Circle No. 73 on product information card

Lamps by Cooper
Frederick Cooper's new lamp collection, extensive and varied in styles, includes these two table models. On the left is a handcrafted Italian ceramic lamp, a contemporary design in glazed mustard and dull blacks. Shade is white linen, trimmed in dull gold and black. Lamp height measures 37 inches; the shade is 15 by 16 by 16 inches. On the right is a reproduction of a traditional lamp, its column gracefully fluted and finished in old wormwood with old brass plinth. The handmade shade, 12 by 13 by 15 inches, is of beige silk trimmed with metallic gold braid and self folds. Lamp height is 36 inches.

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Acrylic plastic panels

New textures, patterns, and colorings highlight American Cyanamid's Compass Collection of Acrylite acrylic plastic sheeting. The translucent panels, lightweight, yet able to withstand heavy impact, have good resistance to stains. Two of the many patterns in the collection include Tivoli (left), a basket weave in lemon and lime, lemon and gold, turquoise and blue, red and pink, or blue and violet, and Sherwood (right), a stylized tree pattern in olive and charcoal or green and turquoise against textured clear. Acrylite panels come in five sheet sizes. Standard thickness is \( \frac{1}{8} \) inch, with thicker quantities available on special orders.

Circle No. 76 on product information card

Mozambique, a popular Viortex wallcovering pattern by L. E. Carpenter, is now available as a stretch-back upholstery fabric. In a 17 color range, Mozambique, a woven texture, is made from deep-molded, three-dimensional vinyl combined with stretchable knit jersey. The fabric requires no backing, will not crack, chip, peel, or scratch, and can be cleaned with a damp cloth.

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Dazian's Beta casement

A wide and varied collection of new casements by Dazian's includes Queen, a coarse lofted fishnet with off-balanced weave adding dimension. Made of Owens-Corning's Beta yarn Fiberglas, the casements come in a striking color range.

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Resistane's new release paper

A new release paper, said to make possible instant removal of wallpaper from the wall without tools, scraping, soaking, steaming, or any other preparatory steps, is being introduced by Resistane Corp. According to the firm, which is well-known as the producer of Resistane protective coating for wallpapers, the new release paper enables the paperhanger or consumer to peel a strip from the wall at any time. Thus, if a seam needs adjusting or bubbles have to be removed, or if any defect on the wall detracts from the final appearance of the paper, the strip of wallpaper can be peeled off, then re-hung by simply wetting the pasted side with water. Resistane Corp. states that its new paper will adhere indefinitely and that it is unaffected by conditions of temperature and/or humidity.

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Papier-maché sculpture

Reviving the art of sculpturing in papier-maché, Karl Mann Associates presents its first collection of six whimsical figures. The group includes a Punch figure, an Early American cigar store Indian, two 19th century ship mastheads, a bas-relief crest of the Middle Ages, and a seated lion.

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MANUFACTURERS’ LITERATURE

A revised edition of its comprehensive vinyl wall-covering specification guide has been issued by L. E. Carpenter & Co., manufacturer of Viertex vinyls. Primarily designed for use by architects, designers, engineers, and contractors, the guide details physical characteristics such as weights, thicknesses, tensile and tear strengths. Full data is included on UL ratings and fire hazards, installation instructions, wall preparation, and testing procedures.

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Vanaweave wallcoverings and coordinated drapery fabrics woven with Dow Chemical Co.’s Rovana saran flat monofilament are now sampled in a comprehensive book for architects and interior designers. Fire-resistant, Vanaweave comes in solids, damask patterns, textures, and stripes in a wide range of colors.

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Marshall Studios, Inc.’s lamp catalog illustrates its wide collection of stoneware table lamps, walnut and teak table lamps, and floor lamps.

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CONTRACT
Superb engineering enhances the fine design of the lamps and lighting fixtures in the Luiming Collection, illustrated in a new catalog. The majority are hanging fixtures, all Scandinavian imports in a variety of materials. Each is designed to cast a soft yet effective light with a minimum wattage, at the same time providing a decorative feature.

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Heywood-Wakefield Co. has cataloged its entire contract lines in a new 64-page brochure. It is divided into special sections—the first five devoted to hotel and motel furniture, followed by sections on seating and occasional pieces; dining, restaurant, and grill furniture; dormitory and nursing home furniture, and metal frame specialty chairs.

Circle No. 87 on product information card

Inn Keepers Supply Co. is distributing more than 25,000 copies of the 1963-64 catalog to the motel-hotel industry. Catalog includes 5,000 items, representing the 480 manufacturers supplying the company. The new edition also outlines Inn Keepers’ new complete package service, from its design department and service facilities to inside-construction items and maintenance materials.

Circle No. 88 on product information card

An 8-page color brochure illustrates Franciscan Hermosa Tile’s new range of colors, shapes and designs, manufactured by International Pipe & Ceramics Corp. The booklet contains a complete color guide to each of the 40 glazed wall tiles which include contours, decoratives, solids, and textures.

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U. S. Rubber introduces Kent, a new pattern in its self-expanding Naugahyde line, in a pamphlet containing a sample swatch to demonstrate its soft, pliable hand. Colorfast, easily cleaned, Kent comes in a 10 color range.

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A four-page brochure from the import division of Habig Mfg. Co. gives full information on the complete line of upholstery webbing made by Dunlop Rubber Co., for which Habig is exclusive importer. Brochure features both the nylon reinforced upholstery webbing and the natural rubber webbing offered by Dunlop.

Desquire, a new office furniture line by Thomas-Davis Mfg. Co., was designed on a modular system that offers a number of combinations for maximum space use. A new brochure illustrates the desks and credenzas and diagrams their components.

A new commercial catalog by Stoneware Techniques shows a number of distinctive floor pottery for use in motels, hotels, offices, and institutions. Each item comes in choice of three traditional potters' colors: sandstone, quince, and golden poppy.

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