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Then there was the Construction Division of the Quartermaster Corps. This office, also, as the years went by, lost its identity with its work being vested in other branches of the War Department.

Likewise, with some of the other Construction Departments, many changes and reorganizations in Government, due to the war, have brought about reallocation of work, the disappearance of some and establishment of new offices to take their place. Yet there are some, such as Yards and Docks of the Navy Department; Office of the Architect of the Capitol; Office of the Municipal Architect in the District of Columbia Government and others which have retained their identities.

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Reports to the Director of the National Park Service

THE National Park Service was founded in 1916. The importance of careful planning was recognized from the start. The Landscape Architectural Division was started, with one employee, in 1918. The Division was at that time located in Los Angeles, California. Personnel was added from time to time, as the development program increased. The office was moved to San Francisco in 1926. Until 1930 virtually all National Park activity was

Until 1930 virtually all National Park activity was concentrated in the west. Then, the acquisition of several national parks in the east led to the establishment of an eastern office of the Division in Yorktown, Virginia, to handle work east of the Mississippi, with the western office at San Francisco handling work of the west, including the territories of Hawaii and Alaska. By 1933 there were 20 employees in the two offices, approximately half of whom were landscape architects and the other half were architects. In that year a number of national monuments, national cemeteries, national military parks, and national historical parks, formerly under the administration of the U. S. Forest Service or the War Department were trans-

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ferred to the National Park Service. That year also saw the tremendous increase in development work through the inauguration of the PWA, CCC, WPA, and similar relief programs. The name of the present "Branch of Plans and Design" was adopted in 1933, and the eastern office, together with the Chief Landscape Architect from the western office, were removed to headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The Branch reached its peak size of 246 professional employees in 1934-35. Due to the steadily increasing scope and location of National Park Service activities, four regional offices were established in 1936, in lieu of eastern and western offices. These regional offices were established at Richmond, Virginia; Omaha, Nebraska; Sante Fe, New Mexico; and San Francisco, California. The Chief Landscape Architect, with a small staff, remained in the Director's Office, which was removed from Washington to Chicago in 1942, for the duration of the war. In addition to these offices, the Branch of Plans and Design has two project offices, one at Roanoke, Virginia, and one at Tupelo, Mississippi, whose activities are directly con-

cerned with the design and construction of the Blue Ridge and Natchez Trace Parkways. A small staff of architects and landscape architects remains in Washington as a part of the staff of the National Capital Parks Office. The present wartime staff in the various offices of the National Park Service includes a total of ten architects and eighteen landscape architects.

The bulk of the work in normal times, consists of many small projects, at widely scattered areas, involving the design of park administrative, utility and residential buildings, and the location and design of roads, trails and parkways, together with the necessary bridges, guard rail, and tunnel portals. All work is integrated to, and controlled by, carefully prepared Master Plans for each park or area.

One of the activities of the Branch has been the directing of an Historic American Buildings Survey throughout the country, covering many public and privately owned buildings which will be lost to pos-

The National Capital Parks office is a subdivision of the National Park Service under the Department of the Interior and is responsible for the operation, control and maintenance of the park system of the District of Columbia and certain other areas within and adjacent to the District. The officers of this organization which would have to do with phases of design, construction and maintenance are:

Mr. Irving C. Root, Superintendent

terity through fire, obsolescence, and change of ownership. Measured drawings and photographs were prepared and filed in the Library of Congress, and reproductions may be obtained there for nominal sums. These drawings cover approximately 6,400 structures, ranging from New England covered bridges to pre-historic Indian pueblos in the southwest.

Activities of the Branch during the war have been greatly curtailed, consisting largely of essential maintenance and repairs to existing facilities, and to cooperating in approved war-time uses of many facilities or resources. No funds have yet been provided by the Congress for undertaking surveys and plans for postwar planning. The Branch is preparing manuals on a number of professional subjects for the guidance of architects and landscape architects who may be added to the staff in the future.

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standards for development and management of projects.

7. While this agency sets up the standards for the development of projects the design is usually the product of local architects and engineers who are required to design within the prescribed standards and cost limitations. The supervision of construction and management of projects is usually the responsibility of local housing authorities.

8. In addition to the Central Office in Washington the Authority works through eight regional offices, one General Field Office and a Detroit Area Office. The location of these offices, together with the name of the officer in charge, is listed below :

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T HE Hospital Facilities Section is a small research group which develops standards of design for hospitals, health centers and related health facilities buildings. The Section acts in an advisory capacity to Federal, State and municipal agencies, as well as to private architects.

When in 1941 the Community Facilities Bill was enacted, making Federal funds available for the construction of hospitals and health centers, the need for professional guidance became evident. As a result, the United States Public Health Service, as a part of its States Relations Division, established a Hospital Facilities. Section. Its personnel includes specialists in medicine, hospital administration, nursing and hospital architecture and equipment. The new unit's function was, and still is, to furnish, *upon request*, advice and consultation services to local health agencies, to architects and to state and Federal agencies concerned with the administration of hospital building programs.

Hospital planning involves complex and irrelated

questions of function, form and engineering. Many architects have had insufficient opportunities to become fully acquainted with highly specialized problems in this field. Physicians, who are usually consulted by the architects, are not as a rule sufficiently conversant with the problems of interelationship and integration of the various service units, and cannot usually give the kind of comprehensive advice necessary to insure maximum efficiency with minimum ex-pense. What may work out best in one locality may not be best for another. Obviously some sort of clearing house for technical information, some continuing body of research, investigation and comparison, could cut down the amount of trial and error involved in our progress. The Hospital Facilities Section supplies this need. It is small in personnel. Its Senior Archi-tect is Marshall Shaffer, A.I.A., whose experience in private practice includes hospital work on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

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IN the last issue of the FEDERAL ARCHITECT, featuring hospital planning by the Veterans Administration, the Editor expressed appreciation for the assistance given by William Randolph Talbott in reviewing the data prepared for that edition.

Following the above comment it has seemed proper at this time to say a word further about Mr. Talbott who is an outstanding expert on the planning and construction of government hospitals.

A registered architect of the District of Columbia.



he is Chief of the Technical Division of the Veterans Administration, and has supervised the planning and designing of all the Administration facilities for more than twenty years.

Shortly after General Hines became Director of the Veterans Bureau in 1923, Mr. Talbott was made Chief of the Design Sub-Division. He had charge of the architectural planning and designing of Veterans Hospitals and Homes. When the Veterans Bureau was reorganized into the Veterans Administration, Colonel L. H. Tripp, Director of Construction, selected Mr. Talbott for Chief of the newly-organized Technical Division. He thereby became responsible for all architectural, structural and mechanical engineering plans and specifications required for new veterans facilities and the altering of existing facilities. Also, he assumed responsibility for making preliminary studies in connection with the selection of new sites as well as for the inspection and surveys of such sites.

Mr. Talbott was born and reared in Maryland and has always been a resident of that State, living at present in Rockville. His parents were born in Pooles-

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ville, lived in Gaithersburg for a time and later made their home in Rockville, where his father practiced law.

During World War I, he served overseas, having sixty continuous days of front line action during which he participated in engagements at Argonne Forest, Montefaucon, St. Mihiel and Verdun. On Armistice Day, he was on duty in the Romaine Sector. In the present conflict, he relives his World War I experiences through his only son, "Young Bill," who recently was commissioned in the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Talbott has always taken an interest in civic affairs and was closely associated with the Boy Scouts. Since rationing went into effect, he has served on one of the Rockville Rationing Boards.

The physical stamina acquired in World War I battles has lasted through the ensuing years, making it possible for him to set the pace in all building programs undertaken by the Veterans Administration. He plays equally as hard as he works, finding relaxation from his official duties in strenuous tennis.

During the years since World War I, at irregular intervals, he has carved pipe bowls, decorating them with designs usually depicting some serious or amusing incident of the past. The pictures show a few pieces of his handiwork. After study of certain species of wood or selected ivory, he usually has the



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rough block of the chosen material cut to a desired shape, after which he undertakes to carve the bowl.

Mr. Talbott is distinguished by gracious, one might say courtly manners, heritage of Maryland forbears. He breaks his official intentness with a friendly smile. Inclined though he is by nature to be modestly retiring, there are few men, nevertheless, in the Government service who by reason of ability and personal attractiveness have built up a longer list of friends.

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