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HOUSING MARKET

Producers strengthen ties to builders

The roll call of producers taking an active part in housing continues to grow into a quiet revolution, bringing both drawbacks and aid to housing men.

The list below contains the newest evidence of the dramatic changes in one of housing's most fluid areas: the ties of materials producers with homebuilders.

"There's a lot of ferment in this field and there will be more before there is less," sums up one veteran observer.

A HOUSE & HOME survey turns up 18 materials producers and none-housing concerns who now have strong financial ties to builders or are active in management of homebuilding companies.

The trend is accelerating so rapidly that the picture has changed in myriad ways since HOUSE & HOME's last look at it (The Emerging Giants, House & Home, Jan., '63). Some companies then active in housing have dropped out: Armstrong Cork has quit the remodeling business and National Gypsum has stopped its financial aid to the Bureau of Advanced Housing, forcing its death in bankruptcy (News, July).

But they have been replaced by a host of newcomers: 10 of the 18 companies listed below have started or taken the corporate wraps off plans in the intervening 16 months. Among the newcomers: Union Carbide, which bought part of ML Development Corp. in Columbus to build in four Midwestern cities, and Gulf Oil Corp., which will put up $1.5 million working capital for the new town of Reston, Va.

New slants on new products. Three of the housing tyros want to get closer to house building to further their own re-

search plans. Union Carbide, the nation's second largest chemical company, long has been interested in the engineered uses of plastics like urethanes and epoxies in housing. It decided the only reliable information it could get would be from direct participation in homebuilding, says General Manager R. S. Abrams of the building materials department. First, Carbide worked out a research contract with ML, a new company formed in 1961. This proved unsatisfactory so Carbide took both an equity and debt position with ML. ML has been proceeding slowly (60 homes last year). This spring, it divulged plans to have 11 subdivisions open by year-end in Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati and Indianapolis. Homes will sell from $14,000 to $30,000—"the boundaries of the mass housing market," says Abrams.

Abrams says ML's homes so far have been conventionally built with few new products. "One of the sobering things is that anything we do in this area we must do within the limits of marketability," says Abrams. "We don't try to do the thinking for the customer."

Farther down the experimental road is a Carbide rival, Koppers, which bought General Homes, a Fort Wayne home manufacturer, in November 1961. General switched its entire production method after that to build all its one-family homes with Koppers panels with an expanded polystyrene core. President William B. F. Hall of General Homes says: "Acceptance of the panel has not been as rapid as we had expected. Building codes have had to be overcome. We haven't had any turn-downs but you have to work with each city separately and this delays the work. One of the crying needs is for one central place for product approval."

Other producers are following the Stanley Works-NAHB Time and Materials Analysis (House & Home, Sept., '62 et seq.) by sending observers to Builder Robert F. Schmitt's operation in Berea, Ohio. Potlatch Forests has a full-time engineer studying possible new uses of wood, and both Clark Equipment and Goodyear have part-time men analyzing fork-lift and adhesive uses.

New money sources. Practically every appliance maker is now offering a financing plan for customers and would-be customers. Most companies duck discussing exact terms publicly, but industry sources say most offer three to seven year terms at 5% to 6% add-on interest (or 10 to 13% simple interest). Most will lend no more than the builder's cash investment.

Westinghouse has been giving financing aid for 2½ years now (although it has pushed the plan only in the last year) and

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perhaps does the biggest financing volume although totals are closely concealed company secrets. Westinghouse will give builders of conventionally financed apartments second mortgages through its industrial finance department. The loans are granted independent of product purchases.

General Electric has similar financing for apartment builders through its subsidiary GE Credit Corp. GE Credit also is financing air-conditioning and plumbing products made by American-Standard.

Other appliance plans vary in detail. Waste King Universal helps builders arrange second mortgages and Caloric Corp. through its Caloric Acceptance Corp. offers a one-and-one deal: each dollar of appliances purchased lets apartment builders borrow $2 from Caloric. Terms: 90% financing at 5% interest or 100% financing at 6%, both for five years.

Some multi-line companies use an internal guarantee plan: for each product division which agrees to pay the finance subsidiary for any losses from a customer-building loan, the interest rate drops a notch. Some guarantees will accept the guarantees from sellers of related equipment and furnishings, such as central air conditioning, light fixtures and elevators.

Loan guarantees, American Plywood Assn. (the renamed Douglas Fir Plywood Assn.) has for over a year guaranteed the top 20% of 90% conventional S&L loans for seven selected builders in Oregon and Washington who erect seven models of 1,000 sq. ft. homes designed to sell for $12,000 or less on a lot.

Only 30 homes were sold. "We found that very few people had lots and those who did were often in locations not acceptable to the lender. We found that families want more than the minimum house," relates Don Jaenicke of APA. "We concluded the guarantee did not stimulate sales."

Undaunted, the group has extended its guarantee to one of California's biggest on-your-lot builders, Hicks Homes of Fresno. Hicks sells 50 houses a month, hopes the plan will help it qualify marginal buyers.

Cash for land. Gulf Oil Corp. and McCulloch Oil Corp. are two new oil companies putting considerable cash into land ventures. Gulf is providing working capital — about $15 million, say insiders — for Robert E. Simon's planned new town of Reston, 18 miles from Washington (H&H, Feb.). The first 340 housing units are underway now on the 6,800 acre site.

As part of the deal Gulf takes an option to acquire equity in the sponsoring Pallindrome Corp. Gulf not only wants an outlet for money but also is interested in acquiring well located service station sites. And it hopes to work out a way to supply fuel oil for homes. Some Baltimore projects recently have experimented with central fuel oil tanks serving clusters of homes.

McCulloch Oil Corp. has taken over full ownership of McCulloch Properties. The subsidiary is joint venturing with Holly Corp. in developing a 16,500 acre recreational town near Lake Havasu, Ariz. —KENNETH D. CAMPBELL

For the first time in five years, FHA has sold more foreclosed Florida homes in a single month (February) than it acquired. The score: 742 sales to 514 foreclosures. Sales have been rising steadily from 290 in November while acquisitions are holding steady. National resales of foreclosed homes are 79% above a year ago.

One big reason is FHA's growing success at wholesaling foreclosed homes to housing professionals—the people the agency was created to deal with—instead of trying to sell direct to the public.

In the fourth quarter of 1963, FHA's Tampa office sold 150 homes this way (it has sold 502 since the program began more than a year ago). Ft. Worth, where Past NAHB President Richard G. Hughes tested the program (NEWS, Oct. '62), was second highest with 133 wholesale units. All told 13 FHA offices wholesaled 585 homes for 9% of FHA's 6,354 sales.

Builders are the biggest wholesale buyers. They take low profits or even losses but point out that fixing up FHA foreclosures keeps idle crews busy and helps rid subdivisions of derelict houses. St. Petersburg, Fla. Builder Frank Strumm says he lost $200 to $300 on each of the 50 foreclosures he has signed up. But that didn't faze him because the renovations spruced up the approach to his Bahama Isles subdivision and helped new-house sales.

Here is how the wholesaling program works: FHA packages a group of foreclosed homes, generally less than ten, for bid. It sets a minimum price (lower than the appraisal) that allows for required repairs and expenses that FHA would pay if it held the houses. But FHA requires no financial payments for six months, during which the top bidders repair and promote the houses.

Dick Hughes, in some 45 purchases, has yet to pay a cent on financing because most of his resales came quickly. Overall, his profits amount to 5% of sales price, less 2½% to 4% for sales commissions.

MARKET MURMURS

Many a shout begins as a murmur. Some recent signs that may point to significant changes ahead in the housing market:

►Merchant builders try odd-lots
Three big merchant builders in widely scattered locations are turning to odd-lot selling. The trio: Albert E. Riley of Chicago, Roland Catarinella of Pittsburgh and Meyers & Lanzeau of Jacksonville.

Builder Charles Huber of Huber Homes in Dayton says he is offering more options than ever before, including choices in paint, wall and floor tile, bath fixtures, plus marble window sills and silent light switches. Huber calls it "individualizing" his homes: "We found that's where the demand is."

►Builders woo architects
In an effort to bridge the gap between them, the Niagara Frontier Builders Assn. (Buffalo) invited three architects and three builders to tackle the topic: "Who is . . . responsible for the mess?" Architect Nelson Palmer suggested builders lack a good 1,000 sq. ft. home and blamed low sales on poor design. Realtor-Builder Arthur Lewin contended builders who erect seven models of 1,000 sq. ft. homes are 79% above a year ago.

►Shopping center churches?
Developer and Mortgage Banker James Rouse of Baltimore has signed up United Church Center as tenant for 1,500 sq. ft. in his Harundale Mall three miles south of Baltimore on the road to Annapolis. It will be open during business hours.

►Builder shifting to trailers
Persistent reports say one of Phoenix' biggest builders will soon manufacture and sell a 55' mobile home selling in the $5,000 range with air conditioning.
Mobile homes lose gypsy image, get zoned with apartments

In Wood River, Ill. (pop: 11,694), where Lewis and Clark camped before exploring the West, Builder Edward Fischer is exploring a new frontier for mobile homes. In what he says may be the first project of its kind anywhere, Fischer is integrating 115 utility-equipped mobile home pads into a 70-acre tract of 23 four-family apartment buildings, shopping center, 600-car drive-in theater and nursing home.

Says Fischer, who left Fischer & Frichtel last year to build on his own: “I feel that the kind of people who live in apartments are very similar to the people who live in mobile homes.” He accords mobile home dwellers equal status with other residents, giving both ready access to a pool, a service building and shopping. The mobile home sites are wide, landscaped and carefully planned into a curved street layout (see photo) to avoid the parking lot parallels of ugly trailer camps. Sites rent for $35 a month, compared with $85, $95, and $110 for the apartments.

Builder Fischer’s acknowledgement of the place of mobile homes is supported by the statistics of their growth. They account now for 33 1/3% of one-family housing priced under $10,000. And they will take half the market in a decade, says the Mobile Home Manufacturers Assn. Last year, 143,000 mobile homes were produced, up 20%, plus 73,700 house trailers, for a total of 216,700. The Commerce Dept. expects 250,000 this year.

Builder Earl Smith, 1955 NAHB president, also sees opportunity in mobile homes. He plans 170 sites, and has room for 1,000, near Pittsburg, Calif. Says Smith: “We’re shooting at the retirement market. We think this is going to be a better investment than apartments.”

Art Craft Mobile Home Mfg. Co. has started using its assembly lines to build single-family homes constructed of 12-ft. wide sections that can be hauled on trailers. The two sections are joined at the site on a standard foundation.

DESIGN

Why FHA will now let apartment builders spend 1% on art

FHA has just reversed its long-standing non-policy against beautifying its projects. The agency is telling its underwriters to let apartment builders include in their mortgages up to 1% of building cost for works of art. The ground rules:

- Works of living Americans will be stressed, although others are not excluded.
- Sculptures, mosaics and murals will be eligible if they are a permanent part of the real estate. Works may be free standing, attached, or parts of the structure.
- Art works must be accessible to all occupants.
- Design and materials must resist exposure, vandalism or theft.

The turnaround from FHA’s traditional reluctance to underwrite artistic embellishments to apartments reflects a new climate of design emphasis among FHA’s top brass.

FHA explains the reasons for the new rule like this: “By increasing the pleasure of tenants and reinforcing their pride in and desire to live in the project, works of art may justify their presence through aesthetic contribution without necessarily having a utilitarian or practical function.”

Agency insiders say what put the change over was a report by a committee named by the late President Kennedy which urged more art in public buildings.

Some disagree. NAHB Multifamily Housing Director John Gallagher points out that conventional lenders have recently been allowing more and more art as a part of the mortgage loan, especially in luxury apartments. He sees the change as a practical way FHA apartment builders can compete. But even before the new ruling some FHA builders included art in their decorating cost (see photo).

FHA-APPROVED ART until now has consisted largely of lobby murals. A current example: this metal mural by Nikos Bel-Jon in Cassis Construction Co.’s Freeport, L. I. apartments.
What can psychiatrists teach housing about human needs?

Up to now, the industry that has produced the greatest outpouring of good housing the world has ever seen and the scientists —psychiatrists, psychologists, anthropologists and sociologists—who know what makes people tick haven't even been talking to each other.

Now, a dialogue has begun—belated recognition of the abiding truth in Winston Churchill's observation: "We shape our buildings and then our buildings shape us."

It began with a two-day conference on "Human Needs in Housing" in late March in Topeka—a conference sponsored, intriguingly enough, by the U.S. Savings & Loan League and the famed Menninger Foundation (whose psychiatric plant is Topeka's fourth largest private industry).

The central aim of the 36 participants was both clear and noble: asserting leadership in upgrading American housing standards. How to upgrade housing was much less clear, for as Mortgage Banker Jarveny Rouse of Baltimore pointed out, many of the evident human needs in housing and residential neighborhoods (e.g., access to a variety of built-in recreation, community textures that give residents a sense of involvement in local affairs) are beyond the financial capacity of most of the men who will actually reshape the face of the nation in the next 20 years.

Yet the need is pressing for better answers than the nation has yet to use. The next 20 years will probably see U.S. population grow 70 million to 260 million—and all of the 70 million will be added to cities and suburbs. As Rouse noted: "This means a transformation within the lifetime of those of us here of the essential atmosphere and environment of our country: more urban, smaller-town population to intensively urban population... Yet as of today it seems to me that about the best prospect that we have is that we will become a nation of Los Angeleses. We don't have the plans, the programs, the ideas, the capacity or the determination to marshal the growth of American communities that are human-being oriented, that are human in scale, that seek to avoid the oppressiveness, the massiveness of the metropolis."

Rx: new towns? Rouse himself has placed a major bet on new towns (HAN, Feb.) as one good way to cope with the nation's upcoming torrent of metropolitan growth. On 14,500 acres of land in the Baltimore-Washington corridor (which may well house 1 million more people in the next 20 years), Rouse is laying plans to build "what we avoid calling a city because of the image it provokes in the people's minds." Instead, he plans a series of villages of 10,000 to 15,000 people, each village different from the others in physical form, recreational emphasis and spectrums of income level "but none of them being narrowly stratified so older people and younger people, apartment people and townhouse people and people on larger estates all share the total life of the community, with the stores and the medical facilities, the junior high and the high school, and the churches clustered in the lively village center which is meaningful to people."

As Rouse also noted, the fact that more than 50 such new-town projects are under way or being planned across the U.S. means that a whole new movement is starting "based on developers' awareness that a better job of the physical articulation of the components of a community can be done."

Linkage. How does physical form tie up with human needs? Four major themes emerged from the far-ranging talkfest:

1. "The kind of a house a person lives in and the kind of a community he lives in define what he can be, what he can do," observed Dr. Harry Levinson, Menninger Foundation manager. "It makes possible or inhibits certain kinds of behavior, it can limit a person or it can free his potential for innovation." As Dean Burnham Kelly of Cornell's school of architecture observed: "Part of the reason the suburbanites love the suburbs is that they are one place they can do something with their own lily white hands even if it is only running a snow plow down the driveway. What we need in the environment is the opportunity for people to make creative improvements at home."

2. Today's affluent society, with high incomes and rising education levels, is demanding not only quality in housing but also quality combined with variety. This is true not only in housing but also in clothes," noted Levinson. "There is a wide variety of clothing today which makes it possible to disguise poverty."

As Planner Robert M. O'Donnell of Denver pointed out, today's housing market is already veering sharply toward variety. Developers "are going in for areas designed specifically for junior executives, or for family living, or adult living," he noted. Some projects "are designed to eliminate maintenance of yards and open space; some are even designed to follow mobile-home park concepts."

3. Housing should let people control their distance from others, have privacy when they want it, sociability when they want it. Dr. Karl Menninger, chairman of the Menninger Foundation, compared human needs to those of hedgehogs: they need to be close to other hedgehogs for support, warmth and strength; yet if they are confined too closely, "they stick each other painfully and perhaps even die."

4. How well neighborhoods work has a big influence on whether responsible self-government persists. How big should a neighborhood or a community be, several analysts wanted to know. How big can it be and still give its residents a feeling they have something to offer, some way of contributing to and influencing what happens to them and the rest of their community.

Observed Paul Gump, psychology professor at the University of Kansas: "The larger the population [of a community], the less the participation, the less leadership opportunity, the greater the anonymity in the coal mines, airports, rotary clubs, Sunday schools... More and more people feel abandoned and useless."

CONFERENCE AIM, noted Moderator Norman Strunk (seated), executive vice president of the U.S. Savings & Loan League, was to let experts in behavior tell housers how to build a product that would contribute to healthier families and communities. Host Karl Menninger (standing) observed: "The main thing [the meeting] shows is the necessity for more such meetings."

DEVELOPER ROUSE
Rx: villages in clusters
In these apartments for low income families, what was the builder’s biggest sales asset?

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**Profits soar as producers stress new products**

Eleven companies report record earnings and 31 of 51 show record sales for 1963 operations.

"Those golden sixties have finally arrived," says General Manager Walter D. Dance of General Electric's Hotpoint division. Behind his exuberance: materials producers rode the 1963 boom to peak sales and spectacular earnings.

Thirty-one of 51 companies surveyed by HOUSE & HOME sold more building products than ever before. Nine translated peak sales into record earnings and two, appliance makers Emerson and Maytag, achieved the near-miracle of record earnings on less than record sales.

Private house's 1,561,200 starts—up 8.5% from 1962 and second only to 1950—were a primary reason. New residential housing totaled $20.1 billion—8% ahead of 1962—and most predictions are that 1964 will be as high or higher.

"Many observers expected that private non-farm residential construction expenditures would no more than hold their 1962 level," explains White House Economist Walter Heller. "Instead, because of the boom in construction of multi-family units, such expenditures increased by $1.5 billion for the year as a whole, and the fourth-quarter-to-fourth-quarter advance was even larger.'

**New products on parade.** Comparative labor peace, a strong market abroad and the prospering domestic economy all helped the producer. (More American corporations made more money in 1963 than ever before.)

But if the building-materials industry had to award an Oscar for sales performance, it would have to go to that market wonder of infinite variety and unbounded imagination: the new product. Almost invariably when sales records were broken, new products sparked the performance. Said Masonite typically: "A German-patent process for molding wood particles, or fractions, much as plastic is molded for table tops, furniture and other interior items.

Georgia-Pacific, reporting record sales and earnings as the world's largest producer of hard and soft plywood, stressed its spending on advertising and promotion of new products. U.S. Plywood notes that 80% of its $34 million sales increase represented products other than fir plywood. 

**Wallboard and roofing.** Ten of the 15 wallboard, roofing and tile producers had their best sales year. Armstrong Cork's profits leaped a dazzling 28% and Allied Chemical's earnings were up 26%. Both set profit records along with Bestwall, Goodyear and Masonite.

Armstrong's $7.5 million outlay for magazines and television advertising was obviously a big item in its performance. A HOUSE & HOME survey found that nine of the biggest building supply companies spent less on advertising in 1962 than in 1955 but that Armstrong had doubled its outlay to $6 million in the same period.

Some wallboard companies changed their product mix. Celotex moved boldly into the large-volume fiberboard field and got its profits back up to $1.7 million, about what it lost in 1962. Congoleum-Nairn is shifting from smooth-surface floor covering to more expensive, permanently installed vinyl sheet surfacing. One reason: its 1963 net was off 26%.

**Heating and plumbing.** American-Standard set a sales record with the help of expanding operations in Europe, where a rising living standard is boosting demand for better plumbing equipment. Trane, the only other plumbing company to post peak sales, leased a plant in Scotland.

**Cement.** Overproduction once again sandbagged the cement industry, and profits sank faster than a load of concrete. Demand set a record at 344 million barrels, up 12.4 million, but production in continued on p. 14

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**LAST YEAR'S PROFIT PICTURE**

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**MATERIALS & PRICES**

**PROFIT PICTURE**

**Record sales and record earnings**

- Includes other income: Allied Chemical, $72,237,438.
- Ten months report.
- Preliminary figures.
- % Net = Net sales.
- Includes other income: General Electric, Non-operating net income of $17,506,220 and $41,760,077 for 1962.
- Data includes gross revenues from royalties of $2,039,760 for 1963 and $3,374,000 for 1962.

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**Non-record sales and earnings**

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creased 13 million. Eighteen million barrels of capacity were added, and both overt and covert price cutting resulted. Only Permanente, stepping high with the California housing boom, recorded higher sales. Its $86 million total was up 15% for a record, and its profit of $8 million, up 28%, was the second best in its history.

Hardware. The Stanley Works attributes its sales record to new products and aggressive marketing. Also a factor: Stanley's key role in Project TAMAP (Time and Materials Analysis Program), the industrial engineering study that showed how to save $700 to $1,000 in the construction of a $16,700 house.

Yale & Towne, bought in October by Eaton Manufacturing, did not release its own figures for the year but says both net sales and profit set records. The nine-month figures: sales were $115 million, up 10%; profits $4.9 million, up 55%.

Appliances. "Last year was probably the greatest single year in the history of appliances from the standpoint of product introductions," says President Robert O. Fickes of Borg-Warner's Norge division.

From the sales standpoint, it was the best year since 1956—more than 21.5 million major home appliances shipped.

American Motors, Borg-Warner, Carrier, General Electric, Minneapolis-Honeywell, Nutone, Westinghouse and Whirlpool all had record sales. And Minneapolis-Honeywell and Nutone—like Emerson and Maytag (above)—had peak profits. Sums up Hotpoint's Walter Dance: "The apartment and home construction boom have given the appliance industry a good base. The drop-in range, water heater, dishwasher and disposal are becoming as standard a package in the kitchen as the toilet and tub in the bathroom."

Glass. Declining prices skimmed much of the profit off glassmakers' sales. Prices of plate, for example, were 25% lower than in 1955. Pittsburgh Plate rolled up record sales but fell short of peak profits. And American Saint Gobain recorded its highest revenues at $38.5 million only to suffer a net loss of $4.3 million—its fourth in a row and the worst so far.

Aluminum. Shipments rose 8% to a peak 2,353,624 tons in 1963. But because prime-metal prices dropped from 24£ to 22½£ a pound in December 1962 and crouched there until last October the industry turned in a lackluster financial performance. Alcoa and Reynolds reported peak sales, but nobody set earning records.

Does building face another round of materials price boosts?

Hard on the heels of the tax cut, price increases are spreading through basic building materials.

Other signs of inflation ahead: business profits are up spectacularly (see p. 11), and labor leaders are moving in fast for their share (opposite).

The Johnson Administration is already concerned about the upward spiral. It has deployed an anti-inflation task force and labor leaders are moving in fast for their share (opposite).

How firm are raises? "Everybody is trying to grab what he can," says Cost Analyst Everard H. Boeckh of Washington, D.C. He doubts all the price increases will stick.

BLS' wholesale price index for all construction materials rose 0.4% in February to 99.2% of the 1957-9 base average—the first jump since last August.

Lumber is a big gainer, its index jumping from 99.2 to 100.3. Plywood is up from 91.1 to 91.8. West Coast mills are selling green fir 2x4s at $68 per 1,000 board feet, up $5, and index-grade, sanded, ¾" fn plywood at $64 per 1,000 sq. ft., up $2. Gypsum products also jumped—from 106.1 to 108.

Aluminum up. One-fourth of the nation's aluminum goes into housing. So in December 1962 the primary metal's tumble to 22½£ a pound was good news to builders. But producers advanced to 23£ in October 1963 and to 23½£ in March. When Aluminium Ltd. of Canada jumped the world price outside North America to 24£, all three major American companies followed but left the domestic quotation at 23½£. How long the split will hold is anybody's guess.

Already one maker of storm windows and doors, Warrenville (Ohio) Window and Door Co., has raised prices 5%. But increases are far from universal among aluminum product makers. And price cutting had broken out on aluminum siding. Alside of Akron, Ohio, dropped $1.50 per 100 sq. ft. and Alcoa Building products of Pittsburgh cut $2 before Kaiser Aluminum moved to restore the cut by increasing its price $2. Kaiser said first-quarter industry shipments of siding were up 15% over a year ago.

Copper advances. Domestic copper prices have risen—to 32£ a pound—for the first time in almost three years. They had held steady at 31£ since May 1961. Then a strike at the Anaconda Co.'s Chileno properties, plus heavy demand here and in Europe, broke the line established by Rhodesian producers. Now some users predict further increases will develop by July, when contracts run out.

Anaconda, American Brass and Revere Copper & Brass have already increased prices on fabricated copper goods by 1£ a pound in proportion to the amount of copper present in the product alloys. Cerro Copper & Brass and Reading Tube had previously raised 4%, or 2£ a pound, on copper and brass tube and pipe—products used primarily for plumbing, heating and air conditioning. Other major makers of these products did not follow immediately, saying they were studying the situation. But they agree generally that prices for tubes and pipe have been "depressed."

Another round for glass. Libbey-Owens-Ford led a 5% price increase on single-strength and thinner window glass and on all thicknesses of window and sheet used for mirrors. Pittsburgh Plate fell in line. Manufacturers had raised 5% to 9% on all window grades only last summer. L-O-F Chairman George P. MacNichol blames rising labor costs.

WAGES RISE FASTEST on 10-year graph of the builder's expenses. All three indexes are converted here to 1957-9 base of 100, including the widely known Boeckh index of construction costs. The Boeckh, using both wages and prices in averages, usually appears with 1926 base of 100.

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Building unions girld for big wage push

The pattern of labor demands before the building industry shows that most trades in the East, South and Midwest expect generous raises in 1964. Most contracts in California's big building market do not expire until 1965, and pacts there usually set the pace for the Coast and the Rockies.

Bricklayer contracts expire this year in 40 of 110 cities surveyed by the Bureau of National Affairs. Carpenter agreements end in 42 and plumber pacts in 38. All three crafts are seeking new contracts in such key cities as Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Newark, N. J., Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, San Antonio, San Francisco and Syracuse.

Automatic increases taking effect this year are already provided in many contracts. For example, they will bring common labor another 16% an hour at 11 cities. That is up 5.3%, compared to a 4.8% increase in 1963 for common labor nationally. New contracts are being negotiated in Atlanta, Birmingham, Boston, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, New Orleans and Pittsburgh.

Skilled rates going up. Existing contracts will bring increases of 4.3% to skilled craftsmen, primarily bricklayers and carpenters. That is about even with the 4.2% rise in 1963.

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The 35-hour week. The short week is likely to be a major issue in Chicago, Cleveland and Dayton. Bricklayers and ironworkers have asked a seven-hour day with eight hours' pay in Cleveland, and the Chicago and Dayton Building Trades Councils have declared for the short day.

These two crafts in Cleveland want a 40-hour raise in base rates of $4.25 and $4.46 respectively—about 9%. That is far beyond the 3.2% guideline President Johnson is urging on the basis of the economy's expected 2.7% increase in productivity.

Industry-wide negotiations affect 40,000 workers in 20 crafts in Cleveland this year, and Business Manager Thomas E. McDonal of the Building Trades Council says the average demand will be for 25¢ an hour more. For instance, carpenters make $4.35 an hour, with another 21¢ in fringes benefits. Plumbers get $4.36 plus 20¢ fringes. A 25-cent raise would be 5.7%.

Hidden cost boosters. Cleveland's carpenters have submitted 32 pages of work rule changes that builders say would add another $1.25 an hour to costs. Among the demands:

• A pension and hospital plan costing 25¢ an hour.
• Full day's pay for Election Day and half day off for primaries and Good Friday.
• A working foreman, at 75¢ an hour above scale, for every two workmen. The differential is now 42½¢. A non-working foreman, at $1.50, for every four.
• A shop steward on every job.
• An agreement that all management orders go through the working foreman.

Attack in the Senate. Chairman William J. Hunkin of the employers' bargaining committee calls the carpenters' demands ridiculous and says bargaining will be extremely difficult. Sen. Frank J. Lausche (D., Ohio), noting the demands in a Senate address, asserted that soaring building wages are "impossible for government programs to bring better housing within the financial reach of more people." So far, such warnings have had little effect. Six hundred bricklayers and helpers struck 25 Baltimore contractors to demand a 55¢ hourly raise over three years. The rate now: $4.25. Milwaukee builders are already talking of raising the price of a typical house by $500 to cover pay increases the crafts are expected to seek when contracts expire May 31.

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Disasters spur study of building laws

Anchorage and Louisville are looking hard at their building laws in the wake of earthquakes and floods.

In Alaska, sparse settlement cut damage below the near-record quake's potential. FHA expects its loss will stay within $4 million, confined largely to high-rise multi-family projects. * Few, if any, of the 4,500 FHA-insured single-family homes in Anchorage were covered by quake insurance, but the agency is not liable for loss (although help to homeowners is likely). About 75 expensive homes on a bluff along Cook Inlet were wrecked, some simply sliding into the inlet.

To what extent the loss in the city of 83,000 was minimized by good engineering remains one of the most interesting questions to arise from the quake. New buildings in Anchorage are required to meet the earthquake provisions of the Uniform Building Code of the International Conference of Building Officials.

The city is certain to get a new arrangement of building sites. Seismic teams of the U. S. Geological Survey are studying soil makeup and geographical composition of the areas hardest hit. Construction experts say those sections lying above the earth fault may be barred to construction.

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Home manufacturers back move for performance standards

Last month at Colorado Springs, the sixth annual president's council of the Home Manufacturers Assn. became the first full dress meeting ever called by a major trade association in housing for the express purpose of tackling the code problem and the desirability of performance standards. Panelists stated the problem in four ways:

1. Said outgoing HMA President James L. Pease Jr.: "If we're going to survive we have to do something about codes. We can't go on shipping one house to town X and another to town Y. We have been urged on all sides to promote adoption of the model codes, but my question is which model code. This is the problem that we home manufacturers face—lack of uniformity. There are differences between these codes (H&H, Apr.)—differences that are not resolvable because of geographic or other variations.

2. Said President Glen Buckingham of Midwestern Homes, Rapid City, S.D.: "To meet code competition we must build in four different ways: precut, 4' panels, full wall panels, and core houses. But we can't put a core house in one out of 100 towns over 3,000 people. We have to put out 1,000 houses a year just to exist, and we have to have four different plants to do it, primarily because of the great difference in codes in our marketing area."

3. Said Executive Vice President James Turnbull of the American Plywood Association (formerly DFPA): "We spend annually no less than a quarter of a million dollars on what I call unproductive work on codes, unproductive because of the lack of performance criteria, or unproductive because all we are doing is straightening out a local misinterpretation of the code. Sometimes these are willful misinterpretations, like the building inspector who said, 'I know what the code says and you can use any plywood you want as long as it's at least 7/8" thick.' We could be doing the industry a great service if we could divert more of this essentially wasted money into support of long-term solutions."

4. Said Vice President Perry Prentice of Time Inc.: "It doesn't make any more sense to let local government decide on how big a pipe should be on the advice of the local plumber than it would be to let the local draper tell them how long a yard of cloth should be. Another paradox: FHA actually operates on the premise that the greater the waste required by codes, the higher the appraisal FHA should insure."

Federally developed standards? Consensus of the home manufacturers present: the housing industry needs national performance standards developed with the help of the federal government as a first step in solving the tangled code problem. Their conclusions are similar to views aired at an American Standards Assn. conference earlier in the year (News, Apr.).

But the role government should play was questioned—to no one's surprise—by Gerald Prange of the National Lumber Manufacturers Assn. and Executive Director Paul Baseler of the Building Officials Conference of America. Both said that any participation by the government in such a program could only lead to more unpleasant federal controls over the industry, and that the job could be done better by code bodies and industry working together.

Retorted Turnbull: "Although we feel that independent bodies free of government control, influence and pressure are desirable, that does not mean that we also feel that the use of government facilities to arrive at meaningful standards is not desirable. I am willing to consider anything that will lead toward the development of uniform performance standards."

Said J. M. Robertson, secretary to the Associate Committee on the National Building Code of Canada: "About six years ago I visited Paul Baseler and told him we planned to write a set of standards under which the National Housing Agency could be used to supplement our national code, which is not mandatory. He shook his head and said it couldn't be done. But in our ignorance we went ahead and did it anyway and it's working."

Said Prentice: "Basic to the problem of standards is the fact that the model code bodies do not have the resources to do anything about developing performance standards. The largest of the three code groups has a budget something over $300,000 at last reading and this compares with the $300,000-plus that the Public Health Service paid for a not very conclusive study of septic tank standards."

Prentice summed up the feelings of most home manufacturers when he said: "If'd be the first to agree that whatever federal agency gets charged with responsibility for federal aid to building research [that would lead to standards] must be protected from the kind of political interference with technical standards that has disgraced the Commerce Dept. handling of proposed new standards for lumber (H&H, Apr.)."

Code uniformity. To charges that code groups have so far failed to bring about uniformity among their model codes (H&H, Jan.), BOCA's Baseler asserted: "It's not true that we have been fighting uniformity. Efforts of the existing code organizations have shown substantial progress toward uniformity of building regulations. Greater harmony now exists between the several organizations (model code groups) than ever before and this is improving rapidly."

In reply to home manufacturers complaints that code non-uniformity in the field is a much tougher problem than any of the model groups seem to recognize, Baseler said: "The National Coordinating Council of the three basic codes (ICBO, BOCA, SBRC) has found abundant evidence that local codes, drafted by local communities, contain many requirements not related to safety and therefore beyond the proper scope of the building code."

He suggested, in a proposal to maintain the status quo of the model codes, that the industry could help solve this problem by 1) promoting adoption of the proprietary codes without change and supporting enabling legislation—if need be—to permit local governments to adopt codes by reference; 2) providing an independent agency to review standards and resolve differences.

Siding with Baseler to maintain the status quo (which few home manufacturers thought would be changed by Baseler's proposal of an independent agency to push uniformity) NLMA's Gerry Prange said: "We believe that the model code system is the most democratic and expeditious method for us to secure code changes involving new materials and methods."

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Renewal robs poor, enriches the rich, charges U.S. Chamber

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has finally unleashed a much anticipated, documented attack on urban renewal and public housing. Its indictment can be summed up in a single word: inequity.

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"In subsidized areas, 27% of the families had incomes of less than $4,000 in 1959, while in non-subsidized areas, 35% of the families had such incomes." The net impact of the federal government's combined tax-and-grant power is thus "to subsidize the relatively well off at the expense of the relatively ill off."

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The average wait is from 30 to 45 days. The Mortgage Bankers Assn. is protesting to the House veterans committee. President Johnson proposes lifting the ceiling to at least $360 million, but Congress has not acted. Insurance companies are going into and out of home mortgaging

One New York mortgage banker reminds his investors that major life insurance companies are now arranging more sophisticated deals to skim the cream off top-price commercial and apartment mortgages. He cites leasesback, leasehold mortgages and land loans. Some mortgage men agree that some insurance companies do seem to be shifting from the one-family-house field, and Executive Vice President Harold Finney of Citizens Mortgage in Detroit says: "They are being forced out by the S&Ls." But if some are leaving, others are certainly moving in. Bankers Trust Co. of New York City forecasts insurance companies will put $900 million into home mortgages this year—$100 million more than in 1963 and $300 million more than in 1962.
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Coast builder gets 20 years in loan fraud case

A California judge has just sentenced Oscar Jordan (Jay) Parker, 45, to a maximum of 20 years in prison for two convictions in one week on grand theft charges. At the time, California has revoked or suspended an unlimited number of real estate broker and salesmen's licenses because of misrepresentations to get higher-than-normal loans.

One jury convicted Parker, a Sacramento subdivider, of defrauding West Coast sat. of a $373,600 construction loan for 29 homes that were never built. Another found him guilty of embezzling down payments totaling $150,000 from four homebuyers.

Parker, selling 150 homes and grossing $8 million in 1961, went through a $17-million bankruptcy in 1962. His troubles are part of a larger legal action that began last fall when a Sacramento grand jury indicted Parker, former President Robert G. Joseph of West Coast sat., former Vice Presidents William J. McCormick and John L. Pierce, and William P. Dwyer, Parker's lawyer (News, Nov.). The jury charged that West Coast's $1.3 million loan to buy a ranch exceeded the legal 7%-of-valuation limit.

Parker faces a third trial on charges of conspiring with others to obtain the $1.3 million loan. Joseph pleaded no contest to charges that, as president of West Coast, he made illegal loans to Parker and Dwyer. He left Sacramento county jail, where he is serving seven months, to testify against Parker at the first trial. The others have not been tried.

In a related action California's board of accountancy has found the nationwide accounting firm of Touche, Ross, Bailey & Smart did not violate the State Accountant's Act in its examination of the West Coast sat. in 1961. State sat. Commissioner Frederick E. Balderston had disapproved Touche Ross as an auditor for one unnamed association's books in 1963 (News, Jan.). Balderston has not decided what effect the board's clearance will have on Touche Ross for 1964 audits.

Real Estate Commissioner Milton G. Gordon has revoked and suspended real estate broker and salesman's licenses because of misrepresentations made to lending institutions to induce them to make higher than normal loans on property. Criminal actions have been filed against licensees and others collaterally involved for falsifying of approvals, double escrows and fictitious sales prices.

"One broker was not content with falsifying the price of a property," Gordon says in his official Real Estate Bulletin. "He falsified the buyer's net worth, income, amount of life insurance and age." MONEY continued on p. 41
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New round of S&L offerings heads for market

California's Lytton Financial Corp. is the first S&L holding company to ready a secondary stock issue in what looms as a spring rush of offerings.

Tycoon Bart Lytton (salary: $78,625) is seeking to register 500,000 new shares with the Securities & Exchange Commission from his two S&L subsidiaries, Lytton Financial Inc. and Lytton Savings Bank. Lytton is hoping the issue will be offered at market prices—$26.125 bid in early April—or about $13 million gross.

Wall Street sources say two or more stock S&Ls and S&L holding companies are reading similar issues for the market. One will be for 100,000 shares, another for $15 million. Two Gibraltar Finance holders are registering 150,000 shares to sell at market prices (currently $31.75).

Behind the flurry. The spurt in stock issues arises from the Home Loan Bank Board's new reserve rules for S&Ls, which now must put into reserves the greater of either 1) 10% of annual earnings or 2) 6% of the increase every six months of risk assets (defined as mortgage loans and foreclosed property). But S&Ls can escape the second rule if net worth exceeds 8% of risk assets.

S&Ls have almost no way to change their net worth quickly, but stock S&Ls can. Sample: Lytton says he will use $6 million of his proceeds to increase the capital structure of his two subsidiary S&Ls, Lytton Financial Inc. in Los Angeles and Lytton S&L of Northern California in Palo Alto.

Lytton has not revealed the ratio of net worth to risk assets of his two S&Ls but industry analysts say they are below 8%.

Another S&L, readying a stock offering figures it will boost its net worth from 7.45% of risk assets to 8.45%.

Bankruptcy petition filed by publicly held builder

The Sampson Miller Associated Companies, one of Pittsburgh's biggest homebuilders (318 homes) when it went public in 1960 (News, Nov. '60) has asked federal court for protection under Chapter XI of the bankruptcy laws while it reorganizes. The company says it is meeting current obligations but its liabilities exceed assets by $672,000. Company officers refuse comment on the cause of its problems, but Pittsburgh sources say it lost $2,000 a house in Washington, Pa. by misjudging sewage disposal cost. The company originally sold 100,000 shares at $9.25 a share; present price is $1 bid, no stock offered.

Other activities by public companies:

Harnischfeger Homes, wholly owned subsidiary of Harnischfeger Corp., is building a 31,200 sq. ft. plant in Jacksonville, Ariz., out of home manufacturing by selling its Groster, Miss. plant to Swift Homes of Pittsburgh. President W. Hamilton Crawford says Crawford sustained its first loss in history in 1963 but the plant sale will cut $75,000 from annual overhead and free $1 million of working capital to housing stock prices jump

Buoyed by S&L and shell and pre-cut home issues, Housing's average of housing stocks rose 7% to 10.95 in early April. Shells gained 9% led by Jim Walter. S&Ls rose 10% paced by Far West Financial, up 61/4 to 31%, and Financial Federation, up 12% to 65V4.

Here are Housing's averages of selected stocks in each housing group:  

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Horne leaving HLBB post to head regional bank in San Francisco

John E. (for Elmer) Horne, 56, will likely resign as one of the three Federal Home Loan Bank Board members to become president of the Home Loan Bank of San Francisco July 1. He would succeed J. L. Adams, who died last summer. The bank is a reserve facility for member savings and loan associations in Arizona, California and Nevada.

Horne hopes to complete some pet HLBB projects before leaving. These include regulations to permit 50-50 SAT participation lending and to liberalize land loans.

He would like to see final action on proposals to give SAIL a wider lending base. The Horne has passed one such bill, letting associations lend on mobile homes.

Horne was for 14 years an administrative assistant to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. President John Sparkman named Horne as deputy administrator of the Small Defense Plants Administration in 1951 and he became administrator before returning to Sparkman's office in 1953. President Kennedy appointed him as administrator of the successor agency, the Small Business Administration, in February 1961, and shifted him to the bank board rather than reappoint Joseph J. Williams, a Byrd Democrat from Virginia, when his term ran out last year (News, Sept.). Horne took a $1,000 salary cut to $20,000 to go to the bank board. He will draw about $37,000 in San Francisco. The appointment must be approved by the HLBB, a condition that puts Horne in the unusual position of passing on his own new job.

LEN DERS: Donald L. Newton is the new president of Home SAIL of Phoenix. He had just resigned from Home SAIL of Los Angeles (nation's largest SAIL with $1.5 billion assets) where he was senior vice president in charge of Home SAIL of Los Angeles branch offices. Newton, the second key officer to leave Home/Los Angeles, after the departure of President Kennent Childs (News, Feb.), has taken over other duties. Secretary-Treasurer Charles H. Brinton, who joined Home/Los Angeles in 1952, takes over Childs' job. But Chairman Howard Ahmanson resumes Child's title of president.

ASSOCIATIONS: Paul Van Auken, a key man behind the growth and financial success of SAIL'S Chicago shows, has retired as convention and exposition director. His successor: Convention Program Director Democrat Republican Elder. 

Rose McKee moves from SAIL'S public relations staff to the Small Business Administration. Her new job: SAIL'S directress of Information. Miss McKee was a long-time Capitol Hill reporter for International News Service.

WHERE ARE THEY? Former Executive Vice President Jerome Madigan, 49, of the Home Manufacturer Assn, is the new executive officer of the Colorado Springs Home Builders Assn. He left HMA in 1963 to build prefabricated homes (News, Apr. '63).

Four builders in giant new projects

With spring and a housing boom, builders are announcing some unusually ambitious projects:

- President Frank E. Mackle Jr. of Deltona Corp. plans a $500 million residential development on San Marco Island and 20 other islands just off the Gulf Coast of Florida near Naples, including a tract of nearby mainland. Deltona has joined with investors Peter N. Thompson, Gerry Brothers, Barron S. Collier Jr., Mrs. Isabel Collier Read, and a private New York investment firm to form Marco Island Development Corp. The corporation, 50% owned by Deltona, purchased 10,000 acres for $7 million from the Collier family. Deltona, itself a new corporation, was formed by the Mackle brothers (Frank, Elliot and Robert) via merger with C.P. Development (Nov. 15). 

- Frank W. Sharp unveiled a $250 million condominium project for his nine-year-old Shapstown development in Houston. The project calls for 42 buildings, from 6 to 32 stories, including two twin 15-story towers by architects Claude E. Hooton Sr., already under construction. They will surround a central garden. An 18-story condominium, Houston's first, is under construction near Sharpstown. Builder: Claude E. Hooton Jr., Sharpstown in-law.

- President Leon Panitz of Panitz & Co. & Co. has announced a $60 million waterfront addition to Jayco, Inc.'s 4,000-acre community near Baltimore (May 15). Planners Tippett, Abbott, McCarthy & Stratton will include in the 500-acre supplement single-family houses, townhouses, high-rise apartments (from 15 to 20 stories), plus riverside sites on Little Gunpowder River.

- President Morton A. Sterling of Sunset International Petroleum Corp. paid $43,000 an acre ($61,500,000 in cash) for the 143-acre Tanforan Race Track on the border of South San Francisco and San Bruno, Calif. Sterling is betting he can turn the track into a winning combination of garden units, townhouses and medium-rise apartments. Sunset has five other major developments underway in California.

BUILDERS: Ernesto Bernardi, West Coast builder whose avocation is politics, is a candidate for supervisor in Los Angeles County. Bernardi is now a Los Angeles city councillor.

Horne leaving HLBB post to head regional bank in San Francisco

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FHA sidesteps local politicos

FHA Commissioner Philip Brownstein has been under pressure to name minor politicos to FHA directorships, notably in Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Phoenix. He has resisted and last month appeared to have won his point. In Philadelphia, he named Thomas J. Gallagher Jr., 50, who was assistant director there since 1949. Herbert J. McGilmchey, Philadelphia ward leader, had the backing of the late Rep. William J. Green (D., Pa.). In Cincinnati, Brownstein bypassed former Reading (Ohio) Mayor Harry A. Sand, who was supported by Sen. Stephen M. Young (D., Ohio), and appointed John Wayne Kirkwood, 40, for four years assistant director in Grand Rapids.

For Phoenix, Brownstein picked Charles R. Johnston, 36, from a list of applicants reportedly suggested by Sen. Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.). Johnston was field counsel for the Federal National Mortgage Assn.

Brownstein fired Pittsburgh Director Sidney E. Rosenblum, 59, on the ground that his poor sight had incapacitated him for the job. Rosenblum, a Republican, appealed to federal court to halt his ouster but his plea was denied. Other new directors: Wallace M. Bostwick Jr., 44, former staff member of FHA multifamily zone office in San Francisco, new Spokane director; James H. McLaughlin, former chairman of the Michigan Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, director in Grand Rapids; and Andrew S. Hess, 41, manager of King County (Seattle) Airport, director in Seattle.

ARCHITECTS: Italy's Pier Luigi Nervi has been awarded AIA's gold medal for 1964. Engineer Nervi's thin concrete shells revolutionized building design. Brooklyn-born Albert Szabo takes over as chairman of Harvard's department of architectural sciences. Szabo has been teaching at Harvard since 1954.

RESEARCHER QUEER

Five years to probe

$100,000 grant for no-strings research

Professor Elmer R. Queer, 59, has been named director of a new building research institute set up at Pennsylvania State University by a no-strings-attached $100,000 grant from the Alcoa Foundation. Queer and a staff of 18 architects, home economists, sociologists and engineers have an almost unlimited franchise to study all phases of construction for five years. Alcoa's grant also provides for an Alcoa professorship of building research.

Dean Morrill A. Williamson of the university's engineering college expects the institute to delve into man's relation to his environment, pressures of urban-suburban expansion, the ramifications of mass transport and the socio-economic aspects of building. The institute will study codes and standards.

Queer's first project will be evaluating exterior wall panels. Its laboratory: the Place Victoria Building, planned for Montreal, whose panels will be subjected to broad ranges of temperature, humidity and wind.

PRODUCERS: Ben J. Staal takes over the No. 2 spot in Briggs Mfg. Co., under President Milton J. Stevens. Staal steps in as chief of operations of Briggs (a producer of plumbing, heating and cooling equipment), which last year estimated a $1 million profit on sales of $22 million, after a $1.2 million loss on $19 million sales in 1962. Much of Briggs's sales increase comes in the West Coast and Texas.

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As a first step in that direction, HMA expects to erect a show house demonstrating top design and top-quality products. The house, in the $40,000 range, is in Washington, D. C. HMA will design a completely new house to show, but it may later become a production model for some members.

Tandy, president and board chairman of Southern Mill & Manufacturing Co., Tulsa, succeeds two-time HMA President James L. Pease Jr. He was elected at the HMA presidents council meeting (see p. 18).

Also elected: Vice President Allan Dibble, advertising and public relations director of National Homes Corp., Lafayette, Ind., and Secretary-Treasurer Graham Schadt, president of Holiday House Manufacturers Corp., Fort Worth.

Tandy, 42, and his family bought Southern Mill in 1957 from its founder, past HMA President ('43 to '45) Walter Ahrens. Last year the company shipped 450 houses (priced from $10,000 to $20,000) into 11 states. HMA's new chief, a World War II bomber pilot with 60 missions over Germany, attended Texas Christian University, the University of Minnesota and Loyola University.

DIED: Edmund Randolph Purves, 66, quiet mannered executive director of the American Institute of Architects for 11 years before retiring in 1960, April 7 in Washington.

Ned Purves, Croix de Guerre winner in World War I, left private architectural practice in Philadelphia in 1941 to become Washington representative for the 3,000-member AIA. During a World War II stint with the Air Force, AIA named him a Fellow and in 1949 promoted him from director of public and professional relations to executive director. He was noted for his skill at representing AIA before government agencies, and when he retired AIA had grown to 14,000 members.

He then became an associate of Chatelain, Gauger & Nolan, Washington engineers and architects. In 1961 he won the F. Stuart Fitzpatrick Memorial Award for "individual contribution to unification of the...building industry."

Purves' years as staff head of AIA saw developing ferment within the profession for architects to try to assume a broader role in planning and building. Purves urged caution. His last words on the subject were these: "Let the architect nibble if he wishes at the magic mushroom, but let him never forget that the greatest contribution he can make...is to perfect himself as the professional purveyor of his own service—architecture."

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**ONE-STORY HOUSE** for first-time buyers and families who like one-floor living made this $19,500 ranch model a favorite (22 out of 120 sales) at Robilt’s Brookwood project in south-central New Jersey. It replaced a two-story model as the best seller. Explains Builder Robert Schmertz: “There have been few one-floor houses in our market for some time, and we noted a preference for one-floor living among many potential buyers.”

**FIVE BEDROOMS** is the lure of this $29,950 leading seller for the Macco Corp. in Costa Mesa, Calif. Since October 1963, it has accounted for over 100 sales. Big families like it for the number of sleeping rooms. Others combine the first two floor bedrooms into a recreation room and convert the original family room to a separate dining room. Some competitors are offering second-floor unfinished bonus rooms, but Macco’s 2,240 sq. ft. is completely finished space.

**FARMHOUSE LOOK** of this stone front, split-level Westtown model made it the most popular (11 of 19 sales) of eight models in Arters Brothers’ Timberwyck community near Media, Pa. Base price is $31,300 with an added $1,100 for a fifth bedroom (built over the living room), taken by a majority of Arters’ buyers who spend as much as $2,700 on extras and custom changes. Arters’ biggest problem with the house has been to devise more facade variations.
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GAMBREL ROOF HOUSE in Hillsborough, N. J. Builder Melvin Konwiser's best seller (15 sales in two months). He surveyed 4,000 past buyers and found they gave priority to two-story living, family rooms and kitchens and a master bedroom suite. So he built a gambrel roofed two-story model with a fireplace as focal point of the family room, located close to the kitchen; and he made the master bedroom into a separate adult suite with two closets. Price: $31,990.

FIVE-BEDROOM MODEL (for $24,750) and lots of living space (2,477 sq. ft.) made this Kingsberry Homes Stratford the top seller for Atlanta's King-Williams Land Co. Out of 74 lots in the subdivision, 20 buyers picked this house while the other 54 spread over a dozen other models. The sales effort was based on a marketing analysis of potential buyers and competing houses. King-Williams then picked Kingsberry models that fitted this buyer profile most closely.

SPLIT-ENTRY MODEL at $17,500, is Builder Steven Day's best seller in Danbury, Conn. A no-painting-for-15 years guarantee on the house's film-coated siding (plastic covered plywood) brought out a crowd of 3,000, and resulted in 75 deposits in two days for the 49 lots in the subdivision. Twenty-four of these ended as firm sales. DuPont provided a demonstration machine for the opening that showed off the film's long lasting quality by its resistance to abrasion and damage.
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Readers’ views on housing problems: renewal . . . subsidies . . . costs . . . codes

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H&H: Bravo for your coverage of the San Francisco urban renewal story. The profile of M. Justin Herman [Feb.] should be required reading for every renewal agency in the country.

AARON LEVINE, AIP
Office Development Conference
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H&H: I am pleased that San Francisco’s urban renewal is so highly evaluated.

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H&H: As builders of the St. Francis Square Apartments shown on the cover, we were disappointed that no recognition or mention was given us. . . . When the project was originally put out to bid (we did not bid it), the low bid was for the construction and management of making the project unworkable. By working with the architect closely, we were able to effect a redesign that came within the FHA budget and also to secure a negotiated contract for ourselves.

JACK BASKIN, builder
Los Angeles

Myths of mid-income housing
H&H: Your detailed and well documented article on the myths of middle-income housing subsidies [Mar.] was excellent. It eliminated homework for California in the Home Builders Council. All we have to do is plug in California statistics.

WILLIAM T. LEONARD
executive vice president
Associated Home Builders, Berkeley

H&H: Your statement that large-scale, mid-income subsidies would undermine the market for housing built without them, and your three conclusions about the effect on the nation of such a bill should be a red flag to all. . . .

Why should an industry concerned with pampering voters than with facing areas needs so they frequently administer codes on the basis of politics and personalities. Why should an industry accounting for roughly 10% of the gross national product tolerate this?

This problem has long been considered local and has never been attacked on a broad or direct political basis. Won’t some existing organization (like NAHB) activate national and state legislative effort? Property owners expect builders to perform municipal functions that constantly push up capital requirements per dwelling unit. Financing the periphery of property rights may be an effective way of obtaining the constitutionally delegated rights of property owners.

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Your article [The Albatross of Localism—H&H, Dec.] is a sad but true summation of the altogether too common plight of developers and builders. Petty politicians are more concerned with pandering to voters than with facing areas needs so they frequently administer codes on the basis of politics and personalities. Why should an industry accounting for roughly 10% of the gross national product tolerate this?

This problem has long been considered local and has never been attacked on a broad or direct political basis. Won’t some existing organization (like NAHB) activate national and local politically effective units? Legal recourse to conspiracy suits for the deprivation of property rights may be an effective way of obtaining the constitutionally delegated rights of property owners.

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What really ails the industry. I would hope to see a federal program to build slums and build sewage disposal plants on its own initiative or in partnership with localities. One mile of new sewer trunk line or one strategically placed disposal plant could do more for housing today than a few million dollars of subsidy and special incentive programs.

Regardless of subsidies for public housing and urban renewal, formation of blight will continue as long as present zoning policies remain what they are. Public programs tend merely to shovel the slum next door to the nearest area of beginning obscurity. As long as suburbs continue by zoning to try to exclude people of lower incomes, the housing inventory available to [them] will not be significantly enlarged. Here in Westchester County, builders are1 champing at the bit because municipalities have a double standard of zoning, one for private unsubsidized builders and another for builders of public or subsidized projects—in locations carefully controlled to assure the de facto perpetuation of racial and income ghettos—while spouting a lot of humanitarian nonsense. Builders have housing on the drawing board for people in moderate-price ranges, but they are unable to obtain the zoning.

I also regret the absence of research funds, particularly for municipal cost—analysis studies, and the costs of comparative types of growth patterns. Statistical research might show some tendencies which currently defeat government’s attempts to stimulate private housing where needed. NAHB and the Urban Land Institute, as well as some foundations, have tried to tackle municipal cost research but are defeated by the magnitude of the job. Government could perform a useful function here.

GERALD D. LLOYD, builder
White Plains, N. Y.

President Johnson’s housing plans
H&H: The Johnson program is substituting money for policy. Instead of specific medicines and operations, the program basically prescribes new injections of antibiotics. Municipalities expect builders to perform municipal functions that constantly push up capital requirements per dwelling unit. Financing the builder at 6% interest rates is a poor substitute for municipal responsibility for improvements at bond rates of 3% or less. There is no shortage of mortgage money and many banks would lend even if land improvement, if the banking law were changed to allow it.

I am disturbed that there should be so little courage and so little understanding about what really ails the industry. I would hope to see a federal program to build slums and build sewage disposal plants on its own initiative or in partnership with localities. One mile of new sewer trunk line or one strategically placed disposal plant could do more for housing today than a few million dollars of subsidy and special incentive programs.

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Rx for the building code mess
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Performance codes are a theoretically desirable answer, but performance codes must be translated into specific decisions. If a builder asks for a permit to build a house with pressed cornflakes, most building inspectors would be helpless to judge whether it met minimum requirements. We would have to agree on means for translating performance standards into specific performance tests and on who could make such tests and how.

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Q: Who really cares about the new housing bill?
A: Almost nobody in the housing industry.

Not many homebuilders seem to care; not many realty men; not many manufacturers; not many dealers; not many mortgage lenders (except they are aghast at the threatened raid on FHA reserves).

Just about the only cheers and the only pressure for passage comes from the city politicians who would get to pass out the fresh subsidies proposed. They seem to think the bill is wonderful.

The housing industry's ho-hum reaction may well be the most significant fact about the multi-billion-dollar-Johnson-Weaver housing program. To us it seems by far the most disturbing, for it dramatizes how far and how fast the government's housing plans are drifting away from the housing industry on which the government used to rely to make its housing programs work.

Not so long ago a new housing bill would have been the biggest news of the year for everyone in the housing industry. Everybody would be talking about it; everybody would be figuring how it would affect his own operations and wondering what changes he could and should be making in his own operation to adjust to the changes in the government's program.

But not today. And this brings us to a question the government would be wise to face: why is the housing industry losing interest in the government's program? And our answer, alas, would be: "Mostly because the government is showing less and less interest in the private housing industry."

Yesterday's housing program was a bipartisan (and therefore nonpolitical) attempt to help the housing industry meet the nation's housing needs by helping it get around the financial and governmental roadblocks that had made it difficult or impossible for the housing industry to do its job unaided. That bipartisan program began with a study of just why private enterprise in housing needed help and what help would be most effective. It developed into America's most outstanding example of how government and industry could work together to achieve great public good at no cost to the taxpayers. This cost-free teamwork is what made today's homebuilding industry possible—the industry that broke the housing shortage, built the best 15 million new homes any country has ever built and did wonders to raise the American standard of housing.

The housing program outlined in the new housing bill is something very different. It is anything but cost-free; on the contrary, it is a multi-billion dollar package of subsidies, some open, some half-concealed. It is not a free-market program; on the contrary its frankly avowed purpose is to divert homebuilding into otherwise-uneconomic markets. It is not a nonpartisan program; on the contrary, it is a highly political program aimed at the minority vote and the low-income vote. It is not a teamwork program developed in consultation with the housing industry's leaders; on the contrary, it was sprung on most of them as a pretty complete surprise.

So small wonder the housing industry is not much interested.
The same thing is beginning to happen to the apartment market that has already happened to one-family housing in most cities. Consumers, with rising incomes and a wider and wider choice of accommodations, are choosing to pay a little more for better quarters—at almost all rent levels. A new trend emerges . . .

Rental housing’s swing to quality

One big reason for today’s pursuit of excellence by apartment consumers is the ease with which they can move. In fact, rental dwellers move about three times as often as home owners. Another reason is the sharpening competition in apartments produced by their six-year-old boom—a boom which seems sure to set a new all-time record this year.

About 36% of this year’s 1.6 million nonfarm housing starts will be in multi-family structures. That means some 580,000 rental, cooperative and condominium units, the bulk of them rentals. This is almost double what the nation was building only three years ago. Some of this surge is fueled by easy financing and seems likely, in more than a few spots, to lead to temporary overbuilding. But vacancy rates have steadied recently and the major underpinning of the rental market, the under-25 and over-55 age groups, will continue to grow. Next year may bring a slowdown in rental housing. But the long term trend still points up, bolstered as it is by the age composition of the population, problems of land prices and urban transportation. Today’s rental market is laced with pitfalls for the careless.

Local market research, always important, is now crucial because cities do not have a single, monolithic rental market, but many. Even in the weakest markets, some new apartments are opening with 100% occupancy and waiting lists—as did Frank Braggiotti’s 59-unit building in Phoenix (see p. 108) where the city-wide vacancy rate is close to 30%. “All of today’s markets are special situations,” says Realty Analyst James Downs Jr. of Chicago. To state it another way, the days are long gone when national statistics were a pertinent guide about what to build. In Philadelphia, for example, builders are finding an in-town rental market for space at the lowest possible price while suburban apartments must have a rainbow of recreational facilities and services. The suburban market is today’s big one, in rentals as in for-sale housing. One study finds 75% of multi-family starts are now garden-type units on the edge of central cities and in their suburbs. Only 25% are high-rise apartments close to downtown.

More and more, the difference between quality that clicks and mediocrity that flops in apartments is a matter of only a few dollars. As Researcher Sanford Goodkin points out, what apartment dwellers don’t like is lack of noise privacy, cheap cabinets and hardware, skimpy closet space, cheap vanities and lighting fixtures, master bedrooms too small for a king-size bed and a triple dresser. Building to avoid such pitfalls shouldn’t add more than $300 to $500 to a $9,000 apartment unit—or perhaps $3 to $5 a month to rents.

Adds Goodkin: “Poor apartments have trouble renting today even if they cut rents to try to meet stiffer competition.” Instead, “as apartments become more competitive to each other, the floor plans grow better, interior finish becomes finer, and apartments get more refinement in architectural detailing.” Savvy lenders are getting this message, too. Says Gary Driggs of Western S&L in Phoenix: “People are not ready to live in junk for $20 a month less.”

Much of today’s new quality in apartments is going into community and recreational facilities and services—the amenities of suburban life which make apartments live much more like houses than they once did. Consider these examples:

- In suburban Philadelphia, Fox-Bilt rented out the first section of its two-story units (96 apartments) in three months. Amenities: private terraces, air conditioning, private lake, community barbecue area. Rents for a one-bedroom unit start at $119. Says President Richard Fox: “Either you put in the amenities that people want today or you don’t rent. Or the guy down the street puts them in and empties you out.”
- In Houston, renters are moving from year-old apartments into new ones that offer such improvements as four-pipe central air conditioning, more and better parking and landscaping.
- In Bethesda, Md. 30 tenants moved into an incompleted building. Its amenities: sauna bath, garages, tennis courts. Now, Builder Sidney Mensh ponders adding maid service.

On the next 32 pages: a close look at how successful apartment builders are upgrading quality by good land plans (p. 90), floor plans and exteriors (p. 102), how they are coping with noise control (p. 112), borrowing sales tricks from for-sale builders (p. 116) and even persuading localities to give them the zoning they need (p. 98).
Land planning: newest weapon in today's battle to grab—and keep—tenants

The apartment projects shown here and on the following seven pages range in size from 71 to 5,000 units, and in cost from $800,000 to $50 million. But they have two important things in common: 1) each has been full since the day it opened and 2) their builders agree that unusually good land planning is the biggest single reason why they have been full.

"Land planning is the key to any successful apartment job today," says President Hermen Greenberg of Community Builders of Washington, D.C., whose project is shown at the right. "Lots of new apartments have good plans, good kitchens, good locations. But good land planning is rare. Yet this is the plus item that separates the good project from the so-so."

Adds Architect Richard Shelley, who designed the project on page 92: "Too few developers are willing to spend the extra 5% that can make a project really outstanding."

The developers whose projects appear here were willing to spend something extra on land planning. And all of them own their projects and plan to hang on to them as investments. So their planning is based on long term economics.

"Today we'd have no trouble renting a mediocre apartment project," says Greenberg. "But ten years from today could be a very different story. Good land planning is the best way we know of to protect our investment."

To see how Greenberg and three other top developers have used good land planning to attract—and keep—tenants, begin at the right.
You can create your own natural features even in low-to-medium rental apartment projects

These handsome apartments rent for $116 to $165, and they pose a happy problem for their builders: they are renting faster than they can be finished. The reason, says President Greenberg of Community Builders, is their carefully-planned country-like setting. Specifically:

A man-made, five-acre lake creates a focal point for the project. “It was bulldozed out of a low area,” says Greenberg, “and cost $17,000—little more than filling and seeding the area would have cost.”

Spacious green areas were made possible by keeping the density low. “We could have built 24 units per acre,” says Greenberg, “but we are holding to 14 units per acre.”

Recreation facilities currently include a community center, nursery school and two swimming pools; a second community center will include another lake, more pools and a pitch-and-putt golf course.

When the 5,000-unit project is complete (1,000 units are now finished or under construction), the cost of land, improvements and amenities will be 30% (or $15 million) of the $50 million total.

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You can turn the disadvantages of bypassed land into features that tenants can't find anywhere else

The site of this 204-unit project is so hilly that for years apartment and homebuilders passed it up—despite its location in a top St. Louis suburb. Yet its current success (100% rented since it opened) is due in large part to imaginative handling of this unbuildable terrain. “It turned out so well,” says Wilbur R. Rosenblum, the developer, “that I’ll never use a flat site again.”

Careful building placement made an asset of the steep grades. Buildings are stepped down and staggered so that most apartments have fine views. And a drainage ditch in the center of the site was widened and dammed up to provide a series of waterfalls.

“Our extra costs were remarkably low,” says Rosenblum, “because our architect followed the land instead of moving a lot of dirt. Grading was about $20,000 more than it would have been for a flat site. Retaining walls cost another $20,000 and the waterfalls, including a pumping system to recirculate water, cost $15,000.”

Total cost for the project was $3 million. Of this, $110,000 was for raw land and $130,000 for swimming pools (there are four) and a recreation center.

Two distinctly different types of living are provided by the project. Most one-bedroom units ($119 a month) are in courtyard buildings with a central swimming pool (bottom, left). No children are allowed in this area. Two-bedroom units ($144 a month) are in a straight-line building so the noise of children won’t reverberate in courtyards. All apartments have balconies which overlook pools or recreation areas.

LOCATION: Crestwood, Mo.
BUILDER: W. R. Rosenblum
ARCHITECT: J. Richard Shelley & Assoc.
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: Robert Goelln

COURTYARD APARTMENTS overlook pool. Retaining wall, left, is made of old railroad ties.

COMMUNITY BUILDING and pool form project’s recreation center. Pool cost $25,000, building $90,000.
STEPPED-DOWN ELEVATIONS matched buildings to grades, kept earthmoving to a minimum. Pool is part of a watercourse in the middle of the site.
You can keep your development costs down if you take advantage of your site's natural assets

The extravagant-looking landscape of this four-acre project cost only $50,000. Yet it is the No. 1 reason why there have been virtually no vacancies since the apartments were opened a year and a half ago. (It also helped the project win a National Design Award from the Canadian Housing Design Council.)

"We started with a plateau on a wooded hillside," says Gilbert Bradner, general manager of the project, "and based our landscaping on features that were already there." Specifically:

Trees were left standing wherever they did not actually interfere with buildings. "We have evergreens up to 100' tall all through the project," says Bradner.

Several thousand shrubs and bushes were brought in and planted. "Our own earth-moving crews did the digging and planting," says Bradner, "which saved us money."

A small, natural pool was enlarged, and another was bulldozed out of a low area to create focal points for the two sections of the project.

The need for good land use figured in the developers' plans right from the start. "We were the first apartments in an area of custom houses," says Bradner, "so we had to design a project that would look handsome in comparison with $30,000 homes—most of them beautifully landscaped."

The 71-unit project has two types of apartments: one-story, two-bedroom units renting for $145, and townhouse three-bedroom units renting for $170 or $175. Total project cost was $800,000.
SWIMMING POOL is heated, can be used most of the year in Vancouver’s temperate climate.

NATURAL POOL has waterfall, which is fed by water pumped from a nearby stream.
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If you can find the right location for upper-bracket tenants you can afford to convert even tidelands into luxury living

These stunning waterfront apartments are located on what was a swampy cove off San Francisco Bay, just eight miles from the city. They are renting so well (from $250 to $525 a month) that the builders are almost cheerful about the 31% (or $2½ million) they will have spent on land and landscaping when the $8 million project is completed.

But location is only part of the story. Says President Harry Hicks of Associated Contractors: "There are other apartments just as close to the city that haven't done as well. We think we've been successful because we provide the kind of atmosphere tenants expect in luxury apartments." The atmosphere was created in two ways:

The waterfront site was exploited to the hilt. Dredge-and-fill operations built up what had been largely marsh and mud flats into two strips of land, and deepened the lagoon for boats. Cost: just under $1 million.

The inshore land was sculptured to give it a natural, yet dramatic, look. "Much of the land was filled," says Hicks, "so we had to give nature a hand." Small hillocks were built up, pools were dug and large boulders were brought in (below, right). One hundred trees—all over 30' high—are now being planted. And all utilities are buried.

The finished project will have 270 units. Of these, 119 are now either completed or under construction (shaded buildings in the plan above).

LOCATION: Tiburon, Calif.  
BUILDER: Associated Contractors  
ARCHITECT: John Lord King  
LAND PLANNER: Elmore Hutchinson  

WATER VIEW of apartments shows combination of Bay-Area style design with modern glass.  
TIDAL POOL is bridged by a massive stone. Dark objects behind it are retaining pilings.
Zoning: 20 tactics
to persuade communities
to accept apartments

“We prepare for a zoning case the way a lawyer prepares for a Supreme Court case,” says Executive Vice President Byron Lasky of Kaufman & Broad Building Co.

Lasky speaks from recent experience. Last year big K&B chalked up almost half of its $31 million sales volume in apartments and townhouses and put across nine petitions for high-density zoning.

Preparation, say most builders who have been through the rezoning wringer, starts long before you even scout out an apartment site. It starts, in fact, with your local reputation for building attractive, well planned housing and for living up to your word. Both must be above reproach.

Preparation also calls for answers to the overriding argument against multi-family housing: the claim that rental units boost municipal costs—particularly school costs. Recent tax studies have countered the claims, and one of the best—by the Prince George’s County, Md. Economic Development Committee—shows that:

• A single-family house produces four times as many school pupils as an apartment—0.943 pupils per house in 87,000 houses vs. 0.242 pupils per apartment in 32,000 rental units.
• Houses cost the county more than they pay in taxes while apartments cost less. The average house pays $267 in taxes and costs $392 (including $298 for schools). An apartment pays $189 in taxes, costs $170 (including $76 for schools).
• And when state and federal aid are figured in, houses pay $167 less than they cost and apartments $134 more.

Convincing statistics? To you, perhaps. But it takes more than statistics to persuade local officials. For other ideas, start reading at right.

1. Show up at zoning hearings. That’s the advice of Builders Ben Deane of Los Angeles, Vern Donnay of Minneapolis and George Achenbach of Stratford, Conn, who point out that a personal appearance is assuring to local officials and the public. Says Deane: “It’s all right to send an engineer or a lawyer to work out preliminary details. But when the hearing comes, builders should speak for themselves. The people want to see and hear the principals.”

2. Keep your temper no matter how insulting the comments and questions get. Observes Deane: “The worst thing you can do is blow up, act as if you know all the answers and give the impression that you’re there to tell them what you’re going to do—take it or leave it.”

3. Retain a local lawyer with a reputation for asking only for proper zoning. He should be respected by the zoning board, know enough about local people to predict their objections. Says Builder Coleman Peskin of Philadelphia: “In one recent case, our lawyers told us there was no local objection to apartments per se but merely to having them in long rows.”

4. Hire a land planner who thoroughly understands the locale and the problems
FIELD TRIP WITH PLANNERS helped Builder Edwin Janss Jr. (hand on hip, right) of Janss Co. win approval of planned-unit-density zoning for 2,000+ acres in Conejo Village, Calif. He took members of the Ventura County Planning Commission and Janss officials (including Janss President Victor Palmieri, center with hands on hips) on a morning-long tour of his rugged range country in jeeps. From a crest overlooking the whole tract, Janss executives laid down an aerial map with plat lines to show what Janss proposed for the more than three-square-mile section.


5. Get other experts to help you—appraisers, architects, engineers, market researchers and advertising and public relations men. Los Angeles Builder Ray Watt, who relies heavily on outside professionals, uses Stanford Research Institute to handle his land-economics studies, then presents localities with an appraiser’s estimate of the project’s assessed valuation.

6. Plan your site to avoid garden-apartment monotony. Save trees and natural contours. Leave plenty of green space. Don’t site buildings in a rigid pattern. In the Philadelphia area, Industrial Designers Raymond Loewy and William Snaith, working with Architect Theodore Brandow, planned Fox-Bilt Homes’ Sherry Lake project so that buildings would not be at right angles to each other as on most urban sites. This helped Fox-Bilt overcome a major community objection to garden apartments: the lined-up, formal, institutional look.

7. If you can, offer a planned-unit community—mixing houses and apartments and hiding the rental units in the center of the site. That was how Builder Eugene Ellish won ready acceptance of a large new development in Suffern, N.Y.

8. Be able to modify your designs so they fit in with local architecture. Philadelphia Builder Peskin pitched the roofs of his apartments after facing objections to the flat roofs shown in his renderings. In Connecticut, Builder J. R. Stich agreed to planners’ suggestions that he use colonial design to blend his apartments with nearby houses.

9. Make sure your apartments are attractive to nearby homeowners. That means from the back as well as from the front. Builder Stich got rezoning in Windsor, Conn. because he showed the zoning board how he would make his rear elevations as good looking as his facades.

10. Show how your project won’t snarl traffic in the area. Whenever Chicago Architect Seymour Altman is involved in a zoning case, he has a traffic engineer plan traffic flow into and out of the project, then presents the plan to local officials. Washington Builder Freeman prepares studies that predict hour-by-hour traffic flow counts on streets near his proposed apartments. And when Baltimore Developer Rouse submitted plans for a shopping center in his Cross Keys project, he pointed out that this would keep tenants from shopping elsewhere and thus hold down traffic around his site.

11. Show how you’ll keep tenants from parking in front of nearby houses by planning ample parking space inside your project. Gary Driggs of Western Sav.$ in Phoenix says he has frequently persuaded developers to provide more parking by building fewer units. This can make the difference between a successful rezoning petition and an unsuccessful one, says Driggs.

12. Convince nearby homeowners that you’ll be a good neighbor. First explain how your apartments will be managed (you might even introduce your resident manager). Then, suggests Philadelphia Realtor William J. McCarter, you should anticipate questions about fencing and buffer strips, bright lights shining into adjacent houses and late-night swimming if your project has a pool.

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13. Show renderings of your project. Better yet, display a scale model. St. Louis Builder Wilbur R. Rosenblum, who got the zoning he wanted after 17 hearings in eight months, used a model of his cluster project. The cost? $1,000—and well worth it, he says.

14. Show pictures of other apartments you have built—or take local officials out to see them. Says Los Angeles Builder Watt: "We've flown eight groups up to Santa Barbara to see our New Horizons project."

15. Point out the area's present shortcomings (if there are any) and how your project will correct them. A color movie helped Los Angeles Builder Deane get approval for high-rise housing in an urban-renewal area. Says Deane: "We showed the film to city officials—planners, police and fire commissioners and building department men—and convinced them the area was in even worse shape than they had thought. After that we got quick action on variances and vacating streets."

16. Look for communities where officials are hungry for construction activity. And if you can, pick a municipality that will annex your site because it is seeking customers for its utility services.

17. Try to avoid homogeneous communities—particularly those where everybody is a homeowner. Says Builder Richard Hunsaker of S. V. Hunsaker & Sons of Los Angeles: "We steer clear of primarily single-family areas and look for places where apartments have already been built. That, I think, is why our zoning requests have been 95% successful."

Suggests Developer Gerald Lloyd, a veteran of zoning battles in conservative, well-to-do Westchester County, N. Y.: "Pick an area with a mixture of large and small landowners, old and new houses in different price classes and a variety of economic and social interests. Worst of all is an area of high-income homeowners. Their view is that renters are riff-raff."

18. Don't ask for a zoning change just before an election. "That's exactly the time when no one will help you for fear of sticking his political neck out," says Developer Lloyd. "But it's wise to work with strong local political leadership—either the entrenched elite or a newly elected group."

19. Get local merchants' support by showing what your tenants will spend locally. St. Louis Builder Rosenblum won over nearby merchants by pointing out that the 204 new families in his project would each spend an average of $3,000 a year in the immediate area.

20. Approach homeowners' and civic groups early. Explain exactly what you want, and listen for hints on how you can work their suggestions into your plans.

21. Back up your promises to civic groups by offering to make them legally binding. Developer Rouse clinched his presentation to a strong neighborhood association by agreeing to sign a contract under which he could be sued if his project were not built as promised.

22. Show that apartments will not depress the value of nearby houses. In Maryland, Builder Freeman surveyed re-sale prices of houses close to several of his apartment projects. His findings? Prices went up after the apartments were built.

23. Make sure local officials grasp the economics of apartment housing. Builder Freeman warns planners of the dangers in severely limiting apartment acreage: when builders get hold of rare pieces of apartment land, they have a virtual monopoly and thus care less about how their project looks or how well it is built.

Long Island Builder Herbert Z. Gold adds another point: if planners restrict densities to as little as 15 or 16 units per acre, builders are encouraged to put up larger apartments with more bedrooms. Upshot? More tenants with school-age children.

24. Show evidence that most of your tenants will be local people and few will have school-age children—if those, indeed are the facts. That way, you'll rebut two traditional—though usually false—arguments against apartments: that they bring unwanted outsiders and overload schools.

Builder Rosenblum answered the school-child question by pointing out that no children would be allowed in his 140 one-bedroom units and only 40 would be likely to live in his 64 two-bedroom units.

Developer Rouse noted that his rentals ($275 to $375) would be too high to attract tenants with school-age children. And he capped his contention with figures supplied by the school board itself: the board estimated that only 200 pupils were turned down by zoning boards. But I'd say that in most cases no bribery or graft is involved."

26. Be ready to face stated or unstated fears that Negroes will rent your units. Whether or not bias is justified, it exists. As one Chicago planning consultant says: "The race question never comes out in these suburban hearings, but it's there all right. People hint at it when they ask whether the project will be federally financed."

Builder Rosenblum went straight to the point at a zoning hearing. He said his apartments would not be FHA insured but added that no one in a single-family-house area can be certain that minorities will not become his neighbors.

What about under-the-table deals? There's a natural reluctance to discuss this touchy question. But most of the builders, developers and lawyers questioned by House & Home agree that shady deals are a rarity rather than the rule.

Says Chicago Zoning Lawyer Fred Bos-selman (see p. 101): "You hear lots of stories, especially from people who have been turned down by zoning boards. But I'd say that in most cases no bribery or graft is involved."

Says Los Angeles Builder Watt: "Nearly all cases are decided on their merits. Sometimes they'll make an extra request—such as paving a section of road a quarter mile from your project, on the contention that added traffic will make it necessary—but I can honestly say that all the people I've dealt with are sincere."

On the other hand, a New York zoning lawyer who has handled cases in many areas has found "there is generally a deal though I've never known of anyone handing an official money outright. But a politician usually wants something—perhaps a lumber contract or a campaign contribution."

And a land planner hints at hanky-panky. He says he no longer works with builders on zoning "because they hire lawyers who go into executive session with the zoning people and come out with what the builders want."

The consensus: avoid the few communities where officials have their hands out, and if you have to play the game—perhaps by buying tickets to $100-a-plate political dinners—decide how far you will go and don't go a step further.
Have the courts produced today's zoning furor by shirking their duty to drop invalid notions?

The answer was clearly spelled out last year by a 52-page article, "Suburban Zoning and the Apartment Boom." It appeared in (of all places) the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. This is a penetrating, heavily documented (310 footnotes) and often witty attack on current zoning law by two Chicago lawyers, Richard F. Babcock and Fred P. Bosselman. It is a white paper that separates facts from fiction and exposes the myths upon which most anti-apartment zoning is based.* Here are some of the main points covered plus apt quotes from the article:

Multi-family housing has a second-class status in law.

"Why? Courts still follow zoning precedents that can be traced back to the 19th century, when tenement slums constituted almost the whole apartment supply."

"Many state court opinions dealing with early zoning ordinances ... characterized multiple-family housing as productive of congestion, fire, dirt, noise, disease, crime, and lower moral standards. Single-family housing, however, was romanticized as contributing to patriotism and exemplifying in every respect the American way of life."

In the early 1920s a few judges held that zoning restrictions against multi-family housing were unconstitutional, but this view was overwhelmed by the Supreme Court's 1926 decision in Euclid v. Ambler. The court upheld the right of Euclid, Ohio to segregate multi-family housing from "residential" (i.e., single-family) areas. The court noted that "very often the apartment house is a mere parasite which comes very near to being a nuisance." The authors add: "Although modern courts hesitate to talk of pestilence, fire, and immorality as did their brothers of 40 years ago, they continue to assume the validity of the segregation of housing types without contributing to a reasonable solution of the dispute ..."

"The old litany drones on. The segregation of the apartment building, since its initial acceptance by the judiciary in the 1920s, has become an unspoken premise."

Courts are shirking their implicit duty to think the problem through.

"No legislator, whether at the state or local level, can be expected to initiate, much less carry through to its challenging conclusions, a serious re-examination of the premises on which the present fragmented system of decision-making over private land use has been based."

As in the passionate areas of school segregation and reapportionment, legislative action in the agitated field of private land use will probably be forthcoming only when the bench challenges the principles of another era . . .

"If the segregation of dwelling types can no longer be justified under the rubrics of 'health, safety, and morals,' then what is the nature of the 'nuisance' which the enforcement of the detached dwelling is validated?"

Suburbanites say they oppose apartments on four main grounds.

These reasons are heard at public hearings. None makes much sense logically the authors say. The reasons:

1. "Apartments don't pay their own way. If we allow apartments to come in, our taxes will go up." The authors point out that municipal services are lower for apartment projects on a per-family basis, particularly in good, new suburban buildings, and no study yet has shown that school taxes are forced up by apartment building.

2. "The builders of suburban apartments are constructing tomorrow's slums." This argument, the authors say, is pure speculation, and hardly more applicable to apartments than to single-family houses.

3. "Apartments reduce property values." Also sheer speculation, and ironic, too, the authors point out, in view of the high value of apartment land which often adds speculative value to surrounding real estate.

4. "The character of the neighborhood will be ruined." The authors' retort: "The suburbanite should note that in the opinion of the best architects a mixture of dwelling types is desirable for aesthetic reasons. Anyone who chooses the tract house as an aesthetic ideal must expect that his judgment will be questioned."

But many suburbanites are actually motivated by "whispered reasons" you seldom hear at public meetings.

1. "Apartments will attract persons of the lower classes." The authors point out this deceptive entirely on the rentals to be charged.

2. "Apartments will bring in a lot of transients who have no interest in the neighborhood." The authors point out that apartments attract a wide variety of residents, many of whom move less frequently than some homeowners.

3. "They'll be rented to Negroes." But, the authors note, Negroes have "typically entered formerly white neighborhoods by purchase rather than by rental." And, they add, "the President's executive order restricting discrimination in federally assisted housing may have greater impact on single-family housing, since a higher proportion of single-family housing receives federal assistance."

*Any apartment builder with zoning troubles might well circulate the article to local officials and community leaders. Reprints are available from the law school, 3400 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 4, at $1 a copy.

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Design: 22 fresh ideas that make apartments live—and look—better

Apartment design has come a long way in the past five years, as the pictures at right and on the following eight pages show. There are far fewer brick boxes with impossible floor plans—and all the outdoor living you can get by opening a living room window. There are far more handsome apartment buildings with excellent floor plans, big private outdoor living areas and design features that match or top those of today's best custom houses.

Five years ago, after a country-wide survey for one of its first major issues on rental housing (Oct. '59), HOUSE & HOME urged would-be builders of successful apartment projects to incorporate such features as these in their designs: private patios; big private balconies for upper-level units; glass walls to integrate indoor and outdoor living areas; better planned kitchens with more storage; more glamorous baths; more interesting facades; bigger rooms; more private entrances and more townhouse units.

The following pages show that these ideas have taken hold; in fact many of them—notably private balconies and patios—have become standard features rather than extras. And a host of new design ideas is emerging.

Five years ago, HOUSE & HOME said that the best new apartments lived like new houses. Today more and more of the best new apartments live better than many new houses. To see why, begin at right.

Setbacks serve a triple purpose

They add depth to the facade and provide privacy and shelter. Two kinds of setbacks are used in these townhouses: the houses themselves are staggered and window and door areas are recessed between brick walls. Builder: Carl Freeman Assoc., Silver Springs, Md.
Balcony bedroom opens up a small apartment

The second floor of this 476 sq. ft. apartment in Baton Rouge stops 5' from the all-glass front wall. So the living room has two ceiling heights—one high and one low—that add interest, light and spaciousness. Architects: Berenson & Glenny. Builder: A. L. Drumright.

Two-story arches soften an angular facade

They also contrast strongly with the windows and doors which they frame. And by projecting the one-brick-wide arch out from the wall, Architect Charles Pattillo has added a strong sculptured feeling to the facade. Builder: Morris Construction Co., Jacksonville.

Mansard roofs give buildings an intimate scale

Houston Builder John K. Williams combined the mansard roofs with high chimneys to lower the typically tall-and-narrow townhouse facade and to create the nostalgic atmosphere of a French Provincial village. High fences screen private patios from the swimming pool area.
DESIGN IDEAS continued

Gerald Ratto

Randal Partridge

Trellises: a simple way to define—and dramatize—apartment entrances

The entrance to a 144-unit project (left) in Hayward, Calif, is simply a gap between two buildings, but Architect Roger F. Hooper dramatized it with a heavily timbered trellis, supported on concrete posts, which blocks out much of the view of the building walls. Builder: Felson Builders Inc. The trellis at right marks the entrance to a much smaller building—a duplex in Walnut Creek, Calif. It is both smaller in scale and lighter in feeling. Architect-Owner Charles Delk framed the trellis with redwood posts and beams covered with longitudinal strips.

Flexible placement of simple townhouse units creates outdoor privacy on a tight site

The site plan above covers little more than one-third of an acre; yet it includes 12 townhouses and their patios, plus parking space for 12 cars. Architect Allison Peery enclosed the patios with high fences, placed the houses so that most second-floor balconies faced blank walls of other houses and reversed the plans of some adjacent houses so that their entrances are at opposite ends. The result: excellent privacy on both first and second floors despite the relatively high density. Builder: Bernard Lumber Co. of San Antonio.
Free-standing fireplace wall dominates the facade of these rental houses

The wall, which stops just short of the roof, is a strong vertical element that contrasts with the horizontal line of the balcony. The cross section at right shows the wall's construction, and the detail drawing points up a novel method used by Architect Carl Luckenbach to join glass and brick: the brick is grooved, the glass is set into it and a silicone compound secures the glass and seals it against the weather. This split-level house is one of five detached rental units built in a cluster by Willits West Co. of Birmingham, Mich.

Entry terraces double as outdoor living areas

And Builder C. J. Bonner arranged the four units in this Tustin, Calif., apartment to isolate the terraces from each other. Result: tenants enjoy outdoor living and floor-to-ceiling glass walls without sacrificing privacy. Photo shows the second unit from the left in plan above.
Open stairways with slender railings brighten entries—both indoors and out

The inside entry at left is only 8' wide. But open-tread stairs and wrought-iron railing, combined with a two-story glass wall, give it a light, spacious feeling. Architect: Roger Lee Assoc. Builder: Conrad Ambrose, Berkeley, Calif. The outdoor entry at right, designed by Architects Jenkins & Hoff for Tex-Craft Builders of Houston, also benefits from open stair and railings (both metal to withstand weather). A peaked roof bridges the entry, heightens its open feeling and protects tenants and visitors from rain and hot sun.

Traditional shingles add warmth to a contemporary facade

They keep the apartments in character with their country surroundings in Napa, Calif. They emphasize the strong outlines of Architect Lawrence Freels' contemporary design, but their natural weathered finish also keeps the design from looking stark. The shingles are applied in panels, not merely for design emphasis but also because the resulting absence of corners makes shingling faster and hence less costly. The panels are outlined with stucco-covered framing members. Builder: Rubin Glickman.
Entry bridges cope with a steep site

This site slopes so steeply that the lower-level apartments open to grade in the rear. The bridges (details below show how they are supported) permit building entrances a half-story above grade. Architect: Robert Calhoun Smith. Builder: Koch & Kehoe Inc., Bethesda, Md.

Big balcony works like an old-time porch

Most of it serves as an outdoor living area, but the near end includes the entry stair landing and front door. This 8'x17' balcony—recessed and partly screened for privacy—is one of two in each second and third-floor apartment in the buildings at left (see plan below).
Plastic screen makes an overhead sunshade

Rain is seldom a problem in Phoenix, but the hot sun is. So Builder Frank Braggiotti covered all walkways of his 59-unit project with screens of vinyl-covered glass fiber which let in light but ward off the sun. Designer: Alfred Beadle.

Reverse-doughnut excavation makes room for parking

Cars can drive in under this 32-unit building in San Jose, Calif., so they are hidden from view and handy to stairs that lead to apartment entrances. Method: D. K. & H. Development Co. excavated under the perimeter of the building. Architect: Fred Marburg.

Natural wood finishes cut maintenance and unify indoor and outdoor design

This duplex is in Walnut Creek, Calif., so Architect-Owner Charles Delk picked native redwood as his finish. On the outside, the redwood is 1x4 rough-sawn planks which can be coated with a preservative or left untreated. Smooth redwood paneling, used on the inside, can be waxed or left in its natural state. High ceilings keep the darker-than-usual interior from becoming oppressive, and horizontal molding, set at door-header height both inside and out, brings the high walls down to a more intimate scale.
Screens create low-cost privacy and distinctive facades

Low cost was a key goal in the apartment at left—14 one-bedroom units built by Stephen Flowers for students and teachers in Port Arthur, Tex. Architects Moore & Stansbury designed a simple, straight-line plan, then screened outdoor areas with pierced brick on the ground floor and aluminum screening on the second. The six-unit apartment at right was built by Tex-Craft Builders among single-family houses in Houston. Sunscreens break up the facade so it is in keeping with the neighborhood. Architects: Jenkins & Hoff.

Courtyard plan combines townhouses and one-story apartments in one building

Architect Harold Levitoff placed six apartments on one side of the court and four townhouses on the other. And by putting four apartments upstairs and two down, he provided covered parking for nine cars. Although the lot is less than one-third of an acre, all units have ample, well-screened outdoor areas—front patios off the downstairs apartments, large balconies off the upstairs units and patios behind the townhouses. Another plus: only two windows face the street. Location: Toluca Lake, Calif. Builder Max H. Resnick.

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Mirrors make a big bath seem even bigger

Architect John Lipaj runs a ceiling-height mirror along half of the long wall in this apartment bathroom to emphasize its 6'x10' dimensions. And he uses a mirror-fronted medicine cabinet above an oversized vanity. Builder: Alan Newman, Parma Heights, Ohio.

Paneled dressing room is a practical luxury

It requires minimum maintenance and underscores extensive use of redwood elsewhere in the unit. Located in 50 sq. ft. of space adjacent to a full bath, it has a marble-topped vanity with storage, left and below, and a dropped luminous ceiling. Architect: Charles Delk.

Extra storage makes a small kitchen more efficient

Fox-Bilt Homes gives the kitchens of these suburban Philadelphia apartments an unusual expanse of ceiling-height cabinet storage. And the kitchen is laid out to conform to the efficient range-sink-refrigerator triangle. Design is by Loewy/Snajth Inc. and Howard Krasnoff.

Skylight emphasizes the warmth of a wood ceiling

More than functional, it provides a bright contrast to the dark planking and points up the major design element of the apartment: a high, pyramidal ceiling supported by four heavy timbers. The skylight is of translucent plastic. Architect: Charles Delk. (For exteriors, see p. 104.)
Cathedral ceiling makes a glass wall bigger

It lets the glass be carried up to a full 12' at the ridge to take fullest advantage of a spectacular waterfront view (see cover and p. 96). And its deep overhang shelters that part of the wrap-around deck (plan, right) most directly related to the living-dining room area. Exposed beams and roof decking, design features in themselves, contrast strongly with the unusually-shaped brick fireplace—tucked away in the corner so it does not interrupt the view. Architect: John Lord King. Builder: Associated Contractors, San Francisco.

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Noise control: 20 ways to cut down the biggest cause of tenant complaints

Ridiculous as it seems, the success of a new apartment project sometimes hinges on how well a tenant can hear his neighbor’s television set. A key characteristic of today’s rental market is that tenants demand—and will move to get—quality (see p. 89). And just about the most important aspect of quality is quiet!

Unfortunately, there is more noise than ever in today’s apartments—noise from air-conditioning equipment, garbage grinders, dishwashers, extra baths, washers and dryers. Not only does this equipment create noise, it requires additional ducts and pipes that are in themselves pathways that can carry noise all through the building.

“The nervous system of the apartment house today is almost as complex as the people who occupy it,” says New York Architect Samuel Paul.

Add to this the people-produced racket of turned-up television and hi-fi sets and the need for effective noise control becomes obvious.

Starting at right are 20 methods designed to achieve this noise control. They are taken from a new—and excellent—booklet with a formidable title (“Solutions to noise control problems in the construction of houses, apartments, motels and hotels”), written by Physicist Hale J. Sabine and Engineer Dan E. Morgenroth and published by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. Its 64 well-illustrated pages cover sound control all the way from basic theory to actual construction details. The selections shown here should be of special interest to apartment designers and builders.

Does noise-reducing construction boost costs? In most cases, yes. But, builders report, the added costs are more than offset by low-vacancy rates.

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**How to keep noise from leaking through the floor under party walls**

**PARTY WALLS**

**BLOCK BETWEEN END-TO-END JOISTS.** A single blocking strip (left) closes joist tunnels. Better system (center) offsets joists to reduce impact transmission and breaks the blocking strips between joists. Best system (right) uses two blocking members, offsets joists and breaks up blocking strips.

**USE EXTRA PARALLEL JOISTS.** If the wall is close to a regular joist (left), add a joist on the opposite side. If the wall falls between regular joists, put two extra joists under it (center). Best method (right): install extra plates and gypsum joist backers.

**FLOAT THE FLOOR.** Laying concrete (top, center) or wood (top, right) floors on fiber boards, and stopping the floors short of the walls, reduces under-wall transmission. Sills are fastened to the subflooring. Floor plan (bottom) shows how every room can be isolated with floating floors.
How to reduce vibration by isolating plumbing pipes and fixtures from the structure

**CUSHION WASTE AND VENT LINES.** Fiber doughnuts (upper left and center) at support points will isolate water noises from the building. Fiber pads will isolate pipe brackets from framing (upper right and lower left) and cushion vertical waste lines at bottom.

**CUSHION TUBS AND TOILETS.** Fiberboard between underlayment and subfloor will keep water noises in toilets from vibrating the floor (left). Set tubs against the wallboard, not the studs (bottom), and put fiber between the wall and studs and between underlayment and subfloor.

**USE FLEXIBLE COUPLINGS.** A rubber hose between garbage disposers and waste pipes (left) will keep vibrations from passing through the whole waste system. Flexible piping (right) prevents the noise of circulating pumps from being transmitted to convectors in apartment rooms.

How to wire, install outlets and mount fixtures to avoid noise leaks and vibration

**AVOID THROUGH-FLOOR WIRING.** Even wiring holes will pass sound between upper- and lower-level apartments. Solution (left): wire one apartment from above and the other from below. If through-floor wiring holes are unavoidable, caulk them with plastic or dry packing (right).

**STAGGER PARTY-WALL OUTLETS.** Never set them back-to-back in the same stud space. Convenience outlets should be at least 36" apart (drawing above) and switches and wall fixtures at least 24" apart. And all openings both around and in the outlet boxes should be carefully sealed.

**DON'T MOUNT FIXTURES ACROSS STAGGERED JOISTS.** Attaching one side of a fixture to ceiling joists and the other side to floor joists provides a sound path between ceiling and floor. Instead, fasten the second side of the fixture to the nearest ceiling joist.

**DON'T HANG FIXTURES FROM FLOOR FRAMING.** Instead, hang them from furring strips attached to the framing by resilient clips (top). Better yet, surface-mount them under the ceiling so the ceiling board is left unpierced (bottom). In either case, use extra clips above fixtures.

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How to install mechanical equipment to isolate its vibration

There is more noise-producing machinery in apartments today than ever before; but if these rules are followed, tenants will never know it is there:

1. **Buy quiet equipment.** Most manufacturers have reliable noise-level data on their products, and it is usually cheaper in the long run to buy quieter machinery and install less sound-reducing construction.

2. **Confine equipment noise to equipment rooms.** Walls should be sound-conditioned, and doors should be weather stripped. The drawings on this page show how machinery should be located and mounted so its vibration is not transmitted to the main structure of the apartment building.

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**NOTE:**

**DON'T PUT AIR VENTS BACK TO BACK.** This is like cutting a hole right through a party wall (left). Instead, run the vent ducts in the ceiling (right) so that right-angle fittings can reduce noise transmission, and grilles can be further apart. Grille dampers will also cut down sound.

**USE FIBER DUCTS FOR MAIN DISTRIBUTION.** This will keep a duct that feeds several apartments from carrying excessive noise from unit to unit (bottom). And in individual-unit heating systems, main fiber ducts will cut down on noise transferred from room to room (top.).

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**VENTILATING DUCTS**

**CEILING**

**GRILLES**

**METAL DUCT**

**FIBER DUCT**

**OFFSET BAFFLE**

**METAL DUCT**

**EGGCRATE BAFFLE**

**MUFFLE METAL DUCTS NEAR OUTLETS.** A 6' length of fiber duct (top) will dampen most normal through-duct sound. If space does not allow this method, a section of egg-crate baffles (center) or a single fiber offset (bottom) will do a good job and take up less room.

**MECHANICAL ROOM**

**MUFFLER BAFFLES**

**SUPPLY DUCT**

**RETURN DUCT**

**MECHANICAL ROOM**

**MUFFLE DUCTS NEAR THE NOISE SOURCE.** If the sound of motors, fans and compressors is cut down before it gets into the duct system, sound control in the apartments themselves will be easier. Mufflers—usually made of glass fiber—should be installed in both supply and return ducts.

**RETURN AIR PLENUM**

**FLEXIBLE CONNECTIONS**

**PADS**

**BLOWER**

**USE FLEXIBLE CONNECTORS AT EQUIPMENT.** Metal ducts will carry and even amplify the vibrations caused by mechanical equipment. Connectors of soft material should be used to break the duct near the equipment so that this vibration does not get into the main duct system.

**FIBER BAIFFLES**

**FIBER DUCTS**

**USE BAFFLES IN RETURN-AIR PLENUMS.** Individual heating and cooling systems are often installed in apartment closets with raised floors for return air chambers. Baffles and fiber lining will keep these chambers from blasting blower and burner noise back into the apartment.

**PLENUM TO B.R.**

**FURNACE**

**USE FIBER DUCTS FOR MAIN DISTRIBUTION.** This will keep a duct that feeds several apartments from carrying excessive noise from unit to unit (bottom). And in individual-unit heating systems, main fiber ducts will cut down on noise transferred from room to room (top.)
How to keep heating and cooling ducts from becoming noise tunnels

Ducts are potentially the biggest noise problem in today's apartments. For one thing, they provide air-borne sound with a direct path between rooms, between apartments and between apartments and noisy equipment rooms. For another thing, there are more of them than in older buildings. New building codes permit more inside baths and kitchens, which require ventilating systems. Air conditioning, a luxury ten years ago, is fast becoming standard, so even hot-water-heated apartments are honeycombed with ducts.

If ducts are to be kept from acting as noise tunnels, they must be sound-conditioned just as effectively as the walls and floors through which they pass. The detail drawings on this page show the basic ways this can be done.

**MOUNT MACHINERY ON VIBRATION-DAMPING PADS.** Fiber pads will keep vibrations of heating and cooling equipment and washers and dryers from reaching the floor framing (left). The drawings at right and bottom show how pads can be used around supply and return air ducts.

**MOUNT EXTRA-NOISY UNITS ON FLOATING SLABS.** The attic unit (top) is on a precast concrete slab which is heavy enough to damp out most vibration. Pads separate the slab from the concrete floor. Drawings at center and bottom show two ways to float-mount heavy machinery in a basement.

**ISOLATE THE WHOLE EQUIPMENT ROOM.** In fireproof apartments, utility rooms can be treated like one big piece of equipment. The entire floor is mounted on pads or springs, walls and ceilings are lined with absorbent material and the ceiling below is hung on flexible supports.
Merchandising: methods that sell homebuyers also click with apartment renters

“You can merchandise apartments the way you merchandise houses because renters and buyers want so many of the same things.” So says Builder Richard Fox of Plymouth Meeting, Pa. who is using identical methods (photos at right) to sell houses and rent apartments around Philadelphia.

Fox’s approach testifies to what is becoming a near revolution in apartment merchandising. Many builders who once used only classified advertising and were content with handout brochures from local utilities are now adopting the big-sell methods of the built-for-sale market. They are using full-page ads, four-color brochures and eye-catching displays of floor plans and community facilities. They are furnishing two, three or more model apartments. And they are even erecting temporary off-site models before their buildings are up. Example: Jupiter Corp. of Chicago rented 80% of a 40-story apartment house from three furnished models in a loft three blocks from the site.

Why this stepped-up merchandising effort? Industry experts cite three major reasons:

1. Tougher competition. “The big surge in apartment building has forced builders to adopt more sophisticated marketing methods,” says California Marketing Consultant Sanford Goodkin.

2. Homebuilders entering rental housing. “These builders are quick to adapt house-selling methods to apartment renting,” notes Goodkin.

3. The spurt in condominiums. “Many rental-apartment builders overlooked all the merchandising opportunities until condominium builders showed them the way,” says Jeanine Paquette, builder public relations counsel in California.

ON-SITE BILLBOARD carries the kind of messages seen on many for-sale housing signs. Arched billboard panels were used by Morris Construction Co. of Jacksonville to echo the design of the apartments at right. Perspective rendering shows private patios that can’t be seen from the street.

APARTMENT REPLICA by Fox-Bilt of Plymouth Meeting, Pa. is typical of temporary models built by for-sale housers who move into the rental market. This model duplicates apartments in a six-story building, cost $15,000 and pays off in leases signed before the building is up. Fox-Bilt displays (left) are just like those at its for-sale subdivision.
FULL-PAGE AD AND WAY-OF-LIFE BROCHURE, standard for-sale merchandising tools, are used by Carl Freeman of Washington, D.C., a former for-sale builder. Furniture cutouts by Fox-Bilt help prospective renters try furniture placement on scale-model floor plans.

Adams Studio

PHOTOS: Lawrence S. Williams

FURNISHED MODEL by Decorator Melanie Kahane adds eye-appeal to Mensh Corp.'s Linden Hill Towers, Bethesda, Md. where community facilities include pool, a sauna bath and tennis courts. Jam-packed closet (right) shows Fox-Bilt prospects how much they can store in their apartment's large utility closet. Rental agents demonstrate like salesmen.

PUBLIC RELATIONS, adapted by Fox-Bilt from its for-sale housing experience, includes (top) a construction-site tour for women, (top right) clinic for renters run by Decorator Beatrice West and (bottom right) coffee for commuters who are told: "You'd have time for a second cup at home if you lived in Beaver Hill closer to the station."
How to organize your projects for profit despite higher taxes

The 1964 tax law gives builders of apartments, like other housing professionals, a new maze of do's and don'ts to thread their way through. Some of the surprising results:

- Congress has struck a blow at large combines that like to get taxed as small companies by splitting their operations into multiple corporations. Despite the crackdown on multiple surtax exemptions, builders can still use the multiple setup and come away with substantial tax savings.

- Congress has redefined personal holding companies in such a way that many unsuspecting builders may find their rental income is suddenly taxed at 70% instead of at 50% or 22%. The new rules will force many builders to juggle investments, perhaps liquidate whole companies.

- New rules aimed at taxpayers who shelter real estate income behind accelerated depreciation can hurt builders who are used to taking fast write-off, then selling apartments when they incur taxable income. But for most builders, the net effect of the change is only to delay by two years the maximum tax incentive to sell apartments.

These and other modifications in federal tax law make it harder than ever for builders to avoid tax traps while taking advantage of tax shelters. And 1964 holds other complications for apartment builders. With every apartment started, competition grows keener and the penalties for a flop grow more threatening. Never before was it more vital for builders to tap the apartment market without tying up scarce capital.

For new pitfalls in taxes, start at the right; for how to stretch equity dollars farther, see p. 120.

The biggest new opportunity in rental housing created by the 1964 tax law is also the broadest. Across-the-board cuts in personal income tax brackets will let apartment builders compete for the extra cash in everybody's pocket. This year, a married taxpayer with $12,000 income will save $300 in taxes—or $25 a month he could put into extra rent if his other expenses remain constant. Next year, a married couple with two children and income of $7,500 a year will save $156 in taxes—or $13 a month on tap for higher rent.

The new law also helps apartment builders ease elderly homeowners into apartments. Now, homeowners over 64 pay no capital gains tax on the sale of their homes when the adjusted sales price (price less commissions and fix-up costs) is $20,000 or less. Where it is more, the seller must pay capital gains on part of his profit, as in this example: an owner over 64 sells his home for $31,800, after paying a broker $1,590 and spending $210 on fixup. The base price of $20,000 is two-thirds of $30,000. Two thirds of $30,210 (including fixup cost), or $20,140, is exclludable from all tax.

Homes involved must have been taxpayers' chief residences for at least five of the preceding eight years. A taxpayer can sell his home tax free this way only once.

For apartment builders, the new law is more restrictive in five ways. It offers four ways—two new—to cut tax liability.

**Multiple corporations: still useful despite stiffer taxes**

The new tax law imposes much stiffer taxation on the kind of multiple corporate organization commonly used by builders: separate companies under 80% common ownership or control.

Up to now all corporations in a multiple group enjoyed $25,000 exemptions from basic corporate rates (cut from 52 to 50% in 1964 and to 48% thereafter). Under the new law, builders get only one $25,000 exemption no matter how many subsidiaries are involved, unless the builders elect to pay a penalty. Builders have three alternatives.

1. The single exemption may be split among all companies in the multiple setup. This way, the tax is 22% on $25,000 income as apportioned.

2. The group of companies may file a single consolidated return, taking a single exemption again. A 2% penalty formerly charged against such consolidations has been dropped. Where losses can be played against gains, this may be advisable.

3. Each corporation may take a $25,000 exemption, but each must then pay a 6% penalty. This makes the effective rate 28% for the first $25,000 in income for each corporation. Advises Tax Lawyer Sylvanus Felix: "Despite the penalties, it
is still advisable for builders to establish multiple corporations. Any multiple setup that earns about $31,000 or more altogether would pay less tax by choosing the third alternative, he says.

A builder who is willing to reduce his control over his subsidiaries can avoid the 6% penalties entirely. By selling off enough stock (perhaps to a key employee) to cut his ownership of each corporation below 80%, a builder can enjoy a $25,000 exemption in each company.

As before, builders must convince Internal Revenue Service they have a sound business reason for every separate company. To reinforce nes' efforts to balk creation of tax-dodge companies, the new law prohibits transfer of property (other than money) by five or fewer individuals who control a corporation to another corporation created to acquire the property, or to a corporation not actively in business and controlled by the transferees.

Income averaging: new way to make a good year better

Builders who anticipate unusually high income in 1964 need not worry about equally high taxes. The law now lets individuals with sharply fluctuating income treat the sudden peak-earnings year as if the income were spread over five years to get more of it into lower tax brackets. Income from good years must be 33% (and at least $3,000) higher than the average of the preceding four years. If it is, here's how to minimize your tax:

- Figure your tax on the current year after subtracting out the excess above the average of the four preceding years.
- Put one fifth of the excess back and figure your tax again.
- Multiply the added tax by five.

This produces a tax rate equivalent to spreading income from the current year across five years. It can only be used on ordinary income. Capital gains already get preferential treatment, the Treasury reasons.

There are subtleties to taking full advantage of the new rule. The trick is in keeping income from the preceding four years as low as possible. Tax Man Felix advises that builders review their income since 1960. If 1960 was a good year, but 1961 through 1963 were poor, keep 1964's income down, too (by postponing income or prepaying expenses). This should concentrate income in 1965. And the comparison period trades a poor year (1964) for a good year (1960), which lets more income be spread to get lower taxes.

How to use homeowner's exemptions to build capital

You can generate working capital for apartment building and move into a new house every year. Felix outlines how: a builder builds himself a home for $14,000. He gets a $14,000 mortgage. A year or two later, he sells the house for $17,000, builds a new home for $17,000, gets a new mortgage for the full cost. The maneuver yields him $3,000 tax-free in working capital because the out-of-pocket cost of both houses are fully covered by the loan. As long as an owner reinvests the profit from sale of one home in another new one within 18 months, he pays no capital gains tax. The law imposes no limit on how many times the process can be repeated. At 65, you can stop, pocket the gains and pay no tax at all.

Depreciation remains the No. 1 lure—despite new restrictions

Ever since the 1954 tax law let income-producing real estate qualify (like factories) for fast depreciation, apartment builders have been turning profitable apartment projects into even more profitable tax losses. Accelerated depreciation (usually double straight-line on a new building) shields income from taxes for five or six years. After that, when a project must begin to pay taxes, many builders sell to a new owner who could begin the process over again. Such tax incentives, both the Kennedy and Johnson administrations argued, promoted shoddy construction and irresponsible management.

The 1964 tax law cracks down on fast write-offs, but not too harshly. Builders still can—and should, according to many tax advisors—take accelerated depreciation. But if they sell projects before ten years they will be penalized: a portion of the accelerated depreciation taken will be taxed as ordinary income. This is the new formula: for a sale in the first 12 months, no depreciation at all is permitted. Between 12 and 20 months, excess depreciation (the difference between accelerated and straight-line) will be taxed as ordinary income if the project is sold. After 20

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**How to cut your taxes 33% via a subchapter S corporation**

Example: Married taxpayer with three children making $19,000 from apartments and homes.

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**FEDERAL TAX—1964 RATES**

| $3,230 |

**Tax saving method: form subchapter S corporation and give 1/4 of stock to children under custodial arrangement**

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**FEDERAL TAX—1964 RATES**

| $1,080 |

**Children's tax**

| 1/4 of profit from corporation | $3,000 |
| *Less: Standard deduction | $300 |
| *Personal exemption | $600 (—)900 |
| Taxable income | $2,100 |
| Tax—one child | $360 |
| Tax—three children | $3,080 |

**TOTAL TAX AFTER PLANNING**

| $2,160 |

**TAX SAVINGS**

| $1,070 |

*Includes standard deduction and personal exemptions.*

**SUBCHAPTER S corporations give builders the limited liability of corporations while taxing income as a partnership. Another advantage, spotted by Consultant Sylvanus Felix: they let a builder take a standard deduction and exemption for all his minor children (and his wife). The children, reporting a share of the Subchapter S profit as their own income, can also take a standard deduction and a personal exemption for themselves. In the example, a married builder with three children divides ownership between them and himself, cuts his taxes on $19,000 income from his building operations from $3,230 to $2,160.
months, 100% of excess depreciation minus 1% for each month the project is held, will be taxed as ordinary income. The effect of these rules is to encourage retention of ownership about two years beyond the cross-over point at which depreciation normally falls below income. After seven years, accelerated depreciation leaves so much operating profit exposed to income tax that it promotes selling.

### How new depreciation rules encourage holding apartments

**Example:** a $100,000 project, generating $4,000 income yearly, is sold for $100,000

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*Sell point: if held beyond this year, taxes will increase, assuming all other factors (income, maintenance, etc.) remain constant.

### CAPITAL GAINS tax treatment for profits from resale of apartments is now fully available only to the owner who holds a property for ten years. For each month new projects are held (after 20 months), the tax less you count as a base for capital gains 1% of the difference between straight-line and accelerated depreciation. In the example, a $100,000 project with a steady income of $4,000 uses fast write-off over 40 years. After five years the project begins to show taxable ordinary income. After seven years, this income grows faster than penalized depreciation drops—making it an attractive time to sell.

### How to build rental property without tying up scarce capital

The first place to save money in apartment financing is in the land.

If you can sell a slice of your apartment land as commercial property, it will likely bring far more than you paid for it. V. Hunsker, publicly-owned Los Angeles builder, bought 20 acres for $18,000 an acre, resold one acre for $75,000—conditioned on getting it rezoned commercial. Thus 5% of the parcel paid for 20% of its acquisition cost.

Many landowners will accept deferred payments. Says Builder Carl Freeman of Washington: “There are no rules for this. Every deal is unique.” Freeman says he generally can keep his initial land payments below 30%, with the rest paid over three to five years. Some landowners, not pressed for cash, will permit 10 years, says Freeman. “But the kind of people we do business with buy land to make a quick profit. They won’t wait that long.” Typically, says Freeman, landowner liens can be subordinated to the construction financing, but not to the first mortgage.

**Suppliers can be tapped for secondary financing.** Big Louisville Builder Joshua Adams gets help from Westinghouse and General Electric. Not only will these suppliers take back second mortgages when their appliances are used, but they will also lease appliances. Adams pays $4.35 a month for a refrigerator or range over a five-year period. After that, he can buy the appliances for $1 each.

A Houston builder gets similar help from suppliers. He reports that on, say, a $1 million project he borrows $100,000 from an appliance supplier, to be repaid over five years at 6% discounted. “It’s all hard cash,” he says. “Other suppliers [of furniture, carpeting, building materials] will take a chattel mortgage for three years. On a $300,000 deal, they may offer $15,000. They don’t hold the mortgage, they subtract it from their loan. Their argument: the clause costs more for equipment in which a 7% investment is made.”

**Caution: secondary financing by suppliers can be costly and constraining.** Says Builder Robert Lanier of Houston: “It’s too costly. A builder pays 10%, 12% and more for these second liens. It can break him by restricting his flexibility.” Lanier suggests this rule: for every 1% increase in over-all interest costs, a builder’s break-even occupancy level jumps 5%. Lanier, preferring to keep his breakeven point at about 66%, says: “There are a lot of builders with breakeven points above 80%. With vacancies rising to 20% in some fairly new apartments, that’s pretty risky financing.”

A cheaper way to reduce equity is a higher first mortgage. But here, too, a builder must be on guard. Occasionally timid long-term lenders establish an occupancy level below which they will not release funds. This hurts a builder’s chances of getting comfortable construction financing. One Houston builder presses for a modification of the clause. He gets 80% of his first mortgage financing at completion, the rest when occupancy reaches the required level. Bob Lanier demands that the occupancy clause be deleted entirely from his loans. His argument: the clause fosters uneconomic practices (builders cut rents to reach the desired occupancy) and gives the lender an escape from a loan that was probably poorly conceived in the first place.

Another way lenders try to protect themselves—while endangering the project—is to require accelerated mortgage curtail in the early years. This can lift the financial load as fast as costly secondary financing.

Today’s pressure on lenders to invest is clearly making some of them appraise generously. Some builders almost blush when asked how much they get on permanent loans. “If I told you what I get and
crease the base by the amount of the credit they took. Result: a bigger return on new equipment.

Consultant Felix is concerned about a counter pressure on apartment builders. IRS, following the lead of guidelines set up in 1962, has been pushing for longer depreciable life on real estate (up to 40 years) and now frowns on breaking depreciation of apartments into components (elevators, air conditioners, swimming pools, etc.) for which short depreciable lives apply.

**Holding company shelter is converted to a tax trap**

Builders who have shielded income from stocks, bonds and other passive investments such as second mortgages by lumping it with income from rentals in a holding company will have to scramble for tax protection.

Up to now, if 50% of a corporation's gross income came from rentals, it enjoyed corporate tax rates. That is unchanged. But the new law redefines rental income. It used to be gross rent. Now, it must be after depreciation, amortization, taxes and rents paid. Builders who use rapid depreciation write-offs will generally have no rental income at all for tax purposes—thanks to the new definition.

If rental income drops below 50% of a corporate holding company's total income, the law defines it as a personal holding company—to be taxed at a prohibitive 70%. This is a slight reduction from the 85% tax levied prior to the change, but it is still so high a rate as to destroy a tax shelter apartment builders could use until now.

The new law also boosts from 20% to 40% the income a holding company must derive from active businesses (such as building and selling an apartment) to escape classification as a personal holding company. Capital gains do not count.

Taken together, the changes in the new law will have the effect of converting many builders' holding companies into personal holding companies. The only escape may be through liquidation. Advises Felix: "Certain relief provisions are available where a corporation was not a personal holding company under prior law but becomes one under the stricter rules. For instance, you can liquidate it under special preferential treatment to the stockholders."

Or a builder can avoid the personal holding company trap, suggests Tax Lawyer Leonard Silverstein of Washington, D.C., if his holding company gets rid of its passive income by selling its stocks and bonds to its stockholders. Or, a builder may shift to straight-line depreciation on his rental property to make his net rental income bulk larger in the holding company's total.

The law tightens up two items:

- **Land sellers can no longer agree to interest-free deals.**
  For all sales after July 1, 1963 in which payments are spread beyond a year, the law requires interest be charged. If none is provided, IRS is empowered to set one—probably 5%. The law bans interest rates below 4%. This provision will apply only to sales over $3,000. Net effect should be to inflate land prices.
- **Stock options for key employees become less attractive.**
  The law now requires that option prices be 100% instead of 85% of market price when granted. Employees must hold stock three years instead of six months before selling to qualify for capital gains. If the value of the stock drops below the option price, that price may no longer be reset. Employees must use stock option offers within five years instead of 10.

you wrote it, you'd be getting a lot of lenders in trouble," says one builder in the East. In the Southwest, a typical comment is: "I wouldn't touch a deal unless I could get all my costs back." Mortgage Banker Glenn Justice of Dallas notes that builders who try this may not get away with it in today's competitive market. High vacancy rates would force them to cough up equity to meet interest payments.

Builders approached by HOUSE & HOME are generally sour on borrowing from subcontractors as a means of reducing their own equity investment. "You lose your competitive bidding advantage," explains a builder in Milwaukee. A builder in the East observes that taking money from subs can weaken their working capital position, causing construction delays.

**How to reduce your equity and still avoid added risk**

Sophisticated builders expand borrowing without incurring higher interest charges. Here are four ways to do it:

1. **Postpone amortization on a first mortgage while you pay off a junior lien.**

Consider this example, revealed at a Chicago workshop of mortgage bankers: a builder of suburban apartments can pay no more than $56,000 a year in mortgage payments. He needs a $750,000 loan. His lender, restricted to 66% loans, can offer only $7,000. Yet this much principal alone requires payments of $55,275. How to get the other $50,000 without exceeding the $56,000 limit? Solution: a second mortgage, to be repaid in 38 months at $55,640. The annual expense of the first mortgage is reduced to $38,500 by delaying first repayment of principal for three years. Total annual charge: $55,640. In the fourth year, charges drop to $54,950, as the second mortgage is paid off and principal payments on the first begin.

2. **Speed construction so you can ride the construction loan and perhaps swing a better deal.**

Long Island Apartment Builders Nat Kramer and Wally Cosel increased their permanent financing from 60% to 72% by presenting the lender with 100% occupancy—before they finished building. They did it by lining up tenants at a pre-built model apartment. By speedy building, Kramer and Cosel saved more than enough in taxes to cover the increased carrying cost of the higher ratio loan. And they collected rents for 18 months from property still appraised as unimproved land. Builder Ray Watt of Los Angeles shoots for six-months' building time on a one-year construction loan so he can get his apartments filled up while he pays only interest on the interim financing instead of interest plus principal on the permanent financing.

3. **Sell part of the equity to partners—or a small syndicate.**

Ray Watt turns to investors when he can't borrow enough from suppliers (who can only lend up to the value of their products in the project). Investors usually earn 8% to 10%, says Watt. Where does he find investors? "They find you. But if you have to look for them, there are always loan brokers who can locate them."

Developer Philip Seltzer of Philadelphia observes: "Although syndication has not been popular recently, the syndication of sound deals still goes on in a limited way with well-to-do investors—four or five persons putting up $25,000 cash."

4. **Build an apartment project as a group of four-unit structures.**

This lets sells for instance, make 80% loans (their limit for one-to-four-family structures). If you put all the units in one or two buildings, most sells will allow only 70% to 75% of appraisal. This approach requires land priced under $30,000 an acre, builders warn.
IN FLORIDA...

LEVITT'S BEST SELLER opens to front and rear courts enclosed by masonry walls, carport and front storage room.

PAGES TETT'S BEST SELLER has interior court enclosed by the house, the garage and a high fence at the lot line.

IN CALIFORNIA...
IN TWO BRUISING MARKETS

Two fresh best sellers tap demand for outdoor privacy

The houses at left point up a strong planning trend—to inner courts or atriums introduced to merchant building by Eichler Homes and now included in garden apartments by Ross Cortese, the nation's most successful retirement builder (H&H, Apr.). Like Eichler's atrium models and Cortese's apartments, these houses were an instant hit with buyers.

Big Builder William J. Levitt's model (priced at $20,990) got his first Florida venture off to a flying start. One of five models at Levitt's new 450-acre tract near Cape Kennedy, it accounted for 40 of the first week's 60 sales (20 closings and 40 deposits). Says one local mortgage man: "This new house is the talk of the Cape."

Pacesetter Homes' model tops six others at the company's San Clemente, Calif. subdivision (on the coast between Los Angeles and San Diego). Even though it is the highest priced ($32,000 to $36,000 depending on site), it has cornered 100 of 250 sales in the past year. Says President John Klug: "We have yet to finish one of these houses before it's sold."

The two best sellers differ radically. Levitt's model—designed by award-winning Architect Gene Leedy (H&H, July '59 and June '61), who has done similar houses for custom clients—opens every room to front and rear courtyards and bypasses the front court with a high-walled entry walk (see plan, p. 125). The two courtyards add up to a whopping 1,760 sq. ft. Pacesetter's U-shaped model, designed by Will Foster Assoc., encloses a single 760-sq. ft. courtyard through which visitors walk to the front entry (see plan p. 127).

Both Architect Leedy and Designer Foster solved one of the tract builder's knottiest problems: how to create private indoor-outdoor living in cheek-by-jowl houses on small lots (Levitt's lots are 75' wide, Pacesetter's as narrow as 60'). Both Leedy and Foster make the private courts integral parts of their plans. Thus indoor and outdoor areas borrow space from each other. Both used high walls or fences, as well as the house itself, to screen the family within from the neighbor or stranger without. Both place the garage forward on the lot so that it, too, is a privacy screen.

For a closer look at these two best sellers, see the next four pages (and for a quick look at eight other best sellers, turn to p. 81 and 83).
REAR COURTS have entries at both ends through wrought-iron gates which relieve the heaviness of concrete-block walls. Spur wall separates the play court, in foreground, from formal terrace off living room (photo, below).

IN FLORIDA: Front and rear courts with access from every room

In an area where people spend most of their time outdoors, Levitt’s new model carries indoor-outdoor living to the ultimate: every room in the house opens onto front or rear courts enclosed by 7’ 2” concrete-block walls. Deep (4’) roof overhangs and an 8’-wide roof-link between the house and the carport-storage room shade the courts and keep sun glare and rain off the big windows and sliding glass doors (photo, opposite).

Levitt held down costs with standard dimensions and components plus masonry construction, but used wood for the front storage room to perk up the facade. The house has 1,624 sq. ft. indoors plus the 144-sq. ft. storage room. Its $20,990 price includes central air conditioning, range, oven, disposer, refrigerator and clothes washer. Financing: VA 30-year no down or FHA 35-year with $1,290 down. Other models range from $15,990 to $21,500.

LIVING ROOM is free of cross traffic (see plan, opposite) and opens wide to the rear courtyard through two sliding glass doors. Glass sliders also open the dining room, kitchen and master bedroom (right) to courtyards.

MASTER BEDROOM is the only bedroom facing the front court (three children’s bedrooms open to the rear). It is buffered from the rest of the house by back-to-back closets and back-to-back baths.
PLAN makes courtyards extensions of indoor living areas, lets guests enter without crossing front court. Convenient laundry is in bedroom hall.

FRONT COURT is partly shaded from Florida sun by 4'-roof overhangs and 8'-wide roof link, in foreground, between house and carport-storage room.
IN CALIFORNIA: A protected court at the hub of the house

The interior court in Pacesetter Homes' model offers not only outdoor privacy but also shelter from winds that sweep in off the nearby Pacific.

And the court is just one of many appeals in this 2,042-sq. ft. house. Here are ten others: 1) a separate master bedroom wing; 2) a broad terrazzo-tiled entry foyer; 3) a well-located family room—between the kitchen and the children's bedrooms; 4) a convenient laundry—in the children's bedroom wing but near the center of the house; 5) 16 lin. ft. of storage in the master bedroom's walk-in closet; 6) a compartmented children's bath; 7) double sinks in both baths; 8) luminous ceilings in the kitchen and baths; 9) a bar sink in the living room; and 10) carpeting.

Buyers also get a fireplace, TV jack and all kitchen appliances except a refrigerator. Financing: 25-year mortgages at 5 1/2% with 25% down.
In three years, Critical Path Method—probably the first major breakthrough toward better construction management in 25 years—has shown that it can cut construction time 10 to 20% (H&H, Apr. '63). Its growing importance to housing comes from the proven adaptability of small-scaled CPM programs to electronic computers. So housing professionals all across the U.S. want to know more about...

### How computered CPM saves builders money

It took decades for plastics to break into model building codes. It took 20 years for roof trusses to break into merchant-built houses. It has been almost 30 years since stressed-skin panels were developed—and roof trusses to break into merchant-built houses. It has been almost 30 years since stressed-skin panels were developed—and they have yet to make much mark in housing. The gap between innovation and adoption in housing often runs as long as ten years. As lately as 1959, Dean Burnham Kelly of Cornell's school of architecture added: "Even worse, managerial innovation, in which the U.S. has always been strong, has almost bypassed the housing industry."

Not so with Critical Path Method and its latest hookup: computers. Computered CPM gained its first foothold in housing just over a year ago.

A growing body of testimony now shows it can save money even for a 20-house builder. Putting CPM on computers, not nearly so costly as it was widely assumed only a year ago, makes it a sharper management tool in myriad ways. Computered CPM lets homebuilders: minimize their investment, build in minimum time, use a minimum of men, materials and equipment without incurring costly delays.

**Item:** Builder John R. Minchew of Annandale, Va. credits computered CPM with saving $600 per house in a 65-house project and with slicing working days 28%. Minchew now builds in 46 days the same house he used to estimate for 60 days—but usually completed in 80 to 90 days. His cost savings lie not only in labor, overhead and financing, but in time saved on equipment use. Not counting the operator's wages and equipment—operating costs per hour can run from $2 for a pickup truck to $35 for a power shovel or a big backhoe.

**Item:** Builder Frank Braggiotti of Phoenix began using CPM on 22 apartments last year and finished them in 120 working days. As he became more familiar with computered CPM, his next 37 apartments took 90 days and his next 56 apartments only 69 days. On this last group he will save $100 a day in interest on construction—and is well worth it.

**Item:** Builder Richard Fox of Philadelphia has used computered CPM on high-rise and low-rise apartments for a year and will use it on single-family houses this year. Says he: "It's forcing us to build on schedule. We used to run a month or more over schedule—on a seven- or eight-month project. So it earns an extra month's rent... for us without even figuring what we save in labor and overhead."

**What does computered CPM cost?** "It's hard to put a price on CPM because we don't know what we'd do without it," says Richard Fox. "Its cost is certainly not more than the salary of one top-caliber man." Says Frank Braggiotti: "On our 56-unit apartment in Phoenix we're paying the G.E. center $900 for the whole operation, including monitoring."

John Minchew pays $130 per house (while he saves $600 per house with it). Martin Quinn says that computered CPM costs less than 0.1% of the cost of construction—and is well worth it.

Costs for computer time run from $120 per hour to about $500 per hour, but seldom is more than one-third of an hour needed to do all the schedules for a building project. At processing centers, computer programmers cost about $20 an hour; punch-card operators cost about $6 an hour and handle about 200 cards (jobs) per hour. Usual cost ranges from 0.05% to 0.1% of construction cost.

Users of computered CPM advise against buying a computer. There is no question about their availability: some 20,000 computers are in action around the country today, ranging from desk-sized models to mammoth machines that fill six-story...
buildings, and cost from $20,000 to $7 million. Unused computer time can cost an owner up to $500 an hour; some experts estimate half of today's computers make no profit for their owners.

Critical Path Method not only takes the guesswork out of scheduling construction; it also shows the precise interrelation of every individual job that must be done to complete the project (for details, see box opposite). With basic CPM, if you must speed up a job, deciding where to pour in more money and manpower at least cost is fiendishly hard to figure out. Computers make it easy. Computers don't do the deciding. They do provide the figures to make it easy for you to decide. Here's how. First computers figure out how much direct costs will rise as you cut construction times. Against this, you must speed up a job, deciding where to pour in more money and manpower at least cost is fiendishly hard to figure out.

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A separate critical path does not have to be drawn for each house in a project, but separate critical path diagrams must be drawn for each type of house—splits, ranches, two-stories, etc. CPM does not make decisions; it gives you alternatives. Time and cost are inter-related, and most projects can be done in a number of different ways from minimum direct cost-maximum time to maximum direct cost-minimum time.

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The critical path is the bottleneck route, the longest path in time through the diagram, arrow by arrow, from start to finish. Only by shortening jobs along the critical path can total construction time be cut. In most building projects only 10 to 30% of jobs are on the critical path. So if a project must be speeded up and all jobs are put on a crash basis—critical and non-critical alike—over 70% of the crash effort is wasted. But if the project is CPM-oriented, you know exactly which jobs need to be put on a crash basis.

Should delays strike any noncritical job, the delay should have no effect on the over-all project time; it depends on what CPM experts call float, and most noncritical jobs have some float: an extra amount of time over and above the estimated time it normal to do the noncritical job. Noncritical jobs with float can be shifted backwards in the time schedule. When the project goes on a crash schedule, the float may be taken away and the jobs will be completed in the normal time. (The problem of dependency—where separate job paths are inter-related—is solved with the use of dummy jobs. These are represented in the network by dotted arrows and usually involve no work or time at all.)

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Second, a computer is fed cost-slopes of jobs on the critical path to arrive at a table of schedules, and determine which crucial jobs should be speeded up first. Jobs that will speed up at the lowest cost in dollars per day are picked first. Most jobs have minimum times in which they can be done, no matter how much new equipment is used on them or how many men are put on overtime. When jobs with low cost-slopes have been used up, the computer shortens the jobs with higher cost-slopes to make even tighter schedules. As it works, the computer gives the total direct cost—an increasing cost—for each shorter schedule. The computer stores all of these schedules in its memory for each shorter schedule. The computer starts shortening the jobs with higher cost-slopes to make even tighter schedules. As it works, the computer gives the total direct cost—an increasing cost—for each shorter schedule. The computer does all of these schedules in its memory in case any is needed later.

Third, the estimator balances declining indirect costs against increasing direct costs to arrive at the right schedule.

Indirect costs include whatever the CPM user wants to include: interest, normal overhead, taxes, insurance, benefits, bonus and penalty clauses in his contract, loss of market, seasonal variations in operating costs. If the project has a target date—like National Home Week or a spring opening date—the builder chooses the schedule that will meet that date, whether or not it represents an optimum schedule.

Computers cut 14 man days to minutes

When the schedule analysis is completed and an optimum cost schedule has been determined, the computer is told (usually by punch card) which schedule is desired, the starting date for the project, holidays to be observed, weather dates to be skipped and the number of days in a working week. The computer then develops and reports these details of the optimum cost schedule:

1. Status of each job in the schedule, whether critical or not.
2. Duration of each job in the chosen schedule.
3. Cost of each job.
4. Float time available in each job.
5. Earliest start and finish dates for each job.
6. Latest start and finish dates for each job.
7. Scheduled start and finish dates for each—these reflect the amount of float assigned.
8. The day-by-day cash flow of the project, if this is desired.

To determine the optimum cost schedule and its details by hand would take a good estimator two or three weeks. The computer does it all in minutes—plus roughly a day of make-ready time by a computer programmer.

Make-ready time for the computer is a two-step operation done by an experienced computer programmer at a computer center. First, working with the builder or his estimator, the programmer sets down on a special form for each job in the schedule: 1) event numbers at the tail and head of each job arrow, 2) normal time and crash time, 3) normal cost and crash cost, 4) cost slope and 5) job description. Second, the programmer uses this information to make out punch cards for the project. He may have to make out 100 or 1,000 depending on the size of the project. When the cards are finished, he runs them through the computer to develop a series of schedules in ever-decreasing time allowances. The final schedule (box, right) came from a G.E. 225 computer.

Computer manufacturers point out that today's computers are basically stupid. They cannot add $2 + 2 unless told to do so in exhaustive detail. (To program John Minchew's initial schedule the G.E. 225 was given 25,000 instructions via punched cards.) If any of the instructions fed to a computer are wrong, the final schedule may be next to worthless. However, an experienced programmer can spot a mis-take running through a computer (by reading the output), stop the operation, punch a new card and run the whole thing over again in just a few minutes.

Actually, the arrow diagram is not an essential part of computered CPM: a good programmer can handle the whole thing from a good job list. But the arrow diagram is handy to the supervisors on the job every day and also serves as a good check on the computer's schedule. If there is an error, it can be spotted easily and a new schedule run through the computer.

Computered CPM has eight benefits

All other building control systems are clumsy compared with computered CPM: it moves with the project and reflects the current status of every activity every day. Its eight major benefits are:

1. Better supervision. A copy of the computer's CPM schedule in the hands of all field superintendents gives them a daily checklist—for every house or unit in the project—on what must be done within the time limits of each day or groups of days. The computer can develop status reports, on a weekly or monthly basis, as the project moves along. These reports are developed with time, cost and work-completed reports from superintendents and bookkeepers, all of whom may file daily or weekly with the punch card operator at the computer center. The ensuing status report, often called a monitor, will show, for every week:

   Status of the entire project—on schedule, or ahead or off schedule by so many days.
   The new expected project—finish date compared with the original schedule finish.
   Status of each activity—on, off or ahead of schedule.

   Actual time used up, compared with scheduled time.

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Amount of float time left for each activity.
   Whether any activity's status is accelerating or decelerating the project and by how much.
   A complete revised schedule for the remainder of the time allotted to the project, listing only unfinished activities and putting critical activities on a crash basis that may be needed to make up lost ground.

2. Better accounting. As the computer produces its monitor report, it also produces a cost-status report. The bookkeeper files invoices and payrolls with the punch-card operator who keys them to the proper activity cards and maintains a comparison of estimated and actual field costs on them. The resulting cost-status schedule then shows:

   Currently estimated total cost of each finished house or unit and the original estimate.
   Estimated cost to complete the house.
   Estimated and actual costs to date for each house or unit.
   Ratio of actual costs to estimates so far.
   Percentage of completion expense for each.
   Estimated and actual costs to date for each activity's expenses in each unit.
   Cash flow of the entire project to date, both estimated and actual.

3. Better use of manpower. The original computer schedule and all subsequent status reports let management avoid peaks and valleys in manpower usage. Jobs with some float time give the superintendents some discretion as to when to start them. Superintendents can use men in fill-in jobs when they are not needed on critical work.

   On peak days, when critical jobs are near deadline, superintendents can shift jobs with float to their later starting dates to put

   \[ \text{COST-SLOPE} \text{ gets its name from the angle of the dotted line between high cost reflecting crash schedule and lower cost reflecting normal time.} \]

   \[ \text{CHEAPEST CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE \text{ is picked by combining direct costs (from computer) and indirect costs (penciled in by builder).} \]

   \[ \text{COMPUTED CPM SCHEDULE \text{ (shown in part) tells at a glance when each job may—and must} \]
   
   \[ \text{—begin and end. Letters and numbers I and J (top left) denote the tail and head of arrows from CPM diagram. Float time at right is shown} \]
   
   \[ \text{in weeks and days. Cash flow is a running total.} \]
more men on critical jobs.

4. Better subcontractor relationships. Both the original computer schedule and the subsequent status reports can provide monthly schedules by trades to show what work each trade must accomplish each day. Subs like to have their own trade-oriented schedules because they eliminate arguments about what’s to be done and when. Also important to the subs are the cost-status reports, which show estimated and actual expenditures by trade. Progress payments can be governed by the reports—a much better system for both the builder and the sub than the old percentage payment system.

5. Management-by-exception. Management men get time to think ahead, plan new developments and scour the country for new ideas. Supervision can be left in the hands of superintendents and CPM schedules. The status-reports system means management must be asked for new decisions only when something goes wrong with the project.

6. Less sting in work stoppages. Blizzards, floods, wildcat strikes, jurisdictional disputes, law suits and injunctions can and have ruined project profits and have sometimes bankrupted builders. When a work stoppage threatens, the computer can develop revised schedules that are five, ten, fifteen or any number of days shorter to meet a new completion date. And it can quickly develop new costs over and above original estimates. In most cases, the project can be rescheduled (in minutes) without increasing its cost significantly. If the new cost is prohibitive, the project can be redesigned and recomputed for higher prices or rents.

7. Time and cost analysis. Says John Minchew: “I always knew what the total bill for each sub was on any particular house, but with weekly status reports and cost reports, I know exactly how long it takes to put in a particular subfloor and exactly what it costs me.” Further, reports can be studied in detail for any part of the house and can be used to develop new designs and new engineering methods.

8. Better sales. Sales managers get copies of all original CPM schedules and status reports. They can thus promise firm delivery dates, even though deliveries are months away. Customers like not only this assurance but also the idea of being able to check the progress of their houses—and tell their friends about it—on the sales manager’s CPM schedule. So the schedule itself also becomes a good selling tool.

Is computered CPM too complex for most builders?

Yes, say many builders who have looked into it—despite the evidence of computered CPM’s advantages. Here’s a rundown of their reasons—and the answers from CPM enthusiasts:

Builder Robert Schmitt of Berea, Ohio says builders who build less than 50 houses a year in mid-price and price class probably don’t need CPM if they really know their business. “In repetitive operations like this, you know what’s holding you up now and what may hold you up on the next house. So you can take measures immediately to see you don’t have a bottleneck next week or next month. Besides, it’s difficult to get superintendents and middle management to understand and work with computered CPM.”

Stanley Works’ Harry Lake, an engineer with a close knowledge of NAHB’s TIME study (which speeded up Bob Schmitt’s building time as much as 40%) and a thorough familiarity with CPM, says: “CPM is no panacea. If you and your staff are not thoroughly familiar with apartment or home building, a computer process center is not going to solve your problems. CPM is best used by those builders who have formerly had to buck hundreds of bottlenecks in day-to-day building. When they apply their deep knowledge to computered CPM, it becomes a good management tool. For those without experience in building, CPM can be just a lot of added paperwork headaches.”

Replies CPM-user John Minchew: “When I was a 15-20 house-a-year builder, I could make money being practically everything myself—accountant, superintendent, estimator—because up to that point I could control everything with progress charts and a big notebook. But as our building business grew bigger, I was continually in hot water with everything from delivery dates to money requirements. I defy any builder to keep in hand himself all of the interrelationships and activities involved in any project planned for much more than 20 or 30 houses. It just isn’t possible to keep on the track and to delegate authority properly without the management blueprint I get with computered CPM.”

CPM users say the trouble with simple construction-progress bar charts (Gantt charts to the statisticians) is 1) they don’t show interrelationships among jobs, 2) they cannot define those jobs that are genuinely critical, 3) they cannot show the entire plan of the project, 4) they cannot be modified when unexpected problems occur, 5) they cannot indicate a correct course of action when delays arise, 6) they are either over-simplified or are too detailed in one area and too sketchy in another, 7) they are developed on a time base alone so they cannot be used to tell managers who is available to speed a critical area or what it would cost.
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For details, check No. 2 on p. 203

Aggregate-faced block combines the economy of concrete block with the texture of exposed aggregate panels. In-place cost per sq. ft. of Jewel-Tex block is said to be about half the cost of aggregate panel. Preco Chemical, Westbury, N. Y.
For details, check No. 3 on p. 203

Carved door is made from modular redwood panels with weathered finish. Panels have TAG edges for easy assembly. They measure 9"x36"x1-1/16" and list for $9.50 to $16. Assembled doors list from $175 to $250. Panelcarve, Santa Barbara.
For details, check No. 1 on p. 203

Plastic grillwork for room dividers is molded of white Eastman Tenite. Persian Sculpta-Grille is 1¼" thick, weighs 1 lb. per sq. ft., and can be installed without structural reinforcement. Harvey Design Workshop, Lynbrook, N. Y.
For details, check No. 4 on p. 203

Embossed ceiling tile has a deep over-all geometric pattern with a scattering of sparkling crystals on a white background. Somerset ceiling tiles have TAG edges. Dimensions are 12" x 12" by ½" thick. Johns-Manville, New York.
For details, check No. 6 on p. 203

Mosaic tile of solid vinyl has a deeply embossed textured surface that reflects highlights as do glass mosaics. Gravura comes in six solid colors: bronze, peacock, pearl, blue, beige and white shard. Tiles measure 12"x12" and are ¼" thick. Kentile, Brooklyn, N. Y.
For details, check No. 8 on p. 203

Travertine vinyl-asbestos tile is an accurate reproduction of natural Italian travertine marble. This low-priced tile comes in five colors and is made in both 1/8" and 3/32" thicknesses. Tiles measure 12" square. Ruberoid, New York.
For details, check No. 9 on p. 203

Flooring

For details, check No. 7 on p. 203

Manufactured marble tiles are made in 11 colors for floors and 14 colors for walls. Sevelle Interlock Marble Tile lists for $4.25 sq. ft. Maker calls it non-staining and four times stronger than quarried marble. Venetian Marble Co., Dallas.
For details, check No. 8 on p. 203

Mosaic tile

Plastic laminate for either vertical or horizontal surfacing comes in five new exotic wood-grain patterns: Paldao (above), Rift Sliced White Oak, Sequoia, Provincial Cherry and Ribbon-Striped African Mahogany. Formica, Cincinnati.
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Kitchens

**Overhead oven hood** is only 5½" high so a 12" cabinet can be installed above it. Both ducted and ductless models are available in 30" and 40" sizes. Hood rolls in flush with the wall when not in use. Brown Mfg., Hartford, Wis. For details, check No. 10 on p. 203

**Stainless steel sink** is designed for post-formed counter tops. Continental measures 31" x 20½" x 7", has factory applied adhesive under the rim, positive waterproof seal and a back-ledge moisture barrier. Ziegler-Harris, San Fernando, Calif. For details, check No. 11 on p. 203

**Furniture-designed cabinets** have solid-core door fronts with raised center panels and picture frame moldings around the edges. Drawers have fluted solid hardwood fronts. Finish is baked lacquer, i-xl, Goshen, Ind. (For details, check No. 12 on p. 203)

**Steel cabinets** have wood fronts in a choice of 15 different finishes plus a choice of contemporary, traditional or provincial styling. Century cabinets are available with rope or bead molding, or no molding. Geneva Industries, Geneva, Ill. For details, check No. 14 on p. 203

**Dishwashers** have improved water distribution systems: model 500 (shown) has pop-up secondary water source in addition to a full-width arm under lower basket; Model 700 (not shown) has two full width arms. Waste King, Los Angeles. For details, check No. 15 on p. 203

**Self-cleaning oven** is key feature of this deluxe, 40" two-oven range. Large right-hand oven bakes grease and dirt to a fine ash with 880°F heat (door automatically locks for 2½ hours until temperature drops to 550°F). General Electric, Louisville. For details, check No. 16 on p. 203

**Two-oven range** combines eye-level oven, 24" wide under-counter oven, three center-simmer burners and a thermostatically controlled top burner—all in a 30" range. Duette is fully automatic. In white or color. Crown Stove Works, Chicago. For details, check No. 17 on p. 203

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Double-thick decking combines sub-floor and underlayment in a single 1 11/32"-thick panel. Four-way nails directly to joists, serves as base for tile or carpet. Tag panels measure 2' x 8'. Homasote Co., Trenton, N. J. (For details, check No. 19 on p. 203)

Silicone sealant for expansion joints, glazing and caulking costs about two thirds as much as similar industrial products. It can be used at sub-zero temperatures, cures to form a durable seal that remains flexible. G. E., Waterford, N. Y.
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Water-resistant drywall is designed for bathrooms, laundries, kitchens and utility rooms. Sheetrock W/R has chemically treated faces and water-resistant core. In 4' x 8' and 4' x 12' sheets, 1/2" thick. U.S. Gypsum, Chicago
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Finger-jointed pine is manufactured in sizes up to 4' wide by 24' long. Lockwide pine, made of electrically glued strips of Eastern pine, resists warping, cupping and checking better than most natural woods. U.S. Plywood, New York City.
For details, check No. 24 on p. 203

Adjustable door frame fastens directly to subfloor, has tilting saddle to fit any thickness of finished flooring from 1/4" (bottom) to 3/4" (top). Aluminum parts are separated by a wood thermal barrier. Rock Island Millwork, Rock Island, Ill.
For details, check No. 21 on p. 203

All purpose mastic is used for laminating wallboard, paneling, bonding foam insulation and as a stud adhesive. Black Stuff forms an immediate and lasting bond. It comes in cartridges, quarts, gallons and 5-gallon pails. H. B. Fuller Co., St. Paul.
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NEW PRODUCTS

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Telescoping towel bar has round extensions 11" long which pull out from each end for extra hanging space. Extensions push into bar when not in use. Center bars come in 24", 30", 32" and 36" lengths. Hoover Bathroom Accessories, Fowlerville, Mich. (For details, check No. 27 on p. 203)

Round-head nailer drives strip-mounted common nails. Duo-Fast cw-135 needs only 80 psi to drive 9d nails in hardwood with a single impact. Also drives 6d, 7d and 8d nails Trigger or touch-trip operated. Fastener Corp., Franklin Park, Ill. For details, check No. 28 on p. 203

Bell-ended pipe made of polyvinyl chloride saves coupling at joints and cuts installation time. Bell-end is solvent welded to any straight section. Made in ½" to 6" sizes and 10' and 20' lengths. NSF approved. Plastex Co., Columbus, Ohio. For details, check No. 29 on p. 203

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"Individual apartment control of heating and cooling is one of our biggest sales assets," reports Robert D. Sawyer, Builder of the elegant Oak Crest Garden Apartments in Salt Lake City.

“We sought a system that was simple, economical for the owners and had a minimum of controls. And we found it with gas — individual heating and cooling units that utilize a new concept in venting.”

Mr. Sawyer, a graduate mechanical engineer, had made a two and one-half year study of apartment construction before plans were drawn by his architects, Ashton, Evans & Brazier, for the twin tower condominium.

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New manual packs 2,500 component details into 248 pages

And just a sampling of their variety is shown here. Unicom (for Uniform Components) Manual No. 2 is the most complete collection of house-framing details and dimensions ever published. Its format is extra-large—14”x18”.

The manual was published by the National Lumber Manufacturers Assn. as a handbook for makers of standardized components. Its predecessor, Unicom Manual No. 1 (H&H, June ’62) is a design handbook that is intended primarily for use by architects.

Unicom differs from other components systems—LuReCo’s, for example—because it is based on a 4’ modular grid divided into 4” increments instead of simple 4’ and 2’ panel widths. This means it can be applied to all types, styles and sizes of houses and any floor plan can be made to work with it by altering a few dimensions.

Manual No. 2 includes sections on nomenclature, basic design, basic house types, floor-construction standards, roof-framing standards, exterior walls, windows and doors, interior partitions and gable-end components.

Roughly 150 lumber dealers, builders and prefabricators are already using the new manual as a shop guide, according to NLMA Engineer John Zerbe. For a copy, send $5 to the National Lumber Manufacturers Assn., 1619 Massachusetts Ave. N. W., Washington.

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TYPICAL PAGES from new manual show (above) two floors, four elevations, dimensions and panel numbers for a two-bedroom contemporary house and (below) full range of dimensions for end cuts on rafters and ceiling joists in roof with slopes from 1-in-2 to 12-in-12.
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