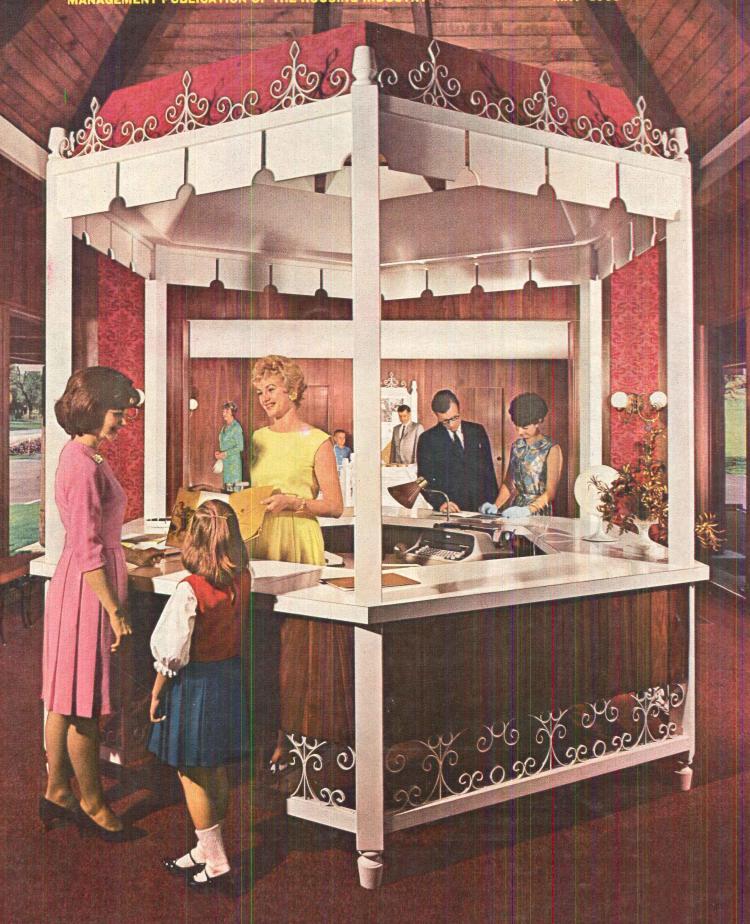
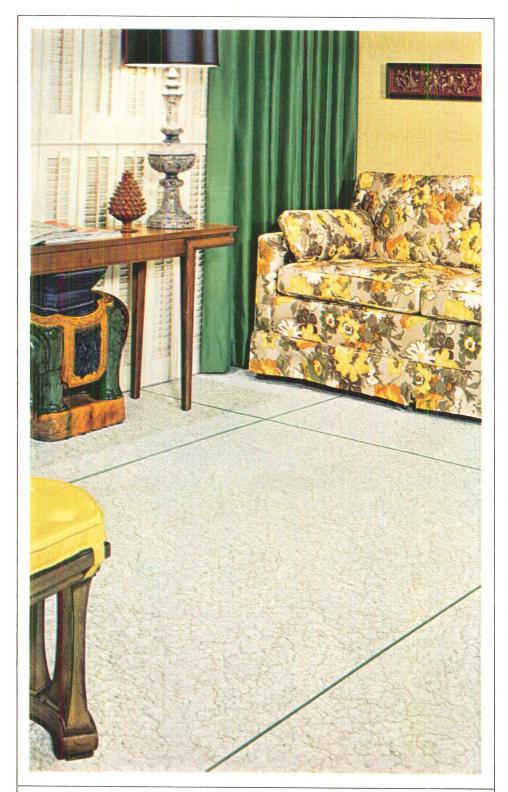
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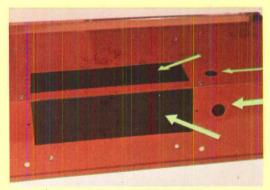


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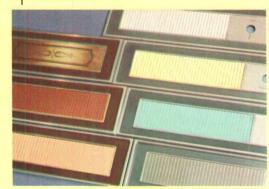
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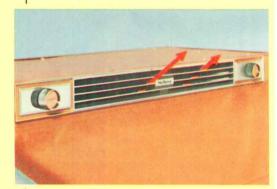
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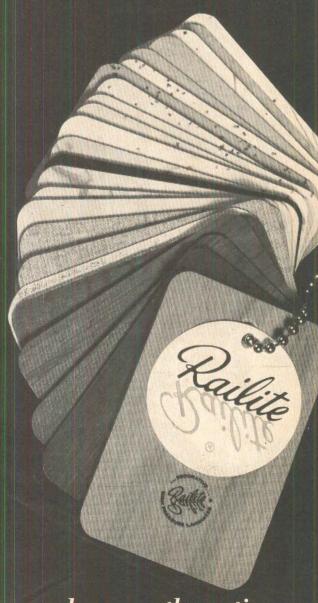
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Billion-dollar quarter

The Commerce Dept. calculates that the housing industry increased its addition to the gross national product by \$1 billion during the first quarter of 1966. Home building outlays rose to an annual rate of \$28.1 billion put in place, compared with \$27.2 billion in the previous quarter. The figures were \$27.7 billion for the third quarter of 1965 and \$28 billion for the second quarter. Commerce Dept. economists base their calculations upon the previous quarter's housing starts.

Private public housing

Requests for federal dollars from local public housing authorities are the highest since 1949. Federal public housing officials attribute the surge to new programs that rely on private initiative, such as Rep. William Widnall's (R., N.J.) "rent certificate" program and the novel "turnkey job" approach now being tried in Washington, D. C., and talked about in many other cities. The method: builders erect apartments to public housing specs, then sell them on a turnkey basis.

Chewing the Digest

A recent Reader's Digest article-which coincidently appeared in print just as the House was about to vote on rent supplement money—blasts FHA for its handling of several apartment projects now gone sour. All have been widely discussed by the General Accounting Office and trade publications for the past three years. But the Digest's treatment (titled "The Stench at FHA") drew accusations of distortion. And Apartment Builder Arthur H. Padula of Newark, N. J., has hired attorneys to demand that the Digest retract statements that FHA valued his apartment land at up to 800% more than he paid for it. Padula says the value was under FHA limits.

FHA's hot seat

FHA Commissioner Philip Brownstein has found Charles A. Dieman to fill one of the hottest seats in the agency: assistant commissioner for technical standards. Former director of maintenance for the Post Office, Dieman will become the focal point for manufacturers trying to gain approval of their products in FHA standards.

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NAHB splits with LBJ Administration over inflation fighting tactics

Organized homebuilders last month fired a barrage of publicity in a war to keep the Johnson Administration from making housing a "sacrificial goat" in the battle against incipient inflation.

NAHB President Larry Blackmon, a Texan who headed the Johnson for President clubs in 1960, argued that housing is being made to bear the full brunt of LBJ's efforts to reduce inflation pressures.

Summoning NAHB leaders to an emergency meeting in Washington April 23, he contended the government's latest move of boosting FHA and VA interest rates to 5¾ % (see p. 23) might make more mortgage money available to builders.

Blackmon also devoted almost an entire issue of NAHB's newsletter, *Scope*, to discussing the "parlous state of homebuilding." And he asked local builder associations to hold press conferences to publicize NAHB's view of the economy.

Four California Congressmen added their voices by asserting, in House speeches, that California housing bears "the clear mark of recession."

Tighter controls. Blackmon suggests fighting inflation with a broad range of tighter controls for other segments of the economy. NAHB directors, meeting in late April, were expected to call for some of these measures:

- Standby power to let President Johnson raise or lower income taxes.
- Reinstatement of Regulation W to let the Federal Reserve Board control credit terms. Regulation W was last used in the Korean War.

Planned plunge? Blackmon and NAHB economists are up in arms because they detect a move by government officials to cause a drop in housing starts this year. Some officials have told NAHB privately a drop in starts will only "shake out marginal builders." And President Johnson inspired talk that housing was a "sacrificial goat" in the anti-inflation efforts by

citing falling starts in a press conference as evidence of reduced inflationary pressure.

In Blackmon's view, the one tangible action against inflation, the Federal Reserve's boost of the bank rediscount rate last December, "dampened only the home-building industry and small business. Housing, virtually alone, suffered." Now he wants others to help fight inflation.

Materials and men up. Blackmon says building wages are ballooning, even though the Administration seems near a formula to stabilize wages (see p. δ).

He contends materials prices are escalating so rapidly that "it is impossible for government statistics to keep abreast." Copper products are already jumping (News, Feb.), and lumber is skyrocketing. Big Eastern buyers now pay \$80 for 1,000 bd. ft. of green Douglas 2x4s, up \$12 since February and near the record \$85 of the Korean War. Sanded interiorgrade plywood is also up \$1 to \$84 per 1,000 bd. ft. since February.

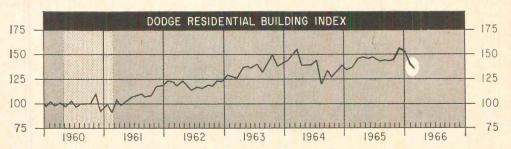
Government war buying is causing the shortage of cut wood, and some buyers are grabbing extra supplies to hedge against a possible lumberjack strike this summer. As a result, builders report their lumber costs are up \$200 to \$650 a house.

Contrary statistics. NAHB's gloomy outlook is not shared in all quarters simply because not all housing statistics are depressed. The residential housing index of building contracts compiled by the F. W. Dodge Co. stands at 135 (graph below), down from its December peak by 11%. The Commerce Dept. count of housing starts, in contrast, is down 17% from December.

And March housing starts rebounded 13% from their freakish February low.

Engineering News-Record's tabulation of builders' advance plans is running well ahead of 1965 through the first quarter.

And tight money appears less a villain than some builders say (see p. 10).



Based on contract value, 1957-1959=100 (seasonally adjusted). Lighter shaded areas represent general business recessions.

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KEY HOUSING INDICATORS

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Dodge resid. contracts	Feb. \$1,299 2 mon. 2,589			20
ENR adv. resid. plans	Mar. 843			29

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FHA's market forecasters cautious about housing's near-term prospects

A cautious view of housing starts in the coming two to three years is emerging from FHA's studies of local markets.

FHA's size-ups of these markets were kept confidential until a year ago, when FHA Commisioner Philip Brownstein ordered their release as a service to the entire housing industry. To date the government insuring agency has released over 50 such local studies.

The studies underscore a housing truism: housing starts respond to-and fluctuate with-local demand. But since the national picture is the sum of local markets, and the average of many local markets minimizes purely local fluctuations, H&H has analyzed all 23 major local market studies released by FHA this year.

More laggards than gainers. FHA's local market analysts expect 14 of these markets to start fewer houses per year during the next two or three years than they averaged in the first five years of the 1960s. The expected laggards contain major housing markets like New York City, Philadelphia, Denver and Sacramento. Starts in these 14 markets will fall 16.5% below their 1960-64 average of 149,386 units, say the FHA analysts.

The FHA men find nine local markets where housing starts will gain over the 1960-64 average; included are the big housing markets of Minneapolis-St. Paul and Newark, N. J. Overall, builders in these nine markets will start 6.5% more units in the next two to three years than the 45,578 starts a year they averaged for the first half of the 1960s.

National trend? Taken together, the 23 studies predict an 11% drop in the annual rate of starts in these 23 cities from the 1960-64 average. This weakness is expected to hold until mid-1967.

The trend is at variance with national forecasts which see a gradual uptrend in housing demand and starts for this same period. FHA itself makes no national projection from the figures, and economists advise against any nationwide conclusion.

For example, the local market studies are released at random when completed by FHA district offices, and the totals could produce severe distortions by bunching areas of purely local weakness. For instance, the 23 cities include El Paso, where 14.1% of rental units are vacant, reflecting low levels of military personnel at nearby Fort Bliss and Biggs AFB. Both installations expect increases in strength, but just when is uncertain.

Still, the 23 cities accounted for 13.8% of all U.S. private nonfarm housing starts in the first half of this decade and a sample of this size cannot be ignored.

How good? To date, little local criticism has been voiced about the quality of FHA's forecasts. In some cases unfavorable findings are ignored by local officials, as in the case of a 1965 forecast showing no demand for apartments in Cincinnati at the same time city renewal officials were planning a downtown apartment complex. The attractiveness of downtown living would overcome the gloomy statistics, argued the renewal men. Vacancies are now down.

One recent critic has been the General Accounting Office, Congress' spending watchdog, which in the past has been accused of being insensitive to the nuances of housing financing and design. Last month GAO took FHA to task for approving a \$4.5 million mortgage in 1963 to build the 242-unit Weequahic Park Plaza high-rise project in Newark, N. J. in the face of a weak rental market. GAO complained that FHA market analysts had found an 11.4% vacancy in eight competing FHA-insured apartments, and three of these were in default and two in modification agreements.

FHA called this an instance where cold statistics fail to tell the full story. Weequahic Park Plaza was to offer luxury accommodations (\$50 a room rental) and the "superior amenities" of a swimming pool, health club, soundproofing, doormen and carpeted halls. Competing projects did not offer some or all of these.

Today, a year after completion, Weequahic Park Plaza is 40% rented and its sponsor, Builder Arthur H. Padula, calls it a success because "it takes 18 to 24 months to rent a project of this size." To demonstrate his faith in the apartment, Padula has escrowed \$105,000 to guarantee the first year's payments when loan amortizations start in April 1967.

Whether or not the statistics tell the full story, FHA has done an impressive job.

The 23 major markets analyzed this vear:

EXPECTED GAINERS

1960-64 Annual forecast

5,700

3,400

3,500

1,200

1,350

64,950

1,900

1,475

800

None

575

59,580

City	avg. yr.	Houses	Apartments
Buffalo	4,400	3,600	1,200
Champaign-Urbana	1,200	725	525
Davenport-Rock IsMol	. 1,795	1,700	700
Dayton	6,398	4,800	1,800
Hamilton-Middletown .	. 1,150	1,000	280
Minneapolis-St. Paul .	. 16,000	8,000	8,500
Newark, N. J	11,850	5,150	7,600
Peoria	. 1,500	1,500	275
Stamford	1,235	850	450
Total	. 45,578	27,325	21,330
EXPECTI	D LAGG	ARDS	
Birmingham	4,125	2,750	300
Canton		900	200
Denver		6,900	1,100
El Paso	. 2,295	1,250	None
Grand Rapids	2,985	2,850	100
Louisville		4,000	1,530
New York City	65,000	19,600	39,600
Ogden, Utah		550	None
Philadelphia	. 27,159	11,000	12,000

1,700

 Pittsburgh
 7,635

 Sacramento
 9,625

San Antonio 5,430

Stockton, Calif. 2,250

Total149,386

Shreveport



Posh townhouses in Dallas keep high-rise site working

The townhouses shown above may be the most expensive relocatable housing.

Dallas' innovative builder, Hal Anderson, bought the 60,000 sq. ft. of land beneath the building ten years ago for \$45,000 as part of his exclusive enclave, "behind the pink wall" on Preston Rd. Since then he has erected two high-rise apartments nearby, and this was to be a third high-rise site. But a deed restriction banned anything but one-family dwellings.

As the land soared in value—Anderson now pegs it at \$1 million-it became imperative to put the land to some use. So Anderson has built 12 townhouses costing \$65,000 apiece on the land, each one using a 50' x 100' lot. Anderson rents the 3,000-sq.-ft, townhouses, complete with janitor service, yard care and butler's quarters, for \$600 to \$750 a month. All are filled, and there is a waiting list.

When the deed restriction expires in 2½ years, Anderson will move the townhouses to a nearby site, add garages and a pool, and sell them for \$85,000 each.

Builders' control of buying tighter than most people think

The most comprehensive study* yet made of product selection in the housing and light construction industry explodes some shibboleths about who makes the final buying decision. Faculty members of 15 college economics departments probed the operations of 300 homebuilders and debunked some widely held notions:

Misconception: Subcontractors do most of the buying in housing.

Finding: Subcontractors are the "last identifiable purchaser" for many materials but "many subcontractors have explicit dealership relations with particular manufacturers, and as a result the builder is deciding on both product brand and installer when he selects a subcontractor."

The professional homebuilder emerges as the most powerful purchasing group in the industry, "the only individual who stands astride the buying process looking back to the original design and the purchase of materials and services, and forward to the ultimate sale of the house."

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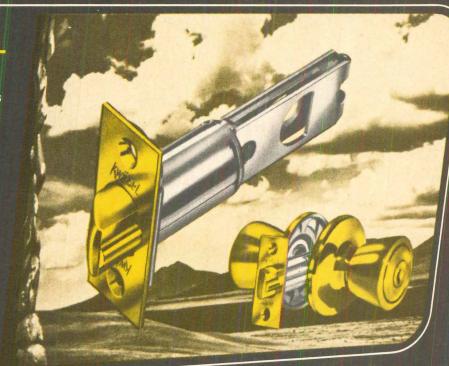
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New hope for wage-price guideposts

The Johnson Administration may yet salvage the wage-price guideposts for the housing and construction industry.

The test hangs upon terms of an offagain, on-again contract between New Jersey's General Contractors and Operating Engineers, Local 825. The two groups were the first to negotiate a contract this year, and when they settled on a 9% wage boost in January, contractors cried that the settlement set an industry pattern that virtually killed the Administration's wage-price guidepost of 3.2% hikes.

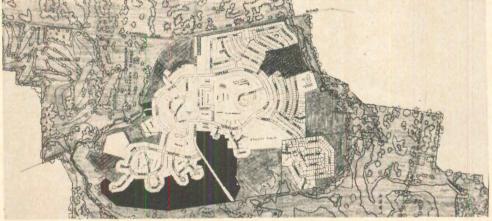
But the contract was never signed, and last month Local 825 abruptly withdrew its demands and agreed to let U. S. Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz and N. J. Labor Commissioner Raymond J. Male arbitrate the final figure.

While Wirtz and Male are billed as "final and binding" arbitrators of the dispute, all parties are aiming at a solution both sides can accept.

Stretchout. The arbitrators are studying "the complete economics of the situa-

tion," not just the size of the hourly package. Both sides are interested in the idea of lengthening the number of workweeks from the present 40 to 42 weeks yearly. If the Administration prevails, pay gains may be smaller, but they would be spread over more of the year, in effect providing workers with the same or higher annual incomes than they receive under the current average \$5.60 hourly.

But any settlement may be too late. Already many major contracts have been negotiated exceeding the 3.2% guideposts (which unions say should be upped 1.7% for higher living costs anyway). Buffalo cement masons, bricklayers, carpenters and iron workers all get an hourly increase of \$1.05 over three years. Kansas City carpenters get \$1.10 over five years, about 5% a year. Laborers in 11 southern Illinois counties get 5% yearly. And Philadelphia cement truck drivers won a form of guaranteed annual wage: drivers reporting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be guaranteed a 40-hour week.



GREENBELT around Greenhills, Ohio, can be used only for public park, says Ohio court. Pri-

vate owner wanted to build on 125 acres (dark shade). County park surrounds town.

Greenbelt must stay green, Ohio says

Can zoning prevent a builder from erecting houses on open space, even if the builder pays taxes and maintains the land?

Yes, says Ohio's Supreme Court in its ruling on a widely watched case involving 125 acres of greenbelt surrounding a model community of the 1930s.

The land is part of 400 acres, mostly a 1,000-year-old beechwood forest, which federal planners set aside in building the village of Greenhills, a Cincinnati suburb, to demonstrate good planning. (Two other communities built in those Depression days, Greenbelt, Md. near Baltimore, and Greendale, Wis. near Milwaukee, also experimented with greenbelts.)

After World War II, the Public Housing Administration, which managed the 676 units comprising Greenhills, sold the units to a private non-profit company, Greenhills Home Owners Corp. GHOC became a profit-making company in 1954

and renamed itself Fienco. That same year Fienco persuaded village officials who governed Greenhills to rezone 85 acres of the greenbelt for residences.

But in 1960 Fienco tried to convert another 125 acres to residential use and village fathers balked, citing a 1949 zoning ordinance. Fienco sued, challenging constitutionality of the ordinance.

Last month, Ohio's highest court ended five years of litigation by saying that Fienco could not challenge the zoning ordinance because it knew of the ordinance when it bought the town, and had secured a reduced purchase price because of the non-building rule.

Fienco plans to appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. "We have to continue to fight the case," says President Frank Russell. "The greenbelt is an impossible situation. We're paying taxes on the land, we pay liability insurance, and maintain it."

First model law is passed to protect scenic spaces

Prince George's County in Maryland has pioneered with an ordinance to accord a tax credit up to half the total real estate levy to a property owner who gives a perpetual scenic easement to federal, state, or county governments.

The Interior Dept. plans to use the law as a model in pressing for others throughout the country.

Land eligible for tax credit must be earmarked by Maryland's state parks department. Shore and park areas, woodlands, and animal refuges will be included.

The ordinance prohibits development except for single-family houses and golf courses and country clubs if they are on large tracts.

'How do you define beauty?' New York builders ask court

Builders in Westchester County, a highly selective bedroom annex of New York City, contend that several commuter towns there have become so conscious of neighborhood aesthetics that they impose unreasonable restrictions on new homes.

So the Builders Institute of Westchester and Putnam Counties is supporting a New York State Supreme (lower) Court suit by a builder, Old Farm Road, Inc., to have the town of New Castle's architectural board of review ruled unconstitutional.

Old Farm says the review board "prohibits excessive similarity of buildings, excessive dissimilarity . . . and poor quality and design without setting forth any standards or definitions."

The board's chairman counters that the institute has been trying to let "a few unscrupulous nonresident builders turn the clock back and say 'Beauty be damned.'"

Builders must pay \$200 a lot into park fund, court rules

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has ruled that the village of Menomonee Falls can assess subdividers \$200 a lot instead of requiring them to dedicate land for schools or parks.

In a 6-to-1 decision, the court also held that land dedication could be required "if the evidence reasonably establishes that the municipality will be required to provide more land for schools, parks, and playgrounds as a result of approval of the subdivision."

Subdividers Martin Jordan and James McMiken had argued that the requirement was an abuse of police power. The Milwaukee Builders Assn., warning that the Wisconsin decision is of wide significance to builders, is backing the subdividers' appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The Wisconsin decision runs counter to rulings in which Kansas and Illinois courts have held that equalization fees do represent an improper exercise of police powers.



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Cry wolf! Or, is tight money really housing's villain?

Lots of people would like to think so. It's comforting to be able to file all of housing's current troubles in one convenient pigeonhole labeled "tight money," and that's just what the industry is doing when it blames New York's present tight mortgage market for what promises to be a less-than-sensational housing year.

But while this simple answer may be psychologically satisfying, evidence now suggests that its economic dangers outweigh its emotional rewards. For example, several economic indicators (detailed below) that said one thing a few months ago have now either reversed themselves or have proven, on closer analysis, to mean something completely different from the first impression. Yet those first impressions are still accepted as fact by many housing men.

Worst of all, the simple answer can obscure an all-important fact: easy money does not sell houses; buyer demand does. And it can divert attention from builders' real challenge, which is to sell more houses to the discretionary buyers who will determine whether 1966 will be a good or bad housing year. Net demand for housing is stronger now than it was in 1965, but 1966 will certainly be a poor year if builders give up before they start.

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DROP IN STARTS is sharpest in tight-money years (*shaded*). But chart by Sherman Maisel (*see story*) shows that demand remains stable. Starts dip in response to high inventory, not slack demand.

The misconceptions. The theory that enjoys the widest currency among builders runs this way: Soaring general interest rates drove mortgage rates upward, making mortgage money expensive. Then the higher deposit dividends paid by commercial banks began to suck money out of savings banks and S&L associations, the heaviest mortgage lenders, and mortgage money became scarce. And with money both tight and scarce, February starts sagged to the lowest point in three years.

1. Interest rates. But the picture changes under closer examination.

Bond yields, which traditionally provide pressure under mortgage yields, halted their rise after the New York financial community survived a hair-raising fund squeeze on its March 15 tax deadline. By March 31 the 4½% federal Treasury bonds of 1987-92, key indicator for government longterms, had skidded to a yield of 4.60%—down from the 4.76% that on March 1 set a 40-year high for 25-year maturity bonds. There were at least temporary indications that stability was in the offing for mortgage yields (see story, p. 23).

Chairman George Champion of the Chase Manhattan Bank has said he sees no need for another increase in the Federal Reserve's discount rate, now 4½%.

"There's a pretty good balance at present," he says of the credit markets.

2. Savings flow. Early 1966 figures were particularly discouraging. The nation's savings banks attracted only \$220 million in net new money in January against \$360 million a year earlier. S&Ls had a net savings outgo of \$61 million compared with a gain a year earlier.

But the savings banks' gain of \$218 million in net new funds in February was off only slightly from the \$222 million of

February 1965, and President Robert M. Morgan of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks now predicts that the savings banks' 1966 deposit gains will be at least as high as their \$3.6-billion gain in 1965. The s&Ls increased February savings by \$597 million compared with \$580 million in February 1965; it was the first time since November 1964 that the S&Ls' net gain surpassed that for the same month of the previous year. The S&L gross inflow-and this was long after the Federal Reserve's Regulation Q change of December 6 let commercial banks pay up to 5½ % on certificates of deposit—was \$2.7 billion, an all-time February record.

Commercial banks, arch rivals of the sales, gained only \$3.4 billion in time deposits in January and February, down from \$5.6 billion in the same '65 period.

Says Morgan: "Commercial banks are hardly cornering the savings market."

Morgan also points out that combined mortgage repayments to all lenders have frequently exceeded net savings flow as a source of mortgage credit, another consideration that will temper the severity of the 1966 money squeeze.

"With mortgage credit demands likely to show only a modest increase in 1966," he says, "the effects of a tightened supply of mortgage credit shouldn't be severe."

3. Availability of money. At the height of the money squeeze Chairman John.E. Horne of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board had predicted that funds available for mortgages might shrink by \$1.5 billion, or 5%, in 1966, with a consequent 5% dip in starts. But Research Director James J. O'Leary of the Life Insurance Assn. estimates that lenders will provide \$15 billion for one to four-family house loans in 1966, plus another \$16 billion for other loans, or slightly more than the

\$14.5 billion and \$15 billion respectively provided in 1965. O'Leary's first prediction—for 15 billion for one-to-four mortgages in 1966—came in December (News, Jan.). He upped that subsequently to \$15.5 billion, but cut it back again to \$15 billion on evidence of tighter money.

4. February starts. Private non-farm starts fell 17% below January's reduced figure to an annual rate of 1.318 million units. The highly volatile monthly start figures are generally unreliable as a guide to anything, but the housing industry's first reaction was to read the decline as an effect of tighter money.

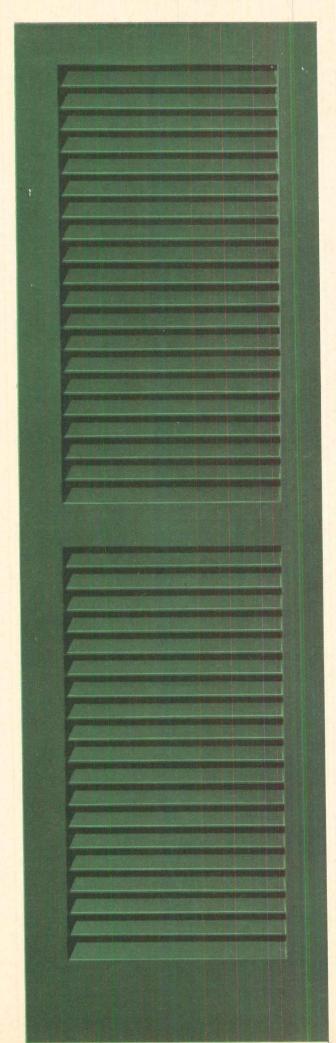
Money was, in fact, probably the one completely blameless influence. The informed economist's rule of thumb is that starts require six months to react to changes in the interest structure, and money had begun to tighten only after last Dec. 6, when the Federal Reserve Board raised the re-discount rate to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. Further, February's severest start declines came in the North Central states, where mortgage rates have been comparatively stable. Starts were actually up in the South, where some of the deepest FHA discounts now appear on House & Home's mortgage price chart.

And finally, March housing starts rebounded 13% to make the February figures look more like a fluke than a trend.

5. Starts for 1966. February's discouraging figures brought new predictions of declines for the year.

The prevailing view among housing's leaders has shifted since January, and most now say that starts will be off from the 1.48 million non-farm units in 1965. President Larry Blackmon of NAHB predicts a drop of 5%. President Ewart Goodwin of the Mortgage Bankers Assn., writing in

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the Savings Bank Journal, revised his earlier estimate of 1.525 million starts downward to 1.440 million.

But it isn't a united front. Mellon National Bank and Trust of Pittsburgh says in its March newsletter: "Housing starts will not vary significantly," and adds: "The market decline in residential construction in the last two years may have reduced the vulnerability of the housing market to credit restraint."

And Savings Banker Morgan clings resolutely to his New Year forecast:

"I still feel that housing starts in 1966 will be at least as high as in 1965 and perhaps a shade higher."

The danger: inaction. The confusion over starts focuses attention on the theory propounded by Sherman J. Maisel of the Federal Reserve Board when he was a professor of housing economics at the University of California at Berkeley.

"Many people seem to have assumed that movements in credit have caused starts to fluctuate by altering the underlying demand for dwellings," he says. "I disagree. The ultimate demand for additional houses must come either through more household formations or through the more rapid replacement of existing units. I can find no evidence either in theory or in statistics to show that credit has had any basic effect . . . on this underlying demand."

Gov. Maisel says tight money does in-

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fluence starts and may influence them—unfavorably—in 1966. He concedes in a comment to Fortune that he would not consider a 100,000-unit decline unusual "in the light of past experience." But it will influence them through changes in inventory, not through basic demand (see chart). Starts fell during the Korean War in 1951-1952 and again in 1956-58 and during the second half of 1959, all tight money periods. But they fell after inventory got so high that builders stopped adding to it. The demand for housing, as Maisel's chart shows, remained relatively constant.

Furthermore, the housing industry takes into 1966 a minimum demand for 1,400,-000 private farm and non-farm units. The figure is based solidly on family formations and replacement of units razed or destroyed. (Maisel estimates this basic demand for the years 1965-1969 will average slightly higher at 1,470,000 units.)

There were 1,504,700 private farm and

non-farm starts in 1965, or 104,500 more than rock-bottom demand. Maisel estimates no increase in inventory in the 1965-1969 period, so the 104,500 units represent discretionary buyers—buyers the building industry did sell last year and must sell this year if it is not to go on adding to inventory.

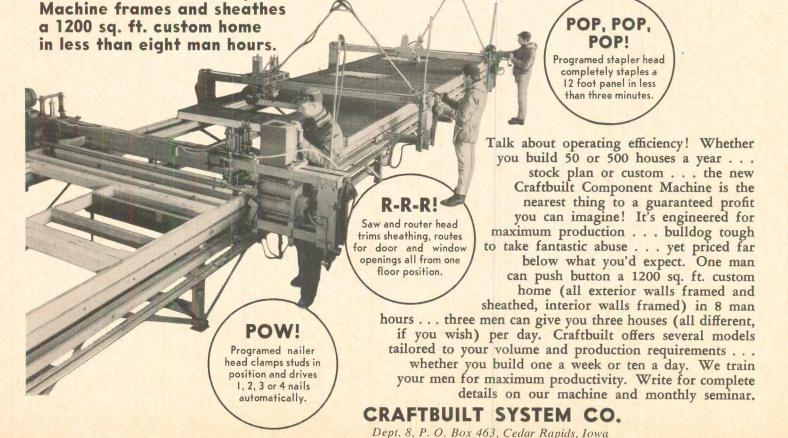
Obviously there are other discretionary buyers, and the important thing is that builders should not forfeit these sales in despair over tighter money.

So it can be said that whether or not starts rise is up to the builders, not the bankers. And even if starts fall, they probably will not fall nearly as far as in other tight-money periods—the 30% of Korean War memory, for instance—for the previous declines came, as Maisel points out, on extremely high inventories. Today's inventory hovers around 200,000 units and has been moving downward for three years. And more accurate local market research—perhaps housing's greatest achievement of the 1960s-has prevented the tremendous buildups of unsold houses which triggered the volatile ups and downs of the 1950s.

"With homebuilding at a three-year low," summarizes the Mellon Bank, "the adverse impact of tight money in 1966 is likely to be significantly less than in, say, 1959, when the pace of starts (and of inventories) was at a four-year-high."

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Bias accord fumbled: realtors caught with ink on their faces

Clergymen representing the three major faiths have abruptly rejected a proposed open-housing accord with the nation's Realtors after uncovering a "strictly confidential" letter written by the Realtors' chief negotiator.

The proposed accord spelled out the churches' support of open-housing laws and the Realtors' opposition to such laws. But the two groups agreed to support voluntary open-housing programs and the elimination of block-busting practices.

The clergymen balked after the realty men's chief negotiator wrote to the executive committee of the National Assn. of Real Estate Boards (NAREB) urging adoption of the accord because "it could be a powerful force in stopping the drive for either federal, state or local legislation in this field."

The letter fell into the hands of the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, which immediately called the churchmen to a meeting in New York City. There, NCDH Executive Director Edward Rutledge said the letter proved that the long-negotiated accord was actually "a violation of the spirit and letter of the civil rights movement."

A damned letter. The next day the







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nation's three largest religious bodies—the National Council of Churches, National Catholic Welfare Council, and Synagogue Council of America—rejected the accord because, they wired NAREB, it "might compromise our commitment to fair-housing legislation. . . . "

Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive vice president of the Synagogue Council, said the NAREB negotiator's letter was "an expression of bad faith." He added that the letter writer "perhaps felt he has to sell them (NAREB'S executive committee) a bill of goods."

But the writer, Realtor Robert B. Morris of Buffalo, N. Y., said it was all a misunderstanding: "The damned trouble is that the letter was intended only for the association."

A buried accord. Before the letter was uncovered, the accord was given a good chance of adoption by NAREB and by one religious group (the National Assn. of Evangelicals).

NAREB President Jack Justice of Miami Beach had even stumped for the accord before Realtors in Philadelphia.

But after the churchmen's rejection, Justice said, "It is unlikely that our board of directors will consider the subject fur-

NCDH's associate executive director, Jack Wood, said church leaders may soon join his group in a national program dealing with urban ghettos.

"Why should the churches take a neutral position with the Realtors," asked Wood, "when they can take a positive position with us?"

New Jersey is seventh state to ban bias in all sales

New Jersey last month joined six other states by banning race bias in all housing sales.* Previously, houses in developments of less than ten units were exempt.

The Garden State also banned bias in all rentals, with two minor exceptions: units in owner-occupied two-family houses and rooms in one-family houses.

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President Edward Rice of T. Y. Lin & Assoc., Los Angeles consulting engineers, and its subsidiary, Conrad Engineers, has written an operation plan for the workmen

that goes like this:

Workmen cut 8'x8' holes in the roof and floors to create three vertical shafts. Next crews of demolition men will gut the interior of the building, taking out discarded furniture, partitions and plaster. Rubble will be removed in steel trash boxes lowered into the shafts by a crane. When the interior is gutted, pre-packaged containers of finishing materials will be lowered to appropriate floors and installed by workmen.

Finally, the crane will lower plumbing cores (see photo) designed to stack atop each other and fill the shaft completely. The cores will provide new bath and kitchen facilities

The project sponsors will not use cores already marketed for one-family homes by several companies. Instead they have asked for bids on a core designed to permit speedy hookup of the stacked cores. Four manufacturers have submitted bids and the sponsors will soon pick the company to make the cores.

Speed-up. The work now underway will test three or more materials and assembly methods for each part of the renovation—floors, walls, ceilings. It will be three or four months before the tenement is remodeled into 15 new units. Materials



CAN-OPENER SYSTEM shown by model; drops materials through 8' x 8' hole in roof and floors, then closes shaft by stacking plumbing cores.

makers have been invited to have their men work along with the tradesmen, their costs to be paid from a \$390,000 housing demonstration grant to the Institute of Public Administration.

When the first building is renovated, workmen will move next door to a second vacant tenement. There the combinations of materials and methods that proved best in the first building will be further refined

under the stopwatch of time and motion experts. The aim: to renovate the second building within six to ten days.

After these warmups, a 60-man crew will tackle a third tenement, now occupied. The furniture and belongings of the tenants will be packed in containers and lifted out of the building via the shafts, and tenants will move to hotels for two nights while crews work round-the-clock to finish the entire renovation job on the building in 48 hours.

Helping hands. Rice is aiming at outof-pocket costs of \$7,000 a unit, far below the \$10,000-plus that some rehab jobs have cost in New York, Overall cost works out to \$12,600 a unit, also below previous costs

The low price tags are due in part to help from a number of government agencies and private foundations. The Carol W. Haussamen Foundation acquired the properties and worked with both the New York City Rent and Rehabilitation Administration and FhA on details of the work. FhA assigned James R. Simpson deputy director of architectural standards, to the project. One result: FhA will insure a \$570,000 mortgage on the completed dwellings at 3% interest under its Sec. 221d3 program. Chase Manhattan Bank is providing construction funds.

The instant rehabilitation plan has caught the imagination of officials in both New York City and Washington. New York Mayor John Lindsay and Housing Secretary Robert Weaver have exhibited a model showing workings of the plan in public appearances. Rice is so certain his idea will work that he is already talking about similar operations to prove the technique can work in cities like Cleveland and Chicago.

Rent supplements struggling to a half-way victory

The controversial rent supplement program is still too controversial to get through Congress easily.

Despite unified support by builders and Realtors, the new plan authorized last year is having problems getting underway.

The House appropriations committee, which last year scuttled rent supplments by refusing to vote funds for them, last month slashed President Johnson's request for \$30 million for the remaining few months of this fiscal year to \$12 million. Even if the Senate restores part of the cut as expected, the Administration will probably get little more than \$15 million.

More importantly, the committee tacked on a proviso that prevents the use of rent supplement money in any community that lacks a workable program, unless there is "local official approval."

Racial undertones. On the surface the "workable program" proviso sounds like just another effort to spur communities to make master plans and pep up code enforcement.

But Congressmen realize that many suburban communities don't have workable programs because they don't want them. In metropolitan Washngton, for instance, seven proposals for rent-supplemented suburban projects have been offered—but three are in small incorporated communities without workable programs.

may often preclude rent-supplemented projects in center-city locations. They've implied that rent-supplemented projects could best be located in suburban areas with lower land costs.

HUD planners were relying on the initiative of private entrepreneurs to put rent-supplemented projects into suburbia. Though avoiding overt approval by local elected officials—a stumbling block in locating new public housing projects—HUD hoped to achieve economic (i.e., racial) integration of the suburbs by means of private enterprise.

It is virtually impossible to assess the actual crimp that the local-approval or

workable-program requirements might put in the rent supplement program.

Congressmen who favor the program admit privately that demand for rent aids will outrun the money. And HUD specialists admit that the Sec. 221d3 moderate-income program, providing subsidized mortgages at 3%, is also saddled with the workable-program requirement but not with the need for "local official approval."

Money cry. Most House opposition to appropriating money for rent supplements centered on the "guns and butter" issue. Despite strong White House statements about false economies, Republicans led the attack by arguing that budget-trimming was needed to help stem inflation and that therefore no money should be appropriated to start a new program.

The opposition was narrowly defeated, 198 to 190, after well-noticed arm-twisting efforts by White House lobbyists. An administration attempt to knock out the workable-program proviso was defeated, 183 to 153.

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HUD's new technocrats dig business management

The top-to-bottom retailoring of the new Housing and Urban Development Dept. is far more than an exercise in bureaucratic one-ups-manship. The old HHFA has gotten a massive transfusion of new blood at the top with the result that the neat new tables of organization now appearing hold far more significance for housing managers than for the title-switching bureaucrats themselves.

Simply put, HUD for the first time is trying to adapt the most modern management techniques to the massive problems of housing and city growth. Already these same techniques are being picked up by the nation's largest industrial companies, producing a collective impact on management that builders cannot ignore.

To be sure, there are significant differences between managing HUD, a non-profit organization with 14,000 workers, and running a building company with ten, 25, or 100 employees to make a profit.

But many techniques are the same. varying only in scale. In fact, HUD has borrowed some ideas from an even bigger shop, Robert McNamara's Defense Dept., which had to develop some modern ways to run the nation's largest collection of men and machines.

Status quo challengers. HUD's new management look is largely the work of a new crew of assistants gathered by Housing Secretary Robert C. Weaver from universities and other government agen-

Chief among them is Robert C. Wood, a political scientist from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Weaver's second in command. Wood gives short shrift to the bureaucratic niceties so dear to the hearts of many down-the-line government employees. He is a mover and shaker whose disregard for the status quo may not be universally admired: "We proceed on the assumption that we cannot achieve our goals if we maintain our traditional methods.'

Two back-office men, operating far out of the public eye, will handle key assignments under Wood. Dwight A. Ink, a highly regarded administrator from the Atomic Energy Commission, will run the budget and accounting offices that Weaver and Wood are depending upon to feed pertinent information to top management. And William B. Ross has been shifted from the Budget Bureau to plan HUD's work five years into the future. His official title: deputy undersecretary for policy analysis and program evaluation.

Missions, not programs. "We are trying to bring a bundle of techniques and tools and funds together and to orient them toward broad problem solving," says Wood.

This is HUD's adaptation of McNamara's "mission" concept. The Defense Secretary early discovered that his semiindependent service chiefs often planned their work and prepared budgets with little regard for what other services were





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doing or what the overall mission of the military would be. For instance, he found the Army had several combat-ready divisions stationed at airfields for emergency airlifts, while Air Force leaders resisted spending "their" money for airlift capability and instead ordered more nuclear bombers. When the Pentagon analyzed the men and materiel on hand in terms of their total strategic mission, it corrected this inconsistency by beefing up airlift capacity.

Likewise, the new housing department is being set up to deal with broad problem areas. In the old HHFA, one agency doled out grants and loans to build water and sewer lines while another supervised metropolitan planning grants and the purchase of open space for recreation.

Obviously both had broad impact on when and where land would become available for development by builders, but not infrequently the two agencies spoke with two voices to builders. To correct this failing, HUD has grouped both activities under an assistant secretary for metropolitan development, former Harvard Law School Prof. Charles Haar.

Applied to homebuilding, the mission concept simply means that the builder should 1) put more time and thought into analyzing his company's missions—building and selling houses, building and renting apartments, developing land, for example -and 2) allocate his company's resources (in money, men and materials) on the basis of each mission's relative profit potential

Pass the buck down. "We are resolved that greater decision-making authority must be closer to the problems and the people," says Wood. In other words, HUD's management will buck decisions down to the lowest level possible.

This has been said before, but in the past the theory has yielded to political realities. Too often a builder, especially an apartment builder using FHA insurance, could and did appeal to Washington brass if an FHA district office nixed his plans. And too often the Washington office over-

rode the local decision. In fact, Washington orders to insure two apartment proiects in Houston and Fort Worth which subsequently flopped are now under attack by the General Accounting Office and Sen. John Williams (R., Del.).

The new men at HUD have now given eight regional offices power to make final decisions on far more items than under the old HHFA. Whether Washington officialdom will have the backbone to let local decisions stick remains to be seen.

The principle of bucking decisions down to the lowest possible level can be applied to almost every phase of running a building company. For instance, why should the president be bothered with decisions the construction department head could make? And why should the construction chief spend time on decisions a foreman could handle? With questions like these in mind, more and more management-minded builders have come to realize that only major policy issues should be bucked up through their ranks.

Built-in planning. "We are concerned with using the newest data processing and budgeting techniques," says Wood. In the new HUD setup, this takes two forms:

- 1. Budgeting will be geared to measure the administrative performance of the agency in dealing with specific problems instead of merely counting the amount of money doled out to cities or the number of mortgages insured. Many variations of performance budgeting are already used by industry.
- 2. The current budget will be constantly related to a five-year budget for the agency. The aim: to relate what is going on this year to the activities in which HUD will probably be engaged five years from now.

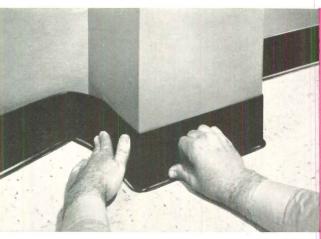
This will be Ross's special province. The idea is to make long-range planning an integral part of daily operations, instead of compressing it into a year-end crash activity. It also means that Ross and Ink will be asking more questions in the field about the effectiveness of programs, to speed the feed-back of information for HUD's new managers.

Budgeting and long-range planning are only now coming into their own in housing companies. Developers of new towns particularly are forced to make ten- and 20-year development plans instead of fast in-and-out deals. What's more, tough competition in the one-family house market is forcing builders to plan more carefully.

HUD's new management policies are in part a response to changing its goals from quantitative ones—the number of new houses built, for example—to qualitative ones-the quality of the living environment being produced. So, too, as builders switch their main mission from the production of houses to the creation of total environment, they may say with Wood:

Our new ambitions make necessary a new philosophy of management."

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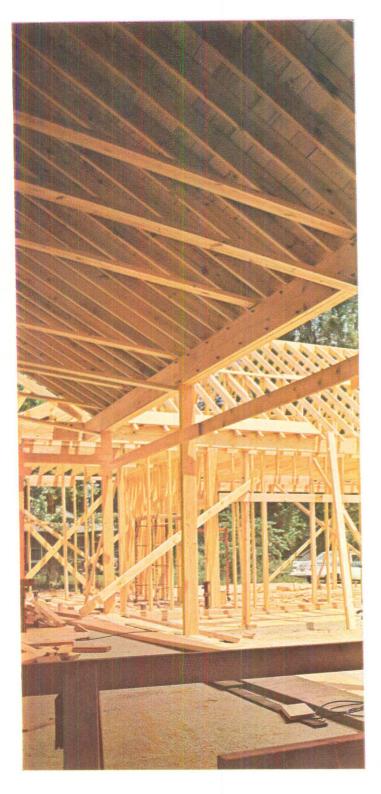
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FHA rates rise — and so do hopes for mortgage stability

Experts believe the worst is over—that yields will level soon and that discounts charged to builders will not go much higher.

"We're entering a stable period," says Executive Vice President Felix M. Beck of J. I. Kislak Mortgage Corp. in Newark. "The FHA rate change [to 534%] is here. The uncertainty is over. The big savings shifts for March and April are behind us. Taxes have been paid to Uncle Sam.

"Secondary market investors will begin to realize they must bid on this new 534 % mortgage, and we will see real demand for loans for the first time in months."

The home buyer's interest rate went to 534 % from 51/2 % April 11. On the same



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day the Federal National Mortgage Assn., the government's mortgage-purchasing agency, reduced the price it pays for mortgages by \$2 per \$100. It had cut its price three times—Dec. 10, Jan. 18 and March 4.

And it had refused to buy mortgages larger than \$15,000 per house in its previous attempts to stem the offerings of mortgage bankers who were resisting the high yields demanded by open-market investors.

Last advance? Beck traced the effect of a 1/4 % increase in the FHA rate, as he had when the agency raised to 51/2 % from 51/4 % (News, March).

The new 1/4 % rise (to 53/4 %) is equal to 2%, or 25 basis points, of "price" paid for mortgages in the secondary market.

"This ½% is now added to the home buyer's interest payments," says Beck. "The mortgage dealer could—theoretically—charge the builder 2% less in a mortgage discount. But the investor, at the other end of the mortgage market, will claim up to half of that 2% in higher yield. So the discount to builders on the new 5¾% mortgage will not be 2% less than on a comparable 5½% loan. It will be about 1% less."

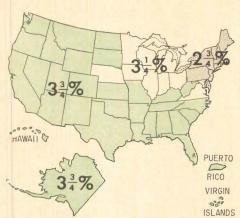
And in fact the new 5¾% residential loan opened at discounts from ½% to 1½% below the old 5½% loan on House & Home's mortgage chart. The range ran from par-plus in Boston to discounts of 4½% on the Coast and 6% in Detroit.

Toward a plateau. FNMA's \$15,000 rule had driven yields upward in the open market, and they added 12 points on FHA's rate change. (Just as Beck surmised, investors were taking half of the 2%.) The new level was 5.90% to 6.02%.

"But we're at the top of the market now," said Mortgage Broker Ernest E. Rutgers of New York City. "A plateau probably lies ahead."

Other experts thought yields might rise slightly before leveling, but the consensus was that stability was near.

Phil O'Connell of the big New York mortgage house of Huntoon, Paige & Co. emphasized that bonds comparable to



PISCOUNTS TO BUILDER are shown for new FHA-VA 5¾% mortgages sold to FNMA. Figures include ½% purchase fee and ¼4% for FNMA stock. For old 5½% loan, add 2%.

FHA mortgages—the new-issue utilities rated double A—were down from 5.25% to a yield of 5.10% at mid-April. The 90-point spread between these bonds and FHA loans yielding 6.02% was the widest in a year.

"The pension funds will now come back to mortgages," he said.

Pension funds, never out of the mortgage market, were in fact coming in deeper. President Arthur Viner of Investors Central Management Corp. of New York said the volume of orders he fills for several funds was up sharply. "The freeing of the market by FNMA made it possible for yields to rise to a point where pension funds can increase orders," he explained.

Money being found. Most big insurance companies had reportedly left the FHA secondary market rather than participate in the deep discounting that had developed on the FHA's old 5½% loan. But after the FHA rise to 5¾%, Vice President Carl Huebner of Metropolitan Life emphasized that his company remains a selective buyer.

"We're not out of the market, but we're asking a pretty good yield," he said.

Savings banks were still short of money. High yields had ceased to be the determining factor in their mortgage decisions. New York's 15 largest mutuals had lost \$110 million in savings switching in the last three days of March and they had precious little cash with which to buy at any price.

But the financial community as a whole had come through the March 15 fund squeeze (News, Apr.) and was surviving the April 15 tax showdown. The New York Times headlined on April 12:

Money-Market Pinch Lessens
Despite Heavy Drain on Funds

The money market digested without strain some \$1.29 billion in new government-agency issues in the week of April 12. Commercial banks met and replaced their certificates of deposit by tax time, and there were indications that money was freeing up.

The worst was over.

HOMEBUILDER'S MORTGAGE MARKET QUOTATIONS

Reported to HOUSE & HOME in week ending April 22.

	Sco Mk FHA	MA dry. t.×y	Discount MinDown	1	ilder Immed.w	FHA 207 Apts. Firm	Comm. banks, Ins. Cos.	Convention Loan Rate: Savings banks, S&Ls	Savings banks, S&Ls	Construction Loan Rates Interest+fees
City	51/2	53/4	53/45	51/25	Trend	Commit.	75%	80%	Over 80%	All lenders
Atlanta	53/4	33/4	31/2-41/2	5-7	Up 1	a	6-61/4	61/4-61/2	61/2-63/4	$6\frac{1}{2} - 7 + 1\frac{1}{2} - 2$
Boston	43/4	23/4	par+1	a	-	a	51/2-53/4	53/4	53/4	53/4-6
Chicago	51/4	31/4	4	51/2-6	Up 2	5	6	6-61/2	61/4	61/2+1-2
Cleveland	51/4	31/4	2-4	3-5	Up 1/2	a	6	61/4-61/2	61/2	61/2+1-2
Dallas	53/4	33/4	41/2	6	Up 2	5	61/4	61/4-61/2	61/4-61/2	7+1
Denver	53/4	33/4	4-5	6-7	Up 2	a	6-61/4	6-61/4	61/2	61/2+1-2
Detroit	51/4	31/4	31/2-6	4-6	Up 2	a	61/4	61/4	61/4	61/2+1
Honolulu	53/4	33/4	4-5	5	UD 1/2	a	61/2-63/4	61/2-63/4	61/2-63/4	61/2-7+11/2-3
Houston	53/4	33/4	a	5-6	Up 1/2	a	61/4-61/2	61/4-63/4	61/2-7	61/2-7+11/2-2
Los Angeles	53/4	33/4	41/2	61/4	Up 11/4	a	61/4-63/4	61/2-7.2	61/4-63/4	61/2-7+11/2-21/2
Miami	53/4	33/4	4-5	4-7	Un 3	a	6-61/2	6-61/2	6-61/2	61/2-63/4+1-11/2
Newark	43/4	23/4	21/2	31/2	Up 21/2	3	53/4-6	6	6	61/4-61/2+1
New York	43/4	23/4	2	2-21/2	10 1/2	4-41/2	6-61/2	6-61/2	6-61/2	6-61/4+1-11/2
Okla. City	53/4	33/4	3-5	4-6	Up 2	a	6-61/2	61/4-63/4	61/4-63/4	61/2+1-2
Philadelphia	43/4	23/4	3-4	a	_	6	53/4	6	6	6+1
San Fran.	53/4	33/4	41/2	5-6	Up 1	41/2	6-61/2	61/4-7	7	61/2-81/2+11/2-31/2
St. Louis	53/4	33/4	21/2-31/2	4-5	Up 1	a	53/4-61/4	61/4-61/2	61/4-63/4	6-7+1-2
Wash., D.C.	51/4	31/4	4-5	5-6	Up 2	5	6+1-2	6+1-2	6+1-2	6-61/2+1-11/2

* Immediate covers loans for delivery up to three months, future covers loans for delivery in three to twelve months.

Quotations refer to prices in metropolitan areas, discounts may run slightly higher in surrounding towns or rural zones.

Quotations refer to houses of typical average local quality.

3 % down on first \$15,000; 10% of next \$5,000; 25% of balance.

Footnotes: a—no activity. b—limited activity. w—for comparable VA loans also. X—FNMA pays ½ point more for loans with 10%. y—discounts quoted are net after seller pays ½% marketing fee and ¼% adjustment for stock purchase. Seller must pay 1% of mortgage for stock calculated in \$120 units, of which \$20 is contribution to FNMA capital and \$100 is for a share trading at about \$84. Z—applies to 66% loans.

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California's S&Ls challenge banks in savings-rate war

The Bank of America opened fire with an offer of 5% savings certificates in March. California's other major commercial banks followed suit, and several savings and loan associations began moving up immediately.

The cost of attracting savings was rising in California, as it was everywhere else. Howard Fieldstead Ahmanson announced that his \$2-billion Home s&L of Los Angeles-the world's largest-would pay a straight 5% on passbook savings, but most associations were content to offer a 5% certificate for time savings to match the banks and to retain their going 4.85% on passbook accounts.

It was not a runaway rate scramble among the s&Ls, and facts now suggest that the Eastern financial press was hasty in speculating that the rate war caught the Coast s&Ls in vulnerable position. The increase represented about 1/10th of 1% for the s&Ls, a figure most could well afford.

Too simple a story. Housing starts had fallen from a high of 292,000 in 1963 to 185,000 in 1965, writers pointed out. Although NAHB Economist Michael Sumichrast now says southern California's decline has bottomed and will turn upward this year, other economists estimate that the 1966 total will drop 15%. February starts were 39% below the same month in 1965, and the annual adjusted rate of 133,632 was the state's lowest since 1954. Executive Vice President James D. Murphy of Brentwood Mortgage Co. in Beverly Hills fears the cutback may reach 50%

But southern California alone has an oversupply of 75,000 residential units, and the cutback in starts must thus be considered healthy insofar as it reduces the surplus. President Elwood L. Hanson of the California s&L League says his group is actually trying to hold starts down to 175,000 in 1966.

Foreclosures up and down. The oversupply of housing triggered an alarming rise in foreclosures in past months, and analysts were quick to blame the take-back rate for a cluster of dismaying year-end reports from s&L holding companies.

For example, Financial Federation, Edward L. Johnson's big Los Angeles combine, earned \$6.4 million in 1965 compared with \$10 million in 1964, although assets increased by \$137 million to a total of \$1.16 billion. A cursory glance shows that Fin Fed's foreclosures leaped from \$18 million to \$39 million, but it would require careful study to learn that the corporation realized a gain of \$343,000 on its foreclosed property.

Bart Lytton's Lytton Financial Corp., another holding giant, lost \$2 million in 1965 to compare with earnings of \$5.7 million in 1964. And recent reports show

that among the following companies, five were down sharply and one was un-

1965	net 19	64 %	change
in	million	S	
California Financial Corp.	\$2.01	1.93	+ 4%
Empire Financial Corp	1.39	1.39	NC
First Charter Financial	20.3	19.6	+ 4
First Lincoln Financial	2.61	5.46	- 52
Gibraltar Financial	3.86	4.56	-15
Great Western Financial .	10.6	9.41	+13
San Diego Imperial	7.64	7.32	+ 4
Trans-World Financial	2.00	3.23	- 38
United Financial Corp	1.28	2.73	- 53
Wesco Financial Corp	3.92	4.89	-20

Experts agree that 1965 was a bad year for loss chargeoffs, but they also point out that it was probably a near-record year for earnings set aside in reserves.

Not guilty. The picture was complicated when Chairman John Horne of the Home Loan Bank Board asked Congress for new regulatory powers for his agency. Horne said 25 s&Ls with \$1.3 billion in assets were problem cases. Although he was talking about the nation and not about California, Eastern writers were quick to note that California's scheduled-item (delinquent loan) ratio was 4.98% on December 31 against 2.5% for the U.S. But California's 4.98% was down from 5.27% in the previous quarter. As for the comparison with the U.S., California has a "faster" foreclosure law.

General Development's stock, profits up; Lou Chesler out

Canadian promoter Louis A. Chesler has sold his 1,292,702 shares in General Development Corp., the Florida land developer. His bloc represented 17% of the 7,514,000 shares outstanding and was worth \$8.4 million the day he sold.

The buyer is City Investing Corp., New York realty and management company.

Chesler helped found General Development, and had been president before resigning as a director last year.

Current President Charles Kellstadt has turned GD away from the free-wheeling sales policy Chesler favored. Before Chesler's exit, GD announced a 1965 profit of \$2.16 million, up from \$1.59 million.

Building stocks. General Development rose 2 points, to 7, to lead House & Home's land-company stocks in a small advance in the month ended April 7. Miami's Gulf American gained half a point, to 12, after winning a court fight to regain control of Fenestra, Detroit materials pro-

Kaufman & Broad led builder companies up, climbing 3 to 165/8. Averages:

	Feb. 7	Mar. 15	Apr. 7
Building	5.56	5.26	5.55
Prefabrication	4.18	4.03	3.82
S&Ls	10.18	9.43	8.72
Mortgage banking.	13.29	13.72	12.60
Land development	6.46	6.44	6.47
Average	7.86	7.32	7.33

HOUSING'S STOCK PRICES

	April 7	Chng.
	Bid/	Prev.
COMPANY	Close	Mon.
BUILDING		
· Adler-Built Inc	1/2	1/8
· Capital Bld. Ind		
Cons Bldg. (Can.)		- 456
 Dev. Corp. Amer 		+ 3/8
Dover Const		- 1/4
Edwards Eng		******
Edwards Inds	1-7/16	+3/16
Eichler Homesh	33/4	
• First Hartford Rity	63/4	- 1/4
First Nat. Rlty.b		+ 1/4
• Frouge		+ 7/8
General Bldrs.b	23/4	+ 1/2
Kavanagh-Smith		- 1/2
Kayanagii-Siiitii	165/-	+ 3
Kaufman & Bd.b	10-/8	
Levittb		-
Lou Lesser Ent.b		+ 5/8
Lusk		-1/16
Pres. Real. A.b		+ 3/4
 Sproul Homes 	21/8	- 1/4
U.S. Home & Dev		+ 3/8
Jim Walterc		+ 1/8
Del. E. Webbc		- 1/4
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PREFABRICATION

Admiral Homes	11/4	
Albee Homes	13/4d	- 1/4
· Continental Homes	3	+ 1/2
Gt. Lakes Homes	11/8	1/4
Inland Homesb	5	- 1/8
Madway Mainline	12	*******
Modern Homes	21/2d	- 1/8
Natl. Homes A.g	33/4	+ 5/8
· Nationwide Homes	11/4	- 1/8
· Scholz Homes	47/8	- 1/2
· Seaboard Homes	1/8	
Steel Crest Homes	47/8	- 1/2
Swift Industries	21/8	

S&Ls

American Fin 125/8	— 3/ ₈
Calif. Fin.c 55/8	+ 3/8
• Columbia 41/2	*******
Empire Fin 71/4	- 3/4
Equitable S&L145/8	- 1/2
Far West Fin.c 91/2	- 1/2
Fin. Fed.c17	- 1/2
First Char. Fin.c 155/8	— 1
First Fin. West 57/8	- 1/8
First Lincoln Fin 71/2	- 11/4
First Surety 33/4	- 1

	April 7 Bid/	Chng. Prev.	April Bid/	
NY	Close	Mon.	COMPANY Close	
NG.				
Built Inc	1/2	1/8	First West Fin.c 4	- 3/4
Bld. Ind	65¢	*******	Gibraltar Fin.c 15	- 23/4
dg. (Can.)	1.80	- 450	Great West. Fin.c 83/4	- 1/4
Corp. Amer	13/8	+ 3/8	Hawthorne Fin 73/4	- 1/4
onst	13/4	- 1/4	Lytton Fin.c 71/8	- 11/4
Eng	. 3	*******	Midwestern Fin.b 31/8	1/8
Inds	1-7/16	+3/16	San Diego Imp.c 61/2	- 1/4
Homesh	33/4	*******	Trans-Cst. Inv 31/2	— 3/ ₈
Hartford Rity	63/4	- 1/4	Trans Wrld. Fin.c 73/8	- 11/8
at. Rlty.b	. 13/4	+ 1/4	Union Fin 75/8	- 1/2
	47/8	+ 7/8	United Fin. Cal.c 71/8	— 3/ ₈
Bldrs.b	23/4	+ 1/2	Wesco Fin.c 141/2	— ı
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ser Ent.b	41/4	+ 5/8	MORTANGE BANKING	
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Albee Homes	13/4d	_	1/4
 Continental Homes 	3	+	1/2
Gt. Lakes Homes	11/8	_	1/4
Inland Homesb	5	_	1/8
Madway Mainline	12		
Modern Homes	21/2d	-	1/8
Natl. Homes A.g	33/4	+	5/8
 Nationwide Homes 	11/4	-	1/8
 Scholz Homes 	47/8	_	1/2
 Seaboard Homes 	1/8	200	
Steel Crest Homes	47/8	-	1/2
Swift Industries	21/8		

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Coral Ridge Prop		- 11/4
Cousins Props		
Crawford		*******
Deltona Corp.b		— 3/ ₈
• Disc Inc	25/8d	- 1/4
Fla. Palm-Aire		- 1/8
Forest City Ent.b	5	*******
Garden Land	45/8	+ 1/4
Gen. Develb	7	+ 2
Gulf Americanb	12	+ 1/2
Holly Corp.b	11/4	+ 1/8
Horizon Land	27/8d	- 1/4
Laguna Nig. A.h	117/8	+ 1/4
· Laguna Nig. B.h	4	+ 1/4
Lake Arrowhead	61/2	*******
· Macco Rity	121/4	+ 3/8
· Major Rity	45¢	- 3
· McCulloch Oilb	107/8	1/8

a—stock newly added to table. b—closing price ASE. c—closing price NYSE. d—not traded on date quoted. g—closing price MSE. h—closing price PCSE. k—not available. p—formerly Wallace Investments. •—not included in averages. x—adjusted for 4-for-3 split.

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1/4 1/8 13/8

3 3/4 1/4

Percent interest and (net change) in year		
LOAN SIZE	New York City	7 other Northern & Eastern cities	11 Southern & Western citie
\$1-10	5.65 (+.01)	5.88 (— —)	6.02 (+.07)
\$10-100	5.37 (03)	5.62 (+.06)	5.73 (+.06)
\$100-200	5.13 (+.12)	5.31 (+.06)	5.45 (+.09)
\$200 & over	4.64 (+.03)	4.87 (+.01)	5.03 (06)
Source: Federal Reserve	B'oard, September, 1	965.	



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Ohio's 'whiz kid' builder emerges from plunge into bankruptcy court

Ten months ago Cleveland apartment builder Marvin M. Helf took a step no builder chooses willingly—he placed 11 of his 19 interlocking companies under protection of a federal bankruptcy court to fend off the mounting claims of creditors. Work on 11 Helf apartments from Pittsburgh to Toledo halted.

The spectacular collapse cast a pall over Cleveland apartment building and mortgage lending. For Helf was the "whiz kid." He started operating from his home in 1946, and by the late 1950s he had built over 5,000 houses in Cleveland. He spotted the trend to apartments early and by 1961 had built 1,000 units. He was a respected leader in building and was elected an honorary life director by NAHB in 1964.

Last month Helf was back in business at the old stand—but with new bosses. At age 44 he is now vice president of a new company set up by the court to run ten apartment buildings owned by Helf's ailing companies. For the next three to ten years, depending upon the court, this part of the Helf empire will be run by his creditors.

Helf escaped from active court supervision in ten months; this is far less than the seven to ten years required for many reorganizations of this size and complexity. The speed is largely the work of Bankruptcy Referee W.Iliam J. O'Neill, who set a series of tight deadlines for completing a reorganization plan.

Like all reorganizations, the result is a mixed bag for Helf and everyone concerned. Helf will be working as manager to finish and rent ments at a 3% management fee inside Cleveland, 4% outside.

Nearly 1,800 subcontractors and suppliers who claimed \$6 million from Helf must make a hard choice of accepting 15¢ for each dollar owed or taking 10¢ in cash plus one share of stock in the new company for each \$100 due them.

For mortgage lenders, it means postponing for one year any principal payments of \$17 million lent on Helf structures.

Helf will own 50% of the stock in the new company, Apartment Living, Inc., but the creditors' committee will control three of five board members.

Apartment Living will operate still saddled with the deep financial problems that plagued Helf: a top-heavy debt load coupled with slow-renting apartments. To carry himself over the hump, Helf had borrowed \$1.8 million in second and third mortgages at



CLEVELAND'S HELF
After an unpleasant step, recovery

12% to 18¼% interest. Industrial Finance Corp. of Boston, a Merritt, Chapman & Scott subsidiary which loaned all but \$100,000 of this, is now cutting back interest to 6% as part of the reorganization, but in return IFC will add ½% monthly to principal after three years.

Hence Apartment Living will face an interest bill of \$864,000 a year or \$72,000 a month. Helf was forced to seek court protection because interest was eating up 81% of his monthly income; the new arrangements will drop the percentage to less than 50% of \$160,000 monthly rent.

When the Helf empire collapsed, 71% of the 1,095 units in ten complete or semi-complete buildings were occupied. Since then receivers have boosted occupancy to 84%.

As part of the workout, IFC is putting another \$450,000 into the company, at 6%, to pay claims and provide working capital.

No one expects the road back to be an easy one. The agreement, says O'Neill, appears to save Helf from "a situation that seemed leading to bankruptcy for all Helf corporations."

Lusk trustee quits; it took too much time

A. C. Simon resigned unexpectedly last month as trustee to lead the reorganization of Lusk Corp. of Tucson, Ariz., once housing's tenth largest homebuilder. Simon, a retired food wholesaler, told a federal court the demands on his time were "far in excess of what I anticipated."

The court named Charles McCarty of Tucson, previously Simon's attorney in the Lusk reorganization (H&H, Jan.), as replacement trustee. Shortly before Simon's resignation, the court had approved issue of \$175,000 in trustee certificates to let Lusk build an apartment in Sacramento.

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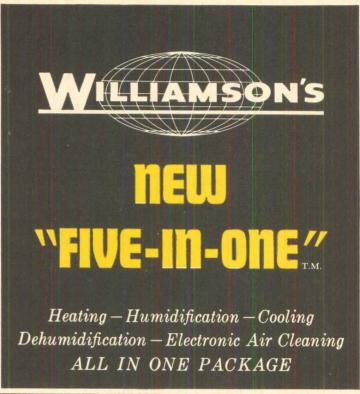
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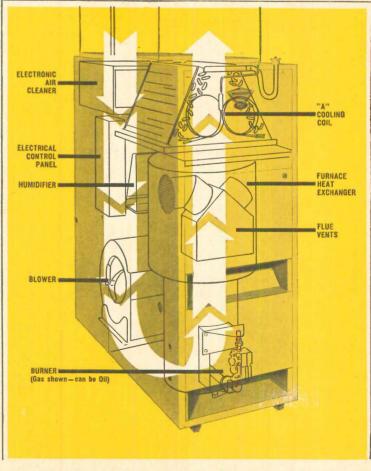
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Slayton leaves housing's hottest job

After five years in one of housing's most maligned jobs, Bill Slayton quit last month as boss of the Urban Renewal Administration. He will direct a new Urban Policy Center for Urban America Inc. in Washington.

A veteran renewal planner and developer as vice president of Webb & Knapp, the 49-year-old Slayton met rough going from the time he took office in 1961.

During his tenure, criticism of federal renewal aid, largely aimed at the acts of Slayton's predecessors, reached a crescendo. Criticism by the General Accounting Office led to a Congressional hearing—and clean bill of health—in 1963. A year later Prof. Martin Anderson published The Federal Bulldozer, a controversial book that again aroused renewal's critics. Slayton stoutly returned salvo for salvo, so renewal spending was never seriously threatened in Congress.

Outside the public eye, Slayton was known to housing professionals for his work in streamlining URA's ponderous bureaucracy. He helped simplify the methods of selling cleared slum land so that land sold more than doubled, to 19,735 acres, in the last three years. He worked with FHA to speed rehabilitation of existing houses and saw the number of renovated triple, from 18,600 to 53,300. Even so, he said, in leaving,



URA's SLAYTON
For critics, a ready answer

"Progress has not been as great as we all would have wished."

Many Slayton critics charged URA with callously relocating slum dwellers. Even as he left, the U. S. Civil Rights Commission held new hearings in Cleveland to show that Negro slum dwellers moved to ghettos.

"What has happened," observed Dean Erwin Griswold of Harvard Law School, "is that people in the worst condition find their houses bulldozed from under them. The total program is immoral."

But in his valedictory to URA staffers, Slayton underscored new aids to displaced families that had cut the percentage of slum dwellers moved to other substandard units from 8.2% to 1.9% of all families. "This pleases me the most," he said.

California builder shifts managers

S. V. Hunsaker & Sons of Covina, Calif., has dropped two vice presidents in a management shakeup. Out are S. V. (Sim) Hunsaker Jr., son of the company's founder, and Thomas W. Richey, sales vice president.

"We are reducing overhead because our volume is down, like everybody else," said President Richard Hunsaker, Sim's elder brother. The company, a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Co., reported \$42.5 million sales in 1964 but has not announced 1965 results.

Richey, picked by NAHB as the 1965 western Sales Manager of the Year, is forming his own housing sales firm. At 34, he has served three years as homebuilding merchandising manager for Life Magazine and headed sales for builders in Miami and Jacksonville, Fla.

Sim Hunsaker Jr. has not announced his plans.

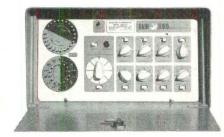
Occidental bought Hunsaker in July 1964 for 160,000 shares of its stock, then valued at \$4.8 million. Last December Occidental expanded its housing interests by exchanging 158,487 of its shares, valued at \$5.5 million, for two land development companies owned by the Larwin Group companies, a major Los Angeles homebuilder headed by Lawrence Weinberg. Occidental has not anounced whether these two companies will be consolidated with Hunsaker or operated independently.

BUILDERS: Kerry Patterson has resigned as executive vice president of California Land Co. after CLC changed its marketing strategy for the new city of Valencia 30 miles northwest of Los Angeles. CLC dropped a plan to market houses erected by outside builders.

Lester Goodman has stepped out as marketing vice president of L. C. Major & Assoc., housing design consultant of Downey, Calif. Goodman will become a marketing and management consultant.



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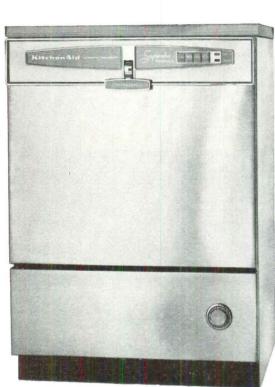
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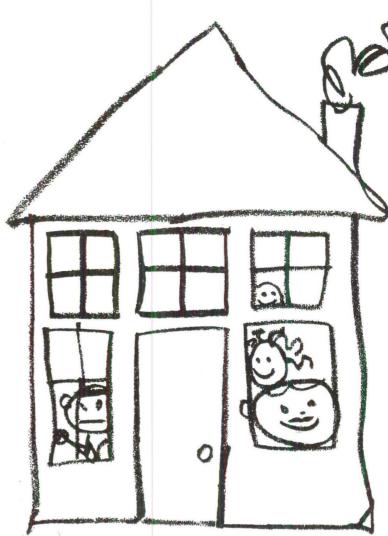
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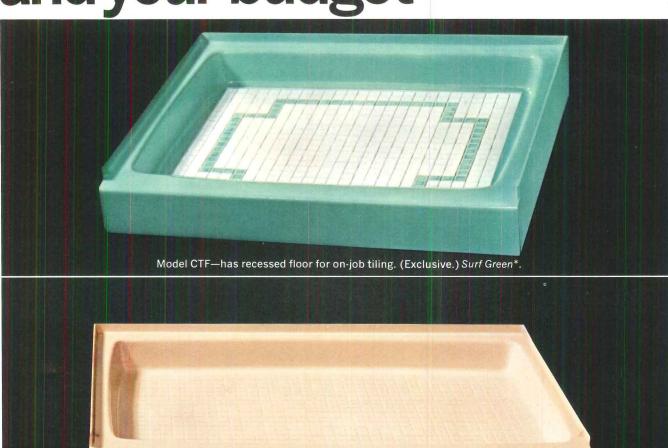


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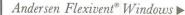


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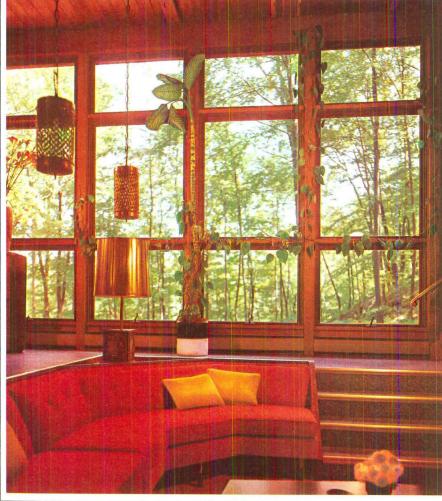


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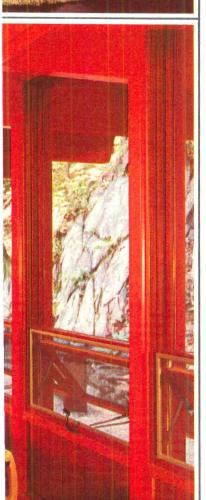
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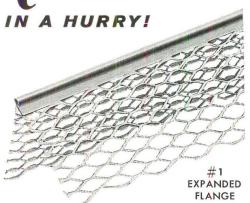






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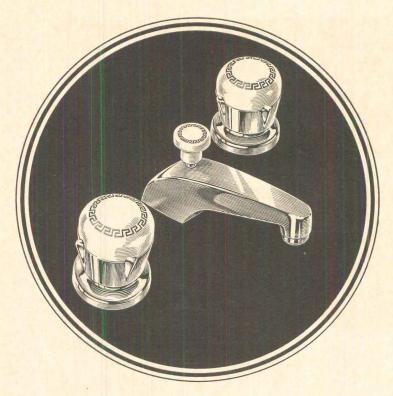
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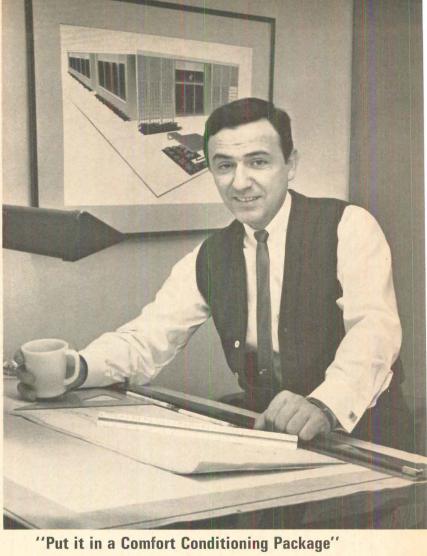


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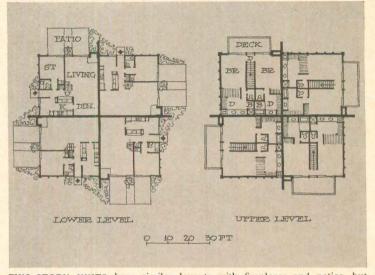


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ONE-STORY UNITS have varying layouts, but all have two master bedrooms, corner living rooms with fireplaces, private entrances and patios.



TWO-STORY UNITS have similar layouts with fireplaces and patios, but also include a balcony off the two upper-level master bedrooms.

Compact fourplexes for a high-density condominium project

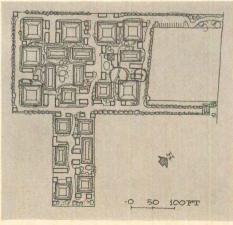
The owners of this T-shaped, ten-acre site set a difficult design task: plan about 80 units for sale, maintain the design character of the surrounding single-family neighborhoods, and still leave open areas for recreation.

The problem was solved by planning both one- and two-story houses as simple squares, grouping them into square fourplex buildings and siting them in lines running parallel to the boundaries of the project. Then, to break up the severity of the plan, Architects David Garcia and John Cole wove landscaped walkways between and around the buildings. The walkways lead to park-like areas with running brooks and waterfalls and to the three recreational areas.

The first phase of Trojan Properties' Los Altos project was completed last summer, the second half early this year. All but six of the 78 units have been sold at prices from \$36,500 to \$42,500. Features include fireplaces, studies, private entrances and patios. Sheltered parking courts for cars and trailers are conveniently close to every fourplex building.



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T-SHAPED SITE, ten acres including access lanes, works well with square buildings.



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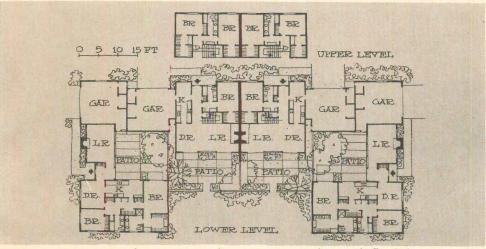
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REAR PATIO of two-story unit (photo, left) has sliding glass doors to living room.



U-SHAPED QUADRUPLEX has two-story units, separated by party wall, in center. Flanking

one-story units are buffered by garages and screened patios at corners.



TWO-STORY LIVING ROOM is 34' long and incorporates dining area in foreground.

Sprawling fourplexes for a low-density project

Zoning allowed 44 units on this 19-acre site, but the odd shape of the property made it difficult to plot that many 15,000-sq.-ft. lots. So the owner-builder, Herbert Braun of Santa Barbara, decided to build 44 condominium townhouses, arrange them in 11 clusters of four each, and thus leave 80% of the land open for putting greens, a community recreation center, and a caretaker's house.

Braun conducted a survey of retired and semi-retired prospects—the market he hoped to reach—to discover what their

preferences would be in a project of this type, size, and price range (\$40,500 to \$44,500). Working from the results of this survey, Architect Williams Hall designed one- and two-story townhouses which include private patios and entrances, storage rooms in the two-car garages as well as large closets in the living areas, and fireplaces. The project not only retains the residential character of the surrounding neighborhoods but improves on it because the utilities were put underground and because so much of the site is open.

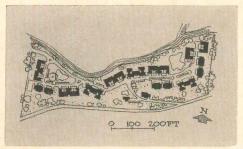


ONE-STORY LIVING ROOM has view across private patio to kitchen and master bedroom.



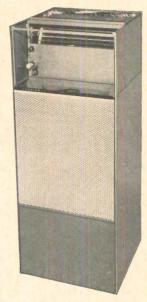
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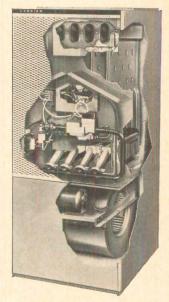
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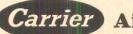
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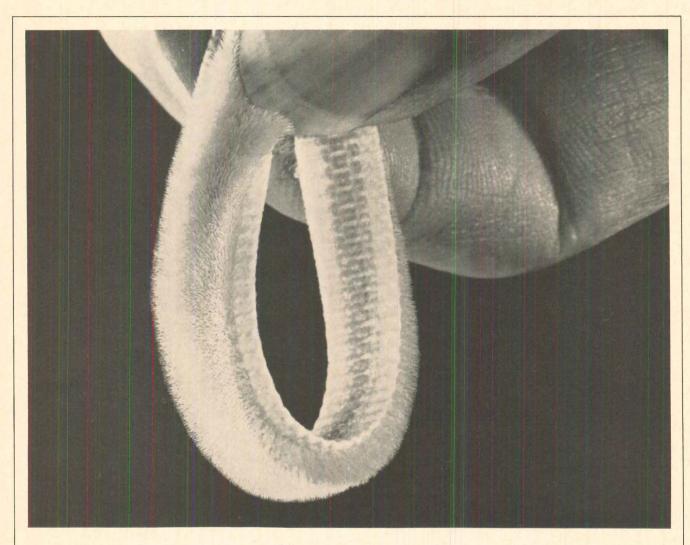
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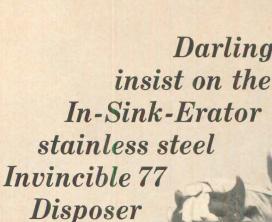
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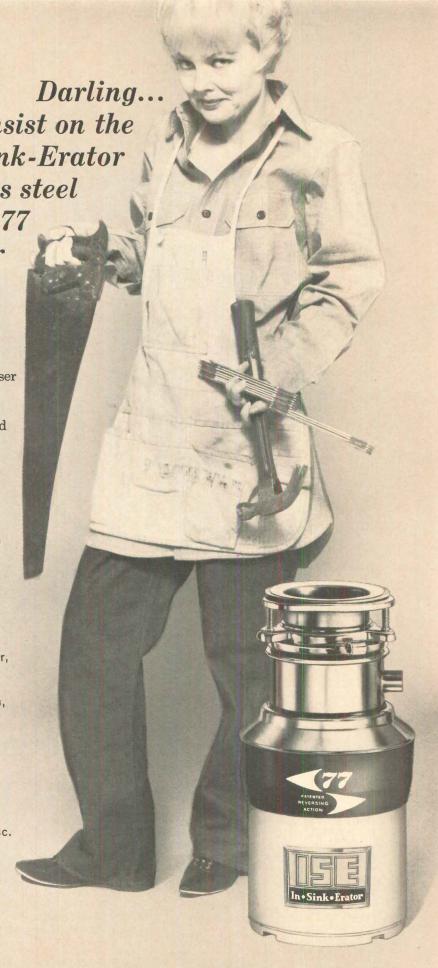
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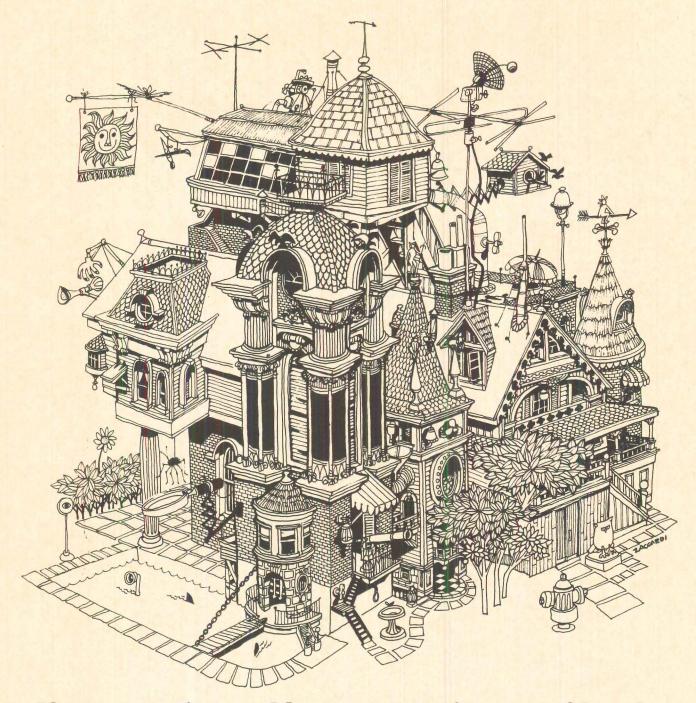
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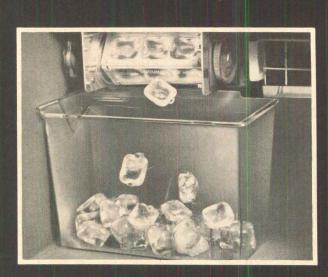
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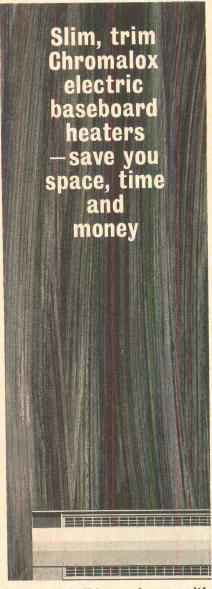
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Renewed cities

н&н: I was much impressed with your editorial in the March issue. It was most perceptive and very forward looking indeed.

I should indicate an exception, however, to a brief reference to the Urban Renewal program in the story on President Johnson's call for innovation in revitalizing our cities.

You say, "Federal officials pushed downtown urban renewal which produced gleaming centers like Constitution Plaza in Hartford." We in urban renewal are certainly proud of Constitution Plaza and other such developments, but they represent only a small portion of the total Urban Renewal program. Everyone knows about Constitution Plaza, but few are conscious of the very large rehabilitation and moderate-income housing renewal program that has been going on simultaneously in Hartford.

The main thrust of the national Urban Renewal program is housing, and the amount of rehabilitation and moderate income housing being undertaken is considerable. The aids provided by Congress through 221d3, rehabilitation loans and grants, code enforcement, demolition of unsound structures, neighborhood facilities, etc., have provided the Urban Renewal program with tools which have broadened its scope and impact. Somehow, a rehabilitation or moderate-income project fails to receive the same kind of publicity as does a "gleaming" downtown project.

WILLIAM L. SLAYTON, commissioner Urban Renewal Administration Washington, D.C.

H&H welcomes this comment from Mr. Slayton, who was commissioner of the Urban Renewal Administration until resigning last month to help establish a new privately sponsored Urban Policy Center in Washington, D. C. H&H intended no slight to Mr. Slayton's long labors to untangle the red tape which has stifled rehabilitation. Unfortunately too many down-the-line officials have failed to catch Mr. Slayton's message with the result that less than half the renewal projects approved in the first months of 1966 were aimed primarily at improving housing.—ED.

H&H: Your editorial comments on the proliferation of local jurisdictions, planning and zoning commissions are very much to the point. Most students of housing will agree that parochial planning and zoning represent a formidable obstacle to urban renewal and development.

House & Home is doing an excellent job in describing and discussing the many serious problems facing the housing industry. What we need now is a program outlining ways to make possible urban renewal and development on a broad scale, to reduce the cost of home-ownership and to make old, dilapidated housing less profitable. The program should describe and expose the problem areas and propose public policies, especially tax policies, which must be regarded as prerequisites of urban renewal.

> HERBERT BAB, economic adviser Statewide Homeowners Association Los Angeles

Mortgage prices

H&H: I hope you will continue to use a map (as you did in the January and February issues) to illustrate the discount per \$100 of FHA-VA mortgages sold to FNMA. I find it most helpful in talking with mortgage loan correspondents throughout the country.

C.M. MILLER Central Life Assurance Co. Des Moines

H&H will publish the map whenever mortgage prices change.—ED.

Lumber standards

H&H: To echo the biblical reference in your April editorial on lumber standards, it appears that what you called for is "coming to

Recent actions by the American Lumber Standards Committee in Chicago indicate that we will now have not only standards but standards that make sense. Consider these ALSC recommendations.

- 1. Use the green-dry size relationship, both thickness and width, instead of the Western Wood Products Assn. proposal of 11/2" dry and 1 9/16" green.
- 2. Restrict rules writing agencies to the use of values derived from timber growing within their respective regions for developing working stresses.
- 3. Prohibit the inclusion of non-standard sizes in the ALSC grade book so that the book will not confuse lumber users with a mixture of standard and non-standard sizes.
- 4. Rely on ALSC restrictions on re-grading lumber to provide users with the necessary protection.
- 5. Set up an authoritative body—ALSC that not only has the power to control certified grading agencies but will also exercise it. LEN MOYER, sales manager

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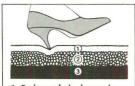
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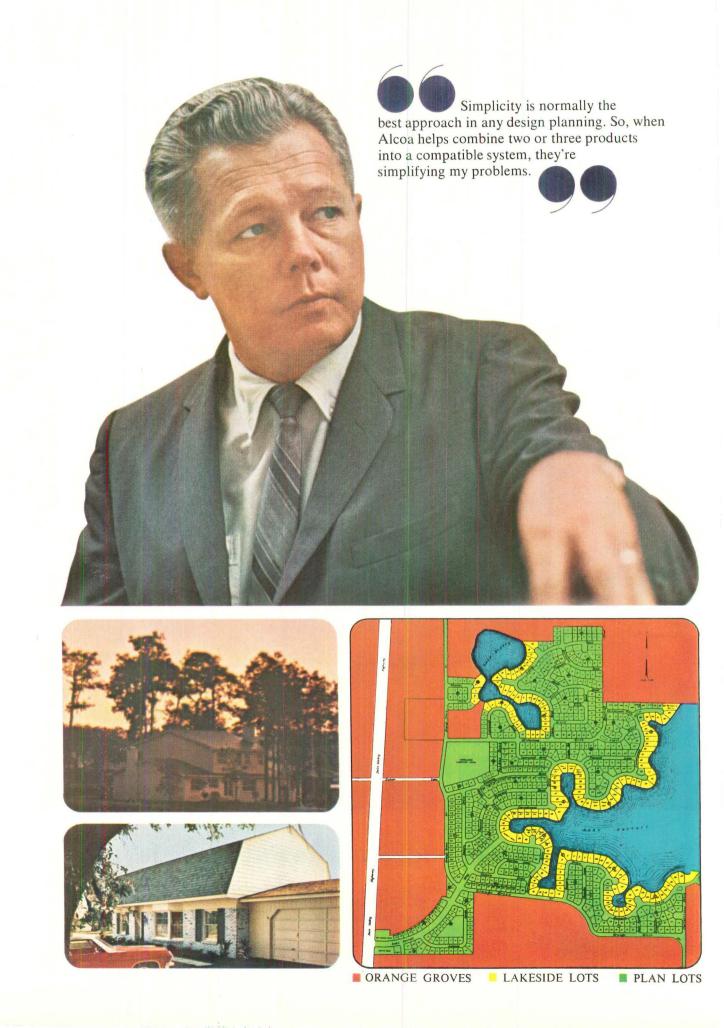
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Tampa builder Matt Jetton tells the secret behind



the success of complex "Carrollwood": simplicity.

Matt Jetton has an extraordinary talent for putting things together. He transformed the long-neglected, jungle-like acreage that surrounds Tampa's Lake Carroll into one of western Florida's most charming and admired residential complexes. The first families moved into Carrollwood in 1959. Today, Carrollwood boasts a population of more than 450 families, with plans that will accommodate twice that number.

And Jetton puts each home together as intelligently as he built Carrollwood. That's why so many homes in Carrollwood are enhanced by building products made of rugged, corrosion-resistant aluminum.





"Really," Matt Jetton says, "a house is a piece of art. Now, when you build that house with systems, you're making it more pleasing to the eye by simplifying the total picture. And, practically speaking, you save the builder money in installation and confusion in ordering when you offer him a complete system."

Alcoa agrees. Our belief that the best-functioning, best-designed house is one that works as a system has led to the development of a complete line of soffit and fascia systems, gutters and downspouts, shutters, and siding.

In the damp Tampa area, builders and their customers are extremely aware of the need for corrosion-resistant, low-maintenance materials. In Matt Jetton's Carrollwood, virtually every home incorporates the use of Alcoa® Aluminum in sliding glass doors or windows, or both.

Jetton says, "As far as aluminum is concerned from a maintenance standpoint, there's just no question in my mind that it's a great step forward. Take the aluminum soffit and fascia, for instance. There's a system that was designed purely and simply to reduce maintenance."

Jetton envisions greatly increased applications of aluminum product systems in future residential planning. He says, for instance, "You're going to be seeing a lot more of the colonial-styled 4- and 5-in. lines of aluminum siding. The theory behind it is that the roof, siding and windows set your whole styling theme. In *compatible* systems."

If you would like to see, as Matt Jetton has, how aluminum products and building systems can help simplify your problems, contact Alcoa. Write: Aluminum Company of America, 1015-E Alcoa Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219.

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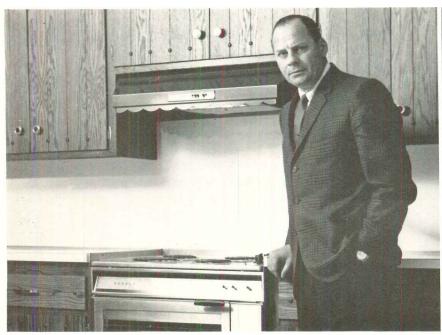
These successful builders won't tell you all their secrets.



"We've been featuring Tappan for ten years," says Gordon Hanson, president of Challenge Development in San Francisco. Included in his beautiful \$27,500 to \$32,000 custom homes are built-in Tappan range, disposer and dishwasher. Why Tappan? Mr. Hanson says, "We find that Tappan's customer acceptance and satisfaction are without equal."



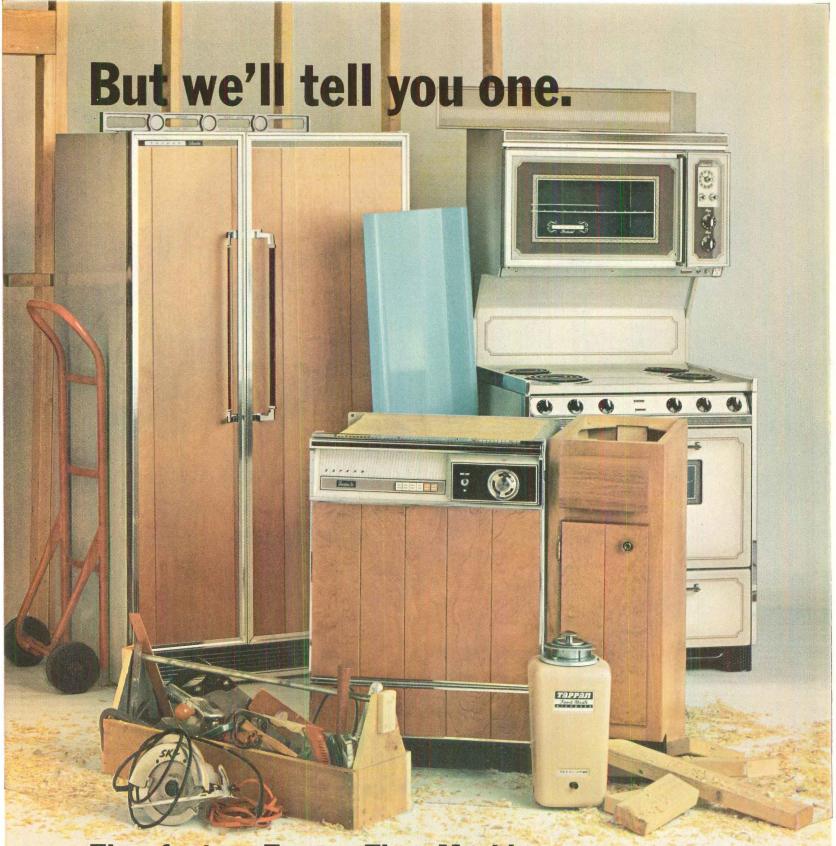
"Tappan high quality and style are important sales aids," says L. H. Schulte of Schulte-Blackwell Development Company in San Jose, California. A big-volume builder (600 units last year), they find that homes move faster with a complete Tappan kitchen. Reason: "Tappan's national advertising makes Tappan appliances completely acceptable to the public."



"The home-buying public wants Tappan," says Roy J. Busse, a leading custom home builder in suburban Minneapolis. And Mr. Busse gives people what they like. His houses are complete with Tappan built-in range, oven, hood, disposer and dishwasher—a complete Time Machine kitchen. Result: "Our Tappan appliances are very well received."



"Tappan's good looks enhance our kitchens," says Larry Bottenberg of the Bottenberg Co., builders of fine homes in Wichita, Kansas. Larry's father, Don Bottenberg, explains why they picked Tappan in the first place. "We have Tappan appliances in our own home—and like them very much."



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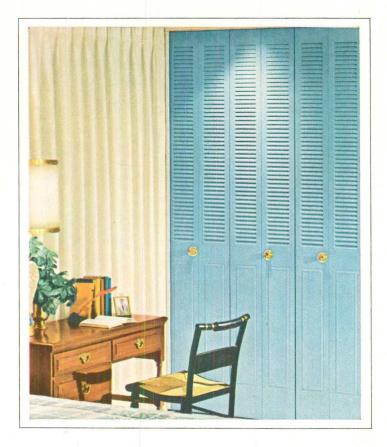
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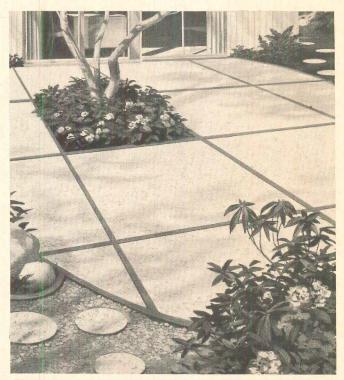
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Smart builders today are using concrete in its newest forms to bring dramatic curb appeal to even the most modest homes. Nothing else so readily dresses up the homesite, adds such obvious value. Buyers are quickly impressed and intrigued.

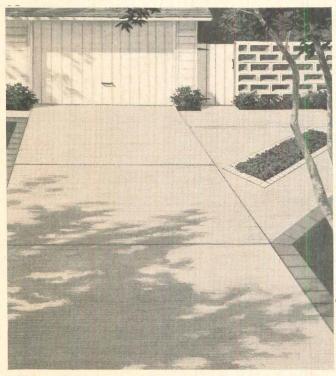
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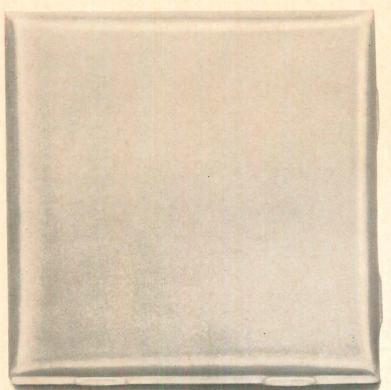
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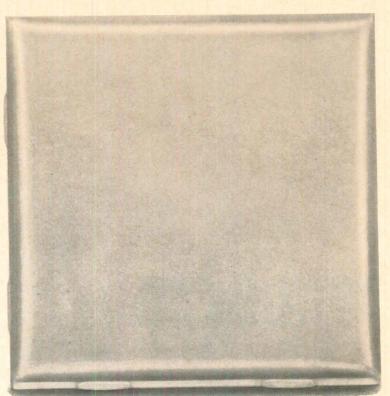
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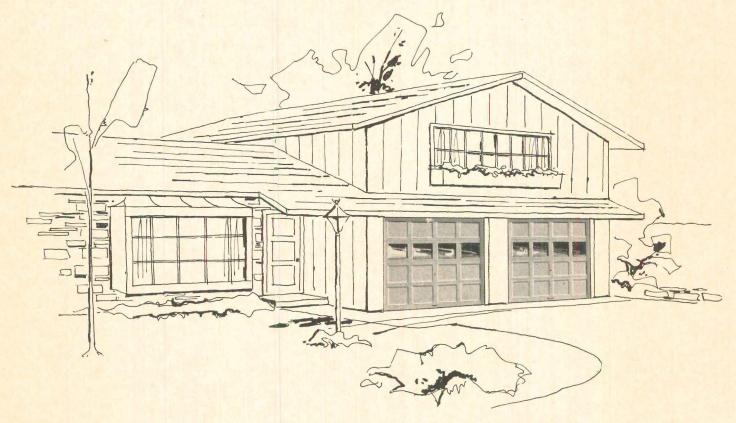
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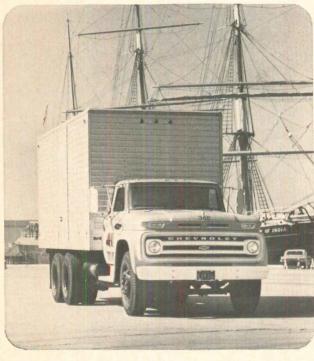
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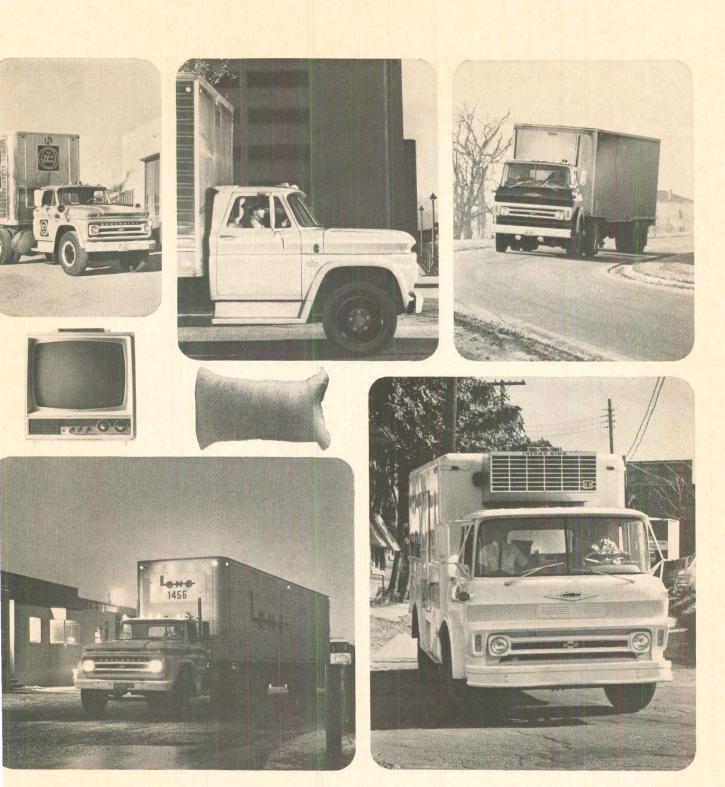
Basically, there are four reasons.

First is savings in fuel. Chevy diesels utilize a fuel which usually costs less than gasoline and delivers more mileage per gallon than comparably equipped trucks with gas engines. In fact, current owners report that these new Chevy diesels are virtually rewriting the record books by reducing operating costs on all sorts of jobs. Some owners report savings of as much as 50% on fuel costs.

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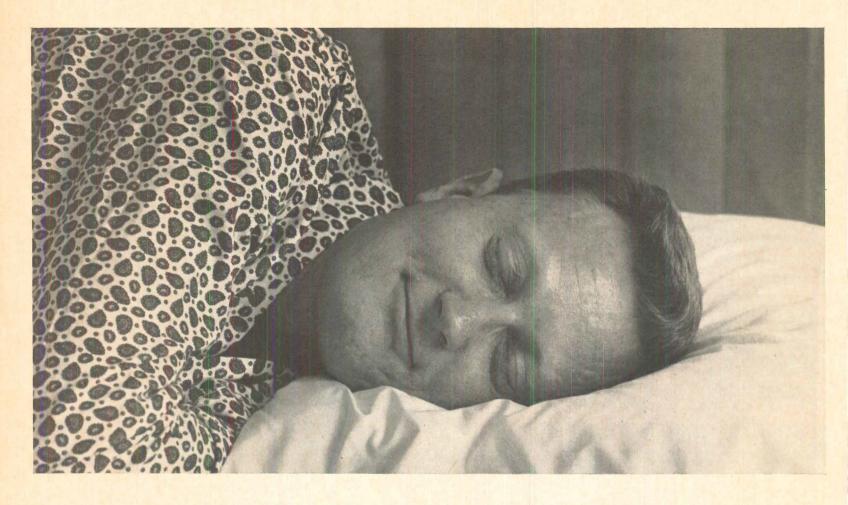
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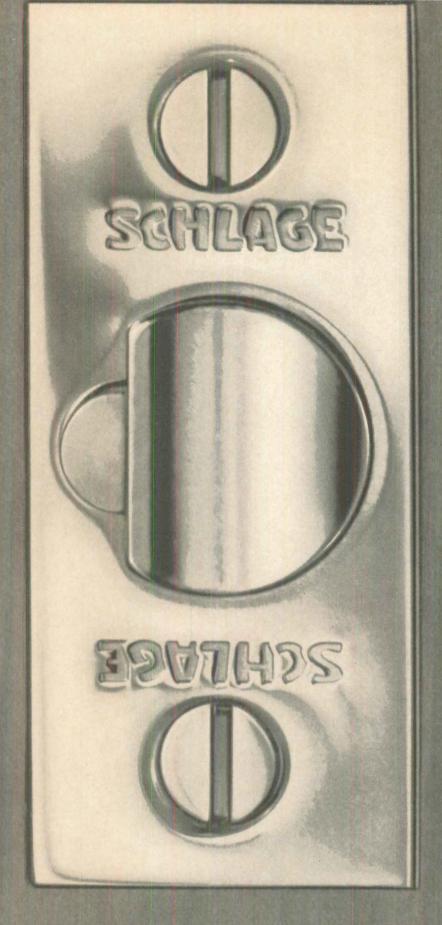
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EDITORIAL

Two things to keep in mind:

1. Tight money and selling houses are different things 2. Yesterday's track record is no bench mark for today

Moaning and groaning about discounts—not to mention labor shortages, high wages, and spiraling material prices—is not going to sell more houses. And the number of houses sold last year has little bearing on this year's potential. What the housing industry does this year is purely a matter of how well it sells new housing to the consumer.

Sound a little over-simplified? Well, if you throw in the towel on housing's prospects in 1966 because money is tight, you are letting a bogeyman scare you. And the bogeyman is the myth that money controls building. It does not. But the myth arose in the moneytaut 1950s and grew on the proposition that soaring interest rates make mortgage money scarce and expensive.

True, interest rates have made money tight. True also, February starts sagged to the lowest point in three years. So a lot of soothsayers tied these two facts together, garbed themselves in sackcloth, and began wailing about how bad things were going to be in housing this year.

Their prognosis was slipshod on three counts:

- 1. They were hollering too soon about a) the degree of tightness in the money market and b) the drain put on mortgage money in savings banks by rising commercial bank dividends (see p. 10).
- 2. They ignored their old rule of thumb that it takes at least six months before housing starts to react to changes in the interest structure. The re-discount rate rose to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ only last December.
- 3. They forgot that the ultimate demand for dwellings is largely the result of household formations and demolitions. Demand was at 1,400,000 units in 1965 and is higher this year. Last year private starts topped that demand by 104,000 units. But the excess represented purely discretionary buyers—buyers who didn't need new houses but were sold anyway.

Of course, things looked pretty bleak last month when President Johnson, in discussing anti-inflationary signs, happily noted that housing starts had fallen to the lowest level in three years. On top of that, construction labor, ignoring the President's wage guidelines, asked for and got increases of up to 20% over the next three years (H&H, April).

However, a dispassionate view of housing shows that the entire decline in starts since early 1964 is accounted for by the sharp slump on the West Coast. Elsewhere starts have remained virtually level for the past two years. What's more, housing's effective demand has been greater than its output during the past year. Put another way, buyers and renters have been gradually absorbing an excess inventory of houses and apartments over the last two years. The West Coast situation, though still not good, is improving, and the rise in defense expenditures may speed up the improvement.

But the best signs are employment, income, and marriage rates—all rising throughout the nation. So it's pretty clear that a housing-market revival is becoming more and more likely.

House & Home thinks—and more than a few economists agree—that 1966 starts could well match 1965's level. The one deciding factor: salesmanship.

Does that still sound over-simplified? Well, it wouldn't to any other industry selling the consumer. Consider this: Any retailing activity that takes money from a consumer's pocket is housing's competitor, whether it be automobiles, furniture, vacations, or color TV sets. And no matter how tight the mortgage market becomes, consumer credit is almost twice as expensive as mortgage credit. But you don't hear any other industries screaming about tight money. They're out there selling status, razzamataz, sophistication, opulence, grandeur, comfort, the good life, and more than a little sex.

Housing's competition knows—and builders should know too—that there has never been a time when there wasn't enough business for somebody. But the idea is to go out and beat the competition to it. This issue of House & Home shows how the housing industry's top merchandisers do just that—how they make the sales other builders miss. If you do what they do, you shouldn't miss.

RICHARD W. O'NEILL



How to make the sale that other builders miss

The prospect listening to the salesman at left represents a sale that several builders have already missed.

He has visited half a dozen other projects—most of them good ones—but has yet to be persuaded that any of them is the place for him and his family. Whether he will decide to buy in this particular project depends largely on how well the builder has done his sales and merchandising homework.

Specifically:

Has the builder selected his salesmen with care, trained them in every phase of their jobs, and set up a continuing program to keep polishing their skills?

Has he furnished and decorated his models to point up their strongest sales appeals—and so that prospective buyers feel at home in them?

Has he used displays, advertising, and other merchandising aids to put enough emphasis on the benefits of his community—its convenience, stability, and attractiveness?

And finally, has he reached out for new buyers through such extra marketing steps as thorough buyer research, a realistic trade-in program, a special effort to attract transferees, and a public relations program that does more than simply get his name in the papers?

The best merchandisers—and the most successful builders—are those who can say yes to those questions. And the best ideas from their sales and merchandising programs are the subject of the next 28 pages.



PROSPECTIVE SALESMAN undergoes five interviews before Janss Realty decides to hire him.



SUCCESSFUL SALESMAN results from Janss' methodical hiring and continuous training plan.

To make the sales that other builders miss . . .

Set up a program to create a staff of top salesmen

Specifically:

- 1. Screen new sales applicants so thoroughly that only men who have both ability and incentive will be okayed for hiring.
- 2. Saturate sales trainees not just with product facts, but with first-hand knowledge of the community in which they will sell and the builder's long-range goals.
- 3. Push established salesmen to keep improving their abilities through regular and frequent advanced-training sessions.

Will such a program really produce top salesmen? Absolutely, say sales executives of Janss Realty Co., which applies the program to the letter. Their evidence: nine of the company's 13 salesmen each sold \$1-million worth of new houses last year.

Janss, a big land developer in southeastern Ventura County, Calif., sells houses for builder-clients. Its salesmen staff nine tracts in Conejo Valley, where Janss is developing a 10,000-acre community, and last year sold 548 houses priced from \$22,000 to \$55,000.

Hiring a Janss salesman is a highly refined process. Prospects are interviewed in depth, then subjected to a battery of aptitude and personality tests before they are even allowed to fill out an application form. If hired, they undergo a monthlong indoctrination, then enter training sessions which continue throughout their career with Janss. For a look at how the process works, follow the progress of Janss newcomer Vince Dougherty on the following three pages.

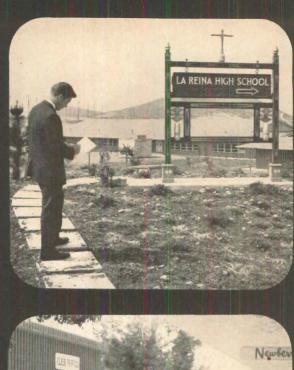




APTITUDE TESTING: Prospective salesman Vince Dougherty (top) takes six aptitude tests and fills out a 16-page job application, the first steps toward joining Janss Realty. Sales Vice President Ed Pauley and subdivision Sales Manager Scott Lee (bottom) study the results after an independent testing service has graded them.

FAMILY INTERVIEW: Sales Manager Lee talks to Vince Dougherty and his wife at home, one of five pre-hiring interviews. Janss' philosophy: "We tell the whole family what we offer and what we expect from them. The wife's attitude gives us a clue to the husband's future incentive."







now a newly hired Janss salesman, tours the community in which he will sell, noting details like school bus stations, church names, school districts, hospitals. Says Janss: "We sell life in the community, not just houses."

scouting competitors: Study expeditions in his own and adjoining sales areas are part of Dougherty's four-week indoctrination. He must submit written reports on competitors' houses including financing terms and displays.

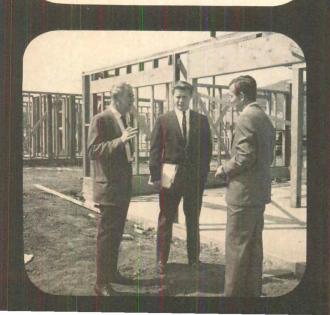


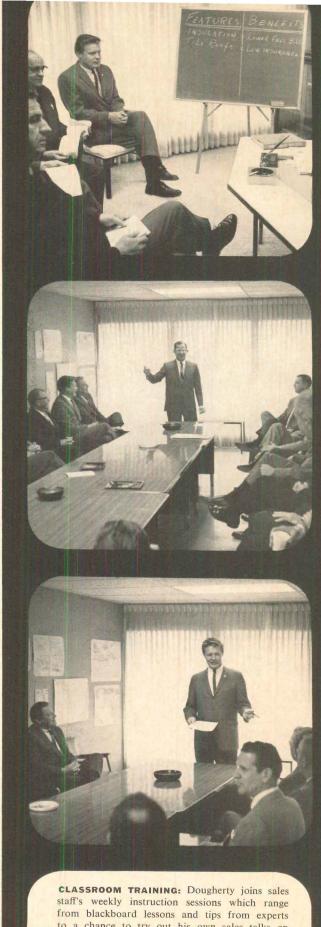




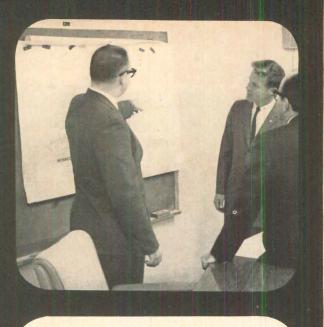
PRODUCT INDOCTRINATION: Dougherty studies brochures and subdivision layout to learn facts and figures about builders Janss sells for. While this data is basic, Janss doesn't emphasize it. "We let the houses speak for themselves and concentrate on selling the community."

MEETING BUILDERS: Vice President Pauley introduces Dougherty to one of the builders he will sell for. Janss guides builders closely in all phases of house merchandising. Says Pauley: "We don't want to have to sell a builder's mistake."





to a chance to try out his own sales talks on fellow salesmen. A recent project: listening to eight one-hour tapes on what motivates buyers.



LAND PLANNING INDOCTRINATION: A Janss planner explains to Dougherty the past and future of his sales area, Canejo Hills. Janns began developing the 10,000-acre community in 1958. now has 35,000 residents, anticipates 100,000.



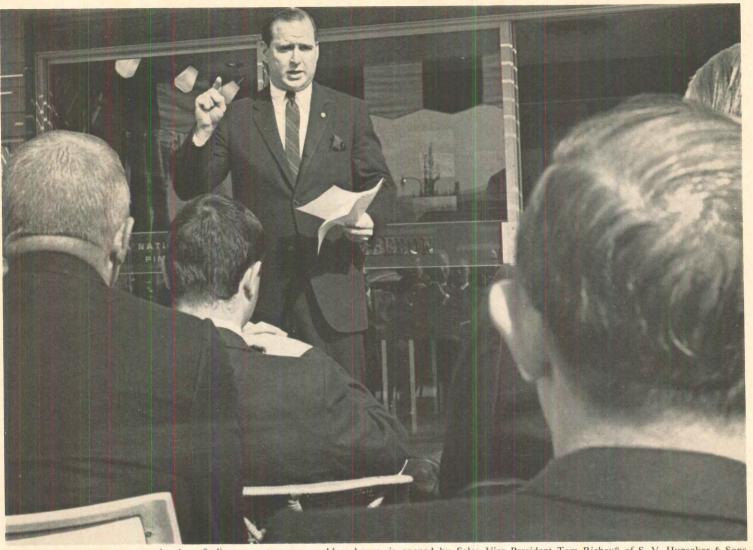
MEETING LOCAL LEADERS: Dougherty is introduced to clubs and associations in the community and encouraged to join and be active. Salesmen's affiliations range from Red Cross and Rotary Club to regional planning commissions.



SALES-OFFICE SOLO: Dougherty's first exposure to customers is in the Janss information center, which is where most sales talks are presented. General displays show advantages of living in the community and builder-clients' displays show advantages of specific subdivisions.

FIRST SALE: Janss' investment in Dougherty starts paying off as the new salesman makes an after-move-in call on his first customers. Purpose of this final check is to get buyer like-and-dislike data and names of new prospects.





SALES TRAINING SESSION, aimed at finding ways to move problem house, is opened by Sales Vice President Tom Richey* of S. V. Hunsaker & Sons.

To make the sales that other builders miss . . .

Sharpen and re-sharpen your salesmen's skills

And, most sales managers agree, the best place to start is at sales meetings.

"There are three kinds of sales meetings," says Ted Winkler, executive vice president for Texas Builder Walter Carrington—"information meetings, training meetings, and nothing meetings. Too many of us hold nothing meetings."

To avoid "nothing" meetings, here are some ground rules for sales managers to keep in mind:
1) stick to one subject; 2) don't preach; 3) encourage everyone to participate; 4) hold meetings to one hour and preferably to 45 minutes; 5) don't clutter up training meetings with routine announcements; 6) bring in outside experts—maybe even the sales manager of a non-competing company—as a change of pace and a source of new ideas.

Most important, never go into a meeting without a well thought-out plan. Says Richard Brown, a former sales manager and now a Chicago-area builder: "You should spend more time on planning your sales meetings than on anything else you do. They are the greatest tool you have for motivating salesmen and sharpening their skills."

Sometimes a carefully planned meeting can focus on an immediate sales problem. For example, Sales and Marketing Vice President Thomas W. Richey* of southern California's S. V. Hunsaker & Sons had one model that wasn't moving because it lacked a family room. So he put his men through a practice-selling session in the problem house. Result: 13 sales. To see how Richey ran the practice-selling session, start at right.

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^{*} Richey has just left Hunsaker to set up a sales, marketing, and advertising agency serving builders and building product manufacturers (see p. 30).

Sales Manager Richey starts his men through a practice-selling session

Photos: Delmar Watson



Richey and his secretary, playing the roles of a prospect and his wife, follow the salesman at right into a model house. Salesman will pause at the entrance to point out the exterior design,



Starting in the kitchen, because of its appeal to the housewife, another salesman demonstrates the removable oven door. Men are told to seek out every opportunity to demonstrate features.



Still demonstrating in the kitchen, the salesman shows how the luminous-ceiling panels can be removed for easy cleaning and re-lamping. Other salesmen make notes on his performance.



Salesman draws the housewife into his demonstration of the kitchen-to-patio passthrough counter. This leads naturally to his next step: inviting the prospects to join him on the patio.

Richey breaks in at key points—first to show how to dramatize space . . .

Photos: Delmar Watson



Interrupting the salesman's verbal description of the patio, Richey says, "Don't forget to demonstrate its size"—and paces off the length of the patio to show what he means.



Taking his cue from Richey's demonstration of the patio (*left*), the salesman opens a pair of closet doors, walks in, and spreads his arms to show much storage space there is.

Richey has his men critique the performance they've just watched . . .



The practice-selling session ends with comments by everyone. Richey asks for better ways to demonstrate the house and overcome buyer objections, then quickly sums up the suggestions.

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... and then to stress action directed toward closing the sale



As the demonstration reaches the closing stage, Richey emphasizes the importance of getting the buyer to make small decisions — in this case, selecting a floor-plan option.



Picking up Richey's decision technique, the salesman involves his prospects in the selection of carpet types and colors in preparation for his next move—getting names on the contract.

... and then climaxes the session on an incentive-building note



Everyone responds to money talk, so the meeting moves to discussion of a new salesmen's compensation plan. Richey explains the plan in true sales fashion ("bigger dollars for you").



Recognition of performance is important, so the meeting ends with the presentation of the Salesman of the Month award, a coveted honor widely publicized in the winner's home neighborhood.

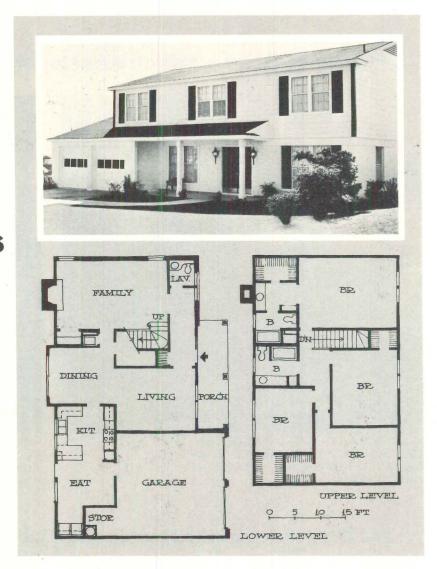
To make the sales that other builders miss . . .

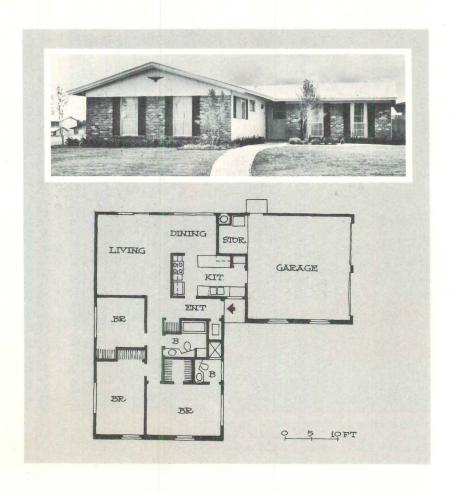
Furnish your models with an eye to their size and price

The primary purpose of model house furnishings is, of course, to make the house look lived in and exciting. But it's all too easy to overdo a furnishing job—filling the model until it feels cramped and, even worse, making it look so opulent that the prospective buyer considers the house beyond his budget. Conversely, an underdone furnishing job tears down the image of a model, making it look and feel like less house than its price tag indicates.

The furnishing schemes shown here and on the following four pages were picked because they do an admirable job of walking the tightrope between these two extremes. They are exciting, but not so far out as to give the buyer either a shrinking feeling in his wallet or the fear that the house demands unconventional decorating. And they are scaled to the size of the house, pointing up the possibilities of every living area while at the same time retaining a feeling of spaciousness.

The photos at right (and on the following two pages) show the results of carefully tailoring furnishings to the size and price of two models — one priced at \$14,000, the other at \$28,000. Both are offered by Builder Walter Carrington of Austin, Tex., and were decorated by Genevieve Bidgood, NSID, a member of Carrington's staff. And pages 106 and 107 show furnishing and decorating possibilities for the \$45,000-and-up market. Christiana Oil Co. built the models at Huntington Harbour, Calif., and Virginia Douglas & Assoc. created the interior designs.





Inside the \$28,000 model



The family room is unusually elegant to appeal to the buyers' sense, of formality, although beamed ceiling and sturdier upholstery retain a note of casualness.

Silks, satins and tie-back drapes create a drawing room atmosphere in the living room. This price range demands a status area, not cluttered with day-to-day disorder.

Inside the \$14,000 model



Smaller-scale furniture, paneled wall, and brick-faced fireplace delineate the combined living/family room functions that this single room must provide.

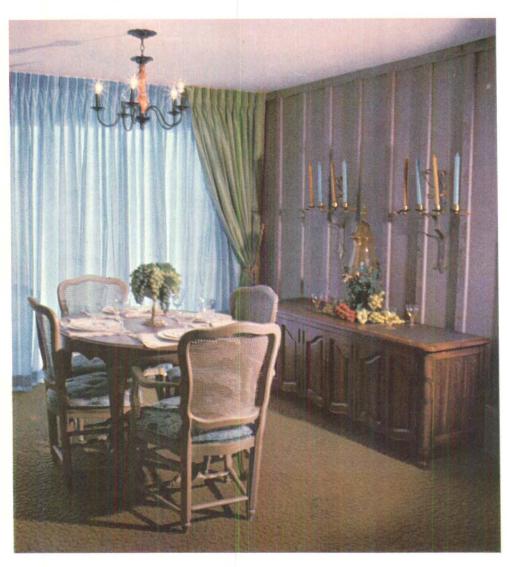


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Inside the \$28,000 model _



Luminous ceiling panels in wood frames add a warm feeling to the kitchen, while the dining room (right) has been given a massive sideboard and opulent window treatment to emphasize room size.



Inside the \$14,000 model



Smaller kitchen has uncluttered counters to make room look larger. The dining area (right) uses sheer curtains and tightly bunched table and chairs to add a feeling of space.





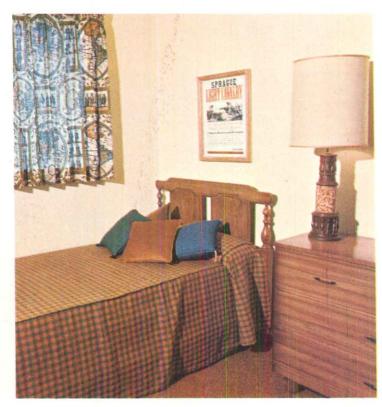
Imaginative color and treatment of headboards shows the variety of arrangements possible in large rooms. The master bath (above) features an ornate mirror, metallic wallpaper, marble counters and carpeting.







Limited bedroom sizes demand the admission of all possible light through filmy curtains. Corner location of the single bed in the smallest bedroom (right) creates more room for chests and dressers.



Inside a group of \$45,000-and-up models_





Huntington Harbour uses odd items like camelsaddle seats because visitors remember them later.





Slim-lined furniture makes bedroom look larger, leaves space for model traffic.

Jack & Jill furnished bedrooms are designed primarily to appeal to younger families.

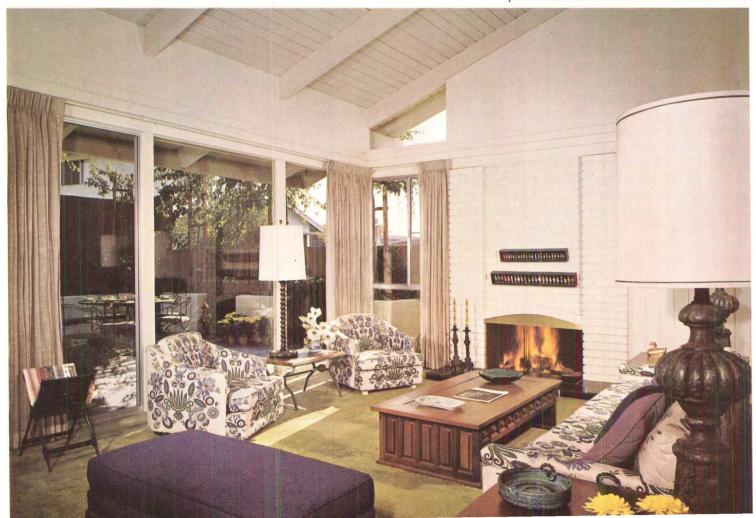


Early California style shows in Mexican furniture, strong colors.



Colorful items on wall units enliven a study. Blooming plants on patio bring in extra color.

Low furnishings accent the ceiling height, and permit unobstructed view out to the terrace.



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Design your displays to dramatize your major sales theme

A successful sales theme is much more than just a promotional gimmick. It is the trademark which sets your project apart from the competition, and the means by which your buyers can be given the sense of belonging to a permanent and identifiable community. So not only must the theme be picked with care, it must be kept before prospective buyers in every possible way.

Eight examples of successful on-site sales-theme presentation are shown at right and on the following four pages. All of them stress the idea of a stable, permanent community. And taken as a group, they also show a variety of concepts around which sales themes can be spun. Three examples:

The historical theme is used by the builders of Rancho Bernardo (right), a planned unit development. Detached houses, townhouses and a retirement community all are merchandised within the framework of an early Spanish atmosphere.

Contrasting themes of elegance for a highpriced waterfront community and family living for a lower-priced project are shown in two Maryland projects built by Panitz & Co.

A made-up theme—King Arthur's round table—was used by Minchew Corp. of Annandale, Va., to create originality for a project that was otherwise intrinsically similar to its competition.

On a 197-year-old ranch,



Red tile roof on white adobe sales office typifies Rancho Bernardo's early-Spanish character.



Photo displays of model houses in various price ranges are mounted in Spanish-arch shadowboxes.



Area map of Southern California shows relation of project to surrounding communities.



The land's history and chain of title are traced from the King of Spain to today's owners.

the entire sales effort is based upon Spanish history and tradition



Atmosphere of sales office reinforces Rancho Bernardo's appeal to the tradition-minded.



Recreation photo featuring older people promotes retirement village in the community.



Pins on a U.S. map show former home towns of families now living in the community.



Cluster-planning concept of project comes alive in a table-top scale model.

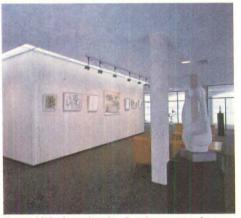
Elegance and restraint set the tone for \$35,000 houses, but . . .



Handsome scale model depicts Rumsey Island, a boating-oriented Maryland community.



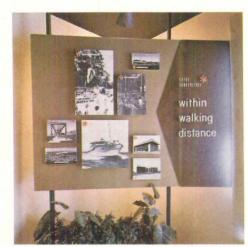
Smart displays carry a minimum of materials on each panel, avoid any hard-sell impression.



Art exhibit featuring local painters sets the tone for the Panitz & Co. sales pavilion.

... bright color and excitement sell same builder's \$19,000 models





Day-to-day convenience is emphasized in selling lower-priced subdivision houses.

Three-dimensional figures, family activity photos are heart of Joppatowne's sales office display.

A made-up theme distinguishes Camelot from look-alike competition



Knights of the Round Table shields (below) identify builder John Minchew's models near Washington, D.C. Color-coded, three-dimensional plan (right) shows location of various models.







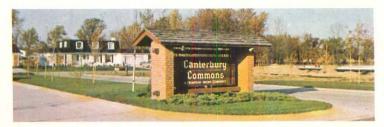




Directional and informational signs are blended into the community



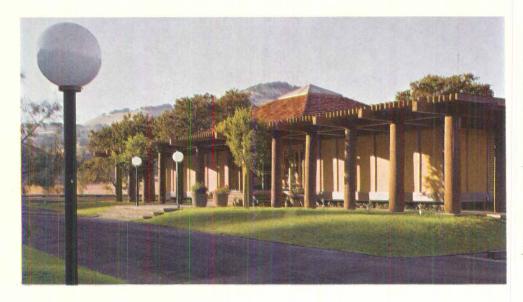
Architectural treatment is given to outdoor signs in Thompson-Brown's newest Detroit subdivision

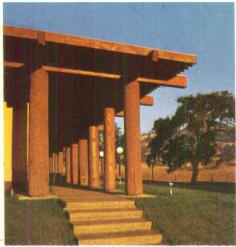






A substantial building connotes stability and permanence to buyers





Sunset San Marin office gives feeling that brandnew development is successful, here to stay.

Future community buildings are embodied in today's sales office



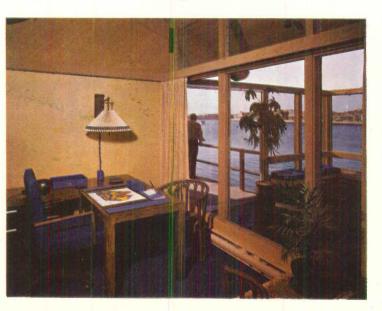


Larwin's Los Angeles sales area will be converted to a community center when townhouses are sold.

This office overlooks the community's outstanding sales feature

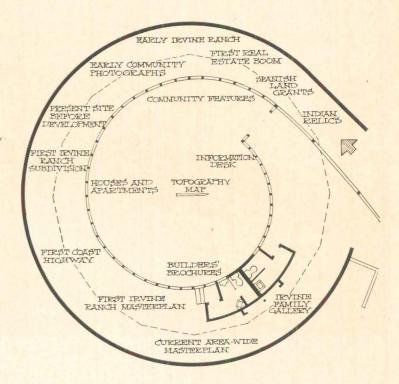


Closing room at Huntington Harbour opens on the water, because most buyers are boating oriented.





Visitors enter building (plan, right) at California's huge Irvine Ranch development through unroofed perimeter corridor where displays show history of region, development, and company. Corridor leads to inside displays of housing projects. Building cost \$100,000.



This circular information center gets around to houses at the end



Perimeter corridor, seen here at entrance, is open to sky and has brick outer wall on which pictures, maps, and other displays are mounted.



Early Spanish land holder is shown in historical display painted on ceramic tile. Special coating protects all outside displays from weather.



Authentic photo of company founder on oldfashioned bicycle introduces prospects to Irvine Co. About 1,300 visitors tour center each week,



Air-conditioned inside area has spotlights focused on displays. Tour ends at hostess's desk, where visitors get directions to housing sites.

To make the sales that other builders miss . . .

SListen to what top merchandisers say about five key sales topics



O'BRIEN

James T. O'Brien is VP for marketing and sales for New Jerseys Goodwin Housing Corp., and was honored as NAHB's Sales Manager of the Year for 1965. He describes his duties in one short sentence: "My job is to sell houses."

'You can find out a lot about your market if you know where to look'

So says Marketing Vice President Jim O'Brien, who last year turned Goodwin Homes' sales projection of 80 houses into 120 actual sales, and the company's gross from a predicted \$1.7 million to \$2.8 million.

"Our own market research got us those sales we otherwise would have missed," says O'Brien. "We've found there's research information all around, and any medium size builder can dig it out at little cost."

O'Brien gathers his facts and draws his conclusions from four basic sources: 1) what the competition is building and selling, 2) data on his own buyers and on prospects who buy elsewhere, 3) a pilot house program, and 4) local government and business statistics and reports.

Shopping the competition will show market voids you can fill

O'Brien shops each subdivision within a three-mile radius, plus some of the larger ones beyond. His aim: to find out what others are building and selling, and even more important, what they are not. He tabulates style, price, amenities offered and sales or standing inventory, and compares these profiles with his own models. And he pays special attention to higher-priced houses, looking for features he can incorporate into Goodwin Homes models.

The survey, an annual job, is begun in November, and O'Brien tries to have it tabulated and analyzed by February 1. Although he occasionally hires college students to do some of the legwork, he and his sales staff do most of it themselves, with an assist from their secretary who shops with a woman's eye.

Brochures, photos, talks with other

builders' salesmen and drives through their subdivisions can unearth significant facts. Example: O'Brien visited one subdivision that had had phenomenal success with a raised ranch model. From the highway it looked as though this house had accounted for the majority of sales. But driving into newer streets, O'Brien noticed that only one of 50 houses under construction was a raised ranch. His conclusion: the demand had long since passed its peak.

Shopping the competition has paid off for Goodwin Homes. Early in 1965 O'Brien spotted three promising markets:

1) a strong demand for two-story houses, and a complete blank in such houses with two-car garages;

2) a demand for a lux-ury ranch model, and 3) an imminent mid-year boom in transferee families who would buy on the basis of immediate occupancy if an inventory were built ahead of sales. The 50% gain that the company achieved over its original 1965 projections came almost entirely from these three areas.

There's a gold mine of information right in your own files

Mortgage applications give useful data on family size and income. And Goodwin Homes asks every family who visits the models to fill out cards stating the family's age makeup, style preferences, needs, likes and dislikes. (Regular mailings are made to these families until they either buy a house or go out of the market.)

This type of information can produce results like this: Goodwin Homes intended bringing out a low-cost raised ranch model this spring, but mortgage applications showed that most of their raised ranch buyers had above-average incomes. So the new raised ranch will be upgraded to the top of the line, and a new two-story will be aimed at young families stretching their budgets to get into the subdivision.

Even the community country club (owned by Goodwin Homes) will benefit from research. Age-group tabulations showed a need for a babies' wading or sprinkling pool, rather than a second swimming pool which might have been indicated by sheer numbers. And basketball hoops on many subdivision garages showed that outdoor backboards at the club would get much more use than the usually-vacant tennis courts.

You can learn as much from non-buyers as from buyers

Every prospect who cancels or who buys another builder's house is asked why by Goodwin Homes. If a pattern emerges, O'Brien has a firm base for changing current models. He has added a rear porch and a fireplace to the lower-level family room of a raised ranch model to meet objections of families who were interested in the house but wound up buying elsewhere.

Free local statistics can tell you when and where your area will grow

O'Brien uses census figures for his area, FHA reports, building permits, deed trans-

fers, utility connections, and data from Chambers of Commerce and industrial commissions to give him a statistical background for determining the overall growth in his area. And sources like school systems, motels, shopping centers, company personnel directors and businessmen provide data on specific prospect groups.

O'Brien salesmen read all local newspapers and keep their ears open for useful scraps of information. In one case, a casual remark about how quickly a visitor needed a house turned up the fact that a 600-job company of well-paid engineers was relocating in the area, although this was not yet common knowledge.

You can predict market response with a pilot house program

Goodwin Homes always keeps from one to three pilot houses open to the public. The purpose: to test a design without having to give it the full-fledged model house treatment of furnishing, decorating and landscaping.

"We always build these houses well back in the subdivision," says O'Brien, "and visitors are referred to them from the models. We ask for comments, and after we have learned all we can we either add the pilot to our next year's line or drop it. We have never had any trouble selling these pilots at cost, and we consider the research a bargain."



NATHENSON

James M. Nathenson is a second generation president of Chicago's Central Construction Corp., which sells 100 houses per year priced from \$25,000 to \$31,000. Of these, 17.6% directly involve the trade-in of the buyer's older house.

'Use trades to remove sales barriers—not as gimmicks to build traffic'

So says Builder Nathenson who makes one out of every six sales with the aid of a trade-in program.

"Trades are made by my salesmen, not my ads," says Nathenson. "We find that people brought in by trade-in ads or signs are seldom good prospects because they are not specifically interested in our new houses. Too many of them turn out to be more interested in selling than in buying."

Nathenson leaves the mechanics of his trade-ins to a specialist—First Trade-In Homes Corp. (H&H, Feb.)—which charges a fee for buying trade directly from the customer. But he is convinced that his own new-house salesmen are the key to making trade-in sales; if they do their job well, the trading company will have no difficulty proving the advantages of trades to the prospective buyer.

First rule of trading: create an eagerness to buy the new house

Nathenson's two salesmen, Bob Marshall and Marty Davis, use opposite approaches,

but both emphasize the new home rather than the trade. Marshall avoids the subject of trading until he feels the customer is deeply committed to a specific new house; Davis likes to bring up the subject as soon as he learns the prospect already owns a house. Both of them steer clear of the mechanics of trading until they feel sure that the family really wants to buy. They try to narrow down the interest to a single model, then show how the trade-in plan can provide the needed equity.

Trades are easy deals to start but tough deals to close

Nathenson's men are trained not to use the "if you don't like the appraisal, you don't have to go through with it" approach. By finding out where the old house is located, what it cost and when it was bought they get a good idea of what equity the buyer has, and they try to keep the new house within that limit. Usually they suggest that the family buy just the basic house, leaving off optional extras. If the

buyer's equity turns out to be larger than expected the extras can always be added, but if he has set his heart on certain features and finds he can't afford them, it may kill the sale. Statistics show that most buyers, when they get the cash from their old house, add \$2,000 to \$3,000 in extras.

One of the best bets for trading is the family that has equity exceeding the down payment of the new house. The excess can be used for other family needs such as education, investment, recreation, etc.

Nine out of ten times, Salesmen Marshall and Davis try not to complete the trade-in deal at the model house, going instead to their prospects' homes to sign the contract. Reason: it helps them establish a rapport with the family, and lets them see the house to be traded and so lay the groundwork for establishing a realistic market value. But under no circumstances will they estimate the selling price of the old house. The furthest they will go is, "You have a lovely house here and I know you will be pleased with its appraisal."

Phony listings are the worst enemy of a good trade-in program

Central Construction's sales force has mixed feelings about the old house that is listed but unsold. If the owner has attempted to sell it himself he may now realize that its market value is not as high as he hopes. But too often he has been influenced by the wildly optimistic valuation

of a broker intent on getting the listing. Some brokers will promise anything to tie up the house.

When they have comparable houses in their trade-in files, the salesmen show them to the prospect as an indirect way of telling him the approximate valuation of his house. They also emphasize that three independent appraisals will be made, and that if the house sells for more than the appraisal, the prospect will receive the difference.

Satisfied trade-in buyers are the best convincers you can have

Since most of Nathenson's prospects are from Chicago's South Side, the salesmen usually can point to previous buyers who came from the same neighborhood and perhaps even worked for the same company. In such cases, the prospect is urged to contact these families in their new homes and ask how trading worked for them. The invariable answer: it worked fine.

Salesmen get the same commission on a trade-in deal as on a normal sale, so they have no reason to avoid the extra work required. On the other hand, Nathenson warns them not to put through unlikely deals and hope for the law of averages to bail them out, since there is an irreducible cost of making a trade-in offer whether it results in a new-house sale or not. And he emphasizes accurate qualifying to reduce wasted efforts to a minimum.



GRANT

Robert H. Grant & Co. has scheduled 550 houses, priced from \$25,000 to \$35,000, for 1966 in its Stardust Park and Fairway Park subdivisions near Los Angeles, Grant's permanent staff numbers only 20 persons.

'In effective public relations, the deed, not the word, comes first'

So says Builder Robert H. Grant, who gives major credit for his present rate of referral sales to this aspect of his sales program. In the past 11 years Grant has sold over 7,500 houses in Orange County, Calif.

Grant defines his PR activities thus: "Doing things in our marketing area that will win the approval of the community, and gain the confidence of city officials."

If you think PR is pictures in the real estate section, you're wrong

Grant feels that too many builders equate public relations with publicity, and the success of a PR campaign with how many column inches of "puff" publicity they get in local papers. He says: "Only service to your buyers and your community will win the results you seek."

Grant expects all his employees to be active in the community, both as individuals and as representatives of Stardust Homes. These activities range from directorships in local hospitals to work for the

United Fund and other charities.

"The corporate interest we take in the community as individuals helps us keep in touch with what local opinion-makers and leaders think. But even if we got no tangible benefit (which we do), I would still encourage participation because it is the moral responsibility of business leaders to take an active part in their communities."

Youth activities are a major segment of the Grant effort. They include athletic teams, the construction of a 20-acre playground, and an annual \$500 scholarship to the local high school.

"These things help convince planning commissions and city councils that we are not hit and run builders," says Grant, "and they enhance buyer goodwill and influence referral sales."

Nothing builds more goodwill than service after the sale

Post-sales service is classified by Grant as public relations rather than as construction. His service men are all uni-

formed, their trucks prominently carry the company name, and they are continuously reminded that their relations with buyers constitute one of the firm's most important public relations aspects.

Here are five rules for getting the most out of your PR dollar

- 1) Unless you have an ad agency with a full time PR staff, retain an individual or firm that specializes in PR.
- 2) Specify that your monthly retainer will buy a definite number of service hours. Typical figures: \$500 per month

plus expenses for two to three direct service hours each week. Special events will call for additional allotments,

- 3) Allow a month or six weeks for a thorough exploration of your firm by a new PR agency, then expect a comprehensive plan of action in writing, including specific recommendations and projects.
- 4) Give the agency full insight into all your company's operations, instead of just calling it in to put out brush fires.
- 5) Split the marketing and corporate aspects of PR, and have them supervised by your appropriate executive.

LADD

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ROBINSON

Roger Ladd is president and Robert Robinson is sales vice president of Ladd Enterprises (H&H, April). They oversee an eight-man sales force which in 1965 sold 303 houses worth \$4.4 million.

'There's a big market in transferees—if you know how to reach them'

So says Builder Ladd, whose company has made 10% of its sales to transferees over the past four years.

Ladd stumbled onto this lucrative market literally by accident. In January of 1962, Ladd Enterprises had just opened a new subdivision to the acclaim of virtually no one. "We were dying," says Ladd

Then one day two United Airline pilots visited the model homes ("I think they were lost," says Ladd) and showed interest in a Ladd project 30 miles northwest of Chicago's O'Hare Field. Most important, the pilots said there were dozens of other United employes being transferred with them from Denver to Chicago.

A week later both pilots decided to buy houses, and Ladd decided to go after more UAL transferees. He fired off a telegram to the pilots thanking them for their purchases, and telling them that a Ladd sales representative was on his way to Denver and would set up a hospitality suite in a local motel. Then he loaded Sales Vice President Robert Robinson and a salesman into a car ("We couldn't even afford train fare") and headed them for Denver.

In Denver, meanwhile, the two pilots had tacked Ladd's telegram to the UAL bulletin board. When the hospitality suite opened, nearly 70 transferring families showed up.

Results came quickly. Within the next few months 60 houses were sold to UAL employees, and Ladd began probing other companies for prospects. To date the sales force has traveled 43,282 man-miles, visiting seven different cities to court transferees in their home towns. The effort has paid off with total sales of more than 100 houses.

Best of all, the cost of making the average transferee sale has turned out to be between \$90 and \$100—about half the

cost of selling to a local buyer.

In the four years since the two airline pilots dropped in, Ladd's sales force has refined and systematized its techniques of selling to transferees. Here, based on that experience, are the market's cardinal requirements.

You must win the friendship and confidence of transferees

"We want to be the first link between the family and the Chicago area," says Sales Manager Robinson. "The secret is to have sales people who will relax and sell themselves. They have to put the transferee at ease."

The reason is that most transferees are happily housed people who view a transfer as slightly less desirable than a one-way ticket to Lower Slobbovia. And they are inclined to suspect that any attempt to show them new houses will turn out to be a distasteful hard-sell. But transfer they must, and when Ladd salesmen visit their city many of them show up, if merely out of curiosity.

Ladd handles this hostility by doing virtually no selling during his initial contact.

"About 90% of the people who come to the suite say they hate to move," says Robinson. The wives bring this out. We tell them we don't blame them, but that this is their husband's business and we only want to make their move as comfortable as possible. Then some of the women grit their teeth and say, 'Well, what have you got?'"

At this point Robinson and his men have found it pays *not* to get too specific with plans, photos and other sales aids. Instead they give out brochures of their communities, and leave town on this note: "Stop by and let us take you to lunch. Don't make a decision until you have seen us."

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Ladd salesmen also advise transferring families on non-housing matters such as location of churches, schools, recreational facilities, and even special schools for handicapped children. If the transferee is interested in buying above the top Ladd price (\$26,900), the sales team provides names of various builders in the price range and location desired.

You should try for cooperation from the company's personnel manager

Says Robinson. "Naturally a personnel manager can't endorse any particular builder, but he can make things a lot easier for you."

When Robinson learns of a large company transferring employees into Chicago, he tries to contact the company's personnel manager as quickly as possible. He prefers an introduction through a third person, and often gets help from his contacts among mortgage bankers, S&L men, or commercial bankers. Only if this approach fails does he write or make an unannounced call on the manager.

Robinson asks for permission to post an invitation to the hospitality suite on the company bulletin board, and to make sales brochures available to the families being moved.

Some companies are uncooperative, fearing they will be deluged by homebuilders and realty companies. Others welcome Ladd's sales aids because large-scale transfers often involve consolidations of departments, and the company fears that a large number of employees will refuse transfer.

Reynolds Metals Co. faced just this problem when it moved its supply company headquarters from Richmond, Va. to Chicago. Says the Reynold's assistant personnel manager: "We asked our employees where they would like to move to, and they told us Atlanta or several other cities—but not Chicago. This attitude changed when Bob Robinson came to Richmond and showed pictures of [Ladd's] Crystal Lake area with some homes that looked like Williamsburg."

You should mesh your sales effort with company aids to transferees

The reason: the level of aid the company provides will help you decide whether the transferees will become buyers or renters.

For example, Ladd failed to sell any houses to Internal Revenue Service employees being moved from Omaha to Chicago because the federal government would not help the transferees sell or carry their old houses. Almost all the employees had to rent quarters in Chicago while they tried to sell their Omaha houses and so recover the equity to make down payments on new houses.

Happily, most large companies recognize

this transitional difficulty. United Airlines lets employees try to sell their houses for 90 days (during which it will pay realty commissions); after that, UAL will buy the house for an agreed price. And American Telephone & Telegraph will pay interest and taxes on the old house for six months and will lend transferees the down payment for a new house until the old one is sold.

You can get leads on big transfers from many sources

Sales Manager Robinson watches local newspaper business pages for news of company consolidations, moves or mergers. He checks regularly with mortgage bankers, since they seem to hear about transfers early. He and his salesmen stay on the alert for model home visitors who may be transferees and so herald large moves. And Robinson regularly reads a newsletter called *Herb Ireland's Sales Prospector* for news of transfers. The newsletter is available in state editions, and costs Ladd about \$35 yearly for coverage of three states.

You should vary your sales approach to fit the transferee's occupation

Robinson finds that different occupations produce startlingly different attitudes, which must be met with varying sales techniques. Two examples:

Engineers tend to be cost-conscious and very analytical. "They literally want to redesign the house," says Robinson. The AT&T contingent of engineers from Cincinnati descended upon Ladd with tape measures and slide rules to get every fact and figure they could. Robinson's men met this by providing detailed dimensions and breakdowns of costs per square foot.

Airline pilots are far more interested in the community (Robinson attributes this to the fact that pilots fly only 85 hours a month and have more spare time than 9-to-5 office workers) and in neighbors with like interests. One TWA captain who bought in a Ladd subdivision is building two small experimental planes in his garage, and salesmen always drive airline prospects by his house for a look.

As a corollary, Robinson notes that company environment seems to produce certain personal habits which can influence choice of a house. AT&T men tend to travel in car pools to and from the office; when Robinson learned this, he invited transferees to a luncheon devoted solely to discussing transportation from Crystal Lake to Chicago. Fortunately, Crystal Lake is 65 minutes (and \$39.16 a month) from Chicago's Loop via the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, generally rated the nation's best commuter line, and the approach netted 20 sales to reformed car pool men,

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PHILLIPS



WOLFE



BARROW

Salesmen Charles Phillips, Richard Wolfe, and Sam Barrow, Jr. produced sales of more than \$9 million for Washington, D.C.'s Kettler Brothers last year. Each of the trio is responsible for a major subdivision with houses priced from \$35,000 to \$60,000.

'If you want your salesmen to produce, let them know they're important'

So say Salesmen Phillips, Wolfe and Barrow whose aggregate sales last year totaled more than \$9 million. And all three emphatically state that the way their employer treats them is a major factor in their record of success. Says Barrow: "Kettler looks on us not as people picked off the street to con homebuyers, but as serious businessmen interested in their company."

This attitude has produced both loyalty and longevity; Barrow has been with Kettler for four years, Wolfe six years and Phillips nine years.

In an industry where all too often salesmen come and go like ships in the night, most builders would give their eye teeth for such a combination of ability and stability in their sales force. They can get it, say Kettler's three aces, if they follow five basic rules.

You should allow your salesmen to earn what they are worth

"One of the main things that keeps us with Kettler," says Wolfe, "is the fact that the company has no income ceiling for its salesmen." Kettler's salesmen enjoy incomes substantially above the average; last year, working on a commission amounting to about 1% of sales, two of them made more than \$20,000 and the third made more than \$40,000.

"We've been to an awful lot of industry meetings where salesmen complain that the builders they work for won't let them make over a certain amount," says Phillips. "That's just plain foolish. A salesman won't push for those extra sales if he's already reached his ceiling."

Fringe benefits are also important to the three salesmen (profit sharing plus a medical insurance plan). "Fringes don't put much in your pockets," says Barrow, "but they do reflect a builder's attitude."

You should pay serious attention to your salesmen's suggestions

Kettler regularly solicits suggestions from its salesmen on new house design, equipment and fixtures, design changes and overall planning for new subdivisions.

"There's no one who knows better what buyers want than the salesmen," says Phillips. And adds Wolfe: "When we've been in on a decision, we know why something is being done the way it is. So we can explain the house much more easily and honestly to the buyer."

On recent advice from its salesmen Kettler has changed front grades on some models by as much as two feet, increased the frequency of two models in a subdivision (requiring a costly plan change), and dropped an advertising campaign in a local newspaper.

You should deal ethically with both salesmen and buyers

When a builder's dealings with a buyer are questionable, no one suffers like the salesman. Says Wolfe: "I know of at least six cases of salesmen quitting jobs because they got tired of taking the rap for the builder's conduct."

Equally important, say Phillips, Wolfe and Barrow, are the ethics of the builder's dealings with his salesmen. There are far too many cases, the three agree, of a builder deducting the salesman's commission on a sale to a friend, a supplier or some other business acquaintance. Every Kettler house is sold through a salesman, and he gets his full commission even if a broker initiates the deal (the latter's fee is paid by the company).

You should not clutter up salesmen's time with minor duties

"If you load us down with paperwork and a lot of peripheral jobs," says Barrow, "we'll have trouble finding time to do what we were hired for—selling houses."

Kettler's salesmen are helped by a cadre of neighborhood women who, on a part-time basis, handle the preliminary work with prospects—house tours, for example—and do most of the paperwork.

This part-time help also gives the Kettler salesmen time to do work in the community.

"I've organized little leagues, cookouts, parades and discussion groups," says Wolfe. This type of activity has helped produce sales, and has provided free advertising for the community.

You should make the salesman feel he's a key member of the company

Kettler Brothers has done this by letting its salesmen set their own pace.

"We are told by our sales manager, that the company has guidelines, not rules, for 'us," says Barrow. "You'd be surprised how relaxed that makes us feel, and how much it helps us sell." Thus Wolfe felt free to install one-way glass in his sales office to keep an eye on prospects outside, and Phillips designed a desk to his own specifications.

Kettler's salesmen are allowed to schedule their own time. Says Phillips: "This lets us get much more involved with the business, because we can take a slow selling period and use it for reading trade journals and business papers, or for talking with local officials."

To make the sales that other builders miss . . .

6 Check this grab bag of merchandising ideas and reminders



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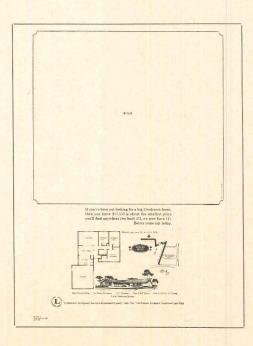
This site is surrounded by flat, treeless terrain, so Janis Corp. of Miami brought in palm trees and dredged an artificial lake with a foot bridge.



Here's something different in model-house landscaping

A bridge over a man-made pond invites buyers into this model by Contemporary Homes, St. Louis. Other touc es: curving walks, split-rail fences.





These newspaper ads sell hard, but their tone is soft

So soft, in fact, that they stand out on real estate pages that are loaded with big type and big claims. The townhouse ad at left is aimed

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Don't black yourself out at nightYou can see here what night lighting does for a
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Even yachts can be a sales aidSalesmen use cabin cruisers to show waterfront living at Huntington Harbour near Los Angeles.



Put cooking glamour in the kitchenGourmet utensils on wrought-iron hooks do the trick in a Huntington Harbour model.



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California's Larwin Group uses this low-cost eye-catcher to sell renters on home ownership.



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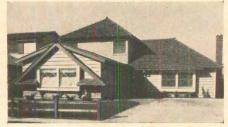
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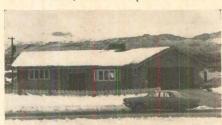
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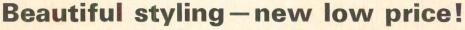
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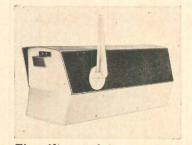
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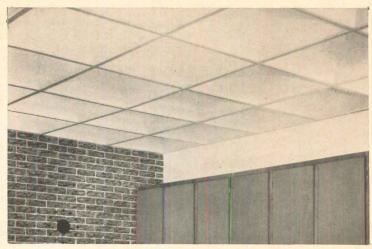
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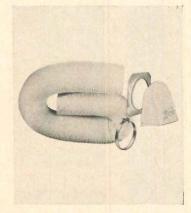
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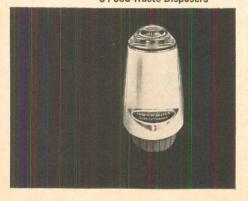
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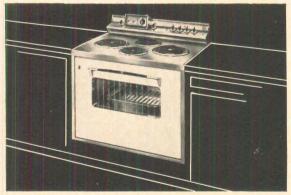
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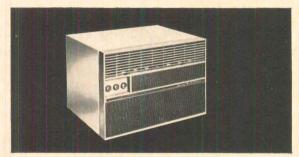


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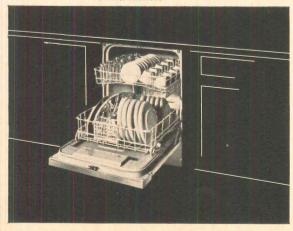


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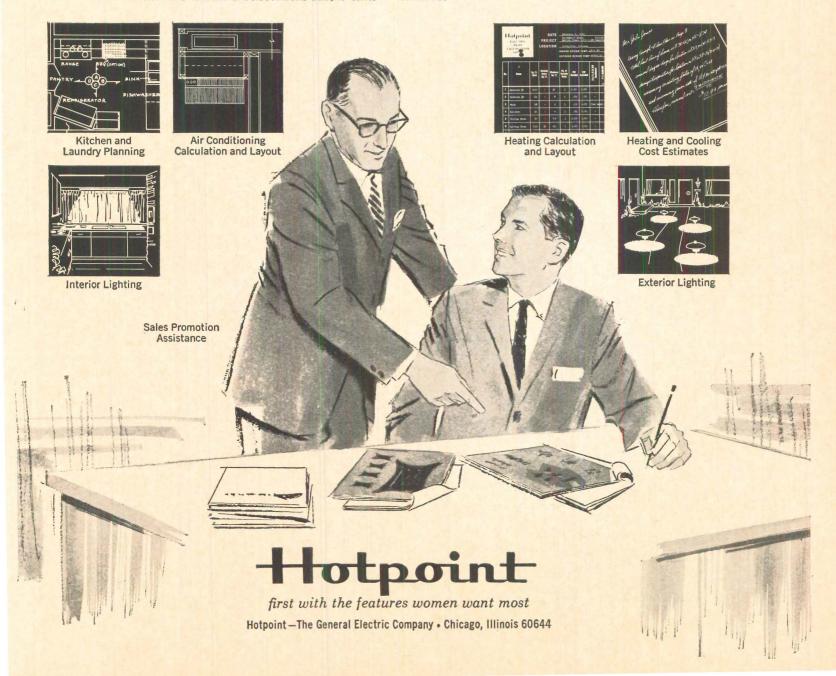


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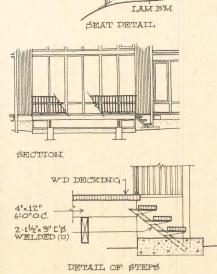
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A PROJECTING DECK BUILT TOWARDS A VIEW

The 16'-wide deck extends 30' from the glass-walled entrance gallery (below) towards a view of San Francisco Bay. To save a 2'-wide tree, the deck was built with a 3'-square opening for the trunk. Architects: Campbell & Wong.

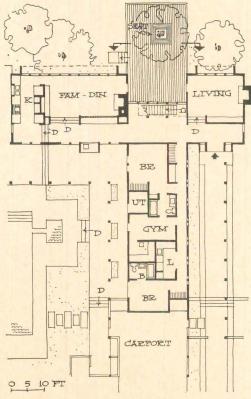




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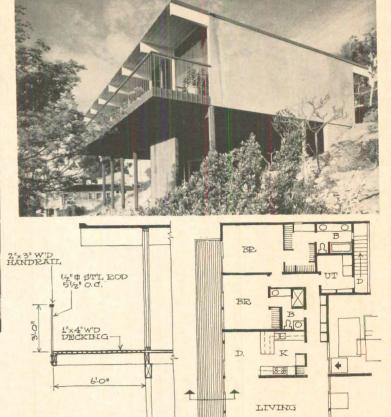


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A 47'-LONG DECK ABOVE A STEEP SLOPE

It is protected from the western sun by a 4'-deep overhang and faces a view of La Jolla, Calif., and the sea. All the main living areas open onto the deck through tinted glass floor-to-ceiling windows and sliding doors. Architect: Homer Delawie.





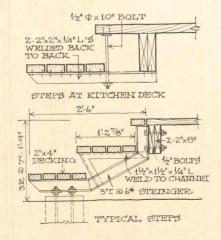




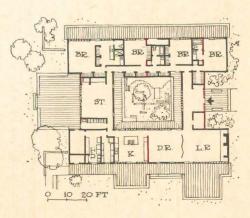
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LOW DECKS THAT TIE THE HOUSE TO THE GROUND

The two decks above are built off the study and around the atrium (see plan). They form a bridge between the living level and the ground, and provide usable outdoor space during fall and spring when the ground is damp and cold. Architects: Hayes, Howell & Associates, Southern Pines, N.C.



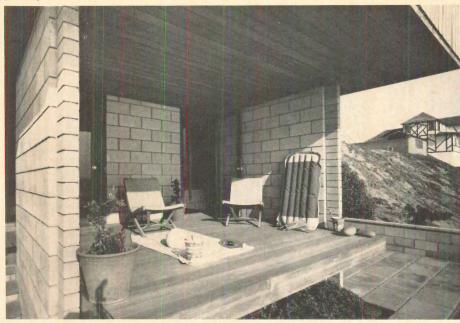
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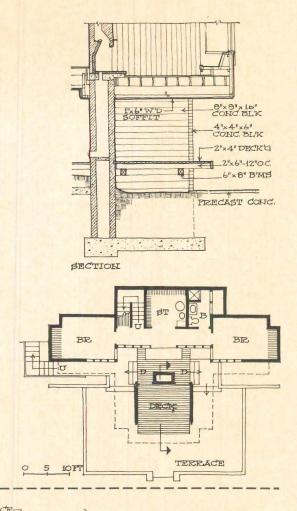
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A SHELTERED DECK FOR A WINDY BEACH SITE

This 10'x10' deck, snugged between masonry walls, is part of a year-round beach house in Oceanside, Calif. With rear doors closed, it becomes a wind-free sunpocket in winter. Architects: Schoell & Geritz.

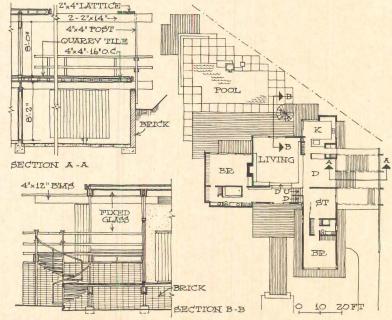


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DECKS THAT LEVEL OUT A SLOPING SITE

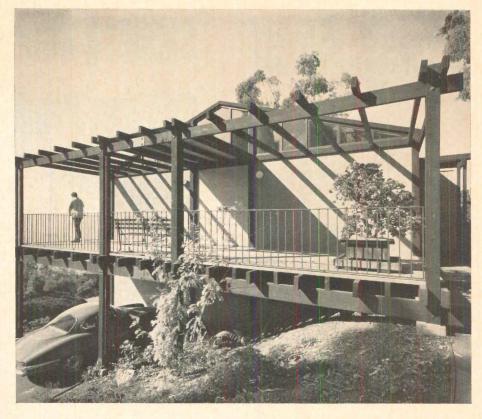
This house is completely surrounded by decks. The carport deck (above) opens off the study, dining room and service area. The rear decks (below) are on three levels and serve the kitchen, living room and master bedroom. Spiral stairs connect the top and bottom levels. Architect: Raymond Kappe. Location: Sherman Oaks, Calif.





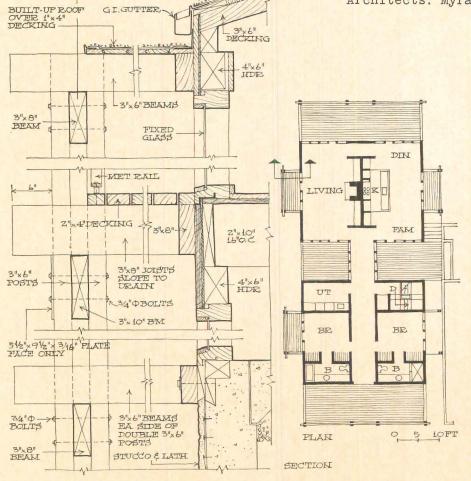
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LONG-LEGGED DECKS FOR A VERY STEEP SITE

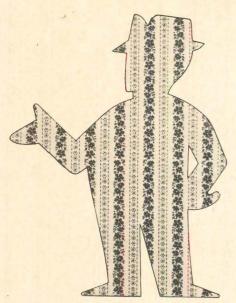
The decks provide eight convenient outdoor living areas with varied views for this house in Berkeley, Calif. The entrance deck-bridge (above) leads to the main living level above garage, storage and workshop. Architects: Myra and Ronald Brocchini.



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For the next five years, Sid Heiman spent the greater part of his life in an airplane. He flew to every section of the country to give seminars to consumers, electrical contractors, builders and architects.

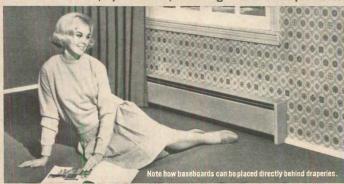
By 1962, 50,000 Installations

By 1962, his new equipment began to sell in substantial volume. At the end of 1963, he could count more than 50,000 installations in homes, apartments, motels, offices, etc.

Then, in 1964, Jim Price, chairman of the board of National Homes Corporation, the world's largest producer of manufactured homes, learned that one of his home dealers in Indianapolis, Indiana, was offering International's hot water electric heat as an option to gas heat.

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Soon after, National Homes put into motion plans to adopt International hot water electric heat for all of its plants, including its subsidiaries: Lesco Homes, Martinsville, Virginia; and Best Homes, Effingham, Illinois.

In the meantime, other builders had begun using International. Electrical contractors throughout the country started recommending it to their customers.

Portable Model Sales

And many of the nation's leading department stores began selling International hot water electric heat in portable models, which can easily be carried from room to room. These stores include Hammacher Schlemmer in New York City; Hechinger's in Washington, D. C.; L. Grossman & Sons in New England; Famous-Barr in St. Louis, and Brueners on the West Coast.

What makes this heating equipment so remarkable and worthwhile?

One reason is its economy. Take the case of Argyle Gardens Apartments in Elmhurst, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. There, the first year's operating costs averaged more than 25% below the estimates of the local electric utility. In some apartments, the cost was as much as 60% below estimates.

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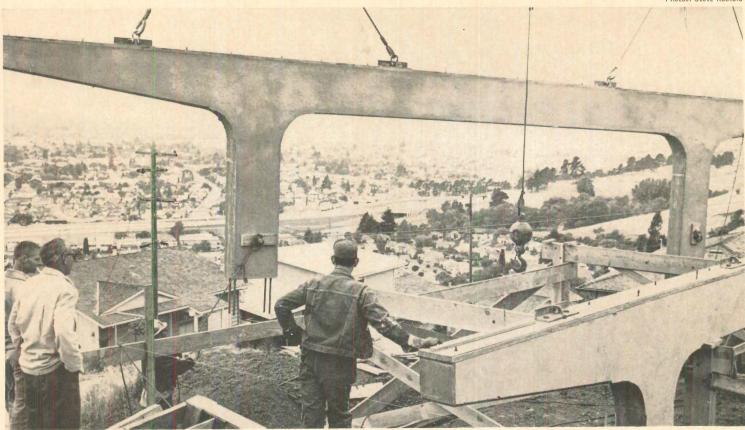
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DOUBLE-TEE BENT for a 50'x52' house is placed parallel to second double-tee across steep slope. The 20,000-lb. bents rest on 10'-deep caissons.

Question: Do concrete bents like these make sense for hillside houses? Answer: Yes—but only if they are cast in place

The bents, though more expensive than steel stilts, are used by Builder James Knuppe of Hayward, Calif., because:

1. They look better than steel stilts from the downhill side.

2. They eliminate the floor "bounce" that people often object to in stilt houses.

But Knuppe says it doesn't pay to precast the bents in a sand bed at the site and lift them into position. He tried it that way with the bents shown here and found that the giant crane he needed caused too many scheduling problems and cost too much—\$100 an hour for up to two days.

So Knuppe has designed fiberglass forms and will try casting the bents in place. He will still need a crane—but only a light one—for the laminated-wood or concrete beams that span the bents.

Knuppe uses two kinds of bents-dou-

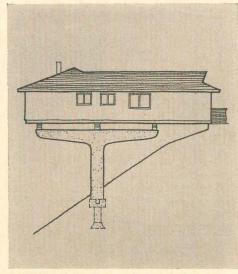
ble-tee (photos) and single-tee (drawing). He tried them out last year in an experiment with three 50'x52' hillside houses: two were built on the bents and the third on a steel structure. Square-foot costs of the completed platforms—including foundation, subfloor and rough plumbing—were \$2.75 for 40,000-lb. single-tees, \$2.65 for 20,000-lb. double-tees, and \$2.50 for steel rigid frames plus glue-lam beams.



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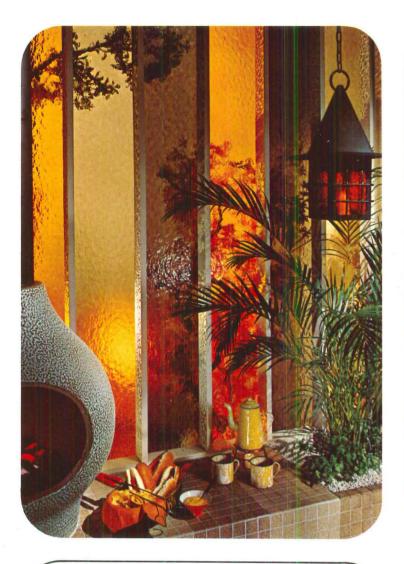
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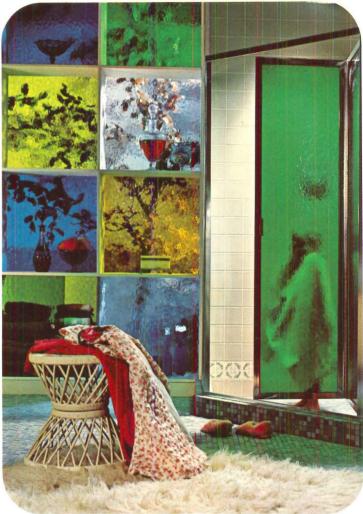
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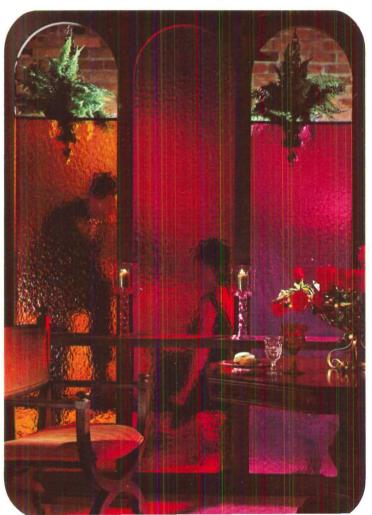
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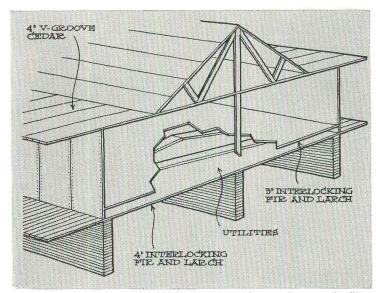
LONG SPAN over man-made pond is bridged by 1'x4' glue-lam beams on stone-faced concrete

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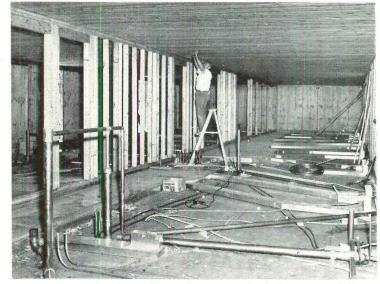


EXPOSED FLOOR above pond is interlocking cedar-faced decking spanning 15' between beams.

Question: Where are the utilities in this open-foundation house?



CROSS SECTION shows use of laminated decking as floor, roof-ceiling and unsupported balconies. Truss transfers roof load to center partition.



UTILITIES PLENUM let tradesmen lay out mechanicals on top of floor rather than below. Then a 3"-thick walking surface was laid on 8" spacers.

Answer: All wiring, ducts and plumbing are inside the hollow floor

Builder Bob Schmitt had no choice. The mechanicals couldn't go under the plank floor decking because they would have been exposed to view and to the elements. So Schmitt added a second layer of decking—spaced 8" above the first layer by 2x8s—and created a utilities plenum.

The bottom layer of decking is more than just a good-looking subfloor, however. It cantilevers 6' and 8' on two sides of the house to form house-length balconies (drawing) without any framing support. And it spans 15' between floor beams. To get this kind of strength from decking,

Schmitt used 4"-thick laminated boards—fir core and cedar facing—with tongue-and-groove joints at ends and sides.

Heavy 4" decking was also used as combination finished ceiling and roof. But here, because of heavier loading, a row of trusses was added over a center bearing wall. The trusses also provide a raceway which solves the problem of how to run wires to ceiling fixtures in a single-thickness ceiling.

Schmitt, well known for his pioneering in homebuilding technology, went out of his way to make this house a showcase for wood. First, he set up a dramatic span demonstration by building the house across an artificial pond. Second, he left the horizontal wood bearing members exposed as natural finish and covered the rest of the framing—inside and out—with other wood finishes.

Schmitt also made the house a show-case for himself—it is his own home. He built it on a 150'x400' lot in his current tract in Berea, Ohio. Besides the 32'x100' main living section shown above—which contains a 32'x50' lower level—the house has an adjoining 35'x60' swimming-pool building. Total square footage: 7,160.



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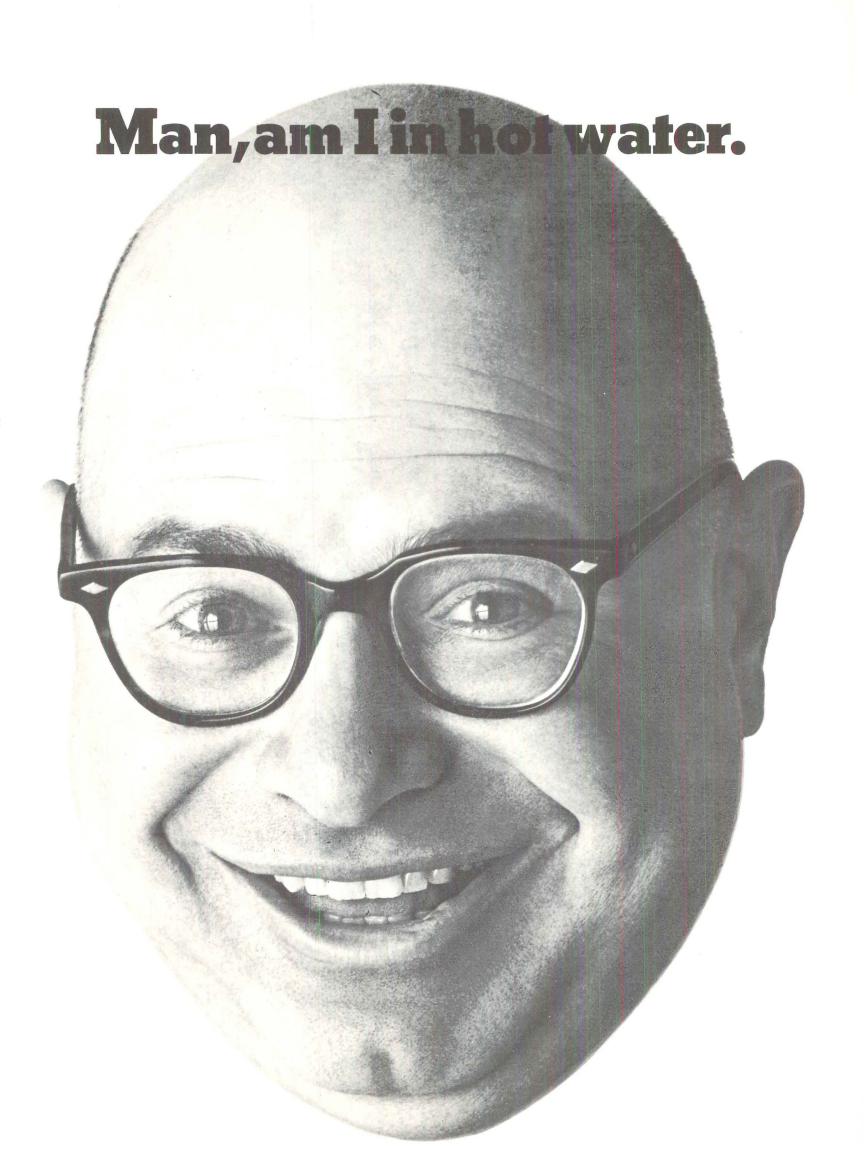


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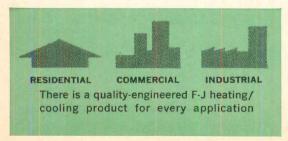






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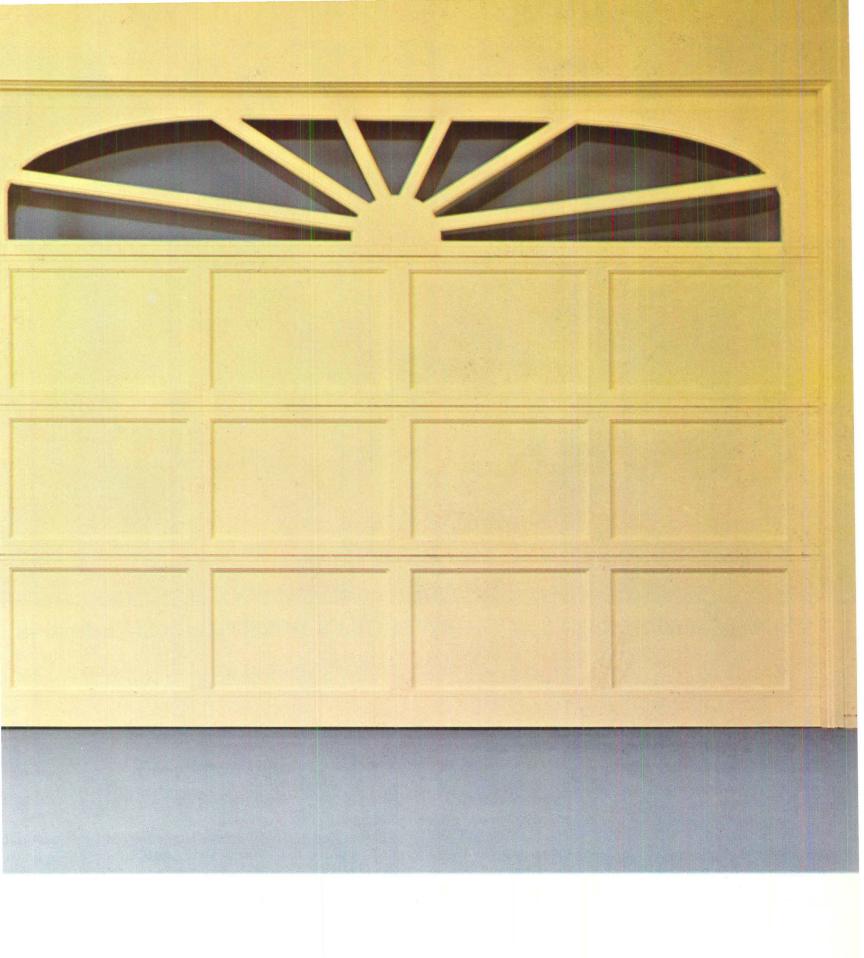
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Kitchens



Built-in dishwasher incorporates a miniature food disposer to eliminate the need for hand-rinsing dishes. Choice of door panels: brushed chrome, pink, yellow, turquoise, shaded copper bronze, halo beige. Admiral, Chicago. *Circle 204 on Reader Service card*



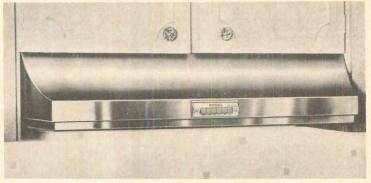
Automatic washer handles up to 12 pounds without special attachments. Unit features an allporcelain finish. Colors: white, yellow, turquoise, Coppertone, and Sierra Sand. Also available: matching gas or electric dryer. Hotpoint, Chicago.

Circle 205 on Reader Service card



lce crusher—packaged with a blender and built-in countertop motor—is the latest attachment for a kitchen food center. The same motor also powers a mixer, shredder-slicer, fruit juicer, knife sharpener and meat grinder. Nutone, Cincinnati.

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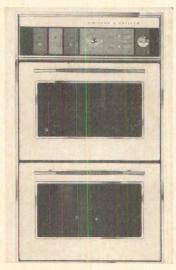


Range hood of heavy gauge steel contains a three-speed dual blower. Available sizes range from 21" to 47". The entire unit, in color or stainless steel, disassembles without tools. Front corner seams are hand-finished. Broan, Hartford, Wis. Circle 207 on Reader Service card



Undercounter dishwasher features special cycles for short washes, rinsing small loads and cleaning pots and pans. Matching side panels are available for installing the unit at the end of a row of undercounter cabinets. Frigidaire, Dayton, Ohio.

Circle 208 on Reader Service card



Gas oven-rotisserie contains black-glass windows and lift-off doors as standard equipment. Glass is transparent when oven light is on, opaque when light is off. Ten-color range includes shocking pink and antique gold. Gaffers & Sattler, Los Angeles. Circle 209 on Reader Service card



Drop-in range, packaged with an exhaust hood, includes its own backsplash to eliminate countertop cutting. The unit fits between two separate countertop sections. Oven is self-cleaning. Available colors include new avocado. General Electric, Louisville, Ky. *Circle 210 on Reader Service card*



Garbage disposer with stainless steel grinding chamber offers a lifetime corrosion warranty on parts exposed to water. The unit, powered by a ½-h.p. motor, can be connected to a dishwasher drain within a 360° circle. In-Sink-Erator, Racine, Wis.

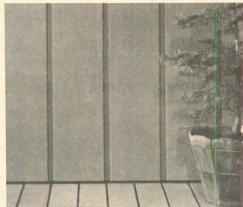
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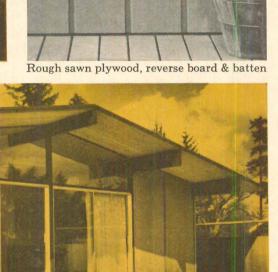


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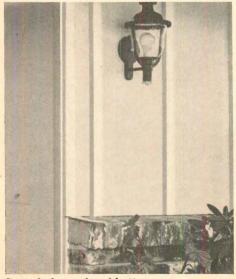


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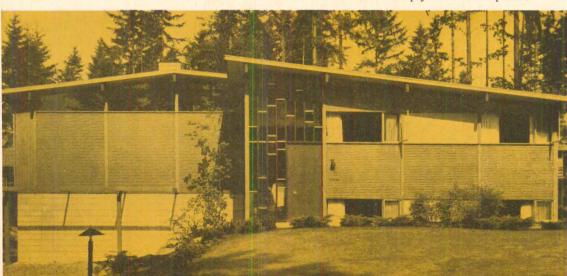


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Scoring blade of tempered high carbon steel is for cutting plastic laminates, composition roofing, asbestos products, wallboard and plastic flooring. It fits the manufacturer's utility knives Nos. 199, 299, 1299. Stanley, New Britain, Conn. Circle 253 on Reader Service card.



Rotating hammer for masonry drilling, chiseling and demolishing comes in three sizes for making holes from 5/32" to 31/2" diameter. Clutch tension is adjusted from outside the tool. Automatic oil reservoir holds a week's supply. Skil, Chicago. Circle 259 on Reader Service Card



Concrete pump can be used for both conveying material and wet-gunning. Average pumping rate is 20 cu. yds. per hour over distances of 400' to 500'. Manufacturer's line also includes a pump-and-spray machine for plaster. Mayco, Los Angeles. Circle 256 on Reader Service card



Self-propelled trencher digs 12"-wide trench 3' deep, or 4"wide trench 6' deep at speeds up to 20' per minute. The 18 h.p. machine is 64" long, 25" wide. Digging chain is 20,000-lb test; teeth are replaceable. Wind-King, Merrill, Iowa.

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Mason tender with 3/4-ton capacity carries palletized or packaged brick, block, stone and tile. Models are available to handle material widths of 16", 24", 32" and 36". Interchangeable masts go to 8'6". Prime-Mover, Muscatine, Iowa.

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Concrete power trowel promises easier pitch adjustment because of oil-impregnated Teflon bearings on the trowel arms. The bearings are replaceable. Eight models-34" to 46" diameterhave gas or electric motors. Whiteman, Pacoima, Calif.

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Electric generator of four kilowatt capacity comes with either a Briggs & Stratton or Wisconsin engine. It operates without a commutator and brushes and is specially equipped for starting heavy motors. Wincharger, Sioux City, Iowa.

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Bayonet saw, featuring orbital blade action and a 3-amp motor, cuts 21/2" in wood, 3/4" in aluminum, 1/4" in steel. Standard accessories: a circular base insert to prevent wood splintering, and a built-in light. Rockwell, Pittsburgh.

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Percussion drill for masonry lets the operator dial any one of three impact strengths—all at 6,600 strokes per minute—without releasing the trigger. It handles carbide bits up to 3/4", core bits up to 11/4". Hilti, Stamford, Conn.

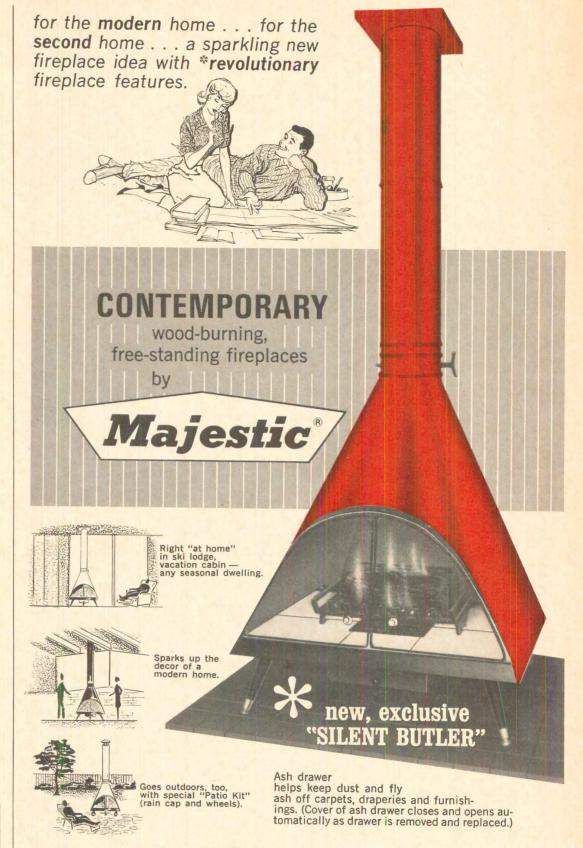
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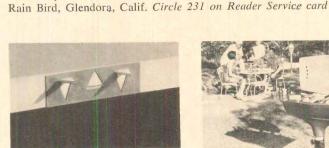


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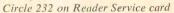
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Free-standing fireplace radiates most of its heat through the opening because the interior is fully lined with cast refractory. Color choice: black, or black with a colored porcelain-enamel baffle. Fire Drum, San Francisco. Circle 230 on Reader Service card



Shelf brackets with self-locking teeth simplify installation of long closet shelves in drywall construction. Brackets, which are 21/2" long, are inserted in back edge of shelf, then forced into closet wall. Perma-Fix, Fair Lawn, N.J.





Twin-burner gas grill, made of porcelainized aluminum, can be set at three different heat levels. The unit contains a grease drain and 340 square inches of grill surface. It lifts off the mounting post for winter storage. Arkla, Evansville, Ind.

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Ornamental railing contains a contoured top handrail instead of the usual 1"-square top rail. Posts are 1"-square tube with fittings shaped to the railing's contour line. Installed height: standard 32". Logan, Louisville, Ky. Circle 234 on Reader Service card



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Gas incinerator for basements, breezeways and utility rooms contains a gas burner and an afterburner which makes combustion odorless and smokeless. Available in two price ranges, with steel or deluxe brick lining. Martin Stove, Huntsville, Ala.

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Ventilating fan for bath or laundry-room ceiling installs easily because of straight-through design. Features: satin anodized aluminum grille, neoprene fanblade hub, air-operated vinyl damper. Leigh Products, Coopersville, Mich.

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Roof-pipe sealer of weatherproof synthetic rubber forms a stair-shaped bellows connection that is independent of roof pitch (up to 45°). A stainless-steel hose clamp seals the connection to the pipe. Trelleborg Rubber, New Rochelle, N.Y.

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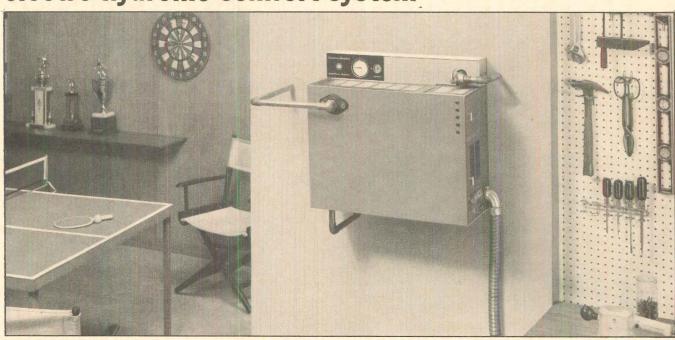
Contemporary fireplace contains a removable ash drawer that is automatically covered when pulled from the base of the fireplace. Unit's three legs are selfleveling. Colors: red, white, gold or matte black. Majestic, Huntington, Ind.

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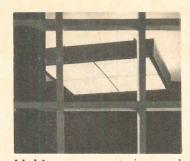


Hanging band fixture of cast aluminum has six lanterns, is 36" high with chain and ceiling mount, and 52" wide. Finishes: ebony, white, hand-rubbed verde, hand-rubbed copper, Swedish Iron, verde green. Hadco, Littletown, Pa. Circle 260 on Reader Service card



Diffuser bulb, 5" in diameter, serves as fixture and bulb combined. Sizes: 25, 60, 100 and 150 watts. It is available with a crystalline surface that simulates cut-glass, and in colors, including yellow for outdoor use. Duro-Lite, Bergen, N.J.

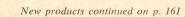
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Light square set in wood paneling comes in two sizes—17" square and 25" square—and seven styles. The larger size is available in walnut and fruitwood, the smaller size in white and gold. Diffusers: plastic grill or glass. Emerson, St. Louis. Circle 262 on Reader Service card



Light fixture adapter plugs directly into surface-wire raceway. Most standard fixtures with threaded stems can be fastened to the adapter (detail at left). A locking cam secures the adapter to the raceway. Wiremold, Hartford, Conn. *Circle 263 on Reader Service card*















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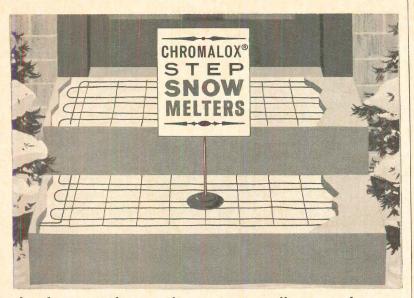
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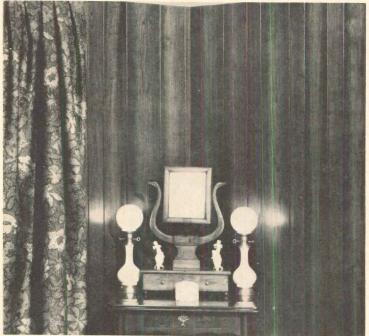
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Interiors



Wood wall panels have a clear lacquer finish. The panels, newest additions to the Weldwood line, are offered in five grains: Old English elm, Tudor oak, Glen oak, butternut and Salem Korina. U.S. Plywood Corp., New York City. Circle 212 on Reader Service card



Hardwood plywood panel, called Flame Gum, gets its name from the flame-like colors and the natural grain pattern of gumwood, says the manufacturer. The panels are factory finished. Georgia Pacific, Portland, Ore. *Circle 215 on Reader Service card*



Plywood panel has a baked plastic finish that resists scuffs and scratches and seals out dirt. The panels can be installed with adhesives or nailed up conventionally. A choice of five woodgrain finishes is offered. Miratile Panel Products, Chicago.

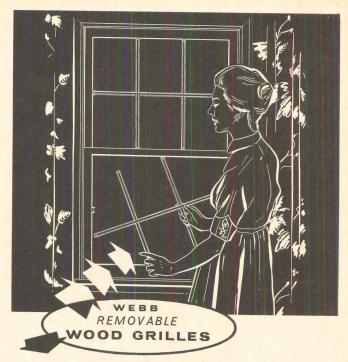
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Hardboard panels combine a light wood inlay with a dark woodgrain background. The panels are prefinished and need no maintenance. The ½"-thick panels are offered in sheets of 4' x 7', 8' or 9'. Barclay Manufacturing Co., New York City.

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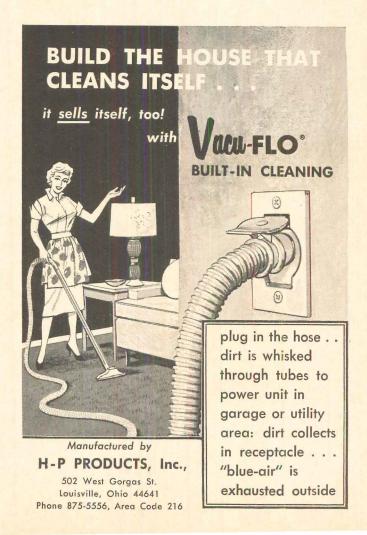
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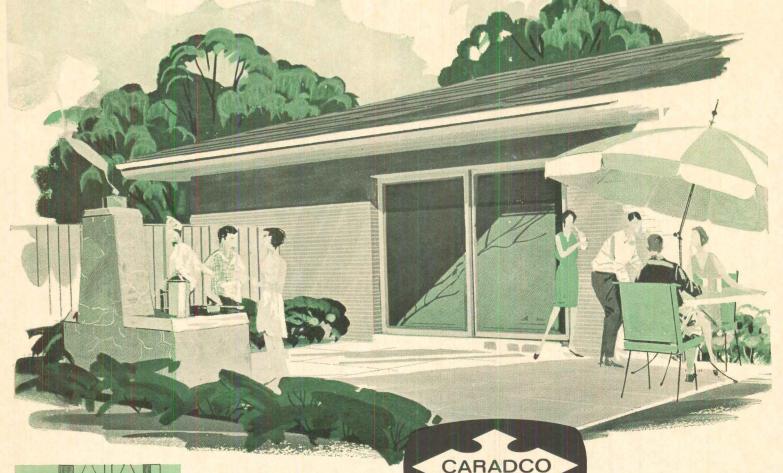
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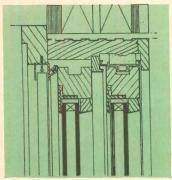
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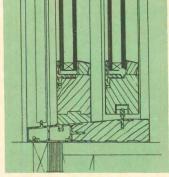
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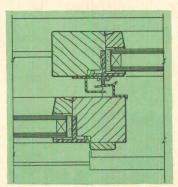




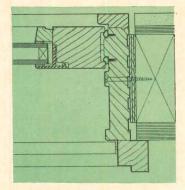
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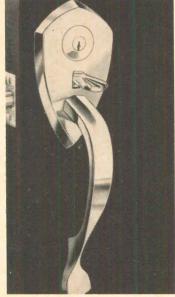
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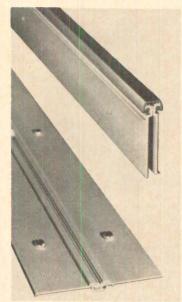
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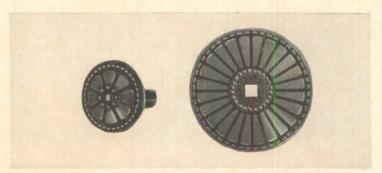
Front-door lockset is offered with four knob styles and eight finishes. All models are preset to fit 134" doors, but they can be adapted to larger doors. The exterior trim is constructed of solid cast brass. Weslock Co., Los Angeles.

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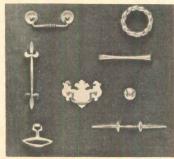


One-piece hinge is for fullsize doors, shutters or other foldable products. The hinge is made of sag-proof aluminum. It has self-jigging flanges and its solid nylon bearings carry vertical loads. McKinney Sales Co., Scranton, Pa.

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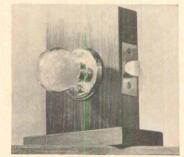


Cabinet hardware is designed to suit Spanish decor. The set of knobs, pulls, rings and backplates is available in solid pewter with an antique finish and in solid brass with assorted finishes. Kingsley Brass Co., Roosevelt, N.Y. Circle 221 on Reader Service card



Furniture hardware features three colonial pulls with antique finishes. Other items are finished in polished brass and antique brass. The manufacturer's line has nine furniture pulls and one knob. Ajax Hardware Corp., City of Industry, Calif.

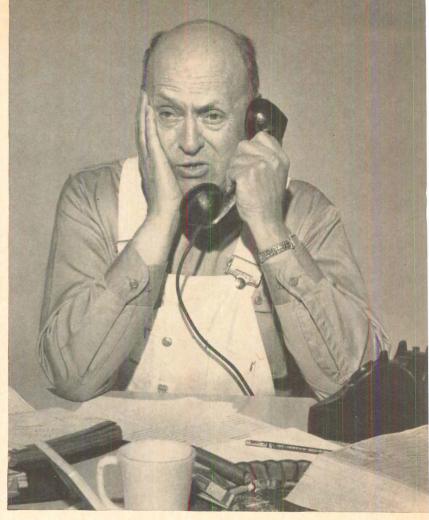
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Glass-fiber door knob comes in a variety of striated colors including blue, gold, pink, green and silver. The knob is available in round and convex shapes, and is said to be virtually unbreakable. Creative Development, Farmington, Utah.

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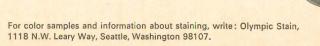
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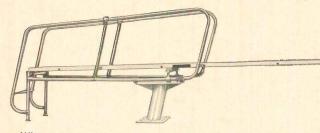


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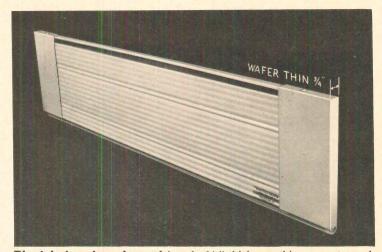
Circuit breaker panel for electrically heated homes and apartments can be used as 1) main service equipment, 2) load center or sub-main distribution panel. It is one of four new models in the Stab-lok line. Federal Pacific, Newark, N.J.

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Electronic air-cleaner is scaled in size and capacity especially for small- to medium-size houses. It is for use with a 2 to 2½ ton air-conditioning system or forced-air furnace of up to 100,000 Btu capacity. Electro-Air Cleaner, McKees Rock, Pa.

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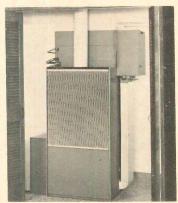


Electric baseboard panel is only 34" thick—as thin as most wood baseboard. Panel surface in one-piece housing is corrugated aluminum designed to deliver 55% radiant heat, 45% convected heat at 135°. Electrotherm, Richmond, Va. Circle 227 on Reader Service card



Air-cooled chiller for add-on house air-conditioning is gas fired. The three-ton unit is installed outside and a chilled-water coil inserted in the furnace. Cooling capacity: 36,000 Btu (from 110,000 Btu input). Weight: 740 lbs. Arkla, Evansville, Ind.

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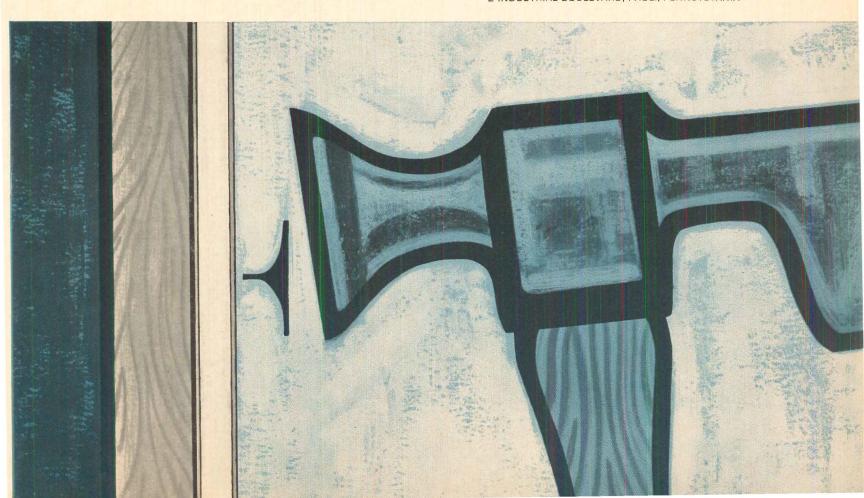
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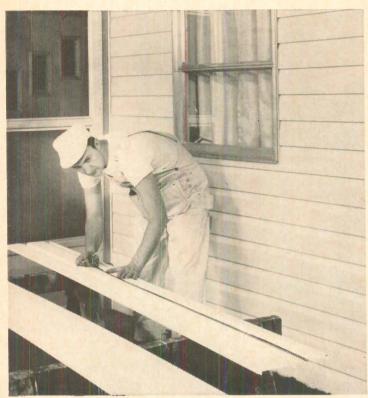
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Exteriors



Tempered aluminum siding made from a newly developed alloy is stronger and more rigid than the manufacturer's previous sidings. Advantages: greater resistance to denting and less chance of damage during construction. Alcoa, Pittsburgh. Circle 245 on Reader Service card



Mineral-based shingle looks like weathered cedar. It is sawed and nailed like wood, but will not burn because it is made of mineral perlite. Dimensions: 16" long; 7", 8" and 10" wide. Weight: 420 lbs. per sq. Johns-Manville, New York City.

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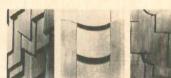
Rough-sawn plywood simulates re-sawn board. The rustic look is produced by a patented abrasion process that uses four different saws. Name: Rustic Vari-Sawn. Sizes: 4' x 7', 8', 9', 10'—3'8" to 34" thick. Long-Bell, Portland, Ore.

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Wood-grain aluminum comes in two lap-siding widths—8" (shown) and double-4"—and four colors: white, tan, gray and green. The simulated wood grain is embossed in the metal and coated with polyvinyl. Crown Aluminum, Pittsburgh.

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Fancy shingle butts are available in No. 1 red cedar. Left to right: angle-butts randomly stacked; rounded butts reversed in alternate rows; regular butts alternated at random with rounded butts. Red Cedar Shingle Bureau, Seattle.

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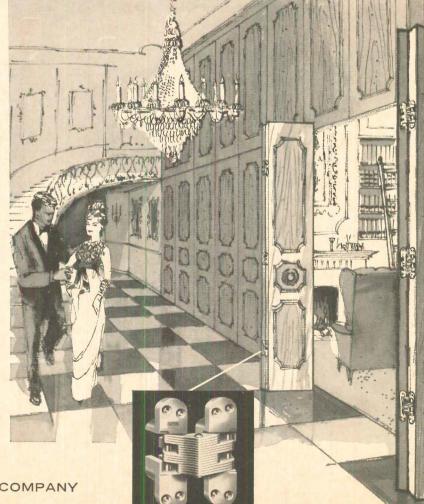
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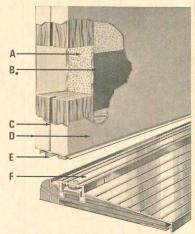


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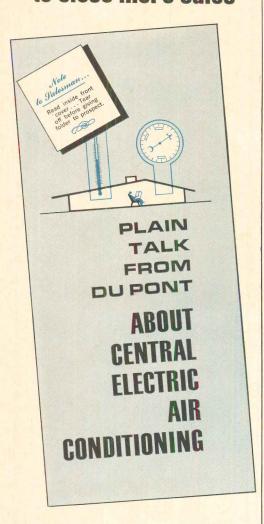
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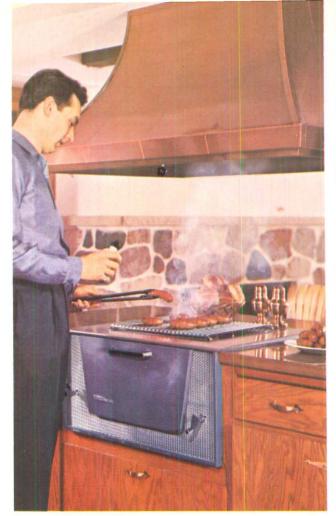


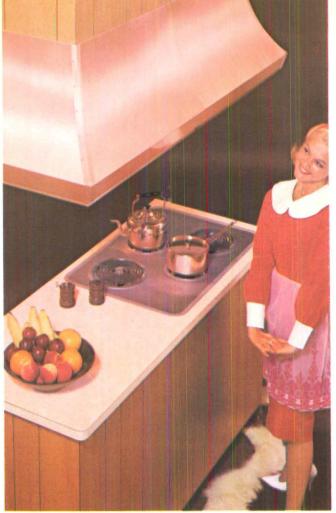
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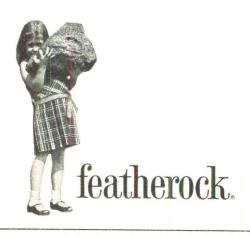
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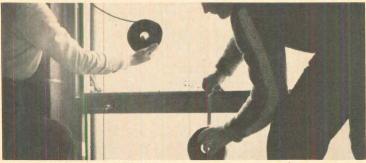


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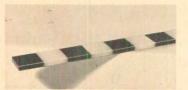


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Non-flammable adhesive for wall paneling is designed for safe use around electrical equipment and other fire hazards. It bonds wall paneling to drywall and plaster as well as to studs and furring strips. U.S. Plywood, New York City.

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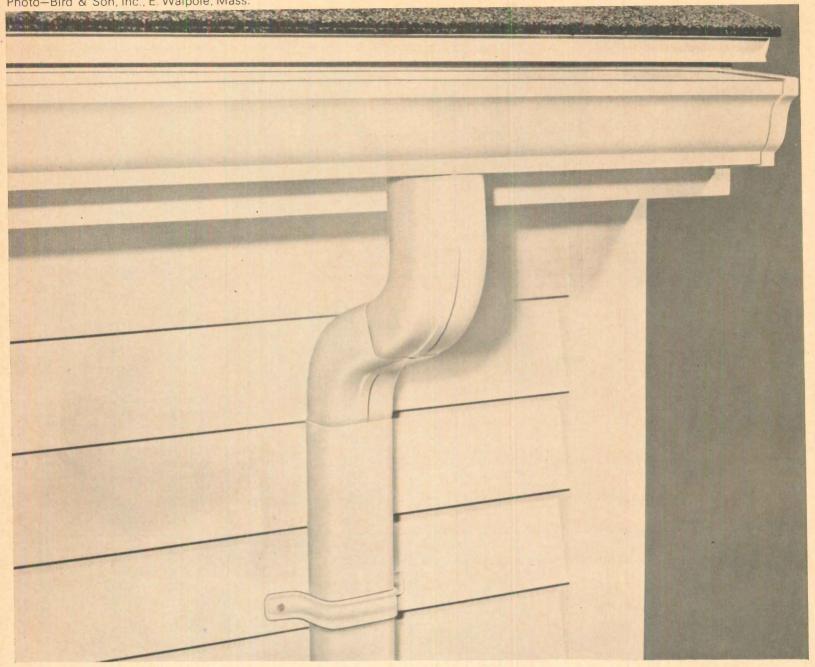
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WOOD PRODUCTS. 77-page catalog shows manufacturer's line of forest and gypsum building products. It includes complete product specifica-tions. Georgia-Pacific, Portland, Ore. Circle 320 on Reader Service card.

SIGN LIGHTING. Booklet describes the design and maintenance of various display lighting. It shows exposed-lamp signs, luminous-panel signs, floodlighted signs and silhouette signs. 24 pages. General Electric, Cleveland. Circle 321 on Reader Service card.

HARDWARE. Eight-page catalog shows manufacturer's line of shelf and drapery hardware. Also, it shows drawer and door slides. Grant Pulley & Hardware, West Nyack, N.Y. Circle 322 on Reader Service card.

BRONZE VALVES. Comparison charts rate the manuacturer's bronze valves with competitive items. Nonpressure-rated heating specialties are also listed. Hammond Valve, Hammond, Ind. Circle 323 on Reader Service card.

ALUMINUM. Booklet describes how to build with aluminum products. It includes photographs of new aluminum colors. 14 pages. ALCOA, Pittsburgh. Circle 324 on Reader Service card.

ROOF SHINGLES. Catalog shows new colors of manufacturer's fire-resistant shingles. It also explains application. Philip Carey, Cincinnati. Circle 325 on Reader Service card.

ROOF DECK CONSTRUCTION. Booklet describes two of the manufacturer's new roof-deck systems. Technical diagrams and product specifications are included. Flintkote, Lyndhurst, N.J. Circle 326 on Reader Service card.

INSECT CONTROL. A complete line of electrical insect control products are explained in a four-page product brochure. Describes how the products operate. Zeropect Products, Burnaby, British Columbia. Circle 306 on Reader Service card.

LIGHTING FIXTURES. 50 fixtures are illustrated in product booklet. Illustrations were prepared by an interior designer. 47 pages. For copy: send to Progress Manufacturing Co., Department "H", Philadelphia, Pa.

SEWER PIPE. Booklet describes light sewer pipe fabricated of truss-connected ABS plastic walls filled with concrete. Also shows how it is installed. 12 pages. Armco Steel Corp., Middletown Ohio. Circle 307 on Reader Service card.

CAULKING SYSTEM. Brochure describes airpowered caulking system. Also shows components and accessories. Four pages, Pyles Industries, Wixom, Mich. Circle 308 on Reader Service card.

HOOD AND VENTILATING FAN. 20-page catalog shows new line of kitchen hoods and bathroom ventilating fans. Electric heaters are also shown. Philip Carey, Cincinnati. Circle 309 on Reader Service card.

WOOD PATIO. Booklet shows designs of wood patios and decks for back yard installation. Wester Wood Products Assn., Portland, Ore. Circle 310 on Reader Service card.

SEPTIC TANKS. Pamphlet describes septic tanks and their use with garbage disposers. Charts show how to size and locate septic tanks and absorp-tion fields. Five pages. In-Sink-Erator, Racine, Wis. Circle 311 on Reader Service card.

HOME APPLIANCES. Manufacturer's line of kitchen appliances, air-conditioners and electric water heaters is shown in booklet. 12 pages. Kelvinator, Detroit. Circle 317 on Reader Service

FILTERS. Four-page bulletin describes complete line of manufacturer's air filters. It shows capacities of each model. Cambridge Filter, Syracuse, N.Y. Circle 312 on Reader Service card.

STEEL EQUIPMENT. 84-page manual shows steel products, including shelving, draws and cabinets. Equipto, Aurora, Ill. Circle 333 on Reader Service

WATER-HAMMER ARRESTORS. Bulletin shows cross-section schematic of the manufacturer's new water-hammer arrestor. JMJ, Portland, Ore. Circle 313 on Reader Service card.

PLUMBING PRODUCTS. Bulletin shows manufacturer's kitchen sinks offered in five colors. Bath products are also shown. Kohler, Kohler, Wis. Circle 329 on Reader Service card.

SIDING. Brochure describes general construction, application and finishing of manufacturer's siding. Drawings show joint treatment. Masonite, Chicago. Circle 319 on Reader Service card.

FORK TRUCK. Four-page brochure includes performance data of forklift. Components and tachments are shown. American Road Equipment, Omaha. Circle 331 on Reader Service card.

PUMP TANK. Catalog describes manufacturer's line of pump tanks. It also shows insulated tanks enclosed in enamel. American Granby, Milford, Conn. Circle 332 on Reader Service card.

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VALVES. Chart lists the manufacturer's full line of bronze and iron-body valves. Each valve is rated for 21 types of services: NIBCO, Elkhart, Ind. Circle 314 on Reader Service card.

CONCRETE BLOCKS. Booklet shows how concrete blocks can be used for garages, exterior house walls and interior walls. 15 pages. National Concrete Masonry Assn., Arlington, Va. Circle 316 on Reader Service card.

ELECTRIC GRINDERS. Specification sheet describes two electric grinders and attachments.

Physical dimensions and component parts are included. Marvel Equipment, Brooklyn, N.Y. Circle 330 on Reader Service card.

SEALANT. Brochure describes field performance of manufacturer's polyurethane sealant. Results of laboratory tests are included. Four pages. Master Mechanics, Cleveland. Circle 327 on Reader

MIRRORS. Handbook illustrates a number of ways mirrors can be used in the home. Also gives information about a variety of mirror types, finishing techniques, application, and mirror installation. 24 pages. For copy: send 50¢ to National Assn. of Mirror Manufacturers, 1125 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

CONCRETE BRICK. 12-page brochure shows color combinations of brick on exterior walls. Installation information and specifications are included. Miami Stone of America, Indianapolis. Circle 328 on Reader Service card.

FIBER GLASS INSULATION. Brochure describes how and where to install the manufacturer's product. Also shows how to calculate how much insulation is economical to install. Gustin-Bacon, Kansas City, Mo. Circle 315 on Reader Service

CONCRETE. Brochure describes strength of manufacturer's products. Charts, graphs and photographs of laboratory and field tests are included. Six pages. Master Builders, Cleveland. Circle 318 on Reader Service card.

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