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“Equity capital” has become a rallying cry for the nation’s $190-billion savings and loan business.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board, pressing to take the s&ls into wider areas of the mortgage market, says the thrift institutions need more sources of funds. The regulatory body stresses that this means equity capital.

The bank board has endorsed legislation that could revamp the entire savings and loan system.

**Conversion rights.** Capital-stock associations could acquire federal charters and continue stock associations could acquire S&LS into wider areas of the economy and could provide enormous access to the private investor converting S&L wide new capital.

The council stresses that this means equity institutions need more sources of funds. There are 2,050 federal associations and about 665 that are state-chartered mutuals that have 3,000 state-chartered mutuals and about 665 that are state-chartered institutions. It argues that the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation’s most powerful legislative ladder The bill may be done.

The board chairwoman and a Californian, Western Fin.* explains:

1. The bank board has enacted the federal stock legislation is to provide the proper mechanisms for orderly conversions on a fair basis.

2. Martin adds that the regulations won’t be issued “until new legislation is passed enabling a federal stock form of organization.”

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4. The rewards. In moving for a federal capital-stock mutual system, the board chose April 19 as its cutover date for savers to share in the distribution of a converting institution’s net worth.

It is the disbursement of an association’s reserves that is likely to cause the most trouble with the legislation. Opinions differ as to how this should be done.

The bank board’s proposal would let savers on record April 19, 1971, share the cash distribution of reserves, but some in the industry believe that the reserves of any converting institution should be left intact. The savers would be given a chance to purchase the new association’s stock capital.

5. Martin notes that it is equity capital that provides leverage for this wider base.

Martin argues that in 1969 the ratio of reserves and savings for stock s&ls was 8.5%. This means, he says, that one dollar in new capital can support about $12 in new deposits. Since new capital cannot be raised by mutual associations to support new savings, these new capital dollars must be retained out of profits.

“In periods of the greatest housing needs, retained earnings often tend to be low and the amount of deposits that can be supported is limited. This creates a vicious cycle.”

A money tap. The board chairman says, however, that if federal s&ls have the option of operating under a stock charter, then in periods when savings growth was low and individuals were interested in equities, these associations could sell common stock and compete in the equity markets with other corporations. Then, when interest rates fell, and savings were increasing, the association would have the capital base to support these savings regardless of current retained earnings of the s&ls.

**Difficulties.** In supporting a federal stock bill this year, the board bank may be heading off litigation on its moratorium against conversions. Despite the moratorium on conversions from federal to state stock associations, Citizens Federal S&L of San Francisco has already made plans to convert to a stock institution—and has gone so far as to issue its prospectus to existing savers.

While the bank board insists it is not considering any conversion applications because of its moratorium, the Citizens Federal case is almost certain to bring the moratorium’s legality into question.

Martin has said of the Citizens Federal case that he hopes “that the parties in this institution—
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Letting federal savings and loan associations issue stock.... (continued)

on the savings accounts."
Martin noted, too, that the
ability of the S&Ls to sell de-
bentures and participation notes
after conversion "is directly
related to their ability to serve
housing and savings needs."

The bank board's stand is
nothing new. Some S&L lobbies
have been asking for such legis-
lation for more than ten years.
Now, however, the Nixon ad-
ministration is behind the
proposal and the industry has a
strong echo.

—ANDREW R. MANDEL
Washington

Panic of sorts sweeps mortgage markets—FHA prices plunge 2 points in a month

A turnabout in the capital mar-
A turnabout in the capital mar-
kets thrust the secondary mort-
gage market into a state of near-
panic that sent prices into a
steep dive in the last two
months.

From April 12 to May 10, prices on FHA mortgages offered for 30-day delivery to the
dropped by more than 200 basis
points or 2%, and this at a time
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year, but the sharp turnabout
in the mortgage market seemed
more a psychological overreac-
tion than anything else.

For instance, Chairman Preston
Martin of the Home Loan
Bank Board had indeed said that
heavy savings inflows to S&L
associations, the nation's heavi-
est private mortgage buyers,
could not be expected to last
forever. But Martin's agency had
nevertheless reported that first-
quarter savings gains for asso-
ciations totaled nearly $9 bil-
lion, virtually assuring an
adequate amount of mortgage
money for 1971.

Savings bankers elect president

He is Alfred S. Mills, chairman
and chief executive officer of the
New York Bank for Savings
and a pioneer in providing hous-
ing for low-income families in
New York State's inner cities.

Mills has just been elected
president of the National
Association of Mutual Savings
Banks at the trade group's 51st
annual conference in Montreal.
He succeeds Frederick C. Ober,
president of the Newton [Mass.]
Savings Bank.

The industry. The association
represents most of the 494
savings banks operating in the
18 states where such banks are
legal and in Puerto Rico. The
group's members hold 99% of
the industry's $82.6 billion in
assets.

Francis B. Nimick Jr., presi-
dent of the Dollar Savings Bank
of Pittsburgh, is the new vice
president of the association. The
post leads almost automatically
to the presidency.

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For ten selfish reasons, Levitt Building Systems chose Sears kitchen appliances.

Here’s why:

“Quality is what we get from Sears,” says Charles Biederman of Levitt. "And with every eye in the industry focused on this revolutionary new venture into modular townhouses, quality is one thing Levitt doesn’t intend to skimp on.

Yet even after 1) product quality, there are nine other good reasons why Sears kitchen appliances were the logical Levitt choice:

1. dependable service
2. product leadership
3. single source
4. value/price
5. brand recognition
6. delivery to your schedule
7. free design assistance
8. contract sales specialists
9. 85 years of customer satisfaction

“Having Sears kitchen appliances in these exciting new homes will give us a real boost when it comes to sales.”

If Mr. Biederman is right, that might well be the best reason of all.
The Levitt blowup: merger malaise takes toll of two more housing leaders

They simply couldn't communicate.

All the quotes and rationalizations and non-explanations from Dick Wasserman and Dick Bernhard and Harold Geneen and, yes, even Bill Levitt, added up to that.

Another merger of a building company into an industrial giant had gone wrong—at least in part.

For Richard M. Wasserman, one of the brightest of the rising stars in housing's firmament, had up and quit at 44 as the $150,000 president of ITT Levitt, the nation's largest homebuilder.

And when Harold S. Geneen, president of the $6½-billion International Telephone & Telegraph Co., offered the job to Richard P. Bernhard, 41, the Levitt No. 2 man, Bernhard quit too.

"I was flattered to be asked," Bernhard explained, "but I said, 'Thanks—but no thanks.'"

King's return. It was home-building's biggest blowup of the year. The double defection struck ITT's New York headquarters like a bombshell, and that button-down executive suite had always prided itself on being surprise-proof.

The ITT reflex was to haul 64-year-old Bill Levitt out of retirement (and away from a highly agreeable co-existence with wife No. 3, age 41) to run the company he had founded in 1929 with his father and his brother.

Levitt commanded an audience at New York's plush 21 Club, rather unfamiliar territory for the working press, and announced he would reassure the chief executive's title, succeeding Wasserman. He said Louis E. Fischer, a Levitt senior v.p., would replace Bernhard as an executive vice president, and that Norman Peterfreund would complete a ruling triumvirate by remaining an executive v.p.

In his only reference to the defections, Levitt said, "Some people can't live with a big management company over them. Some can, and I am one of those." And he insisted he would stay on duty as long as necessary.

But nobody, in or out of ITT, thought Bill Levitt was going to hang around any longer than it took to mesh the gears again. He would then be off to his wife and his new $6-million yacht in the Mediterranean (see story, facing page.)

Why. What happened to shake housing's whiz kids loose from the enterprise whose name has become synonymous with quality homebuilding for the mass market?

Sudden as the resignations of Wasserman and Bernhard were, the discontent behind them had simmered for six to eight months. Both men left voicing high praise for ITT, admiration for its record of continued success, and even affection for Geneen, the chairman-president and guiding light of the worldwide conglomerate.

"No question about it," Wasserman said from Paris the day after his resignation had been made public. "ITT is a great company and Harold Geneen is a great guy. I've never had such an experience."

But from conversations with the two departing executives and with others in the Levitt operation, it became clear that all had not been well in relations between parent and subsidiary for some time.

Wasserman and Bernhard had signalled their discontent.

"But apparently no one was listening," one top Levitt official said, noting the esteem in which Wasserman was held by Geneen and ITT's reliance on Bernhard.

Communication gap. The most pervasive difficulty was lack of communication. It was perhaps occasioned by the mere size of ITT, with its scores of divisions in widely diversified lines of business. It may have had roots in a basic misunderstanding between the parent and the building concern, or "incompatibility" between traditional industry on the one hand, and the more iconoclastic construction business, on the other.

"I'm not saying they're wrong," a Levitt executive said of the ITT hierarchy, "but there never was real rapport.

"It isn't that they interfered. But there were frictions that we perhaps felt more than they did. It was really a conflict between the way they do things and the way we do. They're a management business and we're an entrepreneurial business. Maybe there is a basic gap between the two."

Spokesmen for ITT, on the other hand, tend to ascribe the discontent in Levitt to personal desires on the part of Wasserman and Bernhard to "move in new directions."

Yet ITT prodded Levitt into...
or, the fork is mightier than the pen

other tough question. Had Rich-

diplomat. "This is a press con-

ference. They can ask any

"No, no," said Levitt the

limch... "None of that matters," she

said, "The only thing that does

matter is that you're back, Bill,

and we are all together again to

welcome you back."

"In that case," came the

response, "I'm sure you

won't mind picking up the

bill for today's lunch."

And all the reporters laughed.

And Levitt proceeded to make

a joke of the first reporter's

question.

As for Levitt's retirement,

levitt was not

ad Wasserman quit or been

fired? Before Levitt could say,

"Dick left on his own accord,"

the old pals who wanted him
to eat muttered, "No, don't

answer," and stalked from the

table in apparent fits of dis-

gust.

Yet the brusqueries con-

tinued. Younger reporters tried to

pin down Levitt on why he had

returned and on whether he was

ITT's biggest stockholder.

About all those young men
got was:

"It's certainly fun to be back

parrying your questions again."

Lady and the tiger. A news-

woman, regal amid empty plates

and a trail of Béarnaise, could

take no more jëse-majeste.

"None of that matters," she

said, "The only thing that does

matter is that you're back, Bill,

and we are all together again to

welcome you back."

"In that case," came the

levitt riposte, "I'm sure you

won't mind picking up the

bill for today's lunch."

And all the reporters laughed.

That bill, what a card.

Exit line. Levitt was not

quite such a card off camera.

One oldtimer, who had taken

something of a going-over in

the Q&A at the luncheon,

tried to reopen a question with

Bill in the elevator.

No dice.

"The press conference is over,

Joe," Levitt said, and he sailed

out the door.

F.L.

Lunching with Levitt at the 21 Club
or, the fork is mightier than the pen

The way to win an old reporter's

heart is to wet his whistle—

just pour him a free drink.

No one has mastered that

publicity secret better than

William Jaird Levitt. So when

he came out of retirement to

run his old company last month,

Bill rounded up his pals from the

press for a booze and steak

(with Béarnaise sauce) at New

York's 21 Club.

Among friends. The lunch

was billed as a press conference.

But some of the older reporters,

who looked as if they had crept

out of retirement themselves for

the occasion, were highly re-

luctant to put down forks and

pick up pencils. And when one

inquisitive soul asked Big Bill a

mildly embarrassing ques-

tion about whether Bill Jr. would

return to ITT Levitt & Sons* along with his daddy, one of

Levitt's old friends said: "Bill,

please sit down and finish your

dessert. You don't have to

return to ITT Levitt & Sons."

ITT's biggest stockholder.

The company was in excel-

lent shape. Wasserman, hand-

picked by Bill Levitt as his

successor, had built the busi-

ness impressively since the

1968 merger into ITT, and had

recently completed an admin-

istrative reorganization estab-

lishing firmer control in the

company's widening areas of

activity. Levitt had weathered

the 1969-70 housing slump

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The way to win an old reporter's

heart is to wet his whistle—

just pour him a free drink.

No one has mastered that

publicity secret better than

William Jaird Levitt. So when

he came out of retirement to

run his old company last month,

Bill rounded up his pals from the

press for a booze and steak

(with Béarnaise sauce) at New

York's 21 Club.

Among friends. The lunch

was billed as a press conference.

But some of the older reporters,

who looked as if they had crept

out of retirement themselves for

the occasion, were highly re-

luctant to put down forks and

pick up pencils. And when one

inquisitive soul asked Big Bill a

mildly embarrassing ques-

tion about whether Bill Jr. would

return to ITT Levitt & Sons* along with his daddy, one of

Levitt's old friends said: "Bill,

please sit down and finish your

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Levitt in private—life as a pleasure cruise

The yacht that has absorbed

much of Bill Levitt's time and

attention in the last year was to

be launched late last month at

the Marina Carrara in the Italian

port of La Spezia.

The yacht will be christened

La Belle Simone for the third

Mrs. Levitt, the 41-year-old

buildress, and wife No. 3. ITT

Levitt is no longer his only interest.

Levitt chairman, William J.,

and wife No. 3. ITT Levitt is no longer his only interest.

But the rapid growth of its

entry into new lines of en-
deavor—factory-built housing

mobile homes, and land sales

most recently—makes firm

guidance at the top essential.

With Bill Levitt an interim

head at best, primarily because

of his passion for retirement

but also because of age, could

the company develop a strong

leader? The last thing ITT

wanted was a subservient sub-

sidiary.

A strong hand at the Levitt

helm then—but where to find it?

Bill Levitt's hand was firm

enough, but it would be on the

wheel of a yacht.

—GLENN FOWLER

New York City
Sewer disputes: how pollution and politics can halt homebuilding almost anywhere

A stiff new Illinois pollution law administered by a no-nonsense board, some politically muscled environmentalists, and a slow-moving sanitary district have all combined to make life miserable for builders in Lake County, north of Chicago.

The state’s pollution control board last month ordered the North Shore Sanitary District, which serves the eastern half of Lake, to not permit sewer connections until the district expands a treatment plant’s capacity from 8 million gallons a day to 18 million. Any hardship that resulted, the board stated, would be more than justified by preventing increased pollution of Lake Michigan.

Losses. “It’s just another variation on the old game of ‘Get the Builder,’” complained one Lake County homebuilder.

And it appeared that way. The immediate result of the board’s order could be the suspension of $120 million in construction for the balance of this year, according to Jack Lageschulte, president of the HBA of Lake County. Lageschulte was unable to give the precise figures on how much of $120 million was in residential construction, but he said it was “substantial.” Other figures cited by Lageschulte if the ban remains in effect: $48 million in lost wages and 41,000 lost jobs in the building trades.

Five-year task. If the ruling stands, construction will halt—and not just for this year. Even if the Clavey Road plant could be funded immediately, observers estimate, it would be at least 2½ years before the expansion could be completed. The project has been stalled for several years, and it remains enmeshed in legal, financial, political, and environmental problems.

“It’s likely to be at least five years before the plant is ready,” says Peter Collins, a lawyer for a group of North Shore homebuilders, bankers, manufacturers, and union leaders who are fighting the ban.

A total building ban would reverse a substantial growth trend. Between 1960 and 1970, the county grew by a third, and estimates are that the present population of 200,000 will jump to 350,000 by 1990.

Sewer-connection ban halted building in the North Shore Sanitary District (above), which covers eastern half of 450-square-mile Lake Country, north of Chicago. The Clavey Road treatment plant, which services most of district, is at bottom of map.

National problem. Sewers have become a problem for builders in much of the nation. Connections have been banned in Atlanta, Cleveland, St. Louis County, and San Francisco. Only Cleveland’s ban remains in force, but its effect on homebuilding is minimal because it affects only the city. The Illinois suspension, on the other hand, could last for several years and create extensive hardship among homebuilders.

“If this ruling stands,” says Lageschulte, “many of our members will go bankrupt.” What happens in Illinois could happen almost anywhere with a total building ban. Many observers (McGraw-Hill’s Air and Water News, for one) feel that Illinois now has the toughest antipollution control legislation in the country. Add a full-time pollution control board that seems bent on enforcement of all the pollution codes, a governor and an attorney general who, as political rivals, vie for the best environmental image, and a powerful group of vocal environmentalists. The result is trouble for builders.

Builder as target. “We’re the most vulnerable and visible,” says Lageschulte. “We’re not against cleaning up the environment,” he says. “There is no question that the North Shore Sanitary District is pollution.”

But he is quick to add: “U.S. Steel admittedly dumps 30,000 tons of pollution into the lake every day, yet the company can get delay after delay in construction of facilities to end this pollution.”

Problems. Individual builders are reluctant to detail their problems. Said one: “If I tell you my difficulties, my line of credit could disappear.”

Says another developer: “Even if you already have sewer permits for the units you’re putting up and the bans do not apply to them, the real crunch comes for the units that you planned but find yourself unable to build.

“Let’s say a developer has purchased 100 acres and plans to build in three stages. He gets the sewer permits for the first section and builds, but he’s stalled on the others. He could easily go broke.”

Developers also fear that the public may think that new homes will have difficulty getting sewer permits and so stick to the used home market.

Counterattack. Illinois builders are proceeding on four fronts, according to Lageschulte. They plan to present their case to Gov. Richard Ogilvie in the hope of sympathy.

The legislators of Lake County have filed a bill in this session of the legislature to limit the pollution board’s powers in cases where economic hardship could result and to require the board to give substantial notice in cases where it prevents use of public utilities by individuals.

The builders will file individually for variances from the board’s ruling and will utilize the legal remedies of the board and possibly of judicial review of the board’s decision.

And finally, the builders’ group is considering seeking judicial restraint of some of the board’s powers.

—Mike Sheldrick

McGraw-Hill World News, Chicago
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Note to developers: California is overbuilding while state's growth slows

Try to think of when you last heard the band play "California, here I come." A good guess is—not lately. For people are not flocking to the Golden State the way they used to. The birth rate is down sharply. And the builders, who are supposed to recognize such harbingers of horror, refuse to acknowledge that housing may have had it for now.

The economists worry because:
1. The builders have not really accepted the implications of a severe reverse in the state's growth pattern.
2. The builders are not looking at the limits of the market, so they are overbuilding.

Warning. The chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, minces no words.

"The population boom is now a matter of history," says Anthony Frank. "The high rate of housing production is creating a surplus."

Frank, who is also president of INA Properties Inc., based in Los Angeles, points out that California homebuilding always has been based on an assumption of mass in-migration, and he warns:

"Once in a while it might be beneficial if we would take off our rose-colored glasses and look at the cold population statistics."

The big declines. The latest sum-up shows that net in-migration fell from 300,000 a year in the early 60s—when it accounted for 56% of the population increase—to an annual rate that is nearly zero at present.

During the decade, too, the birth rate dropped from 23 per 1,000 of population to 17. The population cutback has not been nearly as well publicized, or analyzed, as the outflow of savings and loan funds or the mortgage-money shortage. And even economists, while prepared for fewer new faces, are taken aback at so drastic a drop in in-migration.

The state's department of finance is still struggling to interpret 1970 census figures and some statistics won't be firm before the end of the year. However, initial tallies show that population rose 4,133,000 between 1960 and 1970, to 19,700,000. Of this, 2,082,000 was from natural increases and 2,051,000 from net in-migration.

Growth lag. What's so significant is that most of that net in-migration occurred during the decade's first five years. The decline started in 1963 and by 1970, says the department, net in-migration was only 27,000. Although the rate has run near zero for the last few post-earthquake months, the state thinks it may yet post a token gain of 25,000 for 1971.

Tony Frank is more pessimistic. He guesses the 1971 in-migration gain somewhere between zero and 25,000. And the population, he predicts, will increase by only 200,000 to 230,000—"a growth rate not only less than the national average but mostly due to natural gains."

Researchers and economists for the state's big lenders say about the same thing. They don't project any new wave of migration or significant increase in the birth rate for the first half of this decade. So, they say, population gains are not likely to average more than 200,000 per year.

A leading economist, Conrad J. Jamison, vice president of Security Pacific National Bank in Los Angeles, says net in-migration was running at only 25,000 a year before the February quake, and he cautions: "With that event in the picture, there may be no in-migration whatever in 1971—and, possibly, some net out-migration from southern California."

The 1970 census sets 10-county southern California—which has 59.1% of the state's population—at 11,789,000. This is up 2,677,000, or 29.1%, from 1960. Los Angeles County, at 7,032,000, is up 993,000, or 16.4%. The city, at 2,816,000, is up 337,000, or 13.6%.

But a breakdown of the new figures—besides showing the lack of newcomers of late—uncovers some other statistics that builders may have to heed. Just one: much of the growth that did take place in Los Angeles was centered in minority groups. Ten years ago the city had 334,000 Negroes. Now, they number 503,000, or 17% of the population.

Good old days. It's hard for even the economists to think of the old days as gone. Since the turn of the century, population has doubled every 20 years. Over the last 30 years, it soared from less than 7 million to today's nearly 20 million.

Gold and cheap land lured immigrants in the 1800s, along with new railroad routes. Later, California was looked on as a health spa. In the 20s, the movie industry provided glamour and jobs. During the depression it seemed a better spot than the Southwest's dust bowls. And the aircraft industry brought opportunities in the '40s, aerospace and construction in the '50s.

The state's all-time net immigration record—570,000—was recorded in 1942, when World War II brought thousands to work in defense plants. A 30-year low was set in 1947—76,000 arrivals, a result of post-war readjustments. In 1942 in-migration accounted for 89% of the population increase. In 1947, 34%.

Loss of jobs. The Vietnam war can be blamed in part for the lack of new faces. California has few big defense plants to turn out the hardware needed in jungle fighting, so these jobs went to the East and Midwest. But the state has also suffered a certain loss of attraction.

Robert R. Dockson, chairman of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce's research committee and president of California Federal Savings & Loan, explains: "When the losses we have experienced are combined with the image our city presents to the outside in terms of air pollution, congestion, and other environmental problems, we can see that southern California doesn't have the appeal that it did."

Both property and business taxes are heavy and getting heavier. And in the hard-hit aerospace industry, payrolls are down from peak 616,000 in 1967 to 457,000. The state department of finance expects employment to stabilize in 1972 at about 400,000. [Defense jobs run about 34% of the state's manufacturing employment.]

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35,000 too many. The Bank of America’s economic department projects 185,000 starts this year, and it says this will be well above market demand. Even taking into account marriages of post-war babies—and the need to upgrade existing housing—it believes the upper limits on market demand will be about 150,000 starts.

Tony Frank also points out that producing one unit for each additional resident for two years in a row is going to bring serious over-supply. He adds: “Unless new government housing programs are introduced to broaden the market, housing needs don’t exceed 140,000 to 150,000 units a year.”

Overlending. One problem experts anticipate is that, while housing demand justifies no more than 125,000 units, lenders—expects lenders to have a large number of mortgages outstanding, and that the demand for mortgages will encourage construction. “Mortgage lenders are in an aggressive lending mood,” Jamison warns. There are some people who expect in-migration to increase when the Vietnam war winds down. The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce says it wants to satisfy growth, not promote it. But it thinks people will stream in as they always have at the end of a war—not only veterans but workers now in eastern and midwestern defense plants.

Builders’ route. Meanwhile, says Frank, builders must learn more about housing sub-markets, develop new products to cope with new markets—and work with Washington to design programs that will shift surplus funds into subsidized housing for the low-income end of the market.

“The easy way in California is for real estate to keep on doing what was successful,” he says. “But, as a great many of the ‘silent walking wounded’ among our major builders would not like to admit, that can no longer be done.”

—BARBARA LAMB

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Some veteran Californians organize to save the state from its own promoters

A good many of California’s natives have grown restless lately, worrying over whether it’s a mistake to gauge progress merely by numbers or to set growth as a goal. Groups such as the Los Angeles and Zero Population Growth are hitting the public-earring trail along with Sierra Club conservationists to tell people that economic gains must be measured against the impact on environmental quality and natural resources.

Kingsley Davis, sociology professor at the University of California at Berkeley, told the Federal Commission on Population Growth in Los Angeles last month that 61% of California’s 20 million residents were born outside the state or the United States. And, he said, the state holds 75% of all non-white migrants from the South, 53% of all this country’s Mexican nationals, 45% of all its South Americans and 41% of all Japanese immigrants.

Overgrowth. At the same hearing, Rep. Jerome Waldie (D., Calif.) blamed politicians for operating under the policy that “growth is good and fantastic.” Growth is no longer good, he testified, “and it never has been good for the Los Angeles basin. It’s a tragedy that growth has reached a point of diminishing returns for the present population.”

Says Fred Abraham, president of Zero Population Growth of Los Angeles and a professor at UCLA’s Institute of Evolutionary and Environmental Biology: “We need fewer people—a quality of life, not a quantity of life.”

The Sierra Club’s president, Phillip Berry, believes the basic problem is that the land has been treated as a commodity and not a resource.

“The developer has to be put in his place,” Berry warns. “He’s a hero.”

Keeping em out. Californians first proposed to keep out new-comers back in the 30s. Some called a fence around the state. Most recently, in a survey for TUC’s demography department, about half of the white people interviewed thought the state should halt the publicity that entices people to California and should restrict in-migration. Non-whites, too, listed population as a paramount factor in environmental problems.

Some people have gone beyond talk. Malibu voters recently turned down a bond issue to finance a sewer system for a largely undeveloped 27-mile-long coastal area. Proponents (including the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Realtors) say the major issue is health, that the septic tank system is polluting the beach. Opponents claim the whole thing is a smokescreen for growth.

“First come the sewers, then the freeway—and then the big developments,” says Dick Stenger, chairman of Malibu Citizens for Good Community Planning, which helped defeat the bond issue.

City of 5 million? In another battle, opponents of a major document in the new Los Angeles master plan gave it such a going over for “promoting growth” that specific population figures have been omitted. The concept pinpoints 29 high-density urban centers that will hold most of the city’s new residential-commercial growth—a future population of 5 million, it noted, or 75% more than today.

The population slowdown has already scaled back some projects. The state has curbed some phases of its $2.8-billion project that is just beginning to bring northern California water southward. Reduced growth, it says, indicates a population of 29 million in 1990, not the 35 million projected only four years ago—and 45 million in 2020 instead of 54 million. This, it adds, provides a breathing spell in water resources development.

A new University of California report says that instead of 250,000 students in 1985, as projected only four years ago, there will be only 134,000 to 140,000 (present enrollment, 100,000). The report makes no mention of new campuses, where the old growth plan listed four possibilities. And expansion of others, such as UC-Irvine, hub of Irving Ranch development, will be delayed.

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Robino-Ladd will exchange 480,000 shares, valued at $10 million, for all of International's shares at a ratio of 1.2 x-b shares for one of International. Robino-Ladd trades over the counter.

International's shareholders must approve the deal.

Robino-Ladd already builds single- and multifamily housing in suburban Chicago, Delaware, and southeastern Pennsylvania. The acquisition will take the company into Florida and Puerto Rico.

**New ventures.** International owns the 450-acre Golf & Racquet Club of Palm Beach, which has a golf course and an 18-unit condominium apartment house. Zoning will permit construction of 3,000 such units.

The company owns another 645 acres in Puerto Rico's Dorado Beach resort area, and some of the parcels have a golf course and swimming pool. International has contracts, backed by 500 deposits of $2,500 each, to build the first 234 of 1,680 single-family homes planned for a resort community on the site.

Chairman Roger Ladd says Robino-Ladd will contribute to the merger its know-how in land planning, finance, marketing, and construction. He says International brings in holdings that, if started today, could not be brought to their present state of development in less than three years.

**Expansion.** The Robino-Ladd story begins in the postwar years with two young veterans —Roger Ladd, who was selling real estate on weekends in Illinois, and Frank Robino, who was launching a home building company in Wilmington, Del.

Ladd joined his father to create Ladd Enterprises in 1950, and the company acquired Frank A. Robino Inc. in October 1969. The combine went public with an initial sale of 310,000 shares at $10. The shares were trading at about $24 when the International deal was announced.

Robino-Ladd has increased sales from $8.9 million [pro forma] in 1966 to $24.7 million for the year ended January 31. Profit was up from $290,947 to $1.3 million in the same period. Multifamily construction usually runs about 40% of volume, and it was estimating about 600-700 apartment starts for fiscal '71.

Robino-Ladd bought Luigi Fortunato Inc., a Delaware developer and builder, in March 1970, and acquired Kendree & Shepherd Planning Consultants of Philadelphia five months later. Stanley Edge Associates Inc., the Washington market research service, was added in September. The parent company ranks about 25th among builders on sales volume. It vows to be No. 10 within a year.

—MIKE SHELDRICK

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**The affluent rout the poor in battle for the Washington suburb of Watkins Glen**

The battle for Watkins Glen has just about ended—with a clearcut victory for residents of that well-to-do Washington suburb.

The Department of Housing has ruled it will not fund the plan of the Montgomery (Md.) County Housing Authority to lease 52 luxury townhouses to poor families.

The lease proposal had been suggested by the housing authority after the builders of the $45,000 townhouses ran into foreclosure problems [News, May]. The developers welcomed the leases as a bail-out.

**Objections.** But suburbanites objected strongly to HUD's subsidizing poor families in "luxury units" and these families moving into high-cost housing.

The housing authority director, Troy Chapman, had said: "Some occupants will be employed. Some will be on welfare. Some will be black, some white."

The lease proposal was delayed, and ten of the units were then sold at foreclosure proceedings. Another 23 were scheduled to go on the block in mid-May.

A county circuit judge had made a federal subsidy was necessary to enable the prospective tenants to pay rents ranging from $230 to $290 per month.

**Senate rules Fed need not aid housing**

Senator William Proxmire's annual run at the Federal Reserve Board has been beaten back once again this year. The Wisconsin Democrat's attempt to get the Fed to provide direct aid to housing was rejected by the Senate.

Proxmire, for the past several years, has introduced legislation that would in one way or another direct the board to pump money into the housing market. His proposals are consistently opposed by the Fed, which does not want to employ monetary policy to favor any particular economic sector.

**Decisive setback.** Proxmire has in the past come within one vote of winning such legislation, but he fell far short this year. His proposal never reached the floor of the Senate.

His approach was to have the Fed set variable reserve requirements for commercial banks, so that a lower reserve would be required for high-priority economic areas such as housing.

**Lobbying.** The Fed opposed the move. The housing lobby, including the NAHB, supported it.

The proposal was approved by the Senate financial institutions subcommittee, of which Proxmire is chairman, 5 to 4.

In the subcommittee, however, Chairman John Sparkman of the full Senate Banking Committee and a longtime friend of housing, opposed the plan. When it came before Sparkman's own committee, it was rejected.

—A.M.

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Here’s the composite index:

![Composite Index](chart)

**Stock list expanded**

The current issue expands *HOUSE & HOME’s* stock price tables to 340 listings that cover virtually every segment of American business related to homebuilding. (See page 24.)

With an assist from Blyth & Co., the Wall Street securities house, the editors have almost tripled the magazine’s previous list of monthly prices for some 120 issues. The larger tables will permit *HOUSE & HOME* to present by far the widest stock price coverage of any housing trade magazine.

A list of trusts. A new section of 56 mortgage investment trusts is included, largely in response to wide reader demand for quotations on the stocks of these comparatively new companies.

Industry index. The industry index of 25 leading companies, five from each of the five principal sectors of housing activity, will continue to appear along with the expanded list.

The weighted index, using share prices of January 1965 as a base of 100, has appeared monthly since April 1967. It is prepared for *HOUSE & HOME* by Standard & Poor’s, the New York investment research service. The index appears above.

**Site Development Costs—170 Acres**

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Since water has a rather difficult time moving uphill, a subdivision has to be graded to facilitate this drainage pattern, whether that grading fits the natural contour of the land or not.

This engineering design method is logical when the natural contour of the land is already running generally in the direction of the drainage.

What, though, if the street drainage runs in opposition to the natural contour? Something must be sacrificed, and usually it's natural terrain—mature trees, shrubs, and ground cover. In addition, when streets are constructed in opposition to the natural slope, it usually means excessive grading, resulting in greater costs to both builder and buyer. (See Sketch C).

Assuming the design method can be modified, what are some alternative solutions?

First, drainage can be carried in the street to the end of the cul-de-sac, then transferred to a lower street, another cul-de-sac, or to a natural drainage channel. This can be done with a catch basin and pipe, a concrete ditch, or natural swale. (See Sketch D).

A second possibility is not to carry the drainage in the street at all, but in natural drainage courses on the site, either next to the street or otherwise. This water then continues from the end of the cul-de-sac down to other natural drainage swales, a culvert, or catch basin. Again, this allows the street to fit the natural terrain as much as possible. And the planner, keeping the natural environment in mind, can place that street in the right location for the overall site plan. This solution should be quite economical since no curbs and gutters are required adjacent to the street roadway. (See Sketch E).

Another solution, more applicable to larger developments, is the ponding technique. Water is carried in a natural swale from the area of the cul-de-sac to a collection point, possibly common to other cul-de-sacs. Depending upon the nature of the local area as to frequency and amount of rainfall, various facilities could be used to collect or pond the storm water, allowing it to be drawn off by evaporation, absorption, slow release, etc. A small existing lake, a golf course, a common green area, or a natural mud flat are a few examples.

To sum up, all too often the natural environment of a site has been doomed to destruction in the initial stages of site design. A preconceived engineering design method has already ruled out alternatives that would allow for an environmentally superior plan. Add to this a planning commission and council that is oriented only to going by the book, and there is no place left for alternatives that may produce a far superior land plan at one with the natural environment.

What can the land planner, developer, and builder do?

Start with the initial objective of obtaining a land plan of superior quality even if it doesn't initially conform to all the design methods of a particular municipality. Look for meaningful and practical alternatives to these methods and present them with all the facts.

In this example, obviously, your solution must meet all the basic criteria—minimization of flood danger to residents, ease and economy of maintenance, and safety. With these basics solved to the satisfaction of your community, there should be no reason for the ruling body not to accept a more aesthetically pleasing and economically superior solution that conserves the environment as well.
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Accessorizing is the last step an interior designer takes to give the home warmth and personality—in short, the homely feeling the prospective buyer subconsciously looks for and relates to when traversing through model-home complexes. As I’ve stressed before, the “total theme” concept is important in creating a responsive mood. But it can never be captured solely by furniture and wall coverings. The completeness of a theme does not come across unless complemented by unusually eyecatching, conversation-sparkling accessory objects.

However, like most other aspects of decorating, the primary rule is “don’t overdo it.” And in accessorizing, that’s an easy trap to fall into.

For example, chances are you’ve visited a model home with an oriental theme and can almost smell the incense burning. Or, there are squat Buddhas or bamboo shades in every room. That’s overdoing it. The overpowering presence of jade figurines, vases, and gongs make the home look like an import gift shop. And you know what most people do in gift shops—they look but rarely buy.

And that’s just what you want to avoid. A few well-placed items such as an oriental screen or a distinctive ash tray can understate the theme and convey it to the prospective buyer far more effectively.

One of the most natural and effective ways to accessorize is with plants. Greenery fits every home no matter what the style. A corner calls for a tall-standing plant such as a fiddle leaf. Try a full fern for a coffee sill. Plants give a home a look of vitality and realism.

Naturally, live plants and flower arrangements are preferable but maintenance problems often make them impractical. Artificial plants are just as effective and can be easily transferred to new projects for reuse.

Books are, in my estimation, a vital accessory in any model. They warm up a room quicker than anything else. But don’t just throw a couple of books here and there for show. Stuff floor-to-ceiling built-in bookcases with old books readily available in secondhand stores. An occasional book opened facedown on a desk, bed, or table, gives the illusion that your model is actually occupied.

Newspapers and magazines casually, although strategically, situated in various rooms are a must. They take up space, the buyer identifies with them and, believe it not, they inject livability into the model. And, like plants and books, they give great mileage. Example: use Wall Street Journal in a man’s den.

Selectivity a must. Because accessories are used to complete a theme, they must be carefully chosen. As an illustration, let’s take the dining room table setting in several different model home decors.

For a traditional home, you probably have a formal dining room and a rather elegant atmosphere. So coordinate your accessories with the “fine china look.” But you should not price yourself out of the homebuyer’s range by using expensive china and crystal. Wine glasses, perhaps a decanter and a colorful floral arrangement, will create the effect.

A setting in a Mexican or ranch house calls for a heavier, more masculine tone. You would use rustic pottery dishes augmented with mugs and wooden bowls. Bright warm place mats or table runners could further amplify the theme.

In a modern or contemporary home, the setting could feature sleek, white plates and smoke glass goblets which would mirror the clean lines of the contemporary look.

But don’t feel constricted by these basic themes. For an oriental mood, use oriental pattern plates, tea cups, and chopsticks on grass place mats.

The ABCs of accessorizing. Every room can be made more inviting with accessories. Here are a few basic do’s and don’ts you may want to follow:

Entry. Don’t make the mistake of leaving it barren without wall hangings, but use decorative mirrors to open up what is usually a tight space. Entries are ideal for plants. Use a leafy palm, if space permits, in a modern house, or for a heartier look in a ranch house, use a rhododendron.

Living room. Here’s the place where most people get carried away. And it’s easy because you have a good deal of open table space. So use large items to eliminate the temptation for people to drop your accessories into pockets and purses.

For example, mix a few antiques in with your modern furniture. An old clock, circa 1930, occupying a prominent place on a glass and chrome étagère [free standing shelves], generates interest and conversation. An old ship’s wheel or bell reinforces a nautical theme. An oriental rug or a silk screen behind the sofa silently whispers the call of the Far East. Pre-Columbian figures and a Mexican tapestry on the wall can be used to lighten the heaviness of Mexican furniture.

Bedrooms. Never forget that these rooms serve other purposes than sleeping. A sewing nook can be accented with patterns and bolts of material on a nearby table. Even an old wire mannequin, the kind your grandmother used, adds charm and life to the woman’s retreat.

Children’s room. Don’t make the mistake of limiting accessories to bedspreads and curtains. Do use such things as tennis rackets, baseball mitts, record jackets, posters, old street signs, busy bulletin boards loaded with clippings, and popular toys. But coordinate with your overall theme, be imaginative.

Bathroom. Don’t try to make this room something it isn’t. Traditionally the bathroom is drab, but give it life with unusual soap dishes, antique bottles, or jars of bath powders or cotton balls.

Kitchen. Here is probably the most important room in the home in terms of accessorizing. Fill glass canisters with beans and macaroni (then glue the lids down) and toss around mixing bowls. Artificial foods, randomly placed, and an open cookbook can target in on specific markets: a gourmet cookbook for a more expensive home, or “50 Ways to Cook Hamburgers” for the young marrieds. Sounds silly but people relate to them. In short, the kitchen should imply activity, creativity, productivity.

Pictures are probably the most important accessories; they should be chosen mainly for color and style of frame. The picture must relate to the theme of the home, and the buyer should relate to the pictures. You wouldn’t use a Picasso in a Williamsburg or Early American home. However Picasso would work in a modern home. And a picture doesn’t necessarily have to stand alone. Group them, cluster them—the effect is intriguing.
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... two on-site treatment plants for homes in non-sewered areas

The smaller plant [top] is for single-family homes; it can also serve as a replacement for worn-out septic tanks. The larger plant is for housing projects of 25 units or more.

According to the manufacturer, Nyadic Sciences Inc., West Chester, Pa., the operating principle of both plants is the same—a combination of activated sludge and forced aeration. A stream of compressed air keeps the wastes constantly aerated to promote bacterial action, and the sludge, instead of settling, is recycled. The smaller plant gets the job done in two stages; the larger one in three. The larger plant is also capable of chemically removing phosphates.

For the small plant, a leaching field the size of a septic tank's (or slightly smaller) is required. Effluent from the larger plant is discharged directly—as with a conventional plant.

The efficiency of the two treatment plants is high—well above government requirements. The smaller unit gets 85%-95% solids removal—even better than some large-scale municipal plants. One reason for this, says Nyadic Sciences, is a longer-than-average detention time (20 hours). The larger plant has a shorter detention time (9 hours), but gets 90%-95% efficiency through its three-stage system.

The small plant costs $995, not including installation and the building of a leaching field.

The larger plant costs about $75,000. But this price includes a complete turnkey package—design engineering, obtaining a permit, installation, putting the plant in operation, training an attendant, and a year's servicing. There is also a leasing arrangement available to builders and developers if desired.
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LETTERS

Joint ventures

H&H: The subject is timely, the need is great. Your presentation ["Joint Venturing" M. J.] deserves praise and support.

May I add that I am pursuing this theme with land acquisition. We are at the point in one parcel of 80 acres (300 acres in various areas) in a large metropolitan area where we are looking for an equally aggressive group, be it factory, developer, etc., to joint venture with.

May we continue to receive "pulse" notes on this matter.

BERNARD D. SOBLE
GEORGE G. ALDER
Howland-Alder Realty Inc.
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mobiles vs. modulars

H&H: During the past year the distinction between modular housing and mobile homes has been blurred, especially by those charged with upgrading the image of the mobile home. The tendency is to emphasize only the general similarity that both types consist of three-dimensional units hauled by trailer.

The fact that modular housing is permanent housing built to meet local building codes and qualify for long-term mortgage financing is too often ignored.

The fine article in your April issue on mobile housing is a reminder of the major basic difference in the two types of housing.

RICHARD L. BULLOCK
executive vice president
National Association of Building Manufacturers
Washington, D.C.

H&H: You did an excellent job in the April article on mobiles and modulars. The exception I would take is that the most obvious obstacle to modulars is not in the manufacturing or production area but in the marketing area.

The mobile home people have solved their marketing problem to the current tune of 400,000 units a year. Further, the growth rate of mobiles over recent years shows that a satisfactory industry-wide marketing solution has been achieved. The mobile home marketing solution (via dealer networks, bank floor/dealer financing, mobile-home park development, consumer purchase) has allowed this industry to put millions of people into low-cost, clean housing.

Whether the same marketing approaches are right and workable for the modular firms remains to be seen. It is first important to recognize that a significant marketing problem exists and that it is a new problem. The modular industry does not appear ready with sales and marketing plans to support even 50 modular plants at two units per day, let alone the 200 plants that are ready to build modulars. To sustain minimum production rates for 200 plants, the industry's marketing arms must deliver 100,000 buyers, each with access to a piece of land and $10,000 every year.

I anticipate that far more modular companies will fail for lack of ability to solve their marketing problems than for lack of ability to solve their production problems.

Joseph B. Bonney, project director
Leonard G. Caudill
Tacoma, Wash.

House & Home did not check mobile-home prices in smaller towns, so we cannot agree or disagree with Mr. Bogley.

We suggest, however, that the media declare openly in all future press releases it distributes that the $6,100 average price of a 12' x 60' mobile home applies only to those units sold in Paducah, Fargo, and Broken Bow—ED.

H&H: I read your article, "It's time to take the low-price market back from the mobiles," with mixed emotions.

As a building inspector, I certainly agree that there is a market for modulars, and have been a proponent of this type of dwelling unit for several years. I have been surprised that manufacturers haven't jumped into this field. However, as a mobile home owner I believe the authors of this article were quite critical of the mobile home industry and to the public in general in the presentation of their "facts."

The insinuation that mobile homes are all constructed with 2x2 studs, and are of inferior construction throughout makes it quite apparent that the authors have little knowledge of actual mobile home construction.

Before I purchased my 20'x60' Galvadon mobile home, I visited the factory, and you can be sure I watched the entire process with a critical eye. The slab is poured in kiln dry 2x3's at 16" on center, the roof was adequately trussed, the floor joists were more than adequate, and the construction throughout met performance code standards. The ceilings, walls, and floors were insulated.

The authors are apparently talking mobile home and thinking trailer. Well-built mobile homes will last as long or longer than many of the low-priced homes being erected in this city under the uniform building code with proper inspection. Compare a line wire stucco exterior with good anodized aluminum or redwood siding on a mobile home. How about a composition roof versus a lifetime aluminum roof? Are mobile blocks in a frame and is it so no longer required by code? Are they installed at three heights in a mobile home wall? How many modern low-priced homes in California are insulated throughout?

The Blue Book used by dealers does not reflect the actual market value. In many cases the mobiles are higher that the original cost. Proper maintenance is required on any home.

The authors have overlooked the fact that there are several million mobile home-owners who enjoy this way of life. Retired couples and semi-retired couples living in a good park, well regulated and maintained and providing recreational facilities for their leisure time would not trade this way of life for another home.

We do need modulars in varying price ranges, however, to meet the need of lower-priced homes, it is doubtful that the design and construction and finish will differ much from well-built mobile homes.

The state of California has pre­empted the rights of building offi­cials as pertains to field inspection of factory-built homes. This is a step in the right direction and will make it possible for modulars to be erected without local harassment.

Zoning is another problem. No doubt, many neighborhoods will take a dim view of a modular being erected in their area. Land developed for modulars in this city would require planning commission and city council approval. It is doubtful at the present time that developers could get either, but I am sure this will change.

I can appreciate the homebuilding attitude toward mobile homes. They have had it from the beginning by this business and should be prodded into the modular market. I cannot agree with the authors' approach. I believe it is poor business to run a competitor down in an attempt to improve the image of another product. The proper approach should be to build a better mousetrap.

I have owned several homes. We purchased a mobile home after making a thorough study of the matter simply because this was a type of living we could enjoy. Personally, I would never change back. Most of the people in mobile parks in this area feel the same way.

In conclusion, I have high hopes for good modulars. They have a place and could be one answer to our present high-priced housing. Perhaps good modulars will shake up the manufacturers of the poorer mobile homes, and everybody will get a better product.

KEITH W. SOWLI
senior building inspector
Richmond, Calif.

There are good mobiles and Reader Sowell seems to have found one. However, most mobiles aren't like this. We know. We checked. And the contention that many mobiles will outlast some low-priced homes is certainly unproved.

The Blue Book may not reflect exactly what a buyer will pay for a used mobile, but it does show what a buyer will get for what he sells. And it's a poor bargain in our opinion.

Homebuilding has been hurt by mobiles because builders haven't gone after that market properly. But the group really being hurt is mobile buyers, who are paying extraordinarily high loan rates and suffering very high depreciation.

ED.
Mat is our "whet-air-doing at the bottom of a stone quarry?"

Showing off new Sanspray stone-on-plywood siding.

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Patman's banking reform bill

Does it really make sense to ban piece-of-the-action deals by apartment lenders?

We don't think so. And that's why we're strongly opposed to Section 14 of the 1971 Banking Reform Act.

Chairman Wright Patman's House Banking and Currency Committee has been holding hearings on the reform bill; the section in question here would rule out participation by lenders in either the income or the ownership of apartment projects.

It's aimed, of course, at eliminating the so-called kickers which give the lender a share of a project's equity or profits as part of the mortgage deal. Kickers became prevalent over the last couple of years when money was tight. Not all lenders insisted on them, by any means. But many did—most of them insurance companies. And builders and developers who had to borrow on kicker terms or stop building have been vocally angry, especially since rates have eased and money is available on more or less normal terms again.

Section 14 has become a hot issue, fraught with emotion and beclouded by charges and counter-charges. Its supporters—NAHB and the National Association of Real Estate Boards, for example—see it as the one way to halt "unconscionable deals" by apartment lenders. Its opponents—mainly lenders but also many builders and developers—call it "an abomination."

In our view, Section 14 is a simplistic, political approach to a complex economic problem. Granted, some lenders took advantage of scarce money to wring extra blood out of some developers. But overreacting is not a sound solution, and Section 14 is overreaction. In times when money is plentiful, such as now, there's no need for it. In times when money is tight and costly, it could shut off a major source of apartment financing. And at any time, it could kill the possibility of lender-builder joint ventures.

Somehow, the idea has gotten around that participation deals are, by their very nature, bad. We don't believe they are.

In the first place, they give the builder, who is traditionally undercapitalized, the extra front money he needs to expand and to produce better planned, better designed projects than he usually can with just his own capital. Although he parts with a slice of his equity, he lessens his risks, and he is often able to make up much of the profit he gives to his money partner by being able to build more efficiently.

In the second place, participation deals bring into housing money that might otherwise go elsewhere. Housing, like any other segment of the economy, competes for what money is available. And lenders, like any other investors, seek out the most attractive investment—be it stocks, bonds, convertible debentures, or mortgages.

When credit is tight and money expensive, mortgages are not all that attractive as investments. For one thing, a lender may feel that a proposed project doesn't support a competitive interest rate. For another, he may balk at putting money into a long-term, non-liquid investment that offers no hedge against inflation. So he either takes his money elsewhere or looks for a sweetener to render the mortgage more attractive. And the sweetener that usually looks best is a piece of the developer's action.

In any case, the builder can take the deal or leave it. Nobody is forcing him to take it.

We don't like many of the deals that were made. We believe that a lender should buy his equity, not squeeze it out as the price of a loan. But we believe that to react in a manner that risks shutting off a major source of money is throwing the baby out with the bathwater.

If Mr. Patman's committee is seriously concerned about the plight of the builder when money is tight, we suggest that it might better employ its time seeking a constant supply of reasonably priced money for housing.

—JOHN F. GOLDSMITH
Who's building the modulars... and how many?

These questions can now be answered, thanks to a just-completed survey by HOUSE & HOME's research department. A great deal of other significant information was unearthed too, and it all adds up to the beginnings of an accurate picture of housing's newest and most promising sub-industry.
Between 25,000 and 26,000 modular homes were built in the United States last year. The bulk of these—about 19,000—were single-family detached units; about 6,400 were multifamily units.

Most of them were manufactured by 183 different manufacturers.

Approximately 25% of these manufacturers are also building mobile homes.

If all the plant space in which modulars are being built this year were fully utilized, the manufacturers could turn out 150,000 to 25,000 multifamily units.

Also, the survey data came from the modular companies themselves. And while we have no reason to doubt any of it, at the same time we have no way to verify it.

How the survey was made

We began with every list of modular producers we could lay our hands on—from associations, consultants, and even other publications. The differences among these lists were astonishing. After eliminating the duplications, we added companies we knew of that hadn’t appeared in any of the lists. The final number receiving questionnaires was 480.

This number decreased rapidly as answers came in. There were duplications from companies that operated two or more plants, and many “no address”, “moved”, or “out of business” returns. We found that many of the companies produced components, prefabs, mobile homes, or non-residential modular buildings—but not modular houses.

All of this reduced the list to about 200 companies.

Next, we arbitrarily decided that companies which have plants of less than 10,000 sq. ft. and no plans for immediate expansion were too small to be included on a national list of manufacturers.

If such companies grow, we expect them to appear in later surveys. Meanwhile their current production is too low to affect overall totals very much.

Finally, we cross-checked the information on the questionnaires, and when something didn’t jibe, we called the appropriate company. This took about 50 phone calls, and pared the list to a final 183.

Let it be noted that our results are based on actual count, rather than the statistical projections used by some other modular surveys. If a survey with a 50% return showed, say, 20,000 units built, projected results would indicate 40,000 units for a 100% return. This technique, common to both private and government research, wasn’t necessary in our case because 1) our return was nearly 90% and 2) it included all major producers and most smaller ones. So our total is a little low.

What questions were asked—and why?

The first group of questions gives a picture of the company itself: Is it independent or a subsidiary of a larger corporation? Is it publicly held? The answers have a bearing on the financial strength of a modular producer, hence his ability to expand.

The second group of questions covers the manufacturer’s type of operation: Does he produce single-family or multifamily modulars (the two types usually involve markedly different operations)? And what other types of house manufacturing is he doing—prefabs, for example, or mobile homes?

The third group pertains to the manufacturer’s modular production: How many units did he produce in single-family and/or multifamily categories? Were they sold to other builders or dealers, or used in the manufacturer’s own projects? In future years the answer to this question will help determine the shape of not just modular housing but the entire housing industry.

The fourth group deals with the size of the manufacturer’s plant: How much space is he now using, and how much expansion does he plan? This is perhaps the most meaningful portion of the whole survey. If you know a modular producer’s plant size, you know his production capability; if you check this against his present production, you know whether he’s living up to his potential or not, if you know how much he plans to expand his plant space you know how much his production capability will increase, and if you add up all the plant areas in the country, you get a reasonably accurate picture of how far modular housing can go in the next year or two. All of this is covered in the analysis at the end of this survey.

The last question asks the manufacturer’s estimated production for 1971, and we suggest that not too much weight be given to the results. Not all producers answered the question, and some were obviously over-optimistic. Other surveys have used the same question. According to one, 1970 modular production should have been nearly 40,000 units instead of 25,000; according to another, this year’s production should reach over 130,000 units, and still another predicts over half a million units by 1974. Nevertheless, the answers do offer a clue to how the companies feel—individually and collectively—about the immediate future of the modular housing industry.

Answers to all the survey questions are tabulated on the next ten pages. The companies are listed alphabetically in three groups based on plant size: 50,000 sq. ft. or more in the first group, from 25,000 to 50,000 sq. ft. in the second, and from 10,000 sq. ft. to 25,000 sq. ft. in the third. A special group includes companies that can’t be accurately placed in any of the other three.

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### Field Erection Provided

- Yes: Modular units are built at the factory and shipped to the site for installation.
- No: Modular units are built at the site.

### Factory Data

- Total plant area (sq. ft.):
- Planned plant expansion area (sq. ft.):

### Est. 1971 Production

- Total production:
- Planned production:

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**Est. 1971 production**
Out of the modular statistics, a picture begins to emerge

It would probably be more accurate to call it a sketch than a picture. Despite the fact that such figures as are available show that modular volume roughly doubled from 1969 to 1970, there simply aren't enough modular companies in full production to indicate with any certainty where this sub-industry is going.

Nevertheless, there are hints. Mix them with a little common sense and it's possible to draw at least a few tentative conclusions about what's going to happen to modulars over the next two or three years.

Mobile companies are big in modulars

And there are very good reasons for believing that their role will increase at least proportionately as modulars gain an increasing share of the housing market.

Forty-five mobile companies produced modulars last year and will presumably continue doing so. They make up 25% of the modular firms on the survey list.

However, their modular production was proportionately higher than that of the modular-only companies, it reached nearly 10,000 units, or almost 40% of 1970's total production.

And looking to the future, mobiles currently have the plant capacity to turn out some 400,000 mobile homes a year. Allowing for the fact that the typical modular unit is considerably larger than the typical mobile home, mobile companies have the capacity to produce perhaps a quarter of a million modular units a year.

Thus it would seem that on the basis of existing manufacturing capacity alone, mobile manufacturers will inevitably occupy the number one position in modular housing. Certainly they have already shown themselves highly interested in the field.

However, another portion of the survey raises some interesting questions in this regard.

Mobile firms may have dealer problems

Of the 45 mobile manufacturers covered in the survey, 31 sold all of their modular houses to builders, dealers, or consumers. Only 14 put any of their modulars into their own housing projects, and the volume was only a reported 1,204 units, out of a total of 9,826 produced by the mobile companies.

The inference here is that mobile manufacturers are tending toward the same marketing pattern for modulars as for mobiles, with the manufacturers acting as wholesalers and leaving the retailing up to their dealers. The manufacturers are heavily dependent on their dealers' ability not just to sell their units but to develop the parks they go into.

This sales pattern may not work well with modulars on any large scale. The advantage of a modular over a mobile is that while the modular may cost a little more, it is eligible for a mortgage rather than a loan, and so costs far, far less in monthly payments (H&H, April). But to realize that advantage, the modular must go into a conventional housing project, not a mobile home park. Few mobile park operators have any experience as developers. So the mobile manufacturer who wants to move strongly into the modular field will have to set up a whole new network with a whole new type of developer-dealer. This will not be a quick or easy process. Also, the mobile manufacturers, with some exceptions, will have to upgrade their modular houses to a quality that buyers of permanent homes generally expect.

Single- vs. multifamily: the same pattern

You would expect the dealer-oriented mobile companies to favor single-family modulars over multifamily modulars, and that's just what's happening. Only 10 mobile firms produced any multifamily units at all. The overall score was more than 18,400 singles to about 1,400 multifamily units. Furthermore, just two companies accounted for almost all of that multifamily count: Guerdon, with approximately 500 such units, and National Homes, with 700.

Obviously, the other mobile manufacturers, having produced only about 200 units, are playing with prototypes rather than actually moving into production on any serious scale.

This figures. Multifamily modulars must be sold to experienced developers, and few of the mobile manufacturers have developed close ties with such developers. The alternative—that the mobile companies develop their own multifamily modular projects—is even more remote: only three companies, National, Swift, and USCO Corp. are both multifamily-modular producers and developers of their own projects.

It should also be noted that National Homes is a mobile producer only by virtue of having bought mobile companies. The original firm was, of course, a prefab producer, and also one of the pioneers in modular housing.

Modular-only firms: a confused picture

The non-mobile ranks of modular producers in the survey include 138 companies, and they vary enormously in size. There are 47 of them in the large category—plants with 50,000 or more sq. ft., 54 in the medium-sized category—plants with 25,000 to 50,000 sq. ft., and 35 in the under-25,000 sq. ft. group. (Three companies could not be classified.)

Even this does not convey the real range of size covered by these firms. Many of the smallest—down to 10,000 sq. ft. of plant space—are almost what could be called backyard operations which can be set up with minimal capital investment. At the other extreme is Behring Corp., which has started production in a 350,000 sq. ft. plant, representing not only millions of dollars in investment but a totally different type of operation and marketing program.

Obviously, no single set of ground rules can cover such a range. Further, it's too early to tell whether the big, the small, or the in-between operation has the best chance of survival. No major modular producers have bitten the dust yet, many small ones have, but the reason is more likely to have been poor management than failure of a concept.

Nevertheless, some tentative and interesting conclusions can be drawn from the survey's figures.

The modular-only manufacturers are much more heavily in the developing business than their mobile counterparts. Only half of them—68 firms—sell
all of their production to other builders. The other half—70 firms—use or plan to use at least part of their production in their own projects, and of these, 15 firms put all of their output into their own projects. Like the mobile companies, modular-only firms favor the single-family detached unit. More than two-thirds of their production went into such units—not as high a ratio as for the mobile companies (about 80%), but still surprisingly high.

One thing this suggests is that many of the modular-only companies are challenging the modular-producing mobile firms, and will inevitably end up fighting for many of the same builder-dealers. However, the market for small single-family houses built outside of projects, as are most of the modulars, is limited. If modular producers continue concentrating on it to the present degree, it could become saturated quite soon. Modular producers would then have to concentrate on their own developments, work more closely with other big developers, or turn to multifamily production.

**Multifamily: small but promising**

Less than 7,000 multifamily units were turned out by modular producers in 1970—only 25% of total modular output. Considering the fact that many experts foresee modular housing's greatest promise to be in the multifamily field, this would seem a disappointingly low volume.

But there are mitigating circumstances:

- Multifamily modulars are comparatively new; single-family modulars, in the form of sectionals, have been in production for several years.
- Multifamily modulars create more complex design engineering problems because they are joined to other units and are usually two-story. Single-family units are usually made up of two halves, and almost always are one-story.
- Multifamily modulars can be marketed only to developers, while single-family units can be sold to a wide variety of builders and/or buyers.
- Multifamily modulars have so far been built chiefly as government subsidy housing. And while this field has expanded enormously, many potential manufacturers are loath to invest several million dollars in a plant for a field so fraught with red tape and uncertainties about funding.

But the picture is changing. There are signs that more non-subsidy multifamily housing will go the modular route. And among the big new plants just going into production, many—notably Levitt, Fruehauf, HMI, and Westinghouse—will join other large, already-producing companies like Stirling Homex and Modular Housing Systems in building nothing but multifamily modulars.

The question of who will manufacture the multifamily modulars seems to be answered, for the immediate future, at least. In 1970, the survey shows, only 17% of the mobile companies' modular output was in multifamily; for modular-only companies, the figure was 30%.

Further, as previously noted, two mobile manufacturers accounted for almost all of that group's output of multifamily housing.

So it’s reasonable to say that for the next two or three years at least, 1) modular-only companies will account for most of the multifamily modular production, and 2) new plants just going on stream will raise multifamily's share of total modular production by a marked amount.

**Plant area: best measure of potential**

In a modular factory of a given size, only so many units can be manufactured per year. Thus the survey figures on plant area for each modular company provide a yardstick for the company's potential. Set against production figures, the area figures also suggest how efficiently the plant is operating.

The rule-of-thumb formula is one complete housing unit per year for each 100 sq. ft. of plant area operating on one shift per day.

Of course this is not exact. A plant producing small single-family modulars may be able to exceed this figure by as much as 50% or more, while complex multifamily units might cut it by 25% or more. But it is close enough for average projections.

Thus a 50,000-sq.-ft. plant can produce 500 units a year, a 200,000-sq.-ft. plant 2,000 units a year, and so on.

As noted on the opening page of this article, there is in theory at least more than 15 million sq. ft. of plant area available for modular production right now. This could, according to the formula, provide 150,000 modular units a year, and more if second and third shifts were used.

But about 6 million sq. ft. of this space is in mobile company plants which are used for both mobiles and modulars, and it's impossible to know in exact what proportion they are produced.

The modular-only companies are more easily pinned down. Their present plant area totals just over 9 million sq. ft. According to the formula, they are thus capable of producing 90,000 units per year on one shift; they are actually producing 15,700 units, so there is considerable room for growth without increasing the existing plants.

But many of these companies do plan to expand in the immediate future—by about 2.2 million sq. ft. So another 22,000 or so units per year will soon be possible.

**The 1971 estimates: probably optimistic**

Not all firms were willing to estimate this year's output. But taking the figures of those that did, and adding the 1970 production of those that didn't, 1971 shapes up as an 80,000-unit year.

This is possible but not likely; for example, some companies which didn't start producing until this year estimated their annual output at the plant's maximum production. Plants don't start up that fast. Further, companies—especially publicly-held companies, as are 72 of the firms covered in the survey—like to be very, very optimistic in their public utterances.

A better guess—and it's only a guess—is that in 1971, modular production might, as it did in 1970, double. That would make 1971 a 50,000-unit-plus year.

—MAXWELL C. HUNTOON JR.
JEFFREY A. SMITH
H&H June 1971 59
At a time when planning commissions and the general public are looking askance at any building project that strips an area of its natural amenities . . .

Here’s a shopping complex that mirrors its environment

The locale is Bucks County, Pa. (map, overleaf), whose history antedates the Revolutionary War. And the sales appeal of Peddler’s Village stems from its eye appeal—the close resemblance of its shops to the area’s Colonial houses and farm buildings. A few of the buildings are new, but most have been remodeled from dilapidated, abandoned structures (site plan, also on overleaf).

Peddler’s Village, started on a modest scale (two shops) in 1962 by builder/developer Earl Jamison, is about 60% completed. Much of the $3- to $4-million annual business done by the 39 shops is in repeat trade from residents living within 20 to 60 miles. But a good share comes from thousands of tourists who are drawn by word-of-mouth advertising.

Newly-built “house” (left) actually is a series of three shops selling such diverse items as furs, lamps, and women’s wear. As shown in this photo, landscaping is of prime importance throughout Peddler’s Village. (Shops are numbers 33-35 on site plan.)
New building (foreground, left) incorporates architectural style of older buildings in background. Stores in this section sell leather goods, rugs, and electronic equipment. (Shops are numbers 11-12 and 13-15 on site plan.)

Remodeled buildings (below) make up the major portion of the shopping community. Long, continuous structure in center, formerly a two-story chicken house, now contains stores selling items ranging from antiques to shoes. (Shops are numbers 13-15 and 21-27 on site plan.)
1. Post office
2. Persian & Mediterranean imports
3. Bakery
4. Furniture decorating accessories
5. Lingerie
6. Bath shop
7. Knitting goods
8. Men’s wear
9. Siamese giftware
10. Oriental giftware and antiques
11. Leather and brassware
12. Carpeting and electronics
13. Handicrafts
14. Books and stationery
15. Nursery
16. High fashion clothing
17. Gourmet foods and confections
18. Casual clothing
19. Contemporary fashions
20. Home furnishing accessories
21. Dolls and toys
22. Shoes and accessories
23. Fabrics and sewing accessories
24. Food; general merchandise
25. Colonial reproductions
26. Jewelry and clocks
27. Candles and accessories
28. Antiques
29. Tobacco and smoking accessories
30. Paintings and wall hangings
31. Restaurant
32. Restaurant
33. Furs, leather, and accessories
34. Lamps and accessories
35. Women’s casual wear
36. Specialty foods
37. Children’s clothing
38. Cosmetics
39. Gourmet cookware and linens

Village streets, complete step out of the pages dom setting of buildings to wander casual impulse buying are views of the shop seen from one parking area. (Shops in photo at left are 13 and 25, at right, numbers 29 and 39 in site plan.)
Former chicken house—now an antique shop—shows the authentic architectural detailing used throughout the shopping center, i.e., multi-light bow windows, carriage lamps, carved decorative moldings, stable-type doors. (Shops are numbers 28-30 on site plan.)
How to ease the front-money load on a townhouse recreation project

It's the townhouses that cause the problems. Consider this:
The developer of a single-family detached vacation project has long since learned how to ease the front-money strain: he sets up a lot sales program which starts cash flowing early and allows him to pay much of his development costs out of quick earnings. The houses in the project are financed by construction loans, and the developer's only front-money needs are controlling the land and doing such development work as is necessary to assure that lot sales will go well.

Now consider this:
Townhouses can make great sense for a vacation project for reasons both ecological and economic. Their cluster nature can leave as much as 85% of the site in its natural state—an essential feature in recreation areas whose governments are becoming increasingly hard-nosed about environment. Buyers too are becoming increasingly environment-conscious and they also appreciate the maintenance-free aspects of townhouse living. Finally, townhouses are cheaper to build, hence to buy, because of their common walls, short road and utility runs per unit, and less extensive excavations.

But you can't sell a townhouse lot to a buyer and have him build when he pleases; all the townhouses in a group have to be built at once. And if the lot sales program doesn't work, the project will have to be done as a conventional townhouse community, and front-money will become a real problem.

So how do you set up a lot-sales program for townhouses?
Tom Cullen, president of Haystack Corp., faced just that problem last year in planning a 1,200-acre recreation facility in southern Vermont. Plans included a championship golf course, a major ski facility with hotel, swimming pools, tennis courts, riding stables, and 1,100 year-round vacation townhouses. All of these are big-ticket front-money items.

Cullen could have gone the routine townhouse route: put up about 40 units, furnish a few as models, sell them during the next six months to a year, then build the next batch when the Vermont weather allowed.

But that route would have demanded about $2 million in front money, Cullen estimates. Here's where the money would have gone:
- Land, $750,000; getting-started money (sales expenses, office equipment, early salaries, etc.), $250,000; an 18-hole championship golf course, $500,000; 40 townhouses, $500,000.

Cullen couldn't raise that much money. So the conventional townhouse route would have meant splitting the deal with a joint-venture partner. Cullen didn't want that.

Instead, Cullen devised an ingenious plan that let him get his project underway with just $1 million in front money: $750,000 for land and $250,000 for getting-started money.

The plan: sell the lots first, then pre-sell townhouses
Positive cash flow began immediately, and allowed Cullen to start building roads, sewers, and recreational facilities, including the golf course, out of cash flow.

In detail, the lot-sales program allows Cullen to offer a buyer two options: (1) to build his townhouse, according to a construction timetable, or (2) to forego building and hold the lot as an investment. And Cullen estimates that by adding the investment possibility, he has doubled his early sales.

Here's how the two options work:

For those who want to build: Each townhouse village—consisting of five, 10, sometimes 20 clusters with up to 88 townhouses—is assigned a specific construction date. Thus, families must select their lots with those dates in mind.

Each village is to be constructed one cluster at a time. When building time arrives for cluster #1, the lot owners in that cluster will select their models, pay their money, and sign their contracts. At that point, construction of cluster #1 begins. The process is then repeated for clusters #2, #3, and so on.

Selecting a townhouse model is relatively simple because more than one model may be inserted into whatever site in a townhouse cluster the buyer has picked. Further, even after a cluster's plans are on paper, a buyer may change his mind, pluck out his original townhouse selection and substitute another. (For a detailed explanation, see diagram on page 67.)

If a lot owner decides not to build when his time arrives on the timetable, he will be taken out of his cluster and placed in a comparable location in a cluster with a later construction date, either in the same village or in another village.

The land sales contract he signs says in effect: "If you are not ready to build when Haystack Corporation is ready to build, you hereby agree to give up your lot and select another.

Even though lot prices may have risen since his original purchase, he will pay no premium for his new lot. A lot-owning family ready to build will be substituted in the first cluster.

For those who want to hold a lot as an investment: The selection of investment lots for the long term is confined to the higher-numbered clusters within a village where townhouse construction in the immediate future is less likely. (Cullen sees no
Ski-area section of Haystack (above) revolves around the proposed hotels in lower center of the plan. Ski trails are at the top of the plan, and sites for condominium townhouses are at right. Relative location of this and other section of Haystack are shown in the small drawing on the facing page.

Country-club section (right) is built around an 18-hole golf course. The area includes both single-family homesites and townhouse clusters.

Typical townhouse village (below) is an enlargement of the bottom portion of the plan shown at right. These units are built on a slope overlooking two holes of the golf course. At left of center is a neighborhood recreation center with pool and tennis courts.
problem for any village that ends up with fewer clusters than planned. "The rest of the land in that village will remain in its natural state and will only enhance the property that much more," he says. Investors may also buy a lot in an area slated for construction in mid-1973, for example, and then sell the lot in, say, early 1973 to someone who wants to build.

How does anyone market a complex deal like that?

Cullen just naturally capitalizes on the program's flexibility: sales personnel stress that a buyer may build now, or in a year or two when his financial situation may be better. They also point out that a family might do well to buy a lot for investment purposes only. ("When the grass initially starts to grow on that golf course," Cullen predicts, "lot values will go up in price.") Yet it's the total environment of the recreation project that really turns the lookers into buyers, according to Cullen. Hardly anyone is concerned with lot size, he says, nor are they concerned about their neighbors. The big question: what recreational benefits will they get, if they buy.

"Apparently," says Cullen, "the customers are prepared to buy the concept now and settle for housing later."

Nonetheless, to reach the point where Haystack's salesmen are standing on the site, chatting with potential buyers requires a tight, well-administered sales effort. Cullen and his sales staff operate this way:

Each week, 50,000 invitations to dinner parties and at-home demonstrations are mailed to people in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Roughly 100 couples—or families—accept.

At the parties and in the home, the salesmen explain the Haystack concept, and also qualify the families—often with a candid "Can you afford this?"

Those families that seem to qualify are invited to the Vermont site for a free weekend. But with that invitation goes this admonition: "We expect you to say yes or no to the proposal once you've seen the property." (Cullen admits, however, that some families end the weekend visit with a: "Gotta think it over.") Those who accept the invitation are given a contract and asked to show it to their lawyer before they go to Vermont.

Invites are put up at a local motel near the site, and are greeted on Friday and Saturday night by a Haystack employee who answers their questions about nearby churches and local movie attractions, and sees that they are comfortably settled in their rooms.

At the site the next day, the families are introduced to a salesmen. He sells the project's concept steadily—and comfortably—as he guides the family through maps of the surrounding locality and of the project itself, indicating the location of townhouse clusters and the adjoining recreational facilities.

[Cullen has a salesman's schedule that rewards the best man. The top salesman gets the day's first prospect, the No. 2 salesman gets the second, etc. Result: the best salesman see the most prospects, and all salesmen in the lower ranks fight to move up.]

Once the orientation ends, the salesman and the family drive out to the project and spend hours looking at sites. They then return to the office to thrash out any lingering questions, and hopefully, reach a yes-or-no decision.

Since construction entails a lot of headaches he doesn't enjoy, Cullen has turned his back on that side of the project and is subbing the work to an independent but

Five years ago, lanky Tom Cullen (now 40, married, one child) was searching for a way out of the New York City rat race; he'd been smothering in J.C. Penney's real-estate department. He spotted 600 acres of land for sale near his vacation home in Wilmington, Vt., rallied friends to buy the property (called Chimney Hill), fled his city job, and with his associates launched a general contracting business, erecting single-family houses and using the cash flow to support the land-development activities.

"We lost our shirts," Cullen recalls today.

Four years and 120 houses later, Cullen proposed his next land purchase to his associates: 1,200 acres and a ski facility called Haystack, adjoining Chimney Hill. The property was a logical development now that Chimney Hill was completed, Cullen argued. He held that Haystack's current management was inexperienced, undercapitalized, and therefore approachable.

Cullen's associates declined, whereupon, Cullen formed Haystack Corporation and undertook the deal himself. He purchased an equity interest in the 1,200-acre development and got an option agreement from the principal stockholder to acquire another substantial equity position later. Today Cullen has a contractual arrangement that gives him control over Haystack's property and its ski facility.
Flexibility is the key to Haystack's townhouse cluster illustrated on the facing page and at right. Without such flexibility, buyers would be forced to buy one style of townhouse within an already pre-determined cluster. With flexibility—interchangeability, actually—buyers are able to select among several models that will fit in a townhouse cluster.

The drawings at right show how Haystack's townhouse interchangeability works. Three townhouses (those shaded gray) in the top drawing are replaced in the cluster by the shaded units in the bottom drawing, maintaining the cluster's harmonious design. Desmond Muirhead Inc. designed the townhouses and also did the golf course and the master plan.
closely supervised builder. In return, Cullen expects the builder to build Haystack ski lodges and some speculation townhouses "at a lower than normal price." And he plans to ride herd on the builder, protecting Haystack buyers from escalation clauses in building contracts, shoddy material, missed delivery dates, etc. Says Cullen, "The builder won't get his final payment until the customer has signed a statement declaring he's satisfied with his townhouse."

This attitude toward the builder is entirely practical, Cullen says. "Sooner or later our customers are going to blame us for everything that goes wrong with the construction. If they're unhappy, we'll get the grief."

And the grief will include unhappy townhouse owners who won't spend as much money on skiing, golfing, and horseback riding as happy townhouse owners.

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In brief, the plan—which had to be cleared by the Securities & Exchange Commission—is as follows:

Haystack Hotel Association will sell 100 hotel rooms for roughly $18,000 to $20,000 apiece via a prospectus to investors in Vermont, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. (The Hotel Association will dissolve once the task is completed.)

As an investor buys a room [cash or mortgage], he signs away his right to use that room for 20 years via a lease-back agreement with Hotel Management Corporation, the Haystack arm that will operate the hotel. [It is this giving up of total use of the room that sets this plan apart from all others, says the Securities & Exchange official who worked on the prospectus with Cullen's lawyer.]

The investor also agrees to buy his share of the hotel's land from Haystack Corp. [3.78 acres; $94,500], paying for it out of income over the 20-year lease.

Development Management Corporation, a third Haystack company, will supervise the development of the hotel, receiving a $100,000 fee from the proceeds of the condominium offering.

Haystack Hotel Association will dissolve once the investors are all on board and the operating company is automatically terminated. At that point, the investors are free to hire another operating company, use the facilities for themselves (giving up the hotel business) or turn the hotel into a private club.

Whether or not profits are produced, each investor's annual expenses—apart from his mortgage payments—are as follows: $48 for water and sewer assessments; $96 for road and ground maintenance; and an estimated $200 for estate taxes. And when profits do exist, the investor must give 10% of that money to pay his share of the land purchase.***

The investment in the hotel ought to interest individuals in the above 50% tax bracket, Cullen maintains, because of the potential write-off each investor can claim on his income taxes. Cullen states that the first year's depreciation on a $20,000 room will total $3,000. It will, of course, decline in subsequent years.

*Two 60-room hotels are also contemplated once this building is completed.

**If the investors ever choose not to run the building as a public hotel, they must then pay Haystack annually for the land.
Haystack Hotel complex is planned to eventually include: three hotels (100-room luxury, 60-room first-class, and 60-room economy), convention facilities, and a commercial center where stores will offer recreation-related items. The luxury hotel, shown in the black-and-white drawing in the plan at left, is presently being sold as a condominium to investors at $18,000 to $21,000 per room. The other hotels will also be sold as condominium investments once the luxury hotel's rooms have all been purchased. Drawings below show the probable design of the luxury hotel with its floor plan.
A new way to plan yields a new kind of house—and ideas unlimited

Even though this is a test house, many of its planning ideas and products can be used right now. Two examples: a step-saving storage wall for groceries and a multi-purpose children's room. Others ideas like a cool-to-the-touch range and a dishwasher for pots and pans, can be filed away for the future.

New ideas are only a part of the story. Equally important is the design approach used by Westinghouse's Urban Development Coordinating Committee in planning Electra 71 as a product showcase. The house was developed as a series of centers (rather than rooms) based on functional requirements—shelter, hygiene, communication, maintenance, leisure activity, food, and textile care. Each center was planned independently, studied as to needs for service systems such as water, air, and lighting, then further divided into subcenters for grooming, sleeping, etc. Outdoor areas for leisure and storage were added, and the final interrelated design was drawn up by Ferendino/Grafton/Pancoast. For more details about the house, see the next five pages. For product information, circle 275 on the Reader Service Card, p. 101.

1. Main entrance
2. Guest grooming
3. Lounge
4. Adults, study
5. Adults, sleeping
6. Adults, grooming
7. Children, sleeping
8. Children, multi-purpose
9. Children, grooming
10. Interior leisure
11. Formal dining
12. Food preparation
13. Informal dining
14. Textile care
15. Service entrance
16. Repair and maintenance
17. Home utilities
18. Storage, transportation
19. Storage and water systems
20. Exterior leisure, pools
21. Exterior leisure, seating
22. Exterior leisure, dining
23. Exterior leisure, food preparation
24. Exterior leisure, cabana
25. Yard and recreation areas

Aerial view shows driveway through porte cochere at main entrance of 2,700-sq.-ft. Electra 71. Built by Coral Ridge Properties, a Westinghouse subsidiary, it is next to a golf course in Coral Springs, the builder's 10,500-acre project near Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Indoor leisure center: an open area at the heart of the house

Designed for group activities—family or entertaining—the interior leisure center \(\text{[left side, photo, left, and 10 in plan]}\) takes up half of the high-ceilinged mid-area of Electra 71. It stretches the length of the house and opens to the rear patio.

Built-ins play an important role in all areas of the home. Here, a 22'-long storage wall \(\text{(part of which shows at lower left in photo)}\) has shelves and cabinets for TV, radio, stereo, books, magazines, and games.

Lighting arrangements are subtle. For example, lights are built into the top and bottom of the storage wall; spotlights slide along tracks high on the wall near the entrance, and built-in spotlights are in the skywell \(\text{(over the seating area)}\) that drops down to bring in daylight or moonlight.

Actually, the only prominent fixture is the chandelier in the formal dining area which, with the food preparation center and family eating area, is seen in the right half of the photo. Here, there is additional indirect lighting—this time built into tops of food preparation units.

The formal eating area is screened from the interior leisure center by a circular free-standing stud wall. Just 6'8" high, it gives diners a sense of privacy, but leaves the area open enough for serving from the buffet side of the food preparation center \(\text{(described in detail on page 72)}\).

Near the area shown are the main entrance and lounge \(\text{[1 and 2 on plan]}\). The entrance includes a bench, mirror wall, mail drop cabinet, and TV monitoring camera.

The lounge has couches built in on three sides, a fireplace on the fourth.

Outdoor leisure center: pools, patios, and a barbecue

An extension of the indoor leisure center, the screened outdoor area \(\text{[photo left]}\) is planned for sport, dining, or just relaxing.

For sport, there's a triple-purpose pool \(\text{[20 on plan]}\): a large J-shaped section \(\text{[foreground]}\) with a 6'8"-wide lap-swimming channel on the long leg, a shallow wading area across the bottom and up the short leg, and, set-off in the center, a small whirlpool bath and fountain. A new wave detector in the large pool area sounds an alarm if anything—or anyone—falls in. A cabana/bath, behind the tiled barbecue counter \(\text{[right, rear in photo]}\), serves the swimmers.

For dining, the terrace \(\text{[far right]}\) is served by the barbecue counter. A new and compact water cooler that purifies by reverse osmosis \(\text{[see page 75]}\) hangs on the barbecue counter wall.

For relaxing, there's a sunken area with built-in benches between pool and patio.

The outdoor leisure center is heated by overhead infra-red lamps, protected from wind and rain by overhangs and projecting walls, and lighted by spots and low landscaping lamps. Out of the picture at left is the textile center window.
Food preparation center: open plan for three separate units

They are a dinner unit (photos, right), a quick-meal unit (below, right), and a storage wall (below). All three make up the food preparation center (12 on plan, p. 70) in the heart of the house. Together, they form a step-saving work center in the shape of a broken U (plan, below).

The dinner unit serves the formal dining area. The quick-meal unit serves the informal eating area and the patio beyond. And the storage wall, which opens into the garage, serves the other two units, as well as the family eating area.

The dinner and quick-meal units, each 12' long and 8' high, are prebuilt and self-contained. Even refrigerators and freezers are concealed—on both sides—by standard cabinet doors that close against rubber gaskets.

The white Micarta-clad doors have color-coded touch latches: orange for serving items, blue for refrigerated space, lavender for frozen storage, pink for miscellaneous food storage, and green for cleanup.

The slightly curved tops of the units are removable and contain all the wiring as well as indirect lighting. Removable kick plates facilitate servicing, and set-in appliances like microwave ovens can be lifted out for service. So can communications equipment, which is concealed by bright yellow plastic panels that unscrew and lift off.

The dinner and quick-meal units are designed to be shipped on a truck to the site, ready to hook up to plumbing and electrical connections in the floor. They are prototypes for future units that could be used in a similar three-part plan or manufactured with different combinations of elements for use singly or in tandem.

Lighting in this section of Electra 71 is controlled by sensitivity switches that work like magic: a close wave of the hand turns lights on or off. These switches are at the ends of the units, behind piano-hinged panels that close off the food preparation center from the interior leisure center.

The entire food preparation center, a product of the Westinghouse research labs, was shown in Houston early this year during the NAHB convention. From there, the units were shipped to Coral Springs for installation in Electra 71.

Although it contains some futuristic products, the food preparation center is not merely a product of the labs. The design has been tested for several years in the home of a Westinghouse industrial designer. His plan, similar to this one, has undergone many revisions—all of which have contributed to the workability and efficiency of this complete center.

Storage wall: groceries roll through, trash slides back out

The storage wall (plan above) is a highly adaptable planning idea that eliminates a pair of tiring household chores; carrying heavy shopping bags or lugging sacks of trash.

In the garage, groceries are unloaded from the car into a market cart. Then they are rolled through the lockable sliding doors of a small repair shop (16 on plan) at the rear of the garage, and on into the back of the storage wall (top photo, right), which has shelved-doors that swing open into the kitchen (bottom photo).

On the kitchen side of the storage wall, the cart is unloaded and pushed back to the shop or garage. Heavy bottles, six-packs, and canned goods go into door racks and adjacent cabinets. Cereals and baked goods are put into cabinets near the family eating area. And bulky frozen goods are stored in the large freezer which is vented out the back to the shop.

Sacks of compacted trash are dropped into a chute, which slides them through the storage wall to a plastic can in the shop. When the can is full, it can be wheeled out to the curb for pickup.
Quick-meal unit: two-sided cooking—plus a command post

This is more than just a tightly designed short-order cooking unit. For one thing, it can be used from both the kitchen (photo, left) and the family eating area (right). For another, it controls the household communications and security systems.

All cabinets—as well as the refrigerator, freezer, and prototype dishwasher—open to both sides of the unit. So children can make their lunches—and stow away dishes—without tracking up the kitchen.

Other food center features are 1) a soda dispenser (next to the small sink), 2) push-buttons to control water temperature and volume, 3) a storage cabinet and retractable cords for small appliances, 4) and eye-level, microwave oven for speedy cooking (left center in small photo), and 5) a retractable vent (shown closed above coffee pot in large photo and in use near the housewife's head in small photo).

A rather formidable-looking control board (left in large photo) operates the security and communications systems.

An oblong screen (top, left) and speaker flash and sound an alarm if fire, smoke, or an intruder is detected; there's a panic button to police and doctor, and main doors can be locked from here.

The communications system is all-inclusive: in addition to the usual clock, intercom, telephone, and tape recorder, there's a memory bank for 500 telephone numbers, controls and speaker for AM/FM radio, a light to indicate recorded messages, and temperature and humidity controls.

The circular TV set, that swivels 360°, is equipped to bring in closed circuits from the community and other intercom locations inside and outside the house as well as network channels.

Below the communications center in a flip-down desk, are files and calculator.

Dinner unit: buffet serving on one side, cooking on the other

From the dining side (photo, left) the unit dispenses all the items needed for setting a table or serving food in the formal dining area or the nearby interior leisure center. On the cooking side (photo, below) it is a complete kitchen.

The dining side features a pass-through with infra-red lamps above shelves to keep food hot, a pull-out hot shelf with plugs for a coffee pot or bun warmer, a roll-out bar cart, a refrigerator and freezer (for cold drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and ice), and storage for glasses, dishes, and silverware (kept in aerated carry-to-the-table plastic trays).

The cooking side features a prototype dishwasher for pots and pans and an experimental range. The smooth-surfaced cooktop works on the magnetic principle: molecules in a metal pan are activated to high speed so they cook food while leaving the surface cool. Other features: a large experimental fiberglass sink, a chopping board that slides over the sink, roll-up doors to a spice center, a complete mixing center, and a microwave, self-cleaning oven.
Children’s center:
a playroom flanked by sleeping nooks

The nooks, at opposite ends of the playroom (photo, above) can be closed off with sliding, cork-paneled doors that double as pin-up surfaces for art work.

Within the nooks, all storage is built across the 8’ end walls. There’s a closet with built-in drawers and a mirror-topped chest, set into a mirrored recess and lighted from above. Doors next to the nooks (7 on plan) lead from the children’s center into the family-activity areas. Sleeping nooks are carpeted.

The only furniture in the 9’x18’ playroom is an 11’ counter. At one end of the counter is a sink for cleaning things like paint brushes. And running its length is a plug-in raceway for tools, trains, or toys.

The play area, also a hobby and study area, contains a complete communications center with a TV set, a video tape recorder for replaying shows, and a TV camera that can be used to monitor the playroom or to make films. There’s also a keyboard teaching machine (here a mockup) that could be hooked into future closed-circuit programs from local schools.

A crow’s nest play area, flanked by a ladder for entering and a fireman’s pole for exits, cantilevers over two small baths (doors on left wall, photo above). One bath has a sink and tiled shower, the other a sink and toilet. The entire play area is paved with easy-care cork tile.

Lighting provisions are more than generous. Spotlights on tracks run across the inner walls of the sleeping nooks and above the sliding doors on the playroom side. There’s also concealed lighting behind a cornice that runs the full length of the Micarta-finished work counter.

During the day, light comes in through a window in each sleeping nook, through the high window opposite the crow’s nest, and directly onto the counter through low sliding windows.

Utility center in one garage wall (17 on plan) has standard heat pumps, condenser, air cleaner, and power controls. Servicing is easy. Closets keep in heat and noise, are vented to outside. Meter is outdoors. Cost-cutting ideas: air-cooling the condenser, reheating with hot refrigerant gas. System keeps temperature constant, despite 10° difference between rooms, keeps humidity within 2%, uses air at 2,200 cfm.
Adult center: starting with the bed, it's all built in

The focal point of the adult sleeping area (5 in plan) is the large platform bed.

This bed platform (photo, left) has everything: beneath it are night lights; in the sides and one end are drawers for pillows and blankets; at the head are tilt-up pillow rests; on top is a mechanism, operated by a foot pedal, that raises the bed for changing linen (photo, below); and at either side are wings with retractable consoles. These contain twin communications centers, like the one in the kitchen, with clocks, door locks, light switches, intercom, etc. Over the bed is a prototype air filter that emits a gentle stream of clean, cool air.

On one wall of the sleeping area are three double closets with built-in drawers, shelves, and door racks. The study (4 in plan) has a long work desk with drawers below and shelves above. And in the master bath is a long counter with deep drawers and a flip-up makeup table, plus a lockable closet. Sliding doors lead to a patio; folding doors close off the study; and the whole center becomes a separate wing of the house.

Water-treatment center: new purifying and heating systems

City water is first cleansed of its impurities, then heated—or chilled—in the water treatment center (19 in plan).

The home water purification system (photo and drawing, right), to be on the market within months, handles 200 to 500 gals. a day. It works on a reverse-osmosis principle. In osmosis, a natural process, a diluted fluid is absorbed through a membrane into a concentrated fluid.

Here, the concentrated fluid becomes a diluted fluid. Specifically, impure—concentrated—water is fed through the membrane under high pressure, and thus sheds the impurities and becomes potable water. Salts, mineral particles, bacteria, viruses, and 90% of solids are removed and flushed away. Once the water is clean, it is heated by a circulating system that keeps 80 gals. of hot water constantly at the ready, with no waiting for the water to warm up.

A smaller wall-hung unit handles five gals. a day. Already on the market, it is shown on the wall of the barbecue (23 on plan) in the exterior leisure center. It also chills water, using steel plates instead of a compressor, hence is a very compact two or three cu. ft.
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sales action in housing & light construction comes from every segment of the industry

To identify all the important people in housing and light construction who are active in the selection of building products, materials, and equipment, House & Home followed up 107,558 advertising inquiries from its reader service cards and received a 32% return involving 34,015 inquiries.

Survey questions were designed to determine what, if any, “sales actions” were taken as a result of readers having seen advertisements in four issues of House & Home.

For the purpose of this study, “sales actions”—that is, those actions bringing products and prospects closer to a sale—have been defined as specifying, recommending, approving, purchasing, and still investigating further.

Results indicate in the clearest possible manner that sales action comes from every segment of the industry, as shown in the table below.

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Newest development in smooth-surfaced cooktops: the modular look

The three cooking surfaces above look very much alike: each is divided by metal strips into four rectangular modules that conceal electric heating elements.

And they are all made of the same material: Cer-Vit, a glass ceramic first introduced by Owens-Illinois in 1966, which was also used on earlier cooktops in large sheets (H&H, Apr. '69). These new smaller modules are easier to replace, less expensive, and more readily available.

Cer-Vit’s main advantage as a cooking surface is that it only transmits heat vertically so little is lost on the way to the food, and surrounding surfaces stay cool. Cer-Vit can take temperatures up to 1,200°, so cooking time is similar to that on normal ranges.

And flat-bottomed pans of any material work equally well.

There’s little danger of Cer-Vit’s breaking under normal use: four-lb. cast iron pots dropped from more than 30" failed to damage pieces tested.

Surfaces are easy to wipe clean: tops are china-smooth and edges slant down to fit tightly against mounting strips.

Newest manufacturers in the smooth cooktop line are: Magic Chef (left) with “Counterchef”, a range with self-cleaning oven; Tap-pan (center) with “Smooth-Top” unit that has two 1,200-W and two 1,600-W elements; and Modern Maid (right) with “Smoothie” cooktop on a double-oven range.

Three-part bath system

Smooth fiberglass walls add high style to the bathroom at left, while cutting installation time and costs. After bathtub unit is installed, conventional toilet (above) is connected to plumbing tree left exposed against masonry (or stud) wall, lavatory unit (above right) is hooked up, shroud for toilet is pushed into place (right), and lid is attached. Concept III units are 32" wide, fill 2½ walls of a 5'x8' bath, come with different widths of vertical spacers and in popular colors. Eler, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Urethane furniture rugged enough for outdoors

Neither rain nor snow nor wind—as the saying goes—can damage these plastic furnishings.

Molded in a new one-step process that integrates a rigid urethane foam core with tough urethane skins, they are also given a urethane color coat.

Sandwich construction makes them strong; seamless skins can't peel or chip; colors won't fade; and urethane withstands temperature changes as well as moisture. Although light enough to move around easily, in or out of doors, they are weighted so that wind gusts can't tip them over.

Coordinated one-piece designs include: egg-cup swivel chairs, hourglass stools, three-legged arm chairs, a 72" chaise shaped like a reclining man, and low or high tables with flower-petal or turbine-shaped bases. Clear or frosted glass tops are 36", 42", or 48" in diameter. Nine soft colors available.

Rubicast process, here used with Uniroyal urethane, is under testing in England by tct for use structurally. Furniture is by Vaungarde, Owosso, Mich.

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Fiberglass pipe: strength plus flexibility

The new piping in the stack at left, as strong as metal piping, is designed for use in water distribution systems, fire lines, or sewer force mains. It handles 600 lbs. per sq. in. continuously.

Made of continuous glass fibers, encased in epoxy resin and wound around pvc liners, "Permastran" is very flexible, as demonstrated by the man above. This eliminates breaks after normal settlement or during earth movements. And it is so light in weight—20' lengths of 4" pipe weigh only 20 lbs.—that labor and handling costs are reduced.

It is also corrosion proof and thermal resistant. It comes in 2", 4", 6", and 8" sizes, and its large internal diameters provide a high flow capacity. Bell-shaped ends provide a tight fit. "Ring-Tite" fitting (above, right) is for 6" non-metallic water pipe. Estimated possible savings up to $500 for 1,000 ft. Johns-Manville, New York City.

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To make it on the docks you've gotta be tough.

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Grid Pattern Permaply combines the strength of plywood with a resin-fiber surface that withstands wear and tear.

The embossed grid pattern makes it skid-resistant. It needs no painting or finishing and is easily handled with regular carpentry tools. It comes in standard panels of 48" x 96", special sizes to 60" x 120"; and in thicknesses from 5/16" to 3/4".

Grid Pattern Permaply is tough all right. Tough enough to last where other materials won't. Let's face it. Once you've made it on the docks, anything else has gotta be easy.
Architectural lighting system cuts installation and maintenance costs

This versatile line of architectural lighting is designed to reduce installation and maintenance costs and provide an attractive hidden light source. Units are pre-wired and can be installed in wet, dry, or suspended ceilings. They are easy to get at from above or below, without tools, through a snap-and-lock device.

Shown above are several styles of lighting for use in commercial, public, or residential buildings. Various types of downlights range from 75 to 300 watt fixtures and can be recessed, semi-recessed, surface-mounted, hanging, or wall-mounted. Single screw provides ½" to 2" vertical adjustment in standard position and 2½" to 3½" in reverse. Spring control provides universal horizontal adjustment. Berns Air King, Chicago.

Easy-to-install recessed lighting system is set into unfinished ceiling with adjustable hanger bars (above left). Then the ceiling is finished up to the opening, the reflector-trim is attached to the socket holder (left), the unit is pushed up into the opening, and is clipped in place. Several designs of "Trim-lites," including louver, cone, pin-hole, and eyeball are available in satin aluminum, matte black, satin gold, satin brass, walnut, and white. Progress, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mini-sized recessed lights are 4½" dia., use 120-volt wiring and 40W S-11 lamps. Six trims are available to fit into a 6"-deep recessed housing. The trims (above), in the "Little Lights" series include a coil-type baffle, pinhole, wall-wash, drop-opal, crystal, or eyeball. Halo, Rosemont, Ill.

Indoor-outdoor luminaires are available in a variety of mountings: wall brackets, mullion arms in 4" and 10" lengths, flush or pendant ceiling designs, and single or multiple poletop assemblies. "Cylinoid" luminaires are made of heavy-gauge cast and extruded aluminum. They take incandescent, mercury vapor, metal additive, or tungsten halogen lights. The 7"x7" fixtures range from 1' to almost 4' in length and come with various caps (left) including prisms and diffusers. Drawing shows how lamp can be angled within the fixture to control beam size, shape, cut-off, and angle. Stonco, Kenilworth, N.J.
Discover new nailing efficiency: Bostitch 16d Nailer.

The new Bostitch 16d Nailer combines rugged construction with excellent balance in a comfortable tool which speeds framing and other heavy-duty jobs. It is also very easy to use for toe-nailing.

Steep pitch (27°) of magazine makes tool compact in relation to nail load while putting weight at point of impact. Nailer is therefore maneuverable in tight spots and extremely well-balanced, and maximum nailing power is achieved.

Compact sticks of 16d nails load rapidly, let you drive up to 5 times faster than hand nailing without tapes or holders to discard. New 16d Nailer also nails 8d, 10d and 12d nails with no adjustment.

You can hang this machine from overhead, making it easier to operate in the shop. The new 16d Nailer can be fired only when both the manual trigger and the contact trip are activated. Tool can be used for rapid-fire nailing as well as for precise single-shot nailing without adjusting.

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Spanish-style lantern has a steel frame treated with a rust resistant finish for outdoor use. The lantern, which is also available in a chain drop version, is decorated with intricate wrought iron scrollwork in a flat black finish. Its panels are textured amber glass. The fixture measures 32½" long and 7½" wide. The lantern shown here is part of the "Spanish Series," and can also be used indoors. American Lantern, Newport, Ark. CIRCLE 205 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Laminated fir lighting standards come in natural color or to be stained. The two styles—straight with a slightly tapered top, as shown here, or curved—take single or double arms. All are designed for connection to underground lighting systems, and two styles have wiring on the outside with a box about 10" above the ground. Standards are available from 8' to 30', with McPhilben luminaires. Weyerhaeuser, Tacoma, Wash. CIRCLE 206 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Acrylic luminaires have cast aluminum flared posts or brackets in ebony, white, or bronze finish. Available in either incandescent or mercury vapor models, the luminaires come in four shapes: ellipsoids [left], in 26" and 34" widths, rounded cubes [above], in 15" width, cylinders [above right], in 15" diameter, and spheres [right], in 18" and 24" diameters. All are mounted on posts by a special fitting that grips from the inside. They are also available on brackets—either cylindrical or pointed—in various lengths. Hadco, Littlestown, Pa. CIRCLE 207 ON READER SERVICE CARD
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“In this day and age more people seem to add to their homes rather than build another. And that’s our specialty, so we stress it in our Yellow Pages ad,” says George Hanson, owner of Broadway-Perryville Lumber Company, Rockford, Ill. “There are so many facets to our business that a Yellow Pages display ad gives us an opportunity to tell the public what we do besides sell lumber. We’re listed under everything from building materials to salt, from garage builders to home improvement, and that’s only a few. The trend today is getting away from contracting and more into these other areas. This makes the Yellow Pages invaluable to us.”
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Olefin carpeting has a high-low surface texture in a geometric pattern. Made of Herculon polypropylene fibers, for exceptional soil and stain resistance, that are densely tufted for long wear, it retails at budget prices of about $6.95 per sq. yd. This “Keypoint” pattern comes in ten colors including ones called “Conisilk,” “Firebird,” and “Aquarius,” and “Moonstone,” “Roman Gold,” and “Autumn-tone.” Bigelow-Sanford, New York.

Wood-grain vinyl flooring has deeply embossed lines to give it the look of real wood parquetry. “Parquet Wood” comes in three oak shades — golden, natural, and deep — and is protected by a continuous layer of nonporous clear vinyl. The Luran line of 6'-wide sheet flooring has an interlayer of vinyl foam cushioning and an asbestos felt backing, called “Aquaflex”, suitable for use on any floor or subfloor. GAF, New York City.
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Decorative screen doors feature full-length grilles in four designs. These top-of-the-line models—all aluminum—come in a gold anodized finish or in black, white, or bronze paint electrostatically applied for long wear. Also available: seven standard screen doors, plus a sliding screen door that comes in several widths and adjusts from 77 1/4" to 81 3/4" high to fit most openings. Empire Metal Products, Gardena, Calif.

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**FOLDING WOOD PANELS**

Folding wood panels, 4" wide, are connected by full-length vinyl hinges in contrasting or matching colors. Doors stack tightly to one side, are mounted on gold anodized aluminum tracks, feature magnetic or privacy latches. Custom sizes come in wood veneers or white. Standard units come in wood-grain or white vinyl finish. Hough, Janesville, Wisc.

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**STEEL BIIFOLDS**

Steel biifolds have molded-in three-dimensional panels for a sculptured look. This pattern, called "Ele­gante", has slightly curved corners. Other designs, not shown, have larger raised panels with or without louvers. Surface can be painted, antiqued, or decorated in a variety of ways. Doors are suspended so that they can't jump the track and will glide smoothly and quietly. Leigh Products, Coopersville, Mich.

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**DOUBLE ENTRANCE DOORS**

Double entrance doors carry a five-year guarantee. They have poly­ styrene foam insulating cores faced with steel panels so that they cannot warp, shrink, or swell. They are pre-hung and feature an adjustable sill and continuous magnetic weatherstripping that works like a refrigerator door. Various sidelights and uplighting available. Acorn, Detroit, Mich.

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The fireplace-chimney unit shown above was erected on the site in just eight minutes. And before delivery, only six manhours of labor were involved. Result: reduced costs. Clay flues are set in steel reinforcing bar cages that are set in aluminum forms with simulated brick or slump stone imprints. Quick-hardening cement produces faster setting. Finished units are delivered to the site and lifted by crane into place. Chimneys range from 12' to 28' high, fireboxes are 24' high and 36' wide. Sixty of the units can be installed in a day, so Western Monolithic Concrete Products of Long Beach, Calif., produced 10,000 units last year as compared to 1,200 units produced in 1967, the first year of operation. Reinforcing bars are produced by Bethlehem Steel, Los Angeles.

Heat circulating fireplace, now forty years old, is still ideal for producing the additional heat necessary in vacation homes, basements, etc. It draws in cool air, warms it in the double-walled steel chamber (drawing, above), and returns it to the room. The Heatilator Mark C is a complete unit, designed for smoke-free operation. Vega, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

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Overall length of Econoline Vans is significantly shorter than other makes. This means easier parking and better maneuverability in city delivery operations—time saved on every trip.

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Body sides are more vertical, wider apart at top than other vans. So built-in units fit better and leave more aisle. Modular units, designed to fit and work together allow you to custom design almost any interior you need. Job packages, such as insulated florist's van, are also available.

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Husky construction and high capacity axles allow you to carry a heavier load than any other van. Maximum payload of 4320 lbs. is largest in industry.

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LITERATURE

Air distribution. A comprehensive catalog dealing with a complete line of air diffusion products has been prepared for architects, engineers, and contractors. The catalog contains products designed for quick and easy reference: it has tabbed sections, an alphabetical index, a product number index, and a manufacturer's representative index with map. Along with updated information on existing products, some new products, have been introduced. Thus, Waterloo, Iowa.

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Interior paneling. Two new lines of interior wood paneling are offered by Masonite, Chicago, and are described and shown in room settings in the following full-color brochures.

Feature series. The paneling in this line comes in 9 warm colors that are rugged and require only simple maintenance. The colors are: Spanish oak, Ceylon teak, Seville oak, Brandywine oak, rosy oak, English walnut, shale white, marbleton, surfstone, and fern green.

CIRCLE 301 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Tradition series. This line meets class III flame spread ratings and has significant acoustical qualities. It, too, comes in 9 shades: rustic walnut, teak, cinnamon cherry, alpine oak, honey-tone cherry, Cape Cod maple, sable walnut, glacier walnut, tawny walnut, and sage pecan.

CIRCLE 302 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Washroom fixtures. Specifications, dimensional drawings, and data on optional features are part of a catalog that covers a full line of washroom appliances and accessories. Among the products discussed are several types of drinking fountains, showers, and sinks for one or more people. Bradley Washfountain, Menomonee Falls, Wisc.

CIRCLE 303 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Tile catalog. The 1971 catalog from this manufacturer contains product descriptions, recommended applications, architectural specifications, installation methods, and fire and sound ratings for the full line of glazed tile, quarry tile, and ceramic mosaics. All shapes, sizes, and colors of tile and trims are shown with easy reference for architects, builders, and designers. American Olean, Lansdale, Pa.

CIRCLE 304 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Home accessories and appliances. A full range of products for added convenience and comfort in all sorts of homes and apartments is described in this manufacturer's 1971 catalog. Included are the new "Microsonic" home stereo system, radio and intercom systems, range hoods and fans, door chimes, heaters and vents, alarm systems, apartment house lobby systems, central cleaning systems, and a built-in food center. NuTone, Cincinnati, Ohio.

CIRCLE 305 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Redwood paving. An exciting method of redwood paving with redwood blocks is introduced in this new brochure. No mortar or other adhesive is necessary when the blocks are laid dry in a bed of fine-crushed rock. Redwood heartwood is resistant to insect and decay attack, and weather well. This construction is particularly suited for areas as the spaces between blocks facilitate drainage. California Red-wood Assn., San Francisco.

CIRCLE 306 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Plywood concrete forms is an updated and expanded study including a grade-use guide, suggested design pressures for vibrated concrete, and load span curves which provide span thickness recommendations. A complete description of design specifications will be designed specifically for use in concrete framework is also described.

CIRCLE 311 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Plywood roof framing for transportable buildings is a report describing rigid tests used on plywood-lumber truss designs for pitched roof framing on sectionalized housing. 12 truss designs are discussed, with special emphasis on the 3 systems that proved most effective.

CIRCLE 312 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Structural wood fasteners. Complete details on joist hangers, framing anchors, post and beam connectors, bridging, truss connectors, and other fasteners for wood construction are given in this catalog. Other information such as design values, dimensions, and packaging is also shown. The applicability and the chart it contains are designed for easy reference. Timber Engineering Co., Washington, D.C.

CIRCLE 313 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Backhoes. The 680 Series C line of loader backhoes is described in a new catalog which includes on-site photographs and travel speed tables. The backhoe has an 84-hp open-chamber diesel engine with matching torque converter, heavy-duty synchronesh transmission and planetary axle. 9 buckets are available for the 16% backhoe. J.I. Case, Racine, Wisc.

CIRCLE 314 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Gypsum soffit board. Designed for exterior use where there is no direct contact with the weather, the gypsum soffit board described in this new specification sheet is easily cut and scored instead of being cut with inserts on wall comparison, coursing scales, nomenclature, color selection, fire ratings, and application. Drawings and photographs illustrate. Also included is a brochure on a new building system that uses structural clay masonry units and epoxy mortar. $1 per copy for handling and mailing. Artekis Ceramic Corp., Dept. H61, P.O. Box 347, Brazil, Ind. 47834.

CIRCLE 315 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Electric ovens. A new catalog, replete with tables, charts, and cutaway drawings helps in the selection of electric ovens for commercial installations. Nearly 70 models are shown among them convection ovens, deck ovens, microwave ovens, convection oven ranges, standard one-pan range ovens, and broiler finishing ovens. Key features, such as production capacities and suggested temperature and time settings will be included. General Electric, Chicago Heights, Ill.

CIRCLE 316 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Lawn and garden tractors. Six tractors ranging from 7 to 14 hp are described in a new brochure from International Harvester. Three models in the 10-14 hp class offer hydrostatic drive for one lever control for starting, stopping, reversing, and infinite speed control. Over 60 attachments are available. Brochure also includes information on features, most-used attachments, and tractor specifications. Specify brochure AD-30179-YI and address requests to Advertising Dept., [H61], International Harvester, 401 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

CIRCLE 317 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Wedged building blocks. No mortar is required to hold together the concrete blocks described in this information brochure. Each block—there are 10 basic shapes—is wedged at all edges that contact other blocks. Schematic drawings and diagrams illustrate the product in use. Wedge Block, St. Louis, Mo.

CIRCLE 318 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Electric heat control systems. Low voltage controls and line voltage thermostats for electric heating are reviewed in a new bulletin, which discusses operations of thermostats, sequence controls, and time delay relays. Ampule use is made of schematic diagrams and photographs. Controls Co. of America, Melrose Park, Ill.

CIRCLE 319 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Steel doors and frames. Featured in a new brochure is information about the manufacturer's complete line of steel doors, including foam cores, leather-like textures, galvanized doors, heavy-duty doors, fire doors, and double door types, sizes, and widths. Also discussed is a frame line and 4-minute drywall frame with sure-fit corners. Drawings and specifications also. Amwell, Niles, Ohio.

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The electric climate is for builders who want a faster return on their investment.

Its saleability helped Bob Ahrens rent an 80-unit apartment complex in 5 weeks— and its dependability has prevented a single tenant complaint!

The 80-unit Mill Run Apartments in Hatboro, Pa., was Mr. Ahrens' first building experience with the electric climate (where the heat and everything else is electric). He was very pleased that seven months after he broke ground the entire complex was rented! In fact, it was 25% rented the first day the model opened!

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