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The Nixon Administration takes first steps to ease rate of lumber prices

No sooner had the homebuilders left Washington after their lumber crisis march (see page 8) than the Administration announced a series of moves to increase lumber supplies and check spiraling prices.

The homebuilders had protested that lumber costs have added $1,200 to the price of an average house in the last six months alone.

John T. Dunlop, director of the Cost of Living Council, admitted that February softwood lumber prices were up 8% from January and told Senator John Sparkman's housing subcommittee hearing on lumber prices that:

1. The Cost of Living Council had scheduled public hearings to determine whether to reimpose controls under a plan that could include a limitation on markups or gross margins, a narrowing of the small business exemption to bring more of the industry under controls and more detailed reporting and record-keeping requirements.

2. The Administration was moving to increase the cut from national forests. Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz had appointed a task force to see that 11.8 billion board feet are sold in calendar 1973 instead of the 10 billion board feet originally planned. The task force will also "set higher output goals and develop specific action plans for 1974 and 1975."

3. The U.S. has been negotiating with the Japanese to reduce log exports, and Japan has agreed to "set a specific goal" to ensure that her imports don't "inconvenience" the U.S.

4. The Transportation Department has been asked to resolve rail carbottleneckscould by the demand for cars to ship the grain bound for the U.S.S.R.

Comment

President Nixon and the builders

When the Senate sustained President Nixon's veto of the vocational rehabilitation bill, it became clear, or should have become clear to everyone, that the Administration can make its economic postures stick.

What it means to housing is that the Administration does not have to do anything for housing if it chooses not to. It chooses not to at the moment. It means that all of the protests over new housing subsidy authorization freezes are simply whistling Dixie, and those making the protests might as well know it now as later.

RICHARD W. O'NEILL
in The O'Neill Letter, April 10

All that noise out of Congress adds up to this: no housing bill this year

Chances for Congress to enact housing legislation this year are just about zero.

The outlook became clear within a few minutes after housing Secretary James Lynn appeared last month before Senator John Sparkman's housing subcommittee. Lynn was summoned to answer questions about how he and his aides are going about the reevaluation of the housing subsidy programs, frozen last January. The object is to compare them with other housing options to see which seem best to President Nixon.

The critical fact is that Lynn now has until Sept. 7 to come up with recommendations for the President. Sparkman made it clear that receipt of the Administration's recommendations as late as Sept. 7 will mean that legislation would almost certainly be carried over into next year.

"If we don't get it finished by the time Congress adjourns," Sparkman told Lynn and the committee, "at least it won't die as it did last year."

On into summer. Failure to complete their legislative work this year, Washington housing experts agree, suggests strongly that Congress isn't likely then to get it done before the late spring or summer of 1974.

The last Congress worked two years on a bill containing many Administration proposals. But then the House democratic leaders knocked it to the ground after the House Banking Committee jammed through a highly controversial measure at the tag-end of the session last year.

The Administration may not adhere completely to its Sept. 7 deadline, either. Lynn gave a fuzzy reply to a direct question as to whether draft legislation for Congress to work on would be presented along with the Administration's housing policy recommendations. Lynn's implication that this might come later prompted Senator John Tower of Texas, top Republican on the committee, to advise Lynn: "It would be in your best interest to have legislation ready at that time."

Research. The pressure to meet the deadline is heaviest for Michael Moskow, assistant secretary for policy and research, who has the evaluation assignment as his major responsibility. He's a 35-year-old economist who has been at the Council of Economic Advisers and the Labor Dept. He'll have working on the project about 25 HUD staffers organized into four teams.

Team 1, led by Arthur Newburg, former director of Project Breakthrough, will answer such questions as: Is the 26 million unit national housing goal set in 1968 still sound? Are subsidies necessary?

Team 2, led by David Lafayette, whom Moskow brought to HUD from the Labor Dept., and team 3, led by Judy Segal, a housing expert at the moribund Office of Economic Opportunity, will evaluate how well existing programs are meeting legislative guidelines; team 4, led by Robert Sangster, who was chief of FHA's subsidized mortgage insurance division, will "flesh out" major alternatives to existing programs.

Out in cold. Where does Congress fit into all this? "We don't," said one Capitol Hill staffer after a Moskow briefing.

And one housing consultant said the question is whether the whole study "leads to a policy decision or supports one already made."

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Homebuilders march on Washington to nail a ceiling on lumber prices

Fifteen hundred strong they converged on Washington by plane, train, bus and car from 41 states. The problem was clear: Lumber prices were too high, supplies too low. And no solution was in sight.

The NAHB had drafted a series of recommendations, including:
1. an immediate embargo on exports of logs and lumber
2. a full-scale investigation of the system of log sales from federal forests
3. the release of impounded funds to the U.S. Forest Service
4. action by the Cost of Living Council

'Nothing ventured . . .' The builders pressed for these recommendations even though they recognized how deeply they ran counter to the Nixon Administration's policies.

But, as Al Feibel of Milburn, N.J., put it:
"If you don't at least try, nothing will happen."

Feibel, who had traveled most of the night by chartered bus with a delegation from the Somerset and Morris Counties HBA, was typical of the builders who rallied for the march knowing that they could not return home proclaiming success.

Iceberg. Bob Widdicombe, executive vice president of the Greater Chicago HBA, explained:
"We're dealing with the tip of an iceberg when we touch on any one solution. That's why you can't offer a legislator something neat and positive to which he can say, 'Yes, I'm for it. You can count on me to vote for it.' What's he going to vote for?"

Still, the consensus was that the march was worth the effort.
"These guys don't know a damn thing about what's going on but they know they're in the middle of something," another builder added.

Progress. Four days later, when a Senate subcommittee opened hearings to study the lumber price problem, Washington showed that it had indeed taken notice. John T. Dunlop, director of the Cost of Living Council, announced that the Administration was taking several steps to increase the lumber supply, including scheduling hearings on imposing controls [see page 4].

Aid to consumers. Lumber shortages and delivery delays were worsening under Phase III even before the spring building spurt had begun, and so the NAHB hastily set a date for the march. Still, it staged the event with military precision.

Builders gathered in the Sheraton Park hotel to hear NAHB Vice President Lewis Case finally did meet both the representatives of New Jersey builders huddled at the entrance to a committee room.

Their discussion was cut short by a noontime concert of sacred music that enveloped them from the rotunda below.

The case for Case. Senator Case finally did meet both the builders and the New Jersey lumber dealers. The builders were particularly eager to point out the conflict between high lumber prices and the federal rent-control bill Case had sponsored a few days earlier.

"I want to work out something to everybody's best interest," the senator told them. "I like to keep flexibility very flexible, especially when I've got six years to run."

"If it were an election year he might consider doing something, but it's not an election year so he won't," a disgruntled builder muttered.

'To the drawing board.' The Mobile, Ala., delegation fared better with Congressman Jack Edwards, who arrived fresh from a Republican leadership meeting with President Nixon.

"Our general feeling was that a temporary embargo was necessary but I got the impression that the President didn't think it was the right thing to do," he reported.

"He's pretty good at temporary embargoes on the 235 program, so let's experiment with one on lumber prices," a builder retorted.

Edwards reported that his group had "jumped on the President" for impounding $3 million for roads into the national forests and that the President had immediately asked Budget Director Roy Ash to look into the matter.

"I think it was driven home to them in a pretty forceful way that something had to be done and they've gone back to the old drawing board, so to speak," Edwards told the builders. "After we got through with them they were going to look at the embargo again."

Tally. When it was all over, the builders reassembled at the hotel, where the NAHB staff was waiting to tabulate the congressmen's replies to the questionnaire. The results: Nearly 100% indicated they were concerned about the lumber crisis, but only 60% would support legislation banning lumber exports.

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Hartford has a Process for tackling urban problems with regional action

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The key ingredient is local initiative, which works two ways.

First, the initiative of the Connecticut capital's business leaders who created and continue to support the Greater Hartford Process and its development arm, the Greater Hartford Community Development Corp. (DevCo).

Process's function is to study the region, set goals for it and come up with ways to make it work. DevCo's is to carry out Process's plans.

Second, the initiative of all the elements of the community—local governments, residents, the private sector, the public sector. They are the ones who will be affected by the changes Process brings about, so they must decide what these changes should be. They are represented on Process's board of directors, which means that the planners will not produce utopian schemes that will be filed away and forgotten, but something the community wants and needs.

Regional approach. Process has not limited its scope to the city of Hartford but is planning for the whole region of 29 towns, 750 square miles and 670,000 people.

The planners believe that this regional approach—plus their philosophy that social, economic and physical planning and development must go hand-in-hand so that physical development can be used to produce social change—will help them succeed where others have failed.

For Hartford is a city that has already tried all the prescribed solutions and found they didn't work.

It had its own poverty program before the federal plan was enacted. It was first with a jobs-now program. It had a beautiful new downtown. Its Chamber of Commerce was in the housing business in a big way: By acting sometimes as a developer, sometimes a general contractor or by joint-venturing, it had built some 7,000 units in the city and suburbs.

Still, in the parts of North Hartford that are primarily black and Puerto Rican, unemployment runs as high as 56%. Some 26% of the families are on welfare and the average income is $5,700.

In contrast, the population of the surrounding suburbs is 98% white and the average income is $14,900.

Model. In 1967 and 1968 the city was torn by riots and the business community decided to look for a new approach. Early in 1969 it raised $3 million to form the Greater Hartford Corp. Its purpose: to come up with a model of what Greater Hartford could be like if its people decided to make it so.

To create this model, the corporation retained the American City Corp., a subsidiary of Rouse Co., builders of the new city of Columbia, Md. Soon Process was born.

After a year of study, Process issued a 149-page report crammed with ideas and proposals on social services, recreation, housing, schools, transportation, employment, health and most other aspects of life in the region. These were not intended to be implemented without question but were to act as a focus of discussion.

Progress. Work has now begun on a number of the proposals. These are some of the most important:

1. Hartford has filed a new town in town pre-application with HUD for guaranty authority and other assistance. Phase 1 of the New Hartford program is an $800 million effort to rebuild the northern area of the city, which has 50% of the land area, 40% of the population and 75% of its commercial base.

2. Togeta quick start on Phase 1, DevCo entered into a joint venture with the South Arsenal Neighborhood Development (SAND), which had already begun work in the area. Some 612 units will eventually be built. The first phase involves 342 units, some 270 of which should receive section 236 funds. The other 72 were not approved before the freeze.

3. The backbone of the South Arsenal program will be eight open-classroom "everywhere schools." SAND is already operating one such school and the Hartford Board of Education has agreed to build the others.

4. HEW has given Process a $225,000 grant to establish a new approach to social services known as a Community Life Association. The first CLA will open in South Arsenal in the next month or so.

In the suburbs:

5. DevCo has assembled a 1,000-acre tract in Coventry, 15 miles east of Hartford, to build a new community.

6. DevCo has gotten the go-ahead to look for 400-500 acres for new neighborhoods in the suburbs.

These new suburban developments are particularly vital to the plan for a New Hartford, for the planners expect to set housing prices to make the population reflect the income levels of the region as a whole (roughly 20% of families with incomes below $7,000, 20% in the $7,000-12,000 range and 60% over $12,000). This means that many low- and moderate-income families must find housing outside the central city.

7. The town of Farmington has retained Process to devise a plan for 2,000 acres of land.

Other areas. Some other results of the Process initiative include a drive by the Chamber of Commerce to create 25,000 jobs in three years, an agreement by the Capitol Region Council of Governments to develop a region-wide housing strategy for the coming decade, a $75,000 HUD grant to study housing abandonment, and action by public groups to implement new education and health plans.

Nixon's philosophy. Process, with its emphasis on local initiative, is remarkably in tune with President Nixon's philosophy that "states and localities should address their own needs in their own ways in the light of their own priorities."

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New York has 'town meetings' where people tell planners what to do

New York's Regional Plan Association has applied electronics to the old town meeting concept to give residents of the New York area a chance to express their preferences on planning decisions.

The private research and planning group has produced CHOICES for '76, a series of one-hour films discussing some of the major issues in housing, transportation, environment, poverty and cities.

All of the major television channels in the area have contributed time to show these films, which pose a series of policy choices to the viewer. He can then vote on ballots printed in local newspapers and distributed in banks and other outlets.

Clubs, churches and businesses are also cooperating by organizing discussion groups to debate the issues.

And a book, How to Save Urban America*, has been published as background.

The aim, as in Hartford (see above), is to ask people what kind of future they want and to make them think in regional terms. Unlike Hartford, however, Regional Plan has no development arm to carry out its policies.

Housing. The first program concerned ways to get more housing in a area that is notoriously short of housing. Ten days after the film was shown on all the television channels in the region, viewers had returned 30,000 ballots.

The preliminary tabulations, which are summarized below, are not expected to change materially when the final results are in, according to George Gallup Jr., president of the American Institute of Public Opinion, who assisted with the survey. The results show that 53% of those surveyed favored zoning more land for less-expensive housing—either townhouses or single-family houses on small lots—even if it meant shifting some zoning responsibility to county or state governments. Forty-two percent opposed such a policy and 5% offered no opinion.

Low-income sites. On the question of where new low-income subsidized housing should be built, 34% favored putting it primarily in ghetto areas, 43% wanted it built outside of ghetto areas and 15% thought no more subsidized housing should be built. Eight percent offered no opinion.

In deciding where outside the ghetto low-income housing should be built, however, only 23% favored a fair-share plan requiring each municipality to accept a quota, and 68% voted for putting such housing near jobs and transportation. Nine percent had no opinion.

Given a choice between public housing and housing allowances, 53% opposed a shift to allowances and only 40% favored it. The rest were undecided.

Other solutions. Fifty-five percent of the respondents, who were primarily middle class, voted for greater subsidies for middle-income housing in cities, 74% favored greater public investment in rehabilitating and maintaining older city housing, 82% favored encouraging tenants and community organizations to take over management of deteriorating apartments and 64% favored replacing local school taxes with some form of state-wide tax.

Finally, 50% favored allowing more mobile home parks to be built if they were well designed.

'Civic activists.' The people who participated were not representative of the region, according to Dr. Gallup.

'This must be seen as the views of civic activists, not a scientific sample of the region's whole population,' he said. A scientific sample will be taken when all returns are in. In the meantime, Regional Plan has organized a committee to stimulate the interest of the black and Puerto Rican communities so that the choices will be more representative of the region as a whole.

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Surge in apartment rentals to ebb—condominiums will pick up slack

Apartment demand rose so sharply in mid-1972 that the number of apartments rented within three months of completion was almost 50% higher in the second half than in the first. That's the finding of the latest nationwide market survey by Advance Mortgage Corp. of Detroit, which publishes the semiannual U.S. Housing Markets.

Advance, a subsidiary of First National City Corp. of New York, includes condominiums in its latest apartment figures.

Dip in starts. For 1973, Advance reports that apartment construction in the country it is the swing to condominiums—compared with the record of 915,000 starts in 1972. But completions should reach an all-time high of nearly 900,000 in 1973, as against 780,000 in 1972.

Henry Lyngos, Advance's senior vice president in charge of income properties, predicts that the rental pace will decline but that the dip will be offset by increasing condominium demand.

Suburban demand. The demand for apartments and condominiums was twice as high in the suburbs as in the cities. Outside of Florida—which generated nearly 20% of all U.S. apartment starts—and Washington D.C., city vacancies increased while suburban vacancies dropped sharply.

The city vacancy rate is now 50% higher than the suburban rate, but the survey points out that most of the increase was in older apartment houses.

Vacancies. The survey found high vacancies in Dallas and Houston and in segments of the Atlanta, Denver, San Diego and Los Angeles markets. However, it pointed out that nearly all these markets are enjoying high in-migration, so a relatively short pause should bring their vacancies back into line.

Still, in Houston, where the vacancy rate is estimated at 15%, President Vernon Young of the Houston Apartment Assn. is urging all owner-members to cancel or delay residential construction for the next 12 months.

According to Leonard Gross, chairman of HAA's builders division, the building boom has intensified competition to the point where rental rates for apartments are now about the same as they were in the mid-1960s.

Apartment owners are building new projects because lenders are making construction money readily available, Gross said. Thus the HAA is taking the initiative in alerting lenders throughout the country to the risks involved in financing new apartment construction in Houston.

The survey found that the sec. 236 subsidy half had had very little impact on apartment building. Some 2,000 starts were affected in Chicago, but in Detroit, where 2,000 units were built last year, hardly any were planned for 1973.

Condominiums. Throughout the country it is the swing to condominiums that is keeping apartment starts at such a high level.

Advance reports that condominiums account for 70% of the apartment starts in the Miami area, 60% in Washington and San Diego, more than half in Detroit, more than a quarter in Chicago, Atlanta and Los Angeles and 10% in New York, Phoenix and Dallas.

In Washington some condominiums have doubled in price between the first offering and completion, and in Miami, one builder who planned a 970-unit project to sell out in four or five years sold 260 in three months.

A recent enabling law has resulted in a rush of condominium conversions in Washington, and in Los Angeles one lender handled 30 conversion deals in January alone.

People

Savings bankers get a new leader

John S. Howe, president of The Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston, becomes president of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks this month.

The membership is confirming his appointment at its convention in New York City May 6-9. Members hold 99% of the industry's $96 billion in assets.


Kenneth L. Birdseye, president of Hudson City Savings Bank, Jersey City, N.J., succeeds Howe as vice president of the association and Donald L. Thomas, president of Anchor Savings Bank of New York City, will serve a second term as treasurer.

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Tax-shelter builder tells Congress: We're leading too sheltered a life

A highly controversial builder of tax-shelter apartments told a congressional tax-reform hearing last month that tax shelters are generally not necessary to the housing industry's growth.

George H. Defeff, president of the Defeff Companies of Columbus, Ohio, and an outspoken critic of several tax practices usually defended by his industry, testified before the House Ways and Means Committee. The tax-writing panel is considering several proposals for tax reform.

'Tax millionaires.' Defeff said of the tax incentive often used to encourage the production of poor people's housing:

"There must be better ways of providing decent housing for low-income families," and he argued at another point:

"It seems very strange that in order to provide decent shelter for millions of Americans, we must uneconomiclly produce more tax millionaires."

Defeff said rapid depreciation and favorable capital gains treatm-ent, the "major real estate tax incentives," are "a totally unfair form of taxation" that "promote waste and inefficiency" in the housing industry.

Losses by loophole. Defeff estimated that tax loopholes for high-bracket investors cost the Treasury from $500 million to $1 billion in 1971, and he said the loss would be higher for 1972 and 1973.

Defeff labeled a myth the belief that any curtailment of tax preferences would drive up rents, drive down prices and drive venture capital out a apartment building.

Partly because of the abnormal demand for tax shelters, Defeff said, rental apartments are already saturating most metropolitan areas. The builder argued that this surplus of space stimulates artificial competition in the markets in which his own company now builds.

The Defeff Companies build in Columbus, Cincinnati, Troy and Lima, Ohio, Memphis, Knoxville, Nashville and Kingsport, Tenn., and Burlington, N.C. They completed 3,500 low-rise apartment units in 1972, and they have built 200 units under the FHA's section 236 program as well as building other tax-shelter projects.

Call for reform. Defeff urged the committee to limit effects of tax-shelter loopholes by tightening accelerated depreciation and capital gains rules. He also pleaded with the panel to reject the argument of other witnesses, who argued that tax reformers were making the housing industry a target.

Defeff's views were shared by very few other businessmen appearing at the hearing. The housing industry's consensus was presented to the committee on the same day by President George C. Martin of the National Association of Home Builders.

Martin said tax advantages offered under present law were a crucial element in achieving "the highest sustained rate of housing development in our nation's history." He said the incentives should be continued.

Uncertain outlook. The outlook for legislation on reality and other tax reforms remained cloudy. At the end of March Chairman Wilbur Millis (D., Ark.), who has the most to say about what if anything will happen, had not yet received a long-overdue package of reform recommendations from the Nixon Administration.

With the subsidized housing freeze likely to last through this year, chances for any significant tampering with the tax structure that supports housing production seems unlikely. —D. L.

Woes of Fannie Mae or how can a gal make a buck—with inflation and all?

As money becomes dearer and scarcer, both mortgage bankers and builders on the one hand—and Wall Street analysts on the other—will be keeping a keen eye out to see what the credit pressures do to Fannie Mae policy.

But while builders and lenders will be eager to see the secondary market-making Fannie Mae—officially the Federal National Mortgage Corp.—keep up and even double its volume, there will be less enthusiasm for that course of action from traders in the corporation's stock. Even though Fannie Mae itself strongly denies that such is the case, there seem to be quahms among investors that the corporation's duty to uphold the mortgage market is not compatible in the short run with a fat profit margin.

Fit of jitters. Fannie Mae has had a few quahms itself. One signal of its nervousness and that of the whole mortgage market came when a stampede of would-be buyers of Fannie Mae's 12-month convertible standby mortgage commitments forced the corporation into a two-week closure of the commitment window and other protective measures to hold down volume.

In the wake of that experience a Fannie Mae spokesman says:

"There are no present expectations we will have to close it again, but we will if the volume of standby commitments and the yields (on the securities Fannie Mae itself issues) get out of hand."

The squeeze. Fannie's current problem is how to make a buck when the margin becomes smaller between the rapidly rising costs she must pay for shutting mortgage lenders out of the secondary market and the prime lending rate that big commercial banks charge to upgrade customers. When the prime shot skyward, the implication that maybe money market costs in 1973 might be going to rise a lot faster than expected chilled Fannie Mae.

Risk taking. Rechecking the outlook for the costs it must pay this year, the corporation decided the risks, for the moment, seemed tolerable. But aids of the organization stress that cost factors remain under review.

The 12-month convertible standby commitment poses a special hazard for Fannie Mae, since the private mortgage originator who buys one can come back to the corporation all of 12 months later and sell his mortgage at a price contracted for when mortgage prices were much higher. Thus to take on a big volume of such commitments, Fannie Mae has to have a very sure handle on its own costs as far as an entire year ahead.

Stock's decline. If Fannie Mae does not have that handle, corporation profits will suffer. And, though spokesmen for Fannie Mae insist there is no reason for doing so, there are some signs in the price of Fannie Mae stock that Wall Street has already anticipated and discounted a reenchematic in the corporation's earnings this year under the yield curve pinch. The stock price faded from a high of $20 early in the year to $14, at which point the corporation's president, Oakley Hunter, issued one of those statements to the effect that the decline was "not warranted" by Fannie Mae prospects. Its 1973 earnings would be up "substantially," he said.

If so, it will be in the teeth of the traditional difficulties besetting mortgage lenders when money is tight. For volume of 12-month standbys promises to be high. When savings flows are down in thrift institutions, as they are now, mortgage bankers think they need Fannie Mae to buy their loan paper. Both the mortgage men and many homebuilders protested—and vociferously—the temporary closing of the convertible standby window.

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Tom Bomar named Bank Board's chief; he promptly warns about overbuilding

Thomas R. Bomar was nominated last month as chairman of the Home Loan Bank Board and he took advantage of his first telephone interview to say he was concerned about the overbuilding of homes in several sections of the country.

Bomar made the observation in a talk with a Wall Street Journal writer, and Bomar's office later confirmed his remarks.

Bomar could speak from experience. He had been a real estate lending officer with Security Pacific National Bank in Los Angeles for six years in the 1960s, when southern California reached its greatest excesses in overbuilding. The tremendous new-house inventory built up at the time was not cleared until the credit crisis of 1966 curtailed building throughout the country.

Nomination. A long wait for the new post ended when President Nixon announced the nomination from the western White House at San Clemente. Thus at 35, Bomar, executive vice president of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. since 1970, was named for the post that his friend and fellow Californian, Preston Martin, resigned unexpectedly last fall [News, Dec. '72]. The board is the supervisory agency for the nation's savings and loan industry.

Bomar had frequently been mentioned as the heir apparent, and he had been embraced by telegrams from housing officials congratulating him prematurely on his selection. Other candidates had entered the race, however, and the competition stretched into six months.

Innovator. Bomar had won a reputation as a mortgage innovator during his years as director of Freddie Mac, the HLBB subsidiary set up in 1970 to create a secondary market in home mortgages for the S&Ls, and he had been a fervent advocate of the establishment of a futures market for mortgages. The Chicago Board of Trade is studying the feasibility of such trading, but an actual market is considered months or even years away.

Plans. Bomar said after his nomination that he would try to move the Bank Board into still other new areas in the home financing field. There are experts who feel that this may not be easy, for Martin is generally considered to have led—or dragged—the conservative S&L industry to its logical frontiers.

One reason often advanced for his resignation, in fact, was the belief that opposition to further innovation was building in Congress.

The newsletter of the National League of Insured Savings Associations quoted Martin as saying Bomar "will be the greatest chairman in the history of the system" and adding that he would expect Bomar to follow an expansionist policy.

In an interview with Andrew R. Mandala, editor of the league's Journal, Bomar indicated he still had an open mind on the Hunt Commission's proposals for closer unity among all lending institutions, including banks, and for a phaseout of dividend ceilings that protect thrift houses. Martin had opposed virtually all of the Hunt report.

Bomar is expected to win prompt Senate confirmation. His term would run to June 30, 1974.

Personality. The U.S. Savings & Loan League said Bomer's nomination was "excellent," and George C. Martin, the president of the National Association of Home Builders, said it was "highly welcome."

Associates at the board's Washington headquarters described Bomar as quiet but forceful, and they pointed out that he knows his way around government. He has worked with Arthur Burns, the Federal Reserve chairman, for example, on the Committee on Interest and Dividends, and has wide contacts in Congress.

Bomar's real estate experience is extensive. Besides his time with Security Pacific, he spent three years as a vice president of the Larwin Group, the big West Coast homebuilding and mortgage combine, and six months as a partner in Armur Associates, a realty consulting firm in Encino, Calif.

Clarke's exit. One day before Bomar's nomination, the President accepted "with regret and deep gratitude" the resignation of Thomas Hal Clarke, who had been a board member since August 1969. His term was to run out June 30.

Clarke had long been known as a voice of moderation on the board. He had warned only recently that a headlong rush into wider lending areas and electronic fund transfers might cost the S&Ls their special housing status in the eyes of Congress [News, Feb.].

Clarke's destination, like that of so many of the President's appointees in recent months, was stated simply as "private life."

Peter Gali

McGraw-Hill World News, With the President at San Clemente

Mortgaging's Aubrey Costa is dead

To the end he had worked full days in his office high above downtown Dallas—for so many of whose nearby towers he had helped arrange the financing.

But the bronchitis attacks simply became too intense. He had been to Mayo's, and he had been hospitalized twice in Dallas. When they took him in again, and the cruel tests began anew, he pleaded fatigue and just went on home.

There, on April 2, Aubrey M. Costa slipped quietly into death at 76.

Thus passed one of mortgaging's pioneers, a pillar of the market for nearly half a century.

Of his career. Costa had founded Southern Trust & Mortgage with E. M. Love in 1924 and had been president from 1951 to 1962, when it became one of the city's largest mortgage banking houses. He retired as chairman in 1972.

He had been president of the Texas MBA in 1939 and of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America in 1951-52.

Himself a recipient of the national MBA's distinguished service award (1948), Costa gave a parallel but personal award of $1,000 each year after his presidency. Many of the winners went on to become presidents of the MBA themselves, including most recently Lon Worth Crow Jr. (1969), Robert H. Pease (1970), Philip C. Jackson Jr. (1972) and Everett Mattson, incumbent.

In his honor. Mattson said the MBA would set up a $1,000 scholarship in Costa's name at his favorite university, Southern Methodist in Dallas.

Costa himself had never found time to finish college. He had enrolled at Tyler (Texas) Community, but he had left after a year to join an oil-drilling crew and then to become a U.S. Navy seaman in World War I.

And in remembrance. Costa had remained active as a mortgaging adviser, and he was still president of the Lovel & Costa Real Estate Co. at his death.

He was also a vice president of the Dallas Urban League and a member of the Tri-Racial Council, which was credited with keeping the city tranquil during the riotous sixties.

Perhaps his secretary of 30 years, Frances Clark, best described his life.

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FTC accuses seven plywood makers of charging illegal prices to homebuilders

Homebuilders—at least those in the South—may get better buys on plywood if the Federal Trade Commission has success with its latest campaign against delivered pricing.

The agency's antitrust chief, Alan S. Ward, says that the practice of forcing all buyers to pay the equivalent of freight from Portland, Or., regardless of where the plywood is made, is a form of illegal price tampering.

So the commission has issued a proposed complaint charging major producers with using anticompetitive pricing and shipping prices.

**The companies.** The proposed complaint cites Georgia-Pacific Corp. of Portland and six other companies, which together account for more than half of the $1.25 billion in annual plywood sales: Boise Cascade Corp. of Boise, Idaho; Champion International Corp. and International Paper Co., both of New York City; Weyerhaeuser Industries, Tacoma, Wash.; Willamette Industries, Portland; and an operation of Skelly Oil Co. called Vancouver Plywood Co., in Florien, La.

The American Plywood Assn. is accused of helping make the industry-wide pricing system work by passing out books listing freight rates to all points from Portland. But the trade group isn't named as a defendant since, Ward says, an "effective remedy" will result if the seven producers switch to FOB (price-at-mill) quotes.

**Pricing.** The pricing system was first worked out when all softwood plywood was made in the Pacific Northwest out of Douglas fir. But after Georgia-Pacific Corp. began in 1963 to produce Southern pine plywood at Fordyce, Ark., the Portland basing-point price system stuck—even though 50 other plywood mills opened in the South in the next eight years. Buyers there and up the East Coast still find their bills increased by phantom freight charges far in excess of actual shipping costs.

The FTC cited this example: A retail lumber dealer in New Orleans paid $4,289 last September for plywood trucked from the plant 60 miles away in Holden, La. The $4,289 price was derived from a $3,525 charge for the plywood and a $764 theoretical shipping charge for the 2,500 miles from Portland to New Orleans.

The actual freight charge was just $80.

The FTC proposes to settle the complaint with consent orders under which the companies would abandon the basing-point system and charge prices based on actual freight costs.

**No last relief.** Commission staffers are careful not to claim that an end to the basing-point system would mean that homebuilders in the South and East would immediately pocket the phantom freight charges they are now paying. In fact, if manufacturers quote separate prices for the plywood and the freight, the basic price on the product may well up to cover costs now recovered by the false shipping charges. But the FTC figures that if FOB prices are quoted, mills near a buyer may be able to offer a better deal. That in turn might spur mills farther away to slice their FOB prices, the agency feels, and this might lead to more vigorous fighting for sales.

**Reaction.** Georgia-Pacific said that, as the FTC ruling applies to it, "there is obviously a misunderstanding on the basic pricing factors in some areas," and insisted that the ultimate price of plywood is determined by supply and demand rather than by freight costs.

"This is why many mills have been forced to close in the past when supply exceeded demand and prices fell," G-P said. "Today, with demand exceeding capacity, prices are higher for the same basic reason."

Weyerhaeuser said it did not believe it had violated the law on plywood pricing and contended that the complaint "bears no relationship to current conditions in the market."

"Price levels substantially exceed, and have exceeded for some time, the prices charged by Weyerhaeuser."

Most of the other companies declined comment.

**Other industries.** Basing-point systems were attacked decades ago in the steel and cement industries, but those cases involved conspiracies among producers.

The plywood case is the first to charge that the delivered-price system can be unlawful when it is the result not of collusion but merely "parallel action" among competitors.

—DAN MOSKOWITZ


Critics sue HUD for $65 million to force repair of 16,100 Detroit homes

Charging that HUD, through mismanagement of its 221 and 235 programs, has provided FHA mortgage insurance for more than 16,100 decaying homes in Detroit, five legal-service groups are suing the agency for $65 million in damages in an effort to force rehabilitation of each home at government expense.

The charge is that HUD and its Detroit office violated the National Housing Act by insuring mortgages on homes improperly certified as meeting state and local health and safety laws.

A wide scandal over HUD's activities in Detroit has raged for more than two years. It has brought a number of criminal indictments, including one against the agency's deputy chief appraiser in the city. He is charged with accepting bribes.

The lawsuit by the five groups is merely the latest chapter.

**Class action.** The coalition, composed of the Legal Aid Research Office, Michigan Legal Services, Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, Center for Urban Aid and the Urban Law Clinic, combined legal talent and clients to come up with five cases constituting the class action against HUD.

All five cases involve homes insured under the older 221 program. But the class action will, if successful, provide assistance to those buying homes with 221-program insurance. Owners of multiple-family dwellings purchased under the 236 program are excluded.

Similar suits filed elsewhere in the country have failed because plaintiffs failed to specify or propose an acceptable remedy to the problem. The coalition is quite thorough in its demands for redress for homeowners.

**Costs.** The suit asks that the federal government be ordered to pay all purchases of defective homes damages not to exceed $10,000 in order to permit them to bring homes up to require-
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Kaufman & Broad, one of the nation's largest tract builders, is moving into the odd-lot market.

The company has formed a new subsidiary, Kaufman & Broad Custom Homes, to sell pre-cut homes directly from factory to consumer.

Max Zamansky, formerly president of the Homes Group Division of Evans Products Co., will head the new company, with headquarters in Minneapolis.

**New Market.** The new subsidiary taps a market that the company has not been able to reach with its site-building operation: families earning about $9,500 a year and living in towns of about 10,000.

"This market's potential for long-term growth is even greater than that of all our current U.S. on-site housing operations," Chairman Eli Broad commented.

Broad has often pointed to the fact that no one housing company has gained even 1% of the market by building in the traditional way because more than 70% of American housing is produced in areas that are too small for major building companies to enter.

K&B is already serving a portion of this market with its mobile-home operation. Its abortive attempt to merge with National Homes last November [News, Jan.] was also directed at this market.

**Operation.** The new subsidiary is preparing a catalog from which the consumer can select the model he desires, or he may submit a plan of his own to the design staff.

Prices may range anywhere from $5,000 to $150,000, according to Zamansky, but most will be in the $12,000 to $18,000 bracket.

The buyer will be responsible for all permits, for the foundation, sewer and utility lines and electrical, plumbing and heating work.

The company will train independent subcontractors to erect the shell and to do as much of the finishing as the buyer contracts for. It will also provide financing.

**Quarterly results.** For the quarter ended February 28, 1973, the company set a new record with net income of $5.2 million, up 25% over 1972's $3.7 million. Sales were $69.2 million, up 41% from $55.3 million the year before.

Lloyd Clarke out as Alodex president; first-quarter sales were down by 50%

Lloyd D. Clarke has resigned as president of Alodex Corp. of Memphis, Tenn. "to pursue personal interests." He will be succeeded by Charles R. Watson Jr., formerly president of Barnett Mortgage Advisors of Jacksonville, Fla.

Clarke, a former president of the NAHB, took over as president of Alodex in 1969 after exchanging his Iowa building companies for Alodex stock. His tenure has been marked by costly law suits and, recently, by disappointing financial results.

**Lawsuits.** Three lawsuits were filed accusing the company of fraud in connection with a 1971 stock offering [News, May '72].

**Mobile homes criticized as costly and dangerous when used as housing for rural poor.**

Mobile homes "deserve some consideration" as acceptable housing for elderly, one or two-person households in rural areas—but for rural poor families generally "this type of dwelling doesn't meet [their] housing needs . . . at a cost that is affordable."

That's the conclusion of two researchers of the Office of Economic Opportunity who published their report before the Nixon Administration had dismantled the agency created by Lyndon Johnson to wage war on poverty.

**The cost sheet.** The researchers, Emily A. MacFall and E. Quinton Gordon, noted the qualities of mobile homes that suggest their suitability for housing in rural areas and particularly in the rural South—"their lower price, financing, availability, case of transportation and ease of installation." Because they are factory-built and hauled to the site on their own chassis, the report says, "they can be placed in those rural areas where it would be difficult, if not impossible, to provide conventional housing."

But cost analysis shows, the report says, that "mobile homes are not substantially less expensive over time than low-cost conventional homes" which provide "more value . . . more space, safety and a longer lifetime."

The authors say that mobiles "may provide housing which is initially superior" to the housing poor rural families now have, "but the short life span and rate of depreciation of mobile homes would mean that this would not be the case for long."

**Safety hazards.** The report also emphasizes the danger of fire and wind damage, and it says the cost of safety devices to eliminate such risks "may well raise the price of mobile homes to such an extent that any cost advantage they may have would disappear."

However, the authors suggest that mobile homes may be desirable for the elderly who are now in substandard housing in declining areas. The elderly require less space and give housing less wear, and mobiles would be "safer and more adequate than the shacks which many of these households currently occupy."

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Two years after it entered the single-family housing market, Redman Industries, the nation's second largest mobile-home builder, is calling it quits and getting out of the field.

The Dallas-based combine is also drastically reducing its activity in multifamily housing, which it entered in 1969.

Citing soaring costs of building materials, construction delays and serious cost overruns recently discovered in house and apartment operations, President Lee Posey resorted to radical surgery to prevent further losses in the company's on-site activities.

But in spite of a decline in net income for the fourth quarter of fiscal 1973 (March 30), Posey forecasts a very good year:

"The company will post a 50% sales gain—approximately $340 million in fiscal '73 compared to $227 million in '72, and net will rise 60% to $11.8 million. We had greater gains in market penetration in mobile homes than any other company, and we expect new records in the coming year."


Fourth-quarter income from all operations for fiscal 1973 is estimated to be down to $1.6 million compared with $1.8 million in the same period in fiscal 1972. The decline is due primarily to the construction division.

For sale. Posey said in a letter to Redman stockholders in March that the company would immediately sell or close its single-family building operation, centered in Dallas. It has one townhouse and two single-family projects in the Dallas suburbs and a single-family project near Fort Worth, with 50 units under construction. Since it opened its first subdivision in July 1971, Redman has completed 200 homes.

The company is also disposing of its land, including sites bought in Houston for a planned expansion into that market.

In addition, Posey said, Redman will "slow down our activity dramatically" in the garden-apartment business. It has—in eight southern cities—10,000 units completed and under management contract and 7,600 under construction. The start of any new apartment projects is indefinite, Posey says.

"We have decided that we will no longer make any guaranties to equity partners," Posey added.

"We have changed some field management personnel, and we are installing control systems that will provide us with more timely information on our field activity."

Redman's construction work has been completely subcontracted. The single-family division has 15 management/sales personnel, and they are being offered transfers to the apartment or mobile-home operations.

Company's growth. Redman, listed on the New York Stock Exchange since December 1969, became a holding company in February 1972, with four subsidiaries: Redman Mobile Homes, Redman Properties, Redman Building Products and Corporation R (a developer of mobile-home communities).

Effective Jan. 1, 1973, the recreational vehicle division, previously part of Redman Mobile Homes, was set apart as a wholly owned subsidiary, Redman Recreation Vehicle Co. Sales in February 1973 were $2.1 million, compared to $500,000 in February 1972.

Redman Properties, the housing subsidiary, included Redman Development Corp. (RDC), the garden-apartment developer and manager.

Goals of yesteryear. Redman Properties grew out of Redman's 1968 purchase—for $6.5 million in stock—of builder Jack Bertoglio's Kansas Quality Construction, a garden-apartment building operator in 18 states (see photo above). The purchase was part of a diversification plan with the goal of making Redman "a total shelter company."

The 1972 annual report said Redman would be "an entirely new kind of company—not wholly a manufacturer or a developer, but having the best characteristics of both."

"The market area was to be the South." Now, says Posey, just as Redman was "not afraid to try new things, it is also not afraid to admit a mistake" and to take immediate action to close a loser.

"Emotion. "We just want to make money for our shareholders," he says, "and we have not let ourselves get emotionally involved like some who want to be homebuilders just for the fact of being homebuilders."

Houses in Redman's Freedom Division sold first at $18,100 to $20,500 but now go for $1,000 more. The Liberty series, initially priced at $23,500 to $27,000, now sells at $25,000 to $32,000. Townhouses—with only 40 of a projected 210 under construction—sell for $24,000 to $28,000.

Redman also had its eye on modular housing. It constructed a 12-to-16 unit modular apartment in Detroit in 1969, but it now says it has abandoned the field completely.

Redman built 500 single-family homes in Pennsylvania from sectionals, although it later sold that manufacturing facility. Last year the company constructed a 136-unit apartment in a Dallas suburb using sectionals built at its plant in Burleson, Tex. The apartment, rented "well, says Posey, but the company decided it could make more money with mobile homes and so it converted the plant."

Apartments. Posey said in his letter that Redman Development Corp., the apartment division—which had losses in 1972-73—is expected to be profitable in 1974.

"We are virtually assured of this," he said, "both from the steps we are taking now and the deferral of income that took place last year and this year." At the end of fiscal 1972 Redman began deferring part of its pretax income from multifamily construction. After deferring $3.8 million in pretax profit to be recognized ratably because of guaranties to equity partners that extend from three to five years on each apartment project, it showed a loss for 1972 of $395,000.

A recent accountants' recommendation is that revenues as well as profits should be recognized only as each guaranty and risk period expires. This will have the effect of reducing reportable sales or revenues from RDC by 50% in fiscal 1974 and fiscal 1975.

Posey still predicts that "over the next six years RDC will generate an average profit of $2 million annually pretax, if we do not start any more projects." He says, however, that the company will continue to build apartments. The cutback is "just to get a better handle on what we are doing."

"RDC will have sales of about $10 million for the first quarter of 1974, which is down about 50% from a year ago," Posey says.

Mobile parks. Redman will dispose of another unprofitable operation, Corporation R, the mobile-home-park subsidiary opened in January 1970.

The outlook is strong for Redman's mobile-home division in 1974, Posey says. "For the eleven months ended February 28, 1973, unit sales were 36,062, a 54% increase over 23,436 units for the prior eleven months."

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The S&Ls led last month's retreat, plummeting 24%. Far West Financial, which figures in the hst index, was suspended from trading on the New York Stock Exchange when Leasco Corp. decided against going through with a merger. When Far West did manage to open a day later, it tumbled 35%, from 14½ to 9½.

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Four condominium projects win joint NAHB-Better Homes & Gardens contest

And the publicity—BH&G has a circulation of nearly 8 million—should give the PUD concept a welcome shot in the arm.

Selected from some 50 entries from builder members of NAHB, the four winners shown here and on page 58 were featured in the magazine’s April issue. The accompanying article stressed the advantages of PUD—good house design, preservation of the landscape, recreation facilities, privacy and good value at a reasonable price.

One winner and one runner-up were chosen in each of two density categories: one to five units per acre and six to ten per acre.

Rather surprisingly, the winners are all located in the Middle West, an area which is not often singled out for excellence in PUD design.

Future issues of H&H will cover each project in detail.

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Honor award, 1 to 5 units per acre

Scarborough, in Bloomington, Minn. . . . All townhouses, most in 4 to 6-unit clusters, priced from $41,000 to $58,500 . . . Selling out as fast as they can be built, with strongest demand at high end . . . Market: second-home buyers, many of them empty nesters . . . Exteriors of brick and wood siding blend with wooded environment . . . Shaded area of site plan shows first 89 units on 45 acres, completed project will have up to 266 on 120 acres . . . Cul-de-sac are laid out to keep cars from view of units . . . Architect: Michael McGuire; Landscape architect: Marc Putman; Builder: Pembom Inc.

Runner-up, 1 to 5 units per acre

The Park at Southern Hills, in Des Moines, Iowa . . . Pioneer PUD in area . . . Prime location, six minutes from downtown, six from airport . . . Three townhouse designs for as many markets are clustered separately: 1) 1 1/2 to 3-bedroom studios for young marrieds; 2) tri-levels with separate sleeping and living areas for older marrieds with children; 3) one-level ranch-style for empty nesters . . . First phase (shaded): 40 units . . . Architect: John D. Bloodgood; Landscape architect: Elizabeth Howerton; Builder: Weitz Construction Co.; Owner: Southern Hills Development Corp.

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Runner up, 6 to 10 units per acre

Monterey Village, in Park Forest South, a new town going up outside of Chicago ... Townhouses, aimed at young white-collar workers (average income: $12,000) who are now renting apartments in area ... Key sitting feature: all units face green area and away from surrounding streets ... Since garages can be seen from streets, they were given stronger brick and cypress treatment to break up mass ... Plans call for just under 400 units on 39 acres ... Prices range from $24,490 to $28,990 ... Architect: Environmental Systems International Inc.; Builder: 3-H Building Corp.
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Located in the new town of Columbia, Md., the house was the brainchild of the Ryland Group, one of Columbia's developers. The aim was twofold: 1) to acquaint the public with the various products and systems, and 2) to get feedback from the visitors both for the manufacturers' and Ryland's edification, since many of the new ideas will be considered for future Ryland houses. Visitors were asked to note their reactions as they toured the house, and about 50 agreed to take part in a more extensive seminar. The eventual purchasers of the $46,000 house will be asked to evaluate the components over at least a year's time.

Although most of the components have been around for a while, in most cases they do represent departures from traditional methods. Selection criteria were quality, cost, production efficiency and low maintenance.

Some of the components are illustrated above. They include, from left to right and top to bottom:

- **Low-voltage light switches** by Switchpack that permit surface installation of touch switches and .005" wire, which the maker calls almost invisible when painted.
- **Entrance door of molded glass fiber** by Owens-Corning Fiberglas. Also, in the same picture, flanking brick walls made of ½" thick panels of kiln-fired brick. Manufacturer is Merry Companies.
- **Ceilings with seamless look** by Armstrong Cork. They consist of close-fitting tiles plus woodlook beams of polyurethane from Urethane Products Co.
- **Surface-mounted wiring raceway** by Johnson Rubber. It cuts construction costs while providing easy accessibility in case of trouble. Shag carpet is a Masland product.
- **Waterproofed basement wall framing** by Barnes Lumber. Wood is treated by a liquid compound pressure-driven into wood cells. Floor joists at top of same photo are of Alcoa aluminum, whose dimensional stability is said to cut down on stress warping and resulting squeaks.
- **Siding of color-impregnated vinyl** by Certainteed. Also in photo is Dow Chemical's Styrofoam insulation. Applied to the exterior, it replaces conventional sheathing and batt.

Not pictured are two major factory-built components. One is an experimental kitchen by General Electric that came with all wiring, plumbing, wall cabinets and indirect lighting installed. The other is a two-bathroom core unit with common wall that was aluminum-framed by Alcoa and uses an Eljer prebuilt shower and Owens-Corning Fiberglas tub-shower.

Other manufacturers and their products were:

- Acme General: passage locksets
- Alenco Industries: windows
- Armstrong Cork: bathroom and kitchen floors
- Certainteed Products: roof shingles
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We provide instruction in tennis, golf, karate, candlemaking, scuba diving, dieting, bridge, yoga, sewing, cooking, music and photography. Some classes in tennis and sailing, (for example) are handled by professionals who make a good living instructing our tenants.

These pros turn back a percentage of their earnings for the use of our equipment. This helps cover our overhead. Our contracts with these instructors usually specify that we get 10% of their monthly income from our residents for the first six months until they get established. Then our share goes to 15% of their income on a permanent basis. The contract also spells out the minimum number of hours per week that the instructor must make his services available.

Offering professional instruction is a very useful service. We also offer packaged trips and tours—ski trips and weekend vacations, for example—at low group rates that otherwise would not be available to our tenants.

One of our most successful ventures—and one way we build cohesiveness in a new project—is simply to provide free coffee and donuts every Sunday from 10:00 A.M. to noon. It’s called Mingle and Munch. And it gives residents an opportunity to meet one another, helps newcomers become acquainted and offers resident managers and recreation directors an opportunity to hear tenant complaints and suggestions in a relaxed atmosphere. Of course, we don’t encourage our apartment staff to socialize with residents on an individual basis, but we do encourage this kind of group mingling.

Tenant sponsorship. We let tenants set up their own rec programs. Once we have enough residents in a new project to make a program worthwhile, we use a questionnaire to find out which activities people are interested in and how many want to participate. Then we set up a residential advisory board under the guidance of our paid rec director (generally a young professional with a college degree in a related field). The tenant-advisers plan the events and make sure the right activities are being offered. In some projects, for example, we show movies once a week—and they’re chosen by the tenants. They arrange lectures on a variety of topics—anything from auto repair for women to investment techniques.

One problem: If you add a program like this to recreational facilities that weren’t designed for it, chances are you’ll run into a space problem. A solution we’ve used is to set aside a two-bedroom apartment for small gatherings—like chess or bridge clubs and advisory board meetings. Some of the rent loss can be made up by offering the space to outside clubs and other groups in small communities where inexpensive meeting space usually is hard to find.

The recdirector. The caliber of the director is the most critical element in a recreation program. He must be well educated in his field and he also should understand the general objectives and problems of apartment management. He needs a lot of enthusiasm plus a lot of ideas. And he also needs some administrative ability—which isn’t always easy to find in a young college graduate. The reason he should understand management objectives is that he has to get along with your resident manager. If the two are constantly bumping heads over how to run the project, you’re actually better off not having a recreation program. The friction will not only cause morale problems among your own staff, but also among your tenants.

Recreation directors must develop even closer rapport with tenants than do resident managers. The rec director not only needs tenant participation in the program, but also a great deal of volunteer help to keep the program running. Volunteers are necessary to help design printed material, to letter signs and for dozens of other jobs.

There should be a separate office for your rec director. In our larger projects—500 units and up—we actually have three offices: one for leasing, one for tenant service (the resident manager’s function) and one for the recreation director. Each activity is quite different, so the three shouldn’t be combined in one office.

Another problem can develop if outsiders, who are not guests of your residents, trespass. We have eliminated this rather effectively by issuing tenant identification cards which must be produced when asked for.

We get another use from these cards. They are issued to all employees in all our divisions to encourage their participation in the recreation programs. This gives our own people a better understanding of the apartment side of our business and builds some good will for our company by bringing residents and employees together socially.

Communications. One of the necessities of a recreation program is a monthly newsletter. You need it for two reasons. First you have to provide a calendar of events so residents know what’s happening and when. Secondly, you need to talk up certain activities—particularly when you’ve invested money in them. Bus tours and ski trips, for example, require advance deposits; and if you run a theater party, you have to purchase a block of tickets beforehand.

If you take these newsletters too seriously, they can become a real pain in the neck. The best procedure is to leave them up to the rec director and not worry too much about achieving perfection in grammar and design. As long as he conveys a sense of enthusiasm and interest, he’s doing the job just fine.
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Given present community concern with environmental and tax problems, it seems paradoxical that curbs and gutters and excessively wide streets of the typical single-family subdivision should still be defended, indeed demanded, despite their ecological and economic costs to the developer and the community. There are many reasons.

In essence, the principle of good ecological planning is to do the least to the land. Although the developer often finds himself chastized because he has done too little—not too much—in terms of ecological planning, the opposite should be the case. The least is best. The less clearing you do the better; the less natural condition and natural terrain you disturb the better, the fewer times a truck or a bulldozer runs over a piece of ground the better. Essentially, this formula applies to the natural drainage system. The less you change natural drainage, the more it will do to disperse and absorb runoff. If you can keep constant or reduce the amount of water flowing through the streams and swales of your site, runoff will not be a problem. The natural system will absorb the water.

It seems quite reasonable that a developer, in order to eliminate curb, should covenant with a town that the natural drainage system will be respected. Ideally he should covenant that he will not increase the level of runoff as he develops his site. This can be accomplished by breaking the site down into the smallest watershed areas possible—through use of swales and holding ponds—to encourage maximum absorption into the ground. Obviously, the downstream cost of not controlling water at its source is vast (the flood velocities and volumes are considerably increased and the chances of guiding the concentrated water back into the natural drainage system without serious erosion problems are reduced accordingly.

Use of the curb almost prohibits the ecologically preferable small watershed absorptive system. So let’s examine each of the above justifications for the curb and see if there are alternative engineering solutions which are more ecologically sensitive.

Paving edge unraveling. This is the most reasonable justification for the curb. Usually paving unravels because the gravel underneath does not extend out far enough beyond the edge of the blacktop. Thus, the blacktop is undermined structurally because soil at the edges moves too much, far more than a base of gravel. In the case of the superhighway, the expressway and the parkway, however, the gravel is brought out further to satisfactorily stabilize the paving edge. Residential roads could employ the same technique; curbs can be eliminated if the gravel is brought out 18” to 24” beyond the edge of the blacktop.

Another reason why paving unravels at its edges, and, incidentally, breaks up in other areas as well, is trapped water underneath the blacktop. We believe that roads with curbs are more likely to trap water, causing heaving problems and ultimately the unraveling of the majority of the paving. As a matter of fact, the swale system, if done properly, should reduce the amount of heaving on a road and improve its engineering characteristic. In a well designed swale system the bottom of the swale should be lower than the bottom of the gravel base supporting the road so that no surcharging is possible. The water is cut off before it can get beneath the road. In any case, with proper engineering, the unraveling problem is resolvable and should not prohibit no-curb development.

Traffic control. This second argument for curbs, we think is quite questionable. Whether curbs are used or not, it seems to make sense to disassociate sidewalks from roads. We build our sidewalks in naturally maintained valley areas completely away from the roads. Quiet, safe and pleasant walkways are the result. If this type of system is used, the curb’s value as a safety device is reduced to irrelevance.

Transporting water. The system we prefer is one of swaling. The swale should be run relatively flat and should not exceed about 5% slope on normal soils. Provision should be made for very good sod cover. (An early trip to the local Soil Conservation Service office will be invaluable in this respect.) The critical thing is to avoid water velocities that are so high they erode the bottoms of the swale and cause erosion. Generally we covenant with a town that when we hit velocities higher than the absorption capacities of the soil, we will put in some technological change—for example, rip rap, concrete bottom or pipe itself. If washouts do begin we go back as quickly as possible to put in rip rap or sod to infill it. A swale that’s beginning to erode is very like an open sore. If remedial treatment is provided early, the sore will never amount to anything. If remedial treatment is not provided, it could easily abscess and become critical. Swales do require well controlled grading but the ease of having the curb as a grade to work towards hardly justifies its expense or possible problems of downstream drainage.

One final legitimate concern has to be resolved. Where a tight series of driveways connects with a road, it is difficult to swale beneath them with a series of small pipes—one beneath each driveway—because the...
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCENE

The critical thing is that the runs be kept short. A cul-de-sac could be designed as a parkway, it can be superelevated rather than crowned, and may include perhaps ten to fifteen houses. If much longer, runoff velocity goes down two or three feet. Rolled or flat curb directs runoff and is to plan short cul-de-sacs (coming from feeder roads with swales). Pipes may clog and represent a maintenance problem. An alternative to plan short culs-de-sac (coming from feeder roads with swales) would be to assure short distances and low runoff velocity. This done, concrete curbing can be used in the culs-de-sac—although not the type that goes downslopes three or four feet. Rolled or flat curb directs runoff and prevents unraveling, this type of curbing will not trap water beneath the road. In addition, curb cuts are not required when a new driveway is put in because an automobile is able to swing over the flatter curb. The critical thing is that the runs be kept short. A cul-de-sac could include perhaps ten to fifteen houses. If much longer, runoff velocity can become so high that water can never be directed back into the natural drainage system.

One critical characteristic of the overall drainage design is that it should sheet drain rather than concentrate drain. If the road is designed as a parkway it can be superelevated rather than crowned and drained to the low points. Eliminating crowns would make turning on a 300'-400' radius a far simpler, safer proposition and assures shorter distances and lower runoff velocity. This done, concrete curbing will not only preserve the natural drainage system but also allow more direct sheet drainage.

**Construction (Developer):**

We've used all these techniques and found that they not only preserve the natural drainage system but also save construction costs for the developer and maintenance costs for the municipality. The accompanying economic analysis was developed for Millbrook Farms, a PUD which we designed for Bob Ashbrook in Allentown, PA. It demonstrates that the cost of wider, curbed roads is very high for both the private and public sectors. Since the curb's purposes can be served more effectively by less expensive devices, the outmoded regulations which dictate the curb and its costs should be replaced by more logical performance standards. Municipal vigilance is required to insure proper completion. We're all aware that badly graded swales have been all too common in the past. But the savings of investment and maintenance funds would seem to justify more careful control of the grading operation. Downstream owners will be ever grateful.

**Swales;** 15,560 sq. yd. @ 4.00/sq. yd. = $62,240

**Cul-de-sac—26**

Cul-de-sac—26

516 sq. yd. x 26 = 13,416 sq. yd. @ 4.00/sq. yd. = $53,664

**Curbing:**

None

45,922 lin. ft. @ 3.00/lin. ft. = $137,766

**TOTALS**

$224,712

$493,782

As the above table indicates, the difference in cost is $269,070.00—exclusive of the additional outlays for the storm lines and catch basins which would be necessary to take off storm water generated by the wide roads required by the previous subdivision regulations.

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<th>Maintenance (Municipality): New Road Widths</th>
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Average yearly maintenance costs for storm sewer is $75 per mile or $14 per linear foot. Use of curbing in the standard subdivision probably would necessitate the use of twice as much storm line as a system which combined storm lines and grassed swales. The following cost comparison results:

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These maintenance costs represent a significant increase in the costs which homeowners bear as a part of their taxes.

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What are they building?
What's their share of the market?

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1. The major homebuilders are those who build 200 or more units per year, and there are 511 of them. So says The Blue Book of Major Homebuilders, the most authoritative statistical publication in the housing field and the source of the data in this issue of HOUSE & HOME.

2. They are building primarily in the multifamily field. While less than half of all housing units produced in 1972 were townhouses and apartments, the major builders put more than three quarters of their production into multifamily housing.

3. They have a disproportionately high share of the market. The 511 producers listed in this issue represent roughly 2% of all homebuilding firms in the country, yet they are building nearly 30% of all the housing. And this proportion is getting larger every year.

On the two pages immediately following, you'll find an analysis of the major homebuilders' position in the marketplace, plus a breakout of the very biggest builders.

Then, in the subsequent 18 pages, you'll find the listing of the 511 companies in approximate order of production, their total output in 1972 and a breakdown of that output in terms of single-family detached units, townhouses and apartments.

So to see how the country's biggest homebuilders performed in housing's biggest year, turn the page.
The major homebuilders: How did they do in '72?

They did very well indeed, judging from the facts and figures reported in the eighth [1973] edition of The Blue Book.

Here's a fast wrap-up of their 1972 performance:

Their production:
more than half again their '71 total

If 1972 was a boom year for the housing industry as a whole, it was a boom-boom year for the major builders. While all housing starts in 1972 topped the '71 level by 15%, the 500-odd companies listed in The Blue Book boosted their annual output from 429,300 units to 665,200—a 55% increase.

But, impressive as they are, those figures tell only part of the story. Dig a little deeper, and you find that the biggest gains were made by the biggest of the major builders—the so-called giants in an industry hardly notable for corporate size. These were the 225 companies whose '72 volume topped 1,000 houses and/or apartments. Their group total—520,000 units—was up 60% from '71.

Their share of market:
almost 17% higher than in '71

For all the growth by the nation's largest builders, none of them is about to become a General Motors of housing or even a General Electric or a General Foods. And for all its size, housing is still a fragmented industry made up primarily by small companies—each dominated by one man and each operating in a single local market.

But there's also no doubt that, year by year, the major builders—the roughly 2% at the top—are capturing a larger share of the housing market. That share was 28% in 1972—up from 24% in 1971, 23% in 1970 and 18% in 1969.

Here again, it is the biggest of the big—the 225 companies at the top of the heap—that play the dominant role. Although they make up less than 1% of all builders, their share of last year's total housing market was 22%.

One reason the major builders are capturing more of the total market is the geographic scope of their operations. Most builders do business in a single market area. But more than two-thirds of the majors listed in The Blue Book have projects in at least two markets. And, The Blue Book estimates, the average large builder operates in four large cities, while several build in 20 or more cities across the country.

Not surprisingly, the major builders go where the action is, seeking opportunity—and thus putting competitive pressure on the smaller local companies—in established housing centers.

For example, there are 20 or more major builders in 18 metro areas. Los Angeles leads the list with 61, followed by San Francisco with 54, Miami with 44 and Chicago with 43. Other totals: San Diego and Washington, D.C., 38 each; New York, 35; Tampa-St. Petersburg, 33; Atlanta, Dallas and Houston, 31 each; Phoenix and Denver, 24 each; Las Vegas, 23; Detroit, 22, and Baltimore, Boston and Cleveland, 20 each.
Their major market: medium- and high-density housing

Nowhere is the swing to higher housing densities more apparent than in the major builders' 1972 performance. Attached and multifamily housing made up 75% of their year's output—a sizable increase over 1971's 66%.

Townhouses and fourplexes made the biggest jump. Fueled in large part by the sudden popularity of condominium ownership, their production more than tripled—rising from 51,500 units in 1971 to 179,600 last year.

But despite the surge in townhouses and fourplexes, low-, medium- and high-rise apartments accounted for almost half of the major builders' construction. The year's total: 319,300—up 36% from 236,100 in 1971.

It's reasonably clear that this high rate of apartment building made for soft rental markets in some areas toward the end of the year. It's also reasonably clear that the condominium craze is spreading to apartments and that more and more apartments are being sold as condos. The prime example: Florida, where high-rise condos dominate the market and the landscape.

So what about that old industry staple, the single-family detached house? Its production by the major builders also increased in 1972, but at a relatively slow rate of 17%. The year's output was 166,300 vs. 141,700 in 1971.

Their '73 outlook: more of the same but with one change

Among other things The Blue Book editors asked the major builders to report on how many units they plan to build this year. Such projections usually tend to err on the optimistic side. But this year they may be closer to the mark because the downturn in total housing starts, predicted late last year by most housing economists, has not taken place.

Here, then, is how the major builders see their 1973 performance:

Volume—661,300 units, or only 3,900 short of last year's all-time high.

Share of market—close to 33% but perhaps a bit lower if the industry's over-all starts continue at their current unforeseen pace.

Housing mix—a slump in townhouses and fourplexes, a jump in apartments. Townhouse/fourplex production will drop 32% to 112,400—a sharp reversal of a five-year upward trend. By contrast, apartment construction will be up 18% to 376,900 units. Meanwhile, single-family detached houses will remain close to their '72 level—rising just 3% to 172,000 units.

Why the sudden drop in attached housing? Nobody knows the answer to that one. But a good guess is that many builders of condominium townhouses and fourplexes are shifting their emphasis to condominium apartments.

For an approximate ranking of 511 major builders—plus breakdowns of their '72 production—see the next 18 pages.
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Custom House Winners....

...represent the best of 217 custom-house entries from the largest and oldest design competition devoted solely to housing—the Homes for Better Living Awards Program sponsored by the American Institute of Architects in cooperation with HOUSE & HOME and American Home magazines.

Winners in the 1973 program were selected on the basis of three criteria: 1) how successfully the architects had met the clients' requirements; 2) how well the houses related to their sites and 3) how well the floor plans worked.

A two-day judging session by the five-man panel produced five First Honor Awards—for three primary homes, one vacation house and one addition. Awards of Merit went to eight entries—five primary homes, two remodelings and one vacation home. The 13 winners are shown at right and on the following eight pages.

The 18th annual HFBL program also produced seven multifamily winners (see page 117) from a total of 175 entries.

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George E. Hartman AIA
Chairman
Washington, D.C.

Don M. Hisaka AIA
Cleveland, Ohio

R. W. Huygens AIA
Boston, Mass.

Barrie H. Groen AIA
Phoenix, Ariz.

Guy Henle
Architecture Editor
American Home

FIRST HONOR AWARD

ARCHITECT: Agora Architects & Planners
BUILDER: Donald I. Jehling
LIVING AREA: 2,400 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Marin County, Calif.

Part of this half-acre site is very steep, so maximum preservation of usable open land was a primary objective. With the exception of bath and utility rooms, all exterior and interior walls of the house were constructed of recycled redwood salvaged from a 70-year-old aqueduct.
FIRST HONOR AWARD

ARCHITECT: Harry Weese & Associates
BUILDER: Howard Immel Inc.
LOCATION: Door County, Wis.
LIVING AREA: 1,000 sq. ft.

This vacation and weekend retreat is suspended from a precipitous limestone cliff site. It is hung on six 2x2 steel bars which are tied to a double cantilever grid of steel beams. The 1,000 sq. ft. home is clad in self-weathering steel so it need never be painted. A portion of the structural frame on the roof is covered with teak plank to form an observation deck. Interior is teak.
This addition to an already remodeled carriage house provided the owners with not only a much-needed study but also with outdoor living areas and a view of water and mountains—both lacking in the original house. Bottom photo shows new covered entrance that connects to old entry (site plan) and pedestrian entrance to outdoor living areas. View side of addition is shown below.
FIRST HONOR AWARD

ARCHITECT: David Kenneth Specter AIA
BUILDER: Nick Massare
LOCATION: Stamford, Conn.
LIVING AREA: 4,000 sq. ft.

Privacy, views and separation of living and sleeping areas were the design parameters for this multi-level home. Siting the house atop an irregularly shaped rock outcropping on the six-acre site affords views for the top levels; sloping skylights provide upward views for the lower-level kitchen. Main entrance is at a natural break in the sloping rock face.

FIRST HONOR AWARD

ARCHITECT: Burger & Coplans Inc.
BUILDER: Patricia A. Coplans
LOCATION: San Francisco, Calif.
LIVING AREA: 1,800 sq. ft.

Capitalizing on the steepness of its 25'x80' site, this house affords a magnificent view of the Golden Gate Bridge and Pacific Ocean through a wide expanse of windows in the two-story living room. The latter, although north-oriented, is opened to the sun through a large south-facing skylight. And the glass-walled and -roofed rear elevation brings maximum sunlight into the dining room and kitchen.

PHOTOS: EDMUND ROGER, REMU PRATINI
AWARD OF MERIT

ARCHITECT: Willis N. Mills Jr. AIA
BUILDER: Walter R.T. Smith
LOCATION: Wilton, Conn.
LIVING AREA: 3,000 sq. ft.

This two-level plan contributes a maximum amount of physical and acoustical privacy for four children and their parents. The lower level is the bailiwick of three boys; upper level bedrooms are for the owners and their daughter. Three shed-roof wings define various living area functions and provide diverse views of the wooded site.

AWARD OF MERIT

ARCHITECT: McCue Boone Tomsick
BUILDER: Carl E. Joseph
LOCATION: Berkeley, Calif.
LIVING AREA: 2,700 sq. ft.

An apartment-like arrangement for the owners' three teenage sons and their friends takes up the entry-level living area of this two-story house. Space for family get-togethers and adult entertainment is confined to the main (upper) floor. At the rear (photo, right) the entry floor is cantilevered over the steep two-acre wooded site.
AWARD OF MERIT

ARCHITECT: Richard Meier & Associates
BUILDER: Burton M. Saks Construction Corp.
LOCATION: Old Westbury, N.Y.
LIVING AREA: 10,000 sq. ft.

Ramps and stairways connect the levels of a large house that must accommodate a live-in staff as well as the owners. Outside walls are non-loadbearing; roof and floor loads are carried by the steel framework. The site is four acres of wooded land.
Separate host and guest houses allow the self-employed owner of this house to entertain frequently while still pursuing day-to-day activities in seclusion. Step-back design of both houses opens most main rooms to corner views. Houses were sited at the edge of a two-acre open knoll so that both ocean and landscape are visible from living rooms.
AWARD OF MERIT

ARCHITECT: William H. Short
BUILDER: SBH Builders Inc.
LOCATION: Princeton, N.J.
LIVING AREA: before—2,000 sq. ft.
   after—3,000 sq. ft.

Remodeled from a Royal Barry Wills Cape Cod plan, this home grew in two stages. The first stage was to open the garden (rear) elevation (bottom photos) with sliding glass doors to a new first-floor deck and second-floor balcony. The latter was sheltered by extending roof and walls. As the owners' family grew, the garage was detached and replaced by a two-story addition containing children's play areas, a bedroom and general entertainment space.

AWARD OF MERIT

ARCHITECT: Alan Liddle FAIA
BUILDER: Parker Gadd
LOCATION: Tacoma, Wash.
LIVING AREA: main house: 1,720 sq. ft.
   studio over carport: 230 sq. ft.

This simple, open plan has two purposes: It enables the owner to entertain large groups and it minimizes maintenance. The carport serves as a privacy shield for the courtyard and is topped with an extra bedroom and bath (not shown) planned as a guest apartment. Use of a sloping roof above the entry door allows an 18'-high entrance-hall ceiling.
AWARD OF MERIT

ARCHITECT: Venturi and Rauch
BUILDER: Howard M. Jelleme Inc.
LOCATION: Nantucket, Mass.
LIVING AREA: 1,200 sq. ft. & 1,800 sq. ft.

Similar summer houses for families of two sisters share a four-acre moor-like beach site. Location and budget dictated simple design and traditional materials, so both form and scale echo those of native fishermen's homes.

AWARD OF MERIT

ARCHITECT: Childs Bertman Tseckares Associates Inc.
BUILDER: Scott McNeilly & Son
LOCATION: Boston, Mass.
LIVING AREA: 2,544 sq. ft.

Strict regulations barred alteration of the facade of this 19th century stable and no openings were possible in other walls. So clerestories, light shafts, skylight wells and sliding window walls are employed to bring in daylight. Courtyard, a tradition in this area, is the focal point of all main rooms as well as source of light and views.
These seven multifamily projects also won awards...

and will be published in detail in a forthcoming issue of HOUSE & HOME.

(1) FIRST HONOR AWARD
Architect: Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates
Builder: Towne Properties
Location: Cincinnati, Ohio

(2) FIRST HONOR AWARD
Architect: Frank L. Hope & Associates
Builder: Williams & Barrows Inc.
Location: Watsonville, Calif.

(3) FIRST HONOR AWARD
Architect: Robert Bilshough Price FAIA
Builder: Contractors Inc.
Location: Olympia, Wash.

(4) AWARD OF MERIT
Architect: Donald Godthae
Builder: Keeton-King General Contractors
Location: Sisters, Ore.

(5) AWARD OF MERIT
Architect: Gilbert Switzer & Associates
Builder: Goodmans Construction Company
Location: Middletown, Conn.

(6) AWARD OF MERIT
Architect: Crites & McConnell
Builder: Connor-Crites Development Company
Location: Danville, Ill.

(7) AWARD OF MERIT
Architect: Mithun and Associates
Builder: Swanson-Dean Corporation
Location: Redmond, Wash.
The kitchen: Your best built-in sales tool

It's the first room most prospects want to see—and the one they remember best. So it's not surprising that so many new developments are found in the kitchen. For example:

Technological improvements include pollution control devices, electronic cooking systems, self-maintaining appliances and space-age materials.

Space-planning advances provide cabinets offering optimum space utilization and island design equipment that permits multiple access.

Design innovations are seen in optimal decorative appliance fronts that match room decor and new colors such as poppy red and pink champagne.

On the following pages HOUSE & HOME presents a collection of the most exciting of these kitchen products.
Franklin fireplace (1) adds an all-American flavor to any kitchen or family room. The cast iron unit serves as a stove, a barbecue grill, a fireplace and a supplemental heat source. The firebox, with built-in damper control, is heavy steel plate. United States Stove, South Pittsburg, Tenn. CIRCLE 275 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Side-by-side refrigerator/freezer (2) features a door at the top of the freezer for easy access to frequently used frozen items. Ice cubes, juices and ice creams can be removed without allowing cold air to escape from the main freezer unit. An icemaker is optional. Tappan, Mansfield, Ohio. CIRCLE 276 ON READER SERVICE CARD

A coordinated kitchen includes a dishwasher (3) with a decorator front panel that matches the cabinetry. Washer features six pushbutton-controlled cycles including pot and pan, crystal and plastic and plate warming settings. Maytag, Newton, Iowa. CIRCLE 277 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Versatile cooking unit (4) features eye-level microwave and conventional lower ovens. Four-burner range-top, available with gas or electric heat, is standard. Microwave unit is equipped with a time-setter to accurately control cooking and warming times. Brown Stove, Cleveland, Tenn. CIRCLE 278 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Large, roomy cast-iron single-compartment sink (5), "Park Ledge", is available in white and three acid-resistant enamel colors including the coppertone shown. The flat-rim unit can be ordered with fittings such as the "Uni-line" featured and the new "Celebrity". Universal Rundel, New Castle, Pa. CIRCLE 279 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Cabinets in a choice of woodgrains (6) recapture the look of old world Italian craftsmanship. The "Latina" line is accented by brass-finished hardware. Kitchen cabinets come in a complete range of sizes from 9" up. Matching bathroom vanities are also available. A variety of access conveniences is offered. Long-Bell, Portland, Ore. CIRCLE 280 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Drop-in electric range (7) with a continuous cleaning oven is 30" wide. Unit features an automatically programmed timing clock, a low temperature thermostat, a lift-off porcelain top, pre-heating oven and top element indicator lights and a removable oven door. The range is also available in a gas model. Chambers, Oxford, Miss. CIRCLE 281 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Sleek single-handle faucet (8) is styled for today's contemporary kitchen. A pull of the handle turns the water on, a turn to the left or right adjusts the temperature. Faucet has a self-adjusting cartridge with no metal-to-metal contact and no washers to wear out. Moen, Stanadyne, Elyria, Ohio. CIRCLE 282 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Classically designed "Centennial" cabinets (9) have deeply grooved sculptured doors that emphasize a hardwood core. Doors with recessed finger-tip pulls can be accented with decorative hardware. Self-closing doors and drawers feature whisper-quiet operation. Shelves in wall cabinets are fully adjustable. Connor Forest, Wausau, Wis. CIRCLE 283 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Decorative range hood (10) is available in six model styles including the flared wall-mount version shown. Unit comes in 16 finishes to match major appliances or plated in copper, brass or pewter on smooth, hammered or barkwood steel. Contrasting bands and accents are optional. Monk Mfg. Addison, Ill. CIRCLE 284 ON READER SERVICE CARD
Designed for convenience, the “Lakefield” sink (1) has a large basin for dishes and smaller side compartment that houses a disposal unit. A special laminated cutting board fits over the disposal side. A pop-up drain in the large basin eliminates the need to put hands in hot or greasy water. The sink comes in 13 colors including “Tiger Lily”, shown, and the new “Pink Champagne”. Kohler, Kohler, Wis. CIRCLE 285 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Corner hutch coordinated with kitchen cabinetry (2) is a useful storage center that utilizes otherwise wasted space. The unit has an upper section of open display shelves and a lower cabinet for closed storage. Shown here in the “Cathedral” style, the piece is available in a choice of other designs. The 27”-wide, 78 3/4”-high hutch cabinet requires no trim kit. Convertible door can be mounted to swing open in either direction. Amana, Amana, IOWA. CIRCLE 287 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Refrigerator/freezer (3) has the refrigerator compartment on top so that the most frequently used shelves are the most convenient. The frost-free unit has separate controls for each section. Available in decorator colors, the appliance can be coordinated with any kitchen decor using an optional trim kit. Convertible door can be mounted to

Laundry appliances (4) are designed for the busy household. The washer features a special hand-wash system with its own agitator and special cycle, speed and water level setting. A soak setting lets clothes sit for up to ten hours and then turns on the wash. The dryer, in either gas or electric, has a pressguard setting that keeps the drum tumbling for an hour after drying is finished to prevent wrinkling. Hotpoint, Louisville, Ky. CIRCLE 288 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Designer range hood (5) features a three-speed fan and drop panel. Light and power units and aluminum filter are easily accessible for cleaning. Flush-mounted hood is stainless steel or smooth baked-enamel finished in coordinated kitchen colors. An embossed front panel with end caps adds a decorative accent. Fasco, Fayetteville, N.C. CIRCLE 289 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Chrome-finished single-handle faucet (6) utilizes the “Bradbril” cartridge control for water temperature and volume. The device is lubricated internally, has only one moving part and carries a 1,000-month replacement warranty against leaks. Metallic ABS parts, including the escutcheon and spout, are electro-plated. Clear control knobs are standard. Bradley, Menomonee Falls, Wis. CIRCLE 290 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Customized range (7) is designed for any kitchen. The drop-in electric unit features an optional backguard with changeable decorative ceramic tiles. The “Royal Chef” range, in a choice of colors, has a 24”-wide continuous-cleaning oven and an automatic programmed clock with a delay and cook convenience. Gray & Dudley, Nashville, Tenn. CIRCLE 291 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Modular cabinets, “Avon”, (8) are styled to blend with a wide variety of kitchen decors and color schemes. Oak wall and base cabinets have a special three-coat baked-on finish of deep-toned walnut. The line is accented with English silver-finished hardware. Series features adjustable plastic-edged shelves, self-closing hinges and all wood drawers. Excel, Lakewood, N.J. CIRCLE 292 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Faucet with Crystal-Glo® handles (9) features a “Swivel-Spray-Flo” aerator that rarely requires cleaning. A retainer cup in the device collects debris, prevents clogging and eliminates screen cleaning. Full 360° of the aerator allows water to reach all corners of the sink. Flow can be adjusted to either spray or splash-free by a simple turn left or right. Harcraft, Torrance, Calif. CIRCLE 293 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Three-compartment sink system (10) is the utmost in convenience for the contemporary kitchen. Two full-sized basins flank a smaller, shallow center unit that is ideal for housing a disposal. The “Cuisine Decor”, of stainless steel, is available with or without sink aprons and drainboards. The system is highlighted by a “Silver Mist” faucet deck of Super-Ceram. Elkay, Broadview, Ill. CIRCLE 294 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Side-by-side compact refrigerator/freezer (11) provides additional counterspace for small kitchens. The 4.2 cu. ft. refrigerator features a fully automatic defrost. Both freezer and refrigerator compartments are equipped with slideout shelves and door storage. Unit comes in four colors including a walnut woodgrain. Tapp Appliances, Miami, Fla. CIRCLE 295 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Ultra-modern electric range (12) has computer-type touch controls that provide for preprogrammed cooking with no manual supervision. At a predetermined hour the oven will preheat, cook at a desired temperature for a preset length of time, shut-off and keep food warm. An illuminated digital information display system provides a program check. An automatic broil cycle controls heating wattage and broiling times for varying degrees of doneness. Frigidaire, Dayton, Ohio. CIRCLE 296 ON READER SERVICE CARD

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Electric cooktop (1). Counter that Cooks® blends into any kitchen and permits the use of pots or pans of almost any material. Cooking areas are staggered and the overall length of the cooktop is 35" to accommodate special high-capacity heat elements. Sunburst designs that mark each cooking area turn yellow to indicate that the heating element is on. Corning Glass, Corning, N.Y. CIRCLE 297 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Electric range has ultra-modern styling (2) that includes a digital clock and dark glass. Featured are a continuous cleaning oven and a temperature control warming shelf. Automatic controls are located high above burners away from steaming kettles and spattering pans and out of the reach of small children. Hardwick, Cleveland, Tenn. CIRCLE 298 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Cabinets with a walnut-grained finish (3) have a face of selected white maple. Drawers constructed of one piece Durium high impact polystyrene feature rounded corner design for easy cleaning. Cabinets, which are fully reversible, have a special durable synthetic resin finish and semi-concealed hinges. Kitchen Kompact, Jeffersonville, Ind. CIRCLE 299 ON READER SERVICE CARD
Walnut-finished "Valencia" cabinets (4), accented with exclusive hardware, add a Mediterranean flair to the kitchen. One of ten styles constructed of birch, the line is also offered in five other finishes. Storage cabinets are equipped with self-closing hinges and adjustable shelves that lock into place. Imperial Cabinet, Gaston, Ind. CIRCLE 300 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Natural-grained oak cabinets, "Saxony" (5), have a durable, easy-to-maintain, baked-on acrylic finish. The line features strong one-piece molded plastic drawers that are non-toxic and fully washable. Wall cabinets with adjustable shelves are finished on all sides so that they can be easily reverse-mounted. Triangle Pacific Cabinet, Great Neck, N.Y. CIRCLE 301 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Cabinets (6) are accented with a heavy oak molding on flush inset doors. The "Neoclassic" line, constructed of 3/4" solid stile and rail in oak with a 1/2" plywood center panel, is available in five rubbed stains and seven glazed vinyl-based colors. A leaded-glass door insert is a decorative option. Shelves in wall and base cabinets are fully adjustable. Rutt-Williams. Leigh, Coopersville, Mich. CIRCLE 302 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Economy-priced "Lustra" sink fittings (7) are available with triple-plated tubular or cast brass spouts. Both models are offered with a choice of metal or translucent handles. Fittings are designed to mount on steel or cast-iron sinks or onto countertops up to 1" thick. Units come with or without spray and aerator. Eljer, Pittsburgh, Pa. CIRCLE 303 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Single-handle "Tempatrol" faucet (8) features all-ceramic control components instead of washers. Smooth lever operation provides for accurate water flow and temperature selection. The unit is available with a hose and spray, a swivel spray aerator or just an aerator. A swivel option permits the spout to turn 120°. Unit comes in polished or satin chrome and in gold. Symmons, Braintree, Mass. CIRCLE 304 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Leather-like laminate (9) for the counter-top is designed to blend with avocado green so popular in today's kitchen. "Green Calf", a clean, soft yellow-green is one of 14 new offerings. Included in the line are distinctive patterns, leathers and woodgrains. Colors are mainly tones and tints of gold, green and orange. Formica, Cincinnati, Ohio. CIRCLE 305 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Fully equipped bar (10) is ideal for the serving area, family room or office. The unit features a 12-bottle wine rack, recessed lighting and a stainless steel sink/faucet assembly. Built-in chrome ice bucket and hors d'oeuvre dish are conveniently concealed in a drawer. Another large drawer provides storage space for liquor. Cabinet is constructed of durable plastic laminate. CCM, Marblehead, Mass. CIRCLE 306 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Automatic dishwasher (11) features a two-level water distribution system that provides complete cleaning and rinsing of all dishes no matter how they are loaded. A soft-food disposer mounted at the entrance to the pump eliminates the need for prerinsing. Unit with pushbutton controls comes in six finishes including "Poppy". Gibson, Green ville, Mich. CIRCLE 307 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Extra deep range hood (12) mounts on the wall directly to the ceiling or furring. The depth allows for better collection of contaminated air. The air is held in the hood just long enough to be picked up by the power unit blade and pulled outside. The unit is attractively styled to blend with the rest of the kitchen. Home Metal Products, Plano, Tex. CIRCLE 308 ON READER SERVICE CARD
Microwave oven is combined with a hot food server (1) in a single functional appliance. The hot food server keeps cooked foods warm without additional cooking. Rare meats stay rare, moist foods remain moist. A browning element in the oven makes food visually appealing. One panel houses the easy-to-read pushbutton controls for both units. Both have black glass doors and stainless steel interiors. Thermador, Los Angeles, Calif. CIRCLE 309 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Freestanding range (2) with a self-cleaning oven features a roast guide that calculates the exact time and temperature needed to cook any meat. A "Cook and Keep Warm" system cooks the roast for the time determined by the guide and then holds it at serving temperature. The range has an ultra-ray infrared broiler at wrist level, a digital clock for easy reading and a tilt control panel for convenience. Caloric, Topton, Pa. CIRCLE 310 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Compact kitchen (3) offers an optional self-cleaning oven. The 48"-wide, 36"-high unit features a 6 cu. ft. refrigerator with adjustable shelves and a 25-lb.-capacity freezer. A stainless steel sink, measuring 16"x18"x6½", can accommodate a garbage disposal. Unit with four range-top burners is available in gas or electric and can be ordered with matching upper cabinets to create a total work area. Acme-National, Astoria, N.Y. CIRCLE 311 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Fully equipped compact kitchen (4) is only 24" wide and features a 5 cu.-ft. capacity under-counter refrigerator, two electric burners and an integral non-magnetic stainless steel sink. The refrigerator has an interior light and a 24-lb. capacity freezer. The door, with a positive closing magnetic gasket, can be hinged right or left. Cabinet, constructed of zinc-coated steel, is available in six baked-enamel finishes. Davis, Dowagiac, Mich. CIRCLE 312 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Distinctive cabinets (5) are a handsome blend of wicker and wood. Furniture-finished Woodcrest line is accented by wicker strips that serve as a background for the decorative swirl-design hardware. Both door and drawer fronts are plasticized to resist dents, scrapes and abrasions. The easy-to-maintain finish is not affected by stains, spills or fingerprints. Double strength hinges have perfect alignment. Raygold, Winchester, Va. CIRCLE 313 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Convertible-top range (6) features glass-ceramic cooking surfaces or electric heating elements in removable cartridges. The cartridges unplug so that the range can be converted, using optional accessories, into a char-flavor grill, rotisserie, shish kebab, griddle or french fryer. The "Savory Center" with a surface ventilation system features a continuous-cleaning power-vented oven with clock controls. Jenn-Air, Indianapolis, Ind. CIRCLE 314 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Complete cooking center (7) is engineered for total convenience. A 1.2 cu. ft. microwave oven with a defrost feature is located at eye-level. Four-element glass ceramic cooktop is designed so that it can be used with flat bottom pans of any material. The 24" continuous cleaning conventional lower oven features a delay-cook-off device and closed-door smokeless broiling. Range has a built-in vent system. Modern Maid, Chattanooga, Tenn. CIRCLE 315 ON READER SERVICE CARD

"Portrait Oak" cabinets (8), constructed of solid wood with a dark oak stain, bring a country feeling into the kitchen. Door and drawer fronts are of oak veneer panels. Base units feature steel corner reinforcements, and wall cabinets have fully adjustable shelves. Drawers are of one-piece, high-impact molded polystyrene. Cabinets with an exclusive Raycron ultraviolet finish resist abrasion, chemicals and moisture. United Cabinet, Jasper, Ind. CIRCLE 316 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Deck model single-handle faucet (9) features a leakproof feather-touch control assembly. The device of plastic and rubber has no metal-to-metal contact to cause friction and wear. Unaffected by corrosion or wear, the unit provides accurate volume and temperature control. The faucet, with a triple-plated chrome finish, has a hand-spray that can be mounted on the sink or directly on the base of the fitting. Valley Faucet, Plano, Tex. CIRCLE 317 ON READER SERVICE CARD

All-in-one cooking center (10) combines a microwave oven with a continuous-cleaning conventional unit. A smooth ceramic cooktop is featured on the deluxe model shown. The appliance is available in a choice of avocado, harvest gold or white. Microwave oven has a defrost device and a 60-minute digital timer. Electric oven, with a black-glass door, features smokeless broiling. Atherton, Litton, Minneapolis, Minn. CIRCLE 318 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Undercounter side-by-side refrigerator/freezer (11) can be blended into home or office decor by inserting door panels of wood, laminate, plastic, glass or fabric. The 36" wide, 34½" high unit has 3 cu. ft. capacity in both refrigerator and freezer compartments. An automatic ice maker produces half-round cubes and stores up to 10 lbs. of them. A light in the refrigerator is controlled by an automatic door switch. Sub-Zero, Madison, Wis. CIRCLE 319 ON READER SERVICE CARD
Decorator range hood (1) has a front panel that simulates the look of leather. A single-blower power unit activates a two-speed fan. Light plugs in for easy installation. Rocker-type switches accent the darker horizontal center strip. The unit comes in a full range of appliance colors including the harvest gold shown. Nutone, Cincinnati, Ohio. CIRCLE 320 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Trash compactor (2) reduces waste to about one-fourth its original volume. Polyethylene trash container can be used with or without disposable trash bags. The unit has an easy-to-replace activated charcoal filter and a two-speed blower fan to reduce odors. A litter-bin door permits the disposal of small items without need for the trash drawer to be opened. Kitchen Aid, Hobart, Troy, Ohio. CIRCLE 321 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Gas range (3) with custom built-in conveniences features a waist-high, slide-out, drawer-type “Astra” broiler. Appliance is equipped with fluorescent lighting, an electric clock with a signal timer and lift-off cooktop for easy cleaning. The 24” wide oven has removable door, sides and rear wall for easy maintenance. Crown Stove Works, Chicago. CIRCLE 322 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Built-in ironing center (4) is equipped with an ironing board with a Teflon-treated flameproof cover and pad and a swivel-base reflector spotlight for ironing ease. A signal light on the electrical control panel indicates that the unit is on. Integral safety devices reduce the hazard of fire from an overheating iron. Iron-Away, Morton, Ill. CIRCLE 323 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Electric drop-in range (5) with self-cleaning oven features an automatic oven control that can be set in the morning to cook a meal for the evening. Unit has an appliance outlet, removable surface elements, chrome drip bowls and non-tipping oven racks. Signal lights for both oven and range-top indicate when heat is on. Appliance is offered in four popular colors. Magic Chef, Cleveland, Tenn. CIRCLE 324 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Classic all-wood cabinets (6), “Oakleigh”, have oak doors with recessed front panels. Brass hardware accents the woodgrain. Offered in cherry, ebony and walnut stains, the line has a Miralon protective finish. Cabinets are constructed with mortise and tenon joints. Self-closing spring hinges are easily adjustable. Adler-Kay, Detroit, Mich. CIRCLE 325 ON READER SERVICE CARD
Easy-to-maintain vinyl-laminate cabinets (7), "Parkview", are in a printed pecanwood pattern. Pewter-like door and drawer-pulls, supplied with seven different color backplates, provide a customizing option. Cabinets, with a clear vinyl protective coat that is impervious to household abuse, are laminated both inside and out. H.J. Scheirich, Louisville, Ky. CIRCLE 326 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Undercounter dishwasher (8) with two full-size revolving spray arms, one for each rack, makes random loading possible. Top-of-the-line model shown in foreground has two speeds and six push-button controlled cycles. Built-in companion trash compactor utilizes approximately 2,300 lbs. of crushing force. Whirlpool, Benton Harbor, Mich. CIRCLE 327 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Combination heating unit/electric range (9) warms the kitchen and breakfast at the same time. A glass-lined "Vitra-fused" coal- or wood-burning heater with a full-return back flue safely takes the chill out of the air. Ideal for isolated second homes, the full-service unit features an auxiliary coal-, wood- or oil-fueled cooking surface to be used in case of power failure. Monarch, Beaver Dam, Wis. CIRCLE 328 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Duct-free range hood (10) has a triple filter system that provides fresh air circulation. A heavy-duty aluminum mesh filter removes most grease; a spun fiber glass chemically treated filter absorbs smoke and fine particles of grease; and an activated charcoal filter eliminates odors. An infinite speed control fan provides unlimited ventilating settings. Miami-Carey, Monroe, Ohio. CIRCLE 329 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Stainless steel bar sink (11) features an "Aquamix" fitting with a ceramic disc control instead of washers. The single handle Colcom plastic unit has no metal-to-metal contact. The jewel-hard ceramic is corrosion and heat resistant. Self-rimming sink has a goose neck swing-away spout. American-Standard, New Brunswick, N.J. CIRCLE 330 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Compact two-burner electric range (12) is designed to meet limited space requirements of small kitchens. Thermostatically-controlled oven features waist-high broiling and a rotisserie attachment. Trimmed in stainless steel, the unit has a porcelain finish inside and out. Range is available in a choice of six colors. Princess, Alhambra, Calif. CIRCLE 331 ON READER SERVICE CARD
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LITERATURE

Rec facility ideas: for tots to empty nesters

Builder/developers will find innovative ideas for outfitting recreational facilities in this 92-page catalog. Park, playground and school equipment listed run the gamut from swings, slides and manual merry-go-rounds to aluminum dock and pedal boats, basketball backboards, benches and mobile boxing facilities. Many of the equipment names suggest model originality: Eagle Flight (swings) and Flowers of the Sea, Radar Screen and Lunar Lander (climbing apparatus), for example. Standard recreational items are also cataloged. Each unit is pictured and text descriptions include dimensions, construction materials and available colors. A 1973 price list is included. Game Time, Leitchfield, Mich. CIRCLE 355 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Public Housing: Where It Is and Isn't was compiled by the research staffs of the Housing Assistance Council and the Rural Housing Alliance. The study—which claims that rural areas have not received their fair share of public housing units—is divided into two sections: "Public Housing's Wasteland" and "The Distribution of Public Housing Units Among U.S. Counties". Two appendices are included: "Distribution of Public Housing, Population, Inadequate Housing and Poverty Population, By Census Region" and "Public Housing for the Elderly, by Census Region". Housing Assistance Council, Washington, D.C. CIRCLE 356 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Window and sliding door catalog includes unit sizes, glazing options and hundreds of possible window and door combinations. A variety of window styles is shown—including awning and casement, double hung, sliding and basement. Complete specifications are included. Anderson, Bayport, Minn. CIRCLE 362 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Architectural aluminum trims described include mansards, gravel stops, fascias, copings and soffits. Photographs of actual applications, diagrams and text are utilized. Literature contains complete specifications and a color selection guide. Construction Specialties, Cranford, N.J. CIRCLE 363 ON READER SERVICE CARD

On-site fabrication of panels, trusses and other components is discussed. The illustrated folder describes how the portable steel assembly system speeds construction and increases profits. Included are photos of system application. Bostitch, East Greenwich, R.I. CIRCLE 350 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Plywood ridge beams for factory-built homes are presented with data from tests of their structural adequacy. Text and charts are utilized. Fabrication details are included. American Plywood Association, Tacoma, Wash. CIRCLE 351 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Cement and concrete reference catalog describes technical and semi technical literature and computer programs for sale. Indexed by subject and alphabetically, the booklet includes ordering information and forms. Portland Cement Association, Skokie, Ill. CIRCLE 352 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Solid-state proportional control system for electric furnaces is contrasted with conventional on/off systems. Full-color brochure includes illustrations and specifications. Mears Controls, Beaverton, Ore. CIRCLE 353 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Residential oil furnace for ducted central systems is described. The brochure illustrates the furnace, its components and installation details. Specifications are listed. Optional equipment, such as air conditioning, electronic air cleaning and humidifying, is presented. Lennox, Marshalltown, Iowa. CIRCLE 354 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Synthetic tennis court surfacing is illustrated in full color. Text describes product benefits. Installation is briefly mentioned. Borden, Columbus, Ohio. CIRCLE 358 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Single-handle faucets are featured. The hidden-hole-punched literature describes lavatory, shower and tub-shower units plus wall and hand-shower sprays. Specifications included. Symmons, Braintree, Mass. CIRCLE 361 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Residential security system that warns of fire, intrusion and other emergencies is described. Standard and optional components of the system are listed in chart form. Specifications and ordering information are included. Westinghouse, Pittsburgh, Pa. CIRCLE 359 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Cellular vinyl moldings are described in a brochure which includes a color selection chart. Product attributes are listed. Masonite, Chicago. CIRCLE 360 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Construction adhesives—high strength wood bonding applications for in-plant modular house assembly or job site construction—are presented in text and illustrations. Product benefits are detailed. 3M, St. Paul, Minn. CIRCLE 357 ON READER SERVICE CARD
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