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"THE NIGHT BEFORE DEADLINE"

In place of a formal article and chat this month, I wish to present the following poem by me about a specs writer's lament, put to the meter and style of "The Night Before Christmas."

'Twas the night before "deadline"
When all through my place,
Not a specs writer to be found
But me, worn down to a trace.
The specs were all collated
On my desk, much with care,
In hopes that the Architect
Soon would be there.

The typists were nestled
All snug in their beds.
While visions of "changes"
Danced in their heads,
And me in my shirtsleeves,
Pencil in ear,
Had just settled down
With time drawing near.

When out in the street
Arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my desk
To see what was the matter.
Away to the window
I flew like a flash,
Ripped up the venetian
And threw up the sash.

The moon on the walk
With the new fallen snow,
Gave an appearance like marble,
Best quality, you know.
When what to my wondering
Eyes should appear
But a little old V.W.
With motor in the rear.

The driver got out
So lively and quick,
I knew in a moment,
Must be the Architect,
More rapid than eagles
His criticism came,
And he stomped and shouted
Called each section by name.

Now Roofing, Now Concrete!
Now Lathing and Plast-ring,
On Painting, On Caulking,
On Doors and their Frames!

To the top of the penthouse,
From the foot of the wall,
Now Change it! Delete it!
I care not for it at all.

As dry mortar that,
Before the bricks could be run
When put on a trowell
Was most overdone.
So felt I like a brick,
Or more like a block,
The more I listened,
The more he talked.

And then in a twinkling
I said most aloud
Couldn't we leave "as is"
The section on the Roof?
As a matter of coursing,
As he turned around
He said that the chimney
Would fall to the ground!

I replied from text
That he must be mistook
For we had specified reinforcing,
There, take another look.
He pawed through the pages,
And said not a word.
And he looked quite chagrined
As if nothing had occurred.

A wink of his eye
And a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know
I had nothing to dread.
He said most assuredly,
My hand he did shake.
Complete confidence, ability,
To him I did make.

Then grabbing the spec
As he wrote out the check,
He sprang to this feet
"Good work here, by heck!"
I heard him exclaim
As he drove out of sight,
"No changes at all —"
And so to all, good night!

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CHARLES LUCKMAN TO ADDRESS 39th ANNUAL DINNER, JANUARY 14, 1960 AT STATLER HILTON HOTEL

The Massachusetts Building Congress is pleased to announce that Charles Luckman, Architect, of Los Angeles, California and New York, will address the 39th Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday evening, January 14, 1960 in the Main Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel.

The Annual Dinner will wind up the two-day 7th Opportunity Exhibit and Design Display to be held in the Bay State Room of the Statler Hilton Hotel on Wednesday, January 13, and Thursday, January 14, 1960.

Building Congress members in the materials field will exhibit the latest products and processes. Architect and Engineer members will be invited to show models, photos and renderings of their recent work.

SOME THOUGHTS ON DESIGN
By an MBC PAST PRESIDENT

Form follows function they say.
A Rule you must always obey.
But what does it mean?
If the truth would be seen
It means little or nothing today.

A window does little at night.
In daytime it lets in the light.
In the houses you pass
The windows are glass.
This custom has always seemed right.

Now, buildings with glass are encased
But the function is somewhat debased
For day time or night
The production of light
From inside makes the use of glass waste.

A window’s use now’s psychological
A need to look out is quite logical
To permit relaxation
Of Mental Taxation
Makes most of the glass tautological.

One thing is surely conceded
At a corner no windows are needed.
But the glass is the norm
And determines the Form
And function again is not heeded.

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Floor Construction Idea... Cuts Cost

The plywood industry has introduced a refinement to its single layer combination subfloor-underlayment idea which should save 12 man hours per 1,000 sq. ft. of floor area compared with conventional 2x8 joist construction.

It is an engineered tongue-and-groove joint for 2.4.1—the 1 1/4-inch fir plywood subflooring grade designed to function as both subfloor and underlayment on supports 4 feet o.c. Standard panels of 2.4.1 require 2x4 blocking under panel edges. The new T&G panels eliminate the need for blocking.

The joint was pioneered by Diamond Lumber Company. The research division of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association tested the joint under laboratory conditions for structural adequacy and field tested the idea with six builders.

Many Advantages

The association says that a number of mills will produce the new panel. DFPA claims these advantages. (1) Further cost savings over standard panels of 2.4.1 and even more savings compared with other floor systems. (2) A sharp reduction in the number of individual pieces that need to be handled in a floor. (Example: In a simple 24x48 floor, conventional flooring requires a minimum of 290 separate pieces before the finish can be applied. Regular 2.4.1, with blocking, takes 124 pieces, but the new tongue-and-groove 2.4.1 slashes this to only 64. In addition nailing is sub-

stantially reduced. (3) A clean, uncluttered visual effect in the ceiling where the system is used in basement homes. (4) Lower subcontract costs provided by easier access to the crawl space. (5) Far less tendency for joints to "telegraph" through resilient floors.

When 2.4.1 was originally introduced, one Seattle builder insisted he saved $500, much of it contingent on the lower height of the entire house afforded by "pocketing" girders into the footings. Although many other builders argued the figure was too high, they achieved some economies and the combination subfloor-underlayment idea has been used regardless of cost variations, often as a primary selling point.

Pinpointing Costs

According to John Hess, DFPA's technical director, it is extremely difficult to pinpoint the specific cost savings the new panel produces.

"In the field tests, every application showed savings," he said, "but some builders claimed economies far above those of others. Where detailed costs are available, a typical job appears to produce savings in basic floor construction exclusive of the finish floor of 5 to 10 per cent."

Here is one example.

Harry Brandon, a Des Moines, Washington, builder, kept a detailed ledger showing he cut in-place flooring costs on a 1,940-square-foot-job by $36.90.

Using his normal method of 2x8 joists 16 inches o.c.; 1x4 bridging; shiplop or beaded subfloor, and fir plywood

Twenty-three man hours were cut from this job by 2.4.1 T&G, a thick plywood combination subfloor and underlayment that requires no blocking and goes down over beams four feet on center. The big panels provide a smooth, solid floor and uncluttered support system makes possible an attractive basement ceiling.

Underlayment, Brandon says his materials cost would have been $555.80. Total labor, skilled and unskilled, would have been 38 hours at $129.10, not including time needed for installing the joists. Total cost: $684.90.

But the method Brandon actually used on this house called for 4x8 beams 4 feet o.c. and 2.4.1 tongue-and-groove. Materials, including nails, came to $601. But his labor cost, for 15 man hours — 23 less than the conventional method — was only $47. Total cost: $648.

Brandon expressed considerable satisfaction with the system, from several angles.

"It's pretty hard to justify a conventional floor," he said. "The money we saved makes a difference, it's true, but the convenience and dependability of the surface may mean a lot more. Buyers are impressed with that basement ceiling."
The under side of a 2.4.1 T&G floor makes an easily-finished beamed ceiling for basements. The thick plywood subfloor and underlayment combination goes down over beams four feet on center, with no blocking required. The specially-engineered joint has just passed field and laboratory tests conducted by the Douglas Fir Plywood Association.

SPECIAL JOINT NEEDED

Hess emphasizes that the close-tolerance, shaped joint is necessary to develop sufficient strength for general purpose residential floor construction.

"Some builders have tongue-and-grooved their own panels," Hess says, "but we've never tested a conventional T&G joint in this application that was permanently satisfactory for a floor.

"The joint is engineered to minimize differential deflection between panels under traffic, so as to protect the thin finish flooring used by so many builders. Load tests show the floor will take concentrated loads up to 1,500 pounds. This means you can position heavy appliances like hot water heaters or furniture like a grand piano any place on the floor with no significant deflection."

Accuracy and tolerances in machining the tongue-and-groove will be subject to the same high standards of quality control DFPA applies to grading of veneer and durability of the glueline.

Testing and development were concluded this fall after two years of work. Hess said that he believes sufficient data has been accumulated now to seek FHA and Building Code acceptance.

David R. Countryman, chief of DFPA applied research section, said the ultimate development of this idea is a floor system designed to utilize fir plywood box beams as the basic supports, light enough for one man to handle. This should eliminate twisting, shrinkage, and nail popping. It will overcome availability problems with solid wood girders, and the beams themselves may well be cheaper than conventional supports.

For further information and technical data write Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Wash.

New 2.4.1 — a thick plywood panel that acts as both subfloor and underlayment — with a tongue-and-groove joint requires no blocking, yet provides a strong, smooth surface. Supporting beams are needed only every four feet. The installation shown here was one of several in a test series just completed by the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, which also ran laboratory tests of the new product.
Second of a Three-Part Series

General building contractors are just as ruggedly individualistic as they ever were.
Being a low-capitalization business, it attracts a large number of men of admirable ambition. But, as many have discovered — and unfortunately, many owners and architects have helped pay for their education — rugged individualism is not enough. To survive, a general contractor must not only have drive; he must have resourcefulness and imagination, he must have the skills of modern creative management — accurate cost accounting, production scheduling, coordination of sub-trades, harmonious labor relations — and these attributes and skills must increasingly be applied upon a solid foundation of engineering training and practical experience.

With changing business patterns, tremendous technological advances and fierce competition, today's builder is either an engineer and an administrator in his own right, or he employs men highly trained in those fields.

In every sense of the word, the general building contractor has achieved a semi-professional status. He is no longer just a carpenter or bricklayer who struck out for himself.

The status of a professional imposes certain obligations, and realization of these obligations led to the founding of the Associated General Contractors of America some four decades ago

"The contractor is the prime factor in all material progress," the first president of the Associated General Contractors declared. "Through him all necessary works are built, of public and private interest. He affords a livelihood for millions of men and their families.

"The contractor is not merely an individual with no influence other than his own personality and commercial weight. Organized, he can serve his own legitimate interests, open the gates for greater prosperity, benefit the country in normal times and serve it royally in emergencies."

The Associated General Contractors then went on to define this professionalism.

THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR OF TODAY

by Joel Leighton
Managing Director,
Associated General Contractors
of Massachusetts

"The Associated General Contractors of America realize that the vital bearings of the construction industry upon the well-being, comfort and safety of the entire public injects into the contractor's function an element of professional responsibility founded upon honor and trust.

"This responsibility requires, among other things, that we seek to improve construction methods, management and service, to eliminate uneconomical and improper practices and to build responsibility throughout the industry.

"It surely cannot mean less than the establishment of a construction service which will give to the investing public an assurance of skill and faithful performance."

And finally, the A.G.C. set itself to establishing and maintaining the standards by which the contractor achieves the status of professional.

"The general contractor must at all times conduct his business with nothing less than the utmost Skill, Integrity, and Responsibility."

Today, 7,500 members of A.G.C. are striving to accomplish these broad objectives. The 126 chapters and the national association, through democratically formulated programs, coordination, and group action have developed a system of complete representation and service for general contractors at the local, state and national levels in all phases of their professional responsibility.

The 65 national A.G.C. staff employees, under the direction of the national officers and with the guidance of the Association's Governing Board and its committees, perform two types of functions — services to individual chapters and members, and services to the construction industry as a whole.

In broad outline, these activities cover the fields of labor relations, legislation, public relations, governmental actions, accident prevention, apprentice training, contract forms and specifications, national and civil defense, education, research, market development, and relations with governmental agencies concerned with construction.

It will be readily observed that several of these fields involve the concept of teamwork. And since 7,500 contractors cannot all as a practical matter serve as individuals, the A.G.C. serves as their member of the team. The core of the team is the owner-architect-contractor triumvirate.

But also serving on the general contractor's team within a team are subcontractors, material men, and labor.

In these complex inter-industry relationships the A.G.C. has frequently taken the initiative and has always done its share in developing cooperative efforts with other organizations to provide our nation and its people with speedy, efficient and economical construction.

When you see the A.G.C. emblem on a job sign, you know that here is a contractor who is a rugged individualist whom you can, nevertheless, depend upon to understand the necessity for teamwork.
ON EXHIBITION

Our readers are cordially invited to examine the exhibits pictured here which are located in the reception area of the offices of New England Architect and Builder, Illustrated, at 215 Stuart Street, Boston, Mass. Exhibits on view are of building products by: Massachusetts Cement Block Company; Portland Cement Association; Prescolite; DiNatale Floors, Inc.; General Marble Company; Featherock, Inc. Note: These exhibits are on view on an experimental basis to further evaluate the future possibility of establishing a permanent year-round Building Products Display Center. It is the hope of this magazine to establish this center in Boston Proper in the early part of 1960.
Not often do we hear of an elementary school designed to be constructed in New England consisting of 8 classrooms and a gymnasium-cafeteria for less than $100,000. This surely requires an understanding of local construction and a cooperative school committee. Nevertheless, the structure pictured on this page is wholesome, practical and (for the money) in good taste.

In addition to the extreme low cost of construction, much of which is achieved in the elimination of corridors, the gymnasium which is usually expensive to heat, is surrounded by classrooms and the heating expense is thus reduced to a minimum.
The reinforced concrete foundation is 95'-4" x 127'-4" for a total of 12,138 sq. ft. Exterior walls are brick face 2" cavity and 6" cinder block. Floors are asphalt tile on 4" reinforced concrete. Classroom ceilings are 4' x 16' roof timbers with 3" Armstrong Temlock roof deck applied direct to the timbers. Gymnasium has 3" Insulrock Roof deck on bar joists. "Webtex" trowel coating for waterproofing is to inside of cinder block in all wall cavities. Windows are "Pella" Hopper and fixed sash.

An interesting footnote is the fact that this same plan was constructed for the Town of Benton in 1957 at a cost of $89,700. Although costs have risen since then, in 1959 the price tag was $2,762 less for the same school building in Whitefield.

Other factors leading to its economy are as follows:
1 — The building is square and all rooms are laid out on 2'-0" and 4'-0" centers, with corresponding roof framing on 4'-0" centers. 2 — Use of metal door frames and doors which come with hardware installed. 3 — Where a large number of door frames are used, it is important that the first course of masonry units be started at an elevation with respect to finished floor so that when mason reaches the top of door frame, coursing will line with top of frame. 4 — Using a continuous line of lintel block the entire length of wall which is continuous over each door (reinforced with steel and concrete) will eliminate masonry cracks which often appear over doors. Installing adequate control joints also holds any cracking to a minimum. 5 — Use of window units that came completely assembled and glazed, allowing the contractor to close in structure in a minimum of time. 6 — Use of 3" insulated roof deck as a base for roofing. Underside of the deck is the finished ceiling. 7 — Exposed masonry in interiors. Surface painted in soft pastel colors.
Northgate Shopping City, as it will appear when completed in 1961. The multi-million dollar shopping center, to be built at Squire Road in Revere adjacent to the Northeast Expressway, will be Greater Boston's first centrally-located shopping center with adequate parking facilities.

Northgate Shopping City...

The site of Northgate Shopping City as it is today. Northgate will be built just above the traffic circle of the Northeast Expressway where the Revere Airport is currently located. The airport will be removed to the filled land at the rear of the new Northgate development.
Approving building plans for stores in Northgate Shopping City are: Nathan Gorin, President of Almy, Bigelow and Washburn Department Stores (left); and Harold A. White, Director of Store Development for First National Stores. Looking on are, left to right: William Gorin, Treasurer of Almy, Bigelow and Washburn; Richard Berenson, President of Northgate; and Atwell Collins, Managing Director of Dreyfus Properties, Inc. There will be about 20 to 40 stores in the Northgate development, to be constructed adjacent to the Northeast Expressway in Revere.

...to begin soon

With ground-breaking ceremonies for Northgate Shopping City scheduled for this fall, it will not be long before the modern shopping center reaches completion at its site at Squire Road, Route C-1 in Revere, adjacent to the Northeast Expressway. The multi-million dollar project will cover an area of nearly 400,000 square feet, and will be the first centrally-located shopping center in the Greater Boston area with adequate parking facilities.

Architect for Northgate Shopping City is Sumner Schein of Boston. Mr. Schein has had wide experience in the design and construction of shopping centers and retail stores throughout the United States. He has designed many retail stores such as the First National Stores and Lanes Department Store on Long Island.

Under the direction of Mr. Schein, Northgate Shopping City will be constructed with the most modern and interesting building materials, including foreign marble, ceramic tile in contemporary patterns, and glazed brick. The roofs throughout Northgate will be insulated metal deck on bar joists. Store interiors will feature modern resilient flooring for walking ease, quiet pastel colors in a variety of decors, recessed lighting and all the major improvements of today’s most functional retail stores.

There will be rows of shade trees throughout the area, and ample spots for shoppers to sit and relax. Future plans for Northgate will include a lagoon and marina to be added at the rear of the site. A 15-foot wide marquee will run the length of the pedestrian mall, protecting shoppers from rain and snow. There will also be a play area with trained supervisors, featuring many children attractions so that mothers may leave their children at play while shopping.

The parking area at Northgate has a stone base, with bituminous concrete paving. With an eye on the woman driver, 60 degree angle parking was chosen to allow ample room to load and unload packages and passengers, without danger of scraping cars on either side. Parking room for 8 cars per thousand feet of retail area is planned. The area will be lighted by gooseneck-type mercury vapor lamps for greater convenience in night shopping.

Inspecting the site of the future Northgate Shopping City are, left to right: Julius Goldman, President and General Manager of Revere Airways, Inc.; Charles Belinfante, Revere City Councillor; Edward P. O'Toole, Revere City Manager; Joseph Di Carlo, Revere City Councillor; and Richard Berenson, President of Northgate.
Scheduled for completion by July, 1962, the purpose of the Massachusetts State Office Building will be to vastly improve efficiency in State Government by centralization of offices which are now scattered throughout the downtown and Back Bay sections of Boston.

As shown in the renderings, the contemporary design structure will have a floor area of 580,000 square feet on 16 floors. Plans call for the building to be located within the area bounded by Ashburton Place, Somerset Street, Cambridge Street and Bowdoin Street.

The office building is to be set in the northerly area of the site and will face out toward Cambridge Street.

Completely air conditioned, the building will contain offices for the various State and governmental departments and bureaus, a restaurant, garage, for state owned vehicles and specially designed space for official meetings and public hearings. There will also be underground parking for 300 cars contiguous to the main building as a separate 100,000 square foot structure.

$30,000,000 is the estimated construction cost for this project which will be controlled by an authority created by the State Legislature as a non-profit organization, “The Massachusetts State Office Building Association” and financed by a bond issue to be offered at competitive bidding at a later date.
Diagram shows new scheme for prefabricated apartments by Techbuilt: only seven kinds of factory manufactured panels used in construction.

**GARDEN APARTMENTS USING PREFABRICATED PANELS**

Pilot Project Underway in Buffalo

The latest development in prefabrication is a series of garden apartments marketed by Techbuilt, Inc. of Cambridge and designed by architect Carl Koch which can be built with only seven kinds of factory manufactured panels: (1) roof panel, (2) floor panel, (3) front panel with windows, (4) back panel with windows, (5) front panel with a door, (6) back panel with a door that gives access to a landscaped patio, and (7) solid front panel. The developer can build these new apartments for as little as $9 per square foot (total construction costs.)

New garden apartments designed by Cambridge architect Carl Koch and manufactured by Techbuilt, Inc. for a large project in Buffalo have floor-to-ceiling glass looking out on private patios. The apartments cost $9 per square foot and can be built two or three stories high. The overall plan for the Buffalo project affords a choice of two basic apartments— one 16'x29' with two bedrooms, the other 20'x29' with three bedrooms. Foreground: the larger apartment includes a living room, dining room, family room and kitchen on the lower floor; the three bedrooms and bath above.
The first project utilizing this new system is now underway in Buffalo, New York. The overall plan provides a total of 186 two-story apartments, each with floor-to-ceiling glass on the first floor looking out on a private patio. The apartments will all have a mid-level formal entrance with steps leading down to the living room, dining room, family room (in the larger apartments) and kitchen on the lower floor; and up to three bedrooms and bath above.

This is one of a large series of new designs being currently developed by Techbuilt. Progressing from the panel system used in the original two-story house, Techbuilt developed 4' modular panels for one-story houses and vacation cottages. According to John R. Wilson, President, a greatly expanded system of modular construction is now available for use in medical centers, schools, motels, college housing and a wide variety of other institutional and commercial structures.
ENGINEERED WOOD CONSTRUCTION

WOODBAR, used in place of steel, is shown being positioned in the new Georgia Pacific 30,000 square foot building in Needham, Mass. Each 60 ft. long WOODBAR has a design load capacity of 30,000 lbs. and weighs only 4,000 lbs. Manufacturer's estimated cost is 20% less than steel. Architect for this building is Symmes, Maini & Hryniewicz; contractor, Vappi & Co., Inc.

86-foot beams designed by William Drummey, Architect, for the Bourne, Massachusetts Senior High School are presently being manufactured by Wood Fabricators, Inc.
Massachusetts Lumber Company needed a warehouse FAST!!!

The warehouse, built at the Sudbury branch, used 40-foot WOODBARS and stress skin panels. The entire 4,500 square foot building was erected in 2½ days by a crew of five men. Roof panels were installed at a cost of 4¢ per square foot.

Similar roof construction manufactured by Wood Fabricators, Inc., has been used in Capehart Housing projects at Hanscom Field, Bedford, Massachusetts; Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee, Massachusetts; Otis Air Force Base, Falmouth, Massachusetts; and Lockbourne Air Force Base, Columbus, Ohio; during the past year.
Motels such as the Battle Green Motor Inn, Lexington, Mass.; supermarkets; churches such as the Methodist Church in Reading, Mass. designed by Arthur Dirlam, and the Methodist Church in Sudbury, Mass. designed by Edward Bridge; all have used this 40-foot truss. Unusual site problems of supervision and erection are eliminated by the use of "Woodfab" shop-made trusses. Perfect roof line, quality control construction and faster building at less cost, all result from the use of this precision-made truss.

This new Foxboro bowling alley combined 98' clear span bowstring wood trusses with 30 to 47 foot WOODBARS. This building, erected during the recent steel strike, was ready for installation of the roof six weeks from date of order. H. E. Cline Construction Company, the builder, reports considerable savings of both time and money.

Building the roof on the ground means safer and faster work. Davidson Construction Co. roofed eight buildings each winter day at the housing project at Pease Air Force Base, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The architect for this job is Koehler and Isaak, Manchester, New Hampshire.
UNITED STATES PLYWOOD REPORTS

Record sales and earnings for the first six months of its fiscal year were announced today by the United States Plywood Corporation.

Consolidated net earnings after taxes for the six months to October 31, 1959 amounted to $7,332,000, equal after payment of preferred dividends to $2.07 per share on 2,390,426 common shares outstanding. This compares with net earnings from operations in the same period of 1958 of $5,189,500 after taxes and equal after payment of preferred dividends to $1.33 per share on 2,434,284 common shares outstanding. The latter figures do not include $1.05 per share of non-recurring profit reported in the six month period last year.

For the quarter ended October 31, 1959 net earnings after taxes were $3,326,000, equal after preferred dividends to $1.33 per share. In the same period of 1958 profits from operations were $3,132,500 or $1.26 per share after payment of preferred dividends.

Record sales for the six months to October 31, 1959 amounted to $142,839,000 compared with $115,297,000 in the same period last year. Sales for the quarter were $70,662,000 compared with $61,936,000 for the same quarter last year.

PROMOTED

John K. Edmonds has been named assistant executive vice-president of the American Institute of Steel Construction. It was announced by H. Buckey Dietrich, president. His office will be at 101 Park Avenue, New York City, headquarters for the Institute, which is the national association representing the structural steel fabricating industry.

Mr. Edmonds is a trustee and Treasurer of the Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, a member of the University Club, Columbus Country Club and "41" Club, all of Columbus. Presently he and his family reside at 240 N. Cassingham Road, Columbus.

LUMBER GROUP ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Thomas J. McHugh, 66, president of the Atlantic Lumber Co., Boston, was elected president of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association today to climax the 1959 annual meeting of NLMA directors and committees at the Statler Hilton Hotel.


McHugh, who will serve as president of the association during the next 12 months, heads one of the largest hardwood lumber firms in the U.S. The Atlantic Lumber Co. has sawmills in Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee, and a distribution yard in Buffalo, New York.

A native of Providence, Rhode Island, McHugh is a director of the Diamond National Corp., New York City; the Vestal Lumber and Manufacturing Co., Knoxville, Tennessee, the National Shawmut Bank of Boston.

He is also a trustee of the Union Savings Bank of Boston and holds membership in the Boston Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

McHugh has been a director of NLMA since 1950 and formerly served as chairman of its Public Relations Committee. Other lumber groups with which he has been affiliated include Southern Hardwood Producers, Inc., the Southern Pine Association, Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association, Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc., and Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association.

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ELECTED DIRECTOR

E. J. O'Leary, president and chairman of The Ruberoid Co., has been elected a director of Cumberland Chemical Corporation, it was announced by John A. Hill, chairman of the board of Cumberland and president of Air Reduction Company, Incorporated.

Cumberland Chemical Corporation is jointly owned by Ruberoid and Air Reduction. Cumberland produces at Calvert City, Ky., materials for use in the manufacture of floor and wall tile and other building construction products which are marketed by the Mastic Tile division of Ruberoid.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS RATED "GOOD" FOR NEXT SIX MONTHS

A leading economist declared recently that business prospects appear "good" for the remainder of 1959 and the first half of 1960.

Dr. Ralph Robey, economic adviser to the National Association of Manufacturers, said such conditions can continue "almost indefinitely" and the nation can achieve prosperity "greater than any we have ever experienced" — provided the government and private industry find solutions to certain "major problems."

Addressing an annual meeting of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, Robey identified these problems as (1) settlement of the current steel dispute, (2) the international balance of payments deficit, (3) Treasury financing, (4) the danger of inflation, (5) taxation and (6) the need for further labor legislation.

Robey said the country is now going through a period of "recovery from recent setbacks," and added:

"If we solve our problems, or make substantial headway in that direction, recovery can continue almost indefinitely. If we make little or no headway in the solution of these problems, we may wake up any morning a few months hence and wonder what hit us in the face.

"In other words, this is the time for all of us to go to work. If we do that, there is a great future ahead — greater than any we have ever experienced."

ARCHITECT SEES WOOD CONTRIBUTING TO NEW CONCEPT IN HOME DESIGNING

A "new concept of architecture" is taking hold in the design of homes and wood has been assigned a key role because of its "life and warmth," one of the nation's leading architects declared today.

Henry Hill, San Francisco architect, author and member of the American Institute of Architects, said the new trend in home design is away from the "enclosed box" and more toward the use of materials to create "living and vital space."

Addressing an annual meeting of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, Hill explained:

"The architect is no longer designing the enclosed box — or a series of boxes — with holes punched into the walls through which to peek out. The so-called 'picture window,' with its cellophane-wrapped lamp shade in the middle, is only a larger hole. We are concerned with space, and the three-dimensional definition of that space."

Building materials, Hill said, are now being used — not for themselves — but for what they contribute to the livability of a home.

Wood should gain greater importance in home design, Hill asserted, because it has "a living quality that is shared with delight and understanding by all mankind."

Other "positive forces" in wood's favor, he pointed out, include its economy and "dignity." Hill added:

"Wood is inherently a vital and living material. More than any other material we have, it has an extraordinary abundance of the best that is in the human being: life and warmth, and a vital quality of expressing itself so that we all understand it immediately.

"To me, above all, wood has a dignity. To me, it follows that wood must be treated with dignity."
BRANDEIS MILLION DOLLAR CENTER UNDERWAY

Brandeis University has begun construction on a million dollar center for the social sciences, expected to be completed for the 1960-61 school year.

Included in the new facilities will be the four-story Morris Brown Social Science Building housing psychology laboratories and teaching areas, and sociology, anthropology and economics faculty offices. A child psychology laboratory and related programs will be housed in the second structure, Lemberg Hall.

The third building, Schwartz Teaching Center, will include a lecture hall seating 330 persons and adjoining classrooms.

The brick concrete and glass buildings are of contemporary design, characteristic of Brandeis' new development.

Architects: The Architects Collaborative, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Partner in Charge, Benjamin Thompson, Engineers: Reardon & Turner (Heating, Mechanical); Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger (Structural); Thompson Engineering Co. (Electrical). General Contractor: George B. H. Macomber Company.

STEEL BOOKINGS DOWN

The fabricated structural steel industry continued to draw from its inventory during October and was able to ship 195,313 tons of structural steel for buildings and bridges. According to reports compiled by the American Institute of Steel Construction, October shipments were 7 per cent better than the previous month and marked the first month deliveries improved since the steel strike period began in July.

Total shipments for the first ten months of 1959 were 2,487,949 tons, 20 per cent below the corresponding period of last year.

October bookings totaled 244,060 tons, off some 14 per cent from September. Accumulated bookings during the first ten months of this year totaled 2,596,543 tons or 11 per cent better than the same period a year ago.

The AISC announced that total industry backlog as of October 31 was 1,891,116 tons. Of this amount 984,290 tons are scheduled for future fabrication during the next four months ending February 29, 1960.

EASTERN SALES MANAGER

Clair W. Crider has been appointed Eastern Division Sales Manager, Flooring and Adhesives Division, The Flintkote Company, it has been announced by W. Leon Harper, the Division’s General Sales Manager. Mr. Crider, who succeeds Houston Boyet, now retired, will make his headquarters in New York City.

Mr. Crider has been associated with Flintkote since 1953. Prior to his current position he served as a Tile-Tex floor tile salesman in Memphis and Houston, and more recently held the post of Sales Promotion Manager at Chicago Heights, Ill.

The Eastern Division reaches from Maine to South Carolina.

STEEL BOOKINGS DOWN

DiNATALE FLOORS — SHIPS ABROAD

A portable Basketball Floor — 56' wide by 88' long — made of 25/32 x 1 1/2" Clear Beech flooring and made up of 156 panels each 4' x 8' long was recently crated and packed for delivery to the Brooklyn Army Terminal for transoceanic crossing to the Air Force in Morocco.

Mr. Harold Ust, a sales representative in Casablanca, Morocco, contacted DiNatale Floors advising that an order for a portable Basketball Floor was being sought by Major William P. Nash, Chief of the Personnel Services Division, United States Air Force, at Medjouna, Morocco. Due to the complications of local laws and import regulations, Mr. Ust was asked to represent DiNatale Floors in this transaction.

Following the shipment, Mr. Ust advised the commanding General at Sidi Slimane Air Base in Casablanca that this floor was “Uncle Sam's Christmas gift” this year. Last year a similar Basketball floor (60' x 112') was flown by a C-124 Globemaster plane to the Air Force Base at Reyjavik, Iceland, as "Uncle Sam's Gift." We hear that the servicemen are not only enjoying their new Basketball floor for competitive Basketball but also have held Roller Skating tournaments on this floor as well as occasional dance parties.
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“Light is what you see as well as what you see by therefore, in the visual sense, LIGHT IS ARCHITECTURE.” This was the theme of two challenging talks made by Bill Lam, designer-president of LAM INC. of Wakefield, Massachusetts, before groups of the Illuminating Engineering Societies and their guests from the architectural and engineering professions in Orlando and Sarasota, Florida, recently.

Illustrating his points with about 60 slides of buildings old and new, Bill Lam demonstrated with dramatic clarity the crucial part played by lighting in good architectural design. “Until fairly recently,” he said, mentioning famous historical structures, “All buildings were designed around natural daylight and the difference between great architecture and mere building was in the skill with which the daylight was admitted into the building, and the way this light was reflected by the building to create a visual image appropriate and inspiring for that particular building function. . . . Structural innovations were not always developed to be lighted, but often were developed to achieve the kind of lighting and space effect desired. Recall the clerestory lighted domes of the Byzantine, the flood of light from the central hole in the dome of the Pantheon, the flying buttresses developed to achieve the lofty verticals of colored light in the Gothic cathedrals . . . .” And coming to the present, “Our ability to create great architecture should be greatly enhanced, since we have not only the improved control of daylight made possible by modern materials and construction systems, but the use of economical artificial light, which frees the architect from complete dependence on daylight and gives unlimited design possibilities. These unlimited possibilities, however, create some new problems. There are too many choices, bad as well as good, not only the choices between the thousands of lighting fixture designs, but also the more basic choices between potential patterns of light made possible by the variety of artificial light sources and the unlimited number of ways they and the building can relate to each other. Basic design choices must be made and made carefully, with design decisions made first before the details. If we start with the electrical layout and selection of lighting fixtures, there is no design, and the results are accidental.”

Continuing this thesis, he emphasized the importance of closer collaboration between the architect and the lighting engineer throughout the development of a building design in order to achieve real integration of lighting and architecture in the final design.

Hawaiian-born William M. C. (Bill) Lam is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Architecture. He teaches at the Boston Architectural Center, beside filling the position of Designer-President of LAM INC., of Wakefield, Massachusetts, manufacturers of Modulume, a versatile system of ready-to-install structural lighting for architectural specification.

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POST LANTERNS

There's a post and post lantern designed for every home — and an eight-page booklet now available from the Progress Manufacturing Company, Inc., Phila. 34, Pa., shows how to select the right combination of post and lantern for individuality and practicality.

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ASSOCIATION ISSUES NEW "SPECIFICATION MANUAL" FOR NORTHERN HARD MAPLE FLOORING

A new "Specification Manual" for Northern hard maple, beech and birch flooring is now available. Single copies of the A.I.A. file size booklet can be obtained free of charge from the Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association, 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago 1, Illinois.

This new piece of literature, really a textbook on hardwood flooring, includes the latest complete grading rules established by the association, according to the announcement.

In addition to detailed interpretation of the official rules for grading hardwood flooring, the text includes information on the physical characteristics of the species used in flooring manufacture, quality control in force at the mills, thicknesses and face widths available, uses of the different grades, the table to use in order to ascertain the quantity of flooring required and the official rules governing reinspection of flooring.

The booklet also includes suggested specifications for the installation of sound trouble-free hardwood floors. "Careful study has been given to the technical aspects of floor-laying procedure in preparing the outline suggestions for underfloor construction, waterproofing on or below grade, finish carpentry, sanding and finishing," the association said.

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YALE ESCUTCHEONS

The trend toward consumer demand for unusual decorative objects that express individuality in the home was marked by Yale & Towne's lock and hardware division with the introduction of a new line of decorative escutcheons in a wide range of shapes, styles, sizes, and finishes.

Three of the nine new decorator escutcheons introduced by Yale & Towne's lock and hardware division are shown above. The new line of escutcheons can be used with any knob design in Yale's 5200 and 5300 key-in-the-knob type residential locksets and with some of the company's heavy-duty 5400 series. Decorators and homeowners can make many combinations that will provide striking decorative accents on interior and exterior doors. Shown above are: (top) Sunflower escutcheon with Bedfied knob; (bottom left) Contemporama escutcheon with Brandywine knob; and (bottom right) Coronation escutcheon with Essex knob.

The new Yale escutcheons were introduced here at the sixth annual National Retail Lumber Dealers Association Building Products Exposition which was held at the Public Auditorium and the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

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Hotel (Nov. 14–17). All nine new escutcheons are easily within the budget of any discerning homeowner and may be used with any knob design in Yale’s 5200 and 5300 key-in-the-knob type residential lockset lines and with some of the company’s heavy-duty 5400 locksets. Thus a vast variety of combinations is available to decorators and homeowners to provide striking and individual accents for interior and exterior doorways. The nine new Yale escutcheons are:

- **Sunflower** — A large circular escutcheon with a floral motif and petal-shaped edge — 11¼” in diameter; 
- **Aster** — A smaller version of the Sunflower — 6” in diameter.

**Contemporary** — A modern styled square escutcheon with rounded corners and subtle concave lines — 8”x8”.

**Cushion** — A rectangular version of the Contemporary — 7”x5”.

**Floral** — A large oval escutcheon with fluted edges and a floral pattern — 10”x16”.

**Coronation** — A traditionally styled escutcheon with Baroque ornamentation — 6” in diameter.

**Tear Drop** — A modern styled triangle shaped escutcheon with rounded angles and subtle concave lines — 9” sides.

**Gadroon** — A large circular escutcheon with a filigree border and floral motif — 10” in diameter.

**Chippendale** — A smaller version of the Gadroon — 7½” in diameter.

**MASONITE**

Masonite Corporation soon will introduce an additional decorative group of interior hardboards, the 400 series. The cherry-grained hardboard, grooved in random widths, will be available for delivery to dealers early in January, in three shades: Colonial, Natura and Frosted.

The quarter-inch panels will be produced in 16” x 8’ sizes. They will be tongue-and-grooved and may be applied over existing walls, studs or furring strips by means of easily applied metal clips.

A feature of the 400 series is the simulation of a plank cherry wall with the plank-by-plank variations that exist in cherry woods. This authenticity is in contrast to many veneers, the company said.

The high quality factory graining by which Masonite Corporation is able to achieve its appearance objective, a spokesman said, is a three-color process produced by a new unit at the company’s plant in Laurel, Miss.

Clips for use in installing the 400 series planks will be included in a separate package with each order. Included, too, will be nails with colored heads for use in corners.

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UNIT STRUCTURES

A colorful, information-packed Manual of Design has been prepared by Unit Structures, Inc., of Peshtigo, Wisconsin. The booklet is ready for distribution to architects, designers and others interested in factual information about glued laminated wood structural members.

In addition to a wealth of detailed information and design data on various types of laminated arches and beams, the Manual provides arch and beam connection details, comprehensive roof beam design charts, specifications for glued laminated construction, color selection chart for stain finishes, details and specifications on structural roof decking, and other factual information.

Address requests to Advertising Department, Unit Structures Inc., Peshtigo, Wisconsin.
NON-TRIP SADDLE DESIGNED

A non-trip saddle specifically designed for out-opening doors in schools and hospitals where this extra feature is important, is one of the broad range of weatherstripping products made by Zero Weather Stripping Co., Inc., New York. The company manufactures a complete line of weatherstripping for regular and sliding doors, windows, light-proofing, soundproofing and saddles for regular and floor-hinged doors.

Available in extruded bronze and aluminum, the non-trip saddle can be fitted with either a flexible hook or an extruded rigid interlock.

Application data and useful suggestions for writing weatherstripping specifications for the non-trip saddle and Zero's complete line of weatherstripping materials is contained in the company's 1960 Weatherstripping Catalog and Reference Guide. Design and installation details in the catalog are drawn full-size for easier visualization and incorporation directly into plans with a minimum of scaling.

The 28-page catalog can be obtained by writing Zero Weather Stripping Co., 451 East 136th Street, New York 54.

COLUMBUS COATED FABRICS

Columbus Coated Fabrics Corporation of Columbus, Ohio has announced the appointment of the Cleveland Office of McCann-Erickson, Inc. as advertising agency. The appointment is effective December 1, 1959.

According to Charles M. LaRue Jr., Director of Advertising and Sales Promotion, the appointment of McCann is consistent with a long-range company program to strengthen the marketing, advertising and promotion efforts behind such well-known Columbus Coated products as Walltex washable fabric wall coverings, Guard heavy-duty vinyl wall coverings for commercial and institutional applications.

The program to expand Columbus Coated Fabrics marketing communications was announced two years ago, upon the appointment of Mr. LaRue to his present post.

NEW WIREMOLD DATA SHEETS

Two new data sheets dealing with the use of Wiremold surface raceways in entirely different office applications have been released by The Wiremold Company, Hartford 10, Connecticut.

Data Sheet A-12 deals with the use of No. 3000 Wiremold as a ceiling duct for telephone installations in a reinforced concrete multi-storied office building and points out how the economics realized are reflected in both wiring costs and in the cost of the structure.

Plugmold 2200 as a combination multi-outlet and raceway system which provides a versatile solution to the problem of wiring for various types of accounting equipment is described in Data Sheet A-13 which explains how the No. 2200 combination system provides the necessary means for circuitry required to assure adequate voltage for such factors as length of run, starting currents, and number of machines on each line — for both presently installed and future units.

Free copies of Data Sheets A-12 and A-13 are available from The Wiremold Company, Hartford 10, Conn.

GENERAL MARBLE COMPANY

Pictured is an installation of Precast Marble Tiles. The tiles composed of marble chips, color pigments, and marble dust with a cement backing are manufactured in sizes 10" x 10" x 3/4", 117x117 x 1"., 153/4" x 153/4" x 11/4". The marble aggregates range from No. 2, 3 giving a terrazzo effect to pieces 4" x 12" creating a mosaic pattern. Made of the finest marbles the tiles are manufactured in a wide variety of colors and patterns. The tiles can be used for floorings and walls adding beauty and durability. For further information write the GENERAL MARBLE COMPANY Co., 634 Boston Street, Lynn, Mass.

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GUTH FLUORESCENT FIXTURES

The same brilliant acrylic-base finish used on millions of late autos (no polishing in 3 years)... is now available on Guth Fluorescent Fixtures at no extra cost!

This new Lucite Acrylic enamel by DuPont assures an extra-rich, sparkling white finish on Guth fluorescents with 50% less discoloration, when exposed to ultra-violet, than other quality enamel finishes.

The Lucite Acrylic finish provides maximum reflectivity and light output. Since it affords up to 80% greater resistance to all common stains, compared to other good enamel finishes, the original efficiency of Guth fluorescents now lasts longer.

Because Lucite Acrylic finish on Guth fixtures is 175% harder than present quality enamel finishes, dust and dirt can't embed itself as easily... maintenance costs are reduced.

Guth fluorescents with this tougher Acrylic finish have superior resistance to chipping and scratching.

Also, new Acrylic finishes on Guth fluorescents provide better paint adhesion to the metal, better humidity resistance, better salt spray resistance, better fume resistance, better grease resistance, better heat resistance and better baking-color stability than other quality enamel fixture finishes.

For additional information and comparative test data write the Edwin F. Guth Company, 2615 Washington Blvd., St. Louis 3, Missouri.

NEW FLASH-DRY RUST INHIBITIVE PRIMER

Now rust can be effectively stopped with a new concept in TOTRUST Flash-Dry M-50 PRIMER, just introduced by the WILBUR & WILLIAMS COMPANY, INC., as the newest member of their TOTRUST line of metal coatings. Drying to a tough, flexible, low lustre finish in 15 minutes, TOTRUST Flash-Dry M-50 PRIMER penetrates deep into rust pits and other surface irregularities to form an intimate bond with the metal surface. This product utilizes the extreme rust inhibition provided by the National Lead Company's M-50 (Basic Lead Silico Chromate) Pigment which offers a highly active particle surface of basic lead chromate coated over a lightweight silicocore. The rust inhibition provided by this New TOTRUST M-50 pigment is far greater pound-for-pound than red lead, zinc chromate or other conventionally used rust-inhibitors.

TOTRUST Flash-Dry M-50 PRIMER has conclusively proved in exposure and weatherometer tests to offer excellent exterior durability in one coat, as well as resistance to common industrial spillages and fumes. The Wilbur & Williams Company, Inc., 650 Pleasant Street, Norwood, Massachusetts, offers a comprehensive data Bulletin No. P-25 on this product.

WATER PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE

A new water pressure reducing valve with an integral by-pass check valve has been announced by Watts Regulator Company, Lawrence, Mass. In addition to reducing high water pressure, the new valve, designated No. 135B, also prevents dripping from the heater relief valve which normally would relieve due to thermal expansion pressure. It is expected that this feature will be welcomed by contractors because it will eliminate unnecessary call-backs due to dripping relief valves.
The use of a pressure reducing valve normally creates a closed system; the check valve feature provides the advantages of an open system by allowing water to escape back into the supply main. Under normal operation the check is held closed by street main pressure, preventing any flow of water through it into the system. When water is heated in a closed system, however, it expands, causing system pressures to increase. If system pressure increases even slightly above the inlet or main pressure, the check valve opens, allowing water to move back into the supply main.

Application of the No. 135B is limited to installations where the street main pressure is less than the setting of the pressure relief valve. It is available in ½", ¾" and 1" sizes.

STAINLESS STEEL BUYER'S GUIDE

An exhaustive compilation of over 500 consumer products made in stainless steel—including over 70 in the category of home building—and the names of the firms that manufacture them will be distributed to key purchasing personnel in the architectural and construction fields this month by Union Carbide Metals Company, Division of Union Carbide Corporation. The 38-page booklet, called STAINLESS STEEL CONSUMER PRODUCTS, is the first listing of its kind ever prepared. Broken down into six categories, it covers items in the automotive, hardware, home building, home furnishings, personal and recreation fields. The names and addresses of one or more manufacturers are listed with each item. All products are listed alphabetically within the categories and subdivisions as well as in the overall index at the end of the book.

In addition to the listings of products, the directory also includes two introductory sections. The first, "Advantages of Stainless Steel Products," specifies and outlines the benefits of stainless steel products to both the store and its customers. The second section, "The History and Mystery of Stainless Steel," outlines the metal's evolution and technology.

In preparing the Guide, Union Carbide Metals is expanding its long established program of stainless steel promotion. The major producer of chromium, the element that makes steel stainless, the company has made great technical contributions to the development of stainless and has also participated actively in promoting consumer goods made of the metal. One of the company's researchers in co-operation with a utensil manufacturer actually made the first stainless steel cooking utensil thirty years ago. This utensil is still as good as new after all these years of continued home service.
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Dayna Early American

Early Americana still enjoys the greatest popularity among home decorations. A new collection by Dayna Lighting, Inc., New Britain, Pa., honors this tradition with five new fixtures to grace the contemporary or the colonial home equally well.

Dayna is a subsidiary of Progress Manufacturing Company, Inc., Phila. 34, Pa., world's largest producer of residential lighting fixtures and related electrical products.

The Dayna Early American fixtures are carefully made to combine the sweep of modern lines with the hand-wrought quality of the early craftsman's art. This combination makes it possible for the fixtures to create a colonial atmosphere in traditional homes or introduce a nostalgic note in modern homes.

An antique bronze finish on the fixtures gives them a gentle satin glow. Opal glass shades and frosted chimneys provide further authenticity.

Two light, three light and pulley type fixtures will bring the charm of our early heritage to dining rooms and kitchens. There is a wall-mounted fixture to extend the mood to halls and foyers.

Information on these new fixtures is available in a four-page catalog that can be obtained by writing to Dayna Lighting, Inc., New Britain, Pa.

Nickel Stainless Steel

Sales office and warehouse of Whitehead Metals, Inc., in the Syracuse Industrial Park, New York. An innovation in the construction of the office section is the use of nickel stainless steel curtain wall projected panels on the exterior, combined with textured stainless steel pattern sheets and porcelain enamel panels. The blending of the various finishes and textures creates a striking functional display of the use of nickel stainless steel for architectural curtain wall construction.
P-K CATALOG DESCRIBES OPERATIONAL FEATURES OF NEW INDIRECT GAS FIRED STORAGE WATER HEATER

NEW 20-PAGE CATALOG ON SCALEFREE GAS FIRED STORAGE WATER HEATER — BULLETIN 4 — describes design, operation, and construction features and installation specifications of a new completely-packaged unit manufactured by The Patterson-Kelley Co., Inc.

Diagrams and schematic drawings are used to define the three basic systems of the new self-contained storage water heater — the gas-burning unit, forced circulation transfer fluid system, and the service water system — and complete information is provided on operational principles, including scale-free heating, automatic controls, safety devices, efficiency, quietness, and versatility of operation.

Design specifications, plus standard weights, dimensions, capacities, and materials of construction (including copper-lined and special cement shell linings) are outlined to illustrate ease of selection, installation and application. Storage capacity, ranging from 250 to 4000 gallons and recovery ranges varying from 375 to 2125 gph for 29 different shell sizes, are detailed in a special section of the bulletin.


Schematic drawing of P-K's new Scalefree® indirect gas fired storage water heater illustrates the compact design of the automatic packaged unit. Equipped with skids for easy installation, the new heater requires only four simple connections to be put into immediate operation and — because the unusual burner design minimizes high noise levels when combustion gases are fired — can be located near offices or in areas where quietness is required.
STOCK STEEL BEAM AND GIRDER 
FEATURES GREATER CARRYING CAPACITY

The Shlagro Steel Products Corporation of Somerville, Massachusetts, which pioneered and developed the Shlagro Karri-More Square Column, has now developed another important "first"—the Shlagro Karri-More Beam and Girder, a new structural shape that places steel where it is needed in a beam and girder. This development offers architect and engineer a new tool for contemporary design trends of exposed structural steel members. The Shlagro Karri-More Beam and Girder can be custom-fabricated to almost any contour, and meets the most exacting construction requirements.

The Shlagro Karri-More Beam and Girder can be easily shaped, because of its simplicity of construction. The web plates can be cut to almost any contour, and the top and bottom flanges will assume the contour of the edges of the webs. Because of its simplicity and neat appearance, the Shlagro Karri-More Beam and Girder is especially suited for rigid frames where exposed construction is desired.

Where large column-free areas are required, the Shlagro Karri-More Beam and Girder lends itself to all forms of arch construction—Gothic, Tudor, Parabolic, Two-hinged and Church arches. Unlimited architectural shapes from one steel number are now possible, with the Shlagro Karri-More Beam and Girder.

For additional information on the Shlagro Karri-More Beam and Girder, write for Catalog 775 to the Shlagro Steel Products Corporation, Somerville 43, Massachusetts.

DOUGLAS FIR PLYWOOD ASSOCIATION

Douglas Fir Plywood Association announced plans last month for a substantial expansion of its field promotion force in 1960. The announcement was made by Stanley A. Taylor, field promotion director.

The present force includes 60 men who provide specification assistance to architects, engineers, builders, contractors and other volume plywood users. According to Taylor, the projected expansion reflects the spectacular growth of the western fir plywood industry which has occurred in recent years.

"Softwood plywood production will probably top seven billion square feet this year," Taylor said, "and it will increase again next year. This is probably the fastest growing non-defense oriented industry in the United States."
NEW PRODUCTS — Continued

Taylor said the growth pattern prevailing in the plywood industry has required increases in field personnel every year in the last decade. This year the association contemplates increasing the staff by at least one-third. Expansion will occur throughout the United States.

DFPA field promotional representatives have professional technical backgrounds and practical experience relating to architecture, civil and structural engineering, agricultural engineering, industrial design or forest products.

They are available for speaking engagements before professional groups, builders and other organizations. They offer advice and assistance in new plywood structural developments and they assist building code and government agencies in establishing realistic plywood construction specifications.

In outlining his requirements, Taylor said the association is seeking men with at least several years work experience in their fields who want greater room for personal growth and achievement than their present position offers. Nineteen men will be added in the expansion program.

TREATED HARDWOOD FLOORS
RESIST MOISTURE

Treatment of hardwood flooring with a water repellent preservative can reduce considerably the amount of possible cupping or warping in the flooring strips.

That was the conclusion of the Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association as a result of special comparative tests on treated and untreated Northern hard maple flooring.

Water repellent preservatives, according to MFMA, must conform to the requirements of the National Woodwork Manufacturers Association Standards as they relate to general properties and toxicity, and conform to whatever additional preservative minimum standards requirements as may from time to time be adopted and promulgated by the NWMA.

In connection with recommendations for water repellent preservation of maple flooring, the association said:

"The water repellent preservative (Example: Woodlife or its equal) is applied after the completion of final matching. The flooring is completely immersed in a vat of the preservative for three minutes or treated by vacuum process in which the cycle is adjusted, to produce the same retentions of preservatives.

"All surfaces exposed by cutting, planing or trimming subsequent to treatment must be re-treated by applying at least two (2) liberal brush coats of a water repellent preservative meeting the recommendations.

"The flooring can be treated individually or in bundles. Please remember, treated flooring must be dry before installing. When dry it is odor free. If odor of petroleum solvent is detected, place flooring in a warm room (about 70° F.) and arrange bundles for maximum air circulation. Air dry until odor free."
This resume was compiled with the cooperation of GAINEY'S CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER and represents a total of $14,974,488 in building construction contracts ($100,000 or over) awarded during the month of November, 1959.

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