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- Space required in relation to bed capacity?
- 2 Easy accessibility from all parts of hospital plant?
- 3 Separate rooms (or departments)? . . . therapy, radiography, fluoroscopy, G. U., fracture?
- Separate out-patient x-ray department? Easy access for out-patient emergencies? (Important in traffic accidents).
- 5 Safety: (lead-lined walls . . . what kind, how much)?
- 6 Adequate power supply?
- 7 Provision for built-in equipment (controls, etc.)?
- 8 What specialized equipment required? (Sanatorium, orthopedic, children's, etc.)

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- Provision for future expansion (as for mass chest surveys)?
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Electro-Medical Field

Moreover, changes in the nature of x-ray equipment

Moreover, changes in the nature of x-ray equipment growing out of new knowledge of electronics and similar technical advances, must also be foreseen. These improvements will require flexibility of layout to permit their adoption. Your overall planning must make provision for such future expansion.

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Comprehensive Approach

Dear Editor:

I want to let you know that we are pleased with the presentation of the Denison Dam Study that you published in the June issue of PENCIL POINTS. I believe that your write-up will stimulate a comprehensive approach to park and recreation planning.

NEWTON B. DRURY Director, National Park Service

Not Afraid of Miracles

Dear Editor:

Most of the men that I've spoken to have convinced me you have nothing to fear regarding their acceptance of the more progressive ideas about architecture. When we've been living under adverse conditions for months on end, the longing for the way of life most of us have been accustomed to becomes ingrained, especially when that way has had all the simple comforts and conveniences of good living.

For the immediate future, after V-J day, most of us will be content to live as before. But later on we're expecting miracles, for just one reason: when billions have been spent for destruction, billions can be spent for construction. The scale must be tremendous! Everything we've done has been done at that scale. You, at home, must make all your readers conscious of that feeling. You must let your imagination dwell on that thought as long as you possibly can. We in the architectural profession are supposed to have imagination. Let's use it on a constructive scale.

There's no doubt in my mind that our way of life can make for good living for everyone. Our job is to apply all our ingenuity towards that end.

The political and social problems must be solved before we can attain that ideal. All we do is hope that in the future they can be solved over a table instead of a battlefield; otherwise, all our efforts will have been in vain. There won't be any need for architecture: we'll all have to live underground in fear. We all know what kind of destruction we will have if there is another war.

We can build homes, factories, schools, etc., that can make for happiness, but we cannot make people think correctly. Nevertheless there's always hope that in an environment of contentment the mind may function correctly.

In your Views section of the April issue, Paul Bogen expressed my sentiments on designing for "construction" and your editorial, "Bystanders Are Not Innocent," merits my applause. But Noel E. Thompson's article doesn't please me one bit. I wonder whether Thompson remembers the plight of architects during the depression; especially the draftsman, who was kicked around from one corner to another till he had to eat the apples himself to keep from starving. I was caught in that maelstrom-and now two years are wasted away in this mess. There are a few others like me, in the same boat, over here, who will probably have to go to Herr Thompson for a job. And if he thinks we're excess we'd better look to some other field. A swell thought for us over here-to have men like him expressing their opinion, to the detriment of the few still depending on architecture for their livelihood.

(Aside to Eugene Raskin: Nice rebuttal! I'm behind you one hundred percent. If you can keep pounding away with your thoughts on the subject, you may be able to convince some other men of his ilk.)

> JACK SILBERMAN Strasbourg, Germany

Protests Kaiser "Homes"

Dear Editor:

In reading over the army publication, "The Stars and Stripes," I came upon an article which forced me, after reading it over several times, to write this letter to you. The article was an Army News Service contribution: "Kaiser to Build Communities." I quote from the first paragraph: "Henry J. Kaiser said yesterday he had formed a \$5,000,000 corporation to start building entire communities of homes at once on a nation-wide assembly line basis." The italics are mine. It is the last three words that I am writing about. They are my subject.

Before I go into a discussion of this article I would like to give you a little of my background so that you will understand my objections. I am not an architect, as yet. I studied a year and a half at the University of Southern California, and studied engineering under the Army Specialized Training program for a period of six months. My training and experience are not complete, and I probably have no cause to write you complaining of the views of "better men than I." However, I cannot restrain myself. The basic ideas which are indicated by this plan, as proposed in the article, are so alien to my nature that I could not prevent my indignant objection. I intend to return to the University, upon discharge, and I also intend to practice architecture on a large scale after training. My father is a Southern California architect, with

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views very similar to mine. My past and future are both centered around architecture and sound architectural practice. Because of the above, because of my profound interest, and because of my complete indignation I write this to you.

I am entirely in accord with the idea of building a million homes, two million homes, or as many homes as are needed. But, to build them on an "assembly line basis," with the science of architectural prefabrication in its present state of experimentation, is practically impossible. It is impossible in that the design, the material, the method of construction will be of an inferior grade, and understandably so. The theories of prefabrication are fairly well developed; at least they were the last time I was in the States and was reading of them; but as to practical application



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of these theories, I do not believe the architectural profession is ready. In the future it will be wonderful to see houses and other buildings come off an "assembly line" but not until we are ready. At present, the products that would come from the end of the line would be of improper design, and of improper construction.

It is impossible at present to build a "one-plan" house that could be lived in comfortably by a family chosen at random. They could of course "live" in it, but it would not fit them, it would not work for them, and it would not be their home.

Would it not be a better plan to organize an Architectural Commission consisting of a large group of professional architects and let them design a home which would fit the type of family that the home is being planned for. This is not as difficult as it first seems. The needs of families are similar in many ways. Could not a series of basic plans be developed that could be revised in the minor points to conform to the needs of the particular individual family? Let us say, a series of thirty or forty basic plans. The most suitable one could be selected upon the application of a prospective builder, and after interviewing the family involved and studying their requirements, this basic plan could be altered to conform to their needs.

It is true that parts of the house could be prefabricated for use with these basic plans, but let us not have a complete, disjointed house delivered to the building site by truck. Sectional Prefabrication is perhaps possible. For example, four- or five-foot floor sec-tions, similar wall sections, and other small prefabricated units that could be adjusted to give a variety of designs and layouts. Wouldn't this be better than a stock house plan, for any and every family that wanted a home? To put it simply, let us build a "home" rather than a "house."

RICHARD I. MITCHAM, Somewhere in Germany

Hitting the Nail on the Head

Dear Editor:

Bauer's letter appearing in the May issue of PENCIL POINTS is the most intelligent piece of reasoning that I have seen in an architectural publication in some months. He surely hits the nail on the head as to the Number One problem in housing: people trained in the "know-how" to do the job. There are plenty of experts or specialists in phases of housing, but there are damned few who know how to put all of the good practices together into an acceptable result.

I hope that Bill Wurster puts into practice the suggestions of his brother-inlaw. If he does, I should like to help him.

CARL F. BOESTER Purdue Research Foundation Lafayette, Indiana



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ADOLPH BRUKIN, industrial and store designer formerly connected with RAY-MOND LOEWY ASSOCIATES, has established his office and design studio at 18 East 41st St., New York, N. Y.

STEPHEN F. BARRERA, former president of the Brooklyn Real Estate Board, has been added to the staff of research consultants and technical advisers of the State of New York Joint Legislative Committee to Recodify the Multiple Dwelling Law, it has been announced by the Committee's chairman, Assemblyman MACNEIL MITCHELL, New York City.

MARVIN FINE AND JULES KABAT have become members of the firm of HORACE GINSBERN AND ASSOCIATES, Architects. TALBOT WEGG, Assistant Director for Development in Region VII, Federal Public Housing Authority, has resigned to enter private architectural practice with the Seattle firm of architects, MCCLELLAND & JONES.

JEDD STOW REISNER, Architect, announces the opening of an office for the practice of architecture at 26 East 55th St., New York 22, N. Y.

BENJAMIN L. WEBSTER, formerly associated with LEE SIMONSON, HENRY DREYFUS and NORMAN BEL GEDDES, both in the theater and in the field of design, reopened his own industrial design office in the Squibb Building, 745 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

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Architects should be expected to favor strongly the current efforts by the United States Public Health Service and the American Hospital Association to bring about a more adequate system of hospitals and public health centers throughout the country.

The American Institute of Architects has gone firmly on record on behalf of Bill S.191, designed to give federal aid to the states in surveying their needs in this field and carrying out construction programs according to orderly, long-range plans. The bill is a good one. Extensive hearings have been held and there is reasonable hope for its ultimate passage. It can still be helped on its way by direct support exerted by individual architects.

Lester C. Tichy, New York, won first prize, Class A, in the House & Garden 1945 house competition with his design for his own hilltop house in Connecticut with a view of Long Island Sound. This home (right) with its terrace and lawns provides ample entertaining area. The terms of the competition were "no dream houses" but ones to be built. Impatience with wartime restrictions and government controls over the building industry was the keynote of a Home Builders Conference in New York late in June that attracted more than a thousand builders, bank and mortgage representatives, realtors, and promoters of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

At an all-day session those attending the Conference heard panel authorities, experts on techniques and new equipment, bombastic opponents of all and any public housing, officials of important segments of the construction industry who attempted to give a broader view of problems that all are facing. Much of the time had to be spent in holding the Conference to its course as venomous attacks on government participation repeatedly shifted attention from the topics under discussion.

Conflicting claims of the various groups within the industry were emphatically presented; the program was determinedly followed, from the morning panel on "Current Construction and Financing Problems" through housing discussion, including the veteran's problem, to afternoon panels on "New Techniques, New Ideas, New Equipment." The builders groups sponsoring the Conference are affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders of the United States and the Conference was one of those being held throughout the country to rally members of the construction industry to a concerted program for the postwar years.

Prize winners in the General Motors Corporation design competition for "Automobile Dealers' Places of Business" have been announced by the Architectural Forum, which conducted the competition.

The \$55,000 cash award fund went to winners of prizes and honorable mention in five classifications, plus twenty special awards. The prize winners and their classifications are:

Passenger car and commercial, average size—first, L. B. Hockaday and T. J. Prichard; second, Charles O'Grady; third, Lawrence Laguna, Vincent D. Luongo and Percy C. Ifill; fourth, John E. Pekruhn.

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Ralph Rapson, Chicago, won first prize in Class B with his smaller house (left) for Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lopez to be built on a wooded knoll near Chicago. Again, open plan and simplicity are the distinguishing notes. The awards were made by a Jury composed of Richard Bennett, Yale University; George Daub, Philadelphia; and Morris Ketchum, Jr., New York.

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Passenger car exclusively, large size first, Robert T. Coolidge and D. C. Byrd; second, Basil Yurchenco and Edward F. Catalano; third, I. M. Pei and F. G. Roth; fourth, C. C. Briggs.

Commercial exclusively—first, J. B. Langley; second, Seymour R. Joseph; third, R. A. Willgoos; fourth, Francis Newell.

Structural and decorative design detail —first, J. Gordon Carr; second, Read Weber, Jay Unger, Victor Elmaleh, Sidney L. Katz and Taina Waisman; third, Percival Goodman; fourth, Kazumi Adachi.

An important competition has been authorized by Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts, for the selection of an architect for a new group of dormitories. The competition will be conducted under the joint sponsorship of the Museum of Modern Art and PENSIL POINTS. Look for the offeial announcement in the September issue of this magazine.

To startled representatives of New York's art and daily press, Frank Lloyd Wright last month unfolded his plans for a proposed building for the Museum of Non-Objective Painting—describing with relish its unusual architectural features (which were promptly dubbed bizarre by at least one of the reporters).

Preliminary sketches, first working drawings, an impressive array of mathematical notes, and photographs of an intricate model now being made, were all produced by Wright as he described his design. He also took the opportunity to enlarge, for benefit of the press, on the extensive "behind the scene" labors required of an architect.

The proposed museum will be a bequest of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation; intended to provide for the first time an environment suited to purely imaginary paintings unrelated to representation of natural objects. The bulk of the Guggenheim collection consists of the non-objective paintings of Rudolf Bauer and the late Wassily Kandinsky.

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The principal exhibition space will be a "grand ramp" three-quarters of a mile long, rising and widening in a logarithmic spiral to a height of about one hundred feet. This ramp will be open on the inner side, commanding a central court under a lofty glass dome.

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OBITUARIES

J. Andre Fouilhoux 1879-1945

J. Andre Fouilhoux, F.A.I.A., one of America's best known architects, died June 20 while inspecting progress of construction of a Brooklyn housing development. His death was listed as accidental since he was found beside a six-story building and police believe that he fell from the roof or a high window.

Coming to the United States in 1904 from his native France, where he received his professional training, Fouilhoux went to Portland, Oregon, and formed the architectural firm of Whitehouse & Fouilhoux. He remained there until World War I, when he returned to France with the United States Army. From 1920 to 1934, he was with the late Raymond M. Hood—the firm of Hood & Fouilhoux dating from 1927. He was later associated with Wallace K. Harrison, their firm being expanded in recent years to Harrison, Fouilhoux & Abramovitz.

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As a corollary to the anticipated postwar expansion of the hospital and health center program, the American Hospital Association has undertaken to build up a roster of architects known to be thoroughly qualified to design hospitals. The A.H.A. needs such a list in order to answer satisfactorily many inquiries from hospital authorities who seek competent architects for new projects. The A.H.A. wants this list to include as many architects as possible in every part of the country who are experienced in doing either large or small hospitals, or both. Through its Qualifications Committee (which includes four architects nominated by the president of the A.I.A.), the A.H.A. is inviting architects generally to qualify themselves for inclusion on the roster through examination by this Committee plus membership in the Association. Qualification involves \$50.00 examination fee and \$25.00 annual dues.

The architects of Indiana, said to be one hundred percent general practitioners, have advanced serious objections to this plan in which they see a trend toward the elimination of general practice and the placing of an undue financial burden on architects who choose to qualify. We do not agree with their objections.

If any substantial category of buildings demands special knowledge and competence on the part of its designers, it is the Hospital! If the objective is, as it should be, to provide the American people with the very best facilities that can be devised to promote and maintain health, there is no sound basis for permitting any unqualified architect, however brilliant, to experiment at the risk of producing an inferior job. Should any inexperienced architect happen to land a hospital commission it should be compulsory for him to associate with an expert who has the requisite technical background. General practitioners who wish to do hospitals should certainly be willing to prepare themselves and demonstrate their fitness. There is no real obstacle to prevent any man from doing so.

The size of the qualification fees involved does not seem unreasonable in relation to the advantage to be gained by becoming qualified and added to the roster. As for the Indiana argument that other categories, such as theaters, churches, schools, newspaper plants, airports, factories, hotels, stores, etc., would set up similar qualification standards, we are skeptical. None of the types listed, with the exception of schools, is as deeply tinged with the public welfare as hospitals, and it is hard to believe that any of them will ever disappear from within the province of the really able general practitioner—though he will always, as now, find strong competition from the man who has earned standing as a specialist.

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PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE

Midland Hospital, Midland, Michigan





In analyzing architectural progress, one of the hazards (which, inversely, is a fortunate circumstance) is the lack of inflexible standards. Today's best practices are obsolete tomorrow; progress under one set of conditions can be retrogression under another. Nowhere is this more true than in the hospital field.

The Midland Hospital is a good illustration. In the first place, this is a special kind of hospital. A private institution, superbly located on a richly wooded 40-acre tract, it was able to call on a good-sized budget to afford certain luxuries that, in a more restricted public-health facility, would be unwarranted extravagance. From the design point of view, it is a typically invigorating Alden Dow



Elmer Astleford

performance—a fresh breeze that gives wide berth to the ornate stones of time-hallowed hospital "architecture." In plan, it is a curious hybrid; on the one hand, following the traditional American approach of intensive centralization of all major functional areas around one busy, cross-axial point; on the other, including many plan refinements and introducing delightful new elements that add to the patient's welfare.

The trend in hospital planning today—markedly in the newer foreign work (see Tuberculosis Hospital for Palestine, Pages 74-80)—is increasingly away from extreme centralization toward more open planning with a clearer separation between the various functional units. There may well be local or even personal reasons why one discovers at Midland a more or less traditional type of plan within so uncompromising an enclosure. Mr. Dow himself feels that "the outstanding thing about this plan is the grouping together of all service units within the heart of the building and one wing which makes it possible to add to the bedroom facilities without in any way disrupting the service facilities or their operation." Which only supports our original contention that the theory of design progress, faced with a particular set of conditions, is sometimes consciously scrapped in favor of other benefits considered of more importance. Were the whole story known (were, indeed, even hospital experts in complete agreement), some absolute judgment might be offered;

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Model.



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

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here we can do no more than point out a fact to question, not to condemn.

Basic requirements were a hospital of 35 surgical beds and 15 obstetrical beds, with the opportunity to increase either at any time and with probable expansion of the surgical wing within five years. In evolving the plan, the architect capitalized on a sloping site condition to supply the estimated ultimate need for surgical beds (space that is temporarily used for other purposes) in the initial construction.

PLAN

Special Features: Boiler room, kitchen, and other chief noise sources isolated in a separate wing; simply planned rooms and wards, several equipped with cheerful bay windows; toilet, bedpan flusher, and lavatory with every room, gaining privacy and simplifying the nursing task; nurses' station and utility room centrally located in each corridor; sheltered entrance for visitors along main front of building; isolation room for suspect cases adjoining the nursery in the maternity wing; wholly interior, precisely controlled operating rooms and X-ray department (this all depends: initial cost of air conditioning system is high; maintenance requires services of expert technician, but the system keeps usual operating room odors out of the hospital and those who use the building tell us that a frequent visitor's remark is "It doesn't *smell* like a hospital"); laboratory dark room laid out with a dry and wet side—a detail, but one often overlooked.

Features on Which Opinion Varies. Spread-out, one-floor scheme necessarily means extra footsteps; in this case, considered preferable to stair climbing or need of costly elevators with their attendant service and maintenance factors.

Windowless kitchen. As the hospital Superintendent, Ada I. Mitchell, puts it: "I feel that any section of a hospital where people are working eight or more hours a day should have outside windows, particularly when the surroundings are attractive."

Several basement storage spaces apparently not organized for single-point control; also no particular provision for one-point control of deliveries of food, linen, supplies, etc., etc. Possibly not too important in a hospital of this size, but in large institutions (see TB hospital, Page 74), a factor of great importance.

Location of ambulance entrance. Convenient to emergency





The continuous porch provides sheltered entrance for visitors.

and operating rooms, but arrival of patients—particularly emergency cases—can entail considerable noise and confusion. Location here is not far from bedroom windows, also in a sound-reflecting right angle. Furthermore, in connection with emergency cases (particularly if several stretcher cases are involved) not much extra space is available at this point for the inevitable congregation of stretchers, police, family, etc.

Emergency room shares corridor space and (evidently) utility room with other operating rooms. For the occasion where an emergency case may bring with it the more hardy varieties of germs, the problem of localizing and eliminating them must be aggravated compared to schemes where the emergency unit is located and served separately.

Common bath in connection with nursery. According to U. S. Public Health Service standards, the common bath for infants' nursery is obsolete. The reason: pediatricians usually prefer individual oiling of newborn babies to what is generally thought of as actual washing; the common bath provides a possible avenue for communication of disease.

Probably the most talked about single feature in the design of this hospital—unfortunately not apparent in black and white photography—is the imaginative use of color. As Mr. Dow describes it: "Every room has its individual balanced color scheme. Colors used in bedrooms might be called 'soft,' but colors in public spaces are as brilliant



Instead of lawns and flower beds, ferns, moss, and native creeping vines have been encouraged.

as possible and lend a very cheerful air to the whole building." Philip T. Rich, President of the Midland Hospital Association, sponsors of the building, is enthusiastic about the result. "The time has come," he says, "when hospital design must take into account use of color to benefit patients. . . The dark, dismal, and cheerless hospital should be relegated to the scrap heap in the name of efficiency and better health." Superintendent Ada Mitchell finds the color scheme "a definite improvement on the brown and ivory of many hospitals of the past," while admitting that the plain colored floors and pastel tints on woodwork do show up the dirt. But since a hospital should be immaculate, anyway, this isn't a real objection and "the patients react very favorably . . . the nurses, too, find it more cheerful."

"Poor indeed is the architect who cannot learn something in hospital design from what Alden Dow has done here," President Rich asserts. "There has never been one cent of deficit from operating since the day we opened more than a year ago. . . . The patient reaction is outstanding, while the hospital staff and doctors have repeatedly praised the building for its convenience and completeness." As to the "very few things" that might be done differently if the project were to be done over: instead of the belowground laundry, an above-grade location is suggested with ample ceiling space and plenty of windows and ventilation to get rid of the heat—"in this climate, however, a problem only for three or four months of the year." At Midland, a forced air ventilating system is used. In the kitchen, too, Mr. Rich advocates even greater ceiling height to provide more ventilation, but in general the Association President claims without reservation: "We have the finest all-around hospital plant in the United States."

In structure, walls and floors are fireproof masonry. "The upper ceiling and roof would have been so constructed if war restrictions had permitted," says Mr. Dow. Walls are of local cinder block with brick facing; footings and floors are concrete, the latter surfaced with linoleum or terrazzo. All large windows are of prefabricated double glazing, except in the nursery viewing window where a special combination of $\frac{1}{4}$ " and $\frac{1}{6}$ " double glazing is used for soundproofing.

As to acoustical control in general, "at the time of building, satisfactory acoustical wallboards were practically off the market and no acoustical material was used in the bedrooms," Mr. Dow reports. However, the acoustical problem in this hospital was not considered too serious a factor due to the fact that spaces are well separated. All halls and public spaces have ceilings of acoustical plaster extending down to door frame height, and most partitions are of plastered cinder block which act as sound absorbers. "Even so," the architect tells us, "further acoustical treatment is desirable." And a comment he makes for the manufacturer's consideration: "To date there are no sound-absorbing boards or materials that are thoroughly satisfactory . . . the best ones are difficult to keep clean. We are hoping in the future a soft, unbroken surface mate-





Waiting room-red, white, green, and cream.

Superintendent's office.



rial will be available that can be used not only on walls and ceilings but on floors as well."

So extraordinary is the use of color in the Midland Hospital that we risk the danger of overemphasis to describe it in some detail. The spacious, many-windowed entrance lobby has a bright orange-red linoleum floor; the reception desk is painted red with a white band at top; the plaster walls are light green; the ceiling is cream, and the blonde furniture is upholstered in yellow leather.

Corridors use the same red flooring but follow this same general scheme of white walls and green ceilings. Doors to bedrooms, each fitted with a red linoleum push plate, are variously painted pink, light blue, pastel green or cream.

The building is heated by steam using a steel radiation system that consists of steel pipe with steel fins pressed into place. Special properties of this type of system allowed radiation above floor level even in rooms where windows run nearly to the floor and also above window lintels, where









- 1. Waiting room counter.
- 2. Typical corridor.
- 3. Nurse's station.
- 4. Corridor to solarium.
- 5. Solarium.

floor radiation was undesirable. Individual controls are provided for each wing with an air conditioning system for operating rooms and X-ray department. At present, cooling is not a part of the conditioning system, but it was designed with this addition in view when available.

The operating rooms have light pink floors, light green tile walls, and white ceilings. Each is equipped with automatic, portable room lights that snap on instantly in case of power failure. So far, according to Superintendent Mitchell, there have been "no complaints regarding these windowless rooms. . . I believe them to be very satisfactory when an air conditioning system is also used."

In the colorful bedrooms, window-sill heights vary from 6 inches (room at top, facing page) to 30 inches (center, across page). Thus, patients have an unusual opportunity to enjoy the pleasant setting. The woodland tract is purposely kept absolutely wild, with ferns and wild plants encouraged. This not only minimizes landscaping and maintenance costs but, as Mr. Dow comments: "The patients take great delight in these surroundings and have even been greeted in the morning by a deer licking the window pane."





Operating rooms: green tile walls; light pink terrazzo floor.

Surgical lobby.



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Second operating room.







Double bedroom.



Detail showing solarium (right) and bedroom bay window beyond.





At top: The work room in the operating-room suite. Notice the fin-type, ceiling-hung radiator.

Center: The hospital laboratory. Typically colorful, the room has a red floor and baseboard; walls are pale green; the woodwork is light blue; and the ceiling and furnishings are white.

Bottom: The kitchen, located with other service rooms in a separate wing. Light and air in this windowless room are precisely controlled by artificial means.



A TYPE PLAN FOR A PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL UNIT

by The Hospital Facilities Section, U. S. Public Health Service, and The Division of Research in Child Development, Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

Hospital care of infants and children deserves careful planning to relate it to modern standards. Children not only need protection from cross infection but, from a psychological standpoint, they need to be in the company of other children and in surroundings as cheerful and homelike as hospital conditions will permit.

In smaller hospitals it has been the custom to make no special provision for the care of children, but to use what rooms are available when the need arises. In larger hospitals there are usually open wards for children and perhaps one or more rooms for observation or isolation purposes. Little thought has been given to grouping the children according to age and condition, or to the arrangement of a service room to facilitate nursing care.

The plan for a 14-bed pediatric unit in a 200-bed general hospital shown here is based on an estimate that 5 to 15 percent of the total number of beds are needed for children.* This 14-bed unit may be expanded to a 20-bed unit without an increase in service-room facilities. The 14-bed unit probably contains the smallest number of beds for which a complete unit such as described in this plan is practicable in most instances. The maximum of 20 beds is somewhat below that allowed for an adult unit because of the proportionately greater nursing time required in caring for infants and children. If the average daily child

* Data are inclusive with regard to the proportion of pediatric beds needed in a general hospital. census is less than 14, an adequate number of rooms should be kept available for segregating children from adults, but common service rooms must of necessity be used. The unit should be so situated that it will be in a quiet area and in northern climates oriented with the main axis north and south, thus permitting east and west exposure in the patients' rooms, with the playroom and terrace at the southern end. In a multi-story building adequate fire stairs would, of course, be required.

Patient Rooms

As shown in the plan, there are two one-bed rooms and six two-bed rooms in which the beds are separated by partitions 7 feet high, glazed with clear glass above the bed-mattress level. Partitions which extend to the ceiling between rooms are similarly constructed so that the children may see one another and the nurses may see the children at all times. Washable curtains are used to secure privacy when desired.

Each child's cubicle is so arranged that individualized bedside care may be given. Each room contains a lavatory so that physicians and nurses may wash their hands before and after handling each child. A hook for a gown is placed at the entrance to each cubicle. In the cubicle is a bed of suitable size and two bedside cabinets, one for storage of utensils for care of the child, including a bed-





- 1. Hanging pole, shelf over.
- 2. Storage cabinet.
- Shelving. 3.
- 4. Child's bed.
- 5. Toy and clothes cabinet.
- Infant scale. 6.
- 7. Bassinet.
- 8 Crib.
- 9. Toy shelves.
- 10. Double laundry tray and double drainboards.
- 11. Clinical sink.
- 12. Utensil sterilizer, 20" x 20" x 24".
- 13. Counter, 36" high; cracked ice bin and cabinets below; wall cabinets above.
- 14. Drying rod.

Notes: Hospital should be oriented so that ward wings receive benefit of southern exposure, prevailing winds, and maximum quiet.

Five patients' rooms may be added to this unit with no additional service rooms.





- 1. Lavatory junior size.
- 2. Lavatory - adult size.
- Waste paper receptacle. 3.
- Water closet junior size.
 Water closet adult size.
- 6. Scale.
- 7. Curtain rod. 8. Bath tub - pedestal type.
- 9. Steps.
- 10. Dome light and buzzer set 5'-6" from floor.
- 11. Towel bar.
- 12. Hook strip.
- 13. Stool.
- 14. Clinical sink.
- 15. Bedpan washer and sterilizer. 16. Medicine cabinet.
- 17. Table 16" x 20".
- 18. Bulletin board.
- 19. Vision panel.
- 20. Shelving.

pan; the other for clothing and toys, the top of the cabinet serving for a flower or bookstand. To provide additional space for infants, a two-bed room may be converted to a four-bassinet room by putting in two movable partitions.

In order to provide special facilities for carrying out rigid isolation technique, the two one-bed rooms have been equipped for the care of children who are under observation for some communicable condition.* These rooms may also be utilized for other purposes, such as the care of very ill or moribund children, or those who need a quiet environment. Each of these rooms is provided with a lavatory and toilet with bedpan-flushing attachment. Between the two rooms and connecting with them is a sub-utility room equipped with a sink and utensil sterilizer. There is also space for installation of an additional full-size bed, so that, when desirable, a mother may stay with the child. These rooms may be used as part of the regular unit when not needed for special purposes.

The size of each patient's room is 16 feet 6 inches x 11 feet 6 inches (190 sq. ft.), allowing for each child in a two-bed room 95 square feet of floor space and 903 cubic feet of air space (9 ft. 6 in. ceiling). For each infant in a fourbassinet unit there are 47 square feet and 451 cubic feet, a space requirement that more than meets the standard (30 sq. ft. and 300 cu. ft. per infant).

The requirements for light and ventilation are amply met. In all units adequate artificial illumination is provided by indirect ceiling lighting. Space for sun bathing and outdoor play has been provided in a sun porch and con-necting open terrace fenced to a height to provide for safety. Throughout the patient areas walls, furniture, and toys should be painted soft, cheerful colors. Lead-free paint should be used on beds and toys.

Service Rooms

As already pointed out, the plan has been made with a view to facilitating the nurse's work. For this reason service rooms are centrally located in the unit. The nurse's station is so placed that she is able to observe the children in all the rooms without leaving her station, and so that foot travel is reduced to a minimum. Near the nurse's station are the utility room, bedpan-sterilizing unit, and linen room. The treatment room has, for obvious reasons, been placed as far away as practicable from the patient areas. In order to provide privacy for parents who wish to consult the doctor, a small waiting room near the main entrance is available.

It should be noted that no provision is made in the plan for a sterilizing room, a clinical laboratory, a milk room for preparing infant feedings, a doctors' locker room, and a nurses' locker room. It is assumed that all these facilities will be provided elsewhere in the hospital.

* Plans for a complete contagious disease nursing unit are available.





1. Sliding window curtain.

Lavatory - adult size, knee control. 2

- 3. Waste paper receptacle.
- 4. Straight chair.
- 5. Bedside cabinet. Overbed table.
- 6. Child's bed.* 7.
- 8. Nurse's calling station; duplex receptacle; optional radio; and pilot light. 9. Bed lamp.
- 10. Toy and clothes cabinet. 11. Indirect wall fixture above top of cubicle.
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- Cubicle curtain.
- 13. Glazed cubicle partition 7'-0" high. 14. Curtain.
- 15. Glazed door.
- 16. Corridor dome light.
- Note: Glazing to begin 3'-0" above finished
- floor.
- * Infant's crib may be substituted for child's bed as required.



NURSERY BUILDING for the Children's Home Society PAUL ROBINSON HUNTER, A.I.A., ARCHITECT



At the top of the page is shown the southwest corner of the building, and to the left is a bird's-eye perspective.



of California, Los Angeles

A temporary home for children awaiting adoption and a clinic that examines children who have been placed in boarding homes, this nursery represents a specialized building type that has seldom been published. The Children's Home Society of California, a child welfare organization serving in the field of adoption, conducts four general activities:

1. Helps parents who express a desire to place their children to explore their own feelings toward the child and to work out a plan that is in the child's best interests.

2. Studies and prepares the child for placement, if indicated.

3. Studies and selects a suitable home for the child.

4. Follows the child's development in his new foster home for a period of a year prior to adoption.

Though the Society serves children of all ages, most of the work is with infants less than one year old. The process, designed to furnish a well-rounded program of care, varies depending on the particular conditions. A baby that is underweight, sick, or for some other reason needs highly controlled care, is housed in the Nursery Building; one that is physically strong and ready for or needs family life is placed either in a boarding home (carefully selected from a licensed list) or an adoptive home. Children older than one year are cared for in boarding homes until they are placed for adoption or return to the community for further plans.

The new Nursery Building erected by the Society contains space for thirty infants, a clinic for the examination of children of all ages in boarding homes, and a meeting room that is available for training classes, special meetings, or staff activities. The meeting room is later to become a third ward, and training and similar activities will go on in space on the lower floor that is unfinished at present.

The nursery is operated under the Dick Isolation Technique which was adopted to prevent the spread of bacterial diseases among the babies. Each infant is in a cubicle separated from the others by glass partitions. An individual bedside table contains separate equipment such as bath basin, cotton, gauze, solution, and linen, which is sterile when the child is admitted and which, once used by the occupant of the cubicle, is considered contaminated

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for all others. Only sterilized food is given to the infants. The formula for each baby is prepared individually in the diet kitchen. Nipples are put on with gloved hands and protected with sterile gauze until the food is given to the child. All infants are held and cuddled while being fed, a technique considered to be most important in maintaining the emotional security of the infant as well as its physical well-being. All nurses are required to wear masks and to scrub their hands well before and after giving care to each individual infant.

In the recesses adjacent to each scrub-up sink are two pedal-controlled hoppers approximately 20" in diameter, one for wet diapers, the other for waste gauze and other refuse. Soiled diapers are given an immediate pre-washing in the flushing rooms and stored there in hoppers to be sent later to the laundry. Miscellaneous bottles and small linen items are washed in the double sinks in the recesses. A tub is also provided in the counter for bathing infants should the nurse decide to remove a particular baby from its cubicle.

The nursery at present consists of two wards with twelve cubicles each. In addition, there is an inhalation room with two cubicles for infants with respiratory conditions and there is a room for infants with contagious diseases. Although the latter are rushed to a hospital immediately, it was felt that the room was needed for emergent care pending their removal.

In the front part of the building, all of the rooms except one—the layette room for assembling layettes for boarding-home infants—are for the operation of the infant nursery. The doctor's examining room is used for the examination of all nursery babies. The doctor, a wellknown pediatrician, devotes two mornings weekly to the work of the Society.

The placement room is designed for the use of the foster parents who go to the nursery to see and hear about the baby for which they have been selected. A member of the nursery staff gives them all pertinent information about the infant's development and care.

Architect's sketch of passageway between patios with one wall of passage removed.


The pediatrician and psychologist examine the children cared for in both the nursery and the boarding homes. The Public Health nurse, field nurse, and psychologist will maintain their offices in the clinic wing.

On the lower floor is a space for the laundry. An average of thirty-five hundred diapers, fifty-four uniforms, and numerous other gowns and linens are laundered weekly, for both the nursery and the clinic. When an infant is taken under care by the agency, it is admitted to the nursery where it will be kept under rigid isolation for at least seventy-two hours. Following that period, and upon the orders of the pediatrician, it will be continued under the same care, will be under a modified technique (no changing of gowns between cubicles), or will be sent to a boarding home. Although the average total length of care prior to placement is more than two months, the average length of care in the nursery is one month.

STRUCTURE

Foundation walls are of reinforced concrete construction. The building is framed in steel of a locally patented system that uses 4-inch expanded open-web steel sections for studs and bridging. To this basic frame (on the exterior face) is welded a lattice-like steel gridwork, all the members of which are punched with holes at intervals along their full length for easy attachment of exterior finish materials. In the nursery building construction, panels of the wall frame, with lattice gridwork attached, were shop-prefabricated before coming to the site. At the site, the prefabricated panels were raised by hand and variously bolted or welded together. Non-bearing interior partitions also are framed in light steel. The roof is of steel unit trusses made up of the same 4-inch sections as are used in the exterior-wall frame. Exterior finish is plaster on metal lath; interior walls are also plastered, over one inch of insulative material. Surfacing of all first floors is asphalt tile. Ceilings in wards are finished with acoustic material. The roofing consists of three layers of 30# felt, covered with 200# of crushed ceramic tile to 100 square feet spread in asphalt applied from a dipper.



Sketch of typical ward interior with patio wall removed and minus the cubicles.





Tuberculosis Hospital for Palestine

JOSEPH NEUFELD, A.I.A., ARCHITECT

Background

Compared to other countries, Palestine is normally relatively free from the scourge of tuberculosis; the dry, sunny climate to a large degree is sufficient "preventive medicine." Due to war conditions, however, and particularly to the devastating cruelties of the Nazi prison camps and concentration centers, tuberculosis for the first time has become a serious, if temporary, problem. Nothing could be more eloquent than the fact that a good number of these new cases are young children who, as a group, are comparatively innocent of the disease. As a result, in the hospital project presented here, there had to be special ward provisions for youngsters.

While in no way underrating the seriousness of the immediate problem, technicians know that in Palestine the disease is "transitional;" that, with proper treatment over a long enough period of time, it can be eliminated. Hence, a very special factor in the design of this particular T. B. hospital was that it should be planned in such a way that at some later date it could be readily converted to some other type of health institution.

One of the three T. B. hospitals that are expected to be planned for Palestine, the 200-bed scheme shown on these pages is but the first stage of the project, which envisions another almost identical 200-bed unit built at some distance to the rear and connected by a protected passageway.

Special Conditions

The local, hot climate was an important determinant in the general scheme of the hospital; the sun's heat plus the need for adequate cross ventilation were basic to the organization of the floor plans; in structure, these factors are reflected in the fact that the exterior walls are "breathing" walls—of reinforced concrete with masonry filler—protected from overheating by continuous balconies along the sunniest front. Another plan factor that is a direct result of these particular considerations is the location of all hospital bedrooms on one side of the building, with the other side restricted in its use to entrances, service rooms, etc.

The hospital is planned to serve acute tubercular patients, with pneumothorax and chest surgery expected to be the chief systems of treatment. Occupational therapy and recreational facilities included in the initial unit are temporary, pending construction of the second building. At that time, the occupational therapy department will be located centrally between the two main hospital blocks forming a vocational-school compound. The space so freed will then be absorbed by the anticipated greater needs of the outpatient department.

The project is the result of the determined activity of the Hadassah Zionist Women's Organization of America which has played—and continues to play—so important a role in the upbuilding and upkeep of the modern Palestinian health program. The Organization raised all the funds needed for construction of this T. B. hospital, which will be built as soon as conditions allow.

In working out the design, Mr. Neufeld received advice and assistance from Dr. H. Yassky, director of the Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem (see PENCIL POINTS, April 1944), who made a special trip to America to study the plans. For continuous consultation on related problems and in the development of the preliminaries, Mr. Neufeld is indebted to Dr. J. J. Golub of the New York Joint Diseases Hospital who is the hospital planning consultant of the Hadassah Organization. Orientation and basic scheme of the project, first unit of the eventual development (see plot plan at top), is such that prevailing breezes are lured through the building and the sunlight is both controlled and put to work.









1. Traffic scheme: all at one side where it is sub-channeled according to function; patients guaranteed peace and quiet.

2. Modular construction and demountable partitioning anticipate new conditions and changing practice in T.B. treatment.

3. Rooms requiring complex plumbing are compactly organized and centrally placed with respect to nursing units.

4. The vital central core with treatment rooms serving both nursing units, centralized floor pantries, and other jointly used services.



Site

The proposed site is east of Jerusalem on French Hill, about 3 miles from the present Hadassah Medical Center (University Hospital). Selected for the administrative and service efficiency that would result from proximity to the Center's extensive medical facilities, the site is a gently sloping plateau with the main view across undulating hills and valleys toward the Dead Sea.

Plan Organization

The first unit of the program (shown here) consists of a 200-bed hospital. Two stages of future expansion are contemplated: (1) virtual duplication of the initial unit some 200 feet to the northwest, which would add another 200 beds to the project; (2) addition of another floor to both units, increasing the bed capacity by 160—to a total of 560.

Entrance and exit driveways and motor courts are all kept on the southeastern front; all patients' bedrooms are on the other side of the building, away from traffic noise and overlooking quiet gardens. At a key point in the approach is the gatekeeper's lodge where traffic is supervised and separated according to function—ambulances, outpatients, visitors, hospital staff, and students entering the first or upper motor and parking court; service and delivery trucks continuing to the lower ground-floor level where the kitchen, laundry (ironing room), and other main service rooms are located. These two courts are yet further defined and separated by the projecting wing of the main lobby and by the visitors' pergola, which partially enclose the reception court and screen the service court.





A feature to note in the service-court planning is the strategic location of the small control office, alongside the loading dock and between the laundry and kitchen areas. From this one vantage point, one employee can readily keep track of all major deliveries—foods, supplies, linen, equipment, etc.

At the far end of this court—as far removed as possible from the ears and eyes of patients—are located the noise- and vibration-producing laundry and power plant machinery. This terminal wing of the building creates yet a third purposeful barrier and functional subdivision; for beyond the wing is another driveway that serves for deliveries to the power plant and also as a funeral exit.

This tripartite traffic arrangement—main reception court; service court, and funeral and power plant channel—all located on the side of the hospital, allows expansion of the hospital plant toward the northwest without any change in basic organization of services.

Floor Plan

The typical hospital floor plan consists of two 40-bed nursing units, arranged in a staggered relation to each other. Joining the two is the hospital core in which are the elevators, central, special treatment rooms (for use by both nursing units), and an ingeniously planned floor-serving pantry that opens directly into dining alcoves of both wings. This plan organization around a central, jointly used core is not only an economical scheme from the point of view of hospital operation, but it automatically divides male and female patients, providing privacy and greater freedom of movement during extended stays in the institution.

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LONGITUDINAL SECTION showing vertical organization



Northwest elevation.



Elevation of entrance court end of building.

Typical Nursing Unit

Each of the typical nursing units is made up of the following elements:

a. Nine 4-bed rooms toward the northwest, protected from excessive sun by a continuous 10-foot balcony. By means of the plan flexibility and modular design proposed, any (or all) of these rooms may be readily made into two 2-bedroom units by the simple device of introducing a demountable partition in the middle; doors from the corridor and to the balcony are arranged and dimensioned to accommodate this possibility. Structurally, the problem is anticipated by solid outside and inside bearing walls and continuous floor and ceiling finishes. Thus, by use of demountable partitioning, the number and size of rooms may be varied to meet either unexpected conditions or changing practices in T. B. treatment.

b. Along the east wall of the nursing unit, overlooking a traffic court, a battery of service rooms is organized. A detail of considerable interest (one, incidentally, which is partially worked out in the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N. Y.) is the inter-communicating arrangement of utility room, supply room, nurses' station, and intern rooms. An open passage along the window wall makes these, in effect, but subdivisions of a single integrated area that houses separate but related activities. This unit, adjoining a central auxiliary stairway and dumb-waiter, is balanced on the other side by toilets, baths, washrooms, and a visitors' room. Notice that in this whole organization all piping is economically centralized.

c. At either end of the space along the southwest wall of the nursing unit is a space of about 50 feet that is not partitioned from the corridor except by movable, folding screens. For the Palestine climate, this plan

element provides the invaluable factor of ample cross ventilation (which is further assisted by the staggered arrangement of wings, creating an angle of the building that actively attracts prevailing breezes through the building). These open end areas are variously used for writing, reading, and lounge rooms, which in winter are flooded with welcome southern sun and on summer afternoons provide shady areas for recreation.

d. At the end of each nursing unit is a group of 4 single bedrooms for cases requiring specialized treatment (not, as is so often the case, for those who can afford a private room), complete with shower, toilet, and bedpan facilities.

e. At the west corner of each unit is a solarium that connects directly with the balcony or may be entered from the corridor.

This typical nursing unit is exactly repeated on two and a half floors of the hospital—5 units for adults; one for children. The sixth wing that makes up the three clinical floors is given over to the main medical service, including: physiotherapy; dentistry (located in the core where one-half of the serving pantry occurs on other floors); X-ray, and chest surgery. Admission and outpatient departments are located below in the northeast wing of the first floor, which contains administration offices, occupational therapy rooms, and lecture hall, and is directly connected with the main entrance lobby.

For optimum light and air conditions, the main hospital services—kitchen, general storage, linen storage, and ironing rooms—located in the southwest wing are about 20 feet in height. Beneath these rooms is a pipe channel leading to the building core. In the basement under the administration offices are located the laboratories and additional storage rooms.



Health Center, Elizabeth City, N. C.



An adaptation of one of the United States Public Health Service's standard health-center plans, this District Health Center was designed and built in consultation with the architectural division of the Public Health Service and under supervision of the Public Buildings Administration, FWA.

The Center serves the recently formed Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden District Health Department with a population of approximately 40,000. Present personnel numbers 16—a U. S. P.H.S. District Health Office, five Public Health Nurses, a District Clinic Nurse, two Sanitarians, a junior educator, a follow-up worker, a clinic aide, and four secretarial-clerical workers.

The L-shape plan of the building is organized around a multipurpose room located at the corner. In addition to its basic function as entrance hall, this room is also used both as a waiting room and as an auditorium. It is equipped with a small platform stage, large storage closets for movie projectors, educational supplies, etc. Activities at the Center are so scheduled through the week that overlapping of functions is avoided.



One wing of the building is given over to clinical activities, with space for clerical work, nurses' interviewing, doctor's office, maternity and infant-care classroom. Space is arranged for dressing and undressing of babies and for weighing and measuring. In addition, there is a combined fluoroscopy and X-ray room, two examining rooms, two booths for intramuscular and spinal work, and a radial table used for arm treatments, blood tests, and immunizations.

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The administrative wing of the building opens from the back of the waiting room by a self-closing door; here, at either side of the corridor, are the offices of the health officer, public health nurses, education consultant, and sanitary inspector. Also in this wing are a laboratory for blood tests, milk cultures, and various other laboratory activities, a room for bulk storage of drugs and supplies, and the boiler room. The latter is equipped with an automatic stoker that supplies heat and hot water.

Clinical and service facilities occupy approximately 65 percent of the floor space; administration requires only 25 percent, and the remaining 10 percent is absorbed by closet space and the boiler room.

Careful scheduling of the numerous clinical activities makes it possible to use the same facilities for the various types of work. Prenatal, planned parenthood, well-baby, orthopedic, food handler, fluoroscopic, venereal disease, immunization, and school-health clinics are all held at different, specified times. Inclusion of an exit at the side of the clinical wing makes it possible for patients to proceed directly through the clinic without retracing their steps. A screened porch, opening from the maternity and infancy classroom, is provided with a children's table and chairs so that they can play safely and without interfering with activities within the building. Around two sides of the waiting rooms is a large porch covering the entrance which is used for "parking" baby carriages and strollers.

Location of the building, on a 125- by 140-foot lot, is as central as possible; the Girl Scout House and American Legion Hut are in the same block, and the Elizabeth City primary, elementary, and high schools are all within three blocks; downtown is but five blocks away.

Structural requirements were the usual ones for wartime construction financed by Lanham Act funds. Since no lumber was available, PBA agreed to the use of reinforced concrete slabs and bar joists. During construction, further problems of availability of materials arose; bar joists were not to be had, and construction was finally worked out with precast concrete joists and concrete slabs. The exterior of the building is of local red pressed brick, selected to contrast with the gray-painted exposed concrete columns and the flat, overhanging, concrete slab roof. Completely fireproof, back walls are of cinder block; floors are concrete covered with asphalt tile; the insulated roof is surfaced with 16-ply built-up roofing. The huge window that fills the entire front wall of the entrance-waiting room is of ribbed glass, as are also the panels of all exterior doors.

Total cost of the building, including land cost, building supervision, and contingencies, came to \$59,432. Construction of the Center was started on August 14, 1944, and operation of the various clinics began March 7 of this year.





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Sweden's System of Public Health

It is significant that, in Sweden, local government bodies, on whom falls the major burden of carrying out public health ordinances, also give financial support to the temperance movement and to activities of the organizations for promotion of sport and profitable use of leisure time. Nor should the part played by the improved system of Ling gymnastics in the school curriculum be overlooked in any assessment of Swedish health measures: Swedes themselves say, not without pride, that they can generally recognize their countrymen abroad, even when otherwise undistinguishable, by their upright bearing-the result of their gymnastic training at school. Photographs of the gymnasiums at some of the modern Stockholm schools which have previously appeared in PENCIL POINTS (August 1941) may be recalled in order to press home this point.

In general, the whole public health system, in addition to being enmeshed in the structure of popular government, aims at keeping the nation well rather than restoring people to health after they have become sick.

This fact does not, however, prevent the Swedes from having a hospital system which is one of the most remarkable in the world—not least with regard to the cost of hospitalization. As a rule, a patient at one of the provincial hospitals pays the equivalent of 50 to 75 cents per day in a general ward, this fee being reduced to 25 to 37 cents after 30 days. The highest rate in Stockholm is about \$1.37 per day which is reduced to 88 cents after 15 days. Even these figures, however,



do not give a true picture of the actual cost to the patient. Taking Stockholm as an example, in 1942 only 35 percent of those admitted to public hospitals paid their own fees; 31 percent had their expenses paid by the approved insurance societies, which are themselves supported in part from public funds. The remainder were either destitute persons whose fees were paid by the authorities, officials in whose contracts hospital care was included, or persons with infectious diseases for whom treatment at isolation hospitals is both obligatory and, in any case, free.

The above fees do not of course begin to cover the actual cost of hospital cases. Currently this amounts in Stockholm to \$3.75 a patient per day. While this is admittedly an exaggerated state of affairs due to wartime conditions (the cost would normally be about \$3.00), the difference that has to be made up from public funds always amounts to at least two-thirds of the total cost.

The country-wide hospital system is maintained by carefully balanced financial collaboration between the central and local governments. For almost 200 years the provision of care for the sick in Sweden has been mainly in the hands of the local governments, principally those of the provincial districts (lan). Even before the actual obligation to provide this care was laid on the provincial district governments in 1928, they had built up a system with large central hos-

pitals in each lan, combined with numbers of lesser institutions, cottage hospitals, and the like. This basic system has since been improved upon and expanded. In the process, the method of granting state financial aid to local governments (including those of the cities) came to be used more and more. In the decade before the war, when contributions of the provincial district and city governments about doubled, state contributions almost trebled, so that these now cover almost half the cost of the public health provisions falling on public funds. The increased participation of the Swedish state in the provision of hospital and health services not only aids general improvement but makes it possible to level out inequalities of standards between different parts of the country. This tendency towards increased state aid is most marked in the fields of maternity care, preventive care for mothers and children, and the care of the chronically sick.

Private hospitals account for only about 2 percent of the total hospital accommodation, excluding the mental hospitals. The mental institutions are mostly run by the government, but apart from these there are only two hospitals in the country that are actually owned by the state: the Serafimerlasarett and the Carolinian hospital in Stockholm. Even the latter, however, was built partly with contributions from the city of Stockholm, which maintains 300 of the 1,200 beds. Said to be the largest building project in Scandinavia in mod-

Below and top right: The Carolinian Hospital, Stockholm. Sven Ahlbom and Sven Malm, Associate Architects. The air view, taken when the hospital was less than half completed, shows location in immediate outskirts of the city with tower of the Town Hall at upper right. Lower right: A typical provincial district hospital.











The State Institute of Public Health on grounds adjoining the Carolinian Institute buildings in Stockholm. Ture Ryberg was the Architect. The interior photographs show the entrance lobby, a testing laboratory, and the lecture hall.

ern times, the Carolinian hospital is really a whole complex, including surgical and medical departments and polyclinics in the main structure, and a cancer hospital, psychiatric clinic, and cripples' hospital in separate buildings. The hospital is an integral part of the Carolinian Institute, the chief medical training and research institution in Sweden. The marked trend in Sweden toward humanization of hospital facilities appears in such details as the planning of the wards each accommodating about 25 patients in 2 six-bed, 3 three-bed, 1 two-bed, and 2 single-bed rooms—the provision of bars where light refreshments are served, and extensive sun-roofs.

Immediately adjacent to the Carolinian hospital, in the broken wooded area on the north side of the city, are the other Carolinian Institute buildings. In amongst them is the new State Institute of Public Health, half the building cost of which was contributed by the Rockefeller Foundation. As this institute is now the main training center for public health officials as well as the national research station for factory and housing hygiene and for testing foodstuffs, its placement here was both natural and practical. The Carolinian Institute's department of hygiene has been made part of the new institute, thus bringing the training of doctors in public hygiene into close contact with the practical work being carried on all over the country. Training of provincial district doctors, who are responsible for public health in their areas, has also been brought under the new institute, as has that of the district nurses. The provincial district doctors are the representatives of the central authorities in public health matters and are paid by the state. The district nurses on the other hand come under the provincial district governments, although state grants are provided to pay part of their salaries. The district nurses occupy an extremely important position in the community, having not only to care for sick persons in their homes but also to keep an eye on the general housing and health conditions in their districts.

The work of the department of general hygiene at the Public Health Institute explores all questions of housing, water supply, etc. The department of factory hygiene works out data for suitable internal arrangements at places of work in close collaboration with the factory inspectorate. This department also investigates the tiring effect of various forms of work, and the effects of shift and night working on health. Food shortages due to the German blockade have made the nutrition department's work especially important during the war. For the manufacture of substitute foods, for instance, permission has had to be obtained from the food commission, which in turn requires an investigation by the Public Health Institute. This investigation also considers whether the advertising claims for the product are misleading or not. The institute examines vitamin pills and vitamin-enriched foods, and its work also includes: investigations into nutriment value of the fare of different population groups; and testing various food products for weight value to see that they do not, for instance, contain an excess of water.

This tendency in modern civilization to place all matters concerning the common good more and more under the control of publicly appointed experts may be distinguished in the set-up of the newest Stockholm hospital, Sodersjukhuset. This is to all appearances just a hypermodern hospital with refined details and planning, capable of accommodating some 1,200 inpatients and having a developed system of polyclinics for treating 1,000 cases daily. Actually, it is an experimental station for trying out a much wider plan of social care, a plan that has been put before the Swedish government by the architect of Sodersjukhuset, Hjalmar Cederstrom-a social care laboratory. with the southern districts of Stockholm as the experimental field. In addition to the preventive care organized through the polyclinics, there are also the beginnings of post-hospital care in the social curator system for aiding the inpatients with their private troubles, financial and otherwise. It should be mentioned that a government committee has been appointed, with Cederstrom as a member, which is looking into the problem of providing work for the partially disabled. This latter project is of special interest to the labor unions, the main supporters of the Social Democratic government party. Labor circles, realizing that the general standard of living can only be raised through increased production, are particularly concerned about the effective use of manpower, and wish to draw even cripples and aged persons into the productive process as much as possible, both for their own good and that of the community.

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Stockholm's newest hospital—Sodersjukhuset. The Architect, Hjalmar Cederstrom is at present active in promoting a yet broader government program of social care.







Readers Say:

Dear Editor:

The compilation of all technical information within the one well-defined section, MATERIALS AND METHODS, will be a distinct aid in obtaining a maximum benefit from your publication.

> CLARENCE H. ROSA, Assistant Director, Buildings & Construction Division, Michigan State Administrative Board

Dear Editor:

I have studied MATERIALS AND METH-ODS, and feel that it is an excellent procedure.

I feel that one of the principal functions of a technical magazine is to provide technical information on problems the solution of which is not easily accessible to the average practicing architect; in other words, where research is important in order to get at the subject. . . . It is hard for us to dig up some of this up-to-date technical information.

> N. A. OWINGS, Architect Chicago

Dear Editor:

... I think that it is good—very good. I am inclined to believe, however, that there is a good deal of information which is the kind I would expect to get from our illuminating engineer or heating-and-ventilating engineer. I am not questioning the kind of information presented but more the degree of technicality; to put it another way, the emphasis seemed in some cases to be on foot-candles and foot lamberts rather than an analysis of the nature of the problem to be solved.

I know that the younger generation of architects (and I hope I am still one of them) have high regard for facts, figures, charts, graphs, technical patter of ohms, ergs, entropy, etc.; in fact, it is one of the distinguishing marks of the modern architect. At the risk of being a little out of step, I feel impelled to say that a little knowledge of such things is dangerous. I know of very few architects who really have backgrounds that will enable them to use very much highly specialized technical information. . . . On the other hand, an empty discussion of principles, without some supporting, purely scientific data is pretty useless. I hope I shall find in your section the kind of technical information that will be useful to an architect in designing and planning, but that does not pretend to equip him with the stuff that he must get from a specialist.

> JOHN LYON REID, Architect San Francisco

Dear Editor:

I have glanced through MATERIALS AND METHODS, and think it is perfectly swell, especially for a person who is way up here in the northeast corner of this country and who does not have a chance to keep in touch with modern materials and methods. Frankly, we have been wondering how we could do it

> ALONZO J. HARRIMAN, Architect and Engineer Auburn, Maine

Dear Editor:

You really have no idea how useful this information is to a practicing architect. I want to emphasize to you, for whatever it is worth, that one of the most important things about these technical sections is proper indexing. . . By experience I find that it is almost impossible to cover any vast field of material in an absolutely perfect manner, but if what *is* printed (even if a minimum is presented) conforms to the standards of accuracy, at least *that* much value will ensue.

PIETRO BELLUSCHI, Architect Portland, Oregon

Dear Editor:

Your MATERIALS AND METHODS section . . . is an excellent idea. It would seem a logical tying together and expansion of your excellent Products coverage and other special technical items. . . There is a big need . . . for clear-cut, objective reportage on the strictly technological and industrial side. I become more and more impressed by the disparity between the impact of new materials and processes on our field and the failure of architects to integrate this and make use of it. . . .

HERMANN H. FIELD, A.I.A. New York

Dear Editor:

Your new MATERIALS AND METHODS section is an outstanding contribution to the technical data which are constantly needed and used by the architect. I like the thoroughness and completeness with which you go into the problem.

> HENRY L. KAMPHOEFNER, University of Oklahoma, School of Architecture, Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Editor:

... As a foretaste of things to come it looks like some answers to architects' prayers. Would suggest, however, a division with A.I.A. filing numbers for permanent filing.

STANLEY C. PODD, A.I.A. Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

We definitely are concerned with what is happening and want more information, for example, as to radiant heat, solar heat, the new alloys, elevator and escalator equipment.

There cannot be too much of this variety of material. . . . More power to you!

ELY JACQUES KAHN, F.A.I.A. New York

Dear Editor:

I think that the new MATERIALS AND METHODS section will be a valuable addition to PENCIL POINTS.

The profession is eager and anxious to bring itself up to date in order to be ready to practice architecture intelligently in the peacetime world of tomorrow.

> MORRIS KETCHUM, JR., A.I.A. New York

Dear Editor:

I think there is great need for specific things in the technical side, such as hospital lighting, and just as we in this school are going toward the technical side, so do I think this has its place. Of course it is true that the casual reader is not interested in specifies like this, but some day, when such a question comes up to be decided, he will recall having seen it and dive back through your article.

> WILLIAM W. WURSTER, Dean, School of Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Dear Editor:

As far as my personal requirements are concerned, I find PENCIL POINTS most useful when it "gets technical." As a specification writer of many years' standing, I am constantly amazed at the dearth of useful information concerning all phases of building and landscaping practice. . . I hope the specification writers' angle will not be overlooked.

> BEN JOHN SMALL, Supervisor, Hospital Specifications, Dept. of Public Works New York City

Dear Editor:

... This new section will be welcomed by all your readers.... The average architect has spent some three or more rather inactive years, he has gotten behind in his files, his drawings, his contacts, etc. Your new section will help him to become oriented.

> WALTER F. MARTENS, A.I.A. Charleston, West Virginia

MECHANICAL PLANTS FOR HOSPITALS

BY ISADORE ROSENFIELD, Chief Architect for Hospitals, Bureau of Architecture, Department of Public Works, City of New York

The following, a transcript of a lecture delivered before a professional audience in New York City, is the second of a series of articles by the same author on phases of hospital design. It is part of a projected book. In the preceding article the author was erroneously credited with membership in A.I.A.—an editorial mistake.

Like internal human organs, the mechanical plant of a building is not visible from the outside, yet it is allimportant to proper functioning. It is not possible nor is it intended to give here a complete, detailed statement of principles involved in planning the mechanical plant. Rather, it is hoped to bring out those phases and tendencies which are applicable to progress in hospital design. The order of discussion of the items is not an indication of their importance, merely that of convenience.

ELEVATORS

The modern hospital depends almost entirely on elevators for vertical circulation. Many types of buildings, up to four stories in height, could be operated without elevators, but in a hospital an elevator becomes indispensable for anything over one story in height.1 During the war many one-story hospitals have been built. The uninitiated may conclude that this is a proper solution for peacetime construction. This is decidedly not so; had the Army, the Navy, and civilian communities foreseen the coming of the conflict, they would have been prepared with multi-storied hospitals equipped, of course, with elevators. Onestory hospitals therefore should be regarded as the product of dire necessity rather than of desirability, except in

1. Planning for Future Expansion, Isadore Rosenfield, Modern Hospital, April 1927. hospitals where many of the patients are ambulant. Marshall Shaffer, senior architect of the U. S. Public Health Service, is of the opinion that a onestory general acute hospital should not exceed 100 beds in capacity.

The most acceptable hospital elevator is based on a platform dimension of 5' -8" in width by 8' - 4'' in depth (Fig. 1). This is calculated for the accommodation and maneuverability of two stretchers with necessary attendants. The number of such cars would depend on the anticipated load. In any case, the capacity should be designed for handling peak loads because, in a public hospital, capacity is keyed to visitors rather than to patients. In outpatient buildings the car size should be the same as in the hospital proper because here, too, it is occasionally necessary to move a patient in a stretcher. For the sake of uniformity, interchange of parts, etc., it is desirable to make passenger cars in nurses' residences and other buildings throughout the hospital of the same size.

For buildings of five stories or less, it is satisfactory and economical to use geared traction machines with a speed of from 150 to 200 feet per minute. For buildings higher than five stories, gearless traction elevators with a rated speed of 500 feet per minute are more advantageous. It is desirable to obtain conditions of design permitting as wide a door opening as possible. 42 inches is considered a minimum door-width dimension.

Preferably, hospital cars should be designed for automatic operation with elevator attendant. The most complete type of control is known as "signal control." The same type of control should be used in multi-story outpatient build-





Below, left, new ten-story hospital in Australia, provided by that country for American troops under reciprocal lend-lease; right, war housing hospital for Massena, N. Y., George B. Post and Sons, Architects. It is curious that Australia, with somewhat limited resources, could build a multi-story emergency hospital while the U.S.A., with its infinitely greater capacity, concentrated on one-story, pavilion-type buildings.

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Left, OWI; right, FWA

ings where a large number of people must be transported. In nurses' homes "automatic collective control" is favored, arranged for both operator and automatic control, also known as "dual control." Under these circumstances the cars can be operated by attendants in the daytime and by passengers during the quiet evening hours. All hospital cars should be equipped for automatic leveling.

PLUMBING FIXTURES

Plumbing fixtures, particularly sinks and lavatories, have been generally made of either enameled cast iron or vitreous china. For many years hospital designers have favored the china product for its many superior qualities. The enameled product is probably stronger, but it stains more readily and when chipped is unsanitary. In the author's opinion neither type is wholly satisfactory, particularly for the severe use conditions that exist in public hospitals. Already many sinks are being made of monel metal or chromium-nickel steel. Such fixtures are light in weight, they do not require heavy brackets for securing to the structure, and they do not craze, chip, or fracture. They are at least as easy to keep clean as the traditional types of fixtures. It can safely be predicted that, in the future, fixtures which possess these qualities will be in the greatest demand.

In hospital work there is a preference for fixtures without backs. For ease in cleaning, fixtures are usually hung on brackets two to three inches away from the wall. The walls in back of fixtures are usually tiled in the interests of sanitation and ease of maintenance. Under these circumstances, it would seem like bringing coals to Newcastle to install a fixture with a back. Strange as it may seem, however, fixtures with a back cost less than fixtures without a back. This is probably due to the fact that fixtures with backs are the faster selling models, being employed in residential and commercial work, and so are made in greater quantity.

There are many types of faucet controls. Only those applying to hospital use can be discussed here. In surgical work or in any other situation where the sterile field of the arms must extend above the elbows, knee-action controls are preferred (Fig. 2a). Where only the hands need remain sterile, elbow action is sufficient (Fig. 2c). Elbow control generally involves two blades. In the belief that this is cumbersome, the author suggested a single blade control (now widely manufactured) which has been used with satisfaction in the Kings County Hospital, Outpatient Building (Fig. 2c). This type of faucet control, with a mixing chamber, has now become standard for elbow-activated installations in hospital design for the City of New York. In order to avoid splashing, hospital sinks and lavatories are made about 8" deep and the faucet has a rose sprav.

While it is desirable to reduce the number of special types of fixtures to a minimum, hospital types are many and varied, depending on their special function. In tuberculosis work, for instance, it has been found desirable for patients to wash themselves in running water. For that reason, the wash basin in such instances has no drain stop, but only a grating over the drain opening. Likewise, with tuberculous patients, it is customary to provide separate dental bowls in order to eliminate sputum from the wash basin. Another example of special fixtures to meet special conditions is a wash basin designed in the Department of Public Works for use by the chronic sick. Many of these patients are in wheel chairs. This basin enables them to wash themselves while sitting in a wheel chair (Fig. 3), because they can get close to the bowl and get their knees under it. To permit these conditions, the fixture had to be hung a considerable distance from the wall and its front had to be curved.

Many progressive communities have laws to prevent siphonage of polluted matter into the water supply. Siphon breakers are standard equipment on water closets almost everywhere today. In hospitals, back-siphonage becomes a special problem because there are many situations where the supply outlet is below the polluted, or potentially polluted, level. This is particularly the case where hose extensions are used on autopsy tables, laboratory sinks, etc. Anti-siphonage protection should be installed as a protection to the community in all such cases, whether local laws require it or not. Figs. 4 and 5 show typical anti-siphonage installations.

The installation of bath tubs has long been a subject of controversy in hospitals. From the point of view of the more or less handicapped patient, the tub might best be sunk into the floor. However, this is hazardous and makes cleaning difficult. Even a normal installation height is objected to because it requires the cleaner to get on his knees. To arrange a tub for ease in assisting the patient and for cleaning, a height of about 3'-0" would be required, but that would be very difficult for the patient to negotiate. Fig. 6 represents what is regarded as a reasonable compromise. The tub is raised two steps high. This seems reasonable for the patient to negotiate, for the attendant who must help the patient, and finally for cleaning up. It is desirable, of course, to have the tub engaged at one end only. There should be sufficient space on at least one side for maneuvering a wheel chair or stretcher.

PIPING

Piping in a hospital is apt to become very complicated, especially where active therapy and research are involved. In addition to hot, cold, and chilled water, and the several heating pipes, refrigeration pipes, ducts, etc., there are several gases to consider: illuminating gas, oxygen, compressed air, vacuum, and anesthezing gases. There is no particular problem concerning the piping of any except gases for anes-

Fig. 1—Elevator, typical plan.

Fig. 2-Sinks. A, knee control; B, foot control; C, elbow control.



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3 thesia. Most surgeons object to the idea of conveying these by means of pipes from a central supply because their use is a matter of life and death; the surgeon would be uneasy about the state of a gas supply located somewhere beyond his immediate control.

HEATING, VENTILATING, AIR CONDITIONING

There are many hospital functions in the operation of which high pressure steam is preferred to other mediums. Among such features the principal ones are sterilization, cooking, and laundering. This means that at least one boiler in a hospital plant must be of high pressure type. Heating could be done with low pressure. But when generation of electricity is involved, again, high pressure is inferred for the whole plant. In addition, hospital operation requires a stand-by source of supply for emergency use. This means that if a hospital requires a minimum of one small high pressure boiler and one larger low pressure unit, it would be necessary to have each duplicated to meet breakdown conditions, making four boilers in all. If all boilers were of high pressure type, two, or at most three, boilers would be sufficient to meet both normal and emergency conditions. The important point here is that a hospital must operate 24 hours a day, all days in the year, and that high pressure steam is required in summer as well as in winter. The steam plant must, therefore, be designed with those conditions in mind. The fuel used should preferably be oil rather than coal. Coal frequently causes fly-ash and coal dust which create a serious housekeeping problem and which act as a vehicle for air-borne bacteria.

In the matter of conventional types of heating, hot water is still the preferred medium. It gives a more even heat, is more comfortable, and costs very little more than a two-pipe vacuum steam heating system.

Conventional heating as well as ventilation has long been criticized. With recent developments it looks as though the postwar period may see some drastic changes. One of these is panel heating; another is air conditioning, and even the latter is subject to radical change.

Panel, or radiant heating, as it is sometimes called, is not new. There are several examples of its successful application in hospitals as well as in homes and other types of buildings. The public has been slow to adopt it for many reasons. One of the reasons is perhaps the difficulty and cost resulting from poor integration of this system of heating with the floor construction of a building. This is a general indictment of methods of building design that deserves discussion under another heading. The writer is mindful of a recently published example of radiant heating installed in a ceiling suspended from a conventional reinforced concrete beam and slab floor system. The installation was costly because the best, least costly way of installing the heating pipes would have been to imbed them in a flat concrete slab system. This would have been a cheaper floor system, would have saved the cost of the suspended ceiling, and would have obviated the necessity of placing a cumbersome covering of insulation material over the pipes. How the insulation was gotten up into the dead space between the underside of the slab and the metal lath is a mystery (Fig. 12).

In the proposed Bellevue Nurses' Residence and Training School the design calls for flat slab construction. In this connection, a study of panel heating was made. The pipes would be placed on the forms thus serving as chairs for the reinforcing steel (Fig. 13). A com-

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LONGITUDINAL SECTION

parative estimate of cost of the proposed panel heating per riser unit of thirteen stories with radiator heating was made. It shows that panel heating is almost 28% more costly than steam convector heating so far as the radiators and risers are concerned. But a good deal of this would be absorbed in the economy of design of the boiler plant since panel heating requires a good deal less fuel than the traditional methods of heating. The extra cost of the panels would be but a small percentage of the entire heating system and an even smaller percentage of the cost of the whole project. The fuel economies could amortize that in a few years. A further economy lies in the fact that with panel heating there is no need of maintenance-painting of radiators or convector enclosures.

The principal advantage of panel heating over traditional methods is, however, its comfort and its healthful equilibrium. The comparative slowness of response by a panel system to sudden changes in outdoor temperature may prove to be disadvantageous under some conditions.

Air conditioning has been accepted by many designing agencies as a requirement in operating and delivery rooms, in places where infants are cared for (both obstetric and pediatric services), and in fluoroscopy and developing rooms of the X-ray department. Its use elsewhere, though desirable, has been slow in coming. The reasons are cost, and clumsy, space-taking design. Most engineers still work along old methods, which require tons upon tons of machinery and its building enclosures. Yet, in a modern air-conditioned railroad coach the average passenger would have difficulty finding the machinery. They use "steam heat to refrigerate with," but is this the whole answer to the question? The Mount Sinai Hospital in New York

Fig. 3—Lavatory for wheel-chair patients, showing necessary clearances.

Fig. 4—Water connections. A, water still; B, water sterilizer. was a pioneer in installing an air-conditioning system in its operating department in 1929. Its old brine system has since been removed and the more modern, steam-motivated cooling plant installed. A recent release by a well known manufacturer shows a combination heating and air-conditioning gasheated unit for private homes which appears to be no larger than the present gas-fired heating boiler alone. This may not be strictly air conditioning, but apparently there is something in the use of "gas heat to cool with." One of use of "gas heat to cool with." the objections to air conditioning in a hospital is the fear of air-borne bacteria incident to the assumed necessity of recirculating the air. The more modern methods of air conditioning do not involve recirculation, thus eliminating return ducts, and supply ducts are mere tubes no thicker than a corresponding insulated steam pipe."

There is more to it than just this. Cost, of whatever air-conditioning system, is still *the* important factor. However, the above discussion indicates the necessity of demanding progressive, integrated design for hospitals.

REFRIGERATION

Even institutions that do not have air conditioning have bulky refrigeration plants, which are usually employed to circulate brine to refrigerators and icemaking machinery. What this means is well known to every hospital administrator: bulky, costly, space-taking plant; bulky, sloppy, laborious ice-handling and distribution; long lines of heavy brine pipes with hard-to-clean, hard-to-defrost brine coils in refrigerators. Can we do away with the central refrigeration plant?

In small refrigerators it is much more satisfactory to employ plug-in (electric) boxes. (Why gas-fired refriger-

² A Hotel Shows The Way, Modern Hospital, May, 1944.

Fig. 5-Water connections. A, arm bath; B,

leg bath. Fig. 6—Tub for patient's bathroom.

Fig. 7—Electric light bath cabinet.



This still leaves the necessity of a refrigerator plant for ice required for ice water, ice bags, oxygen tents, cafe-terias, etc. The present mode is to use crushed ice. A recent study indicates, at least tentatively, that it is feasible to attach somewhat larger icemaking compartments to individual electric or gas-burning refrigerators and have cubes produced in the right quantity and of the right size consistent with their use. The size of the ice cubes in this case would be somewhat smaller than is customary. Another possibility is the machine that makes "flake ice. The subject needs further study and clarification, but it looks as though we are on the brink of getting rid of the refrigeration plant.

The October 1940 Modern Hospital, reports an interesting summary of a case for decentralized refrigeration by Dr. Albert Snoke, assistant superintendent of Strong Memorial Hospital of Rochester, N. Y. Strong Memorial had shifted from the conventional ammonia compression plant to individual units. The change was made because, after thirteen years of operating under the centralized system, a complete break in the brine line caused a shutdown of service for several days. In addition, there was the ever-present fear of a possible ammonia leak. The following advantages were cited:

"1. The power cost is lower than with the centralized system.

2. The labor cost has been cut because a full-time ice man is no longer needed,

Fig. 8—Autopsy table. Metal top is perforated, removable for cleaning.

Fig. 9-Continuous bath.









Fig. 10-A, leg bath; B, arm bath.

Fig. 11-Hubbard bath.

Fig. 12-Panel (radiant) heating designed for flat slab floor for proposed Nurses' Residence, Bellevue Hospital, New York City. Alfred Hopkins and Associates, Architects.

Fig. 13-Typical section of floor and ceiling showing air distribution panel and hot water piping for panel heating. (From "Radiant Heating," by Samuel R. Lewis, Modern Hospital, March 1944.)



Photos courtesy Crane Co.



the labor being absorbed by the personnel on the floors.

3. For the first time the hospital's ice is sanitary, the possibility of contamination through handling and floor distribution being eliminated.

4. The system is more convenient and economical. There was a 25% loss of ice by melting under the old system.

5. Oxygen tents can be served by a quiet motor and compressor within the tent. Also, more use is made of oxygen face masks, in order to reduce the amount of ice needed.

6. There is no possibility of a general breakdown.

7. Defrosting is either automatic or easily handled.

8. Safety is greatly increased since freon is much less hazardous.

9. The cost of installing the decentralized system is believed to be lower, although figures for duplicating the original system at 1940 prices were not obtained."

Dr. Snoke lists the following two disadvantages in the decentralized scheme: (1) Increased maintenance problem reulting from the large number of units and motors and (2) the theoretical need for skilled personnel. The answer is that the plug-in or gas refrigerator requires no skill whatever to "operate." These units are serviced at very low charges by the reputable concerns who manufacture them and they can be replaced with a new unit while the old is taken to the shop when necessary.

This still leaves us to dispose of the refrigerating plant for the air-conditioning system, but as was stated earlier, modern air conditioning methods give promise of diminishing this refrigeration item as well.



THE ARCHITECT and TELEVISION

BY M. J. ALEXANDER

The emergence of television as a popular medium of home entertainment not only implies that television receivers will have to be available at reasonable cost; it requires that architects understand the problems which will be presented. Television sets will probably cost more than comparable radio sets, for a few years at least, and their use requires some "pre-planning;" of course, future developments may change the postulates or eliminate them, although their entire elimination does not seem feasible on the basis of current progress.

WAR DEVELOPMENTS

Most prewar television receiving sets provided small pictures, from 3" x 4" to 10" x 13" in size. As furniture, the sets were cumbersome. These characteristics were for the most part due to the fact that the cathode-ray tube, heart of the receiver, was relatively new. Wartime research has led to the development of much electronic equipment closely allied to television. Basic radar design parallels television design; use in radar of the cathode-ray tube and other principles has made it possible to eliminate from telesets many of the features that were, in prewar days, objectionable. The need for light, compact, rugged units for use in airplanes, the necessity for designing and constructing dependable component parts, have accelerated progress tremendously. Also, the enforced holiday in civilian production has given manufacturers time to digest the problems of installation of telesets in houses, and to appreciate the need for better design. All the wartime improvements in cathoderay technique can be expected in the postwar teleset.

PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

It is not necessary for the architect to have full technical knowledge of the process of producing the television image, but to appreciate the necessity for certain requirements he should understand certain factors.

At the receiver the image is produced on the flattened end of the cathode-ray tube. It may be viewed directly or projected to a screen. Obviously the sharpest pictures, with the clearest detail, will be those visible directly on the face of the tube; this method is called "direct" vision. In the past it has had certain disadvantages. Slightly less sharp, and requiring lenses, etc., is the "projection" method; for certain types of installations this will have definite advantages.

DIRECT-VISION RECEIVERS

A direct-vision teleset has been perfected which produces an image $18" \times 13\frac{1}{2}"$ in size, large enough for the average home audience—which prewar direct-vision images were not. The chief difficulty in designing the receiver was the size of the cathode-ray tube required. The need for space to accommodate the tube results in an extremely deep, bulky cabinet unless special designs are employed.

One manufacturer, aware of this, has offered a workable solution. The depth of the cabinet is of little concern when the television unit is in use. His design, therefore, provides for the tube (screen) to be in viewing position extended several inches from the face of the cabinet (see illustration). Housed in a disappearing supplementary cabinet, the tube rests in a vertical position within the cabinet except when a program is being received. The tube and its casing are brought into position for viewing by a small, silent, electric motor, the tubes of the set being turned on by the same switch. The whole operation from "closed" to "open," including warm-up time for the receiver tubes, is but 20 seconds. In the retracted position, the full depth of the cabinet is but 24".

While it will probably be necessary to dim lights and drape windows for projection receivers, this will be unnecessary for direct-vision sets because the light output of the tube is sufficient to produce a picture bright enough to be viewed in daylight.

It is probable that, in many homes, the television set can be concealed within a handy closet or behind a wall. In this instance, the tube may be permanently mounted, with its end-face or screen in position. This, the control knob, and the speaker are the only parts visible in the room (see illustration). When phonograph turn-table, recording facilities, FM, etc., are not desired, and a radio (AM) already exists, the answer is a custom-built television receiver.

PROJECTION RECEIVERS

Projection telesets are of two kinds: those which *reflect* the image from a vertically mounted tube to a screen which is part of the cabinet, by means of mirrors; and those which actually *project* the image through lenses to a separate screen. (Both are called projection receivers in this article only in order to promote understanding; technically, one is a "reflection" receiver.)



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In reflection receivers, the tube is permanently held in a vertical position, and the picture is picked up by a spherical mirror mounted at the bottom of the cabinet and reflected upward through a correcting lens. The image is then reflected 90° by a plane mirror to a viewing screen mounted on the face of the cabinet. This unit shows a pic-ture 22" x 16¼". In more pretentious installations, when a picture of considerably larger size may be necessary, a unit has been designed to project the picture on the face of the tube, through a series of lenses and thence to a screen mounted on a wall across the room. In this way, a picture of almost any size may be obtained, dependent upon the distance from projector to screen.

LIGHTING FOR RECEPTION

It has been stated that no special precautions need be taken to dim natural or artificial light for direct-vision telesets. However, for some other sets, it will be advantageous to dim lights exactly as it is for home movies, and for the same reasons. It is not necessary to turn off all the lights; a more professional way to meet this need is to install dimmers (rheostatic controls) on the lighting circuits for the television room, and provide window drapes.

ANTENNA INSTALLATION

Of great importance for good television reception is the antenna installation.



Above, open and closed views of direct-vision set. Tube moves up into position and center doors open at touch of a button, are in place by time tubes warm up (20 sec.). Right, de luxe projection teleset used as end table. Speaker and controls are in cabinet, screen may be concealed by wall mirror or picture.

It may present no problems at all, or may be troublesome.

The television antenna is shaped like a **T**, with single or double cross arms, and is called a *dipole*. Most often it is entirely adequate when affixed to roof tops. Many set owners have simply placed antennae in their attics and are receiving good signal strength. In other cases more elaborate provisions are necessary.

The determining factors are roughly these: (1) television waves travel in straight sight-lines, and may be intercepted by a building or hill between the transmitting and receiving antennae; (2) the waves are reflected by such obstructions, so that the receiving antenna may have to be shielded from undesired wave reflections, which might interfere with clear reception; (3) the waves are directional, so that a separate dipole is needed for each transmitter; and (4) reception is currently limited to areas within a radius of 40 or 50 miles of the transmitter or a relay station. Future technical developments may change these factors; for instance, greater signal strength and other refinements may make it possible to build antennae into sets.

Certainly in multiple installations such as those in apartments, hotels, etc., master antennae may be erected and all sets in that building connected. Since an antenna must be erected for each transmitting station in the area, provision should be made to wire each set for each station. Conduit for this purpose will be of great aid. Antenna selector switches can be installed to operate in conjunction with station selectors on the receivers. Multiple installations of this sort can be also made by setting up master receivers in one spot in a building and placing viewing monitors in rooms. These units are relatively small and less complicated than standard receivers. The system would then operate in the same way as radio units that are now being used in hotels. Thus a tenant might choose between, say, three local stations. The installation is comparatively inexpensive, and the building owner or operator can have a unique sales point.

TELEVISION FOR INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, EDUCATION

The commercial aspects of television must not be overlooked. A compact, rugged projection unit has been offered which combines all the features of the home receiver, and, in addition, has been housed in a steel cabinet for practical, heavy-duty purposes. This receiver has a tested range to project pictures up to 6 ft. by 4½ ft. in size. Its uses are many, including sales training programs, club entertainment, theater lobby display, hospital ward projection, etc.

Industravision is a new system of teleinstallation for businesses and factories. A virtual television station (with the exception of the transmitter and antenna) is set up in a plant. Television cameras are utilized to pick up a picture and deliver it, over wires, to strategically placed viewing monitors throughout the plant, so that an executive may have complete control over production lines without leaving his desk. His messages-and picture-may be brought to his employees while they are at work. In addition, it may be possible for conference lines to be established to provide for at-the-desk meeting of management men.

The educational applications of television systems are limited only by the imagination of the user. Mass teaching has not been the most successful method of disseminating knowledge simply because it is difficult to gain and hold the concentrated attention of large groups. Distraction may be eliminated by teaching through television, at the same time maintaining the advantage of using the highest caliber of educators. In highly specialized fields such as surgery, it is of the utmost importance that the student see and understand action which is confined to a very small area. This limits the number of observers and often proves a disadvantage to both teacher and student. With television,



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the number of observers may be vastly increased, and students may see the operation, hear comments, and receive instruction in classes far distant from the surgical amphitheater.

CABINET DESIGN and SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The use of materials in cabinets is almost entirely dependent upon the desires of the designer. All the woods and veneers used in radio cabinets are suit-

able. In addition, plastics are especially adaptable to cabinet use since they prove highly economical in mass production, and provide exceptionally fine insulating characteristics and high safety factors. Television receivers operate at voltages up to 25,000 and all manufacturers will equip their units with interlocking switches. Since every precaution must be taken to prevent accidents, consultation with a trained, qualified television engineer is advised.



Photos on this page show actual installation of custom-built teleset in basement game room. Above, "television wall" of the room, with controls, etc., mounted above a table. Above, right, mechanism installed behind game-room wall; note highvoltage warming. Below, seating arrangements; below, right, close-up showing part of speaker grill, screen (in this case, face of cathode-ray tube) and controls (lower right).



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On Building Equipment

Mechanical and Electrical Equipment for Building. By Charles M. Gay and Charles De V. Fawcett. Second Edition, 5% by 8%"; charts, diagrams, tables. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 4th Ave., New York, 1945. 453 pp. \$5.00

A thoroughly reliable text on all types of building equipment, this second edition of a standard work is published at a time when much planning for postwar building is either under way or in preliminary stages; when architectural students, the schools tell us, are at a premium; when our realists are at war. The volume is, of course, based on standard prewar practice although it is seasoned with comment on those few wartime developments which everybody admits will inevitably be used. In the chapter on lighting, for instance, there is in this edition a section, evidently new, on fluorescent lighting.

The authors believe fluorescent lamps will "take a very prominent place in future lighting design." Then they proceed to insert many "buts" into their enthusiasm; meanwhile, every type of lighting user—which means all of us—is being bombarded with information (and misinformation, probably) on fluorescent lighting; the little neighborhood store, the apartment house lobby, the doctor's waiting room, all are being re-outfitted with fluorescent fixtures. Only after these brave pioneers have either suffered for their folly or profited by their foresight will the authors speak with assurance.

Which of course is not their fault. They have prepared the factual kind of text to which we have learned to turn when we want, really, to know what's what. It is no doubt an excellent repository of such facts, replete with figures, documented, substantial. Intended "for architects, students, and building managers," the volume contains a section on water supply, others on plumbing and drainage, heating and air conditioning, electrical equipment, and acoustics; and, while concerned only with the basic theory and application of building equipment rather than complicated design and specification, it does cover the chosen territory thoroughly. As a working tool the book ought to be pretty helpful; although a little genuine, human enthusiasm might have made it more inspirational. But we keep forgetting. Textbooks - and teaching have to have a solid basis. Inspirational stuff is pretty escapist, isn't it?

Concrete and Masonry

Reinforced Concrete and Masonry Structures. Editors-in-Chief: George A. Hool and W. S. Kinne. Revised by R. R. Zipprodt. McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 330 West 42nd St., New York 18, N. Y. 1944. Second Edition. 835 pp., 499 illustrations. \$6.00

A tool for construction engineers, this manual covers the fundamentals of preparing and handling concrete, types of forms and reinforcing material. It contains handy formulas, tables of design data, diagrams, details, and methods to speed up and simplify construction. Features of the new edition are: specifications for membrane waterproofing of the American Railway Engineering Association; illustrative problems conforming to 1941 A.C.I. Building Regulations for Reinforced Concrete; tables for the design of both tied and spiral columns meeting 1938 New York and 1937 Chicago Codes; retaining wall problems, utilizing design stresses permissible under 1941 A.C.I. Building Regulations; diagrams illustrative of expansion joints in recently designed arches and bridges.

Handbook on Paint

The National Paint Dictionary. By Jeffrey R. Stewart, F.A.I.C. Stewart Research Laboratory, P. O. Box 173, 224 pp., illustrated. \$5.00 Washington, D. C. Second Edition, 1944.

This revised technical dictionary offers charts, tables, useful information, and miscellaneous data on paint; descriptions of laboratory tests and apparatus; definitions of trade names of raw materials used in the paint and allied industries. The handbook is the result of cooperative efforts of authorities in the paint industry.

Electrical Drafting

Electrical Drafting Applied to Circuits and Wiring. By D. Walter Van Gieson. McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 330 West 42 Street, New York 18, N. Y., 1944. 140 pp., illustrated. \$1.50

With special attention to recent advances in the field of electrical drafting, *Electrical Drafting* is an exposition of tested drafting methods applied to circuits and wiring. It offers a series of illustrated discussions. Starting with the schematic circuit diagram, Van Gieson develops the detailed wiring plan for several typical cases, correlating conduit and equipment location plans. Modern methods are adhered to throughout the book. Appendix, tables, diagrams, data.

Brick Structures

"Brick Engineering; Handbook of Design." Harry C. Plummer and Leslie J. Reardon. Structural Clay Products Institute. 437 pp., tables, charts, appendices, bibliography, index. \$4.50

"Brick Engineering" combines a comprehensive description and analysis of principal types of ordinary and reinforced brick masonry with sufficient formulae and tables to serve as an efficient handbook of design. A quarter of the text analyzes the individual properties of brick, mortar and brick masonry and summarizes them in comparative tables. The following section presents analyses, specifications, formulae, and tabulated design data for brick masonry structures. Moisture control in brick masonry buildings is described and analyzed in a separate chapter. The major portion of the text deals with reinforced brick masonry. Its design is carefully resolved and further clarified by illustrative problems. The charted and tabulated characteristics of popular beam, column, and slab sections make this portion of the text extremely useful. The design of plain and reinforced brick sewers is similarly presented. Estimating tables and standard specifications are given in the appendix.

Technical Books Received

"Simplified Carpentry Estimating," J. Douglas Wilson and Clell M. Rogers. Simmons-Boardman Publishing Corp. 288 pp., cloth-bound, illus., tables, index. \$3.00

"Pump Engineering Data." Engineering design data, specifications, etc., for all types of pumping systems; catalog of centrifugal pumps manufactured by the publishers, Economy Pumps, Inc., Hamilton, Ohio, 1945. 416 pp. Clothbound illus., tables, charts, index.

"Fire Protection through Modern Building Codes," by B. L. Wood. American Iron and Steel Institute, N. Y. 124 pp. Cloth-bound, indices. (To be reviewed.)

"Building Insulation," by Paul D. Close. Second Edition. American Technical Society, Chicago. 328 pp. Cloth-bound, illus., tables, charts, index. (To be reviewed.)

Popular Pamphlets from Illinois U.

"Heating the Home, Central Heating Systems;" "Solar Orientation in Home Design;" "Selecting A Livable Neighborhood;" "Financing the Home;" 12 pp., 4 pp., 4 pp. Small Homes Council, Mumford House, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. Plans, diagrams, charts, photographs.

Seven types of central heating systems are discussed in non-technical language in "Heating the Home." Advantages, disadvantages, and operation of systems of air, water, and steam are well explained in the text as well as in the accompanying diagrams and photographs.

"Solar Orientation" answers the skeptics who maintain solar houses "would be nice in California, but..." Explaining in the layman's language what solar orientation is and the advantages thereof, the booklet explains control of the sun's rays. Excellent plans and diagrams answer many questions relating to solar mechanics and ways of taking advantage of the sun in house design.

"Selecting a Livable Neighborhood" advocates living areas in which a large percentage of the homes are owneroccupied, zoning ordinances are properly written and carefully enforced, and houses are grouped in long or, if possible, super-blocks so that children may play safely. Such a neighborhood, says the Small Homes Council, should include schools, churches, parks and other recreational areas, and a shopping center within walking distance. The circular is liberally illustrated with sketches of ideal communities, somewhat nullified by the Council's conclusion that such a neighborhood is impossible to find although "new subdivisions should have many of these features."

Professor R. M. Nolen, University of Illinois economist, has written another in this series of non-technical circulars for home owners and prospective builders. In working out a system for financing the home, he says that the greatest usual error is not to allow for upkeep costs. These he conservatively estimates at \$20 per year per \$1,000 value.

The circular contains a check-list to estimate a family's housing allowance, and simple tables showing what value of home any allowance from \$15-\$125 a month will finance at 4 to 6 percent and for 10 to 20 year loans including all costs. Other items discussed briefly in the circular are: home ownership vs. renting, preliminary and extra costs of buying or building, down payments, mortgages, and the place of housing costs in the family budget.

From the British Building Research Station

"Standard Construction for Schools;" "Plastics;" "The Painting of Buildings" (Nos. 2, 3, & 5 of a series). Postwar building studies of the British Ministry of Works, prepared by a committee appointed by the President of the Board of Education, a committee convened by the British Plastics Federation, and one convened by the Paint Research Association. His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, England, 1944. 29 pp., 48 pp., and 66 pp.; paper-bound, illustrations, tables, appendices. Sixpence, one shilling, and one shilling. Available on order from the British Information Services, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, at 15 cents, 30 cents, and 30 cents.

Britain's postwar proposals have already attracted much attention among architects and planners in this country. These small but courageous pamphlets on standardization in the building industry will add to that reputation.

After a year of preliminary research by members of the Board of Education, a committee was appointed to consider the possibilities of applying some method of standardization to the design and construction of school buildings. The committee has submitted a concise but convincing report and fifteen projected designs boosting prefabrication.

Citing the delays arising from normal administrative procedures, the committee states that use of a standard construction, adaptable to numerous sites and requirements, would enable communities to rebuild schools at the same speed as housing. British steel industries produced, before the war, standardized units for schools and it is steel that is suggested for postwar building. Two design approaches are proposed: (1) the school conceived as a structural whole and (2) the school conceived as a group of separate plan units. Both approaches are based on a standard unit dimension. Diagrams showing suggested structural units for one- and two-story buildings are included in the booklet as well as projected plans for special or practical rooms. Although none of the designs is suitable for erection on a limited site, the committee makes note of this fact with the plea for more generous sites in the future.

Submitting a report on the application of plastics to the building industries, the committee has presented a thorough, if not startling, study of plastics applicable to immediate postwar use as well as recommendations for further research in the field. Although there is nothing new in this report, it is an exhaustive but readable study on all forms of plastics. Listing uses of plastics in the building industry, the committee also submits a table of comparative costs of wall lining materials in which plastic coverings fall in the upper third. This would seem to indicate that as yet plastics are too expensive to be used for more than fittings, paints, etc.

"The Painting of Buildings" committee has presented an analysis of the manufacture and proper application of the various types of paints. It is a booklet which should be read not only by architects and builders but also by home owners. Recommendations are made on improvements in practice for immediate postwar and general needs; on decorative, protective, and other technical properties of paint products; on specifications necessary to meet general and special needs in building; and on a scheme of official certification for quality in paint products. The committee especially advocates the proper training of craftsmen to be employed in the painting trade, and an expansion of the already functioning trade-education system. Appendices on the treatment of mould growths, cleaning of painted buildings, and protective treatments of steel windows should be particularly useful to home owners.

"Business Buildings," a postwar building study (No. 16 of the series) of the British Ministry of Works, prepared by an interdepartmental committee appointed for the purpose. His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, England, 1944. 88 pp. Paper-bound, table, appendices, index. Two shillings. Available on order from the British Information Services, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y. 60 cents.

This study deals with the practice of designing business buildings, and the formulation of principles concerning the planning and treatment of postwar buildings. The subject is fully covered in a condensed form. It covers in detail site development—for both in-city and out-city—office buildings, shops and stores, factories, warehouses and storage buildings.

Each report concerning a type of building has definite specifications as to the materials necessary to meet structural requirements and internal finishings; also services, such as fire protection, plumbing and sanitation, heating and ventilating, artificial lighting and power, and the handling of goods and merchandise. The study is indexed into special categories treating each quoted specification as an individual subject. For example: Office Buildings; Circulation and Escape, Traffic Problems, etc.

The Committee regards site development and town planning as inseparable, and has given this problem deepest consideration and careful study. The ideas presented appear clear and logical.

Since England's cities have been badly wrecked by enemy bombing, architects and city planners are trying to formulate a system of rebuilding that will consist of planning free in nature yet organized to eliminate chaos and distortion.

Lightweight Steel Structures

"Technical and Commercial Developments in Light Gage Structural Steel." Address by Milton Male, Research Engineer, U. S. Steel Corp., 1944. American Institute of Steel Construction. 23 pp., illus.

Although light gage structural steel had been satisfactorily used since 1897, there existed no accepted design specifications until 1938 when a program was started to develop base metal specifications, durability data, and design specifications. Tentative standards covering thicknesses of material from 2 to 25 gage steel were issued in 1941. Usual requirements of durability can be met with a protective coating of paint applied before erection, as trials made by the Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory have shown.

Concurrently with the development of a material specification and durability data, specifications for design of light gage structural steel were being drawn up by the American Iron and Steel Institute. This data, soon to be ready for publication, will provide sound bases upon which to design with light gage sheet and strip steel. The complexity of shapes which may be produced by various forming processes, says Mr. Male, is limited only by the ingenuity of the designer.

Modern types of light steel construction, mainly developed since 1930, usually consist of sections used individually or pre-assembled into large framing panels. Installed at relatively close spacing, thicknesses range from 10 to 16 gage. Anticipating wide use in the future, Mr. Male suggests light gage steel will take the place of wood and, in some cases, of heavier steel.

Air Conditioning and Air Handling Equipment

1-20. Air Conditioning for Hospitals (MAF-3), Airtemp Division of Chrysler Corp. (Reviewed in July.)

1-21. What We Make (Cat. No. 500), B. F. Sturtevant Co. (Reviewed in July.)

Communication Systems

3-38. Bell Sound Systems, 12-page illustrated booklet on amplifiers (in popular wattages), microphones, phone amplifiers, pre-amplifiers, public address systems, sound and voice-paging equipment. Specifications, sizes, wattages, prices. Bell Sound Systems, Inc.

3-33. Catalog and Handbook of Electrical Signals, No. 61, 102 pages. Indexed engineering data and wiring diagrams, tables of electrical characteristics, etc., on electrical signals. Faraday Electric Corp.

3-30. Faraday-Dudley Watch Report System, 8-page pamphlet on watchman's compulsory tour key system for protection against fire, theft, sabotage. Instructions, photos. Stanley & Patterson Division of Faraday Electric Corp.

Concrete

3-36. Corrosion-Resistant Concrete for Dairies and Meat Packing Plants, Atlas Lumnite Cement Co. (Reviewed in July.)

Doors

4-26. Riverbank Sound Insulating Doors, Hardwood Products Corp. (Reviewed in July.)

Drafting Room Equipment

4-27. Specifications and Prices of Engineers Specialties Division Products, for Use on All Optical Comparators, Measuring Projectors, Micro Projectors and Shadowgraphs, 16-page illustrated booklet, indexed. Engineers'-glass (scribing and translucent), radius discs and charts, grid charts, scribing instruments, etc. Universal Engraving & Colorplate Co., Inc., Engineers Specialties Division.

Electrical Wiring and Equipment

5-18. National Electric Engineering Data Book, 352 pages, illustrated. Planned to eliminate catalog-thumbing for electrical engineers, this is a listing of the company's products—wires and cables, surface raceways, fittings, armored cables, underfloor wiring systems. Data on "Spellerizing" steel for pipe; on the process for removing scale from inside and outside of pipe while being welded. Dimensions, packing and list prices, weights, descriptions. Detailed information on electric wire and cable terminology, from U. S. Bureau of Standards, Circular No. 37 and A.I.E.E. No. 30. Table of electrical symbols for architectural plans. National Electric Products Corp.

5-15. Manual of Better Home Wiring, A.I.A. File 31-C-6, Westinghouse Mfg. Co., Better Homes Dept. (Reviewed in July.)

Electronics

5-17. The ABC of Electronic Heating, "S" Corrugated Quenched Gap Co., Scientific Electric Division. (Reviewed in July.)

Fire Extinguishing Equipment

6-20. "Automatic" Fire Alarm, Control, and Extinguishing Systems (Catalog 49), 14-page illustrated booklet on automatic sprinkler systems for fire protection—fixed temperature and rate-of-rise systems. Automatic Sprinkler Corp. of America.

6-28. How Cardox Fire Extinguishers Tame Tough Transformer Fires, 6-page illustrated bulletin on mass application of carbon dioxide for putting out fires in large indoor, semi-enclosed, and outdoor installations of power transformers. Cardox Corporation.

6-29. Out in 33 Seconds Flat! 4-page illustrated bulletin on instant fire protection qualities of "Cardox CO₂" for quench tanks, applied through pipes by electrically controlled linear nozzles. Cardox Corporation.

Flooring and Floor Coverings

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Steel

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Store Fronts

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Water Heaters

23-34. Smithway Gas Storage Water Heater (Bulletin 559), one-page illustrated pamphlet on features of a galvanized heater for the home. Capacity table, detail drawing. A. O. Smith Corporation.

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Wood Preservatives

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the weight of a heavy man. In metal-tometal bonding, shear strengths of from 500 to 900 lbs, per sq. in, are possible. Bonds between fabrics have proved stronger than the fabrics themselves.

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Pliobond was a war development of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and is now being adapted to specific industrial requirements by the Industrial Adhesives laboratories of United States Plywood Corp., its distributor.

THE HEATING FIELD

Warren Webster & Co., Camden, N. J., has reduced the radiator to a mere pipe surrounded by coiled fins of fine copper sheet, and placed it behind the base-



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Dravo Corporation, Pittsburgh 22, Pa., announces a suspended type of direct fired heater (burning gas or oil) designed to meet unusual space conditions. The lower half of the combustion chamber is lined with plastic refractory molded to the metal wall; by a system of baffles, air to be heated is brought into contact 4 times with the heating elements. Hot air is driven from adjustable nozzles at velocities of 1,800 to 2,000 fpm, permitting the heater to be suspended from roof trusses or wall brackets 30 ft. or more from the floor without great loss of efficiency. Capacities range from 300,000 to 1,650,000 Btu per hour.

NEW PLANNING SERVICE FOR X-RAY LABORATORIES

A planning service for X-ray laboratories in hospitals and clinics (a considerable problem to many architects), is announced by the Kelley-Koett Manufacturing Co., Covington, Ky., manu-facturers of X-ray equipment. The firm's representative submits to the architect a questionnaire covering every detail of dimension, construction, ventilation, electrical and plumbing installations, type of X-ray equipment being considered, cable lengths, etc., in a proposed space. The service also provides a complete selection of templates of "Keleket" equipment, drawn to scale; with these a visualization of the projected X-ray laboratory is at once possible. Data are tabulated in a preliminary layout sketch and sent to the factory for the guidance of a draftsman experienced in X-ray installations. who prepares a finished layout drawing exploiting every advantage of space, convenience, and safety.

MODULAR COORDINATION NEWS

The Producers' Council Subcommittee on Modular Products reports more firms which are taking steps toward coordinating dimensions of building products: Austin Co., Cleveland; Truscon Steel Co. (windows), Youngstown; H. E. Fletcher Co. (granite blocks), West Chelmsford, Mass.; Robinson Clay Products Co., Akron; American Central Manufacturing Corp. (kitchen cabinets), Connersville, Ind.

SAFEGUARDING INSULATION

The United States Mineral Wool Co., of New York and Chicago, is first to offer its independent contractors an Installation Bond, issued by the New York Casualty Co., against poor workmanship in insulation installation. The bond is good for 12 months' coverage.

TELEVISION PLANS

Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., plan to manufacture large-screen projection television receivers and combination home receivers with a 20-in. tube, FM, standard broadcast, and phono-graph equipment, as well as space for record albums. The teleset cabinet, designed by Herbert Rosengren, is 48" high, 60" wide, and when closed, 24" deep. A push button opens the cabinet door, drops the screen and housing unit into place in 10 seconds, automatically returning it in place after the program; a second set of push buttons selects the station. The projection unit is capable of projecting a 41/2' x 6' image on the screen. At present this unit is 24" square, but the Laboratories plan to reduce it by a third so that it may be "concealed in end tables or other furniture and its image projected onto a screen which may be covered, when not in use, by a picture or other wall orna-ment." There is also a custom-built installation with the receiver built into the wall of the room.

LIVING ROOM WINDOW

. John F. Kausel, Architect



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DAMPPROOFING for Masonry Walls above Grade Cont'd.

joint treatment) require a good bond to the masonry, they should not be applied to walls that have been treated with colorless waterproofings or oil paints, unless the wall surfaces have been carefully cleaned of waxes and oils. For these reasons, colorless waterproofings are not recommended except when it is impractical or undesirable to use cement-water paints or cementitious joint treatments.

FOUNDATION CONSTRUCTION Capillary action may active water to rise from foundations into masonry walls above grade. Theoretically, moisture can so rise to a height of 20 ft, though in practice it seldom rises more than 4 or 5 ft. In any case, it is a much less common difficulty than those previously discussed. To prevent such capillary rise, dampproofing courses may be extended entirely through the wall, 5 to 10 in. above grade level. Slate, sheet copper, etc., are suitable materials: or mortar containing a water repellent may be used for 3 or more course, or at least one course of gramite extending through the wall, and bedded in water-repellent mortar, answers the same purpose.

The difficulty may be eliminated by adequate waterproofing of the foundation itself, using bituminous coatings applied either directly to the outside face of the foundation or to mortar parging. Drain tile placed at the footings aids by lowering the ground water level. **CONDENSATION MOISTURE**—Moisture may accumulate on inside faces of masonry walls due to condensation. Leakage may, at the same time, contribute to the accumulation, and vice versa.

Condensation within a wall structure may occur if the temperatures within a portion of the wall are lower than the dew-point temperature of the air within the wall. If the permeability to water vapor of the warm surface (inside of the wall) is less than that of the cold surface (outside face

of the wall), the condensation moisture will tend to be vaporized and pass to the outside. However, if the permeability of the warm side is greater than that of the cold side, the condensation moisture may accumulate until the wall becomes saturated with water. Such a condition may cause damage to the wall, its plaster, or its insulation.

Beccuse the relative humidity of air inside dwellings is generally very low while heating plants are in operation, dampness from condensation during cold weather is not common. However, when humidifying devices are used, wall insulation usually is needed if outdoor temperatures are less finan 30F. The thermal insulation provided by furring alone is not an adequate safeguard when temperatures as low as 10F occur unless the relative humidity is maintained at less than 60%. Estimates of the amount of insulation required can be made by engineers familiar with the wall construction and the air-conditioning equipment.

For dwellings in which the air is not humidified artificially the amount of insulation required is not large. An air space, sheets of insulating material such as corkboard, mineral or glass wool, or a fibrous or mineral insulation board $\frac{1}{2}^{n}$ or more in thickness, should suffice. If insulation is provided by furring, a $\frac{3}{4}^{n}$ air space will suffice, and the insulating value of a wider space would not be much greater.

If the humidity of the air in a building is unusually high (as is likely in laundries and some factories), ventilation will add in preventing dampness from condensation. To prevent the deposition of moisture within walls of such buildings, which may damage the insulation, it would be desirable to have an interior finish relatively impermedble to water vapor. Existing masonry walls may be insulated by the addition of an air space, a layer of insulating material, or both, to The inside face of a masonry wall may be insulated by applying sheets of insulation material over the interior face of the wall. The insulation may be furred or it may be applied directly to the wall. If it is desirable to retain a plastered interior, the old plaster may be removed and an air space (furring), insulation, or both, may be placed behind the new plaster.

either the inside or the outside face of the wall.

The chances of damage to insulation or plaster by the condensation of water inside α wall may be greatly reduced by the use of α vaporproof barrier placed on the warm side of the insulation. A layer of building paper containing asphalt or a coating of α suitable paint may be used for this purpose.

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Information contained in this **Building Product Facts** sheet is based primarily upon publications of the National Bureau of Standards, U. S. Department of Commerce, in particular Letter Circular LC-721, "Dampness in Masonry Walls Above Grade." **CAUSES OF DAMPNESS**—Accumulation of moisture on interior surfaces of vertical masonry walls may be caused either by actual penetration or by condensation. Penetration may be due to faulty construction of the wall itself, to faulty design or equipment which permits drainage water to accumulate on or on top of walls, to unequal settlement which may cause cracks in the structure, or to improper foundations. Precautions taken at the inter of initial construction, adequate supervision, work most difficulties. **STRUCTURAL PRECAUTIONS**—Penetration of water due to capillary action alone has been proved to be a slow process. Only the most absorbent brick will wet through from end to end in one hour. Most bricks require several hours, some several days. The same is true of solid mortapionts, whereas poorly filled joints may leak in from 2 to 5 minutes. Chief difficulty, then, is the mortar joint, and both horizontal and vertical joints must be completely filled with mortar.

Bricks that have a rapid absorption rate must be thoroughly wetted before laying, and it is desirable to wet all brick used. This is to prevent moisture from being drawn from the mortar. Whatever the type of mortar, it should have a water retention which will not permit water to run from the bricks when it is used with low absorptive masonry or wet bricks. Mortar should conform at least to Federal Spec. SSC-181B and ASTM Spec. C91-44T. Absorption of brick, when immersed on the flat side to a depth of $\frac{1}{6}$ ", should prefeably be between 0.2 and 0.9 oz. Brick used in facings backed up by hollow units should have absorption as close as possible to the lower limit.

Structural defects which permit drainage from roats or other horizontal surfaces to flow on, down, or into masonry walls are probably the most common causes of damp walls. Drainage water must be conveyed away from walls. All exterior horizontal or sloping surfaces which intersect vertical wall planes (water-tables, heads and sills of openings, pro-

jecting courses, cornices, etc.), unless they are completely continuous and almost completely impervious, should be either waterproofed or separated from the masonry below by durable flashing. At junctions with roots, carnilevered canopies, etc., flashing should be carried higher up the wall than any foreseable accumulation of water, and should be carried through the wall to within 1" of its outer surface. Projecting courses, cornices, etc., should have undercut drips. If repairs are to be made, watertightness of all such

If repairs are to be made, watertightness of all such horizontal surfaces should be carefully checked because water which penetrates may appear on inside walls far below the point of entry. Inadequate flashings should be replaced, racks in units of masoury or joints repaired and filled with mortar or preferably plastic calking compound, and absorptive stone surfaces treated with two or more coats of colorless liquid waterproofing.

In initial construction, flashing should be installed at heads of all openings, and at bottoms of cavity walls so that any leakage may be drained outward through weep holes. Joints between masonry and other materials (as at window frames) should be filled, preferably with plastic compound. In rendering a leaky wall more waterproof, the first step is thorough examination to determine all causes of dampness.

Cracks produced in masonry by unequal settlement should

be filled with mortar or grout; such cracks are often very extensive. If there are deep cracks in bricks either the

cracks should be filled with thick grout or the wall should be coated with stucco or sanded cement-water paint. Openings between unlike materials should be recalked if necessary.

CEMENT-WATER PAINTS-Cement-water paints, when quently, and applied in successive thin coats rather than a it should be wetted with a light spray 2 or 3 times a day for tested, have been found effective in preventing water from penetrating permeable walls. When used on such surfaces free of dust, loose mortar, grease, or wax. The surface should paint should have a creamy consistency, although a slightly thinner paint may be used for the first coat on concrete units or highly absorptive brick. The paint should be stirred fresingle heavy coat. On rough-textured walls, a coarse, stiff brush (scrub brush) is best used; on smoother surfaces, or brush works well. After the paint has hardened (5 to 6 hrs.) as cinder blocks, the first coat should contain fine sand (passing a No. 30 sieve). Walls should be thoroughly clean, be wetted well, and damp when the paint is applied. The for applying sanded paint to a rough surface, a roofing 2 days, so that it will cure properly.

MORTAR JOINTS—The most effective, durable method of waterproofing brick masonry walls withhout changing their color or appearance is repointing or grouting the joints. Mortar joints that are not structurally sound may be cut out to a depth of about $\frac{1}{2}$ " and refilled with a mortar of the same color as that originally used. The masonry should be well dampened before the joints are repointed.

Leaky joints that are otherwise in good condition in walls of smooth-surfaced brick may be waterproofed by grouting. A grout consisting of 1 part by volume of portland coment and 1 part of sand passing a No. 30 sieve, when mixed with water to the consistency of thick cream, may be scrubbed into the joints with a small, stiff, fiber brush. The joints should be thoroughly dampened before application, and the grout should not be applied thickly but should be scrubbed into the joints. Cement may be cleaned from the brick with a damp sponge. Grouting treatments are more effective and durable when applied to cut joints than to tooled joints.

COLORLESS WATERPROOFING—Walls containing very highly absorptive header brick with a rapid rate of absorption may permit damaging quantities of water to enter the wall by capillary action. If walls of such brick still leak after the joints have been carefully repointed or grouted, the penetration of water through the brick by capillary action may be reduced by treating the wall with a colorless waterproofing. Colorless waterproofings seed the pores in masonry units

Colorless waterproofings seal the pores in masonry units and mortars, making them water-repellent, and the amount of water absorbed by capillarity through the face of the wall is greatly reduced. Colorless water repellents do not, however, seal openings in the wall between the units and the joints, and such openings are the major sources of leakage through the walls.

Bureau of Standards tests have shown that colorless solutions of parafin and tung oil, a solution containing chlorinated rubber, and a water emulsion of linseed oil were ineffective as waterproofings for highly permeable walls built of brick or of concrete blocks. The **amount of water** passing through the test walls was greatly reduced by those treatments, but the walls still leaked badly. A water emulsion containing about 45% of parafifin and microcrystalline walls were again tested after they had been stored outdoors for less than 1 year the emulsion had lost much of its effectiveness.

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Reviews

City Development, STUDIES IN DISIN-TEGRATION AND RENEWAL. By Lewis Mumford. Harcourt, Brace & Co., 383 Madison Ave., New York, 1945. 248 pp. \$2.00

In choosing the title for his new book, Mumford is paying graceful homage to

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Mumford apparently writes with both hands. His right hand turns out the major works, the latest of which, *The Condition of Man*, was reviewed in these columns last February. His left hand, which knows quite well what his right hand is doing, produces more topical essays, of which this book is a collection.

The six essays gathered here range over a period of twenty-five years, revealing the growth of the Mumfordian thesis. As we read the older papers, we realize how often Mumford was the first to express an idea which is now common



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City Development has a theme, that we will not have better cities until we have better men, and variations which are the application of this principle to specific problems, like the plans for Honolulu and London.

The most important and best written essay is called "The Social Foundations of Post-War Building." It appeared three years ago in England in a pamphlet of the "Rebuilding Britain" series. It is unfortunate that there should have been so long a delay in its appearance here, since it offers such valuable guidance for our postwar planning. To design the future we must throw out all notions based on the fallacious idea of a continually-expanding economy. We must assume stabilization. More fundamental than machines, houses, or city plans is the re-establishment of humanism in terms of individual health and comfort. Subjective values, the retying of family ties, a universal culture, provision for some solitude, the resorption of government, the growth of the spirit, are basic to rebuilding a good society. Without such a renaissance, we can only look forward to more and more of less and less. "We must transform our money economy to a life economy."

The final article was also commissioned in England, by The Architectural Review. It is a critique of the London County Council Plan for London. The Council is attacked for casually accepting the premise that the bulk of the prewar population of London should be rehoused in the original area. What was already too dense is not to be appreci-ably thinned out. Mumford prefers the earlier MARS plan for extensive decentralization. In his opinion, the enormous cost would prove to be a profitable long-term investment. Basic to Mumford's criticism of all necropoli is the failure of the big city to reproduce its population. There are two reasons for this criticism. If the population is dwindling, it is a symptom of general decline. Secondly, it is a handicap in warfare. In the race for greater population, neither England nor the United States will ever catch up to Russia or China. Hence, Mumford's grief over the birth rate seems to me to be somewhat irrelevant. We should be concerned with improving our biological standards and training men who will be able to conduct world affairs wisely. If we are going to be idealistic about living better lives, it seems specious to predicate a whole philosophy in winning the race for manpower.

Nevertheless, the thing that makes Mumford's writing invaluable to us today is his concern with the larger issues. Most city planners are bogged

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down in physical, legal, and economic conflicts. Few have time to discuss the end to which they are directing their efforts. Fewer still fight for them. Here Mumford takes over. This is his sphere. His easy style carries conviction. There are some who consider his manner "jeremiad." With them, exhortation has been confused with lamentation. There is no wailing in Mumford. Instead, there is searching analysis and moral purpose. Practical men may say, "It can't be done. I have done all that can be done." In the end, the men of vision have their triumph. The dictators built their roads, and playgrounds, but warped millions of souls. In the long run, as Mumford and others have said, the most practical plans are the ideal schemes. "Salvation through gadgets" won't work. Men of good will do not turn away from visions because they seem unattainable. Before the celebrations of V-E day were over, the nations were wrestling with minority problems as usual. It is clear that we need more inspiring ideals if we are to win the peace. Mumford has offered us a generous helping.

The application of the Mumfordian thesis to concrete problems is part of this book. The basis of his criticism of the London Plan has been discussed. The plan for Honolulu shows that Mumford is capable of realism as well as idealism. There are, for instance, admirable comments on the park and business sections, the utilization of natural assets, and, most significant, an outline of an administrative organization for carrying planning through to execution. This is well done. It provides for representation and participation by the people. The failure to provide for this is the principal obstacle to planning.

While Mumford correctly hits off the City Beautiful movement as the cosmetic approach to city planning, he is, himself, perhaps, using the "Edenist" or "Barbizon" approach. He is obsessed with space; parks, gardens, forests, to walk through, to picnic in, to meditate in, and to make love in.

There is another emphasis which may be unavoidable, since philosophers run a terrible risk. To be able to survey the world as a whole they have to get some distance off. But this isolation permits a haze to come between them and the world, and a glamour is cast over humdrum things like calluses. Mumford's eloquence about the family and the mother is a little unreal. Even when Mother is not a "Mom," she will not take kindly to domesticity as such for a long time. Women have had overflowing portions of it during the war. The charm vanishes when the last servant leaves and the diaper service stops.

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Agricultural labor and rustic diversions are not as much sought after by those who have known them intimately, as Mumford, like Rousseau, seems to believe.

There seems to me, as a result of this detachment, to be chilly abstractness about the Honolulu report. It does not inspire enthusiasm. Maybe there is too little awareness of what the man-in-thestreet thinks.

Since Frank Lloyd Wright has also just published a new book on city planning, it is of some interest to compare his ideas and Mumford's about a balanced environment. Both loathe the metropolis of today. Wright's Broadacre City is the extreme of decentralization based on "Modern Mobility," and local auton-omy of government. Mumford avoids such fantastic extremes. He well knows that human contacts flourish best without the intermediaries of car and telephone, which underlie Wright's plan. Both provide for the cultural amenities essential to civilization, but Mumford knows that, if the units of population are too small, the result is not a culture but provincialism. Wright thinks in terms of a planned architectural setting. Mumford thinks of man as a social being, with planning as a means to a greater end. Nature is not a substitute for neighbors. Mumford wants each man to experience a rhythmical alteration from city to country. Wright tries to get both at once.

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Four reports of four conferences—each indicates that fearful uneasiness for the future which depression and war have made the normal state of mind for planner and architect alike.

At the Ann Arbor Conference, faculty men and practicing architects vied with one another to claim a fresh awareness of planning and contemporary functional problems of design. Papers Presented at the Second Ann Arbor Conference on Architectural Design and Practice, University of Michigan, College of Architecture and Design, February 3 and 4, 1945 (52 pp., mimeo.) represent a prime example of "same people, same ideas, little gained." Hardly the fault of the individual participants or the architectural staff of the Uni-

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versity which played host, this seems rather the result of the unwholesome antagonism between different groups of the profession. Each forms its own little association or committee, as if it alone had found "the true faith," thereby eschewing intelligent and strengthening crossbreeding.

The well-drawn argument which claimed the architect to be head of planning operations was discouraging, without a discussion of whether the profession attracts persons capable of, or interested in, such spread-eagle activities. The new (and totally revised) education required for this role likewise was unmentioned. That a single technician with a limited knowledge of the paramount economic, social, and political programs of planning should be considered the only man for the over-all job seems but architectural egocentrism.

Possibly not enough dissenters were invited. A brotherhood of like-minded architects, even if "modern," can prove almost (but not quite!) as trying as a band of any other variety of architects. To the Michigan group, urbanism seemed more a problem in design and the esthetics of the plan than the solution of actual living demands.

The other three reports may be grouped together, for they reflect variations of the same type of assembly of planners, architects and engineers, economists, and other parties-in-interest: The American Planning and Civic Annual, edited by Harlean James (American Planning and Civic Association, Washington, D. C., 1944, 178 pp., \$3.00); Report of the Urban Planning Conferences under the Auspices of Johns Hopkins University, Evergreen House, Baltimore (The Johns Hopkins Press. 1944, 245 pp., \$2.75); Housing and Community Planning, A Series of Lectures Delivered at McGill University, November 2, 1943-March 21, 1944 (Montreal, 1944, 210 pp., paper-bound). As presented in these volumes, the papers vary from the typical articles of the American Planning and Civic perennial, through the hopeful but ingenuous speeches at Evergreen House, to the intensive McGill discussions.

Though most of the Canadian discussions are related directly to provincial experience, their technical approach makes them a genuine contribution. Little time seems to have been wasted on generalities at Montreal. It was presumed the participants possessed some knowledge of the field, contrary to the American custom of considering each conference a fresh opportunity to hammer home the ABC's. Appreciating the need for postwar full employment, John Bland, director of the School of Archi-

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tecture, together with faculty members, Government representatives, and American experts, covered community planning, housing, and redevelopment. Most of the members maintained strong viewpoints and faced the issues squarely, making the compendium more potent than is usual for a collective offering.

The Evergreen House conferences were by invitation only. The professional connections of the guests indicate the broadening conception of the urbanism field, yet despite the impressive talent and the initial invocations for specific accomplishment, the report is disappointing. Only on the topic, Airports and Their Effect on City Planning, was there a lively discussion. Few subjects loom more mysteriously in the fog in which planners, aided and abetted by architects, are operating.

We perceive that uncontrolled airport expansion, pushed largely by those desiring to sell planes and the servicing installations needed, will bring about a community disintegration many times greater than that produced by the automobile. Just how this would raise the general standard of living or serve any socially useful purpose was not indicated by its proponents. Only a few among us seem to realize the limitations, as well as the blessings, o airpower. In this connection, W. I McMillen, of American Airlines, discusses New York's Idlewild project interestingly. The conferees undoubtedly are aware of the chaotic growth created by the motor car; yet they seem backward about control of aviation to insure the greatest utility for the public. There is the feeling, however, that the airplane and helicopter will speed decentralization, as did the railroad, rather than disintegration, as did the automobile.

Discussions of geography at the Hopkins session are related to the American Planning and Civic Association's interest in conservation. Planners should discover shortly that geographers, for years, have been making the type o over-all report that is basic for regional studies; they have developed techniques which make geographical understanding fundamental for intelligent use of re sources. Abel Wolman's outline of Geographical Directives in Urban Plan ning, at Evergreen House, followed by Chauncy Harris' discussion of the city in its geographical setting, indicate that geographers are only a step away from assuming a major role in the plan ning process.

The urban postwar plans and method presented by the Civic and Planning yearbook are of a more general nature

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(Continued from page 134) The late Alfred Bettman's review and critique of recent legislation in this field is as instructional as it is interesting. Architects should be helped particularly by this clarification of the picture, which has been thoroughly beclouded by the many vested interests. Unfortunately, Bettman neglected the socio-legal implications of the New York statute with its unbridled power for private enterprise.

A fundamental criticism is the level at which these conferences seem to be conducted. They indicate inability to get past the basic knowledge which each delegate presumably had before packing his bag for the meeting. They fear to tread along the controversial lines on which more mature papers would lead. Intended neither for the professional nor the lay, they fail to make a contribution to either. There is little point in assembling periodically, even in an outstanding galaxy, unless a fruitful end product can be expected. In these instances, the whole hardly *equals* the sum of all its parts.

Periodicals

Reviewed by Maude Kemper Riley

THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW 45 The Avenue, Cheam, Surrey, England May 1945

A church mural by Hans Feibusch, pictured and described in this issue, appears to fulfill the requirements for esthetics and suitability that commentators of today sometimes despair of getting from artists. Feibusch has used the story of Pilgrim's Progress on the long facing walls of the otherwise unadorned crypt of St. Elizabeth's, in Eastbourne. One end of the 26' x 46' room is all windows; at the other is the altar. The artist commenced the story of Christian on the south wall by the windows and that of Christiana op-posite on the north wall, and brought the two progressions to meet at the altar as though it were one continuous frieze. The conception is carried out in the modern idiom but with the devotional aspects of early religious art. The postures of the figures suggest the spirituality of the crusade. The dark to lighter colors and the recurrent diagonals leave no doubt of the direction in which the triumphing figures are moving, narratively. There is a likeness in Feibusch's painting, and in his comprehension of a mural's function, to the American artist, Anton Refregier, who was to have done the San Francisco Post Office lobby with a saga of American life from pioneer times. The war postponed Refregier's (Continued on page 138)



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actual execution of a splendid scheme. As preamble to a forthcoming book

on Jewish synagogue architecture by Georges Loukomski, The Architectural Review publishes "what is most important among his materials." Many of the author's drawings and photographs collected during his extensive travels in 1933-1936 were lost to flying bombs in the Spanish War. But he had visited 144 European synagogues, mainly in Poland. He finds in the East a true Jewish style of architecture, exemplified principally in timber construction. Left open to the roof, the interiors are a wonder of intricate woodwork. They rise at a steep pitch from the four or six supporting pillars to a vastly high peak into which the pillars of the bema, or central reading platform, almost disappear in magnificent upward soaring. The underside of the wooden roofs is sumptuously painted and decorated. Nazi armies have come close to obliterating all evidence of these timber synagogues and much of those built of stone. The photographs here published, which were taken by Loukomski, are the only surviving records of many of these remarkable examples of a racial art which began in the 8th century and flourished particularly in the 16th and 17th centuries in Europe.

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