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## MATERIALS AND METHODS

For almost two years we have been gathering together in one section the "technical" material relating to architecture. At times it is almost impossible to decide whether or not a certain item is primarily technical in its interest; inevitably, one way or another, the products used and their method of application become inseparable elements of finished architecture.

In the magazine, as in architectural practice, it is a matter of choice of emphasis rather than an arbitrary division into "design" and "techniques." The construction system is one of the most important aspects of the design of the Tanglewood Opera Shed in this issue, and the discussion of freezer equipment is for the sole purpose of producing a satisfactory house. In both cases the end sought is integrated architecture.

This issue of Progressive Architecture indicates also the wide range of tools, not generally considered "materials and methods," with which the designer must work. He cannot depend alone on product information, important as that is; he cannot rely solely on standards pulled from a file and applied to a new job. In the case of the Opera Shed the architects played with the shape of the building to reach an unusually fine acoustic solution. The street of stores in Corning, New York, is important because of a new modular application of materials. The Daytona plan has a good chance of realization because the planner used local publicity and citizen interest as part of his design technique.

We take the materials of design to mean knowledge, investigation, and imagination as well as manufactured products; we include public relations, salesmanship, and civic responsibility in our understanding of the methods which will result in progress in this important period of architectural development. Not only is it true that science and art fuse in progressive architecture; understanding of the sciences and appreciation of the arts are greater than they have been for some time. The designer today who does not take advantage of all available techniques and build from them with the fullest play of his imagination is not doing a complete job.

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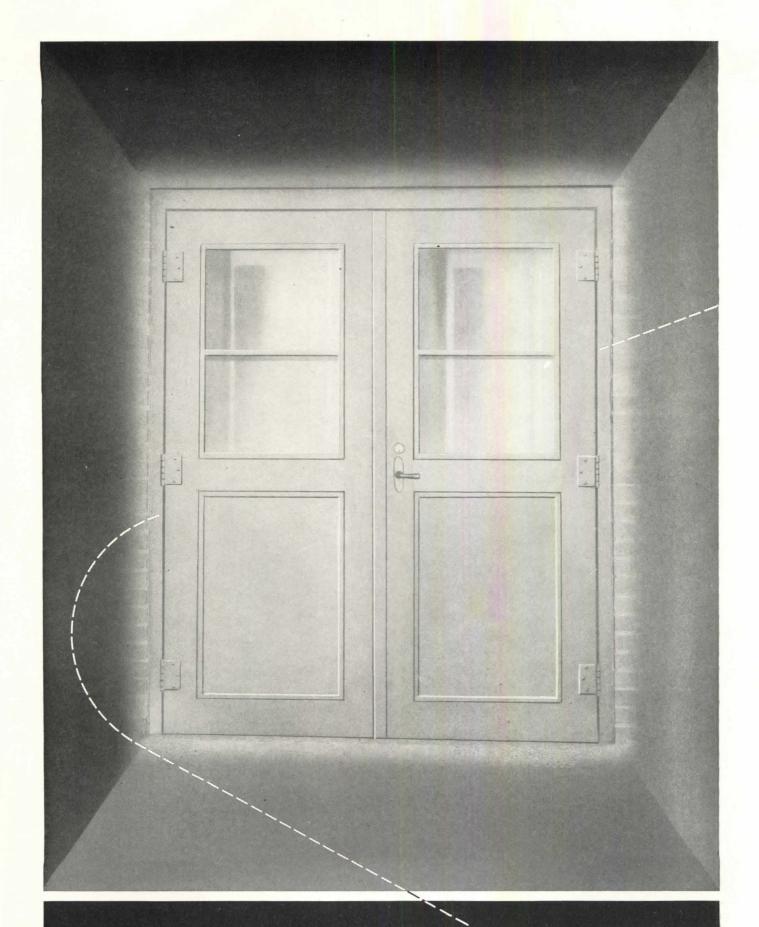
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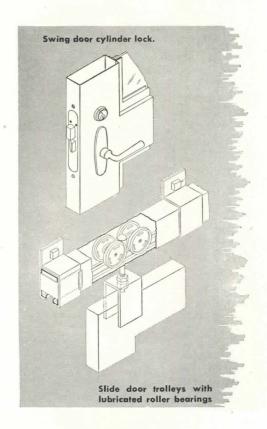
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# **VIEWS**

#### A STEP AHEAD

Dear Editor:

Thanks for the all too brief description of the Chapel of St. Francis, Pampulha, Brasil, Oscar Niemeyer, architect, which you published in your December 1946 issue.

Of all the modern church designs using concrete as the main building material that have come to my attention, this church stands far out in front, using the new material according to its inherent nature rather than more or less forcing it to follow forms that historically were developed from the use of separate masonry units—stone or brick.

In Notre Dame du Raincy, Paris, 1922, A. and G. Perret, architects, the general composition is essentially Gothic, allied with some classic forms. In the tower the concrete was forced into thin verticals in Gothic imitation. In the nave the columns are Gothic, the barrel vaulted ceiling classic. The Gothic buttresses have disappeared from the exterior walls, and the stained glass in lead and stone has been replaced by clear glass in concrete in a classic, geometric pattern, but the detail is essentially Gothic.

In St. Therese at Montmagny, 1926, by the same architects, there was almost no change from the above except that the number of vertical lines in the tower was reduced and some classic grille work added.

The Engelbrecht Church, Sweden, Professor Wohlman, architect, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, Cram & Ferguson, architects, made use of masonry parabolic arches at the crossing, but the building design remained wholly traditional.

In the Pallatiner Church, Linburg, Germany, J. H. Pinaud, architect, and a church in Nijmegen, Holland, H. Thunnissen, architect, the parabolic arch form is used in the nave but the buildings retain their medieval character, less in the former and more in the latter.

In the Catholic Church, Bischofheim, Germany, Professor D. Bohm, architect, the concrete parabolic vault was used for the interior cross section of the nave, the sides pierced with parabolic arches opening into the aisles. The exterior of the building, strangely, is in a simple rectangular classic form in brick. The entire building, although fresh, new, exciting, and modern in many details, remains, like the previously mentioned, essentially medieval.

As distinct from the above mentioned uses of modern engineering forms in a partly modern way, the church in Pampulha seems to have freed itself from

medieval form more completely, still keeping the traditional and necessary plan of a Catholic church. It seems to me to be a step ahead in a continuing process. I feel, by the way, that the use of concrete in Brasil, where there is no strongly developed building industry and where exposed stone or brickwork is not traditional or common, is a very happy choice of construction material.

Louis H. Friedheim New York, N. Y.

### INSPIRATION AND CHURCH DESIGN

Dear Editor:

In your December issue you published a church in South America executed by the prominent South American architect, Oscar Niemeyer. In recent years Niemeyer's work has been of great inspiration to us as younger architects. In that field of architecture which is perhaps one of the most difficult for innovators to conquer—the ecclesiastical field—we find that Niemeyer has broken down the conservative and has pointed the way to new, inspirational thinking. We sincerely feel that Progressive ARCHITECTURE is to be highly complimented for publishing this fine, outstanding work. We urge that the very high standards of selection we have seen of late be most strongly continued.

> ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATED New York, N. Y.

#### A NOD FROM STUDENTS

Dear Editor:

With such swell articles as yours on Niemeyer's St. Francis' Chapel, you have every right to call the magazine PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE. My students and I appreciated it. More power to you!

JAYNE VAN ALSTYNE Michigan State College East Lansing, Mich.

#### NICE AND CLUTTERED

Dear Editor:

We have just received the January issue of Progressive Architecture and wish to immediately voice our displeasure with same. We read the advertisements in the professional journals but do not believe that any circumstances can justify the scattering of advertisements through the text. Having once read an advertisement we have no further use for it, because if we are interested we write the advertiser for catalogs and detailed data. Imagine binding the text into a nice binding with it cluttered up with advertisements.

PERC BRANDT Manitowoc, Wis.

#### IMPATIENT ARCHITECTS

Dear Editor:

In my opinion the January issue "takes the cake" as an extremely original, well conceived, and well executed piece of architectural journalism. Timing this issue for the beginning of the year and what promises to be the beginning of

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Kenneth Reid, long Editor-in-Chief of Pencil Points and Pro-GRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE, and more recently Editorial Adviser, has become Consulting Editor to the Architectural Book Department of Reinhold Publishing Corporation, and has found it necessary to sever his official connection with the magazine. Ken's multitude of friends in the design professions know that his experience and knowledge will result in a book list which will be important in itself and will complement the work of the magazine. The editors of Progressive Architecture congratulate Ken on his new status and look forward to continuing informal advice from the editor who charted our course.

an era is also significant. It assembles under one cover a bird's-eye view of up to the minute, technically important information in the field of materials and methods.

I find that while marginal cataloging is very helpful, the respective texts do not pretend to be exhaustive but rather reflect careful discrimination and inspiring projection of possibilities yet uncovered. This is very stimulating. I find the materials commented on are in many instances regretfully behind what the commentators appear to feel they would really like to have them do. There used to be a time when a material would not even be considered by the architect unles it had ages to recommend it. Today, the architect is impatient with the manufacturers because, being aware of the enormous social need, he demands commensurate technological fulfillment.

> ISADORE ROSENFIELD New York, N. Y.

#### SELF-IMPOSED YARDSTICK

Dear Editor:

The contents and format of the January issue of Progressive Architecture suggest that, at long last, someone has tried to produce a professional magazine of practical worth to the working designer. Upon reaching page 172 and reading your account of meeting with the New York Chapter, we learn that the excellent results evidenced in this month's magazine are not just a coincidence but are part of a carefully laid plan.

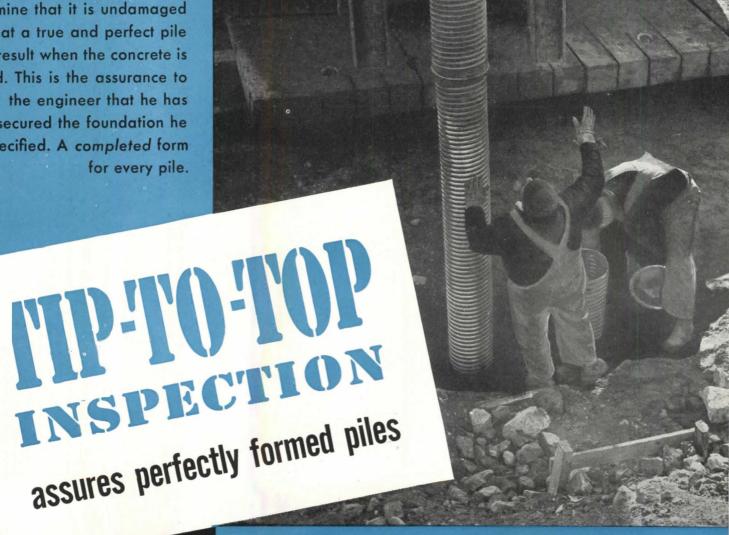
The subject matter of the January number lends itself very naturally to the form of treatment you have given it. The next eleven issues will be examined with a new interest as they are measured by the yardstick you have set for yourselves. Our wish is that you will be successful in maintaining your established high standards throughout 1947.

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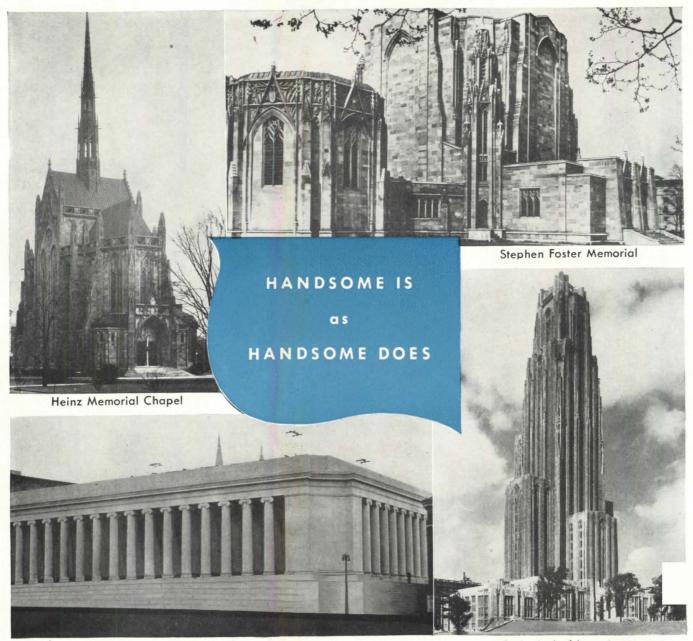
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# THIS MONTH

The plans for Daytona, Florida, presented this month, starting on page 59, are the work of Arthur D. McVoy, city planner. McVoy is no stranger to Florida, having received his B.S. and M.A. degrees in architecture from the University of Florida. His graduate work consisted of six months' study on a Langley scholarship in the city planning laboratory at Cranbrook Academy under Eliel Saarinen; travel and study in Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Germany, and France; and work (1939-1940) for a Ph.D. in city planning at the University of Buffalo under the late Dr. Walter C. Behrendt. His practice has taken him all over the country. He has worked as chief designer in the office of the architect to the Florida State Board of Control; and as city planner or planning consultant for the Buffalo City Planning Association, the National Resources Planning Board, and the cities of Spokane and Dallesport, Washington; Corvallis, The Dalles, and Portland, Oregon; and Ocala and Day-



ARTHUR D. McVOY

tona Beach, Florida. He was also planner for Tacoma, Washington, one of the three cities chosen by NRPB for experimentation on an accelerated planning method. A member of the A.S.P.O., A.I.A., and A.I.P., McVoy has taught and lectured on planning at the University of Florida, University of Washington, and M.I.T.

The association of Kim Hoffmann and Stephen Heidrich, specializing in "designs for contemporary treatment of stores, offices, homes," dates from 1946. Their offices for the Hansen Glove Company, New York, N. Y., appear in this issue on page 66. A native of Bremer-haven, Germany, Kim Hoffmann attended the University of Berlin, where he studied the rare combination of law and modern design simultaneously for three years. His leaning toward design won out, however, and he prac-



STEPHEN HEIDRICH

KIM HOFFMANN

ticed as a designer in Paris from 1933 to 1937, when he moved to New York and formed an association with Paul Bry that lasted until 1945. He is a member of the American Institute of Decorators. His associate, Stephen Heidrich, was educated in New York where, after winning the Pierre St. Godin Medal for fine draftsmanship, he received a scholarship to Pratt Institute. After three years in service with the A.U.S. came practice with Alfons Bach (1944-1945), and with Dorothy Draper until 1946.

"Brought up by a mechanically minded father, I just missed being an engineer (thank God)," says William T. Dreiss, designer of the little house in California presented on page 78. He attended the Art Center School, Los Angeles, Calif., where he came under the influence of such able designers as J. R. Davidson and Harwell Hamilton Harris. After a short period in war service, he worked in the aircraft industry, spending his time building "air

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## **NEXT MONTH**

- In April we will have the pleasure of presenting for our readers a number of new projects in Brasil, representing work of many of the best known contemporary Brasilian architects, and brought to us by Dr. Louis Parnes, recently returned from a South American trip. A new yacht club, reminiscent of the familiar one in Pampulha, comes from Oscar Niemeyer, as well as a one-floor rural hotel. Work by the Roberto brothers will include a city apartment house of reinforced concrete with interesting sun control devices, and the Casa da Comerciaria, a large residence club for Rio de Janeiro business women. Following the trend of the reinforced concrete work now associated with Brasilian architecture, a 22-story office building designed by Affonso Reidy and J. Moreira Machado for the headquarters of a railroad company will be shown. Another apartment house, this one the work of Henrique Mindlin, will be presented, with dwelling units ingeniously arranged to gain maximum light and air. Concluding the portfolio of Brasilian work will be a public school near Rio by Alvaro Vital Brazil, based on a semi-quadrangular scheme, and Brazil's own house, perched on a steep hillside in a lush setting.
- Two interesting houses from the East and West Coasts will appear in April. A wood frame house in Lincoln, Mass., designed by Carl Koch, is built into a gentle slope and brings the outdoors indoors with a piece of the hillside actually enclosed within the house. Anshen & Allen's house for Berkeley, Calif., done in association with John Hans Ostwald, takes full advantage of its typically dramatic San Francisco Bay site.
- The April Materials and Methods section will feature an article on broadcasting studio design and the importance of acoustic treatment, by M. A. Smith, acoustical engineer. Part II of Hallock and Stout's article on home freezers will also be presented, and will discuss building and planning for freezers larger than the models commercially available now.



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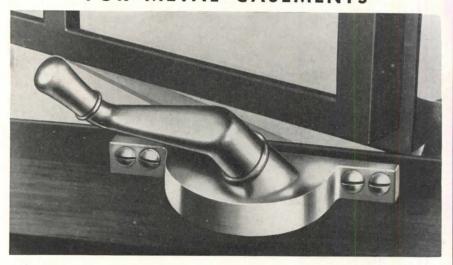


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architecture." With the end of the war, Dreiss resumed his studies at the University of California, while working in the office of Harris. At present he has his own practice in Los Angeles, where he is "back in line, Army style, waiting for the FHA, the CPA, and eventually maybe the WPA, but happy . . . 'doing what comes naturally.' "



WILLIAM T. DREISS

Featured in this issue, on page 53, is the small opera shed on the grounds of Tanglewood in the Massachusetts Berkshires, designed by the well known firm of Saarinen, Swanson & Saarinen. From the office of Sanders & Malsin (see biographical notes in January 1947 PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE) comes the design scheme for an entire blockfront of stores in Corning, N. Y., shown on page 68. Also known to our readers is Hugh Stubbins (April 1946 PROGRES-SIVE ARCHITECTURE) whose house on a Massachusetts hillside is shown on page 74 of this issue.

The article on "Planning of Home Freezers" which appears in the Materials and Methods section this month -first of two on the subject-is by Philip F. Hallock, who achieved his B.S. and M.S. degrees in architecture at Pennsylvania State College. His early experience was gained in an engineering and construction office in Lancaster, Pa., and after some private practice, like many others he was uprooted in December 1941. Three years of work on the design of hospitals and industrial buildings in the office of Schmidt, Garden & Erikson, Chicago, were followed by service as a naval photographic intelligence officer in the Aleutians where "kindred spirits were found and the neglected water color brushes, always at hand just in case, eagerly sought paint." In March 1946 Hallock returned home to State College, Pa. (the town, not the school)

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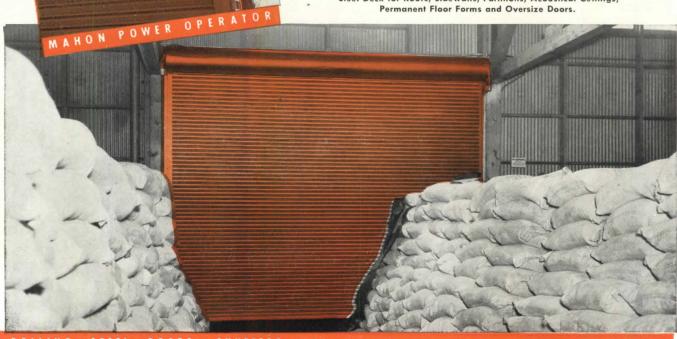
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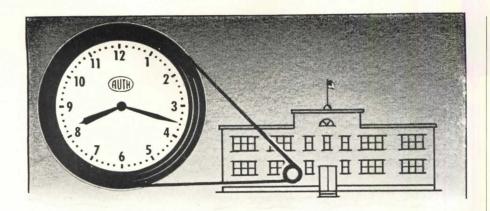
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and private practice. Registered in Pennsylvania, New York, and Illinois, with a Certificate of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, he continues "to promote radiant heating and modern design." G. J. Stout, Ph.D., associated with Mr. Hallock on this article, bringing to the discussion knowledge gained as Food Technologist at Penn State College.

Appearing on page 80 is the second and concluding part of "Standard Specifications for Concrete Construction," by James D. Beacham, architect. The first part of this article was published in the December 1946 issue of Progres-SIVE ARCHITECTURE.

#### NOTICES

FRANCIS E. LLOYD has opened his architectural office at 305 Grant Ave., San Francisco 8, Calif.

RAYMOND A. LESTER ASSOCIATES have removed their offices from New York City to 39 E. Prospect Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y.

MACKIE & KAMRATH have moved their architectural office to 2713 Ferndale Pl., Houston 6, Tex.

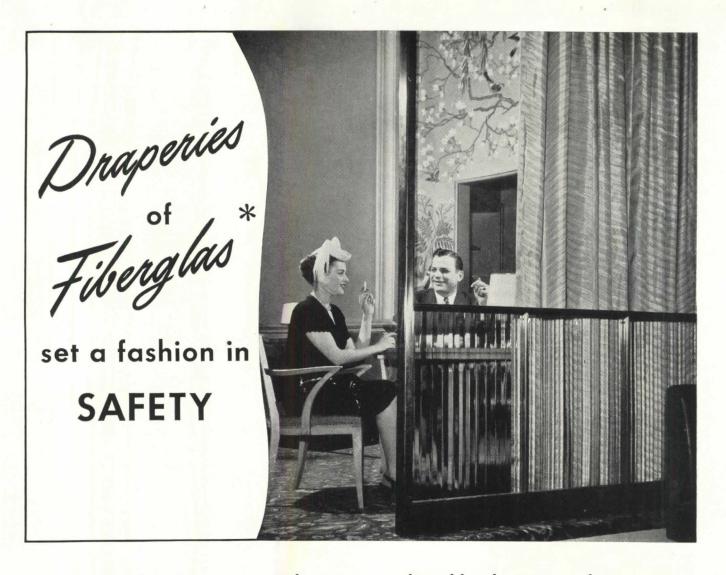
ROBERT MCKEAN, formerly associated with the office of Gilbert Rohde, is now located at 165 E. 72 St., New York 21,

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# PROGRESS REPORT

Advance in the design of buildings moves rapidly; many bits of information come to us in the course of a month, through conversations, interviews, letters, and press releases that build into an impression of continuing, if faltering, progress. On this page for a time the editors of PROGRESSIVE ARCHI-TECTURE will attempt to pass on to you the items that appear to us most important, with what comment seems appropriate. It will not be a "news" report in the accepted sense; we gave up long ago trying to present timely news in a monthly magazine that is written many weeks before it reaches you. Our aim will be to try to find a pattern in events which may already be familiar to you as spot news, happenings that are not likely to have come to your attention, and isolated reports that reach us from individuals. The result may not always be encouraging; progress reports sometimes report no progress.

For instance, Housing Expediter Frank R. Creedon continues to issue optimistic statements about the quantity of housing to be built during the year, but there is official silence on the price, the quality, or the relation of that housing to town and city plans. Business-minded architects will notice that more nonhousing construction is gradually being allowed, and that individual and group houses in the middle-class brackets are more free to fight for materials. Socially-minded planners and housers have not wept too copiously over the changes, because they had seen the Wyatt program degenerate into the familiar pattern of a scramble to build and sell bad houses, overpriced, in unplanned communities.

As remnants of last year's program disappear, it becomes apparent that the principal result of that brief flurry was the final birth of an industrialized housing industry. The opposition it will meet became very clear, but the needsand the market-were also clearly outlined.

Government assistance will still be forthcoming, when nothing else in the economy is interfered with; the Expediter's office has announced that guaranteed market plans for prefabricators are being continued. In fact, the only change in this scheme which was devised to assure production of low priced houses is that the houses don't need to be low priced ("the new market guarantee contract will contain no price ceiling") and the production doesn't have to be assured ("benefits of the guarantee will continue even though a producer, through no fault of his own, is unable to meet the production schedule called for in the contract").

However, with or without government assistance, enough industrially produced houses will be on the market this year to be statistically important and, in many localities, physically noticeable.



Proved to exceed local code requirements, this prefabricated house was allowed to remain in its Massachusetts setting.

As distribution of prefabricated houses increases, conflict with out-of-date local building codes becomes more apparent. In Natick, Massachusetts, a Shelter Industries prefabricated plywood house which was being erected by the Solaray Corporation of Boston was ordered removed because it did not comply in exact detail with the local code.

An appeal was made to the State Emergency Housing Commission, and expert testimony was adduced to show that the construction—a stressed skin, box panel system using striated plywood inside and out-exceeded Natick building code requirements in every respect.

The Housing Commission granted a variance, and the house went ahead. However, Massachusetts is the only state which has legal machinery for setting aside local code requirements which may prevent the use of new materials or construction methods. This matter surely concerns not only prefabricators but many designers who are trying to take advantage of available techniques.

A further step toward easing local acceptance of unfamiliar materials and methods is made by the establishment of a Foundation for uniform testing and reporting by the Building Officials Conference of America, a body which has been working for some time on a basic building code. The plan is to establish central testing and research facilities, to which a manufacturer or proprietor can submit his material or method for analysis and report. Products approved will be given a label of acceptance and so noted in a bulletin which will go to the proper officials in all cities of 10,000 population or more. If this were a completely disinterested

public body, the end result as well as the aim would be unquestionably good. As it is, skeptics may raise an eyebrow at the fact that the activity is to be partly financed by "fees collected for the servicing and development of tests" and that the controling Board of Governors is to be composed half of "participating members"-a category including manufacturers, general contractors, financial institutions, and insurance companies.

The technical experts in NHA have drawn a careful distinction between industrialized building (cutting across all the conventional construction processes as a new industry) and prefabrication (a greater degree of pre-assembly than in the past, with no great change in construction system). The Producers' Council has come forward with a third conception in what they call the "industry-engineered" house. Starting from the premise that present methods are acceptable and in many cases economical, and that a complete network of manufacturers, distributors, and erectors now exists, the Producers' Council has joined with the National Association of Retail Lumber Dealers in seeking to prove that standardization and dimensional coordination can effect appreciable savings.

A. Gordon Lorimer, until recently New York City's Chief Architect, is acting as technical consultant to the Producers' Council and is advising on the "industry-engineered" house. The plan, the overall design, and the basic construction are all fairly conventional; there is no attempt to educate or to pioneer in these respects. The advance will lie in the use of standardized products, with the house dimensioned to materials' sizes. A large planning module and the 4 inch dimensional increment are used. Savings will come principally through distribution - inventories can be more closely keyed to construction needs, and packaging and assembly will be simplified. Basic plans are suggested, with variations, but if the same principles are followed and the same unit materials ordered, savings should be possible in individual designs.

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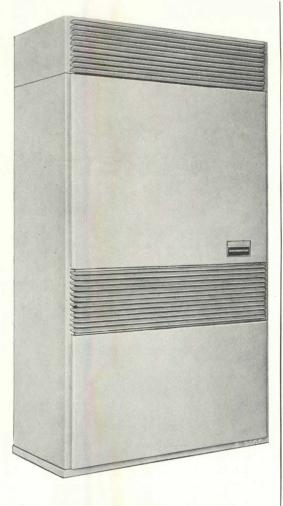
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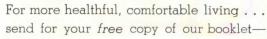
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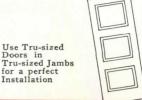




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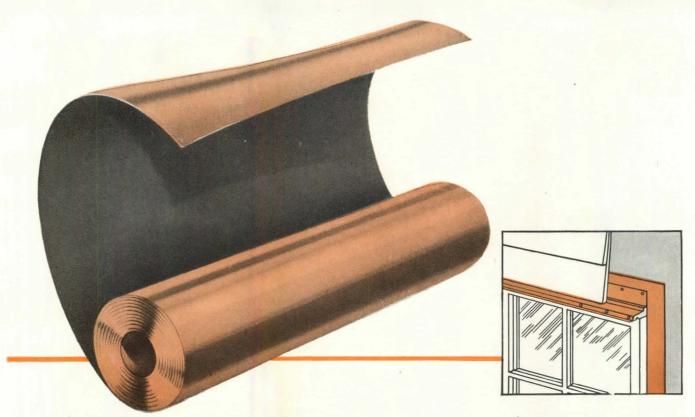
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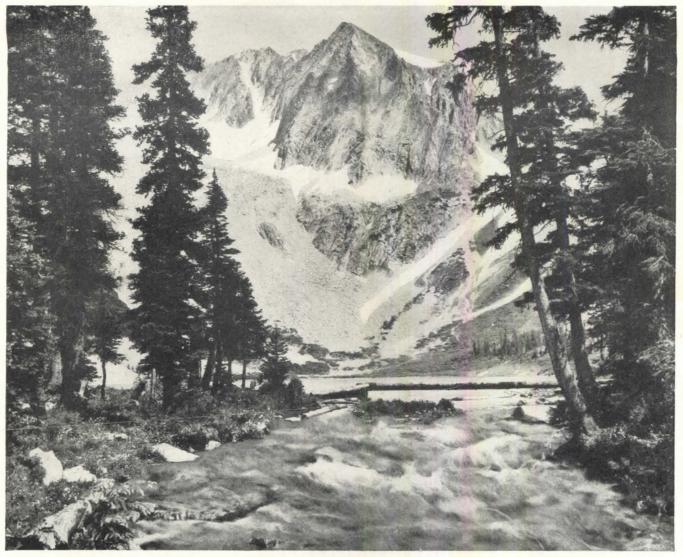
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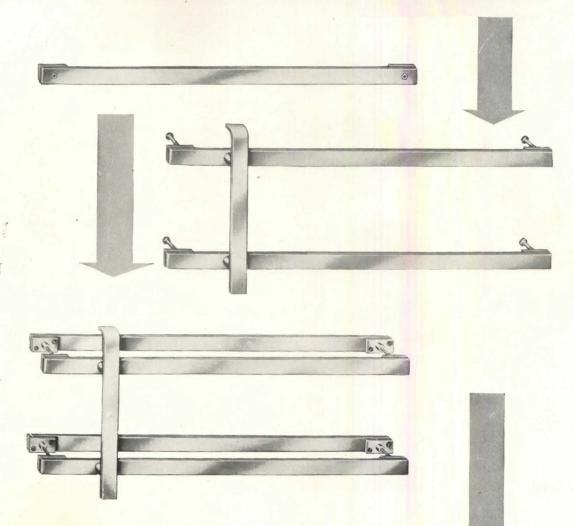
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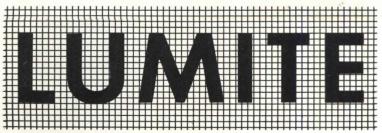
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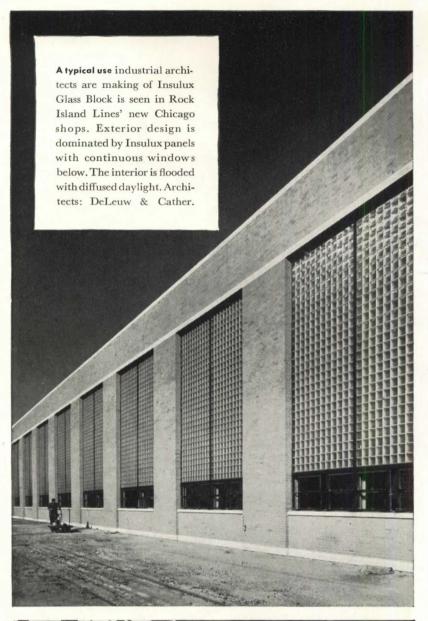
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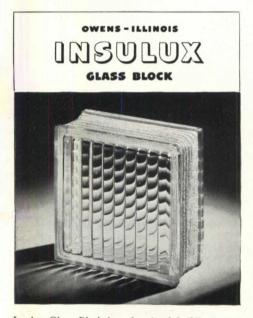
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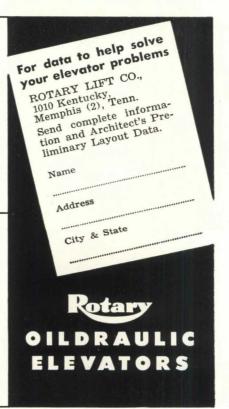
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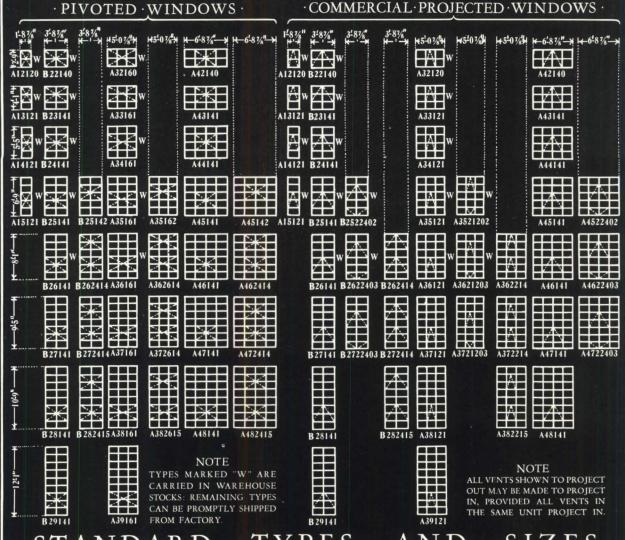
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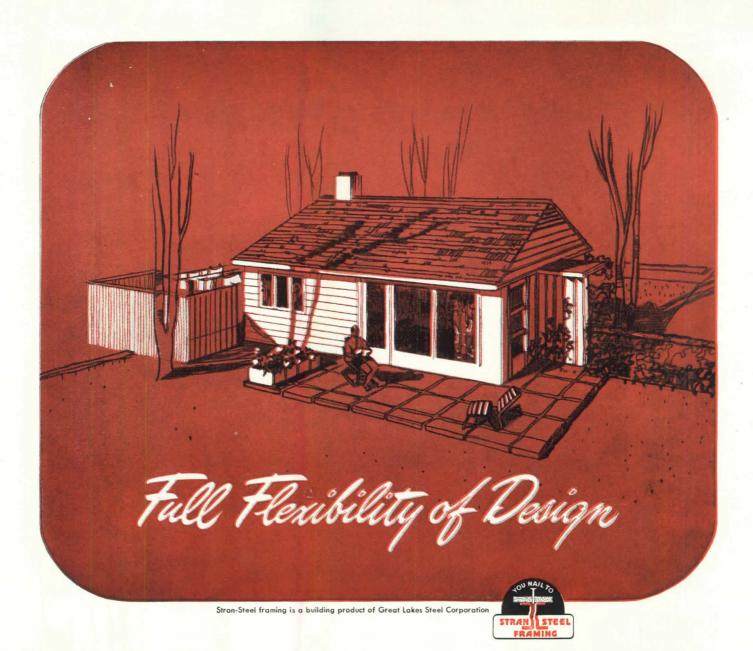
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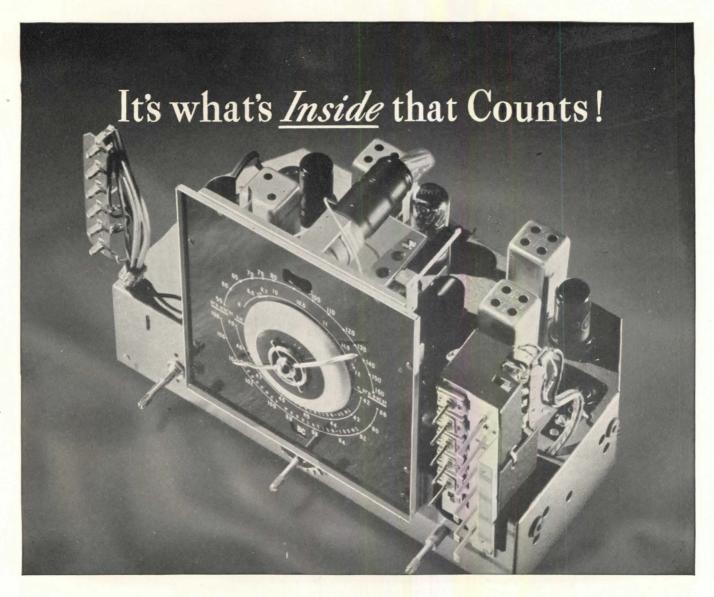
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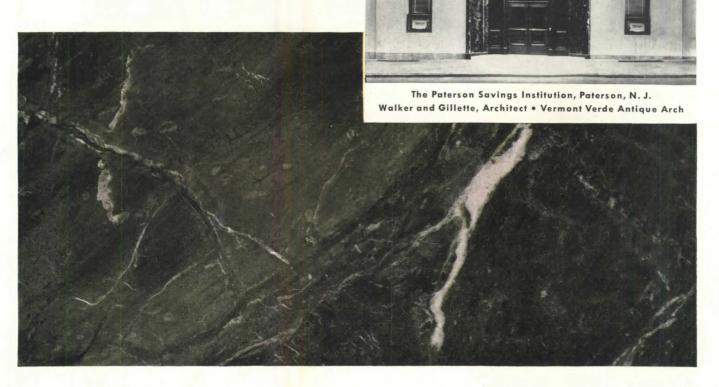
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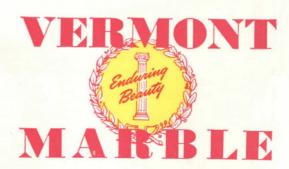
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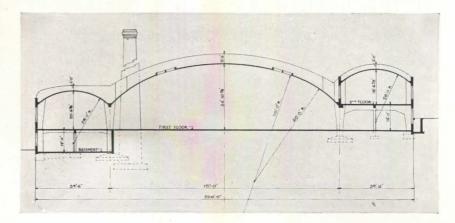
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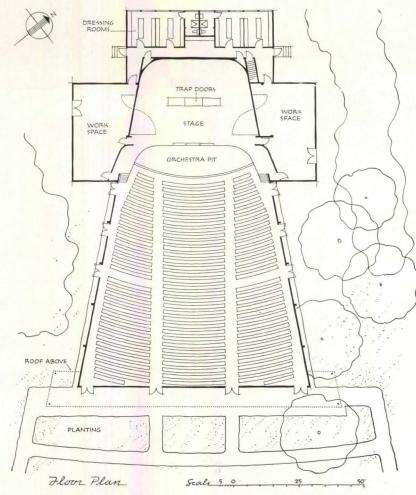
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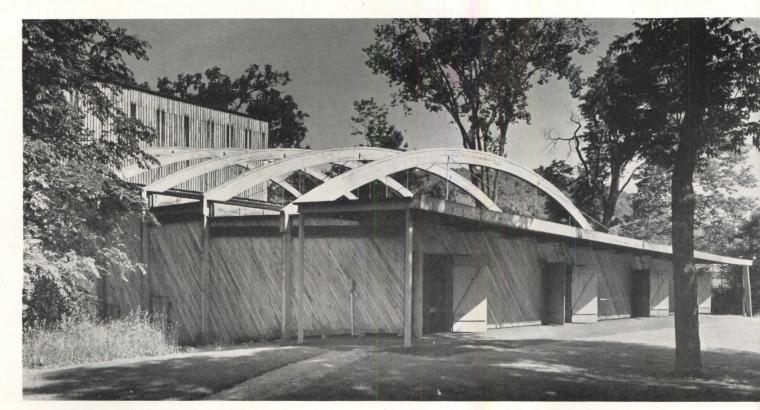
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The latest addition to the famous Berkshire Music Center where the Boston Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Serge Koussevitzky, holds its summer concert series, the opera shed was designed for a dual purpose—to house productions of small operas and for orchestral concerts.

The plan is worked out in a direct, functional arrangement; the development of the section, with its downsloping ceiling, happily emphasizes good seeing and hearing conditions rather than "packing in the customers"; the frankly expressed rationalized structural system (see pages 57-58) produces a finished design of great vitality; and, in the opinion of Oliver Daniel, of the Music Division of the Columbia Broadcasting System, the acoustics of the shed are "well nigh perfect." All of these elements are fused into an imaginative, integrated design-progressive architecture of a high order.

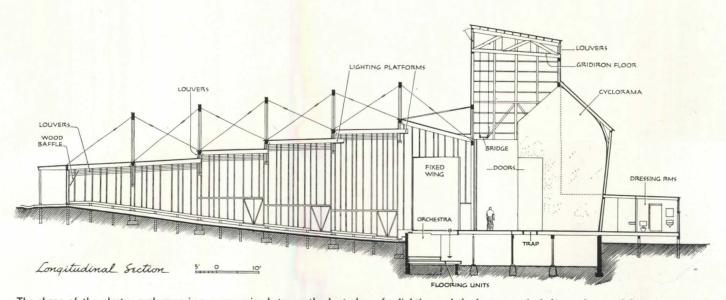


The auditorium was designed to break up sound waves and distribute them equally. Ventilation handled by slot at ground level and sidewall and ceiling louvers.



THE PLACING OF THE LAMINATED ARCHES above the roof was necessary, "to achieve the right volume for the auditorium."





The shape of the plaster cyclorama is a compromise between the best shape for lighting and the best acoustical shape; the sound focus is centered far above the stage floor.

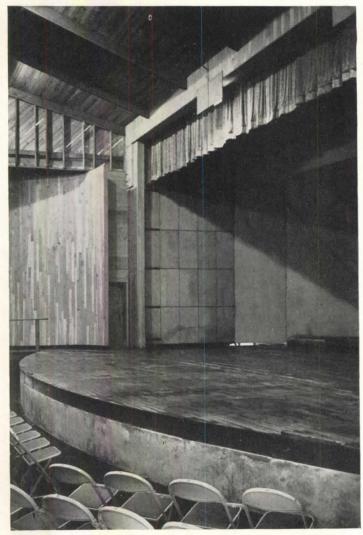
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The architects report: "The volume and shape of the auditorium were so designed that no sound-absorbing material had to be added to give it the right reverberation time." The exposed studs placed at random distance apart and of random size are also arranged with acoustical considerations in mind. Bituminous paving, used for flooring, was specified for its acoustical properties as well as its economy.

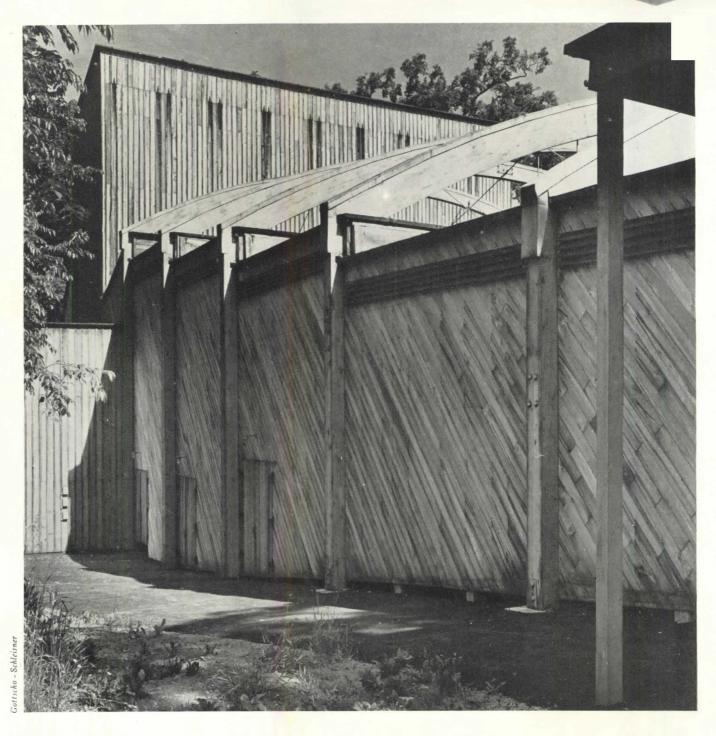
Mr. Daniel of CBS comments: "One can credit the designers with having achieved next to the impossible." He questions whether the comparative "barniness" may not be a major factor in its success. The "flooring seems to have much the same effect of softening acoustical properties that an audience usually does," he remarks. "The wood floor on the stage adds a definite resonant quality to the orchestral sound." Then, strictly from the broadcaster's point of view, he adds a word of criticism: "The usual failure to provide adequate space for radio equipment naturally is a drawback."



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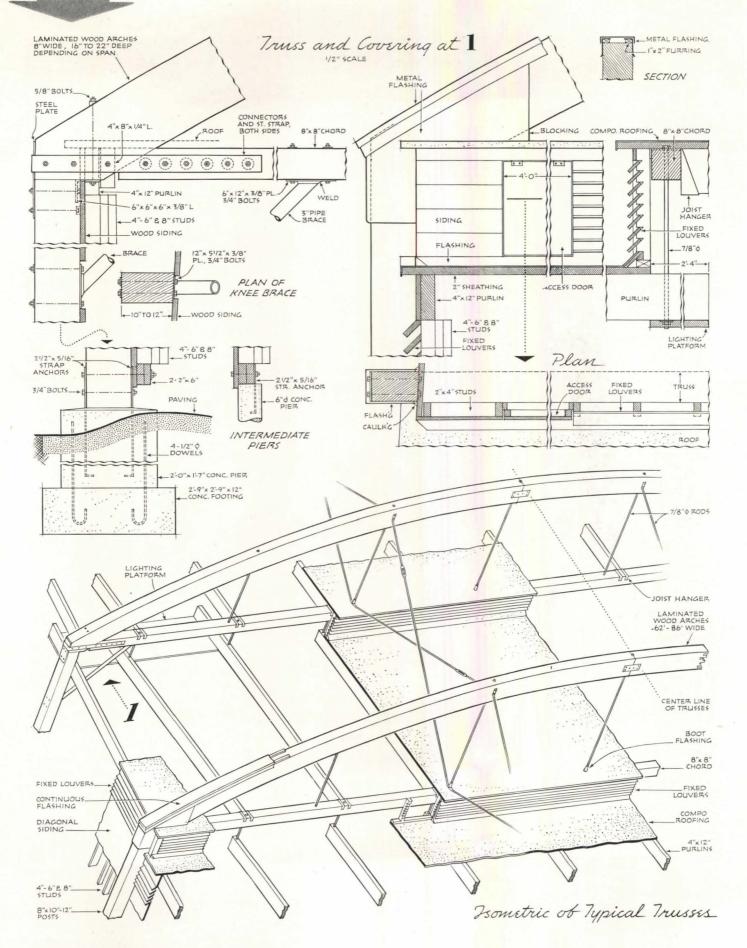
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The auditorium is supported by a series of trusses with the laminated-wood arch upper chords exposed above the roof. The step-down roof itself lies in the planes of the bottom chords of the trusses, which also serve as girders. Tension chord members of the bowstrings are steel rods. Incorporation of the roof framing with the truss structure considerably simplifies the roof construction. Louvers were introduced in the risers as part of the ventilation system. As with most louver constructions, difficulties were encountered with water penetration during rainstorms, particularly with water dropping and splashing from higher levels. Addition of gutters alleviated the difficulty somewhat, but even so, it has been found necessary to insert cover panels over a considerable portion of this louvered area.

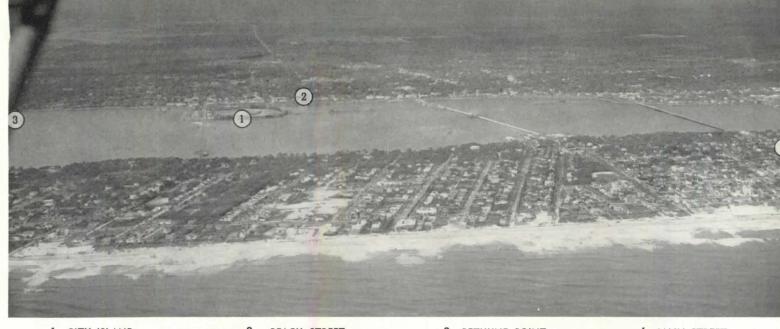
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1. CITY ISLAND.

2. BEACH STREET.

3. BETHUNE POINT.

4. MAIN STREET.

Not the least important part of the story is the success Mr. McVoy has had in winning public interest in the project. Witness the newspaper clippings, a few from the series of 29 presented by the Daytona Beach News-Journal, with introductory summaries by Lillian Davidson, the editor's wife. Lectures and broadcasts have all played their part. And, at time of going to press, we learn that two billboards displaying the plan have been erected, one, adjacent to Beach Street; the



### DAYTONA BEACH MASTER PLAN

DAYTONA BEACH PLANNING BOARD—DANA STEELE, Chairman
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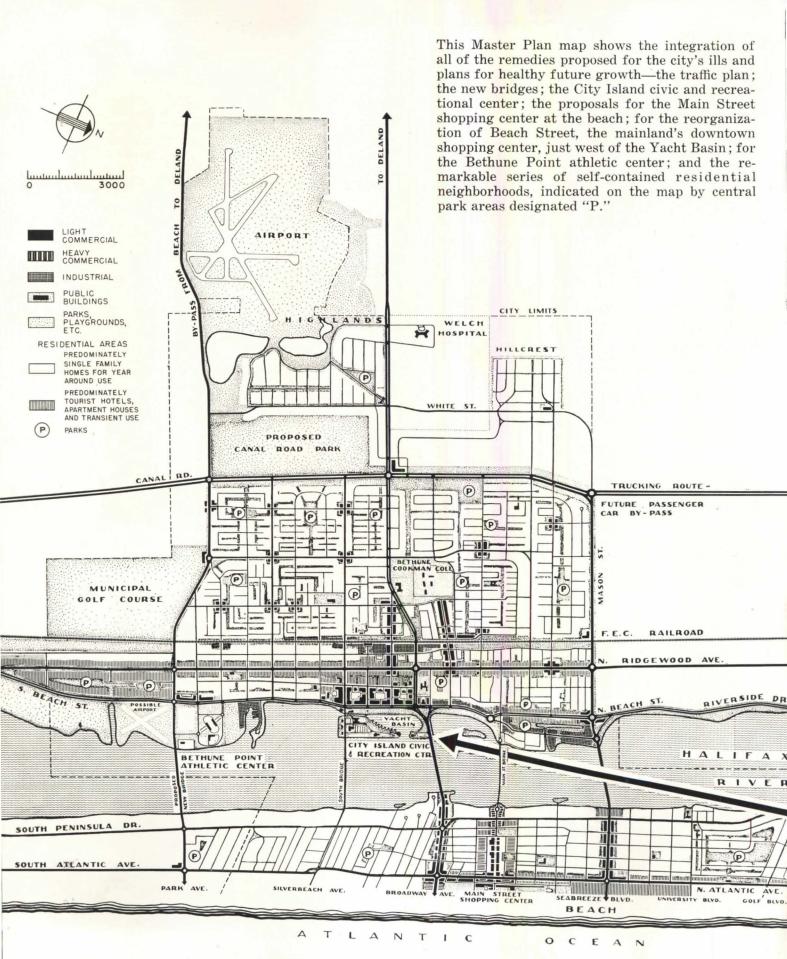
Like most American cities, Daytona Beach has a serious traffic problem, inadequate civic and recreational facilities, and it is growing in a sprawling, unplanned way. In addition, this coastal city, with a population of 26,000, is a resort city, counts on about 25,000 visitors a year to support its main business as a tourist center, and it has a very special interest in seeing that it is as pleasant and inviting as possible. The master plan, therefore, has dual importance. Not only does it solve problems that are familiar to a great many communities, but it is a thoroughgoing plan that takes into account the needs of year-'round citizens as well as the rather elaborate provisions required of the "showplace" community. Perhaps most significant of all, the master plan has been approved "in principle" by the City Commission, and some elements are already scheduled for action.

The master plan is a careful integration of the several separate elements of which it is constituted. Most important of these is a basic traffic plan and attack on the problem of parking congestion; a civic and recreational center proposed for the dramatic City Island site; an athletic center at Bethune Point; and shopping center proposals for Beach Street and Main Street.

BEACH STREET, at left; CITY ISLAND, right.



### DAYTONA BEACH MASTER



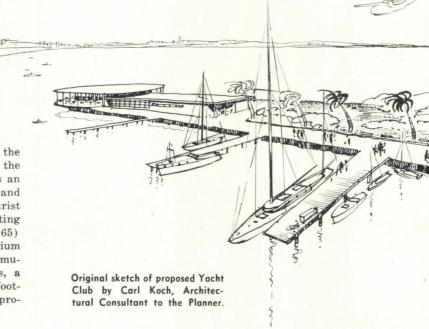
### TRAFFIC PLAN

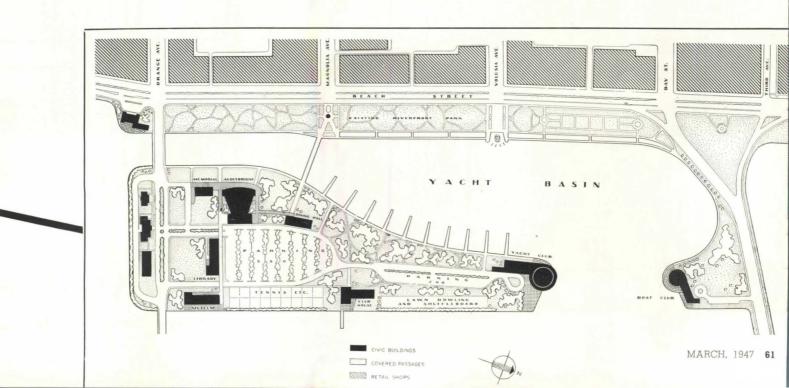
Outer Belt Highway System: Canal Road, to the west, named as a trucking route (already approved) and passenger car bypass; Atlantic Avenue, along the beach front; Seabreeze Boulevard-Mason Street east-west highway (to the north) and the Park Avenue-Deland bypass (to the south). With this outer circulatory system, a trip (for instance) from any point on the beach to the airport could be made without entering the mainland downtown district at all; through trucking is kept away from the center, and the two inter-

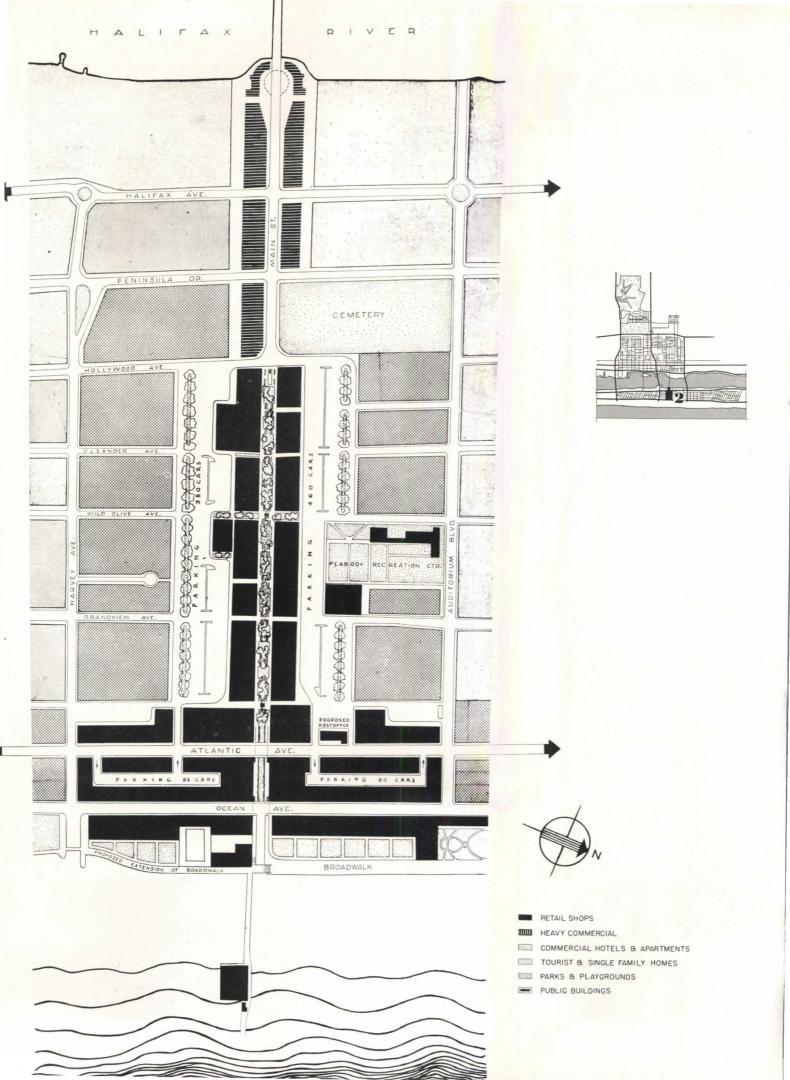
mediate north-south traffic channels are freed to function properly for their planned uses—Beach Street for one-way local access to downtown shops or as a scenic riverfront drive (see Beach Street plan, page 64), and Ridgewood Avenue for handling heavy local traffic and for travelers' access to lodgings or other local services. Completing this arterial system is the important intermediate eastwest highway, starting at Broadway at the beach across the new bridge to Bay Street (skirting the mainland downtown section) and so, by a viaduct, west, toward Deland.

### . CITY ISLAND

The prominent location of City Island, out in the Halifax River, just offshore from Beach Street, the mainland's park-bordered business district, offers an exceptional opportunity to create both a cultural and recreational center for the city and a major tourist attraction. Recommended is removal of the existing ball park to the new athletic center (see page 65) and a development to include: a Memorial Auditorium (location already approved), a city library, a museum, tennis courts, and other sports facilities, a Yacht Club, and sheltered docking facilities. A footbridge from Riverfront Park to the island is provided for pedestrians.







### DAYTONA BEACH MASTER PLAN

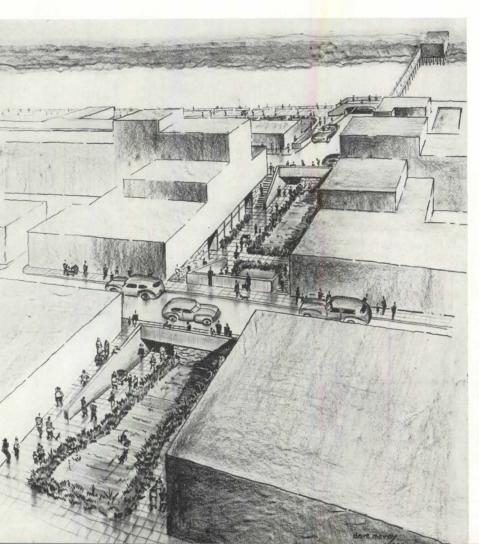
### 2. MAIN STREET SHOPPING CENTER

The city's No. 1 traffic headache, Main Street (at the beach) accounts for 50 percent of all traffic accidents and is at present snarled with two-way auto traffic, heavy pedestrian movement (the street is essentially an extension of the oceanfront boardwalk), and parking along both curbs. When the new Broadway Bridge from the mainland is constructed (see Master Plan map), motor traffic will be somewhat lessened, but Main Street promises to remain an important commercial-entertainment center.

To solve these extreme problems, Mr. McVoy makes the radical and exciting proposal of converting Main Street (from Hollywood Avenue to the beach) into a pedestrian promenade, completely free from vehicular traffic, with parking space (and secondary shopfronts) provided in planned lots at the rear of the stores. Near the boardwalk exit, as shown in the sketch below, north-south car traffic would be carried on bridges across the promenade.

Since such a development would be costly (but less so than proposals to widen Main Street), a gradual plan is suggested:

- 1. Make Main Street a one-way traffic street.
- 2. Provide several carefully placed rear parking lots.
- 3. Finally, eliminate automobiles entirely, completing the parking facilities, as shown.

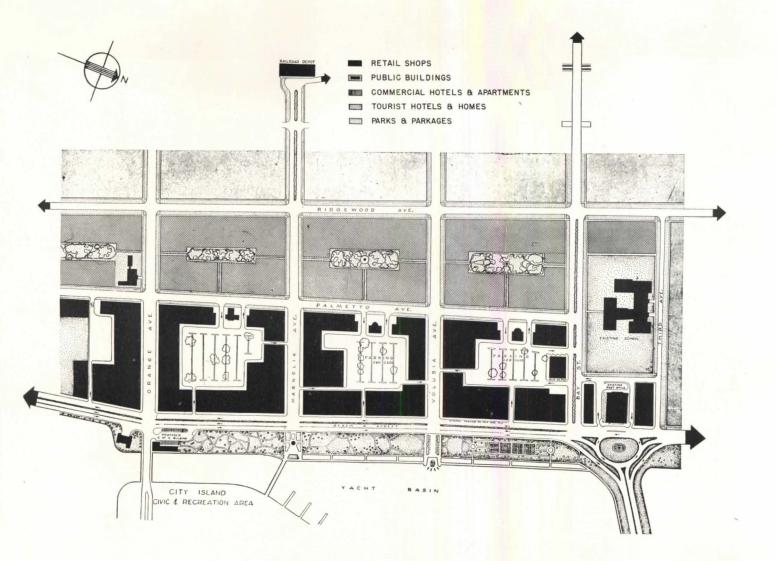






PRESENT. Main Street, but 50 feet in width (32 feet of paving), has to support two-way traffic, two curb lanes of parking, and crowds of pedestrians from the boardwalk and beach—a cluttered, noisy jumble.

PROPOSED. Entire beachward end of street closed to vehicular traffic, made into pedestrian promenade (with important north-south traffic streets spanning it); parking lots arranged in back of present shops—a quiet, leisurely, landscaped shopping, entertainment, and recreational center. Shops given new "fronts" facing the rear parking lots.



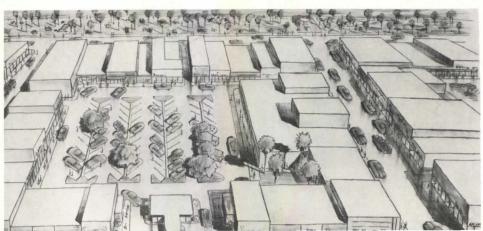


PRESENT. Interiors of the large business blocks adjoining Beach Street are occupied by a miscellany of frame boarding houses, hotels, and warehouses. Beach Street itself is a jumble of car parking on both curbs, and indiscriminate traffic, including through trucking.

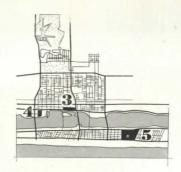
### PROPOSED. Complete elimination of interior-block structures, with this space turned into offstreet car parking for shoppers, accessible from entrances along Palmetto Avenue (foreground).

### 3. BEACH STREET SHOPPING CENTER

Along Beach Street, the park and riverfront heart of Daytona Beach's mainland business district, the chief improvements suggested are for handling traffic and car parking. With traffic for the beach channeled along Bay Street toward the north, Canal Road to the west designated for through truck traffic, and Ridgewood Avenue (two blocks west) available for other north-south traffic, Beach Street is freed for its two planned uses: one-way local access (with diagonal curb parking next to shops) to the stores, and as a two-way, four-lane scenic drive along the park side. These two functions are separated by a 6-foot planting strip placed near the center of the street. To handle the parking problem, McVoy takes advantage of the interior space of the exceptionally large blocks (circ. 500' by 700') of which this section is composed (see below). The plan also suggests a footbridge from the park across to the City Island civic area.



### DAYTONA BEACH MASTER PLAN

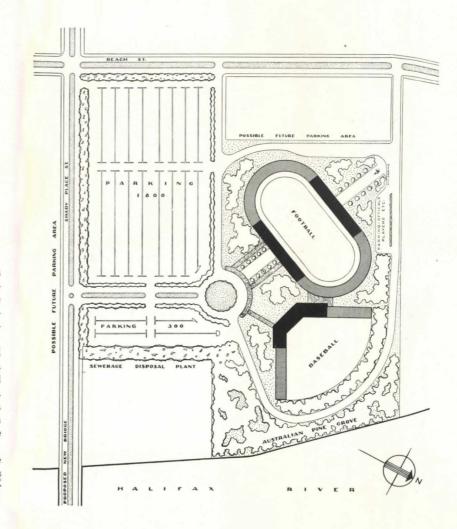


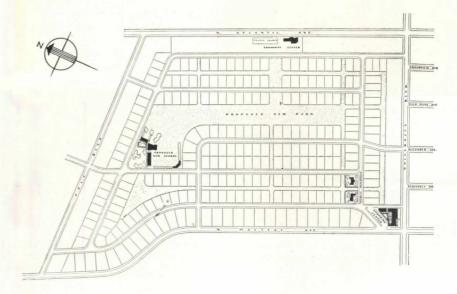
### 4. BETHUNE POINT ATHLETIC CENTER

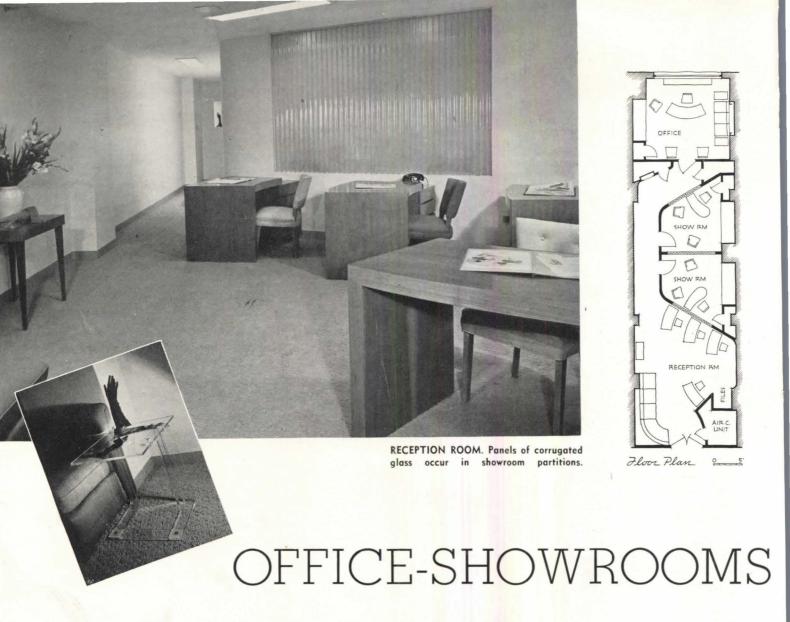
Though numerous lesser recreational facilities are recommended in the overall plan (extension of the boardwalk at the beach, toward the south; small neighborhood parks, certain recreation buildings, etc.), the two major recreational proposals are for City Island (page 61) and Bethune Point, shown here. The proposal is to locate in this major sports center both a new football stadium and a baseball diamond to replace the one at present on City Island. Because of a fairly serious wind condition, a grove of Australian pine is recommended on the Halifax River border of the property. The proposed traffic plan (see Master Plan map) recommends a bypass artery and new bridge across to the beach immediately south of this area, providing a natural location for car parking alongside this highway.

### 5. NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

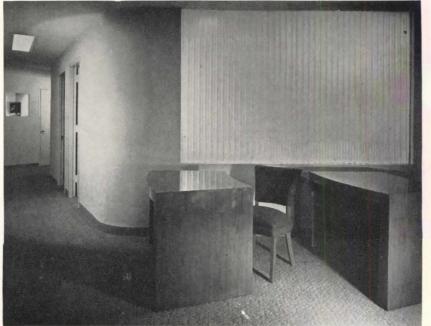
Planned residential neighborhoods throughout the city are an integral part of the master plan. Though the schemes are exceedingly various, the principles are the same: each is an entity, with an elementary school within it. Through-traffic arteries bound the property so that children will not have to cross them to reach school. Intersections are kept to a minimum, protecting the area from invasion of traffic and making the arteries safe and efficient. A park is provided near the center, adjoining the school site. A shopping center occurs near artery intersections. Long blocks and dead-end streets are freely used.







All photos of finished job by Ben Schnall





RECEPTION ROOM. Placement of showroom walls at 60 degrees to the side wall increases the apparent width of the area, produces a wall long enough to accommodate three desks, and minimizes strictly corridor space. The flush ceiling light fixtures are placed parallel to the angled wall of the showroom.



### HANSEN GLOVE CORP., NEW YORK

KIM HOFFMANN & STEPHEN HEIDRICH, Designers

This series of offices and showrooms is schemed within the familiar, alley-like, rental bay of a city office building. The designers have achieved a surprising illusion of space through the plan device of the splayed wall. Glass, integral lighting, and coloring assist the illusion.

Overall dimensions of the space are but 18 by 60 feet, with windows at one end. The need was for a reception room, with space for three salesmen's desks; two individual showrooms, and an executive office. The area is divided roughly into thirds, the showrooms occupying the middle third, reception room and executive office at the ends.

All design elements are kept extremely simple, so that the cabinets and recesses provided for display of the company's products are emphasized as much as possible.







PROGRESS SHOTS. The under-construction photograph is a remarkable illustration of integration—plan, structure, lighting, air conditioning, built-in equipment, and plaster base. Partition walls are plastered cinder block. Complete air conditioning is provided.





EXECUTIVE OFFICE. Flush, fluorescent fixtures combine pink-white and blue-white tubes to produce a natural, bright light. Custom-made walnut furniture and cabinetwork are stained light gray. Wall colorings are off-white tones of blue-green and rose, upholstery fabrics repeating these hues, but in strong values and chromas.



SANDERS & MALSIN, Architects

Corning, New York, which had just over 16,200 inhabitants in 1940, also has a shopping thoroughfare—East Market Street—like thousands of others throughout the United States. The buildings along East Market Street between Numbers 2 and 48 are—again like thousands of others—substantial yet undistinguished; products of the expansionist era; mostly on deep, narrow lots; outdated in appearance and in their impression on potential customers. They could not be completely rebuilt; local pocketbooks could not stand that. At about this point the firm of Sanders and Malsin found a key to a design solution when they discovered that, disparate as the buildings were, there existed a planning module: each lot was either exactly 21 ft wide (or a multiple), or so close to it that the variation could easily be utilized for necessary tolerances. Application of a new surface seemed indicated rather than any extensive structural change; the modular concept was applied again, and it was found that most sheet materials and windows could be obtained in a uniform size, 3 x 6 ft.

From such considerations developed the prefabricated metal grid or frame designed to cover the entire upper portion of the block front once the dated "ornament" had been cleaned off it. Into the grid can be fitted almost any desired material, from metal lath to plywood to marble or structural glass. If one material isn't available, another can be used with a minimum of disturbance to the design as a whole.

### PURPOSE

TO INCREASE THE OPER ATING EFFICIENCY OF A BLOCK OF STORE FRONTS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF:

MERCHANT

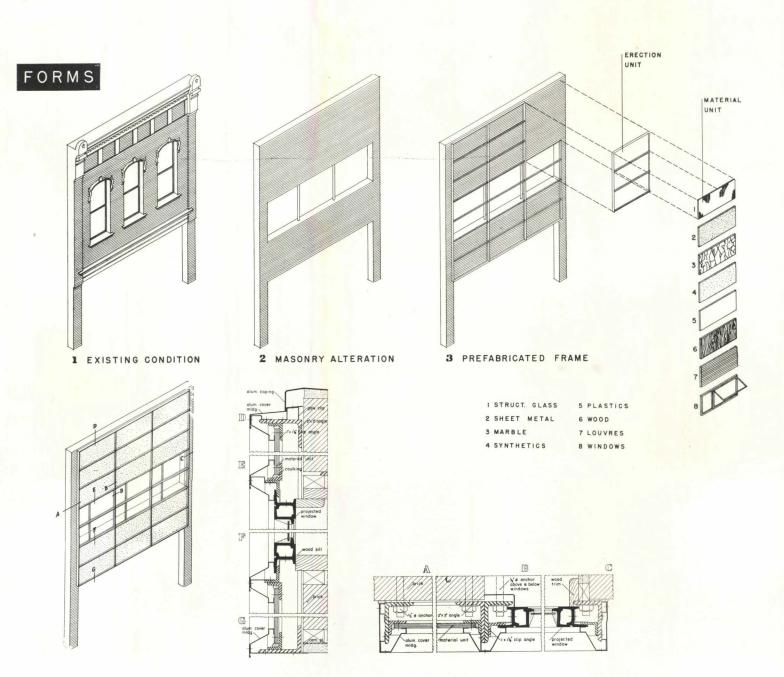
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### AIMS

### MEANS

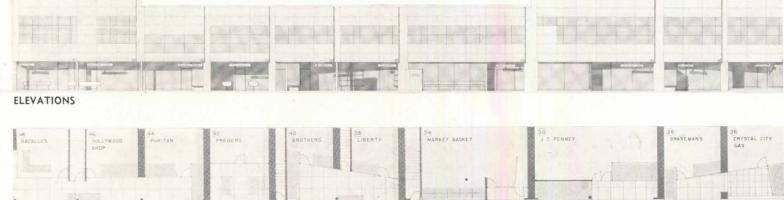
- EFFECT CONTINUITY OF DESIGN AND RETAIN INDIVIDUALITY CON-SISTENT WITH MERCHANDISING REQUIREMENTS
  - UTILIZE STANDARDIZED SECTIONS IN THE FORM OF A MODULAR GRID WORK OR FRAME
- PRESERVE TITULAR CONVENIENCES OF INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP, FREE OF ENCUMBERING EASEMENTS
  - DESIGN EACH FRONT AS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT, PERMITTING OF INDIVIDUAL ERECTION AND RESPONSIBILITY
- INTEGRATE STORE FRONTS SO AS TO EMPHASIZE THE PROMINENCE OF INDIVIDUAL DISPLAYS
- EMPLOY COMMON LOBBIES, ENTRANCES, AND SET-BACKS TO RELATE COMPLEMENTING STORE FRONTS
- UTILIZE TO THE MAXIMUM THE EXISTING STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL STORE FRONTS
- PLAN NEW FRONTS SO AS TO REQUIRE THE MINIMUM OF DEMOLITION AND ONLY MINOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES
- PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY OF DESIGN TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF FUNCTION, APPEARANCE, AND COST
- ALLOW SELECTION FROM A WIDE RANGE OF STOCK FACING-MATERIALS THAT MEET MODULAR REQUIREMENTS
- SIMPLIFY CONSTRUCTION FOR EASE OF ERECTION, ECONOMY, MINIMUM INTERFERENCE WITH NORMAL STORE OPERATION
- PROVIDE FOR SHOP FABRICATION AND UNIT FIELD-ERECTION OF STANDARDIZED BUILDING SECTIONS



### PRESENT

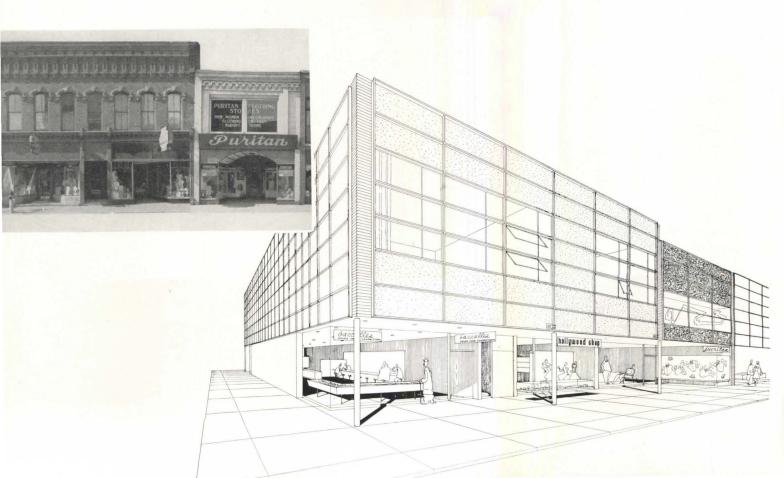


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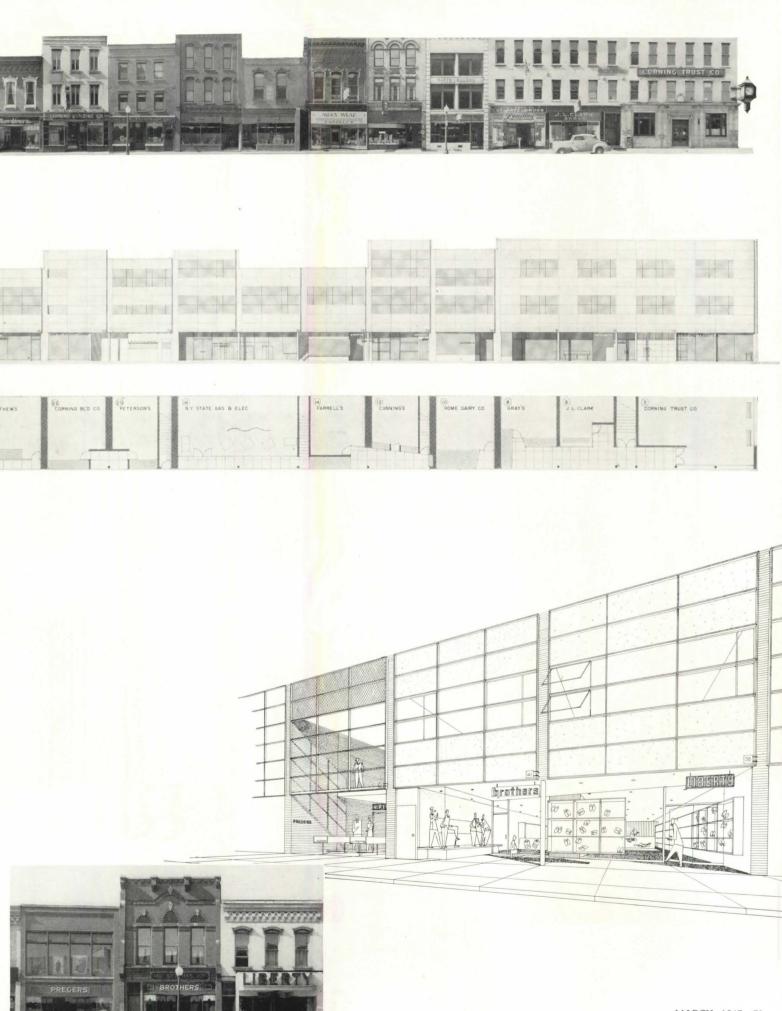


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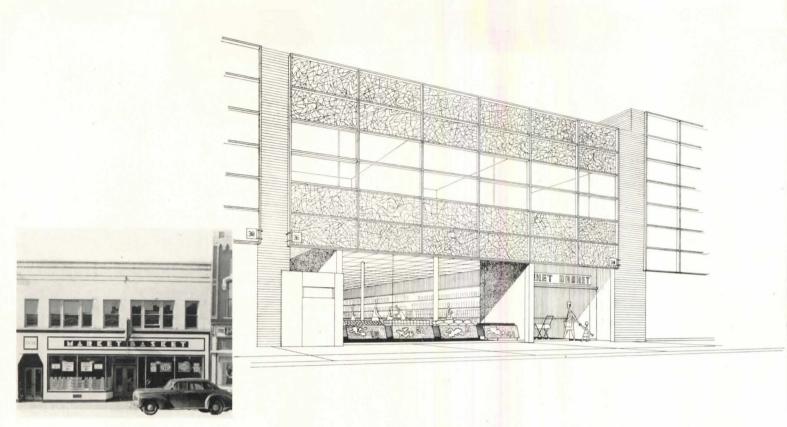
Photo at top of both pages shows the module which made possible the type of development pictured in the drawings. Five buildings at the left appear at larger scale below.



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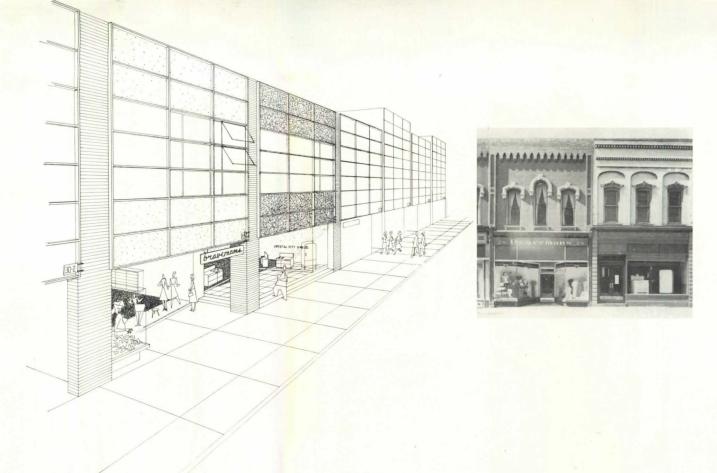


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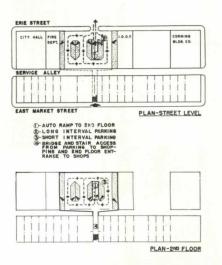


The next four stores, shown here at larger scale, demonstrate the individuality of treatment possible within the group scheme.

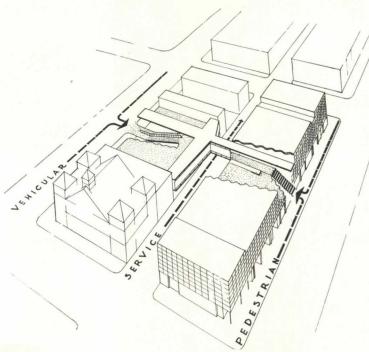




As well as modernization of obsolete buildings, the architects point out, problems of traffic, parking, and service access must be dealt with so that group rehabilitation will not be compromised.



They further state: "On a community basis it is important that the 2-48 East Market Street project, and all future local improvement enterprises, be part of a planned development if the entire community is to benefit and enjoy a continually improved environment."



SITE

Although site and community factors were not part of the program handed the architects, they probed existing conditions sufficiently to assure themselves and their clients that nothing in the proposed scheme would conflict with future planning on a larger scale. First came the immediate site. Vehicular traffic on such a street is an abomination during shopping hours. Fortunately the block had an interior alley to which service traffic could be restricted, and a plot across the service alley, next to a block of municipal buildings, on which could be built double-decked parking facilities for customer traffic; a bridge across the alley could connect with the store group. The architects pointed out to their clients the problems confronting other business, industry, and Corning's residential sections; the need for recreational facilities; transportation problems; and flood control requirements.



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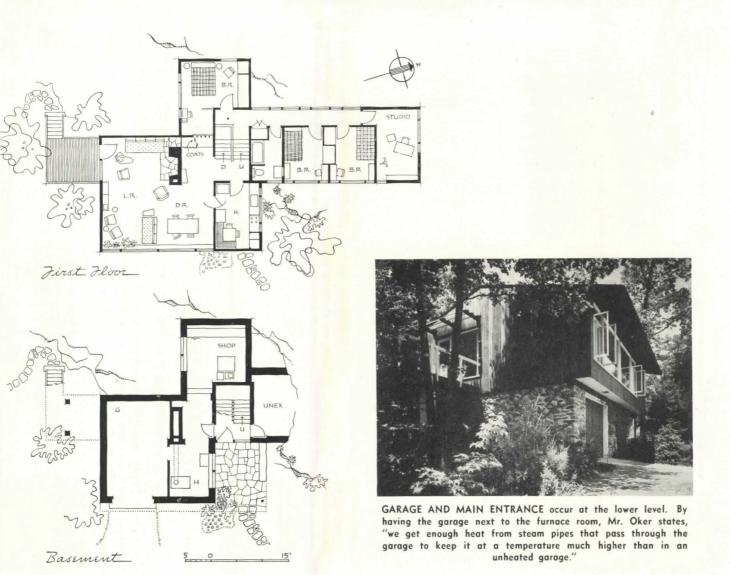
# HOUSE in southbridge, massachusetts

HUGH STUBBINS, JR. Architect

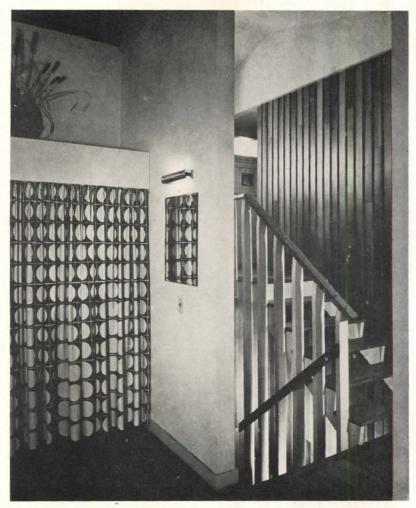
In addition to the interest that this house holds as a straightforward scheme for a particular family's needs, the handling of a difficult site condition, and the pleasing domestic character that the architect has achieved are factors that particularly recommend it.

The hillside site consists of an irregular ledge formation. "The fieldstone foundations rest on this ledge," Mr. Stubbins tells us, "and the main floor is elevated to minimize blasting and excavation, to give ease and privacy of access, and to provide a woodland view from the living-room windows." Stepping up the house plan to conform to the ledge slope places the bedrooms and studio on a level six steps above the main living room.

This is the home of the Arne Oker family. Mr. Oker is an artist; hence, the studio. At the time the house was being designed, Mr. Oker comments, "Our two children were approaching college age and for that reason we asked Mr. Stubbins to keep dimensions of their bedrooms to a minimum. Our theory on this has proved practical, since the children are now away most of the time."



KITCHEN WINDOWS, left; BED-ROOM WING, at right. The house is of frame on fieldstone foundations. Exterior surface is tongue and groove eastern pine.



ABOVE THE CURTAINED COAT CLOSET is a shelf, with an opening over it into the master bedroom. This device was introduced, according to the architect, "to carry a feeling of space from one area to the other."

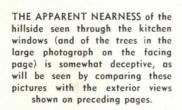
### HOUSE

IN SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.

HUGH STUBBINS, JR., Architect

From the ground floor entrance, a flight of stairs leads up to a compactly organized "central distribution" point. Directly ahead is the door to the kitchen; in an alcove at right is a curtained coat closet; a six-step flight of stairs leads up from this area to the bedroom wing, and the open side of the space leads directly into the well organized combined living and dining room, with its great windows overlooking the woods on the downslope. Placement of the fireplace at right angles to the back wall of the room produces a sheltered fireside area; a door at the corner of the room opens out to a raised sitting deck.

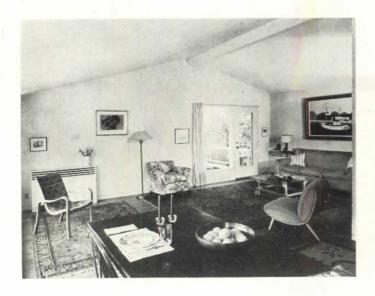
"Many people have asked us if we find it quite a chore to keep the large windows clean," Mr. Oker remarks. "Our answer is that it is much easier to clean one window of plate glass than it is to clean several small panes in a sash."



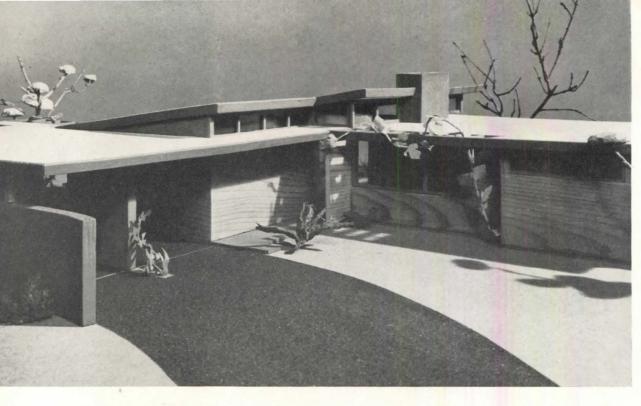




THE OWNERS SAY that "the arrangement of living and dining space meets our needs very well. It adapts itself equally well to small groups and large parties." The roof overhang above the big windows not only controls the sun's rays but "we find we can leave our casement windows open during rain storms."







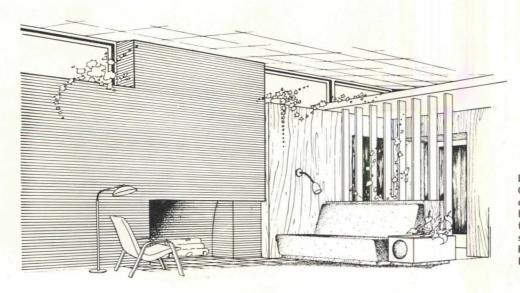
REDWOOD AND BRICK are the exterior materials of this house built on a waterproofed concrete slab. Bearing posts are milled to receive glazing directly.

# HOUSE FOR ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA

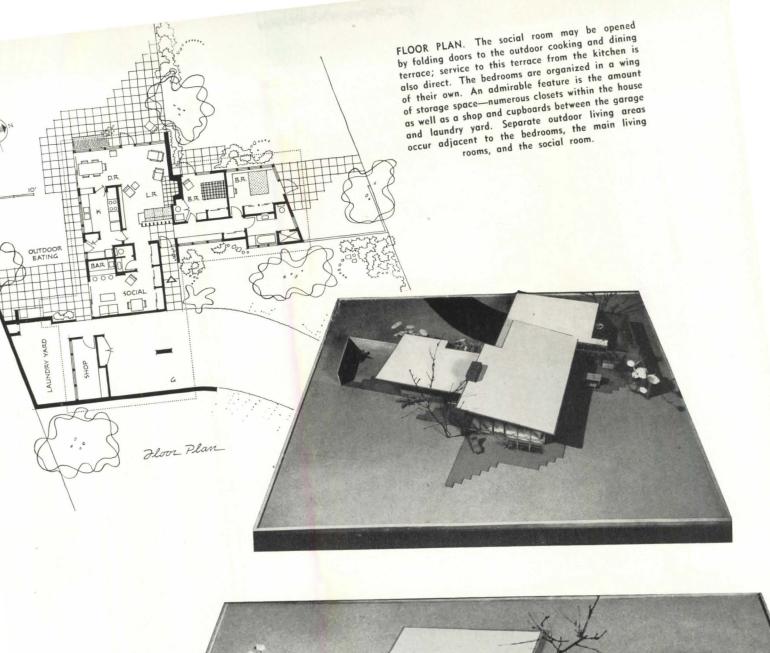
The element that particularly distinguishes this small house from other well planned houses of about its size is the space provided for social entertainment. Otherwise, the plan is notable for its functional organization around a centrally located entrance and the privacy that has been provided for the three major living areas.

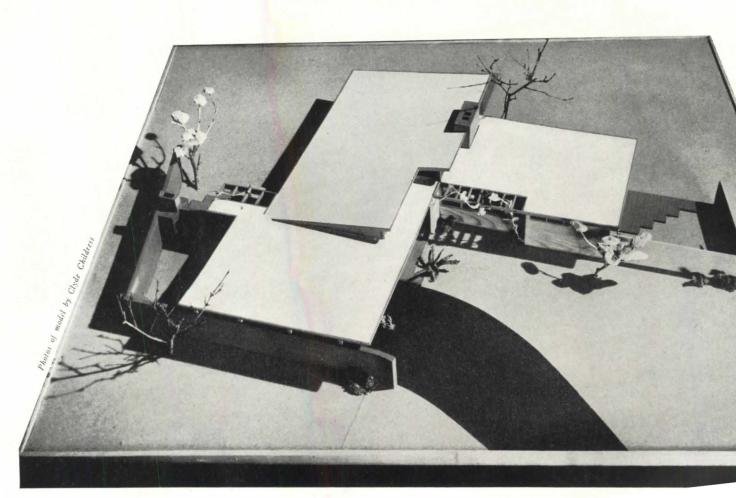
WILLIAM T. DREISS Designer

Frequent entertaining is a business necessity for this particular client. His wife expressed a desire to restrict this activity to a separate room without seeming to shut guests out of the living-room area. An additional, unusual requirement was for storage space and some sort of stage where the owner could exercise his talent for doing magic tricks. This is also organized in the social room, a small platform folding down from the wall, and a curtain hung from a ceiling track shielding the stage and the closets behind (where magic paraphernalia is stored) from view.



LIVING-ROOM FIREPLACE CORNER. Unfinished brick and natural wood serve as both interior and exterior finish materials. Note clerestory window strip at ceiling height providing balanced lighting and cross ventilation in this area.





#### STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION—II

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Editor's Note: Progressive Architecture presents the concluding portion of an invaluable document; the first appeared in December 1946. With the author's approval, these specifications have been checked by Fred N. Severud, Consulting Engineer. Though not wholly "streamlined," these specifications may be incorporated in project specifications by reference and modification as shown in the "Specimen" on page 82.

#### PART S-8 (Cont'd.)

- B) Seal-coating method: When called for in project specification or drawings, or when authorized, concrete cured by covering exposed surfaces with an approved seal-coat material.
- Seal-coating material consists of an approved, non-staining, liquid curing compound, with non-permanent color added, applied uniformly to all exposed surfaces, using a spray distributor, at the rate of not less than 1 gallon to each 30 sq. yds. of surfaces.
- Surfaces cured by seal-coating protected from direct rays of sun for not less than 24 hours after application.

**S8-03. CURING PERIODS.**—Minimum periods applicable to normal (standard) Portland cement concrete follow.

- For general construction including concrete

- For structural members in contact with salt water, salt spray, alkali soil or waters, or similar destructive agents ..............28 days
- Modifications of curing periods: Time periods specified or authorized for use with normal Portland cement concrete modified when special cements used, as follows:
- High early-strength cement: normal cement curing time decreased not more than 60%.
- Moderate low-heat cements: normal cement curing time increased not less than 25%.
- Other special cements: normal cement cur-ing time modified as directed.

S8-04. ADDITIONAL CURING (beyond the curing periods specified or authorized) applied and maintained when tests of representative parts of structure show strengths of more than 10% below the anticipated or required 28-day strengths; such deficient parts given additional curing to extent directed and/or necessary to develop the desired strength.

S8-05. REMOVAL OF FORMS.—Supporting forms or shoring not removed until the concrete members have attained sufficient strength to support their own weight and all loads imposed thereon.

- Removal time (minimum) after pouring, when temperature of weather is above 60 Deg.\*: Wall forms and side forms of beams, 2 days Column forms and forms under slabs of span less than 4', 4 days Forms under slabs of span between 4' and 10'.
- Maintenance period (minimum) for supports or shoring under horizontal members:
  Beams, girders and slabs, 21 days Floors upon which building materials will be placed during construction, 35 days
- \*In weather of temperatures below 60 Deg., forms, supports and shoring removed only after longer periods than specified in preceding provisions, as approved or directed by the Architect or Engineer.
- Method of removal: in manner preventing damage to concrete in place; hammering or prying against the concrete avoided.

#### SURFACE FINISHING

#### PART S-9.

S9-01. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. — Types: "Standard" surface finish and/or one or more of the several special types, all described herein, or other types designated by the project specification or drawings. In absence of specific designation, "Standard" type finish used.

- S9-02. REPAIRING AND PATCHING SURFACES.

  —Upon removal of forms, defective surfaces repaired and patched as necessary, leaving the concrete free from objectionable surface imperfections, with patched places matching surrounding surfaces as to texture and color.
- Repairing: On all exposed concrete, fins and other projections removed and offsets leveled.
- At voids and damaged places on concrete surfaces not exposed to weather, laitance and loose particles removed; all defective places saturated with water and filled with mortar mixture of same composition as that used in the concrete; the mixture thoroughly compacted into place and finished with a wood float.
- Tie rods removed in manner preventing spalling the exposed surfaces; tie holes filled solidly with mortar, at least 2 days before final cleaning of concrete.
- Patching: At voids and damaged places on concrete exposed to weather, such places strongly and neatly patched.
- Preparation: Honeycomb and other defective areas chipped out to depth of 1", with edges perpendicular to face; area to be patched cleaned of loose particles and thoroughly wetted.
- Patching mixture: Materials and proportions the same as used for concrete, but using  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (max.) aggregate, and with sufficient white Portland cement substituted for part of the normal (standard) cement to attain color matching.
- Placing patching mixture: Areas first grouted with wash of Portland cement and sand followed immediately by application of patching mortar; mortar applied in not less than 2 coats and thoroughly compacted into place, and screeded off so as to leave the patch slightly higher than surrounding surface. When partially hardened, patch finished to match adjoining surface. Use of steel trowels in finishing avoided. avoided.
- When unlined forms are used, board marks carried across patches by striking off the surface with a straight-edge spanning the patch, held parallel to the direction of the form marks. When screeding patch, straight-edge lifted at each joint between board

S9-03. STANDARD SURFACE FINISH.—All exposed surfaces smooth and uniform, practically free from unsightly surface imperfections, streaks and discolorations; of uniform color and appearance. pearance.

S9-04. SPECIAL SURFACE FINISHES. only when designated by the project specifica-tion or drawings) Types and methods of fin-ishing as described following; prior to finish-ing, surfaces repaired and patched as speci-fied in S9-02.

- A) Rubbed finish: Where practicable, forms removed before concrete has attained a hard set. Concrete surfaces wetted thoroughly and rubbed with carborundum brick or other abrasive to a smooth, even finish of uniform appearance. All grout used in rubbing thoroughly removed.
- Brushed finish: Forms removed while concrete is still green; surfaces brushed with stiff fiber or wire brushes, using water freely, until aggregate is exposed to the desired extent.
- Should portions of surface have become too hard to brush to equal relief, diluted hydrochloric acid, (1 part acid to 4 parts water) used to facilitate brushing; all traces of acid thoroughly removed with clean water.
- Sand-blast finish: Thoroughly cured surfaces air-blasted with hard, sharp sand until the aggregate is in uniform relief.

D) Tooled finish: The thoroughly cured surfaces dressed with suitable tools in such manner as to produce the finish designated in the project specification or drawings, to a uni-form texture and even face.

#### CONCRETE FLOOR FINISHES PART S-10.

**S10-01. TYPES OF FINISH.**—Types "A" to "E", inclusive, as specified herein, and/or other types (or modifications of specified types) designated in the project specification or drawings. In absence of specific indication as to type(s) required, Type "A" used.

S10-02. TYPE A.—Standard topping finish: A hard, durable surface practically free from dusting and disintegration when in normal use intended; applied before (designated "monolithic"), or after (designated "separate"), the base slab hardened.

- Proportions: By volume, 1 part Portland cement, 1 part fine aggregate, and 2 parts coarse aggregate (aggregates as specified following); not more than 5 gals. water, including unabsorbed water on the aggregates.
- Aggregates: clean, hard, sound material; suitability for use as approved by Architect or Engineer.
- Fine aggregate: natural sand or crushed stone screenings.
- Coarse aggregate: suitable pea gravel, or crushed stone of dense traprock, fine-grained granite, or quartz; material having a large percentage of elongated or thin pieces avoided.
  - Grading: total passing % by weight 1/4" sieve No. 16 " " 50 " 100 Fine aggregate: 45-80 " 100 0-15 total passing % by weight
- Coarse aggregate: 1/2" sieve 100 95-100 No. 4 0-5
- Mixing: generally, as specified for struc-tural concrete; by machine unless other-wise authorized; in manner preventing seg-regation of ingredients; a stiff non-plastic
- Preparation of base slabs: Slabs struck off true at level not less than 3/4" (for ordinary-duty floors; 1" or more if specified for heavy-duty floors), below designated floor grades. Prior to placing finish topping, all grounds and strips installed for items of adjacent finish specified; all dirt and debris removed.
- Preparation for "monolithic" topping: All water and laitance removed before topping is applied.
- Preparation for "separate" topping: Before base slab has fully hardened, surface water, laitance, and loose aggregate removed by use of wire broom, leaving the aggregate slightly exposed; the slab wet-cured for at least 5 days. Just prior to placing topping, base slab thoroughly cleaned by scrubbing; a short distance ahead of the topping mixture, a thin, neat, cement grout broomed into slab surfaces.
- Application of topping: "Monolithic" topping placed within 45 minutes after base slab is placed; "separate" topping placed after base slab is hardened, cured and prepared, as specified.
- Placing: Mixture spread and thoroughly compacted by tamping and/or rolling; floated to a true surface; surfaces sloped towards drainage outlets indicated, unless otherwise directed.

- 2) Troweling: Surfaces troweled to a smooth, hard finish, after topping mixture has hardened sufficiently to prevent excess fine materials from working to the top; no additional cement applied to surfaces during finishing operations.
- **510-03. TYPE B.—Special topping finish:** The best class of concrete floor finish, free from dusting and disintegration; of unusually good durability; dense and water-tight; applied **after** the base slab has hardened; full 1" thick (more if specified); machine floated.
- A) Proportions: as specified for Type A. finish (S10-02) except that 1-3/4 parts coarse aggregate used in lieu of 2 parts as in Type A finish.
- B) Materials: as specified for Type A. finish, except as to coarse aggregate (1/2" to 1/4" size aggregate used); aggregate specially selected for hardness and density; as approved.
- C) Mixing: by suitable, mechanical, batch-type mixer; for not less than 1½ minutes after all materials, including water, are in the mixer.
- D) Preparation of base slabs: as specified for Type A. finish, ("separate" topping).
- E) Application of topping: Temperature of not less than 50 deg. F., required in area during placing; after mixture is placed and screeded, excess water removed by absorption with cloth mats or by other effective means. Topping compacted thoroughly with motor-driven float of metal-disc type, or with rollers weighing at least 10 lbs. per linear inch. No additional cement applied to surface during floating.
- Troweling: Compaction followed by as many hand-troweling operations (but not less than 3) as necessary to obtain a smooth, hard, impervious surface free from marks and blemishes. No additional water or cement applied to surfaces during finishing or troweling operations. Surfaces burnished by troweling to show a shine or gloss. Sufficient time allowed prior to starting final troweling so that cement paste does not adhere to the edge of trowels; trowels held at an angle of approximately 30 deg, to surface, with edge pressing vigorously into surface, producing an audible, ringing sound from the trowel.
- S10-04. TYPE C.—Ground finish: Topping as required for Type A finish applied as specified. When cured, surfaces finished by grinding uniformly with an approved type grinding machine shod with free, rapid-cutting carborundum stones; grinding continued until coarse aggregate is exposed; surfaces kept wet during grinding.
- S10-05. TYPE D.—Non-slip finish: Topping mixture as required for Type A. finish, applied as specified. Prior to final troweling, particles of aluminum oxide (Al<sub>2</sub>0<sub>3</sub>), or chemically bonded abrasive aggregate, (not less than 1/4 lb. per sq. ft.), spread uniformly over floor surface. Size of aggregate as follows:
- Ordinary-duty floors, between 0.015" and 0.100".
- 2) Heavy-duty floors, between 0.03" and 0.25".
- A) Application of aggregate: Materials thoroughly dampened before spreading; uniformly spread and tamped flush with surface, using a steel trowel and taking care not to bury the chips. Surface troweled as specified for Type A. finish; after curing, floor rubbed with abrasive brick and water sufficiently to slightly expose the abrasive aggregate.
- S10-06. TYPE E.— Dusted-on finish: A hard, smooth, integral surface suitable in light-duty locations where a limited amount of dusting or crazing is not objectionable; or as a base for applied floor coverings.
- A) Methods and materials: Surface of base slab struck off at finish floor grade; surface water, dirt, laitance, and debris removed. A dry mixture consisting of 1 part Portland cement and 1½ parts fine aggregate, (by volume) applied to surface at rate of approximately 1 cu. ft. of mixture to each 100 sq. ft. of floor surface.
- B) Finishing: Surface floated until the dry material becomes wet; when it has dried out for 20 to 30 minutes (depending on weather conditions), surface brought to final grade with α wood float; when surface has hardened sufficiently to prevent excess fine materials from working to top, floor areas troweled to α smooth, hard finish.
- **S10-07. CURING FLOORS.—Objective:** maximum strength and resistance to wear; water-tightness; prevent early loss of moisture and shrinkage through evaporation.

- Curing started as soon as practicable after surface is finished and material has set.
- A) Curing method (except for Type B.): Finished surfaces water-cured for not less than 7 days (longer, as directed, in unfavorable weather) with saturated straw, sawdust, cloth mats, or other approved coverings; or by ponding and spraying.
- B) Curing Type B. finish: Surface cured by covering with an approved type of waterproof, non-staining membrane having sufficient strength to resist wear and abrasive action, and weighing not less than 15 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. The covering laid with air-tight joints; kept in place for not less than 14 days.
- C) Curing with seal-coat: used only when and as called for in project specification or drawings or when authorized; applicable to all types of floor finishes, but not used at any locations where surfaces are exposed to direct rays of sun for period of less than 24 hours after finishing.
- Material: an approved, non-staining liquid curing compound with suitable, non-permanent color added; a composition of oils, wax, and resinous varnish, which will harden rapidly when applied on a wet surface, forming an impervious, membrane coating.
- 2) Application: Material uniformly applied by a spray distributor at the rate of not less than I gallon to each 30 sq. yds. of surface in such manner as to coat and effectively seal the surface in one operation.
- S10-08. SCORING, AND DIVISION STRIPS. Scope: Floor areas subdivided at all contraction joints, unless otherwise directed, and at other locations indicated, by scoring the surface; or, when called for, dividing the surface areas into panels indicated through use of approved metal division strips.
- A) Scoring: Areas accurately and neatly marked off as indicated or approved, with use of a suitable grooving tool.
- B) Division strips: Metal division strips of the kind and size indicated used to extent called for in the project specification or drawings; strips accurately cut and fitted; located at the exact finish level.
- **S10-09. CEMENT BASE.**—Used only where and as called for in the project specification or drawings.
- A) General: Base installed, preferably, when floor finish is placed; otherwise, prior to installation of any finish on walls or similar surfaces above base.
- Thickness: 1" (more if designated), with 1/4" rounded corner at top, and 3/4" radius cove at bottom bonded to and making smooth connection with floor surface.
- Base reinforced with suitable metal fabric where material is erected against woodwork.
- B) Materials: 1 part Portland cement, 2½ parts fine aggregate as specified for Type A. finish, hydrated lime (10% of the weight of cement used), and the minimum amount of water affording workability.
- C) Application and finishing: generally, as required for Type A. floor finish, including troweling and curing, and protection against staining and other injury.
- S10-10. CLEANING AND PROTECTION.—General: All work thoroughly cleaned upon its completion and maintained in such condition; adequate protection against staining and mechanical injury provided at all times.
- A) Cleaning: Surfaces swept with ordinary brooms to remove loose dirt; wet with soapsuds and thoroughly rubbed with a device fitted with a wire brush or fine steel wool; suds mopped up and surfaces flushed with clean, warm water.
- Surfaces given a final scrubbing with soapsuds applied with a fiber brush, followed by a final scrubbing.

#### APPENDIX I.

#### RUBBLE AND CYCLOPEAN CONCRETES

- SA1-01. RUBBLE AND CYCLOPEAN CONCRETES comprise the use of the class of concrete designated, proportioned, mixed and placed as specified, and the incorporation therein of large, individual stones to extent required by the project specification or drawings.
- SA1-02. AGGREGATES. Materials: clean, sound, durable stone or gravel meeting the specified requirements for normal-size coarse aggregate, graded as follows:

- Kind
   Size
   Weight

   Rubble
   4" (Min.)
   100 lbs. (Max.)

   Cyclopean
   100 lbs. (Min.)
- **SA1-03. PROPORTIONING.** Total volume of rubble or cyclopean stone used not more than 1/3 the total volume of the concrete.
- SA1-04. PLACING.—Aggregate thoroughly saturated with water; each stone surrounded with the amount of the specified class of concrete, according to table following.
- Rubble aggregate, not less than 6". Cyclopean aggregate, not less than 12".
- Stones placed carefully; not dropped or cast; in manner which will avoid injury to forms, reinforcement and adjoining construction; each stone thoroughly embedded in the concrete mixture.
- **SA1-05. CURING.**—Requirements specified for curing concrete made with normal-size coarse aggregate apply.

#### APPENDIX 2.

#### LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE

**SA2-01. INTENT.**—Used in portions of structures where lightness of weight is desirable, where and as called for in the specification or drawings; strong, durable concrete. Requirements, generally, the same as specified for ordinary concrete.

SA2-02. AGGREGATE.—Material: Generally, in accord with A.S.T.M. C 130-42; pumice, lava, tufta, cinders (see (2) following), specially prepared slag, coke, burnt clay, or other approved material having similar characteristics.

Weight of aggregate (dry and loose, per cu. ft.):

Fine aggregate, 40-70 lbs. Coarse aggregate, 30-55 lbs.

- 2) Cinders: screened residue from the quick combustion of bituminous coal, containing not more than 25% combustible material and 5% volatile material.
- Deleterious substances: Maximum allowable, 1½%.
- Grading: as required for normal-weight concrete.

SA2-03. PROPORTIONING: As called for in project specification or drawings. In absence of specific proportioning requirements, adequate approved materials furnished, and proportioned and mixed, in quantity and manner insuring lightweight concrete of strength equal to specified requirements for normal-weight concrete.

**SA2-04. PLACING AND CURING.** — Mixture placed and compacted, and surfaces cured, in manner specified for normal-weight concrete.

#### APPENDIX 3.

#### CONCRETE FOR FIREPROOFING

SA3-01. INTENT.—Material used for fireproofing structural members, at locations and to extent called for in project specification or drawings; thorough, reliable protection against injury from heat or fire. Requirements, generally, the same as specified for ordinary concrete.

SA3-02. AGGREGATES FOR FIREPROOFING.— Material: Specific requirements for aggregates for general use apply. Approved aggregate from Group 1 following used unless Group 2 materials are called for in project specification or drawings.

- Group 1 materials: Blast-furnace slag, limestone, calcarous gravel, traprock, burnt clay, cinders (see (3) following), or other approved materials having similar characteristics.
- Group 2 materials: Granite, quartzite, silicious gravel, sandstone, gneiss, cinders (see (3) following), or other approved materials having similar characteristics.
- 3) Cinders: Screened residue from the quick combustion of bituminous coal, containing not more than 40% combustible material.
- Deleterious substances: Maximum allowable, 1½%.
- 5) Grading: as required for concrete for general use, of class designated. Maximum size of coarse aggregate 1"; smaller size used in close places.
- SA3-03. PROPORTIONING.—as called for in project specification or drawings; in absence of specific designation, materials mixed in proportion (by volume) 1 part Portland cement, 2 parts fine aggregate, and 4 parts coarse aggregate (using the aggregates approved for fireproofing)

with the minimum amount of water required to make  $\alpha$  workable  $\ensuremath{\text{mix}}.$ 

SA3-04. REINFORCEMENT. as called for in the project specification or drawings.

SA3-05. PLACING AND CURING. Mixture placed and compacted, and surfaces cured, in manner specified for ordinary concrete.

#### APPENDIX 4.

#### CONCRETE PLACED UNDER WATER

**SA4-01. GENERAL.**—At locations called for in project specification or drawings, concrete placed under water; methods, forms, materials, concrete mixture, and equipment as designated or approved by the Architect or Engineer, before any such work is started.

- Temperature of water not below 35 deg. F., when concrete is placed or if freezing temperature is imminent within 24 hours.
- Form requirements: sufficiently tight to reduce the flow of water through which concrete will be placed to not more than 10' per minute; sufficiently tight in still water to prevent loss of morter through the walls. Pumping to clear or retard flow of water in forms not allowed while concrete is being deposited. deposited.
- Concrete mixture requirements: Not less than 658 lbs. of cement per cu. yd. of concrete.
- Coarse aggregate: by volume or weight, not more than twice that of the fine ag-
- **Water:** sufficient to produce concrete having a slump between 4" and 7", as approved by the Architect or Engineer.
- Temperature of concrete mixture: not less than 60 deg. F. nor more than 120 deg. F., when deposited.
- **Depositing:** Concrete deposited continuously in uniform horizontal layers until required height is reached; concrete disturbed as little as possible while it is being deposited; all laitance removed upon completion of a

- or approved by the Architect or Engineer, one of the following depositing methods used.
- used.

  Tremie: Equipment water-tight and large enough to allow a free flow of concrete; operated with discharge end submerged in fresh concrete, and the shaft kept filled with fresh concrete at all times; concrete discharged and spread by raising and moving the tremie so as to maintain a uniform flow; dropping concrete through the water avoided; tremie redrawn and refilled should charge be lost while depositing.
- Drop-bottom bucket: an open-top Drop-bottom bucket: an open-top bucket equipped with bottom doors which open freely, downward and outward, when tripped. Bucket filled completely and lowered slowly to prevent backwash; dumping delayed until bucket rests upon the surface on which concrete is to be placed; bucket withdrawn slowly when charge is placed until it is clear of fresh concrete.
- Bags: capacity of at least 1 cu. ft., made of jute or other coarse cloth, free from deleterious materials. Bags filled about ½ full of the approved concrete and securely tied; placed carefully in "header" and "stretcher" courses so that the whole mass is interlocked.

#### APPENDIX 5.

#### HEAT-CURING OF CONCRETE

SA5-01. HEAT-CURING. — Method used, when specified or authorized, to protect and cure concrete placed when atmospheric temperature is around 40 deg. F., and when lower temperatures are imminent; under such conditions, aggregates and water heated, prior to mixing, sufficiently to insure a temperature within the mixture of approximately 65 deg. F., when concrete is placed.

- Temperature of concrete in place maintained at 50 deg. F., (min.), for not less than 5 days, or more as required for adequate curing of the material.
- Heating of concrete in place effected by use of salamanders, or with steam coils

- under tarpaulins, or by other approved means; with provisions made for free circulation of air within enclosures; temperature of concrete determined by use of suitable thermometers placed against the surfaces at points directed.
- Adequate moisture applied to concrete surfaces during the heating period, or high degree of humidity supplied and maintained by other means, to prevent early drying-out.

#### APPENDIX 6.

#### SPECIAL SURFACE FINISHES

**SA6-01. TOOLED FINISH.**—The thoroughly cured concrete surfaces dressed with suitable tools in such manner as to produce the finish designated in the project specification or drawings, to a uniform texture and even face.

- Prior to placing concrete, tests made to de-termine suitability of coarse aggregate for tooled effect specified.
- Several sample surfaces prepared as directed for approval of the Architect or En-

**SA6-02. COLORED AGGREGATE FINISH** made by placing not less than  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of facing concrete against the form, in advance of the concrete backing, in such manner as will insure its bonding therewith.

- Facing mixture: 1 part white Portland cement,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  parts fine aggregate, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  parts designated coarse aggregate.
- Coarse aggregate: crushed stone; crushed, colored ceramics, or other material designated by the project specification or draw-
- Molds used to retain facing mixture against forms while backing is being placed, removed before initial set has taken place; molds jarred frequently and raised at short intervals to prevent formation of seams and air spaces between facing and backing.
- Finally, upon removal of forms, defective surfaces repaired and aggregate exposed as specified or directed.

#### SPECIMEN

#### SPECIFICATION FOR AN OFFICE BUILDING

(A "Project Specification" showing application of the Standard Specification)

#### DIVISION C.

#### CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

#### C-01. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A) SCOPE OF WORK: Concrete construction necessary for the completion of the work shown on the drawings or called for in the speci-
- Incidental and related construction included: Concrete fireproofing for structural steeiwork to extent indicated; roof fills; cast-in-place concrete trim.
- GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT. -See Division A.
- STANDARD SPECIFICATION.—The Contractor's attention is called to the accompanying data entitled "Standard Specification for Concrete Construction, of ....
  - Architects and & ... Architects and Engineers" hereinafter referred to as the "Standard Specification." All provisions found therein which are applicable to the work under the contract shall be considered as part of the contract conditions and included in estimates covering the construction to be in estimates covering the construction to be built. (See Par. S1-01(A) of the Standard Spe-
- Intent: Except as may be otherwise specified herein and/or shown on the drawings, or otherwise specifically authorized, materials and workmanship for all concrete construction shall conform to the requirements of the Standard Specification.
- Modification and/or amplification of the provisions of the Standard Specification shall include the following specific and miscellaneus requirements.

#### C-02. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- MATERIALS.—See Part S-2 of the Standard
- Grade of reinforcing bars: Intermediate.
- Wire fabric for fireproofing: 3" x 4" mesh;

- **PROPORTIONING AND MIXING.**—See Part S-3 of the Standard Specification.
- Method of proportioning: Method A. required
- Classes of concrete to be used: Bids shall be based on the use of the classes following. Class B $-1\frac{1}{2}$  for footings and walls; Class D $-3\frac{1}{2}$  for thin floors and slabs; Class D $-1\frac{1}{2}$  for use generally.
- Mixing: Approved ready-mixed concrete may be used throughout the work.
- FORMWORK.—See Part S-4 of the Standard Specification.
- Forms for joist-and-slab construction: removable metal-pan forms and accessories equal to standard Meyer "Steelforms"; 20", 15", and 10" width forms furnished as required.
- FORMING AND PLACING REINFORCING.— See Part S-5 of the Standard Specification.
- Placing lath-type reinforcement: Paper-backed wire fabric reinforcement required for slabs over steel joist framing shall be stretched taut over the framing and secured in place, all in the manner recommended by the manufacturer of the reinforcing material.
- CONVEYING AND PLACING CONCRETE. See Part S-7 of the Standard Specification.
- Mechanical vibration is required for all concrete mixture placed in forms.
- CONCRETE FLOOR FINISHES.—See Part S-10 of the Standard Specification. Finishes shall be as follows:

For floors on ground, Type A; for floors generally, Type E.

#### C-03. MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS

- CONCRETE FIREPROOFING. Except where masonry protection is indicated or approved, all steel columns, beams and girders that support masonry walls shall be protected with reinforced concrete fireproofing placed in direct contact with the steelwork.
- Class and thickness of concrete for fireproof-

ing: Class B-3/4; thickness of protection shall be not less than 2", except that outer edges of lugs and brackets of the steelwork may extend not nearer than 1" to the outer sur-face of the protective covering.

- CONCRETE TRIM.—Poured-in-place concrete trim and finish (not to be confused with precast trim indicated as "cast stone" or "architectural masonry") shall be provided at locations shown on the drawings.
- Class of concrete required: Class A-3/4.
- Workmanship: All exposed surfaces shall be hard, dense and smooth. Corners and arrises shall be sharp. Care shall be taken to avoid staining adjacent materials.
- POROUS FILL UNDER FLOORS.—See Part S-2 of the Standard Specification, for materials required.
- **Workmanship:** The fills shall be well compacted so as to provide unyielding support for the concrete slabs.
- ROOF FILL.—Fill material shall consist of vermiculite concrete made by mixing port-land cement, water and "Zonolite Stabilized Aggregate", proportioned and placed in the manner recommended by the Zonolite Company.
- Workmanship: The roof fills shall be com-Workmanship: The roof fills shall be compacted and screeded to a true surface at the levels or inclines indicated. Surfaces shall be floated smooth and made ready for the application of the specified roofing materials. Roof "cants" shall be provided at walls and similar vertical surfaces.

#### - NOTE -

The foregoing illustration covers the specified provisions for concrete construction in connection with a steel-framed store and office building. The original specification, prepared early in 1946 by the author of the Standard Specification, using the conventional method of writing, required 13 pages for its purposes.

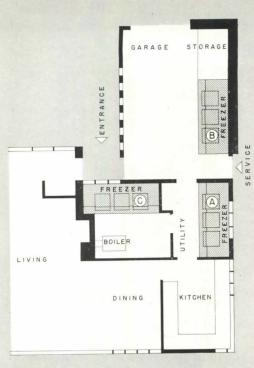


Fig. 1. Three locations for a 40 cubic foot freezer chest in one plan: (A), preferred location for use convenience; windows may remain open for winter economy. (B), if the utility room is preferred for the laundry, the second best location for the freezer is the garage. (C), freezer may be located in boiler room to increase use convenience over "B" but at increased power cost.

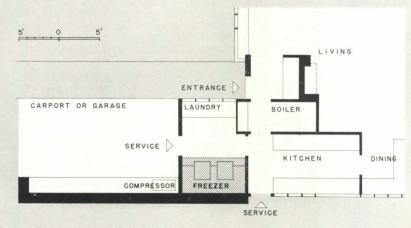


Fig. 2. The utility room becomes an ideal location for the freezer chest providing the heating plant is located elsewhere.

# HOME FREEZERS

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#### PART I: PLANNING LOCATION

(Part II, on construction of custom-built equipment, will appear in a future issue.)

Home freezing of foods was given an enormous impetus during the war. This was logical because: freezing provided a simple way to hoard hard-to-get items; it is a simpler, surer method of preservation, for vegetables, than home canning; it is a superior method for storing meats, and the quality of frozen fruits is higher than that of heat-processed fruits; higher storage costs were no deterrent because people generally had money. Equipment and construction materials for storing frozen foods at home were not generally available

and locker plants constituted the only important means. Now the trend is very strongly in favor of some kind of home freezing facilities.

Some of the reasons for this are: inconvenience of a home food supply located 2 to 10 or more miles away; home freezing facilities can be used for many purposes for which locker storage is not practical; locker space itself is nearly always inadequate; in many localities entire locker plant facilities are either inadequate or entirely lacking; many people can now afford the extra expense. Once considered a luxury, home freezing facilities, like mechanical refrigerators before them, are becoming a necessity.

Until now, the home freezer has not been an architect's problem, but there are indications that consideration will have to be given to freezers in a large percentage of new houses. Exceptions may be those located in strictly urban areas. It is also probable that apartment houses will be built with a locker unit in the basement for exclusive use of the tenants. The latter is a separate problem, beyond the scope of the present article.

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General recommendations are impossible without first considering the problem of freezer size. There are no set rules to follow and information published has been little more than guesses, many of which are already out-of-date because freezer usage has increased so rapidly. The estimates given here are based on the writers' own experience and on personal contacts with freezer users in general, nearly all of whom have found that the equipment they were using was too small. The most serious faults with existing installations result from disregard of future developments or of expansion. In the following table, families have been classified according to their needs for freezer space.

Cu ft freezer

Type of Family	space per per- son in family
Strictly urban, high income, apartment house tenants  Ditto, but single dwelling residents  Strictly urban, medium to low income, single dwelling	1 — 2
producing none of own food	3 — 5 y 5 — 8
some fruit, nearly all vegetables	7 — 10

Size requirements are seen to be much higher than has been assumed in the past. For example, a rural family of four persons should have not less than 40 cu ft of freezer storage. In some cases needs have been greater than those listed, particularly in instances where some commercial use was made of the freezer, as for example where fruits, vegetables, meats, or poultry have been frozen and held for later sale. At this point two factors familiar to architects must be considered: first, what kind of equipment meets the needs; and second, what are the requirements as to location?

#### Not over 2 cubic feet of space needed

Many new kitchen refrigerators have a separate freezing compartment, which provides about 2 cu ft for holding one or two weeks' supply of frozen food in addition to ice cube trays. When such equipment is available, separate freezer space need not be provided. In some cases the architect will be responsible for specifying equipment for apartment houses or rental subdivisions. This type of kitchen refrigeration is the simplest solution.

#### Family requires 4 to 8 cubic feet of freezer space

In this case, the kitchen may be so arranged that the additional space necessary for a small freezer can be provided. Some of the new types provide work space above; that is, they are low cabinets which fit in with the other kitchen equipment. We will very likely have available, fairly soon, combination equipment providing 5 or 6 cu ft of refrigerator space plus an equal amount of freezer storage space. These,

if and when they reach the market, will solve another problem for the architect.

If a small freezer is to be located other than in the kitchen, a variety of types and shapes is available. The top-opening (or chest) type and the vertical (or cupboard) type are most important. Of these, the former is less difficult for the manufacturer to fabricate and is likely to be longer-lived and somewhat cheaper to operate. However, it requires more floor space than the vertical for the same capacity. Round or other peculiar shapes are difficult to fit into the planning scheme.

In addition to floor area requirements there are other reasons for planning freezer space in locations other than the kitchen. Inside the kitchen, the temptation is to open the freezer more frequently than is essential, which frosts the interior more quickly and is otherwise objectionable. Also, the kitchen is the warmest part of the house, which places an additional load on the machine.

#### Capacity of from 10 to 30 cubic feet needed

These sizes will undoubtedly be most popular among people who produce and freeze at least part of their own home food supply. Commercial models available are similar to the 4 to 8 cu ft sizes, but because they are larger the kitchen is rarely a suitable location. Vertical models require about 0.5 sq ft of floor area per cu ft of capacity, while horizontal freezers require about 0.75 sq ft. Larger machines do not include the condensing unit in the cabinet itself; in this case some space can be saved by installing the condenser either in the basement or in a garage. Possible locations for freezers of these sizes are:

House basement. This is suitable for freezer location under certain conditions. It must be well drained, with no danger of flooding. Side-hill locations are excellent. A good stair, well lighted and safe, is necessary. An outside entrance to the basement is an advantage. There must be sufficient headroom, particularly if a vertical freezer is employed.

Utility room. Many modern houses, with or without basements, have a room on the first floor in which the laundry, water-heating equipment, and sometimes the furnace are located. This is generally reasonably convenient to the kitchen. The floor has to be adequately supported and built of material that will not be affected by condensation from the cabinet or oil from the motor. This room may or may not be cooler than other locations, depending on ventilation and on the type and location of heating equipment. There must be sufficient room for all the utilities.

Breeze-way location. The "breeze-way," a screened-in porchlike area between the house proper and a semi-detached outbuilding such as a garage, is unheated, hence has low year-'round temperatures which result in low operating costs for the freezer. The breeze-way is usually on the service side of the house, and so is convenient to the kitchen. It must have

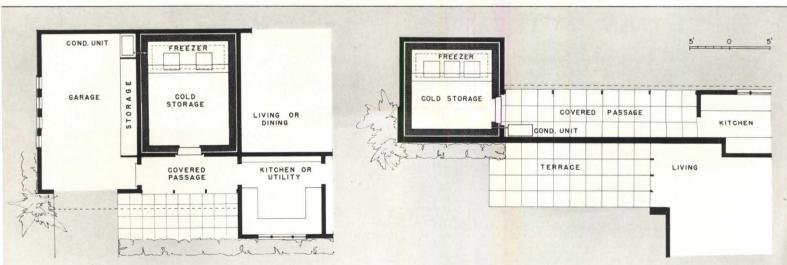


Fig. 3. Freezer chest—cold storage combination with outside entrance for ease in handling bulky packages. (Drawing courtesy "Home Freezer Handbook.")

Fig. 4. Freezer chest—cold storage combination in separate building. This solution finds more acceptance in rural homes and is more easily adaptable to existing homes where a cold storage room is required. (Drawing courtesy "Home Freezer Handbook.")

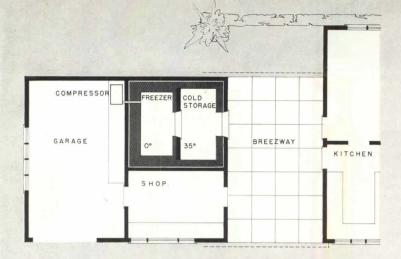


Fig. 5. Freezer room—cold storage combination used primarily in rural locations where increased freezer space is required. Freezer space shown is 273 cubic feet.

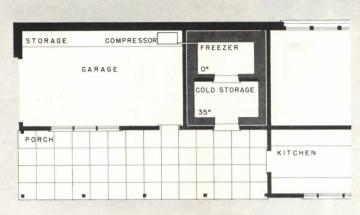


Fig. 6. Another freezer room—cold storage combination with a common service porch to garage and kitchen.

satisfactory floor construction and finish, and the condensing unit requires protection so that rain or snow cannot blow in on it. The freezer should probably be provided with a lock to forestall theft.

Attached garage. By a slight increase, either in length or width, of the garage, sufficient room may be provided for a freezer. If well ventilated, the garage has the same temperature advantages as the breeze-way. It usually has a solid floor, and the condensing unit is protected from weather. The garage is not advisable unless it is attached to the house, or is so near it can be reached by a covered walk. It should contain sufficient space so it isn't necessary to move the car in order to reach the freezer.

#### Freezers larger than 30 cubic feet capacity

Few factory-built freezers are now made in sizes larger than 30 cu ft, though more will undoubtedly become available in the future since the demand is constantly for larger sizes. Some families need 75 to 90 cu ft capacities, or even more. For such amounts two or more smaller freezers may be employed, or one large freezer can be built in place. Some clients will want space provided where the freezer can be installed at a later date. Very probably in the near future it will be part of the architect's business to design the compartment and oversee its construction just as he now does for any other utility.

Custom-built freezers occupy from 30 to 60 or more sq ft of floor space. Smaller sizes may be only  $4 \times 8$  ft but  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 10$  is more common, and  $5 \times 12$  or  $5 \times 15$  may well be common in the future. Locations for bulky equipment of this type are:

Back porch. This is probably one of the most desirable locations provided it meets certain requirements. It usually provides the lowest year-'round temperatures, hence low operating cost and longer life for the equipment. Porches are generally screened in the South, often glazed in the North, and either in central localities, so the freezer is protected. They are nearly always convenient to the kitchen, and are easily enlarged if more floor area is needed. Poor floor construction must be avoided. A loaded freezer may weigh 3000 lbs or more.

Utility room is desirable but rarely adequate in size unless proper provision is made in the original plans. Then the advantages are similar to those outlined in the section on freezers of 10 to 30 cu ft.

Breeze-way may be less suitable for custom-built equipment if the space is used for outdoor living because the installation is bulky.\*

House basement. A large percentage of machines is built here because no other suitable space is available. Precautions given about locating factory-built freezers in basements hold.

However, in case of flooding, etc., built-in equipment cannot be moved. If the basement is subject to such hazards it should not be used.

Attached garage. The width of custom-built freezers being from 48 to 54 or more inches, a one-car garage would have to be increased about 50% in width, or 25% in length, to accommodate a freezer. Neither of these should increase total costs beyond reason. Increasing the width will provide considerable space for tools or for a workbench in addition to freezer space.

#### Combination freezer and cold storage room

A combination of this type is the ultimate development in refrigerated facilities for suburban and country homes. Indications are that these will be very common in a few years. The small cold storage room is held at a temperature of from 32° to 40° F. It is nearly as important as the freezer for families who slaughter animals for meat and grow apples, potatoes, and other bulky perishable crops for home consumption. While it would be difficult to establish definite rules as to sizes, the cold room should be of a walk-in type, about two or three times the capacity of the freezer. larger size is necessary because access to the freezer is from the cold room, some of whose space thus becomes unusable for storage. A cold room of 150 cu ft is very nearly the minimum usable size; capacities of from 200 to 400 cu ft are most popular. These will hold from 50 to 100 or more bushels of food.

The freezer to be included in the cold room can be any one of three types. If not more than 75 cu ft of space is needed, either a chest (top-opening) or a side-opening (cupboard) freezer can be built. The former is easier to construct but is less economical of space—some people consider it less convenient. Larger freezers, for which there appears to be increasing preference, should be of walk-in type similar to the cold room itself. An entrance to the freezer through the cold room reduces operating costs and eliminates troubles due to frosting around the freezer-room door. On specialized farms, where it is necessary to freeze and hold some produce for market, a 200 to 500 cu ft freezer may be necessary.

The type of freezer included in the combination has little to do with the location of the equipment except as it affects the overall size and the use to be made of these facilities. The smallest practical size is about 9 x 10 ft by 8 ft high; larger outfits may require 200 or more sq ft of floor space. Both size and usage are important in the selection of a location.

<sup>\*</sup> Editor's Note: As familiarity with home freezer equipment grows, and the ways in which it affects living habits (and hence design requirements) are appreciated, undoubtedly a designer's approach to the problem of integrating the equipment and the house will progress and this type of problem will disappear. The author's approach, of considering possible equipment locations by their familiar titles, seems valid under present-day circumstances.

House basement is the location where space can be spared most readily. On the other hand, drainage problems are often serious.

Basement headroom is generally insufficient; 8 to 12 inches of insulation is required in floor and ceiling. Some space may be saved by excavating, so that floor insulation is installed below basement floor level and finish floor of storage will be even with it. This puts insulation where it is most likely to be affected by damp conditions. The basement should not be used unless there is an outside entrance nearly at ground level. Carrying bushels of produce and quarters of meat up or down a basement stair is inconvenient and dangerous, and should be avoided. If the house is located on a hillside, this difficulty may be overcome, and drainage can be effected easily.

While the basement is undoubtedly one of the poorest locations, many combination outfits have been built in basements and owners claim the arrangement is satisfactory.

First floor of house is the most nearly ideal location; convenient, easily constructed, economical to operate. It lends itself readily to inclusion of kitchen refrigerator so a separate appliance is not necessary for this purpose. Floor supports must be adequate for the weight of structure and product load. Arrangement should be given full consideration, particularly when rebuilding or remodeling over-sized country houses. The chief objection is the additional floor space needed, yet this may be little or no more costly than some other arrangements. Some floor space may be saved by putting the condensing unit either in the basement or on the back porch.

Back porch or service porch. Many factors favor this as a location for a refrigeration plant. Usually one wall is common to the kitchen. Entrances to the kitchen and storage room can be near each other; it permits kitchen refrigerator advantages; proper arrangement is very simple. At the same time, it is easily reached from outdoors to put in or remove bulky products. Low year-'round temperatures make for longer life and economical operation. On the other hand, the location is undesirable unless floor construction is adequate and the roof is good.

Attached or detached garage. Width of a single garage is

generally at least 10 ft, which is also convenient for the combination cooler-freezer. Garage can be lengthened 10 or more ft and storage put in the end ahead of the car, or a two-car-width garage can be built, using one side for refrigeration equipment and any extra space for tools, etc. This will provide enough space for a large storage and walk-in freezer of ample size. Garage and storage can thus be under one roof and at ground level so floor construction presents no problem. The location is ideal for a condensing unit, but ventilation should be possible in hot weather. If storage-room door is located in outside wall, it should be sheltered by an over-hang of eaves or otherwise protected from weather.

Separate building or suitable out-building. If no other arrangement can be made, a separate small building can be constructed to house the cooler-freezer combination. In remodeling, an out-building, such as an old summer kitchen, can be adapted. The building should be near the house and, if possible, accessible by a covered passageway. A condensing unit may be placed outside the structure but must be sheltered and arranged so there is free air circulation over it. An outside door should be protected by over-hang or porch. The building should have overall dimensions about 3 ft greater each way than the planned interior. This allows for 6" wall thickness and 12" of insulation.

#### Kitchen refrigerator

It is a simple matter to arrange for kitchen refrigerator facilities to operate in conjunction with storage and freezing equipment. A separate condensing unit is not required. If the rooms abut, shelves are framed into space in the wall between the kitchen and the cold room. Refrigerator doors are then used on kitchen side, screening on the other.

Refrigerators of 12 to 20 cu ft are readily provided in this way; these sizes are often desirable in country homes. Even larger sizes may be built. The freezer provides ice cubes, and a long coil of copper water tubing through the cold room, with a faucet in the kitchen, provides cold drinking water. The regular walk-in entrance to the cold room should not be from kitchen side; that is too inconvenient for bulky products. If such a close arrangement is impractical, a large separate kitchen refrigerator may be connected to the condensing unit required by other refrigeration equipment.

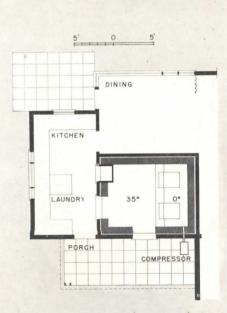


Fig. 7. Suburban cold storage—freezer chest combination incorporating a built-in refrigerator. Both doors to the cold storage room would not be installed. The individual requirements of the cold storage would dictate which door should be installed. (Drawing courtesy "Home Freezer Handbook.")

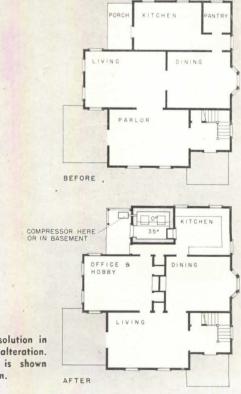


Fig. 8. An economical solution in a typical old farmhouse alteration. A built-in refrigerator is shown opening into the kitchen.



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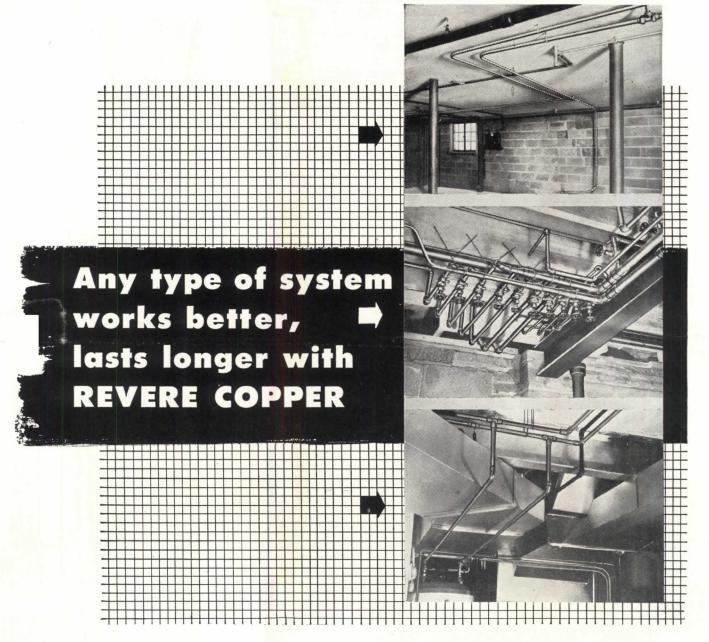
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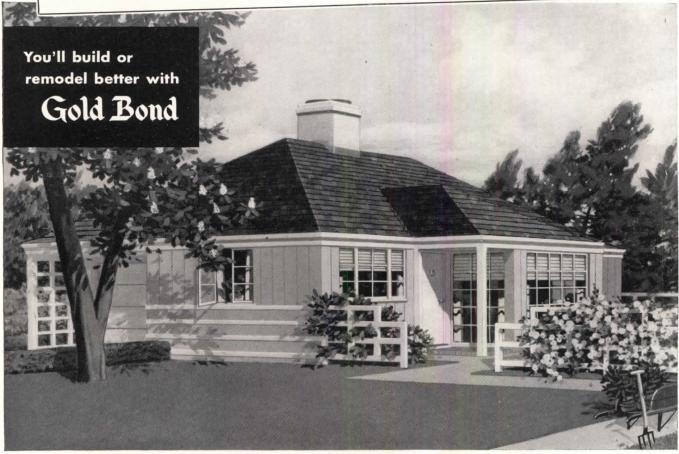
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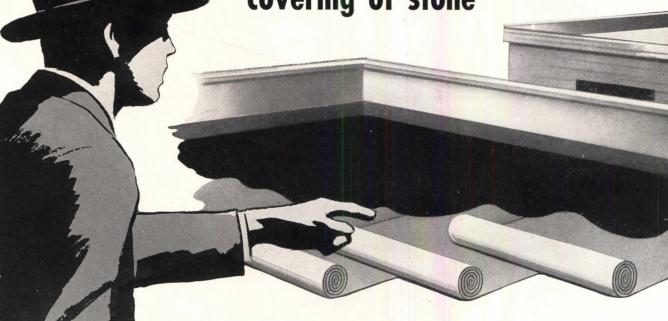
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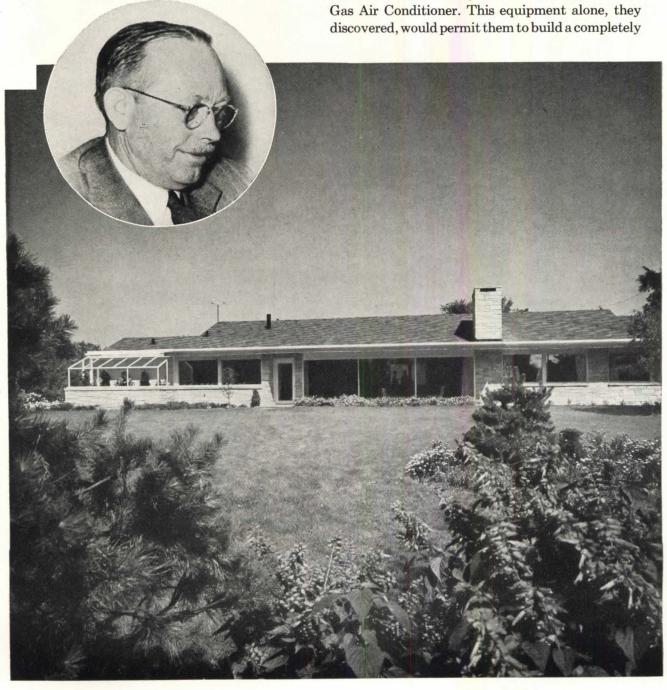
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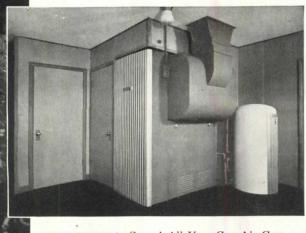
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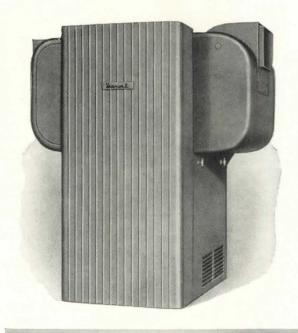
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#### STORE LIGHTING

Functional Store Lighting Development and Application, No. 28. Frederic C. Winkler. A Field Study of the Practical Factors Affecting Illumination Design for Merchandising Areas, No. 27. William F. Rooney. Papers presented at the Annual Convention of the Illuminating Engineering Society, Quebec, Canada, Sept. 1946. To be published in Illuminating Engineering.

The first of these papers analyzes present-day luminaires on the basis of specific store requirements and proposes a fluorescent-incandescent design especially for store use: fluorescent direct general illumination with luminous side panels and egg-crate louvers to control brightness contrast, combined with swiveling spotlight incandescent units for "emphasis lighting."

The second paper is a much richer general study of lighting from the merchandising point of view: "1) What do customers look for? 2) What does the merchandise look like? 3) How does the interior look? 4) What related factors affect lighting design? 5) What are the elements of a store lighting system?"

- 1) From the customers' point of view, "impulse items" (for quick sale) require "punch lighting"; "utility items" (comprising the great variety of merchandise to satisfy everyday needs) require the most natural appearance; while "exclusive items" require a carefully planned atmosphere to enhance their value and appeal. Lighting systems must be designed for great flexibility to allow for changing layouts of departments.
- 2) "Quality of lighting" must be understood for effective display of merchandise with "brightness engineering" as a guide.
- 3) Interiors should employ "non-directional" fixture layouts. Lines of fixtures across traffic lanes are preferred. "Brightness analysis" of display areas as seen by the customer are useful to emphasize the three-dimensional nature of store lighting.
- 4) Layouts of lighting equipment are controled by the structure while interior color schemes have much to do with "atmosphere" in the merchandising setting. Flexibility in lighting effect is the universal demand in department store lighting.
- 5) The store lighting system must have general illumination, accent lighting, showcase illumination, and wall display lighting to meet today's merchandising demands.

In conclusion, store lighting is primarily a display tool. "Countertop foot-candles" supplemented by "accent lighting" can (in intelligent hands) give the quality of illumination required for the best display of the various types of merchandise.

Light and Sales. C. J. Allen. Lighting Planned for Profit. Wentworth M. Potter. Magazine of Light, No. 5, 1946. General Electric Co., Lamp Dept., Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio.

"Light and Sales" answers the question, "How much can I afford to spend on relighting?" This article analyzes in detail the actual costs of equipment, current, and maintenance, pointing out the relationship between sales and lighting costs and showing how better lighting can more than pay for itself in increased sales.

"Lighting Planned for Profit" illustrates a particularly effective design for a medium sized retail store. General lighting is both fluorescent and incandescent (recessed ceiling fixtures), taking advantage of the qualities of each. Counter case lighting and spotlighting plus perimeter lighting for goods in wall cases complete the lighting environment. Photographs show the effect of each lighting element and various combinations as well as full lighting.

#### SCHOOL LIGHTING

Integrated Lighting for Classrooms, No. 25. R. L. Biesele, Jr. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the Illuminating Engineering Society, Quebec, Canada, Sept. 1946. To be published in Illuminating Engineering.

Aiming at "ideal visual environments in classrooms" the author goes several steps further than the mechanical concept of "amount of illumination" (footcandles at the working level). More important for quality of lighting are "brightness ratios," especially between the visual task and its immediate surroundings and between light sources and their backgrounds. Illuminating studies have been more concerned with analysis of separate categories of data than with the entire visual environ-

Based on available evidence Mr. Biesele sets up the following criteria to define the ideal visual environment for any sustained, close, visual-centered activity:

- 1. Average brightness level in the visual field of 20 foot-lamberts or more.
- 2. Brightness ratio between visual task and entire visual field less than 3 to 1.
- 3. No brightness ratios between adjacent areas in the field of view greater than 3 to 1.
- 4. No extended areas in the field of view having brightness greater than three times that of the visual task.

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- 5. No areas in the field of view having brightness greater than ten times that of the visual task.
- 6. No extended areas in the field of view having brightness less than one tenth that of visual task.
- 7. The light flux toward the eyes from the four quarters of the field of view should be nearly equal.
- 8. The light should be sufficiently directional to produce three-dimensional modeling, sufficiently diffuse to prevent harsh shadows or pronounced specular reflection.
- 9. The visual task should have large details of high contrast with their immediate surroundings.

The author reports an attempt to realize these ideals in studies made with two nearly identical rooms in the University Park School, Dallas, Texas.

One room was unchanged, the other was rearranged and redecorated. In the latter, seats were placed in arcs so that no student has a window within 50 degrees of his normal line of sight. Direct sun was blocked by muslin diffusers placed in front of the upper half of the windows and by opaque ventilating baffles at the sills. With lighter ceiling and walls, including the tackboard (and scrubbed floors), the improved room meets nearly all the ideals under daylight conditions. (In new construction prism glass block in the upper half of the window would serve better than the diffusers to direct incoming light to the ceiling.)

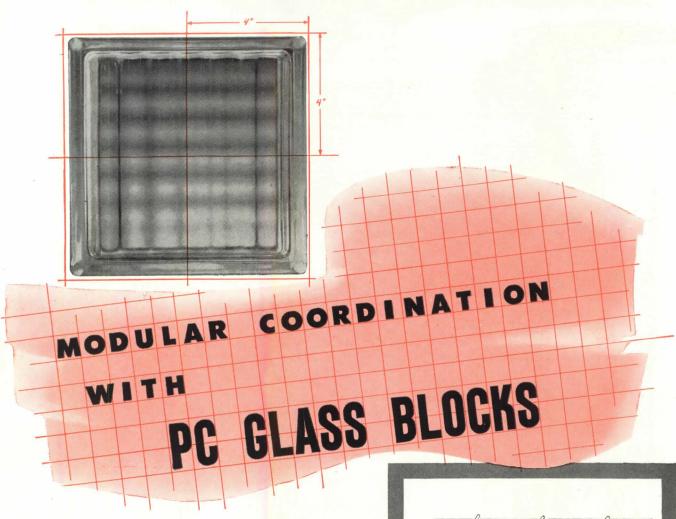
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New Light on School Lighting. R. L. Biesele, Jr. The American School Board Journal, 330 W. 42 St., New York 18, N. Y. July 1946.

This article is a more general discussion of the relationship between visual surroundings and classroom work illustrated by the same studies as "Integrated Lighting for Classrooms" reported above. Functional response to environment is emphasized, particularly the effects of disturbing contrasts in the field of view. The discussion is pertinent to all similar visual work except perhaps that satisfactory results with natural light are not so generally obtainable outside of schools.

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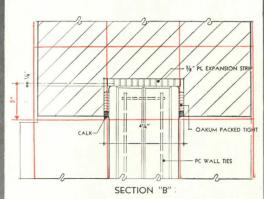


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Latest Techniques in School Lighting. R. C. Putnam and J. R. Anderson. Magazine of Light, No. 2, 1946. General Electric Co., Lamp Dept., Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio.

Emphasis in this article is entirely on artificial lighting (of course). Excellent illustrations are given of various installations which show especially the value of light finishes for woodwork and luminous fixtures (to reduce brightness contrasts).

Detailed cost analysis tables are given for various systems, both incandescent and fluorescent, for new classrooms and for relighting existing classrooms.

#### FROM OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Progress Report on the Heat Pump. Four articles in Heating and Ventilating. The Industrial Press, 148 Lafayette St., New York, N. Y. Dec. 1946.

The four basic types (air-to-air, air-to-liquid, water-to-water, water-to-air) are diagrammed and discussed in the first article by E. R. Ambrose, Air Conditioning Engineer, American Gas and Electric Service Corp., New York, N. Y.

Economic possibilities are explored in the second article by E. N. Kemler, Southern Research Institute, Birmingham, Ala.

The remaining articles describe the Marvair Unit (water-to-air) produced by Muncie Gear Works, and the Airtopia Unit (air-to-air) by Airtopia Distributors, Los Angeles, Calif.

Transcripts of Technical Committee Meetings, New York Chapter, A.I.A., Sept., Oct., Nov. 115 E. 40 St., New York, N. Y. Mimeo.

The New York Chapter, A.I.A., is benefiting from the investigations by its technical committee under the chairmanship of Harold R. Sleeper. Meetings have been addressed by representatives of industry on hardware (standardization of installation), thin setting materials (for tiling, flooring, attachment of accessories, etc.), precast concrete floor construction (Flexicore, a unit slab or beam 6 inches deep), and other subjects.

Welded Frame for a 16-Story Building. A. E. Poole and L. F. Booth. Engineering News-Record, 330 W. 42 St., New York 18, N. Y. Oct. 31, 1496.

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#### PAMPHLETS, REPORTS

Hardware For the Home. Small Homes Council, University of Illinois Bulletin, Urbana, Ill. 8 pp., illus.

This pamphlet covers door hardware especially, with illustrations of various installations and types.

The Mahogany Book. Mahogany Association, Inc., 75 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. 72 pp., 7" x 10", illus.

This booklet tells the history of mahogany, its characteristics and uses. Though a trifle reluctant about very light finishes it is commendably insistent on "leaving the wood alone"—on finishes for bringing out the natural colors.

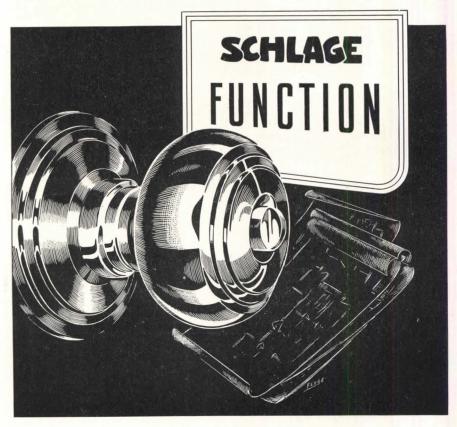
#### BOOKS

National Fire Codes, Vol. V, National Electrical Code. National Fire Protective Assn., 60 Batterymarch St., Boston, Mass. 408 pp., 6" x 9". \$2.00

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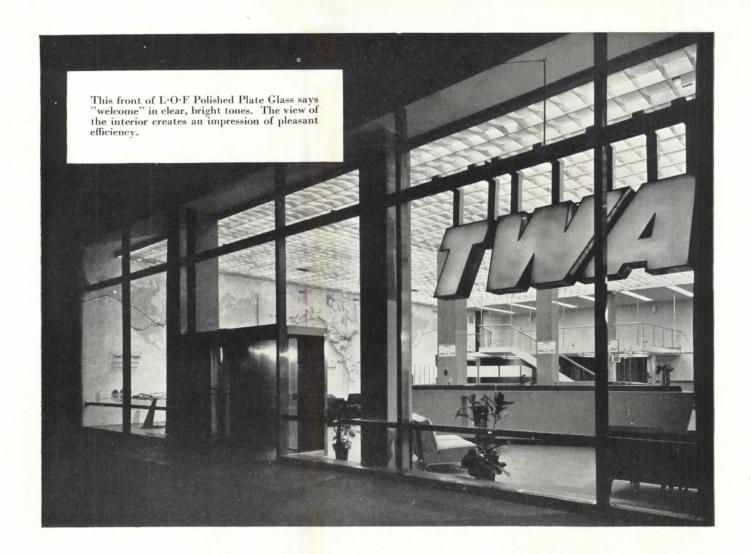


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#### HARMONIOUS PLANNING

Georgian London. John Summerson. Charles Scribner's Sons, 597 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., 1946. 315 pp., illus. \$5.00

John Summerson, the curator of the Soane Museum and the most scholarly of recent English architectural historians, has performed in Georgian London an extraordinary task. He has given us the biography of the outward form of the world's largest city during its most important formative years. He

has shown the forces that engendered its growth—the parts played by the court, by great nobles, by land speculators, by architects-so that one realizes not only the changes in appearance, both general and in detail, which the centuries brought, but also much of the causes which lay behind those changes. He gives us the teleology of the form. In the course of his fascinating analysis, he brings alive many important and forgotten or misunderstood individuals - the astonishing seventeenth-century Barbon, real estate speculator, architect, financier; James Burton, brilliant Bloomsbury builderarchitect; John Nash, intriguer, courtier, diplomat, but above all a commanding genius in creative large-scale conceptions; and behind so much of the later work the gross figure of the Regent, later George IV, who is here rescued from some of the obloquy which later ages have lavished on him and is seen as the great driving force behind the improvement of London-a builder, a planner, more than a king.

The whole story is set out with perfect clarity in text, line drawing, and carefully selected half-tones. All are presented with an exquisite economy of choice; where the material is so vast in amount, this economy can only be the result of a deep and thorough digesting of the material and of a definite knowledge of what the author wished to convey. An appendix lists a selection of remaining important buildings and streets. The whole book forms a superb introduction, unique in its approach, to the study of the history of town architecture.

There are lessons galore for us in the London story. One lies in the enormous advantages for coherent and harmonious development which arise from the development of large areas under leasehold. Another is the necessity for the kind of large-scale thinking which lay behind Nash's design for Regent's Park and Regent Street, as well as the fact that its quality derived from the simultaneous design of the street and park layout and the structures which bordered it.

One wishes that other authors here in the United States might essay similar histories of our own cities. But only years of patient study in each case could assemble the salient material which Summerson has for the city of London so completely under his command. This is an excellent and readable book; it is a milestone because of its comprehensive and discriminating approach.

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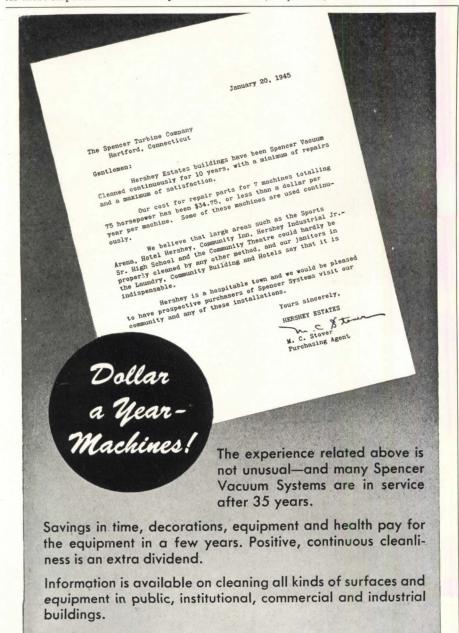
#### REGARDING OUR CITIES

Cities Are Abnormal. A Symposium. Edited by Elmer Peterson. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Okla., 1946. 236 pp. \$3.00

Apparently it is now the vogue to talk glibly of "organic decentralization," "ribbon cities," and "a foot on the soil." All the evils of modern society are ascribed to the cities; the benefits resulting from our urban civilization are glossed over and the remedy is a halfbaked proposal to disintegrate ourselves along our major highways and byways in units of some 5,000 to 20,000 souls.

This symposium, written by twelve supposedly intelligent citizens, each a top specialist in his own field, is one of the worst bits of tomfoolery ever launched on a gullible public. Filled with engaging catchphrases, it attempts to convince Mr. Average Man that he has a good chance of landing in an asylum, going out on a lost weekend, or losing his reproductive powers if he remains a city dweller.

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Mr. Peterson asks: "Empires and commonwealths are born of farms. Must they die of cities?" His statement is so patently erroneous it seems hardly necessary to point out that villages and towns may be born of farms, yes, but certainly not empires. The Roman Empire indeed illustrates the very opposite, having achieved its zenith after Rome had become the largest city of its day and mother to the key (and sizable) cities scattered throughout its domain; its dissolution coincided with the retreat of the gentry to their country estates.

Throughout, the "homestead" or "one foot on the soil" movement is cited as the means by which the American worker can achieve security and a higher living standard. Catherine Bauer in Modern Housing expressed fears about the consequences of an American homestead movement and it seems equally suspect now. When Louis Bromfield quotes Henry Ford as "one of the first to understand the perils and disadvantages of huge industrial-urban concentrations," and comments on how the establishment of factories in small towns and agricultural areas, among its other advantages, made for "a good deal less trouble from strikes and labor disputes," we begin to understand one force behind this decentralization surge. Coupled with this is the unstated fact that cities have always been the seat of liberal movements, incubators for re-Even Lewis Mumford, who form. throughout is referred to as a "decentralizationist," points out in his latest book, Values for Survival, that were Germany to be reduced to an agricultural nation, it "would be more primitive in its mentality and more reactionary; for whatever opposition to Germanism existed in the past, came from the radical industrial workers of the big cities, not excluding Berlin." Instead of homesteads, how about giving city workers more social security and higher wages? Mr. Peterson and his contributors have no answer to this.

The sad part is that in jumping so completely overboard on decentralization the authors ignore the positive, constructive role a limited decentraliza-tion movement could play. Many sound points might have been made to further their plea. There is need for a more equitable distribution of the nation's industry, and the findings of the McCarran Committee (see the Senate Hearings on Industrialization Centralization and the Graphic Guide to Decentralization) are part of the answer. Furthermore, if the distinction had been made between dispersion and decentralization. as the British are trying to do, the problem of super-metropolitanism could be approached more sensibly. The plans for the London area propose the decentering of over a million in popula-

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tion, which surplus, instead of being turned loose in ribbon cities along the countryside, is to be located in self contained satellite offshoots of the mother city. The British also are thinking in terms of a more rational distribution of the industrial population (witness the Barlow Evidence and Report and the Distribution of Industry legislation) and they plan to relieve excess congestion by controls over business licensing, the establishment of trading estates, and the building of new satellite towns.

Peterson et al are also completely unrealistic. They proudly state that their book is "not concerned with the building of more cities, nor with the salvaging of those that have grown without plan or with plans that came too late. . . .' What about the dollars-and-cents aspect of scrapping existing urban centers (even if we thought it desirable, which is highly questionable)? Communist Russia, which does not work on our bookkeeping system, found it definitely uneconomical to scrap her existing cities and build anew along more rational lines. The Soviet Union has retained its existing cities but have placed maximum population limits on the largest ones, and have established a range of from 50,000 to 500,000 persons as desirable urban size.

The evils of the big cities—stress and strain, crowded unpleasant environment with the concomitant mental disease, lowered birth rate, and general instability-are not irremedial. If upper population limits were clamped on our cities, if urban redevelopment laws were given teeth, if cities were replanned from the living unit on up to provide every family with sufficient space and amenity (and it can be done-the room is there, but we have failed to organize it properly), there would be no need for this talk about cities being ab-

Hilberseimer, Wright, and Saarinen, here quoted as the arch proponents of these ribbon cities, have never concerned themselves sufficiently with the economic and political aspects of their civic design schemes. If, as the authors patly claim, "The idea obviously is . . . " to eliminate the cities as centers . . ., there are few in the social sciences who could take their suggestions seriously. To include Lewis Mumford with this group indicates misunderstanding of his criticisms. He may object to megalopolis (and rightfully so) but far from urging the elimination of cities as centers, he sees the cities rebuilt on a neighborhood scale and planned humanely and for human needs.

It is not the cities but the contributors to this symposium who are abnormal. They have obviously failed to grasp the impossibility, and undesirability, of a de-urbanized civilization.

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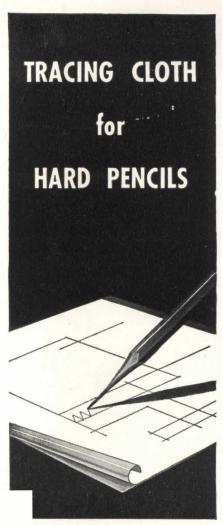


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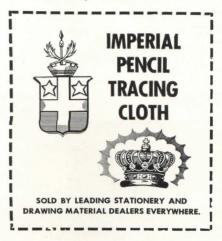




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#### READILY ADAPTABLE

Sunset Western Ranch Houses. The Editorial Staff of Sunset Magazine in collaboration with Cliff May. Lane Publishing Co., 576 Sacramento St., San Francisco, Calif., 1946. 160 pp., illus.

The old western ranch house form is now generally accepted as especially adapted to the application of modern design principles without distortion of its basic nature. The inherent simplicity of the form, its directness, honest beauty, and freedom of plan are exemplified by most of the plans, sketches, and photographs of this book. These were assembled by the editorial staff of the western magazine, Sunset, and include work of some of the best western

This collection significantly demonstrates the endless possibility of plan arrangement with the ranch type of house. The better designs make no attempt to re-create the sentimental atmosphere of the romantic past but show a straightforward adaptation of the ranch house form to modern living habits and practices. The ranch house style with its spaciousness, corredors, and patios is, of course, indigenous to the West and Southwest and admirably suitable for these regions; its unmodified use elsewhere might not be so easily justified.

The numerous pencil illustrations are examples of good rendering technique and the plans and photographs are well reproduced. In summary, the book is sound, practical—and of particular interest to western home builders.

LAWRENCE E. MAWN

#### QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

Muebles de Estilo Ingles. Jose Claret Rubira. Editorial Gustavo Gili, Calle de Enrique Granados, 45, Barcelona, 1946. 475 pp., illus. Ptas 195

It is nothing short of astonishing that such a book as Muebles de Estilo Ingles should emerge from Spain at this time of all others in history. The bookshops are full of books on the subject of English furniture of all previous styles. That a Spaniard would go to the trouble Sr. Rubira has obviously taken to compile his book is hard to understand, other than as propaganda aimed for England—a "dove of peace" gesture.

It is regrettable that the same energy, time, and trouble had not been spent compiling a volume on modern Spain, about which we know too little. Is there a new furniture style emerging? What are the materials available for export? What are new Spanish houses like? What is used to furnish them? What are the laws governing export and import of material for buildings and their

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possible contents? Such a work would be of interest to us here.

I'm afraid those who want to know about English furniture will find better reference books in ample supply. Nor are the drawings included in this book accurately proportioned, which gives a clumsy appearance to the graceful English furniture they mean to portray.

DAN COOPER

### INFORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS

Furniture For Your Home. Gladys Miller. M. Barrows & Co., Inc., 114 E. 32 St., New York, N. Y., 1946. 290 pp.,

In contrast with many recent books on home design and decoration, this work contains liberal amounts of sound information on home backgrounds appropriate for modern living. Its pages also offer interesting, informative discussion of the uses and possibilities of various woods, of furniture design and construction, and of color, texture, pattern. form, and line in decoration. A comprehensive glossary of terms commonly used in reference to furniture, furnishings, and fabrics is given.

While much of the material presented is familiar to most architect-readers, the manner and style of presentation invite reading. After a survey of furniture styles which have lived to be reproduced, the text generally favors modern design, and without taking an allexclusive stand on its side adequately presents the case for functional modern design. Many of the photographic illustrations, however, and most of the pen sketches pictorializing the traditional styles of the past are out of harmony with the modern spirit.

More careful proofreading would have prevented such minor inaccuracies as the persistent misspelling of the name of Marcel Breuer, the use of "abolescence" for "obsolescence."

Interior Decoration for Today and Tomorrow. Walter Murray. Murray & Gee, Inc., 1622 N. Highland St., Hollywood 28, Calif., 1946. 96 pp. \$2.50

This is essentially another preceptive book on home decoration. Do's and don'ts are arranged in parallel columns to make up a great part of the text. The information is specific, generous; sound or unsound, it touches most of the facets of home decoration. The range of text and photographs is kept broad enough to allow appeal to readers of many tastes, but some of the arrangements iluustrated have little esthetic merit. Advertising releases from merchandising and manufacturing sources furnish most of them; some are from motion picture studios. The result is a heterogeneous collection lacking in consistency and discrimination.

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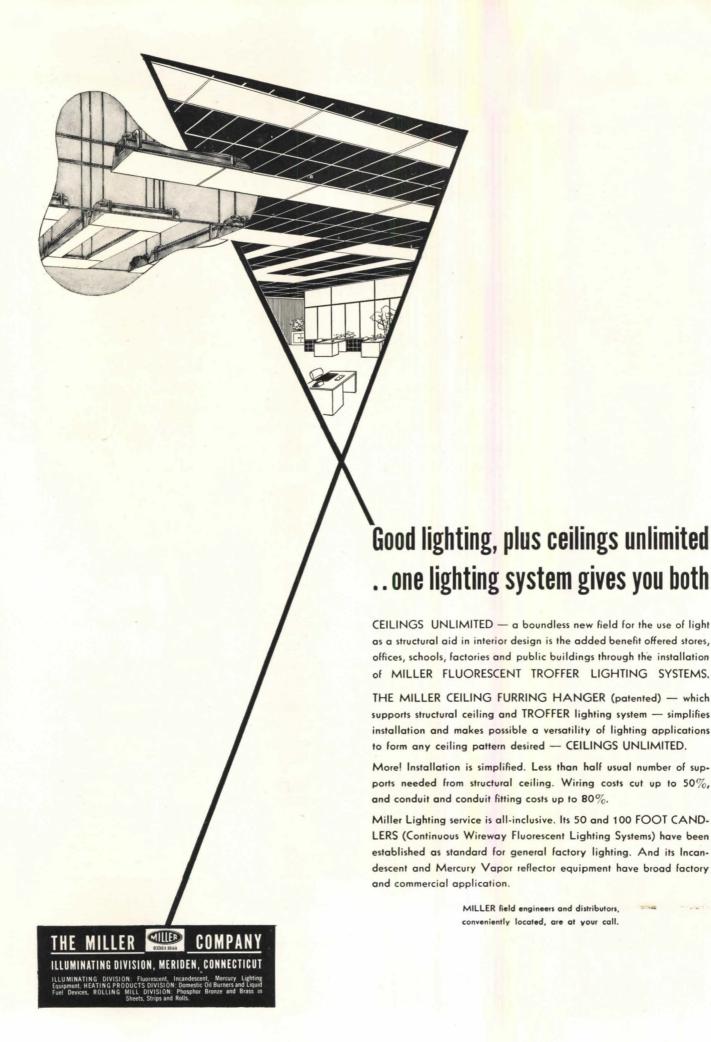
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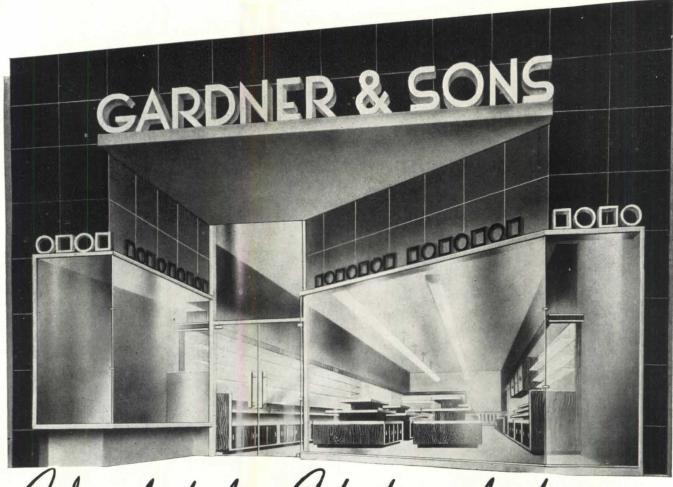
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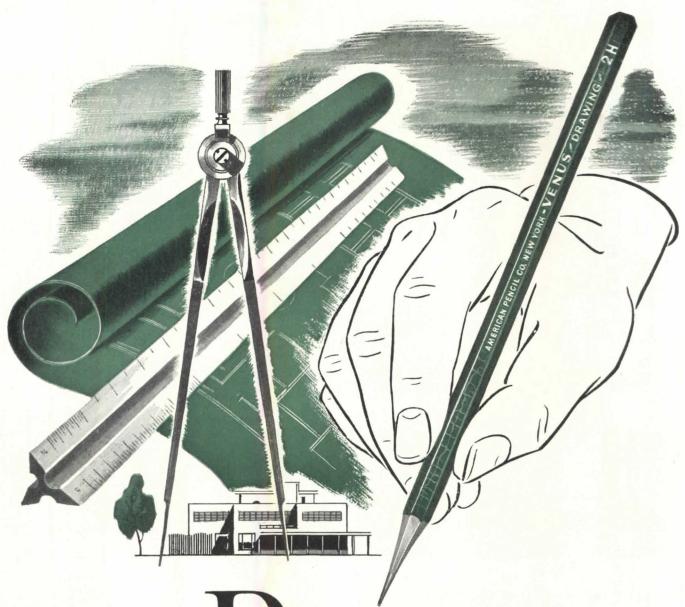


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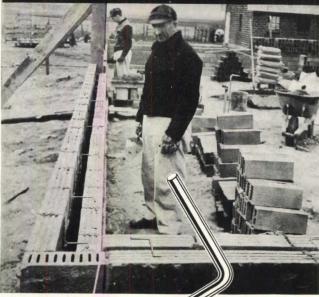
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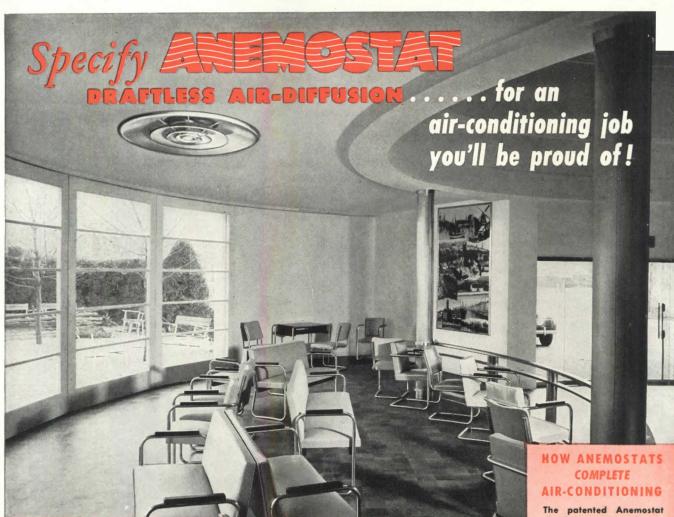
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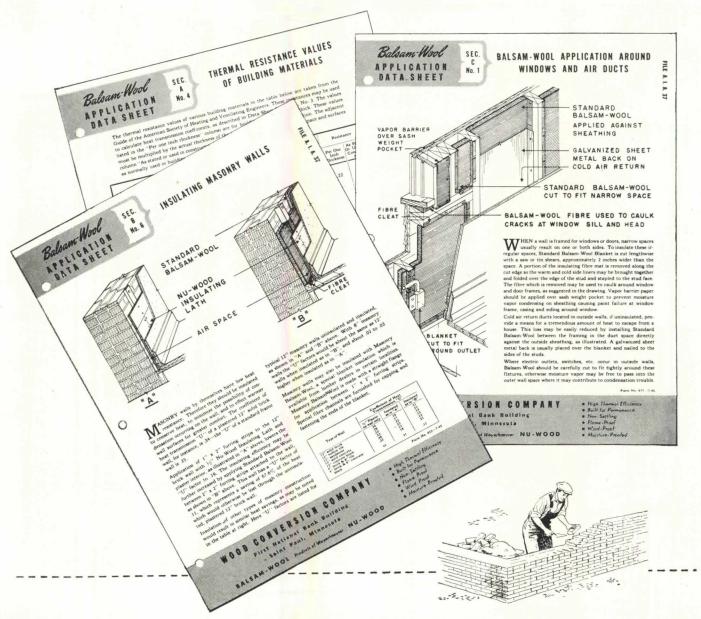


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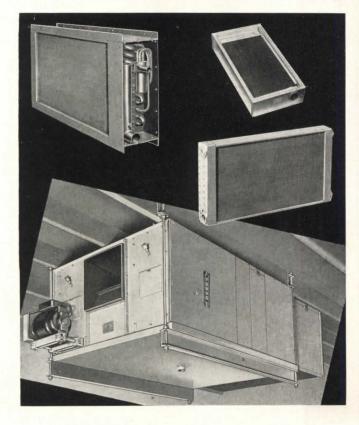
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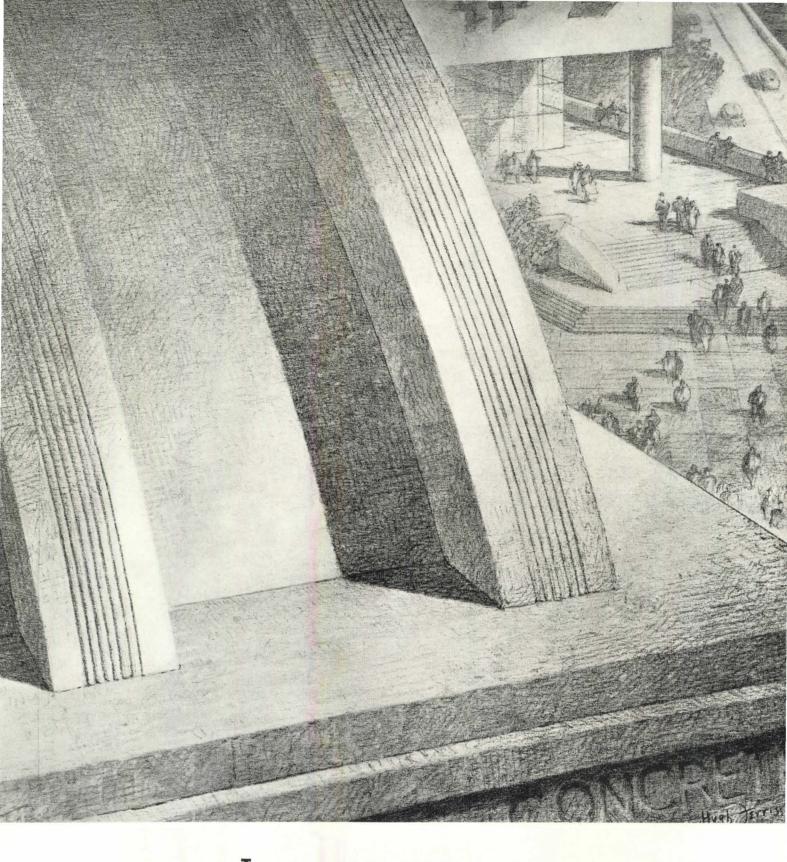
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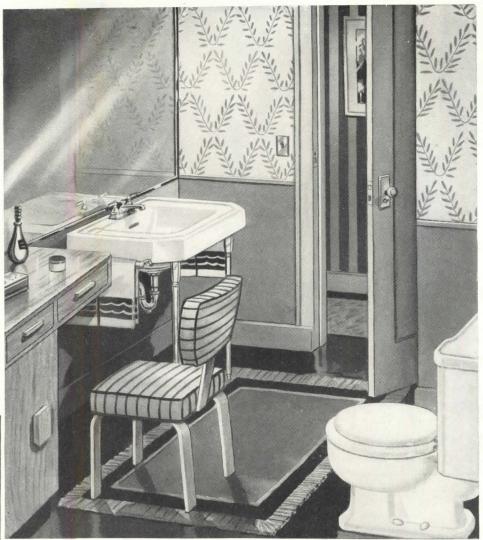
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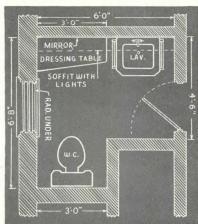
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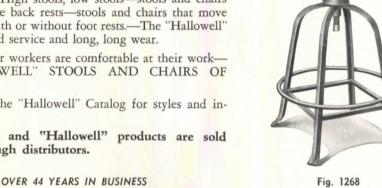


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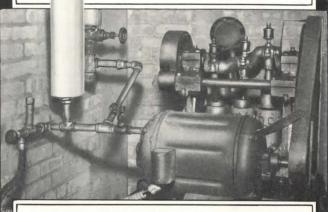
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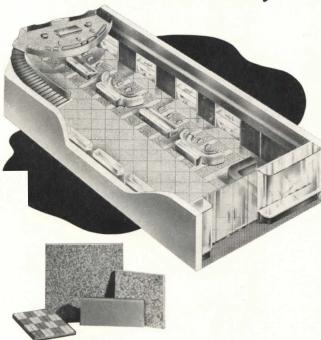
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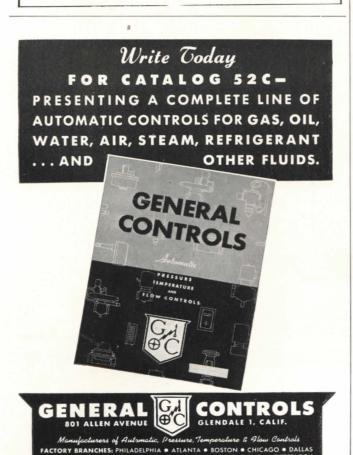
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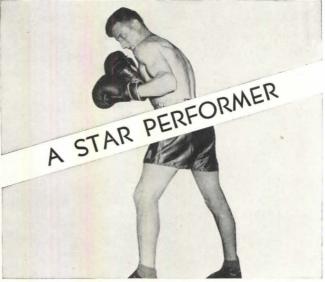


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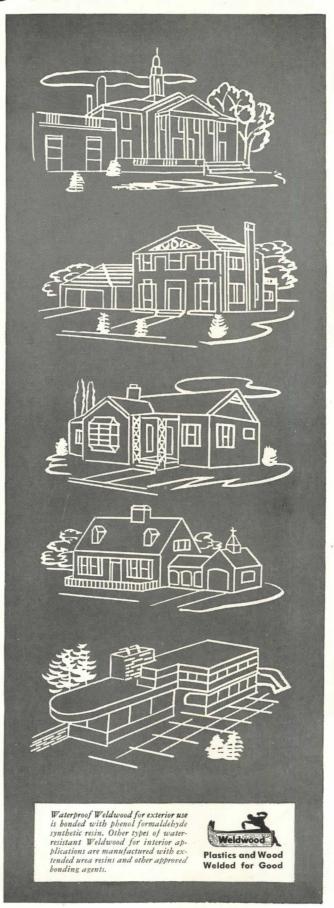
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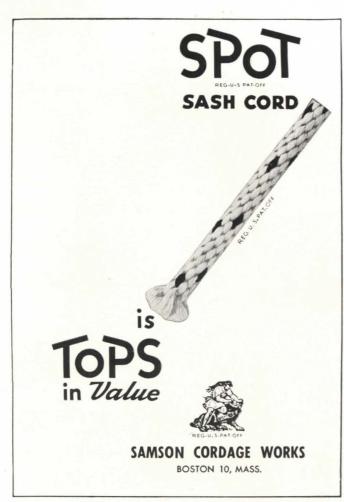
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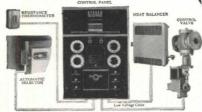
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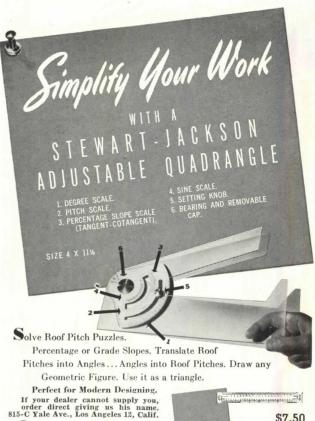
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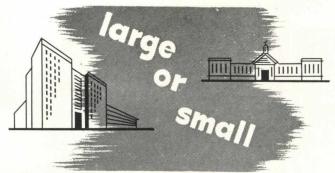
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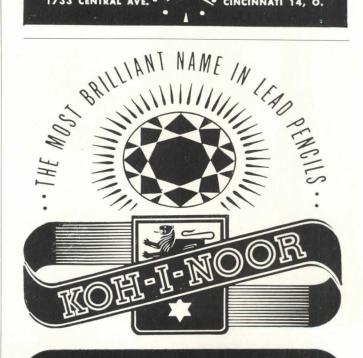
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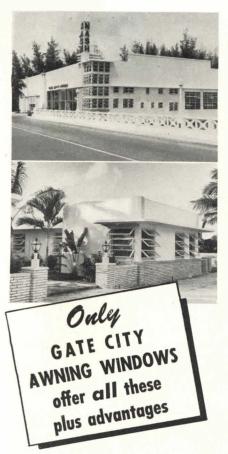
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A NEW ENGLAND ARCHITECT RUSHED INTO THE OFFICE AND ASKED IF WE KNEW OF ANY EXAMPLES OF A LARGE AUDITORIUM which can also be used with acoustical success for occasional small musical gatherings. As we sat studiously thinking, he rushed out again, saying, "That's fine. Now I can tell the client that intensive research on a national scale indicates that it has never been done successfully. They'll have to build two buildings." Prejudiced, that guy.

A NUMBER OF READERS HAVE EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE AT THE CLASSIFICATION CARDS SENT OUT BY OUR CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, asking subscribers to identify themselves as to professional status. To many people this seems an unnecessary prying into their personal affairs, and some few flatly refuse to answer. If you will excuse me for talking business, I'd like to explain several aspects of this annoying practice of ours.

Not so many years ago, the magazine publishing business was very poorly self-organized. Claims as to circulation could be wild and wooly, and there was no way any reader or any advertiser could verify them. The situation was similar to that in the architectural profession before state examination and registration became established, when any individual could call himself an architect or an engineer and no one could check on his claims.

The solution to this was a cooperative, non-profit public accounting organization called the Audit Bureau of Circulation (known generally as A.B.C.) of which all reputable publications now are members. Twice each year tough, experienced A.B.C. auditors visit our offices and make an exhaustive investigation and audit of the circulation. The results are published, and you can find out, for instance, these certified facts for the period ending June 30, 1946 (the December audit is not yet available as we go to press):

### Total Net Paid Circulation:

PROGRESSIV	E ARCHITECTURE	26,466
Architectural	Record	24,294
Architectural	Forum	49,669

You can find readers classified by business and industry, such as:

Architectural, Architectural-Engineering Firms & Architects and Architects-Engineers in Private Practice:

PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE	9,685
Architectural Record	9,126
Architectural Forum	8,403

And you can find classification by title and occupation, such as:

### Draftsmen:

PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE	2,929
Architectural Record	799
Architectural Forum	2,259

You can see trends in circulation, like

### Contractors & Builders:

PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE	1,518
Architectural Record	2,427
Architectural Forum	7,710

And so on through the various categories. Obviously, to audit our circulation in this complete manner, A.B.C. must have complete facts. I may know that John Jones is a practicing architect-he may be one of my good friends -but that doesn't help in the coldblooded audit that takes place twice a year. John has to fill out the required card, unfortunately.

Julian Elfenbein, in his book on Business Journalism published by Harper, says, "The A.B.C. is an important example of industrial self-government and the will to conduct business honestly and aboveboard." I hope that makes as much sense to you as it does to me.

THE OTHER ASPECT OF OUR CIRCULATION POLICY WHICH HAS BEEN ANNOYING SOME PEOPLE IS OUR DESIRE TO RESTRICT CIRCULATION TO THOSE WORKING IN THE PROFESSIONS CONCERNED WITH BUILD-ING DESIGN. The June 1946 A.B.C. audit showed that we had a total of unclassified and miscellaneous subscriptions going to 4,128 people. We didn't like that for three reasons:

- 1. Paper is still scarce, and we can't afford to use it to print magazines for people who are interested, but not professionally interested, in architecture. We hate to keep repeating it, but we are a professional magazine.
- 2. Subscriptions, unfortunately, don't begin to pay for the editing and the publishing of the magazine. We must sell advertising to continue in business. We can't sell advertising on unidentified subscribers; that's one of the peculiar aspects of a professional magazine. Hence we lose about ten dollars a year on each one of those 4,128 unclassified subscriptions. It sounds fantastic, and maybe I'm being undiplomatic in bringing the subject up, but frankly, we can't afford that; it restricts our operating budget too greatly.
- 3. As editor, I have insisted that we address ourselves to a technically educated group on a professional level. Non-professional readers should not benefit from our treatment of material; if they do, we are not doing properly our self-appointed job. The very existence of a large block of readers who are presumably lay persons is a temptation to water down our editorial policy.

That's why some people have been told they can't have the magazine any more. If any of them can classify themselves in a professional category, we wish they would do so, quickly. We'll break our necks doing the best possible job we can for the professionals, but we aren't going to run into the red, financially or in an editorial sense, to service others. It's a pretty drastic policy, and it's subject to misinterpretation, but we think it's honest.

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