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- The town of Jasper, Indiana has launched a new approach to garbage disposal problems. The town will cease garbage collections, build sewers, and individual citizens as well as restaurants, schools, etc., will install G.E. garbage disposers which they will purchase from the city. More than half of the home owners have placed orders, and others are expected to follow suit, or as an alternative find a means of home incineration.
- A large hospital commission in Nashville, Tenn., to be sponsored by the State and the University, has been sought by a number of outstanding firms. 16 architects were interviewed recently by the governor; guess is that the job will go to local architects with an outside associate.
- Expansion of airport facilities will be important field in years just ahead, says Walther Prokosch in report for Urban Land Institute. Anticipated 60% increase in air passenger traffic by 1955 will cause need for enlarged and new terminal structures. Access to residential areas of cities rather than business districts will be new trend, the report indicates. Technical development will be reduction in number of runways. Separate passenger and freight airports should now be planned for.
- Two days after N.Y. press conference at which Lustron Corp. spoke optimistically of distribution plans and cheaper models, RFC foreclosed on \$37½ million loan. Speculation is that some method of carrying on under receivership may be found, since complete liquidation of Lustron's assets would result in almost total loss.
- U. of Illinois announces the Kate Neal Kinley fellowship, to the amount of \$1000 for study in music, art, or architecture. Applicants must be less than 25 years old, and prove unusual promise in their fields. Information about applications can be had from Dean Rexford Newcomb at the University.
- Buford Pickens, head of Tulane's architectural school, is new president of Society of Architectural Historians.
- 18 retailers concentrating on modern home furnishings have formed a new trade association called Contemporary Furniture Retailers. Sam Bordelon, of Bordelon Interiors, Chicago, was elected acting president at the first meeting, the idea for which came from Alfred Auerbach.
- M.I.T. announces plans for most worth-while conference, August 21-26, on the subject of Space Heating With Solar Energy. There will be both an educational section (4 or 5 lectures) and a symposium section. It is expected that the outstanding researchers in this field will attend and compare notes, in open sessions. A small registration and tuition fee will be charged. Details will be announced later in the spring.