

#### newsletter

#### JANUARY 1951

- This month the entire issue of P/A is a Newsletter. The usual paragraphs about business prospects are contained in the text running through the body of the issue. From P/A's survey of the profession, it looks like a busy year, despite restrictions and diversions of materials. This estimate is borne out by other observers and forecasters—Myron Matthews of Dow Service, for instance, says "the construction picture is not to be anywhere near as gloomy as some have predicted." This despite mortgage restrictions in residential building and the shutdown of amusement construction, "and not withstanding a possible cutback in construction of stores and some other types of commercial building."
- Few architects are happy that war brings work, but certain defense activities will call on the designers' abilities, and at the same time much institutional and commercial work will continue. The year ended with the boom in building showing no signs of slacking off, except in house building. November was a record month. Even though residential work dropped 10% from October, even in that category the construction value of over a billion dollars was 36% above last November's and the highest November total on record. Private nonresidential work gained all along the line; public work (except defense contracts) declined in dollar volume of construction.
- National Production Authority orders are now coming fast. Order M-6 requires steel producers to establish regular allotments for purchases by steel distributors, based upon their average purchases for the first nine months of 1950, to be filled after mills have met defense requirements. Order M-7 was the anticipated directive on civilian use of aluminum, limiting use in manufacturing or construction, during 1951, to 65% of any company's use during first six months of 1950. The industry immediately responded by pointing to possibility of expansion of aluminum production, and to possible emergency use of foreign aluminum. Order M-8 similarly allocated use of tin, and M-9 dealt with zinc.
- An international competition for the design of a memorial to be built in Jerusalem, honoring the late Dr. Theodore Herzl, "founder of modern Zionism," is being conducted through the Herzl Memorial Committee, 16 E. 66 St., New York, N. Y. Three prizes total about \$14,000. Architects and sculptors are invited to compete. Closing date is May 15, 1951. Judging will be in Israel by an architectural jury.
- Arthur Fleischman Company, 12585 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Mich., is running a competition for carpet designs. First prize is \$1000. Entries are due February 15, 1951.
- Competition for town plan of Stockholm, Sweden, for which over 200 entries were received from many countries, was recently judged by a jury which included Sven Markelius and Sir Patrick Abercrombie. All prizes and mentions went to Swedish architects, with the exception of an entry sent from the U.S. by a team com-

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posed of Walter Duschinsky, Abel Sorenson and Alf Byden, which won a mention. Recent closed competition for town hall at Garden City, Long Island, was won by Moore & Hutchins of New York.

- Richard J. Neutra will be Yale's visiting critic in advanced design from January 30 to March 15. Paul Schweikher is now completing his visit at Yale; Philip Johnson, Paul Weidlinger and Victor-Christ-Janer are other visiting critics during the year.
- Cornell University is establishing a Housing Research Center, under the direction of Glenn H. Beyer, professor of housing and design.
- Aluminum Window Manufacturers Ass'n., keeping that name, has merged with Aluminum Window Institute. Eighteen member firms will maintain rigid specifications and institute a "Quality Approved" seal program.
- New trade group is the Vermiculite Association, recently formed as a nonprofit research association, incorporated in New York. Membership and interests will include mining, processing, industrial uses, and education and research. Program will range from study of housing technology to the influence of human behaviour on shelter requirements.
- American-Marietta Company has acquired The Master Builders Company, manufacturers of concrete admixtures, aggregates and protectors. Master Builders will continue to operate without change in function or personnel as a fully-owned subsidiary. U. S. Radiator Corp. has purchased the business of Cyclotherm Corp., manufacturers of packaged steam generating units.
- Dr. Roy V. Peel, Director of the Bureau of the Census, speaking at a U. S. Chamber of Commerce conference, recently gave some interesting statistics developed from the 1950 census. More than one-third of the nation's population now lives in cities of 50,000 population or more. More than half the population is concentrated in the 168 metropolitan areas of the country. Over four-fifths of the national population increase in the last ten years took place in the metropolitan areas, and within these areas, the population of the suburbs had the greatest increase. In fact, the rate of increase for the central cities fell below the national rate (14.5%).
- Alexander Buel Trowbridge, architect, died recently after a long illness, at the age of 82. A Cornell and Beaux Arts graduate, Trowbridge had designed many of the large and well-known homes during the first quarter of the century. He was Cornell's architectural dean from 1897 to 1902.
- N. Y. State Building Code Commission, establishing liaison with similar groups in other states, has uncovered the fact that several states (California and Ohio among them) are studying the possibilities of statewide basic codes. A number of other states have building regulations now which govern certain safety provisions and occupancy terms. New York's program -- based on a performance-type code administered and enforced at the local level, is being watched with interest elsewhere.

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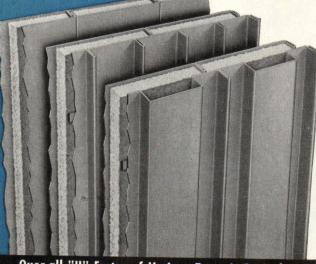




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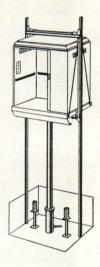
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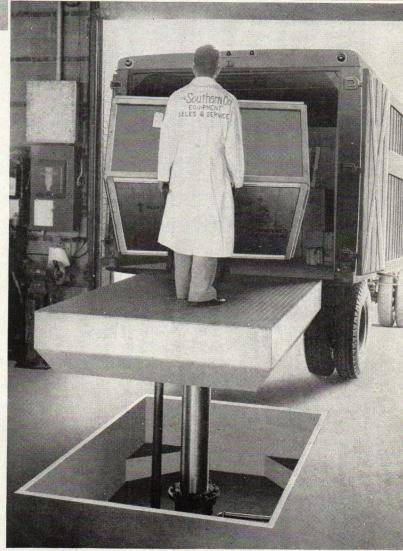
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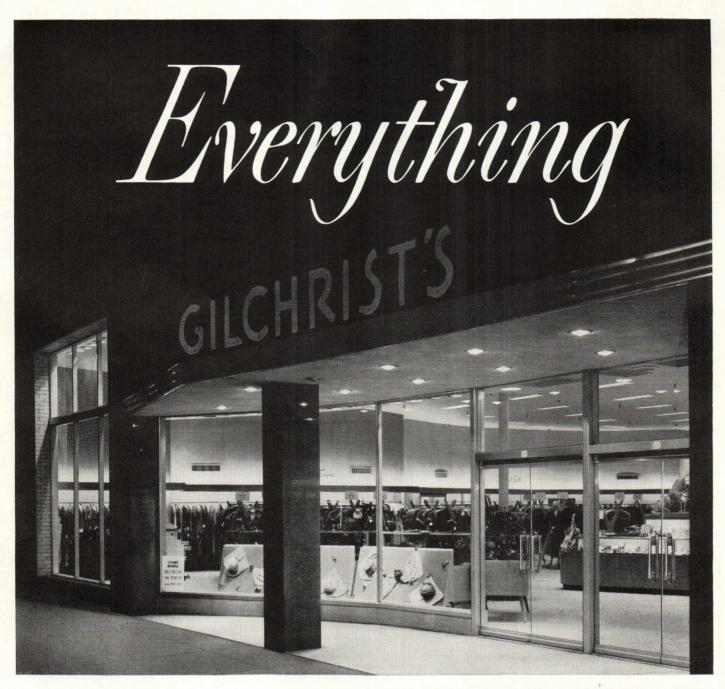
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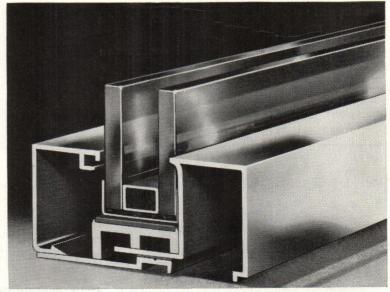
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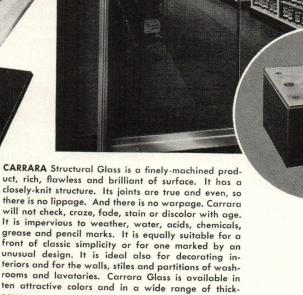
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Dear Editor: As an advertiser in P/A, we wish to compliment you on your zeal in pursuing Axel Kaufmann (see VIEWS, November 1950 P/A) who apparently prefers to read his boss's copy of P/A.

The race that is currently going on between Architectural Record and your publication, as regards circulation among architects, takes on a new aspect. We hadn't realized the grim determination with which you are going after "First Place" in your field,\* and we take a dim view of Kaufmann's refusal to

The logical question which should be cleared up is, "Does Kaufmann's boss also read Record?" For all we know, this ex-subscriber may also be reading The Daily Worker (depending upon his employer's taste in literature).

In closing, we resent your publishing a letter on page 9 which competes all too successfully with the advertisements further back in the book. The copy in our next advertisement will be in lower case. If Fred Allen and Axel Kaufmann can do it, so can we!

ROBERT ARONSON Advertising Manager A. L. Smith Iron Co. Chelsea, Mass.

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#### READERS OF TOMSON COLUMN FIND ESTHETIC ZONING

#### EFFORT TO CURB SOME ABUSES . . .

Dear Editor: I am familiar with efforts mentioned in the (Tomson's) articles to control the activities of speculative builders and developers who have taken advantage of a housing shortage to erect flimsy, identical rows of cabintype houses on minimum sized lots and leave the future staggering costs and problems of health, sewage, drainage, water supply, lighting, garbage, transportation, schools, playgrounds, fire and police protection to the taxpayers and local officials. I hope these officials are successful in their efforts to curb some of the abuses which have become evident in many suburban communities in the metropolitan area in recent years.

The real question is not the desirability or the legality of "esthetic zon-In most instances the term is a misnomer and its continual use has done much to retard progressive, sensible, and beneficial building restrictions designed not to please the "esthete," a votary of art or a pretender to fine taste, but rather to protect the investment of the ordinary citizen in his home and to promote the general welfare of his community. ROBERT MOSES

President Long Island State Park Commission Babylon, L. I., N. Y.

#### CONTRARY TO SPIRIT OF ART . . .

Dear Editor: I am basically opposed to censorship in any form, and zoning for alleged esthetic reasons, or esthetic "control" of any kind, is censorship. Censorship has always, by its very nature, been contrary to the spirit of art and inimical to the conditions under which it flourishes.

It is curious to see how the bluenose mind works. Fear is always the motive: the fear of the prude or the fear of the vested interest. It never makes any sense. Take the hue and cry of the real estaters some decades ago-everything must conform to Ye Olde Colonial Swillage or El Nuevo Half Hacienda or Ancient Dungheap Hills. The urban ideal was the Rue de Rivoli, or the Crescent in Bath, or Forest Hills. Conformity, or by heaven the values would go down! . . . . Now look at Scarsdale, with a new set of slogans-Diversity for Status! Variety for Value! If it's Different it's got to be Better! Have they ever looked at the earnest attempts of developers to create Variety in Queens, Philadelphia, Dùbuque or Ipecac? I hope Scarsdale gets it.

Beauty cannot be created by fiat. Even God didn't try it, He only said Fiat Lux.

(Incidentally, Tomson nowhere discusses esthetics in zoning, except the Scarsdale case. All the others are "an attempt . . . to preserve . . . the advantages of a distinctive and attractive rural environment" by restricting size of lots or prescribing size of dwelling. As one good citizen of a residential suburb remarked to me, "We don't want no cheap bastards what don't pay enough taxes to support their kids in school." No mass production, no prefabrication; only childless couples in \$30,000 or more houses. There ought to be a law, Tomson, but it isn't es-HENRY S. CHURCHILL thetics.) New York, N. Y.

#### EXTENSION OF POLICE POWER . . .

Dear Editor: I am firmly convinced that as a public policy, police power should not be permitted to be used in an attempt to censor or regulate esthetics in any way. I am not concerned with the extension of the police power as far as it will go in other phases of zoning

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Specifically, I believe that the Scarsdale ordinance is outrageous. This ordinance is designed to enforce monotony by multiple variation.

It is interesting to me that this ordinance attempts to produce precisely the opposite effect from that proposed by some other similar attempts to regulate esthetics. Similar ordinances, for instance, have attempted to produce uniformity in cornice and roof heights.

The examples used by Tomson point up the fact that many zoning laws which are condemned by some of our most conservative people, are actually initiated by reactionary forces solely to protect property values and not, as intended, to promote public health, safety and welfare.

The three types of law cited by Tomson, however, are not similar in content, nor in effect. The Scarsdale ordinance is designed to prevent uniformity of appearance. This relates to esthetics. The Kingspoint ordinance, however, deals with the density of population on the land which I do not consider an esthetic consideration even though the motives which the village had may have included esthetic considerations.

I believe that land density ordinances similar to the Kingspoint case, should be encouraged. I think that they bear directly on the public health, safety and

The third type of case cited places a minimum square foot area limitation on housing. This is another ordinance designed more to protect property values than to protect human values. It is related more to a dollar sign than to esthetics. It can have no beneficial esthetic result since a much more objectionable mess can be made with a 3000 square foot house than with a 1200 square foot dwelling. I am opposed to any such limitation.

I hope Tomson will add another type of legislation which is becoming increasingly and alarmingly common and which is the only type which occurred to me when I thought of zoning for esthetics. This is the type which establishes the planning or zoning agency or board as a board of esthetic judges who have the power to approve or disapprove plans simply on esthetic grounds.

Examples can be pointed out where such a board has functioned very well in a progressive and creative manner to produce results beneficial to the community. Such a public policy, however, is fraught with the greatest danger to the public and to the architectural profession. Ultimately and inevitably, the most advanced and perhaps the best architectural examples will suffer the most.

I understand that the Art Commission in San Francisco which has certain powers along this line, under the leadership of Ernest Born has done an outstanding, courageous and creative job. I also understand that in the city of Long Beach, California, where the Planning Commission insists on presentation of early preliminary sketches for all commercial buildings in a certain prescribed downtown area, they have been able to influence design creatively.

Even if such examples are as good as they say, I hope the courts will eliminate this hazard and obstruction to the advancement of decent architectural design.

In the city of Los Angeles, the charter gives the Art Commission esthetic jurisdiction over all public buildings, and over any object which projects into or over a public right of way, which includes projecting signs and marquees.

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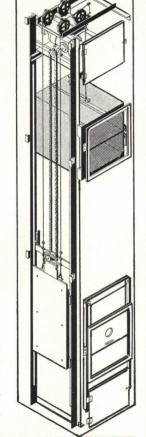
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I believe that this kind of power is proper as long as it is restricted to public buildings and objects within the public domain.

The charter also gives the Planning Commission the right to pass on the location, extent and appearance of public structures. During the five years when I served on the Commission, I

made every effort to eliminate this consideration of appearance from our decisions and, at one point, attempted a charter amendment which, incidentally, failed to pass. The failure was not due to the question of esthetics in law, however, since the issue was confused by being tied in with certain other changes.

Our zoning administrator, unfortunately in my opinion, has the power to become very specific in his criticism of esthetics in buildings. He can approve or disapprove plans on which zone variances are being considered, solely on the basis of esthetics and can include conditions establishing such things as the color of the paint to be used.

Although a splendid case can be made for the relation of esthetics in buildings to public health if this includes mental health, I am unalterably opposed to attempts to regulate esthetics by law!!!

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"Esthetic zoning" almost seems ri-diculous. In this area, and I suspect it is somewhat normal, less than 10% of the buildings constructed (equal for restricted and nonrestricted areas) have an architect or person slightly qualified in esthetics. Since the whole subject goes deeper than the ease of wording restrictions, it is my opinion that more good work will come from no "esthetic restrictions" than will come with them. After all, they have no meaning unless

they result in improvement. As to the

legality, I will have to resist from com-

ment or even opinion.

I could go on and cite examples from my experience, such as "a minimum of a 22' high front on any building in the district." Of course, all the buildings (with a few exceptions) were one-story buildings. The result is a district with the highest false parapet walls called "sign spaces." The signs then become the "architecture." It is too bad a photograph can't accompany this letter to show what a neon company can do. The Architectural Board was questioned on this restriction, and their answer was for "consistency" and "esthetics." The "consistency" and "esthetics" in this new shopping area (approximately one full mile on two sides of the street) is as "inconsistent" and "ugly" as the mile on each side with the "horrible" lack of "esthetic restrictions."

If "esthetic restrictions" are good, who shall be the judge of "qualified architectural boards?" Maybe the answer is as hard as the "chicken, the egg,

and why."

Perhaps my comments should have been in the direction of legality, but first before laws are enacted, I feel "reason and possible results" should be carefully explored.

A. QUINCY JONES, JR. Los Angeles, Calif.

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# Two Types of Marbleization Now Available in Armstrong's Asphalt Tile

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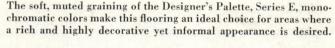
This new series in Armstrong's Standard Asphalt Tile is known as "Designer's Palette," Series E. Each tile color is obtained from close value tones of the same color. The beauty of the monochromatic coloring is further enhanced by Armstrong's exclusive non-directional graining. The colors are in harmony with one another and can be used in combination with the A, B, C, and D colors for pleasing effects. They offer the architect the same eleven monochromatic colors that proved so popular in Armstrong's Arlon Tile which has been withdrawn because of raw material restrictions.

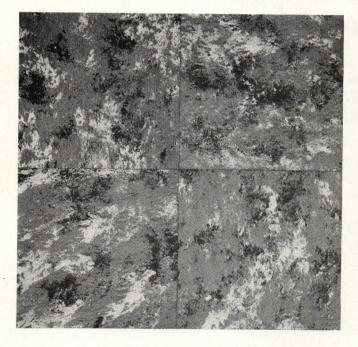
Designer's Palette, Series E, colors in Armstrong's Asphalt Tile offer a new concept in low-cost floor beauty for residences, offices, stores, schools, hospitals, and all types of basementless buildings. The colors are not affected by alkaline moisture and are highly resistant to the harmful action of harsh alkaline cleaning solutions.

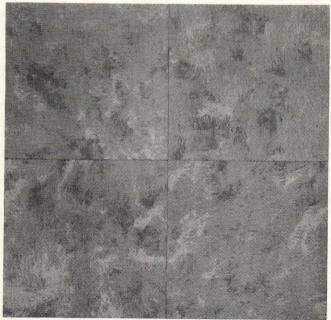
Designer's Palette, Series E, colors are available in 9" x 9" tiles in 1/8" and 3/16" gauge. Full color descriptions may be seen in the 1951 edition of Sweet's Architectural Files or Armstrong's Pattern Book.

For samples, installation specifications, and other information on Designer's Palette Series, as well as any of Armstrong's Resilient Floorings, architects are invited to contact the nearest Armstrong District Office or write directly to the Armstrong Cork Company, Floor Division, 8901 State Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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#### CASE 1

An uninsulated wall space. The surfaces of ordinary building materials, including ordinary insulations, have a Radiation or emissivity rate of more than 90%, a heat ray absorption rate of over 90%. Air has slight density, so Conduction is slight, 21 BTU's. There is nothing to block convection, 92 BTU's. Note: 206 BTU's out of total 319 BTU's going through this wall space was Radiation.

#### CASE 2

The same wall space except that inner surfaces were lined with sheets of metal of 15% emissivity and absorption. Note drastic drop in heat flow by radiation, from 206 BTU's to 20 BTU's. Conduction and Convection stay the same. Original total of 319 BTU's dropped to 133 BTU's.

#### CASE 3

Two sheets of 15% emissive metal divide the wall space into 3 reflective compartments. Heat loss by Radiation dropped to 7 BTU's against original 206 BTU's. The 2 sheets blocked Convection so that its flow fell from 92 BTU's to 23 BTU's. Conduction rose only 2 BTU's; from 21 to 23 BTU's. The total flow in BTU's dropped 85% from the original 319, to 53 BTU's.

The aluminum used in multiple sheet accordion insulation has emissivity and absorption rates of only 3%, or 5 times better than the 15% cited. Type 4 Infra, a commercial form of multiple aluminum, has 3 blocks to Convection heat flow, and Type 6 Infra has 5 blocks, against only 2 cited in Case 3.

NOTE: Figures based on booklet, "Insulating Effect of Successive Air Spaces Bounded by Bright Metallic Surfaces," published by the American Society of Heating & Ventilating Engineers. Free copy will be sent by Infra; just use coupon.

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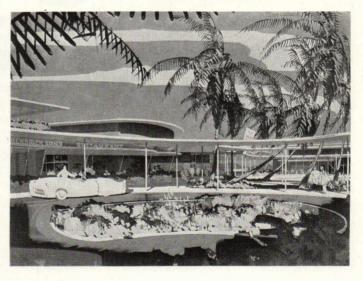
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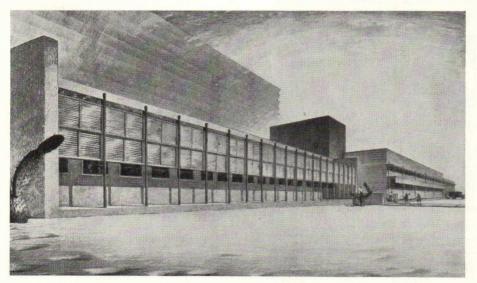


#### **PROGRESS REPORT**



Sizable addition to the dollar volume of U.S. work-onthe-boards in American architects' offices, reported in this month's issue as "1951 Design Survey," is the aggregate of overseas work being designed by various firms here. This includes buildings of all types—some designed to conform with traditions of the countries in which they are to be built, as well as those to spread abroad the character that will identify their authorship—utilizing, in the main, the favored building methods and materials of this era. The structural systems, principally concrete and steel, have the American stamp. Details of design are more often affected by practices of the locality; such as provisions for climatic peculiarities (assuming that the architects have featured patios, galleries, sunshades, and (Continued on page 16)





For the waterfront at Yokohama, Japan, Welton Becket, architect and engineer, Los Angeles, California, has designed an extensive trade center that will include a 500-room hotel, office buildings, apartment houses, theaters, shops, banks, and warehouses (rendering by Chris Choate top of page). In Honolulu will be built the \$3 millions shopping center (rendering at left also by Choate) designed by Wischmeyer & Lorenz, architects, St. Louis, in collaboration with Marcus Lester, Honolulu, and Harland Bartholomew & Associates. And a Research and Development Laboratory for Bahrein Petroleum Co., on Bahrein Island, Persian Gulf, is one of several projects being designed for foreign sites by Chauncey W. Riley, Architect, New York. (Rendering at left by Hugh Ferriss.)



#### PROGRESS REPORT

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other dramatic devices or unusual contraptions, for occupants' comfort rather than for design dazzle). Any estimate of the scope and importance of work now in progress in offices across the country would be incomplete without this report of their work abroad.

The clients, foreign as well as American, are undertaking great projects worthy of the best design talent available. The illustrations here are representative of the widespread activity in which American firms are collaborating or taking full charge.





Chauncey W. Riley, architect, New York, designed the two buildings shown above in renderings by Hugh Ferriss. The theater (top) is for Bahrein Petroleum Company, Persian Gulf, to serve the personnel and families stationed there. Construction will begin early in the year.

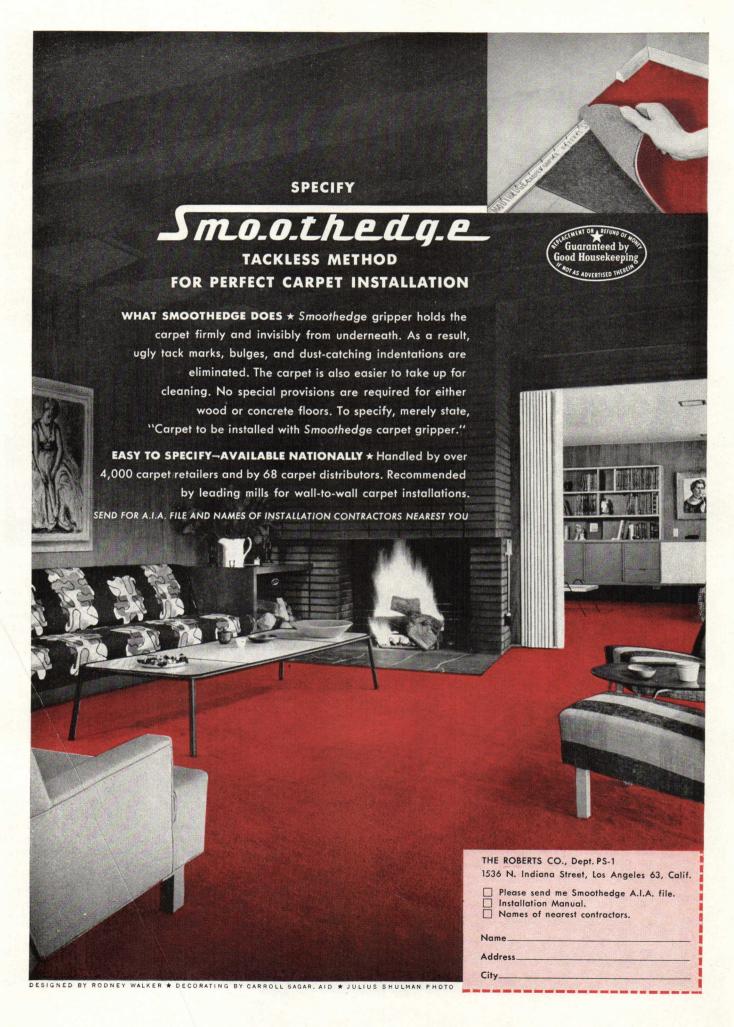
The building for Banco Popular de Puerto Rico (B.P.P.R.) is one of four branches being designed by Riley. This branch bank, at Santurce will accommodate American firms establishing factories there. The glass-enclosed banking quarters on the ground floor are air conditioned. The building structure proper is shaded by a "perforated basket of concrete which provides sun protection yet freely admits the trade winds so necessary to comfort" in that location.

Present city planning activities of Paul Lester Wiener & José Louis Sert, New York, reported after their recent return from Latin America, include:

- 1. Preliminary Pilot Plan for Lima, Peru and a study of a new civic center for Lima, with the Oficina Nacional de Planeamiento y Urbanismo - present population about 800,000.
- 2. City Plan for Chimbote, Peru-a new town being founded by the government of Peru and the Corporacion Peruana del Santa, for a population of about 35-50,000. The founding of the new Chimbote is due to a hydroelectric development in the high Cordilleras and new airport facilities at Chimbote. There is a program for the promotion of new industries in Chimbote and an agricultural and irrigation program for the surrounding region, based on the new power facilities. Due to an avalanche destroying part of the electric power dam, the carrying through of the plan must be delayed.
- 3. City Plan for Tumaco, Colombia with the Ministry of Public Works in Bogota, for a population of 35-50,000. The development of this city is due to new airport facilities. Our city plan relocated the town to an adjacent island. The city is in construction.

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#### PROGRESS REPORT

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4. Pilot Plan for Medellin, Colombia, industrial city, present population about 220,000. The Pilot Plan has been officially approved and the Planning Commission is now preparing a Master Plan with our consultation. The first phase,

consisting of a five to seven-year public works program, is being executed.

5. Pilot Plan for Bogota, Capital of Colombia, population 500,000, with Le Corbusier and the Oficina del Plan Regulador. The Pilot Plan is approved



Giorgio Cavaglieri, architect, New York, designed the office building shown above for Societa' Generale Elettrica Della Sicillia to occupy a site near the public gardens in Palermo, Sicily.

and the first phase of public works for a period of five to seven years is in operation. The Master Plan is now being designed by ourselves in collaboration with the planning office in Bogota.

6. Pilot Plan for Cali, Colombia, agricultural and industrial city, population of about 180,000. This plan is officially approved, and necessary legislation is now pending.



The 1000-room hotel (Chris Choate rendering) soon to rise on Imperial Palace outer grounds in Tokyo, deeded to Japan Development Corporation, will be the largest ever built in the Orient. Welton Becket, architect and engineer, Los Angeles, reports that it is an important unit in a \$100 millions program. Note the dining-terrace over one of the historic moats of the Imperial Gardens.

#### NOTICES

#### EXHIBITION

FINN JUHL, Danish designer, has been selected to design the installation for the new version of the "Good Design" exhibition of home furnishings sponsored by the Museum of Modern Art in New York and The Merchandise Mart in Chicago, to open on January 15 at The Mart.

The Selection Committee for next year's continuous showings of home furnishings is composed of Edgar Kaufmann, Jr., Director of "Good Design," as Chairman; WILLIAM M. FRIEDMAN, Assistant Director of the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, and HUGH LAWson, Divisional Merchandise Manager of Home Furnishings at Carson, Pirie Scott & Co., in Chicago.



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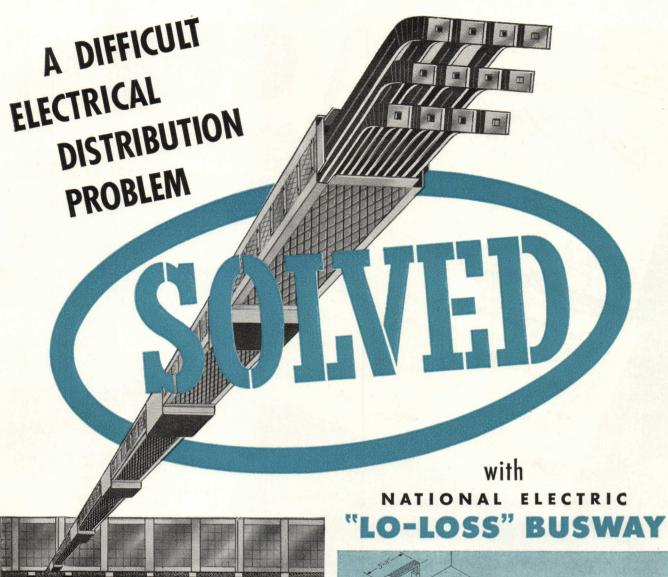
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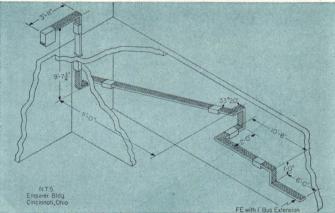
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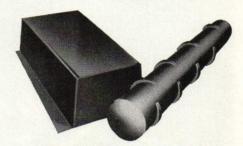


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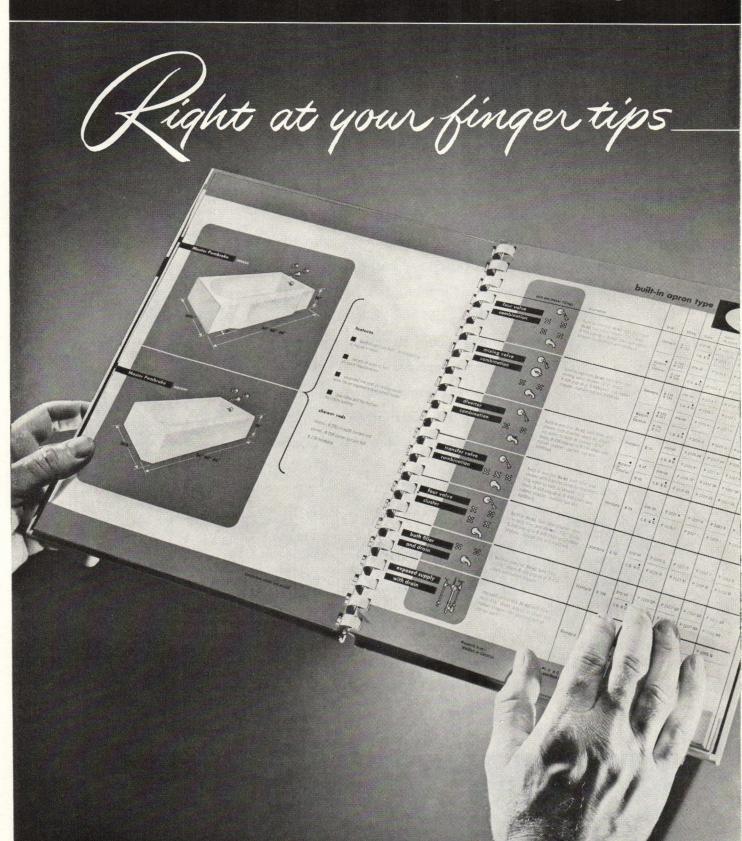
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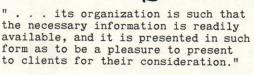
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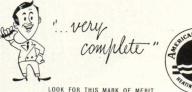


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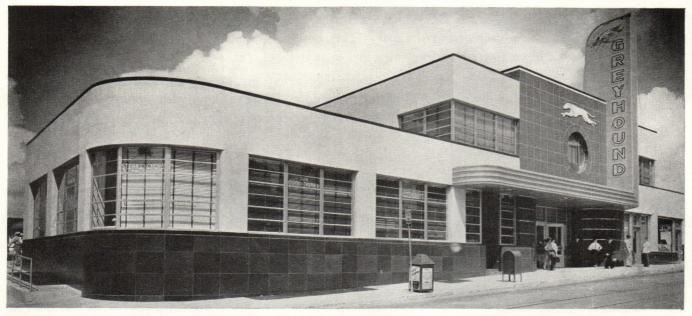
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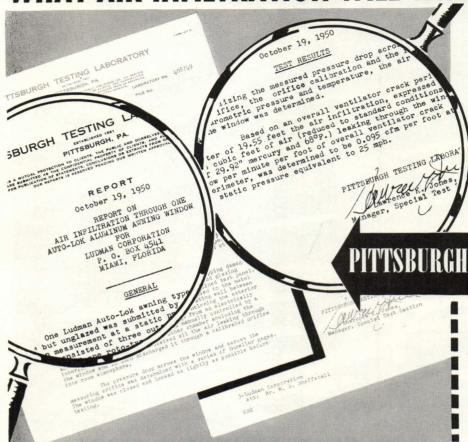
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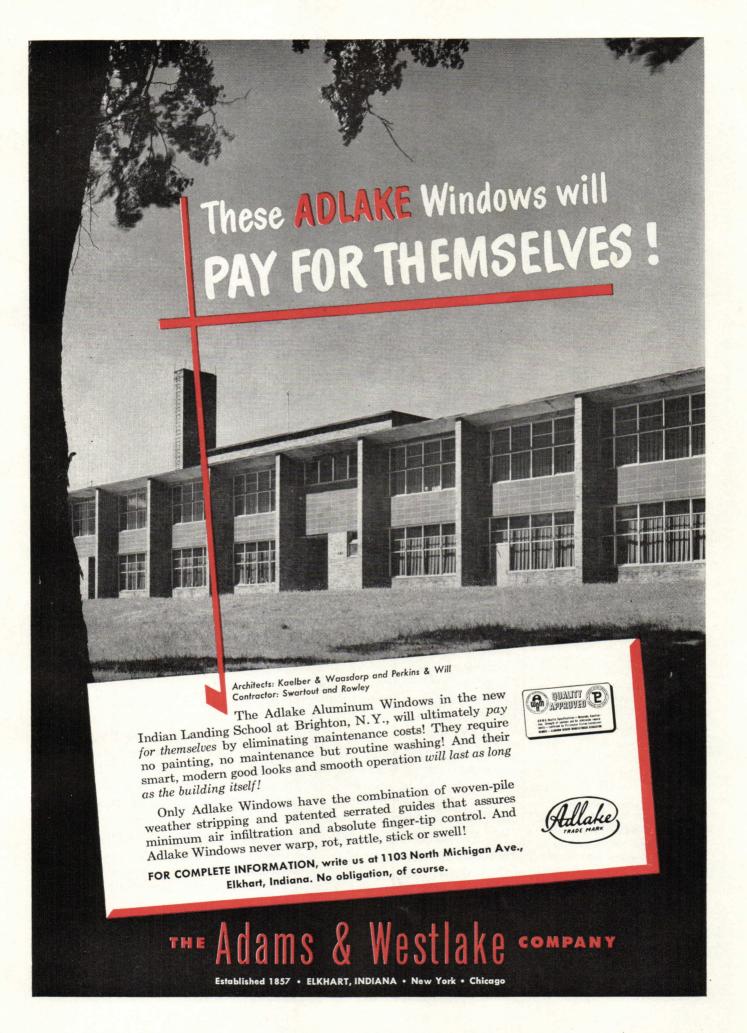
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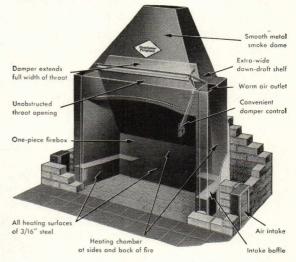
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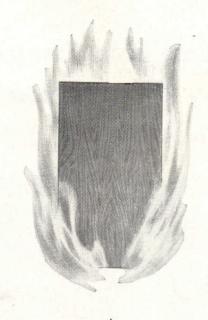
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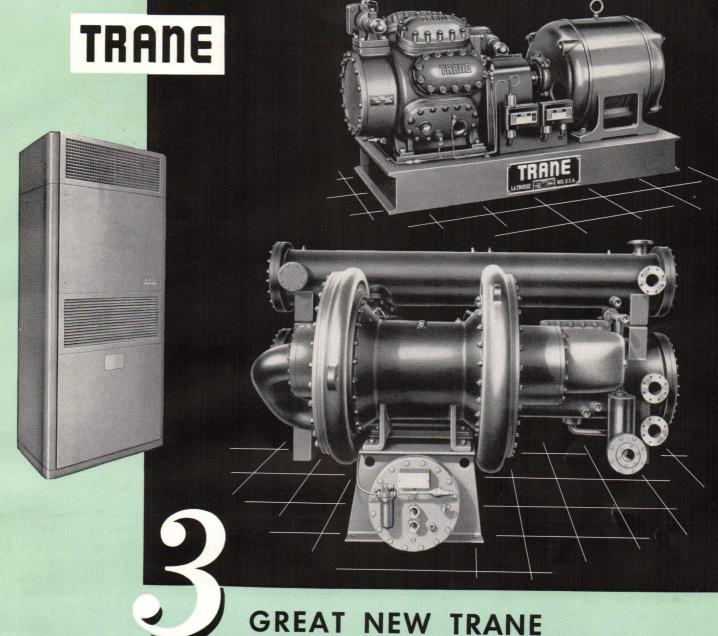
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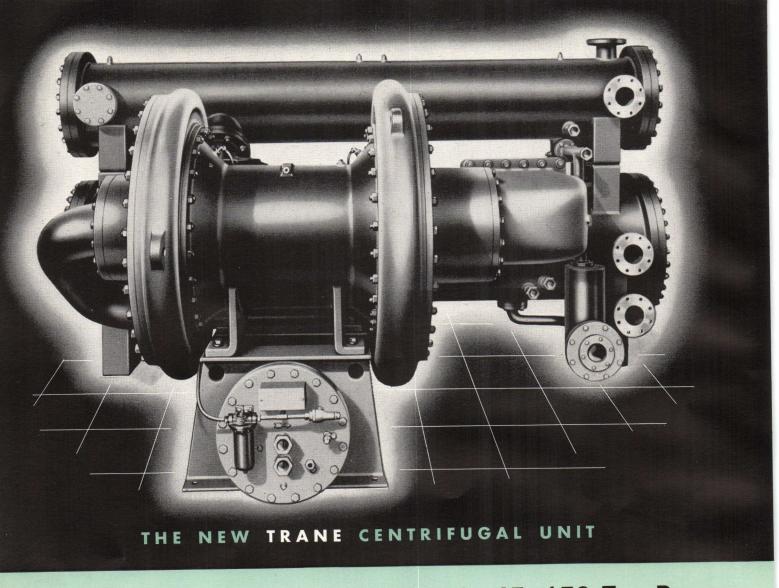
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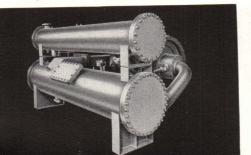
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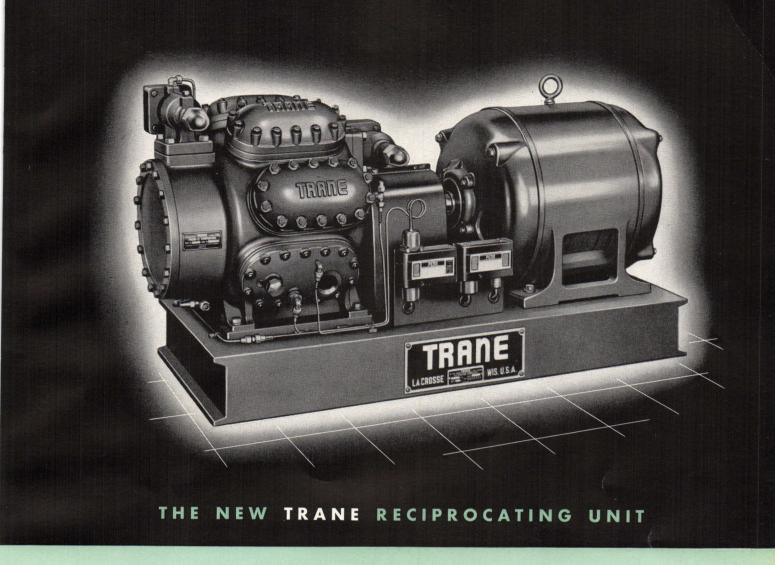


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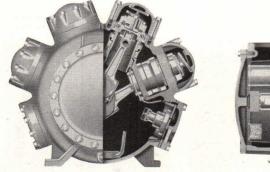
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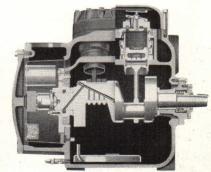
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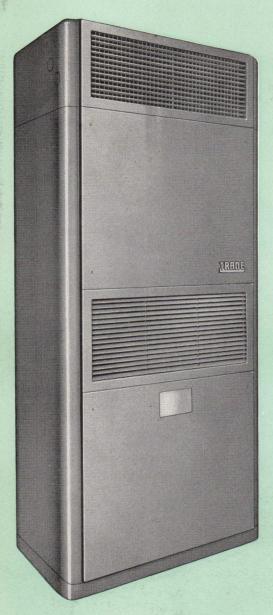
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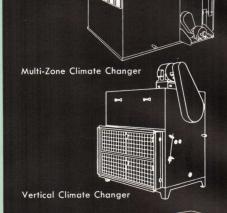
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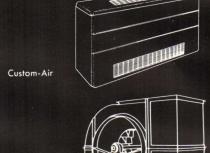
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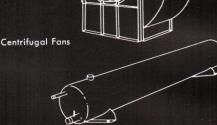
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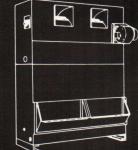






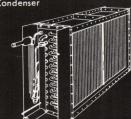
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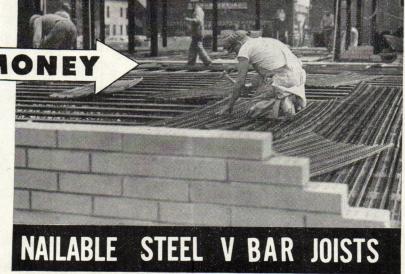
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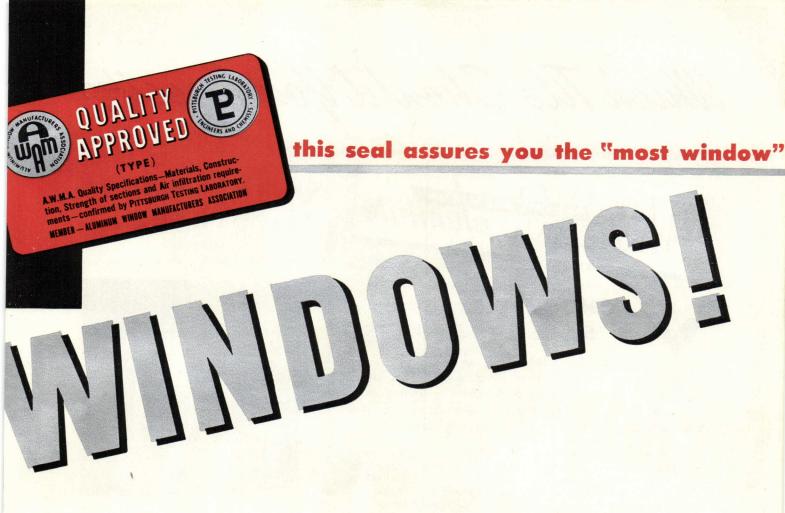


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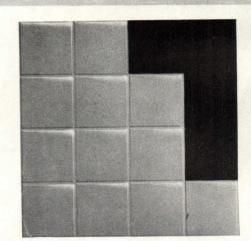


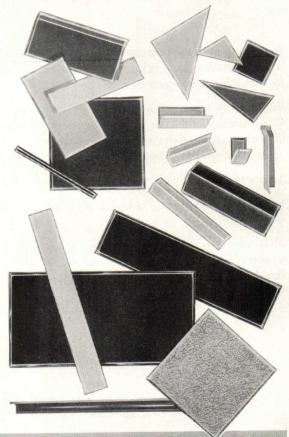
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# What Part of a Building Can You Safely NEGLECT?

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Depending on the intended use of the building, local codes and other requirements, fire-equipment may range from handy extinguishers to independent water systems with sprinklers and/or hose. Most include cabinets or other installations which are part of the actual construction. Many involve special valves, fittings, hydrants, standpipes, manifolds, etc.

Aside from other considerations, almost every such part must meet detailed requirements of local fire regulations. Because the codes differ, even "standard" units must be selected from several variants. The most prominent line of cabinets, to name only one part involved, necessarily provides for nearly 200 variations in dimensions and materials and design. Clearly, the right equipment cannot be specified glibly.

#### **How Important is Fire-Equipment?**

Functionally, of course, it is downright essential. Like a safety valve, it may serve without actually operating; when its emergency arises, it must operate successfully. Incidentally, it affects insurance rates and income of a warehouse, for example, and several aspects of any building's service.

Otherwise, fire-equipment is important as it affects design and construction and complexion of the structure. Recessed cabinets require special care in wall construction but add to useable space. Faceflush Hydrants and Siamese may

involve extra detail but avoid ugly and personally injurious projections. Many other and more fundamental examples suggest that fireequipment is important, deserves more attention than its minor cost would indicate

#### Is All Fire-Equipment "Equal"?

Equality depends on adequacy of the specifications. In valves, couplings, reducers, etc., there may be little difference between brands in operation. So with products bearing Underwriters' or Factory Mutuals approval. Other products, such as hose racks, may vary widely in speed and flexibility of action.

But there are other fields where important differences arise. Take two brands of cabinets, each having the same general dimensions and type of material and design. One will fit right in the assigned recess; the other, due to lighter gauge metal or looser joints, will require re-shaping on the jobperhaps even buckle-at best add cost and delay.

Connections may be found threaded just off specification, impossible to install. Replacement holds up the job. (One manufacturer even checks "specs" against appropriate code requirements, often saves you considerably.) Delivery of one brand may be promised sooner than another. But which would actually be delivered when you want it? One brand is definitely preferred over all others.

#### How Can One Get Details, Simply?

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## 1954 Sign survey

This issue of Progressive Architecture is devoted to a preview of work on the drawing boards planned for construction in the United States in 1951. Recent events have made accurate forecasts of building construction well-nigh impossible and some of the projects shown in the pages that follow may not be built. Yet we believe that the designs shown, selected from the many that were submitted to us, do give a fair picture of the trends in architect-designed construction to be looked for in the year ahead.

The information that we offer here was gathered by means of a questionnaire sent to all of the firms throughout the country whose plans are important to the rest of us, either because of volume or quality of work. Detailed confidential replies were received from 609 architects. This is a sort of gossip issue—you can see what your next-door neighbor, your best friend, and your worst enemy are planning to do in the next year.

Here are some general figures: the average office reporting to us expects \$4,114,000 of work to reach working drawing stage in 1951; the average volume of work which the same offices expect to reach construction stage in 1951 is \$4,138,000. The most active building type reported is housing; next come education, health, public use (including defense) and commercial buildings, in that order. The largest volume of work seems to be around the Michigan area (where one firm reported \$400 million in work on the boards); smallest volume is reported from the southeast.

It is impossible to know how far the averages for the firms reporting might be extended into the total body of practicing architects. There is no accurate figure as to the total of active firms; or as to the percentage of construction that is designed by architects. There are about 15,000 registered architects, and there are more than 8000 A.I.A. members. We invite you all to be amateur statisticians and draw your own estimates from figures we provide in this issue, remembering that we began gathering the statistics presented here some months ago and that subsequent developments have undoubtedly reduced the volume of work in some offices—and perhaps increased it in some others.

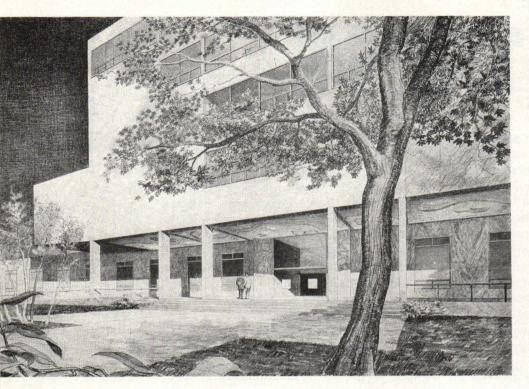
In a design sense there does not seem to be any "American style" appearing. Where there is self-consciousness or contemporary stylistic mannerism, we feel that a generally dull and uninspired uniformity continues. Where imagination and real ability are expressed, the variations of creative design within the contemporary medium are still endless. What we said at the conclusion of P/A's 50-year review last January still seems to be true: the "personal romantic approach to organic architecture" and the "highly rationalized direct statement of technic and purpose" are the two extremes within which many individual expressions are possible.

In construction methods and use of materials, 1951 will be marked by a wider general application of techniques that have passed the experimental stage—such as tilt-up concrete panels, lift-up slabs, metal curtain walls, new heating methods.

Here is 1951 in preview. It will be a busy year, a year for the architects to prove and demonstrate many of the advances they have made during the recent past.

In the next ten pages we offer an analysis of the reports submitted to us, classified by the ten principal regions of the United States; in the balance of the issue we present some of the projects reported, grouped by the major building type categories.







Marion County Court House, Salem, Oregon, by Pietro Belluschi, architect, Portland. The renderings on this page are two studies for the main (western) front. On the entrance floor are tax offices, record rooms, a county courtroom, and offices. Four circuit courtrooms, a law library and attendant offices constitute the second floor; above, on a centrally located mezzanine, are dormitory rooms for locked juries. On the third floor are two district courtrooms, facilities for grand juries, and the district attorney's offices. A jail occupies the entire top floor. Building to be surfaced with marble and to cost approximately \$1,500,000.

## **REGION 1**



washington oregon idaho montana

Thirty-one firms—more than 10% of the A.I.A. membership in this region—reported a total of \$76,455,000 of work anticipated for next year and \$68,758,000 ready for construction in 1951. This makes the volume of work which the average reporting firm is handling about \$1 million less than the national average cited on the previous page. It is also interesting that the architects in this area expect slightly more work on the boards next year than they have had this year.

The activity reported breaks down by building types as follows:

		average per firm
Education	39%	\$806,042
Health	33%	683,333
Public Use	10%	201,666
Housing	9%	182,542
Commerce	4%	91,125
Industry	3%	57,292
Religion	2%	40,625

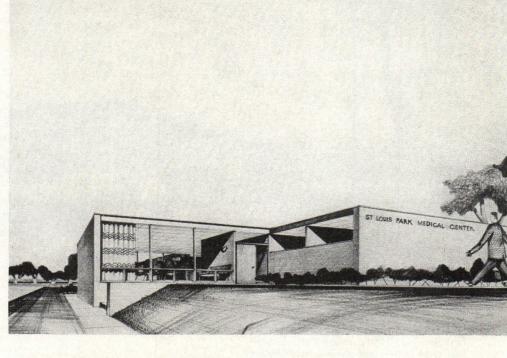
The large proportional volume of school and hospital work and the relatively small volume of housing are worth noting. The design of educational structures seems to be scattered among many firms in the region, while the hospital work is fairly well concentrated in the office of a few specialist firms.

Among the interesting projects planned for next year are a \$1\frac{3}{4}\$ million county juvenile detention home, being drawn by George W. Stoddard & Asso-

ciates, Seattle; a \$2 millions dormitory for Washington State College by Paul Thiry; a \$3 millions Science Building for the same institution being planned by Victor N. Jones & Associates (which also has a \$3 millions luxury apartment group being studied on the boards); a huge school and community recreation project in the office of J. Lister Holmes, Seattle; \$3 millions worth of schools "all over Washington and Alaska" being planned on a modular, factorytype of construction system by William Arild Johnson. Everett, Washington; a \$4½ millions hospital for the University of Oregon Medical School, by Lawrence, Tucker & Wallmann, Portland, Oregon. Wohleb & Wohleb report well over \$1 million dollars of commercial and industrial work on the boards; Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johanson are working on \$2 millions worth of schools in the Seattle area, as well as an \$11 millions teaching hospital for the University of Washington, in association with Mc-Clelland & Jones. Van Evera Bailey is looking forward to an active practice in residential design. Pietro Belluschi, about to move to Boston as M.I.T.'s new architectural dean, leaves a Portland office busy on church work, a new publishing plant, and other projects in addition to the Salem County Court House (above). Chiarelli & Kirk, Seattle, expect a varied practice ranging from churches and residences to commercial work.

#### 1951 DESIGN SURVEY

Medical Center, St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Long & Thorshov, Inc., architects, Minneapolis; Edward H. Noakes, Associate in Charge; Ralph D. Thomas & Associates, Inc., engineers. Central offices for ten, war-veteran specialists. Planned for future expansion. Steel frame, bar joists, contact plaster, and cavity exterior walls. With the exception of the waiting room, all windows have fixed glass, with a six-foot sill height. To cost \$123,380 (95 cents a cubic foot).



## **REGION 2**



north dakota south dakota minnesota wisconsin illinois

Although this region possesses a relatively high percentage of the nation's architects, the response to the P/A survey was light. Twenty-three firms reported work on the boards for the coming year totaling \$51,100,000; a total of \$48,220,000 is expected to be spent for construction in 1951. As in other regions, the health category represented a high volume of work. Contrary to the Southwest, where commercial building is predominant, commercial construction for this region appears to be light. Throughout the 10 regions of the United States, religious structures, generally, represent the smallest category of construction reported; in these states, however, the total volume of construction for this type of building is quite high, ranking equally with industrial building.

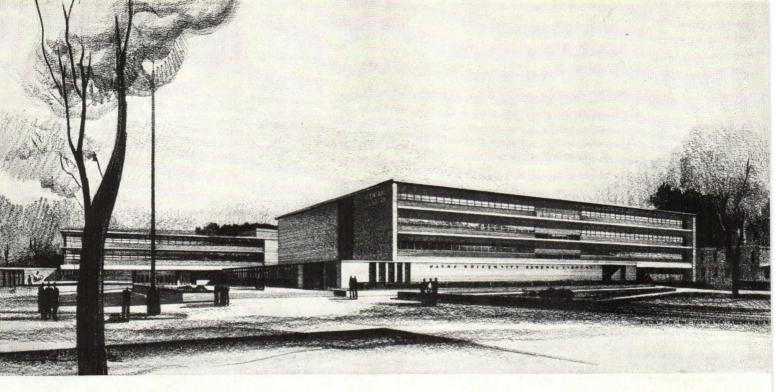
The relative distribution of the dollar volume of construction, without reference to specific state, follows:

		average per firm
Health	39%	\$1,860,624
Education	27%	1,293,706
Religion	13%	620,588
Industry	13%	602,353
Housing	6%	307,941
Public Use	1%	44,118
Commerce	1%	32.641

In South Dakota, Architect Harold Spitznagel has a large auditorium under construction at Huron

and a state office building at Pierre. Travelers will be encouraged to learn that two new railroad passenger depots, valued at \$50,000 each, will be completed at Oshkosh and Neenah, Wisconsin, designed by McEnary & Krafft, Minneapolis. At the University of Minnesota, a 22-story steel frame structure to be known as the Mayo Memorial Center will be erected, designed by C. H. Johnston, architects and engineers, St. Paul. Magney, Tusler & Setter, Minneapolis, have prepared the plans for the new library at Carleton College. Drawings for a physical education building at Teachers College, Winona, Wisconsin, have been completed by Boyum, Schubert & Sorensen. Among other work of the firm of Long & Thorshov is a handsome Unitarian Church for Minneapolis; Hubert Swanson has some \$2 millions in contemporary school designs to be erected throughout the state of Minnesota.

Among several large city housing projects to be built in Chicago is the \$1,600,000 row house development by Alper & Alper, which includes houses with radiant heating and low-cost, attached garages. Over \$4 millions in hospital work is contemplated by Burnham & Hammond, Chicago. A laboratory school, consisting of elementary, high junior and high school units plus swimming pool and gymnasium has been designed by Schaeffer, Hooton & Wilson for Normal, Illinois.



Wayne University General Library, Detroit, Michigan, by Pilafian & Montana, architects. First floor-law library; second floor-humanities; third floor-social studies; fourth flooreducation. Open stack rooms contain numerous individual study cubicles and rooms for group study. To cost \$1,500,000.



michigan indiana ohio kentucky

Region three boasts 15% of the nation's population and 14% of the total number of A.I.A. memberships. Due to the extremely large volume of construction reported by Detroit firms, the apparent average of work contemplated by individual firms in this area is quite high. Expecting 1951 to be greater than 1950, these architects expect a volume of \$511,185,-000 worth of construction will begin in 1951 and that work on the boards will total \$610,770,000.

Buildings devoted to public use absorb the largest quantity of dollars. As might be expected from this area, a substantial percentage of buildings will be industrial. A continuing program for increased educational facilities is in sight.

Of the 83 firms that responded from this region, the breakdown of building construction reports is as follows:

		average per firm
Public Use	43%	\$2,570,092
Industry	20%	1,180,592
Education	13%	768,355
Health	11%	661,776
Housing	7%	444,908
Commerce	4%	213,091
Religion	2%	94,224

From Detroit, Giffels & Vallet, Inc.—L. Rossetti reporting the largest volume by a single firm, announce that plans have been completed for a steel mill, military projects, office buildings, warehouses, plants, and other structures. The principal efforts of Saarinen, Saarinen & Associates, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, will be devoted to the General Motors complex and dormitories for Drake University.

Walter Scholer & Associates, La Fayette, Indiana, have completed designs for a new \$2,500,000 residence hall for men at Purdue University; A. M. Strauss, Inc., Fort Wayne, expect their design for the Life Science Building at the University of Indiana to be started early this year. Ralph O. Yeager, Terre Haute, reports a \$1,500,000 shopping center.

An \$800,000 music hall will be erected at Warren, Ohio, from plans prepared by Arthur F. Sidells. Tibbals, Crumley & Musson will see their \$2,700,-000 Deaf School begun at Columbus, Ohio; while Outcalt, Guenther & Associates announce an early construction date for the Ohio State School for the blind. In Cincinnati, Architect Charles F. Cellarius has prepared drawings for a \$600,000 church with Gothic mass and modern detail, and a \$1 million colonial dormitory for Miami University at Oxford, Ohio.

In addition to a number of schools, D. E. Perkins has a milk processing plant going forward at Harlan, Kentucky. John Gillig will complete plans for a crippled children's hospital at Lexington, Kentucky, and H. Richard Elliston & Associates expect a 450unit PHA Housing project to begin soon at Covington, Kentucky.

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Within these 13 states and the District of Columbia resides one-third of the United States' population. Thirty-eight percent of the total A.I.A. membership lives in this area; seven percent responded to the questions of our survey. Housing projects, educational, health, and commercial buildings will constitute the largest dollar volume construction reported for this year.

A summary of building types follows:

		average per firm
Housing	42%	\$2,169,364
Education	16%	854,006
Health	16%	811,410
Commerce	15%	763,310
Public Use	7%	372,486
Industry	3%	141,041
Religion	1%	73,873

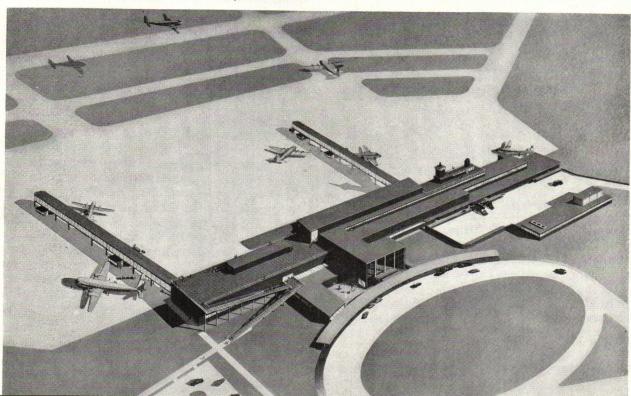
The volume of work per firm reporting is somewhat above the national average. The large offices in the big cities—such as Harrison & Abramovitz; Kahn & Jacobs; Voorhees, Walker, Foley & Smith, all in New York—are primarily busy on commercial and industrial work. Frederick G. Frost's \$5 millions research group for Sun Oil is an outstanding project in an important category.

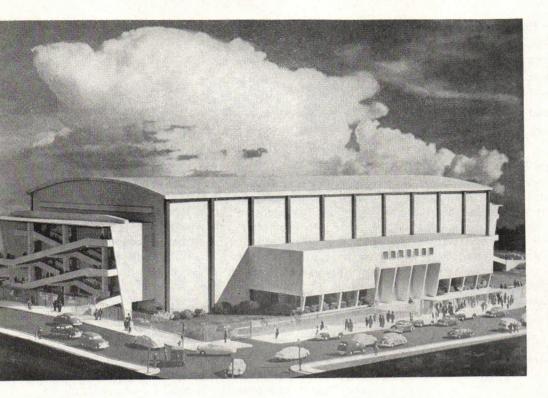
The special demand for housing in this region reflects the population concentrations. S. Tyson Haldeman has completed the design of a \$3 millions Federal project at Brockton, Massachusetts; a 603-unit PHA project will start this month at Provi-

dence, Rhode Island, designed by Creer, Kent, Mather, Cruise & Aldrich; Kane & Fairchild expect a 600-unit project to be under construction soon in Hartford, Connecticut. At Rochester, New York, Donald Q. Faragher anticipates \$4½ millions in private apartments. Assisting Baltimore's efforts toward slum clearance, F. L. W. Moehle & Associates have prepared plans for a \$3 millions public housing project, and Palmer, Fisher, Williams & Nes forecast the start of 650 dwelling units for Negroes during the year.

Among the hospitals reported, in addition to those illustrated later in this issue, are a \$41/2 millions institution for mentally disturbed patients, designed by Conrad & Cummings, Binghamton, New York; and, farther south, Merrill C. Lee informs us of a tuberculosis hospital for Negro patients in Richmond, Virginia. Many suburban shopping centers turn up in reports from this region, such as the one for New Milford, New Jersey, being designed by Max Simon. To choose at random a few examples in other categories, Eaton W. Tarbell reports, from Maine, activity in schools, residences, and public buildings; Lacy, Atherton & Davis, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, has a large industrial plant to be built in the south during 1951; construction of an important building for the West Virginia Institute of Technology, designed by Martens & Son, of Charleston, West Virginia, will start in the spring.

Terminal Building, Philadelphia International Airport, by Carroll, Grisdale & Van Alen, architects, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Airways Engineering Consultants, Inc. The pair of two-level "finger" concourses allows passage to planeloading points almost wholly under cover. To cost \$7,500,000.





The Alexander Memorial Building, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia. Aeck Associates, with Robert & Co., associated architects and engineers. Facilities for undergraduate physical training program (locker space for 5,000); an amphitheater to seat 10,000 for basketball, etc.; or, when arranged as an auditorium, 13,000. To cost \$2,500,000.

## REGION 5



north carolina south carolina georgia florida

From the Southeast the reports indicate a comparatively low volume of work in the average office, with educational work (because of an active school building program in several states that need it badly) coming to the fore as the most active field of practice. Commercial and industrial work there both dropped to low percentages of the volume reported from 46 offices.

Statistics from the firms reporting from the area are as follows:

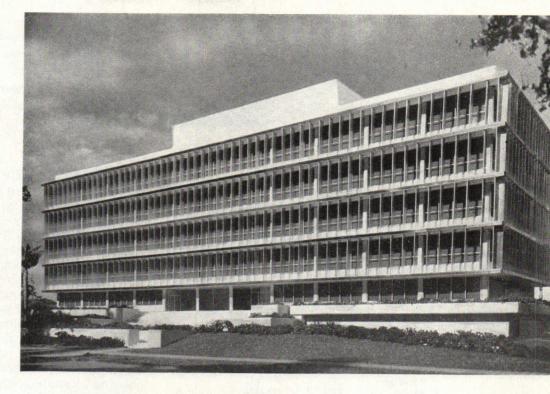
		average per firm
Education	25%	\$516,691
Housing	21%	443,214
Public Use	21%	429,548
Health	17%	357,857
Commerce	8%	163,095
Industry	5%	101,191
Religion	3%	64,405

In North Carolina, the school program is important. Clemmer & Horton, Hickory, for instance, have some \$2 millions worth of schools on the boards; the Six Associates, in Asheville report many schools, a large hospital, and much housing and industrial work; Macklin & Stinson, Winston-Salem, are also busy with school work, and several churches. William Henley Deitrick, Raleigh, is continuing the plans on which Matthew Novicki was working with him, for the State Fair arena and grandstand and the State Museum and Archives Building, in addition to other work.

South Carolina reports a good deal of housing in the design stage, besides such projects as the  $$1\frac{1}{2}$ million office building for Charlotte from the office of William G. Lyles and Bissett, Carlisle & Wolff.

Georgia reports a number of interesting projects, notably in the school field. Aeck Associates, Atlanta, has a \$2½ millions Physical Training Building for Georgia Institute of Technology. Bush-Brown, Gailey & Heffernan are doing a \$1 million School of Architecture and also a library (to cost more than that) for the same institution. William Creighton's office is completing work designed by Toombs & Creighton—an annex to the Fulton County Court House, for example, and a library for Atlanta. Bernard A. Webb, Jr., Macon, reports a court house which will be one of the first buildings in that area to use the heat pump.

In Florida, in addition to the work illustrated in this issue, such projects are under way as a \$11/2 million office building in the drafting room of Edwin Reeder, Miami; several large schools being designed by James Gamble Rogers II, Winter Park; a shopping center expected ultimately to cost \$4 millions in the office of Gamble, Pownall & Gilroy, Fort Lauderdale; a \$6 millions hospital planned by Steward & Skinner, Miami. College buildings are projected both at University of Miami (by Robert M. Little and Marion Manley) and at University of Florida (by Russell T. Pancoast & Associates, and others).



Pan-American Life Insurance Building, New Orleans, Louisiana. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, New York and Chicago, with Claude E. Hooton, New Orleans, associated architects. Structural steel frame; reinforced concrete floor slabs; exterior of limestone; reinforced concrete sun shades, with aluminum vertical louvers. Completely air conditioned.

## REGION 6



tennessee alabama mississippi arkansas louisiana

Reflecting the need for health and educational facilities in the area, the architects in the states represented here report more work in these categories than in any other—in fact, hospitals and schools alone constitute more than half the volume of business reported. About an 8% drop in dollar value of commissions from those now on the drawing boards is anticipated for 1951. The average architectural office in this region reports about \$3 millions in work in the design stage—somewhat more than \$1 million under the national average reported.

Thirty-three firms from this area contributed to the survey, and indicated the following ratio of activity by building types:

		average per firm
Health	31%	\$1,337,333
Education	25%	1,064,833
Housing	19%	805,833
Industry	17%	717,300
Public Use	6%	263,333
Commerce	1%	45,833
Religion	1%	34,167

Among the Tennessee architects, A. L. Aydelott & Associates has a brisk practice in hospital work, in addition to the high school shown on page 68; Furbringer & Ehrman, Memphis, are working on a \$6 millions pumping station for that city; Frazier Smith, also of Memphis, has hospital and housing work on the boards as well as a fire and police communication center. In Clarksville, Speight & Hibbs report a 125-bed general hospital. Also in this state,

TVA is continuing design and construction work, with steam plants at Johnsonville and Widows Creek scheduled for 1951.

Arkansas sends word of a \$6 millions hospital being designed by Ginnochio & Cromwell, Little Rock, in association with Trapp & Clippard, and a \$5 millions hospital in the office of Brueggeman, Swaim & Allen, also of Little Rock. Haralson & Mott, Fort Smith, report about \$2 millions in hospital work and \$1 ½ million in housing projects.

Among the busy Alabama architects are Charles H. McCauley, Birmingham, with many hospitals; Pearson, Tittle & Narrows, Montgomery, with much low-rent housing, and school work; Richard Boinest, Anniston, with housing projects running into the millions.

In Louisiana, Smith & Padgett, Monroe, are designing \$4 millions worth of schools for Ouachita parish, and Bodman & Murrell, Baton Rouge, have almost \$2 millions in school work for Iberville parish. Among the other interesting projects reported from that state are a state nursing school facility in Lester C. Haas's office in Shreveport; a municipal courts building being designed by Curtis & Davis, New Orleans; a \$4 millions airport and terminal building for Shreveport, reported by Samuel Wiener. In the residential field, many firms are busy, among them the new C.A.P.A. group (Contemporary Architects and Planners Associated) in New Orleans.



nebraska kansas iowa missouri oklahoma

In this primarily agricultural section of the country, as might be expected, a comparatively low volume of commercial and industrial work occupies the 51 architects (10% of the active A.I.A. members) who reported to P/A. Again, as in the preceding region, buildings for education and health constitute half the volume of work reported. In the urban districts, housing commissions are keeping a number of architects busy. It is interesting that church work rises here to a higher percentage than in most parts of the

Statistics, from the reporting architects, are as follows:

		average per firm
Education	27%	\$745,686
Health	22%	596,275
Housing	18%	480,882
Commerce	11%	286,372
Industry	10%	267,843
Public Úse	8%	209,667
Religion	4%	118,137

From St. Louis a number of interesting large jobs were reported: a state office building being designed by Marcel Boulicault, with aluminum curtain walls and flat slab construction; several large office buildings in the office of Russell, Crowell, Mullgardt & Schwarz; half a dozen schools, several hospitals, and a church reported by William B. Ittner. In

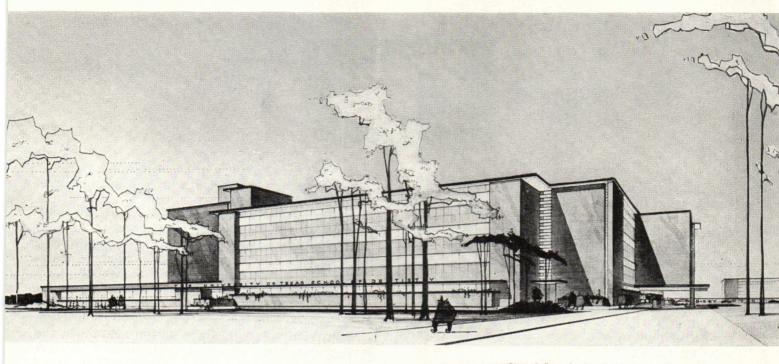
Kansas City, Kivett & Myers are busy on a home for Jewish aged, to cost \$11/4 million; Luther Orville Willis is designing a huge shopping center for the growing community of Roeland Park.

In Kansas, R. L. Hollis, Wichita, reports a large volume of school work; McCrackin & Hiett, Hutchinson, expect a hotel job to go ahead; Schmidt, McVay & Peddie, Wichita firm, is working on several large hospitals and three churches.

Three Iowa architects report important hospital work: Charles Altfillisch, Decorah; Morgan-Gelatt & Associates, Burlington; and William Beuttler, Sioux City. In Nebraska, there is activity in church design; James E. Loftus is working on a Romanesque job and a "contemporary" one, while Clark & Enersen, Lincoln, claim that theirs will be "the first modern church in Nebraska."

In Oklahoma, there is notable activity in college building. Coston & Frankfurt, Oklahoma City, are designing four buildings for the University of Oklahoma: Vahlberg, Palmer & Vahlberg are doing a Geology Building for that same institution; Hudgins, Thompson, Ball & Associates also have a building there, as well as a School of Veterinary Medicine for Oklahoma A. & M. College. Parr & Aderhold, Oklahoma City, are busy on a State Fair arena building, to seat 12,500 people.







Dental Branch, for University of Texas, Houston, by MacKie & Kamrath, architects. Plan developed around small-lab (4-students) system conceived by Dean Fred Elliott. Reinforced concrete frame; 9" walls of marble, 4" perlite block and furred plaster. To cost approximately \$5 millions.

texas

About five percent of the architects questioned in this region, which comprises Texas, answered our preview survey for 1951. An analysis of 22 reporting firms indicates that these offices expect a volume of \$82,700,000 to reach the working drawing stage this year and, for the same period, estimate that a total of \$88,950,000 will be spent for construction. The average volume of work per firm reporting is about the same as the national average.

A breakdown of building type follows:

		average per firm
Commerce	51%	\$3,302,500
Housing	16%	1,064,900
Education	15%	954,500
Health	11%	755,000
Public Use	5%	330,000
Religion	1%	43,900
Industry	1%	5,000

The dollar volume of commercial building for this area by far exceeds that of other building types. In addition to completing plans for an apartment project at Houston, the firm of Woodrow Alexander has announced that two of their shopping centers will be started this year. A residential sub-division and shopping center, representing a cost of approximately \$15 millions, is expected to be under con-

struction by this spring at Houston; work for this project has been executed by the firm of Roy W. Leibsle. Among several office buildings designed by Kenneth Franzheim and to be erected in Houston will be an 18-story structure. Golemon & Rolfe have completed working drawings for the Beaumont Enterprise & Journal Building; however, construction has been temporarily postponed.

At San Antonio, the associated firms of Bartlett Cocke, O'Neil Ford, and Harvey P. Smith contemplate the erection of additional buildings for the campus at Trinity University; for which the builder will employ the lift-up floor and roof slab construction method. Also at San Antonio, the firm of Phelps & Dewees & Simmons forecasts that its \$2 millions hospital will be under construction this year.

In other parts of the state, George L. Dahl reports that his firm has completed plans for offices, warehouses, schools, hospitals, retail stores, and hotels in the Dallas area; to the west, Carroll & Daeuble advise that several schools, a parking garage, and a church will be started at El Paso; and in the Panhandle, J. Roy Smith has two schools, two churches, and a hospital which will be erected at Amarillo.



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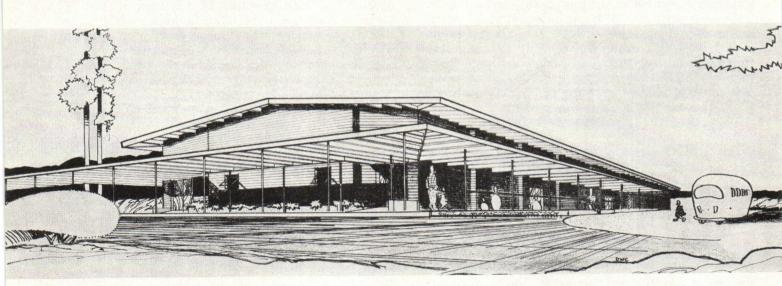
From this region, 27 active firms (13% of the A.I.A. membership in the area) reported to P/A on work in progress and work in prospect. Expressed in dollars, the volume for the region is naturally considerably less than that of the more populous areas—the firms reporting expect \$43,980,000 of work to reach the construction stage next year, and hope for \$37,020,000 of new work. The average reported per firm is somewhat less than half that of the indicated national average.

By building types, design activity in this area lines up as follows:

		average per firm
Education	28%	\$577,958
Commerce	23%	486,250
Housing	16%	324,333
Health	14%	307,292
Public Use	10%	215,133
Industry	7%	143,750
Religion	2%	40,625

Dollars to be spent for architect-designed work in the region, therefore, will be spent in quantity on educational and commercial work, while a comparatively small amount will go into industrial buildings and religious structures.

A characteristic of the region seems to be the conduct of a general, rather than a specialized, type of practice. For instance, James M. Hunter, Boulder, Colorado, reports a new city hall for Boulder, an office building, a shopping center, and apartment development, several private houses and-in association with Smith & Hegner, Denver-a \$21/4 millions Memorial Union Building for the University of Colorado. The latter firm also reports a 200-unit public housing project in Denver. The office of Slack W. Winburn, Salt Lake City, lists a 12-story apartment house for Salt Lake to cost \$1,300,000 and a \$500,000 machinery building and 20 smaller buildings to cost around \$1 million. A degree of specialization appears in the report of Eugene Sternberg, Denver, who will build three doctor's clinics in the coming year; but he also tells us of a \$1,250,000 public-housing project he is doing with Earl C. Morris. Atchison & Kloverstrom, Denver, list around \$2 millions of work, all in the education category; Musick & Lee, also Denver, will build two schools and a chapel. A sizable project is a \$3,000,000 combined County and Indian hospital reported by Ferguson, Stevens & Beck, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Meem, Zehner, Holien & Associates, Santa Fe, have \$21/4 millions of hospital work. In Tucson, Arizona, Arthur T. Brown indicates that his busy residential practice will continue to thrive. In Phoenix, Ralph Haver lists a 60-house tract development in addition to the school auditorium shown above, while Leslie J. Mahoney will build a milk-processing plant, several schools, and a new public library to cost \$1 million.



Madison School Auditorium, Phoenix, Arizona. Ralph Haver and Fred M. Guirey, associated architects. Five hundred and seven-seat auditorium-one of the first in this country to use Continental-type seating. Framed in welded rigid-steel bents made up of standard sections, spanning the 59'-4" width; 16-foot bays. Wood joist purlins.

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El Camino College, El Camino, California. Marsh, Smith & Powell, architects, Los Angeles. Shown in this model photo are (foreground)

two classroom wings, with administration building beyond; at left, the auditorium; and, beyond that, the women's gym, swim gym, and men's gym.



california nevada

This region, principally the State of California, now contains over seven percent of the nation's population and ranks third in the total number of A.I.A. architects; 10 percent of those questioned answered this survey. The estimated work of 84 firms for this year disclosed that a volume of \$319,280,000 will reach the working drawing stage and that \$242,647,000 will be spent on construction. As along the Atlantic Coast, housing will represent the greatest volume of construction.

The average volume of business per firm by building type is:

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Housing	24%	\$1,279,957
Commerce	20%	1,078,171
Education	20%	1,042,529
Health	14%	756,129
Industry	12%	609,143
Public Úse	9%	495,715
Religion	1%	28 714

In addition to a vast number of residences, many housing projects will be started this year. One of the largest and most interesting comes from the offices of Richard J. Neutra and Robert E. Alexander. Another large housing project is being planned for Los Angeles by the firm of Gruen & Krummeck in collaboration with A. B. Gallion, Dean of Architecture at the University of Southern California. It will contain 300 units, some multi-story, and will cost approximately \$3 millions. George V.

Russell is now concerned with the street layout and planning the utilities and buildings for the town of New Cuyama; a project that will be erected over a two-year period and at a cost of several millions of dollars. At Fresno, a public housing project has been designed by Robert W. Stevens, and, the office of Ernest J. Kump has completed plans for garden apartments at Menlo Park. Although no definite date has been set, Zick & Sharp, Las Vegas, expect their \$1 million housing project to be started soon.

Heitschmidt & Matcham, Los Angeles, anticipate that their \$3½ millions furniture mart will get under way this month. Other large commercial enterprises include a Sears Roebuck Retail Store by W. D. Peugh, San Francisco; a large shopping center by Mogensen & Finnegan, near San Francisco; and an office building at Oakland by Gardner Dailey.

Many educational buildings for various types of occupancy have been reported. Allison & Rible announce that the first units for a 2500-student high school will be started; the University of Southern California's building program moves along with a half-dozen or more buildings designed by as many firms; the University of California will have a student union designed by Confer and Willis; Orange Coast College will have a new library by Robert E. Alexander; and Pacific Union College will see a new men's dormitory planned by Sewall Smith.

Housing will continue to boom and use the bulk of the U. S. building dollar next year, according to the architectural firms reporting to P/A. Defense work toward the end of 1950 was assuming more importance in the business of design, bringing structures for "public use" well up the list of building types by volume. The breakdown, as reported to us by 609 active firms from all parts of the country, is as follows:

Building Type	% of Total	Total 609 Firms	Average per Firm
Housing	251/2	\$606,845,000	\$996,000
Education	19	445,090,000	731,000
Health	17	399,667,000	656,000
Public Use	141/2	347,459,000	571,000
Commerce	131/2	327,029,000	537,000
Industry	9	211,219,000	347,000
Religion	11/2	36,484,000	60,000

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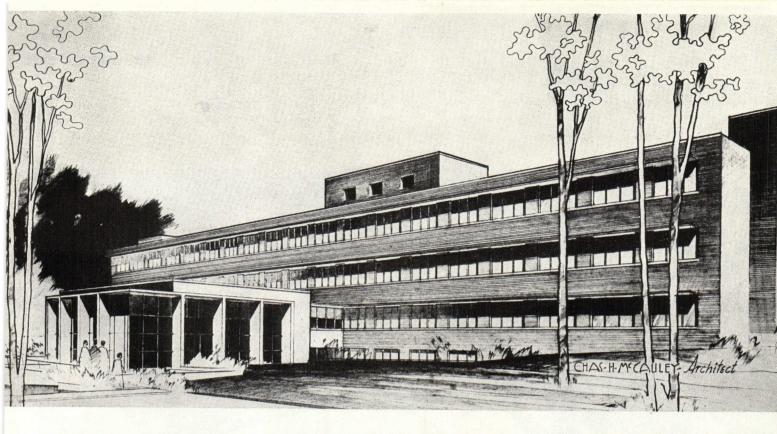
The big question, of course, is how much governmental limitation orders may alter the prospects (and the projects) now on the architects' boards. It is already obvious that, as a result of the restrictive order on recreational buildings of all sorts, that category of design will be virtually stopped. A reduction in budget of the Hill-Burton hospital construction program and the dimness of the possibility of any federal aid for school construction may reduce the number of institutional buildings in the health and education categories that will actually reach the construction stage.

It appears, as a result of P/A's survey, that commercial work will be as dominant as it has been in recent years. New store and office building construction assumes major importance in the rapidly growing parts of the country—notably Texas and California—and remains of major importance in the northeast urban area; but nationwide it has fallen to fifth place in volume of commissions to architects. Industrial activity is concentrated, during the design stage, in the area around Michigan where many large offices specializing in that type of work are located. In that area, too, seems to be concentrated the bulk of the defense design work. The design of religious structures is a comparatively minor field in total dollar volume, yet it is surprising to note that many firms throughout the country reported at least one church project on the boards.

In housing, the bulk of the vast amount of work reported is in multipleunit projects—either large builder developments or public housing projects. Individual apartment buildings account for about 10% of the housing total reported, and hotels and motels for about 5%.

Hospital design seems to have reached a degree of standardization in the United States which is well-studied, but which holds the risk of becoming smug and of beginning to ignore the many changes and advances that are being made in medical care today. Two tendencies in practice seem to be apparent in this field: the specialist firm is still corralling the important work (one New England firm reports 13 hospitals on the boards); at the same time a large total volume of smaller jobs (ranging from \$100,000 to the \$1 million category) are being handled by literally hundreds of architects throughout the country.

By far the bulk of the work reported is in the field of general hospitals, small in size; although a number of interesting individual research centers and specialized hospitals were reported. In a number of cities, notably New York, local public hospital programs are providing commissions for architects—and, ultimately, beds for the citizens. Group doctors' clinics were reported by the score, with the private doctor's building still an active smaller building type.

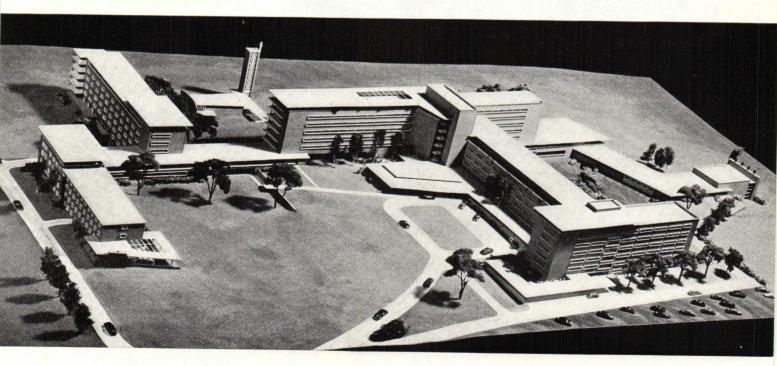


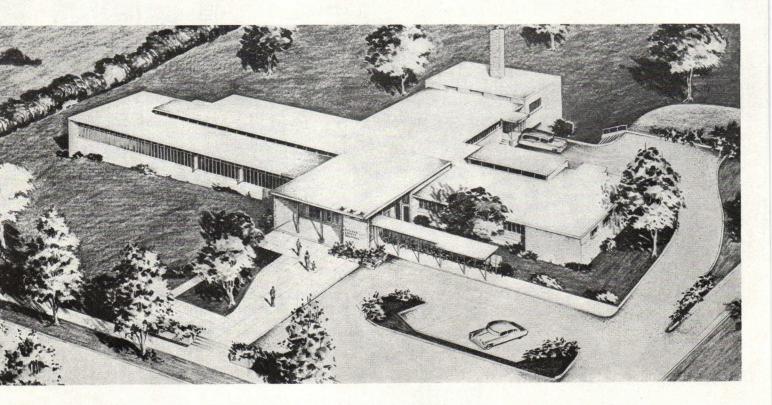
Americus & Sumter County Hospital, Americus, Georgia, by Charles H. McCauley, architect, Birmingham, Alabama. Nominally a 100-bed hospital, with adequate capacity for 130 beds. Steel frame with bar joists and concrete floor construction; all medical service facilities air-conditioned.

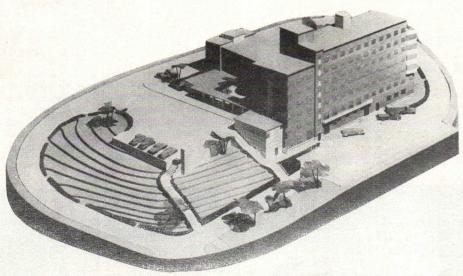
## health

general hospitals

The new Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by Vincent G. Kling, architect. Reading the main units in the model photograph from left to right: residential wing for professional employees; school of nursing and students' residence; chapel; main hospital building, with auxiliary wing and clinical building projecting in front of it, and—the lower wing in the background—the laundry, shops, garage, and steamgenerating plant.



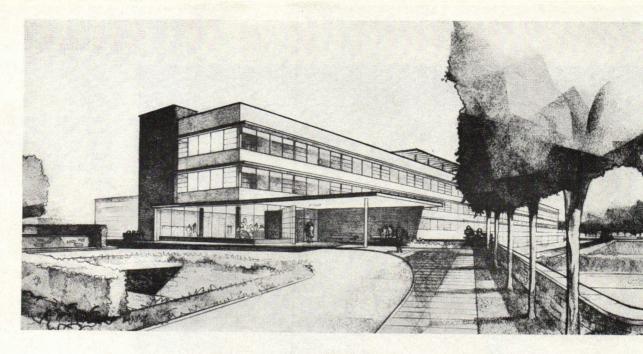


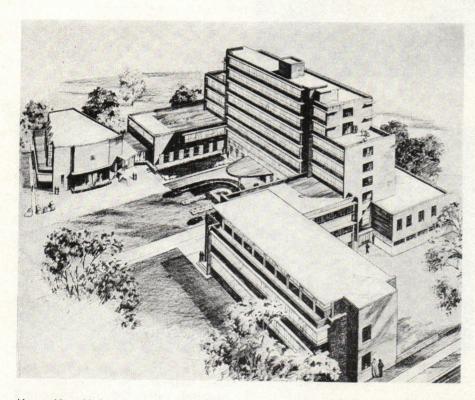


Bannock County Hospital, Pocatello, Idaho, by Victor N. Jones & Associates, Seattle, Washington, with Frank H. Paradice, Jr., Pocatello, architects and engineers.

Bullock County Hospital, Union Springs, Alabama, by Sherlock, Smith & Adams, Inc., architects and engineers, Mont-gomery.

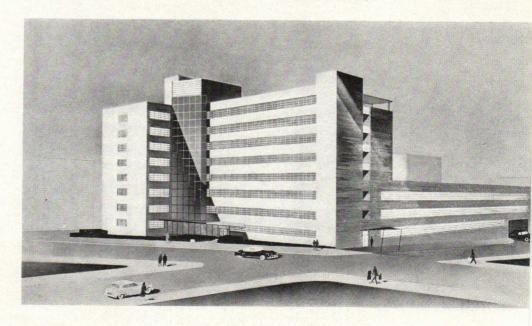
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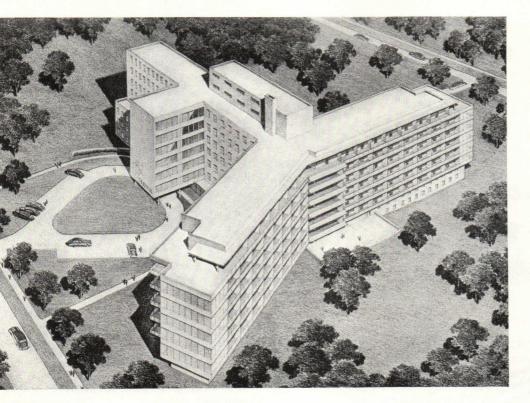


Above: New Medical Center, National Jewish Hospital, Denver, Colorado, by Earl C. Morris, architect. To cost approximately \$1 million. Beth-Israel Hospital, Passaic, New Jersey, by Kelly & Gruzen, architects and engineers, New York; Isadore Rosenfield, consultant. One hundred and twenty-bed hospital on 200-bed chassis; all patients' rooms have southern exposure, with concrete overhangs controlling penetration of solar rays.

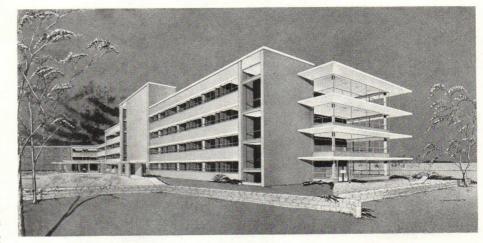
Below: Beekman Downtown Hospital, New York, by Lorimer & Rose, architects. An emergency hospital. To cost approximately \$3,500,000.



#### 1951 DESIGN SURVEY



Tuberculosis Hospital, East Bronx Hospital Group, New York, by Pomerance & Breines, architects; for the Department of Public Works of the City of New York, Frederick H. Zurmuhlen, Commissioner. Unit of a \$16 millions group.



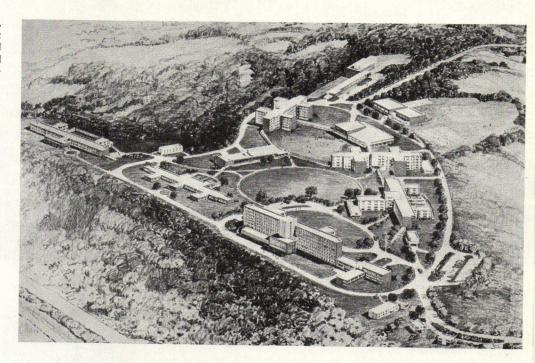
Below: Infirmary, Catawba Sanatorium, Virginia, by Brown, Wells & Meagher, architects and engineers, Roanoke; Joseph H. Saunders, associate architect, Alexandria. Slab band floor construction.



Above: Addition to the Western Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Clinton, Oklahoma, by Coston & Frankfurt, architects and engineers, Oklahoma City. Concrete frame; panel heating.

### health: specialized hospitals

V.A. Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Prack & Prack, Pittsburgh; Alfred Hopkins & Associates, New York; and Bowers & Barbalat, Pittsburgh, architects and engineers, under direction of Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army.



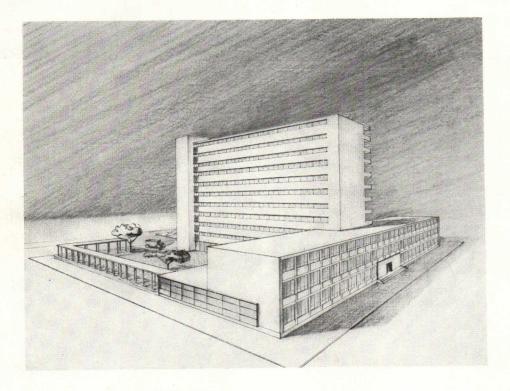
Below: Research Building, addition to neuropsychiatric hospital, Mandeville, Louisiana, by Ricciuti, Stoffle & Associates, architects.



Right: Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Lexington, Kentucky, by J. T. Gillig & J. F. Wilson, architects.

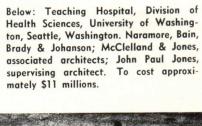






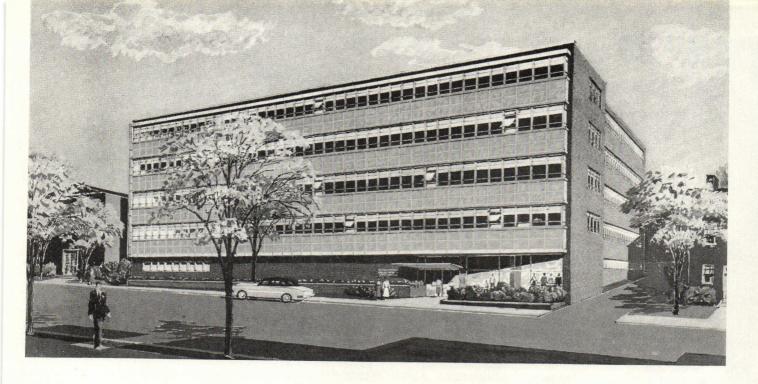
Communicable Disease Unit, Los Angeles County General Hospital, Los Angeles, California, by Adrian Wilson and Paul R. Williams, associated architects.

Above: Chicago Medical School and Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, by G. Cavaglieri and L. Lieberfeld, architects, New York. To cost approximately \$5 millions.



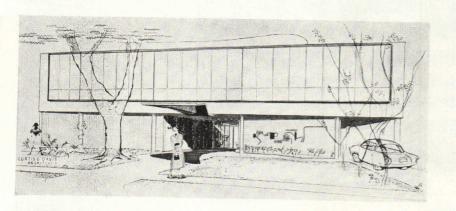


health: specialized hospitals



Above: Clinic Building for the Group Health Association, Inc., Washington, D. C., by Berla & Abel and Joseph Neufeld, associated architects.

Below: Doctors' Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, by Curtis & Davis, architects. Penthouse apartment for the building's doctor-owner.



Above: Mid-Wilshire Medical Building, Los Angeles, California, by Gruen & Krummeck, architects. Incorporates parking areas within building at ground floor and basement levels.

health: medical facilities



Youth Study Center (juvenile detention building), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by Carroll, Grisdale & Van Alen, architects. A \$2,500,000 building, including a classroom wing and facilities for research, as well as the customary provisions of such an institution.

## public use

Municipal Office Building for Water Supply Board, Health Department, and financial departments of City of Providence, Rhode Island, by Albert Harkness & Peter Geddes, architects. So many varieties of buildings are designed today for public uses of one sort or another—governmental structures, zoos, museums, and libraries, etc.—that this category, even without the building for military purposes that is assuming large proportions, has become one of the most important. Much of the work of a recreational nature reported under this category before NPA's Order M-4 will, of course, not now be built in 1951. Of the buildings that remain possible in the public use field, the order of importance of commissions, as reported to P/A, is as follows: libraries, town halls, court houses, county offices, jails and prisons, state office buildings, fire stations, museums, police stations.

Most of this work is, of course, awarded on a political or semi-political basis. It is encouraging to note, however, that many of the younger firms seem to be getting such jobs. It is also interesting to see that, for the first time, work for public use seems to be advancing beyond the stereotyped formalism that identified it for so long.



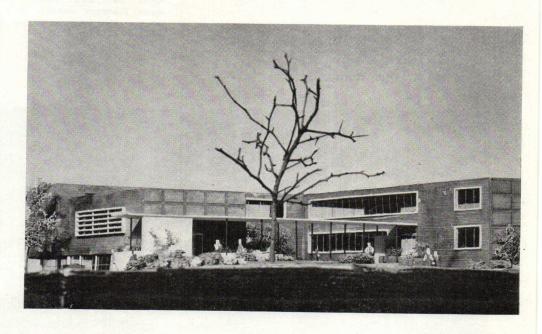


Community House, Longview, Texas, by Wilson, Morris & Crain, architects, Houston. The building includes a library, auditorium, kitchen, offices for county agent, nurse, and administration.



Herkimer County Office Building, Herkimer, New York. Reisner & Urbahn, architects, New York. Some of the third-floor offices are arranged around a central, landscaped court.

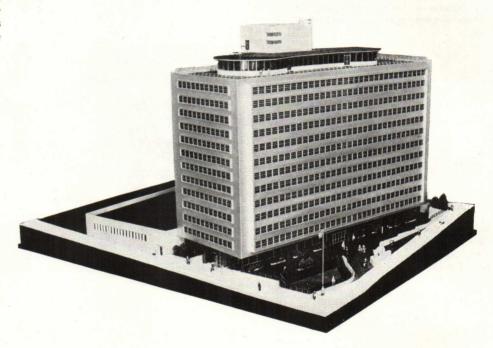
Crisp County Court House, Cordele, Georgia, by Bernard A. Webb, Jr., architect, Macon. Reputed to be the "first completely air-conditioned court house in the south." Heat-pump installation.



1951 DESIGN SURVEY



Above: Frederick R. Ross Branch of the Denver, Colorado, Public Library, by Victor Hornbein, architect. The masonry masses with fenestration above, as well as at the sides, enclose open bookshelves.



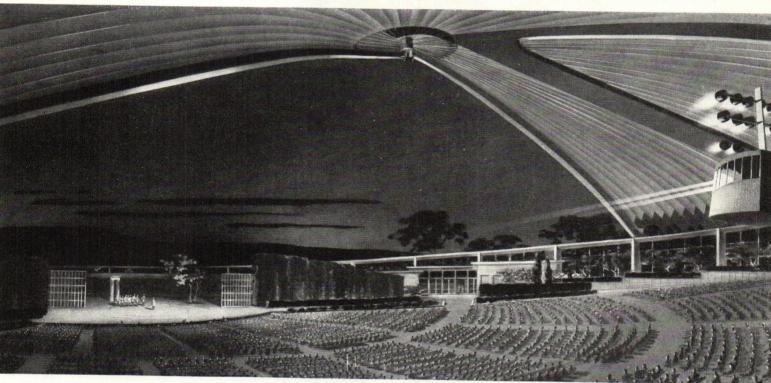
Above: State Office Building, Jefferson City, Missouri, by Marcel Boulicault, architect, St. Louis. The 14-story building will be surfaced with aluminum above the first floor, where Missouri stone will be used.

Below: State Compensation Insurance Fund Building, Los Angeles, California, by Stiles Clements, Associated Architects & Engineers.





Right and below: Two views of the model of Municipal Amphitheater, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with a retractable plastic fabric roof over the circular auditorium and revolving stage. Mitchell & Ritchey, architects.



1951 DESIGN SURVEY public use

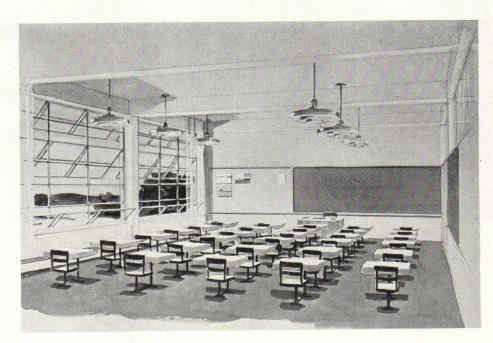


Museum of History and Industry, Seattle, Washington, for Seattle Historical Society, by Paul Thiry, architect. Reinforced concrete structure, to be faced on the front with precast terrazzo, sides and rear left in architectural concrete, in anticipation of future expansion. A ramped display hall will connect the two floors.



## education

high schools



Three renderings of the Bristol, Virginia, High School, by A. L. Aydelott and Associates, architects and engineers, Memphis, Tennessee. Top—view of gym wing, with swimming pool in foreground; center—typical classroom; bottom—general view.

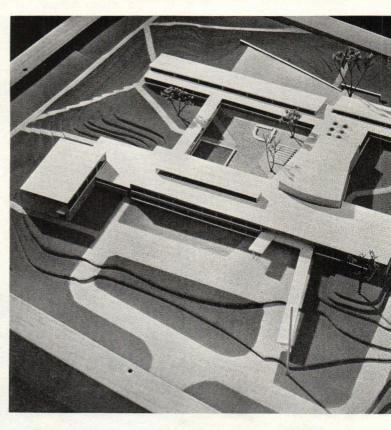


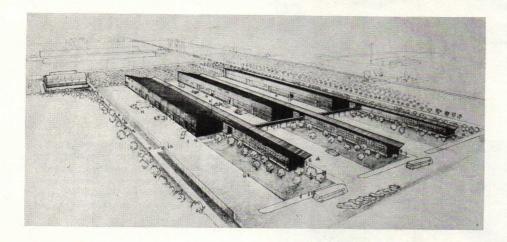
#### 1951 DESIGN SURVEY

More than most types, educational buildings seem to have been freed from the cloying hangovers of past periods. In the almost half-billion-dollars' worth of work reported by those who co-operated with us on this survey—the largest amount in any of the categories, except housing (and the latter includes hotels and apartments, as well as private residences)—almost all designers seem to be consciously reaching for something better.

One interesting shift to note is that, while a few years back most of the progressive school-design was in the elementary category, now the high school and even the university are well represented. One architect attributes this to the fact that a whole new school generation has now grown up accustomed to the better conditions that contemporary techniques and design have achieved, and it demands equally good facilities in buildings provided for more advanced study. In the larger projects-great consolidated high schools, college and university campuses, etc.—the attention given to interrelation of buildings and intelligent site use promises some important realizations in the larger areas of planning, closely related to the premises and tenets of community or city planning.

The familiar names in educational design appear here again, but there is ample evidence that many a newer firm is making its mark in this field, and in at least one case we find an established office that has made signal achievements in other design categories reaching out and doing a first-rate job in this specialized and highly competitive branch of practice. Junior High School, Attleboro, Massachusetts, by The Architects Collaborative, architects, Cambridge. This school was developed after the architects had won a competition for the design of an elementary school for Attleboro.

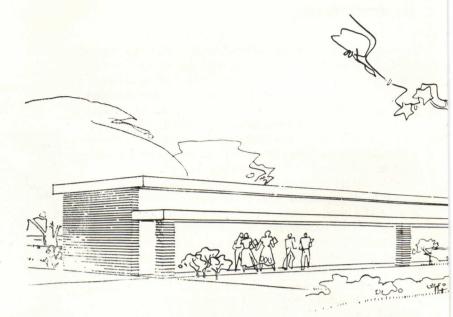




San Jose Technical High School, San Jose, California, by Ernest J. Kump, architect, San Francisco. Covered, outside corridors align south sides of units.



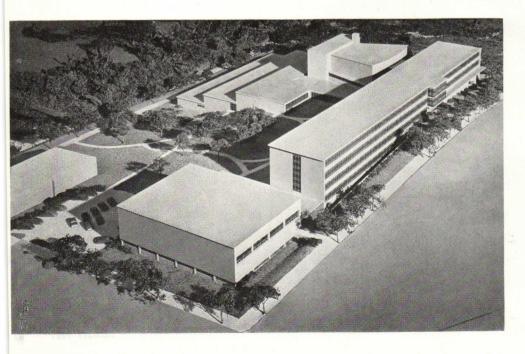
Keokuk High School, Keokuk, Iowa, by Perkins & Will, Architects, Chicago, Illinois. Twenty-three-acre site: three classroom floors (reinforced concrete pan construction) supported on steel columns.



Section through classroom wing, George Washington Carver School, Dade County (Miami), Florida, by Alfred B. Parker, architect.

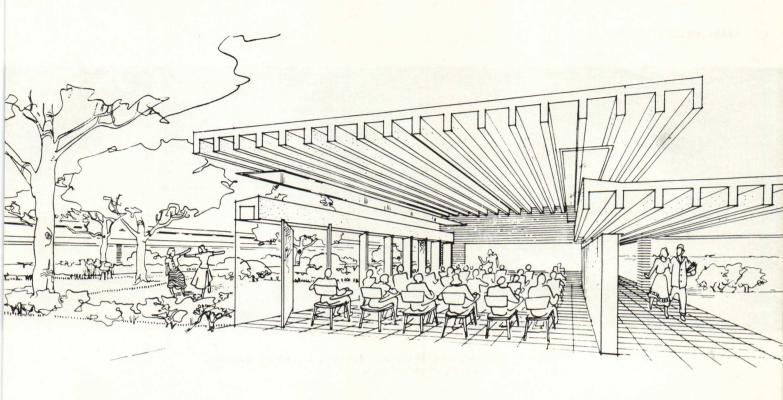


Manual Training High School, Denver, Colorado, by Raymond Harry Ervin, architect; Robert Berne and Ralph D. Peterson, associates. To cost \$2 millions.



Comprehensive Senior High School, Passaic, New Jersey, by Kelly & Gruzen, architects and engineers. Combines both academic and vocational school systems in one location, with average school population of 2000. Planned for minimum excavation by utilizing existing grade for various levels; precast concrete structural wall system.

education: high schools

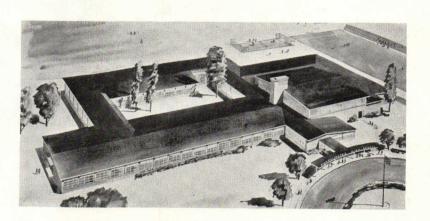


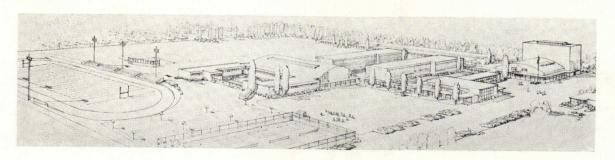
Dining Hall for St. Stephens School, Austin, Texas, by Arthur Fehr & Charles Granger, architects. Unit of a co-ordinated campus development.



High School, Sappington, Missouri, by Wischmeyer & Lorenz, architects, St. Louis.

Below: Senior High School, South San Francisco, California, by John Lyon Reid, Architect. An effort to build a large plant at exceptionally low cost—\$1,175,000. Generous use of corrugated asbestos-cement on exterior; ample areas of exposed concrete and other areas simply stuccoed; pinned connections for steel arches and concrete buttresses in gym and theater-auditorium.

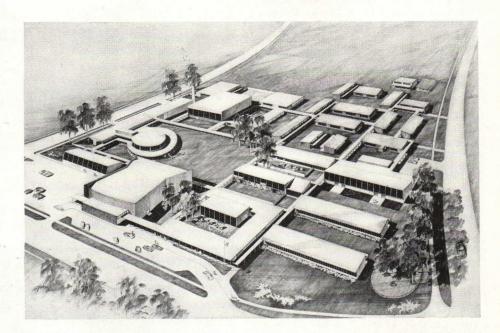




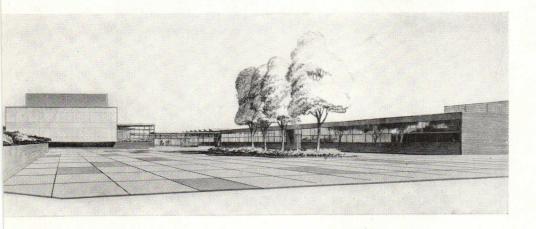


High School, Birmingham, Michigan, by Swanson Associates, architects, Bloomfield Hills.

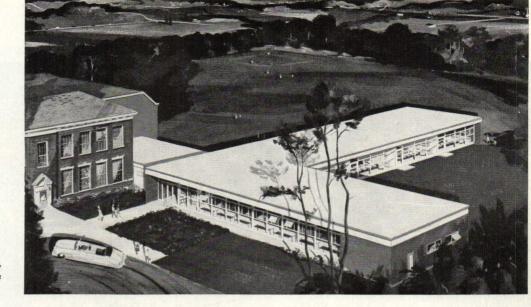
Westchester Junior High School, Los Angeles, California, by the Office of Sumner Spaulding, John Rex, architects; C. Gordon DeSwarte, structural engineer. A community center, as well as a school, with op-portunities for adult study of music, fine arts, home economics, physical education, literature, and crafts.



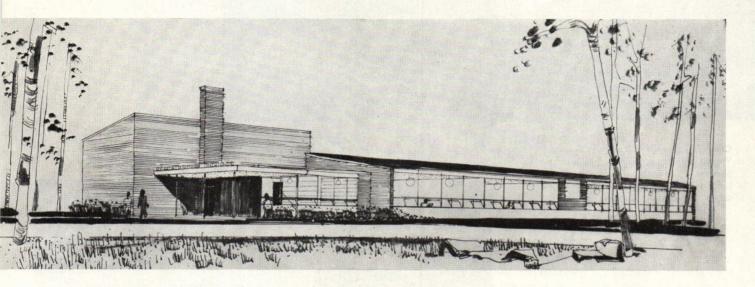
Magnolia Junior High School, Seattle, Washington, by J. Lister Holmes & Associates, architects. To cost \$1,600,000. A joint project of the Seattle School Board and Park Board, with many joint-use facilities.



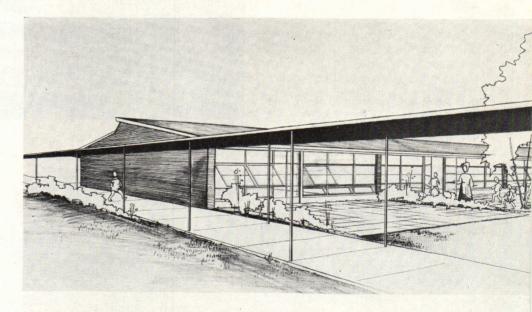
education: high schools



Addition to Holmes Elementary School, Darien, Connecticut, by Ketchum, Gina & Sharp, architects, New York.



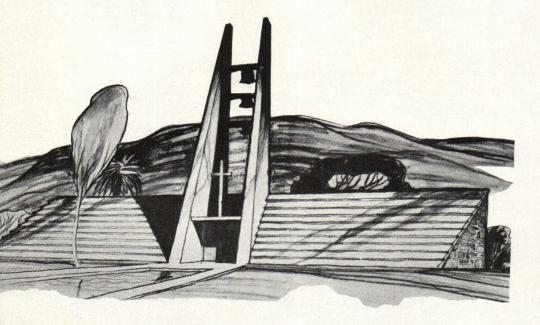
School for Colchester, Vermont, by Free-man-French-Freeman, Architects, Burling-ton, Vermont. A school planned for ready expansion.



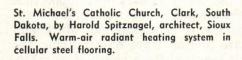
Immaculate Conception School, Marrero, Louisiana, by Curtis & Davis, Architects, New Orleans. Significant climate-control features for the Deep South.

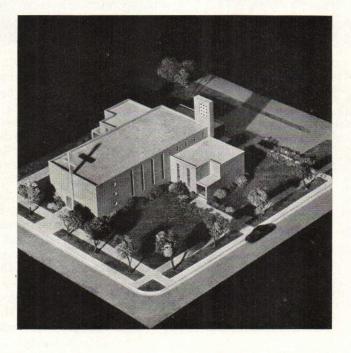
education: elementary schools

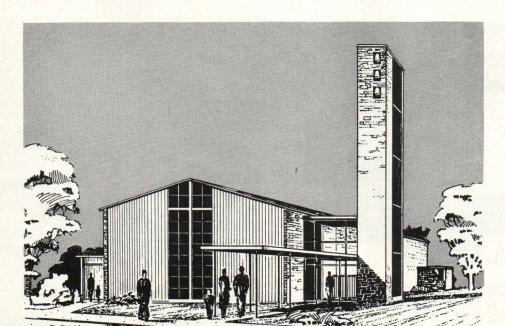
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Faith Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona, by Arthur T. Brown, architect. Rendering shows south windowless "roof-wall;" entire north wall is windowed.

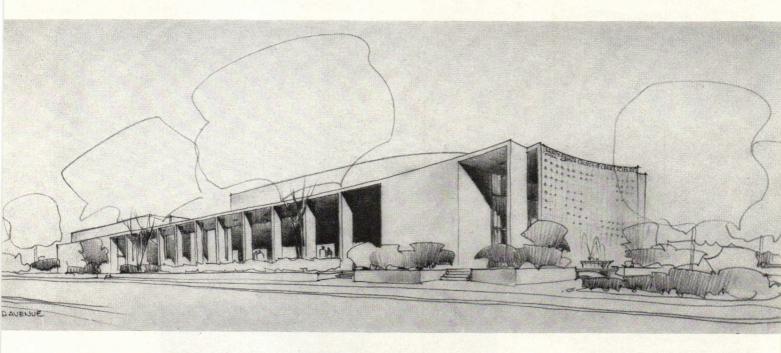




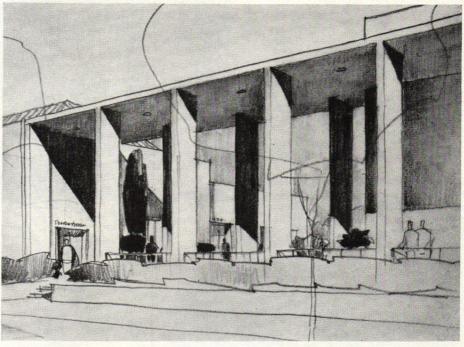


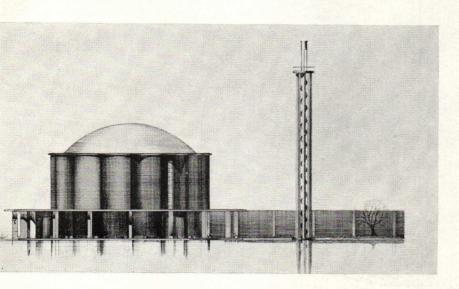
Countryside Community Church, Omaha, Nebraska, by Clark & Enersen, architects. A suburban church affiliated with the Congregationalists.

## religion: churches



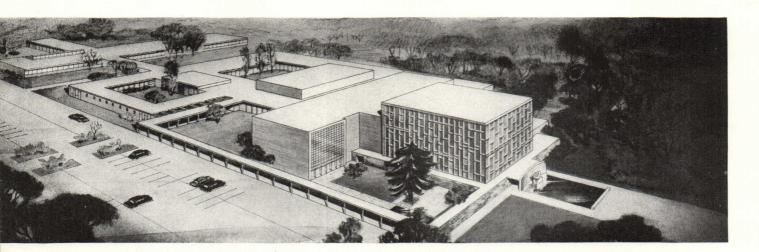
Christian Science Church, Los Angeles, California, by Maynard Lyndon, architect. Reinforced concrete structure, with auditorium spanned with steel trusses. Rendering above—general view from street intersection; right—study of loggia.



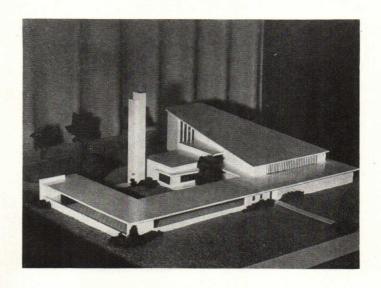


Chapel for Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, by Saarinen, Saarinen & Associates, architects, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. The last building designed by the late Eliel Saarinen.

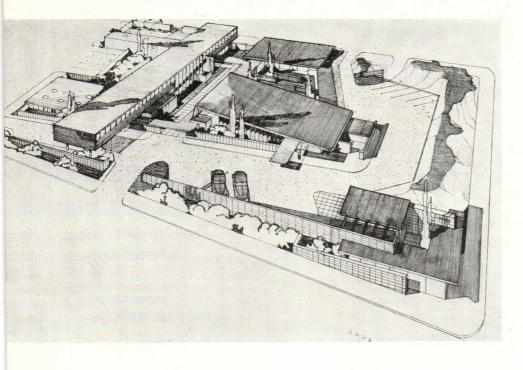
## 1951 DESIGN SURVEY



Euclid Avenue Temple for the Anshe Chesed Congregation, Cleveland, Ohio, by Percival Goodman, architect, New York.
To be built on a 32-acre site. Steel frame; the Sanctuary (right end of rendering) is a shimmering cage of stainless steel and heat-resistant glass.



Mortuary, San Francisco, California, by A. Quincy Jones, Jr., architect, Los Angeles; Petroff & Clarkson, consulting architects, New York. Open, light steel frame.



Above: Synagogue for the United Orthodox Congregation Beth Israel, Omaha, Nebraska, by Kivett & Myers, architects, Kansas City, Missouri. To cost approximately \$500,000.

religion: synagogues, mortuary

## commerce

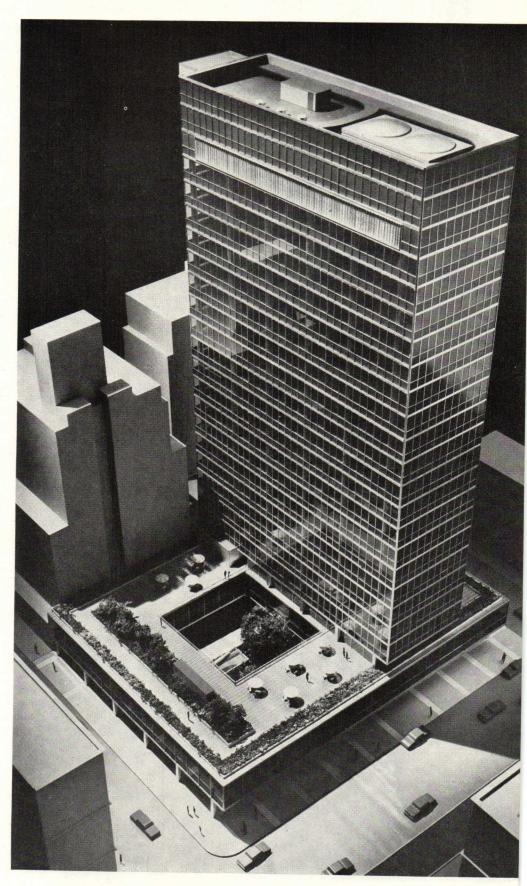
Grouped under this heading are office buildings, both urban and suburban; individual shops; shopping centers and drive-in establishments of various sorts. Hardly a new trend, but one much emphasized in the buildings scheduled for 1951, is the business facility designed to cater to the motoring public.

A brand-new accommodation in this category (though a variation on a familiar theme) is the truly dispersed shopping center, located well away from metropolitan centers at some point where important highways occur. And while the drive-in can scarcely be called a novelty, so far as we know, a drive-in pie shop is.

In the office-building category we ask the reader to ponder the general quality of design. With few exceptions—and the fine new building shown at the right of this page is an outstanding one—it is painfully evident that the buildings are the result of the commercial client's prime demand for utmost rental space.

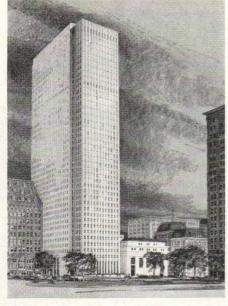
In this context, it is interesting to observe that, while the general design level has improved in certain other categories, such as public use structures, the office building—most adventurous of building types back in the late 20's, when design leaders were reaching for new and better standards and methods of expression—today tends to be routine if not downright dull.

In searching out statistics on the part of the country where buildings for commerce predominate, we find that the sovereign State of Texas wins hands down: 51% of the total volume of work reported from that still-growing area is in the commercial field.



Lever House, for Lever Brothers Company, New York, by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, architects. Concrete, stainless steel, and heat-resistant glass.

commerce: office buildings



Left: Mellon Bank-U. S. Steel Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by Harrison & Abramovitz, New York, with W. Y. Cocken, Pittsburgh, associated architects. To cost \$22 millions.



Right: 477 Madison Avenue, New York, by Kahn & Jacobs, architects. To cost \$3 millions.



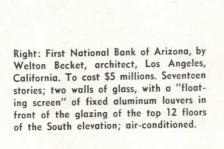
Right: Republic National Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, by Harrison & Abramovitz, New York, with Grayson Gill and George F. Harrell, Dallas, associated architects. To cost \$13 millions. Thirty-six abovegrade floors; air-conditioned throughout.



Left: Gershon-Scott Corporation Building, Los Angeles, California, by Stiles Clements, associated architects and engineers. To cost \$3 millions.



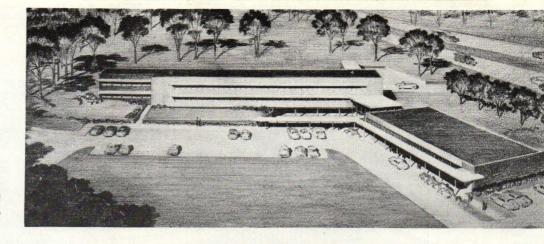
Left: Remodeling and addition to office building, Houston, Texas, by Kenneth Franzheim, architect. To cost \$3 millions.



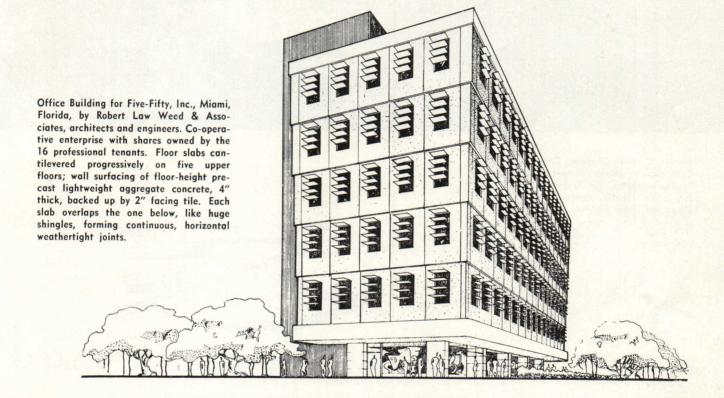


commerce: office buildings

1951 DESIGN SURVEY



Office Building for MacManus, John & Adams, Inc. (advertising firm), Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, by Swanson Associates, architects.

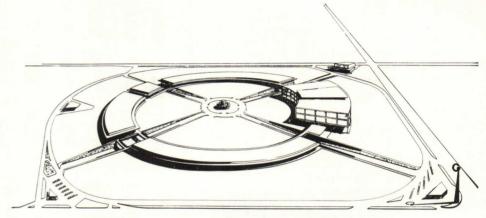


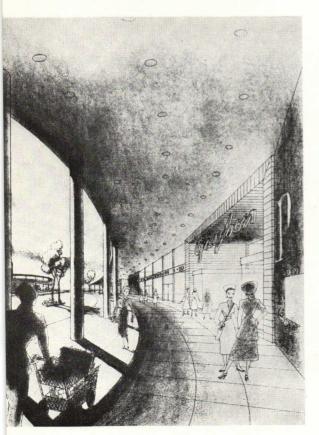
Colorado Credit Life Building, Boulder, Colorado, by James M. Hunter, architect. Six-story concrete frame cantilevered from corridor columns to permit hung exterior curtain walls.





Above: Westlake Shopping Center, Daly City, California, by Mogens Mogensen & Jack Finnegan, architects, San Francisco. Retail Center, movie theater, restaurant, bar, bowling alleys, swimming pool, etc.





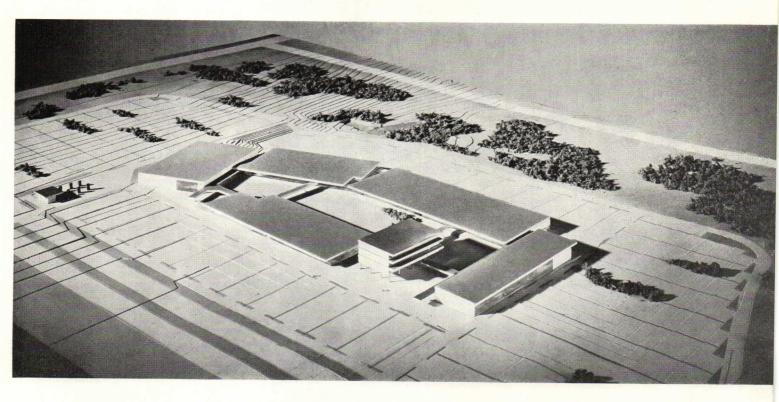
Schematic plan (above) and detail rendering (left) of Olympic Circle Shopping Center, for Los Angeles, California, by Gruen & Krummeck, architects.

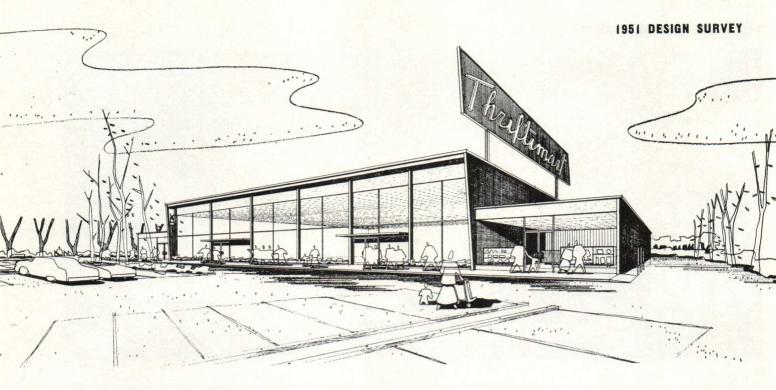
## commerce: shopping centers

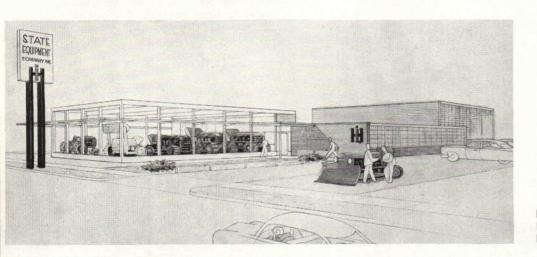


John Wanamaker Store-unit of North Shore Mart, Great Neck, New York, by Lathrop Douglass, architect, New York. Steel and concrete construction; stone ashlar and painted brick exterior walls.

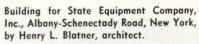
Clearview Village Shopping Center, Princeton, New Jersey, by Ketchum, Gina & Sharp, archi-tects, New York. Far left—department store; foreground—accessory shops, apparel stores, and restaurant; rear—home furnishings and appliance stores, variety store, and gift store; far right—supermarket.







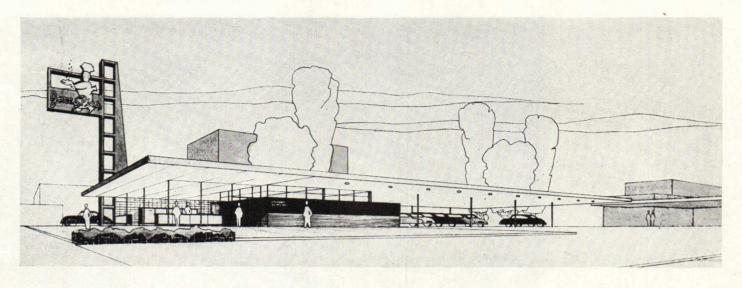
Thriftimart Supermarket, Los Angeles, California, by Robert E. Alexander, architect. Open front to the north.





Ludwig Baumann store, Newark, New Jersey, by Morris Lapidus, architect, New York. Remodeling of old building.

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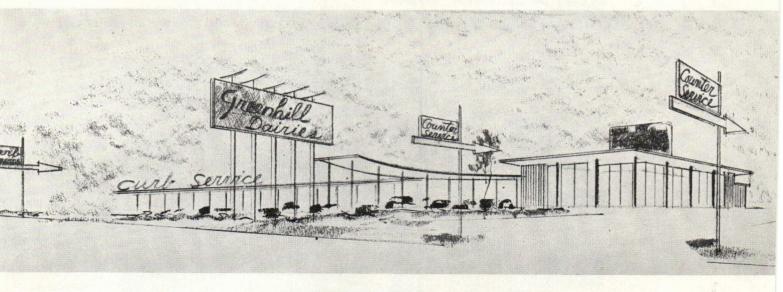


Drive-in for Jones Pies, Elizabeth, New Jersey, by Leo L. Fischer, architect.

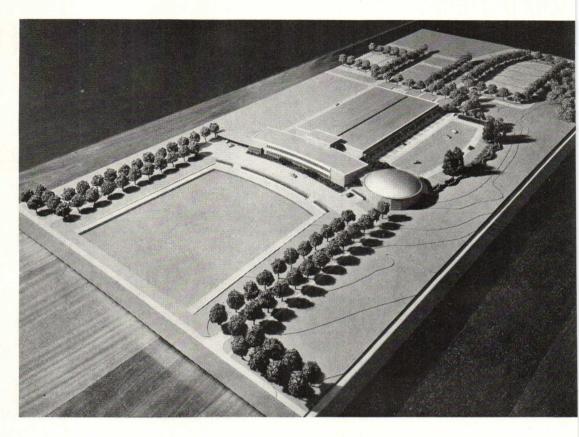
Steak House, Phoenix, Arizona. A. Quincy Jones, Jr., architect, Los Angeles, California. Roof shelter, with garden dining in air-conditioned space.



Green Hill Dairy Restaurant, Wilmington, Delaware, by Victorine & Samuel Homsey, architects.



markets, sales buildings, restaurants, drive-ins



Styling Building, Ford Research & Engineering Center, Dearborn, Michigan, by Voorhees, Walker, Foley & Smith, architects & engineers, New York. Approximately \$8 millions.

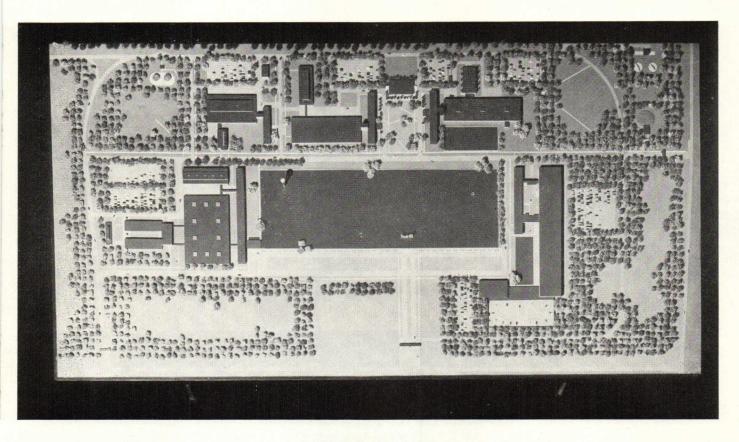
## industry, power, transportation

Ray-Brooks Machinery Company, Montgomery, Alabama, by Pearson, Tittle & Narrows, architects. To cost approximately \$150,000.

This is admittedly a general grouping—including factories, research buildings, power plants, warehouses, and foundries, as well as buildings for the transportation industry. But a factor common to them all is that they are either large in scale themselves or designed to serve large-scale enterprises. These are vast, specialized tools, with efficient functioning as the paramount design requirement. This would explain the comparative readiness with which the progressive approach can be applied in this category.

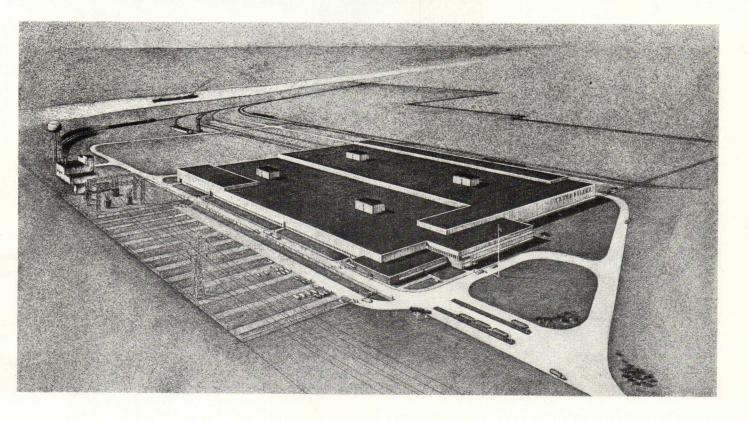
From the jobs shown here—ranging from a \$10 millions factory to a \$50,000 railroad station—it appears that a relatively high standard will continue to prevail. One of the most impressive types in the group is the huge industrial research center, two of which are shown (top of these two pages); an odd item is a terminal structure for an aerial tramway.

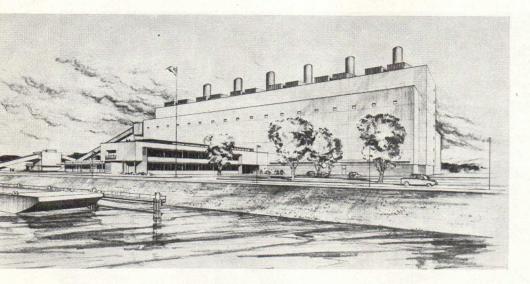




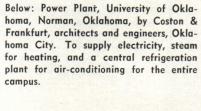
General Motors Technical Center, Detroit, Michigan, by Saarinen, Saarinen & Associates, architects; Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, architect-engineers.

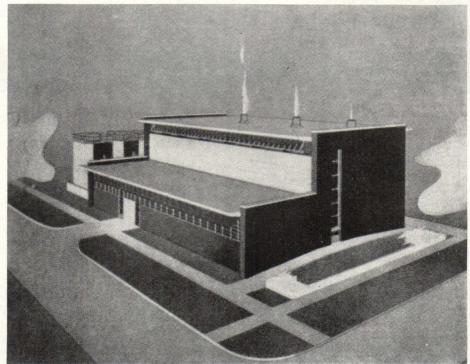
Earth-moving equipment plant for Caterpillar Tractor Company, Joliet, Illinois, by Giffels & Vallet, Inc., L. Rossetti, associated engineers and architects, Detroit. To cost \$10 millions.



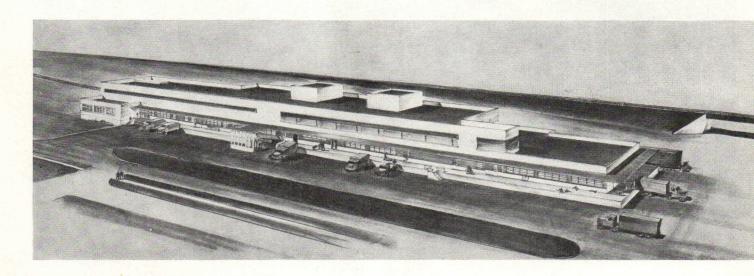


Above: Johnsonville Steam Plant, Johnsonville, Tennessee, by Division of Design, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, Tennessee. To cost approximately \$8,219,-000.

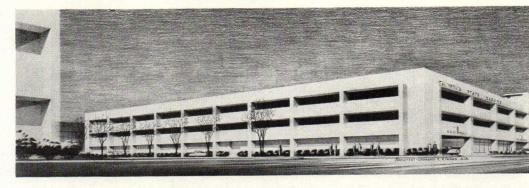


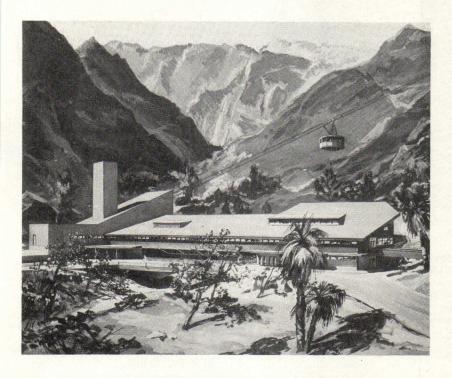


Storehouse, Cold Storage and Bakery Building for the Central Islip (New York) State Hospital, by Chapman, Evans & Delehanty, architects, New York. Unit in a \$10 millions hospital program.



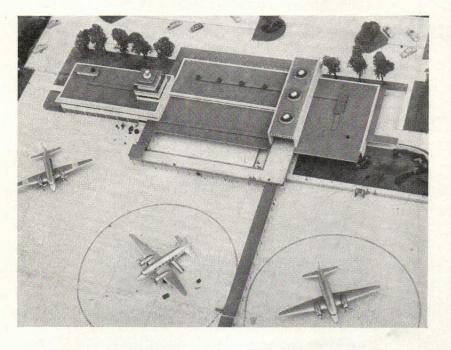
## transportation





Garage for the Department of Finance, State of California, Sacramento, California. Leonard F. Starks, architect; State of California, Department of Public Works, Division of Architecture. Reinforced concrete structure, open-air type scheme; provision for 700 cars.

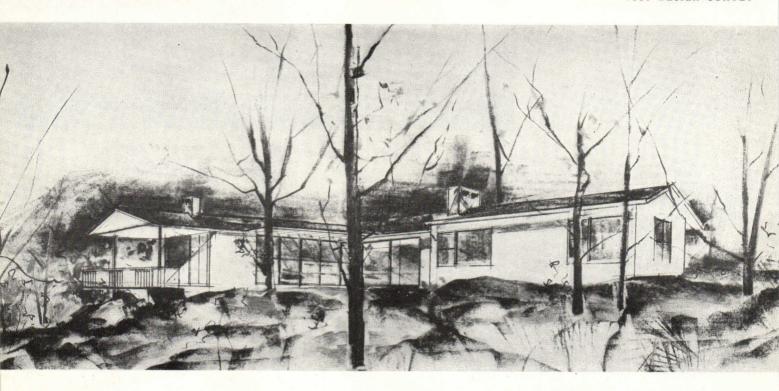
Terminal buildings, Aerial Tramway for Mt. San Jacinto Winter Park Authority, Palm Springs, California, by Williams, Clark & Frey, architect-engineers. To cost \$1,000,000. Rendering shows the valley-floor terminal.



Airport and Terminal Building, for Shreveport, Louisiana, by Samuel G. Wiener, E. M. Freeman and Associates, architects and engineers. Total project: to cost \$4 millions.

> Passenger Station, Neenah, Wisconsin, for the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railroad Company, by McEnary & Krafft, architects, Minneapolis.





House, Wilmington, Delaware, by Victorine and Samuel Homsey, architects. Living room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a study. "The topography of the site (rock outcroppings; large oak trees) had much to do with the plan," the Homseys comment.

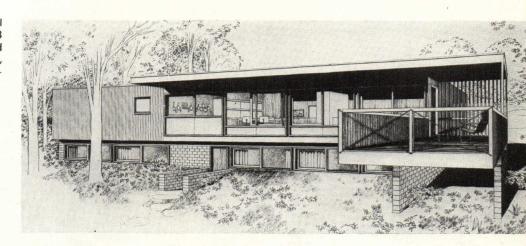
## housing

House, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by Vahlberg-Palmer-Vahlberg, architects. Priests' residence, including a housekeeper's apartment and a small, alcove chapel.

Under Housing, we include private houses, apartments, hotels, motels, housing projects, and such specialized residence facilities as the Y.M.C.A. building. Here, and on the three following pages, we give the merest sampling from the more than \$85 millions worth of private residential work and apartment buildings reported to us. For the private house, we could have shown literally hundreds of renderings, but we felt that the four houses illustrated serve to highlight some trends in today's work—the diversity that regional practice nurtures, as well as the vigorous expressions of individual design talents. Apartment houses, too, indicate a growing diversification in design approach, with one surprisingly adventurous unit scheduled for construction in Vermont. We wish we might say that these are typical; the truth of the matter is that in these categories—along with numerous distinguished performances—our survey brought us every whimsy known to the wielder of T-square and triangle.



House, Litchfield, Connecticut, by Marcel Breuer, architect, New York. Ground floor—3 bedrooms, bath, playroom, utility room, and storage-heater room; upstairs—entrance way, living and dining areas, kitchen, another bedroom and bath.





House, Greenwich, Connecticut, by Henry Hill, designer, San Francisco, California. Under "design significance," Hill lists "the challenge of our office designing for the New York area and climate."

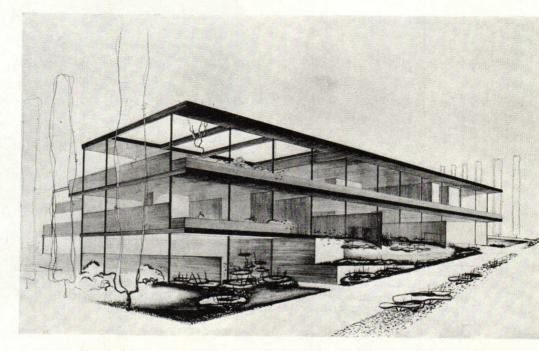
Crestwood Apartments, Washington, D. C., by Berla & Abel, architects. Rendering of the six-story, reinforced concrete framed structure, shows the south front, overlooking Rock Creek Park. Hot-water radiant heating system.



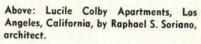


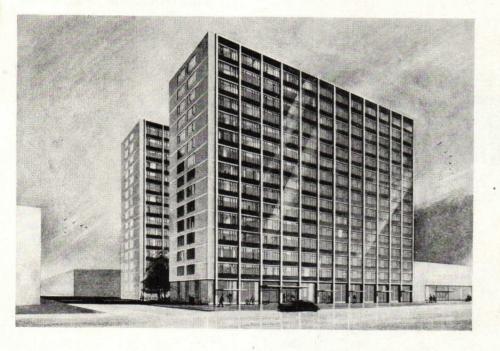
Apartment group, by Victor N. Jones & Associates, architects and engineers, Seattle, Washington. Two hundred and twentyfive apartments, underground garage, privately financed. Approximately \$3 millions.

## housing: apartments

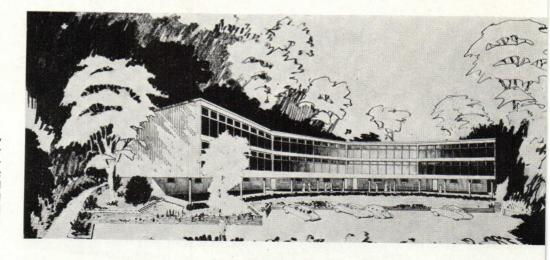


Below: Flamingo Apartments, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by John H. Graham, architect, Washington, D. C.; Sweet & Schwartz, associate architects, Philadelphia. Fifteen floors; exposed exterior concrete columns and spandrels; \$2,500,000.





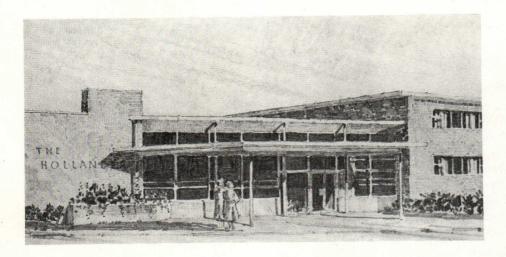
Capitol Apartments, Montpelier, Vermont, by Whittier & Goodrich, architects, Burlington. Twenty-four bachelor-type apartments arranged in a curved plan form; two apartment floors raised above ground floor, that is half storage space and utilities; half-covered terrace. Wood frame structure on concrete-block foundations; double-insulating glazing.



## 1951 DESIGN SURVEY



Below: The Hollander Hotel, Amsterdam, New York, by Alonzo J. Harriman, Inc., architects and engineers, Auburn, Maine. Fireproof sleeping quarters, hotel planned to span a brook.



Above: Beverly-Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills California, by Welton Becket, Architect, Los Angeles. Five hundred rooms, each with its private balcony; swimming pool, cabanas; underground garage for 300 automobiles. To cost \$6 millions.



Y.M.C.A., Port Chester, New York, by Antonin Raymond and L. L. Rado, architects, New York; National Council of the Y.M.C.A. Building & Furnishings Service, Planning Consultants.

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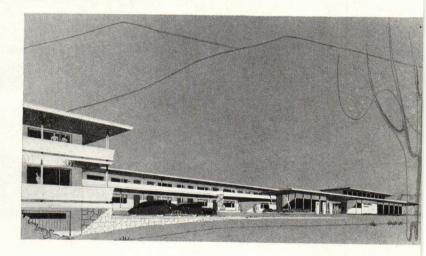
Basic design study (schematic, only; not a particular site) for Tourinns, Inc., sponsor of a national chain of modern motor courts. Malcolm Graeme Duncan, architect, Scarsdale, New York; W. Lee Moore, landscape architect; Knoll Associates, interior design and furnishings. The one to be built this year will be at Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, and will cost approximately \$320,000.



On these two pages, we take a quick look at work from the building categories of hotels, motels and such specialized residential units as the Y.M.C.A. building, dormitories, fraternity houses and institutional housing—a grouping for which some \$32 millions worth of work was reported.

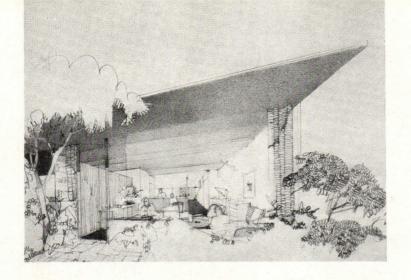
The two hotels shown would seem to emphasize the range of work in this not overly busy field of practice—from the elegant resort type of accommodation to the down-to-earth facility for the smaller city. The Y.M.C.A. shown appears to reach a new high for this type of institution.

As with commercial buildings, the motoring public is an increasingly important consumer in the overnight-accommodation field, and motels appear to be fast growing out of the Dolly Dingle cottage stage. Really significant is the report of the nation-wide chain of motels, of which one instance is illustrated here. Curtis & Davis, New Orleans, tell us of a \$400,000 motel that is on their boards, and Edwin J. Reeder, Miami, is to build one in Key West at a construction cost of \$500,000. Clearly, motels have advanced, both from the viewpoint of design and as a field of practice.



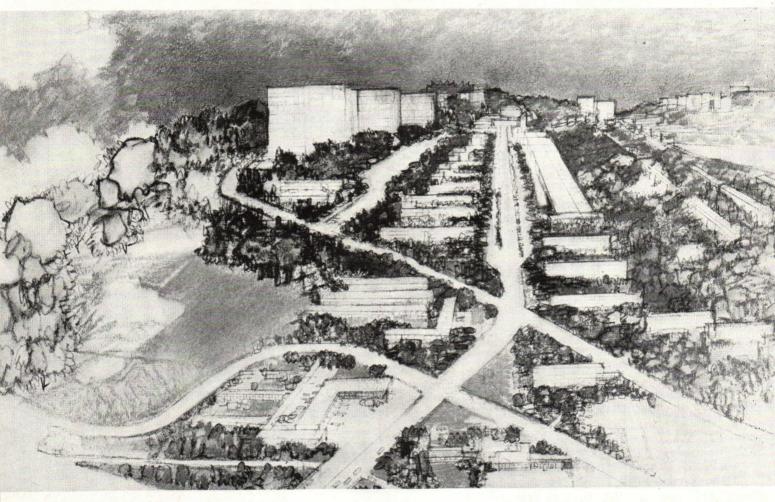
Motel, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, by Jan Ruhtenberg, designer, Colorado Springs.

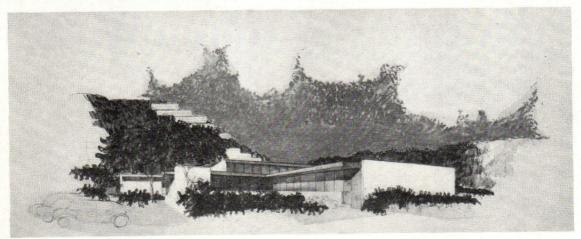
## 1951 DESIGN SURVEY



Elysian Park Heights Housing Project, Los Angeles, California. Designed for the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles: Howard L. Holtzendorff, executive director; Nicholas Cirino, development director. Richard J. Neutra and Robert E. Alexander, architects. The square-mile, hilly, wooded site adjoining Elysian Park was originally proposed for general development by the Los Angeles City Planning Commission. The low-cost housing project that will now go forward consists of various building types—two story buildings for the larger dwelling units—in several cases, with private gardens; widely spaced, multistory, hilltop units, for smaller families. Accommodation for nearly 3,000 families. Estimated cost: \$30 to \$35 millions.

Left-sketch detail, 3-dwelling unit. Below-main approach view. Bottom of page-Administration Building.





## housing: developments

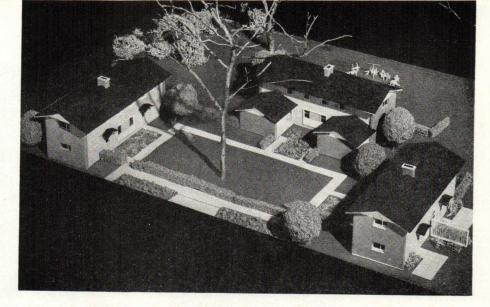
Right—Veterans Housing Project, Taunton, Massachusetts. Duplex house groups built around courts. St. John Smith, architect, Boston; Dan Kiley, landscape architect, Franconia, New Hampshire.

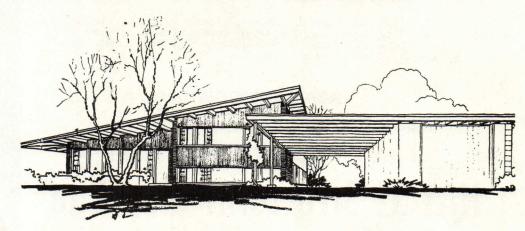
Right (below)—house for the Mile High Housing Association, Denver, Colorado, by Eugene Sternberg, architect; C. Howard Miller, co-designer. A co-operative group, with 32 members, several of them professors at the University of Denver.

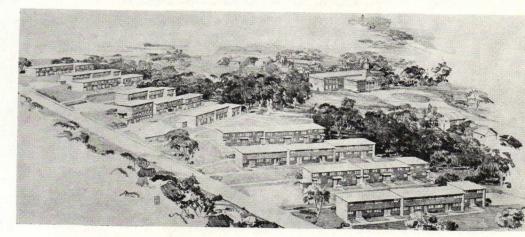
Of all the subdivisions under the general heading of housing, the multiple-unit development, whether publicly or privately financed, is the most important one in terms of dollar volume—accounting in our survey of 609 offices for about \$488 millions worth of scheduled work. While it seems likely that the bulk of this will actually be built next year (much of it is part of specific programs for which funds have been allocated) the current cut-backs on the part of PHA may cut the volume of practice in this field during the year.

The Elysian Park Heights project for Los Angeles, one of the most extensive public housing and redevelopment projects to be reported to us, started from a pilot redevelopment study of this beautiful but depressed part of the city some months ago. In the hands of such able architects as Neutra and Alexander it promises great advance in this field.

The other jobs shown represent a veterans' housing group, a co-operative that is now under construction in Denver, a public housing project on Long Island by Lescaze, and one of the excellent projects that will go forward as part of Chicago's notably progressive housing program.



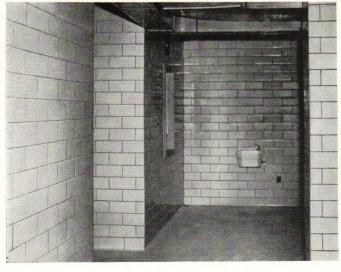


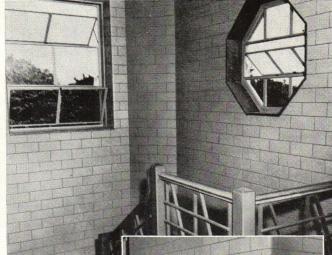


Right (above)—Spinney Hills Homes housing project (North Hempstead Housing Authority), Manhasset, New York, by William Lescaze, architect, New York.

Right—Relocation Housing Project Number Nine, Chicago Housing Authority by George Fred Keck and William Keck, architects. Fourteen-story building flanked by row housing; also some seven-story buildings.







Interior views, Graduate School, Harvard University, "Commons," Cambridge, Mass. Natco Ceramic and Clear Glazed Vitritile, 6T series and Natco 8512 series Buff Unglazed Facing Tile used. Architects—Collaborative. Contractors— George A. Fuller Company, Boston, Mass.

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## P/A Reviews Insulation, Vapor Barrier Efficiency of Foil-backed Gypsum Lath

Since the appearance of "Interior Wall Materials for Residences, Part 2," by Groff Conklin, October 1950 P/A, the accuracy of some technical data presented therein has been questioned by both reader and manufacturer. Although the original manuscript was carefully checked by the author, read by experts of the National Bureau of Standards, and reread by P/A's technical staff and others, it is apparent that some erroneous information slipped through this combined scrutiny.

On page 89, this article states: "Some unperforated gypsum laths are being offered currently with an aluminum foil on the back. It is claimed that the foil insulates the board and acts as a vapor barrier. Neither claim is well founded. No vapor barrier is effective unless it is continuous. Vapor will penetrate between the joints of gypsum lath, unless added sheets of foil are placed behind the joints, which is a difficult and a very costly operation. . . . The foil-backed gypsum lath has negligible insulating value, too, for aluminum foil does not insulate unless there is at least 34" of air space on the side facing toward the heat source, through which the heat

can be reradiated back toward the source."

1) After further investigation, both the author and the editors of P/A are convinced that foil-backed gypsum lath does have definite insulating value and has the same value under winter conditions as it has in the summer when the direction of heat flow is reversed. On page 110 of Heat Insulation, by Professor Gordon B. Wilkes of M. I. T., the author asserts: "If an air space is faced on one side with a reflective surface, it makes no appreciable difference on which side the reflective surface is placed as far as the rate of heat transmission is concerned."

2) Concerning the over-all efficiency of foil-backed gypsum lath as a vapor barrier, P/A presents the viewpoints of several authorities. At the outset, it should be stated that there is no question regarding the excellent resistance that foil-surfaced reflective insulation offers to vapor transmission; however, the author warned "that no vapor barrier is effective unless it is continuous."

In Condensation in Buildings, published by the U. S. Department of Commerce, 1947, Richard S. Dill stressed:

"Metal sheet or foil is practically a perfect vapor barrier if the joints between the sheets are tight."

Also in 1947, in Remedial Measures for Building Condensation Difficulties, published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, L. V. Teesdale contended: "... the position of the vapor barrier in the wall is at least as important as the effectiveness of the material in blocking the passage of vapor. The most favorable position for it is across the plaster. Needless to say, joints between pieces of material should be lapped, as should joints between insulation, lath, or other wall materials with integral vapor barriers."

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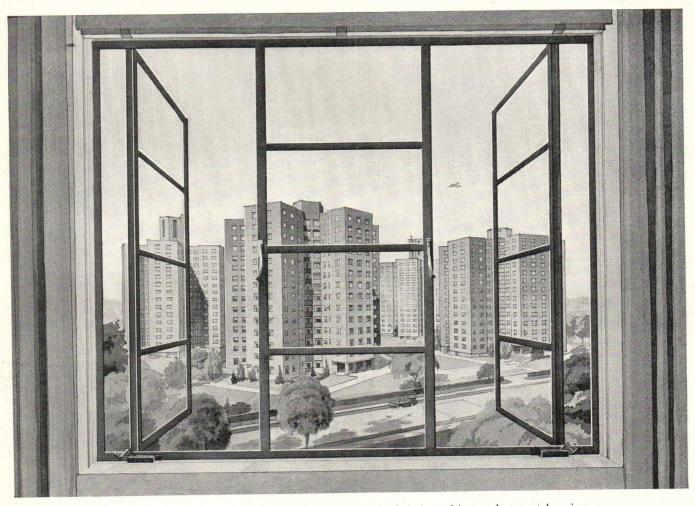


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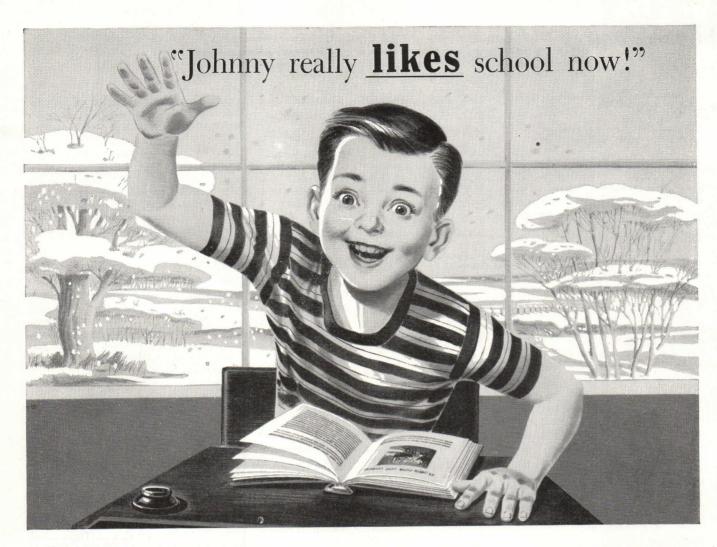
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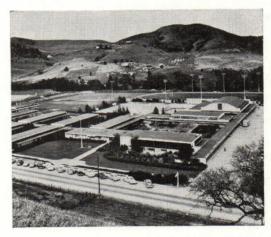
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## TWO BOOKS FROM ENGLAND

A History of Architecture. H. Heathcote Statham, revised by Hugh Braun, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A. B. T. Batsford, Ltd., London, New York, 1950. 296 pp., illus. \$4.25

The English Cathedrals. Photographs by Herbert Felton. Text by John Harvey. B. T. Batsford, Ltd., London, New York, 1950. 99 pp., illus. \$4

Statham's History of Architecture was, when it was produced and first published in 1912, one of the standard works of reference of its kind. It has now been reissued with many new illustrations and with changes and additional material from the pen of Hugh Braun. The format of this new printing is pleasant and the illustrations in general ample and well reproduced; yet even this seems hardly a sufficient reason for the reissue today of a history that was at the time of its first publication important more as an expression of an attitude that was past—or at least passing—than as a forward-looking attack on the whole problem of architectural history. Of the importance of structure as not only often controlling design but also being a major part of design there is but little realization. Similarly, the whole relationship between the social and cultural civilization of any given place or period and its architecture is passed over. Buildings are described and styles set apart as though they existed in some kind of a vacuum, and the reader will find little explanation of why styles grew or developed as they did and almost no concept whatsoever of why great buildings existed. The added portions are of little significance, and the whole treatment of the 19th and 20th centuries is completely inadequate.

Of the great fresh wind that has blown over all the best architectural scholarship as well as over architecture itself during the last half century there is not a trace. There are occasional inaccuracies in the dating and attribution of American work (and Richard Upjohn appears at Stephen Upjohn). It is too bad that such an excellent piece of book making brings such a confused picture of what architecture is all about. Quite different is the stunning new publication dealing with English cathedrals. Here the aim is modest and the accomplishment tremendous. The photographer has sought not for brilliant black-and-white works of "photographic art" to stun the reader but, with all the knowledge of modern photographic techniques, has sought to record almost humbly the qualities which make the English cathedrals what they are. He has achieved in most cases a remarkable amount of luminosity and detail in

shadowed vaults; this reviewer knows no other photographs of these buildings that so definitely and simply record the actual architectural effect.

The text is relatively short, simple, straightforward, and well balanced. Although it is only 90 pages long, it forms an admirable explanatory accompaniment to these truly remarkable photographs.

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### BOOKS RECEIVED

The New School. Alfred Roth. Girsberger, Verlag, Zurich, 1950. 223 pp., illus. Text in English, French, German. Fr. 32

Architecture of the Renaissance. Richard H. Pretz. Distributed by Georgia Tech., College Inn, Ga.

Exhibition Design. Edited by Misha Black. The Architectural Press, London, England, 1950. 186 pp., illus. 25s



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Having just left Dallas, I am flying northeastward toward that den of iniquity and sink of perdition, the home of the Great White Father. Below me in the warm, red light of a Texas sunset, is a fertile pattern of fields, furry strips of cottonwood along the streams, ribbons of modern highways, Mondrian lines of rigid old farm roads and fences, and the neat but edgeless checker boards of little towns. As the long shadows stretch into the haze of lower darkness-we at 17,000 feet are still in



the sun-each town is kindling a soft glowing cross. Into the infinite distances of the twilight stretch these little crosses of light, the neons at the intersections of each Main Street with each Sam Houston Street. Perhaps the most heartening thing about America from the air is the settled appearance of so much of it. The little towns and the great pattern of fields are fine witness to that unspectacular enterprise and quiet energy which are so great an asset to the stability of our country and its people. They form a striking contrast to the sordid slums of West Dallas and the "corrals" of San Antonio, the alltoo-noisome testimony to the spectacular lack of enterprise and lack of energy which are so great a liability to the stability of our country and its people. Sometimes I get religion!

Now that Christmas is over and we face the inevitable new year, I am going to launch 1951 with discussion of that somewhat nebulous administrative unit, the architectural school, and will also discourse briefly on the relationships between architectural and engineering instruction. We can, I am sure, expect from Dr. Burdell's committee\* more finite conclusions than can be drawn here but I will philosophize before the fact with the hope that philosophy, always more realistic than fact, will

clarify a few issues. Facts will probably

confuse them.

In 1948, Walter Taylor, Director of the Department of Education and Research of the American Institute of Architects (not to be confused with the inactive A.I.A. Committee on Education, on which I serve; and not to be confused with Dr. Burdell's committee which does not consult with the Committee on Education but does work with Walter), prepared a brief analysis of the administrative relationships of the (then) accredited 37 schools and departments of architecture. Of this group only 20 held first rank positions in the universities or technological institutions. By first rank, Taylor meant that the head of the archtectural unit reports directly to the top of a university's or institute's administration. The rest held a subordinate rank, reporting to the top through another discipline as a secondary unit. While the situation has changed in the past two years-more schools have been accredited, in a few instances ranking has been changedthere is still a very high percentage of subordinate architectural schools. There are always extenuating circumstances and historical, political, and budgeting

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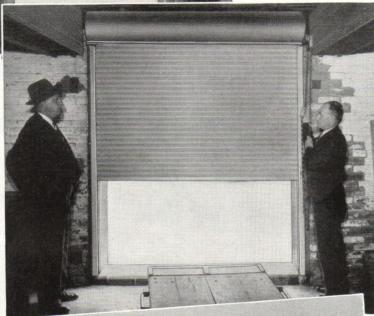
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reasons may be offered to explain such circumstances; but the evidence remains and, in my opinion, it is not very pretty evidence.

Now, I am jealous of my profession as an architect and planner. I believe that there is a real entity to architecture and planning. That the A.I.A. and the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture have not kept up a continuing attack on this fundamental problem at its proper place, with university presidents and trustees, seems most curious. That the architectural school accrediting system is flexible enough to accept the variables, in ranking and status, may be a fortunate thing under the present set of circumstances. I must admit, though, that it taxes my credulity as to the strength of this accrediting system and casts some doubt on its ability to establish standards of rank as a standard of accrediting. It would seem to me that this would be obviously desirable. Perhaps someone long associated with the accrediting of architectural schools might like to discuss the problem for us.

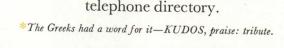
Architectural and planning schools exist in a wide variety of educational frames. Great confusion is to be found in the junior colleges where architecture is often confounded with home building, or mechanical drawing, or some related discipline. The junior college problem will be taken up some day in a separate column but should be included here as another symptom of our lack of clarity in definition of training areas. The university and technological institution is the primary subject and I am particularly anxious to have you consider the architectural and planning schools in them.

In 1948 there were 20 first-rank architectural schools-as I have said, schools in which the head reports directly to the top, i.e., the president, chancellor, or whatever he may be called. There were three schools with possible alternate classification in the group, so there was some variable. Six clearly were primary architectural units, offering a predominantly architectural curricula in their respective universities, and five did the same for independent institutes of technology. The other nine formed composite units, with architecture predominating and an architect as administrator (i.e., University of Florida, School of Architecture and Allied Arts). Of the other 17 accredited schools, 2 were subordinate or secondary to Liberal Arts Colleges, 3 to Colleges of Fine Arts, and 12 were secondary units in Colleges of Engineering.

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One distinction should be clearly made. A first-rank school which is a primary unit in an independent institute of technology (M.I.T., Carnegie Institute of Technology) is in quite a different position from the subordinate school to schools of engineering, being only a department thereof.

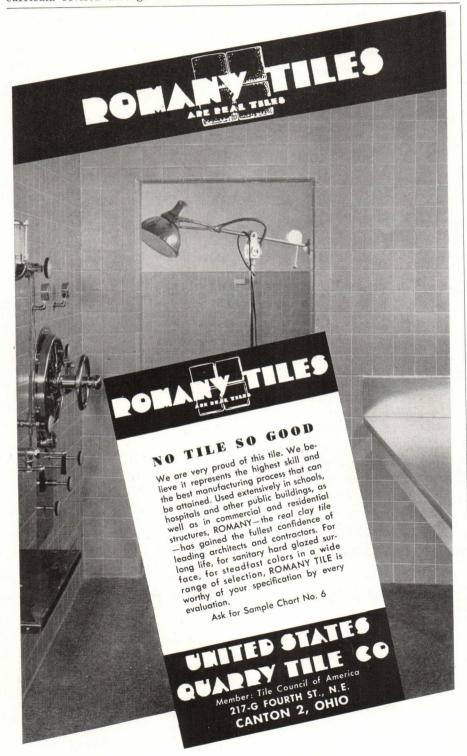
I suppose that any intimate discussion of these problems is tabu. I should not mention the frustrations of the subordinate faculty, the problems of getting curricula revised through all the curriculum committees who don't know what it is all about and don't care; the problems arising from the receipt of only crumbs of a budget; the difficulty of selling an engineering dean an ar-chitectural design staff and design credits. I'll bet many of my readers know what I'm talking about as they attempt to adjust their architectural credits to the degree requirements of the superior school.

The independent or primary unit is free to adjust itself to the times. As technology advances, it is not the school subordinate to but the school mature enough to accept and be accepted by the technologists in other disciplines which will advance the farthest. Of this I am certain. And I am also certain that unless architecture is taught as an independent discipline, it cannot achieve the stature its function deserves, either as an art and science or in the minds of those who, though not architecturally minded, control both the purse strings and the intellectual freedoms of the educators in architecture.

In this country the relationship between the architect and engineer is most curious. Since there were 12 accredited architectural schools secondary to colleges of engineering and no engineering schools subordinate to architectural, there is reason to pause. Also, 6 of these 12 gave that strange hybrid degree-Architectural Engineering. Now I think I know what most kinds of engineers are—that is, what constitutes a civil engineer, a highway engineer, a structural engineer, an electrical engineer, a planning engineer, a railroad engineer, a chemical engineer, and a lot of the others. But hanged if I know what makes up an architectural engineer and what he is supposed to be good for. Mind you, I'm sure he's a fine fellow. I've met and got along well with several and have had students who had degrees in architectural engineering and wanted further education. I have discussed the subject over many beers and even a few highballs, but have never come up with much. Yes, the architectural engineer is handy around the office on structural details. He is also handy as a designer of chain stores and filling stations. These are, of course, necessary and somebody has to know how to build them and paste a front on. With two years of architectural design, a store front is easy to handle and the main problem is the span anyway, since layout and circulation are set by company sales experts. So, in four years of schooling, we get a specialty and a degree and a career.

In Europe and South America there is the well-trained professional, the Architect-Engineer. He spends from 5 to 7 years or more in learning architecture and what we know as structural engineering. He is a two-profession man to all intents and purposes. In Northern Europe he usually emanates from what the Germans call the "Gymnasium" or what we would consider an advanced technical high schoolalmost a junior college where more mathematics, physics, and chemistry is required than in the standard American high school. A student is not ready to study architecture unless he has been through the calculus and is well grounded in graphic statics, vector analysis, and other courses in elementary structural theory and materials analysis. This is one way of doing it. The results

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are certainly no better and no more spectacular than those which have emanated from the American system, which separates the professions of architecture and of structural engineering to a marked degree in the university but provides for a close association of the two as professionals in the event of major construction. Many successful firms exist with the structural engineer's name appearing alongside the architect's on the shingle. And it is commonly possible to single out demonstrations of successful collaboration between architect and structural engineer, as in the recently completed Administration Building for Trinity



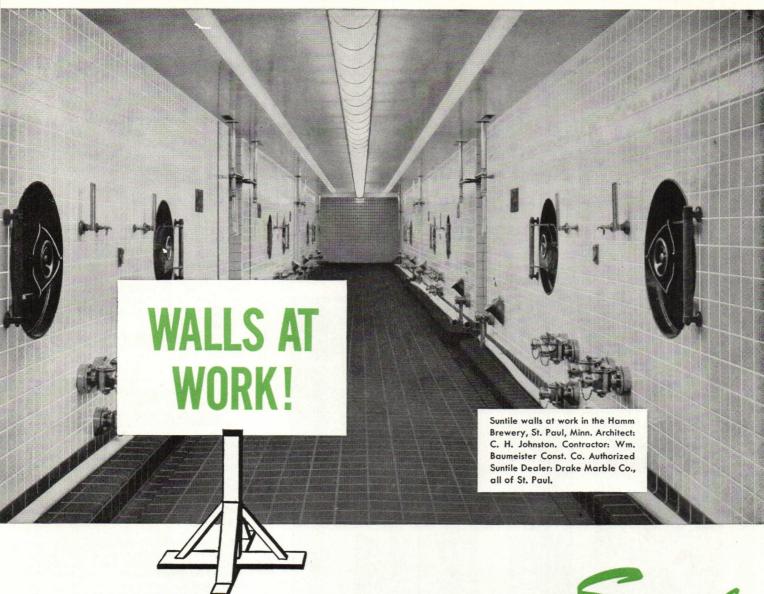


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University in San Antonio, where architectural and structural design are so harmonious that it is impossible to separate one from the other.

The complexities and variables in construction potential today and their application to architectural design theory are so great that education has naturally shied away from the objective of creating that superman, the universal-builder-architect. Yet it is obviously necessary to provide the comprehensive architect with the tools of his trade. These tools are, of course, among many others, his knowledge of materials, their usefulness as variables in the potential of building designs, and their assembly in limitless combinations to form the structure within which are created the spaces for human use. That seems to be the purpose behind the study of construction for architects. Of course, if a building problem becomes so complex and the nature of the structure involves higher mathematical de-

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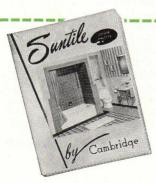
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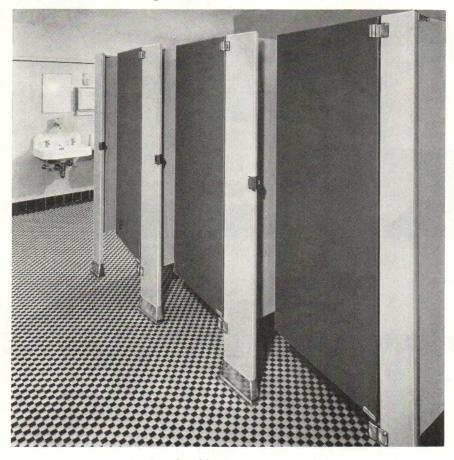
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You may be interested and amused by the fine letter from J. H. Jellett, M.I.C.E., of Southampton, England, written to "Astragal" in October 1950 The Architects' Journal. M.I.C.E., I believe, means Member Institute of Civil Engineers and from the letter these initials are not to be taken literally as you can see:

"I must say that ASTRAGAL'S statement, in which he deplores the principle whereby the architect of an important building works under an engineer, reads more like the recital of a religious demore like the recital of a religious devotee intoning an article of his particular dogma, than a reasoned statement of professional opinion on a complex technical matter. As is so often the case with dogma of this kind, it gets into difficulties when it comes up against practical realities. For example, how do you propose for this purpose to define "building." There are many engineering structures whose finished appearance would benefit greatly from the atance would benefit greatly from the attention of a good architect in the design stage, just as there are many buildings whose operational requirements are so complex and closely defined that the engineer, if he happens—as in this caseto be the person most fully acquainted with these requirements, must have the last word de facto, even if the formal administrative arrangements give it to the architect *de jure*."
"Astragal" replies in an editorial

(in part):
"The Journal's plea is for correct and responsible relations between the two professions, and the avoidance of the position whereby one becomes subservient to the other.

So you can see that there are even argufiers on the subject across the

ocean.

Perhaps the clearest and certainly as broad an interpretation of the philosophy of relationships has turned up in recently published results of the M.I.T. Educational Survey carried out by a special Committee of the Faculty established in 1947 to re-examine the principles behind academic policies, some of which had been in force for 90 years. The Committee found that there are four fields of activity which should be cultivated at the Institute: Engineering, Science, Architecture, and the Humanities. It's noteworthy that in an institution of the educational magnitude and national prominence of M.I.T. (of course, I'm prejudiced, having a degree from the place), that architecture is singled out on a par with the other three great areas of knowledge and

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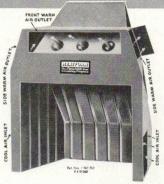
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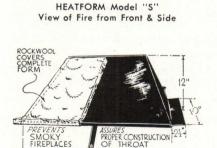
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How far can a professional society of architects go in fixing or recommending schedules of minimum fees for services? The answer to this question is found in the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in U.S.A. v. National

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The government instituted this suit against the National Association of Real Estate Boards and the Washington Real Estate Board to enjoin these organizations and their members "from engaging in a price-fixing conspiracy in violation of Section 3 of the Sherman Act." The pertinent portion of Section 3 declares illegal every conspiracy in restraint of trade.

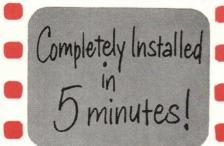
The code of ethics by which members of the Washington Board agreed to abide, included a provision "that brokers should maintain the standard rates of commissions adopted by the Board and no business should be solicited at lower rates." The Court pointed out that the prescribed rates were used in a great majority of transactions, although lower charges were made in exceptional cases. It appeared, however, that the Washington Board had not applied sanctions against members who deviated from the established rates. On these facts the Court determined that an illegal price-fixing scheme had been established. It stated:

"Price fixing is per se an unreasonable restraint of trade. It is not for the courts to determine whether in particular settings price fixing serves an hon-orable or worthy end. An agreement, shown either by adherence to a price schedule or by proof of consensual action, fixing the uniform or minimum price, is itself illegal under the Sherman Act, no matter what end it was designed to serve. And the fact that no penalties are imposed for deviations from the price schedules is not material. Subtle influences may be just as effective as a threat or use of formal sanctions to hold people in line."

Thus it appears that the purpose for which a fee-fixing arrangement is designed is not material in determining whether the Act has been violated. Nor is it necessary to prove that the organization uses coercive measures to compel members to charge the standard rates. Any direct agreement by the parties to fix prices or any agreement indirectly shown by adherence to a fixed schedule is condemned.

In reaching its conclusion that a conspiracy in restraint of trade had been proved, the Court found that real estate brokers are engaged in "trade" within the meaning of the Anti-Trust Law and do not fall within the well known exception applicable to labor organizations. The Court refused to consider a

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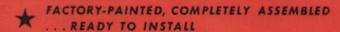
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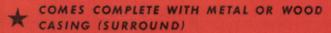
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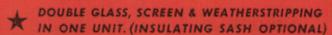
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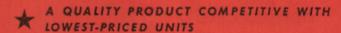
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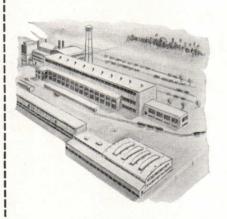


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real estate broker's services as falling within the typical employer-employee relationship protected by the Act, but viewed members of the Washington board as entrepreneurs, each in business on his own.

In defining real estate brokers as persons engaged in a "trade," the Court took the first step to extend the term to a sale involving personal services rather than commodities. Whether it will be further extended to include services rendered by the professions is not now certain. The Court, while declining to pass on this question, quoted a lower court opinion in which the practice of medicine was held to be a trade. With respect to that broad application of the term "trade," the Court remarked:

"Chief Justice Groner made an extended "Chief Justice Groner made an extended analysis and summary of the problem in U. S. v.  $American\ Medical\ Ass'n.,$  110 Fed 2nd, 703, 707-711, where the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia held that the practice of medicine in the District was a 'trade' within the meaning of Section 3 of the Act. Its conclusion was that the term included 'all occupations in which men are engaged for a livelihood.' We do not intimate an opinion on the correctare engaged for a livelihood.' We do not intimate an opinion on the correctness of the application of the terms to the professions. We have said enough to indicate we would be contracting the scope of the concept of 'trade,' as used in the phrase 'restraint of trade,' in a precedent-breaking manner if we a precedent-breaking manner if we carved out an exemption for real estate

The Court held, however, that the National Association had not conspired with the Washington Board to fix and prescribe minimum rates. It pointed out that the provision in the National Association's code of ethics that schedules of fees "should be observed" was somewhat ambiguous and suggested that it might be advisory only.

It would appear, then, that a society of architects which draws up a schedule of fees advisory in nature and intended solely as a guide for its members, is not guilty of a violation of the Act.

As a result of this decision there has been considerable speculation as to whether the government will institute similar suits against organizations of professional architects and engineers. However, any statements found in professional publications to the effect that such action will be taken have not been confirmed by the Justice Department, which states that it is not its policy to advance information with regard to future actions. It has therefore declined to furnish information as to

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whether enforcement in the architectural and engineering fields is contemplated.

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Most of the professional engineering and architectural societies have taken the position that their minimum-fee schedules are purely recommendations intended to serve as a basis for discussion and negotiation of a working agreement with the client. But there is danger in the adoption by such professional societies of rules and by-laws providing that deviation from the minimum schedule will result in disciplinary action. Societies which have adopted such rules will be advised to delete the coercive features to afford at least minimal protection against the possibility of suit by the Federal Government.

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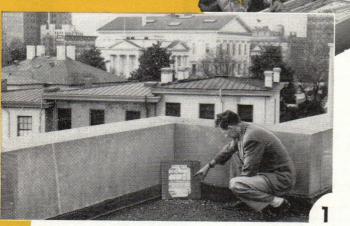
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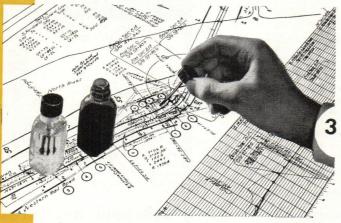
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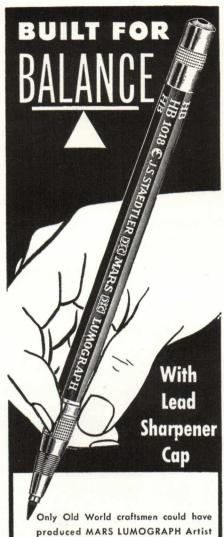
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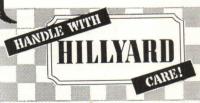
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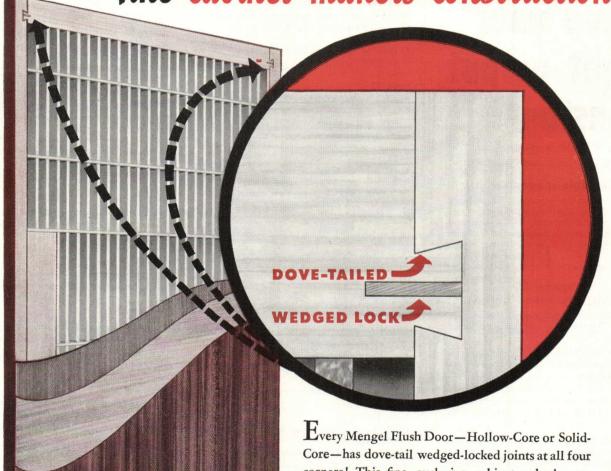


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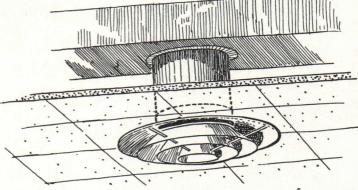


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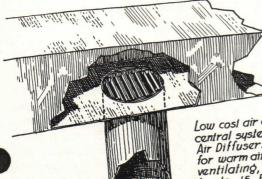
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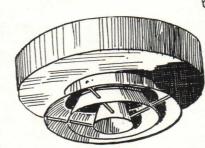
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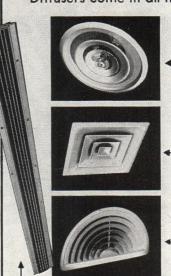
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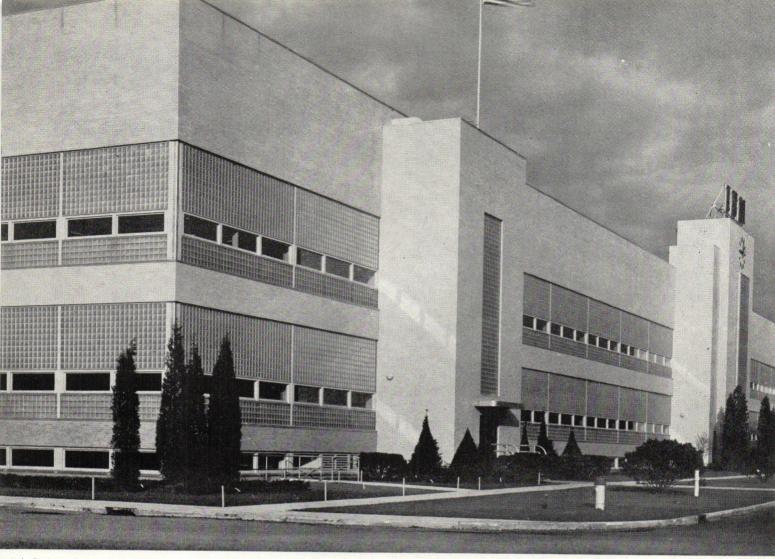


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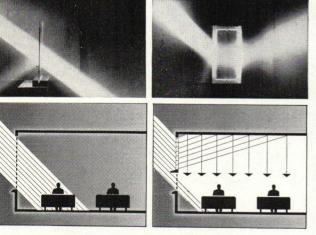
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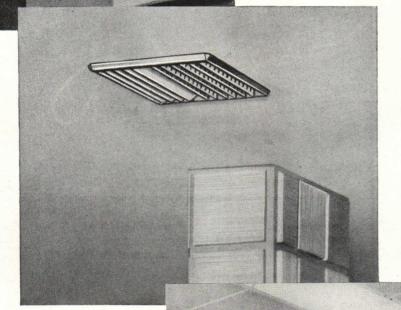
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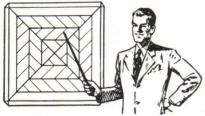


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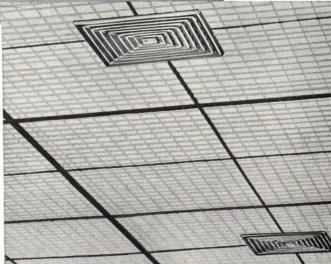
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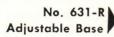


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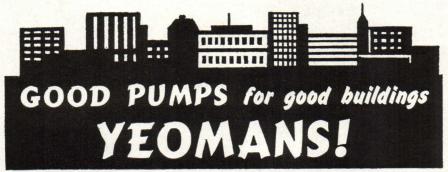
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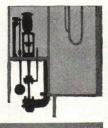
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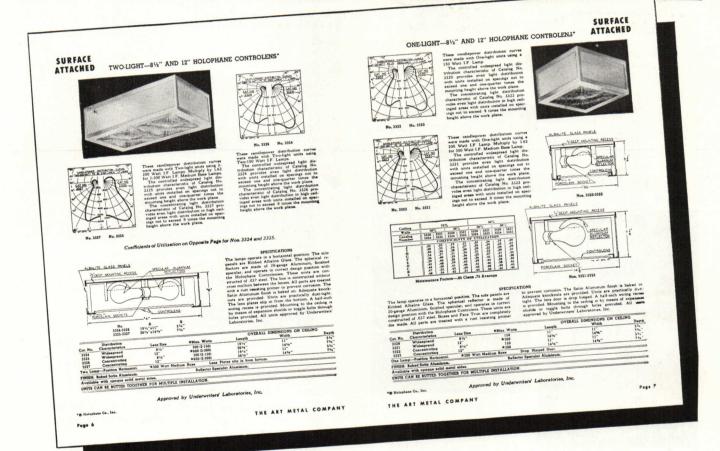
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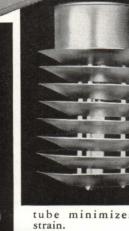


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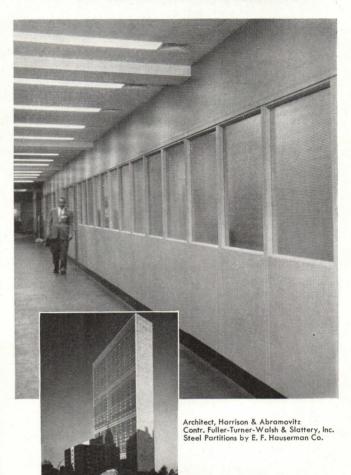


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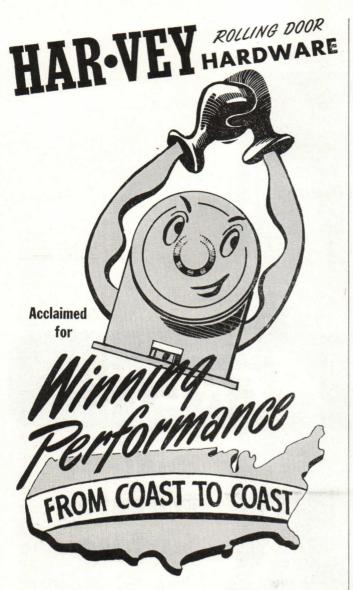
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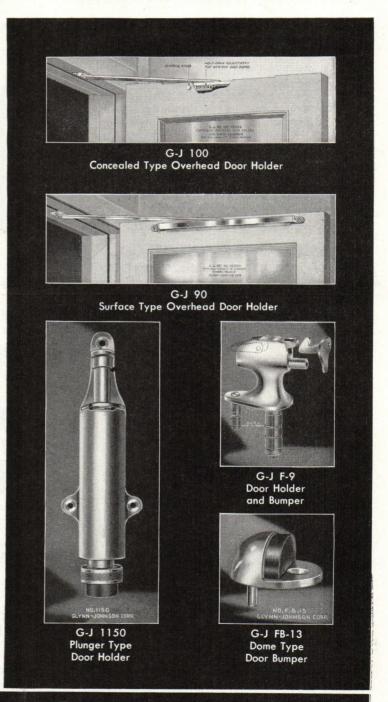


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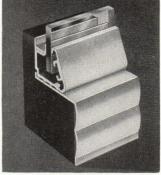
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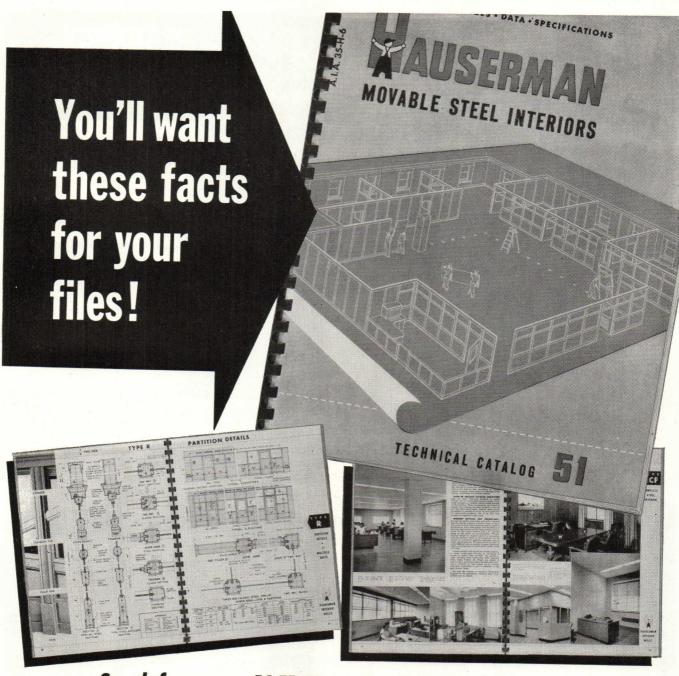
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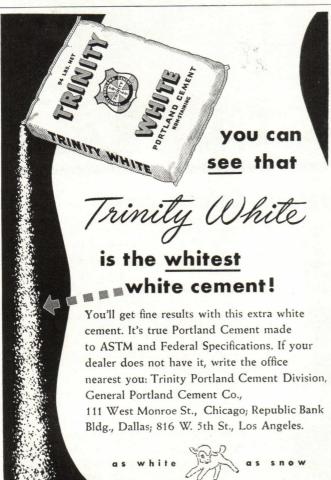
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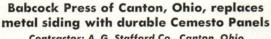
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JANUARY. Associated General Contractors and National Association of Home Builders will issue releases stating that the government's indecision about further restrictions is the worst thing that could happen to building. The government will announce further restrictions. A.G.C. and N.A.H.B. will issue releases saying that these restrictions are the worst thing that could happen to building.

FEBRUARY. Figures on the 1950 Census of Housing will be analyzed and discussed. National Association of Housing Officials will issue a release pointing out how these figures prove the need for more dwelling units. National Association of Real Estate Boards will issue a release pointing out how these figures indicate that there is a surplus of dwelling units in the United States.

MARCH. A consumer magazine will launch an editorial program built around the value of acoustics in home design. A building publication will launch an editorial program built around the need for collaboration of architects and the real estate business. A new magazine will be announced, dealing with interior design. A regional architectural magazine will be started in the southcentral middle-mountain area, called BUILD!!!

APRIL. A consumer magazine will call a national conference on the subject of acoustics and home design. A building magazine will call a national conference on the subject of the architect and the real estate business. Two universities will announce the appointments of deans of architecture, ending a great deal of gossip. Three universities will

announce the retirements of deans of architecture, stirring up a great deal of gossip.

MAY. The annual convention of the American Institute of Architects will be held in Chicago, with a symposium based on the relationship of acoustics and the real estate business.

The A.I.A. will issue a report on architectural education. Carl Feiss will point out in P/A the need for further analytical study. Turpin Banister will write a piece for the A.I.A. Journal pointing out the need for more statistical study. Buford Pickens will write a piece for the Journal pointing to the advances that have been made in architectural education. Several Fellows of the A.I.A. will write letters to Henry Saylor pointing to the low estate of the profession since modern trends in architectural education. Dr. Burdell will return to Cooper Union. Ralph Walker will return to Voorhees, Walker, Foley & Smith.

JUNE. Frank Lloyd Wright will hold a press conference announcing a new important commission, pointing to the progress that has been made in architecture in the United States because F.L.W. is now receiving important commissions. Le Corbusier will hold a press conference pointing to the fact that no progress is being made in the United States because LeC. is receiving important commissions only in South America and Europe.

JULY. Lewis Mumford will write a piece for The New Yorker denouncing the trend in skyscraper design. Ely Jacques Kahn will write a piece for the New York Herald-Tribune defending the trends in skyscraper design. Robert Moses will write a piece for the New York Times defending the trends in skyscraper design and a piece for Collier's deploring the trends in skyscraper design. Several Fellows of the American Institute of Architects will write pieces for the A.I.A. Journal deploring trends in design. Several constant readers will write letters to the editor of P/A deploring the A.I.A. Journal. The Museum of Modern Art will hold a symposium on the subject of design trends. Robsjohn-Gibbings will write a piece for *Interiors* denouncing the Museum of Modern Art. Several constant readers will write letters to the editor of P/A denouncing Robsjohn-Gibbings.

AUGUST. The administration will imply that additional controls on building materials will be forthcoming unless there is a halt in price rises. The president of a steel company will issue statements to the effect that no additional price rises are contemplated. An increase in steel prices will be announced. The presidents of two steel companies will issue statements explaining that these rises are due to increased labor costs. The presidents of three C.I.O.

unions will release statements claiming that the price rise is unjustified. The presidents of four steel companies will give interviews to the press claiming that the price rise will have no inflationary effect.

An architect in Denver, Colorado, will send a housing project out to bid and receive figures 15% over the preliminary estimate. The National Association of Housing Officials will hold a convention, the theme of which will be the need for more low-cost dwelling units.

SEPTEMBER. A revolutionary new floor covering material will be announced. Newspapers will carry stories of a new company formed to manufacture prefabricated houses. A revolutionary new roofing material will receive much attention. The Wall Street Journal will carry a story about new design trends in houses. A revolutionary new heating system will attract much interest. In South Bend, Indiana, a speculative builder will put up for sale the first group in a development of 300 Cape-Cod Ranch Houses, with hardwood floors, asphalt roofing, and forced warmair heat.

OCTOBER. Talbot Hamlin will write an article for *The Magazine of Art*, saying that the battle for modern architecture has been won. Several visiting architects from Europe will drop in at the P/A offices and demand to know where all the interesting new work is to be found. P/A editors will be out to lunch. John Ely Sanders, B.Arch., R.A., A.I.A., will receive a commission for a neo-Classic courthouse in South Bend, Indiana.

NOVEMBER. P/A editors, having re-

cently visited the southeast ("this is the most conservative section of the country, you know"), the northwest ("this is the most conservative section of the country, you know"), the southwest ("this is the most conservative section of the country, you know"), and New England ("this is the most conservative section of the country, you know") will visit South Bend and talk to Mr. Sanders, who will say, "I had no choice-it had to be neo-classic. This is the most conservative section of the country, you know." Henry Williamson Thrippit, of Klamath Heights, Tennessee (the most conservative section of the country) will receive a commission for a court house, and design a rational contemporary building. P/A will publish it. Talbot Hamlin will write an article for The Architectural Review, saying that the battle for modern architecture has been won.

YOU SEE how easy it is to prognosticate? Any of you who want to go on and do December's prophecy are welcome.

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