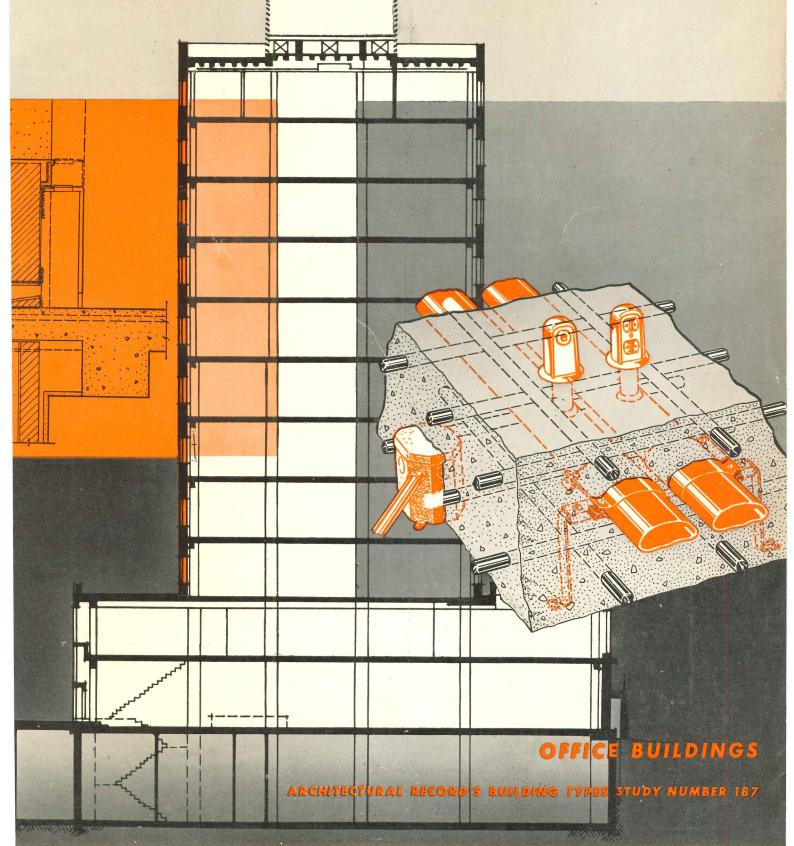
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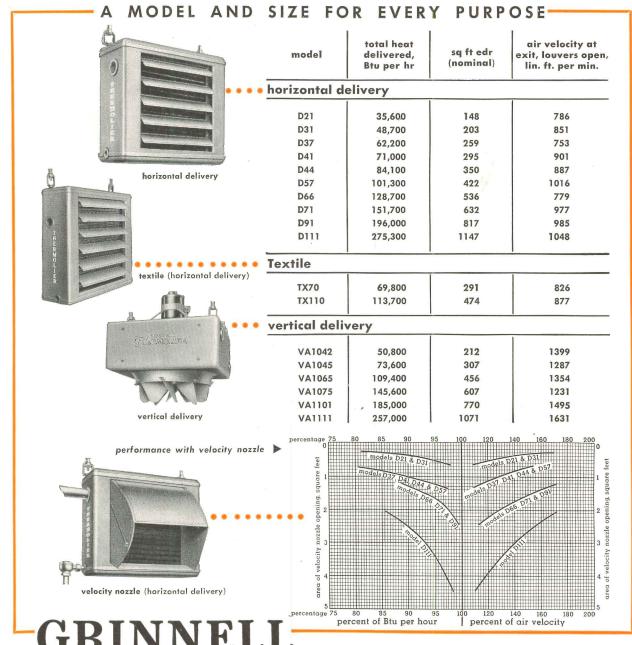


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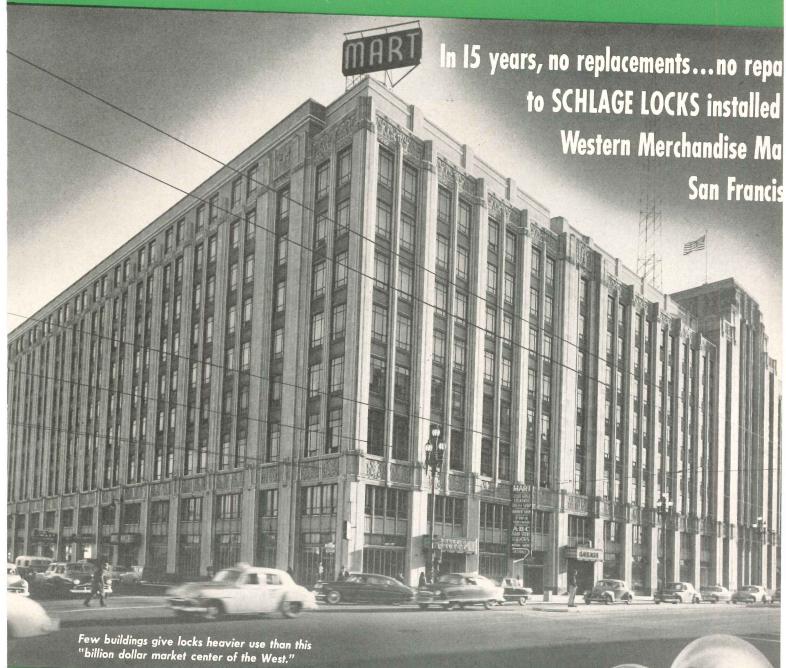
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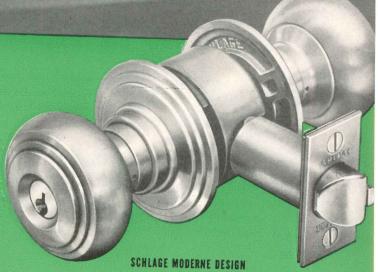
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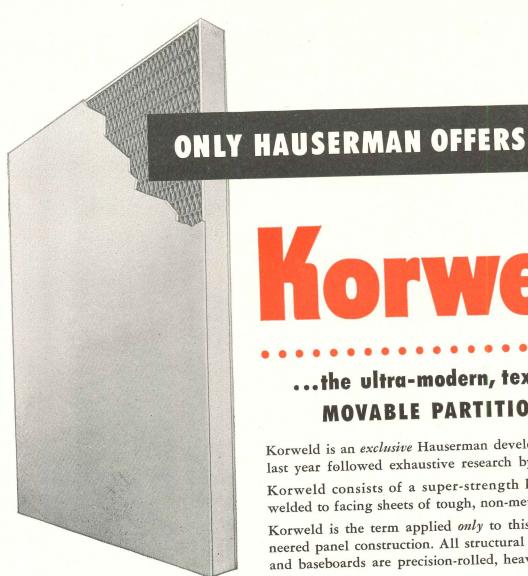


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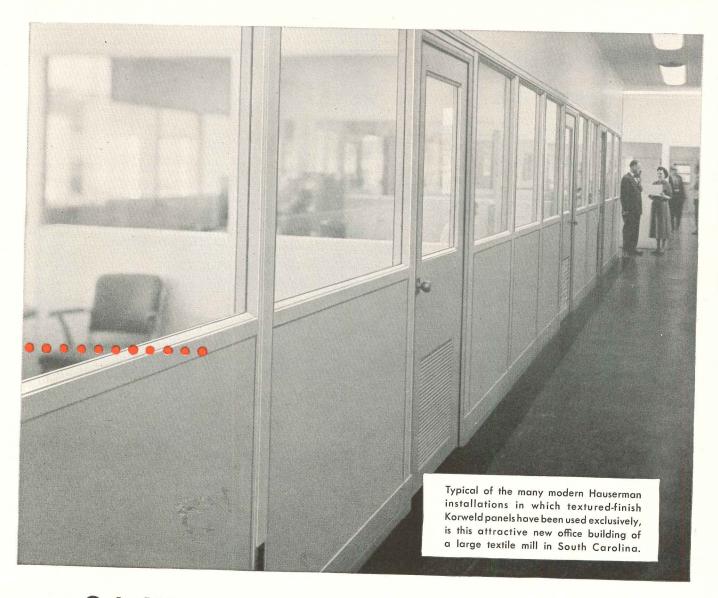
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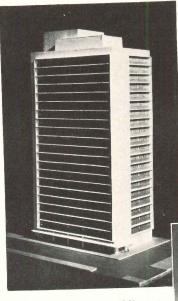
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Owner: Melvin A. Silverman and Bennett Rose

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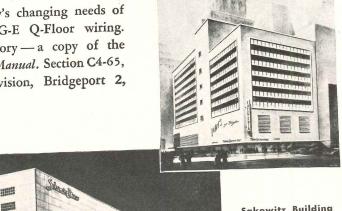
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San Jacinto Building

Architect: Kenneth Franzheim, F.A.I.A. Gen. Contr.: W. S. Bellows Const.

Struct. Engr.: Ward Butterwick Elec. Engr.: Reg. F. Taylor Elec. Contr.: J. S. Copeland Elec. Co Owner: Brown-Bellows-Smith, Inc.

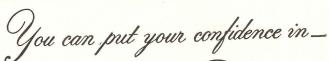
Dead load was reduced in the rebuilding of the San Jacinto Hotel into a modern office building. After stripping the building to its original steel frame, the heavy, arched concrete floors were replaced with Q-Floors (steel floor and raceway combined).



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BAN ON AMUSEMENT BUILDING ENDS JULY 1; HOUSING GETS STRUCTURALS

For architects and all of the building industry, the first birthday of the Controlled Materials Plan may well be a day to celebrate.

July 1 is the date set by the National Production Authority for a significant series of relaxations in the basic construction order, CMP Regulation Six, including the revocation of the prohibition on construction of entertainment and amusement projects, oldest (Oct. 27, 1950) of the building curbs.

On the same day, amendment of the housing construction order, NPA M-100, will provide for self-authorization of some structural steel in housing.

Major Changes Listed

These are the major amendments in prospect:

- 1) Revocation of the ban on amusement construction; per-quarter self-authorization of five tons of carbon steel (not more than two of structurals); 200 lb of copper; 250 lb of aluminum.
- 2) Increase of per-quarter commercial self-authorization, beginning October 1,

to 25 tons of carbon steel (no limit on portion of structural shapes); 750 lb of copper; 1000 lb of aluminum.

- 3) Revocation of restriction of aluminum to industrial and public utility construction only; aluminum to be allowed in all types of construction. From July 1 to October 1, 250 lb may be self-authorized for commercial construction.
- 4) Reclassification from commercial to industrial category of transportation facilities; public utility systems, water and sewage systems; administration buildings, garages and service buildings for industrial projects when owned and operated as part of the industrial project.
- 5) Per-project-per-quarter self-authorization of 2000 lb of stainless steel for chemical plant construction.
- 6) A previously-announced (Architectural Record, May 1952, page 11) increase in self-authorization allowances for schools (and roads and highways).
- 7) Self-authorization for housing construction of 1500 lb of new domestic structural shapes and 250 lb of aluminum

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News of the 84th annual convention of the A.I.A. will get to its members fast in two special issues of *Chicago Construction News*, one of the three F. W. Dodge Corp. newspapers.

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in addition to the present allowance of steel and copper.

Aluminum Before Steel?

The quickening pace of aluminum decontrol and continuing evidence of easing demand for aluminum products brought reports that aluminum might after all be the first of the controlled materials to be completely "decontrolled," perhaps by Fall. Steel decontrol, once expected by the end of 1952, is now considered unlikely before the first quarter 1953.



Jules Schick

Left: symposium on architecture and the arts at A.I.A. Middle Atlantic Regional Conference at Philadelphia (story, p. 28): Roy F. Larson, A.I.A., president, Philadelphia Art Commission; Andrew C. Ritchie, Museum of Modern Art, New York City; Frederick Gutheim, assistant to A.I.A. Executive Director; Ben Shahn, mural painter; Lawrence M. C. Smith, trustee, Philadelphia Museum of Art; Oscar Stonorov, A.I.A., moderator

Right: Conference Chairman Beryl Price, Philadelphia Chapter first vice president, with national A.I.A. officers—Norman J. Schlossman, second vice president, Chicago; Kenneth Wischmeyer, first vice president, St. Louis; C. E. Silling, Middle Atlantic Regional Director, Wheeling, W. Va.; Maurice J. Sullivan, treasurer, Houston



COMPLETE NEW HOME FOR OLD UNIVERSITY TAKES SHAPE

On the outskirts of Mexico City, the mammoth project known as University City is rapidly taking shape. To be no less than a complete new campus for the University of Mexico, oldest university on the continent, the finished project will include an Olympic stadium for 110,000 spectators, extensive sports and recreational facilities, and all the scholastic, administrative and residential buildings for a faculty and student body of more than 25,000.

Also on the campus will be the National Library of Mexico — to be housed in a windowless 14-story building — a giant swimming pool and a complete system of highways and bridges.

Besides the immense scope of the project, there are several other matters of special interest connected with it. One of these is the speed — a little over two years — with which it will have been completed. Another is the coordinated planning program which enabled a great number of structures in a wide range of designs to be blended into a harmonious whole, without sacrificing the individuality of the particular buildings. Still another point of interest is the age of the participating architects, who range in average age from 25 to 36.

Chief planner and coordinator for University City has been Carlos Lazo, who supervised a group of over 140 architects and engineers. Actual designing of the individual buildings was done by from one to four architects, working with engineers, advisers from the schools to be housed, and the artists engaged to design the murals and mosaics with which the project abounds. Among the artists is Diego Rivera, who is designing what is to be the world's largest mural for the exterior of the giant Olympic stadium.

In many of the buildings, extensive use was made of native earth, lava rock and tepetate, resulting in a considerable lowering of costs. The structures were largely built by previously unskilled laborers who were trained by the hundreds especially for the job so that Mexico's building industry would not be crippled by the construction of the huge project.

Major zones for University City include: Scholastic and Administrative, with complete facilities for the sciences, (Continued on page 364)

Building for Cosmic Ray Institute, left, shows striking handling of concrete construction. Cantilevered stairs, below left, part of same building, again demonstrate bold technique and imaginativeness of architects



Erwin G. Lang





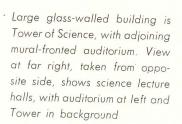


Air view, above, shows entire campus area with Olympic stadium at far right. Photo at left above shows Engineering Laboratories; skylight domes are concrete, with clear insets. Bridge, shown left, serves as connecting ramp between two other engineering buildings

IN MEXICO CITY

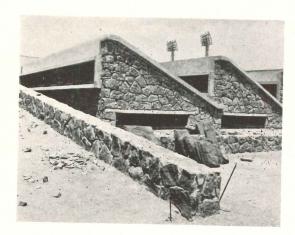








Frontones Building, above left, will be used for dances, meetings, other recreational purposes, has seating capacity of 3000. Like many other buildings in the project, it uses native materials, employs forms reminiscent of ancient Aztec structures. Olympic stadium, above top, seats 110,000, is built up from huge mounds of earth and tepetate. View below shows exterior details. Finished stadium will have Diego Rivera mural around entire outside wall





NEW-TYPE ARMORIES ARE DESIGNED FOR EXPANSION

Three series of flexible master plans for a new type of "expansible" armory for Army Organized Reserve Corps units have been prepared by Reisner & Urbahn, Architects, of New York, for the Army Corps of Engineers to use in its continuing construction program.

The first contracts are now being let at district offices of the Corps of Engineers for construction of 25 units in 24 cities across the country at a cost of approximately \$9 million. Completion is scheduled by the middle of 1953.

The new series makes a sharp break from the type of armory constructed in the first phase of the postwar expansion program, which produced 57 units either completed or now under construction.

More Classroom Space

Emphasis on the educational function of the armories as the modern Army requires more and more technical training for reserves is reflected in the curtailment of space given to the drill area in favor of much more space for classroom instruction.

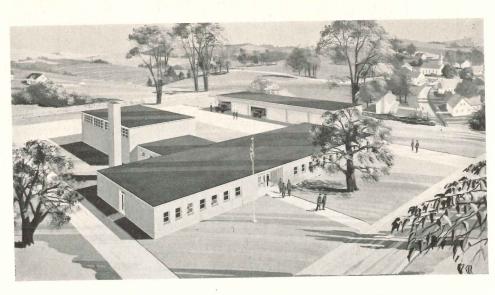
The master plans offered are a 400-man unit, expandable by addition of prescribed sections to serve 600 and 800 men; a 600-man unit, expandable to 800 and 1000; and a 1000-man unit, expandable to 2000.

Basic Plan Is Simple

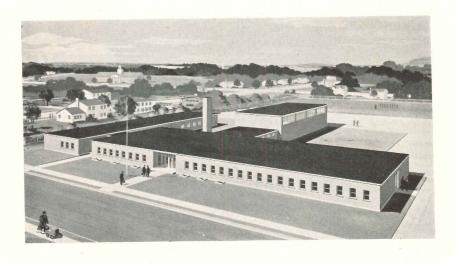
The basic plan provides an "assembly hall" (replacing the old drill hall) 70 by 50 ft and a section 170 by 50 ft which includes offices, classrooms (600 sq ft) and a rifle range 110 by 20 ft with a connecting link containing various service facilities and utility room.

Expansion is accomplished in any of the three series by addition of another "connecting link" and another section. Dimensions of the assembly hall and its connecting link and construction details of the basic units are identical for the first two series; in the third, there are two variations. Framing of the assembly hall in the 1000 unit is planned to permit doubling the size of the hall in the 2000 stage; and the rifle range is made 30 ft wide instead of 20, to permit later expansion from four firing ranges to six.

The plans include numerous variations for adaptation to local requirements—with or without basements; with coal, oil or gas heating systems; of brick or masonry on wood frame construction or (in earthquake areas) reinforced concrete.



Basic unit in the 400–600–800 man series: assembly hall is at rear. Separate building in center background is motor vehicle shed for tanks, halftracks, field equipment, etc.

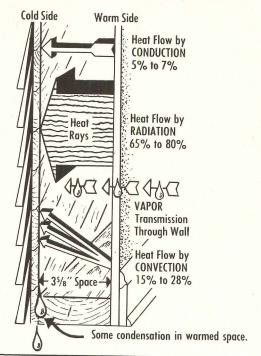


Above: basic unit in the 600–800–1000 man series has larger front section with additional classroom and other facilities in third part at left. Below: basic 1000–2000 man unit

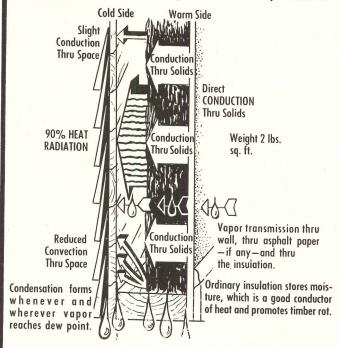


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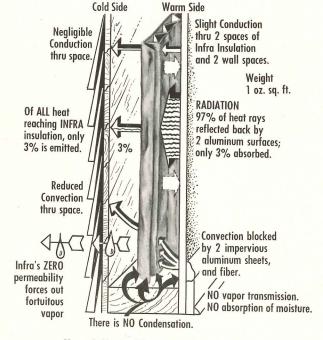
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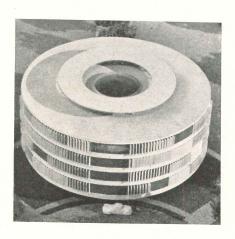


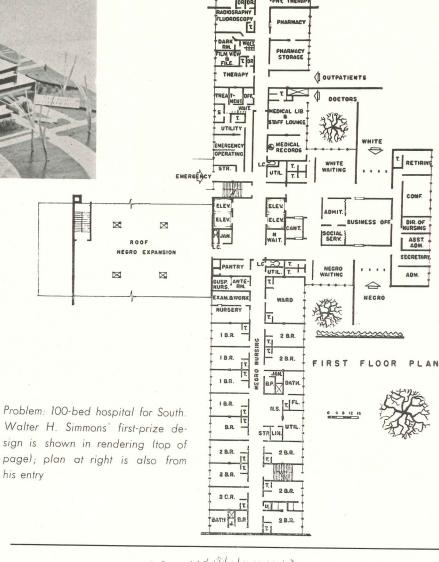
ARCHITECTS from Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas held their first joint session with the 22nd annual meeting of the Carolinas-Virginia Hospital Conference April 24–25 in Roanoke, Va., and one of the high spots was announcement of the student winners of the hospital design competition held under the sponsorship of the American Institute of Architects in schools of architecture of the region.

The competition produced some very creditable entries; and in general the prize-winning designs showed evidence of an appreciation of the problems involved in hospital design and reasonable thinking in their solutions.

First prize of \$350 was won by Walter H. Simmons, Clemson College; second prize, \$200, by Don S. Carpenter, University of Virginia; third prize, \$100, William H. Phillips, Virginia Polytechnic Institute. There were seven honorable mentions.

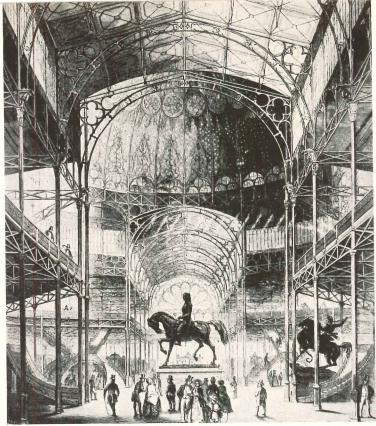
Below: it's a design for a hospital, really radial. It brought an honorable mention to Edward Shirley, North Carolina State College







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CAST IRON FRAMING AND GLASS

1853—New York's Crystal Palace, erected on present site of Public Library for exhibition of 1853–54. Architects: Carstensen & Gildemeyer



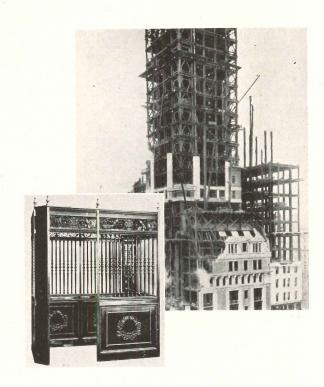
STANDARDIZATION: THE LIFT-SLAB

1919—Forest Hill Gardens, housing built with the ''lift-slab'' technique developed by the architect, Grosvenor Atterbury



FIRST CONCRETE STRUCTURE IN U. S.

1852—A large barn erected by Horace Greeley in Chappaqua, N. Y., later made into a house



STEEL FRAMING AND THE ELEVATOR

1907—Singer Building, New York City; base of tower, showing wind bracing at corners. Architect: Ernest Flagg. The elevator cab dates to the period 1910–1920

ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE: A.I.A. SCANS 100 YEARS

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS has marked its annual convention by assembling an exhibit that spans a significant century of developing collaboration between engineering and architecture.

Dean Leopold Arnaud of the School of Architecture at Columbia University and his committee have approached the staggering task of organizing their subject by establishing six sections, each devoted to a major evolutionary step in building design and construction — cast iron, the steel frame, the elevator, reinforced concrete, glass, and standardiza-

tion. They have limited themselves strictly to these categories, leaving to another occasion such aspects of the subject as wood, aluminum and prestressed concrete and more technical specialties like plumbing, heating and lighting.

The exhibit will be opened to the public June 10 on the street-level mall of Lever House in an installation designed by Morris Ketchum Jr., of Ketchum, Giná & Sharp, New York architects. Some 200 photographs will be mounted on 42 panels, each 40 in. sq, hung on a series of specially designed metal and wood standards. The whole display is

planned to be demountable and packable; and it will be sent to Chicago in the Fall for the Engineering Centennial celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

"The Re-Union of Architecture and Engineering 1852–1952" is the final title; some who see it may wish it had been possible to cover the substance of the original one, "Engineering Contributions to Architecture 1852–1952." Lewis Mumford's text helps to suggest awareness of architecture's "heavy debt to the engineer" as well as its own creative role.

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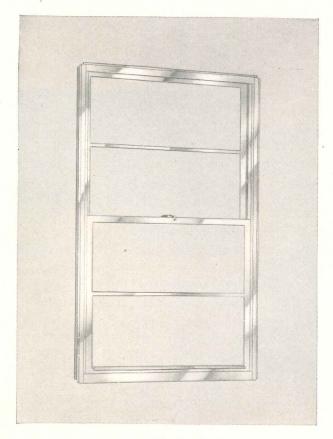


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LIGHTWEIGHT STEEL FRAMING

1947—Construction photograph shows office building for Prudential Life Insurance Company in Los Angeles; completed building below. Architects: Wurdeman and Becket







GLASS WALLS

1947—U. S. Navy Ordnance Building, San Francisco (at left below). Architects: Kump and Falk

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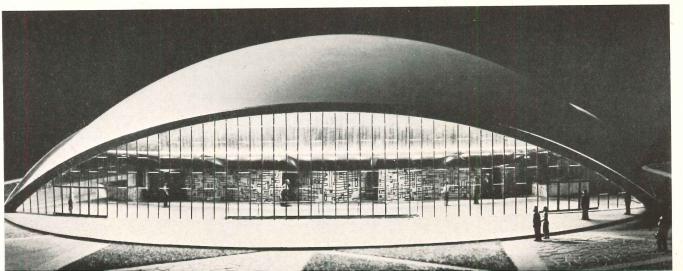
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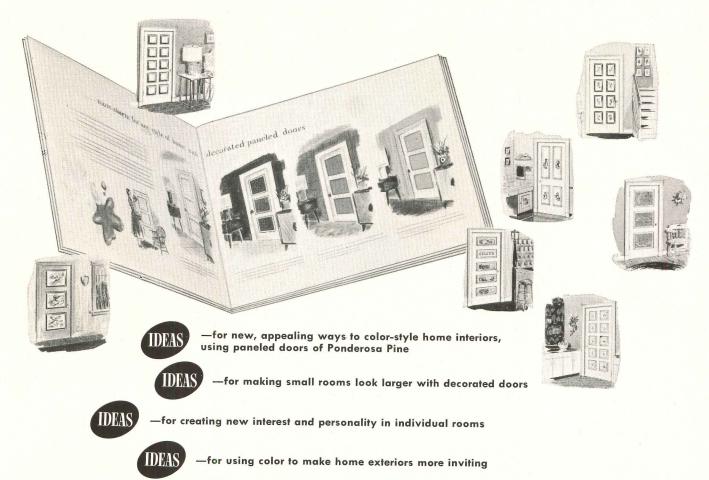
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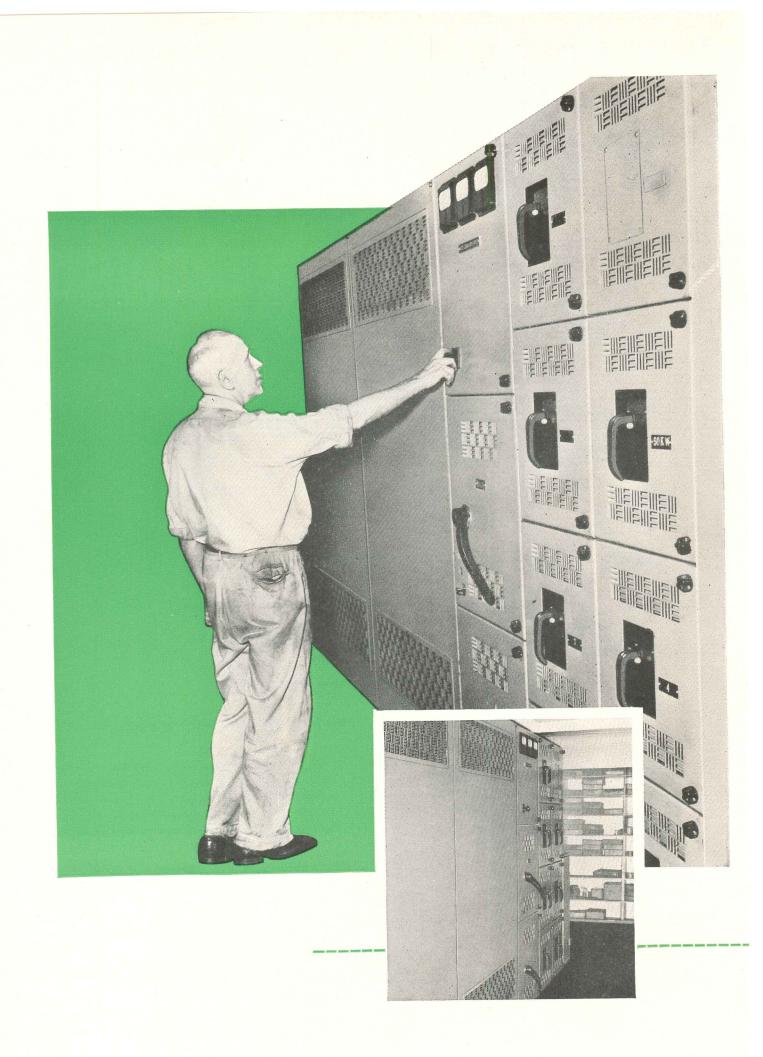
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HUGE REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTER STARTED NEAR DETROIT

Another mammoth regional shopping center got under way last month — the J. L. Hudson Company's Northland Center in suburban Detroit.

Northland will have Hudson's branch store as the central unit of nearly 1,000,000 sq ft of floor area with some 70 tenant stores completely surrounded by a 6000-car parking area capable of expansion to provide 5000 additional car spaces. Victor Gruen is the architect.

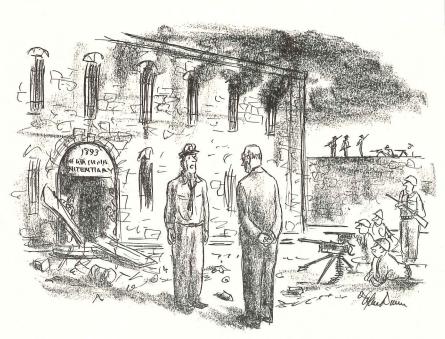
The Center, which occupies 161 acres of a 409-acre site just north of metropolitan Detroit, is designed as "a com-

plete one-stop center where a customer can fill every shopping need." It will have one-story stores, shops, markets, restaurants, etc., grouped around garden courts and malls. Tenants will include men's, women's and children's apparel stores, a supermarket, drug and variety stores, hardware and furniture stores, a bank, service shops such as cleaners, shoe repair, barber shop.

Facilities for use by community groups have been given a definite place in plans for the Center. An auditorium with entrance both from inside the Hudson branch store and from outside for after-hours use is described as the major community service unit, but it is planned to provide other facilities, as available, for use in community activities.

Extensive surveys of population, income levels, traffic flow and the merchandising pattern in the Detroit area preceded selection of the site, which is said to have a potential trading area of 450,000 residents with family incomes averaging \$7100 in the city section and \$6000 in the suburban section.

Construction is reinforced concrete.



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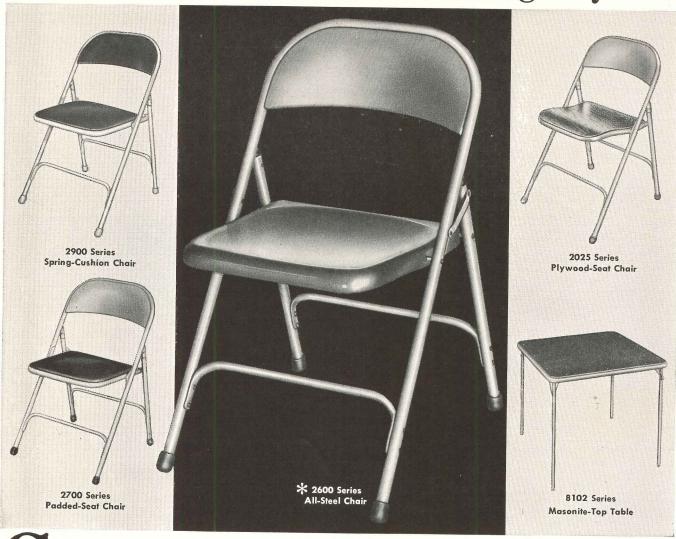
'They want a decontrolled environment, panic locks, better fenestration, indoor-outdoor synthesis . . .''

Shade trees and rest benches will be used to give the court and mall areas a park-like atmosphere. Conveniences like drinking fountains, lockers, mail boxes, directional and orientation maps and restrooms will be provided in all the malls

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ARCHITECTURE AND ARTS: "ALLIES" DEBATE SCHISM

Middle Atlantic Regional Conference Is Held by A.I.A. at Philadelphia

Architects were on the defensive as the hapless perpetuators of an undeniable schism — the contemporary hiatus between architecture and the "allied arts" — at the lively opening session of the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference of the American Institute of Architects at Philadelphia last month.

Lawrence M. C. Smith, president of the American Federation of Art and a trustee of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, had to modify his bald statement that architects *never* provide for accommodating painting and sculpture; but the familiar plaint was echoed in the statement of Mural Painter Ben Shahn, who said he had yet to see a building where murals are an integral part of the design, rather than mere appliqué.

The cost aspect of the architect's problem was advanced by the architects as one factor in their failure to close a gap they did not deny.

Producers Sponsor Session

One of the later sessions of the conference was sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Producers' Council. The principal speech, "Research and Better Buildings," by Dr. C. W. Rassweiler, vice chairman of the Board and director of research for the Johns-Manville Corp., focused attention on architecture as a technology in provocative contrast to the opening symposium's approach to architecture as an art.

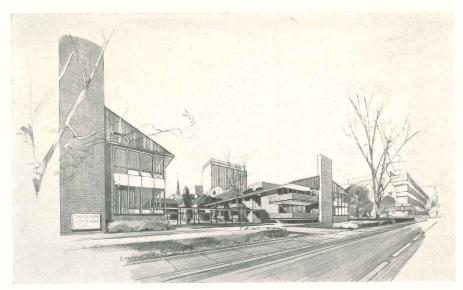
The Producers' Benjamin Franklin Medal, for "the best use of quality building materials to promote new ideas and their application and stimulate imaginative and progressive discussion," was awarded to Sweet & Schwartz, Architects, for Flamingo Apartments, Philadelphia.

One Award on Exhibit

The Pennsylvania Society of Architects Award was given to Vincent Kling "for outstanding work" and particularly for Kimberton Farms School Arts and Crafts Building and School Residence. It was the only award made in connection with the Philadelphia Chapter's convention exhibit at John Wanamaker's Store.

Alfred Bendiner received the Venzie Corporation's award for outstanding work in painting and sculpture by a Philadelphia A.I.A. member.

NEWS FROM CANADA by John Caulfield Smith



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Proposed homes for the aged in Toronto are planned to avoid "institutional atmosphere." Each building is to house 40 walking patients. Construction is scheduled to start sometime this year. Architects, Page & Steele, Toronto

Toronto Moves to Solve Its Problem of Homes for Aged

The city of toronto has begun taking positive steps to ease the pressing problem of providing homes for its aged with the announcement that construction is expected to start later this year on the first units in a new municipal program.

A prime objective will be to avoid as much as possible in the buildings the "institutional atmosphere" usually identified with them.

Currently favored by the committee in charge of considerations for the program are buildings which would house 40 walking patients each; but larger structures of 360 beds each are also being investigated. It is expected that the final solution will lie in a combination of these two types.

Eight different sites in both central and outlying sectors of the city are currently being examined. If possible, the committee would like to place the buildings in series of three or four, near park land.

It is estimated that 30 of the smaller type buildings would cost about \$5,400,-000 exclusive of land.

Construction Down 21%: Rally Still Forecast

A disappointing total of construction contract awards was chalked up for the

first quarter of 1952. The figure of \$362.3 million is 21 per cent below the \$457.2 million registered for the same period last year. Industrial contracts, which have been leading the field, are down 48 per cent, more than any other category.

Even so, expectations of a construction fall-off for the entire year might be premature. As the building season gets underway, greater activity will undoubtedly begin to be felt.

Nine Per Cent Rise Expected

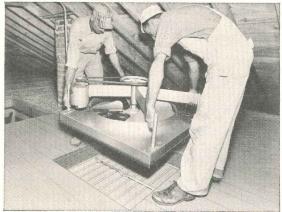
Department of Trade & Commerce statisticians, who have a reputation for near-infallibility, expect that spending on new construction and equipment will be nine per cent ahead of the 1951 level. There are still nine months left in which to make up current losses and justify this prediction. Still, it may be a tight squeeze.

March Second Highest Yet

March awards, according to MacLean Building Reports, Ltd., reached the second highest figure ever recorded for the month, with a total of \$102.3 million. But even this was 42 per cent under the March 1951 amount. Some consolation lies in the realization, how-

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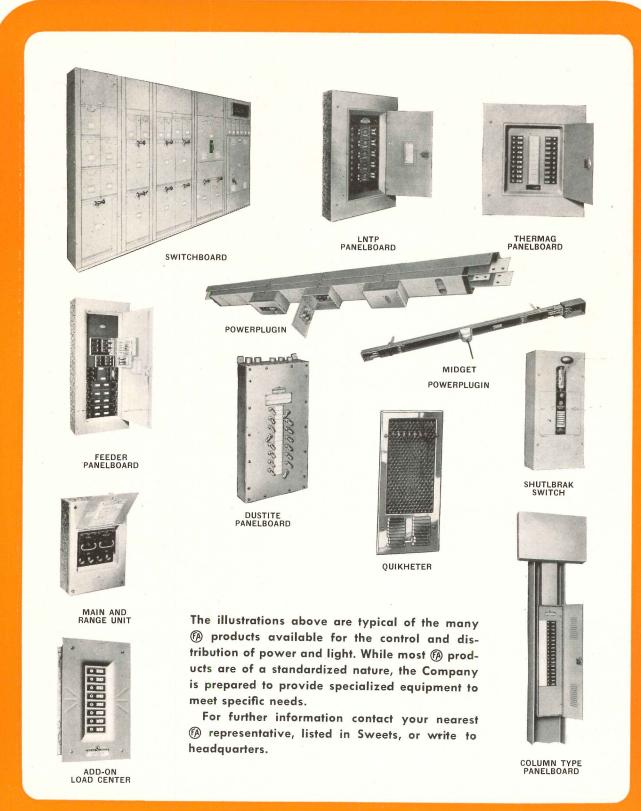
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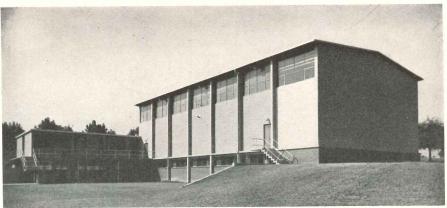


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Kitsilano War Memorial Community Center, Vancouver, B. C., includes gymnasium, meeting rooms, hobby shops, and a combined banquet hall and lounge. Architects: Semmens & Simpson, Vancouver



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ever, that the March 1951 total — \$100 million ahead of March 1950 — was unusually high even for a boom year.

Engineering Registers Gain

Engineering was the only type of construction that showed a gain over the first quarter of 1952. Biggest factor in the rise was the start made on the Edmonton-Burnaby pipe line.

While industrial and commercial building both lagged badly, residential construction managed almost to hold its own and needs only slight gains in the coming months to match last year's level

The sag in March levels was felt not only in all categories but also in all regions. Loss in Ontario amounted to more than \$65 million. Greatest loss in other regions was Quebec's \$3.5 million.

Industrial Plants Still Lead

Feature of the big job list for the month was the number of industrial plants included.

The list was headed by a \$10 million truck plant in Oshawa, followed by a \$4 million pulp plant expansion in Newfoundland, a cable plant expansion in Montreal, a foundry in Hamilton, Ont., a chemical plant in Varennes, Que., an engine plant in Montreal, and a ferrosilicon plant at Beauharnois.

Other jobs on the list were two warehouses and two apartment projects in Montreal, a hospital in the Lake St. John district, and housing developments at Kitimat, B.C., and Ville LaSalle, Que. The rest were defense projects at Downsview, Winnipeg, Trenton and Cold Lake.

On the chart, the total picture of construction contracts awarded in the quarter looks like this:

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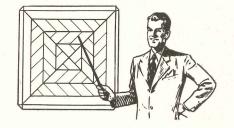
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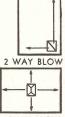
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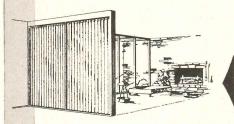
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High School in Markdale, Ont., is typical of the contemporary school work being done by architects Shore & Moffat of Toronto





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Industrial	74.6	-48
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Total	362.3	-21

Visiting R.I.B.A. Officers Feted by Toronto Architects

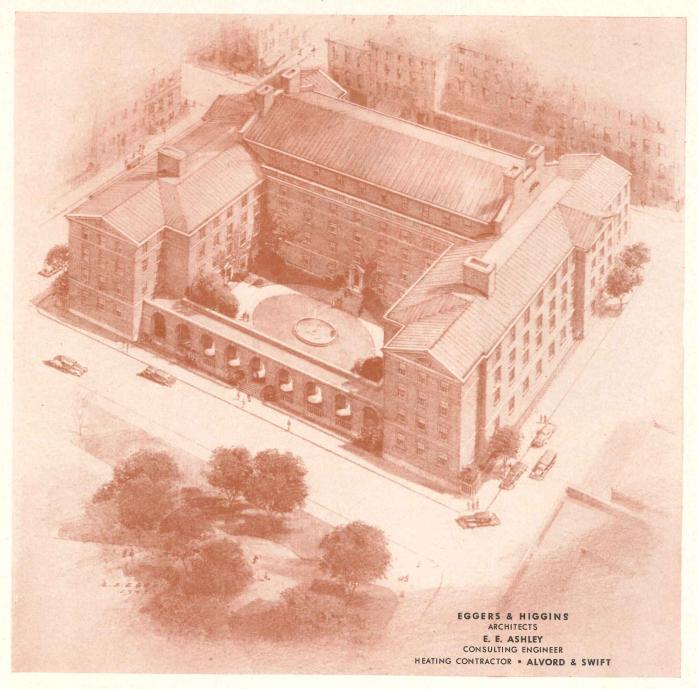
Among recent visitors of note to Toronto were A. Graham Henderson, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects and C.D. Spragg, secretary of the Institute. On their way to attend the annual assembly of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in Vancouver, the two were entertained on their stopover at a reception arranged by members of the Ontario Association of Architects.

In an interview, Mr. Henderson declared that the foremost fear of British architects was that unemployment might result from current government regulation of the construction industry. Only projects sponsored by the government can go ahead, he said, and relaxation of control "depends entirely on the international situation, since the defense program is closely tied in with our building progress."

House Builders Group Chooses Chief for 1952

At its recent convention in Winnipeg, the National House Builders Association elected W. H. Grisenthwaite of Hamilton, Ont., as its new president.

The new N.H.B.A. president, who is head of Grisenthwaite Construction Co., Ltd. plans an expanded program of (Continued on page 36)



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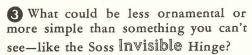
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Revised Code May Raise Present Wiring Standards

Revisions in the National Building Code will probably bring recommendations for wiring standards to higher levels than anything conceived in the past. Authority for the prediction is David S. Catton, chairman of the panel on electrical services now working on the code.

Present references to adequate wiring state only that the Canadian Electrical Code is to be followed. In the new version, it is proposed that a qualifying clause be added, stating, in effect, that wiring indicated by the Canadian Electrical Code might not necessarily be adequate for the building concerned.

A question is immediately raised, of course, as to what constitutes adequacy. Catton suggests that the answer be given under the "Uses and Functions" section of the revised National Building Code. This section itself will be new to the Code, and will emphasize the importance of considerations of function in building design and specification.

Picture Brightens for 1952 Building Supplies

Further expansion in output of building materials is indicated for 1952, according to a recent survey, with greatest increases expected in such lines as sanitary ware, hot water storage tanks, cement and cement products, and gypsum products.

Actually, there were not too many construction shortages last year either, according to the survey which was recently tabled in the House of Commons by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Defense Production. The survey, which covered production of building materials, both past and anticipated, demonstrated that average construction time for houses in 1951 was 7.0 months, as compared with an average of 7.1 months in 1950.

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End of TV Ban Opens Up Field of Station Design

LIFTING OF THE BAN on construction of television stations broadened widely the relatively new field of TV station design for architects.

There were 108 such broadcasting outlets in operation when the Federal Communications Commission swept away the restriction, which had stood for more than three years. Now it is estimated some 3000 new TV transmitters will be erected.

For architects, this decision on the part of FCC offers new opportunities; for many architects it means considerable study of the specialties of television station design. A spokesman for the National Education Association said that up to now only a handful of architects has had any drawing-board experi-

ence in the TV field. Meanwhile, the National Association of Radio and TV Broadcasters is conducting a new study which covers the design and construction of stations.

Pending the publication of this more complete treatment of the needs of broadcasters in their physical plants, the N.A.R.T.B. had a few basic suggestions for architects.

Space is first and foremost in the station operator's mind. One association spokesman advised that the architect preparing plans for station and studio should decide on what he considers to be adequate space, then *double* the amount he has arrived at before drawing his final plans.

Space Needs Stressed

One of the biggest headaches for operators of existing TV stations is the lack of adequate space, principally areas for storing large items (used in TV advertising) such as refrigerators, stoves and household equipment. These furnishings sometimes remain at the studios for weeks after they are shown in displays, it was said.

A further requirement stressed by N.A.R.T.B.: provide ample parking space for both employes and visitors. It is recommended that stations be located outside but near cities; and one of the reasons for this is to assure ample parking area.

The broadcasters say that most TV stations consist of two buildings; one for the transmitting equipment, the other for actual broadcasting. The latter, the studio, is the more expensive of the two. It requires extensive sound-proofing treatment and intricate wiring systems. The estimated cost of the average station, including all its required equipment, was placed at \$385,-000.

FCC Allows 2053 Stations

The FCC already has provided for 2053 new stations in 1291 communities throughout the country. These now are assured of clearance and can proceed in their construction phases if and when their material requirements are assured.

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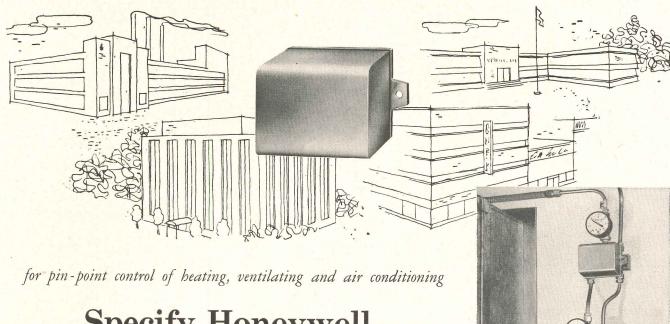
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1930	127.0	126.7	124.1	128.0	123.6	82.1	80.9	84.5	86.1	83.6
1935	93.8	91.3	104.7	108.5	105.5	72.3	67.9	84.0	87.1	85.1
1939	123.5	122.4	130.7	133.4	130.1	86.3	83.1	95.1	97.4	94.7
1940	126.3	125.1	132.2	135.1	131.4	91.0	89.0	96.9	98.5	97.5
1946	181.8	182.4	177.2	179.0	174.8	148.1	149.2	136.8	136.4	135.1
1947	219.3	222.0	207.6	207.5	203.8	180.4	184.0	158.1	157.1	158.0
1948	250.1	251.6	239.4	242.2	235.6	199.2	202.5	178.8	178.8	178.8
1949	243.7	240.8	242.8	246.4	240.0	189.3	189.9	180.6	180.8	177.5
1950	256.2	254.5	249.5	251.5	248.0	194.3	196.2	185.4	183.7	185.0
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Feb. 1952	278.3	275.1	270.1	274.1	270.4	217.8	220.1	210.5	207.7	211.1
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1951	252.0	248.3	238.5	240.9	239.0	245.2	240.4	239.6	243.1	243.1
Jan. 1952	256.1	252.9	241.9	244.4	242.2	248.0	242.7	242.6	245.4	245.8
Feb. 1952	255.9	252.7	241.6	244.2	242.0	247.6	242.3	242.1	245.0	245.4
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Mar. 1952	131.2	134.9	104.9	103.8	103.3	134.8	144.5	106.3	101.0	110.7

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Cost comparisons, as percentage differences for any particular type of construction, are possible between localities, or periods of time within the same city, by dividing the difference between the two index numbers by one of them; i.e.: $\begin{array}{ll} index \ for \ city \ A = 110 \\ index \ for \ city \ B = 95 \end{array}$

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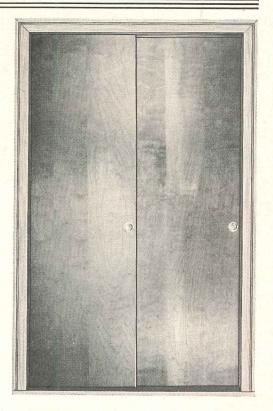
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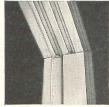
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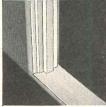




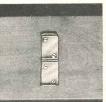
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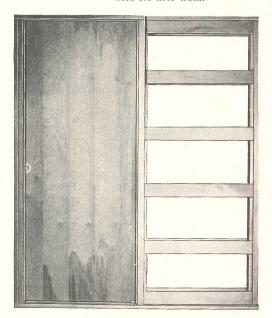
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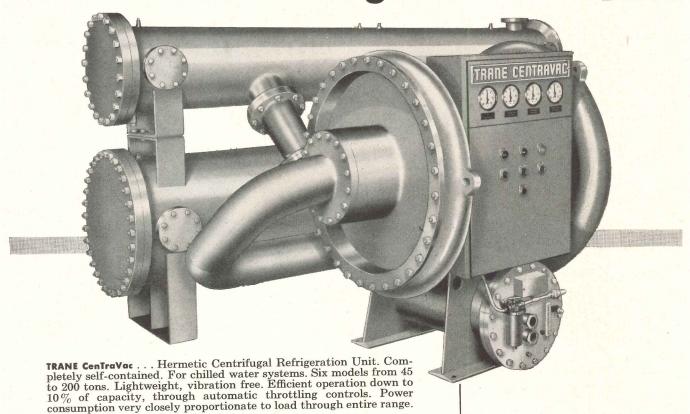




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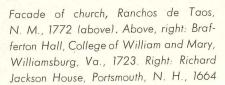
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EARLY AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE

Early American Architecture. By Hugh Morrison. Oxford University Press (114 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.), 1952. 619 pp., illus. \$12.50.

REVIEWED BY WALTER CREESE*

The last two years have given us, in quick succession, a series of extraordinarily careful studies of early American architecture, of which this book is the latest and most complete. First came Rexford Newcomb's Architecture of the Old Northwest Territory, then Anthony Garvan's Architecture and Town Planning in Colonial Connecticut. A more comprehensive work was The Dwellings of Colonial America by the late Thomas T. Waterman. The event of these successive publications is thrown into high relief by the recollection that not since 1922 and Fiske Kimball's monumental Domestic Architecture of the American Colonies and the Early Republic has there been any such thoroughgoing effort to

*Dr. Walter Creese, of the Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Louisville, is Editor of the Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians. present an adequate picture of the periods between the sixteenth and the nineteenth centuries.

Why do we have this sudden feast of reason after a long and unreasonable intellectual drought? Obviously World War II and its aftermath have brought on an intense national curiosity about every aspect of our past culture. Architecture as the physical embodiment of the attitudes of our ancestors has currently the fascination of principles which have concrete reality (since many old buildings still exist), yet need description and exposition because they are not composed of words. The best of this present writing seems to arise from a reawakened conviction that we do not understand our own architectural tradition well enough.

Did we think we sufficiently understood it during the last three decades? The preceding concept seems to have been that our architecture was fundamentally colonial in the derivative sense: provincial and parochial. Mr. Waterman and Professor Morrison have documented and enlarged this assumption to

a degree. By carefully tracing to their European sources the Swiss, Swedish, Dutch, Flemish, German, French and Scotch influences on the plan and elevation of the houses along the Atlantic Coast, Mr. Waterman demonstrated that this colonialism, which we had tacitly assumed to be basically English, was derived instead from many roots. Mr. Waterman's earlier studies were mainly in the Virginia and North Carolina areas and he perhaps arrived at this insight more quickly for his previous experience. Professor Morrison was born and brought up in New England and it is upon him that we depend for an interpretation of the English idiom of that region. He discounts the popular conclusion that the first settlers began to exert an original approach to their building problems as soon as they landed in its inhospitable climate and ends his chapter on New England with the following thought:

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fronted by the myriad urgencies and difficulties of a pioneer existence, it was more than enough to equal the standard set by their forebears in a settled society and a secure existence. Civilization has always advanced in established societies, not on their pioneer fringes.

The general impression would seem to be then that our early architecture was only a rough facsimile of what had been done much better on the other side of the ocean in a number of parent countries. Our chief interest in early American architecture would thus have to arise from its location and not its intrinsic quality.

However, our appreciation of its variety began to increase with Mr. Waterman's research along the East Coast. Hugh Morrison includes this coastal strip in his discussion as well as the architecture of Florida and the Spanish Southwest, missions and ranch houses of Alta California, and French Colonial architecture of the Mississippi Valley. He does not confine himself to houses either: churches, forts, log cabins, markets, mills, public buildings, colleges and even the long-neglected barn come into the total view. He teaches us that while we have been searching for historical significance in one dimension, that is, in depth or quality, we should perhaps have been gaining greater satisfaction from another, its breadth or variety. The author has explained his purpose in writing the book as "grimly didactic." It is instead powerfully dramatic in its sweep and scope.

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Anyone who has consulted Professor Morrison's Louis Sullivan, Prophet of Modern Architecture of 1938 would correctly expect this book to be painstaking in its research and presentation. It takes many years and generations of students to acknowledge the large debt such a

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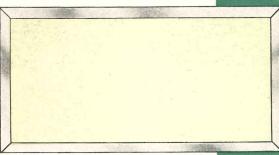
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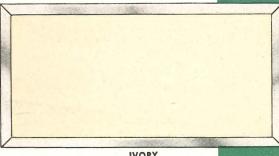
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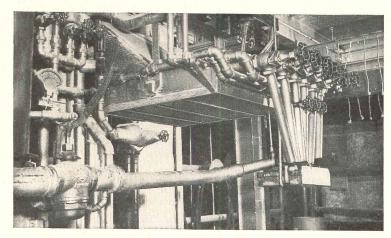


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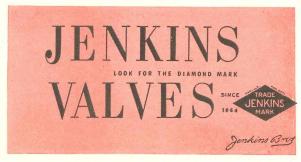
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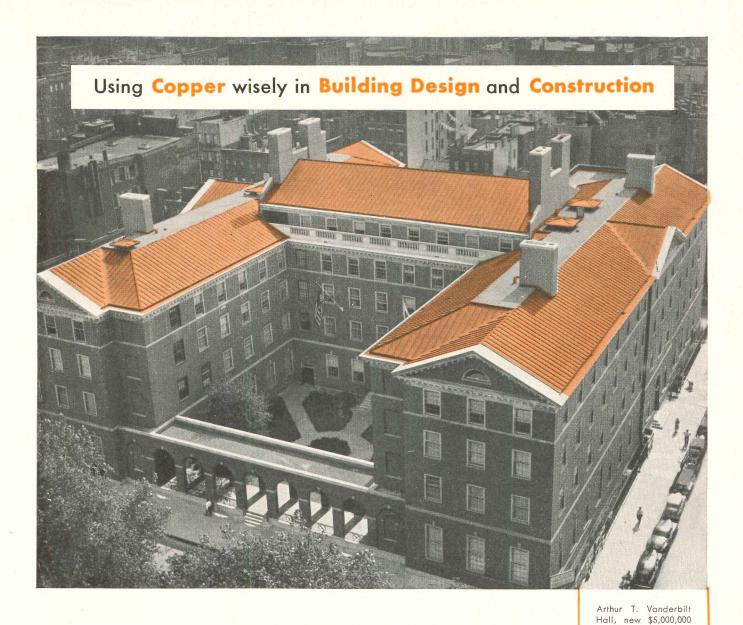
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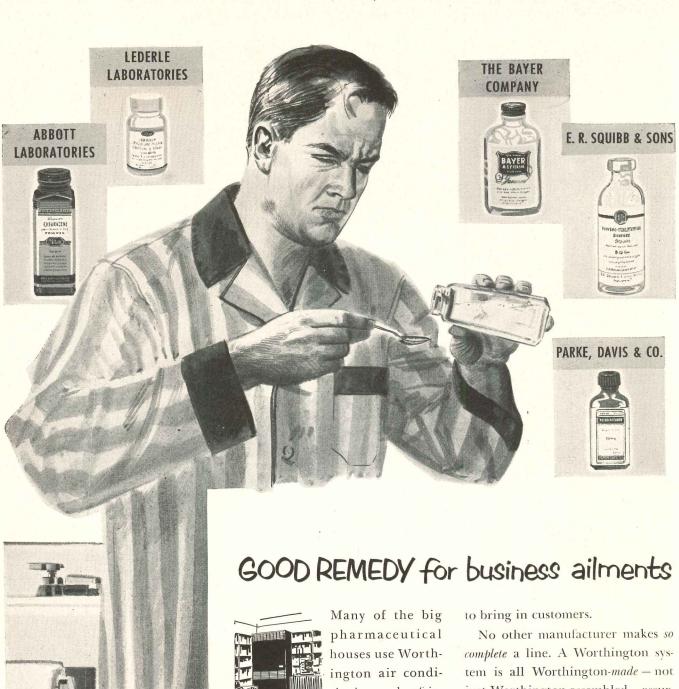
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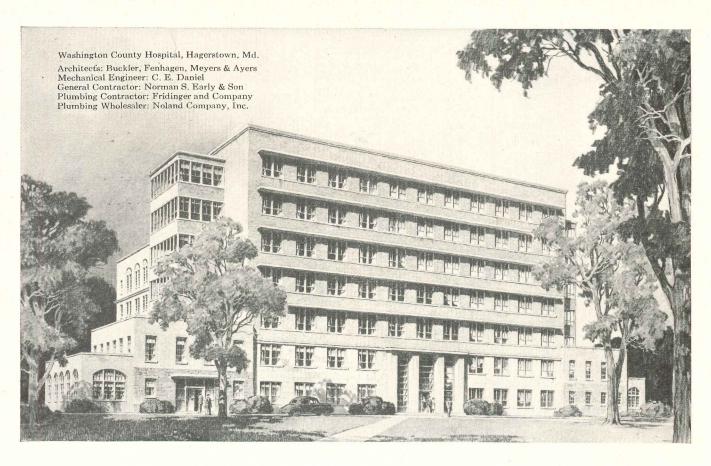


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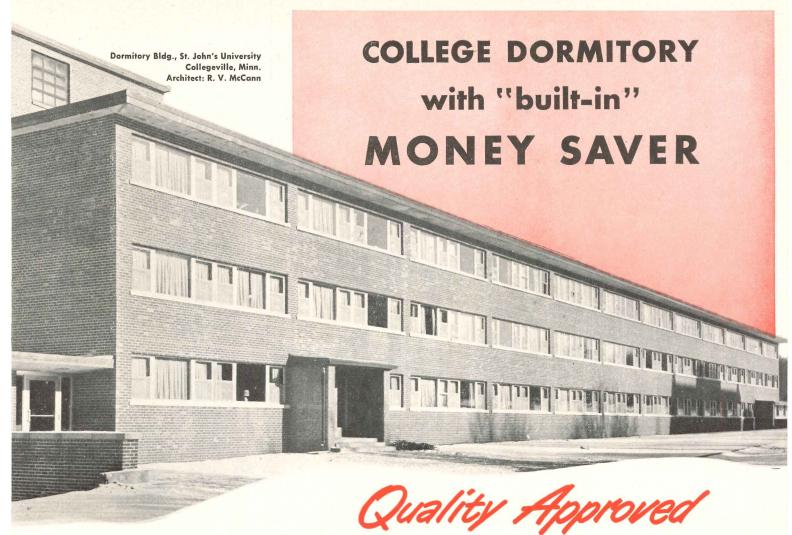
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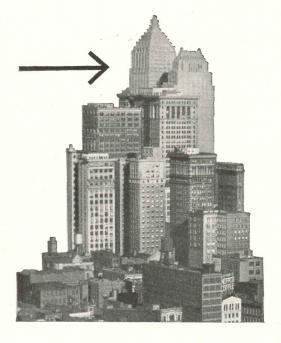
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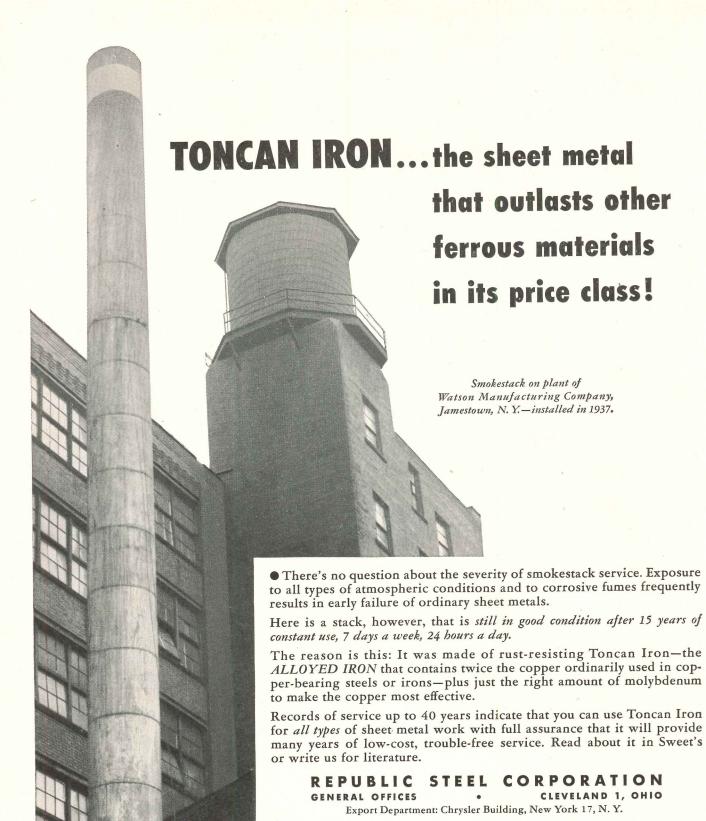
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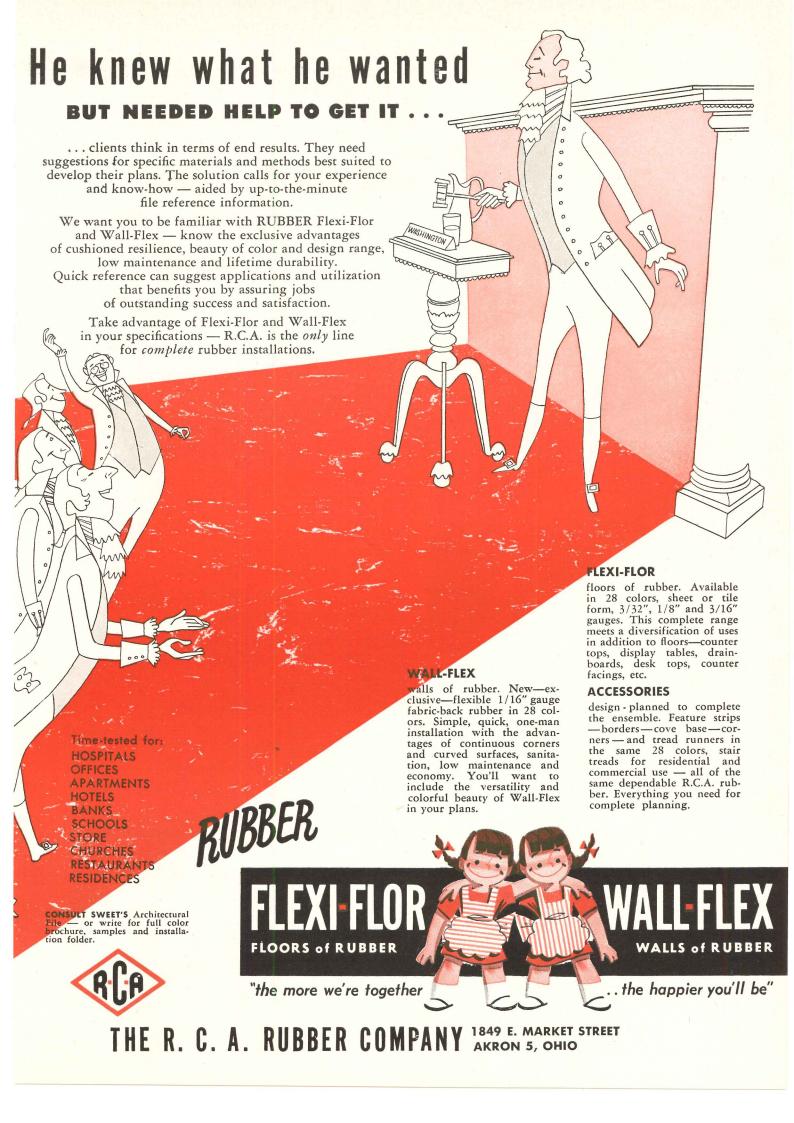
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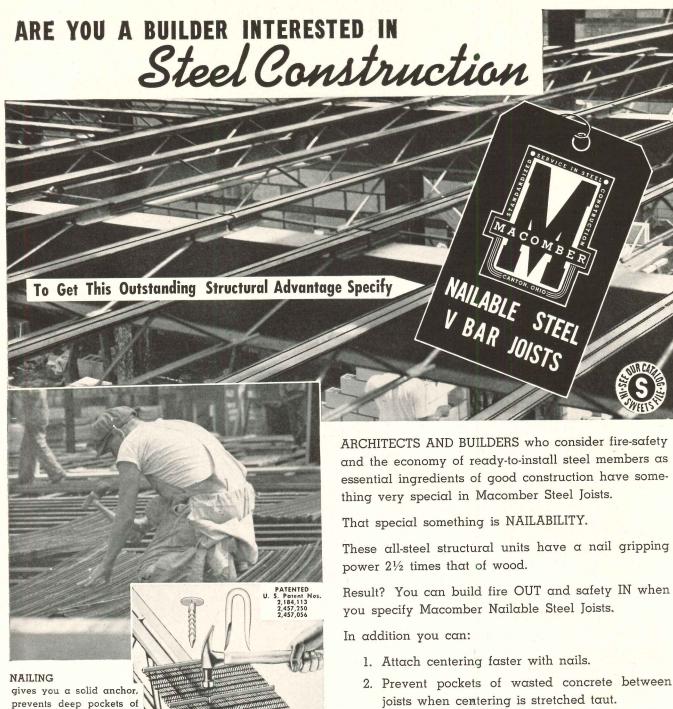
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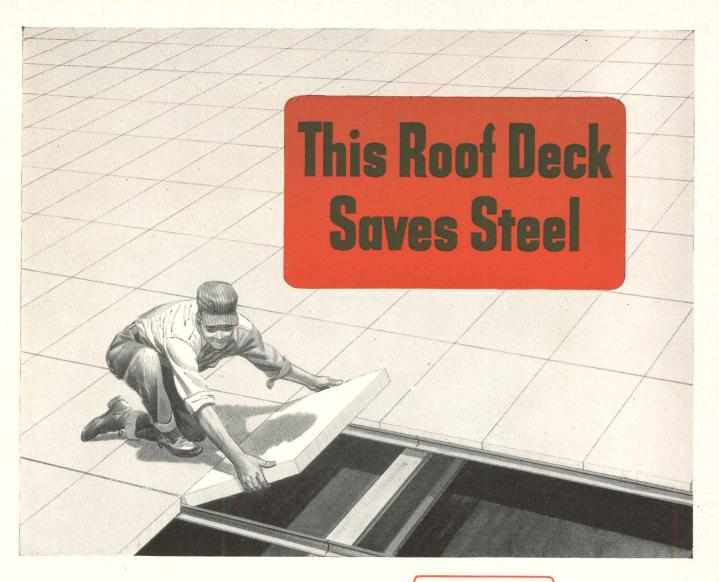
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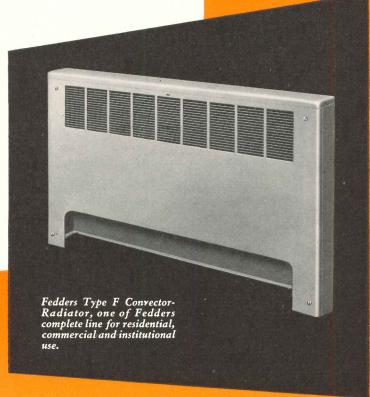
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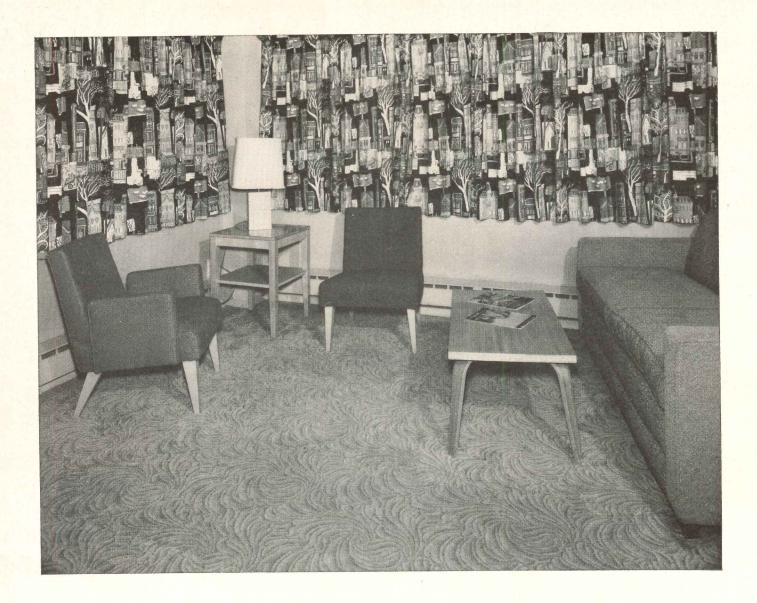
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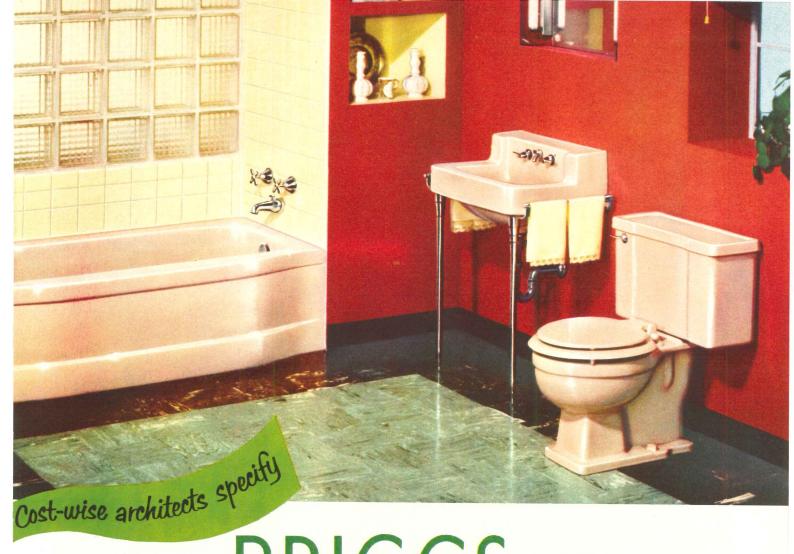
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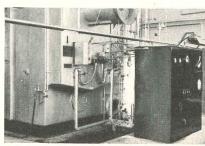
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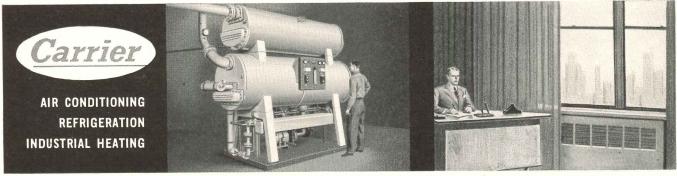
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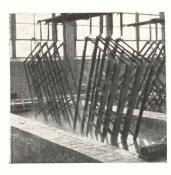
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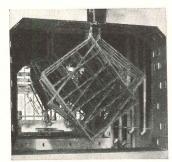
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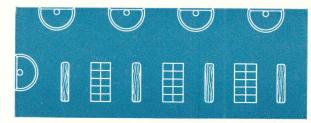


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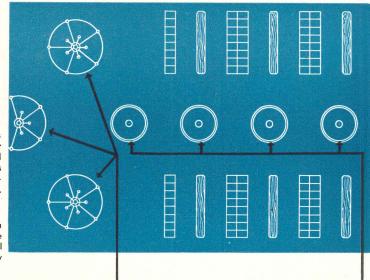
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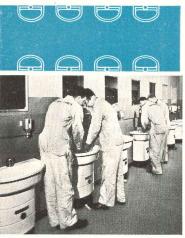




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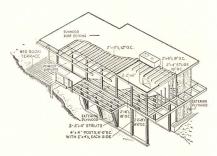
An excellent example of how well Douglas fir plywood lends itself to contemporary design is this award-winning California home by Architect Gordon Drake of Carmel and San Francisco.

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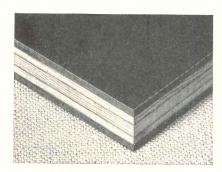
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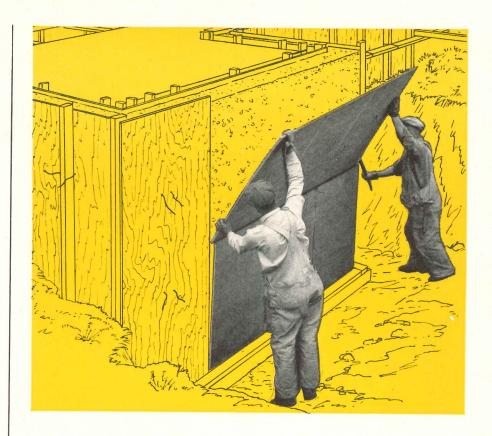
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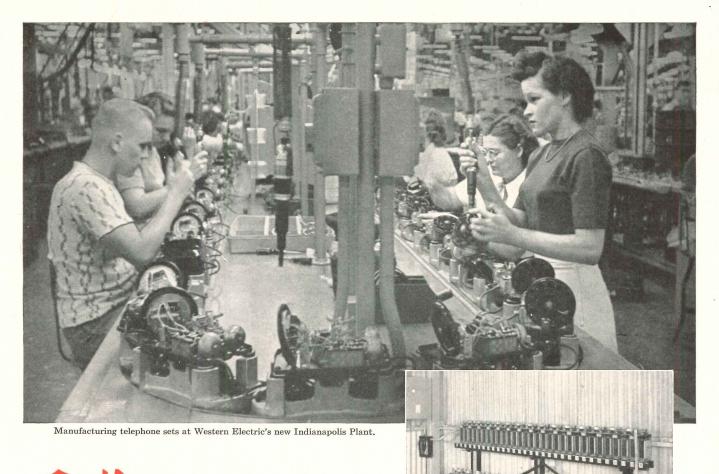
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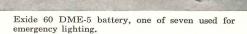
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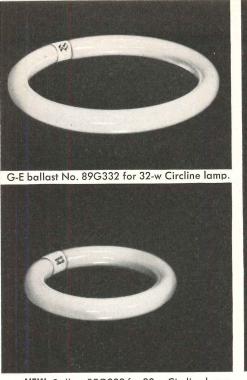
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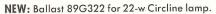


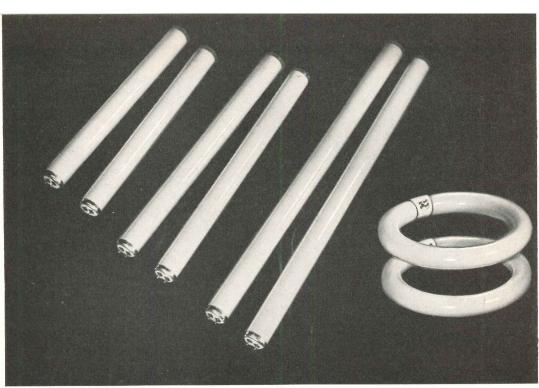
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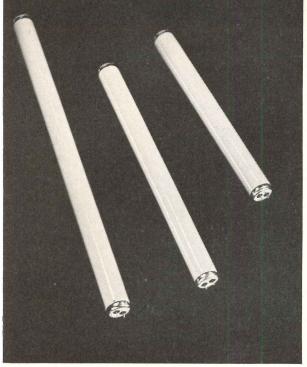
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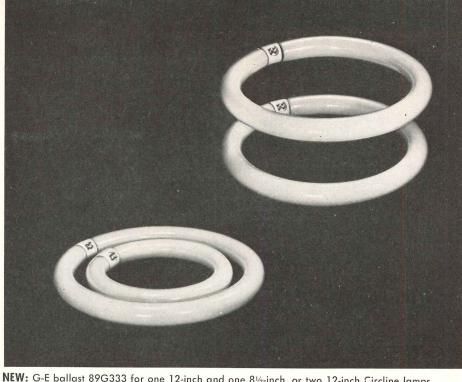
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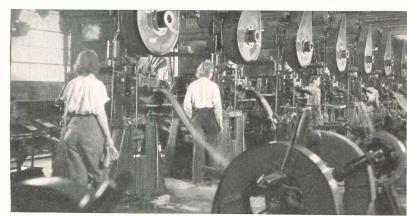


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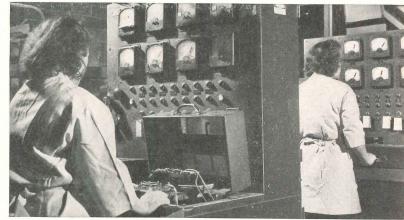
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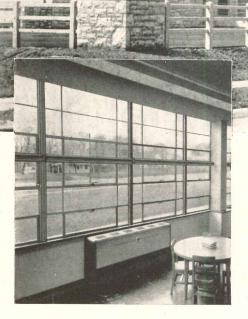


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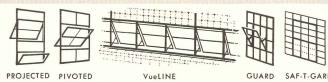
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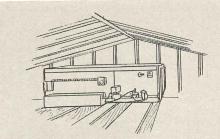
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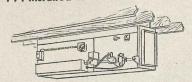
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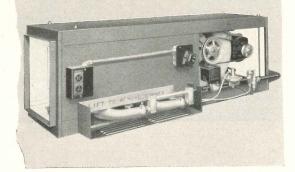


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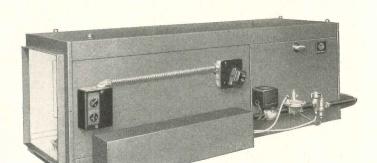


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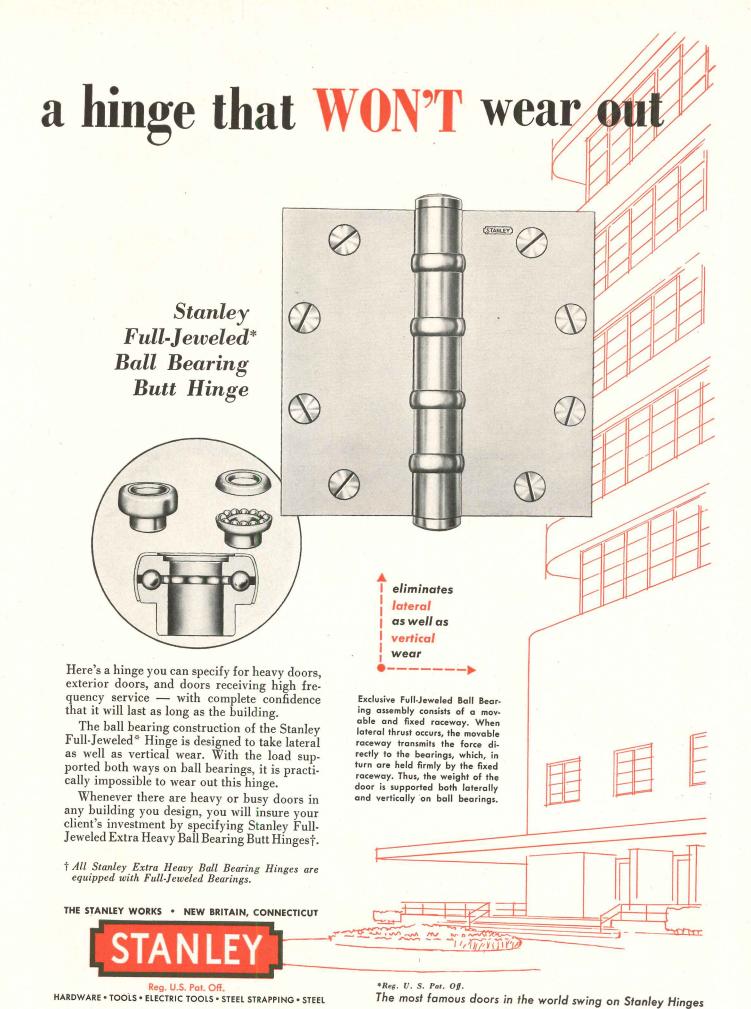




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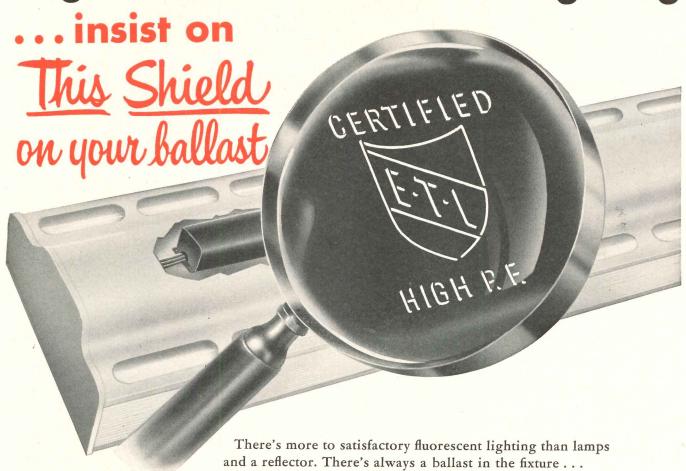
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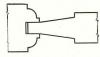


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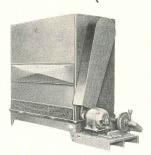
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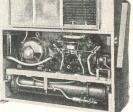
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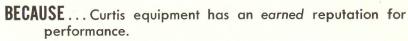






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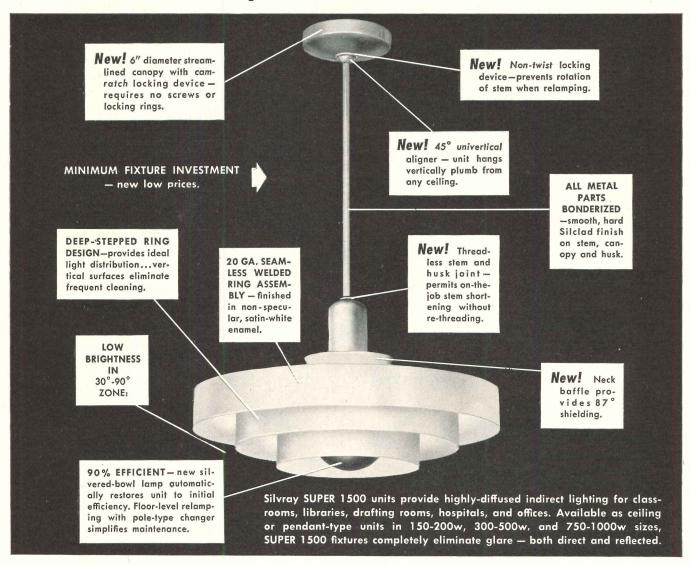
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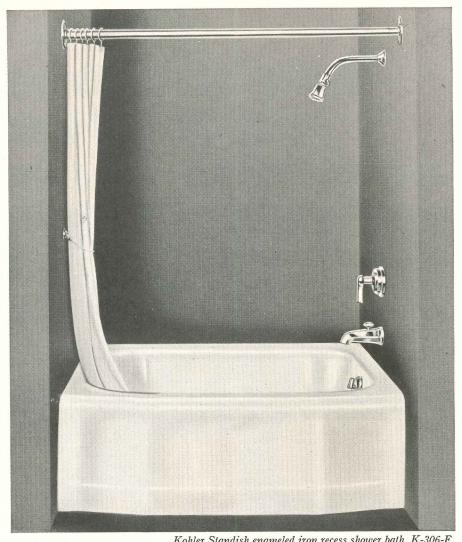
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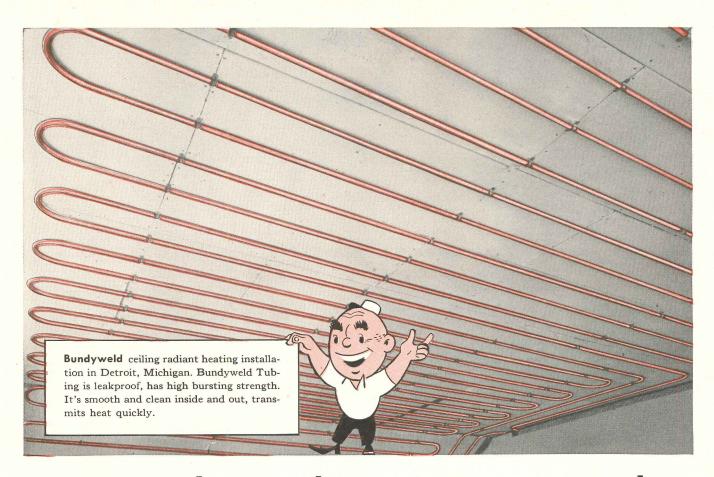
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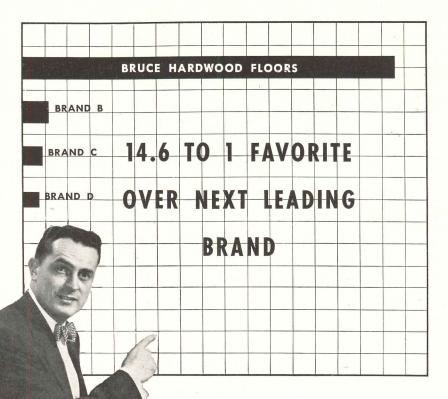
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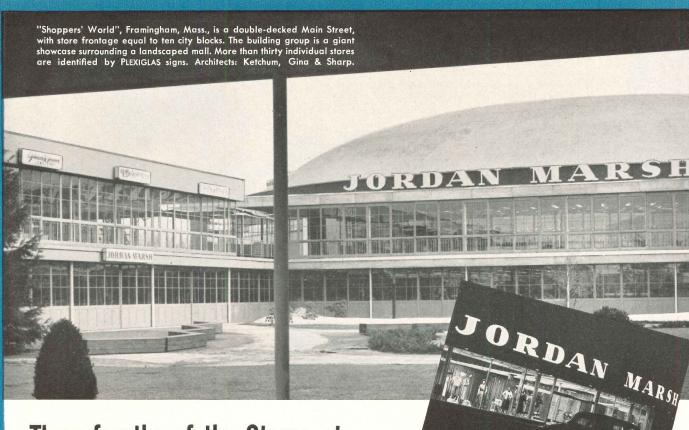
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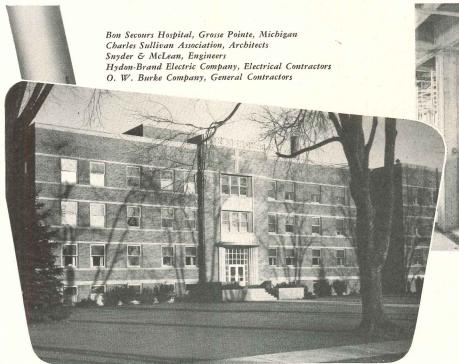
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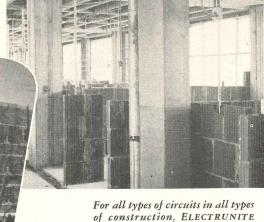
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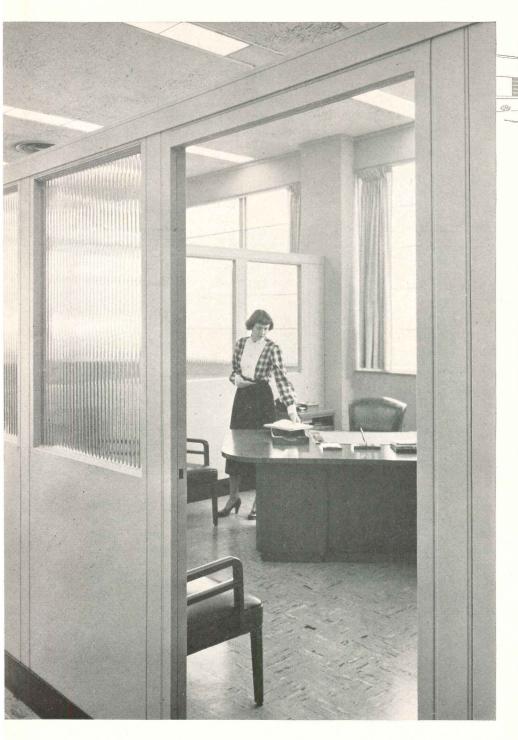
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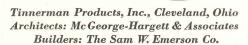
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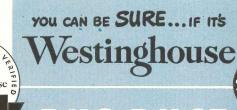
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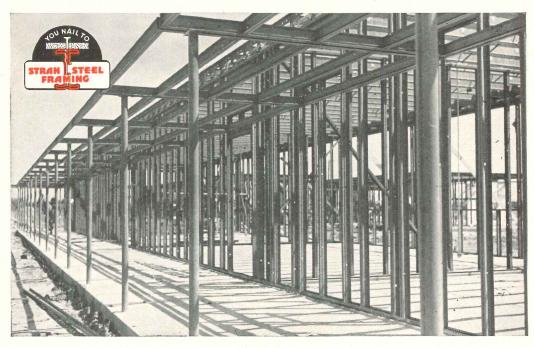
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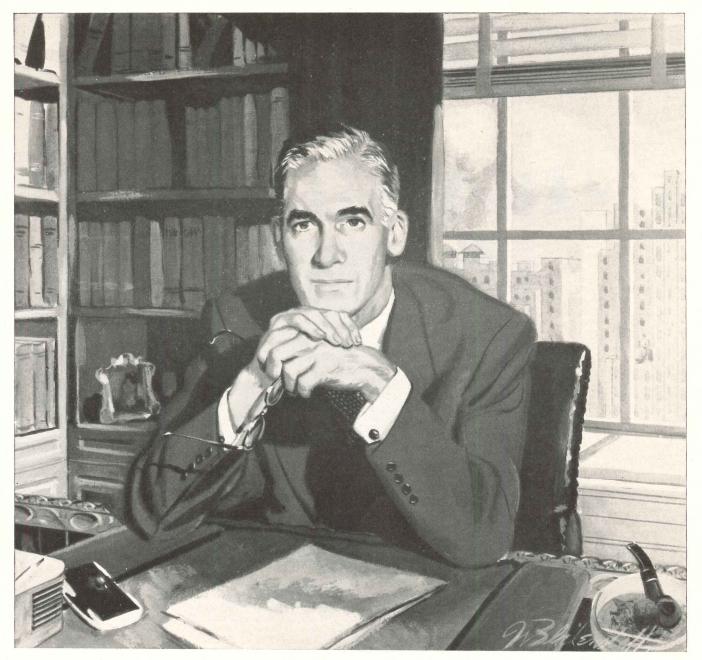
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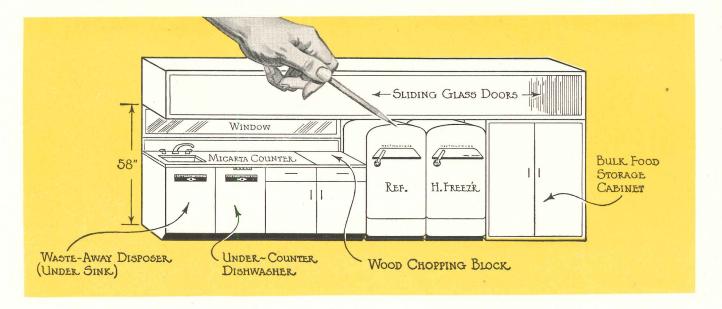
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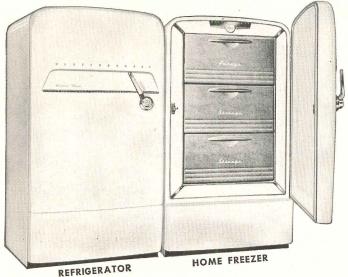
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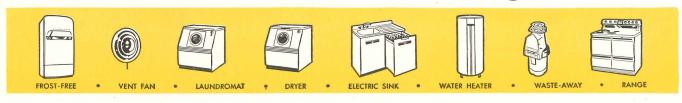
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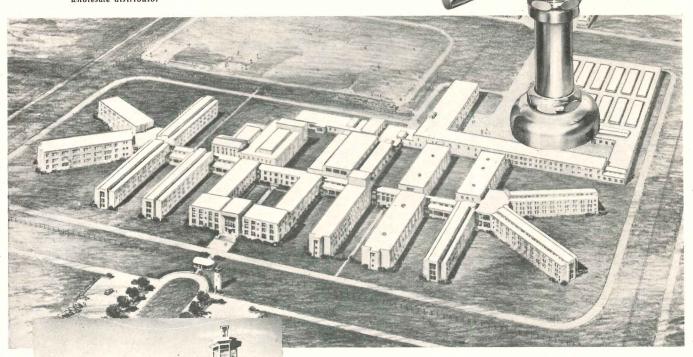
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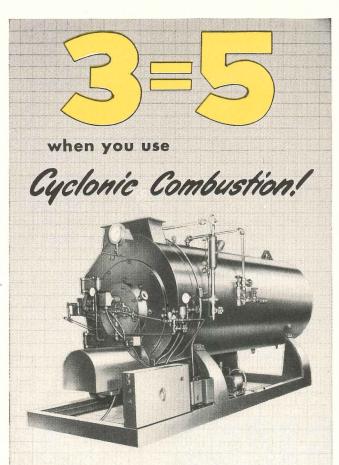


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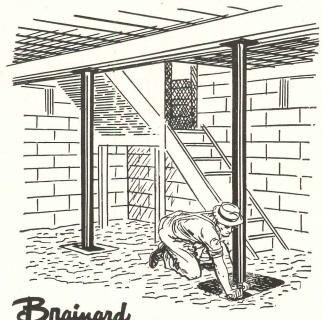


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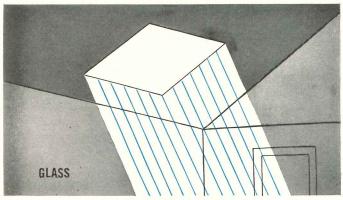
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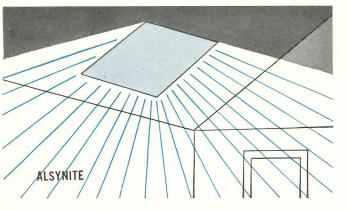


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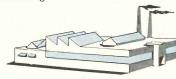


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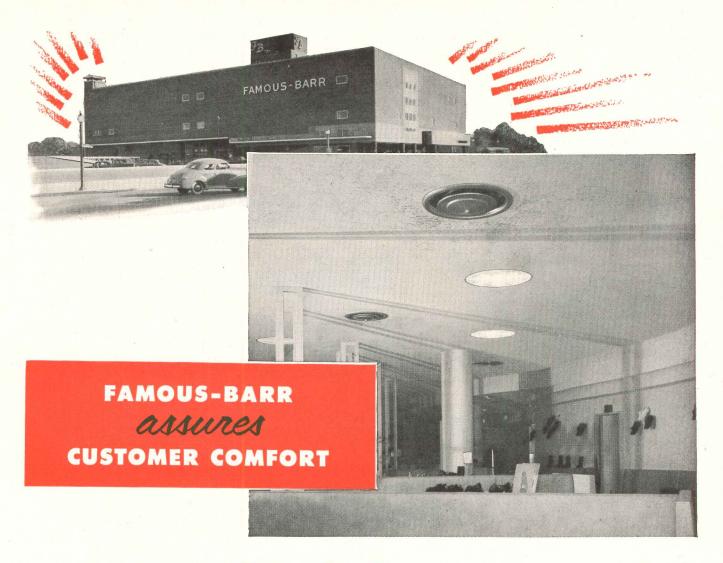
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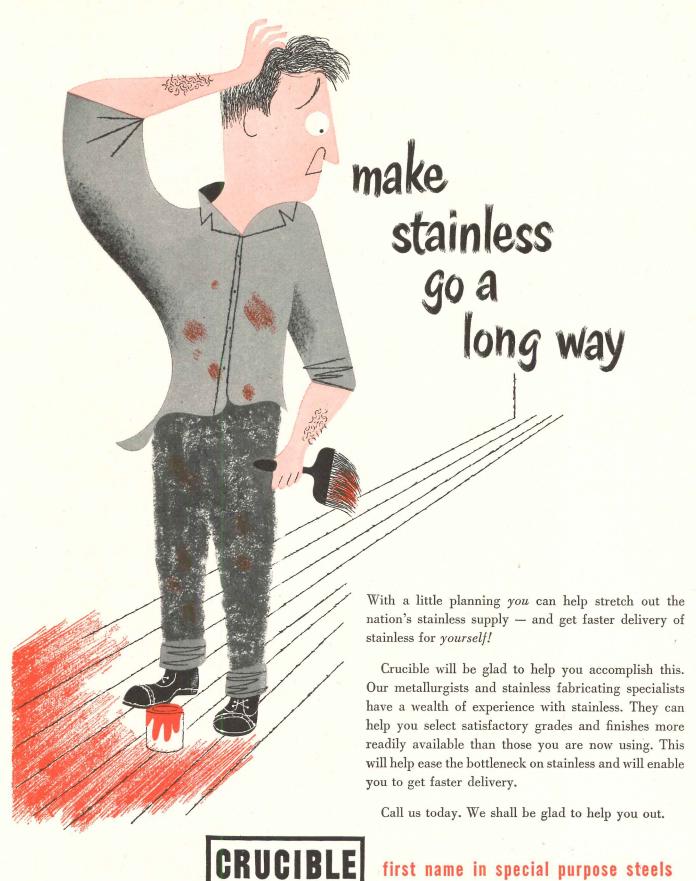
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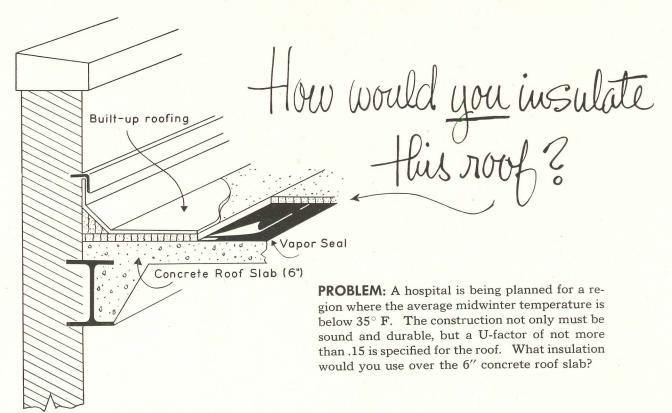
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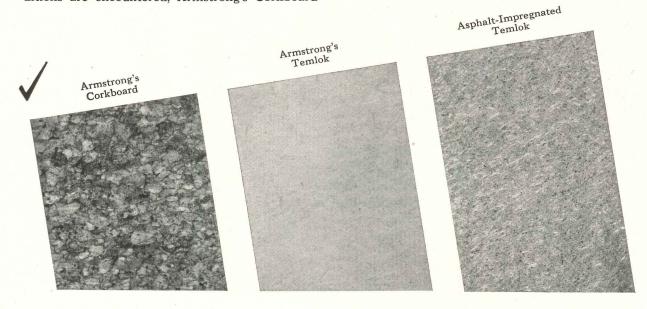


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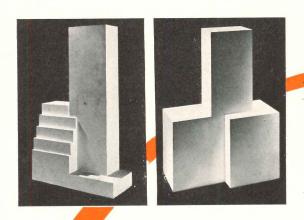
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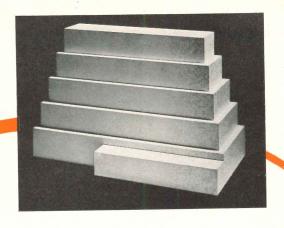
The office space within which this country's business is carried on has changed quite radically in recent years. In metropolitan centers the skyscraper concept remains, but the era of bigness for bigness' sake which reached a dubious fruition just at the time of the 1929 market crash does not now exist. Costs of construction and the emergence of different materials, of advanced design techniques, of mechanical equipment whose potentialities were barely foreseen two or three decades ago, are two reasons for the change. The emphasis is increasingly on quality of accommodation at relatively low cost.

The speculatively built office building (that is, one erected for a multiplicity of anonymous tenants) has not pioneered many of these changes. One would hardly expect it to; the speculator, who by definition takes the huge risk of building the structure at all, cannot afford to gamble in the smaller matters. Like the speculative builder of houses for sale, he believes he must employ the tried architectural devices. We find on the other hand that the client who builds for his own use is more bold; his buildings are the pioneers; sometimes, as in the case of Harris Armstrong's American Stove Company Building, in Lever House, the Alcoa Building, the U. N. Secretariat, the Carnegie Building and other recent examples, the private owner sees in these new ideas a means of impressing himself, his company or his product indelibly on the public consciousness. The U. N. Secretariat is also a symbol, of a somewhat different sort.

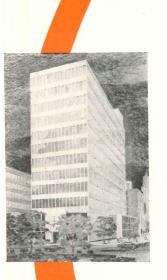
It is also significant that the comfort of the occupants of these pioneer buildings is considered important. The tenant is given light, views, air at its mechanically controlled best; he is transported vertically and his mail is whisked away with automatic precision and speed that are awesome. Something of this filters down from the skyscraper even to the two-story taxpayer; in fact, it is characteristic of smaller office structures that they provide control of sun, glare, heat, cold and air movement or else, generally speaking, their occupancy records are not so good. The demand for economical construction has led to thin membrane walls — some of them hard to justify solely on the basis of economy — and to experimentation with framing systems, even to fairly complete integration of equipment in the structure. One of the most advanced of these concepts is contained in the new building of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, an analysis of which is presented in the following pages.

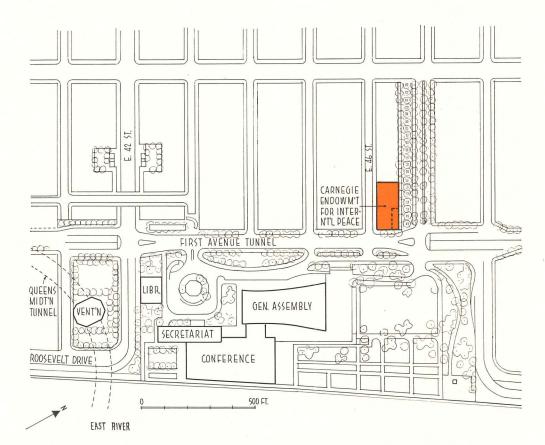
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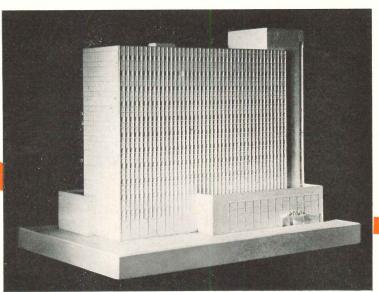




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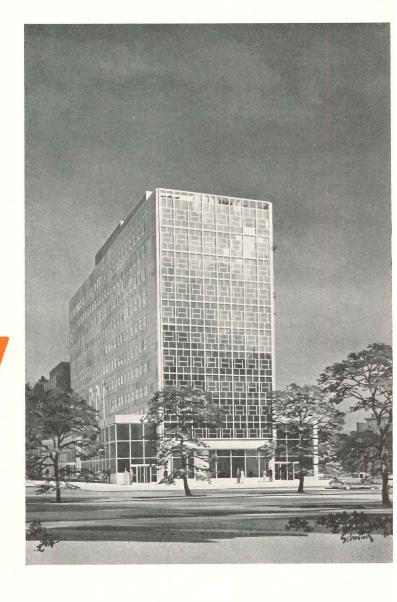
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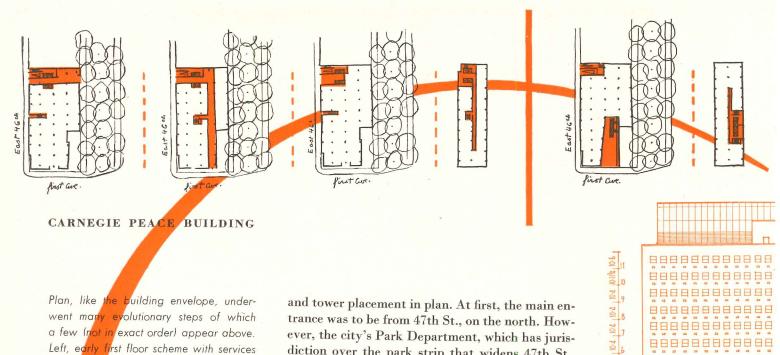
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THE BUILDING FOR THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT for International Peace, now rising opposite the entrance to the United Nations enclave on First Avenue in New York, is unusual in occupancy, site and design. Many of its characteristics are not apparent to the casual observer; almost all of them are important, at least in principle, as concepts for careful study.

Regarding occupancy: Above the ground floor, the Carnegie Peace Building is to be occupied entirely by international organizations and agencies of non-governmental types - charitable, cultural, professional, social, commercial, etc. - such as the Endowment itself, Rotary International, and many other familiar bodies. These all have a common trait. They are strictly limited as to the amount they can spend for housing their own organizations. Consequently the Carnegie Peace Building had to be designed to squeeze the maximum of rentable floor area out of the minimum building envelope a factor in designing the average speculative building but here even more potent, and, since the owner was not afraid to pioneer, an actual stimulus to design progress. Also, these organizations are tax-exempt. In order to reduce rentals even further than extreme design economy would permit, it was decided to lease most of the ground floor to commercial tenants; on this portion of income the owner will have to pay taxes. However, the structure is not intended to make a profit.

The site, fronting on First Avenue (United Nations Plaza) and running through from 46th St. to the parklike widening of 47th St. which will form the public approach to the U.N., was assembled like any other real estate holding. Not until design had been completed and excavation begun did the northeast corner lot become available. This helped determine column spacing





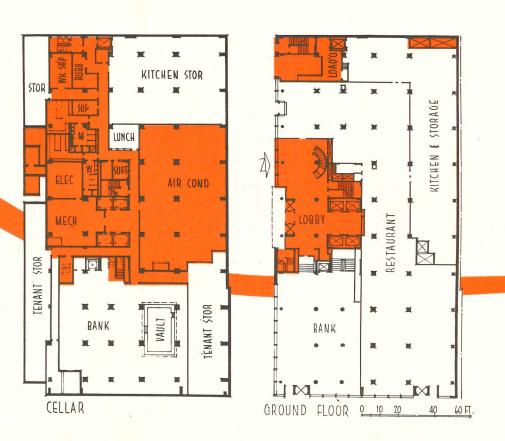
Plan, like the building envelope, underwent many evolutionary steps of which a few (not in exact order) appear above. Left, early first floor scheme with services at west, main entrance on widened 47th St. Next, after 47th St. access was denied, services still at west, entrances on 46th St. and First Ave. Next, another scheme with westerly service core, 46th St. entrance only. Next, typical floor required for all three lower floors to left; note long travel to elevators, secondary stair. Two right-hand sketches, scheme with service core on north side of tower. main entrance on First Ave., minor trucking entrance (primarily for restaurant) on 46th St. This conception sacrificed much of the most valuable ground floor rental space on First Ave. and was abandoned despite advantages

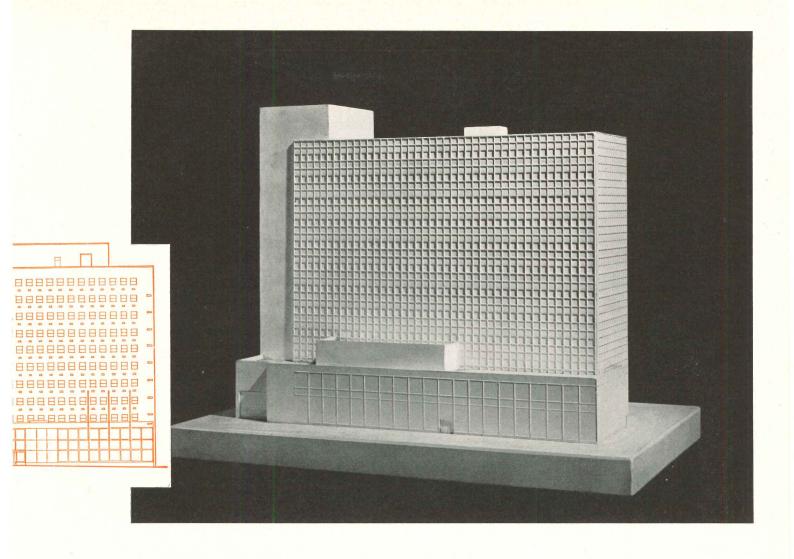
Final plan has main entrance on 46th St. utilizes all First Ave. frontage for commercial rental space. Secondary entrance on 46th St. is for trucks and service to both commercial and private restaurants. The single cellar floor is quite crowded; to obtain even the small amount of tenant storage space sidewalk vaults were necessary. Advantages of final scheme include an impressive 2-story lobby connecting directly with the International Center on the second floor, plus the simplicity of the typical tower floor loft space. In tower note that service core is concentrated, cor ridor distances can be at minimum, toiler have outside windows. Carnegie Endowment offices are to be on 11th and penthouse floors. On all tower floors, duct spaces at east and west ends of service core carry the limited air conditioning supplies needed for the few possible interior offices. Column spacing is such that, on the north, single-row offices can be one bay deep; on south, bays accommodate typical anteroom plus private office and tower placement in plan. At first, the main entrance was to be from 47th St., on the north. However, the city's Park Department, which has jurisdiction over the park strip that widens 47th St., denied the Endowment access (in line with usual city policy) and the plan had to be restudied (see sketches). The location is most important. The agencies housed have fairly close liaison with the U.N.; in fact, at one time in U.N.'s development they were to be accommodated in the northernmost U.N. building, the one which was later eliminated.

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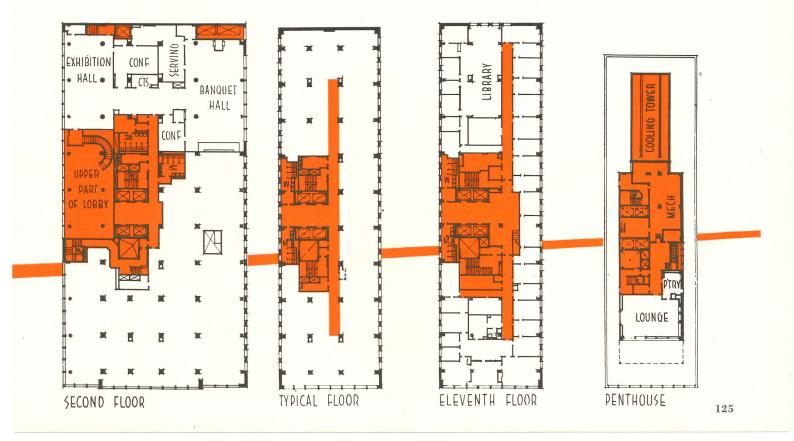
The architects and engineers worked closely in designing the Carnegie Peace Building. Structure, mechanical equipment and electrical systems are thoroughly integrated. In the 9-in. structural flat slab are contained all electrical ducts and conduits;

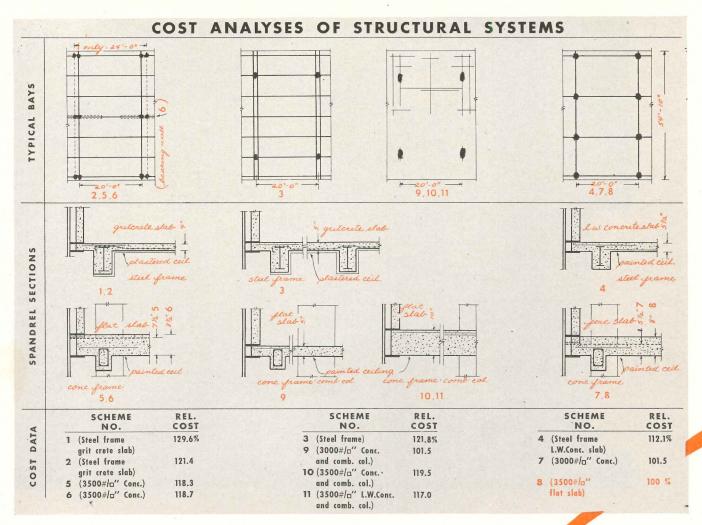
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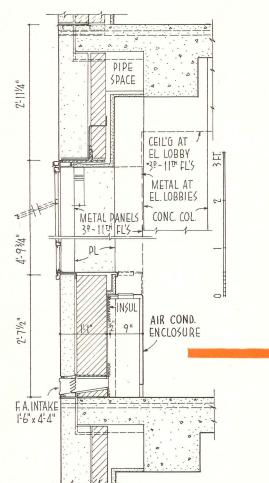




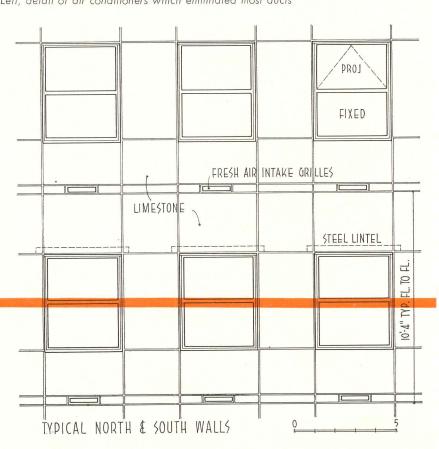
Above, photo of model as it was developed when three sides of building were metal and glass. Left, south elevation (north similar) after these walls were changed to masonry and windows. Two lower floors remain glass, metal

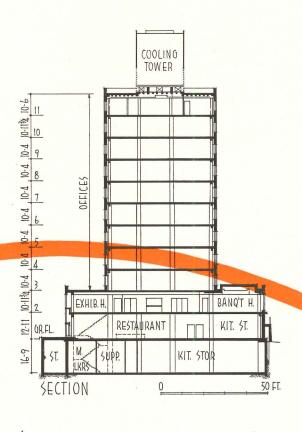




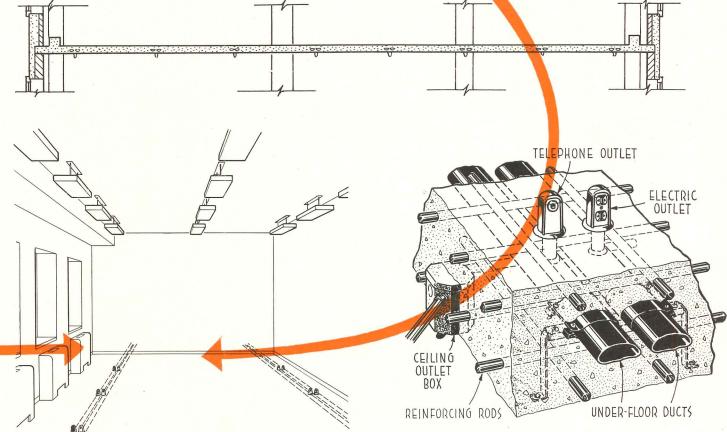


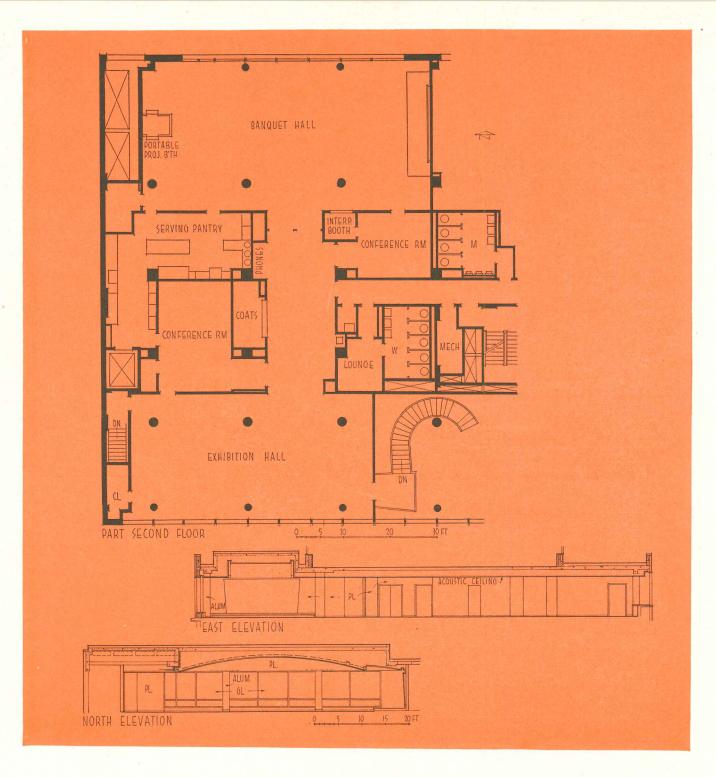
Above, analysis of eleven different structural schemes prepared by the engineers during design process, arranged according to column layout. Cheapest scheme, Number 11, uses concrete columns, an 8-in. flat slab flush on underside except for continuous peripheral beam. When all electrical services were built into structural slab, thickness had to be made 9 in. Left, detail of air conditioners which eliminated most ducts

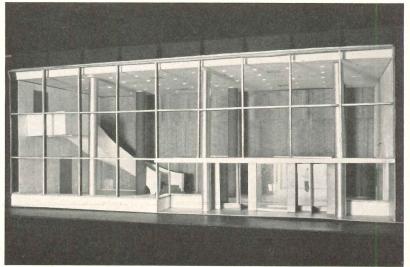




this eliminates floor fill and ceiling finish other than paint directly on the concrete. The individual air conditioners have heating and cooling media piped to them; they draw fresh air directly through north and south walls, which eliminates most air ducts (the small ducts needed for possible conditioning the few interior spaces are supplied from vertical ducts in the service core and demand little depth of ceiling furring). As a result of this coordinated design, floor-to-floor height in the tower is held to 10 ft 4 in. — in contrast to the 11 to 12 ft normally required. Until final estimates, north and south facades as well as the east face were to be metal and glass, like the U.N. Secretariat. Construction cost forced the use of limestone facades on the north and south tower walls; an added benefit of this last evolutionary step was reduction in air conditioning load.





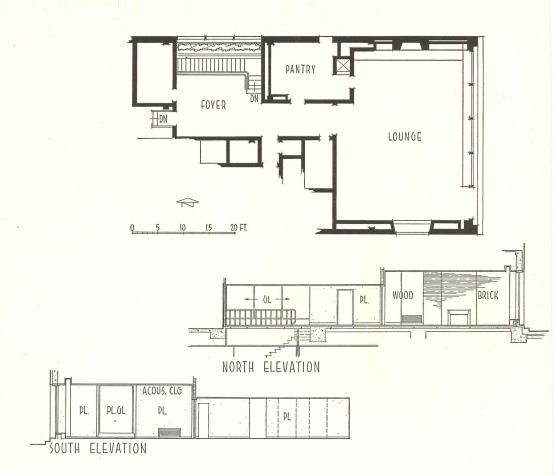


Left, study model, 46th St. Lobby, showing stair to International Center. Probably to be finished in wood, it is intended to have both warmth and scale

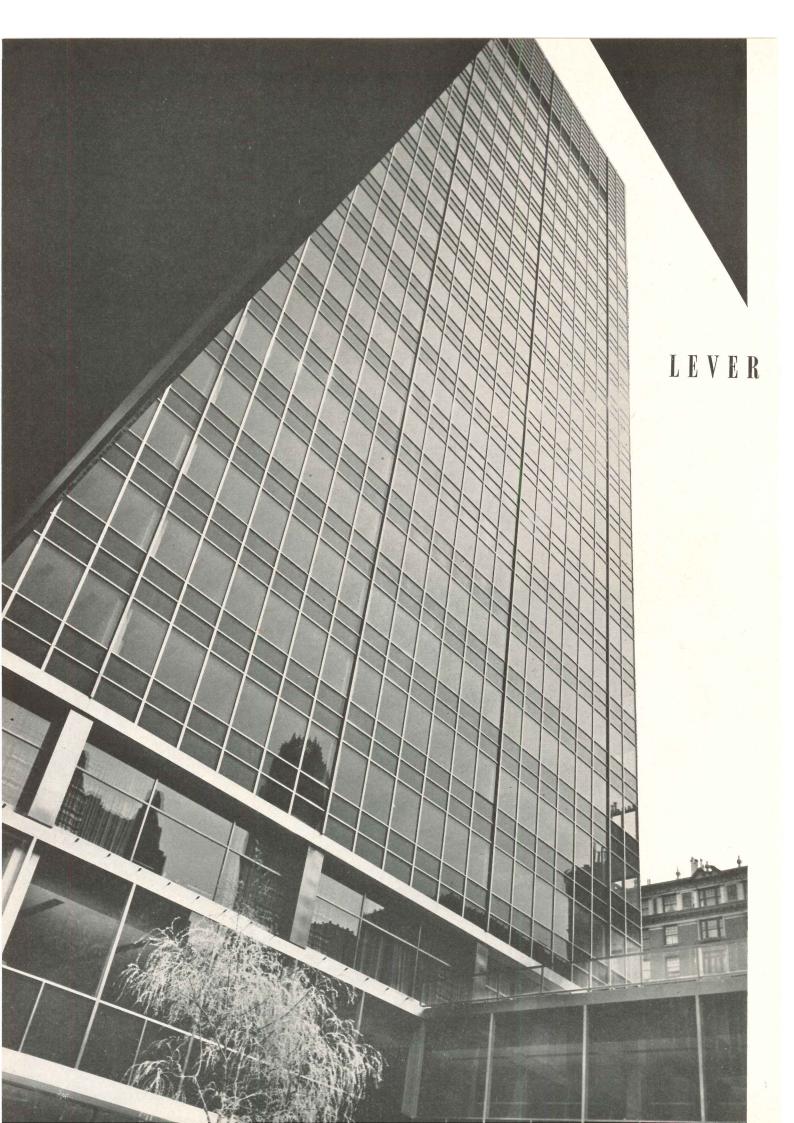
CARNEGIE PEACE BUILDING

Right, plan and elevations of Carnegie Endowment Lounge on penthouse floor. Interior design has not been finally determined

Left, plan and elevations, International Center on second floor. Note the physical connection by stair with the 2-story lobby on the 46th St. side. Service elevator (far left) connects with first-floor service entrance, restaurant kitchen, and kitchen storage in basement. Since these drawings were made the Center has been expanded; a Lounge has been added to the right of the Banquet Hall, with its entrance directly from the elevator lobby (not shown). Below, construction status early in May, 1952







Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Structural Engineers: Weiskopf & Pickworth

Mechanical Engineers: Jaros, Baum & Bolles

HOUSE, NEW YORK: GLASS AND STEEL WALLS

Interior Design: Raymond Loewy Associates

Contractor: George A. Fuller Company

The exterior of lever house — 24 stories of blue-green heat-resistant glass and stainless steel — was a technical design problem which required the joint efforts of architects, engineers, general contractors and subcontractors. Its glass-paned skin is designed to be kept sparkling clean (Lever Brothers, manufacturers of soaps and detergents, are naturally pleased at this) with minimum difficulty or expense. The building has no openable sash. This not only prevents the entrance of the big city's dirt and grime, but is a means of reducing the total air conditioning load. It also lessens interior maintenance.

The heat-resistant glass likewise reduces both the air conditioning load and sun or sky glare. Wire glass faces the spandrels, which the building code required to be of masonry. The structure itself is of conventional steel frame, with tower bays so laid out that only narrow vertical mullions, formed of paired channel shapes, interrupt the glass. Horizontal mullions and muntins are similarly light in section; all are sheathed with 16-ga Type 302 stainless steel which is secured to the exterior glazing channels with hand-driven screws. Glazing channels were in turn screwed to structural mullions; the operation (see details on following pages) took time and was obviously expensive. However, this office building was designed for sole occupancy by Lever Brothers - even its ground floor has no tenants; a reasonably high construction cost, commensurate with the aim of providing an imposing, almost institutional, edifice, was not inappropriate.

The openness of the ground floor (where much of the area is garden and pedestrian walks with only the essentials enclosed in glass) is also somewhat monumental, if not in expression certainly in its fundamental regard

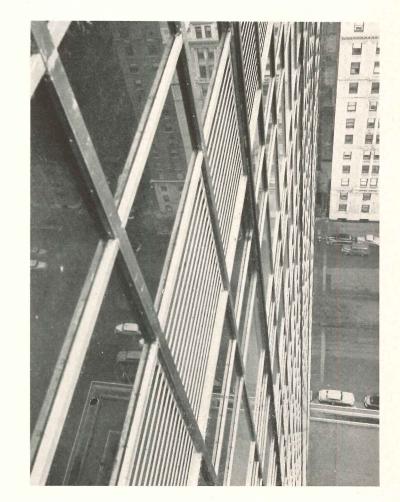
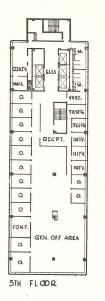
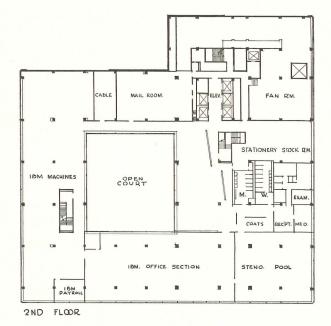


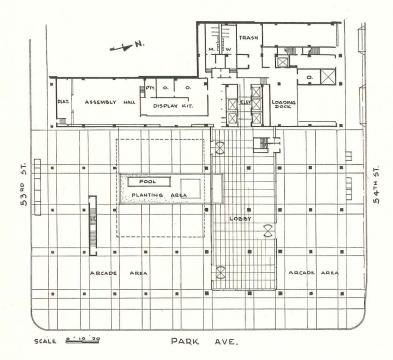
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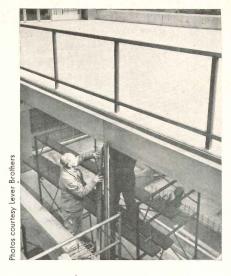


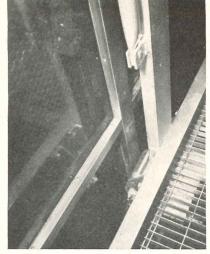




for the citizens of New York. In this aspect, the entire structure is thoughtful, pleasant and a decided advance over the average speculative building. Above the few lower stories the tower is so designed that its slim bulk permits what it can of a city vista — an impression heightened by the contrasting surroundings. This is something to be grateful for. Like the U. N. Secretariat, like the new Carnegie building now under construction (see preceding pages), it is a narrow slab, which means that the typical office floor will contain few dark cubicles. The design is an enlightened venture in public relations, and is to be applauded; the glass and metal skin, also a source of public interest, becomes rather a stunt by comparison.

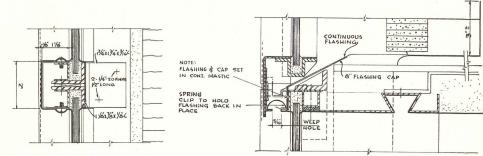
In plan, the enclosed ground-floor area contains display and reception space, waiting areas for visitors, a demonstration kitchen and an auditorium. On the second floor are employees' lounge, medical suite, general office facilities. On the third floor, lowest of the tower, is the employees' cafeteria overlooking roof terraces. The remaining floors, up through the 21st, house offices of the parent and subsidiary companies. Above are the equivalent of three floors of mechanical equipment. In addition to complete air conditioning, the building is fitted with what has been called "the most modern fire alarm equipment"; and with a conveyor system, newly developed, which not only picks up internal and outside communications and distributes them vertically, but also transports them horizontally to the mail room. In such technical aspects, Lever House is marvelously ingenious.

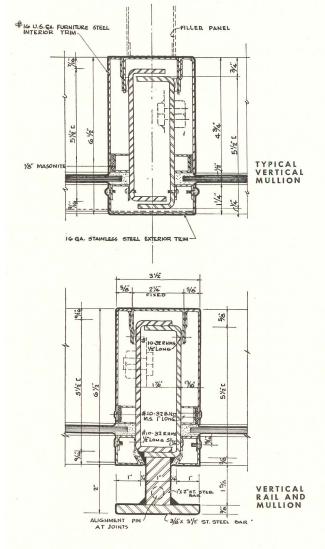


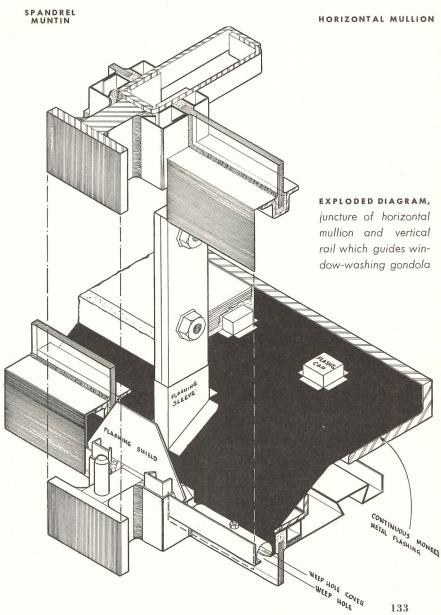




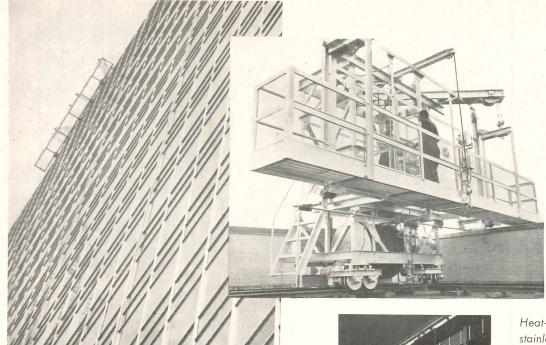
Applying the glass-and-steel skin: facing page, fundamental structure complete, stainless steel being applied, June 1, 1951. Above, left, setting stainless steel Inote hand tools bottom of photol; center, close-up at spandrel, viewed from window-washing gondola; right, stainless steel interior sills, flush with spandrel members, are also outlets for high-velocity air conditioning system. In details, note cap, shield and sleeve flashings



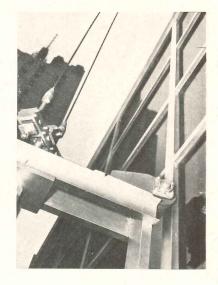






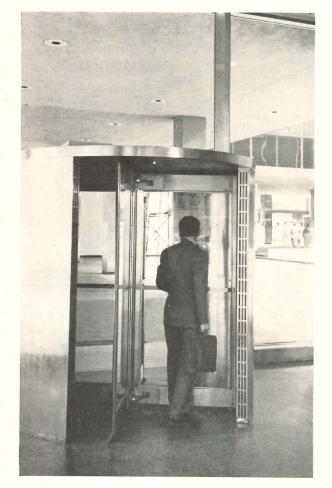


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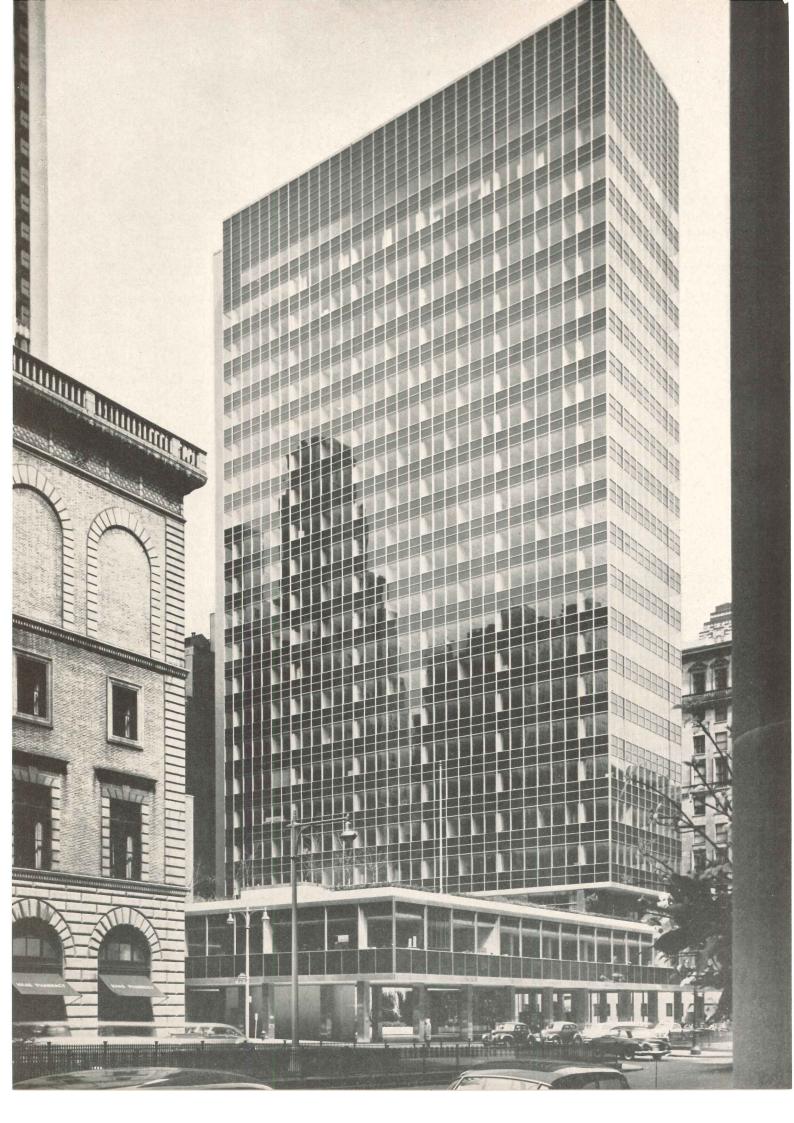
Heat-resistant glass—1404 panes—and stainless steel members are cleaned by two men with water, detergent and squeegees, from a traveling gondola. Top left, gondola at top of tower; center, 101/2 ton power plant travels around perimeter of roof on railroad rails Igondola is being posititioned to go over the parapet); right, flat mullions steady plastic rollers at ends of gondola. Lever House gondola is not the first window-washing machine. Center, left, shows one prototype used on Wake County Office Building, Raleigh, N. C. William H. Dietrick, Architectl published in ARCHITECTURAL RECORD Sept. 1951, pp. 149–151. Others have been employed in this country and abroad





Stainless steel is also employed extensively inside the building. Left, stainless steel revolving door and housing, with air conditioning outlet in jamb; above, stainless-steel-sheathed columns at sidewalk arcade; note open ground floor

Photo opposite, Ben Schnall



OFFICE DESIGN

Prepared by Caleb Hornbostel, Architect

Due to the start of World War II, tenants have gradually accepted the responsibility and cost of alteration in order to obtain satisfactory quarters. The architect found that he was being called in not only when a new structure was planned but also for remodeling and interior redesign. With the continuing heavy demand for office space, his practice may include anything from the layout for a one-room office to altering several floors of a large building and even designing specialized small buildings in situations that are often not satisfactory. Basic layout for office space, be it large or small, usually includes the following areas: reception, waiting or dis-

play; main or executive business offices; and subsidiary office space, including work areas, pertinent to the business itself.

An office generally presents much the same requirements as a classroom. The problems in lighting both natural and artificial, of the acoustics of the area as a whole and of soundproofing individual offices, of storage space, of the use of color, and of flexibility in internal arrangements, are common to both. The main design problem usually is to fit the client's office and circulation needs into the limitations imposed by existing conditions. What is interesting is how the difficulties themselves are often turned into design assets.

ORIENTATION

Today's client has become conscious of comfort. In other words, he is now aware how important it is to make his office a pleasant place to work in. Therefore, orientation is the first factor the architect will consider in arriving at his final design. If he may determine the location, he can avoid many of the troubles by selecting a northern or eastern exposure. If the orientation is of necessity southern or western, he must somehow eliminate the effects of solar heat and glare, using perhaps

double glazing, heat-resistant glass, drapes or screens, venetian blinds or interior or external louvers, now available in a variety of designs and materials.

Air conditioning, too, is influenced by orientation. For example, southern or western exposures may require a larger number and higher capacity of units than either northern or eastern exposures.

In short, orientation influences the basic pattern for both large aspects and details of office design.

AIR CONDITIONING

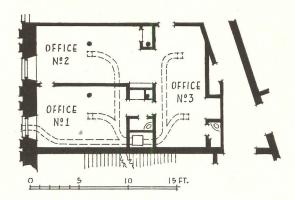
AIR conditioning today is usually installed either as localized units or as a central unit with a duct system. The local unit has the advantage of flexibility, but may demand a special power outlet. Some types require water and drainage and therefore are impractical wherever water restrictions exist. Cost is also a factor, depending on how many units are used.

The central unit with a duct system for each office group, although more economical from the viewpoint of equipment costs, can create other problems. First, as a cost factor, the system of ducts has to be distributed throughout the entire office space, and much of the ceiling area often has to be furred. Second, in the design, the ducts must not cut down too much on ceiling height.

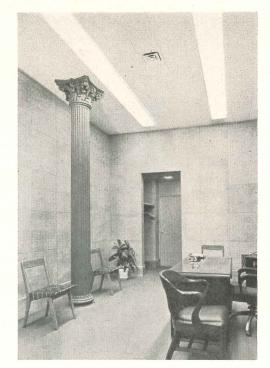
Finally, localized control for individual conditions within the office is usually ruled out by cost. Nonetheless, the central unit remains the best type for a large yet compact office.

In some of the newer large office buildings a central plant supplies refrigerant and heat to every office area. The advantages of these systems are many; foremost among them are complete flexibility, individual control, and a mechanical simplification of air conditioning equipment, which represents a great reduction in cost.

Extensive research is being done on the "heat pump" type of equipment which will, when we know more about its cost under all conditions, supply atmospheric conditions to order the year around.



This alteration, a business office for The Cooper Union in New York designed by Esmond Shaw, is uncomplicated and succeeds in using the peculiarities of this old building, one of the first steel structures put up in America, to advantage. Central air conditioning with a duct system helped cut down ceilings — too high to begin with. The cast iron Corinthian column, painted green, is actually one of the original main supporting structural members and not just a decorative note



Alexander Demaras

REMODELING

THE problems of office alteration are perhaps best explained by taking a specific example, designed by Kenneth Franzheim, Architect, and following the changes made to reach a final scheme (see photos right).

The original San Jacinto Hotel Building, built in 1910, proved a real conversion headache, as original structural drawings were not available and the skeleton had to be exposed before planning could begin.

At the start, the owner, thinking it possible to salvage the upper floors by simply changing the layout from bedrooms to offices, leased the lower four floors with sub-basement, complete from street to street. This forced relocation of elevators to the side street property line. As demolition proceeded, it became evident that only the original structural steel could be salvaged; heavy floor slabs had to go. Since this was in June 1950 when steel was scarce, conversion, instead of rebuilding, went ahead even though the fenestration also proved unsuitable and the entire facade had to be removed.

Office planning within the existing framework and with front location of elevators proved to be unsound economically, as the proportion of rental area to gross area was very low. The owners were then persuaded to extend the building through the block, to bring net rentable area to 80 per cent of the gross. Since the building is air conditioned all year and had good artificial light, the entire lot area was covered, leaving no rear light courts.

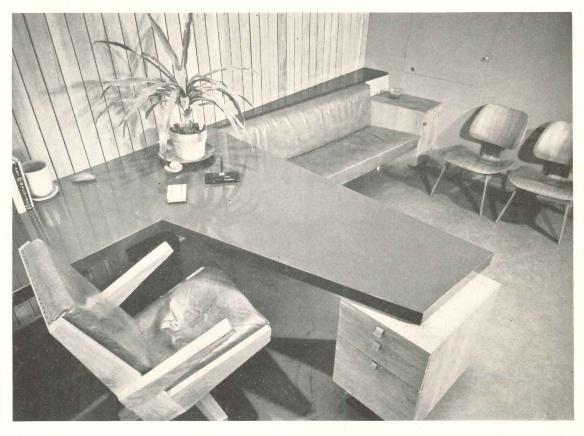
This move proved a sound one. The building is almost fully rented at profitable rates, with tenants paying for partitions and individual construction costs.







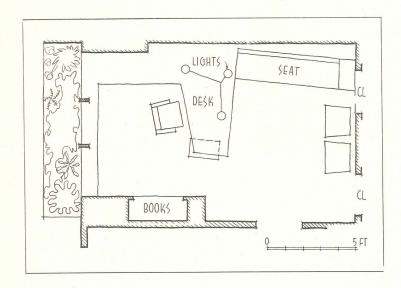




Stuart Wiener

INTERIOR PLANNING OF A

Office for Dean of School of Architecture
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California



THE STUDENTS IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN at the University 1 of Southern California undertook the remodeling of their dean's office as an extracurricular project, with results that speak for themselves. What was just a 10 by 15 ft cubicle of office space, with four plaster walls and a narrow strip window at one end, was turned into a very pleasant room. The only set requirement had been a 28 in. high desk with large working surface. Otherwise the design and plan were to be the students' own. The labor was theirs also, as were the design and cabinet work for all the furniture except the two Eames chairs. One wall was faced with ½ by 4 in. oak strips separated by a $\frac{1}{2}$ in. space backed by a strip of industrial cork. This simple device greatly improved the acoustics of the room, which were decidedly poor prior to remodeling. The broad ell-shaped desk with brown plastic top aids the horizontal effect in the very small room. The color scheme is natural oak, brown leather, brown plastic and a blue-green wall opposite the window.



SPATIAL ORGANIZATION

Using furniture to subdivide space

ACOUSTICS

Improved acoustics by clever use of materials

FURNISHINGS

Everything built-in except three chairs

ONE-ROOM OFFICE





The complete end wall of the office was removed and replaced by a glass wall opening onto a private patio; ventilating units are at the floor and above the trellis at the ceiling. Beyond the glass wall is a planting area in the patio



The tiny lobby and receptionist's area holds only a desk reduced to barest essentials; the switchboard, files and other office needs are concealed in the small alcove to the left. Below is the cantilevered desk in the semiprivate alcove



THREE-IN-ONE OFFICE FOR

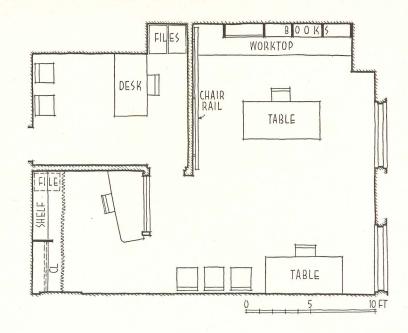
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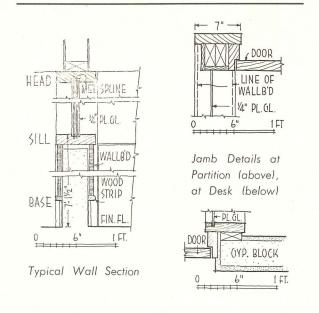
HERE IS AN ADMIRABLY SIMPLE LAYOUT that was worked out for a small commercial office area. Yet this mere "hole in the wall," to use the words of the advertising firm which had its start here (the company has expanded and merged with Alley & Richards, Inc.; it is now H. B. Humphrey, Alley & Richards, Inc.), was so carefully scaled and stripped to the bone that it gives the impression of being much larger than it actually is. The basic requirements for three separate work areas—reception, work and private conference—were met by using only three partitions: one a solid wall; one a screen wall of glass above and fiber board below, which can be



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ADVERTISING AGENCY

Ketchum, Gina & Sharp, Architects

used for display on both sides; and one a floor-to-ceiling glass panel between the main working area and the ell of space on the other side of the solid partition setting apart the receptionist's area. This alcove serves for conferences with individual clients and gives a certain amount of privacy. The large work area can also be used for conferences by pushing the two large table desks together to form one long table. The old radiators were left in place and only venetian blinds were added to the windows at the outside wall. The drape across the entire length of the semiprivate alcove hides a coat closet and a surprising amount of storage space.

INTERNAL CIRCULATION

One door controls inside circulation

STORAGE

In existing niche, in hung cabinets and behind a curtain

PARTITION

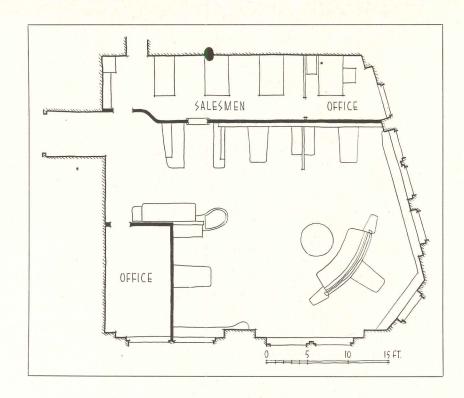
Use of minimum partitions to sub-divide space

SPATIAL ORGANIZATION

Reception, waiting, display and multiple sales booths in one area

AIR CONDITIONING

Local units installed throughout



MULTI-PURPOSE SHOWROOMS AND SALES OFFICE

Ben Schnall



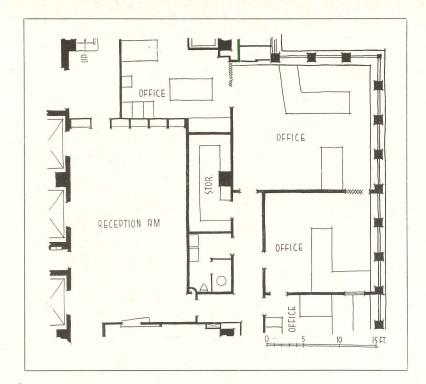
Receptionist's area with sales cubicles behind it, and the view from the entrance into the main showroom The Bernhard Altmann Corp.

New York, New York

Gerhard E. Karplus, Architect

The initial difficulties lay in basic construction—the removal and conversion of several dentists' offices with their complicated plumbing. The client expressly desired that the main showroom reflect the "luxury and romantic background of cashmere," and seem a relaxing living room rather than a place of business. Therefore soft colors, murals and plants were used. The entire floor area was carpeted, the ceiling was furred and acoustically treated, and existing windows are concealed behind continuous drapes.





AIR CONDITIONING

Supplied by central system in building

LIGHTING

Designed to approximate daylight

PARTITIONS

Use of translucent glass with back lighting

OFFICE DESIGN IN AN AIR CONDITIONED BUILDING

Tishman Realty Company
New York, New York
Seymour Joseph, Architect

In a new building where air conditioning is supplied, interior office space is as desirable as perimeter locations. The design of the reception area here illustrates this point. Translucent glass partitions and planting boxes add to the open feeling. Unseen advantages in such buildings are twofold — mechanical difficulties and economic factors of air conditioning are no longer the tenant's concern, and the only problems of orientation are to cut down sun glare and control light, a simple matter of drapes and venetian blinds in this office.





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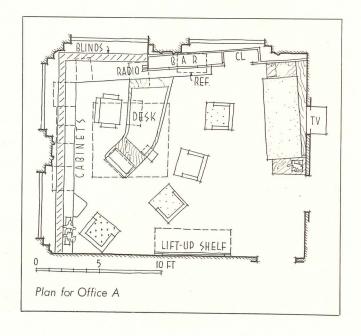
EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Gottscho-Schleisner





Corner office, marked A in General Plan, with two false walls. Wood panelled wall holds bar, closet, refrigerator, storage units and air conditioning equipment. Two hinged panels cover bar



WITH "PROBLEM" WINDOWS

Offices for Holly Stores, Inc. New York, New York

Morris Lapidus, Architect

Where the exterior windows are as unattractive and badly situated as they were here, and whenever the orientation is poor, the best answer often is to close off the original external walls with false screen walls. These two offices illustrate three different solutions to the problem. In the one office (A in General Plan) shown on the facing page, vertical cloth louvers screen the upper section of one wall and part of the adjoining wall, yet permit daylight to filter through. The lower wood-panelled portion that extends along both false walls holds drawers, storage space and special equipment. In the other office (B in General Plan), there is only one screen wall, back of which are the radiator, air conditioning and additional storage compartments.

Both offices are elaborately appointed to serve the needs of top-level business executives. The larger and more complex of the two (office A) has facilities for business conference and entertaining which include a bar, radio and television. The desks in both offices have been specially designed and integrated with the other fittings of the room. The ceilings are hung acoustical plaster, with skylight-type fixtures over the desks.

SCREEN WALLS

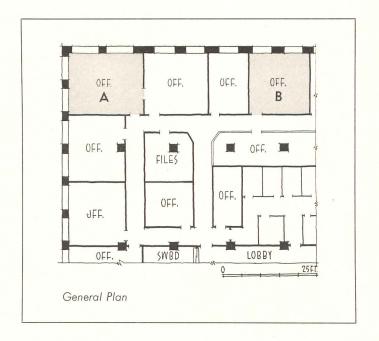
Three methods of treating poor fenestration

LIGHTING

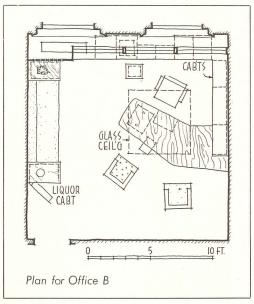
Natural over-all lighting supplemented with skylight-type fixture

EQUIPMENT

Complex facilities for business, conference and entertaining







AIR CONDITIONING

Central ceiling area furred and used as plenum for perimeter offices

FURNISHINGS

Basic theme incorporated into design of each item

SPATIAL ORGANIZATION

Executive offices surround partitioned central work area

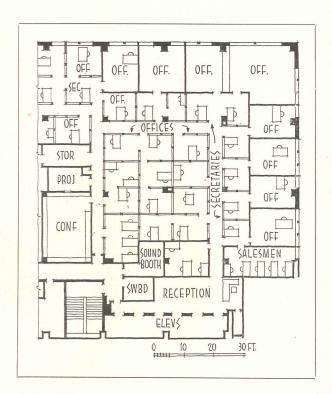


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New York, New York

Maurice and Joseph Mogulescu and Gerald Luss of Designs For Business, Inc., Designers



DSPECIALLY EFFECTIVE LIGHTING is achieved throughout these offices by the use of a combination of indirect fluorescent lighting, incandescent recessed baffle downlights with baffles painted same as ceiling to conceal the source, and direct light from adjustable pulley-type suspended fixtures for desk work. The result is soft diffused shadowless general illumination and pools of warm light at key desk areas.

Clear glass and metal form movable partitions which divide individual offices in the central work area. A flush acoustical ceiling reflects light from low-brightness tubes to give 65-ft candle illumination.

The president's office has an interior adapted to the specific working needs of a publisher. The 20-ft desk is broken by its L-shaped contour.

The receptionist's desk repeats the above design. In all the desks any massive feeling is overcome by a system of suspending the working units and floating the desk surface to give a light airy feeling.

The related color scheme uses muted tones ranging from off-white to warm walnut.

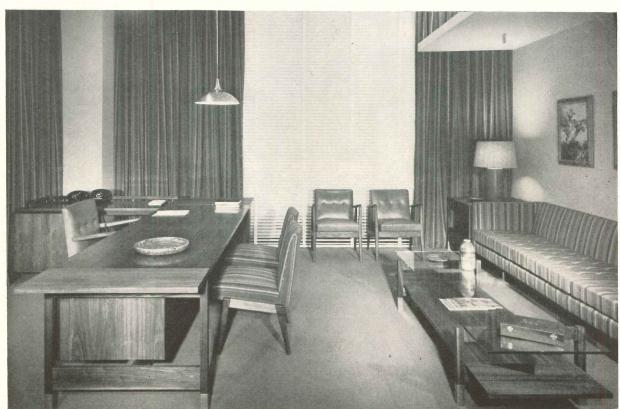




Above: Combination library and conference room. Standard steel shelves hold firm's first editions. During conferences sliding walnut panels hide books. Back of one panel is a film projector, and on opposite wall a recessed screen. At right and below: President's office with desk-conference table which houses working equipment



Ben Schnall



DUAL REQUIREMENTS

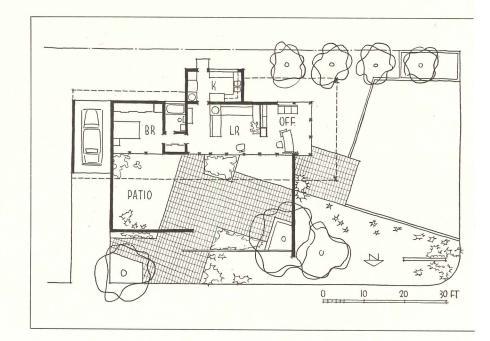
Accessibility for business, seclusion for private living, parking for both

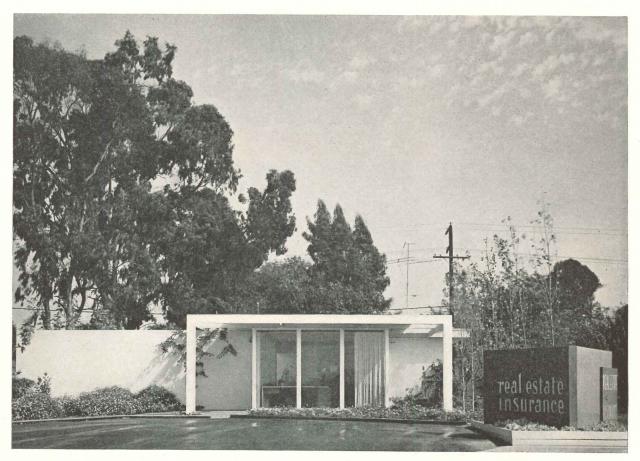
INTERNAL CIRCULATION

 $Home\ and\ of fice\ can\ be\ kept\ entirely\ separate$

STORAGE

Home storage concentrated on outside walls Office storage in dividing wall





Marvin Rand

COMBINATION OF HOME AND OFFICE

The Baird House

Edward A. Killingsworth, Architect

Los Alamitos, California

THE PROBLEM HERE was to provide living quarters with attached office facilities for a middle-aged couple who have a small real estate and insurance business. Primary function was living. Budget was a basic factor in the design. The resulting modest structure has much to recommend it — graceful distinction of design, integration of business and private living, simple yet adequate technical details — all on a tiny plot of land and built at rock-bottom cost.

The view from the highway shows the attractive business facade and short stop parking facilities, yet gives no clue to secluded areas for family living. Walls are citron yellow with white trim, face of parking curb and sign are painted grayed turquoise.



Indoor-outdoor views of patio, living room and office



ILLUMINATION

Courtyard used to expand window areas

PARTITIONS

Interesting use of glass to borrow light

OVER-ALL INTEGRATION

Entire design, exterior and interior, handled by the architects

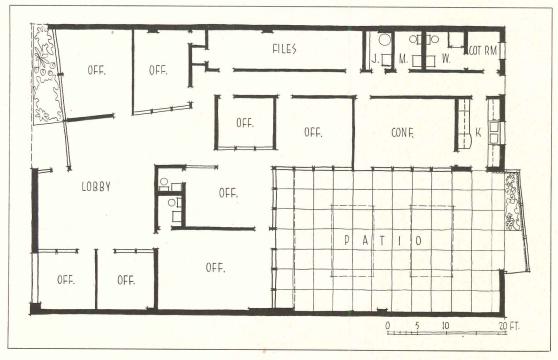


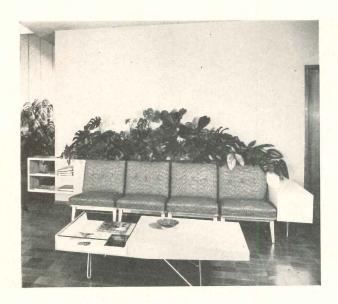


SMALL OFFICE BUILDING ON INTERNAL LOT



THE ELL-SHAPE of this small office building is keyed to the size of the lot. The main concern here was how to get natural illumination into the many separate offices in the building. By planning all of the offices about the large inside court and using glass areas and glass partitions of all types wherever possible, the problem of trapping and diffusing light was answered. A limited number of types of surface materials on the interior and a careful integration of both color and furnishings contribute to a feeling of over-all continuity.





Regional office for Hilton Hotels

Los Angeles, California

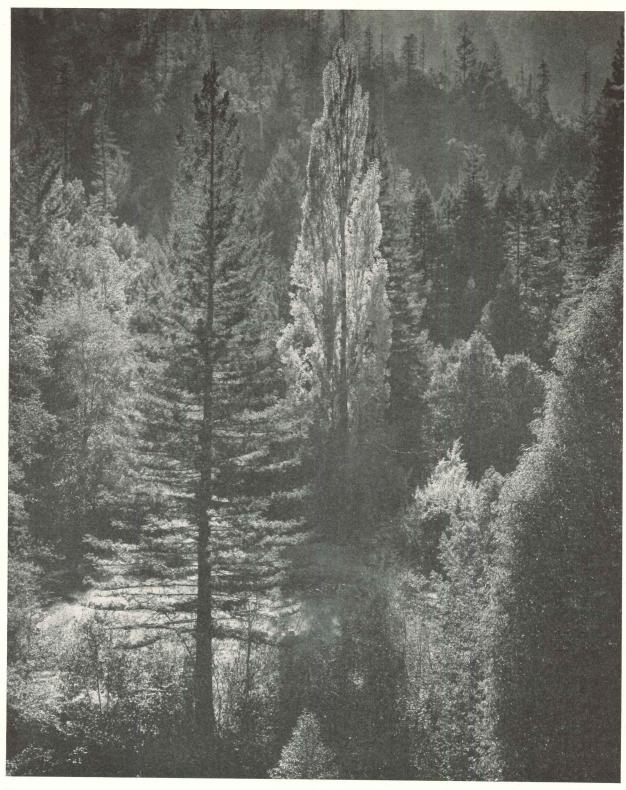
Welton Becket and Associates, Architects

Julius Shulman



Interesting use of frankly exposed, painted conduits and three light fixtures create an abstract pattern. Color scheme: beige carpet; beige and natural tweedy fabric; walnut walls, beams and desk top; wall at left and soffit painted bright green; desk chair covered in teal blue, other chairs in rust





Tree in Forest

Morley Baer

THE INDIVIDUAL IN ARCHITECTURE — Henry Hill

THE INDIVIDUAL IN ARCHITECTURE

By Henry Hill

Three-dimensional architecture, as every art, is the result of the individual's expression of his beliefs and convictions; if you will, it is his statement of a philosophy. It is, moreover, an expression of the individual's time. His means of expression grow from the needs of the human problem and a given environment. The realized concept is completely interwoven with the individual and his personal thinking. Thus, the work of a creative individual is his handwriting, expressing in some ambition and vanity; in others, the warmth and delight of understanding; in some, harshness and boldness; in others, firmness and grace; in so many, the mediocre; in so few, something that adds more to the integrity and dignity of man.

Few are the great leaders; many participate in, and contribute to, the fullest expression of a belief or an idea; the degree of participation or contribution is the measurement of the man. Each individual has the capacity for the expression of a full life. Who has not experienced



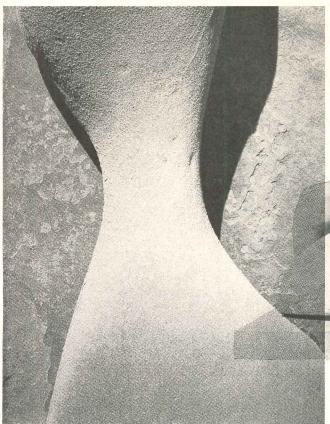
Lily in Ferns

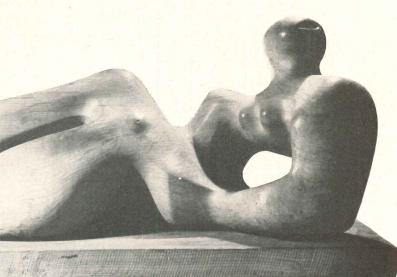
Frances Baer

"And may not a man perhaps burst his bonds asunder? May not his spirit, hidden though it be, break forth, and show such form and color of manliness that we shall say: Here is a new flower . . . a new thing of beauty born of untoward surroundings into a needy world."

- LOUIS SULLIVAN

Is life sustained by man's intellect or by the very soil on which we live?





Courtesy Albright Art Gallery

Reclining Figure

Henry Moore

Eroded Stone

Morley Baer

THE INDIVIDUAL IN ARCHITECTURE - Henry Hill

the beauty of a child's wonder, and the delight of his world of imagination? In the very short space of one lifetime too many lose much of their inborn capacity to exercise their imagination.

A young student at Stanford University, in telling why he is taking architecture says: "Whether he is conscious of it or not, a man's profession permeates the whole range of his human activities. It is in accordance with the individual's character; his activities become, so to speak, an exalted version of the person himself. Under opposite circumstances, it is like the permanent presence of an unfriendly law. His work can be a dead weight — or life itself."

Eric Mendelsohn has said:

"It is the longing for life, when death is omnipresent; It is the devotion to truth, when truth is on trial;

It is the courage of action, when values become stagnant *
That remolds the spirit and redirects the march of
man."

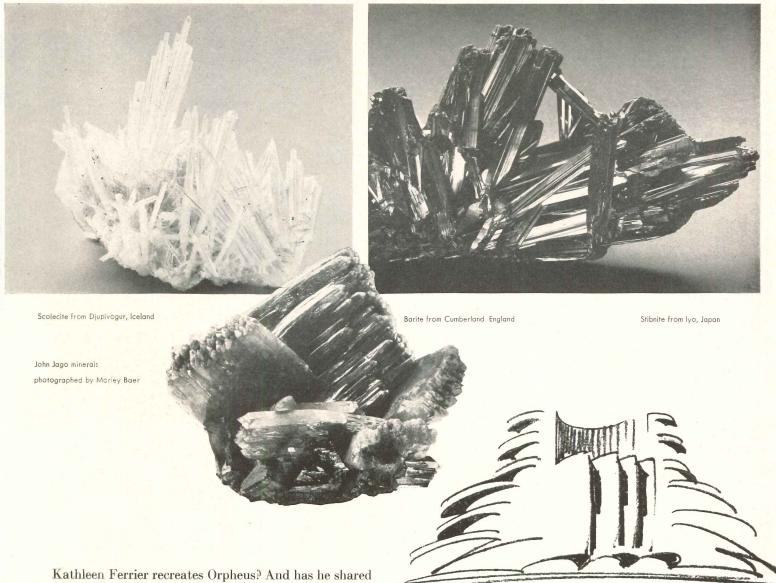
The factual finalities of a three-dimensional concept make clarified decisions a necessity. Every line that is drawn is a decision. Each expresses the individual's knowledge and understanding — his knowing — shared with, and having the confidence of, the human being

*Italics the Author's

with whom he is working. The individual stands or falls by this knowledge. Through this knowledge and understanding of the world we live in, the history we have known, he can show the way to the future and show it for people now. In the continuity of history of which we are a part, he must, above all, understand the motivating forces which caused the creations of his past. To do creative work, he must reject the vast heritage of the mediocre, and find the true values within the human expressions of the past. He will then realize that these are the values of all men, all times, and all societies.

The individual and his work are a part of society, and if the work is to make itself felt, and count, he takes part in the leadership of that society. He leads through his own thoughts, convictions, understanding and beliefs. This is realized in many ways and techniques. There is an infinite variety in these, but are not the fundamentals the same? External factors and forces may change, but do fundamentals?

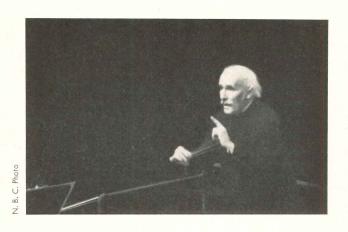
The technical knowledge related to architecture or design is but the barest hint of architecture. Has not the creative architect much in common with Beethoven? Does he know and understand what Benjamin Britten is composing today? And is he able to measure the extent of their value? Has he experienced what happens when a



Bach — Toccata in C Major, by Eric Mendelsohn

the perfection of Toscanini's conducting the Ninth Symphony? Does he know the works of Henry Moore, and the few published words we have been given of his writing? Does he really know Louis Sullivan's Kindergarten Chats, and read all of Frank Lloyd Wright, or Lewis Mumford? Has he read Hershey's The Wall, Mann's Dr. Faustus? Mendelsohn's Three Lectures? Churchill's war books? Certainly not all with complete acceptance, but how can there be a rejection of men's thinking without the knowledge of their experience? Surely there must be a depth of understanding before he can create for the use, living and joy of others.

Understanding is often obscured. Around architecture there is wrapped a blanket of words. Why must there be such verbiage and application of labels — "binuclear, functional, utilitarianism, romanticism, warmth, back to nature, inner content, rustic . . ."? In reality, is not this labeling a sign of a basic lack of understanding? Doesn't this only complicate simplicities and result in confusion? Recently, within one week, a national architectural magazine and the New Yorker came out simultaneously with an item of utter confusion. The architectural magazine, showing Breuer's home, led off with: ". . . this shows we can avoid easy rustic blending



". . . has he shared the perfection of Toscanini's conducting the Ninth Symphony?"



Cypress Tree

Morley Baer

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The Fury Michelangelo

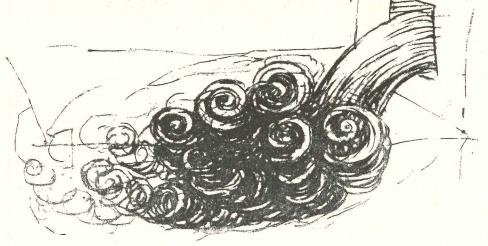
with the ground." (Is it easy? Is it to be avoided?) In the New Yorker, Mumford quotes Breuer as saying that we have learned to blend our buildings with the ground . . . !

Today, two distinct methods of approach have developed, each based upon opposing concepts. One is the application of a building to the site; the other, its organic growth from the site. The first expression has a tremendous appeal to the intellect, but I believe that the individual as a human being is lost and forgotten. Within the physical environment of our cities where conditions are, in fact, already applied, there is a certain justification for this approach, if the conditions are recognized and understood.

The second expression, growth from the site, is by its very nature an integral part of the development of the human being. To what extent this can be realized is a matter of understanding and degree. Within the basic fallacies of our cities, the degree can be large or small, depending upon the conditions. But even when a larger concept is possible, can we maintain integrity to ourselves and to all men by just accepting the fallacies without showing how to overcome them? Is the "application to" still necessary? Are we not here to express our hopes and beliefs? Is life sustained by man's intellect, or by the very soil on which we live?

It is within us, and our concept of true values, to create for and with man.





Spirals Formed in Water

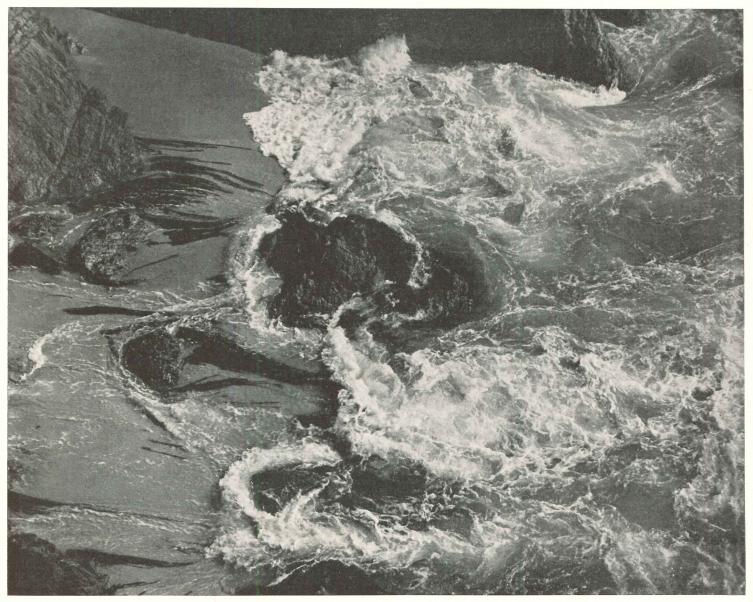
Leonardo da Vinci

". . . in this the eye surpasses Nature, inasmuch as the works of Nature are finite, while the things which can be accomplished by the handiwork, at the command of the eye, are infinite."

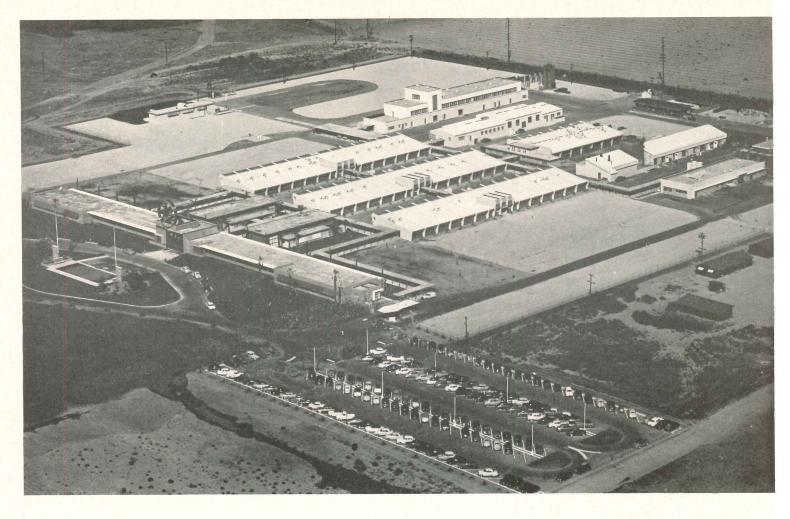
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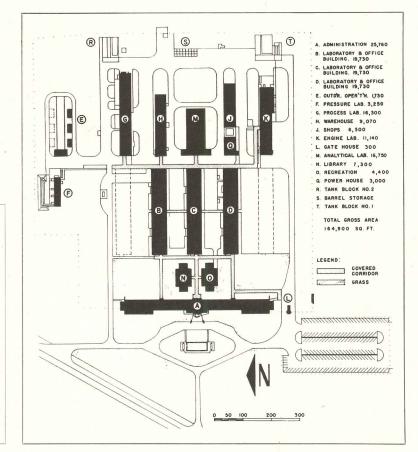
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RESEARCH CENTER ON THE FINGER PLAN

Research Center for Union Oil Company of California, Brea, Calif.

Austin, Field & Fry, Architects

If this doesn't look much like the customary research laboratory, well, it isn't. It makes some rather radical departures, in concept and in design. In part these ideas came from study of the complicated requirements for research and testing of gasoline and oil products, partly they came from a daylighted concept of a laboratory, not unlike that of an elementary school.

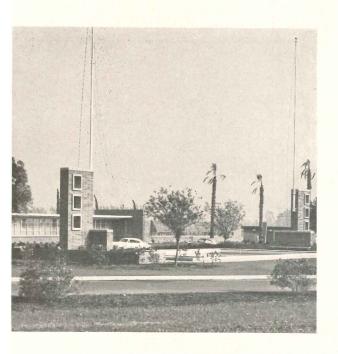
There are fourteen separate buildings, comprising a research center for a host of widely different types of both basic research and product testing, ranging from petrochemical analytical projects to testing fuels in actual engines. Thus the chemical laboratories are about the only typical quarters; the others are all designed to varying requirements. These different requirements, plus their varying hazards, dictated a scattering of the several buildings. Perhaps it was natural, then, to de-

velop a one-story, finger-plan scheme for the chemical laboratories as well as the others, and to develop the daylighted form. At any rate, these buildings look not unlike schools, and the typical laboratory unit, like the classroom, uses a roof sloping upward toward the north light, with sunshades and vertical louver wall continuations to control glare and sunlight.

Service piping for the long one-story fingers, is run in tunnels (no basements being required) which extend the length of each building. The tunnels are large enough to accommodate a light service truck throughout their length, so that piping changes can be made as easily as possible.

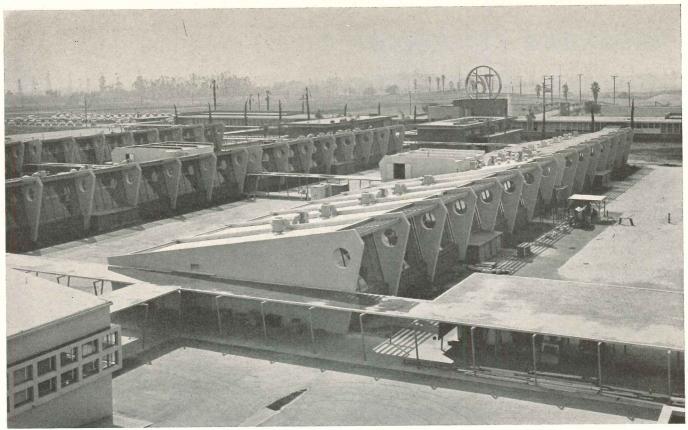
All buildings have reinforced concrete walls, floors and ceiling beams. Buildings are air conditioned; chemical fume hoods have separate air supply and exhaust.

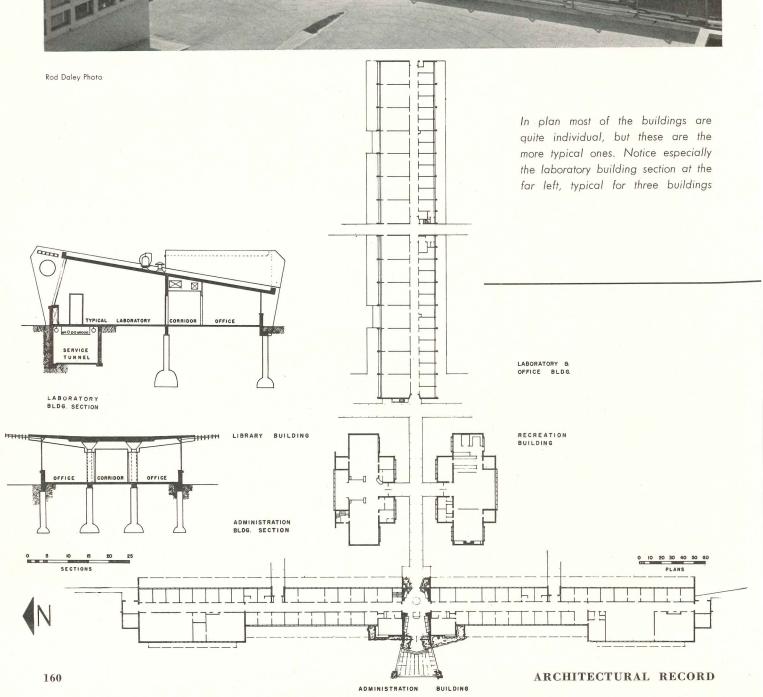
Research Center comprises fourteen buildings for widely different types of study, from analytical petrochemistry to tests of fuel in engines. Library is separate building (photographs at right)

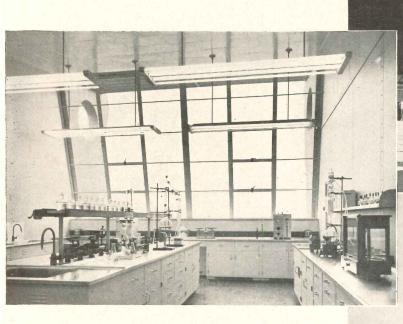


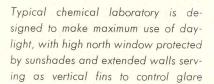


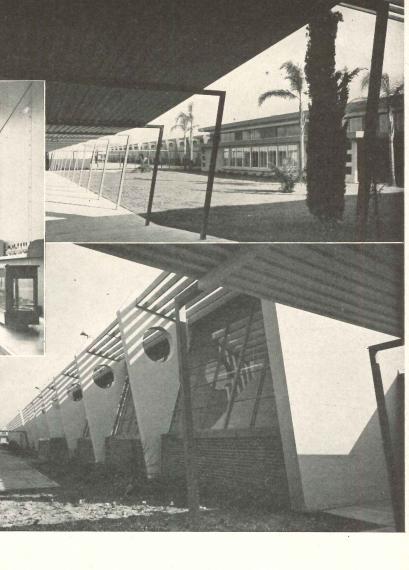








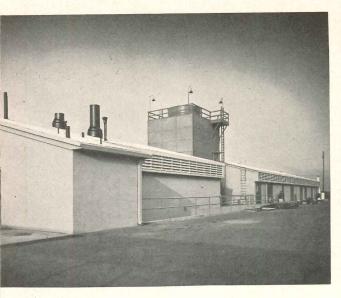


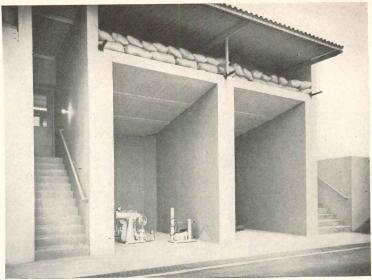


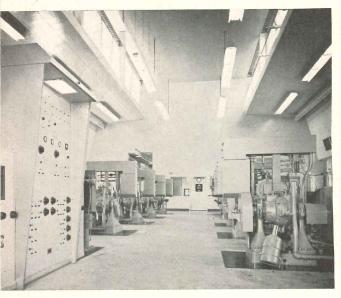




Service piping tunnels under laboratories are large enough to accommodate a maintenance truck









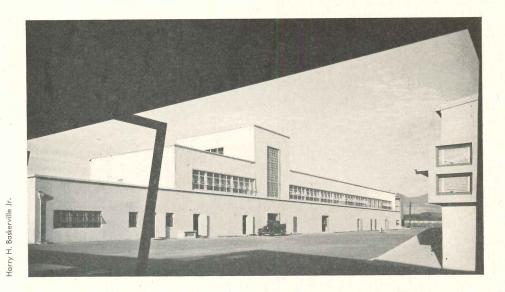
Upper left: south exterior of power house (Q) and shop building (J)

Union Oil Laboratories — Austin, Field & Fry

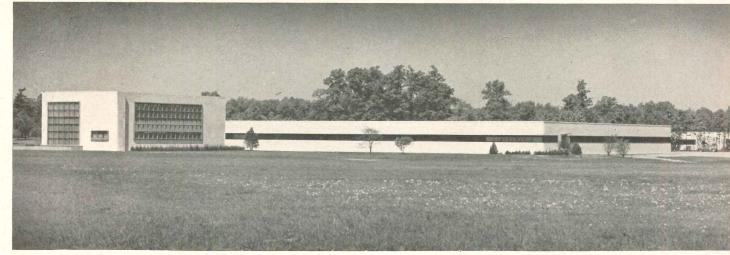
Upper right: north exterior of pressure laboratory building (F)

Center left: interior of engine laboratory building (K) for fuel tests

Center right: barrel storage unit (S)



South exterior of process laboratory building (G) looking east



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RESEARCH CENTER, WITH FAMILY RESEMBLANCE

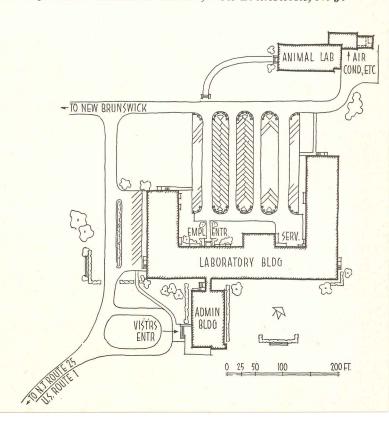
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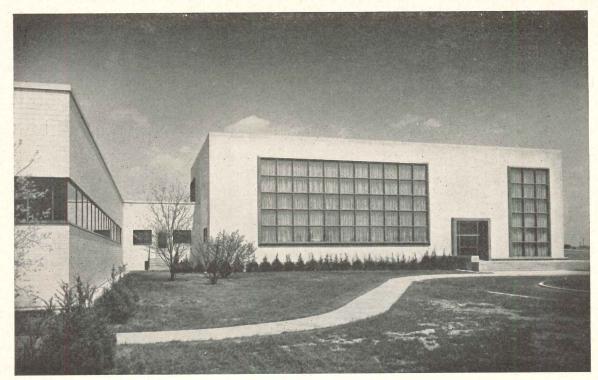
Johnson & Johnson Research Center, New Brunswick, N. J.

Guy B. Panero, Mechanical Engineers

Built by a company long known for progressive industrial plants, this research center is particularly noteworthy. Its reason-for-being was quite typical—to bring together several divisional research activities which had overgrown scattered laboratory facilities. So the location chosen was near the main plant in New Brunswick, but with sufficient area so that research did not get lost in factory operations.

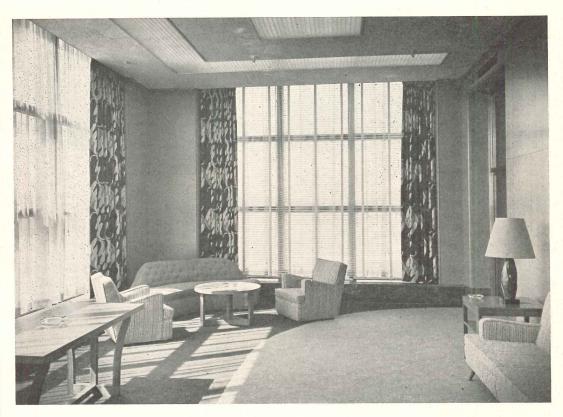
As in all J & J projects, considerable care was given to appearance, both of buildings and grounds. That was one reason for a long, low building, instead of the more usual several-story building concentrating service piping into shorter runs. In this case, however, while the pipe lines might be longer, general traffic conditions were conducive to the dispersion of a one-story building, for research is divided into several more or less autonomous groups without much inter-traffic. The E form of the





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Administration Building was deliberately planned to add a note of monumentality to the center

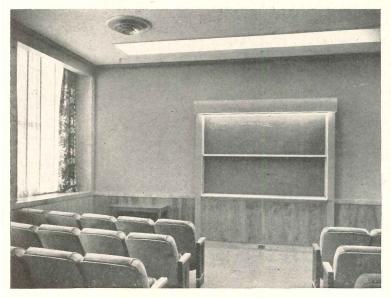


building came out of long study, as a compromise in the question of spreading out. Another reason was again appearance — the E shape hides parking areas, keeps an attractive landscaped front. The separate little administration building came out of similar thinking; it gave a visual focus, and it set a desired note — something modern and efficient, between a collegiate and an industrial suggestion. The E shape also works out well

to put the little glass-shelled pilot plant in the center of things, and to provide points for extending wings without disturbance to the principal front.

A full basement under the laboratory building serves as a pipe trench, and provides storage, shops, locker and mechanical equipment space. Service piping runs in ceiling of floor below, is brought up through the floor (see details, page 166).

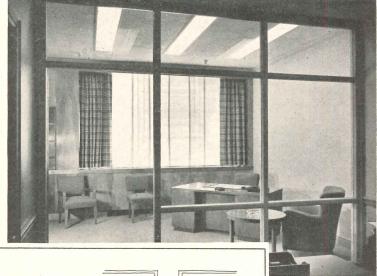
Serving counter (see plan) can be closed off when cafeteria is to serve for formal functions

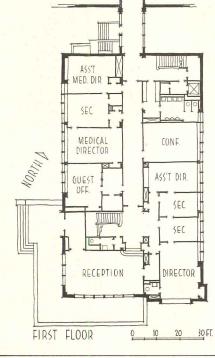


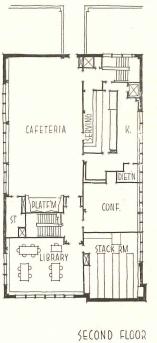


Administration Building interiors were to have a modern feeling but a certain monumentality also

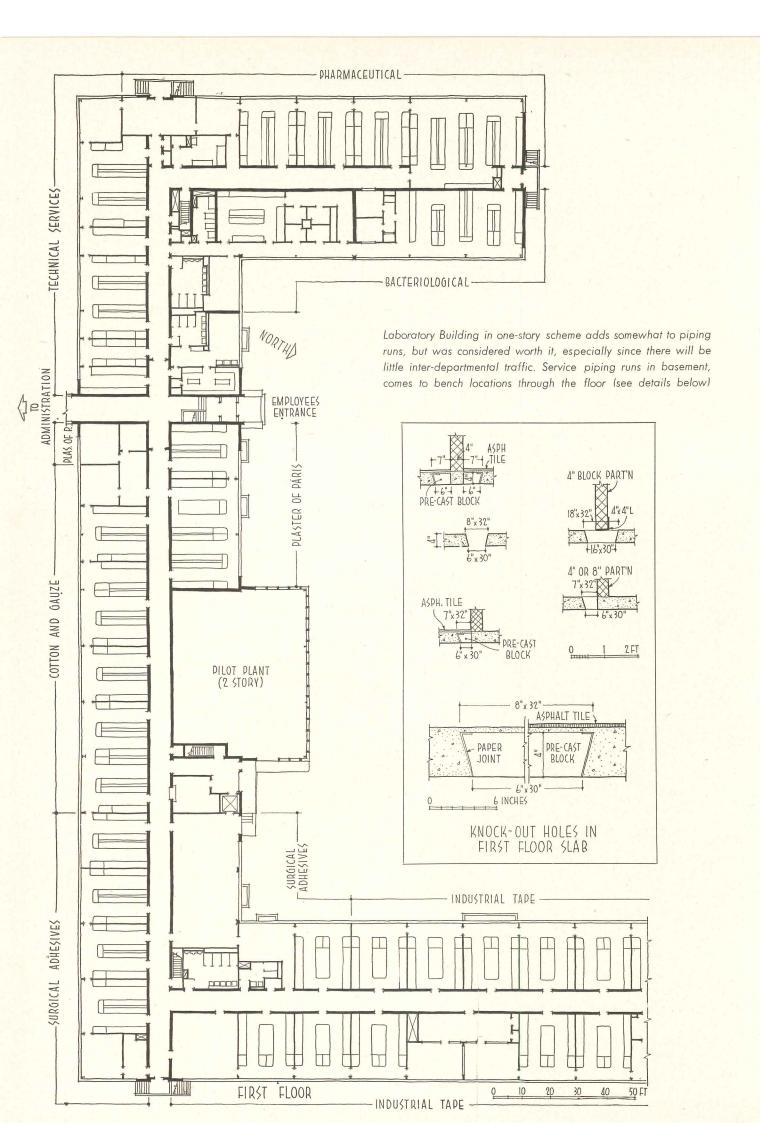




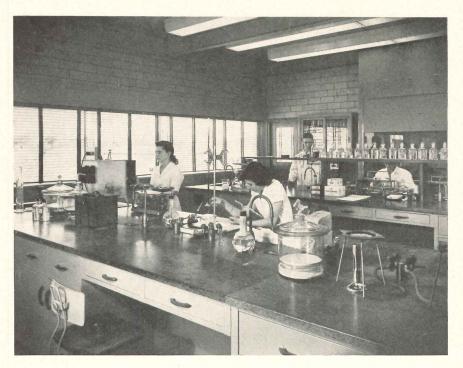




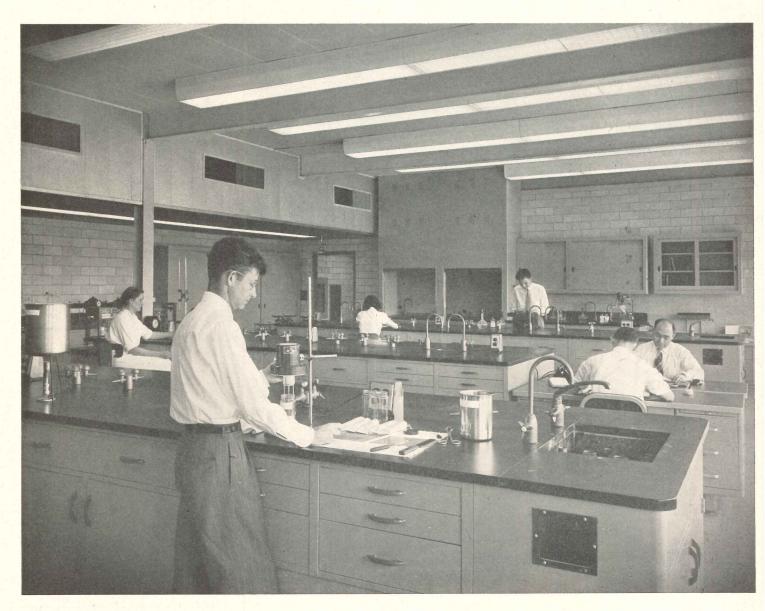
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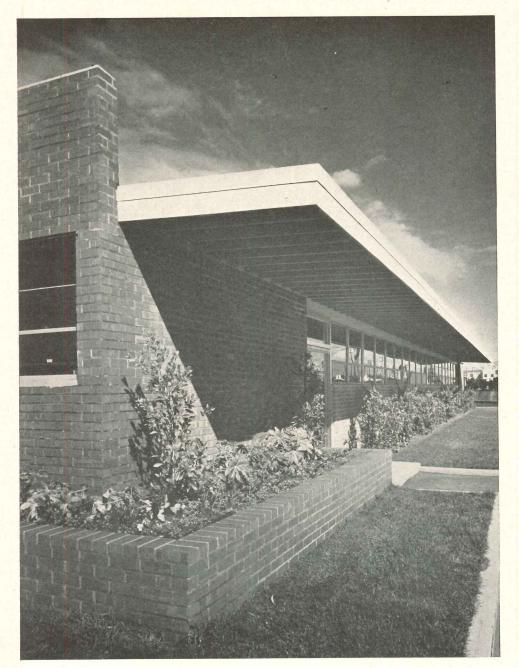
Window area in all laboratories is kept free of fixtures of any kind, and sills are sloped to discourage any use of sill space, all to keep building from having a cluttered appearance from outside. Windows are for outlook, not for daylighting



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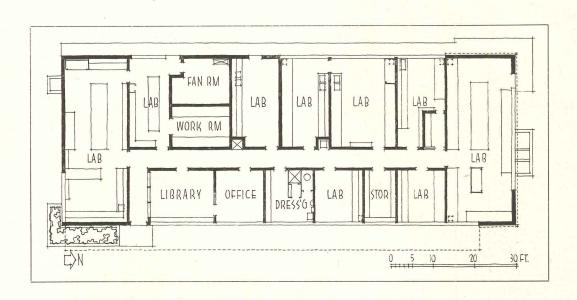
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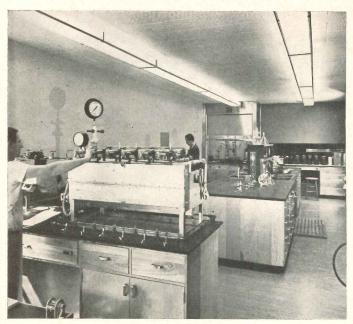


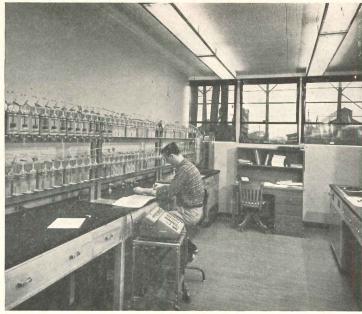


Piping connections to laboratory benches run through a tunnel, six ft deep, under the building. Tunnel is accessible at both ends, and makes possible easy changes in any service connections. Although fire hazard is not especially high, safety measures include emergency shower, fume hoods with sparkproof fans and remote controls

Douglas M. Simmonds





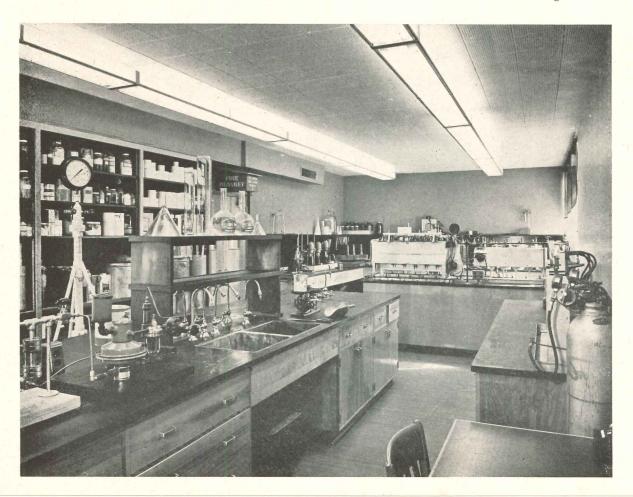


SMALL LABORATORY FOR OIL-WELL RESEARCH

General Petroleum Corporation Laboratory, Los Angeles
Welton Becket and Associates, Architects

This modest little laboratory provides workmanlike facilities for research in connection with oil well drilling, testing cores and samples, to determine how fast and how much a certain well might produce. Except for the larger laboratories at either end, the building follows the off-set corridor scheme, with offices along the

narrow side, piping facilities concentrated in the wider laboratory portion. Rooms are heated and ventilated by a forced air fan system, certain laboratories having floor air exhausts for heavy gases; one laboratory is air conditioned for close temperature control. The Becket firm did all interiors, including even the fixtures.





RESEARCH LABORATORIES FOR ARMSTRONG CORK

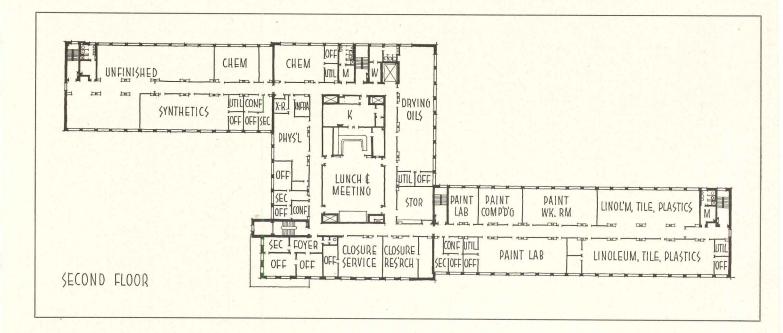
Lincoln Highway Near Lancaster, Pa.

Shreve, Lamb & Harmon Associates, Architects

C. S. Conrad, Jr., Associate Architect

Armstrong Cork's new research laboratories follow a generally typical pattern of one large laboratory building for all research groups, a separate pilot plant, again for all groups. Smaller buildings are for extreme temperature investigations



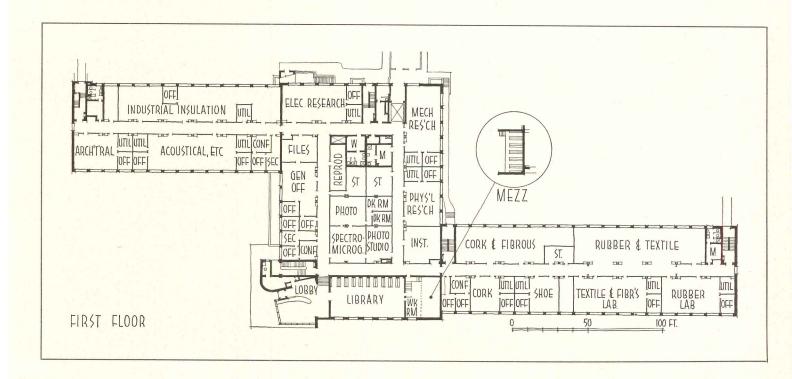


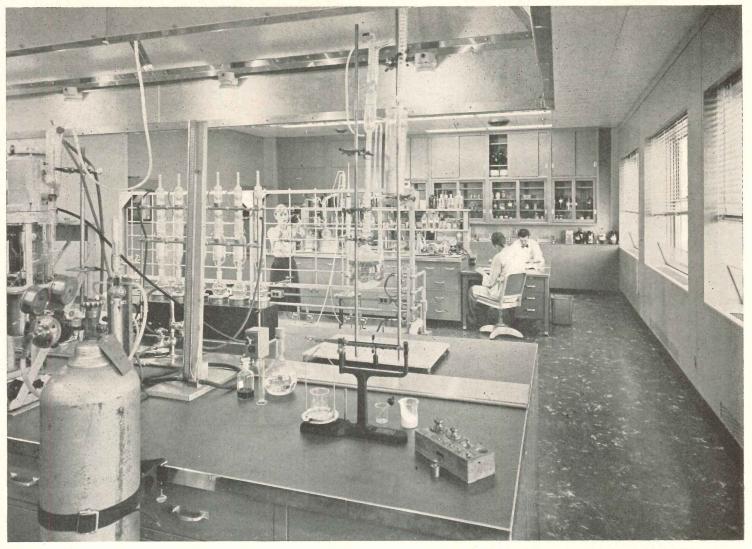
What was originally a "postwar project" — a new idealized research center for all Armstrong divisions — came to fruition this spring. Research had been centralized at Lancaster for many years, but the laboratories had outgrown their quarters in converted office and factory buildings. Now only product testing remains at factory locations; all original research, including pilot plant operations, are newly established in a country location four miles out from the home office.

Moving to the quiet location was but one of many questions studied in a lengthy investigation by the architects in cooperation with James Todd Baldwin, A.I.A., of the Armstrong staff. Others included determination of a suitable laboratory module (10 ft was the final decision), immediate and future space require-

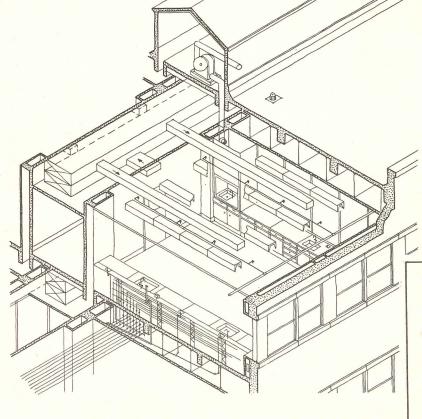
ments by departments, and, perhaps most important, development of a system of service piping for continuity of operation and flexibility for the inevitable changes (see page 172). Also, of course, the study of materials that would best meet the objectives established. A test laboratory unit was erected in an old building to try out ideas in practice.

The result is a main laboratory building of two stories and basement, with a large central core (for central services like offices, library, photo and mechanical laboratories, and kitchen and dining room), and two asymmetrical wings for concentrated experimentation. And a separate building in the rear for pilot plant operations, plus smaller buildings for special extremetemperature experiments.

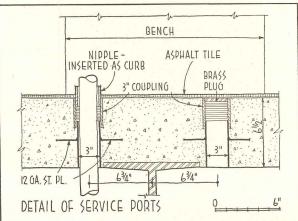




Cortlandt V. D. Hubbard



A horizontal system of service distribution was chosen as most economical and flexible. Service mains are looped, feeding in both directions, and valved at every 10 ft, so that piping changes can be made without disturbance to operation. Mains run in the ceiling of the floor below, feed up through pre-set service ports in the floor; ports can be closed if not in use (see detail below)

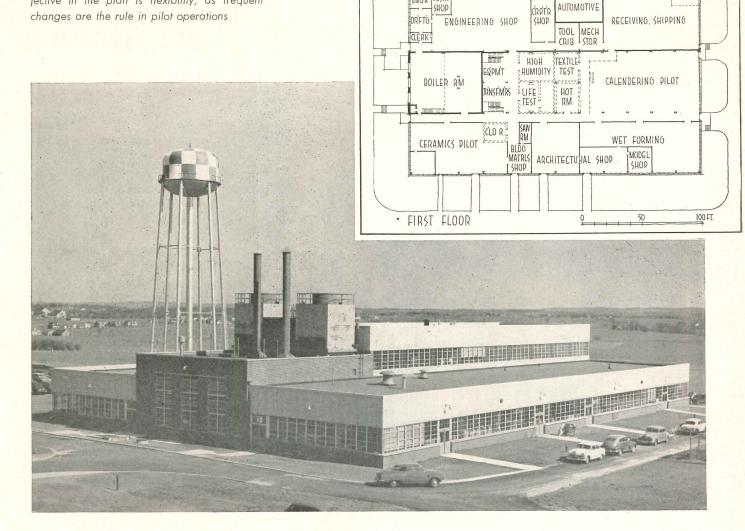






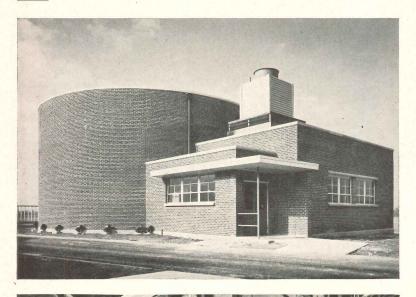
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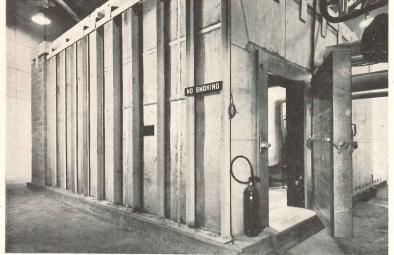
Separate pilot plant accommodates all process tests for the several divisions, also other experiments requiring heavy equipment. Main objective in the plan is flexibility, as frequent changes are the rule in pilot operations

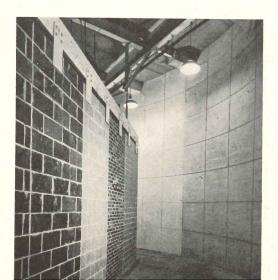


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Extreme temperature building (below) for testing products under adverse weather and exposure. The cylindrical form was dictated by exacting air-conditioning requirements









Spacious lobby in the laboratory building lphoto strip above) welcomes visitors at grade level, though corridor level is several steps higher. It also manages to exhibit a great many company products



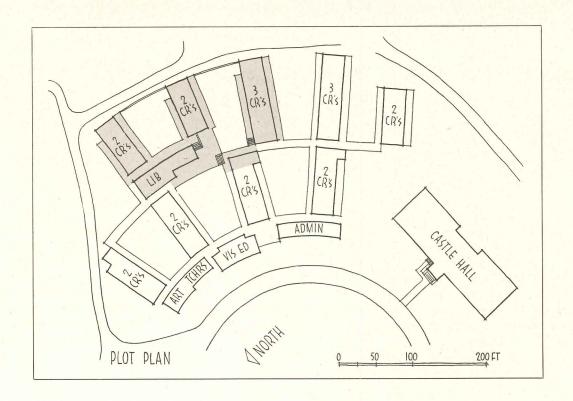
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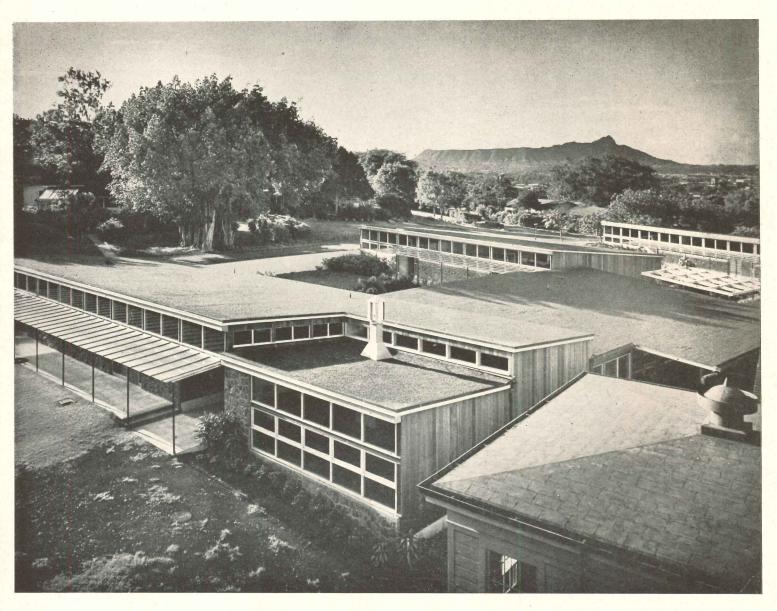




Library in laboratory section is at ground level, has high ceiling, and therefore accommodates two levels for stack rooms (photo below and across page)







ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HAWAIIAN MANNER

Punahou School, Honolulu

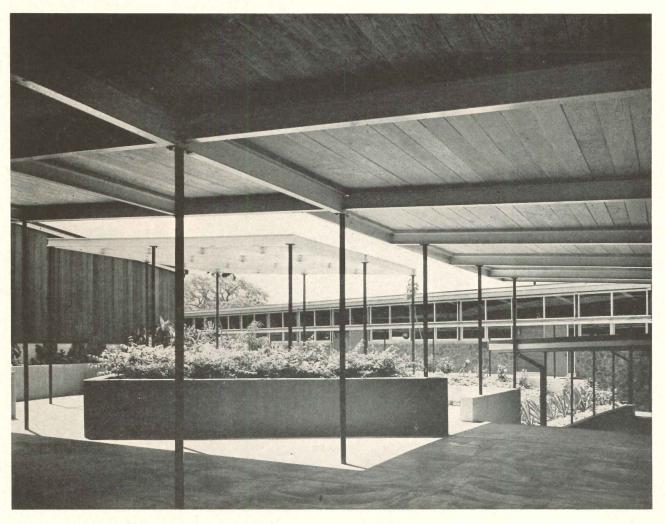
Vladimar Ossipoff, Architect

In the fabulous land of Hawaii there seems to be a great deal of climate, a great deal of activity, and a similar quantity of interesting architecture. Design seems to express something of the welcome extended by the islands to progress and ideas, also of the gaiety and zest so generally associated with Hawaii. And where are such qualities more appropriate than in an elementary school?

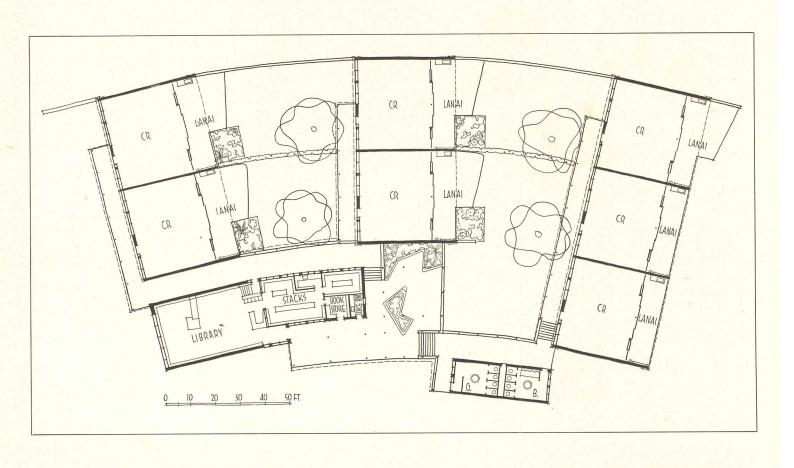
The buildings here shown are but a start on a comprehensive program for the Punahou School. This portion consists of seven class rooms, library wing and toilets in a building to be finished later. When additional funds are available, the existing forty-year-old buildings will be demolished and more buildings erected.

The classrooms are laid out in the finger plan to take advantage of the open climate for outdoor study and recreation areas, with single outdoor corridors, but with plenty of provisions for shade and for protection against heavy rains. Corridors, running generally along the north side, are roofed over with obscure glass, allowing north light to enter the windows below the roof. Windows above the roof have fixed sash, as this side is exposed to the wind and rain; sash below the glass roof swing in for ventilation. Additional ventilation is obtained through the screened soffit of the eave.

The steel arbor seen in the court view will support a spreading Hau tree, which soon will provide shade.



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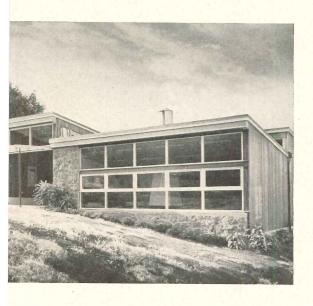


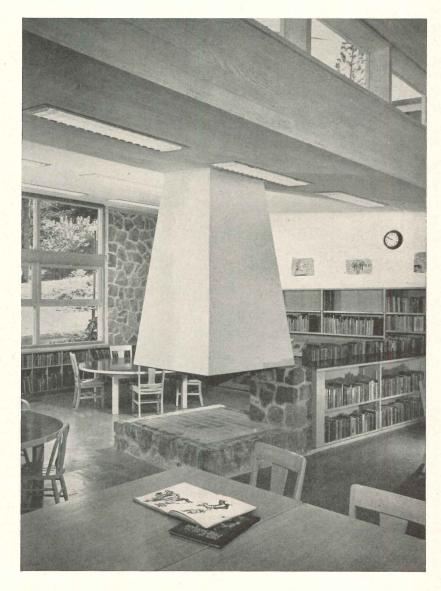


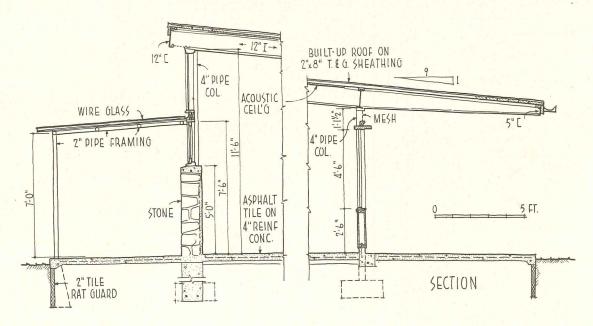
Library is fairly large, yet manages to maintain intimate scale and the typical open quality. Fireplace open on four sides sends warmth in all directions on damp days



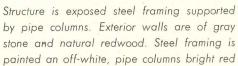
Glass roofed corridor on north side, wide overhangs on south side give protection against wind, rain and strong sunshine, make outdoor space useful no matter what the weather. Sliding doors open classrooms to outdoors. Planting is extensively used for screening as well as for color and visual interest

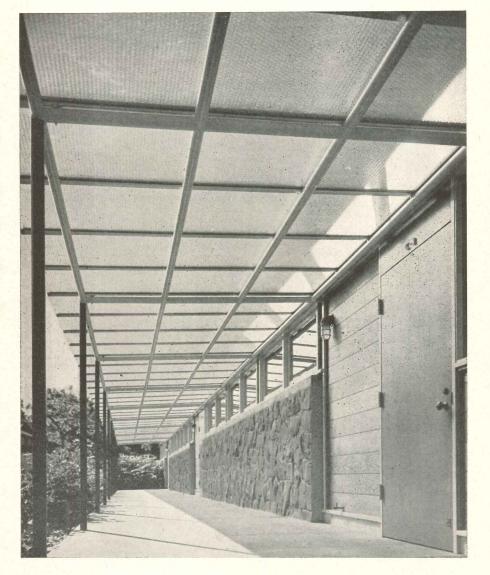


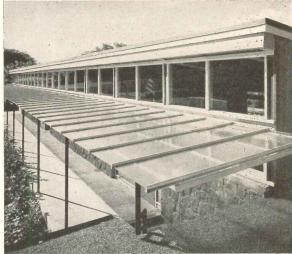




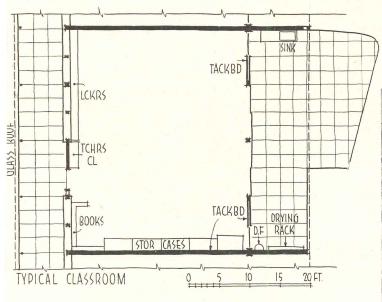
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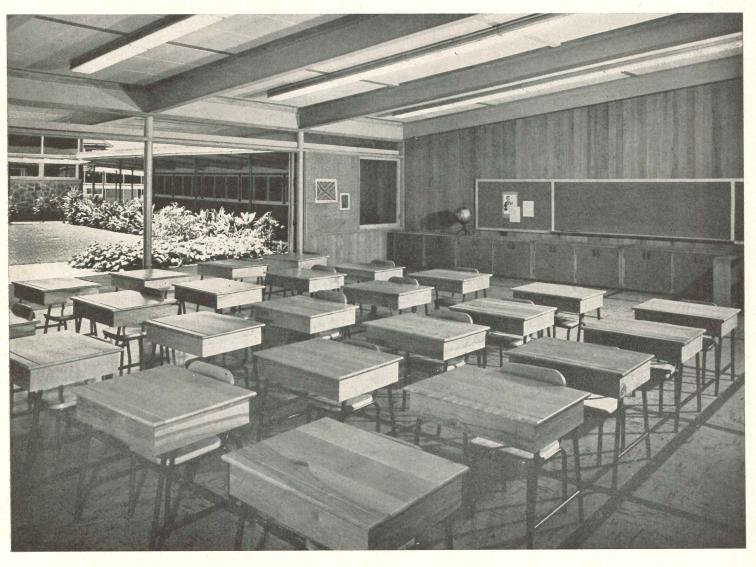


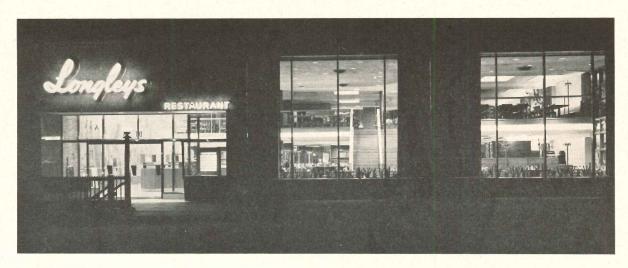
Stone wall provides necessary wall space for lockers on north side. Operable sash below the glass corridor roof, and fixed sash above, combine daylighting with weather protection





Classrooms are daylighted from both sides, but with clerestory windows on north side only. Sliding doors permit room to be virtually completely open to lanai on south side





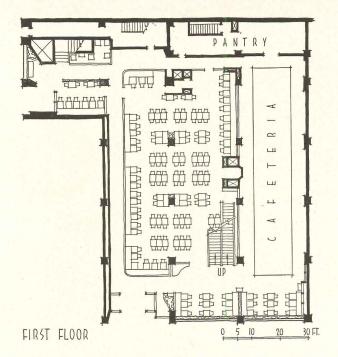
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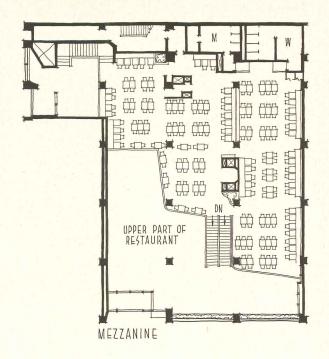
RESTAURANT PLANNED FOR SELF-SERVICE

Longleys Restaurant
New York City

Joseph G. Morgan, Architect
Thomas F. Hennessy, Associate Architect





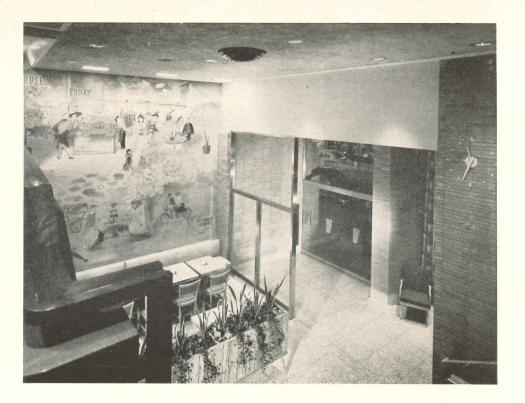


The problem here was to fit a smoothly working self-service restaurant into an existing building. Located opposite Radio City, the property is L-shaped, fronting both on Sixth Avenue and on busy 50th Street. To accommodate the rapid turnover during peak periods, the service station is an island; customers pass along it on either side, passing checker and cashier at end; each line can serve 10 per minute. The flow of customer

traffic is kept completely out of the dining area.

A seating capacity of 500 was made possible by the introduction of a balcony seating 300. The low ceiling heights which resulted are minimized visually by indirect lighting panels forming a pattern of 8-ft squares. The irregular shape of the balcony and the open railing of plastic tiller rope and steel also help to counterbalance the low ceilings.



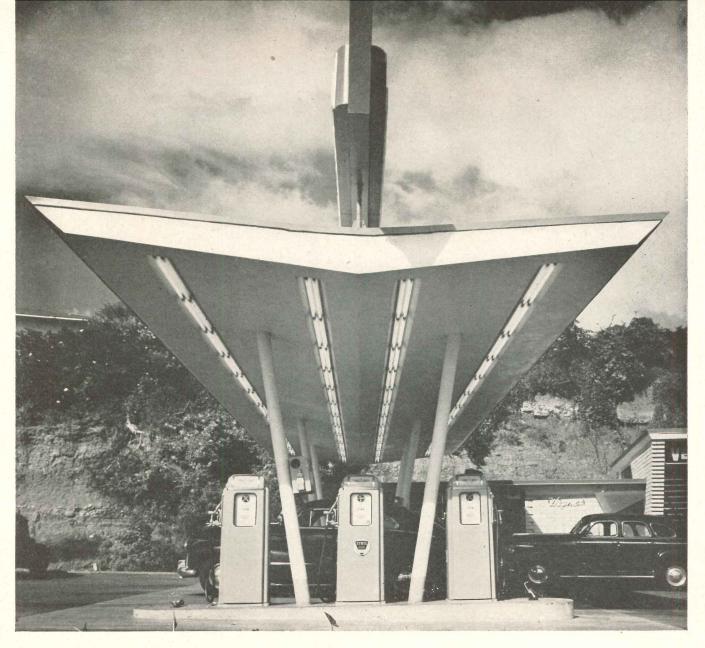


RESTAURANT PLANNED FOR SELF-SERVICE

Public areas are covered with a variety of plastics, completely washable, and with warm tones of brick and wood to blend with huge mural by Cobelle on south wall. Stairs are broad and low, balcony rail is open to help attract customers to upper level

Cortlandt V. D. Hubbard





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DESIGNED TO ATTRACT ATTENTION

Wayne's Associated Service Aiea, Oahu, T. H.

Wimberly and Cook, Architects

J. Grant Morgan, Structural Engineer

OWNER AND ARCHITECTS agreed at the outset that this service station must be of "eye-arresting design." Located on a main highway near Pearl Harbor, it had to attract attention to compete with several other service stations in the vicinity. Yet economy of construction was a main requirement.

Three major devices were used as attention-getters: a flaring pump canopy, wide open shop and sales areas, and highly unusual show windows (page 187). The

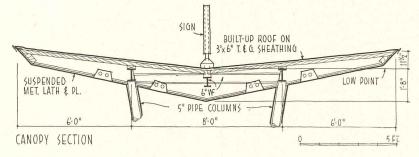
canopy is supported by steel pipe frames; construction is of steel wide-flange roof beams with a 3 by 6 T & G roof deck and a suspended lath and plaster ceiling. On top of it is a specially designed sign panel intended to eliminate the possibility of the unattractive signs so frequently used by service stations. Wash rack and lubrication hoist are housed together in a high-ceilinged unit with adjacent storage and toilet facilities. A small office and parts sales room occupy a connecting low wing.

DESIGNED TO ATTRACT ATTENTION





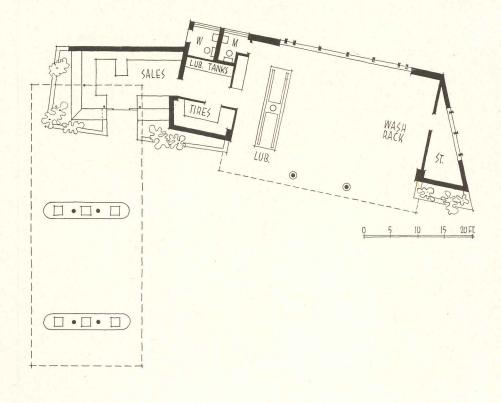
Main structure is of locally made buffcolored concrete block walls with wood roof framing, using steel members for beams in long span. Mild Hawaiian climate eliminated need for doors and heating facilities



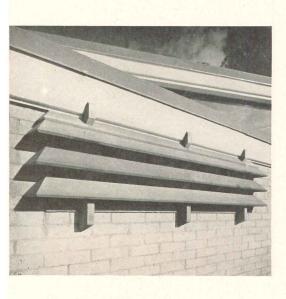


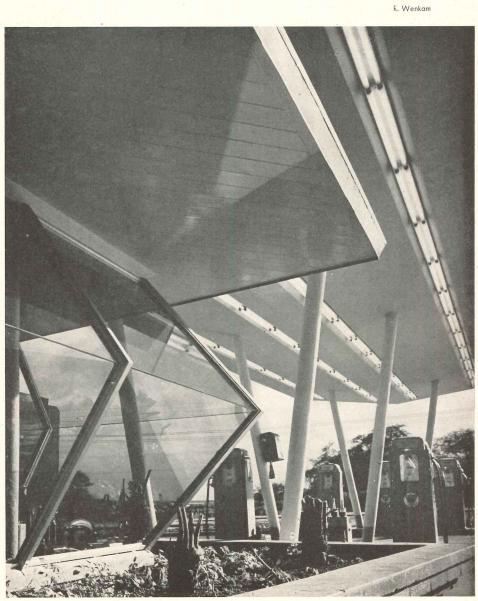






Show windows in office wing (right) were constructed of an inexpensive line of store front moldings and heat absorbing glass. Design was deliberately unusual, partly for effect and partly as an experiment in solving problem of show window reflections. Louvers (below) screen storage room windows



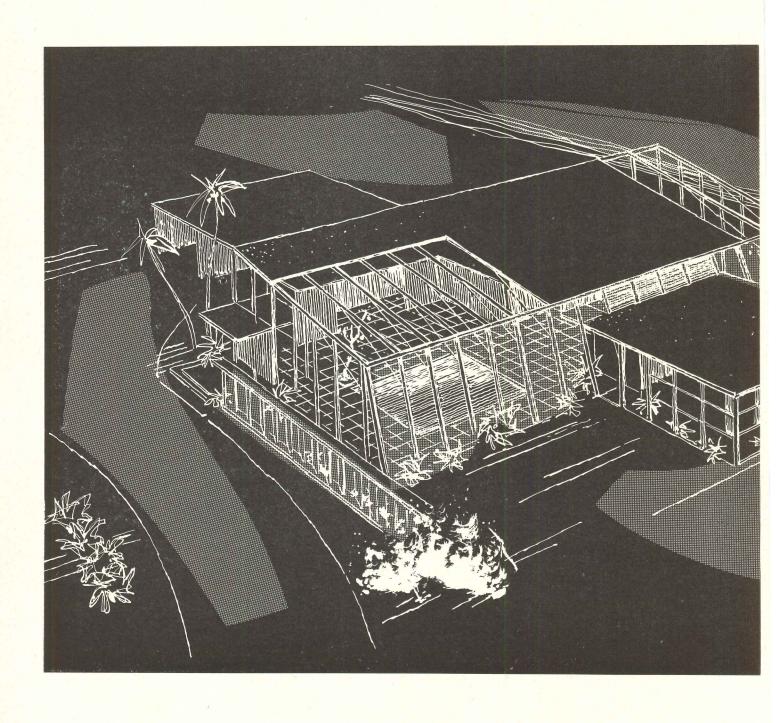


HOUSE DESIGNED FOR

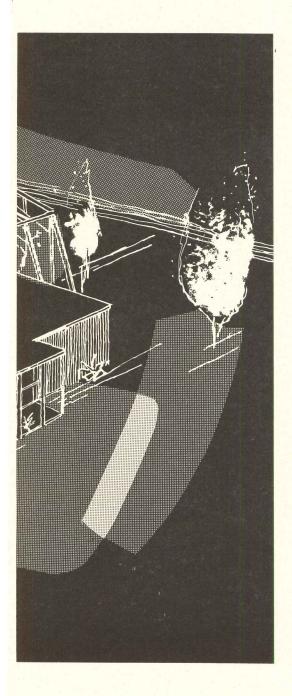
Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Roland Phillips

Miami, Florida

Igor B. Polevitzky, Architect

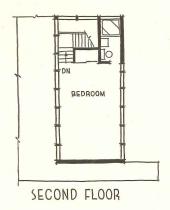


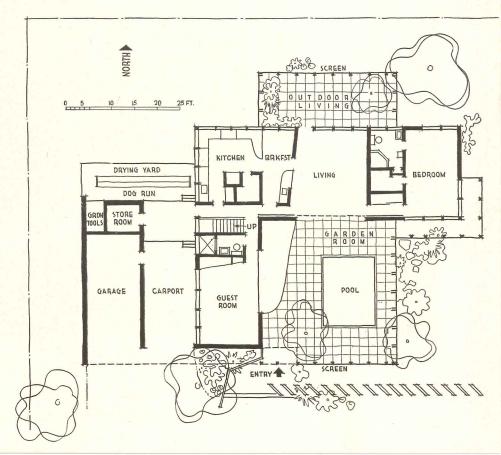
THE SUB-TROPICS



The unusual character of this Florida house is the result of the architect's great interest in developing large, but inexpensive, semi-protected living areas for houses in sub-tropical climates. In this example, a considerable amount of extra living space is provided by the use of an inexpensive wood frame, partial roofing, and baffle walls for privacy. This screened-in "atmospheric envelope" can reportedly be used for 95 per cent of the weather conditions. A minimum of completely closed-in areas is provided for use during the few really cold days in the area. These rooms are all interconnected, as the occasional cold weather makes it impractical to use only outdoor passageways.

The Douglas Fir frame was designed to withstand hurricane winds of 150 miles per hour, and is anchored in reinforced concrete footings. Exterior walls are concrete block and cement brick; the roof is 2-in. composition board.



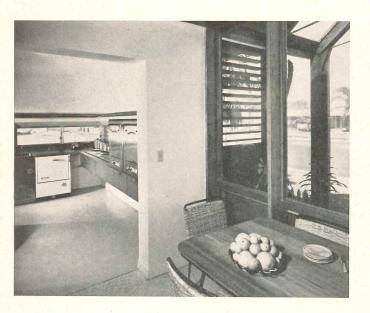


FLORIDA HOUSE

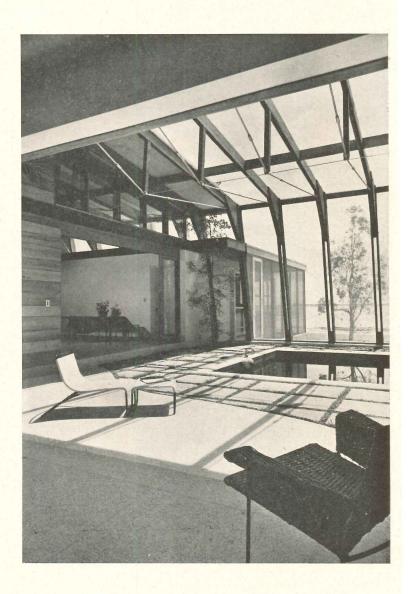


Rudi Rada

Privacy is gained for screened areas by use of low baffle wall on street side. All windows are fitted with glass or wood jalousies

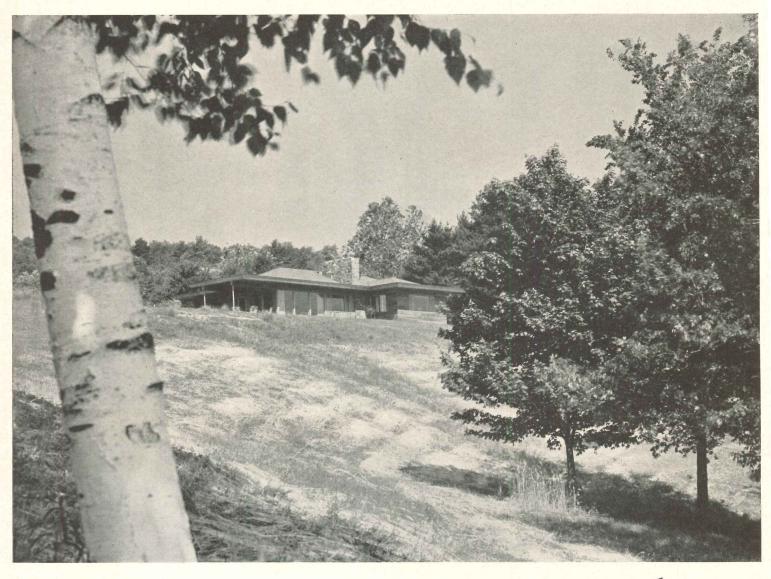


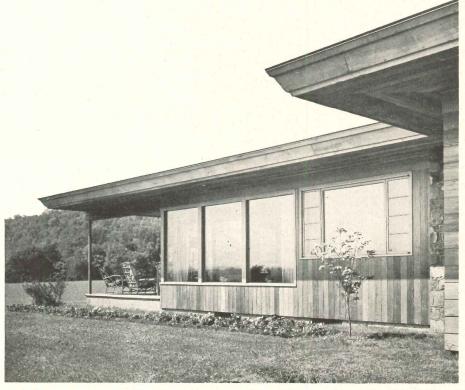
Floors throughout the house are terrazzo; interior walls are plaster, plywood or cypress. Living room and guest room can be closed off with large sliding doors







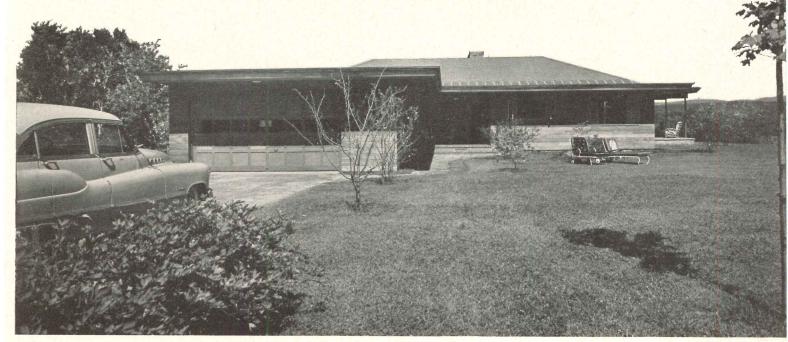




HOUSE ON A NEW ENGLAND HILLTOP

Residence for Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wilcox Greenfield, Massachusetts

James A. Britton, Architect



Joseph W. Molitor

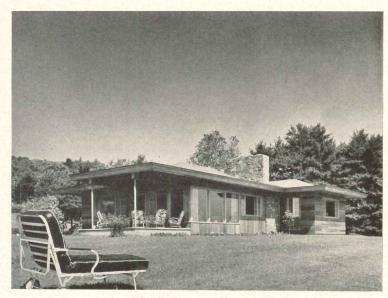
A hipped roof, wide overhangs and shaped cornices give a distinctive character to the otherwise simple design of this house. The east front (left) overlooks view; entrance is on west, has good sun protection

THE COMPACT, SIMPLE DESIGN of this house, with its natural finishes, reflects not only its setting, but also a tempered view towards contemporary design. Such details as shaped cornices and a hipped roof over the main portion of the house considerably soften the external appearance. The east elevation, which overlooks the view, has large windows opening off the major rooms, and a sheltered terrace. The entrance facade, on the other hand, is kept relatively closed and achieves a sense of solidity and privacy.

The house is wood frame, with foundation walls of cinder blocks. Siding is redwood, with a preservative stain finish; the roof is surfaced with asphalt shingles. Interiors are finished with plaster walls, either painted or papered, and oak floors. A full basement is under the main portion of the house, and contains the furnace for the warm air heating system, laundry, and provision for a future recreation room. The basement is lighted by steel areaways with iron grate covers. The large chimney wall is of fieldstone.

NEW ENGLAND HOUSE





Joseph W. Molitor

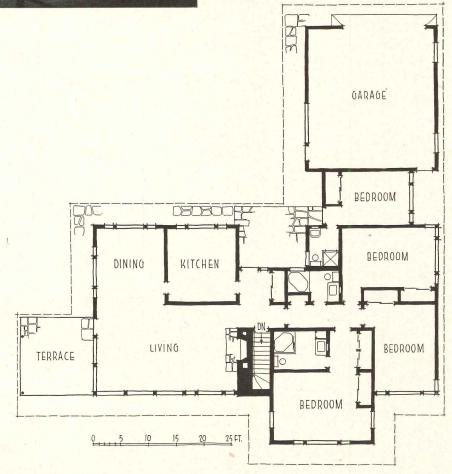
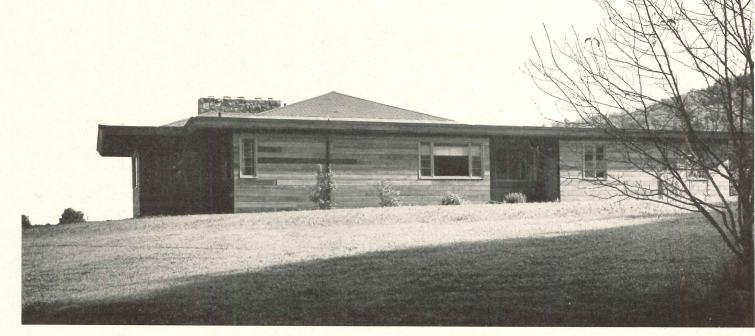


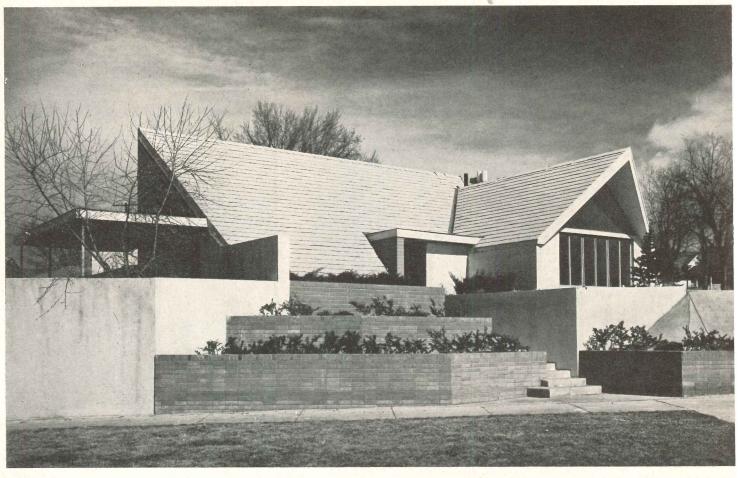




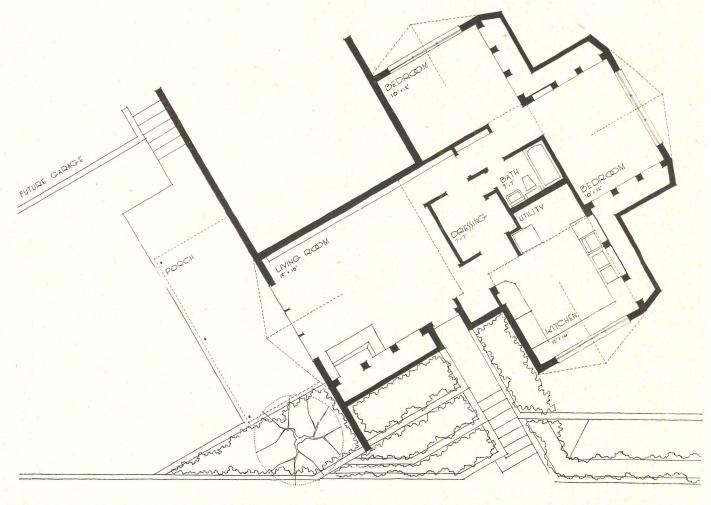


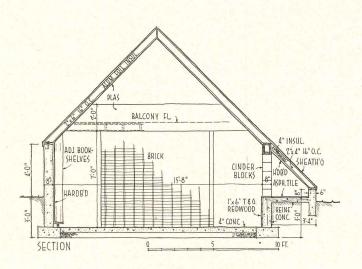
Photo at far left shows garage wing from entrance porch. A 4-ft overhang shelters walk, continues around south and east sides of house for sun protection (smaller photo, left). Two views of living room are shown directly above. Kitchen (right) has all-electric equipment. Below: north elevation

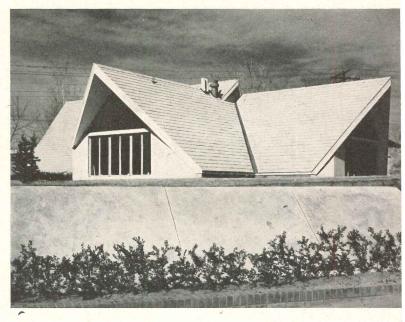




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UNIQUE CONCEPT PROVIDES LOW COST HOUSE

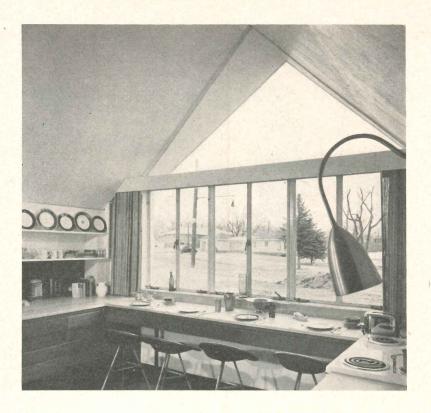
Residence of Henry C. Toll, Architect

Denver, Colorado

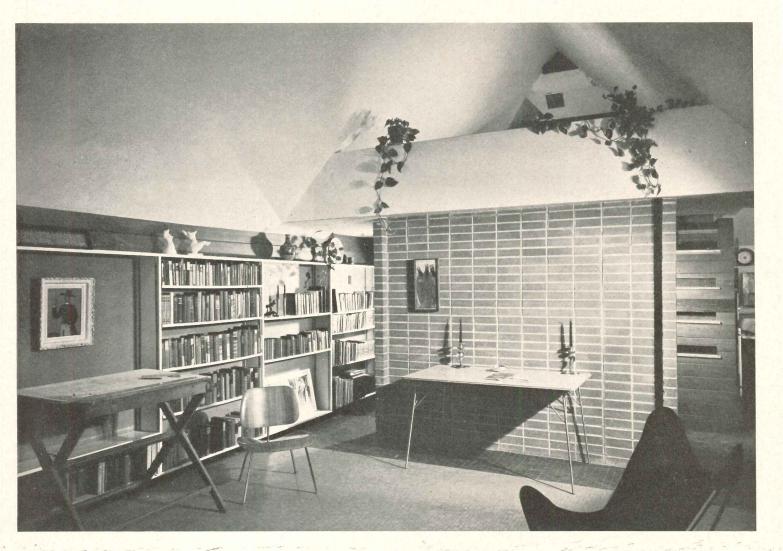
A minimum of walls—in the usual sense—characterizes this house both inside and out; less expensive roofing surfaces most of exterior, central utility core separates interior rooms. Floor slab rests on footing base 2 ft 4 in. below grade (see section above). Terraces are faced with brick and concrete because of water shortage, lack of grass

NEW APPROACH to the problem of meeting Building A Code requirements with low cost construction has been made by Architect Henry Toll in the design of his own house. Two major requirements of the Denver Code are masonry construction, and a footing depth of at least 3 ft below grade. Local investigation, however, proved that roofing was the cheapest exterior finish in that vicinity. These three items were combined to form an extremely interesting structural system for the house. Floor slabs were poured 2 ft 4 in. below grade, level with the top of minimum depth footings. To classify the house as masonry construction, 8 by 8 in. cinder block columns approximately 3 ft high are placed on top of the foundation, and carry a box girder on which the roof joists rest. A slab was poured on grade outside the wall line, and the edge of the slab tied to the back of the box girder. Thus masonry is reduced to about 1/10 of the usual amount, and the exterior is almost entirely roofing. No ceiling is required for a tension member, as the roof thrust goes directly to grade, so a saving was also made on lumber. Rooms are about 6 ft 3 in. high at plate line, 15 ft at center. Orientation and overhangs were carefully studied to reduce sun's heat and glare - a problem even in winter in the Denver area.

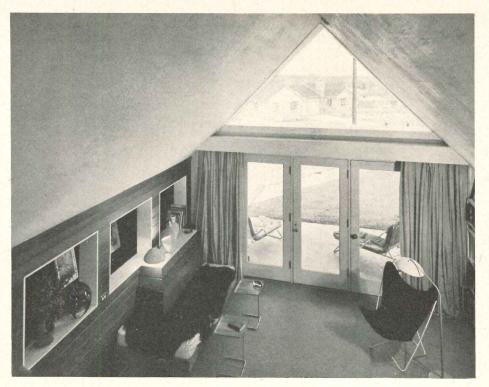
TOLL HOUSE



The four gable ends of the house are virtually all glass with ample overhangs for sun control, good provision for cross ventilation. The unique structural system provides much extra storage space at counter height without sacrificing floor space. Ceilings serve as radiant heat panels, have ½-in. copper pipe embedded in plaster



Master bedroom on balcony, visible in photo above, is at roof intersection, overlooks all rooms of house. Walls are redwood, floors asphalt—or green ceramic—tile

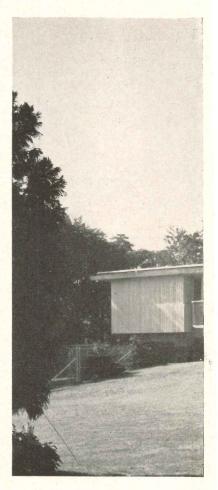


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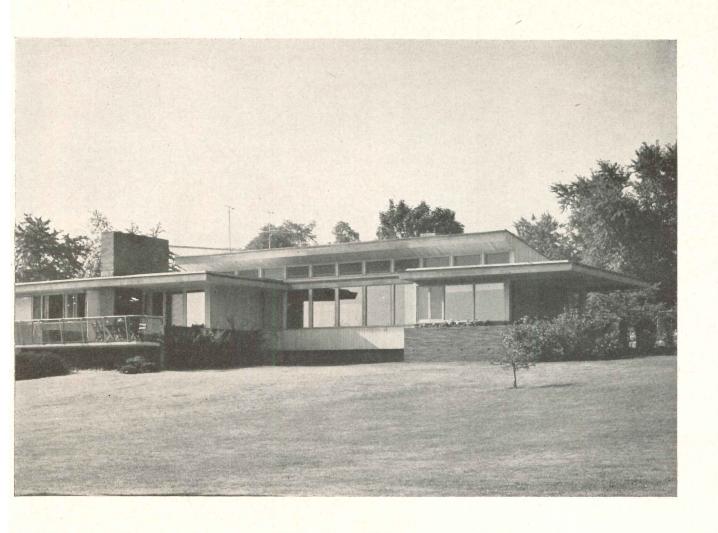




Ezra Stoller



The exterior of the house combines vertical red cypress siding and roman brick. Above: side façade and dining terrace overlook garden and view. Top left: entrance drive at front. The two remaining photos show closeups of the studio and the rear façade



HOUSE FOR AN ACTIVE FAMILY

Sands Point, Long Island, New York

Albert Kennerly, Architect

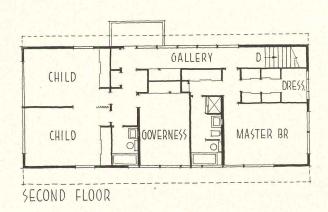
This expansive house was designed to provide for the somewhat formal way of life of a family with an amazing number of interests and activities. The architect was asked to include facilities for painting, sculpture, pottery work, piano playing, ballet practice, ping pong, photography, accommodations for extra guests, a wine and rare foods room, a dog room opening onto two dog runs, parking space for about 20 cars — plus the usual quarters for a family of four and a staff of servants. It was further specified that no family bedroom be on the ground floor level, yet a full stair was not acceptable.

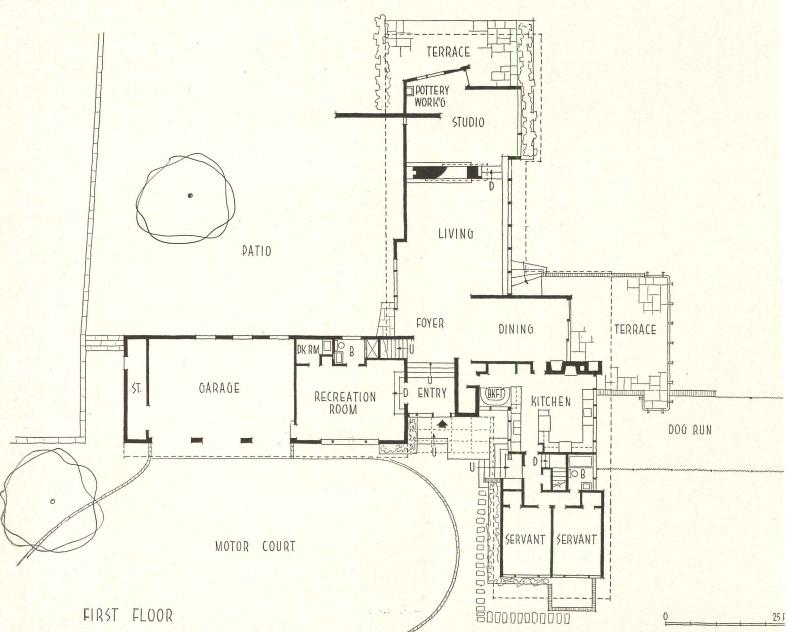
These requirements have been skillfully worked into

a very coherent, open plan which also provides a good degree of privacy and segregation for the various activities. The structural frame of the house is of Douglas Fir, with exterior walls of red cypress in a natural, lime-rubbed finish, and red roman brick. Roofing is built-up tar and gravel or white tile. Interior walls are finished in sand float plaster, oak paneling or figured gum. Floors in the main living areas are random-width teak doweled to the sub-floor; others are waxed common brick or asphalt tile. The clients worked very closely with the architect, especially in the design of the interiors and selection of furnishings, textures and colors.

LONG ISLAND HOUSE

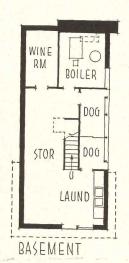








Front entrance (photo far left) is sheltered by trellis; bay directly over door is glazed. Living room (above and right) has textured, warm colored finishes

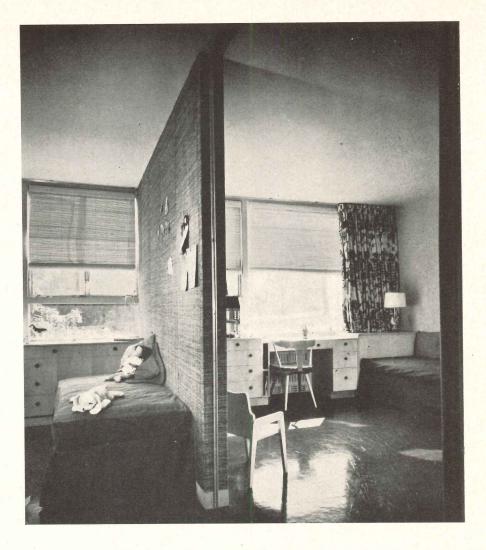


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LONG ISLAND HOUSE

Second floor bedrooms are only a half flight of stairs above living rooms, due to use of a small entry stair. The two children's rooms (right) are identical, separated by folding door. A governess' room is adjoining. Master bedroom suite is on same level



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Kitchen (above) is efficiently planned, has dining nook for 5



BUILDING THE ONE-STORY HOSPITAL

An outline of techniques and materials to encourage sound, economical construction, prepared by an expert on these matters from the Division of Hospital Facilities

by Julian Smariga *

DEALLY, all the building materials for any hospital should be durable, easily maintained and non-combustible. These are on the market, but, in addition to these desirable functional qualities, the selection of materials is influenced by the question of economy, especially in smaller hospitals. This article presents a number of basic ideas to assist in the selection of materials and construction techniques for the one story hospital from 25 to 100 beds.

1. FOUNDATIONS

Spread footings of concrete will gen-

erally be satisfactory for most locations. If the soil conditions of a particular site require a more expensive type of foundation, it may be desirable to consider relocating the building, or even selecting a new site.

2. BASEMENT

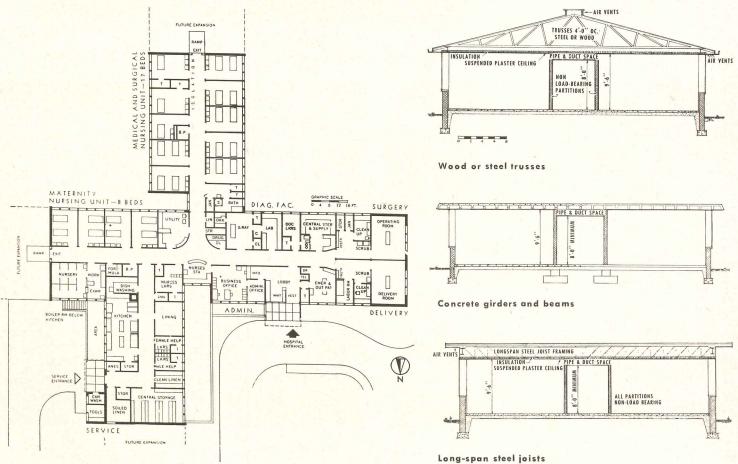
A partial basement provides space for a boiler room, but with favorable site conditions, it may be feasible and desirable to provide a more extensive basement area for additional services. Increased laundry facilities, inactive records storage, central linen supply, general storage, mechanical equipment as well as the boiler room may be placed on the lower level. An elevator will probably be required when so many services are located in the basement. (A hydraulic type is very satisfactory.)

Watertight construction is mandatory for all basement walls. If the basement floor level extends below the ground water line, positive and complete protection from the exterior water must be

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¹ Prevention of Dampness in Basements, Cyrus C. Fishburn, Journal of the American Concrete Institute, Feb. 1948.

1. Plan for a typical 25-bed, one-story hospital and three possible types of roof construction



The plan shows elements and arrangements typical of one-story hospitals, but 25 beds is not the limit because 100-bed units can be planned and built to work efficiently on one floor

When the roof structure spans between exterior walls, interior partitions can be non-load bearing and construction can be speeded. Only the concrete roof requires interior columns

provided. Fig. 2A shows the use of a membrane type waterproofing for this condition. It is important that all walls be structurally designed to withstand the pressure of the saturated soil and the floor should be able to resist the hydraulic uplift.

If the basement area is extensive and the water level lies appreciably above the basement floor, the cost of positive waterproofing measures (both structural and hydraulic) would probably be excessive.

Figure 2B shows an effective type of construction when the basement floor lies above the ground water level and may be subject only to limited periods of dampness from soaking rains or an occasional rise in the water table.

Alternative protective coatings may consist of three brush coats of grout (cement and fine sand mixture), prepared waterproofing mixtures, or bituminous coatings.

The surface of the ground adjacent to the building should be graded to divert all surface water away from the building. A minimum slope of ¼ in. per ft for a distance of 10 ft from the walls is generally satisfactory. Sodding or paving these sloping areas will help to reduce excessive absorption of surface water. Also, the discharge from roof downspouts should be safely conducted away from the building walls.

Sufficient clearance should be allowed around and also above all equipment in the boiler room for the installation and maintenance of the connecting fittings and controls. A large opening in the exterior wall should be conveniently available for the installation and possible future removal of large sections of mechanical equipment.

Boiler room construction must be fireresistive. This room should be separated from other hospital sections by suitable masonry walls and any opening in such walls must be protected by a fire door. It is highly desirable to insulate the ceiling to maintain as cool a floor as possible in the rooms directly overhead, especially for kitchen, laundry, other service rooms, or for an air conditioned space such as an operating suite.

An alternate arrangement which may be more desirable in some locations would place the boiler room at grade level adjacent to the service entrance. Better light, ventilation, accessibility and utility could be assured with little or no increase in cost.

3. FLOOR CONSTRUCTION

The floor construction of smaller hospitals may be of two types — (1) suspended or raised type in which the floor is supported by bearing walls or girders, or (2) concrete slab directly on the ground.

With the suspended floor system, the floor construction is elevated to provide a crawl space. Many times it is too small. The crawl space should be large enough to provide access and working space to facilitate the installation and maintenance of conduits, piping and ducts. Good ventilation of the crawl space using well screened openings and proper soil treatment is necessary to

prevent dampness and other unsanitary conditions.² Floor insulation will generally be required to assure comfortable conditions in cold weather, and such insulation should have a vapor barrier on the warm side of the insulation.

The popular concrete slab on grade can be readily adapted to hospital structures. If the site is fairly level, site preparation can be kept to a minimum. A uniformly compacted subgrade is required to minimize the possibility of settlement cracks in the floor. By utilizing an overhead distribution system for the supply service lines within the building, it is possible to keep all piping except the drainage system from being concealed in the floor. Since the drainage system is made of cast iron or other durable material, the hazard of repair and replacement is minimized. However, an adequate number of cleanouts should be installed in the drainage system to facilitate proper maintenance.

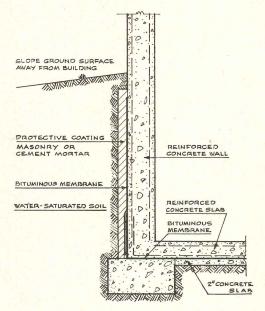
Moisture absorption and condensation on the slab can be avoided by the use of an insulating layer of tile or gravel between the concrete slab and soil.³

With a concrete floor slab on grade, the nature of the soil which will underlie the slab should be carefully observed. In some geographical areas, unstable soil formations such as peat pockets, may present difficulties with a floor laid on the ground.

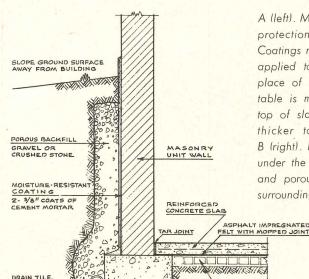
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² Controlling Moisture in Buildings, ARCHI-TECTURAL RECORD, August 1948.
³ Insulation of Concrete Floors in Dwellings, ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, Jan. 1949.

2. Waterproofing basement walls



GROUND WATER LEVEL IS ABOVE BASEMENT FLOOR



GROUND WATER LEVEL IS BELOW BASEMENT FLOOR A (left). Membrane gives added protection against seepage. Coatings now available can be applied to the inside wall in place of membrane. If watertable is more than 1 ft above top of slab, it must be made thicker to prevent floating. B (right). In sandy soils, the tile under the floor can be omitted and porous backfill used only surrounding the drain tile

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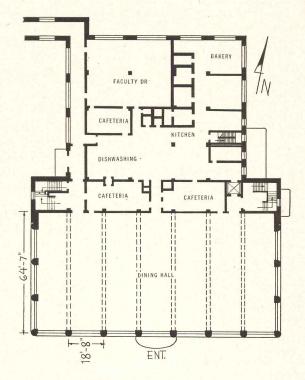
COLLEGE BUILDING MAKES A SWITCH TO PRESTRESSED CONCRETE



The application of prestressed concrete girders and beams in this country had just gotten started when the shortage of steel came along. Then architects and engineers had to think about materials other than structural steel — wood, reinforced concrete, or perhaps prestressed concrete - for buildings on which construction was imminent.

Ordinary reinforced concrete worked in some cases, but not all, and one of

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At Manhattanville College, the six girders over the dining hall which support the floor of the assembly room were originally planned in steel, but when the shortage came, the architects decided to use prestressed concrete to meet the time limit rather than redesign the building for reinforced concrete

TRIAL-TESTED COLLEGE DORM CORRIDOR Mock-up room at Case Institute of Technology produced costsaving ideas from the students. Actual room is shown at right. Lighting is inexpensive, neat, and easy on the eyes. Desk

Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland was able to build and furnish a dormitory at the commendable low cost of less than \$2000 per student housed, according to a report to Architectural RECORD by J. Trevor Guy, A.I.A., of Case. School officials give the main credit to a three-part study:

- 1. A survey to determine the students' needs, size of building required and expected return from rentals.
- 2. A study made of new dormitories at other schools.
- 3. Testing of a flexible mock-up room to determine the size and interior furnishings of the 154 sleepingstudy rooms. After thorough inspection by the student body, two students lived in the room for several weeks.

Results of the research were turned over to the architects, Small, Smith and Reeb for use in planning the dormitory building which was completed in March 1951 at a cost of about \$500,000 or \$1645 per student housed. Furniture cost was \$300,000 or \$330 per student

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lamps were designed specially

for adjustability and comfort

THIN BRICK WALLS ARE THE ONLY SUPPORT IN A DESIGN FOR MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS

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ARCHITECTURAL RECORD REPORT No. 3. on Housing and Home Finance Agency Research Project No. 1-T-99 with Illinois Institute of Technology (see p. 216)

Editors Note: The idea of 6-in. brick walls holding up the concrete floors of a building 10 stories high, or even higher, rather staggers the imagination, but that is the gist of the design presented here. It's not just supposition because as much study has been devoted to the principles involved. The ways in which the authors feel such a daring structure will behave under the effects of wind, gravity and earthquake forces are outlined here.

It is beyond the scope of this article to substantiate every premise with a host of formulas and data as would be required for presentation in a technical paper. This is contemplated for the future. Its purpose is to get the core of an idea before you so that the researchers may have the benefit of your thinking.

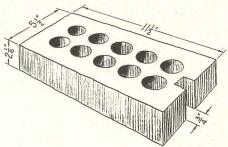
It is too early to guess just how far reaching this scheme could be. It is not impossible that it might rival the development of the steel skeleton frame. The system is efficient in the use of materials — the walls are used structurally as well as for space separation and sound isolation; but they are, of course, fixed once and for all, and they should be directly in line, one over the other.

In an engineering sense, the system is a reversal in the trend toward more complicated structural systems and methods of analysis. It takes the old fashioned bearing wall and puts it within the structure in such a way that it need not get increasingly thicker the closer it is to the foundation, but remains 6 in. thick for the whole height of the building. Actually the engineering problems of a 10-story building are reduced to those posed by a stack of ten one-story buildings.

"SCR Multi-Story Construction," developed by Structural Clay Products Research Foundation, is based upon the use of the new SCR brick, a modular clay unit with nominal dimensions 6 by 12 in. and three courses to 8 in. (see sketch this page; also see ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, May 1952, p. 214). However, the engineering principles could be applied also to buildings using other types of masonry materials.

FEATURES OF THIS NEW STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

- Dispenses with the conventional skeleton frame of steel or reinforced concrete
- Employs thin partition walls as the sole vertical structural elements, wholly without the use of steel or other reinforcement
- Takes advantage of the inherent prestressing provided by gravity
- Improves sound isolation within the building
- Permits use of inexpensive spread foundations
- · Simplifies construction and eliminates costly engineering and detailing



Supporting walls are composed of this new SCR brick having a nominal depth of 6 in.

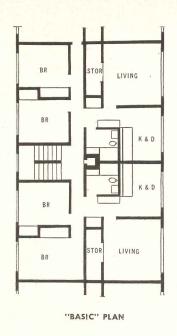
SIX-INCH THICK partition walls of brick, without any added columns, girders, or reinforcing, can theoretically hold up the floors of an apartment building 10 or more stories high. This is accomplished by setting brick walls between rigid, continuous floor slabs to form a discontinuous stack of stories which are held together by the downward pull of gravity. Wind loads are transmitted from exterior walls to the floor slabs, which in turn transfer them by friction to the bearing partition walls.

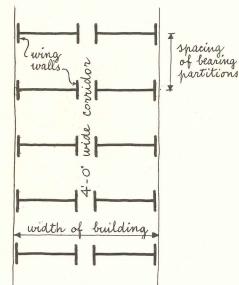
Thus, "SCR Multi-Story Construction" will be limited in its use to those types of buildings where repetitive bearing walls occur: apartment buildings, for example, and offices, hospitals and hotels. Plan requirements in buildings such as these can allow the weight of the structure to be sustained on the wall lines, instead of on columns, as in skeleton framing.

This structural system is one of a number being analyzed on a comparative basis by Illinois Institute of Technology under the Housing and Home Finance Agency contract in an effort to improve residential design and construction in multi-story dwellings.

For demonstration purposes we have taken a typical apartment house floor plan (actually the "basic" plan used in the HHFA Research Project described in Architectural Record, December, 1951). This plan might be anywhere from 25 to 55 ft wide overall.

To simplify mathematical calculations, the partition walls in the plan have been reduced to a series of transverse bearing partitions (the space between them could range from 9 to 27 ft) buttressed by wing walls which represent corridor, closet and other longitudinal partitions. Although a simple rectangular structure has been assumed, the construction system is not limited to rectangular buildings, and buildings without continuous corridors would prove much stronger.

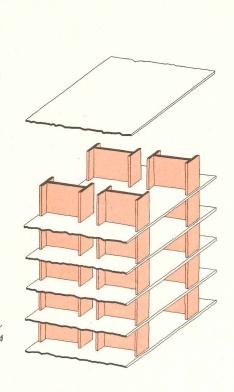


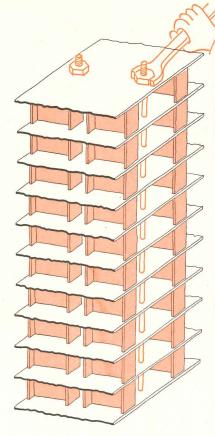


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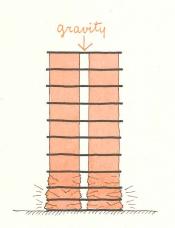
Investigating the building design becomes analogous to investigating a prestressed cantilever beam made up of blocks, gravity being the prestressing force in this case, and wind the load on the beam. It will be necessary to guard against (1) excessive compression within, and bearing between, the walls and floors; (2) opening of the joints between walls and floors; (3) sliding of walls and floors relative to one another; (4) excessive diagonal tension or shearing stress within the walls and floors.

Since the vertically discontinuous brick wall has little strength in tension, it cannot be designed to resist bending forces, but it must resist overturning through dead weight. The deflection in a multi-story building of this type would be due largely to racking (or shear) and would tend to produce a deflection curve the reverse of that normal in skeleton framing (see sketches p. 210). The relative horizontal displacement of one story with respect to another is prevented in a

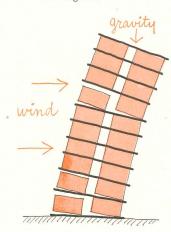




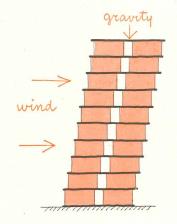
To simplify understanding and analysis of this brick construction system, the ''basic'' apartment plan used in this research (top left) is idealized into the repetitive series of bearing partitions and wind walls shown at left. In a multi-story building these masonry bearing partitions are interlayered with rigid floor slabs of reinforced concrete (above). Gravity pulls together this stack of floors and bearing walls, so that when subjected to horizontal wind pressure, this structure is analogous to a cantilevered beam prestressed by a long bolt. Below are four types of possible failure investigated



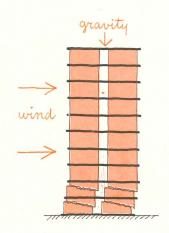
1. excessive compression or bearing



2. opening between walls and floors

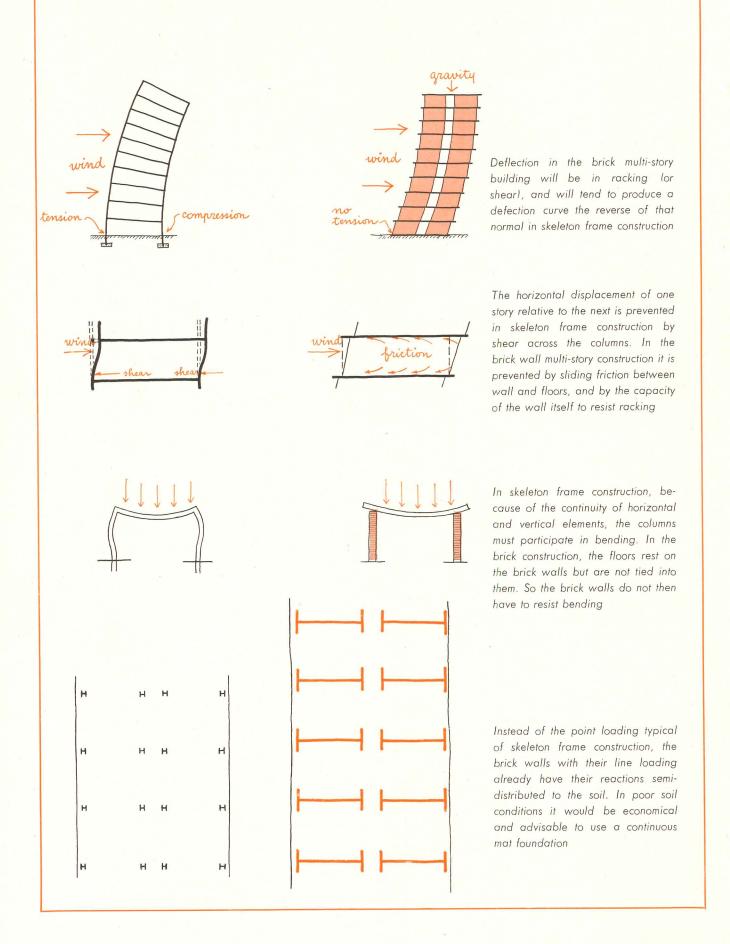


3. sliding of walls and floors



4. excessive diagonal tension

SKELETON FRAME AND BRICK MULTI-STORY CONSTRUCTION: A COMPARISON



skeleton frame by shear across the columns; in the brick construction it is prevented by sliding friction between wall and floor, and by the racking capacity of the wall within itself.

Since the resistance of unreinforced masonry walls to bending is limited, it is wise to have the floor system rest on the walls but not tied into them, so that deflections in the floor will not cause the walls to participate in flexture. Theoretically, floors not continuous with the vertical building elements should be thicker than those that are. But because of code requirements or constructional limitations, floors generally are approximately 4 in. thick, in spite of thinner theoretical requirements. In practice, then, the advantages of continuity between horizontal and vertical elements may not be realized.

How far the ponderous weight of the superstructure will clamp the ends of the floor slab to the walls in the lower stories, remains to be investigated. It is important that parts bearing on the walls should not introduce bending into them.

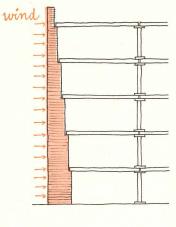
Strength properties and analysis of SCR brick walls

Development of the construction system described in this article has been founded on the strength characteristics of SCR brick walls for home construction. Initially, predictions of wall strength were based on tests of 8 in. solid masonry walls performed at the National Bureau of Standards and reported in Building Materials and Structures, Report No. 109. Recommended allowable loads on such walls are summarized in the table at right.

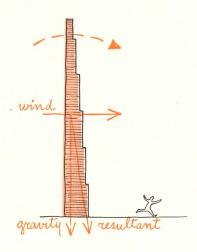
At present, static tests as prescribed by ASTM are being conducted at the Armour Research Foundation to determine experimentally the strength of SCR brick walls for home construction. Indications to date are that the results agree favorably with the allowable loads asumed above.

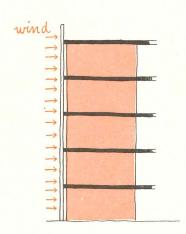
What factors will determine whether non-reinforced brick walls will be used in multi-story construction as the structural framework? They appear to have a sizable bearing capacity, a useful amount of resistance to racking, and a dead weight which can be turned to advantage. The limitation of non-reinforced brick walls in bending must be faced frankly, and the bearing walls so positioned in the structure that their bending participation will be small.

The bearing capacity of 6-in. brick walls is sufficient to sustain apartment







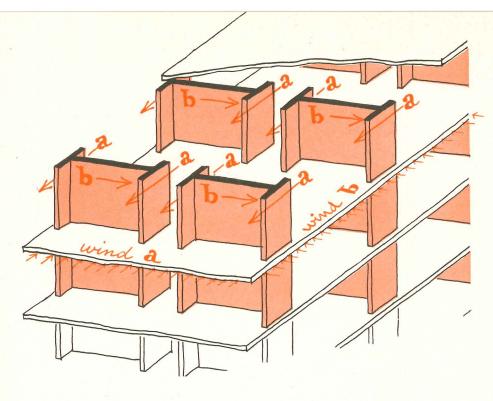


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SCR BRICK WALL MULTI-STORY CONSTRUCTION

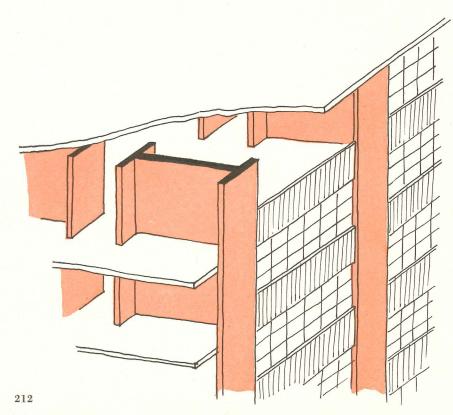
In old-style gravity brick wall construction (which reached its peak in 1891 in the Monadnock Building, Chicago) the exterior wall is designed to resist wind the whole height of the building. The exterior wall also helps to carry the floor load, but the floors give the wall little help in resisting wind load. In the brick wall system of multi-story construction, the exterior walls deliver wind load directly to the floor system at 8 ft intervals, thus minimizing any horizontal loading of the exterior walls

Wall	Compressive Load (height 8'-0") kips/ft	Transverse Load (span 7'-6") Ibs/ft	Racking Load (8'-0" by 8'-0" spec.) kips/ft	Wt. Ib/ft
AA, high strength brick; cement mortar; excellent workmanship		46	2.50	96.00
AB, medium-strength brick; cement-lime mortar; com- mercial workmanship		15	2.50	73.90
AC, medium-strength brick; cement-lime mortar; ex- cellent workmanship		32	2.50	78.90
From these tests and other published experiments the following predicted strength was prognosticated:				
SCR brick	40.0	20.0 (8'-0'' spc	2.0	45.00



Horizontal loading due to wind, from whatever direction it may come, is always transformed, in this construction system, into a racking load (which brick walls can well resist) on the bearing partitions (shown resisting wind b), or on the wing walls (shown resisting wind a) which also add useful buttressing

The curtain wall pilasters become identified with the wing walls of the brick bearing partitions. To provide lateral support and prevent buckling, these pilaster walls should be tied into each floor slab. Three additional ties, between one floor slab and the next, would be preferable for help in resisting wind suction or outward acceleration from earthquake



buildings as high as 15 stories even when the increase in pressure, caused by wind, on the leeward side of the building is taken into account. While 40 kips per ft may seem like a tremendous load for such a slender wall, tests indicate that in heights up to 8 ft, there is no tendency for the wall to buckle — failure is a matter of crushing. Naturally, a 6 in. wall, 15 stories high would buckle under its own weight; however, in the proposed structure the floor provides lateral support every 8 feet.

Assuming that SCR brick walls can sustain an allowable bending force of 20 lb per sq ft over a span of 8 ft, they would appear to be suited for use as curtain walls. Theoretically, they could sustain a 75–80 mph wind with a safety factor of $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Instead of the whole exterior wall being designed to resist wind the full height of the building, as in old-style gravity wall construction, the exterior walls deliver their wind reactions directly to the floor system at 8 ft intervals, thus minimizing horizontal loading on the brick wall.

The floor system must deliver its edge forces from wind loading to the transverse bearing walls which are to be the major structural masonry. It is assumed that friction between floor and wall will be sufficient to transfer this load; for multi-story structures such as we are discussing here, the coefficient of friction of masonry on concrete (assumed to be 0.50) is sufficient to prevent sliding.

Actually, the horizontal loading from wind has been introduced into the major structural masonry as a racking load. SCR brick walls are assumed qualified to resist racking loads of 2 kips per ft.* They can therefore resist the accumulated horizontal load that occurs on the bottom story from wind reactions introduced at each story level above. Since horizontal loads from any direction must be allowed for, longitudinal walls (idealized here as wing walls) must also participate in racking resistance. The buttressing action of these longitudinal walls is especially important for earthquake resistance.

Since this scheme consists of a discontinuous stacking of floor and wall elements, is there any danger that the upper stories would tip, or the whole building overturn? In the case of uniform wind pressure, static forces upon the structure are such that the whole

^{*} The racking test for walls used in home construction under ASTM specifications doesn't simulate accurately the behavior in a multistory building. Further verification of this figure is planned.

building would overturn before the upper stories would tip over to the leeward side. Resistance to overturning is achieved through dead weight. Provided there is sufficient dead weight to prevent any tension at the base of the building on the windward side, there will be no danger of overturning.

As shown above, loads are delivered to the main transverse bearing partitions through the floor slab. Dead and live loads are transmitted through bearing. Horizontal wind and earthquake loads are transmitted through friction and racking.

Exterior Walls

Before considering the interior walls, something should be said about structural action of the exterior walls. The wind reaction of the curtain wall is delivered to the floor slab.

The curtain wall sustains its own weight. This is carried through pilaster walls to the foundation. Where windows puncture a curtain wall, the spandrel from window head to window sill may be considered as an integral spandrel beam if the lower courses of masonry are reinforced, making a reinforced brick masonry beam. The spandrel from window head to window sill is deep enough — when reinforced — for spans up to 27 ft. The curtain wall should be securely enough tied into the floor slab to withstand outward suction pressure of at least 10 lb per sq ft and, in earthquake areas outward accelerations of at least 15 lb per sq ft.

The reactions of the integral spandrel beam within the curtain wall are to be sustained by the pilaster wall. Since the accumulated dead weight of curtain walls is relatively light, a minimum pilaster width of 3 ft will be sufficient for buildings up to fifteen stories with spandrel spans up to 27 ft. The pilaster wall should be tied at least every 8 ft (at the floor slab) to provide lateral support against buckling. Three additional ties attaching the pilaster to the partition walls (between each floor slab and the next) would be preferable, to help in resisting wind suction or outward accelerations due to earthquake.

Floor Slabs

While floors are not our primary concern here, they must of necessity be discussed since their weight must be sustained by the walls. To predict the loads on the bearing walls, the dead weight of the floor system as a function of the span has been computed. Designs to date indicate that relatively long rein-

forced concrete slabs will resist stress requirements.

Engineers, however, are reluctant to design slabs solely on the basis of stress considerations. In addition to normal deflection there is experimental evidence to indicate that long, thin, reinforced concrete slabs will creep measurably under long sustained loads.

To guard against this possibility an arbitrary limitation of an L/D ratio of 40 was imposed on this design. The minimum weight (as determined by stress) was used to compute frictional and stability limitations; the maximum weight (determined by deflection) was used to compute bearing or equivalent static earthquake loading. In other words, that floor slab weight was used which most severely limited the design.

A live load of 40 lb per sq ft has been assumed in all calculations. Requirements for corridor spaces, dead weight of non-load-bearing partitions, storage areas, etc., have been assumed allowed for in the following manner: Because it is improbable that all floors will be loaded simultaneously, it is customary under most building codes to reduce the live load on vertical elements; therefore, based on the New York, Chicago and San Francisco building codes, our calculations use a reduction factor of 65 per cent for all stories.

Ideally the floor slabs should be so designed as to behave as rigid plates. Where breaks at corridors or doorways occur through the main transverse partitions, the floor plate or slab must not be so flexible that the building acts in resisting horizontal loads as two separate parallel structures, separated by the gap at the opening. The floor must be stiff enough to ensure the full building width will act as a whole in resisting lateral load. This assumption has been made in the graphical forecast of story heights to follow. If the floor is not sufficiently stiff, then in the extreme case of continuous corridors on each floor the predicted story heights may be reduced to roughly 50 per cent.

How Tall Can the Building Be?

A statical analysis of the 6-in. brick walls was made to predict how many of the 8 ft-6 in. stories could be stacked up safely, depending on the spacing of the main transverse bearing partitions and the depth of the building. This prediction was based on the following investigations:

- The maximum bearing or compressive load on the bottom story.
- 2. The stabilizing effect of the dead

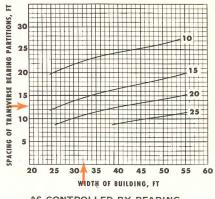
- weight against tipping of the building from wind.
- 3. The frictional force under each story.
- 4. The racking load on the bottom story due to wind.

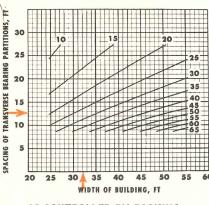
The bearing capacity of the brick walls must resist both the vertical dead and live loads plus the additional stresses resulting from wind or other horizontal loading. The limiting condition for stability has been set by permitting no tension at the windward base. Since the total wind load increases in the same proportion as the dead load, progressing from top to bottom of a building, the coefficient of friction required under each story is theoretically the same; that is, the frictional resistance does not depend on the number of stories. Racking was assumed to be a function only of the wind load and depth of building.

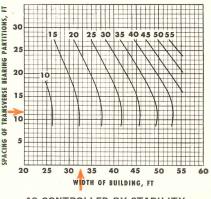
Results of the above investigation have been summarized in the graphs on page 214. All graphs allow for an arbitrary choice of building width and spacing of transverse bearing partitions. On the extreme left of the large graph is the boundary of the region of insufficient friction. Choices falling into this region should not be allowed because the statical friction under each story would be exceeded, allowing it to slide. Fortunately, this region is small and away from the usual building proportion.

Bays ranging from 9 to 27 ft have been considered and building widths ranging from 25 to 55 ft. Each curve is the limit of height for a particular set of dimensions, in terms of 8 ft-6 in. stories, to which the building may go before exceeding (1) the bearing capacity of the walls, (2) the stability of the building, or (3) the racking strength of the bearing partitions. Ideally, the most efficient use of material would be when all three curves coincide, so that the limiting conditions are reached simultaneously. However, based on the assumptions made above, bearing and stability are the two controlling factors. It appears that racking does not govern story heights within the building proportions considered here.

The large graph, therefore, is a composite of bearing and stability curves. The stability and bearing surface intersect along line "I". To the left and below this line stability controls; to the right and above this line bearing controls. As an example, if a building were 32 ft deep, with transverse bearing partitions spaced 12 ft on center, then the maximum height of the building would be about 15 stories. It would be 15 stories as controlled by stability, but 18





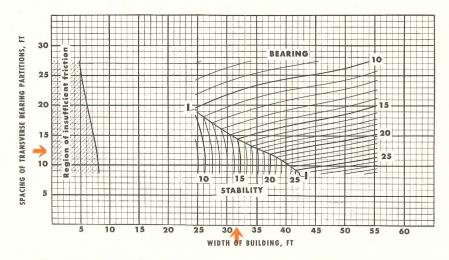


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AS CONTROLLED BY STABILITY

Statical analysis of the brick wall multistory construction system is summarized in the large graph at right la combination of the smaller ones abovel. It will be seen that, for a building 32 ft deep, with transverse bearing partitions 12 ft on center, the maximum permissible height would be about 15 stories. If bearing alone controlled, the limit would be 18 stories, if racking controlled, it would be 27 stories.



ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF 8 FT 6 IN. STORIES IN TYPICAL MULTI-STORY APARTMENT

stories as controlled by bearing, or 27 stories as controlled by racking.

While exact dynamic analyses are most tedious and difficult, West Coast building codes provide the designers with a method for computing horizontal loads which may be applied to the structure statically to produce equivalent seismic effects. Based on the San Francisco Building Code, 1952, and the Uniform Building Code, 1943, an equivalent static analysis was made similar to the above procedure for the 32 ft deep building with bearing partitions 12 ft on center. At the bottom of this page is a tabular summary of results showing the allowable number of 8 ft 6 in. stories:

The unusually high value for racking under the San Francisco code is due to the decidedly lower accelerations provided for in the lower stories. Since earthquake accelerations are more severe in the top stories, the minimum width of building must be 10.6 ft (San Francisco Code) in order to prevent the top story from sliding, as compared to 7.9 ft under static wind load. Vibrations of the walls themselves are a matter of future study.

Foundations Simplified

This multi-story system simplifies foundation problems where soils do not have much bearing capacity. Instead of the point loading typical of skeleton frame construction, the load is distributed along the partition wall line.

Since continuous footings underneath the main bearing partitions are required, and since, in most apartment buildings, partition walls will be spaced 10-15 ft apart, it is calculated that, with poor soil conditions, the footing of one wall would spread almost half way toward

the adjoining wall. In such cases it would seem advisable to use a continuous mat foundation. This would also provide bearing for the longitudinal walls which, although not receiving gravity loads, must resist horizontal loading from any direction.

Calculations indicate that if a continuous mat is placed underneath a 10-story SCR building, the load intensity on the soil varies between 1000 and 2000 lb per sq ft. Any but the most adverse soil conditions would be satisfactory for this load.

Historical Perspective

The use of load-bearing masonry in

Limiting Condition	NUMBER OF STORIES			
	Static Loading	Earthquake Loading		
		San Francisco Code	Uniform Building Code	
Bearing	18	18	13	
Stability	15	15	8	
Racking	27	71	11	

high multi-story buildings, has been practically abandoned since 1891, completion date of the Monadnock Building in Chicago. The exterior masonry bearing walls in this 16-story building were proportioned by a rule of thumb dating back to the Renaissance: a minimum wall thickness of 12 in., with an increase of 4 in. for every story below the top. The result was that the walls of this building measure 72 in. at the base.

No wonder that the skeleton frame—launched to fame in 1883 by William Jenny's Home Insurance Building in Chicago framed in cast and wrought iron—seemed the ideal structural system for building owners who were already sensitive to the amount of expensive real estate occupied by the structural frame, the square feet that paid no rent.

Jenny's creation was made possible by the contemporary development of iron and steel. The application of this new material was aided by the work of bridge engineers whose experience in building metal structures dated back at least 100 years. Laboratory material testing was now possible. Steel fashioned into strong machines tested itself.

The greatest impetus to structural engineering in recent years has been given by the aircraft industry, where the weight-strength ratio is a maddening challenge for precise structural analysis and efficient structural systems. Complete dependence on the beam, strut, and truss soon gave way to the monocoque system, i.e. the skin, or fuselage of the structure, was called upon to be force-resistant. Creators of automobile bodies are aware of this monocoque principle.

Is the building industry going in this same direction? Rumblings are heard. We speak of rigid diaphragm floors (the flat plate). Cellular, or box-frame, construction of walls — though limited — is a reality. Theoretical tools for analyzing plates, shells, membranes — though tedious at times — are available. Will the contemporary skeleton frame give way to a technique of integrated walls and floors? This multistory system is a step in this direction.

Masonry construction need no longer be shackled by unreasonable factors of safety. Professor I. O. Baker's "Treatise on Masonry Construction", which had a profound influence on the Chicago Building Code during the reconstruction period after the Great Fire of 1871, recommended a safety factor of ten. This extreme caution was representative of masonry practice throughout the country at the time when the skeleton steel frame was evolving. This position is not tenable today. The minimum safety factor suggested for unreinforced masonry by the National Bureau of Standards is two and one-half.

Application to Apartments

Almost any common type of apartment plan is well suited to this construction system. The strip plan, typical of walk-up apartments, was selected for our research study because it permitted simple analysis and comparison of different materials and construction methods. Such a plan could be used for three-story garden apartments, or, by piling three such garden apartment units one on top of the other and connecting them with a skip-stop elevator, an efficient high-rise building results (see Architectural Record, December 1951, page 138).

Construction Details

Construction details for bearing partitions, exterior walls, insulation, windows, doors, etc. are identical for 1, 3, 10 and 15-story buildings. The reason is that the thickness of all bearing walls is constant throughout the height of the structure.

In cooperation with the Structural Clay Products Institute and the Structural Clay Products Research Foundation, Howard T. Fisher & Associates have developed comprehensive details for use of SCR brick for single-story residences. These details take care of corners, windows, doors, lintels, sills, insulation, through-wall flashing, wiring, lath and plaster, or dry wall finish, etc. and are fully applicable to this multi-story system.

Additional details, expecially those required for fireproof floors, stair wells, and fireproof doors to public halls, are now being developed.

Exterior Walls

In contrast to traditional masonry construction, the exterior walls do not carry any floor loads. (The end walls are the single exception; they may be considered as insulated bearing partitions, with window openings kept to a minimum.) The exterior walls are not true curtain walls because they are not supported by the floors.

In some earlier versions of this construction system, the exterior walls were recessed between the floor slabs. However, the pilaster sections were designed to carry the exterior wall load. The dominant reason for setting the exterior wall outside the floor slabs was to reduce the heat loss caused by through-

conduction from floors and bearing partitions.

The space between the edge of the floor slab and the exterior wall is filled with a non-combustible insulating material, which will also prevent the passage of sound and fire.

It is suggested that the inside face of the exterior walls be furred out on 2 by 2 in. wood strips. This prevents moisture penetration, facilitates installation of electric wiring, and allows for 1 in. blanket insulation if this is desired. The furring strips are quickly and easily attached by impaling them on special staples in furring clips which are installed by the mason when laying the wall.

There is a wide choice of insulating materials and plaster finishes for use on such a furred wall. The completed wall may have a U-factor ranging from .15 Btu (1 in. blanket insulation, plus $\frac{3}{8}$ in. gypsum lath, plus $\frac{3}{4}$ in. vermiculite plaster) to .25 Btu. ($\frac{1}{2}$ in. gypsum board with aluminum foil back).

Exposed Brick Interior Walls

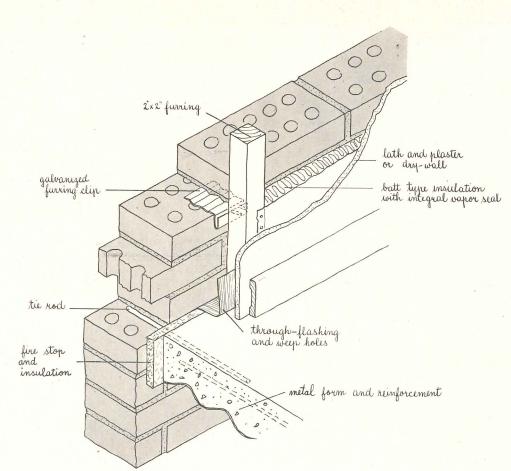
How far it might be desirable to leave the brick partition walls exposed will probably depend upon the location of the wall, the skill of the architect and the variety (size, color, finish, etc.) of the bricks at his disposal; also whether the apartments are subdisized units for low-income families, or competitive, privately-owned rental units.

For kitchens and bathrooms, glazed brick with thin mortar joints would be preferable to plaster, from the standpoint of appearance and sanitary finish; also it would be lower both in first cost and maintenance cost.

Whether brick or plaster were used in the bedroom hall and in closets would make no significant difference to the tenants. The architect's decision in these cases might depend upon whether such walls were required to be bearing partitions.

We do not know what the reaction of local housing authorities would be to apartment designs using exposed brick for interior walls, in living and bed rooms. But the Chicago Housing Authority, who are interested in this HHFA research project, have indicated that they would accept unplastered brick throughout, if it would reduce construction and maintenance costs.

Fire prevention experts are particularly eager for a surface such as exposed brick which does not require painting; for paint can be the means of spreading flash fires.



Suggested construction detail at joint between floor slab and outside wall in the brick wall story construction. Floor and wall are connected at intervals by tie rods, but they are structurally independent and separated one from the other by a layer of insulation. The furred wall shown (U value, including brick, 0.15) is but one of many possibilities

Fire Resistance

Fire tests have not yet been run on a 6 in. brick wall comparable to one made of SCR brick. However, it seems probable, by interpolation of test results gained from 4 in. and 8 in. masonry walls, that the SCR brick wall, unplastered, will have a 2 hour rating, and with furring, lath and plaster on one side a rating of over 4 hours.

Sound Isolation

A high degree of sound isolation is a useful by-product. Theoretical analysis indicates that the 6-in. brick wall without plaster should have a sound attenuation of slightly more than 45 decibels. This is considered satisfactory for dividing walls between one apartment and the next, and it is far above minimum requirements for the partition walls within each apartment.

Construction with SCR Brick

One outstanding advantage possessed by the SCR construction system, when compared with most other new systems, is the immediate and nation-wide availability of the units employed. No special equipment or experience is required for installation; SCR bricks can be laid by any bricklayer.

Resistance to Shock

How would a 10- or 15-story apart-

ment house, built with unreinforced walls of brick behave if subjected to earthquake or atomic blast? Probably the best method of analysis available to the practicing engineer is the use of equivalent static loading, as required by the San Francisco Building Code. Exterior wall bearing masonry buildings at Hiroshima and Nagasaki showed evidence of total collapse. It must be remembered, however, that conventional practice has been primarily to place the major structural masonry on the outside of the building where it is most vulnerable to the bending effects of blasts, wind, or other horizontal loading. Seldom have masonry structures been deliberately engineered to take full advantage of the racking resistance of brick walls in withstanding horizontal loads.

Besides using the dead weight of the brick wall to stabilize the structure and provide useful frictional forces, we position the walls in a multi-story structure so that they will participate in bearing and racking without severe transverse effects.

Conclusion

Before this construction system can be recommended for actual use, certain additional tests must be conducted, and it is assumed that it would be first tried in numerous smaller structures before larger projects are undertaken. The Structural Clay Products Research Foundation intends to continue theoretical and experimental development with the hope that a pilot building can be erected in cooperation with the Housing and Home Finance Agency and one of the municipal housing authorities.

Architectural Record Report No. 3 on Housing and Home Finance Agency Research Project No. 1-T-99 with Illinois Institute of Technology*

* This article is based on a progress report on Housing and Home Finance Agency's Research Project No. 1-T-99 being conducted under contract by Illinois Institute of Technology, Prof. E. I. Fiesenheiser, Project Director; Howard T. Fisher & Associates, Inc., Architects and Industrial Designers, Subcontractor; Chicago Housing Authority, Collaborator.

The construction system presented here is a development of the Sturctural Clay Products Research Foundation, Robert B. Taylor, Research Director. It is the result of that organization's cooperative participation in advancing the research objectives of HHFA Project No. 1-T-99. The research and development work was performed for, and at the sole expense of, the Structural Clay Products Research Foundation by Howard T. Fisher & Associates, Inc. and Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. The basic concept was developed by Robert L. Davison in September 1950. Formulation of an engineering philosophy was undertaken by Clarence B. Monk in September 1951, based upon the use of "SCR Brick" (Registered Trademark SCPRF: Patents Pending).

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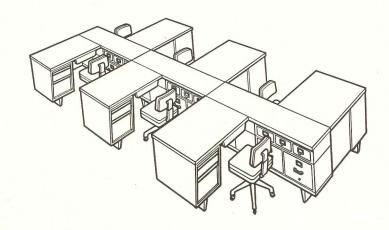
Modular Office Furniture

Designed primarily as a space-saver, but also to afford time-saving efficiency and less clutter in an office, the Globe-Wernicke Techniplan Modular Office system is reported to have had successful installations, after having been on the market for less than a year. Consisting of adjustable working surfaces combined with optional partitions, the group also includes various standard sectional units, such as letter files, map and visible record cabinets, and card index cases. Cutting down waste space and adding flexibility, the units make for better organized and improved working facilities. Units are readily interchangeable due to an interlocking kevhole slot principle. Anyone with an ordinary screw driver can assemble them.

Electric wire channels can be run along the top of the partitions so that electrically operated machines may be placed at desired locations. Fluorescent lighting fixtures are attached to the bases of bookshelves, giving added light for detailed work. The Globe-Wernicke Co., Cincinnati 12, Ohio.

Sectional units of office equipment may be assembled in many ways to provide maximum floor space and increased efficiency. Built-in bookshelves and racks for waste baskets are an added attraction



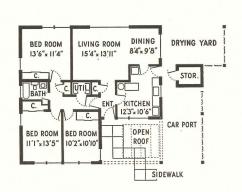


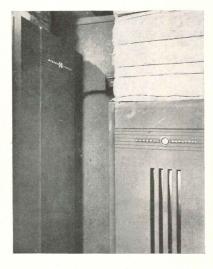
Air Conditioning Package For Low-Cost Housing

The first houses have been completed for a 210-unit development in Dallas which will reportedly be the first largescale, low-cost housing project in the country to include complete year-round air conditioning. Designed by George N. Marble, architect, the six-room houses are planned around a new General Electric packaged air conditioner tied by a common duct system to a G-E warm-air furnace. Both are located in an enclosed central alcove where they can furnish cold or warm air directly into surrounding rooms through a minimum of ductwork. The project is being built by the combined firms of Laughlin & Silver and Lewis & Lamberth, who expect to market the houses for about \$12,500. The combined air conditioning and warm-air heating system totals only about 8½ per cent of the cost of the complete house, and annual cost of operation is said to be equally low. The system provides yearround comfort for homes, furnishing (Continued on page 252)

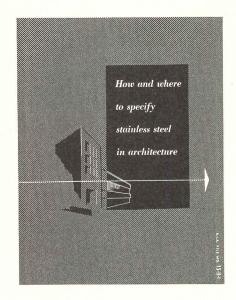


Typical house in new project (above) is planned (below) around centrally located system with packaged air conditioner and warm air furnace (right)





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Fire Resistance of Shutters for Moving-Stairway Openings. National Bureau of Standards Building Materials and Structures Report 129. Booklet describes results of one exploratory and two full-scale fire-endurance tests of flexible rolling shutters for closing of moving stairway openings. Photos, graphs and details are included. 9 pp., illus. Price 10 cents. Supt. of Documents, U. S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

Tool Steel Reference Manual

Tool Steel Handbook. Designed for engineers, teachers, metallurgists and others interested in tool, die and allied steels, this comprehensive volume is a companion to the previously published "Stainless Steel Handbook" and "Strength of Stainless Steel Structural Members as Function of Design." Contents include charts and tables of data on properties, analyses and applications, descriptions of important grades, discussions of heat treating and handling techniques, information on forms, finishes, weight tables, and other material. 197 pp., illus. Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp., 2020 Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.*

Linoleum Products

1952 Gold Seal Pattern Book. Catalog contains information on entire line of floor and wall coverings, as well as maintenance equipment and suggestions for proper treatment and care. Photographs of all installation equipment are given and product specifications are included. Full page color illustrations of rugs, by-the-yard Congoleum, Congowall, inlaid linoleum (plain and vinyl), asphalt tile, Nairnboard, bulletin board cork and linoleum borders present a pictorial description of various patterns and colors. 208 pp., illus. Congoleum-Nairn Inc., 195 Belgrove Drive, Kearny, N. J.*

Handbook for Homemakers

Everything in it is You. Booklet by Francis DeN. Schroeder gives the reader a brief but adequate sketch of the various periods in the history of furniture design. Drawings help to illustrate examples of each period discussed. Average sizes for bedroom, dining and living room furniture are shown - using a scale of 1/4-in. equals one ft. The chapter on colors includes many helpful suggestions and a handy color wheel containing primary, secondary and tertiary colors. Chapters follow on wall, window and light treatment and suggestions for proper use of pictures and accessories conclude the book. 32 pp., illus. Available for 10 cents at John Widdicomb Co., 101 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.

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Potter Slide Type Fire Escapes. Brochure shows variety of typical installations of the manufacturer's tubular and spiral escapes, both interior and exterior. Specifications for both types are given and detail drawings are included. 8 pp., illus. Potter Fire Escape Co., 6107 N. California Ave., Chicago 45, Ill.*

Reflective Insulation

(1) Alumiseal Reflective Insulation and Vapor Barrier Materials; (2) Alumiseal with Alumisatin Finish for Walls and Ceilings. Booklets illustrate features, construction details and typical installations of the manufacturer's insulating material. Specifications are included. 12 pp., 4 pp., both illustrated. Engineering, Design and Installation is done by C. T. Hogan & Co., Inc., Manufacture is by Alumiseal Corp., both of 383 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

Portable Equipment for Fire Fighting

Rockwood Fire Fighting Products. The manufacturer's line of products for extinguishing fires—including nozzles, valves, applicators, hand lines, pipe, adapters, clips, and chemicals—is illustrated in this catalog. Descriptions of operation and capacities are also listed. 10 pp., illus. Rockwood Sprinkler Co., 38 Harlow St., Worcester 5, Mass.

Heating and Air Conditioning

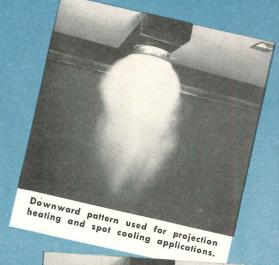
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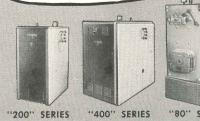
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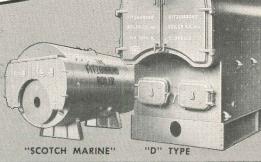
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TELEPHONE SYSTEMS FOR HOSPITALS: 1

FIG. 1 AERIAL SERVICE ENTRANCE IF REQUIRED

Consult Telephone Co. in order that entrance may be located as near as possible to main cable system. Also that fuse protection requirements may be considered.

BUILDING

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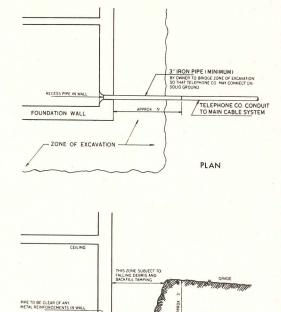
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BASEMENT

SECTION

FIG. 2 UNDERGROUND SERVICE ENTRANCE



The following sheets have been adapted from Telephones In The Hospital, prepared by Noyce L. Griffin, Electrical Engineer, Public Health Service, Division of Hospital Facilities. The telephone company should be consulted for exact requirements.

General

Interconnecting telephones should be provided for all departments, operating and delivery suites, offices, and an elevator outlet at mid travel level. All telephones may be connected on a dial system which permits interior communication without calling hospital switchboard. Telephone jacks should be installed at all private and semi-private beds. Public pay stations should be provided for visitors and personnel. Rigid conduit or electrical metallic tubing should be installed for all wiring. Surface wiring should be avoided. Construction plans should show all facilities listed below as approved by local telephone co. Symbols should conform with "Graphical Electrical Symbols for Architectural Plans", Z32.9 as approved by the American Standards Association. Building owner provides conduits, wire terminal boxes, space for equipment; telephone co. furnishes and installs all wiring and equipment.

Facilities which carry cables from telephone co. to building, and wiring in building include:

- 1. Service Entrance: location determined by architect and telephone co. so entrance cable will be:
- a. Well removed from: electric light, power circuits, apparatus; gas or water pipes, foreign metallic objects; boilers, steampipes, engine exhausts
- b. Free from possibility of mechanical injury, coalbins, ash pits, elevator shafts, coal or freight chutes. Avoid proximity to storage for flam-

mable materials.

c. Accessible to most satisfactory route to main cable terminal cabinet or frame, or to foot of riser shaft or conduit.

SECTION

- d. Attached to walls or ceilings, not to partitions which may be changed.
- e. Unobjectionable in appearance.

In masonry construction, conduit stubs or pipe sleeves should be cast into wall, or a hole left for later installation. Provision should be made for quick installation of emergency service.

Where service is brought into building underground, conduits should drain away from building toward a manhole or pull box and extend at least 5 ft beyond foundation wall to firm earth. Telephone conduits should be separated from electric light and power conduits by not less than 3 in. of concrete, 4 in. of brick masonry, or 12 in. of well tamped earth. (See



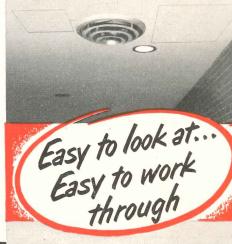
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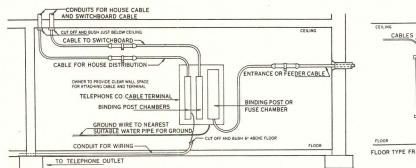
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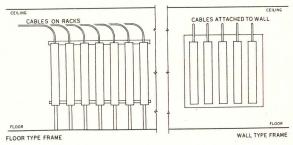
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FIG. 3 MAIN CABLE TERMINAL FOR SMALL INSTALLATION

FIG. 4 FRAME FOR LARGER INSTALLATIONS





Figs. 1 and 2.)

2. Main Cable Terminal Cabinet or Frame provides means for: (a) terminating wires of cables from telephone co.; (b) terminating wires of building cables; (c) interconnection of wires so telephones may be connected and changes made.

Terminal frames are generally furnished and installed in a metal cabinet by telephone co. Preferable location for terminal cabinet is dry, clean, accessible, well ventilated, near to service entrance. (See Figs. 3 and 4.)

- 3. Switchboards: connection of telephone service to trunk lines is accomplished by a Private Branch Exchange (P.B.X.) switchboard. There are two types suitable for hospitals:
- a. Manual System: All connections between stations or between any station and central office trunks are established manually by operator at switchboard. Use of this system is generally limited to small hospitals.
- b. Dial System: Incoming calls, toll calls both in and out, information service, and transferring calls are handled by operator at switchboard. Outgoing calls and station-to-station calls inside hospital are handled by automatic switching equipment. In the average hospital, use of automatic switching equipment is generally more economical and efficient. More space is required for automatic switching equipment, which is quite heavy and requires a separate room for protection against dust, excessive moisture, etc. Telephone co. should be consulted as to space and floor loading requirement.

Floor space required for switchboards will vary slightly with different types. In estimating, allow about 2 ft 3 in. wide by 3 ft deep for each section of switchboard. (See Figs 8 and 9.)

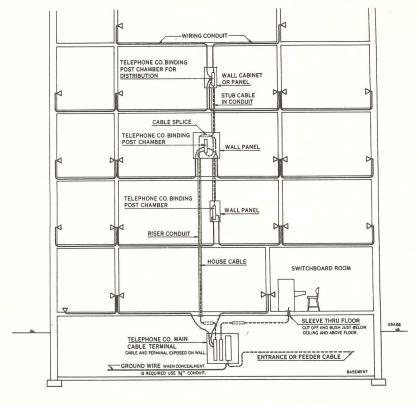
- 4. Vertical Riser Conduits: in buildings of moderate height and where building cables are small, riser cables are usually installed in conduits in lieu of riser shafts.
- 5. Splicing Closets: in multi-story buildings, wires must be taken from cables for connection of telephones for each floor. Wires are brought out

in a splicing closet and connected to a terminal strip. Where riser shafts are used, splicing closets are normally provided on each floor. Where riser conduits are used, as in most hospitals, splicing closets may or may not be required on every floor. (See Figs. 5 and 6.)

6. Distribution Terminal Cabinets: branch cables from splicing closets are connected to terminal strips in

FIG. 5 VERTICAL TELEPHONE RISER CONDUIT AND WIRING DIAGRAM

Conduit sizes will be determined by number of wires or diameter of cables. Panel sizes will be determined by type of equipment to be installed.



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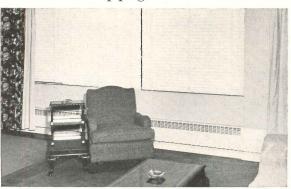
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Living room in typical apartment showing Webster Walvector.

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FIG. 6 TELEPHONE RISER AND WIRING DIAGRAM

Using splicing closets when available and desirable

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TELEPHONE CO.
TERMINAL ON WALL

SLOT

SPLICE ON WALL

SLOT

SWITCHBOARD ROOM

CCABLE ENTRANCE OR FEEDER CABLE

GROUND WIRE WICH CONCEALMENT

IS REQUIRED USE 34" CONDUIT

BASEMENT

BASEMENT

distribution cabinets, and from these, individual telephones are connected. Cabinets should be in accessible locations on each floor, near to center of areas they serve.

7. Branch Conduits for cable or wire runs should not be filled to more than 40 per cent capacity to allow for replacements or additional service. Where more than two 90 deg bends are necessary in a run, pull boxes should be installed so no section will have more than two bends. Runs between pull boxes should not exceed 100 ft for cable, 50 ft for wire. (See Fig. 7.)

FIG. 8 DIAGRAM OF SWITCHBOARD AND CONDUIT LOCATION

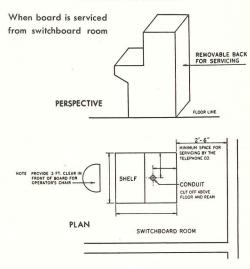
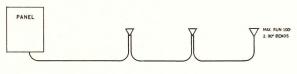


FIG. 7 CONDUIT FOR INSIDE TELEPHONE WIRES

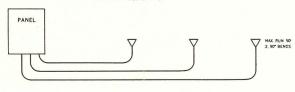
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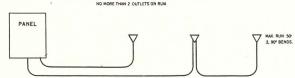
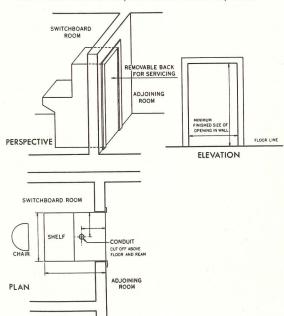


FIG. 9 DIAGRAM OF SWITCHBOARD AND CONDUIT LOCATION

When board is serviced from an adjoining room Note: Correct dimensions may be obtained from the telephone co.



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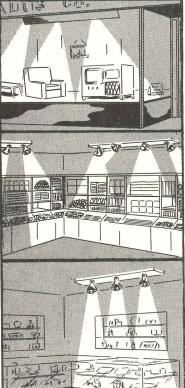
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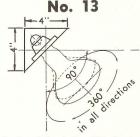
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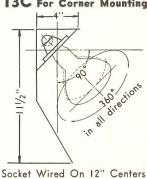
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ARCHITECTURAL PORCELAIN ENAMEL: 1 — Basic Design Data

This is the first of a series of Time-Saver Standard Sheets on porcelain enamel, prepared with the cooperation of the Porcelain Enamel Institute and its manufacturer members, and especially of D. C. MacDonald of Industrial News Service. Subsequent sheets will include additional design and fabrication limitation data, attachment methods, and notes on the design and attachment of sign letters.

Architectural porcelain enamel is made of iron or sheet steel panels covered with a glass coating which is fused into the metal at temperatures up to 1800 F. The coating is fused to the base after forming. Almost any desired shape can be made by forming, stamping, deep drawing or welding; a number of typical shapes that can be obtained are illustrated below.

Porcelain enamel is an inorganic, mineral composition that is very durable, easy to clean, acid resistant, weatherproof and non-inflammable. Its uses include a wide variety of interior and exterior wall surfacings, trims and signs.

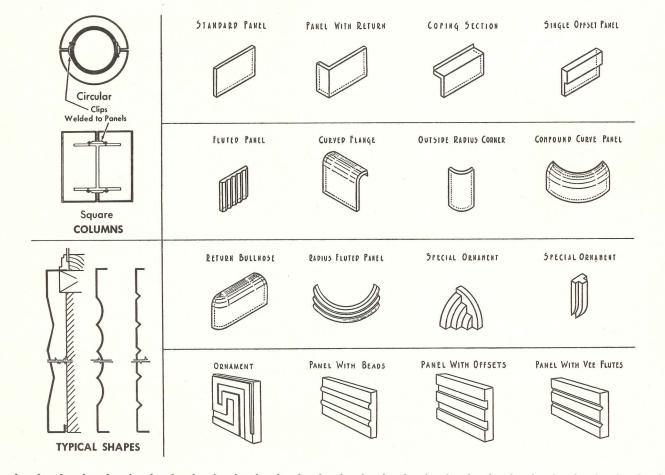
Proper designing and fabrication are extremely important in producing satisfactory finished panels. To develop in the panel the strength required to withstand the repeated fusing operations, attention must be given to many factors, such as proper gage of metal, size and shape of piece, correct method of forming, rigidity, holes for hanging, etc. Close cooperation between the designer and those responsible for the fabricating, enameling and assembly of the parts is necessary to avoid processing difficulties.

In general, a designer should keep in mind the following points:

1. Make all designing of products

a cooperative job between designer and enameler.

- 2. Select sheet metal of the proper gage and working properties.
- 3. Keep shapes as simple as possible.
- 4. Keep sizes proportionate. Avoid long, narrow shapes.
- 5. Avoid unsymmetrical embosses and offsets.
- 6. Use flanges for strengthening where necessary. A 1-in. depth is standard size; less is usually not recommended.
 - 7. Weld flanges at corners.
 - 8. Avoid cutouts in flanges.
- 9. Avoid cutouts in body of parts wherever possible.
- 10. Provide holes for hanging during firing. Such holes should be spaced to give uniform weight distribution.
- 11. Keep double thickness of metal to a minimum.
- 12. Avoid large angle reinforcements welded to back of parts.



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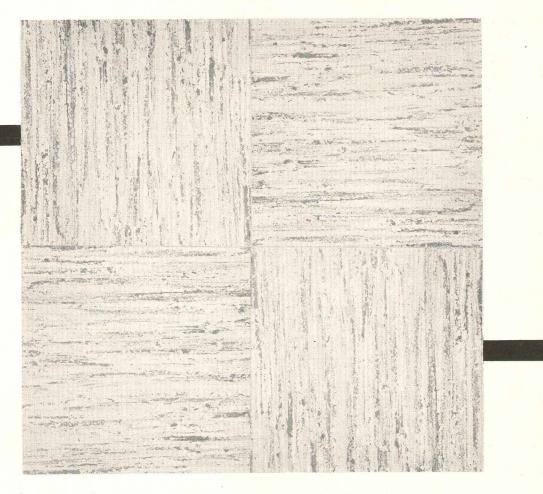
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4. WALL CONSTRUCTION

The walls should provide a sanitary, durable, safe and comfortable enclosure. Suitable vapor barriers and thermal insulation should be incorporated to eliminate excessive heat loss as well as within-the-wall condensation, especially where there is apt to be a wide differential between indoor and outdoor temperatures and humidities.

The structural framing should be independent of wall and window construction. There are many benefits: (1) overall construction time will be shortened. (2) all erection and heavy construction activity associated with the structural frame will be done at one time, thereby eliminating delays caused by waiting for allied work to be completed. (3) the roof may be erected at an early date, providing protection for all subsequent work. (4) if columns, beams and slabs are in place, the other trades will be able to move right in and finish their work without interruptions ordinarily caused by piecemeal structural framing.

Although the sketches indicate structural columns within walls, load bearing masonry piers may be economically superior in certain geographical areas.

The cavity shown in the wall construction of Fig. 3 provides (1) a mois-

ture barrier and (2) thermal insulation.4 Window details. To obtain optimum daylight for the bed patient farthest away from the exterior wall, it is desirable to raise the window head and make it flush with the ceiling line. Natural ventilation of the rooms will be increased if the upper portions of such windows can be vented. The use of extensive window areas provides added cheerfulness in the patient areas and better working conditions in the service rooms. Continuous windows which do not tie directly into the structural framing can be detailed with standardized connections at columns and walls.

Setting the windows flush with or projecting slightly outside of the exterior face of the wall provides some features also worth considering. Elimination of the exterior sill removes a point of water leakage into the wall. Many fine buildings are seriously stained by dust and soot which collects on the window sills and is washed down the face of the buildings by rain. Finally, the apparent size of a room may be materially increased by locating the windows as outlined above.

A hollow type, non-load bearing, interior partition is desirable to permit the

⁴ Cavity Wall Construction, Ben John Small, Progressive Architecture, August 1947. installation and concealment of pipes and ducts without exterior projections. They can permit future alterations and space rearrangement with a minimum amount of work and trouble. If possible, the interior partitions should be arranged to allow part or all of the columns to be within the wall construction in order to reduce or eliminate projecting corners, as shown in Fig. 4.

5. ROOF CONSTRUCTION

The decision between a flat or pitched roof outline is governed by individual preference more than by functional requirements (See Fig. 1). Recent experience indicates many advantages in providing a roof structure which will span between exterior walls without intermediate support.

The elimination of parapet walls (See Fig. 3) does away with many roof flashing details which are not only expensive to install but also quite expensive to maintain. Simpler and lighter structural lintels over all exterior wall openings can be used when a heavy parapet wall is omitted. The roof overhang can easily be extended for protection from rain and sun.

A construction scheme which results in a flush ceiling surface is desirable for several reasons. The work in applying ceiling finish materials is reduced. Overhead piping and ductwork can be readily installed without the interference of beam and girder projections. Insulation and vapor control measures can be more positively installed in straight ceilings. Interior walls and partitions are more easily erected with a minimum number of offsets and projections.

Where the roof construction includes a substantial attic volume, it is best to apply the insulation at the ceiling line to reduce the heating load. Proper ventilation of attic spaces is necessary, but suitable baffles and fire stops should be installed as safety measures.

6. ACOUSTICS

Some of the new materials being used in today's structures tend to increase the problems involving sound control, and the general application of sound absorbing finish materials is not a panacea for noise.⁵

Three points should be considered:

- (1) Source of noise
- (2) Insulation of noise
- (3) Absorption of noise

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Noise Reduction in Dwellings — Albert London, ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, Aug. 1949. Architectural Acoustics, Richard Bolt and Robert Newman, ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, (April, June and September 1950).

3. Typical exterior wall construction and column locations

