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## Allocations Ahead; Shelf of Controls Asked; Housing Bill Compromises D-awn; Steel Outlook Uncertain; Building Spurts when Spring Comes

As the first half of 1948 draws to a close, three major governmental influences appear in the housing picture.

First, the voluntary allocation of scarce commodities, which got the green light from Congress last fall, is taking definite form.

Second, the new defense program with its additional call on materials brings talk of a partial war economy with resultant controls.
Third, the revised general housing legislation (Taft-Ellender-Wagner Bill) promises to affect the long-term prospects in housing.

## Voluntary Plans Drawn

Of the four major items in the voluntary allocation program, as worked out under the aegis of the Department of Commerce, freight cars and housing have moved along best, petroleum equipment and farm equipment not so well. Steel allocations have been promised to keep freight car construction up to 10,000 a month.

In housing, most active work has been done in the cast iron industries soil pipe, pressure pipe, radiation and lower pressure boilers, warm air furnaces, enamel ware fixtures, plumbing drainage fixtures. Advisory committees from all groups have conferred with the Department and, in all but one instance, have favored a voluntary program.

After the preliminary conferences, an overall figure on pig iron requirements had to be studied by a Commerce Department committee to work out a schedule of the number of tons for each category. On completion of the schedule, the individual industries proceed with their procurement. Some of the cast iron industries - furnaces, for instance - also use steel, and sessions were to follow subsequently on steel needs.

All of the programming, it should be pointed out, is geared to a total of one million homes for the year.

Advisory committees were formed for the gypsum board and lath and the plywood industries, but meetings disclosed that their problem was one of distribution, a field into which the voluntary allocation program does not reach.

## Controls May Return

Practically everybody in Washington except the Congressional leaders who
would have to pass the requisite bills expects some economic controls to come back. There is a kind of fatalistic waiting, as for the depression. It isn't a matter of politics, so it is argued, or of bureaucratic aggrandizement. "It's in the cards," people say, and go on to explain why.

The military budget will steadily expand. During the immediate 1948-49 fiscal year not much will be spent; it will be a year for letting contracts. More will be spent in the 1950 year, and as for 1951, that will be a year to be reckoned with. The contracts let now will mature. Slowly rising capital plant of the Armed Services will be taking bigger outlays for maintenance.

## Shelf of Controls Asked

The military high command, Forrestal especially, press the point at every opportunity that you can't rebuild the Services simply by spending money. You must order steel, wood and other products - and you must be sure that you get them. To make sure, you might need to slip a legally enforceable priorities ticket into your purchase order, or you might need to allocate the major materials in the first place.
Congressional leaders, naturally
enough, campaign against the idea of economic controls. But the campaign speeches, if carefully read, usually contain, so to speak, some out-clauses, accepting the curbs that the exigencies of defense might force. Indeed, the old Defense Committee of the Senate recently went much further: it called in simple language for a shelf of control legislation that might be put into effect fast in case of war. The controls asked for went a little further than those of 1942-45.

This does not mean, of course, that the old wartime L-41 Order is about to be restored. But over the longer pull the very materials used in construction might also be needed by the military. If they are, the military will come first. This includes steel, pig iron, possibly lumber, and certainly labor. The experts of the departments see some possibility, though not much, that all this can be avoided.

## Housing Bill Passed

The Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill got through the Senate. Major clash arose over the public housing feature, but the Cain amendment to eliminate this was rejected by a vote of 49 to 35 , although it was known that there was strong opposition to this feature in the House. The Houseapproved extension of NHA Title VI loans was made part of the bill.
An anticipated clash between Senator McCarthy, Vice Chairman of the Joint Housing Committee, and Senator Taft over the McCarthy proposals failed to materialize as the two Senators worked out a series of compromises.
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Among Senate amendments of note are provisions for farm housing ( $\$ 25$ million for the first year's operation), a $\$ 4500$ limit on Title I loans, and an increase from 4 per cent to $41 / 2$ per cent in the maximum interest rate on G.I. loans. The bill generally provides a corporation to buy, as a secondary mortgage market, FHA and VA loans; it provides for housing research, rental housing, yield insurance, slum clearance and urban redevelopment, as well as public housing.

## Steel Outlook Mixed

The European Cooperation Administration, in carrying out the Marshall Plan, will have far-reaching effects on domestic business. Since the inception of the Plan, questions have arisen as to how it will ramify into various industries. A recent study by the House Select Committee on Foreign Aid goes into the role of steel in the program for European recovery.

This study points up the following (Continued on page 12)


Shopping center planned for Bergen County, N. J.; Kelly and Gruzen, Architects

## BUILDING NOTES

## Business Center

A $\$ 6,000,000$ business center containing a major department store, a market, specialty stores and a 2000 -seat cinema, is planned for Bergen County, N. J., on Route 4, at North Hackensack. It will have a frontage of over 3000 ft . on State

Highway 4, the most heavily traveled route in northern New Jersey, and the principal artery linking New Jersey and New York via the George Washington Bridge. An average traffic flow of 23,000 motor vehicles per day past the site, according to a recent official count, makes it an ideal spot for such a center.
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## NEWS FROM CANADA By John Caulfield Smith



Two new projects among many others that are adding up to a sizable building program for Canada, despite controls and materials difficulties. Upper photo, model of a golf and country club building, Kaplan \& Sprachman, architects. Lower, model of a new grandstand for the C.N.E., Toronto, Marani \& Morris, Architects

## Provinces Aid Housing

A bill to accelerate production of new housing has been enacted by the government of Ontario. Designed for flexible administration, it provides for financial commitments totaling upwards of $\$ 30$ million.
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Ontario's legislation is somewhat more extensive than that passed by the
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## Court Rules on Prices

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In the words of the FTC, the decision "has a definite and substantial impact upon the status of similar systems of identical delivered prices used by a number of heavy goods industries. In the aggregate the commodities priced under such systems are important factors in the cost of housing and other construction and of semi-fabricated products used as raw materials in a host of other industries." Meanwhile, the Commission awaited decisions in three similar cases pending in the United States Circuit Courts of Appeals, two involving steel products and the third, book paper.

## Odds and Ends

Other items of note among federal agencies:

1. HHFA has completed its top organization. Besides Raymond M. Foley as HHFA Administrator, other top officials include Franklin D. Richards as FHA Commissioner, John T. Egan as Public Housing Commissioner, and William K. Divers, Chairman, and J. Alston Adams and O. K. LaRoque members, of the Home Loan Bank Board. Tighe Woods is Housing Expediter.
2. A 330-page handbook, Manual on Wood Construction for Prefabricated Houses, has been published by HHFA, giving basic scientific and engineering information about wood and wood-base materials used in housing. It is believed to be the first complete technical treatise on efficient utilization of lumber, plywood, fiberboard, and related materials, and embodies results of more than 12 years of research in prefabricated house design and construction by the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisc. It is available from the Government Print. ing Office, Washington, D. C., at $\$ 1.50$ a copy.
3. HHFA's Division of Law has prepared a 10 -page chart, giving a comparative outline of the principal provisions of state statutes authorizing direct or equity investment in housing by various types of financial institutions.
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ing experience records of several major firms engaged in plant design, construction and operation during World War II. This part of the investigations is under the policy direction of the Army and Navy Munitions Board.

The entire subject was pointed up recently in a statement by Lt. Gen. R. A. Wheeler, Chief of Engineers: "There are problems, however, in planning for future construction requirements which I think you will find interesting. Underground construction is one field. The results of the bombing in the last war, the advent of the atom bomb, and the realization that ocean barriers are no longer adequate to prevent bombing of this country, have intensified interest in protective construction. Particularly underground protection.
"Because it is obviously impracticable to provide protection by aboveground construction, a thorough survey of the country's mines and caves is now under way. Moreover, a few pilot models of underground industrial activities are being installed to obtain further information. It is agreed that dispersion is the more practical means of securing protection; our studies, however, will give us valuable data on the few critical activities that will require special protection."

It is expected that chemical and ordnance plants will be given first consideration as being in the "critical activities" class as this program develops.

## Management-Labor Agreement

It is going to be easier, from now on, for the construction industry to handle its own jurisdictional disputes.

Since May 1, building labor has been under a new management-labor agreement with work stoppages ruled out pending issuance of binding decisions. It may not be an overall panacea for labor ills in the construction trades, but it is a major step toward harmony and has drawn the plaudits of government.

The National Labor Relations Board welcomes the new plan as an influence to lower its case load. The Department of Labor observed: "Costly and timeconsuming jurisdictional strikes in the building and construction industry appear to be coming to an end."

The agreement placed in effect May 1 provides that pending a decision by the joint board formed specifically to review jurisdictional disputes, or arrangements within the A.F. of L., there can be no work stoppages arising from this cause.
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## ON THE CALENDAR

June 11: 25th Annual Golf Tournament for Architects in the Southeast, East Lake Country Club, Atlanta, Ga.

Through June 12: Exhibition of about 80 original drawings and renderings and several models of prize-winning and other designs entered in the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Competition for a waterfront memorial at St. Louis, Architectural League of New York, 115 E. 40th St., New York City.

June 12-22: Construction Industries Home and Building Exposition of Southern California, Pan-Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles, Calif.

June 15-17: 2nd Short Course in Hot Water and Steam Heating, sponsored jointly by The Institute of Boiler and Radiator Manufacturers and the University of Illinois, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IIl.

June 21-25: 51st Annual Meeting, American Society for Testing Materials, Detroit, Mich.

June 22-25: Annual Convention, American Institute of Architects, Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.
June 28-July 1: First Congress of the International Union of Architects, Lausanne, Switzerland.

June 30-July 3: National Catholic Building Convention and Exposition, Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

July 6-10: 2nd International Store Modernization Show, Grand Central Palace, New York City.

July 21-23: Summer Convention, American Society of Civil Engineers, Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Wash.

Aug. 2-27: 2nd Annual Silversmithing Workshop Conference for teachers, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, R. I.

Aug. 4-8: 2nd Annual Pacific Northwest Arts and Crafts Fair, Bellevue, Wash.

## CONSTRUCTION REPORTS

## New High Mark Set

A new first-quarter high mark in dollar volume of construction contracts has been set in the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains with a total of $\$ 1,986$,936,000 , F. W. Dodge Corp. statistics show. This volume surpasses by 23 per cent the previous first-quarter record established last year.

While the dollar volume of residential contracts was maintained at a level equal to the first quarter of last year, non-residential contracts were up 42
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per cent and heavy engineering awards increased 46 per cent over the comparable period of 1947.
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## Industrial Capacity Expanded

American industry has invested approximately $\$ 3$ billion in manufacturing plant expansion and new industrial buildings in the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains since the close of World War II, an analysis made by F. W. Dodge Corp. shows.

The actual dollar volume of contracts awarded for manufacturing building for the two and a half years covering the last quarter of 1945, the full calendar years 1946 and 1947, and the first quarter of 1948 was $\$ 2,725,856,000$. The figures are for structures only and exclude processing machinery and equipment contained in buildings.
Processing industries, such as chemicals, rubber and textiles, accounted for $\$ 1,595,363,000$ in building contract awards during the 30 -month period, - while the manufacturing industries, such as automobile and machinery manufacturing, accounted for the remainder.
The largest volume was for buildings to be used in food processing, with a total of $\$ 412,284,000$, followed by: chemicals with a total of $\$ 299,080,000$; refineries, $\$ 193,345,000$; textiles, $\$ 151,-$ 066,000 ; and paper and pulp processing, $\$ 131,778,000$.
Among the mechanical group, iron and steel manufacturing led with a total in building contracts of $\$ 212,074,000$, followed by automobile and aircraft manufacturing buildings valued at $\$ 107,989$, 000.

The volume of manufacturing building contracts declined in 1947 to $\$ 941$,427,000 from the exceptionally high total
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| Period | Residential |  | Apts., Hotels, Office Bldgs. Brick and Concr. | Commercial and Factory Buildings Brick Brick and and Concr. Steel |  | Residential |  | Apts., Hotels, Office Bldgs. Brick and Concr. | Commercial and Factory Buildings |  |
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| 1920 | 136.1 | 136.9 | 123.3 | 123.6 | 122.6 | 122.8 | 122.9 | 108.6 | 109.8 | 105.7 |
| 1925 | 121.5 | 122.8 | 111.4 | 113.3 | 110.3 | 86.4 | 85.0 | 88.6 | 92.5 | 83.4 |
| 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 |
| 1941 | 134.5 | 135.1 | 135.1 | 137.2 | 134.5 | 97.5 | 96.1 | 99.9 | 101.4 | 100.8 |
| 1942 | 139.1 | 140.7 | 137.9 | 139.3 | 137.1 | 102.8 | - 102.5 | 104.4 | 104.9 | 105.1 |
| 1943 | 142.5 | 144.5 | 140.2 | 141.7 | 139.0 | 109.2 | 109.8 | 108.5 | 108.1 | 108.7 |
| 1944 | 153.1 | 154.3 | 149.6 | 152.6 | 149.6 | 123.2 | 124.5 | 117.3 | 117.2 | 118.2 |
| 1945 | 160.5 | 161.7 | 156.3 | 158.0 | 155.4 | 132.1 | 133.9 | 123.2 | 122.8 | 123.3 |
| 1946 | 181.8 | 182.4 | 177.2 | 179.0 | 174.8 | 148.1 | 149.2 | 136.8 | 136.4 | 135.1 |
| Dec. 1947 | 231.3 | 234.1 | 219.8 | 218.4 | 215.1 | 189.3 | 194.0 | 166.7 | 164.5 | 169.4 |
| Jan. 1948 | 238.8 | 242.7 | 225.1 | 224.6 | 220.0 | 191.9 | 196.7 | 168.6 | 166.7 | 171.4 |
| Feb. 1948 | 239.2 | 243.2 | 225.2 | 224.8 | 220.1 | 194.4 | 198.5 | 172.1 | 172.7 | 173.8 |
| Mar. 1948 | 244.8 | 246.4 | 233.9 | 237.0 | 229.9 | 194.6 | 198.7 | 172.4 | 172.9 | 174.0 |
|  | \% increase over 1939 |  |  |  |  | \% increase over 1939 |  |  |  |  |
| Mar. 1948 | 98.3 | 101.2 | 79.1 | 77.6 | 76.6 | 125.6 | 139.1 | 81.2 | 77.5 | 83.7 |
|  | ST. LOUIS |  |  |  |  | SANFRANCISCO |  |  |  |  |
| 1920 | 118.1 | 121.1 | 112.1 | 110.7 | 113.1 | 108.8 | 107.5 | 115.2 | 115.1 | 122.1 |
| 1925 | 118.6 | 118.4 | 116.3 | 118.1 | 114.4 | 91.0 | 86.5 | 99.5 | 102.1 | 98.0 |
| 1930 | 108.9 | 108.3 | 112.4 | 115.3 | 111.3 | 90.8 | 86.8 | 100.4 | 104.9 | 100.4 |
| 1935 | 95.1 | 90.1 | 104.1 | 108.3 | 105.4 | 89.5 | 84.5 | 96.4 | 103.7 | 99.7 |
| 1939 | 110.2 | 107.0 | 118.7 | 119.8 | 119.0 | 105.6 | 99.3 | 117.4 | 121.9 | 116.5 |
| 1940 | 112.6 | 110.1 | 119.3 | 120.3 | 119.4 | 106.4 | 101.2 | 116.3 | 120.1 | 115.5 |
| 1941 | 118.8 | 118.0 | 121.2 | 121.7 | 122.2 | 116.3 | 112.9 | 120.5 | 123.4 | 124.3 |
| 1942 | 124.5 | 123.3 | 126.9 | 128.6 | 126.9 | 123.6 | 120.1 | 127.5 | 129.3 | 130.8 |
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| 1946 | 167.1 | 167.4 | 159.1 | 161.1 | 158.1 | 159.7 | 157.5 | 157.9 | 159.3 | 160.0 |
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| Feb. 1948 | 221.4 | 224.8 | 199.4 | 202.3 | 200.4 | 213.8 | 211.5 | 201.6 | 208.9 | 203.9 |
| Mar. 1948 | 223.6 | 227.5 | 200.2 | 202.9 | 201.3 | 214.0 | 211.7 | 201.9 | 209.1 | 204.1 |
|  | \% increase over 1939 |  |  |  |  | \% increase over 1939 |  |  |  |  |
| Mar. 1948 | 102.9 | 112.6 | \| 68.6 | 69.4 | 69.1 | 102.7 | 113.2 | 71.9 | 71.6 | 75.2 |

The index numbers shown are for combined material and labor costs. The indexes for each separate type of construction relate to the United States average for 1926-29 for that particular type - considered 100.

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.:

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\text { index for city } \mathrm{A}=110
$$ index for city $B=95$

(both indexes must be for the same type of construction).
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Conversely: costs in B are approximately 14 per cent lower than in A.

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\frac{110-95}{110}=0.136
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Cost comparisons cannot be made between different types of construction because the index numbers for each type relate to a different U. S. average for 1926-29.
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## AMERICA'S DESIGN HERITAGE

American Interior Design. The tradition and development of domestic design from Colonial times to the present. By Meyric R. Rogers, Curator, Decorative Arts and Industrial Arts, the Art Institute of Chicago. W. W. Norton \& Co., Inc., New York. 81/2 by 11 in. 309 pp. illus. $\$ 20.00$.

Probably the highest praise that can be bestowed on any author is the statement that he successfully accomplished what he set out to do and that his purposes were worthy. A casual perrusal of Meyric Rogers' book will show the reader the embracive scope of his treatment of our American domestic design heritage. Careful reading will prove his successful completion of this self-appointed task of providing in one volume not only the what and when of our domestic design development, but the how and why. In this he has provided a lucid, muchneeded and sure-to-be-appreciated guide to the understanding and appreciation of American interior design. In one readable and beautifully illustrated volume he has accomplished what he set out to do, which, in brief, and in excerpts from his own words, was: "This book is intended to survey the field of our artistic expression which is concerned directly with our homes. These settings which we have created or adapted to our more immediate daily needs have been, and are, not only a more or less involuntary expression of our ideals, but are a constant if silent force in the formation of our esthetic standards. . . . This story of our design for living cannot, however, be satisfactorily told in its major implications without also considering first the main outline of the historical complex of which it is both an active part and a symbol. . . . An effort has been made to characterize the historical and social background . . . and to sketch briefly the architectural developments which accompanied it.
Though four out of its five sections are concerned with the past, the book has been considered very largely as providing a background against which the present will appear more intelligible. . . It is hoped that as a whole this book will emphasize the continuity of our cultural development."

His subject matter is arranged historically in five chapters: "The Age of Settlement, 1630-1730; The Age of Colonial Achievement, 1730-1790; The Age of Federal Adolescence, 17901850; The Age of Continental Expansion and Industrial Empire, 1850-1920; The Age of Social Readjustment, 1920Present." Following this is a section of some 80 pages devoted to the history of

American interiors as presented in those remarkable American rooms in miniature created by Mrs. Thorne, whose models are now the property of the Art Institute of Chicago. This series of "plates" is most attractively and intelligently presented, for the most part by reproduction in full color accompanied by a similar photograph in black and white, and opposite each plate is explanatory text and a small illustration of the house, or type of house, in which the interior might be found originally. In addition, a clear and carefully selected glossary explains technical terms necessarily used throughout the book. Biographical notes concerning the designers, craftsmen, and architects mentioned are a most helpful addition, and a selected bibliography points the way to additional reading for those who would care to go further into particular aspects of the general subject. A comprehensive index completes the work.

While handsome and readable in its typography, and splendid in clarity of printing as well as in the selection of illustrations, the text is too frequently interrupted by an interposed two or three pages of solid illustrations and caption. In giving credit where credit is due, Morris Sanders might have been listed as the designer of the modular furniture shown on page 192. But such criticism may be carping rather than constructive.

To anyone, including architects, desiring to understand as well as to review the American design heritage, this one book comes nearest to being the sine qua non. Mr. Rogers has accomplished his purpose.

## SWISS WOODEN HOUSES

Schweizer Holzhäuser. By Paul Artaria. Wepf \& Co. Verlag Basel. $61 / 4$ by 9 in. 127 pp. illus. Fr. 10.- Suisse

The Swiss have always been adept in the use of wood, using it both logically and imaginatively. After a brief historical introduction, well illustrated with photographs beginning with hewn-log houses with their low pitched roofs and their broad, spreading eaves. It includes discussion of characteristics of houses from other lands including a seventeenth century American farmhouse (called a "blockhaus"). The rest of the book is devoted to interesting photographs, plans, sketches, and details showing a wide variation of Swiss houses from the typical chalet to contemporary houses that might well find their counterpart in the American scene. There is inspiration
for American architects throughout this little volume. Roof treatments, interesting balconies, wall textures, simple interior details, are sure to have suggestions for adaptation to the smaller American house.

## LOCAL ORIGINS

Local Styles in English Architecture. An Inquiry Into Its Origin and Development. By Thomas Dinham Atkinson, F.R. I.B.A. London, W. 1 ( 15 N. Audley St.), B. T. Batsford, Ltd. Winter 1947. $51 / 2$ by $81 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. $V I I I+183$ pp. Drawings, prints and photographs.


Having established in a previous work, "English Architecture" (now in its 12 th edition), the distinctly national character of British building in overall comparison with types and styles elsewhere in Europe, the author in this volume turns his discernment to variations within the Island, analyzing local differences, refinements, and the reasons therefor down to shire and even borough influences. Churches predominate as subject and illustration, principally because of most abundant survival from early times, though secular buildings are treated to the extent that they exist and exemplify regional varieties and causations.
The author demonstrates that the great periods of local style were the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries for church architecture and the sixteenth and first half of the seventeenth for domestic, due to the acceleration of culture and activity of mind concurrent with these times, and the consequent elaboration in architectural forms and materials which made variety possible. Economic and social changes, the relative cessation of religious building, and the introduction of classic forms brought with them the practical disappearance of distinctly local architecture in the early 1700 's.

Mr. Atkinson develops the primary sources of regional variation as seven Geology and Geography, Race, Religion, Foreign Influence, Wealth, Transport and Fashion - in accounting for such uniquities as the pinnacles and parapets of church towers in Somerset, the plain mass and substance of the northern types (see cut), decorative half-timber-
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ings along the Welsh Border, and the remarkable structural timber-work of East Anglian hammer-beam roofs. In the course of historical and critical development under each heading, the author turns up and down such a number of related and contributing byways that the book provides immense cultural, social, and political information and entertainment, in addition to important and original material concerned purely with the development of local styles in English architecture.

## BASIC FACTORY PLANNING

Planning Industrial Structures. By Clarence W. Dunham. New York 18 (330 W. 42nd St.), McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 1948. 6 by 9 in. 480 pp. illus. $\$ 6.00$.

Without presuming to tell architects anything about esthetics, the author has written an immensely practical book dealing with that area of planning industrial structures in which the architect and the engineer work together. The book deals with the principles and planning of structures that precede the engineering calculations: the choice of materials and general type of construction; discussion and illustration of good practice in building with steel, wood, and concrete; and considerable discussion of the basic action of structures, especially those used in industrial construction. The book nevertheless is exceptionally well illustrated with structural details.

Although structure and allied matters occupy the bulk of the book, there are chapters also on daylighting, electric lighting and power, ventilation. Here again the book is concerned more with basic planning than with the details and calculations of the final engineering. The author is Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, Yale University and a Consulting Structural Engineer.

## ADDENDA

The attractive and logical Redevelopment Plan for Grand Haven (Architectural Record, Feb., 1948) was completely developed as a collaborative thesis by the authors when students in the Department of Architecture, University of Cincinnati, under the direction and criticism of Dean Ernest Pickering and Mr. Marshall Rainey.

Credit should have been given to the firm of Edward E. Ashley, consulting engineers, for their work in connection with mechanical, electrical, and lighting of the Lord and Taylor Westchester Store, Architectural Record, Apr., 1948.


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## NEW BUILDING FOR LOS ANGELES TIMES READY IN FALL

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The building will be ten stories high, with two basements which are to be used for equipment, newsprint storage, and reel rooms for presses. The first floor will connect with and continue the concourse and the press
room of the present building; the second floor will provide space for expansion of mail room facilities. Third, fourth, and fifth floors will offer additional room for other departments and for television offices. The other five floors will be rented out as office space.
Natural lighting on all four sides of the upper seven stories will be provided by continuous strip fenestration; windows will be glazed with a combination of glarereducing prismatic glass block and glare- and heatreducing glass. The entire building is to be completely air conditioned.

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The newly completed Sears store in Inglewood, California, acknowledges in its design a number of today's problems: that department store services are as needed in outlying areas of a city as in the midtown section, and that shopping must be made as convenient for automobile customers as for the pedestrian. Inglewood, although near Los Angeles, is still far enough away from the latter city's midtown shopping area to appreciate the convenience of shopping at home. Ample parking space has been provided, both adjacent to the store (particularly convenient for patrons of the Farm Store and nursery) and across the street from the store building.
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A large court adjacent to the Farm Store provides ample parking; the entrance at this level is to basement, as shown on plans above Floyd Ray Photos


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Outside stair leads from street at lst floor level to parking area

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Sales areas are artificially illuminated. The only wall openings are at the first floor level on the street sides; these provide entrance and display windows.

Both basement and first floors can be considered as main sales floors; the site slopes in such a way that the basement serves as a means of entering the store from the parking lot, while the first floor is the street level entrance. Escalators connect the floors; there are also elevators which go to the third floor stock area and the roof garden. Loading and shipping dock, located on a side street, is easily accessible for receiving and dispatching merchandise.



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Research Wing, National Jewish Hospital Medical Center

## NEW HOSPITALS FOR THE WEST

Ground was broken recently for a new 252-bed hospital for the Veterans Administration at Grand Junction, Colo. Designed by the staff of the VA, it will be located on a 40 -acre site.

Two other hospitals planned for early construction in the West are the 200 -bed VA hospital at Phoenix, Ariz., designed by the firm of Lescher and Mahoney and Samuel Lunden, Architects, and the William Randolph Hearst Research Wing of the National Jewish Hospital Medical Center, Denver, Colo., for which Earl C. Morris of Denver is the architect.


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ARCHITECTS POOL DRAWINGS IN ANONYMOUS EXHIBIT

The Northern California Chapter, A.I.A. participating in the recent San Francisco National Home Show, set up an exhibit which emphasized the role of the architect in building. Most unusual angle to the exhibit was that while contracts, blueprints, sketches and photographs used in the panels were taken from files of the Chapter's members, no names of individual architects appeared anywhere. This was done in order to throw all the emphasis on the importance of the architect's service rather than on the importance of any one architect.
The exhibit proved to be one of the Home Show's most popular. Inquiries
answered by Institute members during the evening hours, and by members of the Women's Architectural League during the day, showed the public to be genuinely interested in knowing more about architectural service. Many asked - and were given - the names of architects whose work was on exhibit.
In chronological order, the exhibit showed a client's "dream house" sketch, architect's preliminary sketches, sample contract confirmation, blueprints, models, itemized general estimate, and notice of completion. Large photographs of completed residences illustrated the result of the architect's service.

## ARCHITECTS RECEIVE GARDEN SHOW AWARD

A special award for excellence in design was given the collaborative efforts of several of the East Bay architectural groups for their entry of a patio and garden design displayed in the 16th Annual California Spring Garden Show in Oakland, held from April 22 to May 2.

Executed under the joint sponsorship of the East Bay Chapter of the A.I.A., the Association of Landscape Architects, the East Bay Association of Architects, and the Women's Architectural League, the display was the first ever
entered by the architectural associations in the history of the Garden Show. Consisting of a portion of a living room, a patio and gardens, it was 45 ft . wide and 32 ft . long. The full-scale design provided the architects with a provocative problem in limited space arrangement.
Oscar Price of the A.I.A., and Theodore Osmundson, Jr., of the Association of Landscape Architects, were co-chairmen in charge of the project, assisted by Keith Ponsford, Paul Hammerberg, Chester Treichel and E. L. Anderson.




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treated to assure high fidelity sound transmission. The main control room, just off the lobby, has a large window permitting visitors to watch operation of the intricate system.

Main entrance will be through a forecourt onto which the main lobby opens. The landscaping of this forecourt will provide an appropriate setting for the "contemporary South American" design of the building.

On one elevation are two large display windows to be used for showing the latest models of automobiles for which Don Lee, Inc. (the automotive division of the Don Lee organization) is distributor.

## LOS ANGELES FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION

HITS RE-HOUSING SNAG

THE formation of a freeway housing committee has been started in Los Angeles as an answer to the threat of an abrupt interruption to the construction of the new Hollywood freeway. Several hundred families, pensioners and relief cases in the lower income groups now occupying quarters in the path of the freeway, are presenting the problem that may result in delaying construction.


Average present rental for these families is $\$ 20$ a month, according to Frank Balfour, chief right-of-way agent for the Division of Highways, making it difficult, if not impossible to find comparable price range quarters without resorting to a time-consuming public housing program for their needs.

These several hundred families comprise the tag-end of a much larger group already moved into other sections. Houses that could be moved were taken from the path of construction to new locations, and sold on the basis that the new owners would retain present tenants in the new location. Most of the houses from which their problem cases have come were so old that they could not be moved and will have to be torn down.

Mayor Bowron, in a meeting of downtown Los Angeles business representatives, took the only course open to him when he declared that the solution to the re-housing of these people can be accomplished through the cooperation of downtown business groups and hotel and apartment house associations without resorting to legal evictions.

This re-housing snag is not a new one, as most cities which have attempted any slum clearance programs know. The present California state law contains a clause which makes it necessary to find other houses at "comparable rents" for tenants, making it next to impossible to oust these people to make way for improvements.
In many cases it was found that people were able to pay higher rents, but refused to move when they thought that "the state" or "the government" would do something. After much delay these cases are weeded out, leaving legitimate relief cases to be assigned. Public housing which would ordinarily assimilate the group, is not able to do so, leaving no alternative to the city except volunteer action.

## COMMUNITY RE-DEVELOPMENT ACT AMENDMENT

A bill to speed up slum clearance was passed in Sacramento during the last days of the recent session of the California State Legislature. The bill, in the form of an amendment to the Community Re-Development Act, allows an increase from the present crippling 10 per cent to the more realistic figure of 50 per cent allowed community re-development agencies on property bought for sites of housing projects.

The bill, introduced by Senator Gerald O'Gara of San Francisco, provides that if a local re-development agency buys property and clears it of sub-standard dwellings, it may then sell the property for new construction sites for 50 per cent of the purchase price. The State Re-Development Agency absorbs up to 50 per cent loss on the original purchase price.

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Portland builders are anxiously scanning its pages for hoped-for changes in their old set of standards. Some provisions they find are much more stringent than those to which they had been accustomed, but others are more liberal.

For residents of the new dwellings produced under this set of standards, greater light, and more space will be available. The code represents the most modern thinking of all building groups in the city including the Oregon Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The architects submitted 166 recommendations; of these, 77 were approved outright, 60 were approved with some amendment, and only 29 were rejected.

Listed are some of the major changes:
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Plumbing: Bathrooms having no access except through a bedroom are allowed for the first time, but only in single and two-family dwellings, and then in only one bedroom.
All new houses must have bath or shower; something not required heretofore.

Rooms: Living and bedroom minimum areas have been increased from 90 and 80 sq. ft. to 150 and 90 sq. ft . respectively. Slight increases are made in ceiling heights for single and two-family dwellings, but apartment heights remain the same or are decreased slightly.
Ventilation and light have also come in for changes in standards. Calculations will now be made only on net glass area not on sash dimensions as before. Doors which before could only be counted for 50 per cent toward ventilation requirements, may now count for 100 per cent, allowing builders and planners who want to use fixed windows, to build French doors to meet ventilation demands.

Fire threat demands are behind several of the new requirements including the use of a $1-\mathrm{in}$. plaster or hyrib metal lath in basement ceilings except in single family dwellings; and the demand for a $30-\mathrm{in}$. setback at the side and rear lot line for garages.

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Top listing in this emergency program goes to the new science building, which, it is estimated, will cost $\$ 1,800,000$. A new million-dollar heating plant and business administration additions totaling $\$ 700,000$ comprise the emergency construction expenditures.

The program is planned to take care of an estimated maximum of 6500 students, which is 3000 more than the prewar enrollment. In addition to this proposed emergency schedule, the university is working on a current plan for which money has already been appropriated by the state legislature. Authorization to proceed with the construction of the Women's Dormitory, estimated to cost $\$ 1,825,000$, was given last March.

The long-range building program for the university approved by the Board and as yet to be passed by the state legislature, includes such items as $\$ 500,000$ for additional land acquisitions; $\$ 550,000$ for architecture and allied arts; $\$ 850,000$ for physical education buildings, and $\$ 150,000$ for additions to present utilities.


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Director of the survey is Dr. Bayard Wheeler, who last year conducted housing, industrial and economic surveys in Vancouver, Washington. Work will be done by the University's bureau of business research which has assembled a trained staff to gather and compile accurate data.

## A ROCKY ROAD TO TRAVEL

Will those forced to leave the Western Addition, San Francisco's famous slum clearance project (see Architectural Record, Feb., 1948, p. 32-F) be given first chance to return when improvements are concluded? Will adjustments be made in rentals through some sort of subsidy program for those dispossessed tenants not able to pay the proposed $\$ 25, \$ 50$ and $\$ 75$ rentals? Will the community redevelopment committee pay owners to have their existing buildings moved to other lots?

These and many more questions are going to be asked by the property owners at a public hearing to be held in the Civic Auditorium this month. Those invited to attend are property owners in the 30 blocks plotted for initial redevelment by the City Planning Commission.

Mayor Elmer Robinson has acted upon one of the planners' recommendations by appointing a 36 -member Interim Citizens Committee to enlist public support for the program. Mr. Morgan A. Gunst has been made chairman.

Congress also has been asked for support in appropriating money for the expansion of low-rent housing, and for further delay in the demolition of temporary war housing units.

## DANISH ARCHITECT ON WESTERN LECTURE TOUR

Lars Marnus, well-known Danish architect, has appeared on the platforms of several Western cities recently on his
tour of the country under the auspices of the Danish government.

Confining his lectures, for the most part, to the universities and A.I.A. chapter meetings, he has with him several hundred slides and photographs of recent architectural designs executed in the northern European countries, which he uses to illustrate his talk.

Many of the projects he has shown were started before the war, but to date have not been seen in this country. They include the Finnish Airport and Olympic Stadium in Helsingfors; new radio building in Copenhagen; schools, housing developments and garden cities in var-
ious parts of Denmark and Sweden.
Marnus, considered one of Europe's more progressive architects, studied in the Royal Academy at Copenhagen, in England, France and the United States. This is the first postwar tour he has made, although he has been in the United States several times previously on government-sponsored lectures.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

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In the spring each year there comes a pause in the everyday work of the architect and he journeys to some pleasant spot (at least by proxy) to convene with his fellows. This year at Salt Lake City he will discuss with them a most important and interesting theme, "Fundamentals of Design." The fact that the basic principles of design have been chosen for consideration and discussion indicates the profession's recognition of a need for the clarification of its philosophy of design. "Real fundamentals" is a rather all-inclusive term which embraces practical and technical considerations as well as esthetic - firmness and commodity as well as delight. But if we read aright between the lines, the emphasis this year would seem to be less on the mechanics and more on the mores of the art and their possible present-day mutations.

This may seem to imply a certain uncertainty regarding design criteria and a healthy desire to appraise current trends and to establish (or re-establish) standards of design evaluation. It is significant in that it indicates a change of emphasis, a trend toward the integration rather than the segregation of the practical, technical, materialistic factors with the esthetic, humanistic, or spiritual values of design.

The Institute's seminars thus seem designed to be enlightening not only in determining and defining fundamentals, but in ascertaining what effect such sciences as sociology and physiology may have on them and on their application to specific design problems. At some time the profession might consider the impact of economics and politics* as well. It would be worth while also to review the latest findings of the psychologists as they relate to the effects of size, shape, color, texture, light, air and temperature, etc., on average humans as well as on the trained and sensitive. Such broader knowledge of psychological needs, desires and reactions of the "common man" might help enormously in formulating valid and vital fundamentals of design. It might indeed be a mighty stimulus to the imagination and to creative effort. But no one convention could attempt to cover all the aspects of the "fundamentals of design" for that exhaustive discussion would leave no time for their application, and it is in their application to the planning and building needs of the country that they are put to the final test.

In this period of confusion, tension and conflict, there are like soul-searching efforts in many fields to reappraise values, to seek fundamentals, to reorient our thinking, to determine desirable ends and devise means for reaching them, in fact to grasp the sorry scheme of things entire if we could. It is well then, and perhaps inevitable, that architects should pause in their preoccupation with costs and cubage, clients' whims and contractors' extras, and all the necessary mundane minutiae of daily practice, and give thought to design fundamentals for a few days that they may continue to be "of ever increasing service to society." This pause that refreshes should provide a firm and broader base for renewed efforts to provide architectural design attuned to our expanding needs and our changing times.

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Remarks made at the Ann Arbor Conference on Esthetic Evaluation,
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Alarge and serene sanity will underlie any architecture, I believe, that we shall call beautiful; and the work will have to be done at far wider scope and vastly broader scale.

It is impossible for me to testify as other than a journalist, who has the habit of viewing events as of today, with one eye on the deadline. For the historian it seems possible to hover disembodied over time, like a cosmic humming bird or Barnaby's godfather in a helicopter. We, on the other hand, are intensely aware that any building has a life, a death, and only rarely a resurrection. Cynical realists are always reminding us that the building is erected as part of an operation. The designer tries for a certain kind of living beauty for living people in a living building. If he has been inspired, blessed, or just supremely lucky, all those aftermeanings of history which Dean Hudnut has so eloquently described are "added unto him," even after he and his building have both died. The original use has shrunk out of the living project, and into the graceful shell there has been poured a myth. Or, like the Parthenon, the building has died and is resurrected as a spirit.
I am trying to say that in his actual design the responsible architect seeks for everlasting qualities only through the present moment. We journalists live for the day and seek for beauty in the enhancement of immediate life.

What can an architect do to make our life more "beautiful" through architecture?

That is something which a journalist can assuredly not answer, but he can report as much as he can see. We are concerned over a trend in certain quarters, which rips apart our publications and finds widely separated files for the technical news and for the glamour photograph. It is a trend which has scorn for
engineering and technology as something cold, dry, and thin, and pretends that "art" finds totally different, and independent, sources of human feeling. Whereas it would seem as if the failure had occurred not in science itself but further along the way, through limited insight in converting the truth obtained by discovery, and verified by test, into human satisfaction.

Science and engineering have been not thin or weak but quite boundlessly and terrifyingly creative - half the world lies in ruin through the sheer creativeness of their mismanaged power.

One example must serve to show how basically scientific thought is transforming not merely architectural details but basic design theory:

It is interesting to note how completely our discussion of architecture as an art has been couched in terms exclusively visual, spatial, plastic. Meanwhile a generation of industrial engineers, crass, noisy, and commercial, has actually put under our noses a powerful aspect of architecture, just as the structural engineers, a century ago, began giving us new eyes and a new kinesthetics -a new visual rhythm and the possibility of structure as a new dance, floating, hovering. The tools of these present-day engineers are such crafts as "air conditioning," "thermal control," "sound conditioning," and all the rest. But what these add up to is a new totality of sense impact. When a warm radiance vibrates in your nerves, and fresh air fills your lungs and pores, and the light is right and the sounds are right, and the air is charged with fragrance like that of blossoming clover, you are lifted far above a mean low level of life. There may be nothing new to see, and yet you are suffused with that "exalted sense of vigorous well being" to which health authorities have given the name of "euphoria."

This systematic new activity, which lets architecture deal integrally with all the sense organs, not alone
the eye, is charged with esthetic meaning. It leads to the profound difference between the concept of a "spatial" art and an art that harmonizes physical environment. This still retains all the resources of our accustomed "spatial" art; and yet the satisfaction of each new sense in turn raises the whole experience to a new power, a new vitalization.

The idea of architecture as an environmental art impinges not only on this question of sensuous richness but on social purpose, as expressed in "plan and elevation." Esthetically, we are told, architecture is an art of formal relationships, and this is true as far as it goes, and a great contribution has been made by the new researches into visual joy and into vision as a language. Yet my friend Harwell Harris, expressing himself in broader environmental terms, has said that he thinks of architecture less as a visual art than as a kind of music, setting up relationships which direct, pace, and condition the way in which people can live. He would be willing, he declares, to repeat whole series of visual combinations and motifs, $a, b$, and $\mathbf{a}^{\prime}$, from building to building, and he wouldn't even fret if other people cribbed them from him wholesale, because the real essence of the matter lies not in the visual passages but in the manner in which the total combination serves and declares a specific living circumstance.
There are, we have said, whole groups of architects who complain of the meagerness and sparseness of modern architecture, who seek for "enrichment" or "expressiveness" or the "human heart" in all its sentiment. Considering the desperate needs of the world today, these architects might actually display more "heart" if they did not scorn simple research, even though it spoke of families with 3.8 children, and though it established nothing more than the needs of the woman in Alan Dunn's cartoon who wanted "not mutative continuity but a closet." Our mutative continuity we shall have to pull out of that closet. A more significant beauty will arise where this has been done with grace, and gratitude will supply the full sentimental halo. Sentiment comes; it cannot be designed.

Is it not, incidentally, a false reading of "sentiment" which associates it only with what is old and familiar, or else intentionally "sweet"? Gratitude is more intense where the architect has fully met his client's needs and beyond that has awakened the client - to his own role as creator. He becomes aware of the fresh elements in his own mode of life; his awakening is the architect's greatest pleasure. If architecture may be likened to music, then this response has the character of a dance.

This is especially true where the architect has opened the possibility that people may really play with their homes. People are always trying to play games, but compared to the artist they are repressed, and the chief game they seem to have arrived at in the domestic field is antique furniture. But when Alden Dow shows them how to let children climb chimneys and run safely over roofs, this is an assimilation of architecture that is charming.


Karl Oeser Photo
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The satisfaction of senses other than the eye cannot be conveyed by the glamour photograph. This is the portrait of an aroma, but it does not look like a smell. '"In an art that harmonizes physical environment, the satisfaction of each new sense in turn raises the whole experience to a new power." (Volatile emanation of a coffee bean in monomolecular layer, approx. 1/10,000,000 in. Copyright, Joseph Breitenbach)

"Man has become a major force of Nature"

The concept of architectural beauty as something that grows out of harmonizing physical environment, and the thought that it should concentrate now on scope and scale rather than on richness and refinement, is the more urgent because of the situation of all mankind today. Within recent decades - and not until recent decades - man has become a major force of nature. Incomparably the most creative power in modern life has been not religion or art but science. Yet despite a certain great beauty in its processes and implements, the result has not been uniformly beautiful. Despite the terrible sublimity of the atomic cloud, we find no beauty in the total architecture of Hiroshima and Bikini.

According to Fairfield Osborn, in his new book, with its masterly urbanity and understatement, man as a force of nature spells despoliation and erosion, on a planetary scale, to a degree that is alarming. Projecting present trends into not too distant a future, he foresees an earth as dead and uninhabitable as the moon, and warns that man must cease defiance and "learn to cooperate with nature."

I like to think that our new architecture, in its visible beginnings, intuitively symbolizes the healing power of cosmic cooperation among men, and between man and nature. Its most symbolic act is doing away with walls and stiff enclosure.

A thinner or non-existent wall demands that you must reconcile yourself with your enemy.

Then the way we bring flowers, trees, rocks, sky, pools, even waterfalls into our houses implies affectionate cooperation with nature which the unconverted power of industrial engineering and war has so violated. Again, we like to reach out from our buildings with all kinds of arms to embrace natural surroundings, and we like to mingle materials which our industrial science has transmuted with those other materials which have been formed "naturally" by Nature.
"THESE ARE THE WILDHORSES THAT


Left: Press Assoc. Photos. Below: L'Ossature Metallique Photo


If we are sometimes overcome by the puniness in scope, extent, or breadth, of what we can add by our humble effort beginning on next Monday, then on a Saturday afternoon, at least, we are entitled to view the grandest prototype yet produced, and dig into its message of human feeling. Some may recall flying over the Tennessee Valley and glimpsing there the possibility of an architecture at vast scale, in which walls and roofs are relatively insignificant, and man as a natural force has evoked a more humane setting (the object of architecture) directly out of Nature. Yesterday Charlie Eames suggested to a sculptor the shaping of the earth - and that is what was begun in the Valley, again through the medium of potent engineering, and at supreme scale, for harmoniously creative purposes having at their core the concept of neighborly cooperation.
Whoever thinks that the architecture there consists of the dams and structures has never really seen the Valley - with the striking feature of its new water courses, flowing among fields reshaped by contour plowing, and threaded by freeways; with its planned balance between land formed and "cultivated" by man and that still reserved to Nature, and that occupied by communities; with the new growth of reforestation pushing up through the ruins of the soil. Surely all this appeals not only to the mind but to the heart, and all is architecture, the conversion of the earth into a beautiful place of human habitation.
Moreover it is in the Valley that we are developing previously unheard-of resources through the atom. Indeed, while architects sit and gossip about relationships between "building" and the "machine" the men in the Valley have reduced them both to the status of hammers and wrenches, both mere accessories, since the real secret of work is horsepower and energy conversion.
These are the wild horses that the dilettante seeks now to escape and that the architect of the future will have to ride.

Already we hear of experiments controlling climate out of doors, using no building at all, over large areas.

THEARCHITECTMUST RIDE",

Some twenty years ago there was made the fanciful suggestion of architecture that could convert environment without resort to building. Technology makes this now a possibility in fact.
Thousands of years ago there was promulgated a myth of architecture that required no walls but supplied all that was needed for an unparalleled euphoria of life. It was the myth of the earthly Paradise. When we think of the incredible gap between the potential and the present condition, especially in Europe, we must revert to the conviction that whoever now seeks beauty must train his thought to be very large and very sane.

Philip D. Gendreau Photo

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Richard Collins Del.

## 25 BEDS

# GENERAL HOSPITAL OF MINIMUM SIZE 

An Additional Type Plan for the Coordinated Hospital System

THis plan is a variation of the small general hospital. It has been stated that if fully adequate hospital services are to be furnished a community, it would be inadvisable to consider a hospital of less than fifty beds. However, the fact is that there are areas in the country where smaller institutions will be required. In most of these cases limited finances will demand the utmost in building economy, and will make a low per-bed area mandatory.

To this end, some departments have been condensed to the practical minimum, and in some cases different functions have been combined in one area. The emergency room, for example, can be used both as the treatment room and the out-patient room. Dental services also can be provided here although a separate dental room is preferable, if at all possible. No separate medical record room has been provided, but the space allowed in the business office is generous enough for this important function.

The more important principles of hospital planning have been observed in this plan despite its size and condensation of certain areas. The concentration of the administrative, clerical and service units will permit a limited staff to operate efficiently and economically.

With these facilities general medical, obstetrical, and minor and emergency surgical cases can be cared for adequately. Since specialized surgical and diagnostic
services could not be offered here, patients requiring such services would be referred to larger hospitals.
Inasmuch as most activities of the small hospital revolve immediately about it, the nurses' station has been located at the juncture of the two nursing wings to provide control of both corridors. Its relation to the business office and information counter allows the nurse on night duty to observe the lobby and to maintain control of the business office (when the clerical staff is off duty) without being isolated from her station.
The nursing units are well insulated from the street and service court. The maternity nursing unit has been given the south orientation and is separated from the other services - a highly desirable feature which is seldom found in the small hospital. The close relationship of the nursery to the maternity beds will save nurses' steps in transporting the babies to their mothers. A small formula preparation room has been provided, the formulas to be sterilized in the central sterilizing room. The utility room location makes it convenient to both nursing wings.

The surgical and delivery suites are located at a dead-end area, and are separated from each other and from the emergency room. Both these suites may be considered minimum.

The relation of the emergency room to the lobby, although certainly not good practice in the larger hos-

pital, is acceptable in the smaller institution where the volume of accident work is limited.

The service wing provides a minimum of storage space with a separate closet for the storage of equipment in general use. Clean linen storage is separated from the main storage room. The soiled linen room allows space for a domestic washer for laundering diapers; the rest of the linen would be done commercially, since no laundry is provided in this plan.

The kitchen is conveniently related to the nursing wings for easy service of trays. It is sufficiently isolated to prevent kitchen noises from disturbing patients. A can washing room and tool room are placed on the loading platform accessible from outside the building.

The boiler room has been placed below the kitchen, although it may be at grade if conditions demand.

The central services will allow a limited future expansion.


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Since this model was made, and plan drawn, roadways have been replanned to reduce paving. The parking area remains as shown in the model photo, but access roads have been shortened; entrances remain as shown here

# LaRGE HOSPITAL FOR A RURAL AREA 

Crittenden County General Hospital, West Memphis, Arkansas
Dent \& Aydelott, Architects: George Sheats, Hospital Consultant

0NE of the earlier hospitals to be planned under the program of "Public Law 725," this one is an excellent illustration of the principal objective - providing modern functional hospital facilities for districts not adequately served heretofore. Though with its 108 beds it is larger than most that will be built in outlying areas, it does illustrate nicely the special needs of those locations.

It is an institution for the tenant-farmers or "sharecroppers" of Eastern Arkansas, formerly inconveniently



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made it logical to build on the Arkansas side. There is to be a new bridge connecting Memphis with West Memphis, another factor that points to development of the west bank area and makes logical this placing of a rather large hospital.

The consultant's analysis of needed facilities indicated a "district" type of hospital in the Public Health Service scheme, which would be aligned medically with Memphis physicians and surgeons, who would have courtesy staff privileges, and would thus broaden the range of services.

The hospital is therefore planned to handle: (1) surgical cases in orthopedics, eye, ear, nose and throat, gynecology, G. U., and brain surgery; and pathological and radiological services would be available on a consultative basis; (2) general medical cases, except psychiatric, tubercular and contagious; (3) obstetric cases, with all complications.

As for the planning, the basic point from which the scheme stemmed was the age-old segregation problem of the South, a problem handled here with good finesse. The bedrooms are arranged in a long row along the south exposure, in an off-set corridor scheme - utilities ranged at the north side of the corridor. Segregation can be maintained in the bedrooms and wards, but the color
line can be shifted one way or another as demanded by varying patient loads. And the line is never a fixed physical barrier. Each half of the nursing wing has its own facilities and utilities, but the half-way mark can be as flexible as required.
Since the terrain is low and flat, and subject to high water in flood periods, there are no basement areas. Construction will be a concrete column and flat slab system, with the windows carried up to the soffit of the slab, which is also the ceiling line. Plumbing and heating runs are kept vertical, and cubage is about one fifth less than would be required were the ceilings furred down for pipes run horizontally.

The scheme contains excellent possibilities for expansion in the future. Elevator runs are carried up to the roof of the building, so that they could serve an additional 50 beds in another story over the nursing block. The doctors' office section could be extended either vertically or horizontally, still preserving its excellent relationship to adjunct facilities, drug store, and so on. The doctors' office section, by the way, is an interesting addition to the hospital concept, being a means of better integrating health facilities particularly in a largely rural district.

The service corridor is arranged so that a nurses' home, to be added at a later date on the west end of the property, may be connected by a covered passage.

Circulation is pivoted around the elevator lobby. The architects expect that separate use of the two elevators, one for passengers, one for service, will enable the important traffic to function more smoothly than if both elevators were assigned to double use. Keeping the height down to three stories, they feel, should eliminate need for more than two elevators.

As for exterior detail, principal walls will be architectural concrete, with aluminum casement windows. End walls of solid brick masonry will provide contrast as well as texture. The architects make it plain that they are attempting no design exhibition, but rather are designing for minimum cost, in the general effort to bring greatly increased health facilities to doctors and patients who have not up to now been accustomed to even an obsolete minimum.

# THE ARCHITECT'S STAKE 

IN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

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$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{k}}$chitects have always taken pride in their professional integrity and have striven to maintain their esthetic independence irrespective of the threats and blandishments of clients. They have also shown concern as a group with social betterment and have sought through the exercise of their talents to help create better houses and better cities. Far from seeing any conflict in these two purposes, they not only have considered them compatible but have felt that one properly served the other. The danger that this article will point out lies in the tendency of a quite proper enthusiasm for social betterment to destroy the very integrity and independence that has made the architectural profession an important force for civic welfare.

The danger arises from this circumstance: enthusiasm for social betterment begets impatience - impatience with the slow and often indirect methods that a private enterprise system must use to bring about improvements within its structure. Impatience begets an urge for a panacea, a quiet cure that will promptly remove all ills. The cure-all is invariably government action.

In the field of the architect's interest the argument runs in this now familiar vein. Private building enterprise has allowed slums to develop. Private building enterprise has selfishly concerned itself only with the demands of the well-to-do. It has neglected the broad purpose of a better city and a better society. It has failed to end slums. It has failed to build new houses for all income groups. It has failed, period. And since it has failed, we must turn to government to do the job.

Among the architectural profession, this conviction - amounting almost to a sense of guilt - has existed for a long time; and, as a group, the profession has supported every move to push the federal government toward greater influence, control and direction of building enterprise. Back in 1932, architects were prominent in urging direct government loans (through the newly formed RFC) for limited dividend housing corporations and in securing modifications in state laws to make this proposal effective. They were ardent backers of the first PWA Housing Division. Representatives of the A.I.A. testified in favor of the National Housing Act of 1934 and of the United States Housing Act of 1937. Through its official spokesmen, the profession has since supported the continuance and expansion of these and similar measures up through the present Congress.

The cynical might claim that this consistency of support represents merely desire to create more jobs for architects. But either architects have been deceiving themselves or the cynics are wrong. The architects hardly could have been deceiving themselves, for they already have had sufficient experience to know that the only jobs that government control of building is certain to bring about are jobs as employees of the governmental bureaus established to carry out the various programs. When work is given to architects in private practice it is always at the option of the bureau and never as a matter of right, and then usually only because of the vigilance and pressure of the profession's representative.

Throughout the depression period, for instance, when professional offices were in the direst need of work, the federal public building program was almost exclusively a bureau program. Today the veterans' hospital program, after various vicissitudes, threatens again to be a bureau program. The architect has had a look-in mainly when the amount of work was great and the need for speed did not permit concentration under the bureau roof, and then frequently under such close direction as to make professional independence and integrity a fiction. The long, wavering, and unending battle with the bureaus to permit the participation of independent private architects is a well known chapter in professional history.

Certainly from any long range view, therefore, the architects, in their advocacy of governmental intervention in housing hardly could be accused of seeking to advance their own selfish interests; and the history of the housing agencies provides ample evidence that architects did not achieve through them any improvement of their independent professional status.

## The Architect and Public Housing

Let us first take a look at the record of the public housing program. As first embodied in the limited dividend housing program in 1933 and 1934, private architects in considerable numbers participated in housing schemes for submission to the federal authorities. The applications piled up in the office of the PWA Housing Division. In most cases the proposals did not meet the tests of financial soundness that the Division had set up. But, as the policy of the Division shifted from one of private loans to direct grants, another reason for rejection quickly appeared - the architectural designs were in most cases not satisfactory to the official examiners.

To be sure, these examiners were architects, but they were architects now clothed in the mantle of authority. Confident of their own planning principles, they imposed them with increasing rigidity on their brethren who were employed, often at the behest of the Division, by the local official or quasi-official groups which sponsored the projects. As the program grew in scope (particularly after the creation of the United States Housing Authority in 1938), the jurisdiction of the federal agency over design was expanded.

Architects for the separate projects were still private practitioners. But they were now selected by local official bodies subject to the approval of Washington officialdom. The relatively small number of firms receiving commissions was often explained by the fact that housing project design was a new art and that the number of architects who understood its principles was small. At the same time, the agency architects proceeded to perfect these principles according to their own special inspiration and to dictate in greater and greater detail the character of the planning, both by the publication of model plans and by the close checking of all individual designs. The considerable variety of design that had characterized the earlier work of the

PWA Housing Division was lessened until a monotonous similarity was the outstanding characteristic of public housing.

The process reached its ultimate during World War II. In that period, the agency developed standard plans in complete detail accompanied by completely detailed standard specifications. These were given to private architects, who, under close official scrutiny, were assigned the task of adapting the standard plans to special site conditions. Rarely were any changes permitted in the official plans and specifications; and supervision of the work was wholly removed from the architect's jurisdiction (except when some trouble arose in which his advice was sought). The excuse was the urgency of the war: there was not time for experimentation and individual planning; moreover, there weren't enough architects sufficiently competent to handle the work in relative independence.

What of the future? There is no evidence that the trend will be changed. The inactive years since the war have given the Public Housing Authority opportunity to review, study and develop its own architectural theories. We may confidently expect that the architects on future projects will be no less fully instructed than in the past. Moreover, as a program of this sort settles into its groove, it invariably becomes more and more political. Selection of architects will be primarily in the hands of local official agencies which in themselves are bound to become increasingly subject to political forces. The tendency to reward friends and to parcel the work among a coterie of the faithful seems inescapable.

Just where this leaves the independence and integrity of the private architect, it is not difficult to say. The extent to which his work is pre-cut for him or eliminated from his jurisdiction by the agency makes a high degree of professional competence unnecessary. Docility rather than ingenuity, resourcefulness, and independence, becomes the most desirable quality he can offer.

## The Architect and the FHA

The history of the architect's relationship to the Federal Housing Administration, while it follows somewhat different lines, ends up in approximately the same place. The FHA operation falls into that category of governmental activities known as "aids to private enterprise." On the face of it, it is simply a financial institution engaged in the prosaic task of insuring mortgages on residential property made by private lending institutions. This task would seem to keep it remote from any immediate impact on the freedom of the architectural profession. But not so.

In the first place, if you are going to insure a mortgage, you will want to be as certain as possible that the mortgage is sound. In order to do this, you must see that the structure that is the security for the mortgage is a good one. You will have your own ideas about what is good and what isn't and, since, as an official, you are responsible for the outcome, you will, to the extent
that your power lets you, impose your standards of goodness on those who seek your aid.

So you begin by setting up standards of sound construction with which all mortgaged properties must comply. These become in effect little building codes for housebuilding. They are written in specification form like most other building codes, and, as time goes on, they become more detailed and more rigid. But the structure is only part of the problem. Neighborhood layout has obviously an important bearing on mortgage security. So you establish neighborhood planning standards as well as construction requirements; and, since this is difficult to do abstractly, you undertake in each case of a new subdivision to tell the applicant what he should do. Seeing that this meets a fairly docile reception you begin, by publishing model designs, to tell the applicant the kinds of houses you would like him to submit. He submits, in more ways than one.

But these relatively simple matters do not mark the end of official influence. An important test of mortgage soundness is whether, in case of foreclosure, the property would find a ready market in the community. This test of marketability permits you to range widely over the whole area of design and to make determinations not only as to room sizes and arrangements and basements or no basements, but as to architectural style as well. So your judgment as to what will sell promptly leads you to dictate in these matters.

It is of course possible that your ideas are right and that the program is the more successful because you are able to enforce them. But you have inevitably limited the range of private decision. The applicant, who is a busy man with money at stake, finds it more profitable to follow your instructions than to argue with you. So the word is passed on to his designer, "Find out what they want and give it to them."

In the realm of rental housing, these tendencies are more pronounced. The FHA has always followed the practice of examining individual rental housing plans as closely as the Public Housing Authority has the plans for public projects. The examining process is unavoidably time-consuming, but, if it involves consideration of some unconventional concept, it may become indefinitely protracted - and even then may end in rejection. The simplest procedure is, in the first instance, to offer what is known to be acceptable. Originality, experimentation, and other argumentprovokers and time-consumers are to be avoided.

The result is plain in the standardized colonialesque style of most FHA rental projects, and in the very conventional character of most individual houses financed with insured mortgages. Again, where does this leave the architect? Certainly not as a free, creative force. Even in a supposedly "private enterprise" program he finds the hand of government guiding his pencil. It will be contended that not all FHA houses are conventional; and this, of course, is true. But where it is true, it is due to the liberality of the examiner. It is his, rather than the designer's, decision that is final.

And, the greater the dependence of builders and owners upon the government aid, the greater will be the finality of the decision.

## Government Intervention Means Extinction for the Architect

Thus whether the government influence is exerted through the means of direct contracts, loans, or subsidies, or through mortgage insurance and similar aids to private operators, the result in limiting the creative freedom of the architect is substantially the same. The result is necessary and inescapable in the interventionary process: wherever government carries the responsibility, government will set the rules and make the decisions.

In the process of bureaucratic evolution the range even of official decisions tends to be lessened. The setting of standards tends to a freezing of standards. A constant fluidity is disruptive to administrative procedure; and it is both easier and more economical to follow a fixed pattern than a constantly changing one. In the same process, it often appears easier to do the architectural and site-planning work within the agency than to spend what may be an equivalent time in examination, discussion and revision of the work of others.

Against such forces, the private architect can offer little resistance once they are well set in motion. We need only to look to England to see how he fares when governmental intervention in the construction field is complete. Work becomes narrowly concentrated, wholly under the domination of government where it is not done directly by government; and the architect as an independent factor in society is gone.

There may be some architects who believe this outcome of an interventionary program can be avoided, but the facts argue against them. There may be some who accept the proposition that, if their future status is to be that of bureau functionaries, their service to society need not be lessened thereby. But this proposition is certainly questionable. Without diminishing the contributions of many sincere and able architects now serving in government agencies, it can be suggested that their contributions are possible because the opportunities of private practice are still open to them and because there are courageous and independent practitioners on the outside to lead the way and lend them support.

There is something in the ideas of artistic integrity and creative freedom that the architectural profession has sought to maintain, and that something is important to a free society. But, by the same token, it is possible only in a free society. If architects, in their impatience at the slowness of achievement in a private enterprise economy, seek the supposed short cuts of an interventionary economy, they will solve neither their own problems nor those of the society they mean to serve. Instead, they are likely to eliminate themselves as a vital influence; and that loss in the end is bound to retard the progress they are intent upon. There are no short cuts to the millennium.

Ritchie Lowry House,

Burlingame, Calif.


## SPACIOUS PRIVACY ON A SMALL LOT



Expert disposition and interrelation of elements achieve qualities here of mountain remoteness amid suburban surroundings, and of almost manorial spread within dimensions strictly appropriate to the needs and means of a young couple. Northern placement of the house protects out-of-door spaces from witness and weather, prevailing from this direction. The pitch of roof and wide overhang give shade to the terrace side in suitable season, and during the cold months admit maximum sun to the living room. Detachment of garage, with interconnecting arbor, contributes to the general effect of seclusion and expanse.


Francis Ellsworth Lloyd, Architect


Right: kitchen placement (see plan) pro vides equal ease in service to living room and garden. Center: inside finishes are plaster board and combed plywood; exterior walls are rough board and batten

Stone and Steccati Photos


## ECONOMY STILL FAVORED



## THE TWO-STORY TYPE



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House in Winchester, Mass.

Eleanor Raymond

## Architect

The flash-back inset above (p. 96 of Architectural Record for May, 1945) recalls the Parker house as nascently published three years ago in a study looking forward to The Post War Small House. More than just a project, it represented Miss Raymond's clincher in an argument favoring two-story design, of a relatively conservative character, in keeping with New England climate, conscience and requisites of thrift. The process of realization required adaptation of the project to an entirely different plot. In final form, then, the garage wing has been swung at an angle to give direct approach from the street, and permit proper sun and view orientation for the rest of the house. Changes otherwise were fairly incidental.


Essential characteristics of New England are maintained with full use of modern materials and equipment. Both outside and interior finish walls are entirely of plywood, as are roof, wall and floor boarding. Living room ltwo bottom photos), dining room and main hall are finished in mahogany; study, prima vera; walls elsewhere are finished in fir. Heating is radiant with copper ceiling pipes. Garage has floor pipes under car engines, and directly outside the doors for melting snow


Variations between original and final plans include: sheltered main entry, with convenient bench for overshoe removal; expanded kitchen and laundry facilities; interior access to the garage, where extensive storage and freezer space have been added



## PROTECTED OPENNESS IN SUBURBAN LOCATION

House for Hinsdale, Illinois

Harry J. Harman, Architect

$R_{\text {esponding }}$ to the unanimous petition of the Thorne family (Mr., Mrs., son, and daughter) for the utmost in secluded openness on a fairly confining suburban plot, the architect provides a main terrace for general activity, double flanked by the house for protection and readiness of access through sliding glass doors. A feature particularly favored by the clients is the barbecue fireplace built into the main chimney. In addition, a second terrace, convenient to all bedrooms, provides for more seclusive individual purposes. Features inside include two accordion doors, one to partition the dining area, another for converting the large living room alcove into study or guest room. The plan was based on a 4 -ft. module, insuring full economy in the use of plywood and plastic sheets.



## LARGE ACTIVITY RANGE IN SMALL COMPASS




# A THOUSAND WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE 

Presenting a few more pages of the survey of women architects and their work, as proof, if any were needed, that architecture is a field where women's talents are being accepted and appreciated

PART II

EVERY male architect at some time in his career (and probably many times) has had his dinner partner exclaim, "So you are an architect; oh, if I'd been a man, I'm sure I'd have been an architect too. I just love houses and plans and things." Of course, if she'd really had the urge she could have been. An architect, we mean. For architectural schools have been open to women students for years. Even Harvard has seen the error of its strictly masculine ways and now competes with its Cambridge compeer, M.I.T., in the number of distaff designers on its roster.

But all has not been easy for the rising young woman in architecture. Time was, and place too, when "the chief" looked askance at the hopeful draftsman in skirts, and hesitated to inject a feminine note in the earthy esprit-de-corps of the drafting-room. By sheer ability, coupled with innate tact and diplomacy, however, women have found places in, and up through, many offices throughout the country. And after apprenticeships, both arduous and amusing at times, many have branched out on their own and have established successful offices under their own names or in partnerships. Some husband-and-wife partnerships have been particularly successful, and have done outstanding work.

While the survey and the photographs received from women architects show a preponderance of domestic architecture, their creative ability and technical knowledge have been employed on almost every type of structure imaginable. It is natural that residential architecture should be their particular forte as traditionally and through long experience they are familiar with the problems of creating a better environment for the family. They understand the meaning of step-saving in planning and flexibility for multi-use of space. They are conscious of maintenance and operating problems from the standpoints of both time and economy. Their interest lies thus both in logical planning and in careful detailing and selective specification writing. For some reason or other they also seem particularly sensitive to the aspects of color, texture, and form in creating homes that have distinctive character.

The same thoughtful analysis and intuitive sense of the appropriate runs through their contributions to the designing of schools, churches, hospitals and every other type of building. As time goes on and they increase both in numbers and experience, their influence will be more strongly felt in the creation of an architecture that is not only utilitarian but soul-satisfying as well.


Left: Stowell Photo. Right: R. M. Damora Photo

The house which the Homseys designed for themselves at Hockessin, Del., has separate children's wing (left, above) and service wing forming a pleasant entrance court. Left, the sunny entrance hall, looking toward the service wing

VICTORINE HOMSEY
A.I.A.

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
"When I stop having fun," says Victorine Homsey, "I'll stop practicing architecture." A graduate of Smith College Graduate School of Architecture, Mrs. Homsey started her career as a draftsman in the office of Allen \& Collens, Boston, Mass. She and her husband, Samuel Homsey, now are one of the best-known husband-and-wife architectural teams in the country. Practicing as Victorine \& Samuel Homsey, they specialize in domestic architecture, schools and theaters. During the war Mrs. Homsey did temporary war housing for the FPHA, and schools at Greenbelt, Md. She is registered in Delaware and the District of Columbia, and is a member of the American Society of Planners and Architects.


Seaford Golf Club, Martin Farms, Seaford, Del., features a lounge the full depth of the building. Victorine \& Samuel Homsey, Architects



The residence of Judge and Mrs. J. Edgar Murdock has a beautiful setting among native sycamores, elms, and boxwood

## GERTRUDE SAWYER

A.I.A.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Most architects are content with registration in one state, but Miss Sawyer is registered in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Florida. She has her own office in Washington, D. C. It is natural that she should specialize in residential architecture and country estates for she is a graduate in landscape architecture from the University of Illinois, and holds a Master's degree in architecture from the Cambridge School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. During the war her talents were engaged in the engineering department of Fairchild Aircraft Corporation, and she was a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps Reserve. She is a member of the American Institute of Architects.


Left below, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Patterson at Peterson's Point, Maryland, above the Patuxent River, is of handmade rose-colored brick. The owners' French furniture determined the style of the residence for Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Scott II (below, right).




Maynard Parker Photo


Living room (left) and entrance side (right) of residence for Miss Gladys Caldwell, Hollywood, Calif. Lot is irregular, slopes steeply

ROSE CONNOR
A.I.A.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Below: left, beach house for Mrs. F. L. Ransome, Three Arch Bay, Calif., has oyster white stucco and brick exterior, soft corn yellow wood shutters and entrance, eucalyptus green sash; right, main entrance of residence for Miss Margaret Hickman, Eagle Rock, Calif.




Mrs. Wiatt and her husband, J. Streeter Wiatt, collaborated on the plan of Woodley Country Club, Montgomery, Ala., but Mrs. Wiatt did the exterior design. The lounge and dining room overlook the golf course from a hilltop; locker rooms and pro shop are at the rear

## TENNIE OWEN WIATT

R.A.

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

The Wiatts collaborated in the design of the small office building at right, where their own office will be located. Below, "The Ranch," a highway restaurant designed by Mrs. Wiatt around a plan developed by the owner. Chimney window permits public to watch a pig being barbequed on a revolving spit

Collier, Pierce \& Kraus Photo
Joseph C. Maschi Rendering

Tennie Owen Wiatt is a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, where she won the A.I.A. award for excellence in scholarship. Starting out as a draftsman in the office of G. Howard Ryan, McComb, Miss., she had much varied architectural experience in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama before settling down permanently in Montgomery with her architect husband, J. Streeter Wiatt. She is now affiliated with the firm of Sizemore \& Campbell in Montgomery, doing residential design and all phases of drafting, but expects shortly to join her husband when he opens his own office. Registered in Alabama, she believes a woman's greatest opportunity in architecture lies in the residential field.



The Maryland estate at top of page was just a square house (right) before remodeling. Immediately above: a walled garden, upstairs game room, service court and stables are features of this Bedford Village, N. Y., estate, now owned and occupied by Tallulah Bankhead

CARINA EAGLESFIELD MILLIGAN A.I.A.

NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

Unlike most young architects, Carina Eaglesfield Milligan went into private practice immediately after her graduation from the Cambridge School of Architecture (later taken over by Harvard). Her career had actually started, however, while she was still a student: she was paid $\$ 35$ for a drawing of a house which not only was built but, she says, is "still good." She has since won a dozen competition prizes for her house designs. A member of the A.I.A., she holds a National Council Certificate and is registered in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Virginia. In addition to maintaining her own office in New Canaan, Conn., she is an associate of Louis E. Jallade and L. E. Jallade, Jr., New York.


The home of Prof. and Mrs. R. F. Flint in New Haven (right) brought Mrs. Milligan another commission-from Van Wyck Brooks, for whom she did the formal Regency above, with a walled garden where he could write in quiet



Gottscho Photos
"After and before" photographs show the transformation wrought by Miss Coit in an old, nondescript farmhouse

ELIZABETH COIT
A.I.A.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Housing has long been the subject of Miss Coit's critical analysis and constructive research. In 1938-1940, she held the Langley Fellowship of the A.I.A., and her findings were reported in "Housing from the Tenant's Viewpoint." She has worked with the Technical Division of the Federal Public Housing Authority, and is now assisting the New York City Housing Authority in research and editorial work as well as being associated with the firm of Mayer and Whittlesey, New York. She is a graduate of M.I.T. holding the degree of B.S., Arch., and is registered in New York, Virginia, and New Jersey, also holding a National Council certificate. She was book reviewer for the ARCHITECTURAL RECORD for several years.


Left, random pages from the pen of Miss Coit, architectural author. Below, the sturdy stone work and Virginia craftsmanship of the Winslow Sommaripa house, Boyce, Va., accent an unusual plan arrangement




Model of a church for a small town. Office of Walter R. Hagedohm, A.I.A., Architect (Irene McFaul, designer)

Emerging from the University of California at Berkeley with her M.A. and membership in Delta Epsilon, Miss McFaul started in an electrical contractor's office "reading blueprints." After serving as draftsman in San Francisco and conducting her own residential practice in California, she is now a chief draftsman with Walter R. Hagedohm in Los Angeles, doing mostly churches, residences, and public buildings.

EMILY H. BUTTERFIELD, A.I.A.
ALGONAC, MICHIGAN

Miss Butferfield received her architectural training at Syracuse University when there were but few women in the profession. For a number of years she was partner in the firm of Butterfield and Butterfield, practicing in Detroit and Pontiac, Michigan, designing schools, churches, and residences. She has written much, including "Young People's History of Architecture," and she still finds time for her hobby, water-colors.


A preliminary sketch for Christ Community Church, Methodist, Inkster, Mich. (suburban Detroit); Emily H. Butterfield, Architect

## RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS


"Church of All Ages"-culminating plan of Rudolf Schwarz (See Article on opposite page)

In the present study we find a collection of opposites. The review of the seven archetypes of Rudolf Schwarz is concerned entirely with church forms in their most basic significance. The notes on the church community center, on the other hand, pick up those practical necessities which are often slurred in religious literature.

A richly illustrated article by Emil Frei, showing current processes and design in stained glass, lays stress on a continuation of historical development from past to future. By contrast, a new church with no windows at all, by Joseph
H. Saunders, Jr., displays new means for an enriched liturgy and worship supplied by the present-day arts of illumination and air conditioning.

The sunny courts of the Jewish religious center project for Northwestern University, by Harrison and Abramovitz, is religious, again, in a different mode and temper; and the Baptist project for Flint, Mich., involving studies first by the Saarinens and then by Robert Swanson, exhibits the problem of the complete church plant under conflicting demands of economy and of taste.




# THE "SEVEN ARCHETYPES" OF RUDOLF SCHWARZ 

THHE drawings on this and succeeding pages are not to be construed as "projects" but as images of ideas; and a little study will reveal the depth of their content. Cutting across current shallow clichés, they are taken from a little known volume by Rudolf Schwarz, published in German and entitled Vom Bau der Kirche ("On the Building of the Church"). The volume itself has a German cast, metaphysical and allegorical, but the language of the drawings is clear and universal.

Little known outside his native country, Schwarz has built very few churches, none since Hitler's accession in 1934; yet there are those who do not hesitate to assign him the very highest rank among living architects of churches. A devout Catholic, Schwarz thinks of the church as being simultaneously an instrument of worship, a symbolic representation of the deepest relationships, and a sacred participation in "creating the mystical body of the Lord."

The seven archetypes, or groups, into which he divides church plans, represent not only a historical development but a religious progression.

The first, "childhood" plan (1), puts the altar at the center ("the rising earth"); on it the chalice and platter (the chalice the "innermost container"); the candle ("living light radiating from the center"); space ("a

First basic element: "dark star," wheel, or rose



Second basic element: light and darkness along "the Way"
sacred fullness"); the congregation in circles ("strongest form of the community"); walls and roof are the outermost container, a "firmament." The people, directing their glances toward Christ at the center, become a "dark star of beseechment and prayer" (4), answered by a "radiant star of light." Or, transforming the image, the plan becomes "the image of the Lord and His mystical body as a wheel or rose."
Figure 2 (previous page) transforms the dome into a fountain, strengthened by light concentrated upon the altar but capable of being reversed for greatest strength at the circumference so that the space may be "recreated" by light.

Into this closed germinal scheme, however, there intrudes a "sacred cleft" (fig. 3, previous page) - awareness that the world is insufficient, struck to its core by "heaven, the coming kingdom."

How to represent this coming realm, which no "man has seen," without fatal error and distortion, is a problem beyond solution, but one, says Schwarz, that must be met as best possible. His discussion explores devices such as vanishing perspectives, or an intruding white wall ("white, the color that negates all individual colors, yet unites them all"), or clear glass opening on emptiness, or pictures of saints, or light from above ("the open chalice"). The broken ring and the open chalice are his second and third plan types.

Once the ring is broken, there follows the "sacred pilgrimage - for awakened men who stand in Time and are sent out into history, and know that they have a home and yet must follow a 'path'" (5) - and a church must be found to declare this transition "between the day of the germinating seed and the coming kingdom."

This idea of the "sacred way," prefigured in Egyptian pagan temples (7) with their sense of progression, was beautifully suggested, says Schwarz, in the Gothic nave. His own image for it is a vault in which the idea of "light along the way" is declared in successive bands


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continuous from horizon to horizon (Illustration 6).
Yet with all its wealth of insight and association, declares the author, Gothic church architecture is nevertheless bound to an epoch, and its basic form no longer answers to us. Its arches do not declare, however beautifully they attempt, "reaching to heaven"; and its linear perspectives merely return upon themselves when infinitely projected.

Beyond this "fourth type" of "the sacred way," there is a fifth series of essays based on the journey completed in an "arrival." This fifth group is conceived in terms of "the dark chalice." The diagrams representing it are among Schwarz's most beautiful, as for example, 8. Here the vault as well as the plan is parabolic, rising to its full height above a large red rose over the large portal. ("The parabola is intrinsically open.") Above the altar, on the curving back wall, is proposed a painted image of Christ with open arms. And yet the ultimate significance of "the dark chalice" is a configuration of death.

So, at another cast, a sixth group is added to the allegory - this time, beyond death, the "dome of light." This is a transformation of the very first plan, the rounded central dome, but bright not dark - a dome to be built of light, suffused with light, soaked in light, so that every point, including communicants, becomes "a star" (10). This was prefigured, says Schwarz, in the Baroque, which began just where Gothic ended, arriving at a burst of light at the end of the Gothic pilgrimage (9). Historically this "bright star" succeeded where least expected, in the Church of the Fourteen Saints at Neresheim, in which "the heaven within answers to the heaven round about, and what remains of the earth in the surrounding walls is clad in white the color of the bride."

So the allegory culminates in a seventh archetype, the "dome of all times," uniting in itself the main components evolved out of all the rest $(4,6,10)$ - the "dark star" of the germinating seed, the successive arches of
"the way" through the day and history, and the "bright star" of the final culmination. (Frontispiece, page 116.)

So brief a review does grave injustice to a deep and poetic book, escaping as it does from small controversies of the day, with the rare gift for humility and for viewing time "sub specie aeternitatis."
Many who do not share the religion of Schwarz have admired the book for the manner in which history is not assembled and "modified" but distilled, and presentday architecture is searched for the large symbol.

Third basic element: "bright star" of the "dome of light"



Robert Frei Photos

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The first step in the creation of a stained glass window, after the preliminary sketch, is the production of the full-sized "cartoon, In working on this opaque medium, the designer must be aware what will be the ultimate effect when light is transmitted through the glass, under differing conditions of direction and intensity. The designer seen at work is Robert Harmon


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Using the cartoon as guide, patterns are cut out of paper with double-edged shears (2) which automatically allow space for the lead strips or "cames" between pieces of glass. Colors are matched against some 1600 numbered samples (3) keyed to compartments (4)

# THE FUTURE OF STAINED GLASS 

The workshop and designs of Emil Frei, Inc.

Acommonplace of church architecture is that "the stained glass of the twelfth and thirteenth century cannot be equalled." The contemporary work of Emil Frei does not make this futile attempt. In the faith that divine inspiration did not exhaust itself in the thirteenth century it seeks to produce the best that can be laid upon the altar in the light of the present
day. Those who look ever backward have missed those new opportunities that present themselves. There follows a pictorial presentation of workshop methods, designs and projects, for the sake of clearer understanding by church architects of the present and future of glass. The Frei family, incidentally, has been making stained glass as far back as anybody can remember.


Glass is cut to the pattern with ordinary glass cutters (5) and assembled on a large piece of plate glass for viewing, after which the painted design is added (6). Colors are metallic oxides containing a flux which permits vifrification by firing


Flash firing of the glass in a gas oven at approximately $1200^{\circ}$ makes the painted design an integral part of the glass and the window. Cooled glass is assembled (8) for final leading


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Pliable lead cames are bent, cut, placed, flattened, soldered, and a waterproof cement brushed in to hold glass securely

The bane of the stained-glass designer the is really a glass painter) is the religious patron who wants to reproduce a banal picture postcard in his window. Stained glass designs must first of all have a character sufficiently formalized to consort with architecture (right).

A good many designers, seeking an "antique" effect, cover whole areas with a ground which is then etched away but leaves a film and particles caught in cracks and bubbles of the glass. This appreciably dims the brightness of the final effect. Mr Frei prefers clean techniques which leave the full "glass" sparkle



Painting techniques include any current method available. Dry brush technique left, is used in 'Christ the Worker' window, made for Mr. Otto Spaeth for exhibition in Dayton museum of fine arts, Barry Byrne, Architect. Air brush technique is seen in medallions for Sacred Heart Church, Baton Rouge. Crosshatching was employed in St. Mary's Church, Taylorville, III., by Aschaver


CROSS HATCH


Top views are of medallions in the Baton Rouge Church of which Bendernagel and Cazele were architects. The larger picture represents a window in the Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Lovis, of which Grey and Pauley were architects. It shows the richness of pattern, combined with permanence, possible to modern painting in no other medium than stained glass with its translucence



Stained and painted glass is a badly neglected medium, which, once released from the trammels of purely conventional thinking, can be used in secular contexts as well as religious ones. In the larger view is seen the suggestion of great stained-glass shields or screens, placed in the open as shelters against breezes. This screen was designed by the shop of Mr. Frei for Joseph Murphy, St. Louis architect, as part of his project for the Jefferson Memorial. If colored glass, carrying its own painted design, were to be used in conjunction with colored light, the architect would command an embarrassment of riches



# PLANNING THE CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER 

Data from a Study by Elbert M. Conover


#### Abstract

What follows is a program for a church school and church community center, comprehensive enough and typical enough to serve as a suggestive checking guide. It is taken, by kind permission, from the manuscript of a handbook on The Church School and Parish House Building by Elbert M. Conover, of the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture. The full volume is to be published late this year.

The outline is fairly complete, and from it may easily be read requirements, in terms of square feet per person, for various kinds of rooms. The editors have added footnotes where the recommended stand-


ard has seemed too tight, in the pursuit of economy.
In common with most of the architectural literature that comes from church sources, this outline neglects those important factors of planning that deal with the arrival (by differing means of transportation) of church groups, the use of vestibules and the like for gathering areas, the efficient arrangement of interior circulation (and also the parking of vehicles). There has been some discussion of these factors, however, in earlier studies in the Record (October, 1946; September, 1947), and also of room arrangement for multiple use, such as extra church seating in a parlor.

## Administration

1. General church office for church secretary; desk space for financial secretary, church school superintendent, and secretary; and counter separating desk space from reception room.
2. A work room adjacent for filing cabinets, shelves, supplies, addressograph and mimeograph equipment.
3. Fireproof vault in the basement story.
4. On the second floor, pastor's conference room with fireplace, lavatory, clothes closet, built-in book shelves, and minimum clear floor area of 240 sq. ft.
5. Study for minister of education, with closet, book shelves, and minimum floor area of $120-160 \mathrm{sq}$. ft .
6. Similar room for possible addition to staff.

## Children's Division

1. A nursery for children under $11 / 2$ years, 250 s . ft., for 10 children and attendant.
2. A nursery room for "toddlers," $11 / 2-21 / 2$ years of age, about 300 sq . ft., for 15 children and two helpers.
3. A nursery classroom for $21 / 2-3$ years of age, 400-450 sq. ft., for 20 children and two helpers.
4. A lavatory with juvenile size fixtures to be adjacent to the above rooms.
5. A classroom for 4-year-old children, 320-340 sq. ft., for 16 children and one teacher.
6. A classroom for 5 -year-old children, 360 or more sq. ft., for 16 to 18 children and two teachers.
7. A lavatory with juvenile size fixtures to be easily accessible to the above rooms.
8. Hot and cold water to be available and bathinette for the use of those in the first two rooms. Coat hanging space to be immediately adjacent to the rooms where attendants can help the children with wraps.
9. Ceilings to be 8 ft . in height, liberal amount of clear glass in windows with small colorful "incidentals" inserted. Decorations to be planned in conference with shelves for each of the above rooms. Tack board and picture rails with groove in the rooms for 4 - and 5-yearold children. Tack boards to extend 2 ft . above the picture rail which is to form the base of the tack board, center of tack board to be at average eye level of the child.* Closet space with low shelves for light rugs to be spread on floor when needed. . . .

[^10]10. Six classrooms for children 6-11 years of age, varying in size, allowing about 12 sq . ft . per person for from 15 to 18 pupils and one teacher in each room.
11. Coatroom space for above group of six rooms: boys and girls lavatories within easy reach of this group of rooms.
12. Equipment for rooms of 6-11 year old children: built-in blackboards, about 3 by 4 ft . in size; shutters to be used as tack boards for each blackboard; a closet for teacher's wraps and supplies; clear glass windows with small, colored inserts.
13. A children's chapel, seating 60 children and choir of 12; tinted glass windows; a worship center; leader's desk at one side; portable blackboard to be available.
14. Equipment for showing sound pictures in this chapel room. (This room will be used twice each Sunday by two or three grades grouped together and occasionally by single grades according to schedule.)

## Youth Division

1. Provide a Junior High assembly room, 480 sq. ft. A worship center will be at one end and a fireplace at the opposite end. Closet, 18 in . deep, top half of one side with shelves, other side full length for leaders' wraps. Have two classrooms, 200 sq. ft. each. (One class and small commissions will use assembly room.) Coat hanging space adjacent.
2. A youth room, 500 sq . ft., with fireplace at one end and worship center at the other. Built-in book cases, closet, kitchenette adjacent. This room to be scheduled at Sunday School period for Senior High assembly and also at another period for young people's assembly when required.
3. Provide five classrooms varying in size from 100 to 120 sq. ft. each, to be available for Junior High, Senior High and older youth groups.* (Tablet arm chairs to be used.) May be on second floor.

## Adult Division

1. Fellowship hall to be used by largest adult group; church parlor and boys' and girls' club rooms and the room for floor and table games to be assigned to adult groups.
2. The choir is to be organized as a class in the religious arts, the choir room to be used for this group.
3. Three adult classrooms, about 210 sq. ft. each, to hold about 30 persons.* One of these on main floor.

## Fellowship and Recreation

1. Fellowship hall with 18 ft . ceiling and an unobstructed floor area, 40 by 70 ft .; stage, 20 ft . deep, with widest possible proscenium opening; no partitions at the ends of the stage; straight front; no foot lights; trap door, 24 by 72 in ., in floor of stage.
2. Kitchen at end of the hall opposite the stage, with 9 ft . ceiling; serving room space and counter between hall and the kitchen working space.

Room above kitchen may be the youth parlor with

[^11]removable panels, to be used for overflow for fellowship hall audiences and, also, for placing moving picture equipment.
3. The church parlor; 800 sq . ft. of floor space; fireplace constructed of rocks gathered by boys and girls of the church; kitchenette available unless the parlor can conveniently be located adjacent to the main church kitchen; built-in book shelves so that this room can do double duty as a church library.

## 4. Three bowling alleys.

5. Recreation room with $9-10 \mathrm{ft}$. ceiling, large enough for two ping pong tables and two shuffleboard courts. (This room doing double duty as an adult classroom and small dining room.)
6. Boys' club room with floor space of $500 \mathrm{ft} . ; 4$ built-in storage closets occupying 20 sq . ft.; equipped with drawers and shelves. Have fireplace built of rocks to be gathered by the boys.
7. Note: Youth room to do double duty for girls' club work. Built-in closets for these groups as requested by the recreational committee.
8. Note: Recreational unit of the plant may be a two story unit with the ground floor excavated 4 ft . below grade and on this lower floor, bowling alleys, game rooms, club room and very liberal provision for lavatories and storage; the fellowship hall on the main floor. 9 ft . ceiling for the lower floor. See suggestive sketches provided from other churches by the church building consultant.
9. Refreshment booth, easily accessible to game rooms and fellowship hall.

## For the Music Program

The following items in the program presented by the Committee on Worship and the Religious Arts is fully approved and their inclusion in the building program is urged by the Board of Education.

1. Choir assembly room to be used also as studio for the minister of music.
2. Choir room to have minimum clear floor space of 480 sq . ft. for assembly of 40 persons; ceiling to be treated acoustically so that the choir may sing at full volume; room located so the choir can enter nave at the end of the center aisle.
3. Men's and women's robing rooms, opening off the choir room.
4. Also have boys' robing room and girls' robing room for children's choir, or space for additional cabinets; space for hanging robes for a total of 40 men and boys and 40 women and girls.

Recommendations as to floorings, mechanical equipment, wiring, lighting, heating and ventilation, color treatment, decorations are approved as in the general building program.

We understand that a future unit to contain additional rooms to be built when the growth of the school warrants it is considered a part of the total building program.

## A WINDOWLESS CHURCH WITH CENTERED ALTAR

Church of St. Clement (Episcopal), Alexandria, Virginia

Joseph H. Saunders, Jr., Architect


Gottscho-Schleisner Photos

T
his remarkable little church, seating a congregation of 400 , departs radically from the "stained glass tradition" in its entirety, and converts the new sciences of artificial illumination and air conditioning into instrumentalities for worship. Strongly liturgical in concept, it places all emphasis upon the central altar and a plain oak cross, which gives the illusion of hovering (it is suspended by chains from the ceiling); the dim "inward" light of the room rules out distraction.

The focal element in the whole concept is that the congregation shall not merely look upon one another's backs but shall see one another, as a "family," joined at "the Lord's table." Though the actual form is truncated it would be represented diagrammatically by a ring, a striking example of the first "archetype" described by Rudolf Schwarz as quoted on page 117.
The exterior of the entrance, not yet completed, is to be dominated by a white cross flanked by murals.



Gottscho-Schleisner Photos


Situated among trees within the $V$ formed by two major highways, and lying between two large housing developments, the modest little red brick building is planned to make effective visual use of its strong white cross and murals. The distinctive character of the building was made possible largely by the energetic rector, who built the original chapel in 1944 before there was a congregation, and has accordingly had strong influence



Gottscho-Schleisner Photos

Every effort has been made to destroy the sense of boundaries in the interior. Pinpoint lighting is just adequate for vision; spotlights pick out the simple oak chancel, the sandstone altar, and the baptismal font. The main walls are of the same plain red brick as the exterior; the wall on the choir side is acoustical plaster painted a deep blue, the ceiling black. Conditioned air is supplied through grilles in the ceiling, exhausted through side walls just above the floor. Chancel, altar, font, choir, form the central axis



Seating and accessories were designed by the architect


The program for this church was summarized in a statement of the rector, the Reverend Darby Wood Betts, from which excerpts are quoted:
"The Church to speak clearly must speak in current or contemporary language in buildings as well as in sermons. This has certainly been her history. . .
"For some reason or other, today finds the Church pursuing an uninspired course of slavishly following

the past with imitation Colonial or what is worse imitation Gothic . . .
"The Church is first and foremost a family called into being by its Father which is God. Therefore we sit facing one another rather than looking at the backs of each other's heads as does an audience; we are a congregation, those called together. Secondly, we have in the midst the symbols of the Originator and Head of the family. The altar has always stood for God's throne and presence; around the altar is the communion rail at which the family is nourished by the divine food provided by the Father. Over the altar hangs the empty cross, symbol of the sacrifice through which we are saved . . .
"The pulpit-lecturn, the place of the Word, or Bible read and preached, is on one face of the altar and the Font, the place of birth into the Christian family, on the other face of the altar by the main entrance. The building in its entirety represents the first installment of life in heaven which is the realization of God's fully achieved presence. Therefore we have strained every device known to our day to shut out the world, which is only a temporary dwelling place, in order that we might anticipate our final home and thus return to the world inspired and refreshed to fight against its powers that would destroy us . . .
"We look up into the darkness that reminds us of the vastness of the mystery of the over-brooding presence of God as does the night sky, and all variations of light and darkness, heat and cold, wind, rain, snow, and sound are shut out as much as is humanly possible. . . ."


## A COMPLETE CHURCH PLANT IN THREE VERSIONS

Projects for the First Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan

By Saarinen, Swanson and Saarinen and by

Robert Swanson Associates, Architects


The first scheme is based upon subtle and complete organization: the separation, both exterior and interior, of movement and quiet



The reflecting pool has been exceptionally well handled. The monumental flight of steps above the terrace makes possible a view, from within the social rooms, at a higher angle

THE three projects presented herewith for a single church are not to be considered as successive improvements but as modifications to meet circumstances.

The first scheme, opposite page and above, was developed before the separation of the original architectural firm into two separate establishments. It shows the skilled Saarinen hand at large-scale architectural organization. Access is from the east (north is to the left in the plan as seen here) with separate entrances to
large narthex and the two-story church school. The latter is logically lighted from the west (being used in the morning). The church itself gets the full morning light filtered through enormous windows. The transverse arrangement of the large social halls makes the large entrance space available to them also, and gives them a beautiful view across the reflecting pool.

In the second study by Saarinen, Swanson and Saarinen, seen below, economy brought many eliminations.



The rendering seen above presents the second study in an alternate version, still by Saarinen, Swanson and. Saarinen. The main entrance is from the west.

The latest project, by Robert Swanson Associates, keeps the west entrance and provides, to the north, for parking, usually badly neglected in church plans. The west wing, greatly reduced, occupies the bridge to the campanile, and is administrative, including the
pastor's study. The social hall, directly opposite the nave, benefits from a joint storage partition, and its service entrance is logically located.

A mild criticism might be made of the classroom lighting which has been subordinated to continuity of effect in the tall lancet windows. Yet the project as a whole handsomely expresses the Protestant concept of a complete church institution.



UPPER FLOOR


LOWER FLOOR



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# STUDENT RELIGIOUS CENTER BASED ON SYNAGOGUE 

Evanston Congregation Hillel, Northwestern University



Harrison \& Abramovitz, Architects

THIS building is to be erected to provide a center for the religious, cultural, and interfaith activities of the Jewish Community of Evanston, and for the students of Jewish faith at Northwestern University. The problem was to express, in planning and in use, the interrelationship of these three-fold activities.

The site has many tall trees which will contrast with the horizontal structure; and to the east there is a view to Lake Michigan (the main floor is raised three feet to take advantage of it).
The requirements included, 1. a chapel for 100 for normal religious services; 2. an auditorium for 300 , for lectures, dramatics, social gatherings and recreation, and for use as a religious hall on high holidays; 3. a kitchen to be used for suppers and teas; 4 . seminar rooms for the use of students and community; 5. library; 6 . social rooms for quiet social uses; 7. an administrative suite; 8. caretaker's suite; 9. a courtyard or enclosed area to recall the biblical "Courtyards of the Lord," and to provide areas to be used in relation to religious festivals.

"It was desired that the passing public receive an impression of the use and character," say the architects. "To the individual coming to visit the Chapel, the openness of the plan and the visual sense of the various rooms placed about the court would accent the joint activities of the social and educational; to those interested in the social aspects, a realization of the religious program would be physically manifest; and to the student attending seminars or auditorium, no matter what faith, a sense of the other aspects of the building would
be conveyed in a frank and open manner devoid of mystification or seclusion.
"The plan developed with the elements disposed around the courts, producing various qualities of light; and the Chapel placed to the east and rising through and above the roof gives an added significance to the building from the main approaches."

In the view of the architects model, above, is seen the emphasis on the chapel; below, top-lighted passage and courts


# METHOD FOR CALCULATING INSULATION ECONOMIES 

Developed by HHFA Technical Staff

To make possible fairly precise calculation of fuel savings resulting from insulation, engineers of the Housing and Home Finance Agency have developed a method of analyzing insulation costs in relation to fuel economies.* Based on the thought that, once minimum comfort conditions are satisfied, additional insulation should pay for itself, the method is intended to permit comparison of various insulation proposals in monetary terms.

The analysis starts with consideration of wall and floor surface temperatures from the standpoint of comfort, fixing minimum and optimum temperatures that ought to be maintained. If any insulation is required to maintain those temperatures, it is considered necessary without regard for costs. Beyond that, further insulation is weighed in terms of fuel savings.

## Surface Temperatures

Usually when inside surface temperatures are low during winter heating, an excess of bodily heat is lost by the occupants (through radiation or conduction) to the cold surfaces.

The body area of an occupant exposed to the ceiling is smaller than that to the walls and floor; therefore, the ceiling temperature need not be considered for comfort requirements. Moreover, the ceiling is further eliminated as a source of discomfort because of its distance from the occupant and also because the ceiling surface is usually warm from the heated air at the top of the room, regardless of insulation.

Without ceiling or roof insulation, however, transmission losses in winter and solar gain in summer might be excessive. The decision whether or not to insulate here has to be based on the degree of eummer comfort demanded and on an analysis of fuel economy.

## Wall Temperatures

Ordinary frame walls with wood sid-

[^12]ing, wood sheathing, 2 in . by 4 in . studs and plaster finish have been commonly used in areas where the outdoor air temperature drops to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. The rate of heat transfer through these walls with $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ inside air temperature and $0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ outside air temperature results in an inside surface temperature of $59^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Although this is not a minimum wall temperature based on physiological data, common practice and consumer acceptance indicate that this figure can be assumed for minimum comfort. Federal housing authorities recommend $65^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ as optimum.

Single-glazed windows, with an inside surface temperature about midway between indoor and outdoor air temperatures, not only cause a chilling effect when occupants are near the surface but also induce undesirable drafts. Most doors have high transmission losses and, like single pane glass, lower the overall average inside surface temperature.

When large window and door areas exist, either wall surface temperatures must be elevated by adding insulation there or else thermal protection must be provided by using double-glazed glass or storm windows and storm doors to compensate for the increased exposed area.

## Floor Temperatures

Where floors are over basements or heated spaces, the surface temperature is usually satisfactory, but when they are over unheated spaces or in direct contact with the ground, thermal protection might be needed.
Floors over crawl spaces lose heat through the entire area and should be insulated accordingly. Concrete slabs on the ground are best insulated according to suggestions of the Housing and Home Finance Agency (see Architectural Record, Jan., 1948).

The minimum standard temperature for floors is based on the accepted use of wood floor on wood subflooring over well-ventilated crawl spaces. Again using $0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ outside air and $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ inside air design temperatures, the minimum temperature for this type floor is $60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

## "U" Value

Since the inside surface temperature and heat transfer of a section depend on the type, thickness and arrangement of materials used as well as inside and outside air temperatures, the minimum and optimum temperatures can be translated into a heat transmission factor "U." This represents the heat transfer in Btu per hour per square foot of assembled structural section, per degree Fahrenheit temperature difference between inside and outside air.
Table 1 lists "U" values for walls from the minimum temperature $\left(59^{\circ}\right)$, through the optimum $\left(65^{\circ}\right.$ to $\left.68^{\circ}\right)$, and for the minimum floor temperature $\left(60^{\circ}\right)$ with the range of outdoor design temperatures from minus $40^{\circ}$ to plus $30^{\circ}$.

The "U" for any combination can be calculated; however, the values for many composite arrangements can be found in published guides (see Architectural Record, Nov., 1936 and the Guide of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, 1947).

| TABLE 1 - "U" Factors Which Will Produce Minimum and Optimum Surface Temperatures (all temperatures, ${ }^{\circ} \mathbf{F}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Minimum 59 | 63 | Opti- <br> mum <br> 65 |  | Floors <br> Mini- <br> mum <br> 60* |
| +30 | 0.45 | 0.30 | 0.20 | 0.10 | 0.60 |
| 20 | 0.36 | 0.24 | 0.16 | 0.08 | 0.48 |
| 10 | 0.30 | 0.20 | 0.13 | 0.07 | 0.40 |
| 0 | 0.26 | 0.17 | 0.11 | 0.06 | 0.34 |
| $-10$ | 0.23 | 0.15 | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.30 |
| 20 | 0.20 | 0.13 | 0.09 | 0.044 | 0.27 |
| 30 | 0.18 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.040 | 0.24 |
| 40 | 0.16 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.036 | 0.22 |
| *For floors over unheated, well-ventilated spaces. |  |  |  |  |  |

## Economic Analysis

Once comfort conditions are met, an intelligent selection can be made from the many methods for adding thermal protection to any building where the costs are known. The initial cost of any structure is not the only one that concerns owners or tenants. Operation economies may be sufficient to offset an additional initial expenditure and any interest charges. The selection of insulation beyond that necessary to provide minimum comfort conditions should be based on economic analysis and such additional insulation methods should be capable of repaying their costs.

Since fuel prices and construction costs vary considerably over the country, a method has been developed for expressing fuel savings in terms of fuel units and areas of the building elements involved. When several construction assemblies are possible, it is relatively simple to calculate the annual cost of each. With these costs indicating the annual saving of one construction over another, the designer can determine if an additional first cost of one will be adequately repaid in fuel savings.
It is also possible to evaluate the savings resulting from thermal protection added to existing structures. Here, however, it is necessary to add a note of caution: where a building element or section has been in use, the addition of thermal protection will change the temperature conditions which existed in the element. This addition lowers temperatures in those parts of the element toward the outer side and raises temperatures in the parts on the inner side.

Water vapor passing through the element from inside the house may condense on the cold surfaces unless means have been provided to effectively reduce excess vapor flow by installation of a vapor barrier or by proper ventilation of the element.

## Fuel Requirements

When the "U" value of any building element or section is known, the fuel units lost through it per year can be obtained from the curves on the chart, page 143. These curves indicate the approximate number of fuel units required annually by each square foot of surface for various efficiencies of heating systems and for the number of degree days in the heating season, when the " U " factor is 1.00 . Multiplying this figure by the actual "U" factor will give the approximate number of fuel units required annually per square foot for the particular case.

The curves shown on the chart have been derived from formulas published in the Guide of the American Society of

Heating and Ventilating Engineers, 1947, with some modification to indicate the additional fuel requirements in those sections of the country where the heating load is light because of reduced efficiencies at low loads.

Amounts of fuel obtained from the chart are correct within about 5 per cent for the average heating season. The chart takes into account a night cutback in inside temperature to $55^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for eight hours. If no night time reduction in house temperatures is contemplated, an additional 7 per cent should be added to the fuel consumption.

## Use of Chart

To use the chart on page 143, first determine the number of degree days per year for the locality where the house is or will be built. The annual degree day figure is a measure of the seasonal heating load and can be obtained from the U. S. Weather Bureau or from local fuel dealers. Table 2 gives a representative list for major cities as given in the 1947 A.S.H.V.E. Guide.

Next, select the appropriate heating efficiency curve. The efficiency selected should represent that part of the heat in the fuel as purchased which is useful
in heating the entire dwelling. This efficiency is affected by variations in construction detail and quality, heating plant design and quality, accuracy of installation, operating control methods and apparatus, and by living habits. Table 3 lists some efficiencies suggested for use with the chart.

Having selected the efficiency and the degree days, locate the degree day figure on the vertical scale of the chart. Proceed horizontally to the selected efficiency curve and from this point drop vertically to the horizontal fuel scale. The reading on this scale gives the annual number of gallons of fuel oil (at 140,000 Btu per gallon) required for each square foot of building element or section where "U" equals 1.00 . (Conversion factors for other fuels are given in Table 4.)
The fuel required per square foot can be multiplied by the area and "U" factor for any element or section to obtain annual fuel consumption requirements for each such element or section. Or, it could be multiplied by the difference between the " U " factors of any two possible constructions to determine the annual difference in fuel requirements for the two possibilities.

TABLE 2. Normal Degree-Days for Cities in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland



## Cost Analysis

Having determined the difference in fuel consumption of any two constructions, the cost of one construction can be compared with the other. If desirable, the installation cost of each can be set up as a yearly charge covering interest
on the first cost and repayment of the principal. Adding the annual excess fuel cost to the yearly charge of the construction having the greater heat loss will give a close approximation of the difference in annual cost.
The following examples have been
taken from the HHFA paper, "Insulation - Where and How Much."
"Case 1. A house is to be constructed in Washington, D. C. The walls are to be 4 in . common brick veneer, wood sheathing on 2 in . by 4 in . studs with plaster on plaster lath finish. The heat-

| TABLE 3-Heating System Efficiency |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type of Fuel and Firing | Type of Heating Apparatus |  |  |  |
|  | Boilers W | Varm Air Fu | naces | verflow Heaters |
|  | Steam or Hot Water | Forced | Gravity | Space Heaters |
| Gas - Apparatus designed for gas | 80\% | 70 to $80 \%$ | 70\% | 70\% |
| Conversion burners | 70 | 60 to 70 | 60 | - |
| Oil - Apparatus designed for oil | 75 | 65 to 75 | 65 | 60 |
| Conversion burners | 70 | 60 to 70 | 60 | - |
| Anthracite or Coke |  |  |  |  |
| Hand fired - No controls | 60 | 50 to 60 | 50 | 40 |
| Hand fired - With | 70 | 60 to 70 | 60 | - |
| Stoker fired | 75 | 65 to 75 | 65 | - |
| Bituminous Coal |  |  |  |  |
| Hand fired - No controls | 50 | 40 to 50 | 40 | 40 |
| Hand fired - With | 60 | 50 to 60 | 50 | - |
| Stoker fired | 65 | 55 to 65 | 55 | - |

ing system is to be automatic forced warm air, burning oil at $12.5 ¢$ per gallon. Would it be advantageous to substitute $1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. insulation board lath for the plaster base at an additional first cost of 2.0 c per square foot of wall?"
"Solution: Degree days for Washington

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\begin{array}{lr}
\text { (Table 2) } & 4598 \\
\text { Heating plant efficiency } \\
\text { (Table 3) } & 70 \%
\end{array}
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"From chart (page 143) read across from 4600 degree days to 70 per cent curve and down to fuel scale. Reading on scale is 1.32 gal. per sq. ft . per year where ' U ' $=1.00$.
"The 'U' factor for the wall as designed is 0.25 while the ' $U$ ' factor for the wall with insulation board lath is 0.19 . The difference in favor of the latter is therefore 0.06 .
"Multiplying 0.06 by 1.32 gal. by $12.5 \notin$ per gal. gives $1.0 ¢$ per sq . ft. saved each year by the wall using the insulation board lath.
"Since the added cost of the second design is $2 \phi$, the fuel saving would pay for the investment in about two years, after which the saving of $1 e$ per sq. ft . would continue for the life of the wall."
"Case 2. In the same circumstances as Case 1, would it be economically wise to install 2 in . of flexible insulation at 11 e per sq. ft. retaining the plaster on plaster lath finish?"
"Solution: The 'U' factor for this wall
with 2 in . flexible insulation would be .09 whereas the ' U ' factor for the uninsulated wall is 0.25 . The reduction by the insulation is therefore 0.16.
"The fuel factor from the chart remains 1.32 gal., which, when multiplied by 0.16 and by 12.5 ¢ per gal. gives $2.64 ¢$ per sq. ft . of wall surface per season as the saving by using the 2 in . flexible insulation.
"If we assume the structure to be an average small house, 26 by 32 ft ., with normal window arrangements, the net wall surface would be approximately 800 sq . ft . The installed cost of the insulation would be $800 \times 11$ c or $\$ 88.00$.
"The economy of the insulation could be expressed in terms of dollar savings per year, as if the cost of the insulation were included in the original capital cost of the house and amortized over a 25 year mortgage period.
"The cost of the $\$ 88.00$ investment under these conditions would be about $\$ 5.58$ per year to repay capital and interest at 4 per cent. Fuel savings would be 800 times 2.64 c or $\$ 21.12$ per year. The net saving would be $\$ 21.12$ minus $\$ 5.58$ or $\$ 15.54$ per year each year during the life of the mortgage, provided that fuel costs remain practically constant. Any increase in fuel cost would increase the net saving."
How do the insulation methods in Cases 1 and 2 compare? "In Case 1, it was shown that a saving of $1 ¢$ per sq.
ft. of wall per season was available. For an average of 800 sq . ft . of wall, this would amount to $\$ 8.00$ per year due to the use of insulation board plaster base. In Case 2, the saving was $2.64 ¢$ per sq. ft . of wall or $\$ 21.12$ per season, due to the use of 2 in . flexible insulation.
"These figures show that Case 2 will save $\$ 21.12$ less $\$ 8.00$ or $\$ 12.12$ per year more than Case 1, while the added cost of the 2 in . flexible insulation is about $\$ 72$. The added expense therefore is made up in about six years, after which the insulation treatment of Case 2 will show an annual saving of $\$ 21.12$ over the uninsulated wall or $\$ 12.12$ over the insulation treatment of Case 1.
"The uninsulated wall at ' $\mathbf{U}$ ' equals 0.25 meets the minimum requirement for comfort in the Washington, D. C., area, but this economic analysis gives a base for determining the relative value of the two proposed methods for providing a greater degree of comfort and for conservation of fuel."

In setting up the economic analysis, savings on such cost items as maintenance and repair, power for operating equipment or ash handling expenses have not been considered; the possible economies have not been included resulting from reduced sizes of heating equipment made possible by exceptional heat loss savings from insulating materials. At the same time costs have not been considered for louvers, ventilators, fans and associated equipment if needed to prevent condensation when insulation is applied. The method is intended as a guide only and the added refinement of such determinations is probably very small.

By using this suggested analysis, the architect, builder, owner or tenant can obtain a quick check on the comparative value of various insulating treatments which might produce minimum or optimum comfort conditions. The cost analysis will indicate where and how much insulation should be used for any particular case.

| TABLE 4 - Conversion Factors To convert gallons of fuel oil to other fuels multiply by the following factors: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
|  | Factors | Heat Content* |
| For cu. ft. of gas | $\begin{aligned} & 127 \\ & 140 \end{aligned}$ | 1100 Btu per cu. ft. 1000 |
|  | 155 | 900 |
|  | 175 | 800 |
|  | 200 | 700 |
|  | 233 | 600 |
|  | 280 | 500 |
| For lbs. of coal | 10.0 | 14,000 Btu per lb. |
|  | 10.8 | 13,000 |
|  | 11.7 | 12,000 |
|  | 12.7 | 11,000 |
|  | 14.0 | 10,000 |
| For therms | 1.4 | (one therm equals $100,000 \mathrm{Btu})$ |

*These values may be obtained from the local gas company or coal dealer.

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Air Control Registers and Grilles (Cata$\log$ No. 48). Shown in this catalog are air conditioning registers and grilles, gravity type registers, ceiling diffusers, floor registers and faces, ventilators and accessories. List prices and engineering data are included. 24 pp., illus. Air Control Products, Inc., Coopersville, Mich.

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## Wood Construction

Manual on W ood Construction for Prefabricated Houses. Assembled in this handbook is basic scientific and engineering information about wood and wood-base materials used in housing, particularly through factory fabrication. More than 200 photographs and details illustrating designs and techniques employed by leading fabricators are included. There are chapters on glues, paints, preservatives, insulation and strength of materials. 330 pp ., illus. Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. $\$ 1.50$.

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Standard Specification and Scaled Details for Interior Marble. Handbook providing complete information for specifying interior and exterior marble. The text, supplemented by illustrations, describes marble classifications, finishes, uses and recommended setting materials and procedures. 66 pp., illus. Marble Institute of America, 108 Forster Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y.

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How Insulation Reduces Operating Costs of Investment Properties. Discussion of advantages possible by using rock wool insulation plus typical installations in roof, ceiling and sidewall sections. A heat saving chart is included. 4 pp., illus. National Gypsum Co., Buffalo 2, N. Y.*

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## Town Planners Confer

The first annual meeting of Canada's newly incorporated Institute of Professional Town Planners was held recently in Toronto. Chief concerns of the Institute are "the development of urban communities and their environment as social and economic units, and the development of geographical and political regions."
The main item on this year's agenda was discussion of the achievements of the Ontario Planning Act. Since it came into force two years ago, 65 planning boards have been established. They have jurisdiction over 120 of the province's 900 municipalities and represent the interests of well over half the population.

Guest speaker Frederick J. Adams, president of the American Institute of Planning, urged his Canadian confrères "to elevate the standards of community planning to the highest levels."

## New Investment Record

Canada is likely in for another spurt of inflation. This conclusion is drawn from a recent Dominion Government report on the 1948 investment plans of businesses, institutions, governments, and individual farmers and house builders. It reveals that capital expenditures for new construction, machinery and equipment are expected to reach $\$ 2.8$ billion, 17 per cent more than in 1947. Current expenditures for repairs and maintenance are expected to reach $\$ 1.2$ billion, 4 per cent more than in 1947.
The stimulus these huge spending programs will have on the Canadian economy may not be as great as percentage increases indicate. The higher figures are due more to an increase in prices than an increase in physical volume. Nevertheless, they are almost certain to blow the inflation kite still higher.
The government report says "repair and maintenance expenditures draw on virtually the same pool of scarce materials that new investment does." Of utmost importance, therefore, is the
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construction supply picture. According to a second government report, dealing with the 1948 production of building materials in Canada, it is brighter than ever before. Of 30 key items surveyed, increases of from 10 to 50 per cent are expected in 10 , existing or slightly higher levels will be maintained for 18 , and decreases will be shown by only two - i.e., cast iron water pipe and fittings, and cast iron radiators.

With supply bottlenecks all but eliminated there appears to be little in the way of Canadian public and private investment totaling $\$ 4$ billion in 1948.

## Summer School Held

A summer school for architects, town planners, surveyors and others interested in land subdivision for community purposes is now in session (May 31 to June 9) at Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec. Sponsor is the School of Architecture, McGill University.

The course, which is concerned with the technical and administrative aspects of planning as they apply to central and eastern Canada, is being conducted with few lectures and much discussion. The first section of the program is devoted to investigation of needs and practices, and formulation of tentative standards. The second section is reserved for analysis and solution of actual planning problems.

## List Restricted Imports

At its members' request, the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada has prepared a memorandum concerning construction materials whose importation is restricted by the Dominion Government.
Now on the banned list, according to the R.A.I.C. memorandum, are tarred paper, prepared roofings and shingles, insulation (including mineral wool, but not including fiber glass), building boards, wall papers, fillers, paints and varnishes, plumbing fixtures, semimanufactured lumber, hardwood flooring, door and window frames and sash, plywoods and veneers, millwork and wire screens. Importation is also prohibited of building stone, marble, granite, structural iron and structural steel. Equipment items denied entry include refrigerators, domestic washing machines, apparatus designed for heating (including boilers), air conditioning and cooking, electric light fixtures and appliances, and domestic water heaters and garbage disposal units.

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of $\$ 1,317,256,000$ reported by the Corporation for 1946. During the first quarter of this year manufacturing building contracts in the 37 eastern states totaled $\$ 181,240,000$ against $\$ 242,495,-$ 000 during the corresponding quarter of last year.
WIth the A.I.A.

## Walker and Levi Will Represent A.I.A. at Lausanne

Ralph Walker and Julian Clarence Levi, both F.A.I.A., of New York, have been chosen to represent The American Institute of Architects at the First Congress of the International Union of Architects from June 28 through July 1 in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Congress is expected to attract architects from throughout the world to discuss such subjects as: "The Architect and Planning," "The Architect and the Industrialization of Building," and "The Architect, State and Society."

Mr. Walker, a member of the New York firm of Voorhees, Walker, Foley and Smith, is a past president of the New York Chapter, A.I.A., and the Architectural League of New York. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Beaux Arts Institute of Design for eight years, and is a member of the New York Citizens Housing Council.

Mr. Levi, a member of the New York firm of Taylor and Levi, and chairman of the Institute's Committee on International Relations, served as chairman of the U. S. Delegation to the VI Pan American Congress of Architects held in Lima, Peru, last year. He has held the offices of treasurer, secretary and vice president of the New York Chapter, A.I.A., and is a former president of the Architectural League.

## Army Program Endorsed

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the A.I.A. has endorsed a War Department affiliation program which will enable architects to serve in a reserve capacity with the Army Corps of Engineers.

In announcing the endorsement, Edmund R. Purves, Director of Public and Professional Relations of the Institute, said: "The Affiliation Programs initiated by the War Department are conceived in the belief that it is advisable for the country to so organize its potential as to insure that in the event of an emergency there will be available a trained reserve.
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mentation will have to be on an individual basis. It is possible that some chapters of the Institute may be in a position to sponsor and organize units, even of company size. However, for the most part, it is anticipated that interested architects who are equipped to do so will make application individually."

Architects who affiliate with the Corps of Engineers are given definite assignments on the organization tables of various reserve military battalions, companies and detachments. There are more than 1000 Engineer units ranging in size from Engineer Construction Groups to highly specialized Engineer Model Making Detachments. Opportunities for affiliation of architects with other branches of the Armed Services will be made possible in the future, Mr. Purves reported.

He pointed out that the present announcement pertains only to the Corps of Engineers of the Army, but that opportunities for affiliation of architects with other branches of the armed services will be made possible in the future, as the effort progresses toward organization of the civilian potential.

## STORE-PLANNING CLINICS

A five-day conference on problems of store modernization to coincide with the International Store Modernization Show at Grand Central Palace, New York, July 6-10, has been announced.

Clinics will be conducted twice daily at 1:30 and 4:00 p.m. for the five days. Subjects to be covered are "Store Layout and Traffic," "Store Lighting and Color," "Displays and Fixtures," "Store Fronts," and "Planning and Budgeting for Modernization." Each panel will be conducted by retailing executives, store architects and designers, and manufacturers of modernization equipment. Slides and other visual aids will be used.

Invitations to the Show and advance registration cards for the conference may be obtained from John W. H. Evans, managing director of the Store Modernization Show, 40 E. 49th St., New York 17, N. Y.

## eXhibit AVAILABLE

The American Federation of Arts, Washington, D. C., has announced a new traveling exhibition, "St. Louis' Jefferson Memorial Competition." The exhibit consists of 35 drawings commemorating St. Louis' position as "The Gateway of the West," and includes the prize-winning designs. The national tour of 10 museums and galleries is sponsored by the Jefferson National
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Scientific and industrial museums soon will operate on a "one-night-stand" basis. Sponsored by American Science
and Industry, Inc., four mobile museum units are being constructed which will travel to smaller communities throughout the country to acquaint the public with specific developments which are likely to affect living conditions in the future.

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## OFFICE NOTES

## Offices Opened, Reopened

Arnold Lawrence, Architect, has announced the opening of an office for the general practice of architecture in the Orford Bldg., 869 Main St., Manchester, Conn.

Sheldon M. Rutter, Industrial Designer, has announced resumption of his services specializing in traditional and contemporary furniture. Address: 212 E. 49th St., New York 17, N. Y., or (studio) Leatherhill Under, WingdaleWebatuck, N. Y.

Milton Sherman, A.I.A., has reestablished his office for the practice of architecture and industrial design at 141 N. E. Third Ave., Miami 32, Fla.

## New Addresses

The following new addresses have been announced:
John Hancock Callender, Architect, 299 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y. Nairne W. Fisher, Architect, 111 W. Washington, Chicago 2, Ill.
A. Mertin, Architect, 467 Pearl St., New York 7, N. Y.
S. Z. Moskowitz, A.I.A., Deposit and Savings Bank Bldg., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Archie Protopapas, A.I.A., 121 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y.

Schreier, Patterson \& Worland, Architects, 1420 K St., N. W., Washington 5, D. C.

Abraham Waronoff, Architect, 1110 13th St., N. W., W ashington, D. C.

## Firm Changes

E. W. Bolton, Jr., A.I.A., Briton Martin, A.I.A., and Theo B. White, A.I.A., have announced the formation of a partnership under the firm name of Bolton, Martin \& White, Architects, and the moving of their offices to 266 S . 17th St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

William E. Brackett, Jr., and Marion McD. Brackett have announced the opening of the office of William E. Brackett, Jr., Architect, in the Technical Bldg., Asheville, N. C.

Rosario Candela has announced the formation of a partnership with Paul Resnick under the firm name of Rosario Candela, Architect - Paul Resnick, Associate Architect. Address: 654 Madison Ave., New York 21, N. Y.

Chas. W. Ertz, A.I.A., Morgan H. Hartford, A.I.A., and Otto J. Kuettner,
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Holabird \& Root, Architects, have announced that the name of their firm has been changed to Holabird \& Root \& Burgee. Offices remain at 180 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago 1, IIl.

Hudson and Gilmore, Architects and Engineers, have announced their affiliation with William E. Campbell, Jr.,
for the continued practice of architecture and engineering as Hudson-Gil-more-Campbell, with offices at 203 Bartlett Bldg., Montgomery, Ala.

Albert Kahn Associated Architects and Engineers, Inc., announces the election of a representative group of technical employees of the organization as members of the firm.
Lucille Bryant Raport (Raport \& Hicks), Architect, has announced the change of the firm's name to Lucille B.

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Walter Raymond, A.I.A., of Pearisburg, Va., and Charles A. Pearson, Jr., A.I.A., of Radford, Va., have announced the formation of a partnership to be known as Raymond and Pearson, Architects, with offices at Pearisburg and Radford, Va.
Kenn Trumble, John J. Carlos and Gaylord A. Van DeBogart have announced the formation of a new design office and practice, Kenn Trumble and Associates, 335 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Turner Construction Co. has opened a Chicago office in the Bankers' Bldg., 105 W. Adams St., under the direction of Clarke I. Knudson, contractor-engineer.

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## Competition Announced

A competition among architectural students for the design of a model "shopping center of the future," conducted by the Store Modernization Show in cooperation with the American Institute of Architects, has been announced by John W. H. Evans, managing director of the Show. Judges will be a committee of the A.I.A. and retailing executives.
Twenty-two architectural colleges already have agreed to submit entries. There will be three prizes with cash awards of $\$ 500, \$ 250$ and $\$ 125$ respectively, and two honorable mention awards of $\$ 75$ each. Models and drawings of winning entries will be exhibited first at the Store Modernization Show at Grand Central Palace, New York, July 6-10, and later may be sent on tour of chambers of commerce in key cities of the United States and Canada.
The problem is the unification, both in interior and in exterior appearance, of a square block of retail stores into an ideal shopping center. The stores must be in a presently established commercial center of a city of approximately 75,000 inhabitants near each college campus. The model shopping center must include 10-12 medium-sized shops, a general food store or supermarket, a department store, a newsreel theater, a restaurant and snack bar, a nursery, a relaxation area for children and adults, and a street-level parking area.

## Mies van der Rohe Exhibit

A comprehensive exhibition of the architecture of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe was shown on the campus of Illinois Institute of Technology last month. Designed and installed by the architect himself, the exhibit consisted of plans, renderings, and $12-\mathrm{ft}$. photographic reproductions of his chief works
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 recessed units in architectural modules-whose application is limited only by the requirements of the designer. These units may be mounted individually, in continuous rows, patterns and squares.

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 (Continued from page 166)from 1912 to the present, and included scale models of the new 100 -acre campus of Illinois Tech, for which he has designed 19 academic, laboratory and scientific research buildings, five of which already are in use. The exhibit was shown at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, for five months prior to the Chicago showing.

## Awards Announced

Two veterans, architectural students
at Carnegie Institute of Technology, have been awarded the Rust Engineering Company prizes for their designs of a plant to produce low-cost housing in large volume.

First prize of $\$ 100$ was awarded to Lewis D. Klein, of Wadsworth, Ohio, and second prize of $\$ 50$ to Thomas J. Madden, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa. Both designed plants for the Pittsburgh district, embodying recent trends in industrial building capable of being

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## Fellowship Awarded

Ronald A. Dick, of Beckenham, Kent, England, has been awarded a $\$ 1500$ special fellowship offered to a foreign student by the College of Architecture at Cornell University. The award is for the year 1948-49.

Alternates for the fellowship are: Florian Vischer, Basle, Switzerland; Marcelo Urrets Zavalia, Cordoba, Argentina; and Lloyd E. A. Orton, Melbourne, Australia. Architectural students in 14 countries applied for the grant, which was made from an anonymous fund for the encouragement of study in fine arts.

A graduate of the Ecole Speciale d'Architecture in Paris, the winning candidate is now completing his studies at the Bartlett School of Architecture, London. During the war he was a lieutenant colonel, Royal Engineers, and served in Burma. He has made a special study of airport buildings. The alternate candidates are all graduates of foreign architectural schools.

## Traveling Fellows Named

Three recent graduates of the College of Architecture, Cornell University, have been awarded Robert James Eidlitz fellowships of $\$ 1000$ each for study and travel abroad in 1948-49. They are: Eric Quell, of Forest Hills, N. Y.; Vincent Moscarella, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and John J. Wallace, of Middletown, N. Y.

Established in 1938 by Mrs. Sadie B. Eidlitz of New York City in memory of her husband, a Cornell graduate of 1885, the Eidlitz graduate fellowships in architecture are awarded each year to exceptionally promising graduates to supplement their professional training through advanced study and travel.

All three winners have their plans well in hand. Eric Quell, whose special interest is in civic and cultural buildings such as museums, auditoriums and libraries, will study design at the Eidgenoessische Technische Hochschule in Zurich, Switzerland. Vincent Moscarella plans to register as a student in the Faculty of Architecture, University of Rome, and will study recent planning and housing techniques used in the reconstruction of devastated areas in Italy. John Wallace will go to Sweden for graduate work in architectural design at the Royal Academy of Art, Stockholm.
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## TOURS ANNOUNCED

## To Europe

Following its successful 1947 European Reconstruction Seminar, World Studytours has announced a similar project for this summer. Intended primarily for specialists and advanced students in the fields of regional and community planning, housing and architecture, the tour will enable intensive on-the-spot study of specific reconstruc-
tion, planning and building programs in two West and two East European countries.

The $51 / 2$-week itinerary will cover England, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Sweden. The group will meet with officials, planning and building specialists and professional and consumer organizations. Conferences will be combined with field trips to devastated areas, reconstruction and new town sites, specific housing and building projects, and build-

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ing industry enterprises. Leader of the travel seminar will again be Hermann H. Field, A.I.A.

The group will leave on July 16, returning on September 9. For further information, address World Studytours, Columbia University Travel Service, New York 27, N. Y.

## Through the U.S.A.

Another travel seminar announced by World Studytours and the Planning and Housing Division of the School of Architecture, Columbia University, is a tour to selected urban areas in the United States. This is a Columbia University Summer Session course in planning, and may be taken for credit toward a degree.

The itinerary for the six-week tour covers New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Greenbelt, Washington, Williamsburg, Richmond, TVA, Knoxville, Louisville, Cincinnati, Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Toledo, Buffalo and Albany. Travel will be by private automobile, and enrollment will be limited to about 20 persons. The tour starts on July 6.

## ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS

Prentice Bradley, of Pittsfield, Mass., has been named technical consultant to the Producers' Council. Mr. Bradley, a practicing architect, will assist the Council in the further development of modular coordination and in the engineering of typical buildings, and will advise on research and technical matters. He also will serve as technical secretary of the American Standards Association's Committee A-62 for the coordination of dimensions of building material and equipment. He is a member of the firm of Bradley \& Gass, Architects, of Pittsfield, Mass.
E. A. Pratt, consulting engineer of New York City, has been appointed the representative of the International Organization for Standardization in its relations with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.
At the annual meeting of the Wood Fiber Blanket Institute in March, R. B. Sawtell, sales manager of the Kimsul Division of Kimberly-Clark Corp., was re-elected president, and J. D. Fischer, manager of specialty products sales of the Wood Conversion Co., was elected secretary-treasurer.
The Institute is composed of Kim-berly-Clark Corp., Masonite Corp., and Wood Conversion Co.

## "HOME WEEK" PLANNED

A "National Home Week," emphasizing the progress being made in meeting the housing need, will be conducted throughout the country the week of Sep-
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To the enterprising Syracuse Hotel in upstate New York, revolving doors are nothing new. They've been providing smooth traffic flow and insuring lobby comfort here since 1923. The old doors were recently replaced with three modern, specially designed all-glass models, constructed of hollow stainless steel. As specified by Architect J. Gordon Lippincott \& Co., the twodoor entrance (above) has movable enclosure walls to permit passage of large objectseven automobiles and airplanes-for display in the lobby. Its extraordinary features open bright new possibilities in entrance design and usage. You, too, may have difficulties that can't be overcome by ordinary entrance doors. International's designers know entrance problems and have the capacity and imagination to tackle
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tember 5, the National Association of Home Builders has announced.

On-site demonstrations of modern home building methods used by the industry, completed houses, tours of largescale housing projects, exhibitions of homes and apartments in all phases of planning and construction through completed jobs will be featured in local observance of the week.
"Home builders are meeting the housing shortage on all fronts with an
amazing production of homes," Milton Brock, Los Angeles builder and president of the N.A.H.B. said in announcing the plans. "We have been turning out houses at the rate of $61 / 2$ completed homes every working minute of every day - 401 houses per hour. . . . We think the people of the nation ought to understand the tremendous change that has taken place in the housing outlook, and should see for themselves how the job is being done."



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## 1887-1948

Gerald Anderson Holmes, architect, well-known, respected and beloved by his contemporaries, died April 19th in his home at 126 East 19th Street. For the past six years he had been assistant superintendent of school building for New York City in charge of architectural design.
Born in Philadelphia, he was a son of the late Gerald Holmes and the former Margaret Wellwood Anderson. Mr. Holmes received a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania in 1908, and then spent two years in the office of Day \& Klauder, Philadelphia architects.

In 1910 Mr. Holmes came to New York and entered the office of McKim, Mead \& White, where he remained for thirteen years. He became a member of Thompson, Holmes \& Converse of this city and Rochester, N. Y., in 1923 and continued this partnership until 1938. During the next four years he was active in school design associated with the New York Board of Education.
Mr. Holmes designed the Bellevue Psychopathic Hospital and buildings for City College and Hunter College. He was associated with the designing of the Civic Center and Municipal Building in Rochester; the Hotel Carling in Jacksonville, Fla.; the Hotel Andrew Jackson in Nashville, and others.
Among the private residences designed by him are those of Rogers Caldwell in Nashville, Tenn.; Frederick G. Crane, Jr. in Dalton, Mass.; and Edgar V. O'Daniel in Bronxville, N. Y.

A former chairman of the Education and Civic Design Committees of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. Holmes was vice-president of the chapter in 1935-36, and was a member of the executive committee for six years. In 1939 he was elected a fellow of the American Institute of Architects in recognition of his "public service, untiring and constructive interest in his profession, and the excellence of his work." He gave unstintingly of his time and effort to the cause of better architecture and his sound and friendly counsel was often sought by his fellow practitioners.
In 1934 he was a member of the Architects' Emergency Committee, which raised funds for unemployed architects and draftsmen. He had given lectures at the University of Pennsylvania and was visiting architect to Princeton University. Mr. Holmes belonged to the Century Association and the Architectural League of New York.

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Designed by Kelly and Gruzen, architects of New York and Jersey City, the center will provide parking for 2500 cars, and has in reserve parking space to meet any future requirements. In addition to the department store which will be the largest in Bergen County - and the market, there will be five large chain store super-units, drug and furniture stores, and a personal service unit combining dry-cleaning, tailoring, laundering and shoe repair.

There will be 30 smaller specialty shops with an overall uniformity of architecture, but each will be individually designed for the particular tenant. Other features will be a restaurant, a cocktail lounge, a nursery-florist, a bank, and professional offices.

The owner-builder of the project is the N. T. Hegeman Co. of New York. Michael M. Burris and Associates, consulting engineers, of Englewood, are in charge of the site development.


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Shops in Bergen County project

## Apartment Village

A self-contained village of garden apartments, with modern department stores, a theater, library and public school, is now under construction on Long Island just within New York City limits. Known as Glen Oaks Village, the project ultimately will house a population of 15,000 in 3800 apartments.

The first two sections of the development, comprising 576 and 2342 units respectively, are largely completed and occupied, and the third section is now undergoing preliminary surveys.

All buildings are two stories in height, red brick veneer with white trim, and Colonial in style. Four-fifths of the $175-$ acre site are devoted to playgrounds and recreation areas. An unusual feature is the inclusion of recreation rooms, with completely outfitted kitchens, for use by tenants entertaining friends. Day nursery facilities, workshops, and photographic dark rooms are also provided.

To heat the project there will be 40 boiler rooms, each serving from 32 to 76 apartments units. Each will be equipped with two Pacific boilers (Pacific Steel Boiler Division, United States Radiator Corp.). A one-pipe forced hot
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Gross-Morton Co. are builders of the development; architect is Benjamin Braunstein.

## Research Laboratory

Construction is expected to begin soon on a large research laboratory for the Portland Cement Association in Skokie, III., just north of Chicago.
Designed by Carr \& Wright, Chicago architects, the laboratory will comprise two architectural concrete buildings connected by a covered walkway. Total floor area will be approximately 98,000 sq. ft.



Proposed concrete research laboratory

The group will contain more than 25 specialized laboratories, moist curing rooms, fog rooms, low temperature rooms, freezing and thawing rooms, all equipped with the most modern scientific apparatus obtainable, including a million-pound compression testing machine. The steaming heat of African jungles, desert dryness or Arctic cold will be simulated in the laboratories to facilitate research into the durability of concrete structures under all climatic conditions.

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Plans also call for an auditorium, technical library, reading room and a cafeteria.

## Florida High School

Under construction at Hollywood, Fla., is the $\$ 1,500,000$ South Broward High School, designed to accommodate 1500 students. Architects are Clinton Gamble Associates of Fort Lauderdale and Bayard C. Lukens of Hollywood.

The school will consist of 11 buildings connected by loggie, nine of them devoted to classrooms. The two-story administration building will have a four-story tower; the three academic classroom buildings and the industrial arts building will be single-storied, the science and home economics buildings two-storied. All will be hurricane proof, with steel bar joist roof support, 15-year bonded built up roofs, awning type windows. Separate buildings will house the auditorium and gymnasium, seating 1500 and 800 respectively.

## Spinning Mill for Burma

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## Building to House X-Ray

Recently completed at the Barberton, Ohio, plant of the Babcock \& Wilcox Co. is a building especially designed to house a $2,000,000$-volt x-ray machine used to examine the welds in high-pressure, hightemperature boiler drums.

The 70 by $30-\mathrm{ft}$. building was designed to give complete protection against $x$-rays and at the same time to give full freedom of movement in examining the largest pressure vessels built by the company. It will accommodate drums up to 13 ft . in diameter and 70 ft . in length.

Walls are of concrete, with a maximum thickness of 40 in ., decreasing to 9 -in. thickness toward the top of the $32-\mathrm{ft}$. room. Access to the control room, which is an extension on one side of the building, is through a concrete maze with walls 40 in. thick. The 120 -ton x-ray room door moves horizontally on an overhead track and the floor along the doorway is raised to fit into an upward curve in the bottom of the door so that no x-rays can pass under the door when it is closed. A safety switch within the control room makes it possible to halt operations in case a workman finds himself in the room at the time testing is to begin.

## Housing Development

To help ease the housing situation in Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University has announced plans for the building of a garden housing development on the present site of the University's Botanical Garden.

The development will provide housing for 123 families in one- and two-family houses and garden apartments. It will be financed from University endowment funds as an investment enterprise.

Des Granges and Steffian of Boston, architects for the project, have planned the development to preserve a maximum number of the Garden's unusual collection of trees and shrubs. The famous Gray Herbarium, center of the Garden, will be preserved as a research center.

Plans call for three one-family houses and a group of two-family houses as well as a series of four apartment house courtyards. Family entrances of all buildings will open on the courtyards, and delivery entrances will open on the surrounding streets and the driveways of the development. Garage facilities will be provided.

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Sound Absorption Coefficients of Architectural Acoustical Materials (Bulletin $X$ ). Noise reduction coefficients and light reflection values are listed for products manufactured by members of the Acoustical Materials Assn. A short table of noise reduction coefficients for other common materials used for finishing interiors is also given. 12 pp . Acoustical Materials Ass'n, 205 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

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Engineering, Operating and Maintenance Data on Leslie-Tyfon Whistles and Signals (Bulletin No. 466). Design and operation of whistles and signals for industrial plants as well as intra-plant and departmental signals are given together with installation and maintenance practices. 12 pp., illus., Leslie Co., 57 Delafield Ave., Lyndhurst, N. J.

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Bryant Catalog No. 48. Revised cata$\log$ of Bryant line including switches, outlets, connectors, lamp holders and wall plates. The Bryant Electric Co., Box D, Barnum Station, Bridgeport 2, Conn.*

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Fenestra Building Panels for Up-ToDate Houses. Folder providing information about Fenestra steel panels that combine joist, bridging and subflooring. Floor covering and use with radiant heating are discussed. 4 pp., illus. Detroit Steel Products Co., 2250 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Mich.*

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## How the <br> REXALL DRUG COMPANY uses asphalt tile in its building and modernization program



By Fred Schmid, Vice President

In Charge of Construction and Design, Rexall Drug Co.
Asphalt tile has many uses in our building and modernization program primarily because of its low initial cost and its adaptability to changing store conditions. We have found it especially suitable when installing new floors in existing drug stores because the speed of installation insures a minimum interruption of store business.

Our experience, furthermore, has been that asphalt tile is a sturdy, long-wearing floor material. It is not as resistant
to wear as certain types of cement-finished floors, of course; but this one factor is more than compensated for by the wider group of colors available in asphalt tile, the infinite number of patterns and desigris which can be worked from this all-purpose flooring material, and its resilience and safety under-foot.

The ease and low cost of maintaining asphalt tile is of particular interest to us as chain store operators. To assure maximum service and to protect the beauty and surface of the material, our Maintenance Department is careful to furnish all of our store managers with the simple instructions necessary for maintenance of asphalt tile floors.


## USES FOR ASPHALT TILE IN THE REXALL DRUG COMPANY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM:

New Store Construction: Asphalt tile is used in a new store when we have a comparatively short lease, or the location does not warrant heavy construction expenditures, because the material is economical from an installation and maintenance standpoint and still has long life. The tile is installed over the entire store area to save the additional expense of extra flooring in the aisles behind counters. Asphalt tile has proved to be a comfortable walking and working surface for employees who spend long hours on their feet. By covering the entire area we also eliminate the need for floor alterations or repairs when it becomes necessary to change the layout of counters or showcases.
In flooring a new store where both a long lease and extremely heavy store traffic must be considered, we usually specify terrazzo because of its greater resistance to wear. Even here, however, a greaseproof asphalt tile is used behind the soda fountain. It is easier underfoot and isn't affected by food greases.

Modernization of Existing Stores: For upgrading drug stores at low cost we give an old store a "new look" by improved lighting, interior repainting and, where the existing floor is worn out, old fashioned or in need of repair, a colorful, new asphalt tile floor. One of the big advantages of using asphalt tile is that we can usually install the floor overnight without interfering with the business of the store.

Store Expansion: When we have the problem of enlarging an existing store already floored with asphalt tile, we find it's a simple and inexpensive matter to cover the new area with a matching tile. If, for one reason or another, an entirely new floor is needed, it's important to our plan of operation to know that here, too, we can easily cover first the new then the old area without curtailing operations in the existing store.

Independent Stores: The benefits of our experience with asphalt tile and other flooring materials used in Rexall's 480 company owned drug stores are passed on to the almost 10,000 Rexall independent agents! As part of the service furnished them for planning, building and equipping their stores, we suggest wall colors, ceilings, store fronts, lighting-in fact a complete designdecoration plan. Asphalt tile, in colors that tie in with the overall decorative scheme, is specifically recommended to them as the ideal floor covering material.


This Glendale, California Rexall outlet (below left) acquired the "new look" with a new, marbleized asphalt tile floor in a smart, gray-green checkerboard pattern. To direct store traffic to the prescription department, an inexpensive asphalt tile insert was used.

New floor going in-quickly, and with a minimum interruption of store business! This attractive asphalt tile floor (upper photo) in marbleized gray plays the key role in the overall modernization of this Rexall Drug Store in Downey, California.

Ready for business-and lots of it! (lower photo) Modern trends in store decoration call for extensive use of color. The wide color range in which asphalt tile is available simplifies the problem of tying floor, walls and furnishings together in the overall decorative scheme.


Office Buildings: The offices and corridors of our new world headquarters building in Los Angeles are floored with asphalt tile. The material when used in offices offers many of the same practical advantages it does for store use. Moreover, it's a good flooring for office areas because of its resiliency, pleasing colors and sound deadening qualities. Acoustical ceilings are used throughout our headquarters building which makes the need for overall sound deadening an important consideration.

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Harold R. Sleeper needs no introduction to architects. He is President of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and co-author of Architectural Graphic Standards. His wife did graduate work in the History of Architecture at Columbia University, and is an author in her own right.




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