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If you were thinking of hiring a young architect you would not be likely to ask if he had any ability to express himself in words. You would ask: can he draw? It is natural for an architect to express himself with pencil and paper, but what he puts on the paper is not words, of course, but drawings. Drawing is part of the creative process; it is even part of the analytical process.

But the typical failure of architects to be articulate in words is a serious handicap to the profession. There are a few exceptions; architects whose scholarly attainments extend to a command of language and an ability to use it to purpose, especially if they have done serious teaching. But the typical practitioner makes no pretense of writing ability, may even be scornful of it. He makes a point of relying on drawing. But drawing is a communication device largely for other architects; laymen can't follow it, don't get the messages. Drawings do not really tell them what the architect has achieved, do not foster confidence and respect.

How many occasions there are for verbal articulateness! Make a speech to the woman's club. Help a newspaper reporter develop a story. Prepare a brochure. Explain a project to a banker. Create a favorable impression on a new client. Transfer to any lay mind the vision you have of an architectural creation. Add something to the literature of the profession.

An architect is a well educated man in an honored profession, and so must he speak to the world.

His education ought to develop in him some competence in the educated world's medium of expression; yes, even to the point of some literary achievement. I am afraid our American educational system is woefully inadequate, and is slipping backward rather than improving.

I have previously mentioned that English architects seem to have better grounding in the literary arts, and seem to expect to make some contribution to the literature of the field.

But now comes an English archi-

tectural educator who bemoans the writing abilities of English students. He is William Allen, principal of the Architectural Association School of Architecture of London. His comments in a recent paper include an idea of how writing might be taught:

"... Most of our students really know very little about writing and we have not been able to help them much. Fortunately for our self-respect, if not for our charges, we are far from being alone in this predicament.

"I have thought a great deal about this matter since coming to the A.A. In my last months at B.R.S. (Building Research Station) I used to wonder what it was that made the biggest changes in people who went there, and it suddenly struck me that it could be the way in which its staff is taught to write. As I thought about it, the system began more and more to resemble in principle the essay writing and criticism that appears to be so great a source of strength in our two oldest universities, and I wondered where its real power lay. I finally concluded that it was not in the cultivation of style, or in mere exercise, but in giving criticism which reveals to the writer the ways in which he is failing to communicate a connected story to the reader; in fact to make an analysis, for it seems that most people . . . begin to raise their own standards as soon as they can see their writing through the eyes of potential readers. In this way writing becomes an aid to learning, and in my experience seemingly a very powerful one."

In private conversations, Mr. Allen has made that last point more positively, and it is probably the most pressing reason why learning to write is necessary for architects. He points out that until you can explain your idea to another person you probably don't have it too well in mind yourself. It is the exercise of organizing it for presentation to another that puts your thought to its final test. When you have it down pat your thesis has probably been improved, and your presentation of it certainly has been.

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## GUIDELINES FOR URBAN FREEWAY DESIGN DEVELOPED IN JOINT CONFERENCE OF OFFICIALS WITH DESIGN PROFESSIONS

A conference arranged to discuss some of the conflicts in point of view and approach among professional groups and agencies concerned with urban freeway location and design has agreed on some important basic principles of freeway design.

The Hershey Freeway Conference, held June 11-13 at Hershey, Pa., was sponsored by the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and the Automotive Safety Foundation, with the cooperation of the American Institute of Architects, the American Institute of Planners, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the American Municipal Association and the Institute of Traffic Engineers.

### **Architects Are Wanted**

In its findings and recommendations, the conference recognized the relevance of urban freeway design to urban design; the fact that every urban freeway presents unique problems requiring custom design, not the "blind application of standards"; and "the fundamental need for teamwork" not only between state highway departments and municipal agencies but among engineers, architects, city planners, landscape architects and other specialists.

"Effective participation in design by these professions," says a summary report of the conference recommendations, "means participation from the very beginning when the first choices as to location, roadway alignments, right-of-way cross sections and structures are being studied. The full realization of the contribution of the design professions cannot be obtained unless this is done."

### Freeway Design Principles

Of eight official recommendations of the conference, the longest and one of the most important set forth basic principles to be applied "in the total concept of freeway design." In the words of the conference report, these "elements of design requiring basic consideration" are as follows:

—Freeways should be integrated with other elements of the transportation system, including terminal facilities, arterial street systems, and facilities for vehicle parking and for the movement of pedestrians into the downtown district.

—The freeway design should be in harmony with the existing or proposed land use patterns in the corridor. Where appropriate, the freeway can provide a boundary between different land use activities; in other cases it can be used as a design element to knit together land uses.

—Freeway location and design should take into consideration its visual aspects, from the points of view of both the user and of people in the areas through which it passes. Pleasing or significant views and panoramas often are possible for users of the freeway; a sequence of views, especially of outstanding landmarks, permits the individual to orient himself in the urban area.

The freeway itself should avoid interference as much as possible with other valued aspects of the cityscape. Its design can be enhanced in beauty by maximum simplicity in such appurtenances as guard rails, signs and lighting standards.

—Appropriate planting of rightof-way is important as a means of dust control, noise abatement and the prevention of headlight glare. It can also help to make the city more attractive and blend the freeway into its urban environment.

-Consideration should be given to the possibility of modifying design standards on freeways in the downtown district when greater flexibility in the location and design of the freeway is required for the solution of specific local planning problems. -Highways should not encroach upon park land unless to do so is a part of a comprehensive official plan to improve the community's economic, cultural and social values. When park land is used, adverse effects should be minimized. If equivalent land is provided elsewhere for park purposes the new land should be part of the planned land use.

-Particular attention should be paid to the problem of controlling land use adjacent to freeway interchanges, especially with respect to the safety and convenience of freeway users. Another consideration is the encouragement of land uses which can profit most from transportation service provided by the freeway; for example, warehousing or industry.

### **\$18 Billion Job**

The conference emphasized the magnitude of the opportunities for urban benefit or damage offered by the Federal highway program, which will ultimately involve construction of 5,200 miles of urban highways at an aggregate cost of over \$18 billion. The fact is, as the conference report points out, that "Federal aid for the construction of urban highways will constitute by far the largest form of Federal assistance for urban development."

"Perhaps more important," the report adds, "most of the job is still ahead. Only 1,200 miles, or just under 25 per cent of the urban Interstate mileage has been completed to adequacy for 1975 traffic. Moreover, the Interstate system will provide only a part, perhaps half, of the total urban freeway needs."

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Jury members in this two-stage competition sponsored by Boston's City Hall Government Center Commission were: William W. Wurster, F.A.I.A., San Francisco; Walter A. Netsch, A.I.A., Chicago; Ralph Rapson, A.I.A., Minneapolis; Pietro Belluschi, F.A.I.A., Boston; Harold D. Hodgkinson, board chairman, Wm. Filene's Sons, Boston; O. Kelley Anderson, president, New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, Boston; Sidney R. Rabb, board chairman, Stop & Shop, Boston. Professional adviser was Lawrence B. Anderson, A.I.A., Boston.

The Commission, which must make its final decision by late July, is not obligated to select the winning design or any of the others submitted. It is said, however, because of the judges' unanimous recommendation, the winning design will be used with some possible modifications. The Commission hopes to begin construction by next spring, with completion set for summer 1965.

As revealed by the winning scale model, the building would be oblong, with nine levels and a height of some 130 ft. The structure would be of cast-in place and precast reinforced concrete, the lower portion featuring sloping terraces and a city plaza of Boston red brick. Each of the building's four sides would differ distinctively from one another, entrances would be on all four sides and a 30-car parking lot underneath. Focal point of the building, which contains some 500,000 sq ft of floor space, would be the center floors housing mayor's office, city council chamber and reference library. Lower floors would contain the busiest city departments; upper floors, administrative offices that handle the least daily traffic.



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## A.I.S.C. AWARDS CITE 14 BUILDINGS

Thirteen architectural firms have received Architectural Awards of Excellence in recognition of outstanding use of structural steel in the third annual award program sponsored by the American Institute of Steel Construction. From a total of 92 entries, 14 buildings were cited, their architects honored for "using steel esthetically in a dimension beyond its use as a basic structural form." Photographs of the buildings are shown on these pages.

Members of the jury were: Robert W. Cutler, F.A.I.A., partner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, New York; George Edson Danforth, A.I.A., director, Department of Architecture and City Planning, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago; John T. Grisdale, F.A.I.A., partner, Carroll, Grisdale & Van Alen, Philadelphia; William J. LeMessurier of Wm. J. LeMessurier & Associates, Consulting Engineers, Boston; and Julian Whittlesey, F.A.I.A., partner, Whittlesey & Conklin, New York.

Mr. Danforth, speaking for the jury, said, "The buildings were chosen unanimously by the jurors . . . as outstanding examples of architectural leadership and direction. The winning architects have used standard framing methods in many cases, but they have used them superlatively . . . We find it significant that 50 per cent more entries were received by A.I.S.C. than were entered last year. This indicates a recognition by architects that using steel esthetically is growing in significance." F. Wilbur Seiders



Office Building for Holland Mortgage and Investment Corporation and Fidelity-Southern Fire Insurance Company, Houston, Texas Architects: Neuhaus and Taylor Structural Engineer: Vogt and Clous General Contractor: W. R. Grimshaw Construction Company

Julius Shulman



Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma Architects: Murray-Jones-Murray Structural Engineer: Netherton, Dollmeyer and Solnok General Contractor: Wickersham Construction Company

Harold Corsini



Pittsburgh Public Auditorium, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Architects: Mitchell and Ritchey Structural Engineer: Ammann & Whitney Owner and General Contractor: Public Auditorium Authority o: Pittsburgh and Allegheny County



Johnson Hall Dormitory Temple University, Philadelphia Architects: Nolen & Swinburne Structural Engineers: Severud-Elstad-Krueger Assoc. Gen. Contractor: B. Bornstein



San Francisco, Calif. Architects: Anshen & Allen Structural Engineers: Gould & Degenkolb, Robert D. Dewell Gen. Contractor: Dinwiddie



McAllen State Bank, McAllen, Texas Architects: Cowell and Neuhaus Structural Engineer: Harold B. Horton General Contractor: W. D. Ferguson & Sons

Alexandre Georges



Philip Drill House, West Orange, New Jersey Architects: Davis, Brody and Wisniewski Structural Consultants: Wiesenfeld, Hayward & Leon General Contractor: Max Drill, Inc.



Aragon High School, San Mateo, California Architects: Reid Rockwell Banwell & Tarics General Contractor: Rothschild, Raffin & Weirick, Inc.





Service Station for Standard Oil Company of California, Los Angeles, California

Architects: Charles Luckman Associates, coordinating architects, with Welton Becket & Associates, and Paul R. Williams & Associates Structural Engineers: Richard R. Bradshaw, Inc., S. B. Barnes General Contractor: Miller & Miller



General Offices for the Upjohn Company Kalamazoo, Michigan Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill General Contractor: O. W. Burke Company

Joseph W. Molitor



Gateway Number Four, Pittsburgh Architects: Harrison & Abramovitz Structural Engineer: Edwards & Hjorth Gen. Contractor: George A. Fuller

Amir H. Farr



Gardengrove Community Church Garden Grove, California Architects: Richard J. Neutra and Associates Structural Engineer: Eugene Birnbaum General Contractor: John E. Snyder



**Tennis Pavilion** at Princeton University Princeton, New Jersey **Architects:** Ballard, Todd and Snibbe **Structural Engineer:** Peter W. Bruder **General Contractor:** Matthews Const. Co.



Tulsa Municipal Airport Terminal Building, Tulsa, Okla. Architects: Murray-Jones-Murray Structural Engineer: David R. Graham and Associates Gen. Contractor: W.R. Grimshaw

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## UPTREND SEEN THROUGH 1962, 1963 OUTLOOK MAY IMPROVE

AT THE START of the year, some very dire predictions were being made about the prospects for school building in 1962. Principally because of the markedly lower level of school bond approvals in 1961, the construction outlook was characterized by some as "disastrous." We did not share in that thinking then, for reasons outlined previously, and subsequent events have cast much more doubt on such a pessimistic view. The dollar volume of contracts for educational buildings, as reported by F. W. Dodge Corporation, actually reached a record high for the first four months of 1962, three per cent ahead of the comparable period last year. Although the volume of floor area represented by these contracts did slip slightly from year-earlier levels, this hardly merits the lugubrious tone of some estimates of 1962 activity.

FOR THE REMAINING months of 1962 we expect the current percentage gain in dollar valuation of educational building contracts to be maintained. Floor area should at least match the 1961 physical volume, perhaps edging above it by one or two per cent. School construction accounts for almost a quarter of all nonresidential building, and, naturally, any forward impetus in this area would be most helpful.

AS IMPORTANT as the school market is for the construction industry, most observers these days have their eyes glued on another market which has developed acute indigestion during the last two months. The immediate question is just what the current plunge in stock prices will do to new construction. And the probable answer is "relatively little impact" for the short term. True, some higher-priced new housing may be deferred by families feeling the pinch of substantial "paper losses" in stock values. But with personal incomes from salaries, wages, interest, etc., continuing to rise and with a remarkable easiness in the mortgage market, home building as a whole should maintain most of its present momentum through the fall. Furthermore, there is no indication of any cutback in business investment plans for 1962. Both commercial and manufacturing building contracts have been moving at a good clip this spring and are expected to continue so doing in the months immediately ahead. The incentive to invest in new plants and equipment is being bolstered by still expanding industrial production and the promise of tax revisions. Government-owned construction, of course, should not be affected by stock market conditions over the short-run.

THUS WE ANTICIPATE that both construction activity and the over-all economy will stay in a rising trend over the rest of this year. Furthermore, the outlook for 1963 may be improving. It had been assumed by many that some sort of recession next year was inevitable, partly because of the two to three year cyclical pattern which has developed in the postwar period and partly because of the modest pace of the present recovery. Now, the increasing likelihood of a major income tax cut in early 1963 makes a recession forecast more questionable.

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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
1949	243.7	240.8	242.8	246.6	240.0	189.3	189.9	180.6	180.8	177.5
1950	256.2	254.5	249.5	251.5	248.0	194.3	196.2	185.4	183.7	185.0
1951	273.2	271.3	263.7	274.9	271.8	212.8	214.6	204.2	202.8	205.0
1952	278.2	274.8	271.9	265.2	262.2	218.8	221.0	212.8	210.1	214.3
1953	281.3	277.2	281.0	286.0	282.0	223.0	224.6	221.3	221.8	223.0
1954	285.0	278.2	293.0	300.6	295.4	219.6	219.1	233.5	225.2	225.4
1955	293.1	286.0	300.0	308.3	302.4	225.3	225.1	229.0	231.5	231.8
1956	310.8	302.2	320.1	328.6	324.5	237.2	235.7	241.7	244.4	246.4
1957	318.5	308.3	333.1	345.2	339.8	241.2	239.0	248.7	252.1	254.7
1958	328.0	315.1	348.6	365.4	357.3	243.9	239.8	255.7	261.9	262.0
1959	342.7	329.0	367.7	386.8	374.1	252.2	247.7	266.1	272.7	273.1
1960	351.6	337.2	377.7	395.8	380.6	259.2	253.3	274.7	282.5	278.8
1961	362.5	343.0	398.2	422.4	397.0	256.7	249.7	275.8	284.5	275.8
February 1962	367.1	344.6	410.2	436.9	409.2	259.9	252.9	279.7	288.9	278.0
March 1962	367.1	344.6	410.2	436.9	409.2	259.9	252.9	279.7	288.9	278.0
April 1962	369.0	346.8	411.0	437.5	410.0	261.3	254.7	280.0	289.1	278.4
			% increase over 1	39 %			increase over 1939			
April 1962	198.8	183.3	214.5	228.0	215.1	202.8	206.5	194.4	196.8	194.0

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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
1949	221.4	220.7	212.8	215.7	213.6	213.0	207.1	214.0	219.8	216.1
1950	232.8	230.7	221.9	225.3	222.8	227.0	223.1	222.4	224.5	222.6
1951	252.0	248.3	238.5	240.9	239.0	245.2	240.4	239.6	243.1	243.1
1952	259.1	253.2	249.7	255.0	249.6	250.2	245.0	245.6	248.7	249.6
1953	263.4	256.4	259.0	267.0	259.2	255.2	257.2	256.6	261.0	259.7
1954	266.6	260.2	263.7	273.3	266.2	257.4	249.2	264.1	272.5	267.2
1955	273.3	266.5	272.2	281.3	276.5	268.0	259.0	275.0	284.4	279.6
1956	288.7	280.3	287.9	299.2	293.3	279.0	270.0	288.9	298.6	295.8
1957	292.0	283.4	295.2	307.1	302.9	286.3	274.4	302.9	315.2	310.7
1958	297.0	278.9	304.9	318.4	313.8	289.8	274.9	311.5	326.7	320.8
1959	305.4	296.4	315.0	329.8	323.9	299.2	284.4	322.7	338.1	330.1
1960	311.4	301.0	322.2	337.2	329.2	305.5	288.9	335.3	352.2	342.3
1961	315.1	302.0	329.0	346.8	332.2	308.7	290.2	345.1	362.9	350.2
February 1962	319.6	305.1	337.2	356.5	338.3	310.8	291.4	350.4	368.2	354.0
March 1962	319.6	305.1	337.2	356.5	338.3	310.8	291.4	350.4	368.2	354.0
April 1962	320.8	306.3	338.7	357.7	339.5	313.2	294.2	352.0	369.4	355.4
		%	increase over	1939		% increase over 1939				
April 1962	191.1	186.3	185.3	198.6	185.3	196.6	196.3	199.8	203.0	205.1

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.:

index for city A = 110index for city B = 95

(both indexes must be for the same type of construction).

Then: costs in A are approximately 16 per cent higher than in B.

$$\frac{110-95}{95} = 0.158$$

Conversely: costs in B are approximately 14 per cent lower than in A.

$$\frac{110-95}{110} = 0.136$$

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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## U. S. ADOPTS OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR FEDERAL ARCHITECTURE

Over-All Redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue Also Proposed, Advice of "Nation's Finest Architects" to Be Sought in Planning

In a document with the unlikely title of "Report to the President by the Ad Hoc Committee on Federal Office Space," the nation last month acquired for the first time in its history a public architectural policy. The statement of it, which occupies one page of a 16-page report, is headed "Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture," and President Kennedy has transmitted it to all Federal agencies concerned with building construction as official policy, asking for a progress report in a year.

The statement (text on page 26) specifically rejects the idea that good design is somehow optional, or separate from the provision of office space, and asserts that design "must provide visual testimony to the dignity, enterprise, vigor and stability of the American Government" as well as "efficient and economical facilities for the use of Government agencies."

In the first of three major policy

points, the statement also asserts that "major emphasis should be placed on the choice of designs that embody the finest contemporary American architectural thought. Specific attention should be paid to the possibilities of incorporating into such designs qualities which reflect the regional architectural traditions of that part of the nation in which buildings are located. Where appropriate, fine art should be incorporated in the designs, with emphasis on the work of living American artists."

Point No. 2 warns against development of an official style ("design must flow from the architectural profession to the Government, not vice versa"), suggests competitions might be held and recommends "as a rule" seeking advice of "distinguished architects" before important design contracts are awarded. It also asserts that "the government should be willing to pay some additional cost to avoid excessive uniformity in design of Federal buildings."

Finally, the statement says that "the choice and development of building site should be considered the first step of the design process."

### Architects to Advise on Pennsylvania Avenue Project

The architectural policy statement had been expected (AR, May, pages 25 and 28) as part of the Federal office space report; but the report contained a major surprise of great interest and significance to architects. This was the proposal (text on pages 26 et seq.) for the over-all redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue to make it "the great thoroughfare of the City of Washington," returning to the intent of capital planners from L'Enfant forward that Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House should be "the 'grand axis' of the city as of the nation."

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### Federal Architecture

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The National Capital Planning Commission was recognized in the report as being the appropriate agency to have the central responsibility for planning the redevelopment, but "to fulfill this responsibility," the report declared, "it will be necessary for the Commission to engage the services of a number of the foremost architects of the nation: nothing less than the very finest, established talents available will be sufficient."

President Kennedy was expected to appoint an advisory committee including several architects to consult with Mrs. James H. Rowe, chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission, on the most effective means of achieving the objectives set forth in the report.

### Goals for the "Grand Axis"

Objectives for the redevelopment were set forth in the Federal office space report, which found the great opportunity for creative redesign of the whole avenue in prospects of early rebuilding of large decayed areas.

The report has this to say about goals: "The Pennsylvania Avenue project should be regarded as a continuation of the work on the Federal Triangle which began a generation ago. In this instance, however, the effort should involve a partnership between the Government and private enterprise. A primary object of the redevelopment of the Avenue should be to emphasize the role of the Capitol itself as the center of the city. For this reason care should be taken not to line the north side with a solid phalanx of public and private office buildings which close down completely at night and on week ends, leaving the Capitol more isolated than ever. Pennsylvania Avenue should be lively, friendly and inviting, as well as dignified and impressive."

Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg headed the "Ad Hoc Committee on Federal Office Space" which produced the report and his well-known interest in the arts and cultural matters generally were apparently responsible for broadening the scope of the committee's concern. Other members of the committee were Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges, Director of the Bureau of the Budget David E. Bell, Administrator Bernard J. Boutin of the General Services Administration and Timothy J. Reardon Jr., Special Assistant to the President.

### TEXT: "GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR FEDERAL ARCHITECTURE"

In the course of its consideration of the general subject of Federal office space, the committee has given some thought to the need for a set of principles which will guide the Government in the choice of design for Federal buildings. The committee takes it to be a matter of general understanding that the economy and suitability of Federal office space derive directly from the architectural design. The belief that good design is optional, or in some way separate from the question of the provision of office space itself, does not bear scrutiny, and in fact invites the least efficient use of public money.

The design of Federal office buildings, particularly those to be located in the nation's capital, must meet a two-fold requirement. First, it must provide efficient and economical facilities for the use of Government agencies. Second, it must provide visual testimony to the dignity, enterprise, vigor, and stability of the American Government.

It should be our object to meet the test of Pericles' evocation to the Athenians, which the President commended to the Massachusetts legislature in his address of January 9, 1961: "We do not imitate—for we are a model to others."

The committee is also of the opinion that the Federal Government, no less than other public and private organizations concerned with the construction of new buildings, should take advantage of the increasingly fruitful collaboration between architecture and the fine arts.

With these objects in view, the committee recommends a three-point architectural policy for the Federal Government:

1. The policy shall be to provide requisite and adequate facilities in an architectural style and form which is distinguished and which will reflect the dignity, enterprise, vigor, and stability of the American National Government. Major emphasis should be placed on the choice of designs that embody the finest contemporary American architectural thought. Specific attention should be paid to the possibilities of incorporating into such designs qualities which reflect the regional architectural traditions of that part of the nation in which buildings are located. Where appropriate, fine art should be incorporated in the designs, with emphasis on the work of living American artists. Designs shall adhere to sound construction practice and utilize materials, methods and equipment of proven dependability. Buildings shall be economical to build, operate and maintain, and should be accessible to the handicapped.

2. The development of an official style must be avoided. Design must flow from the architectural profession to the Government, and not vice versa. The Government should be willing to pay some additional cost to avoid excessive uniformity in design of Federal buildings. Competitions for the design of Federal buildings may be held where appropriate. The advice of distinguished architects ought to, as a rule, be sought prior to the award of important design contracts.

3. The choice and development of the building site should be considered the first step of the design process. This choice should be made in cooperation with local agencies. Special attention should be paid to the general ensemble of streets and public places of which Federal buildings will form a part. Where possible, buildings should be located so as to permit a generous development of landscape.

### TEXT: "THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE"

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Drawing by Gordon Cullen —from *Townscape* 

#### Design for Towns

TOWNSCAPE. By Gordon Cullen. Reinhold Publishing Corporation, 430 Park Ave., New York 22. 315 pp., illus. \$10.

Wasting little time on just words (his introduction runs less than seven pages), Mr. Cullen gets right to business—townscape—by illustrating his points with some few hundreds of drawings and photographs.

"If I were asked to define townscape," he says at one point, "I would say that one building is architecture but two buildings is townscape." Readers who have followed Mr. Cullen's articles on this subject in the British journal, *Architectural Review*, will recognize this as too narrow a definition altogether: townscape is anything as large as a middle-sized town (London, by this definition, is many townscapes), or anything as small as a fireplug.

Although he never explains why he chooses the term "townscape" rather than the more familiar city planning, one of Mr. Cullen's reasons for this distinction may be to remove himself from older definitions of the latter. He certainly does not display much interest in Baroque planning, let alone Beaux Arts planning. He gets no kick from monotony, however rhythmical, let alone "featureless" modern projects. His approach might be called English picturesqueness intellectualized. The intimate scale, the walking distance, the vivid, or even incongruous, detail which many American tourists treasure among their memories of England are basic to Mr. Cullen's approach. This approach is so inclusive as to be almost indefinable, but it can perhaps be indicated by quoting a few headlines: Closure, Legs and Wheels, Outdoor Publicity Trees Incorporated, Here and There (or This and That); and a few subheads: Mystery, Animism, and Taming with Tact.

In addition to general observations on townscape, Mr. Cullen has included analyses of existing towns and some design proposals of his own.

The drawings, as might be expected, since they were done by Mr. Cullen, are excellent; the photographs are handsome; the writing is amusing; and the entire performance is absorbing.

### Paperbacks

LOUIS SULLIVAN. Prophet of Modern Architecture. By Hugh Morrison. W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., 55 Fifth Ave., New York. 320 pp., illus. \$1.95, paperbound.

Hugh Morrison's biography on Sullivan, copyrighted in 1935, has become an acknowledged classic. Subsequent biographers may have disagreed with a few of his conclusions, but without doubt they have benefitted from his research, and, just as undoubtedly, enjoyed his good writing. The book is now available for \$1.95.

ENGLISH CATHEDRALS. By John Harvey. B. T. Batsford, Ltd., London published in U.S. by W. W. Norton Company, Inc., 55 Fifth Ave., New York. 188 pp., illus. \$1.50 paperbound. This is a reprint of an earlier general history of English cathedrals, describing them chronologically in terms of design, decoration and building history. The photographs, even in small reproductions, are excellent.

LEARNING TO LOOK. By Joshua C. Taylor. Phoenix Books, The University of Chicago Press, 5750 Ellis Ave., Chicago. 152 pp., illus. \$1.95, paperbound.

Based on material covered in the University of Chicago's required course in humanities, this "introduction and handbook" covers the fundamentals of "seeing"—composition, color, perspective—as well as simple explanations of the technical aspects of the visual arts—painting, sculpture, architecture, and the graphic arts. It is clearly designed to be used in conjunction with further illustration and discussion.

### Hotel Design

HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, BARS. By W. S. Hattrell and Partners. Reinhold Publishing Corporation, 430 Park Ave., New York 22. 146 pp., illus. \$16.

This is a concise, yet thorough, discussion of the specific principles bearing on the design of hotels (and motels), restaurants and bars. Photographs of exteriors and interiors of hotels from 19 countries illustrate the text. Information sheets give circulation plans, bedroom-block floor plans from hotels shown and mini*continued on page 62*  FOR RAMPS AND OTHER HAZARDOUS LOCATIONS...

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### For the Aging

CENTERS FOR OLDER PEOPLE. The National Council on the Aging, 49 W. 45th St., New York 36. 120 pp. \$2.

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#### The Adams Abroad

ROBERT ADAM AND HIS CIRCLE. By John Fleming. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass. 394 pp., illus. \$7.50.

Discussion of architecture is, of course, unavoidable in a biography of the Adams brothers. This book, however, is primarily a study of their social and cultural education in Italy, as revealed by their letters. The author, in his introduction, announces plans for a subsequent volume to deal with the influence of these travels on their work. In the meantime, this book will interest mainly scholars and those readers who, apart from architecture, are interested in learning how the Grand Tour was "done" in the more leisurely 18th century.

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The research, already underway and to be completed in an estimated two years, is directed by Dr. Arthur L. Grey, head of U.S.C.'s graduate program in City and Regional Planning, and by Dr. Gordon W. Bertram, currently associate professor of economics, Los Angeles State College.

Explaining the reasons for the study, Dr. Grey said, "Economists generally rate the housing industry as low in productivity, in comparison with the mechanical industries. We expect to investigate the efficiency of the local homebuilding industry because it has consistently out-produced all other metropolitan areas in the matter of the single-family residence. Furthermore, the Los Angeles' homebuilding industry has for the last decade been either first or second in the nation in the total number of all types of dwellings erected."

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Architect Johnson says, "The concept is clearly traditional; an abbey church designed for the liturgy of the monks. The historical prototype might be Cluny, with its stress on the long processional way. The means, however, are completely of our day. Two points might be made. Especially unusual is the alternation of buttress and column, emphasizing the processional rhythm, creating side aisles, and acting as wind-bracing. The other important element is daylighting, which comes in through concealed slots between the variously canted side walls. This will afford an eerily diffused glow that should enhance the religious effect."



#### Recent Work of Philip Johnson DORMITORIES AT SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE, BRONXVILLE, N. Y.



Housing a total of about 150 girls, these three new dormitory units at Sarah Lawrence are of a soft pink brick and smooth white precast concrete, stepped down an existing slope and linked by glass-enclosed stair halls. The vertical fenestration pattern consisting of three double squares of casements—is emphasized and pulled into unity by the nicely proportioned concrete overstructures of projecting columns and shallow-arched entablatures. There was no requirement for large general lounges; the program called instead for a living room and kitchen in each unit at ground level, with lounges (one for every eleven girls) on upper floors.






Recent Work of Philip Johnson DUMBARTON OAKS WING, WASHINGTON, D. C.



This new wing to the Dumbarton Oaks Museum is now under roof and will be finished this fall. Its design has a Byzantine flavor in keeping with its Pre-Columbian collection of artifacts, ceramics, jewelry, etc.—and consists of a complex of eight low domes on a regular three-by-three pattern of circles. The ninth, or central, circle of this pattern was left open for a fountain. Each circular space thus has a strong sense of scale and a positive identity with the garden. Planting is brought directly against the glass infilling to make visible walls of solid greenery and create, as the architect describes it, a "green museum."



### Recent Work of Philip Johnson SHELDON ART GALLERY, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN



This university art gallery will house and display a collection of modern paintings, and provide also an auditorium and the necessary offices, work rooms, etc. There will be a garden for sculpture in the rear. The symmetrical building, now being built, will consist of a series of gracefully tapered pier forms terminating in shallow arches. This exterior pattern will carry through the interior and knit the whole into a powerfully unified plastic statement. The piers and arches will be of travertine, hand carved in Italy. The top photo on the opposite page shows a fullsize mockup, made to study the modeling for light and shade.







Recent Work of Philip Johnson COMPUTING LABORATORY, BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, R.I.



Of this center for applied mathematics and research, architect Johnson says, "I conceived the computing center as a *porticus* a porch—to emphasize its importance as a technical center, its unique setting in the city, and its dignity as a memorial to Thomas J. Watson Sr. Though Neo-Classical in concept, the materials and design of the columns are of today. Only precast stone could have been used to form the X's of the entablature; only plate glass could render the porch useable in the New England climate. Red granite chips were used as exposed aggregate in order to harmonize the new center with the 19th Century which surrounds it."







Recent Work of Philip Johnson PHILIP JOHNSON PAVILION, NEW CANAAN, CONN.



This pavilion, of sand-blasted precast concrete, is now under construction, and will be the newest element in the Philip Johnson residence in Connecticut. It will truly be a "pavilion in a lake," and the only dry land in a recently man-made pond—about 100 ft in length—located down the slope from the famous glass house.

Described by the architect as a "fun thing," the pavilion makes an amusing play on scale, and is a *tour de force* of sophisticated, precast whimsy. It is one-half size, with six-foot ceilings and columns less than three feet on centers! Johnson says, "It will make you feel like a giant, or possibly a dwarf—who knows?"



Louis Checkman photos



Recent Work of Philip Johnson BOISSONAS RESIDENCE, CAP BENAT, FRANCE



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This residence—located on a hilltop overlooking the Mediterranean—centers on a quarry-tiled podium, 42-ft square, which is protected from the Riviera sun by a concrete parasol floating lightly overhead on four columns. The gracefully undulating parasol is reminiscent of a banner rippling in a breeze, and is square in plan, recalling the shape of the podium below and the 25-ft square living room. Three elements comprise the house; they impinge upon and are linked by the podium, which is reached by way of a gravel forecourt. These elements, framed by perimetric concrete bents, house the areas for living, dining, and sleeping.



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## SAARINEN'S TWA FLIGHT CENTER

The soaring concrete sculpture of Eero Saarinen's Idlewild building seeks to express the excitement of air travel

> ARCHITECTS: Eero Saarinen and Associates

> > STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: Ammann & Whitney

> > MECHANICAL ENGINEERS: Jaros, Baum and Bolles

LIGHTING CONSULTANT: Stanley McCandless

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At the time when the work on his now completed TWA Flight Center was under way, Eero Saarinen said of the design, "The challenge of TWA was twofold. One, to create within the complex of Idlewild a building which would be distinctive and memorable . . . one which could relate to the surrounding buildings in mass but still assert itself as a dramatic accent. Two, to design a building in which the architecture itself would express the excitement of air travel . . . in which the architecture would reveal the terminal, not as a static enclosed place, but as a place of movement and transition." The completed building stands as witness to how well Saarinen succeeded in meeting the two greatest challenges he saw in its design. The soaring concrete sculpture of the great arches surely meets any man's criteria for distinction and drama, for excitement and dynamics. And the great space under the soaring roof should achieve Saarinen's wish to provide a building in which "the human being felt uplifted, important and full of anticipation."



#### TWA Flight Center, Idlewild

The main building of the TWA Flight Center consists of four concrete shell vaults resting on four Y-shaped columns. Each of the shells is separated from each of the others by a skylight band. The two large shell vaults soar up from the supporting members; the smaller ones are held down and subordinated to the sweep of the larger shell vaults. At either side of the main building is located a one-story wing curved in plan to conform to the master plan of Idlewild; one wing contains facilities for ticketing and baggage checking for outbound passengers, the other the inbound passenger baggage claim area. Passengers may enter the building from ground transportation or depart the building directly in front of one of these areas. Moving from the closed-in and low-roofed wing areas, passengers enter the great vaulted space of the main hall. Here movement is up and down the steps of flowing stairways, to and from the restaurants and other areas on the second level and the tunnel leading to the aircraft, and always through a great and continuously changing curvilinear space.







#### TWA Flight Center, Idlewild

Of the interior spaces of the building, Eero Saarinen said, "Having determined the basic form of the building, our next challenge was to carry the same integral character throughout the entire building so that all of the curvatures, all of the spaces, and all of the elements would have one consistent character. As the passenger walked through the sequence of the building, we wanted him to be in a total environment where each part was the consequence of another and all belonged to the same form-world." In the illustrations may be seen the results of the attention paid to this concept. Beneath the curved forms of the great shell vaults, each smaller element repeats the curvilinear theme yet varies the theme. The information booth and flight board shown at the left and the ticketing wing behind it, the shape of the heating and air conditioning outlet shown at the left in the illustration above and the interior bridge at right, the sweep of the curtain wall and stairs shown in the view on the left—all of these elements follow in their design Saarinen's objective.







#### Ramp House

In the TWA Flight Center, passengers board aircraft or disembark via telescoping passenger loading bridges. These connect the aircraft with the ramp house or one of its two departure lounges as shown in the plan on page 131. All passenger activities are on the second level of the ramp house and departure lounges, leaving the ground level free for aircraft servicing and operations procedures. On top of the ramp house is located the TWA control tower from which aircraft operations of the airline are directed. A second ramp house will be constructed when passenger volume has grown enough to warrant it.

Left, top: passengers approach the ramp house through a tunnel raised off the ground to permit ground ramp traffic to flow under. At the center of the ramp house is a service core. Left, middle: within the ramp house are located waiting areas and departure lounges. In the background is entrance to the tunnel connecting with main building; at right is the service core. Left, bottom: approaches from ramp house to departure lounges are through glass enclosed corridors.

Additional information on the TWA Flight Center is included in the September 1961 issue of ArcHI-TECTURAL RECORD.





## A TWO-PART BUDGET HOUSE IN FLORIDA

Architect Edward Seibert's expandible house for his own family



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#### Living wing and bedroom wing are linked by a screened court

This interesting little house was designed by the architect to be built in a series of additions. The first unit (now the bedroom wing) was built as a minimum low-cost house with full facilities: the present dressing room was then a kitchen, with the room adjoining it serving as a living area; the big closet was then a hall, with a small closet on the bathroom side.

The second stage added the present living room and kitchen (called "the entertainment wing"), and the screened court in between. A third stage added the carport. Still to come is a dining room on the cantilevered terrace over the canal. The screened area serves as entrance court, and as an outdoor living room for most of the year. The foundations for the house are slabs on grade, with structural frames of southern yellow pine. Siding inside and out is 1-in. board-and-batten redwood, left unfinished. Floors are monolithic terrazzo throughout. The roof is built up over 1/2-in. plywood on 2 by 6 joists; ceilings are 1/4-in. plywood. Drywall partitions are used in the bedroom wing. Sliding glass doors and jalousie sash provide ample ventilation. Electric space heaters are used in both wings.

The kitchen arrangement in the "entertainment room" is an interesting one for a small house. All major fixtures and appliances are concealed in cabinets along the back wall; a marble top island counter acts as work and serving space. This counter has a small bar sink with a removable marble "lid."





#### The Edward J. Seibert house

An amazing amount of spaciousness is provided in this small house by the use of simple finishes and by window walls opening on the private court. The house was quite inexpensive, and functions quite well as a place to live and entertain for Mr. and Mrs. Seibert and their daughter.

The living area and its open kitchen (photo below) can provide quite an air of elegance for parties and buffet suppers, with the screened court serving to accommodate a large number of guests



## CIRCLE PLAN UNIFIES CHURCH OFFICES

Six autonomous agencies of the American Baptist Convention achieve unity with equality and independence in circular building by Vincent Kling

Lawrence S. Williams photos





National Offices, American Baptist Churches Valley Forge, Pennsylvania ARCHITECT: Vincent G. Kling STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: McCormick-Taylor Associates MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: A. Ernest D'Ambly GRAPHIC ARTS PLANT CONSULTANT: William Tiernan FOOD SERVICE CONSULTANT: Arthur W. Dana CONTRACTOR: Turner Construction Co.



The architects of this building complex have brought together all of the individually incorporated and autonomous agencies of the American Baptist Convention in a building that preserves the independence of each agency while unifying the group as a whole. All of this with great dignity, esthetic appeal, and appropriate symbolism.

The major element of the complex is the circular ring building, three-stories high, that houses the main offices. Within the ring of this building, the chapel will some day rise. Behind it is the large Graphic Arts building with its complete and modern printing facilities; to one side is the cafeteria which is also used for conferences and meetings. The main building is divided into five segments by five vertical service cores containing stairs, toilet rooms, storage, and similar areas. The service core towers serve to separate the sections of the building occupied by the various agencies thus making positive divisions between them while unifying them by their positions in the ring.

Symbolically, the circular building represents the philosophy of the denomination that occupies it—unity of purpose and the dissemination of the message of the church in all directions. The auxiliary and service functions—printing and cafeteria—are placed outside the ring. The chapel when constructed will rise above all else symbolizing the spiritual aspects.









As shown in the illustrations and details, the exterior of the circular main building is composed of precast concrete curtain walls with glare-reducing glass in fixed aluminum frames. The concrete panels and mullions are surfaced with exposed quartz aggregate of medium coarseness. The whiteness of the aggregate, along with the crisp neatness of the arrises and the near-perfection of both surfaces and arrises contribute much to the architectural success of both the wall and the building itself. Each one-module wide, two-story high, curtain wall unit was cast in several pieces as shown in the wall section. Story-high mullions were first bolted to anchors in the concrete building frame. Panels were then hung in place on the building frame, adjusted dimensionally, calked, pointed, cleaned, and sprayed with silicone waterproofing. The transverse section through the main building gives some indication of its construction, reinforced concrete frame with splayed ground floor columns carrying cantilevered floors above



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Splayed columns in main building arcade



Ground floor reception area

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Office area and interior corridor



The ground floor of the main building is devoted to a large entrance lobby, library, central data processing and accounting section, a bookstore, and maintenance offices, with two-fifths of the area left open. Principle offices of the various agencies occupy both second and third floors and are separated by the service towers. Interiors are by the architects. Basic colors are warm whites and grays, with deep accent colors establishing an identity for the agency occupying each segment of the ring.

Ceilings throughout are acoustical tile; floors are vinyl asbestos with carpeting in most private offices. Partitions are generally plastered 3-in. gypsum block. All windows on second and third floors are shaded by blue-gray fabric vertical blinds



Typical private offices





Stairwell and main corridor ARCHITECTURAL RECORD July 1962

#### American Baptist National Offices





GRAPHIC ARTS BUILDING-Exterior

Interior

An important element of the Baptist National offices complex is the 113,000 sq ft Graphic Arts building which contains complete facilities for printing and publishing activities of the church. Its structure is concrete frame with cavity walls and split brick on the exterior. The one-story cafeteria doubles as a conference center and may be subdivided for smaller group meetings. The cafeteria has walls of the same split brick used for the Office and Graphic Arts building; its structure is rigid steel frame



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# SCHOOLS

The planning concepts which have followed in the wake of new educational thinking for schoolhouses, have set off a chain reaction of often radically new designs: open plans, folding partitions to add flexibility, "domed" campus plans, varied size spaces, and so on. But along with the advantages of the plans come new technical problems—and paramount among these is the problem of acoustics. This study includes four articles dealing with this aspect, along with a group of singularly well planned and handsome new schools

Library, Walpole, Mass., School; Shepley, Bullfinch, Richardson & Abbott, Architects



## THE SOUND OF CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN SCHOOLHOUSE

#### by Jonathan King, secretary and treasurer

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Even aside from students, there are a number of acoustically troublesome things coming into the American schoolhouse today. Most of these acoustical problems stem directly from changes. First, changes from the old ways of doing things academically. Second, from the changeability we are incorporating into our buildings because we are now beginning to recognize change as a constant.

The old school was easy acoustically. It was primarily a series of cells, most of them the same size, surrounded by a sea of masonry, covered by an acoustical ceiling; and with the exception of the gymnasium, cafeteria, auditorium, or some combinations thereof, that was it. But education is on the move today, and the masonry cells are getting in its way. So out they go and in their stead are some acoustical problems.

In brief the changes which have created these problems are: first, in the high school, more collegiate programs are being adopted all across the United States. Many of these are based upon the recommendations of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals' Commission on Staff Utilization, usually called the Trump Commission after J. Lloyd Trump, its Boswell and executive secretary. These programs lead us away from the equal-sized classroom boxes and toward lecture rooms, seminar rooms, and independent study areas.

Second, *team teaching*, at the elementary level requires a fluid arrangement of pupils and teachers, shifting periodically. Sometimes these groups are larger than the typical class of 30, often smaller. They require varying degrees of acoustical opacity.

Third, students are learning from machines as well as from teachers and books. More audio-visual mechanisms are in use today. Television, language laboratories, various projection and amplification systems, all of which produce acoustical problems.

Fourth, a word about independent study, one of the most praised and least practiced educational virtues which make up the new order today. Independ-



A divisible auditorium, circa 1880

ent study demands real estate in which students can study independently. The schoolhouse has always been designed for groups; where and how space can be provided for individuals is still very much in debate. One thing is clear, it must be better than the space allotted in the traditional old library and it must also be more than a carrel or stall somewhere in the hall. In general, our only contribution to the individual in the schoolhouse is a little tin box known as a locker which descrates the hall, creates noise and is not designed to accommodate the needs of the average student.

To move rapidly from the problems to the solutions, what are some of the things being done about these programs? First of all less walls or no walls are one proposed solution. There are those who question the degree of acoustical privacy needed to surround an academic group. Caudill, Rowlett and Scott have designed a number of schools involving less than complete walls around various areas of the school. How do these work? It depends. It depends primarily on the adaptability of the people. But why the comparative acoustical privacy of a welldesigned restaurant would not successfully serve for some academic areas is not entirely clear.

Another approach, somewhat less unconventional, particularly to those who have been involved in office building design, is the notion of movable walls. Movable in the sense that without major effort or expense walls can be disassembled and reassembled in accordance with the changing nature of the program which they are to enclose. John Lyon Reid has done pioneering work in this field, particularly in a series of loft plan high schools which he has designed for San Mateo County in California, just south of San Francisco. The Hillsdale High School was the first of these. The interior partitions, with very few exceptions, are movable in order to accommodate whatever reasonable changes the future holds. Reid is sophisticated enough to know that we cannot build the school of tomorrow today, as is so often suggested, nor can we remodel tomorrow for the day after tomorrow. How do these schools work? The district goes right on building them, indicating a high degree of acceptance.

Reid has taken a significant step forward—at least hopefully it's forward—in his newly planned loft school for Andrews, Texas. Walls will be more easily movable since they are not completely fitted to the floor and ceiling as they are in Hillsdale and the other San Mateo schools. This, combined with an acoustical flooring material and a luminous ceiling, makes for substantially easier internal alteration. To quote John Lloyd Reid: "Education is a . . . fluid activity. A fluid might be said to take the shape of its container. If that is true, I think we might say that the container should change its shape when required."

A third solution has been the introduction of operable walls with substantial acoustic value. There is nothing new about operable walls and nothing new about their existence in schools. They were very common in the middle of the 19th Century. What is new is that there are operable walls now which offer substantial sound transmission loss between the spaces they separate. These acoustically opaque walls enable the school to vary its spaces, at will and at once, a number of times during the day without effort or administrative upheaval. And thus the school is permitted to serve more truly its purpose: the accommodation of instruction.

The alternative to these possibilities is to build more schoolhouse per student. This poses but one problem. The cost of a schoolhouse is by the square foot. The colleges have for many years built with a variety of spaces, each comparatively permanent within the buildings. An examination of college space utilization has shown that the typical small college uses its instructional space 40 per cent of the time during which instruction is being offered and uses its laboratory space 25 per cent of this time. In the typical high school instructional space is used about 80 per cent of the time the school is open for business. Obviously, to follow the lead of our colleges is not economically feasible.

On May 13th of this year, Boulder City, Nevada, dedicated a new instructional center, a subdivisible auditorium. According to the superintendent of schools, it will save having to build five classrooms. This auditorium, unlike most which yawn empty 90 per cent of the time, can be used for large group instruction throughout the day. High performance operable walls separate two 100-seat sections from the 300-seat central body of the auditorium. The combination of high ambient sound level and the high performance walls make it possible to teach American History in one of the rear sections and English in the other while the band practices on the stage.

The two most difficult problems we face in solving the problems of school acoustics which derive from developing the kinds of flexible instructional space outlined above are, people and things. The first and most difficult of these is people. People are inconsistent, unpredictable, greedy for quality and performance and (at least in schoolhousing) short of money. On a recent visit to some of the schools in Montgomery County, Maryland, I examined an operable wall between two classrooms in one elementary school. My concern was whether this wall actually provided sufficient sound transmission loss to facilitate their program. Surprisingly, the wall was not closed and, as a matter of fact, never had been closed, or at least was closed very rarely. They had no problems running classes side by side.

The teachers who worked in this three-room cluster talked quietly and worked together. This latter point is most important. Teachers who consider the classroom their castle and work alone with their flock will not be made happy by the sounds of their colleagues and their colleagues' students drifting into their rooms. Teachers who work together in teams do not appear to resent the sound of another part of the group and their colleagues nearly so much, if at all. Neither do the students rebel at such noise leakage. However, I have been in open plan schools with conventional self-contained classroom programs and they don't seem to function properly at all. But in Montgomery County, in this team teaching complex, walls seemed superfluous. Almost any simple prediction of people's reactions to acoustics will have a number of exceptions.

The second major problem today and one we can do something about more easily is things—such things as operable walls, movable walls, and other acoustically important factors. That the marketing situation in this rapidly developing field is chaotic is, perhaps, to be expected. But it will soon become intolerable. The relationship between manufacturer's specifications for sound transmission loss, often based on laboratory test data from recognized and honorable laboratories, and field test data on the same product are more casual than causal. One of the most astonishing bits of data I recently examined was a field test of noise reduction data through an operable wall. The data indicated that the wall was performing precisely as the manufacturer had suggested it would.

The acoustical engineers, building materials manufacturers, architects, and others concerned with this problem should make a major effort to police this field to the point where an architect can place some value on transmission loss data for walls in advance of installing them.

Such steps forward in acoustical planning as the Speech Privacy Design Analyzer, developed by Bolt, Beranek & Newman, depend on reliable functional data. The data collected includes some proprietary claims that have little relationship to ordinary field data and consequently can invalidate the whole process. This is not said in an effort to criticize Bolt, Beranek & Newman who have obviously not been in a position to test every product involved in enough installations to establish the necessary data.

Another factor of substantial importance to the acoustics of any school space is the floor. There has been a growing interest in and acceptance of acoustical flooring. Such flooring is ordinarily known in other circles as carpeting. For many years our carpeting manufacturers have been selling their wares on the basis of prestige and image. Wall-to-wall carpeting is as much a sociological term as a description of something to walk on. One manufacturer describes his product as "those heavenly carpets." This makes it difficult to sell this flooring material in a schoolhouse since very little that is "heavenly" is generally introduced into schools; except in the way of religious instruction. However, putting acoustical absorption under foot rather than overhead has important value for reducing unwanted and unnecessary sound by eliminating floor-instigated noise and consequently lowering the general tone and tenor of conversation and discussion within the building.

Savings, particularly in maintenance, can help offset the initial cost of carpeting. In any event, for years many architects have considered acoustics as only something stuck to the ceiling, and this gives them the alternate possibility of putting it on the floor.

Having identified a number of problems and some attempted solutions, I would like to emphasize again that all of these changes in the field of school buildings are troublesome. They are troublesome to the architect, they are troublesome to the school administrator, and they are particularly troublesome to the acoustical consultant; but if they contribute to a better educational program, it is worth this trouble. Trouble is the price of change.

## BOULDER CITY, NEVADA BUILDS ITS DIVISIBLE INSTRUCTION CENTER

Condensed from a forthcoming report compiled by Margaret Farmer for Educational Facilities Laboratories, Inc.



The high school auditorium divides into three parts for fuller use. Status report: "It works"



Detail of folding partition dividing room (see ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, November 1959)

The building does everything expected of it as an auditorium—and perhaps a little more, thanks to a built-in gallery and the audio-visual workshop. The first step toward making it work equally well as an instruction center was taken when the core enclosing the lobby and audio-visual room was placed at the hub of the seating area, where it physically defines the three teaching sub-sections within the total space: the broad seating area in front of the core, and the smaller seating areas on either side of it . . .

So the second step toward converting the auditorium into a full-time instruction center was to complete the physical separation between the three roughly defined subdivisions by providing fourth walls that could be quickly drawn across the front of the alcoves to give them the visual and acoustic privacy of completely enclosed lecture halls. Since acoustic privacy was the biggest hurdle, acoustical consultants Bolt Beranek and Newman were brought in, with some assistance from E.F.L., to guide architects Zick and Sharp in spelling out realistic requirements for the operable walls, and in planning other aspects of the building so as to give the walls as sympathetic an acoustic environment as possible . . .

It was felt that the simultaneous presence of music and speech in adjacent spaces would not be frequent enough or of long enough duration to justify the extra cost of walls capable of meeting the more stringent requirements for isolating music. . .

In the case of Boulder City's auditorium a perfume, or more precisely an ambient sound, could be introduced through the year-round air conditioning system. The trick was to keep the constant hum from the air distribution devices at a level high enough to blur any unwanted speech sounds that chanced to slip through the partitions between subdivisions, but low enough not to interfere with the intelligibility of sounds originating within the subdivisions themselves. The masking noise also had to be kept at a level that would permit speech emanating from the stage to be heard clearly from the back rows of the opened auditorium.

This last restriction, however, could be eased by using the amplifying system provided for reproducing canned sound—film soundtracks, recordings, and broadcasts—to reinforce the voices of speakers when necessary. So the air conditioning system could be planned to produce an ambient sound level high enough so that the noise reduction specifications for the operable walls could be relaxed slightly—thus reducing the cost of the walls—without relaxing the over-all requirements for acoustic privacy between the auditorium's subdivisions.

Even with these built-in assists from the relative infrequency of co-existent music and speech, and from the masking murmur of the air conditioning, the acoustic standards set up for the subdividing partitions were high. The acoustical consultants suggested that the walls should provide minimum sound reductions ranging from 29 decibels at the low end of the critical frequency spectrum to 35 decibels at the high end; and the architects later not only upped these sound reduction requirements to specified minimums of 40 and 50 decibels, but also increased the spread of the frequency range deemed critical for speech isolation. Freely translated, the final specification demanded that walls light enough to be easily movable provide as much acoustic privacy as solid 4-in. brick walls weighing 40 pounds per sq ft.

The operable partitions chosen to fill this bill are king-size folding doors suspended from overhead tracks that stretch across the openings of the two rear alcoves. The doors are made up of 3-in. thick rigid panels, each 4-ft wide by 14-ft 4-in. tall, which are joined by continuous hinges similar to those used on pianos. When the partitions are open, they nest in special outside pockets which were provided to prevent the thick bundles formed by the stacked panels from jutting into the side aisles of the auditorium.

To convert one of the alcoves into a self-sufficient lecture hall takes two minutes. The completely automatic operation is triggered by turning a key in a tiny control panel mounted on the face of the lobby core. The key, which starts the small electric motor that drives the door along its overhead track, is held in the "close" position while the door moves out of its pocket and snakes across the opening to butt against the core wall. When the partition is fully extended, a limit switch automatically cuts off the drive motor to start up the pneumatic system to seal the door.

The same process in reverse retracts the door and opens the lecture room to the rest of the auditorium. The control key is turned to "open"; the pneumatic seals are released; and the motor-driven pulley draws the panels back in a series of accordion folds until the door is tucked neatly away in the waiting pocket . . . The pneumatic sealing system that makes the operable wall installation at Boulder City relies on a series of inflatable gaskets to provide an airtight pressure seal around the doors.

The horizontal joints at top and bottom of each door are sealed by an inflatable gasket which is buried in a floor trench and covered by a flush metal plate. When the door is closed and the pneumatic sealing operation begins, the gasket swells so that it lifts the metal plate through the gap which was left between floor and door to permit the panels to move freely along the track. The increasing pressure of the gasket against the plate then pushes the entire door upward until a similar gap above the panels is also closed, and the resilient strips of neoprene rubber which are mounted on the bottom edges of the panels and the lower edge of the ceiling track are compressed enough to ensure a tight seal.

The gaskets at each side of the door opening are housed in a vertical channel and capped by an unobtrusive strip of neoprene rubber set flush with the wall. As air is pumped into the hollow gaskets after the door is in position, the gaskets inflate, squeezing the resilient neoprene against the edges end.

Sound leakage through the vertical seams between panels is blocked by backing each hinge with a continuous strip of neoprene which is firmly clamped to the edges of the adjacent panels. While the panels are stacked for storage, these neoprene strips fold out to form smooth, rounded hinge covers. But as the door begins to close, the flexible strips pleat themselves into M-shaped gaskets, which the panels pinch together until the gaskets are compressed enough to provide the necessary acoustic seal at inter-joints.

Because this pressure sealing system prevents noise from leaking around the panels, the performance of the operable walls can ultimately be measured by how much noise leaks through the panels. The panels themselves were specially constructed to provide the required degree of sound reduction without exceeding the weight limit imposed by the need for fast, economical operation. Each consists of a steel frame wrapped around a multi-layered sandwich whose ingredients include, reading from back to front of the auditorium: vinyl coated steel, sheet rock, acoustic filler, more sheet rock, another sheet of steel, layer of acoustic filler, and perforated enameled steel.

This final layer of perforated metal backed by an acoustic blanket absorbs sound emanating from the stage, and thus improves speech intelligibility by swallowing the disturbing echoes that would bounce off a more reflective surface. The same function is performed by similar sound-absorbing finishes on the permanent walls facing the stage—the back walls of the alcoves and the front wall of the lobby-audiovisual core.

Other interior features of the building were also chosen with an eye-or more properly, an ear-on acoustics. For example, the hard plaster finish and irregular profile of the ceiling over the seating area produce maximum sound levels in the back rows of the opened auditorium by reinforcing sounds from the stage, while the acoustic-tiled ceilings in the lobby and gallery, and over the rear of the stage itself, prevent a similar dispersion of sound from these areas. To make sure that sound projected from the stage maintains clarity as it travels through the auditorium, the acoustical consultants also recommended carpeted floors and upholstered seats, which would supplement the reverberation control provided by the sound absorptive surfaces facing the stage. (Carpeting has been installed since the completion of the building, but the tight budget makes it necessary to rely on the sitters to sound cushion the seats.) . . .

The objective sound measurements taken by Bolt Beranek and Newman . . . confirm the (positive) results of . . . informal listening tests. While the amount of sound blocked by the partitions varies over the critical frequency range—and indeed varies from wall to wall, and from front to back of the same wall —the average noise reduction is about 40 decibels.

## THE ACOUSTICS OF THE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL

by John Lyon Reid



The recently completed Andrews High School, Andrews, Texas, has classrooms and a domed "campus" (see ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, February 1960)

Andrews is a small community of 10,000 to 11,000 population near the west border of Texas. Its school system is under the leadership of Superintendent Truett A. Roach, whose staff of administrators and teachers is of an exceptionally high caliber.

In the several elementary schools which have been constructed within recent years in Andrews, the designs for which were developed by Caudill, Rowlett & Scott, architects, and Martin and Lemmon, architects, the principle of open planning for classrooms has been followed. There is a minimum separation between classrooms in the several schools and many of the classrooms open widely into adjacent library or classroom areas or into trafficways. All of these schools are of a high order of quality and are generally regarded with approval, even enthusiasm, by the teachers and children who use them.

During the programming stages which preceded the design of the Andrews High School, the matter of classroom environment was discussed at length and in detail. Many of the educators of the district felt that the open plan of the elementary schools would offer educational advantages if used in the new high school.

The lines of division between the various areas of subject matter in the curriculum were to be minimized as far as possible; there would be an attempt to unify the learning experience by encouraging communication between teachers and by sharing teaching skills in related subjects. Students would be encouraged as well to seek relationships among all learning experiences. The teachers generally agreed that an open plan would strengthen this concept of education.

Some teachers whose past work had been done in more conventional closed classrooms were mildly skeptical. It is true that the greater variety of learning tasks and activities at the secondary level require more concentration and less distraction than at the elementary level.

As architects we accepted this program requirement as an interesting challenge. We were aware of the fact that the open plan concept of schools was not altogether new in Andrews as well as in many other areas of the United States, so we approached the problem in the hope that we would be able to develop a maximum of control in shaping the acoustical environment.

A high degree of flexibility of interior space was an additional program requirement, and this led us to one of our first choices in working out the design of the interior spaces. This was a decision to use a luminous ceiling as a light source throughout all of the academic teaching areas. This choice permitted practically no sound absorption at the plane of the ceiling.

Partitions are constructed of metal tubular uprights at 3-ft centers, and between these uprights hollow core wood doors are attached by a spline detail. The hollow core wood door is 7-ft high and since the ceilings are 10 ft above the floor, the upper 3 ft are glazed. Although this proved to be an extremely economical partition with the attribute of great flexibility, it also presented questionable conditions of sound interception.

By the use of perforated hardboard with fiberglass backing we were able to provide some sound absorptive areas on classroom walls. We made more generous use of this same detail for absorptive surfaces on corridor walls to increase the attenuation of sound between adjacent classrooms.

The school district has used carpeting to a limited extent in some of the elementary school buildings and in the administrative offices of the district. There was a hope expressed that a certain amount of carpeting could be used in the new high school. Because of the high degree of sound absorption of this floor covering it was decided that the entire academic area would be carpeted. This provided an opportunity for large areas of sound absorptive material in classrooms and traffic areas; this also served to reduce the sounds of footsteps and moving furniture at the source.

Students were moved into the new building on January 15, 1962, and classes have been under way since that time. Acoustical measurements have been taken of the classrooms in use, and some of the figures have revealed some interesting data.

Acoustical engineers for years have designed partitions to provide a 40-45 decibel sound interception between rooms—which in practice is seldom realized. In the Andrews High School there is only a 20 decibel sound interception over the entire hearing range, and 22 decibel interception over the speech frequency range which extends from 600 cycles per second at the low extremity to 4,800 cps at the high end. This represents a much lower interception between classrooms than acoustical engineers and architects have previously regarded as necessary.

The noise levels within the classrooms when in use run from 62 decibels to 68 decibels, with the lower and upper limits at 60 db and 79 db; the average is 65 db.

When sound measurements are taken in a silent classroom, the noise which intrudes from adjacent areas measures from 56 db to 61 db; with an average of 58 decibels; this is the ambient noise level. The difference in sound level of a classroom in use is therefore only 7 db higher than the ambient sound level. This is a surprising figure to us since this is not normally regarded as a sufficient difference to enable a student or teacher in a room to perceive and comprehend speech or other sounds.

The acoustical environment found in the classroom area corresponds quite closely to the design premises and the calculations developed during the design phase of the project by Mr. Dariel Fitzroy, the acoustical engineer.

Considerable care has been exercised by Mr. Fitzroy and myself to evaluate the acceptability of this acoustical environment. I believe that I can report that these rooms are quite acceptable and that the teaching and learning tasks can be performed without distraction or annoyance. Detailed questionnaire and opinion polls reveal how the teachers rate the acoustical environment at the Andrews High School on a rating scale extending from excellent downward to good, satisfactory, acceptable, and not acceptable. Sixty per cent of the teachers reported the environment excellent, 33 per cent good, 7 per cent satisfactory. Thus 93 per cent of the teachers viewed these conditions as good to excellent. There were none who rated it as acceptable or not acceptable.

#### OPEN CLASSROOM CAN WORK

It is my conviction that when the acoustical environment is carefully calculated and designed by the acoustical engineer and the architect, and when the building is carefully inspected during construction by the architect to enforce the contract requirements of the working drawings and specifications, an acceptable environment can be provided in classroom areas which are generously open to each other.

In the science rooms, because of the problems of the spillage of acids and other materials which would damage carpeting, asbestos vinyl flooring was used. It is my opinion that the acoustical conditions in such rooms are not nearly as acceptable as in classroom areas with carpeting.

When we were in the design phase of the project we believed that all of the academic areas would be hushed and that both students and teachers would sense the fact that classroom sounds might be quieted to unnaturally low levels. We felt, therefore, that if the concourse area were acoustically quite live, that the contrast of environment might prove advantageous. These assumptions have proved true and the classroom areas seem muted even with an ambient noise level of 58 decibels; students apparently react to this contrast because I have noted that behavior changes when a group of students walk from the concourse area into classrooms.

The dome area produces a slight and not unpleasant flutter echo when a person stands at the center of the dome and speaks and the entire dome area is extremely live acoustically. This was in accordance with Mr. Fitzroy's predictions. When the dome is filled with people, the clothing and the irregular surfaces of bodies, tables and chairs absorb enough sound so that the echoes are silenced. I am told that 800 people have dined in the dome area and experienced no problems of noise, and were able to hear the speaker with ease. The dome area has been designed to serve for assembly, dining, dances, and uses involving large groups in varied activities.

## SOME COMMON SENSE FOR SCHOOL ACOUSTICS

by Robert B. Newman Bolt Beranek and Newman Inc. Consultants in Acoustics

The educational process takes place most easily (although it would be difficult to prove quantitatively) in a comfortable acoustical environment in which people can communicate easily. This means that not only should pupils be able to hear the teacher well and to hear other pupils without any strain, but the environment should be free from distraction from other activity areas nearby. Our tolerance of these distracting sounds varies with the task in hand and with how intent we are on that task.

The engineering techniques for solving these problems in school design are well established. It is largely the matters of defining the problem at hand and of determining the criteria for design that remain a little vague now. We hear that perhaps all the acoustics problems in schools can be solved by using carpet everywhere, or that perhaps some kind of air curtain can be made to do the job of isolating various activities from each other. We hear a great deal of talk about flexibility or about the elimination of "old-fashioned" partitions and barriers. There is merit in some of these proposals, but it is important to keep in mind that there are no magic cures to any of these problems, and that all aspects of acoustics must be solved well in the school if it is really going to be satisfactory.

#### ISOLATION

The degree of isolation required between classrooms varies tremendously with the kind of activities going on. If everyone is communicating in small groups (as is so often the case in Sunday schools), there is perhaps little need for any partitions for a satisfactory acoustic environment. There will be a general level of background conversational noise that will hide the minor intrusions of sound from neighboring spaces. We all have experienced this situation in a busy restaurant where we have complete privacy at every table with no partitions. Even the kitchen clatter can be immersed in the general hubbub and not present a problem. But this kind of privacy comes only when everybody is doing the same thing, and nobody is creating an unusual amount of sound.

At the other extreme is the isolation required when one group is very quiet, taking a quiz for example, and in the next room some noisy audio-visual or other classroom activity is taking place. Then it isn't a question of whether partitions are movable or not, but are they adequate for isolation?

We recently were called to look at a problem in a high school in which the isolation between classrooms was considered inadequate. The matter was brought to focus when an English class taking a test in one room got all the answers from a lecture on the same subject in an adjoining room. The principal decided that the isolation simply wasn't good enough, and that something had to be done. This was a new school with fixed partitions-they just weren't put in properly-and it was a relatively simple matter to plug up the holes that were leaking sound and to achieve a satisfactory amount of isolation. The problem would have been even more difficult had there been mobility of the dividers. Had there been two lectures going on simultaneously, it would have been adequate. But suppose the French class wants to sing while the Latin class in the next room is learning to conjugate verbs? The interference may not be serious, but there is distraction. A mathematics teacher in a Long Island school once told us that he didn't object to the audibility of the science lecture from the next room, but when his own students laughed at the science teacher's jokes, that was too much!

It is often pointed out that the doors to corridors in conventional schools are usually left open, so why bother with them. But the point is they are there to be closed if needed. There is no substitute for a closed door and a solid wall for isolation.

#### PRIVACY

We can achieve adequate isolation between two spaces by the proper design of the separating construction and by the proper control of background noise level. The amount of background noise needed to establish a given degree of privacy is quantitatively understood today, and one can predict in advance just exactly what sort of privacy we can get between two spaces with a given partition system and a given background noise. This ambient noise is often available from the ventilating system, but it must be unobtrusive and continuous if it is going to be acceptable and useful. It cannot be at such a high level that it interferes with communication in the room—this is just as important as freedom from distraction. If the background noise level must be raised so high that even a very poor movable partition can give adequate privacy, it can be uncomfortable, if not unreasonable, for a teacher to work over this noise level for an entire day. Most teachers feel that a background spectrum much greater than an NC-40 (as described in the A.S.H.R.A.E. Guide) is quite excessive, and the NC-30-35 spectrum is much more likely to be considered a reasonable level in which one can teach without strain.

The establishment of this limit to the background noise spectrum then imposes a set of requirements
on the partition performance if we are going to have adequate privacy and freedom from distraction for any of the teaching tasks. If we limit the types of activities in the room, we can reduce the requirements for separating construction.

Movable partition systems are available today that will give enough isolation for satisfactory simultaneous use of adjoining spaces with reasonable background noise levels. Some of these can be moved at will, and others can be moved perhaps from semester to semester. This is not a serious technological problem (although it may be a financial one), but there is need for a sophisticated handling of the background noise levels as well as very careful detailing and handling of the partition design itself if satisfaction is to result. Adequate solution won't happen with fixed or with movable partitions unless great care is used in the design.

#### GOOD HEARING

Good hearing in a school is achieved not only with proper control of background noise, but also by the provision of adequate loudness and good distribution of sound achieved by the proper shape and surface finish in the listening spaces. In one scheme we looked at recently a uniform ceiling height of 9 ft had been established for the entire school, and in this space classrooms were indicated for small seminars of ten pupils to large lecture rooms for 200 pupils. This is ridiculous! While 9 ft may be quite adequate for a 50-seat classroom, it is simply impossible for a 200-seat lecture room. Merely indicating on plan that partitions are movable does not create real flexibility. Flexibility is achieved when we have a variety of spaces within the school, each well adapted to its particular use and not compromised by the vague possibility that some one might want to subdivide it into smaller spaces. A 200-seat lecture room, for example, should have a minimum ceiling height of 15 to 18 ft for good hearing and, hopefully, should have a sloped floor so that people can see the front of the room as well. All too often we think only in plan, and we draw dotted or wiggley lines and say, "this is flexibility."

Each space should be designed ideally for its particular use. The band rehearsal room should have a high ceiling and should not be fitted into a standard classroom bay with normal classroom ceiling height —it can be, but it will be a poor band room! The band rehearsal shouldn't interfere with activities in the auditorium nor should the hammering in the shop be audible elsewhere. These things are basic.

Too often the designers of a school are intrigued with some particular aspect that is new in design concept and forget some of the ordinary problems of school design. One new high school that has been widely publicized, because it has successfully resolved many of the planning problems associated with team teaching, has incorporated in its design two large lecture rooms, each for about 150 students. The lecture rooms have been carefully designed for good hearing with adequate ceiling height and good arrangement of seating so that the students can not only see well but can hear well too, as long as the ventilation system is turned off! In the course of the design the ventilating system noise control had been completely neglected and, when operated, it sounded exactly like Niagara Falls. An unventilated lecture room is hardly a successful teaching environment, but it was a choice of being able to hear or not. Fortunately, the problem was solvable (which is not always the case) but at considerable extra cost and inconvenience.

#### WHAT'S COMING IN SCHOOL ACOUSTICS?

Good acoustics in schools can be had with the technology available today. It is merely a matter of the sensible incorporation of the details that we know and understand and a refinement of the criteria for design. This cannot be accomplished by vague statements or glib talk about concepts. Successful buildings are successful because the concept is brought to fruition in all of its down-to-earth details. While there are admittedly still many technical problems to be solved in school design, there are also matters that the educators must try to clarify. If only we could find out quantitatively the role of the building in the learning process! But learning is indeed difficult to measure.

In recent years educators have asked for two specific items more than any other. How do we get an inexpensive classroom divider, and how can we subdivide an auditorium so that we get greater usefulness from it? The answers to these questions have been supplied by cooperative efforts between engineers and manufacturers. Today, there are at least ten companies who make sound isolating folding partitions ranging in cost from \$5.00 to \$30.00 per square foot. With the best of these partitions an auditorium can be subdivided (and we have done it successfully in the Boulder City, Nevada school) so that movies can be divided from lectures, choral rehearsals from quizzes. Careful engineering can create an auditorium of 500 seats, for example, in which everybody can hear but which can be divided into three or more smaller rooms with complete speech privacy and even reasonable music privacy. With careful engineering design such subdivisions will be done again and again. The educators have only to pose the real problems in specific terms and solutions can be found in today's technology.

We mustn't look for miracles, however. Architects must be aware of the basic principles that govern the behavior of sound in any building. They must understand the true meaning of the word "flexibility," and realize that the acoustics in school design must be solved in all aspects if truly satisfactory schools are to be built for tomorrow.



L. M. Bowen



### TAC BUILDS A THIRD SCHOOL FOR NEEDHAM, MASS.

Hillside Elementary School, Needham, Massachusetts ARCHITECTS: The Architects Collaborative; partner in charge —John C. Hartness; job captain—Alex Cvijanovic STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: Morgenroth and Associates MECHANICAL-ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS: Reardon and Turner CONTRACTOR: Joseph E. Bennett Company, Inc.

This handsome school marks the third in a series of four schools that The Architects Collaborative has built for the town of Needham in as many years. The fourth school, the Needham Junior High School, is under construction, to be completed this fall.

This elementary school deftly solves the problem of providing a cheerful, colorful atmosphere for small children, without resorting to the "cute" fancies sometimes seen. The structure is a trim, even elegant, post and beam frame, filled with curtain wall panels. Color and texture come mainly from tile patterns, textured brick and spandrel panels. Vertical louvers along the glass walls of the kindergarten wing also add interest and a degree of privacy to this area.

The plan is a simply, but sensibly organized one. Three main elements—a block of twelve classrooms, two kindergartens, and a unit with cafeteria and multi-purpose room—are arranged so that each element may be entered separately from the little front terrace. The noisier multi-purpose area is separated from the kindergarten rooms by a covered but open passage, and from the main classroom block by administrative and service rooms. Both the multi-purpose area and the cafeteria floor below can be entered from ground level. The cost was \$17.00 per sq ft for 31,600 sq ft.



KINDER GARTEN

UPPER FLOOR

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### TEAM-TEACHING SCHOOL NEARS COMPLETION

Dundee Elementary School, Greenwich, Connecticut ARCHITECTS: Perkins and Will SUPERINTENDENT: John Blackhall Smith

Now nearing completion, this K-6 school provides an extremely advanced program for the elementary grades. Dundee School supplies flexibility for its teacher teams by providing variously sized spaces many with operable walls. There are special rooms for the teachers, including a workroom-research center; and a separate center is provided for the students. The school will be equipped with open- and closed-circuit television and other electronic learning devices.

A split-level scheme was developed to place large group instruction areas at half-level between the two floors of smaller group spaces. The major rooms of this intermediate level convert by operable walls into smaller rooms. Corridors are flanked by a threelevel storage spine.

In line with the flexibility provided in the rest of the school, gym and cafeteria spaces are combined in a large multi-purpose space, and set in a semidetached wing. Capacity for the school is 550 students (with 100 in kindergarten). Estimated cost was \$919,700, including operable walls, a 10 channel audio system and television facilities.

The structure is steel frame, concrete floor slabs; exteriors are board and batten or fieldstone. Interior fixed partitions are plaster, ceilings are acoustic tile. Kindergartens have radiant floor slabs; other heating is by finned pipe convectors.





The assembly room (above) has operable wall to convert large space into two rooms (see plan)



The large project room also divides into two teaching spaces

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Hedrich Blessing photos





### ISOLATED UNITS FOR NOISIER ADDITIONS

Tolleston High School Addition Gary, Indiana ARCHITECT: Leonard Klarich CONTRACTOR: Eugene S. Babilla, Inc. STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Frank Kornaker

The problem of adding to an existing school, with several buildings constructed in random style and location, was solved in this case by leading the school into a decided campus type plan, with current and future additions treated as detached and acoustically isolated units. The first additions shown here are a gymnasium, and a unit for science rooms and shops. Future additions are cafeteria, library and offices.

The existing buildings are strung out in a line at

the north end of the site. A large flat open space was to the south. The gym was placed in such a position that it could be readily accessible to the parking lot on the south and the existing football field to the west. The shop-science building was placed among trees at the east side of the site.

The two additions are of bearing wall construction, with exterior walls of 8-in. face brick. The gym walls are about 25-ft high and were stiffened with piers on an  $8\frac{1}{3}$ -ft module. The roof framing is steel, with roof decks of poured gypsum and precast concrete tile. Floors are terrazzo, concrete, asphalt tile, and a floating wood gym floor. Heating is a split system of air and hot water in the shop unit, hot water in the gym.









Jack Sterling photos



## A UNIT SCHOOL WITH "DOORLESS" CLASSROOMS

Brookfield Senior High School Brookfield, Ohio ARCHITECTS: Joseph Baker and Associates CONTRACTOR: Jennings and Churella, Inc. MECHANICAL ENGINEERS: Howard Bennet & Assocs.

This campus plan, or unit, school was designed with the idea that a *single* large building could not fit the sloping terrain without massive grading and filling operations; but that a series of buildings, with connecting corridors would offer good sound isolation of the various activities, as well as fit the topography.

As shown on the plot plan, the school is divided into five units: (1) auditorium; (2) music and gym; (3) academic unit; (4) academic and cafeteria; (5) shop-arts unit. The academic units have classrooms with no doors, but with corridor walls consisting of lockers with special acoustical treatment on the backs. Extra acoustical treatment is used elsewhere (such as acoustical formboard between bar joists in the ceilings) to minimize the transmission of sound between rooms.

The school has poured reinforced foundations, and exteriors of brick; interiors are painted concrete block, with ceramic tile wainscots. Roofing is poured gypsum; floors are terrazzo or asphalt tile. Heating is by circulated hot water, with a separate gas-fired boiler in each building. The school accommodates 525 pupils in grades ten through twelve. Costs were \$799,780 or \$11.82 per sq ft.









Lawrence S. Williams, Inc. photos



### BOLD STATEMENT FOR A PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Convent Springfield Township, Pennsylvania ARCHITECTS: Nolen, Swinburne and Associates CONTRACTOR: Joseph R. Farrell, Inc. MECHANICAL CONSULTANT: John W. Furlow Engineers, Inc. STRUCTURAL CONSULTANT: Severud-Elstad-Krueger Associates

A very powerful expression has been achieved in this bold design for a Catholic academy for girls and its connecting convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph. The plan is comprised of four major units centered around a landscaped court. These units include: the convent, administration areas, academic areas, and a separate activities wing containing the noisier areas. The total complex is dominated by a simple, but effective 50-ft cast stone bell tower.

Program requirements included 12 classrooms, 9 special rooms (for science, music, etc.), a gymnasium (with folding stands to seat 320), an auditorium for 600, a library for 20,000 volumes, a student chapel for 40, multi-purpose room, cafeteria, administration and reception areas, and a convent for 20 sisters with its own chapel.

The school was designed for an initial enrollment of 250 girls, and can accommodate 300. It will eventually be expanded for 500 students. The school has 98,500 sq ft, and was built at a total cost of \$2,500,-000. The site is on the high portion of a 97-acre tract.





GROUND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR





### Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Convent

The structures for the academic and convent buildings are of concrete frame, and a steel frame was used for the activities building. Exterior finishes include white glazed brick, dark gray slate for columns and spandrels, and tan brown precast panels. Windows have aluminum frames and gray heat absorbing glass.

Interiors are plaster in most areas, glazed structural tile in corridors. Floors are terrazzo or vinyl tile. Acoustical ceilings are used throughout and the wood paneling is African cherry. The stained glass chapel windows were designed by the Sisters of St. Joseph



# Architectural Engineering

"No Magic in H.P.'s"— Candela

Russian Concrete is in a Flicker

"Instant People" Test the Philharmonic

From Acoustic Scattering to Wave Front

This Month's AE Section Felix Candela seems much more concerned of late about attitudes toward structure (most particularly the hyperbolic paraboloid) as an architectural element, and the realities of engineering design, than in the economic benefits which occupied his attention earlier. Talking before the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture in Dallas last May, Candela said that structures are not science; they are no more than common sense; and it seems difficult, he said, to find common sense. Candela told about teaching an elective course on structure to architectural students at the University of Mexico. The classes are always small to begin with, he said, and, even then, many of the students are relatives of his friends. The rate of attrition is high, Candela stated. The students believe in magic . . . in "tricks." By being next to Candela, students feel they will catch the magic. Then they are greatly disappointed when they find there is no magic.

The Soviets give evidence of being able to create heroes in almost any context not just in space. A new movie has opened in New York City, titled "Apartment in Moscow" which portrays the wonder of Moscow housing-project expansion (housing made, as you know, of factory-produced precast concrete) as personified by a big, genial construction leader. Come to think of it, we doubt if Hollywood's tribute to architecture, "The Fountainhead," ever got to the U.S.S.R., even if it did have Gary Cooper.

Instead of having a live audience for testing out the acoustics of Philharmonic Hall in Lincoln Center the week of May 28, the acoustical consultants for the Hall, Bolt, Beranek & Newman, Inc., created what Dr. Leo L. Beranek calls "instant people." These "instant people" were actually 30- by 40-in. glass fiber blankets, folded in the center to fit in the seats. Among the "instant people" were several dummy heads with "ears" (actually microphones which permitted recording on binaural tape). "Of course these "instant people" cannot applaud," said Dr. Beranek, "but neither can they cough." Acoustical values measured include balance, warmth, level of loudness and brilliance. The tests were conducted for the Hall's architect, Max Abramovitz, of Harrison and Abramovitz.

On hand in the press room at the annual meeting of the Acoustical Society of America last May in New York was an interesting little publication, "Glossary of Terms Frequently Used in Acoustics." Tucked in among the host of scientific terms such as "acoustic interferometer" and "doppler effect" was a term every layman could comprehend, "cocktail party effect." The definition: "Anyone who has ever attended a cocktail party is aware of the fact that as people gather and time progresses, the noise level in the room where the party is being given gets louder and louder until finally the room is quite noisy indeed. By our usual notions of masking, it should be almost impossible to understand any of the conversation, yet we all know that people will gather together in groups of two or more and carry on quite satisfactory conversations. This means that a human being is able in some way to focus his attention upon a desired source of sound, and to some extent ignore other masking sounds that may be present in the environment. This particular effect has been called the 'cocktail party effect.' It may be added that the phenomenon can show up in any number of situations, not just at a cocktail party."

The glossary was compiled by Horace M. Trent and Betty Anderson of the Naval Research Laboratory and can be obtained from the American Institute of Physics, Public Relations Department, 335 East 45th Street, New York 17, N.Y. Price \$1.00.

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Blue Cross-Blue Shield Headquarters Office Building, Boston

I. B. M. Office Building, Pittsburgh

# THE RETURN OF THE BEARING WALL

by William J. LeMessurier, Structural Engineer

A careful observer of the multi-story buildings built in the last five years will have noticed a change in the structure of exterior walls. The new appearance is marked by the deliberate use of closely-spaced columns which give a finely-grained structural scale, and often produce a façade enriched with high relief. In its most developed form, this kind of wall construction becomes a lacework of diagonal columns and horizontal spandrels which simultaneously support vertical and horizontal loads.

The closely tuned ear can detect new phrases in the architectural jargon describing these constructions; "load bearing mullions," "stressedskin walls," and other descriptions. What is going on? Is this new departure merely an anti-curtain wall reaction, or is there a logic behind this evolving new form? A look at the operating structural principles may help provide an answer.

#### **Historical Perspective**

For several millenia man built the walls of his permanent buildings with masonry-creating a continuous surface interrupted only by those openings necessary for entrance and light. The masonry surface kept out wind, water and fire; supported the floors and roofs; and, last but not least, resisted those forces causing racking and overturning of the whole building. Large openings in masonry walls were only possible when spanned with arches. Even when the metal skeleton frame was first employed in the 19th century, it was used with exterior walls of masonry built in the traditional way. But as the pressure for higher buildings grew, the masonry bearing

Wm. J. LeMessurier & Associates, Boston

wall was abandoned and the complete skeleton frame made its appearance in Chicago, in the late 1800's.

The most characteristic feature of the steel skeleton, as used for multistory buildings, is its organization into bays of roughly square dimensions which can be added together in a cellular order to produce buildings of any size. Since enclosing vertical surfaces are not an integral part of this skeleton, a secondary structure, the curtain wall, has been used to terminate interior space.

The concept of structural organization by framed bays is so pervasive that architectural form is often strait-jacketed. It may be well to look for other conceptual approaches to structural organization.

In order to clearly understand our terms we shall define two concepts. A bearing frame is a vertical plane containing columns and girders which supports loads applied in its own plane and in which the columns have a spacing established by functional requirements. A bearing wall is a vertical structure which supports loads applied in its own plane, and in which the elements have a spacing established by structural requirements.

Multi-story buildings may be considered as an assembly of horizontal floor and roof planes combined with vertical bearing frames and/or bearing walls. If we think of the exterior plane as a bearing wall, then what are the structural requirements which establish column spacings? If window openings are variable the determining factor will be structural efficiency.

It will be shown later that the most efficient column spacings for steel within a bearing wall system will range from one-third to one times the story height for usual loads and member proportions. This conclusion may be extended to include reinforced concrete and wood systems as well.

#### Implications

Considered as bearing wall structures a series of new buildings make very good structural sense. A few examples taken from current practice illustrate the point. The Blue-Cross Blue-Shield building in Boston has exterior columns at alternate spacings of 5 ft and 10 ft. These close spacings eliminate the need for a deep spandrel and allow a total structural floor depth of 17 in. even though the span behind the wall is 34 ft. The new C.B.S. building in New York designed by the late Eero Saarinen has wide exterior columns spaced at 10 ft on center, resulting in alternating 5-ft windows and 5-ft columns. This design is especially well suited to reinforced concrete and makes possible a great height which would be impractical with large exterior bays. The bearing wall appears in its traditional form surrounding the interior core and providing support to the one-way floor systems.

Perhaps one of the clearest illustrations of the modern bearing wall is the 33 Rue Croulebarbe building in Paris, designed by Albert, Boileau, and Henri-Labourdette. The exterior walls are framed by steel pipe columns at 5-ft centers with a wide flange steel spandrel between. The spandrel, because of its short span, is only 4-in. deep and is encased in the 6-in. cast-in-place floor slab. Two interior bearing walls are similar in construction to the exterior walls, except that diagonal bracing is added. The same bracing appears in the exterior side walls where it becomes an important architectural feature. By including diagonal bracing, the end wall structure of the 33 Rue Croulebarbe building completely satisfies our definition since it can resist loads applied in any direction in its own plane.

#### Examples

Two American buildings which use bearing walls with great imagination are alike in having diagonal members to carry gravity loads as well as lateral loads. The American Cement building designed by Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall uses sculptured precast X units to form a true bearing wall with great rigidity in its own plane. This wall gathers all vertical and lateral loads and carries them down to a deep girder at the base of the tower. Like the C.B.S. building by Saarinen, the floors have a one-way span back to the interior core. A similar scheme in structural steel is being used in the I.B.M. building in Pittsburgh.

A special problem of the bearing wall arises at the base of the building. Having established a tightlyscaled, highly-efficient system, how can it be designed to provide groundlevel openings of monumental scale? That such interruption of the system is indefensible in purely economic terms should be obvious. And Saarinen has eloquently shown that the unbroken structural system can yield a design of great power. But for both esthetic and practical reasons, an open base may be desirable.

Paul Rudolph's Blue-Cross building solves the problem by collecting the column loads in pairs. In principle, this scheme is very simple and efficient. The Brunswick building by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill has a gigantic spandrel girder above the ground floor to carry the loads from a bearing wall.

Further, an economic study of these structures will show that con-

#### Top photos: American Cement Building, Los Angeles



Bottom photos: 33 Rue Croulebarbe, Paris (l'architecture d'aujourd'hui photos)







C. B. S. Headquarters Building, New York City

Brunswick Building, Chicago

centrating the effort of spanning a large ground floor bay is distinctly advantageous to the spanning that bay in every floor.

The steel structure of the I.B.M. building exploits the modern bearing wall itself to solve the open base problem. By taking advantage of high strength steels the diffused floor and wind loads are gathered to eight points at the ground. The dramatic result shows the design freedom yielded by abandoning the framed bay concept.

To understand the full advantage of its walls, the I.B.M. building must be studied in three dimensions. Since the wall efficiently supports loads applied at any point in its own plane, freedom of floor system design was possible. An optimum floor system of steel beams at 9-ft centers has been used to span 54 ft to the core. The beams support a composite steel and concrete deck which carries lateral loads through diaphragm action to the exterior bearing walls.

#### **Future Potential**

What are the future possibilities of the bearing wall? A most likely development, as soon as building codes modernize their treatment of masonry, will be the resurgence of brick as a structural material. Research progress in high-strength mortars is already at the point where thin, efficient masonry bearing walls may be used for high-rise buildings. In reinforced concrete, greater use of the slip-form method of construction to provide load-bearing exterior walls as well as interior cores can be foreseen.

The practicality of closely spaced steel columns has been greatly increased by the new specification of the American Institute of Steel Construction. In designs where columns are not required to resist lateral loads, the column efficiency factor,  $K_e$ , may be reduced up to 75 per cent by providing rigid connections between columns and spandrels. In addition, high-strength steels may be used to keep dimensions more nearly constant as loads accumulate.

Perhaps the most valuable result of reconsidering the structural function of exterior walls will be the restoration of their role as bracing elements for wind and earthquake in tall buildings. Construction in the form of large framed bays with rigid connections is the most inefficient way to resist lateral loads. And since high efficiency of structural form for purposes of strength is always accompanied by maximum rigidity, the use of rigid bearing walls will improve the structural performance of buildings.

#### Calculating Column Spacing

Figure 1 shows an idealized bearing wall with story height of h, a column spacing of L, and a uniform load of w/ft applied at each floor. For any given materials, story height h, and load intensity w, there will be an optimum value of L to give the least total material in the wall. As the value of L increases the girder bending moments increase, and the total amount of girder material increases. But an increasing value of L will result in fewer, more heavily loaded columns so that the total amount of column material will decrease. For any situation a minimum value may be found.

Let us see what magnitudes of spacing result in the case of a bearing wall built of steel with typical floor loads. The amount of material per foot in a steel beam designed for 20,000 psi stress may be shown to be:

weight/ft=B=(M)  $^{_{2/3}}$  2.42  $\times$   $K_{\scriptscriptstyle b}$  where M is the bending moment

in foot-kips and  $K_{\rm b}$  is a constant depending on the proportions of the beam. For the economical rolled wide flange shapes  $K_{\rm b}$  is about .70. For a solid square  $K_{\rm b} = 3.30$ .

The total material in a steel column of height h feet carrying a load of P kips may be shown to be:\*

$$C = \frac{P h}{5} + .014 K_{c} h^{3}$$

where K<sub>e</sub> is a constant depending on the proportions of the column. For typical wide-flange steel columns  $K_c$ = 12.

If these two equations are combined, taking P = wL the total material per foot =

$$B + \frac{C}{L} = \left[\frac{wL^2}{8}\right]^{2/3} 2.42 K_b$$
$$+ \frac{wL h}{5L} + \frac{.014K_ch^3}{L} = lbs/ft$$

The second term is seen to be independent of L so that the equation may be used to find a minimum value regardless of the number stories. A minimum value exists when

$${\rm L} \; = \; .097 \bigg[ \frac{{\rm K_c}}{{\rm K_b}} \bigg]^{3/7} \; h^{9/7} \bigg[ \frac{8}{{\rm w}} \bigg]^{2/7} \label{eq:L_b}$$

Figure 2 gives values of  $K_c$ ,  $K_b$ , and the ratio  $K_c/K_b$  for various shapes. A low value of  $K_c$  or  $K_b$  indicates high structural efficiency. A low value of  $K_c/K_b$  indicates high relative column efficiency. Figure 3 shows curves giving values of L for various values of  $K_c/K_b$  and two values of w.

#### Lateral Loads

Although diagonal bracing is the

\* based on allowable axial stress  
= 17,000 psi - .485 
$$\left(\frac{L}{r}\right)^2$$

I. B. M. BUILDING, PITTSBURGH Architects: Curtis and Davis and Associated Architects and Engineers Structural Engineers: Worthington, Skilling, Helle & Jackson

BLUE CROSS—BLUE SHIELD HEADQUARTERS OFFICE BUILDING, BOSTON Associated Architects: Paul Rudolph; Anderson, Beckwith and Haible Structural Engineers: Goldberg, LeMessurier and Associates

AMERICAN CEMENT BUILDING, LOS ANGELES Architects and Engineers:

Architects and Engineers: Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall 33 RUE CROULEBARBE, PARIS

J. Henri-Labourdette Structural Engineer: J. L. Sarf

C. B. S. HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, NEW YORK Architects: Eero Saarinen and Associates

Structural Engineer: Paul Weidlinger BRUNSWICK BUILDING, CHICAGO Architects and Engineers:

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

most efficient way to resist lateral forces, many structures depend on joint rigidity or frame action for lateral strength. In a frame such as Figure 1 the optimum column spacing L for a given story height with a given total lateral force may be determined. Using the approximate portal methods of lateral load analysis and the previous equation for material in members designed for bending, the optimum spacing of verticals is

$$L = \frac{h}{2} \frac{K_{\scriptscriptstyle b} \text{ of verticals}}{K_{\scriptscriptstyle b} \text{ of horizontals}}$$

The factor  $K_{b}$  is the same constant previously used. For beams and columns with similar bending efficiency in the plane of the wall the most logical column spacing lies in the same range determined for gravity loadings.

This discussion is not a plea for mathematical determination of architectural proportions. Optima of any kind are only guides to design. But the understanding that the most efficient scale for the spacing of elements in a wall structure is related to the story height is an important qualitative conclusion. Many structural benefits may follow: Columns at every module avoid awkward projections into office spaces. Closely spaced columns supplement mullions designed only for wind. Deep reveals can provide sun shading.

Perhaps the old fashioned quality of the term bearing wall will disappoint those who favor more romantic terms. But the terminology used here is deliberate. In a rapidly changing world, the constancy of the principles of statics is a comfort to the designer of structures. And it follows that structural form is based on principles which are unchanging. Construction methods, the technology of materials, and the art of analysis are always improving. But the search for structural form is a quest for permanent truth. Therefore, the bearing wall which served well in the past was bound to reappear.

Figure 3 shows the optimum column spacing for steel based on a given load and floor height, as shown in Figure 1, and on a configuration ratio  $K_c/K_b$ , Figure 2



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## ELECTRICAL LOADS IN LARGE BUILDINGS

A study of types and sizes of loads will aid in anticipating future growth

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It would be fairly safe to say that in the last decade typical electrical loads in office buildings have doubled due to air conditioning, higher lighting intensities, more business machines, more appliances and the impact of automation. Even four years ago, it was reported that the loads in existing office buildings had increased by 40 per cent in a decade, according to a study made by the Building Research Advisory Board for the Federal Construction Council.

A clear understanding of the types and magnitudes of electrical loads in office buildings, hospitals, schools and laboratories is essential in anticipating their growth. One way of accomplishing this is through a listing of commonly encountered loads, a brief description of each and a tabulation of their capacities in typical buildings.

#### TYPES OF ELECTRICAL LOADS

- 1. Lighting
- 2. Convenience outlets
- 3. Heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC)
- 4. Sanitary equipment
- 5. Elevators, moving stairways and material handling equipment
- 6. Cooking appliances
- 7. Business machines
- 8. Laboratory equipment
- 9. Shop equipment
- 10. X ray equipment
- 11. Miscellaneous equipment

#### Lighting

Lighting is one of the largest loads, and its requirements must be well established before an accurate total load can be computed. However, for preliminary design, estimating and checking purposes watts per square foot (w/sq ft) is a common and useful means for determining such loads, based on a particular footcandle level and type of lighting system.

The finally selected fixture types should be checked to verify these loads. Also, electrical codes have mandatory minimum requirements regarding lighting loads to be used in determining minimum feeder sizes. See Article 220 in the National Electrical Code.

#### **Convenience** Outlets

Outlets usually are a minor load, but they are closely related to and associated with lighting. An allowance of between  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  w/sq ft is quite common; the actual figure is determined by the density of receptacle application. Underfloor duct and cellular floor systems will usually require 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  w/sq ft.

The National Electrical Code (Article 210) has a minimum requirement of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  amperes (180 watts) per convenience outlet.

#### Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning

These power requirements will, of course, be determined by the amount of ventilation and the amount of heat to be supplied or removed from a building.

For heating and ventilating purposes only, equipment such as the following may be encountered:

- 1. Fuel combustion motors and controls
- 2. Pumps (vacuum, condensate, circulating)
- 3. Heaters (unit, space, fuel and induct)
- 4. Unit ventilators
- 5. Fans (supply and exhaust)
- 6. Heating cable
- 7. Snow melting equipment

Air conditioning equipment usually consists of:

- 1. Refrigeration compressors
- 2. Pumps (chilled water, condensate, condenser and circulating)
- 3. Fans (supply, return, exhaust and cooling tower)

Unlike lighting and convenience outlet loads, which are more or less equally distributed throughout a building, HVAC loads are usually concentrated in basements, penthouses and fan or machine rooms.

#### Sanitary (or Plumbing) Loads

These are relatively modest in comparison to HVAC; however, where fire pumps, house water pumps and well pumps are encountered, they can comprise a sizable load. Some commonly encountered equipment includes:

- 1. Sump pumps
- 2. Sewage ejectors
- 3. Circulating pumps
- 4. Vacuum pumps
- 5. Fire pumps
- 6. Well pumps
- 8. Compressors
- 9. Chilled water pumps (for drinking fountains)

Most of these loads are located in basement areas and/or penthouse machine rooms.

Elevators, moving stairways and material handling equipment are formidable loads in tall buildings and hospitals and may consist of:

- 1. Elevators
- 2. Moving stairways
- 3. Dumbwaiters
- 4. Conveyors
- 5. Pneumatic tubes
- 6. Various hoists and lifts Major factors affecting the capac-

ities of such equipment are speed of travel and weight being handled.

Cooking appliances can generally be classified into two categories:

- 1. All-electric
- 2. Gas and/or steam with or without electric auxiliaries

The number of persons to be served, the type of service and equipment used determine actual electrical load. The tables indicate kitchen loads of actual installations. The commercial-type dishwasher may require electric booster heaters to raise the temperature of the normal building hot water supply. Loads up to 50 kw for such purposes are not uncommon.

#### **Business Machines**

A large portion of loads falling under this heading are supplied from convenience outlets, underfloor ducts and cellular floor systems. Major exceptions are data processing machines, electric typewriters, card punch equipment, etc., which are scattered throughout office spaces and are taken care of by the load allowances of convenience receptacles.

Data processing machines are confined to specially designed spaces with a high degree of temperature control and flexible wiring provisions in the form of raised floors or floor troughs.

#### Laboratory Equipment

It is difficult to determine laboratory loads because of the diversity of equipment usage and the flexibility required. Individual laboratory loads may vary between 20 to 40 w/sq ft, exclusive of special equipment. These may in some cases be diversified to 50 per cent for individual feeders supplying groups of laboratories. Further diversifications for service to the laboratory building or suite may reduce this load to as low as 15 per cent of the original 20 to 40 w/sq ft. The actual initial loads and diversifications depend on the type of laboratory and its use.

#### Shop Equipment

This is usually a minor load for the commercial building, however, it may be for concentrated areas in high schools.

#### X ray Equipment

Although usually associated with hospitals, such equipment may also be found in office buildings and laboratories on a smaller scale. It is important to note that these loads tax a distribution system for only a few seconds, and they are usually well diversified with other X ray equipment.

#### **Miscellaneous** Equipment

Where large quantities of individual equipment are present, it may be necessary to have accurate individual load capacities for over-all load determination.

#### SUMMARY

The tables indicate the range of loads that have actually been installed in a number of buildings. Tabulations such as these can be useful for both preliminary estimates and final checking.

All of the buildings in the tables, except one of the office buildings (1953), were designed within the last five years.

					OFFI	CE	BUILD		S		
Location	Area I Sq Ft I	level of llum Ftc	Ltg Recept KVA	HVAC HP	Pibg HP	Elev KVA	Kitchen KVA	Com- puter KVA	Fire Pump HP	Misc KVA	Remarks
New Jersey	500,000	45	2,700	2,600	120	700	240	320	150	170	Elec. compressor for A/C Misc. KVA == snow melting, printing equip., pneumatic tubes, etc. Boiler plant in bldg.
N. Y. City	1,500,000	80	10,000	6,000	520	2,000	410	250	300	500	Steam for A/C Misc. KVA == teletype, exhibit pwr., etc. No boiler plant (purchased steam)
N. Y. City	1,900,000	35	8,700	4,500	360	2,300	300	100	200	-	Steam for A/C No boiler plant
Conn.	680,000	45	6,600	1,700	120	130	210	50	150	780	Steam for A/C Misc. KVA — well pumps, printing equip., X-ray, conveyors, etc. Boiler plant in bldg.
Boston	1,600,000	45	7,600	6,100	460	3,400	620	250	250	-	Steam for A/C No boiler plant
Kansas City	190,000	70	770	380	15	150	-	-	-	-	Steam for A/C No boiler plant
New Orleans	125,000	60	520	320	55	80	-	-	25	-	Steam for A/C No boiler plant
Kentucky	248,000	70	910	670	10		15	30		265	Steam for A/C Misc. KVA — well pumps, printing equip. & microwave equip., etc. Boiler plant in bldg.
Westchester	186,000	50	760	800	15	60	180	100		50	Elec. compressor for A/C Misc. KVA — well pumps, etc. Boiler plant in bldg.
Virginia	1,600,000	55	6,000	11,200	250	750	830	450	-	375	Elec. compressor for A/C Misc. KVA — printing equip., etc. Boiler plant part of complex

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Туре	Bed Patients	Area Sq ft	Ltg KVA	HVAC HP	Pibg HP	Elev KVA	Kitchen KVA	X ray KVA	Lab KVA	Emerg. KW	Misc	Remarks
V.A. hosp. (Tenn.)	500	373,000	1,970	2,400	115	580	270	250	105	1,000	80KVA	Elec. compressor for total air conditioning
V.A. hosp. (Wash.)	720	590,000	3,400	4,500	260	240	480	300	210	1, <mark>5</mark> 00	- 4	Elec. compressor for total air conditioning
V.A. hosp. (Wis.)	1,264	789,800	5,000	2,900	260	360	600	300	150	1,500	-	Elec. compressor for partial air conditioning
General hosp.	600	512,000	2,000	2,600	270	860	250	410	880	460AH at 8 hr rate	60KVA	Steam for total air con- ditioning
Addition to												
existing hosp.	90	64,000	275	200	10	70	10	-	-	200		Steam for total air con- conditioning of addition
Addition	90	43,000	360	117	1	25	-	50	-	200	-	Elec. compressor for 20% air conditioning of addition
Addition	60	60,000	180	180	25	40	170	15	-	350	-	Steam for 40% air condi- tioning of addition

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Location	Area Sq ft	Level of Illum Ftc	Ltg. & Recept KVA	HV HP	Pibg HP	Kitchen KVA	Elev KVA	Central vacuum cleaning	Remarks
N.Y.C.—h.s.	263,000	30	990	190	20	95	35	40	- 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 1
Mass. parochial h.s.	270,000	45	1,100	270	15	200	15	-	Elec. kitchen
N.Y.C. parochial h.s.	258,000	30	1,150	460	10	230	30	-	
L.I.—h.s.	166,000	40	640	170	5	60	30	-	-
N.Y.C.—seminary school	20,300	30	100	20		-	-		-
N.Y.C.—elem. school	75,000	30	300	100	10	30	=	-	-
N.Y.C.—elem. school	76,000	30	280	140	10	25	-	-	-
N.Y.C.—elem. school	76,000	30	270	80	10	15	_	-	-
N.Y.C.—nuns academy	25,000	30	130	25	2	50	_	-	

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Туре	Area Sq Ft	Level of Illum Ftc	Ltg. & Recept KV	HVAC A HP	Plbg HP	Elev KVA	Lab Pwr KV <mark>A</mark>	Kitchen KVA	Remarks
Basic research	33,000	45	100	150	80	30	480	62	Steam compressor for A/C
Chemical research	51,000	45	215	290	110	100	540	-	Steam compressor for A/C
Earth science	120,000	40	140	900	170	120	510	-	Elec. compressor for A/C 115 KW standby generator
Medical research	118,000	50	450	790	180	120	750	40	Steam for A/C 50 KVA computer
Physics research	175,000	50	600	250	75	140	680	-	
Plastics research	40,000	50	225	300	50	25	55	-	Elec. compressor for A/C 75 KW standby generator

#### **ELECTRICAL CAPACITIES OF BUILDING EQUIPMENT: 1**

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	Cooking Ap	opliances
Ap	pliance El	ec. Capacity, KV
1.	Range (4 burner)	12
2.	All purpose oven	
	(1 section—60 lb	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1
	of beet per hour)	6
3.	Bake ovens	
	(1 section-40 lb	
	of bread)	7.5
	(1 section-60 lb	
	of bread)	11
4.	Broiler	
	(1 section-100 lb	
	per hour)	12
5.	Fry kettles	
	(40 lb potatoes	
	per hour)	12
	(90 lb potatoes	
	per hour)	18
6.	Griddles	
	(16 hamburgers)	3
	(32 hamburgers)	6
	(48 hamburgers)	12
7	Hotplate	
1.	(2 plates)	2.5
		2.0
8.	Roll warmers	
	(48 buns)	1.65
9.	Food warmer	1.65
10.	Steam tables	
	(8 wells)	12.
11.	Warming cabinets	.5 to 10
	(dishes, utensils, etc.	
	300 to 400 w per f	fof
	length)	
12.	Coffee urns	1.5 to 10
	(500 w per gal)	
13	Comprossion storm	
10.	cooker	12
	COOKET	12
14.	Dishwashers	.6 to 50
15.	Glass washers	.5
16.	Food choppers	1/4 to 10 hp
1/.	Food cutters	1/3 to 3/4 hp
18.	Food mixers	1/0 to 1/3 hp
19.	Tondorizor	1/8 to 1/3 hp
20.	Poolors	1/3 to 1/2 ba
21.	Waste Disease	1/3 10 1/2 np
44.	rusie Disposer	1 1/2 np



#### **Lighting Loads**

Approximate wiring capacity in watts/ square foot to maintain a given illumination level in a room of average size (Room Index E; see I.E.S. Lighting Handbook) by means of various types of lighting installations

	Shop I	Equipmen	it
	ltem Ele	c. Capaci	ty Size
1.	Drill press	½ hp	15-in. dia stock
2.	Grinder	⅓ hp	6-in. dia wheel
3.	Grinder	½ hp	7-in. dia wheel
4.	Grinder	3⁄4 hp	8-in. dia wheel
5.	Grinder	1 hp	10-in. dia wheel
6.	Jointer	3⁄4 hp	6-in. table width
7.	Jointer	1½ hp	8-in. table width
8.	Kiln	4.5 kva	14- by 14- by 14-in. cabinet 2000 deg F
9.	Kiln	6.0 kva	16- by 17- by 18-in. cabinet 2,000 deg F
10.	Lathe (variable speed)	1 hp	12-in. dia
11.	Milling machine	⅓ hp	9-in. travel
12.	Milling machine	1 hp	14-in. travel
13.	Milling machine	2 hp	17-in. travel
14.	Mortiser	3⁄4 hp	6- by 30-in. table
15.	Oven	1 kva	28- by 24- by 20-in. cabinet
16.	Oven	2 kva	cabinet 325 deg F
17.	Planer	2 hp	4- by 12-in.
18.	Potters wheel	1⁄4 hp	19- by 30-in. table
19.	Router	1¼ hp	
20.	Sander, belt & disc (floor mtd)	½ hp	10-in. dia, 6-in. belt
21.	Sander, comb. belt & disc	½ hp	4-in. dia, 10-in. belt
22.	Sander, spindle (floor mtd)	1 hp	20- by 24-in. table
23.	Saw, arbor	2 hp	10-in. dia
24.	Saw, band	½ hp	14-in. dia
25.	Saw, band	1½ hp	20-in. dia
26.	Saw, circular	3 hp	10-in. dia
27.	Saw, jig	⅓ hp	24-in. throat
28.	Saw, radial	3⁄4 hp	9-in. dia
29.	Saw, scroll	⅓ hp	26-in. throat
30.	Surfacer	5 hp	6- by 18-in.
31.	Surfacer	7½ hp	8- by 24-in.
32.	Surfacer	10 hp	8- by 30-in.
33.	Welder, arc	7.5 kva	
34.	Welder, spot	1.5 kva	1/8-in. thickness
35.	Welder, spot	2.5 kva	3/16-in. metal thickness

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### ELECTRICAL CAPACITIES OF BUILDING EQUIPMENT: 2

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		Residential	Appliances	
	Item	Watts	Item	Watts
1.	Air conditioners (room)		30. Fans	
	1/2 ton	880	Floor circulator	120
	3/4 ton	1,225	Attic	345
	1 ton	1,540	Kitchen exhaust	75
2.	Aquarium aerator	50	Portable	50
3.	Aquarium aerator	250	31. Floor polisher	475
4.	Blanket	175	32. Food freezer	up to 460
5.	Blender	275	33. Food warmer	310
6.	Bottle warmer	440	34. Fry kettle	1,300
7.	Broiler	1,400	35. Frying pan	1,085
8.	Casserole	510	36. Food mixer	130
9.	Clock	2	37. Hair dryer	415
10.	Clothes dryer	4,760	38. Refrigerator	230
11.	Coffee maker	up to 1,000	39. Roaster	1,320
12.	Corn popper	440	40. Sandwich grill	960
13.	Heating equipment		41. Sewing machine	75
	Warm air furnace fan	320	42. Serving tray	600
	Oil burner	230	43. Shaver	11
	Humidifier	185	44. Steam iron	1,040
14.	Ice cream freezer	115	45. Sun lamp	275
15.	Ironer	1,455	46. Tea kettle	550
16.	Knife sharpener	50	47. Toaster	1,130
17.	Odorizer	11	48. Trivet	50
18.	Pressure cooker	1,400	49. T. V. receiver	275
19.	Power tools	up to 1,000	50. Vacuum cleaners	
20.	Projector	300	Bag type	340
21.	Radio	30	Canister type	725
22.	Range	up to 23,000	Tank type	555
23.	Recorder	95	Hand type	310
24.	Record player	50	51. Heat lamp	250
25.	Dehumidifier	185	52. Heating pad	60
26.	Door chime	15	53. Heater	up to 1,650
27.	Dishwasher	1,325	54. Vaporizer	385
28.	Dry iron	1,025	55. Waffle baker	960
29.	Egg cooker	440	56. Washers	
			Automatic	400
			Nonautomatic	380

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# **Building Components**

Application and Specification of Materials and Equipment

## A GUIDE TO GLASS FOR ARCHITECTURE

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#### Part 2: Applications of Glass

#### GLAZING RECOMMENDATIONS

Distortion can be introduced into glass by uneven glazing. Even in a light of originally distortion-free plate glass, an irregularity in the glazing can cause minute deflections that will produce warped reflections. Several methods of more even glazing have been developed to lessen this problem. One is the use of a metal or vinyl glazing bead which snaps flush against the glass on one surface, pushing it against a layer of glazing compound on the other. Another method is the permanently elastic glazing channel—a uniform, grooved "plastic" cushion that surrounds the light, sealing it into its frame.

Special care must be taken with heat-absorbing glass, since thermal expansion must be taken into consideration. There should be a minimum clearance of one-eighth inch between the edge of the pane and framing members at all points, and a permanently elastic glazing compound should be used. In designing, care should be taken to prevent too great a temperature difference between areas within a single light. This situation arises when a pane is adjacent to a structural member that could conduct heat away from the glass, or when an overhang or pilaster casts a shadow on part of the pane. In extreme circumstances, expansion of the hot glass can cause heat cracks.

When the glass is adjacent to a structural member, the edge should be insulated by embedding cork or asbestos-impregnated tape in the glazing compound next to the member. When a narrow shadow from overhang or pilaster falls on part of the pane, cracking can be prevented by extending the shadow four to five inches, either by extending the overhang artificially or by adhering an

RICHARD W. RIGG, Vice-President Merchandising, American-Saint Gobain Corporation aluminum-faced, pressure-sensitive tape to the glass. This has the advantage of adding more mass to the cool area, thus increasing its resistance to being "stretched" by the expanding glass.

However, certain maximum dimensions have been recommended by manufacturers. If panes of heat absorbing glass are kept within these limits, no additional precautions need be taken.

#### HEAT CONTROL

A basic problem in the use of glass is how to admit the visible illumination of sunlight without also admitting the heat of solar energy. This can be partially solved through the use of heat-absorbing glass. This glass admits most of the visible light of the sun but absorbs a large amount of the infrared rays. Caution should be exercised when using this glass, however, since the energy thus absorbed is passed off as convected heat. Under laboratory conditions, heat is convected equally from both sides of the glass, but in actual situations a large part of it tends to be discharged on the cooler side; i.e., into the interior of the building.

Attention to design may help avoid this. If the building's exterior is so designed that moving air can pass along the surface of the glass continually, much of the heat can be carried off outside. If the interior air distribution system provides air flow past the glass, the heat can be picked up by the air conditioning system.

Another way to use heat-absorbing glass is to keep it on the outside of the building as a sun-screen, hanging a few feet above and in front of the windows of clear glass. Absorbed heat will then pass off into the outside air, while the solar rays that come through the windows and into the building will be deprived of most of their radiant heat. Screens of polished glass will admit bright, slightly tinted direct illumination, while patterned or frosted screens will diffuse the light and thus reduce glare.

Another type of heat and light controlling glass uses minute metallic louvers laminated to the glass. Solar heat can also be controlled by the use of shading devices of masonry, metal, fabric or other materials, either built into the structure's exterior or included in the interior window fixtures.

Several heat-reducing products are in the development stage. These include an ultra-thin metallic coating which is relatively transparent, but which will cause the glass to reflect heat energy; photo sensitive glass which becomes less transparent as the light falling on it increases; and electrically sensitive glass, the transparency of which can be controlled electrically.

It may be well to point out that all these methods of heat control deal only with the radiant heat of sunlight. Atmospheric heat is less of a problem.

#### **GLARE CONTROL**

Glare, the result of extreme difference in the levels of lighting, can be combatted in several ways. One very effective method is through glazing windows in a light-diffusing glasspatterned, frosted or opal. These glasses will break up the direct beams of light, scatter them from a broad base, and provide a virtually shadowfree illumination. Milky-white opal glass is best for this purpose, since it has the greatest diffusing effect of any glass. Windows that give no view of the outside may have an adverse psychological effect, however, so it often is preferable to glaze only the upper part of the window with light-diffusing glass, leaving a "vision-strip" of clear glass in the lower third or quarter of the window.

An extreme amount of diffusion can be gained by the use of corrugated patterned glass, since the corrugations form an added element in "spraying" illumination in several directions. This is of special value in industrial structures, where windows or skylights may be at a great distance from work areas.

Another method of glare control uses the gray tinted plate or sheet glass. The neutral gray tint does not distort the colors of objects seen through the glass, but it does tone down the brighter and harsher beams of sunlight. One source of glare is the contrast between a brightly-lighted window and dark-colored or shadowy walls; this can be controlled by lightening the walls, especially those adjacent to the window, with a light color, and glazing the window with gray glass.

#### STRENGTHENING GLASS

Glass can be strengthened by two methods—laminating and tempering. Wired glass should not be put in the category of strengthened glass since, while it is the only approved fireretardent glass, it is not stronger than ordinary glass of the same thickness. However, the visibility of the wire mesh in certain situations gives an added psychological advantage—wired glass has been used in windows of ground floor apartments to give tenants a greater sense of security.

Laminated glass, made by sandwiching a sheet of plastic between two panes of plate or sheet glass, is used mostly in automobile windshields. It will break as readily as other glass, but the plastic holds the splinters and keeps the windshield in place. Taking a lesson from the automotive industry, architects and builders are using laminated glass more and more in construction where safety is a prime consideration.

Tempered glass, on the other hand, is up to five times stronger than ordinary glass of the same thickness. The tempering process consists of heating the glass above the annealing point, and cooling it rapidly; this sets up strong compressive stresses on the surface of the glass, giving it a high resistance to mechanical shock. A rupture of the surface will cause the glass to shatter; therefore, tempered glass cannot be cut after processing. If a pane of tempered glass does break, the entire pane shatters into tiny cubes which, if the glass is set in a frame, will often hold together and not fall out.

The size and shape of the breakparticles, indeed the added strength obtained by tempering, is a function of the depth of tempering. The term *heat-strengthened* is often used, and means usually that the glass has been partially tempered. The greater the temper, the stronger the glass, and the smaller the break-particles.

Not all types of glass can be tempered—for instance, opal glass, wired glass, deeply patterned glass and glass thinner than  $\frac{7}{32}$  inch. Regular lime glass, as used in commercially patterned, sheet and plate glass, may be fully tempered.

Panels of tempered glass to which a ceramic enamel has been fired make an excellent facing material. In contrast to tiles of various sorts, this glass can be obtained in large sheets. Since the ceramic colors are the most durable known, and since the surface of glass is almost impervious to weathering, and can be cleaned by rain or simple washing, glass makes one of the most durable and easily maintained of the various structural materials.

Facing panels can be obtained in any color within the range of ceramic enamels available, and with polished or patterned surfaces. The patterned surface has the advantage that it will not give distorted reflections, and dirt and streaking is less visible. One type of glass facing is made with a thin layer of aluminum fused to the back surface, which gives the panel added heat-reflecting and insulation value.

Tempered glass is also widely used for "all-glass" doors. These are not only attractive, but have many functional advantages. They need no finishing or surface maintenance beyond an occasional wipe with a damp cloth. They add a safety feature in that a person approaching from the other side is visible—or in the case of patterned glass, partly visible—so that collisions are avoided. Clear glass doors in shops allow the passersby to see in. Patterned glass doors, on the other hand, allow light and open effect to be maintained while giving privacy; they prevent the possibility of walking into a clear glass door (a surprisingly common occurrence). Patterned glass doors are often used in shower and locker rooms or swimming pool areas.

It is important to select the hardware function to be used with the allglass door early in the job planning stage. Operating hardware varies widely for different types of doors, and frames must be designed to accept the selected hardware. Neither the size of the door nor the location of the hardware on the door can be changed after fabrication of the glass; therefore, final dimensions must be arrived at prior to ordering. Doors are available in glass thicknesses of  $\frac{3}{8}$  in.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., and  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. The 3/8-in. door is the only glass door available in patterned as well as polished glass. This door also has the choice of conventional hinge mountings as well as the familiar floorpivot mountings.

Tempered glass also is widely used in windows for institutions, jails, and gymnasiums; for a protective covering under hospital operating room lights; for basketball backboards, hockey rink shields, and swimming pool wind screens.

For purposes of thermal shock strength and corrosion resistance, flat borosilicate glass is beginning to come into architectural use. Skylights have been made of borosilicate, as have lighting shields for ball parks. Because of its corrosion resistance borosilicate glass resists pitting and etching much better than lime glass, and hence remains cleaner looking and is easier to wash.

NOTE: More detailed information on architectural glass is available from the manufacturers and from the glass jobbers and glaziers. In addition there is extensive literature on glass. Several books which the architect may add to his reference library are: Phillips, C. J.: "Glass the Miracle Maker," 2nd ed., Pitman Publishing Corp., N. Y., 1948; Scholes, S. R.: "Modern Glass Practice," rev. ed., Industrial Publications, Inc., Chicago, 1952; Shand, E. B.: "Glass Engineering Handbook," 2nd ed., Mc-Graw-Hill Book Company, Inc., N. Y., 1958. (All three have good bibliographies.)

# **Product Reports**

## FLOOR-CEILING SYSTEM FOR AIR CONDITIONING



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Reduction in air circulation as compared to all-air systems allows the *Celluflor* to handle all ventilation air without added duct work. This is said to enable savings of up to nine inches of vertical space for each floor of the building. — *Inland Steel Products Co., P.O. Box 393, Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin.* 

### WIRE REPLACES HEADER JOINTS IN BRICK WALLS

A method of joining face brick to concrete block using wire reinforcement instead of traditional brick header joints has considerable merit over the more conventional construction, according to tests at the Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology. In a study conducted for the Dur-O-waL Division of Cedar Rapids Block Company, it was found that wire joined walls are less permeable to moisture than walls constructed with brick headers. The wire-tied walls do not provide a continuous path for water to travel through the wall, and less saturation occurs. They also have an additional factor of safety after initial cracking has occurred.

Tests were run on the traditional header-tied walls, a truss-shaped wire wall tie and a tab wire tie (illustrated). Specimen walls consisted of a face brick with either 4- or 8-in. concrete block back-ups.

Compression tests showed: (1) initial failure due to compression is not affected by the type of wall tie; (2) after initial failure, however, wire ties appear to be more effective than header ties in holding a wall together. Wind loading revealed no difference in the wall strength due to the type of tie employed. — Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology, 35 West 33rd Street, Chicago 16, Ill.

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## **Office** Literature

#### CLASSROOM COMFORT



Unit ventilators for classroom heating and air conditioning apply heat directly to cold wall and window surfaces to eliminate down draft and body-heat loss-

es. The ventilators and matching accessory cabinets are illustrated in color. American-Standard Industrial Div., Detroit 32, Mich.

#### WIDE-ANGLE LIGHT FIXTURE

Fresnel Lens Downlite, recessed for lower glare, offers wide-angle light distribution and a reflector which is said to give greater efficiency. Morris Kurtzon, Inc., 1420 S. Talman, Chicago 8, Ill.

#### FLOORING HANDBOOK

"Flooring Specification Manual" has full-color illustrations of inlaid vinyl, linoleum and resilient tiles of all kinds for floors, walls and countertops. The 94-page, hard-cover book has detailed information about factors to consider in choosing a floor covering, costs, maintenance, light reflectance, electrical conductivity and preparation of underfloors. Congoleum-Nairn Inc., Kearny, N. J.\*

#### LOBBY DETAILS

(A.I.A. 15-H-1) Details of the lobby in the Union Carbide building show the use of stainless steel through pictures, diagrams and scale drawings. U.S. Steel Corp., 525 Wm. Penn Place, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.\*

#### LOUVERS

(A.I.A. 30-J) Extruded aluminum louvers, dampers, penthouses and other fabricated louver products are in a 24-page catalog, which includes technical data and scaled drawings. *Air Balance, Inc., 8933 Krewstown Road, Philadelphia 15, Pa.* 

#### DOORS AND WINDOWS

(A.I.A. 16-E) Specifications for aluminum prime windows and sliding glass doors are contained in two 16-page booklets. Architectural Aluminum Manufacturers Assoc., 35 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago 1, Ill.

#### PRESTRESSED CONCRETE

"Fundamentals of Prestressed Concrete Design" covers prestressing high strength concrete, principles of design for flexure and shear, and interpretation of specifications and codes. The 84-page handbook is \$3.00. *Pres-Stressed Concrete Institute*, 205 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Ill.

#### AIR CONDITIONERS

Packaged air conditioners in 20- to 60-ton capacities with a choice of airor water-cooled condensers and five fan discharge arrangements. Acme Industries, Inc., 600 N. Mechanic St., Jackson, Mich.

#### STEEL-FRAMED SCHOOLS

Advantages of using steel for schools are presented with pictures, floor plans and design data on ten steelframed schools by prominent architects. A 34-page booklet. American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc., 101 Park Ave., New York 17, N.Y.

#### **OFFICE CHAIRS**

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#### COLD STORAGE DOORS

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#### SOUND SYSTEMS

Fourteen types of sound systems for auditoriums with capacities ranging from 300 to 2,000 seats. Audio-Visual Products, Radio Corporation of America, Meadow Lands, Pa.\*

#### FIRE TESTS OF CONCRETE

"Fire Tests of Precast Cellular Concrete Floors and Roofs" shows effect of the amount of cover for reinforcing bars, overall thickness, amount and distribution of reinforcement, and density of concrete. Monograph 45, 12 pages, 15 cents. Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.

#### **BIRCH KITCHENS**



(A.I.A. 35-C-1, 2-B) Birch kitchen cabinets come in a wide variety of sizes, with accessories, racks, and special equipment. Specification details are given.

Finishes include Bronzeglow, Royal Birch, and Heather Birch. H. J. Scheirich Co., 250 Ottawa Ave., Louisville 9, Ky.

#### INDUSTRIAL LIGHT FIXTURE

An 18-in.-wide industrial light fixture uses parabolic reflectors to control light from *Power Groove* lamps. Ten pages. Solar Light Mfg. Co., 1990 N. Mannheim Road, Melrose Park, Ill.

#### DRAWING REPRODUCTION

"Engineering Reproduction Handbook" has technical data on all Du Pont films and papers used in architectural and engineering-graphics reproduction. Future supplements to the loose-leaf manual will be sent free to owners. Cost \$5.00. E. I. Du Pont De Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Del.

#### SCHOOL LIGHTING

A 16-page technical publication on school lighting has special sections on all specific areas, including lighting for television viewing and audiovisual activities. Inquiry Bureau, Dept. TP-102, General Electric Co., Nela Park, Cleveland 12, Ohio

#### **GARAGE DOORS**

Residential all-steel sectional garage doors are illustrated in a 4-page folder. Morrison Steel Products, Inc., P. O. Box 3003, Buffalo 5, N.Y.

#### STEEL ANALYSES

"Pocket Guide to Steel Analyses" has 28 pages listing compositions of 42 stainless steels, 112 carbon steels and 184 alloy steels. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., Box 4606, Detroit 34, Mich.\*

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For classroom corridor walls (next page) he suggests translucent L·O·F Rough Plate. This glass has a texture that provides classroom privacy, yet transmits borrowed light. And over the corridor is a skylight of *Tuf-flex* (or



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1. The Ultimate Cost Of Three Floor Finishes In Tax Exempt School Buildings, Clayford T. Grimm, P. E., Special Consultant, 1959.

2. Survey by Walter Gerson & Associates, Inc., marketing research and management consultant firm, December, 1959.

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The most recent major development in the capital took place under President Hoover and Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon, who conceived the great Federal Triangle. This spacious and dignified complex of office structures occupies the area formed by Constitution Avenue, Fourteenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. As a result, all of the space on the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue between the Capitol and the White House is occupied by public buildings.

It was clear to the planners of the 1920's that the south side of Pennsvlvania Avenue could not be developed while neglecting the north side. To develop one without the other would produce an imbalance wholly at odds with the spirit of L'Enfant. Accordingly, the plans for the Federal Triangle were accomplished by plans for a Municipal Center on the north side of the Avenue extending from Third Street to Sixth Street, with John Marshall Place at the center. The architecture of the Municipal buildings was to follow closely that of the Federal structures opposite.

Andrew Mellon expressed with great feeling the harmony of the scene he hoped to create:

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ings, all of a design in keeping with the semi-classical tradition so well established in Washington. On the north side vistas will be opened up, so that groups of buildings, such as the beautiful District of Columbia Courthouse, on John Marshall Place, shall be brought into the general plan of Pennsylvania Avenue. At the same time the Mall will present the spectacle of a great park bordered on one side by the new boulevard lined with beautiful buildings, a wide parkway of greensward with its four rows of trees, its drives and walks, statues, and reflecting pools, all arranged in such a way that long vistas will be opened up for views of the Capitol in one direction and of the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial in the other."

The plans for Pennsylvania Avenue were never fulfilled. The great depression prevented the completion of the façade of the Federal buildings (while the Main Court of the Triangle was left to become a parking lot of surpassing ugliness). For various reasons, only about half the Municipal Center was constructed.

The result of the failure to fulfill this grand concept has been lamentable disharmony. On the south side of the avenue the stately progression of Federal offices designed under Andrew Mellon is twice interrupted by earlier structures of a quite different character. The north side presents a scene of desolation: block after block of decayed 19th Century buildings, many of which are vacant above the first story, only rarely interspersed by partially successful efforts at modernization. The roadway, sidewalks, lamp posts and other features of the avenue have been sorely neglected. Increasingly the Capitol itself is cut off from the most developed part of the city by a blighted area that is unsightly by day and empty by night.

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place. Large segments on the north side are decayed beyond restoration. It is clear that a great many of the buildings are about to be torn down and replaced by new structures which will include both private and public buildings.

This presents a great opportunity. From Washington's time there has been a general understanding that the Federal Government has a responsibility to maintain standards of buildings and architecture in the Nation's capital. For the past half century this function has been ably performed by the Commission of Fine Arts. The prospect that a considerable number of buildings will be erected along Pennsylvania Avenue in a short span of time makes it possible to consider the over-all appearance, as well as the appearance of the individual structures. Instead of designing and constructing one new building at a time, it becomes possible to design and construct what would, in effect, be a new avenue.

This is an opportunity not to be missed. It will not come again for a half century or more, except at the prohibitive cost of demolishing large blocks of new and expensive office buildings.

At the same time it is clear that a dramatic transformation in the appearance of Pennsylvania Avenue is possible with only a marginal increase in projected expenditure. The General Services Administration hopes to build a number of new buildings in the downtown area. The need for additional office space is such that it cannot be doubted that Congress will approve. There are equally good grounds to suppose that substantial private capital will be expended for hotels and office buildings in the downtown area. (It may be noted that Washington attracts over 15,000,000 visitors a year.) Merely by combining these separate endeavors in one construction program a totality far more handsome, more truly functional, and more soundly economical may be achieved.

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trict government, should formally undertake the redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue, so that it may assume its rightful place as the principal thoroughfare of the Nation's capital.

The Pennsylvania Avenue project should be regarded as a continuation of the work on the Federal Triangle which began a generation ago. In this instance, however, the effort should involve a partnership between the Government and private enterprise. A primary object of the redevelopment of the avenue should be to emphasize the role of the Capitol itself as the center of the city. For this reason care should be taken not to line the north side with a solid phalanx of public and private office buildings which close down completely at night and on weekends. leaving the Capitol more isolated than ever. Pennsylvania Avenue should be lively, friendly and inviting, as well as dignified and impressive.

As much attention should be paid to the 160-ft-wide avenue itself as to the buildings that line it. Much repairing and rearranging is in order. The object should be to produce an avenue on which it is pleasant to walk as well as possible to drive. Benches, arcades, sculpture, planting and fountains should be encouraged.

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In the May issue of the RECORD (pages 14-15), the story "U.S. Picks Architect by Competition" did not include the fact that the program of requirements furnished to competing architects was prepared by Alston G. Guttersen, A.I.A., in collaboration with a committee of advisers and the Bureau of Prisons' administrative and medical staff.



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