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BUILDING TYPES STUDY: HOSPITALS

An analytical look at the variety of hospital facilities of high quality the nation is getting as architects across the country find increasing opportunities, even in very small communities, for this field of practice. (F. W. Dodge Corp. estimates this category will go up three per cent in 1960.) Five hospitals are included in the study; they range from very small to very large, offer urban, suburban and rural examples.

ARCHITECTURE AS MIES HAS MADE IT

The 1960 Gold Medal of the American Institute of Architects will be awarded next month to Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, whose architecture is perhaps the most undeniable influence on all of modern architecture. A major article will provide a look at some of Mies' newest work and a backward glance at some of the great milestones along the way.

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Designing for Outer Space

The matter-of-fact little item that accepts the momentous as routine sometimes accents it more compellingly than a front-page banner headline. See the following announcement in the February issue of BRI's Building Science News: "The fifth annual Engineers, Scientists and Architects Day program to be held in Washington, D.C., Feb. 25, will feature the great challenge of the 1960's, space. Moderator will be T. J. Killian, Office of Naval Research, and papers will deal, among other subjects, with Habitats in Space (by Prof. P. A. Goettelmann, Catholic University) and Engineering in Space (by Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, Natl. Aeronautics and Space Admin.). Principal speaker will be Dr. James A. Van Allen, discover of the radiation belts in space, who will discuss The Radiation Environment of the Earth. Program is organized annually by the D.C. Council of Engineering and Architectural Societies and the Washington Academy of Sciences."

What Next for Building?

What was described as a major electronic breakthrough by Westinghouse Electric Corporation was featured in newspaper reports of interviews with Westinghouse president Mark W. Cresap Jr. a few weeks ago. The implications of Westinghouse research in "molecular electronics" in the construction of missiles, space vehicles, television sets, were said to be very sweeping. In response to a RECORD inquiry, Dr. S. W. Herwald, Westinghouse vice president, research, has suggested some possible implications for building: "Molecular electronics, as such, is most likely to affect the building construction industry through the changes it will make in the communication and entertainment equipment that is utilized. For example, it might make feasible economical mass usage of intercommunication throughout a building, office or home. Likewise, the economics of a television type picture added to this intercommunication media might become economically feasible. Another area which may be affected is that which controls the environment in any building. It is possible over the long term, for example, that molecular electronics might take over the complete power switching function within any building, and perhaps enable cost reductions in sensing computation equipment that would permit turning the power circuits desired on or off, simply by speaking the command into the intercommunications system previously mentioned."

A Word from the Client

Almost everybody has had his say about the Guggenheim by now, but the arrival of a little booklet on the well-publicized opening ceremonies of last fall is a reminder (because it includes the remarks on that occasion of Harry F. Guggenheim, president of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation) that the client (if he is defined as the owner rather than the museum's director) has not really had much of a hearing. Is the Foundation satisfied client? This is what Mr. Guggenheim had to say at the opening: "This building we open today is a complete break from the traditional museums of the past. The display of works of art for the benefit of the public has its genesis in the use, first of places of worship, and later of palaces of deposed monarchs and former residences of rich benefactors of the arts. These palaces of Medieval or Renaissance architecture were makeshift, ill-suited and inadequate for display. However, outworn tradition persisted even to the point of influencing the design of the galleries erected in the new world. In a revolt from this tradition, buildings of conventional contemporary design were adopted, but not too happily for the display of art. The architecture of this museum is not only an evolution but a revolution in design. We trust that the public, to whom it is presented, will find new interest in this creation of Frank Lloyd Wright and gift from Solomon R. Guggenheim." And: "In the creation of this building, Frank Lloyd Wright again has demonstrated his genius. The composition, the beauty and the majesty of this building will make it live long among the architectural treasures of man." Allowing for a certain difference in mode of expression, Mr. Wright himself could hardly have sounded more transported.

Less Clutter, Please

In earnest, if not impassioned tones, Edward Larrabee Barnes last month urged the home furnishings world to please leave the architect some space he could see. Addressing a luncheon meeting of the National Home Fashions League in New York, Mr. Barnes said: "If all our rooms were spacious, the bulk of furniture would not loom as a problem. But too often, by the time we have put in the bare essentials, the lower three ft of the room has been lost in a sea of chair backs and lampshades. We have sacrificed space for possessions. We have lost the floor plane and the bottom third of the room. It is not just a matter of too much furniture. The furniture itself is too complicated. Next time you drop a needle or a pin, get down on your hands and knees and study the bottom 18 in. of your living room. It is a strange world of assorted legs and twisted light cords that we accept only because we are used to it. . . . This is the world of cats and dogs and dust balls where the architect and the furniture designer are supposed to meet." Mr. Barnes forwarded suggestions for other areas where architects and designers might meet: in the design of forms ("there is a great need for impersonal modest design"); in the elimination of legs ("if each piece of furniture in our house could stand on one leg, we would have reduced the forest of legs by 75 per cent"); in the elimination of wires, and in built-ins, and in modular coordination ("of all the rooms in the house, the kitchen is the most technically advanced, and here there is the best collaboration between architect and manufacturer"). The aim of these efforts, of course, goes beyond gratification for the architect and profit for the manufacturer—for the householder, it could mean "an atmosphere of peace, serenity and room to think."
Yamasaki Creates
Domed Exhibit

Minoru Yamasaki was the architect of the United States Exhibit at the first World Agriculture Fair, recently held in New Delhi, India. The four main exhibition buildings (see model photo at right) were surrounded by 32 precast concrete golden domes, each 17 ft in diam and 40 ft high. Above is a picture taken at the Exhibit, showing some of the domes. The four buildings contained research and other demonstrations, a barn, food displays, and demonstrations of atomic energy in agriculture. Frank Noftz & Associates designed the displays.

John Kelly Designs
Canopied House

John Terence Kelly designed this “Space Age House,” to be exhibited next month at the Cleveland Home and Flower Show. Mr. Kelly was named to design the structure by the Cleveland chapter, A.I.A. The house consists of 15 umbrella-like hexagonal frames 15 ft high, surmounted by copper canopies; sheets of glass form walls between canopy edges and ground. Sheets of clear plastic are used overhead in some areas. Bedrooms, baths, and certain other rooms have 7-ft walls.
Copper gives lasting beauty to outstanding design

Whether viewed from ground level or from nearby Golden Gate Bridge, the copper roof of the Longshoremen's Memorial Building in San Francisco contributes much to the modern architecture of the structure.

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A.I.A.'s National Awards Program Cites Sixteen Buildings

In the 12th annual Honor Awards Program of the American Institute of Architects, 16 buildings (shown on these pages and pages 14 and 15) were cited. Five buildings "which demonstrate true leadership" in architectural design were selected by the all-architect jury to receive First Honor Awards. The jury also made 11 Awards of Merit.


There were 289 submissions. The jury felt that "the designs selected represent an outstanding contribution to the cause of good architecture in at least one major aspect." Certificates will be presented to the architects and owners of the 16 cited buildings at the A.I.A.'s convention in San Francisco next month.


Buildings in the News

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Fellowship Hall), Sarasota, Fla.  
Architect: Victor A. Lundy, A.I.A.  
Owner: St. Paul's Lutheran Church.  
Contractor: T. T. Watson, Inc.

The Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore.  
Engineers: Henry Adams, Inc.  
Owner: The Church of the Redeemer.  
General contractor: Consolidated Engineering Company, Inc.

Clemens Homes (PHA Project Mich. 28-1), Mount Clemens, Mich.  
Architects: Meathe, Kessler & Associates, Inc.  
Owner: Mount Clemens Public Housing Commission.  
Contractor: C. H. Reisdorf & Sons, Inc.

16 Buildings Cited in A.I.A.'s Program

AWARDS OF MERIT

Residence for Alyn B. Reid, Mill Valley, Calif.  
Architect: Lee Stuart Darrow, A.I.A.  
Structural engineer: Constantine C. Chekene.  
General contractor: Ralph Briggs

Builder's House (one of two pilot houses for hillside lots), Mill Valley, Calif.  
Architect: Raphael S. Soriano, A.I.A.  
Owner, developer, general contractor: Frank McCauley

Lenox Square Shopping Center, Atlanta.  
Architects: Toombs, Amisano & Wells.  
Landscape architect: Hideo Sasaki.  
Structural engineers: Mullen & Powell.  
Sculptors: Elbert Weinberg; Irwin Hauer (cooling towers).  
Owner: Samuel R. Noble Foundation.  
General contractor (except for Rich's and Davison's): Lenox Contracting and Engineering Company; Rich's contractor: Batsoman & Cook Company; Davison's contractor: J. A. Jones Construction Company


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News of Architecture Abroad

These two religious buildings at Brasilia, the new capital city of Brazil, were designed by Oscar Niemeyer, as were all other public buildings (Lucio Costa planned the city, which is scheduled to become the official capital next month; see AR, Jan. '59, pp. 14-15). At left and above are views of the completed Chapel of the President's Palace, a reinforced concrete structure surfaced with grayish-white marble. The entrance is between the beginning and end of the spiral wall. The entrance portal, inset with squares of glass, shows at right in the interior photograph. All walls are covered with gilded paper in an indented vertical design. (These four photographs are from a forthcoming book on contemporary church architecture by Albert Christ-Janer and Mary Mix Foley, to be published by F. W. Dodge Corporation.)

Brasilia: A Completed Chapel and a Planned Cathedral

The Cathedral of Brasilia, shown in model form, is to seat 4000. A depressed circle is framed with concave bents of reinforced concrete, anchored at ground level and secured near the top and inset with fumed brown refracting glass. Entrances are via underground passages. The main hall is a large open space. The separate round structure is the baptismry.
Concrete panels made with Trinity White—the whitest white cement

The white decorative panels were made with 100% Trinity White portland cement. The darker panels were made by combining 50% Trinity White with 50% standard gray cement.
How to choose an acoustical ceiling to help prevent room-to-room sound-transmission problems

Selecting the right acoustical ceiling now made easier with results of new AMA standard tests

Objectionable sound transmission from room to room is a relatively new problem. It has grown out of the development of lighter weight construction materials and the need for more flexible interior planning. "Massive construction" formerly helped solve any problems before they arose. But now privacy from unwanted sound must be planned on the drawing boards.

Acoustical ceilings are important factors in this planning. For example, where movable, ceiling-height partitions are to be used, the selection of the right acoustical ceiling material is the only practical and economical way to prevent sound transmission over the partitions. The diagrams on the opposite page explain why.

Which acoustical material is the "right" one? That depends on the layout of the interior, the effectiveness of the partitions themselves, the use to which the interior will be put, and cost. In all cases, the resistance of the ceiling material to sound transmission will be a vital consideration.

To eliminate the confusion caused by many "independent" tests, the Acoustical Materials Association (whose members include nearly every major manufacturer of acoustical ceilings) recently adopted a standard procedure for measuring the room-to-room attenuation factors of suspended acoustical ceilings. AMA tests have been performed on nearly every acoustical ceiling material. The results of the tests of Armstrong acoustical ceilings (as measured by Geiger & Hamme, Consultants in Acoustics) are shown in the table on the opposite page.

Tear out that page. Before you specify another acoustical ceiling for use above ceiling-height partitions, compare these test results with the AMA test results of any other materials under consideration. And, for a more comprehensive discussion of this whole problem, ask your Armstrong representative or your Armstrong acoustical contractor to show you the new color film, "Understanding Sound Transmission."
Three ways to prevent sound-transmission problems

1. Extending the partitions upward to the floor slab destroys the partition's chief advantage—mobility.

2. Placing a layer of high-density gypsum board above the material is effective—but expensive.

3. Best solution is to select an acoustical material with good sound-transmission loss properties.

Room-to-room attenuation factors (in decibels)—Armstrong Acoustical Ceilings

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Mies Wins A.I.A. Gold Medal

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, F.A.I.A., has won the 1960 Gold Medal of the American Institute of Architects. He was elected to receive the medal by the A.I.A.'s Board of Directors.

Mies will receive the award at the annual dinner on April 21, during the A.I.A.'s convention in San Francisco.

Mies, who was born in 1886 in Germany, came to this country in 1938. For some years he was director of architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he designed many of the buildings. Among his other works are the 860 Lake Shore Drive Apartments in Chicago and the Seagram Building in New York (the latter in collaboration with Philip Johnson). Mies was the winner of the 1959 Royal Gold Medal for Architecture.

Nervi Wins R.I.B.A. Gold Medal

Pier Luigi Nervi has been awarded the 1960 Royal Gold Medal for Architecture by the Royal Institute of British Architects. The Italian architect and engineer is noted particularly for his use of concrete. Among his works are: Flaminio Stadium, Rome; Stadium in Taormina, Sicily; Olympic Sports Palace, Rome (all AR, Dec., '58, pp. 107-118). He was engineer for the Palazzetto dello Sport, Rome (AR, May '58, pp. 207-209) and the UNESCO Headquarters, Paris (AR, Feb. '58, pp. 165-169). He is also the author of Structures published by F. W. Dodge Corporation.

A.I.A. Convention Preview

"Expanding Horizons" will be the general theme of next month's annual convention of the American Institute of Architects, to be held in San Francisco (Mark Hopkins Hotel, April 18-22). The four major speakers will be: J. Robert Oppenheimer, director, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J.; C. Northcote Parkinson, historian and author of Parkinson's Law; Morton G. White, professor of philosophy, Harvard University; Wendell Bell, associate professor of sociology, University of California. Their talks will be related to architecture by panels of architects whose members will include: Harry Weese, Henry Whitney, William W. Wurster, O'Neill Ford, George Fred Keck, Maynard Lyndon, Walter Netsch, Robert Alexander, Louis Kahn, Lawrence Anderson, and John Johansen. The convention program was worked out by a committee of the Northern California chapter under the chairmanship of Donn Emmons. A subcommittee formulated the professional program; its chairman was John Lyon Reid, and its members were Henry Schubart, William Stephen Allen, George Rockrise, Ezra Ehrenkrantz, and Elisabeth Kendall Thompson, senior editor and Western editor, ARCHITECTURAL RECORD.

In addition to the presentation of the 1960 Gold Medal to Ludwig Mies van der Rohe (see above), a number of other important awards will be conferred. The Allied Professions Medal will be presented to Francis Gibbs, partner in the New York firm of Gibbs & Cox, naval architects and marine engineers. The Edward C. Kemper Award for service to the Institute will be conferred on Philip D. Creer, F.A.I.A., partner in Creer & Roessner, Austin, Texas.

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Francisco. (Ken Hedrich, also an architectural photographer, received the Fine Arts Medal last year.) The 1960 Fine Arts Medal will be awarded to Thomas Hart Benton, painter, and the Craftsmanship Medal to William L. DeMatteo, silversmith.

Five foreign architects will be installed as Honorary Fellows. They are: Henrique E. Mindlin, Brazil; Santiago Agurto Calvo, Peru; Robin Boyd, Australia; Jose Gnecco-Fallon, Colombia; Hideo Futami, Japan.

Also, Honorary Memberships will be awarded to four non-architects: Shirley Cooper, assistant executive secretary, American Association of School Administrators; James H. Douglas, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Raymond R. Tucker, mayor of St. Louis; Sir Leslie Monro of New Zealand, Ambassador to the United States and permanent representative to the United Nations.

Worth the Winning

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR THE DESIGN OF A LIBRARY FOR TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN. Trinity College plans a $1.4-million extension to its existing 18th-century library; a harmonizing contemporary design is hoped for. The one-stage competition will be held under the rules of the Federation Internationale des Architectes. Members of the jury: Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, director, Harvard University Library; Sir Hugh Casson, professor of interior design, Royal College of Art, London; Franco Albini, professor of architecture, Venice; Raymond McGrath, principal architect, Office of Public Works, Dublin. First, second, and third prizes: sterling equivalents of $4,200, $2,100, and $1,400 (the winner will receive a total of about $85,000, including all fees). Judgment will be held next November. Details from: American Council for Trinity College, Dublin, 53 E. 93rd St., New York 28.

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MAJOR CURRENT COMPETITIONS

National Competition for Designer-Craftsmen (Feb., p. 28)
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13th Annual Engineering Undergraduate Award and Scholarship Design Program, (Feb., p. 28)
International Competition for the Design of a Library for Trinity College, Dublin (see above)

Mason Wins Fitzpatrick Award

U. S. Housing Administrator Norman P. Mason has been named the first recipient of the newly established F. Stuart Fitzpatrick Memorial Award in recognition of his "outstanding individual achievement in the unification of the building industry."

The F. Stuart Fitzpatrick Memorial Award was established last fall under the sponsorship of the American Institute of Architects, Building Research Institute, Producers' Council, Associated General Contractors, and National Association of Home Builders. The award honors the memory of Mr. Fitzpatrick, for 25 years manager of the construction and civic development department of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and widely known and respected throughout the building industry.

Above: A model of the latest conception—still subject to final approval—of the exterior of the new Metropolitan Opera House (Wallace K. Harrison, architect), to be constructed as part of New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Left: Two earlier conceptions.
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Revised Zoning for New York
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Progress is being made on the immensely complicated job of framing a new zoning resolution for New York. There is widespread agreement that the present intricate, much-amended regulations dating from 1916 need to be replaced by a simplified set of rules intended to make possible more architectural variety, less crowding of people and automobiles, and more logical land use; but there is much less unanimity on how this is to be accomplished.

A proposed new resolution and detailed explanations were published a year ago in a 376-page report prepared for the City Planning Commission (James Pelt, chairman) by Voorhees Walker Smith & Smith (now Voorhees Walker Smith Smith & Haines), New York architects who were special consultants to the revision. (See AR, April, ’59, pp. 32, 36.)

Since then, the VWS&S report has been the object of detailed, intensive study by interested groups. The New York Chapter, American Institute of Architects, has now issued a 57-page report, based on months of study of the proposed new resolution. The report, which endorses the VWS&S proposals, presents the chapter’s analysis of them and describes its recommendations for changes. The
report was reviewed and endorsed by the Architects Council of New York City, composed of the A.I.A. chapters for the five boroughs and the Brooklyn Society of Architects and New York Society of Architects. The document was prepared by the New York Chapter's civic design committee (G. Harmon Gurney, chairman), through its special subcommittee on zoning. (The Metropolitan Association of Real Estate Boards, however, issued a strongly critical analysis—without counter-proposals—of the VWS&S proposals.)

Also in December, the City Planning Commission made public its proposed new zoning resolution, based on the VWS&S concepts, but containing many changes in both text and mapping. Hearings are to be held this month on this proposed resolution. Meanwhile, the organized architects of the city are planning to issue a statement on it. It seems likely that New York will get new and improved zoning fairly soon.

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The development was initiated by ACTION-Housing, Inc., of Pittsburgh. That group asked ACTION of New York to prepare a report on housing needs in the Pittsburgh area. The Pittsburgh organization also commissioned a team of distinguished architects and planners to evolve a prospectus for the East Hills demonstration specifically. The members of the team were: B. Kenneth Johnstone, Pittsburgh architect and member of ACTION-Housing's board; Carl Koch and Gardner Ertman of Carl Koch and Associates, Inc.; José Luis Sert of Sert, Jackson and Gourley; Walter Gropius and Donald C. Freeman of The Architects Collaborative. Development and planning consultants were: Burnham Kelly, professor of city planning at M.I.T., and Martin Meyerson, vice president for research of ACTION and author of the report on Pittsburgh housing needs.

A key paragraph in the prospectus says: "The development will demonstrate the gains in design and construction that may be realized when designers are freed, within reasonable limits, from the restrictive provisions of conventional land and building regulations and controls. Innovations in materials, construction systems, services, and the use of labor will be encouraged throughout to the extent that they are tested and ready for large-scale construction. In the case of 250 units, provision will be made for the use of basic new approaches to overall housing design."

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More Starts but Slightly Less Money Budgeted by President for 1961—Less for Federal Buildings, School and Hospital Grants – Congress Expected to Push Appropriation Closer to Current Expenditures Levels

The most startling feature of the new budget for fiscal 1961 was the Administration’s reversal of policy on starts for Federal public works projects.

Running against the Congressional wind for the past few years on this subject, the President now has reversed himself and proposes that work begin next fiscal year on 46 new jobs for the development of water and power. These would total more than $645 million in initial cost. The Army Corps of Engineers alone would be starting work on 11 new navigation projects, 10 flood protection projects, a few beach erosion control jobs, and one multi-purpose project.

The total fiscal 1961 amount budgeted for Federal public works, including major national security building programs, is $694.5 million compared with $729.5 million estimated for the current fiscal period.

The Public Buildings Service, operating in the first full fiscal year of the public buildings act, will have funds for the start of 16 new Federal building projects if Congressional committees approve. The approval is considered virtually certain.

The new budget contemplated an outlay of $170.6 million for civil public works activity in the General Services Administration, the major portion of which is for PBS. This compares with an estimated $148.1 billion for fiscal 1960. New obligations of $230.3 million is called for in 1961 for GSA.

Planning progress determines the amount of funds asked. The $48,022,000 Federal office building for San Francisco, for example, is included in the fiscal 1961 program, but no funds were asked for starting similar structures in Chicago and Denver. Plans for these latter two will not be sufficiently advanced in the fiscal period to justify a request for construction funds, PBS said.

First-year expenditure of $35 million is required for the 16 Federal buildings in the budget; their ultimate cost was placed at $154 million. Nine projects in all were identified by PBS in the new list. In addition to that for San Francisco were the following by location and estimated cost: Toledo, $8,183,000; Miami, $8,243,000; Hartford, $9,150,000; Bismarck, N. D., $8,565,000; Memphis, $11.5 million; Camden, Ark., $887,000—all Federal office buildings; two Washington, D. C., structures, a Food and Drug Administration laboratory, $17.4 million, and a new office building $44,125,000.

Altogether, it was indicated that $167.7 million worth of projects would be ready to go forward during the coming fiscal year; and these were to be started if committee approval was forthcoming. The major renovation and air conditioning of existing Federal buildings will be continued and planning will be started on other buildings to be constructed in subsequent years.

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The President asked less money for the grants-in-aid program for Hill-Burton hospital construction, $126.2 million compared with $186.2 million this year; school construction in Federally-affected areas, $44,590,000 compared with $61,135,000, and waste treatment works, $20 million compared with $43 million. And authorizations for grants for construction of health research facilities would drop to $25 million from $30 million.

The State Department’s foreign building program would be held at current levels under the budget proposals. Authorizing legislation presented by the State Department calls for an appropriation of $17,372,000, the same amount estimated for this fiscal year. Total budget expenditures of $18.2 million for fiscal 1961 are estimated, however, against $15 million this year. The program involves the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of buildings abroad.

Fiscal 1961 outlays under the heading of major national security construction totaled more than $1.6 billion, with new authorizations for this program estimated at something in excess of $1.4 billion. This includes military public works expenditures of $1354 million and Atomic Energy Commission outlays of $277,665,000. The military portion breaks down this way—Army, $286,200,000; Navy, $247 million, Air Force, $791 million, and interservice activities, $29,860,000.

The new budget upped the estimated expenditures for the office of the architect of the Capitol from $28.9 million this year to $54.2 million in fiscal 1961 with no new obligatory authority asked for next year.

Other construction expenditures estimated: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, $75 million compared with $45 million this year; Post Office Department, $80 million compared with $71.8 million this year, and Bureau of Reclamation, $233.3 million as against $180.7 million this year.
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The editors of Architectural Record have assembled in this volume 44 houses from all regions of the United States and by many different architects. All the houses were originally published in the 1956, 1957, and 1958 issues of Record Houses, this magazine's special house annual. The same careful geographical and cost-range balance that has been true of each of the annuals has been maintained in this collection.

Among the architects represented are Marcel Breuer, Richard J. Neutra, Eliot Noyes, Paul Rudolph, and The Architects Collaborative. The houses differ greatly, as might be expected, but they have in common the fact that they were designed and built to be lived in and enjoyed.

The houses are shown and described in photographs (including a number in color), plans, details, and text. Special elements, such as lighting, stairways, heating facilities, kitchen arrangements, and bathrooms, receive particular attention. There also are examples of houses planned for future expansion.

The volume includes an article by Russell Lynes on "The American at Home" and a text-and-picture story by A. Lawrence Kocher on "The New House for Family Living," in this case the house Ulrich Franzen designed for his own family.

Viollet-le-Duc Reissued


The reader may understandably ask if this theoretical text by one of the most distinguished of 19th-century medievalists has any lasting significance today, outside of its inestimable value as an historical document. I think it does. If the Stones of Venice or the Kindergarten Chats can still speak to the present-day architect with a real immediacy that, say, Alberti, Palladio, or Vignola no longer have, then Viollet-le-Duc's writings certainly still have a potent appeal. His style of writing, although less concentrated than Le Corbusier's, has something of the latter's oracular flavor, and his rhetorical belligerence reminds one of van de Velde, Loos, or Wright. However, one ultimately senses an irresistible current of deep moral, almost righteous, indignation directed toward his opponents and enemies, a tone that strongly suggests Pugin or Ruskin—writers who are, after all, more nearly his contemporaries. Viollet-le-Duc reproduces from a secular, agnostic point of view many of the diatribes that are commonly associated with the propagandists of the English Gothic Revival. At the same time his overt attachment to a doctrine of technological determinism provides an unmistakable anticipation of our own "machine" art and architecture and its related movements.

The content of Viollet-le-Duc's Discourses, alternately historical, technical, and speculative, has a vitality as well as a non-eclectic universality that one would have thought possible only during the full flood of Renaissance Humanism. No facile dilettante, he was a scholar as well as an artist of major proportions in an age of specialization. The nature of his creativity may continued on page 68

Construction and the Law


The author's unusual combination of occupations—construction and engineering consultant, professor of engineering, and attorney-at-law—places him in an authoritative position to write on the many facets of the legal aspects of construction. His research indicates that a substantial cause of controversy and litigation in the construction industry is a lack of understanding of the proper business relationships involving the owner, financier, designer, and contractor connected with the typical building project.

After a general description of the building industry, Professor Sadler discusses all types of contracts; licensing of architects, engineers, and contractors (including comparison of the various state laws); and liabilities of the various parties. Some of the chapters typical of the book are: "The Owner's Responsibilities," "Defective Design and Construction," and "General Liabilities." Each is widely documented with legal case histories making available to the architect a much wider range of experience than he would ever be likely to gain in a lifetime of personal practice. The most thorough section explains disputes concerning "Rights at the Boundary." This is presumably the area of the greatest number of building and real-estate disputes and therefore, perhaps, will be the most interesting to the practicing architect.

For the attorney specializing in construction law, all cases are referenced and apparent contradictions noted. Of particular interest to this reader was the wide variation from state to state and from city to city in the statutes, ordinances, and common law concerning similar situations and the contradictory judgments awarded because of legal technicalities, regardless of the facts of the case in question.

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Viollet-le-Duc...

 seem elusive to the casual onlooker. Certain contemporary tastes, fondly attached to the simpler and plainer aspects of "functional" architecture, may find his original designs, especially those published in Volume II, vulgar, unlovely, and unfunctional. Others, more receptive or even revisionist in their preferences, may see in Viollet-le-Duc's inventions prescient forerunners of the nervously articulated architecture of the late 1950's. Or, to put it the other way around, perhaps the shifting of style and taste that is taking place as the 1960's begin is about to vindicate not just the theories but, equally, the architecture of Viollet-le-Duc.

The present edition of the Buck-nall translation of Viollet-le-Duc's *Entretiens sur l'architecture* (Paris, 1863-72) is a facsimile of the Ticknor and Company (Boston) reprint of 1889, not of the "First American Edition Published 1889," as the verso of its title page tells us. In fact, the first American edition of Volume I, in an entirely different translation by Henry van Brunt, the co-architect of Harvard's Memorial Hall, was published in 1875. In the process of reproduction the plates for this new edition have suffered. The original hard, needle-like accuracy of the line cuts has become coarsened, and the result is too fuzzy. Even worse, the large fold-out plates of the earlier American and English editions (which were issued in a separate atlas by the French publisher) have, in the Grove Press edition, been printed across facing pages in such a way that the central portions of the illustrations are broken. Given this serious technical defect, and the high price of the new re-impression, the reader who feels impelled to acquire a copy of this important book...
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Cost comparisons, as percentage differences, for any particular type of construction, are possible between localities, or periods of time within the same city, by dividing the difference between the two index numbers by one of them; i.e.:

- index for city A = 110
- index 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.

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

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Cost comparisons cannot be made between different types of construction because the index numbers for each type relate to a different U. S. average for 1926-29.

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PLANS—A SUCCESS, BUILDING—A FAILURE

by Benjamin B. Loring, President, Seaporcel Metals, Inc.*

In the midst of an era of building construction that is at an all-time high, certain standards of architectural practice are at an all-time low.

Everywhere you look, architects are using the multitude of new materials to create designs that are fresh and crisp and bold and utilitarian as they have never been before. Design, at last, is no longer the afterthought, it is the first thought.

For architects, this development is a bonanza... and a booby-trap. The pressure created by the new materials is enormous. Today, creative architects must be familiar with materials that may not have existed five years ago. Wise architects ease this pressure. They take advantage of the extensive design consultation services offered by reputable manufacturers of these new materials.

But, so many more architects take the easy way out. They transfer the burden of knowing these new materials to the builders, the financiers and the contractors.

Thus, at the height of the building boom, these architects are getting short-changed every day of the week. Architects spend untold hours arriving at the precise specifications which will provide the most effective means to build within the design framework they have conceived.

The plans are then turned over to the builders, the financiers and the contractors. The specifications become a battleground for warring generals.

 Builders stay up nights devising ways to get around the specifications. Financiers scheme to cut costs. Contractors appear to meet specifications without actually doing so. The specifications are no longer standards of minimum acceptance, but are like the rules at school; to be broken, if possible, without getting caught.

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Forward-thinking architects can stop this rapid deterioration. They can pay more attention to follow-through... to making sure that what they specify is what they get.

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In the twelve years since he opened his own office in San Francisco, John Carl Warnecke has sharpened the focus of his design philosophy but he has not changed it: to develop an approach to architecture, not a style. To the current frenzy for more and more new forms, John Warnecke has turned a cool cheek, seeking instead a deliberate refinement of forms he has used and an evolution of new forms which will be responsive to the particular conditions of a building program. His office continues the tradition in the practice of architecture begun nearly fifty years ago by his father, Carl I. Warnecke, with whom he is a partner on certain jobs. His own firm recently expanded to include a number of associates.
POST OFFICE AND BOOKSTORE
Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.

In these new buildings for Stanford University, the design approach successfully combines a conscious recall of certain traditional elements of the earlier campus buildings and a strong expression of contemporary design, materials and construction methods. The long, flat-arched arcade, using the technical vocabulary of its own time, ties together visually the two new buildings and subtly allies them with the old. The red tile roofs, the tan color of the concrete's stucco finish and its slightly roughened surface are primarily a sensitive response to the overall context of the site, but they also satisfy the tradition of the Richardsonesque buildings on the campus (for which Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge were the architects). The new post office replaces one of these light tan, rusticated stone buildings. Strategically located at a point which students pass on the way between residence halls and academic buildings, the two new buildings open toward a landscaped pedestrian mall between them and the student union.

John Carl Warnecke, Architect; Isadore Thompson, Structural Engineer; Kasin, Gutman and Malayan, Mechanical Engineers; Thomas D. Church, Landscape Architect; Howard J. White, General Contractor
POST OFFICE AND BOOKSTORE

The arcade's distinctive vaulted forms visually link the bookstore and post office, and surround them with walks protected from rain. The columns are of concrete, poured in place; but the roof sections are precast and hoisted into place by crane; materials, method and design are in complete contrast to the pure masonry of the rusticated stone arcades around the "quads," built in the 1890's during the early days of the campus.

Precast concrete bents carry the structure of the bookstore building and free its interior of columns. The great skylight, running the length of the ridge on the hipped roof, floods this large open space with light and, since the building is used as both browsing library and sales room, the quality and quantity of light are important. On the mezzanine, reached by a central stairway which is the only interruption to the otherwise clear floor space, are retail sales and storage areas.

The post office is the smaller of the two buildings. By using the post office boxes as exterior filler walls—the boxes open from both the inside and the outside—all interior space is freed for postal work.
ASILOMAR HOUSING
Asilomar Beach State Park, Pacific Grove, Calif.

Inherent in the design challenge of the new buildings at Asilomar—a 50-year-old conference grounds recently taken over as a unique addition to California's chain of state beaches and parks—is the need for a sympathetic perception of the environmental relationships of the site. Here, both natural and man-made relationships are influences. The natural setting has the serene beauty for which the Monterey Peninsula is noted; the existing 40-year-old buildings, designed with a strong affinity for the place by the pioneer woman architect, Julia Morgan, are still in use. The new buildings—two housing units, a lounge-conference room and corporation yard—are in rare harmony with both the site and these older buildings. Only in part is this harmony due to the materials used, although redwood interiors, hand-split cedar shingles, and the local stone recall Julia Morgan's buildings. The low lines, simple details and sensitive use of the site without disturbing sand or trees, give the buildings an unaffected serenity altogether appropriate.

John Carl Warnecke and Associates, Architects; William B. Gilbert & Associates, Structural Engineers; Comstock Associates, General Contractors

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ASILOMAR HOUSING

Eventually automobiles will use a perimeter road, leaving the main part of the site free for footpaths. Rooms in the housing units are similar to those in motels. Each holds four beds, and opens onto a private deck facing the ocean. The living room, in the angle between the housing units, functions also as conference room and is equipped with chalk boards, screen and kitchenette.
RESIDENCE HALLS
University of California, Berkeley Campus

The tall buildings of the two new residence hall groups at the University of California house 1680 students; this explains, in part, their nine-story height in a two-story neighborhood. But this height, unusual in Berkeley, also makes possible the open central courts which, subdivided into smaller, more intimate courts, reflect some of the character of the surrounding residential district. The careful placing of the tall buildings on the perimeter of the site creates an environment of controlled space and gains the maximum openness for each site. The somewhat austerely expressed reinforced concrete structure of the halls is contrasted by the use of colored metal panels at the windows on the court sides of the buildings and on the street sides by the highly decorative cast stone grilles, 30 ft wide and eight-stories high, which screen the walls of utility rooms.

Warnecke & Warnecke, Architects; Isadore Thompson, Structural Engineer; Dudley Deane & Associates, Mechanical Engineers; Lawrence Halprin, Landscape Architect; Knorr-Elliott & Associates, Interior Designers; Dinwiddie Construction Company, General Contractors
RESIDENCE HALLS

Just as the residence halls reflect the scale of the University's buildings, so the pavilion-like dining halls with their informal, curving roofs respond to the character of the neighborhood. Each residence hall has its own dining room; arranged in pairs, these rooms can be used separately or together, as they are used at dinner when men and women students dine together. The central kitchen is on the same level as the dining rooms; below are the recreation room—with its own sunken court—and administration offices. Between the two blocks of buildings is a full block which is to be developed as a parking garage with playing fields on top.
RESIDENCE HALLS

Two of the halls in each block are for men, two are for women. In each building there are eight floors of double rooms, with a study room (facing page, bottom left) on every other floor. One elevator serves each building; an inside stair can be used between floors. The fire stair is outside and makes a strong design feature. Just inside the entrance to each building are lobby and desk (facing page, top right). The public rooms in each hall include a living room (facing page, center) which opens onto its own court; a library; and date rooms.

The design for these building groups won an invitational competition held by the University among seven architectural firms. During the early phase of this competition Warnecke and Warnecke held their own competition for design ideas among their staff members. The best ideas generated in this way were eventually synthesized into a single concept which was submitted in the University's competition.
RESIDENCE HALLS

Covered walkways connect all of the buildings and sometimes act as bridges across a sunken court, adding a three-dimensional quality to the site planning. The grille in front of the dining hall is of the same design as the large grille on the street side.

The following individuals in the Warnecke firm are to be credited, at his request, for their specific contributions in carrying out the work shown here: Carl Arras, Lun Chan, Robert Hart and Neill Smith, Associates; John Webb, James Hastings and Robert Eslin.
A THEATER BY WRIGHT

NAME: Kalita Humphreys Theater of the Dallas Theater Center
LOCATION: Dallas, Texas
ARCHITECT: Frank Lloyd Wright
SUPERVISING ARCHITECT: W. Kelly Oliver
LIGHTING AND MECHANICAL CONSULTANT FOR STAGE: George C. Izenour
MECHANICAL ENGINEERS: Herman Blum Engineers
CONTRACTOR: Henry C. Beck Co.
Frank Lloyd Wright never gave up what he considered a good idea, and the Dallas Theater Center is an outgrowth of two earlier experimental schemes. Around 1917 he planned a theater for Aline Barnsdall to be built in Los Angeles near her famous Hollyhock House at Olive Hill which he designed. The project fell through and he didn't get another chance at a major theater for many years until he developed a scheme for West Hartford, Connecticut, based on an earlier theater project for Broadacre City. It was never realized. A number of auditoriums have been included in his schemes. Both Taliesins have them, and several years before he died Wright erected a dance pavilion for his wife Olgivanna at the desert camp. The Olive Hill and Hartford theaters, however, can be considered prototypes of the new building in Dallas, the former in the fact that its basic concept provided for experimental theater and the latter in its use of a ramp system within a hexagon, as well as a circular revolving stage.

Of more importance to the design of the Dallas theater than these early models was a particular attitude strongly held by Wright. He believed in the dignity of manual labor, not only in the service of handcraft, but for its own sake. He was indifferent to mechanical contrivance, and did not want the form of his theater to be determined by the highly developed mechanics of modern theatrical production. In this design flats were to have been painted and stored in the basement workshop and lovingly toted by hand up one ramp, installed on the stage, and after the scene carried back down the opposite ramp to the basement. Unfortunately the turning radius in each ramp was determined by considerations of exterior mass and volume rather than function, and it became apparent that most pieces of scenery however gently carried by hand would be too long to round the bend. One of the ramps, therefore, is not used as such, and a mechanical lift has been installed across its width (see plan).

While a careful examination of the plan text continued on page 165
Left: view toward lighting booth on balcony. In the booth is located the electronic console with a pre-set memory developed by George C. Izenour which controls all stage lighting. Stage lights are positioned in the ceiling coves, in the steel mesh gridiron near the top of the loft, from the lower bridge 10 ft above the stage and from light slots in the floors of the balconies which overhang the side stages. Windows at the rear of the auditorium have been sealed off as a distracting light source. Vertical fins located within the projecting loft wall screen lights from audience.

Right: a structure of many cantilevers, the most daring is the projection of the 8-in-thick drum which is suspended over the stage without columns underneath. It is supported by the corresponding weight and structure of the dressing room tower.
Below: view toward fixed cyclorama. Stage is one foot from auditorium floor. Right: two views of the motor-driven winch designed by George C. Izenour. These are located in the gridiron 40 ft above the stage. Each winch holds 100 ft of 1/8-in. diameter steel cable and is capable of lifting 250 lb at the rate of 2 ft per second. The motors are designed so that each can be connected with as many as six other motors, thereby permitting the level raising of large pieces or synchronized moving of many pieces. Although the motors are permanently located, the point where the cable passes through the gridiron toward the stage floor can be quickly and easily changed, permitting great flexibility of operation.
and section reveals other functional problems, it must be said that Wright has none­theless made a significant contribution to theater design. He erected for Dallas the first building in America to function as an Elizabethan apron type theater. Apron type stages and theaters in the round have been erected in tents as well as in barns and other reconverted structures, but no con­temporary theater building had yet been constructed to provide any arrangements other than those afforded by the proscenium type stage. Theaters constructed in the Western world since the end of the sixteenth century have been of the proscenium type and this means that for all this time the creation of theatrical illusion has been con­tained within a rectangular frame. While this arrangement is ideal for many types of performance, theater designers and directors are beginning to experiment with more flexible kinds of staging and welcome the added dimension given by the projecting stage. They feel that a more intimate relationship is established between actor and audience where the stage is partially sur­rounded by seats and closer to the auditorium floor. Wright’s theater offers new possi­bilities to the creative theater director, but cannot be used for conventional stag­ing.

At Dallas the 40-ft circular stage has a 32-ft revolving turntable. Wright’s original idea was to bisect the revolving drum with a permanent screen dividing it into a forestage and a backstage. Sets would be car­ried up the ramp and changed behind the screen, the stage would revolve and a new scene appear. The diameter of the drum was too small, however, to allow it to be di­vided in half. The forestage would have been too shallow, the backstage too tiny to function as such. The dividing screen was never installed and the full depth of the stage is being used when needed. The revolving stage functions as scenery, not to change scenery.

When it became apparent that Wright’s backstage didn’t work, there was no where to go but up. Every good working theater has a fly galley, but Dallas required a special one for two reasons. With no backstage, most set changes have to be made from the flies. The system of raising and lowering flats had to be kept free from the circular wall or cyclorama at the rear of the stage because it is used as a screen for the projection of backgrounds and had to be kept clear of paraphernalia. Special winches were installed to raise and lower flats. These comprise a hanging system which is free of attachment to stage house walls as it does not require the traditional sandbag counterweights which must run in channels along these walls. The movement of flats text continued on page 166
is electronically controlled by a device developed by theater designer and engineer George C. Izenour who also developed the special winch. The mechanism can be preset to lower and raise scenery in any desired sequence or time span, and all preparation for staging may be set and ready while the performance goes on.

The narrow balcony or catwalk at the rear of the theater was originally intended to carry the stage lighting. A rule of thumb for the theater is that it should be possible to focus stage lights at a 45 degree angle. The rear balcony was too low to provide this angle (see section) so the indirect light coves which Wright had designed to light the auditorium were widened and made into front stage lighting positions. Additional lights have been installed on the inner surface of the fly galley. The lighting control booth is at the center of the balcony at the rear. It houses another console with a preset memory designed by Izenour, which electronically guides the sequence of lighting combinations.

The theater was constructed at a cost of approximately $1,000,000.
In recent years, design concepts of airport terminal buildings have undergone rapid changes. Commercial jets are partially responsible. Jets greatly increase noise and fume problems. They require larger ground turning radii than piston-engine aircraft. The blast from their engines is dangerous; in conventional aircraft it was mostly annoying. The other great factors in the changes are the increasing number of passengers and the miles they fly. In 1958, some 49 million passengers flew more than 25 billion passenger miles. Ten years before, there were about a third this number of passengers. They flew less than a fourth the number of passenger miles.

Passenger Terminal Building Design Principles
Some 75 airports in the United States are expected to build facilities for handling jets in the next fifteen years. Hundreds of additional airports will face this problem later, when smaller jet airliners become available. Add to these the thousands of smaller communities which, now or in the near future, must build or rebuild their airports. The net result is greatly increased activity in the airport field by architects and engineers in the years to come.

The present study is primarily concerned with the problems these professionals face in the design of terminal buildings for jet airports. With only a few exceptions, the same or similar problems exist in the design of any airport. For various reasons, this study must be limited in scope. Basic attention here is paid to the major problems involved in design for passengers and baggage. There are a number of other facets of airport terminal design of interest to the architect; among them are the handling of cargo and mail, layout of the aprons, provisions for aircraft servicing and maintenance, and requirements for special aircraft such as helicopters. Some of these subjects are auxiliary to the main purposes of this study; others are of sufficient interest and importance to deserve separate and complete treatment.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In planning airport terminal buildings and aprons, it is most important to have early and continuous consultation with all airlines concerned. The airlines should provide an estimate of their traffic potential at the airport for the next ten years and guidance on traffic requirements for the period the buildings and other facilities are expected to be in service. The data should include:

a. aircraft types and physical characteristics (wing span, turning circle, etc.)
b. aircraft loads (passengers, cargo, and the capacities of the aircraft)
c. the nature and relative proportions of traffic (International, Domestic, and combined) in the following categories: Originating, Terminating, Transit, and Transfer (interline)
d. the movement rate, including peak movements
e. route patterns to and from the airport

The airlines should also provide an estimate of their accommodation requirements and of the staff to be provided for.

The Master Plan of the buildings and aprons should show alteration and expansion possibilities for an increase in traffic during the expected life of the facilities. Basic planning principles are:

a. minimum apron occupancy time
b. minimum handling times for processing passengers, baggage, cargo, and mail
c. the latest possible departing passenger reporting times
d. maximum efficiency in aircrew routines consistent with airline operational requirements

The main purpose of the buildings should be to ensure maximum operational efficiency. Construction of the buildings should be such that the cost to airlines is kept as low as possible, commensurate with the attainment of maximum operational efficiency.

The physical layout of the passenger buildings and aprons should always be considered in relation to its effect on the passenger, providing him with effective service and facilities. At the same time, attention must be paid to the location of other necessary accommodations (for baggage, cargo, and mail handling) so as to ensure maximum efficiency. The design and layout of buildings and aprons should permit flexible operations, and allow for changes in handling techniques, and seasonal and other variations in traffic loads. Buildings and aprons should be capable of progressive expansion to meet increasing traffic requirements without disproportionate additional costs. Expansion should be possible without interfering with the operation of existing buildings and aprons.

The effects of noise, blast, fumes and heat on personnel, passengers and visitors at the airport should be given careful consideration. The flow of passengers, baggage, cargo, and mail should be along a standard pattern, direct, clearly marked, and free from obstructions. Intersections of the lines of flow should be avoided.

Facilities should be based on the assumption that all passengers can be processed at the airport, regardless of other facilities located elsewhere in the community. Allocation of space within airport buildings, based on the airlines’ accommodation requirements and the interrelationship of their offices with others, will permit expeditious handling and clearing of passengers, baggage, and cargo. In assessing apron layout requirements there are two basic questions: the size of the operational stands to be used and the number required.

PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE FLOW

The following broad principles govern the flow of passengers and their baggage.

Routings should be designed to provide an uninterrupted flow of departing, arriving, through, and connecting passengers and their baggage. All such routings should be logical, self-evident, as short as possible, unimpeded by any form of obstruction or cross-traffic, and require as few directional signs as possible. Design should be such as to permit a minimum number of contacts between the airlines and passengers. Facilities should be ample and strategically located to minimize passenger movement.

When it is necessary for passengers to change levels, escalators are considered desirable, in addition to stairs. Escalators and stairs for passengers with baggage should be of a width permitting use by passengers carrying two bags. Forty-eight inches has been found satisfactory at many locations for one-way traffic. Consideration must also be given to provision of elevators or other devices for passengers in wheel-chairs or with cardiac conditions or those who must be transported on stretchers. Separation of passengers from the public should be effected at the boarding control point. The public should be discouraged from entering concourses by use of appropriate signs. Concessions and other facilities available to the public should be so located that they do not interfere with or divert the passenger flow.

Adequate separation should be provided between the ground arrival-ticket-baggage checking area and the baggage-claim, ground-departure area. However, separate flow, for arriving and departing passengers, is only considered practical where the traffic volume is large. Provision should be made to process baggage which has been checked at an intown terminal directly to the outbound
Above: General circulation of passengers and baggage for domestic flights is shown above. Right: For international travel, flow is similar, but added provisions are necessary for customs, passport operations, health checks, and the like. In airports designed for both types of traffic, domestic and international flow will involve some combination of the two types.
FLOW IN PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDINGS

Typical methods of handling passenger and baggage circulation in airport terminal buildings are shown above. In general, for all of the schemes, it is considered best to separate enplaning passengers from their luggage at the earliest opportunity after they enter the building and to return luggage to deplaning passengers at the last possible moment before they exit.

In practice, various combinations of these two concepts are used; for example, all international traffic may be handled in a centralized terminal while domestic traffic is processed in unit terminals. Local conditions dictate the solution best suited to a particular airport. Normally, the unit terminal concept will be practicable only where high traffic density exists.

The decision as to whether a terminal building should have one, one-and-a-half, two or three levels for the passenger and baggage flow process is influenced mainly by the size of the building required to handle the volume of traffic involved. The following should be borne in mind:

One-level operation: All operations relating to the processing of passengers and baggage take place at the apron level. Simplicity of layout is generally achieved, especially in the case of low frequency operations. Construction costs are normally lower than for other schemes. Generally, greater economy in operating costs and a higher degree of utilization of personnel are possible.

One-and-a-half level operation: It is possible to use a one-level operation on the land-side and a two-level on the air-side. This is called a "one-and-a-half" level scheme. On the land-side of the building, departing and arriving passengers use a common concourse. The scheme offers the air-side advantages stated below for two-level operation. However, departing passengers must proceed upstairs to the assembly area and arriving passengers downstairs to the baggage claim counters.

Two-level operation: Construction is normally relatively costly. With high frequency of operations, congestion in the passenger and flow process can be considerably reduced. Separation of functional aspects (e.g. inbound and outbound passengers and baggage) may be achieved. Maximum site utilization is possible, but extension and alteration possibilities are limited. An external two-level vehicle (bus or mobile lounge) operation may be used. In some respects, flow for passengers is more complicated. There is a distinct disadvantage in handling of transit and transfer passengers when the lower level is used for arrivals, and the upper for departures. It may be necessary to provide elevators, stairs, or escalators for the use of passengers, and conveyer belts or other devices for the conveyance of baggage. Generally, a two-level operation is economically justifiable only in large airports.

Utilization of the two levels can be achieved by using the lower level for the arriving passenger flow process and the upper level for the departing passenger flow process or by allocating the upper level for the entire passenger flow process, both arrivals and departures, and by using the lower level for airline functions.

Three-level operation: Advantages and disadvantages are similar to two-level scheme. Construction costs will ordinarily be even higher. Congestion and bottlenecks in the flow of passengers and baggage may be avoided. Crossings of the different flows are eliminated. Passenger walking distances may be held to a minimum with cross-over bridges between fingers. One level may be used for international passengers, another for domestic passengers and the ground level for baggage and service facilities.

Concourses (Fingers): Either a covered passageway for the passengers stretching from the terminal building to the gate position on the apron or a supplementary passenger assembly area, complete with rest rooms, telephones, service counters, seating accommodations, gate positions, and similar facilities. It is recommended that the passageway should have a minimum width of 15 ft for two-way traffic. The passenger handling level should be enclosed in order to provide protection from weather and aircraft blast and noise.

Satellites: In some locations, the provision of satellite terminals may prove desirable. These are located on the apron itself and are connected with the main terminal building by tunnels, fingers, buses, or mobile lounges. The satellite provides waiting room space in addition to that in the main terminal building. It is potentially capable of speeding up passenger flow by relieving congestion in the main terminal. In general, it must satisfy the same standard of passenger flow and supplementary facilities as for the main terminal building. The satellite concept is particularly useful for large airports, if transfer passengers making connections with another flight may do so without passing through the main terminal building.
TICKETING AND BAGGAGE CHECKING

This area should be located near the entrance to the terminal building for passenger convenience, but far enough away to avoid crowding the entrance. This will enable passengers to complete any necessary check-in processes at the earliest opportunity. The preferred location is on the ground transportation arrival level to prevent the necessity of carrying bags to another level. Ticketing and baggage checking area should be functionally designed to satisfy needs based on peak passenger flow. Sufficient space should be provided in front of the counters to permit passenger queuing, necessary cross flow between positions, and circulation in the area. Design of ticket and baggage checking facilities should be coordinated with the airlines concerned.

Various media of communication are essential in this area and provision should be made for sufficient electrical equipment boxes and conduit. Some of the essential items are: telephone(s) at each counter position, public address system outlets, teleautograph, electronic devices, telephones, pneumatic tubes, clocks, closed circuit TV, or others. Each airline has its own philosophy of operation and should have as much latitude as possible in determining configuration of its own functional equipment.

As the wall behind the counter is a focal point of interest, it should be kept clear of utilities such as fire hoses, electrical control panels, etc. In order to provide for the best functional use of the counter, the area should be kept free of columns. The design of the ticket counter should provide for future expansion. This might be accomplished through inclusion of training rooms, check-out rooms, storage rooms, display cases, etc., between airline ticket counter areas, so arranged that their functions can be displaced when additional counter space is required.

MAIN PASSENGER CONCOURSE

Waiting areas with seating space should be provided for those passengers whose departure is not imminent, persons accompanying or meeting passengers, and others. The nature of traffic handled at a given airport will largely determine the location and size of the waiting areas. Airports with a high percentage of short-haul, "commuter" type traffic will not have the same needs for seating space as those with a higher percentage of long-haul, overseas or international travelers. Airports with a high volume of connecting passengers also have different seating requirements from those of terminating points. When considering seating space in the main lobby, account should also be taken of its relation to eating and drinking facilities, television and game rooms, and other convenience and diversionary facilities provided in the terminal building. Display of airline arrival and departure information in these areas, in addition to such displays in the ticketing and baggage areas, is highly desirable and should be considered if economic and practical factors permit.

WAITING AREAS

Terminal buildings should provide main concourses for free passenger movement from the main entrance to the ticket counters (if check-in is required) and to the gate or gate concourses. The directional flow should be apparent or indicated by signs. The concourse should be rela-
Jet Airports

**SATellite SUB-TERMINALS WITH TUNNELS**

Above: Satellite sub-terminals, connected to the main building and to each other by tunnels, free the apron from all passenger traffic. Thus the apron will be used for aircraft and operational vehicle traffic only.

Tightly unobstructed to enable passengers to check in and board the airplanes in a minimum of time. Insurance vending machines or booths should be accessible in this area. Immediately adjacent to the main passenger concourse, waiting areas and concession areas are normally provided.

**SPECIAL SERVICE ROOMS**

The airlines and the airport management will specify their desires in design and location of special rooms. Among these are: passenger relations rooms (for handling passenger's complaints), public relations rooms, individual airlines clubs (for recognition of influential and important persons), invalid and children rooms (for care of invalid passengers and unaccompanied children during layovers, between flights, before departure of flights, and after flight arrival), and television room (for the public).

**CONVENIENCE FACILITIES**

Certain facilities should be provided for the safety, comfort, convenience and general care of passengers, the public, and building tenants. Some of these facilities are primarily for passengers. Others are for the public and building tenants in general. For example, insurance vending facilities are of primary importance to passengers while a gift shop is secondary.

**Public Address System:** An adequate public address system should be provided for the entire terminal area. By mutual agreement of the airlines and airport management, an automatic system with uniform announcements may be installed. Provision will then have to be made for an additional equipment room. In order to restrict the announcements made over the public address system to various areas of the building, the public address system may be divided into several sections to permit selective calling.

**Toilet and Lounge Facilities:** These should be adequate in size to handle transient traffic and strategically located throughout all areas, including concourses, so as to be readily available to outgoing, incoming and waiting passengers, visitors and building tenants. Facilities separate from those provided for passengers and the public should be included for tenants. Due consideration should be given to the surge of deplaning passengers in concourse areas. Construction materials used should be of a type that will minimize the possibility of marking or scratching them, be durable and easy to clean and maintain.

**Medical and First Aid:** Provision should be made for the examination and caring for of ill or injured persons, in an area convenient to those used by the public and personnel.

**Travelers Aid:** Particularly in large installations, space adjacent to the passenger service areas in the terminal building may be desired for this service. In a medium size terminal, this might be consolidated with a general information counter.

**Nursery:** This facility should be located adjacent to the women's lounge in the main portion of the terminal.

**General Information:** When the size or complexity of the terminal is such as to require oral answers to general questions, as differentiated from specific airline information, or oral direction of passengers and the public, a general information facility should be considered. This should be located in the main terminal area near the entrance.

**Police:** On occasion, it is necessary to call upon local police authorities for immediate assistance in controlling members of the public and passengers, for direction of traffic, and for protection of persons and property. When the frequency of such occurrences warrants it, an area should be available for stationing of police authorities.

**Clocks:** All public view clocks should be synchronized and operated on a "controlled" circuit to insure accuracy.
Signs: Directional signs, illuminated as required, should be adequate in number, suitable in size and position and unmistakable in content. These should conform with established industry specifications.

Concessions: Certain concessions are essential; others, while not essential, contribute to public and tenant convenience and airport operation income. The essential ones should be easily accessible from the passenger concourses. These might include: car rental agencies, employee snack-bar and cafeteria, insurance vending machines or booths, newsstand, parcel lockers, restaurant and supplementary eating facilities, taxicabs, telegraph (desk, phones, or both), and telephones. Others often provided are: bank, barber shop, camera shop, candy store, cocktail lounge, drug store, flower shop, gift shop, haberdashery, hotel, observation deck, shoe shine, showers and dressing rooms, valet, and women’s wear.

COMFORT AND SAFETY

A number of factors of this type are common to all types of terminal buildings and should be given careful consideration in the design of new buildings or when making alterations to existing ones.

Sealing of Buildings: For the comfort of the passengers and of the personnel working inside the terminal building at airports where there is a high frequency of operation with jet or prop-jet aircraft, it is recommended that structures be sealed (i.e. with fixed windows), particularly on the air-side. In this manner, protection is afforded from the effects of noise and fumes associated with these operations. The provision of such a feature introduces a requirement for air conditioning or filter ventilation throughout the sealed portion of the terminal building.

Blast: The blast levels likely to be experienced in operation must be taken into account in the construction of terminal buildings. Where the local climate makes possible the use of structures which are open, or partially open, protection against blast will be required. Protection against blast may be required for spectator areas if they are located close to the apron.

Weather: Whenever desirable and feasible, the design of the terminal building should provide for movement of passengers and their baggage under cover, to and from aircraft and vehicles.

Fire: Precautionary measures against fire must be provided for in the design of the buildings in accordance with local regulations. It is recommended that fire-resistant materials be used in the buildings.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUND VEHICLES

Service Roads: Adequate roadway should be provided within the airport for the use of service vehicles. Such roads should link the main terminal building, maintenance area, cargo building, and all ancillary operational buildings by the most direct routes possible. It is important that service vehicles should not have to use public roads in the course of their operations on their airport.

Access and Parking: In the design of an airport, adequate vehicle parking space should be provided as close as possible to the main terminal building. In order of their priority, these should include space for loading and unloading airline coaches or limousines, space for loading and unloading private cars, space for loading and unloading service and delivery vehicles, parking space on a regulated short-term basis for arriving and departing passengers (immediately adjacent to the terminal building), taxi, coach, and limousine standby parking spaces, rental car parking space, general car parking, covered accommodations for motor scooters and bicycles and spaces for staff cars, cargo vehicles, and the like.

The following parking requirements should also be considered: airline official and staff car parking, airline coach and limousine parking (for those not immediately required), cargo vehicles parking spaces.

Road access: Considerations in planning road access to the main terminal and ancillary buildings; road design and layout should allow for future widening. There should be no public road access to runways and taxiways. Road layout should avoid conflict with runways and taxiways (otherwise roads should pass under the runway or taxiway by tunnel). It is desirable that the approach to the terminal building (land-slide) should be by a road system giving ample access to the building at a number of points. Adequate space for vehicles to pass other vehicles, moving or stationary, in front of the building, should be provided. Service roads should be of adequate width for the traffic type and potential and designed for two-way flow. All airport roads should be provided with adequate lighting (possible confusion with runway lighting by pilots must be avoided). All airport roads should have adequate signs.
TYPICAL TWO-LEVEL CONCOURSE

FIRST (OPERATIONS) LEVEL

Another method of handling airline operations and passengers on the flight line is a two-level concourse similar to that shown. In this scheme, passenger walking distances will often be considerably reduced from those of the one-level concourse. Another advantage is the possibility of differentiation between those operations directly concerned with the passengers and the ones relating to baggage and servicing of the aircraft.

CHECK LIST FOR PASSENGER TERMINAL PLANNING

Some basic considerations in the planning of passenger terminal buildings and related elements are as follows:

I. Location of Terminal Building
   A. Relation to runways, taxi-strips
   B. Relation to other buildings on the airport

II. Auto and Truck Circulation
   A. Access roads to and from terminal
   B. Parking areas—taxis, limousines, private cars, rental cars
   C. Passenger vehicle loading and unloading
   D. Mail, air cargo, and truck service road

III. Building Type
   A. Piers or concourses—Single-level, one-and-one-half level, two-level, multi-level
   B. Open apron type with buses or mobile lounges
   C. Individual satellite terminals
   D. Provisions for expanding and flexibility

IV. Passenger Handling
   A. Passenger circulation flow
   B. Ticket counter relationship to entrance
   C. Ramps, stairways, escalators
   D. Loading devices—bridges or mechanical
   E. Passenger protection outside of terminal

V. Baggage Handling
   A. Baggage conveyors
   B. Traffic flow
   C. Baggage makeup area
   D. Baggage claim area

VI. Building Interior
   A. Air line offices and ticket counters
   B. Other offices, equipment rooms
   C. Spectator concourse, writing rooms, rest rooms
   D. Concessions, hotel rooms, etc.
   E. Equipment and Systems—heating, ventilation, electrical, lighting, plumbing, antenna outlets, pneumatic tube systems, conveyors, public address system, signs, and closed circuit TV arrival and departure systems

VII. Apron
   A. Aircraft parking positions
   B. Location with reference to runways, buildings
   C. Facilities and utilities, e.g. fuel, power, communications, water, air conditioning, etc.
   D. Lighting for aircraft parking positions
   E. Provisions for expansion and flexibility

VIII. Cargo Handling
   A. Express
   B. Mail—local and transfer
   C. Air Freight
      1. Cargo building near passenger terminal
      2. Access for trucks and proper handling

IX. Maintenance and miscellaneous facilities
   A. Commissary, shop space, sewage disposal, bulk fuel storage plant, hydrant system or truck delivery, hangar facilities, etc.

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A NEW AIRPORT FOR JETS

NAME: Dulles International Airport

LOCATION: Near Chantilly, Va., 23 miles west of Washington, D. C.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION: Ammann and Whitney

ARCHITECTS FOR MASTER PLANNING AND DESIGN OF BUILDINGS: Eero Saarinen and Associates

ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANT: Ellery Husted

ASSOCIATED MECHANICAL ENGINEERS: Burns and McDonnell

TRAFFIC AND ECONOMIC FORECASTS FOR AIRPORT: Landrum and Brown

LIGHTING CONSULTANT: Richard Kelly

LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT: Dan Kiley
In the challenge of the jets is the chance of a new airport architecture. At Washington's new international airport, one of the first to be designed for jets, passengers will be transported from terminal to plane by means of a mobile lounge.

Airplane passengers, accustomed to being comfortably transported thousands of miles in a matter of hours, have to walk longer distances to get on and off the planes than most of them walk at any other time. Statistical research has given us an average passenger among the 48 million who enplaned during 1958. This footweary soul walked 650 ft from his parked car to the ticketing counter and from there another 950 ft to his airplane; about the equivalent of five brisk hikes across the length of a football field. Once on the plane every comfort was his, and all the more to be valued by contrast. It could be argued that some passengers like the long walk all weathers, and the steep climb into the plane. Let's through the sheds, and the dash across the field in not make adventure tame. The airlines, however, strive for maximum passenger comfort and convenience, a goal that becomes more elusive as more people fly and the number of planes multiplies, causing the number of gates to increase and making the connecting sheds ever longer. As the sheds or “fingers” grow they sprout the “sub-terminals” with ticketing facilities, lounges, toilets and concessions of their own. The horizontal creep continues. Jets in any case must be positioned at some distance from the main terminal because of their noise, blast and fumes.
Design of terminal building is the work of Eero Saarinen. Mobile lounges transport passengers to planes parked on apron. Helicopters and small executive planes are loaded from short projecting arm extending to control tower. A two-level scheme, the main concourse with ticketing counters and access to mobile lounges is on the main floor and baggage circulation is on the ground floor.
The ground floor will be mainly concrete slab on grade. The main floor beams of reinforced concrete will span generous distances between columns widely spaced to clear the baggage handling facilities. The principal beams will be located in line with the main frames and be supplemented by intermediate beams at midpoints. A solid slab will span the beams. The catenary roof will be sheathed by a precast lightweight concrete roof deck spanning 10 ft between two pairs of 1-in. cables. At the intersection between the cables and the precast units will be a protective concrete casement poured around both cables into which steel projecting from the panels is embedded. Thus the precast units and the cables are made integral with each other. The cables carry the dead weight, the concrete casement prevents flutter. The pairs of cables will span the full width of the building between poured in place slabs which function as edge beams, transfer the cable reactions to the main piers and act as stiffeners. The concrete piers are sloped outward to counteract the pull of the cables. The spread at their base is purely sculptural.
The planning group recognized from the beginning that impossible passenger walking distances and long and unmanageable finger structures posed the major problem. Intensive team research further reinforced this belief, established other areas where customary airport design practice didn't work, and led to a bold and imaginative solution.

The planners picked a group of airports for comparative study. Among them were the Washington National, Willow Run in Detroit, O'Hare in Chicago, Love Field in Dallas and Lambert Field in St. Louis. Research staffs measured the lengths of auto ramps and ticketing and baggage claim counters; they charted passenger volume per minute ratios at these counters, and developed time and motion studies of the entire enplaning and deplaning sequences. The former begins when the passenger arrives at the terminal building, the latter at the moment the plane touches down on the runway. Terminal apron occupancy time patterns for all scheduled flights of all airlines at Washington's present airport on a typical week day were measured in both good and bad weather to determine activity peaks. It was found that there is less congestion on a bad day than on a good day because activity peaks are spread out. On a good day planes are scheduled when people \textit{want} to leave which is at certain definite reasonable hours. This analysis of peaks was important to the planners because quantities of operational facilities such as ticket counters are based on individual airline peaks, but quantities of passenger facilities are based on composite peaks.

A taxiing cost analysis was made of piston engine aircraft, executive planes and jets; comparative landing and take-off speeds were studied, and the comparative lengths of runway used in take-off and landing were charted. The final apron and runway scheme was partially determined by this data; wind conditions and expected air traffic patterns were among other factors which affected this part of the design.

The planners knew from their basic research that the Dulles International Airport, planned for ultimate saturation, would need 60 gates by 1975 and that already a decentralized sub-terminal scheme was necessary if conventional gate to plane loading were planned. At this point they broke with established practice and decided to make a clear separa-
tion between the building and the airplane. The planes will be grouped around small structures called special service units or satellites located on the apron. Passengers will be transported directly to the planes. In London, Paris, Amsterdam and Frankfurt, conventional buses transport passengers from the terminal to distant planes. The architects for the Dulles airport have improved on this idea. In their basic concept the waiting room is no longer a part of the building; it is a mobile lounge. Designed to accommodate about 80 passengers, it will be 15 ft wide and 60 ft long. These lounges will line up on the field side of the terminal building and carry passengers to planes waiting either on the apron or in the hangars. In the European airports, passengers must climb in and out of an ordinary bus before boarding, but the mobile lounge provides continuous shelter from interior of the terminal to interior of the plane. There will be no steps. The lounge picks up its passengers at the level of the main terminal floor and when it reaches the plane, pneumatic units at the front of the lounge press against the airplane fuselage and form a sealed connection. The operator can adjust the unit for differences in plane doorway heights. Since it will load from either end like a ferry, and can be driven from either end, the need to back up or turn around is eliminated. The mobile lounges will cost about $100,000 apiece. Their total cost, however, is offset by a number of considerations, one of which is the fact that construction of the finger structures required by both centralized and decentralized terminal systems will not be necessary.

The mobile lounges will affect maintenance and operation costs. Their maneuverability will lessen the amount of taxiing, special positioning and pinpointing by planes. Research has shown that a considerable saving in time and fuel costs can be expected when planes no longer pull up to the conventional passenger gate. Among the many other advantages of the mobile lounge is one from which the Public Health Department benefits, for if communicable disease is found those exposed are already compartmentalized.

The individual airlines will not own their own lounges as this would result in expensive duplication. Since all airlines do not reach their peak use at the same time of day, a manageable number of lounges will be available in relation to their schedules.

The mobile lounge concept, by eliminating finger structures, allows the overall organization of the
terminal building to be simple and direct. The structural system is based on 40-by-150-ft bays. It was found that the width requirements of two mobile lounges per bay was 40 ft. To handle all the passenger movement related to a corresponding 40 ft of ticket counter and auto ramp and to provide the necessary square footage for the baggage, concessions and amenities necessary to this basic provision required 150 ft in the opposite direction. Each 40-by-150-ft unit is the right size to handle everything it requires on both levels and is virtually self-contained. The terminal building, therefore, may be expanded in increments of 40 by 150 ft over the years. A great flexibility in phasing is possible. The present terminal has been planned to accommodate 24 mobile lounge positions. By 1975 there may be a need for 56 such positions which would mean the addition of 16 more bays.

The architects wanted a great hall with a clear, uninterrupted interior. They argued that not only did this concept offer a hope of spatial grandeur, but it could create an ideal acoustical situation important in terminals where announcements are made through a loud speaker. A catenary roof was chosen and intensive comparative cost studies were made to demonstrate its practicality in comparison to more conventional ways of enclosing an equivalent space. In this building the catenary roof makes a high façade articulated by an imposing colonnade. The effect will be monumental, even for Washington, but it is a monumentality inherent in the structural system, achieved without waste or sham. According to Saarinen, "We have tried to give the building a monumentality, not in the customary rigid form, but in a dynamic quality appropriate for the aircraft industry and as an entrance to this country for foreign visitors."

The terminal building is scheduled for completion in March 1961, and excavation will begin this month. Its estimated cost is $9,000,000. $62,500,000 has been made available for the airport to date. Actual work on the entire project began in September 1958 with clearing operations on the 9,600 acres of land. None of the standing timber is being removed within 1,000 ft from the airport boundaries as this entire area will be reforested so that in a few years a thick timber belt will screen surrounding areas from airport ground noise. Contracts have been let and construction begun on the three major runways and the apron.
Above: ultimate scheme. Field nearest terminal is heliport. Additional buildings may be hotels or other commercial structures as well as expanded airline operational facilities. Left: portion of apron to be built at present. Satellite structures will not be used by passengers, but will contain facilities for sanitary disposal of plane waste, cabin cleaning, inflight meal service, replacement of air conditioning units etc. In order to reduce clutter of ground equipment, fuel lines are underground with fueling hydrants at wing positions. Below: it takes two mobile lounges to carry all the passengers to a Boeing 707.
NEUTRA'S CRISP ELEGANCE FOR THE DESERT

OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Maury Sorrells
LOCATION: Shoshone, California
ARCHITECT: Richard J. Neutra
ENGINEER: Eugene D. Birnbaum
CONTRACTOR: Robert A. Waymire

This little white house, dramatically set against the near-black volcanic mountains of the desert landscape, neatly sums up many of the qualities we have come to associate with Neutra's residential work: a crisp elegance, a clarity of structure, and a sort of assured modesty played against fairly spectacular scenery.

The owner is the Supervisor of Inyo County, California, which is at the border of Nevada. Death Valley and Mount Whitney are close by; it is a region of few inhabitants. The house itself is surrounded by golf grounds. Neutra, as usual, makes the most of such views with roomy, glass-walled living areas; and at the same time there is provision for ample privacy in the bedroom areas, as well as a small walled-in patio to give a more intimate relief from the great scale of the natural surroundings.
Sorrells House

The plan of the house is an extremely workable one. Family and formal entrances branch on either side of the carport; the family entry passes by a wash room and "mud" area, while the formal one is via a wide veranda. The kitchen is well placed to control both entrances, as well as conveniently serve all indoor and outdoor living areas. The adjoining carport aids grocery delivery.

Sliding walls permit the family room, living-dining room and kitchen to be opened into a single area for entertaining, or closed-off as desired. The surrounding terraces expand the space of all. Sliding glass walls make the most of the climate and views.

The bedroom wing for the parents, two children, and a guest, has direct access from the entry without crossing the living areas. The court off the guest room is also reached from the bedroom hall and doubles as a protected play area for the children.
Sorrells House

The structure of the house is Neutra's typical, regular wood-post-and-beam frame—exposed and boldly expressed. The floors are concrete slab, surfaced with asphalt tile. Exterior walls are white-painted plaster. Interiors are plaster or plywood. Colors are quietly neutral, and contrast lights and darks for accent. Wide overhangs help offset the desert sun.

The entire aspect of the house is light, airy; artificial lighting is carefully planned to enhance the indoor-outdoor atmosphere of the house at night.

Photo at top shows family room and main terrace seen from the living area. Center photo is the entrance veranda. A corner of the master bedroom is at bottom
DIGNITY AND COMFORT FOR CAROLINA

OWNERS: Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Poole
LOCATION: Raleigh, North Carolina
ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTS: G. Milton Small (for Small & Boaz) and George Matsumoto
ENGINEER: Adolphus Mitchell
CONTRACTOR: Frank Walser
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: E. G. Thurlow

All the relaxed comfort and spatial flow of a country club (the house incidentally adjoins one) are incorporated in the planning of this large and casually sophisticated residence. Almost the entire main floor, together with the lower level recreation room and terraces, form an enormous area for living and entertaining. There is plentiful use of contemporary planning devices, materials and equipment for easy use and upkeep—"the owners prefer entertaining and traveling to gardening." The house appears to be adequately run by one combination cook and housekeeper.

But above all, the house imparts a strong feeling of dignity and easy formality, typical of the region: the entrance court, the spacious entrance hall separating formal living and dining rooms, the profusion of screened and open porches, the stepped terraces—all blend with very careful proportioning and durable materials to give a luxuriously sensible house.
Poole House

Sliding and folding partitions and doors play an important part in the functioning of the plan of this house. The Poole family is comprised of two children, both married and living away. The main level bedrooms, the family room, and the kitchen form a snug one-floor house when the parents are alone. Yet the entire sweep of living rooms and porches quickly converts into an open plan scheme (note photo from family room center left). The lower level contains recreation room, maid and guests’ rooms, storage and utility.

The lot overlooks a golf course, including a lake (the eleventh green is on an island) directly off the master bedroom wing. Both owners are devoted golfers. The property is extremely steep, with large and extensive areas of rock outcroppings between the house and the street which give a feeling of enclosure to the entrance and carport area (photo below).
Poole House

The construction of the house is generally wood frame, with steel columns and beams supporting wood joists. Exterior finishes are native stone masonry, vertical redwood siding, built-up roof with white marble chips, and flagstone-paved porches. Interior finishes are acoustic tile ceilings, wood paneled walls, walnut cabinet work, and floors of vinyl and ceramic tile, carpet and flagstone.

The house uses three heat pumps, separately zoned, for heating and cooling. Thermal insulation is glass wool. The electrical system uses low voltage wiring and dimmers.

The photo at top shows the covered walk linking the carport and house; at center is the dining room; and the kitchen, with serving counter into the family room, is at bottom.
Trapped in a slow-moving, vehicular highway chain, or sitting bumper-to-bumper in the choking, angry snarl of Anycity traffic, we sometimes wish all those cars and trucks and busses would just go away. But, unlike the amiable snowman—who must one day melt away to nothing—the motor vehicle is here to stay. And if both business and pleasure are to benefit from it, the only course is to design (or redesign) both buildings and their settings—the city, the suburb, the countryside—so that pedestrians, vehicles, and public transport can each move freely and expeditiously without becoming entangled or spoiling the looks and pleasantness of things, or without disrupting the processes of government and business and living.

In this study we consider design for retailing; but especially in the light of its relationship to the automobile, the person on foot, and the environment in which it occurs. For retailing is no longer confined to the city or town market place as it used to be; thanks to the automobile, it takes place everywhere—in the city, in the suburbs, on the open highway.

Architectural design for retailing must therefore revolve about the situation of the building or buildings, and a studied examination and plan for the movement and accommodation of all kinds of traffic inside, outside, and around the building; and also in the neighborhood and community involved. A more general concern for the retailing environment can lead to—and in many cases has—a broadening of the architect's influence into such activities as urban redevelopment, neighborhood planning, regional planning, and so on.

With cities beginning to fight back in an effort to recapture some of the business lost to suburbia and regain their place as retailing centers, the downtown shopping center—a new building type—looms large as one to watch, and appears to offer all sorts of opportunities for architects and engineers. This is not to discount the suburban center, which will continue to have a rightful place in retailing's future and offer opportunities also; the point is that good design for each kind of retailing will create the special parti most appropriate for its particular situation.

—JAMES S. HORNBECK
RETAILING AND

A Romance Based Upon

by Victor Gruen

In the past thirty years, retailing has been strongly influenced by the automobile; and as we find so often in history, romance played a part in the story. A love affair developed between the retailer and the automobile, creating a desire in the retailer to be as close as possible to the object of his affection. Although the first bloom of this romance has now faded, many retailers still have a lingering feeling that they would like to be close to the automobile. Let us briefly review the development of retailing and see how this affair began.
THE AUTOMOBILE
A Case of Mistaken Identity

Prologue*

Buying and selling is as old as mankind. Prehistoric man exchanged the deer he had slain for a necklace of shells; the modern housewife acquires a package of frozen food in exchange for money—the gratification of needs or desires motivated each transaction. Only the conditions under which each transpired have changed. A condition of great importance was the appearance of the middleman—the merchant—who turned this gratification into commerce. He carried the work produced by others from place to place; he established trade routes and trading posts; he started country stores and merchant states. Wherever he settled he became an integral, invigorating part of the life around him.

Although the main body of this article was written by Mr. Gruen especially for ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, the Prologue was condensed from a new book by Victor Gruen and Larry Smith, SHOPPING TOWNS U.S.A., just published by Reinhold Publishing Corp.

In ancient Greece, the merchant spread his wares beneath the colonnades of a building especially designated for his activity, the Stoa. The Stoa was no less important in the Agora (or city square) than the Bouleuterion, where politicians met, or the Ecclesiasterion, designed for public meetings. The temple was nearby, citizens in the square discussed topics of the day, transacted business, did their marketing. Buying and selling occurred where the philosophers, poets, and entertainers were arguing, reciting, performing their arts. Court trials were held here; banquets were spread. The Agora was the center of city life—and in this colorful, lively, dynamic environment commerce had its place. This integration of human activity was a universal pattern. Its existence was later guaranteed in ancient Rome, where wheeled traffic was banned from the city's forum when the vehicles threatened to crowd out humans.
In the medieval city, the market square was the city’s center, not only geographically, but socially, commercially, religiously, and culturally. The City Hall and Guild Hall were there, as was the cathedral, with merchants’ and craftsmen’s stalls about it. The open area in the center became, in turn, the market place, the fairground, and the entertainment center for the citizenry.

Our own New England villages centered on the village green—a concept our forefathers brought with them from Europe. Such greens—a pleasant focus for community life—persisted well into the 19th century.

The industrial revolution radically changed the organization and character of cities, where factories were built and men were sought to work in them. The machine proved to have an insatiable appetite for manpower, and the city grew into a crazy quilt of packed humanity. The industrial slum became a new pattern in many cities. Life in such cities became almost intolerable, and those who could afford it led the march to the suburbs. The march increased its tempo with the advent of interurban, elevated, and subway trains—became a rout when the automobile appeared.

The automobile destroyed the last vestiges of community coherence. As long as tracks were the carriers of suburban dwellers, the new suburban communities had a central point—the railway station—to focus upon. As cities reached fingers out along the tentacles of railway lines, the shops, churches, and public buildings of the new towns sprang up about the station; and residential areas were controlled in their spread by walking distance. Such subcenters still exist in the Greater London Area.

When the automobile emerged as a means of private mass transportation, the final urban explosion took place. Automobiles provided complete freedom
of movement, and made the individual completely independent of public transportation.

To accommodate the flood of people seeking to escape from the city and find peace and beauty in the country, house builders tore up the ground, cut down the trees, and callously removed every vestige of what people were after. Modern suburbia was born; a milieu in which there were neither the values of a rural community nor those of a well planned urban environment. But people must live somewhere, and suburbia grew. According to the United States Census Bureau, suburbs grew 29 times as fast as central cities between 1950 and 1959. The rate of population increase in those years was 1.5 per cent in cities; 44 per cent in suburban areas. In 1957 New York City held a special census in an attempt to obtain additional state assistance by proving increased population. To the dismay of city officials, it was found that the population of the five boroughs had decreased 1.2 per cent; and this at a time when the population of the surrounding Greater Metropolitan Area was dramatically increasing!

Distances between residential and downtown areas increased rapidly, yet public transportation faced the threat of annihilation. The inroads automobile travel has made on public transportation is indicated in a study made by the Westchester County Association, which shows that despite a population increase of 15.5 per cent from 1949 to 1954, the number of railroad commuters decreased during the same period by 16.3 per cent.

Throughout the United States, suburban growth was so rapid and frenzied that the construction of roads, highways, and lines for drainage, sewerage, power, and gas lagged years behind—while any serious attempt at good planning for schools, shopping facilities, community centers, and churches was virtually nonexistent. Row upon row of identical houses
Top, the octagonal Galleria of King Victor Emmanuel in Milan, Italy—an early and charming example of a covered mall for pedestrians. Immediately above, the old Cleveland Arcade, extending from Euclid to Superior Avenue, in Cleveland.

set in an empty countryside proved to be less than the heaven their owners were seeking.

Since suburbia is having a marked effect upon our way of life, it is only natural that its influence should be felt in the marketing of goods. In the amorphous suburban environment, the merchant has had difficulty in finding a logical way to integrate his activities into the local scene. Stores were not provided with predetermined locations such as near the railway stations as in an earlier period—the customer no longer had a geographical focus; he and his car were everywhere. Under such conditions, the best retailing locations seemed centered on highways.

As an increasing number of highway stores appeared, more people parked along the curb and parking space became scarce. A new type of hitching post—the parking meter—made its appearance. But it cost money, and as the cost of curb parking tended to slow down sales, merchants responded and arranged for customer off-street parking; first in back of, and later in front of the stores.

Business grew, and so did traffic confusion. Highway congestion resulted—so serious in nature that motorists chose alternate, less crowded routes. When the alternate roads in turn attracted new stores and new congestion, superhighways were constructed to provide an unhindered traffic flow. Residential areas surrounding congested traffic arteries or situated near the stores or their services became undesirable; and the stores then found themselves in the center of a blighted residential section of reduced buying power. As customers were siphoned off from settled roads—partly by the appearance of blight and partly by the attraction of the freeways—a wild scramble for new locations started. Stores were built in freshly created suburban areas still further removed from downtown. Ironically enough, the merchants again encountered the same undesirable
CONCERN FOR THE PEDESTRIAN

Above, the mall of the Cross County Shopping Center in Yonkers, N. Y., designed by architect Lathrop Douglass. Left, the mall of the Ala Moana Regional Shopping Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, designed by architects John Graham and Company.

Right, top, the access bridge serving the Gulfgate Shopping Center in Houston, Texas, designed by architects John Graham and Company. Immediately right, a bus stop and protected bus terminal and waiting room for the Southdale Shopping Center, Edina, Minnesota—near Minneapolis—designed by Victor Gruen Associates, architects. Both city and suburban busses serve the center.

situation from which they were trying to escape. The need for farsighted, comprehensive planning became urgent and more widely understood at last.

When environmental planning is applied in designing new retailing facilities, the needs and desires of the shopper are involved. It is significant that the common name is shopping center, not selling center. This clearly indicates that the desires of the shopper take precedence over those of the retailer. An earlier term, parking center, failed to catch on.

Suburban shoppers require a convenient, amply stocked shopping area served by plentiful free parking. These are the purely practical needs about which the shopping center was first conceived. However, good planning will provide additional attractions by meeting other needs. By offering facilities for social life, recreation, civic and educational functions within a protected pedestrian environment, shopping centers can fill an existing void. In the shopping centers that fulfill this need of suburbanites for the amenities, we find that pedestrian areas are busy not only during normal shopping hours, but that people promenade, windowshop, relax in the garden courts, view exhibits, and patronize the restaurants on Sundays and holidays. All age groups are considered; auditoriums are booked to capacity; meeting rooms are busy; dance and music schools and skating rinks attract teenagers. The amusement centers are popular with children.

Such a concept results in an upgrading of the surrounding residential area and raises property values. When the shopping center becomes indeed a place which provides physical living requirements for suburbia, and simultaneously fulfills civic, cultural, social, and recreational needs, it will make a significant contribution to better living.
CLUSTER-TYPE REGIONAL CENTERS

These three examples by Victor Gruen Associates illustrate the cluster-type regional shopping center, which has become—by now—a well-established expression which has been built in various parts of the country by developers and their architects. Its typical features include an outer-ring road, ample parking, underground service, a department store or two as a "main draw," plus mall and plaza areas devoted strictly to pedestrians.

Top—Northland, near Detroit; Center—Eastland, near Detroit; Bottom—Valley Fair, San Jose, California
The main shopping mall, Wildwood Shopping Center, West Allis, Wisconsin—a two-story volume enclosed by precast concrete units, designed by Victor Gruen Associates, Architects

THE COVERED MALL

The Galleria of King Umberto I, in Naples, Italy—a prototype

The air conditioned garden court and some typical shops at Southdale Center, Minneapolis—designed by Victor Gruen Associates. In this controlled atmosphere, the conventional store “front” ceases to exist; and only a security barrier and some means of identification remain as required elements in the design.

DISENCHANTMENT

As the retailer-automobile honeymoon comes to an end, the retailer slowly realizes that his love has been misdirected. His true love belonged not to the automobile, but to the female customer in it. No automobile—not even the most elegant Cadillac—ever bought a thing. As the retailer transferred his attachment from the car to the lady, he drew the logical conclusions which were then expressed by changes in store design and center planning.

Early automobile-conscious stores featured carriage trade entrances, but it was soon evident that the chauffeur-driven car was passé and that parking space had to be provided for the lady shopper. At first, stores were strung along the highway; the housewife drove from store to store, parking near front entrances and shopping as she went. When this became popular, parking space became scarce, and the highways became so congested that mobility for shopping—or for any other purpose—no longer existed.

Parking lots were next provided behind the stores. Shops and stores continued to present their “fronts” to the highway, but 90 per cent of their customers now came in by the back door—the same entrance through which garbage was removed and deliveries made.

The first planning step forward was taken when store buildings were moved back from the road and larger parking areas were provided in front. Now—for the first time—service facilities (at the back) and customer facilities (at the front) could be decisively separated.

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Randhurst designed to serve a market of 300,000 - 400,000, north and west of Chicago, this first-of-a-kind shopping center is being sponsored by three downtown department stores: Carson Pirie Scott, Wieboldt's, and The Fair. The triangular cluster type scheme—which is now under construction—revolves about a central, three-level galleria, enclosed by a clerestoried dome of concrete. Victor Gruen Associates, architects; Larry Smith and Company, economic consultants

As the automobile flood swelled, the depth of the parking lots had to be increased until it became impossible to construct shopping facilities within the narrow, 150- to 200-ft-deep strips which zoning laws usually allowed for retailing. Thus, special zoning for sites of considerable depth was worked out, and the first shopping centers were born.

Instead of one strip, two parallel strips of stores were built, and parking was arranged outside of both. The space between the strips was made into a pedestrian mall, of minimum width. The merchants, however, still feeling that their best interests were tied to the automobile (that romance again!) gave main emphasis to the store "fronts" facing the parking lots, expecting their customers to park in front of their store and march in by the front door. The mall was underplayed, and considered principally as a short cut for the shopper who desired—after her primary purchase was made—to make secondary visits or purchases in other stores. The mall, long and narrow, featured only a token of "landscaping" in the form of some scraggly little plants, and was altogether empty and dreary. Usually there was a roadway directly adjoining the store groups, based on the idea that people would make short stops along the curb, and also window-shop by driving along the store fronts. This arrangement transferred the congestion and danger of the suburban highway to the roadway along the strips, and I know of at least one such shopping center where traffic signals finally had to be set up on the road between parking lots and stores so that one
could walk from his car to the stores without endangering his life.

But as merchants, planners, and developers gained experience and wisdom, they realized that shopping activity can be most successfully and pleasantly carried out by people who are on foot and who can concentrate on shopping without being distracted by the dangers, inconveniences, and nervous tensions mechanized traffic brings. Separation of motorized and pedestrian areas became increasingly stringent; service traffic was sent underground.

The hypothesis that dozens of people could park in front of a specific store was abandoned; store entrances facing parking areas became less important; and pedestrian areas were made larger, wider, and more attractive. To an increasing degree, regional shopping centers emulated the ideals of a truly urban crystallization point, and included within their boundaries office buildings, medical buildings, hotels, auditoriums, exhibit areas, theaters, social meeting places, clubs, and facilities for other cultural, recreational, and civic activities.

In addition, the size and shape and variety of pedestrian areas developed; the one narrow mall—reminiscent of Main Street—was replaced by more intricate systems of open, interconnected spaces of various sizes, proportions, and character. These are now called malls, courts, arcades, plazas, etc.

Thus, the well planned regional shopping center came to resemble more and more an historic urban center. And as such centers grew, so did the realization that public transportation could add meas-
urably to their business; many centers (Northland, Old Orchard, Southdale, Roosevelt Field) have encouraged bus transportation through special roads, bus terminals with waiting rooms, etc.

Where climatic conditions were unfavorable, planners went further: pedestrian areas were enclosed, and by means of air conditioning, special lighting, acoustical control, etc., furnished a pleasant, year-around environment for shoppers. Again, an historic pattern was imitated: the colonnades, gallerias, and covered arcades of European cities found contemporary expression in the covered mall.

Thus, the best regional centers are incorporating the best qualities urban centers once had. They can rightly be regarded as a serious threat to existing downtown centers, which today are lacking in the best urban characteristics, due to lack of foresighted planning. In 1954, I stated (in a Harvard Business Review article) that the evolution of the regional shopping center could have two potential effects on those concerned with downtown: first, that of a shock treatment that might stir city officials and business men into action; and second, that of serving as an experimental workshop in which ideas for downtown revitalization might be developed. I feel justified in those statements today. The shock has set in, and action—though in many cases hesitant and misdirected—is at last beginning (or at least it is being planned) in many of our cities.
THE COVERED MALL

Directly across the Delaware River from Philadelphia and 4 miles east of Camden, New Jersey, the Cherry Hill Shopping Center will serve approximately 400,000 people. The design focuses on an enclosed, two-level, air conditioned garden street, shown at left. A typical arcade leading to the central area is shown above; a section through the entire building below. Shops are enclosed by sliding doors, left open during business hours for maximum visual recognition. Victor Gruen Associates are architects for the development, jointly sponsored by Strawbridge and Clothier and Community Research & Development, Inc.

The Lederer de Paris shop on Fifth Avenue in New York, built in the early 30's, was an early classic in small shop design that set up new basic principles of styling for retailing still valid today. Morris Ketchum, architect; Victor Gruen, designer
URBAN SHOPPING CENTERS

A new kind of shopping center has appeared; the urban shopping center, in which the downtown area—father of all commercial centers—translates lessons learned from the suburban children into the downtown vernacular.

The Lloyd Center in Portland, Oregon, designed by John Graham, is an example. Located near the center of the metropolitan population, and only a few miles from the existing business center, it includes office buildings, hotels, institutional buildings, and other typical downtown elements. Service traffic is underground and vehicles are excluded from pedestrian areas, which are of various sizes and shapes. Since the Lloyd Center occupies expensive urban land, parking is in multi-level garages, and public transportation facilities are also provided.

Our own office is working on two urban shopping centers. One, Midtown Plaza, is located in the heart of Rochester, New York. It will include two department stores and fifty smaller stores, plus what will be Rochester’s largest hotel, a tall office building, auditorium, recreational facilities, etc., all arranged about a pedestrian area which was formerly a busy vehicular thoroughfare. Some of the structures are existing downtown buildings (a cinema, for example, will be connected to Midtown Plaza by an underground passage linking it to a three-level, 2000-car garage beneath the entire development), while others are new. From all levels of the garage, one can ascend by escalator to the pedestrian area,
which will be covered and air conditioned. Pedestrians may stroll in a space defined by variously shaped elements (the largest of which will rise two stories) which will appear as a garden court with planting, fountains, sculpture, benches, etc. A new bus terminal will serve out of town, suburban, and city lines. Additional bus stops will be provided at various perimeter points.

Another multi-purpose, urban shopping center now in the project stage is Westchester Terminal Plaza, in downtown New Rochelle, New York. It will be located only one-half mile from the present business center, and will be built directly adjoining the tracks of the New Haven Railroad. It will include a railroad terminal, ticket offices, etc., as well as a bus terminal, multi-deck parking for 5000 cars, a theater, and auditorium, an office building, a hotel, and about 800,000 sq ft of retailing space. It will be a high-rise building with six parking levels, three merchandising levels, and a multi-story office building. Stores cannot be entered from surrounding streets; entrances from the parking decks will lead to the pedestrian areas.

The foregoing three projects have one quality in common which accents the difference between an urban and a suburban shopping center; they occupy much less land. Westchester Terminal—if built on cheap suburban land—would cover about 100 acres. On urban land, however, it will occupy only 10 acres. Midtown Plaza will be built on 7 acres.
Midtown Plaza, a new urban shopping complex covering 10 acres in the heart of downtown Rochester, N. Y., is now under construction. It is being carried out under private sponsorship (2 department stores), and no public funds are involved. The maximum walking distance from any one tenant store to another is 560 ft; there will be surface parking for 6000 cars; underground parking for 2000. The section below shows the main elements in the project, which was designed by Victor Gruen Associates. Larry Smith & Co. were economic consultants.
Retailing and the Automobile

Palm-lined, 100-ft-wide Lincoln Road in Miami Beach will soon have its 12-block length converted into an attractively landscaped pedestrian mall, due to passage of a $600,000 bond issue. The project, designed by architects Morris Lapidus, Kornblath, Harle & O’Mara, will be maintained by the city as a park.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

The core area of our cities has—in the large majority of cases—one inherent advantage suburban centers can never possess. It is located in the midst of an urban region about which the largest buyer’s market centers. Despite the prophets of gloom, if full advantage of this potential is taken, downtown will become once more the most dynamic and economically sound retail, business, cultural, and administrative center of its region. But, downtown will have to do much more than it now does. One-way avenues, arterial highways, municipal parking, widening of streets, and downtown promotions of various types will not do the trick, and serve only as temporary expedients. The present rash of downtown malls serves only to demonstrate the desire of shoppers for a quieter, safer, more restful environment. But since most of the mall experiments are limited in scope and executed without regard for basic requirements (access, parking, services, etc.) they must be regarded as merely another promotion.

Downtown revitalization must be based on a clear over-all concept embracing all the qualities that make an urban environment both attractive and economically sound. Our plan of four years ago for downtown Fort Worth points in this direction. In developing it, we first delineated and defined the area which should be regarded as the core of the city. We tabulated present land uses and confronted this list with a tabulation of desirable land uses for the next twenty years. The comparison showed that the desired compactness could not be achieved at present because many low productivity land uses
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

On this page are shown the plan and typical section for the redesign of the inner zone of downtown Fresno, Cal., as designed by Victor Gruen Associates. Fresno is located midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and serves a four-county trade area of more than one million people.

The inner zone will include a retail area; office buildings; pedestrian areas; hotels, motels and apartments; a civic center; convention facilities; semi-public and recreational buildings. The redevelopment is being sponsored by the city, the city Redevelopment Agency, and a group of businessmen and property owners.

(storage, warehousing, manufacturing, and particularly the handling of moving or parked vehicles) interfered with the homogeneity essential to the functioning and practicability of a true urban center. Excluding all these non-compatible land uses, we then delineated a compact core area which would provide ample space for all compatible downtown uses and also those which could be expected to grow; plus generous open spaces, plazas, squares, and parks. This area was so compact it proved practical to make it a single pedestrian area, only slightly larger in size than several of the large regional shopping centers.

The plan called for an inner multi-lane loop road tightly circling the core area, into which highways from all directions would terminate. Adjoining this road, six multi-story parking garages were designed to provide 60,000 parking spaces. These rectangular garages will have their short sides on the loop road and their long sides reaching like fingers into the core area. Thus, no vehicular entrance will be more than two to two and one-half minutes walking distance from the central point of the pedestrian area. Special bus roads run along the sides of the garages; terminals are located near the center of the core area. Special arrangements were made for service and emergency traffic.

Monotony is avoided by variety in the shaping of open spaces. In certain areas we propose covered pedestrian spaces, especially where high density retailing occurs. The environment will be visually enhanced and made more convenient by colonnades.
So far, 38 obsolescent buildings have been demolished to provide parking space for the redevelopment of downtown Rye, N. Y., a pioneer example (1946) of a well-planned, adequately serviced mall, by architects Ketchum, Gina & Sharp. The town in 1945 is shown at top left; the master plan—which is now being carried out (with minor changes)—is shown at top right.

Architect Morris Ketchum says, “The temporary mall idea is doomed to failure unless preliminary plans include proper provisions for perimeter traffic, automobile access, and adequate parking. You can’t have all icing and no cake”

and other sidewalk shelters, covered crosswalks, landscaping, benches, fountains, sculpture, murals, exhibit areas, sidewalk cafes, etc.

The principles used in the Fort Worth plan have been followed more or less ably in master planning projects for about 50 cities.

If and when plans for city cores (now in various stages of preparation) are realized, urban shopping centers will rise to new importance. However, to think this will spell the end of suburban shopping centers is fallacious, for they will continue to play their specific role in meeting marketing and other needs, and to a lesser degree shopping-goods requirements. For the large cities, they will become satellite centers for shopping, cultural, social, and recreational needs.

The same planning principles apply to both urban and suburban centers, modified only by the fact that suburban land is cheaper and more easily available, and that mass transportation must play a larger part in the urban center, regardless of size or type. Most merchants fail to realize that the same principles apply to both, and downtown retailers—faced in most cities by an alarming drop in volume—think their salvation lies in more automobile traffic and more parking garages near their stores. They still fail to transfer their attachment from the automobile to the shopper, and are aided and abetted in their demand for more traffic by many traffic experts and city planners! Mr. Wiley, head of New York’s traffic department, stated, “I have yet to see a city choked to death because of too much traffic. Cities
expire because they don’t have enough traffic, and we... say we serve as much traffic as we can.”

Mr. Wiley’s trouble is that he has hypnotized himself into believing that there is only one type of traffic—motor vehicles. And for this, he is willing to sacrifice public transportation, which today takes care of 80 per cent of all Manhattan-bound persons during rush hours; he is willing to cripple pedestrian traffic, and if pressed to the wall by the rising flood of cars, might want to sacrifice all the buildings in the city! He forgets—as most traffic engineers do—that traffic is a means of travel, not an end in itself. Our aim should be to move as many people and as much merchandise as possible, not to move as many vehicles as possible through streets flanked by buildings which are thus made unsuitable for human activity. The sensible approach would utilize the most efficient carriers in such a way that they do not interfere with each other or with people on foot.

Thus, both in suburbia and downtown, we see the romance slowly ending; and find it being replaced by a more sensible and more lasting marriage based on convenience. Convenience for the automobile, in surroundings best fitted to its technological potentials—freeways and expressways where it can safely develop its speed; convenience and prosperity for the retailer, by giving him the true object of his affection—the shopper on foot, unh harried by traffic—in an environment which is safe, pleasant, and also good to look at.
ECONOMICS, PLANNING, AND PROSPECTS

Several Urban and Suburban Shopping Centers from the John Graham Office

At one point during the discussion concerning the retailing centers shown on these four pages, John L. Follett, partner in the architectural firm, John Graham and Company, figuratively planted both feet on the ground and made these interesting observations: "It is an economic truism that in any shopping center operation, income must balance capital expenditures, i.e., cost of land, structures, utility systems, taxes, insurance, professional fees, brokerage fees, and the rising cost of money itself. This simple fact has been ignored by some developers, yet the rentals a retail tenant can pay are well established. The formulation of millions of leases has set up a recognized pattern for negotiation.

"The amenities architects can provide are regulated by the money the leases will produce. Downtown rentals—greater than suburban—can provide projects with greater amenity, but only if land costs and taxes are kept from skyrocketing. Urban renewal is a means of controlling or rationalizing the high land costs of downtown property; and is also a vehicle that will enable cities to rejuvenate themselves and compete forcefully with growing, prospering suburbia.

"Since the shopping centers of today will eventually become urban centers, the acres we now devote to automobile parking should be supplanted by multi-level structures, so that the land thus freed can be occupied by future buildings. Today's urban areas may develop as unplanned cities (even as most of those we live in) if we fail to recognize the problems our cities now face, and incorporate solutions for them into our design thinking."
The Lloyd Center, in Portland, Ore., built on 70 acres of expensive downtown land, provides 1,200,000 sq ft of building area and multi-deck, protected parking for 8000 cars. Architects John Graham & Co. designed the center as a complete urban complex which includes office buildings, hotels, institutional buildings—all set within a planned pedestrian park.
Wellington Square, in London, Ontario, points the way toward the ultimate downtown retail area. It encompasses a city block; has an enclosed, air conditioned pedestrian mall and multi-level parking below. All of the planning groups were called in during its development: traffic engineers, graphic designers, etc.

Although high land costs demanded a multi-level plan, the shopping-mall pedestrian traffic was not allowed to split into more than one level; the mall being a simple area at street level flanked by 36 shops and terminating in a department store. The mall is clerestory lighted, and the shops that line it open wide, both physically and visually, to the passing shopper.
Retailing and the Automobile

The Church Street Urban Renewal Project in New Haven, Conn., as designed by John Graham & Co., was sponsored by Roger Stevens Development Co., and will be under construction by spring, 1960. The high-rise element at right is a hotel-office building; at left is Malley's Department Store. A two-story link of specialty shops connects these main elements on two levels.

The two photos at left show the Bergen Mall Shopping Center—foreground and below—as designed by John Graham & Co., and the Garden State Plaza, designed by Abbott, Merk & Co. Here, within one-half mile, is an area embracing a population greater than that of Cleveland. As Follett points out in his comments, this sort of situation cries out for unified planning; these suburban centers of today will inevitably become the urban centers of tomorrow.
Thin Shells
Growing Up

The thin shell has come to be a convenient form for spanning and enclosing space. Perhaps too much so. The engineering fitness of shells in relation to architectural application does not always get the attention it deserves. The two-part article by Gunhard-Estius Oravas beginning this month makes clear the pitfalls lurking in shells when their physical behavior is not comprehended. Here, then, is one engineer stirring up the pot a bit. A chance for everybody to throw something in the pot, or pick morsels out of it, has been made possible through the recent formation of the International Association for Shell Structures in Madrid. Activities announced are a conference on “Precast Shells” this fall (Warsaw or Dresden) followed by others on “Experimental Research” (Delft, Holland) and “Approximate Methods of Calculation” (Brussels). A quarterly magazine will begin publication this year. President of I.A.S.S. is E. Torroja of Spain, and one of the two vice-presidents is A. L. Parme of the U. S. For information write to: Secretariat of the International Association for Shell Structures, Alfonso, XII, Madrid (7), Spain.

The Compleat Engineer

“Illuminating engineers are so obsessed by efficiency that they lose all sight of character in lighting. Occasionally, some man like Basset Jones, Jr. talks to them good sound sense, but he talks over their heads.”—from an article in ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, October 1913. Basset, who died January 25 at the age of 82, knew whereof he spoke judging by his record: he designed the elevator system in the Empire State Building; directed the illumination for the 1939 New York World’s Fair; supervised the stage lighting for the late Maude Adams in “Peter Pan”; was known as an economic theorist; on Nantucket, developed a strain of black Japanese pine resistant to salt water spray, and conducted experiments in breeding shellfish; in 1923 financed Charles Birdseye in his quick-freezing process for fish, the forerunner of modern-day frozen foods. Jones shared Frank Lloyd Wright’s distaste for cities, and concluded that one way to make it impossible for people to live in them was to put up many very tall buildings, and this could only be done if the art of elevator design kept pace with building design. In experimenting with elevators he got them moving so fast that elevator operators couldn’t stop within three or four floors of their destination, so he designed the first push-button controlled elevator. At the New York World’s Fair he championed the idea that buildings should glow from within rather than having light thrown at them by floodlights. Jones didn’t believe that buildings should look the same at night as in daytime; he preferred them vague, poetic and misty. Basset Jones was a partner in Meyer, Strong & Jones, Consulting Engineers.

Ur Not Apt to Forget

On the one hand, the clay masonry industry hopes that research will keep it in the running in the steady march toward mechanization of building. On the other hand, it would not like architects to forget that brick has a “physical timelessness and durability almost beyond belief.” As a gentle reminder of this fact, the Structural Clay Products Institute, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, presented a 5000-year-old brick from the ancient Mesopotamian city of Ur to the American Institute of Architects to be reposed in the A.I.A.’s august gallery at The Octagon in Washington. The ruler at Ur in 3000 B.C., King Shulgi, must have recognized the permanence of brick because he imprinted it with his royal stamp which read, “The divine Shulgi, mighty man, King of Ur, King of Sumer and Akkad.” What better way to be remembered to posterity?

This Month’s AE Section

Thin Shells: Engineering Fitness and Architectural Form

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Though it has long been a common technique in architectural criticism, the approach used here—the exposition of general concepts through an examination of specific buildings—has rarely been applied to discussions of broad engineering principles. In this article, nevertheless, it seems peculiarly appropriate, since the author's aim is not to present technical information ("engineering talk," as he puts it), but to advance a point of view that may prove helpful to both architects and engineers in evaluating proposed thin shell designs.

Oravas does not suggest that the architect need acquire the engineer's knowledge of thin shell structures. But he firmly maintains that at least a qualitative understanding of their structural behavior is imperative if the architect hopes to see more than an incidental resemblance between his soaring vision and its final realization.

Accordingly, this provocative discussion focuses attention on the critical importance of boundary disturbances in thin shells, not by theoretical analysis but by examining actual shell structures in the light of their boundary behavior. In this issue, Oravas deals with cylindrical shells—closed, open and segmental. Next month he will conclude his discussion with an examination of doubly-curved shells of positive, negative and compound curvature, and a brief look at folded plates.

Engineers, perhaps unfortunately, can make virtually anything "stand up," but unless the architect evolves his initial concept for a thin shell with a solid and almost intuitive understanding of what thin shells can and cannot do, the finished structure may be heavy, awkward and clumsy, mirroring its distress at having been pressed into a stylistic mold without regard for its intrinsic patterns of behavior.

The efficiency of thin shells stems principally from their ability to transmit applied loads by membrane stresses. To the extent that these membrane stresses are replaced by bending stresses, to that extent the shell's efficiency is reduced. In a properly designed shell, the transverse bending moments near its boundaries can be considered merely a disturbance to the predominantly state of membrane stress. If, however, a shell is conceived without regard for their deleterious effects and without an understanding of how to minimize them, the bending moments themselves may become the predominant stresses within the shell while the desirable membrane stresses become in effect only a disturbance. In such a case, a thin shell is scarcely more efficient than a slab or a beam.

This situation can be avoided by careful manipulation of the geometrical contour of the shell to minimize its inherent boundary disturbance and by equally careful attention to the nature of the boundary supports. Otherwise, as detailed in the following review of thin shell behavior, the architect's quest for openness (and hence lack of support) along the boundaries of a thin shell roof may lead not to the airy, floating form desired, but to a shell that is less delicate and less efficient than it might otherwise have been.

A Review of the Structural Behavior of Thin Shells

A thin shell can be described as a structure whose two lateral dimensions (sides) are very large in comparison with its third dimension, thickness. In general, it possesses curvatures in two directions normal to each other at any point on the shell surface, as shown in Figure 1.

Mathematically, the curvature is equal to the reciprocal of the radius:

\[ \text{curvature} = \frac{1}{\text{radius}} \]

Thus a flat plate is obviously a special degenerate case of a thin shell whose radii have been made to approach infinity.

The purpose of any structure is to transfer the loads it carries to the supports, the efficiency with which this can be accomplished depending entirely upon the type of structure, its properties, and the nature of its supports. The thin shell strives to transfer all its surface loads in such a way that it has to mobilize the minimum amount of its intrinsic "strength"; that is, by stresses that cause the least possible deformation.

In the case of a thin shell whose geometrical configuration possesses spatial curvatures, the types of internal stresses that tend to deform...
it least are the "membrane" stresses which act in its surface. As can be seen from Figure 1, these tangential stresses possess vertical components capable of transferring the surface loads to the supports.

In the case of flat plates (Figure 2), because of the absence of curvature, such membrane forces cannot develop vertical components to transfer loads. Since a flat plate structure can therefore derive no benefit from them, the membrane stresses do not develop at all. However, since the applied loads have to be transferred to the supports, a new set of internal forces—the transverse shear forces acting normal to the surface of the plate—has to emerge. Unfortunately, the transverse shear forces cannot alone maintain equilibrium in the plate, and so must be accompanied by transverse bending and twisting moments if they are to exist at all.

It is well known that any thin structure deforms appreciably when subjected to transverse bending moments. The reason for this behavior is that the magnitudes of the transverse moments are functions of the thickness of the structure, which in the case of plates and shells is rather small. Since the magnitudes of the load-transferring transverse shear forces in turn depend on the magnitude of the inherently small bending and twisting moments, it seems obvious that transverse bending is a very inefficient way for thin shells to support their loads.

For instance, a sheet of cardboard can be stressed in its own plane with considerable uniform load without any appreciable deformation, yet laterally it is unable to support any uniform load to speak of. However, when the same cardboard is given an initial curvature, it can support considerable lateral loads without undergoing large deformations. Obviously the curved configuration permits the thin cardboard to develop membrane stresses which can carry the surface loads to the supports with a minimum of effort.

If the loading supported by the thin shell is reasonably uniform and the deformations that result from the membrane stresses are permitted to develop freely, then the shell strives to transfer all its surface loads by the membrane stresses alone. However, the spreading deformations emanating from the membrane stresses in the thin shell can seldom run unhampered over the shell's total surface. As a rule, the region where the membrane deformations are unable to satisfy the actual final configuration of the thin shell is in the neighborhood of its boundaries. Thus in this region transverse forces and moments have to appear in order to establish an edge configuration that is compatible with the nature of the shell's support.

In the neighborhood of the boundaries, transverse bending dominates, but fortunately, in the case of most shells, this transverse bending zone is limited to a rather narrow strip around the shell's edge. If this zone constitutes a small fraction of the total surface area, then the transverse bending effect can be considered to be a mere "disturbance" of the dominating membrane state of stress within the shell.

It is commonly found that the most critical stress conditions prevailing within the skin of thin shell structures are brought about by such boundary disturbances rather than by the membrane stresses themselves. In considering the stability of thin shells, the membrane stresses do play an important part, but under ordinary circumstances, the buckling phenomenon is seldom the determining factor in the proportioning of a thin shell structure.

The primary objective of the designer, from a purely structural point of view, should be the quest for a thin shell whose configuration and edge supports would tend to reduce the boundary disturbance of the shell to the bare minimum. Such a purely structural solution rarely, however, meets the functional requirements of the best architectural solution, so that a satisfactory balance must always be struck between the two alternatives: the best architectural design and the best structural design.

Closed Cylindrical Shells

Silos, bins and reservoirs are often constructed as thin cylindrical shell structures stiffened by transverse diaphragms. Such shells are quite efficient in supporting axial and lateral loads, and, as a rule, have rather narrow boundary disturbance zones. If they are subjected to internal pressure, then the predominating membrane stresses within the skin of the shell are tensile. Obviously, in the case of a reinforced concrete shell, this should be avoided. However, if such a shell is subjected to external pressure, the membrane stresses are predominantly compressive and concrete becomes a highly suitable construction material.

If the closed concrete cylindrical
shell is subjected simultaneously to external and internal pressure, then the membrane stresses are compressive as long as the external pressure exerted on the shell is greater than the internal pressure. If the tank is subjected to internal pressure of a limited maximum intensity brought about by its contents, then the desired external pressure can be introduced by prestressing in order to maintain a resultant compressive stress in the skin of the shell. Then the only tensile stress condition appears in the boundary zone, which is of limited width around the shell’s edge. The depth of this zone is a function of the shell’s thickness and radius. In general, the boundary zone disturbance can be diminished by reducing the thickness of the shell. At least in principle, there are no fundamental difficulties connected with the proper design of prestressed closed cylindrical shells.

Open Cylindrical Shells

Because of the early work of the German engineers, Dr. Ulrich Fins terwalder and Dr. Franz Dischinger, who made it the object of their pioneering efforts to predict thin shell behavior by theoretical analysis, the cylindrical barrel shell occupies a unique place in the annals of thin shell design. In spite of their historical importance, however, there is little to be recommended in the use of such shells, since the desired membrane state of stress as a rule does not dominate in them, and may not even exist at all. As a matter of fact, the membrane state of stress rather can be considered a disturbance of their prevalent state of transverse bending. Such behavior contradicts the fundamental aim of thin shell design, which is to find configurations that tend to minimize the transverse bending phenomenon. Among the cylindrical barrel shells, there is a special type called the short barrel shell which is shown in Figure 3. This type of structure hardly deserves to be called a shell because of its almost linear structural behavior; i.e. it acts very nearly like an arch. The structural behavior of the short barrel arch is very crude when compared to that of a pure shell and its clumsy appearance testifies to its generally inefficient performance. Time and time again this form of thin shell is used for enclosing large areas, even though its appearance should give enough reason to search for new shell forms that can perform their structural functions more gracefully.

One such form was a contribution by Spain’s Dr. Eduardo Torroja, who designed the delicate and highly ingenious intersecting twin barrel shell roof shown in Figure 4. Even though the boundary disturbance in this shell was as prominent as in all shells of cylindrical barrel type, its stunning originality and pioneering audacity seem to fully justify its adoption in this instance.

In striking contrast is the shell structure shown in Figure 5. Here, barrel shells, capable of covering long spans, are supported at their
ends on a girder. This girder has been assigned the task of transferring shell reactions of considerable magnitude by transverse bending over the girder's long span to its supports. Obviously, since the girder has been forced to perform its load transferring function in the most disadvantageous manner, it had to assume monstrous proportions in order to be capable of the task.

Even the advent of prestressing could not exonerate the disarranged structural logic involved in this type of construction, which betrays an all-too-common lack of understanding of the boundary supporting problem of the thin shell.

As can be deduced from the foregoing discussion, the cylindrical shell in general does not represent the best features of thin shell behavior because of the widespread transverse bending that propagates from its boundaries and because of the rather large diagonal tensile stress resultants that appear in barrel shells of certain proportions. The latter phenomenon is a particular nuisance when the shells are constructed of reinforced concrete, which is the current practice in the building industry.

In an attempt to diminish these adverse effects of cylindrical shell behavior, the straight generator could be made to assume the shape of a shallow segment of a curve, thus producing a shell of double curvature as shown in Figure 6. The longitudinal curvature of the shell is helpful in reducing the boundary disturbance zone propagated from the long edge. Roughly speaking, the more the longitudinal generator is made to curve, the shorter is the reach of the boundary disturbance that propagates from the long edge of the shell. Thus it is evident that by introducing an appropriate longitudinal curvature into the geometry of the barrel shell its transverse bending zone can be reduced at will. Theoretical methods for the analysis of such shells have been developed by the Russian engineer Ambartsumyan and German engineer Windels, thus making these shells available to architectural application.

The immense popularity of cylindrical concrete barrel shells stems largely from the fact that they permit relatively inexpensive formwork to be manufactured out of straight pieces of lumber. Many designers justify the use of the barrel shell as a space spanner only because it behaves somewhat more efficiently than a slab or a beam structure and because of the additional economy in its formwork. However, this argument seems to be a rather weak justification for adopting a shell configuration that possesses poor properties of structural behavior.

Many great shell pioneers, notably Dr. Torroja and Dr. Finsterwalder, after scoring their initial successes in conventional reinforced concrete shells, set out to search for means of overcoming this disadvantage. They found a relatively satisfactory answer in prestressing. Dr. Torroja, for example, used longitu-
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(1) The use of cylindrical concrete barrel shells is fully justified only when prestressing is applied.

2) The use of short barrel shells should not be encouraged because their structural behavior is a travesty on pure shell action.

3) While conventional cylindrical shells are somewhat cheaper than, for instance, shells of double curvature or prestressed shells, it is the writer's opinion that, if the initial cost is of cardinal importance a conventional framing system should be adopted instead of a barrel shell.

Segmental Cylindrical Shells

An early type of a composite octagonal thin shell cupola is shown in Figure 10. Dr. Dischinger, who pioneered the theoretical analysis of such shells, named them multi-edged cupolas (in German: vieleckkuppeln). There are innumerable other such compound shell configurations which can be constructed by combining cylindrical shell segments into a cupola, but these cupolas all have one characteristic in common: their structural behavior as a thin shell is extremely delinquent. As a rule, there is no membrane state of stress existing within the skin of the cylindrical shell segments and heavy transverse bending dominates.

This adverse condition exists in all structures where cylindrical shell segments are employed. It was pointed out earlier that the thin cylindrical barrel shell behaves rather un-economically as space spanner when compared to the pure shell action. This already poor structural behavior of the cylindrical barrel shell deteriorates considerably more if the barrel shell is sliced up into segments that have to carry loads as components of a compounded cupola.

Such shells have, in fact, rapidly lost their popularity and have recently been used only in connection with precasting methods. The most that can be said in their defense is that their structural behavior is somewhat superior to that of folded plates, were the plates to be used in their place. On the other hand, it is doubtful whether the slight advantage in structural efficiency of the segmental barrel shell over folded plates is sufficient to offset the higher cost of its formwork.

A particularly exciting shell con-
configuration is obtained when two identical cylindrical barrel shells are made to intersect at right angles and the interior portions of the shells removed, as in the monumental project shown in Figure 11. There are so many controversial features incorporated in this structure that it is instructive to scrutinize it in some detail.

As was pointed out in the foregoing discussion, segmental cylindrical shells simply do not behave economically, especially if they have been assigned to enclose long spans. The segmental barrel shells transmit considerable loads to their boundaries to be absorbed by the boundary members in order to maintain the structure in equilibrium. If the boundary members are also to support long spans, then they are likely to be heavy in comparison with the thickness of the shell. Unfortunately the expansion or contraction of such heavy members due to ambient thermal changes lags behind that of the flimsy shell structure, bringing about additional boundary disturbances which very often are of the most critical nature. Hence it is evident that a reduction in the unsupported length of the edge member is accompanied by a diminution in its size, which in turn brings with it the desirable relaxation of the dangerous boundary disturbance in the thin shell. This phenomenon is not limited to the shell under discussion but is valid for all types of thin shells.

Had the designers of this project modified somewhat the relative proportions of the cross barrel thin shell and relaxed somewhat the stringent outside boundary conditions by permitting a few intermediate edge member supports within the window frames, then the shell structure would have lost most of its bulk in the boundary arches and its appearance would have been improved to a large degree.

In contrast to this barrel shell example, it is instructive to study the geometrically analogous, and beautifully executed shell structure in Figure 12. Even though the scales and geographical locations of the two thin shells do not correspond, the shell in Figure 12 demonstrates one possible solution that could have been considered in facing the roofing problem posed by the airport structure.
A Design Tool for Determining
ACOUSTICAL PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS

Of all the components that comprise noise, one of the most annoying is speech from a neighboring room. At the same time, providing adequate speech privacy (see "Acoustical Privacy," AR, June 1959) can be more difficult than controlling reverberation or reducing the general hum of noise. An easy-to-use method has been developed by Bolt Beranek and Newman, Consultants in Acoustics, for determining, first, the degree of speech privacy required for typical situations, and, second, the building components that will give the necessary sound isolation. The "Speech Privacy Design Analyzer" was developed under the sponsorship of Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, and with the collaboration of several other manufacturers. It will be issued soon by O-CF to architects and others interested in speech privacy.

People are becoming more critical of their indoor environment; they want better control of heat, light and sound. Oddly enough, as buildings have incorporated air conditioning, better lighting and new building materials, the problem of providing a satisfactory acoustical environment has become more difficult. For example, when office buildings had massive walls, heavy partitions, high ceilings and crude central heating and ventilation (by present-day standards), occupants were not bothered by the conversations of their neighbors. Now in the days of suspended ceilings, perimeter air conditioning, movable partitions and lightweight construction, there are many paths for the sounds of voices to travel from one office to another and become a source of distraction, annoyance and even embarrassment.

There's nothing wrong with these new techniques and materials. The point is that the designer cannot consider the functions of these components separately, but must be aware of how they affect each other. This is certainly true in the matter of acoustical privacy. The type of partition, the type of ceiling construction, the type of air distribution equipment and ductwork—all help to determine whether you can hear your neighbor, and he you.

There are three factors to be considered in providing a comfortable acoustical environment in office buildings, hotels and motels, hospitals, dormitories and apartment buildings. First, there is the control of sound reverberation (not too boomy, not too dead); second, the control of annoying noise (equipment, traffic, footfalls); and third, the provision for speech privacy. In many cases, this third factor—the one we are concerned with here—is the most important one.

Acoustical privacy was discussed at length in the June 1959 issue by William Ranger Farrell of Bolt Beranek and Newman, Inc. Acoustical privacy was said to mean really "speech privacy" because when people say that they have no privacy or that they have a terribly noisy office, they most often mean that they can understand what their neighbor is saying.

Three years ago, criteria for allowable noise from traffic, ventilation systems, business machines, etc., were developed by Leo L. Beranek of Bolt Beranek and Newman, Inc. These noise criteria were based on surveys among a large number of office workers, checked by past field experience and a laboratory test using artificially produced noise.

These early studies were aimed at determining the maximum noise level at which office personnel felt they could do their work without loss of performance.

The direction of subjective testing now is toward isolating the various factors that make up a noisy environment.

The first factor to be isolated is speech intelligibility. A two-year investigation by W. R. Farrell and B. G. Watters of Bolt Beranek and Newman, Inc., sponsored by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., has determined to what extent speech sounds from the next office can be understood before an average listener feels he does not have acoustical privacy. This information plus field test data on transmission losses of partitions, suspended ceilings, doors and interconnecting air passages form the basis of a design tool called the "Privacy Design Analyzer." It can be used by architects to determine how much sound isolation is required for a given situation and which sound isolating components will provide the needed isolation.

The scope of the speech privacy analyzer is broad enough to encompass most of the day-to-day privacy situations such as private offices, conference rooms, and rooms in college dormitories. It is not intended for very large rooms, exceptionally quiet or noisy rooms or for halls with amplifying systems. By limiting the scope of the analyzer, it was possible to avoid complicated terminology. Surprisingly, the word decibel never appears.

Physically, the analyzer consists of one sheet for estimating the privacy requirement for a particular room and a second sheet which translates the privacy requirement into a privacy rating for each of the building components involved.

The speech privacy analyzer grew out of laboratory experiments on the reactions of people to intruding speech. To relate this information to building components, it was necessary to draw heavily on acoustical theory, including the behavior of sound in rooms and the transmission of sound through structures. Reinforcing the laboratory and theoretical studies are a list of actual complaint situations which have been interpreted with the analyzer.

Item 1 on the Estimating Sheet is the floor area of the room in which the speech sounds originate. The room size is important because in a small room, sound will be reflected.
more frequently from walls and other boundaries and will result in a "build-up" of sound intensity. In a large room the sound will tend to spread out and the intensity will be less.

The scope of the analyzer encompasses rooms with floor areas from about 50 sq ft to about 1600 sq ft. As may be seen from the scale in Item 1, this range in room size reflects a 15 unit variation in the Speech Privacy Requirement.

Regardless of the size of the room, it is assumed that both the talker and the occupant of the adjacent room are located at least 2 or 3 ft away from the partition which separates them. This is especially important if the partition has an interconnecting door or air grill.

Item 2 describes how people will talk in the source room. In most private offices, hotel rooms, hospital rooms, and the like, people will speak in a conversational tone of voice. In board rooms and conference rooms it is common for people to raise their voices in order to be heard throughout the room.

In more exceptional cases, a loud voice may be used. An example is a psychiatrist's office where a patient may sometimes become excited and raise his voice. Another example is a noisy business machine room where the operators speak in loud voices.

The term loud voice refers to the highest speech effort which can be sustained without strain. Even higher speech levels are possible. A shout is a quite unusual level and falls outside the scope of the analyzer.

Item 3 deals with the kind of privacy required. In some cases it is important that conversations be truly confidential. Most executives need true privacy for at least part of their work. Doctors, lawyers and psychiatrists certainly require confidential privacy.

In many other instances, all that is needed is freedom from distraction. When the people involved are working together and do not need to discuss private matters, normal privacy will suffice.

At the other extreme are those rare cases where absolute secrecy is necessary. The analyzer, however, is intended for the usual situation where occupants of adjoining rooms are concerned with their own work and problems.

Item 4 gives the level of the steady background noise which will be pres-
ent in the adjacent room. Because of the wide range of noise levels which may be encountered, there is a possible variation of about 30 units in the Speech Privacy Requirement as the background varies from "very quiet" to "noisy." The quietest of these situations might be a non-air conditioned building in a rural location. The noisiest might be an office in the heart of a busy city where the air conditioning system has been designed for maximum economy, with little regard to noise annoyance.

The background noise for Item 4 is assumed to be caused by a combination of traffic noise and air distribution noise. (Other noise sources which can be counted on for steady, continuous masking are outside the scope of the analyzer; data for them are not included but must be specially calculated.)

The noise rating of Item 4 will be found on a Noise Rating Sheet (not shown in the article). The noise ratings listed represent a mixture of traffic noise and air diffuser noise which can be expected in the particular building location and for the chosen operating conditions of the diffuser.

The numerical noise rating, listed for each operating condition of the diffuser, is preceded by the letter N, H, L, or M. These letters describe the tonal character of the combined traffic-diffuser noise. An "N" noise has a normal tonal character; "H" has more pronounced high frequency components, "L" has predominant low frequencies, and "M" is rich in the middle frequencies. All of these characteristics are commonly encountered and accepted.

The letter which accompanies the noise rating is written in the box to the right of Item 4 and carried along throughout the remainder of the privacy calculations.

Although the very highest order of acoustic environment would be ideal, the fact is that buildings must be built to a budget. Item 5 may be thought of as showing the significance of the compromise that almost always must be made between quality and cost.

Because no two people are exactly alike, the meaning of speech privacy is not easy to tie down. A condition which is perfectly satisfactory for one occupant may be most annoying to another. The statistics of people's desire for privacy are given as the percentile figures in Item 5. For example, if "90%" is checked in Item 5 and if the resulting speech privacy requirement is just matched by the privacy rating of the building components, on the average nine persons out of ten will be satisfied.

Example
Assume your problem is the design of a group of small (10- by 10-ft) executive offices for a downtown office building, and you want to select the building components that will give the requisite speech privacy.

First step is to determine the values for the five items on the Privacy Requirement Estimating Sheet. These are written in the boxes at the right of the sheet, and the numbers are totaled to give the Speech Privacy Requirement.

This Privacy Requirement is listed in the appropriate boxes on the Component Selection Sheet. The Privacy Requirement then is adjusted for room shape and size to give a Minimum Privacy Rating. For each of the four components—ceiling, partition, doors and corridors, and interconnecting air passages—the privacy analyzer provides a stack of rating cards with four numbers, prefixed by the letters N, H, M and L. The designer then refers to the Minimum Privacy Ratings on the Component Selection Sheet and selects the components that satisfy the sound isolation requirements. He can then weigh the alternates against other requirements such as appearance and cost. This is how the sheets would be filled out:

Item 1: Source Room Floor Area. 
Opposite 100 sq ft on the scale is the number 12 which is written in the box.

Item 2: Source Room Speech Use. 
Since it is likely conversational speech will be used, the number here is zero.

Item 3: Privacy Requirement. 
The nature of the work requires confidential privacy which gives a number of six.

Item 4: Adjacent Room Background Noise. A rating sheet is provided with the analyzer which combines values for noise from traffic (low-frequencies) with noise from the air conditioning diffuser (medium to high frequencies). In this case assume that the rating is H 30 (H meaning the combined noise has a high frequency tonal character). Opposite 30 on the scale is the number 25; therefore, H 25 is written in the box.

Item 5: Probability of Satisfaction. Because these are high quality offices, 99% probability is chosen. Opposite 99% is the number 21.

The total of the five numbers is 64, and since the character of the background noise in the listening room is high frequency, the letter "H" is written in front of 64. This number is a measure of the overall difficulty of the sound isolation problem. The remainder of the acoustic design is the selection of building components which in combination will meet or exceed this requirement.

Going now to the Component Selection Sheet, the number H 64 is entered in the boxes labeled Privacy Requirement.

Item 1: Ceiling. The number 4 is added to the Privacy Requirement to give the ceiling Minimum Privacy Rating; in this case it is H 68.

Item 2: Partition. An adjustment must be made for the relative size of the common wall and of the listening room floor area. If the floor area is about equal to the common wall area, then the adjustment is plus four and the Minimum Partition Privacy Rating is H 68.

Item 3: Doors and Corridors. A similar correction is made for the relative area of the door opening into the listening room and the floor area of the listening room. Since the floor area is 100 sq ft, the adjustment is plus four and the Minimum Privacy Requirement for the door is also H 68.

Item 4: Interconnecting Air Passages. The neck area of the air diffuser in this example will be taken as ½ sq ft, so there are 200 sq ft of floor area per sq ft of air passage. The adjustment again is plus four, and the Minimum Privacy Rating is H 68.

Any of the components in the speech privacy rating cards which exceed or equal the minimum ratings have satisfactory sound isolation properties.

In some instances it will prove convenient to use components which have ratings which exceed the minimum. If as many as three of the components have ratings which exceed the minimum by at least 10 units, then the fourth component can have a rating four units lower than indicated on the component selection sheet.
Punctured Prestressed Beams Frame West Coast Skyscraper

Precast concrete's rapid development from a new and relatively untried import to a standard and highly useful tool of the building trade is confirmed once again in Seattle's newest skyscraper. At 21 stories, the Norton Building is one of the tallest prestressed concrete structures yet built. More important, its designers took full advantage of the precasting technique to achieve maximum interior ceiling heights within a minimum building height. The modified I-beams for each floor were cast with about fifteen apertures of various sizes and shapes incorporated in the webs so that the ducts and utilities could pass through rather than under the structural framework.

The use of prestressing was dictated largely by the desire to span the 210-by-70-ft floors without interior columns and without out-size framing members. On each floor there are fourteen beams that span the 70-ft bays, supported only by the steel perimeter frame.

Each beam was pretensioned by two dozen 3/4-in. strands in the bottom flange, and post-tensioned by two draped tendons. Although they were designed for 30-ton loading, they were tested as high as 135 tons with only a 9-in. temporary deflection.

The reduction in beam size made possible by the prestressing, plus the use of lightweight hwydite concrete for the floor slabs, cut the total weight of the building by some 20 per cent—a particularly important factor in view of Seattle's subsurface soil conditions.

Heavy Beams Cold-Bent to Form Arches

The largest structural sections ever bent cold to any significant radius support the roof of the reconstructed Palm House at Chicago's Garfield Park Conservatory. Since the old Palm House had been a city landmark since 1907, the Park District engineers decided to maintain its general appearance, but to replace the open trusses that formed the original arches with heavy wide flange beams whose relatively smooth and unbroken surfaces would offer fewer starting points for rust and would be far easier to maintain.

Their specifications called for production of the arches by splitting straight beams into tees, bending the tees to the required radius, and welding them together again. Alternatively, the arches could be fabricated...
Airport Terminal Canopy Designed for Minimum Weight, Maximum Sound Absorption

By far the most celebrated feature of the Pan American World Airways terminal now under construction at New York International Airport is a four-acre roof shaped like an elliptical wagon wheel, complete with 32 spokes that cantilever some 114 ft beyond a supporting ring of heavy piers midway between the hub and the outer rim. The spokes themselves are prestressed welded steel girders.

As might be expected, the construction of the canopy portion of this roof, which will shelter arriving and departing jet liners, posed problems over and above the structural framing. The slabs between the radial girders, for example, had to meet two rigid requirements: minimum weight, and maximum sound absorption with some decorative potential. The first was met by using lightweight concrete (1) reinforced with welded wire fabric (2) for the 4-in. slabs. Because of its allowable tensile stress of 24,000 psi, as compared to the 20,000 permitted for reinforcing bars, the use of fabric reduced the weight of reinforcement by about 20 per cent.

The weight of the roof was further reduced in meeting the second condition by installing acoustical cellular glass insulation (3) in 3-in. blocks as the ceiling material. Since the blocks weigh only 2 psf but are highly effective in reducing sound levels, and are attractive when painted, their use contributed to the fulfillment of both major requirements.

Expanded Bibliography
On Uses of Solar Energy

True to its stated aim of “gathering, compiling and disseminating information relating to solar energy,” the Association for Applied Solar Energy last fall published its second bibliography on solar energy utilization. In 1955, when the first edition of Applied Solar Energy Research was brought out, the field was still in its infancy. Its subsequent expansion in quantity and variety of research is reflected by the heftiness of the current volume, which organizes a vast reservoir of data drawn from many sources—periodical articles, reports from scientific institutions and government agencies, patents, and even typed memoranda. Abstracts of these data are organized for easy reference under broad subject headings that include solar radiation and solar radiation effects; the use of solar energy as heat for low and high temperature conversion; and the use of solar energy as light. The 275-page bibliography is published by the Association for Applied Solar Energy, 3424 North Central Ave., Phoenix, Arizona.
Automatic Traffic Controls for Parking Ramps

One of the newer developments in housing for the “insolent chariot” is a computing system that automatically keeps track of the vehicular traffic within a parking ramp. It consists essentially of strategically located traffic detectors, computing equipment that registers the information picked up by the detectors, and “traffic counters” that record the number of available spaces on each level or in the entire ramp and may also operate signals to direct drivers to the nearest parking space.

Since 1956, three such systems, of varying degrees of refinement, have been installed in Rochester, New York’s municipal parking ramps. The first two ramps used as detection devices conventional pressure-sensitive treadles which require straight and confined traffic flow. The third, opened last spring, uses photoelectric beams which give an accurate count regardless of the position of a vehicle in the roadway.

The new photoelectric detectors accurately register multi-lane traffic, and one type incorporates directional characteristics so that it fails to register if a vehicle passes through the detection zone and then backs out again. If pedestrian traffic is likely, as is the case on the lower levels of a ramp, two photoelectric beams can be used, spaced 4 ft apart. A car cuts the beams simultaneously and registers; a pedestrian, who cuts them one at a time, is not counted.

Depending on its design, a given ramp may require any or all of these detection devices in various locations. Similarly, depending on the proposed number of attendants, a system may use the traffic counters only to record available parking spaces or it may also use them to operate a central annunciator panel and directional signals on each parking level. The relatively elaborate system installed in Rochester’s newest ramp, for example, makes it possible to operate an eight-level garage with no more manpower than would otherwise be required to service five levels. In all of the Rochester ramps, parking meters have been used in each stall to eliminate the need for a cashier and checker at the exit, thus allowing vehicles to exit at a higher rate. Traffic flow into the street has been clocked at an average of ten cars per minute during peak periods. Rampark, Inc., 75 College Ave., Rochester 7, N. Y.

High Velocity, High Temperature Heating for Residences

The new Jet-Heet warm-air system, which was introduced last month after a 13-year testing period that included installations at the South Pole, offers a new approach to home heating and cooling. It differs from conventional systems in several respects, but the most prominent are the delivery of high temperature, high velocity air through small flexible ducts, and the use of aspirating registers to eliminate the need for a return air system.

The furnace itself uses a simple injection burner in a pressurized combustion chamber, and a high velocity heat exchanger that delivers air at 350°F, 400 cfm, and 1.25 in. bonnet pressure. Hot flue gasses are carried off by forced draft so that stack temperatures are kept down to about 100°F. This makes it possible to use a 3-in. vent pipe in place of a chimney, and eliminates the standby losses normally caused by natural draft.

Since the supply air is delivered at a relatively high temperature and velocity, a smaller amount of air is required, and conventional sheet metal ducts can be replaced by 2-in. inside diameter flexible tubing installed like BX cable through the stud spaces. According to the manufacturer, two men can install a complete system—oil tank, furnace, ducts and registers—in only eight hours. The same ducting can be used for air conditioning.

The use of flexible tubing rather than sheet metal also helps to cut down on the noises generally carried through the duct system. Special silencers cope with the noise problems connected with the delivery of high velocity air.

During the development of the Jet-Heet system, it was found that more uniform room temperatures could be obtained when the supply and return registers were located together than when they were placed on opposite sides of the room. This led to the use of aspirating registers which mix the high velocity, high temperature air from the furnace with room air, and deliver it at the normal temperature and velocity. Since the quantity of supply air is relatively small, return ducts are not required. With the supply and return grilles located in the same register, air flows up one wall, across the ceiling, down the opposite wall and across the floor to the return grille. The same circulation pattern continues more slowly when the blower is not operating, and the resulting uniformity of room temperature is maintained whether the registers are located on inside or outside walls. Jet-Heet, Inc., 153 S. Van Brunt Ave., Englewood, N. J.

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... of Cylindrical Concrete Shell Roofs extends and supplements Tables 2A and 2B (coefficients of internal forces caused by line loads) of ASCE Manual No. 31, “Design of Cylindrical Concrete Shell Roofs.” 89 pp. Portland Cement Assn., 33 W. Grand Ave., Chicago 10, Ill.*

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Technical Paper No. 1 discusses the effect that a reduction of water in concrete mixes by chemical admixture has on such properties as strength, workability, permeability, bond and abrasion resistance. 8 pp. Dewey and Almy Chemical Div., W. R. Grace & Co., Cambridge 40, Mass.*

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RESIDENTIAL HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING: 1—Furnaces
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Generally a warm-air system is one which circulates warm air; hence, it could include anything from a blast coil heated by steam to a parlor stove. More strictly, however, a warm-air system is defined as one containing a direct-fired furnace over which air is circulated. When the air circulation is by natural gravity the system is referred to as a gravity warm-air system, a type which has been superseded by the forced warm-air system in which the air circulation is by means of a fan. Positive circulation by the blower (centrifugal fan) permits the use of relatively small ducts, means for filtering the air, and provisions for supplying tempered outdoor air, if desired. The forced warm-air system is characterized by its adaptability to a wide variety of building types, its rapid response to changing weather demands, and its possible combination with summer cooling.

The forced warm-air system consists of a furnace, a burner with necessary automatic controls, a blower, a supply-air distribution duct system, supply outlets, and a return-air duct system.

Furnaces and Basic Control
A number of possible arrangements of control equipment have been tried, but the basic arrangement is that illustrated in Fig. 1. The furnace, which is sold in “packaged” form in smaller sizes, consists of a burner (oil, gas, or electric), a heat exchanger (usually steel), a jacket (or casing), a blower, a filter, and automatic controls. An automatic humidifier is often included.

The sequence of operation is extremely simple, and most effective if the control settings are properly made in accordance with so-called “Comfort Air Circulation” principles, advocated by the National Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Association. Essentially the operating sequence of a warm-air system is as follows:

a) When the room temperature drops, the room thermostat demands heat and closes the burner switch.

b) The generation of heat within the heat exchanger results in a rapid rise in bonnet-air temperature, since the blower is not operating.

c) When the temperature of the bonnet air reaches the setting of the fan switch (such as 110 F) the blower begins operation.

d) The delivery of heated air through the duct system to the room results in a gradual increase in room-air temperature. When the room-air temperature reaches the desired value set on the thermostat the burner is shut down.

e) The blower continues to operate until the bonnet-air temperature is reduced to some low value (such as 80 F), at which time the blower is shut down.

f) The cycle is repeated. The successful operation of the system requires that the fan-switch settings be so arranged that the blower starts operating whenever the bonnet-air temperature reaches a value of the order of 110 F.

Furnaces are classified according to the direction in which air flows through them. For example, in the upflow furnace, generally used in houses with basements, the air flow is upward through the furnace (Figs. 2a and 2b). The upflow furnace may be either of the low-boy type (Fig. 2a) or the high-boy type (Fig. 2b). The low-boy type is used over crawl spaces and concrete slabs. The horizontal furnace can be located in an attic or in a crawl space.
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RESIDENTIAL HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING: 2-Outlets, Distribution Systems

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with the blower located adjacent to the heat exchanger, or of the high-boy type (Fig. 2b) with the blower located below the heat exchanger. Both types require approximately the same floor area when the return-air ducts are included.

In the counter-flow furnace (Fig. 3) the air flows downwards opposite to the direction of flow of the flue gases. The blower is mounted above the heat exchanger. This type of furnace is commonly used for houses built over a crawl space or on a concrete slab floor, and the furnace is often located in a closet or utility room.

The horizontal furnace (Fig. 4) can be suspended from floor joists in a crawl space or mounted on top of ceiling joists in an attic space. The air flow is horizontal over the heat exchanger.

Supply Outlets:
Types, Locations, and Applications

A supply outlet is an opening through which air is delivered into a conditioned space. Outlets are grouped under the broad classification of registers and diffusers. Although the difference between registers and diffusers is not sharply defined, a register is commonly considered as an outlet which discharges the air in a confined jet. On the other hand, a diffuser is an outlet which discharges the air in a spreading jet. Registers and diffusers may be placed at a number of locations (Fig. 5), including the floor, baseboard, low sidewall, high sidewall, and ceiling.

For heating purposes the preferred location of supply outlets is in the floor, at the baseboard, or low sidewall of the outside wall and preferably under windows. The next preferred locations are diffusers located low on an inside wall, or registers high on the same wall. The ceiling location is the least desirable from the standpoint of heating.

On the other hand, for cooling purposes, the high sidewall register on an inside wall or the ceiling diffuser provide the best air distribution. There is no one outlet location which will provide the best air distribution both summer and winter, so a compromise location is demanded. The floor, baseboard, and low sidewall locations at the exposed wall provide good conditions for winter and acceptable conditions for summer, if adequate air velocity is maintained at the outlet face and the air is directed upwards towards the ceiling. The ceiling location (and high sidewall outlets) do provide good conditions for summer, but do not compare in winter with diffusers or registers located low in the outside wall.

Air Distribution Systems

One of the most satisfactory air-distribution systems for a residence is designated as the perimeter system, in which the conditioned air is introduced vertically into the living space through supply outlets located in or near the outside wall. For a house built over a basement or crawl space, these perimeter outlets may be served by an extended plenum duct system (Fig. 6). The same extended plenum can also serve to supply inside wall outlets.

The return-air duct system is usually short and direct; in small homes the return system frequently consists of a single return-air grille, so located that a short duct may serve to carry the air back to the furnace. In larger houses, a return-air inlet should be provided in each room. Rooms not provided with individual return-air inlets should have a grille in or above the door or have the door undercut by ½ in. to 1 in. to allow for the return of air from the room.

A method for the admission of outdoor air to the duct system is also shown in Fig. 6. The outdoor air is admitted through the return-air duct and tempered before entering the supply-air duct system.

In the summer the forced-air system may be operated without heat, to circulate air within the house. At night, cool outside air may be admitted through the fresh-air intake and circulated throughout the house.

The house built upon a concrete floor slab came into prominence after World War II and introduced many difficulties from the standpoint of heating. Extensive research has indicated that this type of house can be effectively heated with warm air if the perimeter duct is embedded in the slab. The heated ducts in the floor serve not only to take care of the heat loss through the edge of the floor slab, but also to maintain comfortable temperatures at the floor surface. Heat is introduced indirectly into the room through the warm slab and directly into the living space through the warm air discharged through registers near the perimeter. The perimeter-loop duct system (Fig. 7) is more effective than the simpler perimeter-radial duct system (Fig. 8).

Details of slab construction for the embedded duct systems, as recommended by the National Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Association, are given in Fig. 9. The edge insulation, which is mandatory, decreases the heat loss from the edge of the slab to the ground and to the outdoor air. The vapor barrier, usually specified below the embedded duct, prevents the migration of moisture from the ground into the duct system. Ducts may be formed of light-gage metal, impregnated paper tubes, or vitrified clay pipe. In any case they should be round and covered on all sides by concrete at least 2 in. thick. Ducts must be tied down or weighted to keep them from floating when the concrete is poured over them. Edge insulation must be of the rigid type and not subject to deterioration in the presence of moisture. Glass fiber, foamed plastic, or foamed glass boards are satisfactory. In northern climates, the in-

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RESIDENTIAL HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING: 3—Distribution Systems

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Figure 6. Extended plenum distribution system

Figure 7. Perimeter-loop distribution system

Figure 8. Perimeter-radial distribution system

Figure 9. Slab construction for embedded duct systems

The return-air system shown in Fig. 7 consists of a grille and a short stub duct connected to the side of the return-air plenum. This simple system has the disadvantage of permitting noise from the blower to issue directly into the adjacent room. Quiet blower units must be selected and sound insulating material used on the inside of the return duct and return-air plenum. In Fig. 8 another simple return-air duct system is shown in which the return-air grille is located in the ceiling. This arrangement reduces the transmission of blower noise to the room and is preferred to the simpler arrangement of Fig. 7.

Any ductwork which is located in a closed crawl space or basement is usually not insulated, since any heat loss from the duct serves to warm the floor of the living space above. However, any supply duct or return-air duct which passes through a ventilated crawl space or attic space must be heavily insulated, since the space can become cold and any heat loss from the duct is lost and not available for heating the house. Supply ducts require insulation of 2-in. thickness and return-air ducts require 1-in.-thick insulation. If such ducts are to be used for summer cooling, the insulation must be carefully covered with a vapor barrier to prevent the passage of water vapor through the insulation and the formation of condensation on the cool duct surfaces.
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Floyd S. Green (left), Frank Adam Electric Co., and John S. Withers, Bussmann Mfg. Co., find Shuttlebrak Switch undamaged after a series of 100,000-amp. short circuit tests.

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To create an overall theme of elegance and beauty for this completely modern hotel, architects Perry, Shaw, Hepburn & Dean specified porcelain enamel steel panels. The supplier chose Inland enameling iron for its uniform flatness and excellent enameling characteristics. Finished panels were delivered to the site set in metal frames. They were extremely easy to install and provided 15,000 square feet of refreshingly colorful design.

Porcelain enameled panels are simple to clean, acid-resistant, weather-resistant and colorfast. They completely eliminate later refinishing costs generally required with ordinary painted panels—make present and future maintenance of this attractive hotel extremely economical.

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Montag, Inc., manufacturers of the porcelain enameled panels used, selected 18 gage, stretcher-leveled enameling quality steel supplied by Inland Steel Company—had no trouble meeting architect's specifications for color (grey), size and flatness.
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7-11 National Convention (first of three in 1960), American Society of Civil Engineers—New Orleans
13-14 29th Annual Convention, National Housing Conference—Statler-Hilton Hotel, Washington
14-17 56th Annual Convention, American Concrete Institute—Commodore Hotel, New York
21-23 First National Electric House Heating Exposition, sponsored by Electric House Heating Equipment Section, National Electrical Manufacturers Association — Sherman Hotel, Chicago

April

4-8 1960 Nuclear Congress and Exhibit—The Coliseum, New York
5-7 Spring Conferences, Building Research Institute—Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York
18-19 Joint Conference on Automatic Techniques, sponsored by American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Society for the Advancement of Management—Sheraton Hotel, Cleveland
18-23 92nd Annual Convention, American Institute of Architects—Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco
19-21 Church Design and Building Conference and Exposition—Morrison Hotel, Chicago
25-29 41st Annual Convention and Welding Exposition, American Welding Society—Biltmore Hotel and Great Western Exhibit Center, Los Angeles

May

1-3 Chicago Electrical Industry Trade Show and Exposition—Lake Front Exposition Hall, Chicago
9-12 Second Instrument-Automation Conference and Exhibit of 1960, sponsored by Instrument Society of America—Civic Auditorium and Brooks Hall, San Francisco
11-16 World Design Conference in Japan (followed by tours, 18-20); theme, “Our Century: The Total Image”—Tokyo
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The Massachusetts Institute of Technology announces the establishment of the Wasserman Graduate Student Fellowship, "to support study in the general area of plastics and their potentialities in the building industry." The donor of the fellowship, which carries an annual stipend of $3500, is Max Wasserman, president of the Wasco Chemical Company. Details are available from Dr. Albert G. H. Dietz, Professor of Building Engineering, Room 5-209, M.I.T., Cambridge 39, Mass.

The University of Pittsburgh has established, with the beginning of the current academic year, a graduate program in Urban Renewal and Redevelopment. The course leads to a master's degree. Information is available from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, 13, Pa.

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Viollet-le-Duc ... would be well advised to hunt for one of the older editions or, better yet, secure the original French text with the illustrations unmarred by folding or stitching.

The Bucknell translation is reasonably accurate, if often ungainly and unidiomatic. However, the present publisher has done a modest service in merely republishing the text of the great French medievalist, whose writings, especially these Discourses, form a significant cornerstone of modern (not just contemporary) architectural philosophy. Yet the absence of notes, commentary, or even a new introduction is deplorable. Lacking such necessary material, the excellent essay by Sir John Summerson, “Viollet-le-Duc and the Rational Point of View,” in his collection, Heavenly Mansions, remains the most useful general introduction to the subject.

—JOHN M. JACOBUS, JR.

Photographic Grand Tour


Though this is a book of pictures of buildings, architects should be warned that buildings here are useful only as photographer’s models, and as evocations of all that was noble in ancient, classic, and Renaissance cultures. Roloff Beny, a painter from Medicine Hat, Alberta, has made a grand tour of the Mediterranean, his itinerary including such exotic ports-of-call as Palmyra, Baalbek, Memphis, Cyrene, Leptis Magna, Syracuse, and Knossos. Both photographs and notes concentrate on the poetry of Mediterranean buildings and ruins, and the book will never replace A History of Architecture on the Comparative Method. It must be said that “superb” is not too strong a word for the photographs, as technique or as evocation; the book itself is handsomely designed and well printed.

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A SLIGHT DELAY of some six hours in the arrival of an airplane a few Sundays ago provided an unparalleled opportunity for the 25-cent tour of New York's Idlewild Airport. This establishment is rapidly becoming a sort of permanent World's Fair, but the feature that comes to mind at the moment is the customs layout in the International Arrivals Building. If there are any readers of the RECORD who haven't already been there, customs is located in two bays on the ground floor, with glassed-in balconies for greeters and sight-seers. Arriving baggage comes through compartments in the rear of the building. Wire carts are provided for the baggage, and incoming passengers wheel them to some 34 check-out counters, complete with conveyor belts. Efficiency is the watchword, and we clocked some of the passengers in less than five minutes. The whole thing has the air of a gigantic supermarket. And, come to think of it, what better device could be designed for the immediate indoctrination of newcomers into the ways of the United States?

THIS LEADS us to shopping centers, this month's building type. There are no really comprehensive statistics on shopping centers, partly because they are a little difficult to define for statistical purposes. Store building in general has been having quite a boom. The Dodge contract figures for stores totaled $1,949,000,000 for 1959, a new record, and 23 per cent above the 1958 total. Prospects are that 1960 will produce an even higher total. To some degree at least, this will be a reflection of the tremendous upsurge in home-building last year, which opened up new areas for store development. It will also reflect the fact that we have about three and a half million more people than we had a year ago.

NOT ALL shopping centers are howling successes, although most of them certainly have done well. In cases where they have not lived up to their sponsors' hopes, a variety of causes may have been at work. One theory, which is offered here from the viewpoint of the shopper, is that some have paradoxically underestimated the importance of the automobile. The suburban housewife's car is as much a part of her way of life as the cowboy's horse was of his. Many a shopper will drive a few feet from store to store, in preference to walking. In some shopping centers, it is quite a hike from car to store. A shopper who has made some purchases, and who wants to visit another store nearby, is faced with the choice of carting the packages, or trudging to the car and back again. The so-called "highway commercial" development, where separate stores have their own individual parking lots in front of their doors, is a recognition of just this fact. In the case of very large new shopping centers, subdivision into smaller sub-centers, with in-front-of-the-door parking, would seem to be worth considering.

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