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CHURCHES UNCLASSIFIED

The three churches grouped together in this feature will not be kind to the architectural historian who likes his categories neat and orderly. About the only quality they all share is competence. None of them will set any deathless pattern in all probability, but all will be closely studied in architectural circles.

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The size and complexity of the problems confronting the would-be competitors (some 1900 of them registered) in the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Competition are rather formidable in an article by Albert Bush-Brown in a recent issue of The Reporter. Nothing more overwhelming than the freedom of its program: "The competition," Mr. Bush-Brown points out, "has a single, deceptively simple requirement: that the essential Roosevelt be commemorated by a memorial in West Potomac Park, between the Lincoln and Washington Memorials. Nothing is said about how this should be done, and the competitor has complete freedom to interpret the theme. What in this complex man was truly essential? How should it be expressed? What will stand well on a difficult site, the featureless, traffic-ridden southwest quadrant left by formidable axes; what will survive the powerful monuments to Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson? Moreover, what is meant by the request for any appropriate form, provided it be harmonious in design with its classical neighbors?" Mr. Bush-Brown is worried both about the ability of artists to produce, and the willingness of Congress and the public to accept, "an environment expressive of modern science and humanism." He makes a strong plea for a new, not a traditional, monument; and adds: "If, as I suspect, the public taste may still prevent a fine design from being built, the competition is nonetheless worthwhile, for it may serve... to provoke a climate receptive to admirable national art."

Improvers, Not Architects

The new Board of Directors of an organization known as the Home Improvement Council is described as embracing "all segments of the improvement industry including manufacturers, wholesalers, utilities, building materials dealers, contractors and others." Hopeful of finding our favorite improvers were represented—however modestly—among those "others," we perused the list of some 30 names with anxious care. "Others," it developed, included some editors of trade and consumer magazines, some representatives of trade associations, a banker and even a newspaperman: but not one architect.

100 Ladies on Houses

The annual gatherings of "homemakers" in Washington to advise "manufacturers, dealers, builders and others concerned with products for home and family use" have by now expanded far beyond the scope of the initial Women's Housing Congress sponsored by the Housing and Home Finance Agency in 1956. At the McCall's third "National Congress on Better Living," food, cosmetics and cars all were on the agenda along with home equipment and homes. The McCall's summary of the consensus of the 100 delegates on the "ideal home": "traditional two-story design with one bedroom on the first floor; two baths at least, one with a tub and the other a stall shower; bright, airy kitchen planned only for the woman of the house—a place where she will do everything connected with food but no other activities will intrude; a separate laundry room which will have lots of counter space, storage space, television set and telephone as well as washer, dryer and ironing equipment; much storage space throughout—perhaps an old-fashioned 'walk-in' pantry and specialized storage areas for various purposes; fireplaces; no terrace unless the terrace has a roof; glare-proof glass in picture windows and glass walls; television sets anywhere but in the living room; a custom-look exterior—delegates were willing to pay up to $1000 more for a house which doesn't look like all its neighbors. Its location would be further away from suburban developments and the neighbors, ideally in a country-like 'acreage', with schools and cultural facilities nearby, and shopping centers and churches not necessarily close."

Vive les Pompiers!

"Just before and after the First World War," says a letter recently received, "some American students had come to do their studies in Paris at the 'Atelier Umdenstock' (U.M.B.D.). The French U.M.B.D. Old Students would now be very happy to have some news from their American fellows: especially Penington, Pearce, Holybird, Jenks, Frazier, Parrot, Kramer, etc. (Sorry, but we have forgotten their initials.) At the same time we should be glad too to have some pictures of their works and their 'bonnes vieilles gueules.' Please write to: Guy Derevoge, Architecte D.P.L.G., 20 rue du Dragon, Paris (XIV), France."
A Record Special Report

CANADIAN ARCHITECTS
HOLD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
AT WINNIPEG

At the annual dinner, principal assembly speaker was the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker. From left, Maurice Payette, retiring president of the R.A.I.C., the Prime Minister, and Mrs. Diefenbaker.

The group mainly responsible for R.A.I.C. report into residential environment. From left, Alan Armstrong, Peter Dobush, James Murray, John C. Parkin, and C. E. Pratt.

Robert Corny of Thorshov & Cerny, Minneapolis, featured Assembly speaker, with John Noble Richards, James Strutt, and Sir Basil Spence.

Honorary Fellowships were conferred upon the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada, and John Noble Richards of Toledo, by College of Fellows Chancellor, A. T. Galt Durnford.

This report was prepared for the Record by Robbins Elliott, Executive Director of R.A.I.C.

When Canadian architects met at Winnipeg, Manitoba, from June 1-4 for the 53rd Annual Assembly of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, the outstanding feature of the week was the official unveiling by the Institute of a formal report prepared during the past year by a Committee of Inquiry into the Design of the Residential Environment. Hailed as a "significant document" outside the profession, the report was approved and authority voted to the R.A.I.C. to move quickly toward carrying out the 32 basic recommendations.

Two hundred and twenty-nine architects and their wives registered for the four-day convention, and attendance was spurred by the first alumni reunion of the School of Architecture of the University of Manitoba, which attracted members from all parts of western Canada. Convention headquarters was the Fort Garry Hotel.

Theme of the Assembly was "Professional Responsibility," and the keynote address was delivered on June 2 by Basil Spence, designer of the new Coventry Cathedral, and retiring president of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Spence (now Sir Basil) received a knighthood in the Queen's birthday honors early in June. He was a major factor in the success of the convention, sparking animated discussion throughout the week, and making an excellent contribution to the all-day seminar on "Professional Responsibility" held at the new School of Architecture building on June 3.

Following completion of a two-year term of office, Maurice Payette, F.R.A.I.C., of Montreal, was succeeded as president of the Royal Institute by Harland Steel, F.R.A.I.C., of Toronto.

At the College of Fellows convention, held at the Fort Garry Hotel on June 4, Chancellor A. T. Galt Durnford of Montreal presented Honorary Fellowships to the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada, who made a special flight to Winnipeg from Washington for the occasion; to Basil Spence, R.I.B.A. president; and to John Noble Richards of Toledo, immediate past president of the A.I.A. Prime Minister Diefenbaker addressed the closing dinner of the R.A.I.C. Assembly on June 4 and praised the Institute for the leadership given by the new R.A.I.C. Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings in taking action to establish a national inventory of buildings possessing architectural and historic merit. He also called upon the architects of Canada to "make no small plans," and to present proposals to the federal government to aid the planning of appropriate celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of the Dominion's founding by 1967. The Institute had urged formation of a national centenary committee in 1959, and at the Winnipeg convention established a national committee to develop long-term centennial plans.

At the business sessions of the Assembly on June 2 and 4, delegates were informed that the Federal Works Department had adopted a revised fee schedule governing the work of private architectural consultants, and the convention recorded approval of the revised tariff. Resolutions were presented to the convention, and adopted, calling for a review of provincial codes of ethics and the fee schedules of the nine provincial associations, with a view to establishing a uniform fee structure for the profession in Canada. Another resolution called upon the Institute to investigate the possibility of establishing some form of permanent liaison with other professional societies in Canada—for example, the Canadian Medical Association, and the Canadian Bar Association.

As a result of several months of investigation and study, the Institute reported that a joint committee had been established between the Royal Institute and the manufacturers and suppliers section of the Canadian Construction Association. The committee, to be called the Joint Committee on Building Materials, will be modeled to some extent on the Producers' Council, Inc., and will consist of five architects and five manufacturers. Purpose of the new organization will be to establish standards for the design and preparation of quality product literature, to provide for architect-manufacturer consultation at the national level, and for seminars, product demonstrations, lectures, etc., in major building centers throughout Canada. The propo...
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Construction starts later this year on the Sheldon Art Gallery to be erected on the city campus of the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Designed by Philip Johnson, the building will house the University's growing art collections, accommodation for temporary exhibitions, a 300-seat auditorium, a print study, a board room for the Nebraska Art Association, and full complementary storage and preparation areas. The gallery is a gift of Frances and Bromley Sheldon of Lincoln and Lexington, Neb. A major feature will be the two-story central hall which will contain two monumental sculptural reliefs as memorials to the donors.

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's design for the One Charles Center Building, first structure in Baltimore's 22-acre Charles Center, was chosen from those of six competing developers by an Architectural Review Board—Dean G. Holmes Perkins, School of Fine Arts, University of Pennsylvania; Dean Pietro Belluschi, School of Architecture and Planning, M.I.T.; and Joseph Hudnut, former dean of Harvard's Graduate School of Design. Metropolitan Structures, Inc., of Chicago start construction of the 23-story aluminum and glass tower in 1961. A $127 million project, Charles Center will include eight office buildings, retail space, parks, garages, transit facilities, and a new hotel.
Sculptured concrete “fan vaults” rise from a walled garden in this model of a synagogue designed by Architect Minoru Yamasaki. The religious sanctuary, which will seat 1800, will be built this year in Glencoe, Ill., for North Shore Congregation Israel at a cost of $2 million.

Italian Engineer-Architect, Dr. Pier Luigi Nervi’s first building in this country will be the $13 million George Washington Bridge Bus Station for the Port of New York Authority. The three-level station will be about 400 ft long and 185 ft wide. Its concrete roof will comprise 26 triangular sections, 14 of which slope upward from a row of columns in the center of the building. Each triangular 92 by 66 ft section will be made of 36 precast concrete panels. The sides of the raised roof sections and of the station itself will be exposed precast concrete structural members forming openings for ventilation of bus platforms and lower expressway. The bus station will handle 2000 buses carrying 50,000 passengers daily.

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS COMPLETED IN BOSTON

The second building to be completed in the Boston Arts Center, which is situated on 16 acres along the banks of the Charles River in the Cambridge area, was opened in May. Designed by architects Saltonstall and Morton, the Institute of Contemporary Art features an exhibition area 88 ft long and 33 ft wide. The gallery's design provides for several stages of expansion. At present it is less than a third of its ultimate size. Raised on steel supports, it spans a most connecting to the mainland the islanded tent theater, which was finished last year. The last phase of the Boston Arts Center, still in the planning stage, is the Opera House (Shepley, Bullfinch, Richardson and Abbott, architects, with Pietro Belluschi as consultant.) When entirely completed, the Center will be the senior link in a metropolitan art center circuit, envisioned as stretching across the nation, operating in close cooperation with Washington, D. C., where the National Cultural Center is taking form, and with New York's Lincoln Center.

Tent theater by Carl Koch & Associates, Architects, is in its second summer of operation. Vinyl-coated, air-supported nylon roof will be form for concrete dome applied later by gunnite process. Vertical canvas back (left) has been replaced by steel structure.
ARCHITECTURE AWARDS
ARE GIVEN AT
BOSTON ARTS FESTIVAL

Architectural awards at the 1960 Boston Arts Festival were given to five projects chosen from a New Englandwide competition: a public library, a temple, business headquarters, college dormitory and commons, and a private beach house. The projects, which must have been executed and completed within the last five years, were chosen by a three-man jury composed of Pietro Belluschi, Dean of Architecture and City Planning, M.I.T.; Morris Ketchum, Jr., F.A.I.A., New York; and George Stout, Director of the Gardner Museum, Boston. Models and photographs of the winning projects were displayed in the Boston Public Gardens. The exhibition is conducted in cooperation with the New England Regional Council of the A.I.A., the Massachusetts State Association of Architects, and the Boston Society of Architects. Beneath the photographs of the architectural winners are jury comments.


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Typical apartments use room dividers in place of interior partitions whenever possible. All rooms, including bathrooms, are accessible from the entry; and kitchen and dining areas are arranged to insure a minimum of walking in meal preparation and service.

The 14-story structure, containing 104 two-and three-room units, is built in the shape of an irregular cross. The rear wall of each wing is solid masonry, without windows; as visual contrast, the front walls are almost entirely of glass, relieved by the horizontal lines of balconies containing planters.

VLADECK PRIZE DESIGN FAVORS MEDICAL CARE FOR AGED

First prize in the William Charney Vladeck Memorial Competition for a public housing development for elderly New Yorkers was awarded the design of Michael Gordon, fourth-year student at Pratt Institute of Architecture.

Sponsored by the Citizens' Housing and Planning Council of New York, the competition singled out Gordon from 36 entrants for his design of a 14-story apartment building, "outstanding for its site planning, provision for tenants' privacy and independence and facilities for community living and emergency medical care."

The jury consisted of Olindo Grossi, dean of the School of Architecture, Pratt Institute; Percival Goodman, F.A.I.A., associate professor of architecture at Columbia University; and Samuel Ratensky, executive assistant, New York City Housing and Redevelopment Board.

Seymour Renen, a student at Cooper Union, won second prize. Four other contestants, cited for honorable mention, were Samuel J. De Santo, Alan Gurarye, Yoshiro Hashimoto, all students at Pratt Institute; and Ronald Spivak, a student at Cooper Union.

Directing the council's choice for this, its first competition, was the urgency of creating appropriate housing to meet the specialized needs of older people, an ever-increasing part of the population. Roger Starr, Executive Director of the Council, said: 'There is an acute shortage of housing planned with the aging in mind, and much of the little housing for them which exists has been severely criticized by leading architects and planners as failing to provide adequately for community and health-care needs.'
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Burnham Kelly Named Dean at Cornell Architecture School

Burnham Kelly, associate professor of architecture at M.I.T., is now Dean of the College of Architecture at Cornell. Mr. Kelly succeeds Thomas W. Macksey, who resigned the post to teach full-time. A member of the Department of City Planning at M.I.T. since 1945 and previously a lecturer at the University of Michigan, Mr. Kelly was educated at Williams College, Harvard Law School, and M.I.T., where he received a Master of City Planning degree in 1941. He practiced law in Rhode Island until 1938, and worked during the War for the National Research Council and the Office of Scientific Research and Development. His professional experience includes city planning and housing consultant since 1945. He is the author of many articles and several books on housing and design, among them "The Prefabrication of Houses."

AIA-NAHB Honor Award to Go to Architect-Builder Team

Architect-builder teams that have completed a project within the last five years are invited to compete for the second annual Award of Honor sponsored by the A.I.A. and National Association of Home Builders. The award's purpose is to encourage the design and construction of the best communities and homes for the American people by promoting collaboration between architects and builders.

The Jury will consider the following factors important: Community planning, the use of the site, individual house design, architect-builder relationships, improvement of the techniques of the building service to the community, as well as active participation in the affairs of the Institute or N.A.H.B.

Presentation of the Award of Honor will be made to the winning team at the N.A.H.B. convention next January and at the A.I.A. convention in Philadelphia next April.

Entries may be submitted by the builder, the architect, by the local or national A.I.A. or N.A.H.B. chapters. They must be received at A.I.A. headquarters postmarked not later than November 14, 1960.

World Fountain Competition Sponsored by Seattle

The City of Seattle announces an international competition for the design of a fountain using "lifted and moving water, form and illumination" in unique and non-traditional ways. To be completed in time for the Century 21 Exposition, "international space-age spectacular" being held April through October 1962, the $250,000 project will become a permanent part of Seattle's Civic Center.

From preliminary entries, which must be submitted by Nov. 28, 1960, five contestants will be selected, each to be awarded $2000. Winning designer from the five finalists will be awarded a contract with the city to complete and supervise the fountain, receiving ten per cent of the cost.

Entries are invited from all architects, designers, landscape artists and sculptors, world-wide, who may register by September 16, 1960. For information and registration application, write: Professional Adviser, Seattle Civic Center Fountain Competition, Third Avenue North and Mercer Street, Seattle 9.

Entenza Appointed Director of Graham Foundation

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able persons with high creative talent to have advanced opportunity in these fields.

The program's panel includes well-known educators, architects, artists, art critics and psychologists, the chairman being John Ely Bur­chard, Dean of Humanities at M.I.T. and Consulting Editor to Architec­
tural Record.

Are Crafts Goals Understood? Exhibit Raises Question

Over one thousand American craftsmen answered the call to open competition from the Museum of Contemporary Crafts in a Designer-Craftsmen Exhibition in May. Ob­jects numbering 114, "designed and handcrafted for use," were chosen by a jury which included Alexander H. Girard, architect and designer of Santa Fe, New Mexico; John A. Kou­wenhoven, author of "Made in America," Professor of English, Barnard College, Columbia University; and Charles H. Sawyer, Direc­tor, Museum of Art, Professor of Fine Arts, University of Michigan. 

Entries were divided into five classes, two focusing on work de­signed for "organic architectural use" and for "interior architectural spaces." The judges reported textiles and ceramics strongest in quality, furniture the weakest. They con­cluded: "... many craftsmen are still not clearly aware of their goal perhaps in part because society, as represented by such potential users as architects, designers, and ultimate consumers, are not completely aware of the contribution which the crafts can make."

Non-Academic Research Grants From Ford Foundation

A limited number of fellowships to assist persons not regularly associat­ed with academic institutions to un­dertake or complete studies in the creative arts is being offered by the Ford Foundation. They were insti­tuted to help meet the need of per­sons in the arts interested in carry­ing out research who are not regu­larly part of the academic commu­nity. For not less than three months nor more than one year, the fellow­ships will vary in amount in relation to the applicant's estimate of cost, but in general will not exceed $7500 for a year.

The first group of awards were announced in June. Applicants for the program's second phase should submit letters before Nov. 15, 1960. Address: Ford Foundation, Fellow­ship Program for Studies in the Cre­ative Arts, 477 Madison Ave., New York 22.

Election Returns

The Illinois Society of Architects at its 63rd Annual Meeting elected the following architects to office: presi­dent, Michael F. Gaul; first vice president, Clarence J. Bonnevier; second vice president, David Clar­ence Wilson; executive vice presi­dent, Gerald L. Palmer; treasurer, Chester A. Stark; secretary, Alfred F. Schimek; directors for three years, Richard J. Carlson and Arnold J. Kreugel.

Newly elected officers of the Wash­ington State Chapter, A.I.A., were: president, John M. Morse; first vice president, Frederick M. Mann Jr.; second vice president, Donn L. Rothe; secretary, Gayne L. Jones; treasurer, Gene G. Martenson; Board of Directors, Aaron Freed, Hugo Osterman, Stephen H. Rich­ardson, and Lawrence G. Waldron.

At the annual meeting of the Coun­cil for the Advancement of the Ne­gro in Architecture, John Louis Wil­son, A.I.A., was re-elected president. Newly elected to the Board of Trus­tees were: Prof. Howard H. Mackey, A.I.A., Head of School of Archi­tecture, Howard University, Wash­ington, D.C.; Richard C. White, R.A. of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Victor D. Graen, A.I.A.; Louis Edwin Fry, A.I.A.; and Henry Steinhardt, A.I.A. Others on the Board are Thomas H. Creighton, F.A.I.A., and editor of Progressive Architecture; Hilyard R. Robinson, A.I.A.; Richard Roth, A.I.A.; Simon Breines, A.I.A.; Henry Wright, architectural consultant and Percy Illi, architect and interior designer.

Small Town Planning is Canadian C.P.A. Program Theme

The 1960 National Planning Confer­ence of the Community Planning As­sociation of Canada, scheduled Octo­ber 23-26 at the Sheraton Conn­nautical Hotel in Hamilton, Ont., will have as its theme "Planning for the Smaller Communities." It is hoped that deliberations of the conference will result in a policy statement which can be used to guide future activities of C.P.A.C., an organization devoted to maintaining communication between "interested citi­zens" and "elected officials and pro­fessional planners" to "further the cause of town planning in Canada."

Program for Architects Upped in Craft Research Service

A Rockefeller Foundation Grant of $101,000 boosts the program for ar­chitects in the Craft Research Serv­ice, latest addition to the activities of the American Craftsmen's Coun­cil. Serving as a source library stocked with files of craftsmen's names, information on how they work, and in what materials, and photographs and slides of their work, the program aims to aid architects planning to use murals, woodwork, or other crafts in their design. Being increased are the number of crafts­men (now 600) and also photo­graphs and slides. For information on how to use this program, write to: Craft Research Service, American Craftsmen's Council, 29 West 53rd Street, New York 19.

Pickard Heads U.L.I. Research

Appointed to head the expanded re­search program of the Urban Land Institute of Washington is research economot Dr. Jerome P. Pickard. As U.L.I. head, the former Fulbright Scholar will be in charge of its ex­panded study of those dynamic fac­tors in urban land use which make for the creation, preservation, deterio­ration and recovery of urban neigh­borhoods. The program will also study the instruments of public pol­icy that may be used to guide, re­strain or stimulate these forces.

The initial project consists of five related studies to be conducted over several years. They are: a compar­ison of land uses in declining and stable areas, real estate taxation, the use of power of eminent domain, zon­ing and subdivision regulations, and urban expressways.
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The Record Reports

Architect-Designer Teams Get Ford Foundation Grants
Eight architect and designer teams have received grants from the Ford Foundation for the purpose of developing "their own ideal concepts of the stage." The teams and their programs are:


—Seth Hiler, A.I.A., and Barrie Greenbie, theater designer—design of an ideal theater for the modern dance.

—Peter Blake, A.I.A., and David Hays, theater designer—design of a 229 seat open-stage theater.

—Paul Schweikher, A.I.A., and George C. Izenour, designer-engineer—development of theater complex comprising one theater convertible to proscenium, Elizabethan, and arena-stage forms, and an experimental space controlled by an analogue and digital computer.

—Frederick J. Kiesler, architect and designer, working with playwrights and mechanical engineers—design of a flexible urban theater adaptable to both classical and experimental plays.

—Edward L. Barnes, A.I.A., and Jo Mielziner, theater designer—design of an ideal theater to house "intimate music-drama" outside the traditional operatic and musical-comedy forms.

—Ben Schlanger, architect, and Donald Oenslager, theater designer—efficiency study and design of a theater form-and-space concept in the proscenium, and of a non-proscenium technique producing a maximum number of desirable viewing positions.

The funds supplied by the grant, approximately $150,000, "are to be used to free the time of the architect and the designer so that, working together and perhaps with other theater artists, they may carry their ideas beyond the drawing phase to that of actual designs and models, though not to the final phase of completed working drawings."

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FHA Raises Interest Rates for Nursing Home Construction

The Federal Housing Administration last month raised the permissible mortgage interest rate on insured loans for nursing homes to its 5% per cent legal ceiling in an attempt to stimulate more interest in financing projects of this type.

The one half per cent increase was needed, said FHA Commissioner Julian H. Zimmerman, to attract money for the construction of new nursing homes and the rehabilitation of existing structures.

Congress legislated the new mortgage insurance program last year, and FHA implemented it with directives last February. The result was widespread interest in the development of nursing home projects, the agency said, but the 5¼ per cent interest rate under which the program was launched proved inadequate to attract sufficient capital.

FHA's field offices have revealed widespread interest in developing nursing home projects, it was reported in Washington. Proposals have been coming in from commercial and medical sources, labor, religious and civic groups.

The larger return allowed July 1 is expected to stimulate many suggested projects that would not have gone forward under the lower rate.

Center for Nursing Home Research Planned for Washington

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Aircraft Noise and Its Control Concern of New Organization

The National Aircraft Noise Abatement Council (at 1145 19th St., N.W., Washington, D. C.) hopes to become eventually a clearing house for information on airport noise control.

Like the Building Research Institute, the N.A.N.A.C. will do no research itself but will encourage studies by industry and other groups in the field of noise abatement, coordinate the work and report it in depth.

Now in its early months of formation, the council is concentrating on aircraft industry research on airplanes. It expects later on to broaden this to include research coordination in allied fields. It will be hesitant to tell owners or architects how they should soundproof their structures, but it certainly can give guidance on sound levels at airport locations and thus assist the designer in criteria needs.

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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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\frac{110 - 95}{95} = 0.158
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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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A Wright Anthology

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT: WRITINGS AND BUILDINGS. Selected by Edgar Kaufmann and Ben Raeburn. Published simultaneously by Horizon Press, Inc., 156 Fifth Ave., New York 10 (cloth bound), and Meridian Books, Inc., 12 E. 22nd St., New York 10 (paper bound). 346 pp., illus. Cloth bound: $3.95; paper bound: $1.95.

Even the passionate devotee is without simple access to all the published work of Frank Lloyd Wright. By 1940 the complete collection consisted of eighty-six separate offerings including books, articles and the texts of addresses. The forties and fifties produced another literary outpouring which culminated in A Testament published in 1957. This new collection of the great architect’s writings should be an important addition to the libraries of the many who would like such a generous anthology to put on the shelf beside Frank Lloyd Wright on Architecture, a collection of writings first published in 1941 and edited by Frederick Gutheim with thoroughness and precision.

Editors Kaufmann and Raeburn are leading authorities on Wright, the former in his capacity as author, critic and one time staff member of the Museum of Modern Art, the latter in his role as editor and publisher of many Wright books. They have carefully selected much that is most important, but instead of arranging the writings chronologically, have fitted them in a chronological framework based on seven major divisions of time with a brief introduction to each. Thus the first time sequence called Roots, which covers his early career to 1893, comprises a passage from A Testament written and published more than six decades later.

In addition to a generous but badly reproduced selection of drawings and photographs (everybody who has ever peered at a Wright drawing in reproduction knows how badly most of them fare unless they are given a special four-color production, but why need the photographs have been so dully printed?), the editors have thoughtfully added a map which gives the general location of Wright buildings in the U.S.A., and a list with addresses of his completed works which are still standing. Map and list alone make the book an invaluable source of reference.

—Mildred F. Schmertz.

Modern Architecture Analyzed


The great changes that have occurred in the realm of architecture in recent years have been paralleled by comparable innovations in the field of architectural history. Where the old-style art critic relied principally on his own judgment and experience in assessing works of art, today’s art historian makes increasing use of the theoretical and critical writings of the artist and his contemporaries to enlarge his understanding of the context in which the work of art was produced.

Reyner Banham’s Theory and Design in the First Machine Age is one of the first works to bring the full battery of modern art-historical scholarship to bear upon the history of modern architecture. The result seems to be an effective demolition of the concept of “functionalism”—that is, the idea that the forms of modern architecture arose simply as the inevitable, rational result of the needs of modern building. The relationship that emerges is far more complex than that, and far more intimately connected with the history of nineteenth century architecture than some of the apologists for the modern movement have wanted us to believe.

In fact, some of his conclusions are so unexpected that Mr. Banham is put in the interesting position of having them imperil the premises upon which the book was written. When Mr. Banham suggests that the International Style was little more than the Berlin style of the late twenties, he calls into question the concept of the “mainstream” of modern architecture to which all the material of his study is related. One is then led to ask why Frank Lloyd Wright, for example, should appear only as an influence on the European “mainstream” and not as a theorist of independent stature.

Apparently the concept of the First and the Second Machine Age is presented as the answer to this and other questions raised by this study. Such a concept, however, despite the title of the book, does not seem to be of central importance. Far more important is the establishment of the principle that modern architecture can be subjected to sober and sceptical analysis. Far more important also is the organization and presentation of a mass of material gathered from diverse sources, much of which has until now only been available to a few specialists. As such, this book is a landmark, and will be read with profit for many years to come.

—Jonathan Barnett

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Much of Bucky Fuller’s popularity is doubtless due to the picture he evokes as the archetype of American tinkerer-inventors, raised to the level of high science. Though both industry and the military have recently been making much of his geodesic results, not many, apart from highly enthusiastic student groups, have made the effort or had the chance to grasp the mathematical and geometric principles which lie behind these results. The reason for this failure probably is due partly to the difficulty of the principles, partly to the legendary complexity of the Fuller semantics. Mr. Marks, understandably, has not been able to make “energetic-

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The book also contains material on the design problems, and solutions, of many of Fuller's projects and prototype constructions. Extremely generous and detailed captions accompany all the illustrations.

A service has been rendered both to Fuller and to readers.

The Golden West


As its subtitle says, this is "A Guide to the Architecture of the San Francisco Bay Region." It is definitely a working guide for visitors to the city, and not a pretty picture book. Minimal architectural information is given for the buildings included, but the number of buildings is so great that no visiting architect is likely to miss one through absent-mindedness.

Technical Books

ELECTRICAL EFFICIENCY IN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS. By Edwin S. Lincoln. F. W. Dodge Corporation, 119 W. 40th St., New York 18. 235 pp., illus. $9.50.

A "practical guide" for identifying and dealing with power loss.


As the title indicates, a very basic book describing lighting types and characteristics, and computing methods for lighting levels.

ELEMENTS OF REINFORCED CONCRETE. By Sylvan P. Stern. Prentice-Hall, Inc., 70 Fifth Ave., New York 11. 444 pp., illus. $10.60.

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K. F. Haynes, F. W. Owens Company, General Contractors, discusses Westinghouse Class 11-700 part winding reduced voltage starter with Paul Tafel, Jr., Tafel Electric and Supply Company; and M. T. Shaw, Mechanical Engineer, Stevens Engineering Company, Inc. This starter controls the 30-hp Life-Line® "A" air conditioning motor shown in foreground. Also shown are Westinghouse safety switches, line-starters and pushbuttons.

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The slender windows contribute to the sense of verticality, and their attenuated hexagonal shape softens the strong horizontal lines spandrels normally create. The deep, 11-in. reveals should provide also the amount of sun and shadow necessary for effective modeling. The quartz aggregate skin will be precast in units 14 ft wide and one story high; the columns will be clad in white marble.

This new headquarters for the 108 year old utility will occupy an unusually favorable site looking across the openness of the nearly completed civic center to the Detroit River. The plot is square and bounded by four streets; the plan of the tower is square, and consists of four bays of 30 ft each way. The $20 million, 32-story building will rise 430 ft above the street.

The lobby will have access by way of a 30 ft wide white marble bridge spanning a reflecting pool at the front of the building, or by secondary stairs from the two side streets. The lobby space will be entirely open except for the three shafts of elevators and stairs; and will have walls, floor, and columns of white marble. The elevator lobbies will be carpeted in deep blue; the sparkling suspended lights will be blue—see detail, page 144.
Detroit Skyscraper

A reflected plan and details of the luminous ceiling typical of all the upper floors is shown above. Both permanent and movable partitions will be used. The narrow window and mullion spacing—2 ft 4 in. on centers—will make possible an unusual degree of flexibility in sizing offices, and will provide, as well, a feeling of protection against the sense of acrophobia many persons feel in rooms with windows extending nearly to the floor. The 11-in. deep concrete mullions, with glazing located at the back, will provide a significant amount of lateral sun shade. Refer to page 204 for a complete technical discussion of the manner in which structural, mechanical, and electrical systems are integrated.

The lobby ceiling lighting system—designed by Lee Dussell—consists of a series of plastic coffers with X-fixtures. James McDonald of Smith Hinchman suggested the lighting scheme, a model of which is shown at left. It consists of a downlight which shines through and around a bead of clear blue glass or plastic, on top of which a reflector is mounted. The reflector will illuminate the coffer; a pinhole opening in the bead will
The mullions for the glass wall in the lobby will be pre-tensioned in order to achieve maximum lightness and delicacy—details are shown on this page. Pre-tensioning these 25 ft. high members will reduce their required cross section by more than one half. The 4 ft. 8 in. wide glass panels will angle in and out for interest and richness.
Detroit Skyscraper

Night lighting for the top of the building will be interesting and is twofold in nature. The upper penthouse—which will house the cooling tower and boiler rooms—will be illuminated by units concealed behind the tower parapet. The color of this lighting will indicate the weather: blue for clear days, orange for rain, etc. The grilled top portion of the main shaft itself will be back-lighted to stand out in sharp, icy silhouette at night. The doors in back of this grill will contain mechanical rooms, shops, etc., which could not be located in the basement of the building due to unfavorable soil conditions.
Demonstrating his continuing interest in Gothic forms, architect Yamasaki has made five open-ribbed vaults the visual focus of the design for the U. S. Science Pavilion for the 1962 “Century 21” International Exposition. The skeletal vaults will rise 100 ft above a central courtyard-lagoon; will be constructed of precast concrete with an exposed aggregate of gleaming white quartz; will be glazed at their crowns with vari-colored glass; will be gaily lighted at night by suspended colored lanterns.

The vaults will rise above a series of connected platforms offering passage over an area of pools, fountains, and planting—the platforms serving as entrance and exit for the five exhibit buildings grouped in U-shape to define the courtyard. Precast components of the surrounding buildings will repeat the neo-Gothic motif. The architect describes the courtyard-lagoon area as an “outdoor room of quiet”
U.S. Science Pavilion for Seattle Fair

...and peaceful character, in contrast to the general noise and confusion of a world's fair all about." The element of surprise has been employed in introducing visitors to the courtyard space; the relatively high outer wall serving to block their view of the pools, fountains, and flowers within until they climb the short flight of stairs that lies immediately beyond the entrance gate in the wall.
"The entrance portico where the intricate simplicity of the structure stands clearly revealed..."
In his latest finished building, Louis Kahn lifts technology to the level of art by putting it firmly in its place.

The structural system of the Richards Medical Research Building is first and foremost an efficient support for the building itself and a throughway for its mechanical loads. It is also one of the few truly logical and hence artful uses of prestressed precast concrete to date. (See Architectural Record, September, 1959.) This brazen sculpture fully exploits both the tractable strength of concrete and the sleek finish and intricate detailing made possible by factory forming. Tied together with steel sinews, the finely-modulated concrete bones form a skeleton that combines power and precision without slipping into structural historicism. (The dramatic H's of the columns, for example, are far more than architectural displays, the Is section is highly efficient mimic...
Alfred Newton Richards Medical Research Building

eccentric loads, and, by precasting, could be formed as cheaply as a rectangle.)

Similarly, faced with an intimidating mass of mechanical equipment, Kahn neither concealed nor glorified it. He simply accommodated it. In the process he synthesized structure and mechanics while giving the mechanical system itself full expression as an inescapable fact of life of a laboratory.

To Kahn, of course, the expression of any aspect of a building must evolve naturally from an initial “realization of what the building wants to be”: the statement must derive from a clearly-formulated concept. It is this insistence on beginning at the beginning that gives the Richards Medical Building power without muscle-flexing, individuality without gimcrackery. Structural advances, which Kahn welcomes, and mechanical necessities, which he merely respects, are alike made means to the building’s ends.

The ends in this case were to provide for the researchers the kind of studio environment preferred by other creative men (architects, for instance), and to supply the services needed for their work without contaminating their air or encumbering their space. Kahn early rejected the usual double-loaded service corridor with offices and laboratories on either side: It would relegate researchers to “cells” defined by such more or less permanent verticals as columns, pipes and ducts, and it would lead possibly contaminated air from their laboratories through the building before exhausting it. Yet this standard solution was made workable after all—by simply standing it on end.

Thus the offices and laboratories are stacked in three eight-layered towers clustered swastika-style around a ten-story “service corridor.” This central tower houses elevators, stairs, lavatories, pens for laboratory animals and similar “servant areas” shared by the flanking studios. It also provides them
with fresh air. Rooftop handling units inhale clear outside air through four mammoth nostrils at the rear of the utility core, condition it, and send it back down the central tower, distributing it to the studio floors en route. To assure complete separation of this supply air and the waste air and fumes from the laboratories, the studio towers are equipped with their own exhaust stacks, sturdy peripheral brick towers that also contain vertical services peculiar to the studios. Similar shafts enclose emergency stairs, while vestigial subtowers, mere glass-walled passages, link the studios to the central core.

With vertical circulation of piping and people thus removed from the studio interiors, the structure that frames their 45-ft square clear spans itself became an open web through which the utilities housed in the subtowers flow horizontally in, through, and out of the studio floors. Its massive H-columns support a two-way network of bulky Vierendeel trusses which,
The central utility core is a brick-faced, site-poured concrete tower constructed so that walls enclosing service facilities are also "hollow columns" supporting two-way slabs. Its rear elevation (right) is distinguished by the giant nostrils that supply air to the flanking studio towers. These towers (for details see Architectural Record, September, 1959) are precast, prestressed rigid frames made up primarily of paired perimeter columns which support a structural-mechanical web of heavy Vierendeel trusses (far right). Secondary trusses criss-crossing the bays formed by the Vierendeels act as intermediate supports for the utility lines that flow through them. Similar truss sections in the center of the spandrel beams complete the overhead network through which exposed ducts, pipes and conduit, arranged to express their use, flow to and from the vertical service shafts (below).

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supplemented by slimmer secondary trusses and cantilevered spandrel beams, carry the floor loads while permitting the free but unobtrusive overhead passage of exposed ducts, conduit and piping.

There are no verticals within the studios proper except the concrete block partitions around offices and laboratories. These Kahn considers "just furniture," impermanent and expendable. However this "furniture," which extends from floor to overhead service web, looks very permanent indeed—so permanent that the actual openness achieved in the studio floors is apparent only in a few very large laboratories. As a result, the building boasts no great interior spaces, although its exterior spaces—the entrance portico in which the intricate simplicity of the structure is clearly revealed, and more particularly the voids between the towers—are more than adequate substitutes.

The tower cluster's curious habit of doubling back on itself prevents its being apprehended as a whole. But the partial elevation of a tower glimpsed through the glass link between the core and another tower, across an intervening space, gives the uniquely satisfying sensation of having viewed the building in its totality, at once from within and without. Similarly, the whole can be "read" from even the smallest parts. The folded metal of a window frame or the tooled joint between two granite-smooth chunks of precast concrete are as unmistakably the building's own as the massing of its studio towers and the shafts that serve them or the highly sophisticated structure that gives them form.

This singular coherence, derived from the flawless blending of disparate elements into a unified organism, has also rescued the Medical Research Building from domination by gratuitous technological feats that in a lesser building might have been considered sufficient unto themselves.
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The integrity that characterizes the design of the Medical Laboratory can perhaps be seen most vividly in the clear visual distinction between the two concrete constructions used. In the central tower, which did not lend itself particularly well to precast construction, the exposed concrete unabashedly reveals the relative crudity of site forming. The grain marks left by the wood forms, and even the holes left by the ties are untouched, in pointed contrast to the factory finish of the precast members that frame the adjoining studio towers. Cast in steel forms (the initial cost of which was justified by re-use), these have a precision unusual even in precasting: knife-sharp edges, complex detailing, machine-close tolerances, and the sleek surfaces obtainable only by steam-curing.
NEW CONSTRUCTION during the 1960's will provide a market for more than 650 billion dollars in goods and services. This will be, by far, the largest market ever attained by any fabricating industry.

The pages that follow give some of the reasoning behind this estimate, and point up specific trends that may be expected in the major types of construction. Before going into detail, however, a few words about the projections and their assumptions are in order.

First, we believe that the estimates are conservative, but not overly so. In other words, we have tried to avoid a bias in the direction of either optimism or pessimism, attempting to stick to what seems reasonable and factual as we see it now. The Sixties promise to be a decade of rapid growth, despite some current sluggishness. But a few of the forecasts which have been made in recent months contain what appears to be a little "pie in the sky," and it seems prudent to view the higher ones with caution. For instance, some forecasts of Gross National Product in 1970 run as high as $800 billion. Our projections imply a 1970 G.N.P. of about $725 billion. Actually, even our figure represents a somewhat higher rate of growth than the nation has enjoyed in the past few years, although it is a little below the average rate for the whole postwar period.

We have assumed that there will be no major war in the Sixties, because this is the only practical assumption an economic forecast can make. While we are reasonably sure that business—and construction—will undergo some cyclical fluctuations during the decade, we have not attempted to indicate when they will occur. Such an attempt would serve little useful purpose, since the art of forecasting business cycles is still highly imperfect. Our projections are intended to indicate long-term trends, and we have therefore confined ourselves to estimates for 1969 without inserting figures for individual years during the decade.

All the value projections are in constant 1959 dollars. This means that the projections measure real increases in the physical volume of construction, without regard to changes in the value of the dollar. Continued inflationary pressures, which are likely during the 1960's, will make the actual figures somewhat higher when they are reported.

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F. W. Dodge Corporation
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Source: (For all charts) 1919-59, U.S. Dept. of Commerce. 1960, 1961, estimates by Economics Division, F. W. Dodge Corporation.
IN ACTUAL DOLLARS, construction in the United States has risen steadily throughout the postwar period until 1960, when a modest downturn seems to be in the making. The heavy line on Chart 1 shows the movement in actual dollars, as reported, from 1949 on.

Rising costs have played an important part in pushing up these dollar totals. When an adjustment is made to eliminate the effects of inflationary pressures, it is apparent that the growth of the construction industry in real terms has not been either as rapid or as steady as the raw figures would indicate. A glance at the bars on Chart 1, which are calculated in terms of constant 1959 construction dollars, shows this difference very clearly. In real terms, the growth in construction since 1955 has been relatively small.

The new series on housing starts, recently developed by the Census Bureau, indicates that substantially more houses were built in each year than had been reported. The so-called “work-in-place” figures, on which Chart 1 is based, have not yet been adjusted upward by the government to reflect the new series on housing. Each figure from 1949 through 1960 would be increased by a small amount, probably in the range of 4 to 6 per cent, if this adjustment could be made. Trends, however, would not be changed significantly. And for reasons explained later, the 1969 projection is not affected by this adjustment.

We expect that total new construction will rise from $54.3 billion in 1959 to $77.6 billion in 1969. New construction has accounted for something in the vicinity of 11 per cent of Gross National Product in typical recent peacetime years, and if this relation holds in 1969, the G.N.P. then would be about $700 billion. Continuing the projection for one more year would put new construction in 1970 at about $80 billion and G.N.P. at a little over $725 billion.

Assuming a steady upward trend between 1959 and 1969, total new construction for the ten years of the Sixties would amount to about $670 billion in 1959 dollars. Obviously, this assumption cannot be made, since 1960 is turning out to be below such a trend. An estimate of $650 billion for the decade, however, seems quite conservative.
Residential Building

HOUSING constitutes the largest single segment of total new construction. There are three main categories of residential building included in the work-in-place series. The most important is the construction of new dwelling units, either singly or in multiple-unit structures. A second category is "additions and alterations" which consists of major changes to existing housing. (This should not be confused with maintenance and repair, which is not considered part of new construction.) The third principal category, much smaller than the others, is "nonhousekeeping", and it includes such structures as hotels and dormitories. Farm housing is not included in the residential building group, but is carried as part of farm construction. All reference in this section is to nonfarm housing; but farm housing in recent years has been a very minor part of the housing picture, and its exclusion makes very little difference to the residential figures.

Our estimate is that residential building will increase from the $23.3 billion reported in 1959 to $31.1 billion in 1969. The 1959 figure is low, because it has not yet been adjusted upward to take into account the new and higher housing starts series of the Census Bureau. As indicated on Chart 2, our rough estimate is that the adjustment, when made, will bring the 1959 total to $25.6 billion instead of $23.3 billion, but this is completely unofficial. This adjustment does not affect the $31.1 billion projection for 1969.

The projection indicates an increase of 33 per cent in physical volume of residential building over the decade, as measured in 1959 dollars. Spending for new dwelling units will rise 31 per cent from the unrevised 1959 figure, additions and alterations will rise 34 per cent, and nonhousekeeping will go up 88 per cent. The estimated increase in nonhousekeeping appears large, but it represents a slower rate of growth than this category has actually experienced in the postwar period.

Use of 1959 figures adjusted upward to account for the higher housing starts series would decrease the percentage gain in total residential building and in new dwelling units over the decade. On this basis, total residential building would be up 21 per cent by 1969 and new dwelling units would be up only 16 per cent.
Housing Units

ACCORDING TO the new Census series on housing, 1,530,900 new nonfarm dwelling units were started in 1959. Some 244,000 of these, or slightly less than 16 per cent of the total, were in multiple dwellings; the remainder were in one- and two-family structures. The 1960 total will be below 1959 by 10 per cent or more.

There is no doubt that housing activity will undergo considerable growth in the 1960's. Some popular estimates put the level of starts in 1970 as high as 2,000,000 a year, but this figure seems a little too optimistic. It is entirely possible that there will be a two-million-unit year toward the end of the decade, but we are talking trend levels on a sustainable annual average basis, and these seem likely to be somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,800,000 units by 1970.

The new higher Census figures on housing starts, it should be pointed out, do not significantly affect the end-of-the-decade projection, since the projection is largely based on demand factors. But the fact that we are currently building housing at a rate higher than had been realized does imply that the increase during the decade will not be as sharp as the old housing series would indicate.

During the decade, about 16 million new nonfarm dwelling units will be required. Population growth (and some slight shrinkage in household size) will require 11 million. A bare minimum replacement rate will require another 3 million. A trend toward two-house families will call for one million more. Finally, about a million additional units will be required to maintain the vacancy rate. This last point may seem strange at first glance, but it is a fact that as our total housing stock grows, the number of vacant houses must increase if the percentage of vacancy is to stay the same. And, of course, some reasonable vacancy rate is required for flexibility of movement and the effective operation of real estate markets.

The 1960's will see more emphasis on multiple dwellings than there has been in recent years. The adult population will grow most rapidly at both ends of the age scale, among newly married couples and the elderly, and these groups are less likely to be interested in single-family homes. The 1970's, however, should see some reversal of this situation.

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Nonresidential Building

NONRESIDENTIAL building in 1959 amounted to $13.2 billion. The projection for 1969 is $22.3 billion, an increase of 69 per cent during the decade.

Among the major categories, the sharpest percentage gain should be in industrial building. This is partly due to the fact that in 1959, industrial building was abnormally low in relation to other building types. The trend from here on should be upward, in tune with general growth of the economy and the need for new facilities to produce new and different products, or to take advantage of new producing methods. Annual outlays for industrial buildings should rise from $2.4 billion in 1959 to $4.4 billion in 1969, a gain of 83 per cent.

Commercial building is the largest nonresidential building category, and an increase of 64 per cent is indicated, from $3.9 billion in 1959 to $6.4 billion in 1969. Store building will parallel the growth and movement of population, and the construction of new housing. Office building, which has gained rapidly in importance in recent years, should remain strong, in line with the increasing proportion of trade, financial and service activity in the economy and the growth of "white-collar" work relative to agricultural and manufacturing employment.

Educational building should grow by 62 per cent, from $3.2 billion in 1959 to $5.2 billion in 1969. Increased emphasis on education will mean a longer average stay in school, and this will require even more construction of secondary and higher education facilities than mere population growth alone would indicate. It is generally agreed that the increase in school population will be greater in the first half of the Sixties than in the second half, and some observers reason from this that school construction will taper off in the second half. However, in the real world, schools are built partly in response to demand, and partly in response to the availability of funds. Growth in the economy and in government revenues will mean a parallel growth in school building through the decade.

Population growth and increased medical care will bring a gain estimated at 70 per cent in hospital building, from one billion dollars in 1959 to $1.7 billion in 1969.
Summary

HEAVY ENGINEERING and other miscellaneous construction outlays in 1959 totalled $17.8 billion. During the decade, this total should grow by 36 per cent to $24.2 billion. The principal factor in the gain will be highways, spurred by the new Interstate Program, rising from $5.8 billion in 1959 to $8.8 billion in 1969, or 52 per cent. Privately-owned utilities are expected to rise by about 28 per cent, from $5.3 billion to $6.8 billion. If this gain in utilities seems relatively small, it should be pointed out that they have shown no gain at all in the past decade, when measured in constant dollars. Some resumption of the long-term upward trend is to be expected.

With respect to total construction, it seems likely that public ownership projects will increase somewhat faster than private ownership during the 1960's. As the table on the next page indicates, private ownership projects should gain about 40 per cent during the decade, and public ownership should increase by 49 per cent. The reason is somewhat more rapid growth in categories like schools and highways, which are principally publicly owned, and somewhat slower growth rates in the predominantly private residential category and in private utilities.

Goods and services that go into maintenance and repair are substantially similar to those that go into new construction. Because present information on the size of the maintenance and repair market is woefully inadequate, forecasting in this area is precarious. A reasonable guess is that maintenance and repair expenditures in the Sixties will run to more than $250 billion, and possibly $300 billion. Adding this figure to the $650 billion estimate for total new construction gives a total market of more than $900 billion in ten years—within shouting distance of a trillion dollars worth of building materials, labor and services.

By 1969, new construction in constant 1959 dollars will have reached a projected figure of $77.6 billion annually. Adding a reasonable (but highly tenuous) estimate for maintenance and repair could easily put the combined total market in 1969 at more than $110 billion—a huge total, but one which, we have reason to hope and expect, is conservative.

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### NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE
(in billions of 1959 dollars)

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### NEW NONFARM DWELLING UNITS*
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* Based on New Census Bureau Series.
THE STRAINED WORK

Perhaps there is no valid distinction between “strained” efforts and ugly results. I assume ugliness was not deliberately sought as a virtue by the designers of the ugly; and certainly the ugly are strained. Certainly, too, the strained usually achieve elements of ugliness or unreality. Perhaps the difference is only one of degree.

Among the “strained” efforts, one is perhaps least certain about many of the factories, which seem to be approached more self-consciously than in America, a little in the spirit with which the Futurists hailed the snorting engine as more beautiful than the Nike of Samothrace. A reasonable example is Caccia Dominioni’s factory for Loro and Parisini in the Via Savona. Viewed as the photographers view it, from head on and far away with big clouds behind it so that the whole thing can appear like the renderings we used to make in the old days, the main elements seem to combine favorably, although with perhaps an excessive horizontality, and the combination of several wall materials does not seem displeasing. But even from this view and examined more closely, it is evident that there are strange discordances, such as the piddling cantilever of the top floor at one end, the apparently arbitrary diagonal cut-off of some of the walls, the crudity of the two sallyports that lead into the factory. And looked at from other angles there is a welter of unstudied and displeasing details, fire stairs, grids, interminable interior corridors. The building is defensible only on thoroughly functional grounds. It probably cannot even satisfy function since it is primarily a facade, a face-lifting for a lot of other work that goes on behind it but does not show. But as a facade it has forgotten the important message of Louis Sullivan that the expressive function is at least as important as the utilitarian one.

Yet this is a reasonably successful straining by Caccia Dominioni, whose apartments at the Via Nievo show a rich playfulness with windows and colored tiles. What such straining can end in is all too dramatically illustrated by the ENI Research Center of Nizzoli and Oliveri at S. Donato Milanese, which is as indescribable as it is inexplicable and of which photographs tell the tale all too clearly; or the struts of Siemens previously cited; or perhaps most astounding of all the helical ramps of the Stadio del Centomila by Ronca and Calzolari, suggested earlier by Wright in his project for a self-service garage for E. Kaufman (Pittsburgh, 1947). There is, perhaps, a functional idea of some importance here, and perhaps after more experimenting the wrap-around ramps might be developed into a pleasing form, but at this point the stadium is but another strained experiment.

Straining perhaps reaches its apex in the proposals of Mangiarotti and Morassutti, who have moved from octagonal and circular tower projects for Rome and Genoa, respectively, to an extraordinary house at San Siro, near Milan, made up of three transparent cylinders, each raised from the ground on a slender...
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Loro & Parasini Factory, Via Savona, Milan; Caccia Dominioni, architect

"... the Strained Work"

Left: ENI Research Center, San Donato Milanese; Nizzoli and Oliveri, architects
Below: Stadio del Centomila, Milan; Ronca and Caizolari, architects

Above: Project for a house, San Siro, Milan; Mangiarotti and Morasutti, architects
Left: Project for an office building, Genoa; Mangiarotti and Morasutti, architects
Apartments, Via Nievo, Milan: Caocia Dominioni, architect

The whole approach is that of a dubious functionalism and a straining to be different. And like so many of these efforts it denies both the structural sense of men like Nervi and the expressive sense of men like Sullivan. Because it can be done is no justification for doing it. The plain fact is that it looks unstable, and that is enough to damn it. Of course at this point we must be careful not to credit all the straining to the Italians. Failure to cite American examples does not mean that there are none.

THE SIMPLE WORK

The sinners are always more interesting than the blessed, and their awful examples are possibly more influential. So I do not intend to explore the good work of Milan at such great length. There are many examples of vintages not so long gone as to be beyond recall. There are the measured bays of Figini and Pollini’s housing in the Harrar Dessié Quarter; Eduardo Vittoria’s work as advisory architect to the Societé Olivetti, almost always successful, whether the formal Mondrianesque Research Center at Ivrea, done when he was said to be assuming an anti-poetic position, to the transistor factory of SGS at Agrate between Milan and Bergamo. These are clearly enough late rebellions against the rhetoric of Mussolini (and perhaps the rhetoric of some of his architectural contemporaries as well) and they are influenced considerably by Mies. But at Agrate Vittoria has geometricized the country as successfully as Bunshaft did at Hartford though the work is less studied (or seems so). Neither is so sophisticated as Saarinen’s recent buildings for IBM. BBPR have contributed to this simplicity over the years, notably and as is well known in the Casa Feltrinelli in the Via Manin (1934-36), the restoration of the Cloister of San Simpliciano (1939), the War Memorial of 1946, the housing in the Via Alcuino of 1946-52, the sophisticated Casa di Via Borgonuovo—Piazza Sant’Erasmo of 1947-48 and re-
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"... the Simple Work"

Housing, Via Alcuino, Milan;
Belgioioso, Peresutti and Rogers (BBPR), architects

Top: Casa Feltrinelli, Via Manin, Milan; center: War Memorial, Milan; bottom: Museum, Sforzesco Castle, Milan; Belgioioso, Peresutti and Rogers (BBPR), architects
cently in the rearrangement of the Museum in the Sforzesco Castle. This is a brilliant job which lets the displayed objects do the work. It deserves a great deal of attention even if it is disapproved of by one or two well-known if not progressive museum directors in the U.S.A. Then there is the almost consistent simplicity of Gardella, a man who deserves much more attention than he gets, as demonstrated, for example, in his church at Cesate, where he returns to the brick that has served Italian architectural history so well but which has of recent years been so overwhelmed by concrete and glass. But with Gardella one moves from simplicity toward grace, and it is of that I would speak in ending this section of the discussion.

GRACEFUL WORK

One can find a good deal of grace in Milan shining against the obvious crudities. There are the works already cited by BBPR and Caccia Dominioni. Nowhere does this sense of grace appear in a more lively way than when the apartment balconies are sensitively worked out, as Albini did, for example, in the Quartiere Vialba. Nowhere, save when brutality is deliberate, is the grace more betrayed than when they are not. Handsome balconies have been in the Milanese tradition for more than a quarter century. Countless examples could be cited, of which perhaps the most luxurious are the combinations of rail, glass, and foliage achieved in a private park of the Via Marchiondi by Castelli, Gardella and Menghi in 1955, and the very recent and even more graceful one alongside by Minoletti and Chiodi. All these point the way to another of Gardella's graceful creations, the Gallery of Contemporary Art in the Via Palestro.

Indeed, the work of Gardella could be left to stand alone as evidence of grace in Milan if it were not for another and more enigmatic man, Gio Ponti, and the important Pirelli Building he has just finished on the railroad station square. Ponti is highly civi-
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"... these perhaps epitomize the present state of Italian architecture ..."
torre velasca, Milan; belgioioso, peresutti and rogers (BBPR), architects

ized. He may suffer in some opinion from his versatility. He can draw, he can paint, he can make ceramics, he can write poetry, costume a ballet of Stravinsky's, make the interiors of the deluxe Italian liners. His industrial designs have been excellent, so excellent that it is all too easy to classify him as an industrial designer—easy and comforting. No joiner, he was never adopted by or adopted CIAM, and this has not helped his reputation, for CIAM is loyal to its own. His work does not have the purity of Gropius or Mies, nor the strength and imagination of Le Corbusier, and his is not really an innovative talent. But his work is never without taste, and refinement, and he represents a type of which architecture needs many more. There can be harder men of taste than Ponti and perhaps more gentle ones, but his talents should not be passed by, however much they may be scorned by the "hard-minded" critics. The Pirelli Building is, I suppose, his masterpiece; with Nervi's Roman circus and the unhappy Torre Velasca it can perhaps epitomize the present state of Italian architecture for us.

Each of these three edifices is too important to be treated as cursorily as I must treat them here. The Pirelli is a marvelous example of transparency erected on a concrete structure by a master engineer in concrete, Nervi. Its tapering ends do indeed seem to make sense. The engineering labyrinth of its lower reaches are sensuous and impossible to photograph. The simplicity of its lines, the grace of its shape, the refinement of its bays put to shame the coarse monster, bearing some superficial resemblances, that seems about to appear at Grand Central.

The steady flow of forces in Nervi's new sports palace, from the oculus to the final well-planted pier, is evidence enough that engineering concrete is free from striving when the engineer recognizes that forces do come to the ground, when there is a steady approach to a succession of problems and not a desire to cause a new sensation each fleeting day.

The Torre Velasca is just too bad. No one admires (or likes) Rogers and Peresutti more than I do. I stood with Peresutti while he gave the reasons. The problem they set themselves was difficult, but was it necessary? Intellectually, Peresutti's discussion, though not necessarily convincing, was credible. But all the time the eyes were denying the intellection. It is unnecessary to enter into detailed criticism. Here is a case where no direct experience with the building itself denies the bad impression created by the photographs. This time they do not lie. There is too much historical reference, too much awkwardness.

Great men should be remembered for their successes and not measured by a machine which calculates their averages. Let the work go as an aberration. I would not expect it to have many imitators, unless perhaps in England. It may serve to put an end to the projected top and the ugly concrete diagonal props.

In the end you can box the compass of the Italian scene if you are familiar with the work of Ponti, Nervi, BBPR, Gardella, Albini, Vittoria and Vigano. In the end, I suppose, and despite the dark side, the average is superior. But the dark side seems on the whole to be gaining, even if we put the Torre Velasca down as a sport. There is the familiar inability or unwillingness to collaborate with the other arts. Sticking a Nivola in a New York showroom for Olivetti is not collaboration at the same level as Nivola's murals on the façade of the church in Orani, Sardinia.
A Parable via Milano and Roma

It is about time architects stopped fancying themselves as first-class painters or sculptors. There is the general failure to decide how to terminate a tower, and this in a country whose ancient towers are all around and about the most distinguished in the world outside of Iran. There is an uneasy relation to industry. This is not on the side of understanding patronage, for the Italian industrialists wear the Medicean mantle more comfortably than their American counterparts. It is rather the trouble of a country still torn between the machine and the hand, between the north and the south, the cultivated and the illiterate, the industrial and the agrarian, in a people who are vigorous, effervescent, hard, who love cities but who do not like to plan, bound too much perhaps by their sense of history. But running through this fabric is the evil thread of the incessant pressure for novelty. Ponti says, “Italian architects enjoy experiments more than conclusions.” But it is probably not as simple as that. There is a little suggestion that the architects might like to go the way of the painters. Thus they too might hope to reach the point where they might be written about in these terms: “Art excludes the unnecessary. Mr. X has found it necessary to paint stripes. There is nothing else in his painting. Mr. X is not interested in expression or sensitivity. He is interested in the necessities of painting. Symbols are counters passed among people. Mr. X’s painting is not symbolic. His stripes are the paths of brush on canvas. These paths lead only into painting.” I suppose since buildings must be used, architects may be spared committing the ultimate absurdity, that their doodles lead only into architecture. They probably cannot wholly secede from everything but their personal world. But it may be painful to watch the effort.

This is, I think, the message of Italy of 1960, and it has nothing to do with slogans or categories. It is not a matter of brutalism or neo-liberty or a return to Art Nouveau. There were great men—Le Corbusier, Mies, Gropius, Wright, Maillart and Nervi—who laid down great principles that were not discordant with the principles of historically great architecture. They had enough variety to let great variations ensue. They did not and will not develop everything that could have been made from their principles. Their successors in Italy, often men of great talent and integrity but perhaps of less conviction, have somehow lost the road and are wandering around, trying everything and at the same time shouting, “Look, Ma, I’m dancing.”

Finally, there is the complete failure to cope with the larger problem of urbanism. Despite the shiny new streets of Milan, there seems to be no concerted effort at a better city. In this respect the American scene is more encouraging than the Italian save for one point. The General Motors Research Center and the Air Force Academy have aptly illustrated that large complexes can safely be put in the hands of one brilliant architect. The efforts at collaborative work in this country, whether measured by our World Fairs or by our serious constructions such as UN, have demonstrably failed. But this is evidence from New York and not from Milan. Returning to Milan, we have to ask ourselves, is the total result good or even promising? Despite the elegant exceptions, I am afraid we have to say no. But instead of smiling tolerantly in Manhattan and saying, “There, but for the grace of God, go we,” we would do better to ask ourselves where we ourselves are going. For it must be evident that an account of an Italian experience reduces in the end to an extended parable for Americans.

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ORGANIZATION
FOR EFFICIENT
PRACTICE

3.
Smith, Hinchman and Grylls Associates, Inc.
Architects & Engineers

The Smith, Hinchman and Grylls firm, reported on in this issue, is seriously concerned with the currently expanding architectural horizons. It is equally concerned with the development of a philosophy of architecture for today and a philosophy of architectural practice to make the architecture work. Some of the SHG ideas of architectural practice, how the ideas are now being put into effect by the firm, and the obstacles that now prevent full realization of the results of the ideas are examined here.

In any investigation of the role of the architect in today's society, it soon becomes necessary to take a long, hard look at the philosophy of architectural practice, in order to place the other important aspects of architecture in the proper perspective. In order to design the best possible buildings, how should the architectural, engineering, and other professional services be organized? How can the architect make the most profitable use of his time and talents? How can he integrate his work with that of the other members of a design group?

For some time now, the RECORD has been concerned with the opportunities and problems of present-day practice. What their clients and the public think of architects and what architects think of themselves have been investigated. The directions in which some firms are now turning in order to do new types of work and offer more complete services have been given consideration and their organization has been discussed.

In this issue, a report is made on the Smith, Hinchman and Grylls patterns of organization. More importantly, perhaps, an attempt is made to explain the SHG attitudes toward architecture and its practice. Though it may sound trite, SHG believes, basically, that architecture is concerned with buildings; to improve architecture, it is indubitably necessary to improve buildings. SHG believes that improvements in buildings—in the scientific, as well as the aesthetic, aspects—are needed. Architectural esthetics have a part to play—a large part—but they are not the entire production. Mysticism has no role, unless it is a religious one as in the design of a church, rather than an architectural one.
SHG Organization

The Smith, Hinchman and Grylls organization is large; it now employs about 300 people. The firm has a long record of accomplishment and is more than fifty years old. SHG operates nationally and internationally; in addition to the home office, it maintains a Canadian office in Windsor, Ontario and sets up job offices wherever they are needed. The Canadian office is operated as a separate organization incorporated in Canada.

SHG completely occupies a 40,000-ft leased building in Detroit. The four floors of the building, which SHG remodeled to suit its own requirements, are utilized in somewhat the following manner: ground floor—structural engineering division and miscellaneous departments, first floor—architectural division, second floor—mechanical engineering and electrical engineering divisions, third floor—executive and administrative offices, clerical and accounting, and central files.

The organization is set up to do all of the usual architectural and engineering professional services for nearly all types of buildings. In addition, the staff has the experience and capabilities required for many specialized design services. Some of these are design of blast-resistant structures, industrial waste systems, atomic facilities, and a number of other special types.

The chart (1.) on the preceding page gives an indication of how SHG organizes its operations to accomplish the work of the firm. The important relationships between the client, the firm, and various departments within the firm are shown. Each project is assigned to a project coordinator who works closely with the chief designer for the project. The production management group is composed of an officer of the company and the heads of all major departments and is under the direction of a production manager. This group is the center around which the production of a project revolves.

Approach to Architectural Practice

Smith, Hinchman and Grylls takes for granted that the practice of architecture is concerned, not only with good architectural design, but with all of the accompanying engineering and planning disciplines necessary for the complete design of complex buildings. SHG believes that the client's needs in his building are important; they also believe that what the client wants in his building is important. Essentially, the firm is attempting to learn all it can about each client's needs and wants, to analyze these things by thorough and creative programming, schematics, and design (engineering as well as architectural), and arrive at the best possible preliminary design. By spending adequate time and effort in the creative phases to allow for close study of almost all of the big problems and their interrelationships, a detailed and quite complete set of figures, drawings, preliminary specifications, and so on can be developed. The presentation can then be made in such a manner that the client can have no doubt of what is intended, what budget is required, how long the remaining professional and construction phases will take. An attempt is made to derive solutions or definitions of all of the major design problems (including budget and technological problems) in the design phases. In this way, the preparation of con-
tract drawings and specifications can become in reality, what so many architects call them, production.

By allotting more time and effort in the creative first stages, the architects and engineers, working closely together, are able to concentrate their activities more effectively on the things they do best, and where they can be of most service to their clients, creative problem solving and design. Through all of this, SHG believes it must lead the client by the hand, keeping him informed and involved in the planning processes. Needless to say, all of these things are ideals, which sometimes cannot be realized in particular projects. But this does not make the principles less valid.

The Client
The office tries to begin each project with the basic idea that everything that is feasible will be done by the staff working on the project to dig into the client's basic problems. The client is encouraged to go as far into these basic problems as he cares to or is able. The firm feels that its people have got to understand the client's purpose in the development of the project, his organization, his operation, his needs for flexibility and expansion, his financial problems. Of equal importance is understanding of the client's philosophies, interests, and cultural thought. All of these things are interrelated in principal; one of the architect's major tasks is to see that they become interrelated, in the correct ways, in actuality.

In order to present clearly to clients the processes through which the design and construction of a building must pass, SHG has prepared charts similar to that shown (2.). Through graphic simplification, in such charts, of the main steps toward the finished building, the firm finds its professional relationships with its clients progress more smoothly and effectively.

Creative Concentration
The SHG organization believes that the professional efforts in the preliminary phases on a project should be somewhat as shown in figure 3. above. After having been engaged by a client, the architect approaches the problem without preconceived notions of what sort of building should result. Thorough programming requires effort and close attention, talented and creative architects and engineers, the client, and, in many instances, highly specialized consultants. Research and programming studies lead to schematic designs in which broad concepts are established. Preliminary design follows. In this stage, as in the ones preceding, the engineers (and consultants) are very much involved in what is going on. After client approval of the preliminary documents, the production of contract documents can go ahead efficiently, leading, if all goes well, to the inevitable happy result. Through all of this, the client has been brought along at a more or less equal pace with this building.

A more common approach to architectural practice in the past might be similar to figure 4. At the beginning, the architect tries to visualize the client's building (it is quite different from that in the client's mind or dreams). The architect then disappears and "designs" the building, reappears to get approval. Then he "draws it up." The final result is blank and anonymous, bearing
5. Program—A Blend of Ideas and Facts

no resemblance to the client's original picture, but a marked similarity to other similarly conceived buildings.

In order to give the client's problems the sort of concentrated attention needed in the beginning phases of the work, as shown in figure 3, SHG allocates a larger percentage of its total time here and reduces the time spent in production. By developing the more complete preliminaries made possible by closer study over a longer period of time, the firm believes it can furnish its services for the fees it would get under the older scheme.

In the first instance (figure 3.), the architects and engineers are able to spend enough time with the client and with his project to gain some real understanding of both. By the time the broad concepts of the design begin to be defined, each of the individuals involved in the work understand each of the other's viewpoints. Next comes more detailed evaluation, always relating the elements of architectural and engineering design to one another and to the entire project. The basic concepts get exhaustive testing to determine whether they are actually valid. The program and the budget are continuously re-examined. If the concepts stand up and it seems likely that they can be integrated with other aspects still to come, then the work can go on through the preliminary design stage. Further study leads to the final design.

In the second instance (4.), very little of this sort of searching creative activity is possible. The buildings that result from this way of doing things are quite likely to be defective when considered as total architecture with all of the many requirements this implies, though they may be highly acclaimed for some narrower accomplishment. One need only picture a building of great artistic merit but which is inhabitable, or another with estimable spatial qualities which does not function.

Program, Schematics, and Design

In programming a building (5.), the SHG project coordinator and designer attempt to avoid being trapped into the confining chains of preconceived or poorly thought out ideas concerning the client's organization and operation, special requirements, expansion, budget, and the like. Instead, an attempt is made to keep decisions on all of these things completely open, and to consider them freely and thoroughly. In addition, such things as the environment in which the building will be placed and that to be created within, the intrinsic character of the problems, and real purpose are studied in detail.

The schematics (6.), are, for the SHG firm, a time of searching, of deep study and research. An attempt is made by the people working on the project to examine all of the basic concepts in detail, and to test and evaluate them. After the design concepts have been established and approved by the owner, all of the many specialists involved work closely together to correlate all aspects of the building design and arrive at a carefully conceived final design.

Thorough and prolonged study of a building project in the programming, schematic, and design phases leads to a very complete presentation package (7.). By the time the presentation is made, the individuals working on the building have become deeply involved in the project in all of its aspects. The client has been brought
along with the design, step by step. Major problems have been solved or closely defined. The client's approval may then be based on a quite clear picture of the architectural and engineering intent.

The Presentation

Some idea of the effects of the system may be gained by an examination of the preliminary presentation on a particular building. For the Consolidated Gas Co. Office Building (done in association with Minoru Yamasaki), the presentation to the client at the end of the design phases included the following: 3/16-in. plastic scale model of the building, 71 sheets of drawings, a 41 page preliminary specification, a preliminary estimate (giving costs in detail, including unit costs on all major items) backed up by two estimates made by contractors, a production and construction schedule, and a full size mockup of two floors of the building. Prior to the presentation, some 50 study and detail models had been made and 1/8-in. scale schematic model had been presented. The panel shown (8) was used for explanation of certain details of the building. An indication of the results of all this can be gained from an examination of the articles in this issue on the architecture and engineering of the Consolidated Gas Building.

Engineers for Architecture

The Smith, Hinchman and Grylls organization is deeply concerned about the extreme difficulty of obtaining engineers who are able to assume large roles in building design and architects with knowledge and ability in engineering. Members of the firm have spent considerable time and effort in examination of the problem and attempts to do something about it. Visits by firm members to architectural and engineering schools throughout the country have invariably corroborated the SHG feeling that schools are not developing engineers for architecture. Electrical engineering colleges are training students in electronics, not in lighting, power, power distribution, or wiring. Mechanical engineering colleges are training men for research and work in industry, not for building engineering. Visits with architects over the country showed that most were agreed that the problem exists and something should be done about it. Neither the colleges nor the architects showed much readiness to take action on the problem.

Smith, Hinchman and Grylls has tried to attack the problem by giving college scholarships to enables graduate architects to take further courses in electrical or mechanical engineering. After some time, it was decided that the problem was much more basic than such scholarships could hope to overcome. Firm members have participated in a number of conferences and study sessions on this subject, some sponsored by the A.I.A. The thinking of the firm on the problem now tends toward the necessity for action on the part of the architectural profession and the entire industry. Architects must initiate this and lead the way.

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REQUISITES FOR PRESENT-DAY ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE  
by Robert F. Hastings*

In our firm, we want to do not only good architectural design, but all of the related engineering as it pertains to buildings. In order to accomplish these things well, we believe that we must be able to give our best creative efforts to each project. This requires organization. It requires a concentration of creative effort in the design stages. We do not believe that good building design can be done by committee. So, we take some rather basic steps. For each project, the firm appoints a coordinator who is essentially an administrator. Working with him is a designer, a person who has creative skills.

The project coordinator and designer bring other firm architects, engineers, and consultants into the picture as soon as they can reasonably begin to grasp the problems. Eventually, the lead man of the group, the project coordinator will have available to him our production organization and all of the various specialized departments of the firm. All of the people working on a project get deeply involved in the design as a whole.

In order to practice the art and science of buildings in this manner, we need people who are well-trained in the overall aspects of building design, and who in addition have specialties such as mechanical or electrical engineering, or architectural management or design. We need people with cultural backgrounds, deep interest in buildings, creative attitudes toward building design. In the purely architectural aspects of our practice, we succeed—to a degree—in obtaining this kind of person. But we need engineers of the same sort.

"For several years now, we at SHG have been attempting to find solutions to the shortage of trained, talented, and creative engineers for architecture. It is our belief that the architect has created this problem for himself. If we are to have talented engineers, it will be necessary for the architect to develop more sympathy for and understanding of engineering design. The engineer must be given a reasonable share of the responsibilities for the building design and of the rewards. We must make him a creative member of the design group. In order to accomplish these objectives, it will be necessary to revamp architectural professional organization membership, education, registration, and re-study our objectives in buildings."

Robert F. Hastings

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Two Hospitable Houses Planned for Breezes and Views

1. Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Gillette Elvgren
Siesta Key, Sarasota, Florida
Victor A. Lundy, Architect
Schierloh Builders, Inc., Contractor

2. Residence for Mr. and Mrs. G. Howland Chase
Brookeville, Maryland
Thomas E. Babbitt, Architect
Perry Wheeler, Landscape Architect
Charles H. Shaw, Contractor
Victor A. Lundy, Architect

The site of the Elvgren house is a secluded and tropical waterfront one, on Siesta Key in Sarasota, Florida. The house is set well back from the approach, and one comes on it from out of a "jungle" into its clearing at the water's edge. Thus there is a sense of privacy leading to indoor-outdoor planning on the east and west fronts. The plan itself derives out of the owners' desire to make the most of the sea view: the central living area stretches out parallel to the beach, and the two bedroom wings angle off so that each room gets a view of the water and the benefit of breezes from the bay.

The owners have two teen-age sons and a daughter—and all give frequent parties for many people. Living areas are separated by folding doors to permit intimate and separate areas for daily living, or—open—to give a big space for entertaining. This area is extended visually and actually by extension of the supporting roof frames to create outdoor rooms and terraces. One bedroom wing is for parents and daughter, the other for the sons.
The Elvgren House

The structural system of the house is a fairly simple, but interesting one, with all trusswork, supporting beams and columns carefully articulated and exposed. Each member is composed of standard lumber sizes in combination (such as columns composed of two 2-by-4's), and designed so that each piece is seen. To brighten the living area, which might be otherwise too dark because of the wide porch overhangs, the roof beams are continued up on the approach side of the house to form a continuous skylight. At night, a continuous light troffer along this clerestory throws light up against the living room ceiling. The roof structure is completely independent of the exterior and interior walls, which stop at door height, with glass over. All of the wood structure, ceiling, etc., is finished in a natural fruitwood tone. Floors are terrazzo throughout. Exterior masonry walls are a buff-colored concrete block; the fireplace wall is local coquina stone.

About the design, the architect states, "It is an informal house and one feels about it that little children, dogs and parakeets are welcome as well as people." The cost of the house ran between $45,000 and $50,000.
Thomas E. Babbitt, Architect

The Chase house was designed essentially as a vacation and weekend house for the present, and then for the owners' future retirement. The site is on a knoll looking out to the south toward a lake, and to the east to a bend of a brook. The plan was designed basically as two glass-enclosed pavilions—one for living, one for sleeping—which would dramatize the views, and create a house that was roomy and that would catch every possible breeze for muggy summers. The two pavilions are linked by a narrow utility core, and the overhangs of the porch and carport.

To create the atmosphere of a cozy sitting area in the big open living room, a free-standing masonry wall was used to create a nook around the fireplace; a change in roof level at this point also made possible a concealed clerestory that floods the fireplace with light. The angles in the plan were used to increase the panorama seen from each room. Materials used include gray stone, wood frame, walls and ceilings of wood-veneer and plaster.
The Chase House

The screen porch, which also serves for outdoor dining (photo at top), has a higher ceiling than the adjoining rooms, and is cooled by air passing through louvers in the resulting space. Most all rooms have good cross ventilation.

Heating is by electric coils in the concrete floor, and in ceiling panels—which permits easy control and quick response for impromptu visits. In addition, a week-long time clock can be set to bring up the heat for the weekend, as well as cutting it down for each night.
Probably the most bandied-about phrase from the increasing gamut of mechanical complexities in schools is “Audio-Visual”—at least one new school is even boasting of “venetian audio-visual blinds”. Of all the aids, mechanical and otherwise, in this category, the greatest upsurge of interest seems to be in the tremendous potentialities of educational television. The Ford Foundation’s Educational Facilities Laboratories, Inc. has just published a handsome report by Dave Chapman, Inc., Industrial Design, on research on ETV and the environment in which television could be employed most effectively. The report gives, of course, one point of view and is slanted primarily for school boards, administrators and teachers, but contains much of interest to architects (including Mr. Chapman’s note in the report that “Architecture and structure are properly left to the architect”). The report has recently been awarded the Society of Industrial Designers’ gold medal for this year—one of the first times a non-product has made the award. Some pertinent extracts from the report are presented in this study, together with two new schools (in Boonsboro, Maryland, and Weymouth, Massachusetts) planned for ETV systems, and a group of other schools with a high degree of interest in planning, structure and mechanical ingenuity. Full copies of the EFL report are available from their offices at 477 Madison Avenue, New York City.
In planning for TV in classrooms, the sight lines, size of image, height of image, spacing and location of viewer seating are all interrelated and change in any one affects all others. The size of the set establishes maximum viewing distance—recommended ranges being 12 times the actual image width of the picture tube. The normal eye level will vary from about 31 in. for kindergarten to about 49 in. for the 12th grade. This data is based on in-line seating. Staggered seating will allow lower placement of the TV.

### Minimum Viewing Distance

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PLANNING SCHOOLS WITH TELEVISION

Extracts from a report on design for ETV by Dave Chapman for Educational Facilities Laboratories

Television in education has a significant if short history. It has already become a part of the teaching program in schools and colleges across the United States.

After a few scattered starts in 1953-54, the television experiments began to spread... Perhaps the best known of the closed circuit school television projects was started in September 1956, in Hagerstown, Maryland. By 1959 the 5-year "experiment" had spread through the entire Washington County school system to reach 16,500 of the 18,000 pupils enrolled in 37 of the county's 49 public schools. For the '59-60 session plans called for inclusion of the remaining 12 schools in the system along with the Hagerstown Public Library and the Museum of Fine Arts. An entire range of subjects for grades one through twelve in the schools emanate from 5 central studios.

... And so the background of experimentation and experience has built from these beginnings to the record at the beginning of 1960—569 school districts across the nation making regular use of televised instruction; 117 colleges and universities offering credit for television courses; 144 closed circuit television systems in educational institutions and another 21 for the military; and 45 educational television (non-commercial) in operation.

... One of the major purposes of this design study as outlined by EFL was to determine to what extent the use of television affected the facilities, size, shape and structure of the learning area. Our conclusion is that the tail does not wag the dog as might have been expected.
There is a need for adjustable devices to support the television receiver whether ceiling, wall or floor mounted or mobile. Corrections can thus be easily made for glare, seating arrangements, etc. TV receivers for school use are generally 23-in. units, front speakers with higher audio quality than standard home sets.

The sketches at left show shape and square footage of viewing areas for different size sets. A line of vision not more than 45 degrees from the axis is the maximum angle recommended for viewing most material without objectionable distortion. When the vertical dimension of the TV receiver is added to the other factors noted here, ceiling heights will in some cases become critical. If a lower ceiling is desired, three courses are open—reduce the number of viewers; raise the successive eye level of the in-line rows of seats; or stagger the seating.

Structural allowances must be made for proper installation of conduit or raceway to carry the cables for closed circuit transmission. Studios or classroom facilities used for origination of a program requires special wiring, lighting and ventilation. Beyond these considerations, no special architectural allowances are imposed for television in the school.

There is no “typical” television system. An installation should be tailored to meet each specific use and condition. It pays to get expert advice from people who have had experience with the kind of operation you plan.

There are two general approaches to inter-building or inter-school television systems. The primary factor that will dictate the selection of closed circuit television or open circuit television is the economics of distance. Coaxial cable has its distance limitations costwise. In general, open circuit broadcast has potentially greater service range than closed circuit systems.

For school plants or separate units of a school within a close range of each other, closed circuit linkage by coaxial cable may well be a practical answer. The most extensive closed circuit system in current school use (Hagerstown, Md.) telecasts to schools as far as 30 miles from the origination point.

In planning a CCTV coaxial cable system, the first step is consultation with specialists who design, route and install coaxial cable and community antenna systems. Then you must decide whether you wish to own your own
SPACE AND FACILITIES

A. STUDIO OR IMAGE AND SOUND ORIGINATING SPACE
1. Space required around equipment for operational functions; i.e., traffic, work space, consideration of ceiling height and vertical space for lighting, stage equipment, storage.
2. Proper lighting, ventilation and air conditioning are functional requirements.

B. TV CONTROL SPACE
1. May be space common to all television equipment in modest installation.
2. A special area adjacent to studio space in more complex installation.

C. OFFICES AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SPACE
1. Necessary for personnel engaged in television production; i.e., technical supervision, project coordination, artists, etc.
2. Television equipment maintenance space should be adjacent to television facilities.
3. These spaces should be closely knit for team function and operation.

D. LIBRARY AND STORAGE SPACE
1. Storage space for "props" and materials used in television adjacent to work area. The space requirements are often underestimated here.

E. SPACE FOR EXPANSION
Do not overlook, because once started, you will undoubtedly expand.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment can be categorized as follows:

A. VIDEO SYSTEM
1. Camera chains, fixed or mobile mounts, single or multiple lens, remote control, switching system, monitoring.
2. Video tape recorder.
3. Opaque, film, slide projection equipment.
4. Control and distribution equipment.

B. AUDIO SYSTEM
1. Microphones, control and distribution equipment associated with the image audio.
2. Intercommunications system between television control and reception points.
3. Television control to cameramen and crew.

C. DISTRIBUTION
1. Cable system to reception points.

D. RECEPTION EQUIPMENT
1. Monitors, television, receivers, frequency converters, etc.

E. LIGHTING EQUIPMENT
Requirements vary with scope of operation from simple to complex spot and flood lighting.

F. STAGING
Instructional devices, furniture, draperies, etc.

cable or lease telephone company cable facilities. Each has its advantages and disadvantages.

In a CCTV coaxial cable system linking a group of small, medium and large schools, each building is equipped with a master antenna array to allow "off the air" pickup of open circuit VHF and/or UHF educational programs. The cable is "looped" to allow origination of a program at various points within the inter-school system. Without a completed "loop", programs could originate only from one centralized source.

Where the schools are so widely separated by distance as to make a closed circuit coaxial cable linkage uneconomical, communication can be achieved through open circuit VHF and/or UHF broadcast... signals can be routed into the individual schools through the master antenna array and distributed through the internal cable system. The same signals can also be received "off the air" directly at the receiver with its individual "rabbit ear" antenna.

The range of the maximum power VHF/UHF broadcast stations can be extended to the schools beyond their range by use of VHF satellite or UHF translator stations, by microwave relay or by coaxial cable.

Coaxial cable used for distribution of the TV signal within a building ranges in size up to approximately 1/4 in. diameter (usually does not exceed 1/4 in.). It is frequently possible to run this cable in raceways or conduits already supplied for an existing sound system, public address
On opposite page is a suggested adaptation of a traditional classroom for TV. Wedge-shaped rooms can use similar arrangements. Rooms can be combined with folding partitions for flexibility; a cluster group with central audio-visual core is shown below.

System, alarm system, etc. Where the conduit does not already exist, air shafts or heating ducts may be usable. Another alternate is to run the cable along an outside molding or against the wall shielded with protective covering such as wire mold.

Spaces that already exist in many schools across the country are in themselves suitable for this use of instructional television. If the focus of the group were centered on a corner of the room where the teacher, wall maps, viewing screens and teaching aids were also properly grouped, the side walls of the room would establish the proper visual controls to maintain the focus of student attention within a 90-degree arc of view.

The ability to see, to hear and to react are the basic needs for learning. It follows that the physical facilities in the school have a great deal to do with whether a teacher can even begin to reach the students on the most basic levels of communication. Can the student see and hear what is going on? Are lighting, acoustics, ventilation, furnishings proper for the task? Are room colors so depressingly drab that the atmosphere discourages enthusiasm? Facilities can make or break the effectiveness of both the teacher and the learning program.

All of these physical and environmental factors are common problems whether the “teaching image” is in the person of a teacher in the room or is coming to the student via television, tapes, projection or language laboratory equipment.
In existing auditoriums, a number of TV sets can be used for large group instruction. By removing a few seats, receivers can be mounted as shown above, and retracted into a protective housing when not in use (provided housing is no higher than the seat back). Wall mounted receivers serve the side aisle viewers.

For the traditional classroom group of 30-45 students with individual desks and chairs permanently mounted, two 23-in. sets can serve the area as shown in the sketches below.
BOONSBORO HIGH SCHOOL
Hagerstown, Maryland

The much-talked-about Hagerstown closed-circuit educational television experiment has added this new high school to its system. It offers some interesting comparisons to the previous North and South Hagerstown High schools designed by McLeod and Ferrara. The new school is a rural one, some ten miles from the older urban ones, and built for the same Board of Education, Washington County, Maryland. In contrast to the others, this one is designed for a much smaller enrollment (about 600), a smaller budget ($1,500,000), and an expectation of enrollment increasing in five or six years to 1200-1400 pupils.

Rolling topography and the expected need for expansion led to the adoption of a campus-plan scheme which would permit unit additions to be made as needed without disturbing the operation of the school. In plan, the “schools-within-a-school” idea of North Hagerstown was applied in reverse; it was considered just as valid for a small school to grow larger by adding “little schools” when needed, as it was to sub-divide a large school. As before, two such “little schools” are linked and share a common assembly-dining area. To date, one such duplex-unit has been built—together with all the specialized areas required for the final school.

Past experience with both the ETV and educational programs emphasized the need for a variety of instructional room sizes. Thus each “little school” has a large central education laboratory, flanked by classrooms, a 10-15 pupil classroom-conference room, and guidance and teachers' work rooms.

McLeod and Ferrara, Architects; Engelhardt, Engelhardt, Leggett and Cornell, Educational Consultants; J. Gibson Wilson, Structural Engineer; Kluck, Huhn, Cobb and McDavid, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers; Bolt, Beranek and Newman, Acoustical Consultants; C. William Hetzer Co., Contractor

A campus-plan scheme of “little schools” provides flexible, easily expandable facilities for this latest addition to the Hagerstown school system and its widely known educational television program.
Boonsboro School

In designing Boonsboro, some design changes were made to increase the effectiveness of TV. Large exterior glass areas were reduced, and window heads lowered to about 7 ft above the floor; above this were installed bright colored 2-in.-thick laminated-plastic insulated panels. The steel framing member at the window head serves both as support and as a raceway for TV cables on top, a venetian blind pocket on the bottom (see detail). The raceway is within easy reach for installing and changing set locations and runs continuous around the perimeter of each building. Ceiling tiles are removable for running additional cables and connections. To preserve the raceway continuity, structural columns were put on the outside face of the buildings, and painted white to contrast with the brick and plastic panels.

The administrative unit houses office areas, and most of the specialized subjects: business education, art, music, homemaking, and a 650 seat auditorium. The shop unit contains the boiler room, and three shops: agriculture, metals and woodworking. The gym has seating on folding bleachers for some 800 spectators. The kitchen is planned for the entire eventual school—electric food carts will service small serving kitchens in additional “little schools.”

Total contract cost was $1,500,059. Buildings alone (but including most all equipment) was $1,200,320, or $14.33 per sq ft.
Great simplicity in all facets of design produced great economy in this school ($8.20 per sq ft for 143,578 sq ft), while some architectural ingenuity has created a clean, open, colorful and flexible environment for children of elementary school age in a densely populated urban area.

GEORGIA AVE. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Memphis, Tennessee

Adjoining Beale Street and the central business district of Memphis, this necessarily big, urban elementary school posed the all-too-usual, and relatively difficult, problem of providing scale which would not overwhelm small children—and without sacrificing outdoor playground areas.

The final scheme uses a three-unit complex of two classroom buildings, and a central administration-cafetorium unit. Site grades were used to place the second floor of the classroom buildings at the same elevation as the floor of the one-story administration unit. Thus all areas can, in effect, be entered at ground level: an arrangement of bridges connects the buildings.

The identical classroom buildings are T-shaped in plan, with each leg of the T containing a cluster of six classrooms on each floor. Thus the school is broken down into a dozen clusters of six classrooms each. They are grouped around common facilities such as stairs, toilets, teachers' room, library. The omission of all interior columns in the clusters, and the use of dwarf storage walls along the interior corridors give good flexibility for the rearrangement of the spaces if needed. The principal circulation around and among the buildings is by outdoor corridors.

The structural system is a concrete slab on grade and a two-way concrete joist system for the second floor and roof of the classroom buildings (the under surface is acoustically treated to give a light-reflective series of sound traps). Prefab decking over lightweight steel trusses are over the cafetorium. Color and simple baffle plates convert the trusses into festive light fixtures (detail far right).

Office of Walk C. Jones, Jr., Architects; Francis Mah, Drawings; Gardner & Howe, Structural Engineers; Allen & Hoshall, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers; O'Brien and Padgett, Contractor.
Schools

H. F. HUNT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Tacoma, Washington

An extremely pleasant, almost festive, environment has been created in this school by color-accented structural shapes and courts—and at budget cost.

The entire academic program of the school is housed in a low central building. This unit has two open and planted courts, which double as outdoor corridors. The short interior corridors contain student lockers. The building is constructed on a 16-ft bay, using either two or three bays per teaching station (there are 31 stations in the school). The frame is hemlock, with 2 by 8 ft wood joists covered with a plywood roof diaphragm and built-up roofing. Exteriors are textured plywood, cement-asbestos panels and brick. Sash is wood with jalousies for ventilation.

The round cafetorium building also houses band, orchestra and choral rooms. The stage at the center serves the main auditorium and also allows the band room to be converted into a small auditorium. During the past summer, the local Little Theater group used the building for all of their productions. The framing of the structure is of laminated wood arches terminating at a compression ring at the center. Because of the community use, a separate heating system is used; gas furnaces are placed over the kitchen. The rest of the school is heated by a high-temperature hot water system, with all lines concealed in the joist space.

The gym can be divided by a folding curtain into two separate courts. The roof system is formed of prefabricated plywood vaults spanning 16 ft to primary glue-laminated beams. The exterior of this unit has soft red brick at the lower level, white and yellow panels above. The cost was $11.54 per sq ft, including sales tax, paving, equipment and fees.

Robert Billsbrough Price, Architect; Lawrence Halprin, Landscape Architect; Horace J. Whitacre & Associates, Structural Engineers
Some rather unique structural and planning ideas have been used in this new Canadian high school. The school has two classroom wings, each three stories high, flanking the north and south sides of a gymnasium-utility core. A two-level science and administration wing is to the west of the gym, and is placed split-level fashion between the classroom wings to help provide isolation at each level. Circulation is via four stair towers, with a landing at each half level.

An individual classroom expression is created by roofing each one with a 30 by 30 ft concrete “tent” slab—a special form of folded slab consisting of 4-in. trapezium slabs on the sides and square on top, monolithically connected. The structure is supported on columns in the corners. The use of repetitive formwork and the decrease in building height due to minimum floor depth are expected to help reduce costs. Exposed structural elements form the basic finish throughout the building. Exterior walls are brick, interior ones brick or concrete block. Floors are mostly asphalt or vinyl tile, ceilings are acoustic tile on exposed concrete. Heating is by a forced hot water system.

The resulting structural overhangs help reduce the glare problem in the classrooms. The science rooms, which face west, have solid exterior walls, and are lighted both naturally and artificially from skylights in the roof slab.

John B. Parkin Associates, Architects & Engineers; John C. Parkin, Partner-in-Charge of Design; R. V. B. Burgoyne, Associate-in-Charge, Schools; John H. Andrews, Senior Project Designer; R. F. Marshall, Associate, Structural Engineering; J. E. Mews, Associate, Mechanical Engineering; B. Cartwright, Project Architect; Newman Bros. Ltd., Contractor
Schools

Ground level areas of this school contain spaces which double for school and community center use. Classrooms are raised in a three-story concrete framed wing. As can be noted in the sketch above, floors are of left-in-place metal forms, which act as acoustical panels, light troughs and finished ceilings. The exterior walls are steel and porcelain enamel curtain walls.

A trim, rather sophisticated urbanity in this school well suits its dual use as junior high and community center. The cafeteria, auditorium, gym, shops and library form a compound around a large paved court and covered play area. During non-school hours, this area serves the neighborhood. The cafeteria and auditorium also open on a large covered mall, which acts as an atrium for large gatherings.

The usable land in the site upon which this school was constructed was very limited, due to a large drainage ditch which traversed the property. The land beyond the ditch is subject to overflow, and unusable for building. Thus, the academic areas for the 1500 student school were placed in a three-story wing. The program covers grades 7, 8 and 9.

The plan was designed with particular emphasis on ventilation, with louvers on the corridor sides of the classrooms to give cross ventilation. The gymnasium is a windowless building, ventilated by exhaust fans with intake louvers placed directly below spectators' seats.

The lower buildings of the complex have frames of structural steel and bar joists, roof decks of poured gypsum on gypsum board. Exteriors are beige brick, blue insulated metal panels. Interior partitions are cinder block. All the buildings are built on drilled, under-reamed piling. Floors are finished with terrazzo, asphalt tile or ceramic tile.

Wm. B. Wiener, Morgan & O'Neal, Architects; E. M. Freeman & Associates, Structural Engineer; Carl Hadra & Associates, Mechanical Engineer; Southern Builders, Inc., Contractor
NORTH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Weymouth, Massachusetts

Local educational authorities predict that this big, courtyard-dotted school will become the hub for all audio-visual activities required by the schools in the Weymouth School district and the surrounding communities. Facilities for these activities include: television studio, projection room, preview room, listening booths, work room, reception and administrative offices and storage. It is planned that both live shows and taped programs will be broadcast from the studio, with the students acting as the technicians under the guidance of a faculty member. The entire school has been planned to include TV outlets in all lecture rooms, and in the auditorium for large groups.

A couple of innovations are included in the TV system: a class which is receiving TV instruction can communicate directly with the instructor in the studio to ask questions during the broadcast; and programs can be originated from any room, including the gym for sports events.

The school will have a total of 196 separate rooms, including 70 classrooms. It will accommodate 2,000 pupils, with 350 in the vocational school. Classroom sections are two stories. The structure is reinforced concrete, with brick and glass exterior walls. And—as another sign of the times—parking areas will hold 500 automobiles.

The construction contract price for the school was $3,685,993, or $13.65 per sq ft.

Paul Coletti of Coletti Brothers, Architect; Anthony Sakakeeny, Structural Engineer; Edwin L. Steinerbrenner, Electrical Engineer; Daniel J. Sullivan, Plumbing Engineer; John Capobianco, Contractor; Englehart, Englehart, Leggitt and Cornell, Educational Consultants.
Schools

L. G. HANSCOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Bedford, Massachusetts

Carefully studied color and detailing are extremely noteworthy in this school designed for the children of military personnel stationed at the Air Force Cambridge Research Center, Hanscom Field. Built under the supervision of the HHFA through a grant from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the school will be operated by the School Department of the Town of Lincoln, Massachusetts.

A cluster plan was used to provide play spaces near every classroom, and to retain the small scale the architects felt desirable in an elementary school. In addition to allowing easy expansion, the small clusters make it possible to operate 4 or 8 classrooms for summer school or evening classes without maintaining the entire building.

At present, the school consists of three clusters of four classrooms each, and a double kindergarten; these are grouped around a main unit housing administration, cafeteria-gym, shop, home economics, and library. The master plan as shown provides for an addition of two clusters—one of which is already under construction.

Opposite the main court by the gym, and in the corridor of every classroom cluster are brick murals in bright colored geometric patterns to contrast with otherwise neutral surroundings. A brightly colored terra cotta screen between the kindergarten entrance and its court adds interest to this space. Gargoyles at the beam ends of the folded plate roof over the multi-purpose gym serve as downspouts for the roof valleys.

The Architects Collaborative, Architects; Louis A. McMillen, Partner-in-Charge; Earl Flansburgh, Job Captain; Edward K. True, Structural Engineer; Reardon & Turner, Mechanical Engineers; Logue Building Company, Contractor
L. G. Hanscom Elementary School

The site of the school was farmland during the 19th Century, and several of the stone fences of that period remain. After it was abandoned for farming, a second growth of trees developed. The site plan of the school was designed to preserve as much of this as possible.

The structure of the school is steel and concrete, with exteriors of brick. The interiors are brick or block, and plaster or red oak where covered. Floors are asphalt or vinyl asbestos tile. Roof ventilator fans are centralized within louvered "fences" to help neaten the appearance.
L. G. Hanscom
Elementary School

Courts abound within and without the buildings—spaces for play or for outdoor classrooms in good weather. Those in the main unit (below) and in the kindergarten (left center) provide interior light, quiet spots for reading and protected locations for nature projects.

An extremely interesting use of glass was used in the school to reduce glare, and to help define the building units: the buildings proper have gray glass, while the linking glazed corridors are fitted with clear glass. Thus the one becomes apparently more solid, the other less conspicuous.
Architectural Engineering

Whither Technology?
The respective roles of architect and engineer and their education are being closely scrutinized because of the impact of technology on building, the problem being to make technology the servant and not the master. Concern is hardly confined to these shores. Latest evidence is two pieces of commentary in the May issue of the Journal of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Excerpts follow:

Re: Education
1. From a paper by W. A. Allen, architect at the Building Research Station in England, on architectural education: "It seems to me that the toughest problem we face [in education] is handling science and technology... We have some tenacious obstacles to overcome. For one, we have been unable to free ourselves yet from the handicap of books and teaching based in engineering. This is not to decry engineering for engineers, but engineering for architects. What we have had and still often get are watered-down courses intended merely to make us acquainted with such subjects as foundations, structures, light, heat, ventilation, sound, sanitation, equipment, etc.; it is said that there is no time for more, but more, if it were given, would at present probably lead only to more competence in computation, and this is not what we mainly require. A good building is a single organic embodiment of all its technical functions, its planning requirements and its esthetic idea; it requires policy-level thinking about each aspect in order to get it organized properly from the outset. We require therefore neither a mere acquaintance with these technologies nor yet a full-blown computational familiarity, but the basis for sound policy decisions about design, and this often involves not engineering alone but economic, industrial, and human parameters. On the computational side all that seems essential is a sufficient ability to carry out the engineering design necessary for small jobs on which consultation is impracticable. On the larger jobs the approach I describe ought to improve our work with consultants."

Re: Building Correctly
2. From a tribute to Pier Luigi Nervi on his receiving the Royal Gold Medal, by Ove Arup renowned structural engineer: "For him the purely constructional problems come first, and they have a fundamental bearing on the design. By studying the design, one can almost sense the process of reasoning and intuition which has led to it. Nervi, when he means business, does not indulge in fancy types of shell which are the despair of the builder and a headache to the engineer—he wants to help the builder, not to make building difficult. The ribbed solutions derive directly from the [forming] techniques he has so carefully and cleverly developed. Finally, of course, he considers the pattern created by the ribs; he manipulates it until it satisfies his sense of beauty, without putting too great a strain on the economy, but he does not start off with a preconceived esthetic idea, divorced from construction or structure. The result is that his structures have a directness and inevitability about them, which surely is a mark of greatness. The architecture grows out of the process of building. But I think even Professor Nervi will admit that there are cases where his maxim cannot be the only, or even the main criterion, of architectural merit. There must be many buildings of predominantly emotional content, or where the function is very complex, and where other considerations play a greater role."

Footnotes from Arup's tribute: On architects—"It is natural enough that architects are more liable than engineers to forget about the more sordid facts of life because they—quite legitimately—get absorbed in the esthetic aspects of their work." On engineers—"They are not, perhaps, so liable to forget about the facts of life, but they can become too absorbed in analysis as opposed to design; they may get bogged down in tactics and forget the wider claims of strategy."
Mechanical Services: A Slice of Structure

A plenum sandwiched between structural and finished floors supplies conditioned air to both interior and exterior zones; the structure itself conceals the lighting equipment; and the electrical wireways perform dual function by supporting the finished floor in the floor gives both horizontal and vertical electrical flexibility.

All of this is accomplished in a total floor depth of only 3 ft, whereas it is 4 ft or more in most office buildings these days. The architect estimates this saved two stories in the 28-story building.

Air Plenum Ductwork is considerably minimized by using a slice of the floor structure as a plenum. Inside this air plenum—a 3-in.-high space provided between the top of the structural slab and the bottom of the finish floor construction—are a series of finger ducts which go out to the edge of the interior zone. Some supply cool (50-55 F) air to the interior zones through ceiling diffusers; the remaining ones serve as returns for both interior and exterior zones. The open spaces between these finger ducts send the 50 degree air into an open plenum circling the perimeter from which it is fed to terminal "under-the window-" units.

As is usual these days, the building requires cooling most of the time, even at below freezing temperatures. The interior will always require cooling. For those times when a perimeter area calls for heat (e.g. on a cold day when a portion of the building is in the shade) hot water from a perimeter pipe loop is tapped off to finned tubes in the terminal units over which the cool air flows, bringing it up to the temperature required.

Perimeter Zone One individually-controlled terminal unit is provided per 4-ft-8-in. module. The perimeter system is classified as terminal reheat with variable air volume. This, in essence, is a new twist to the old reheat principle. To reheat all of the perimeter air would be expensive, but here reheat is used only when called for by a room thermostat. Also a factor aiding the economy is the variable volume control. Minimum air is supplied during heating; maximum for full cooling. When heating is required, a damper shuts off about three-fourths of the air flow through the terminal unit, allowing some 65 cfm at 55 F to pass through the unit and be heated by the finned tube. As less heating is required, the flow of hot water is gradually shut off, until no heating of the air takes place and its temperature is back at 50 degrees. As more cooling is needed, the damper opens gradually until, at full capacity, 250 cfm of air are flowing through the unit. Thus each module on the perimeter can respond to a wide range of heating and cooling demand. The interior, cooled all the time, is divided into four zones, and the air can be throttled down if less cooling is needed.

Although the air volume is variable at the perimeter, velocity of the air at the grille is constant: since the static pressure at the grille stays the same, so must the face velocity. The velocity of air from the unit is intended to be sufficient to counteract drafts from cold glass and to permit mixing of supply and room air.

Mechanical Rooms Rather than setting aside several whole floors for mechanical equipment, which would have had the visual effect of cutting the building in several parts, the designers placed a
Supply fan feeds 60 degree air to large plenum which distributes air to the interior zone through ceiling diffusers and to the exterior zone through window units. Same fan serves a single floor. Variable volume reheat unit warms the 50 degree air to temperature required when heating is called for. Sketch below shows wiring for switching lights, PA system.

small mechanical room in the corner of every typical floor, containing the filters, cooling coils and fans, and a steam-to-hot water heat exchanger to furnish hot water for the perimeter heating.

While this arrangement requires more fans of a small size instead of several large fans, it eliminates the large vertical shafts generally used for supply and return duct risers.

Absorption refrigeration machinery and gas steam boiler are located on the penthouse (29th floor). Capacity of the system for each floor is 20,000 cfm with 56 tons of cooling. The distribution system is low pressure, low velocity, at approximately 3 in. total static pressure.

The lighting load will be approximately 6 watts per square foot. Originally four fluorescent lamps were to be installed in each coffer, but this number has been reduced to three.

Electrical Wireways
The air plenum is formed by pouring the lightweight concrete finish floor on top of a corrugated metal deck, supported by the continuous metal cells which serve as the raceways for wiring. The cells in turn, which are spaced approximately on 2 ft 4 in. centers, are supported by cylindrical steel stub posts.

The cells will have preset electrical inserts for future installation of either electrical or telephone outlets. They will be fed by a system of headers originating at the central electrical shaft. The system is designed and laid out to permit use of “access hand holes” in place of the more restrictive standard multiple junction boxes. By depressing the wireways for passage of the header, a 2½-in. finish floor can be used in place of the normal 4-in. slab.

Structure
The 28-story Michigan Consolidated Gas building is approximately 124 ft on a side, with columns on 30 ft 4 in. centers. This column spacing and arrangement of the plan results in only three interior columns in the office area.

The basic module of the building was set by the 4-ft 8-in. dimension of the waffle grid; partitioning can be placed and relocated along these lines. Columns are 2-ft 4-in. square and mullions are repeated every 2 ft 4 in.

While not necessary structurally, the depth of the waffle ribs was made equal to that of the beams so that the ceiling would be flush, permitting all partitions to be the same height. Besides enclosing the lighting fixtures, the waffle ribs serve as sound barriers.

Design considerations called for a smooth 90 degree angle between beams and columns, and for the dimension of the columns, including fireproofing, to be one-half module or 2-ft-4-in. square. Use of either rivets or high-tensile bolts would have required some husky connections between beams and columns. To avoid increasing the beam cover beyond what was necessary for fireproofing, and increasing the total height of the building, the designers decided to use welding.

Heavy columns for the lower floors are made of four plates welded together to form a square tube (in some cases five plates are needed). Columns on the intermediate floors are made up of a standard rolled section and two plates.
Thin Shells Cut From "Doughnuts"
An engineer copes with theory in the first, construction in the second

DIFFICULT TO ANALYZE

This large doubly-curved dome for a supermarket near Honolulu is known as a double torus (a doughnut is a torus). It departs from conventional practice in shell design in that it has no edge beams (to get a thin edge), no stiffening ribs, no hinges at the abutments. Richard Bradshaw, the structural engineer says, "I have little patience with engineers who place hinges and other gadgetry in buildings which actually weaken the structure." The shell is thickened in the proper areas to manage the stresses and to channel forces to the ground. The unusual design made analysis a rather complicated affair (Bradshaw's theory is explained on the following page). The shell rises and falls with a change of temperature and window mullions telescope to accommodate shell movement. Wimberly and Cook, Architects; Nordic Construction Co., Contractor. (Windward City Shopping Center, published in AR Sept., 1959.)
The method of analysis is unusual. To my knowledge, no shell has ever been analyzed in this same way. The three general differential equations of a thin shell were solved, including terms for bending. These equations consist of three linear, partial differential, simultaneous equations, two of the second order and one of the fourth. It should be mentioned at this point that no two authorities ever use quite the same identical equations for shell theory. This is because certain terms are always dropped out. The terms to be dropped are decided upon by the geometry of the shell. In my case, I dropped out certain terms and then substituted them back in after obtaining an answer. From this it was possible to determine that the terms could be omitted. My actual choice of equations were the ones derived by Donnell in 1933. Since these were derived for cylindrical shells only, it became necessary to extend them for the case of double curvature. This was done under the assumption that cross-product terms, employing both radii of curvature, would be small in comparison to those employing single radii curvature. In this way, perfectly general equations for any shell were obtained. If one radius goes to infinity, equations for a cylindrical shell are obtained. If both radii go to infinity, the general equation of a flat plate is obtained. If the width of the plate is decreased to unity, the general differential equation of a beam is obtained. Hence, it might be said that the equations solved for this shell were the general equations of almost all structures.

The equations were cast in a finite difference form. The shell was divided into imaginary pieces on a coarse grid. These pieces were imagined to be held in position by various moments, shears, axial loads and twisting moments. As these were released one by one, a sort of three dimensional moment distribution was employed. By proceeding around and around the shell from piece to piece, it was possible eventually to get convergence and thus get the deflection pattern of the shell about all three coordinate axes. Upon completion of the analysis on a coarse grid, the critical areas near the abutments were divided into a finer grid and convergence obtained again. This system of analysis is known as Southwell's Relaxation. Moment distribution is a very simplified special case of Southwell's General Method of Relaxation. The mathematical method used to obtain convergence is known as "Liquidation of the Residuals." This is obtained by pushing the unbalanced forces across the borders. To my knowledge, this method has never been used for the solution of these particular equations. The method was exceedingly tedious and laborious and I do recommend it for general usage. In fact, I have not used it since. However, as a pioneering step I believe it to be noteworthy. Engineers still have found no convenient way of analyzing a general shell.

The shell was checked for buckling in the upper flat region. The classical elastic buckling formula was used with a reduction to allow for plasticity, initial roughness, and the generally low stresses occurring during buckling of a doubly curved surface under radial compression load.
Conventional formwork was built for the shell and, while not an engineering requirement, the contractor elected to pour it in one piece. In the first few weeks after removal of the forms the center deflected approximately 2 in. The discontinuous edge deflected about 3 in. downward at the center of its span, and rose 1 in. at the quarter point.

To avoid edge beams, which would have made the shell appear heavy, the 130-ft unsupported edges were made slightly thicker than the center portion. The dome ranges from 3- to 4-in. thick 40 ft from the center; the edges go from 4 in. at the perimeter to 5 in. at 10 ft inside; the shell at the abutment is about 9-in. thick, tapering to $\frac{3}{8}$ in. on an arc 23 ft toward the center of the dome. The corrugated shells seen at left above span 20 by 20 ft, are 2-in. thick and ribless. The slab is thickened slightly over column heads to take concentrated loads at these points.
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TRICKY, BUT INEXPENSIVE TO BUILD

Interest in this shell for a Los Angeles ice skating rink is the reverse of the previous one: problem was complications of construction rather than theoretical analysis. Construction method, taken together with the shape of the shell (geometrically, its sections are cut from a corrugated torus), yielded the low cost of $2 per sq ft of projected floor area. The shell, whose ridge line is slightly curved, spans 100 ft and is 180-ft long. It is 3 1/2-in. thick to meet a 1-hr fire rating; a shell this thick might span twice as far. Sections toward the ends tip slightly forward so that the end sections provide a 10-ft overhang. An earth form was used for precasting the 36 sections in piles of nine each. The forms were dug in a pit to avoid using a crane for pouring. (The mathematics get involved for casting doubly curved pieces on top of one another.) The pieces were picked up two at a time and set in slots cast in the footings; steel in the upper ends was then welded. Due to fire restrictions glass was not permitted in openings, so these were gunited.

Carl Matson, Architect; Richard R. Bradshaw, Structural Engineer; Raines-McClellan, Contractor
DESIGN OF "AIR ENTRANCES"

A description of what they are, how they work and where they can be used by Sulzer Bros, Inc., a specialist in these matters

Today you can walk through building entrances that are open summer and winter, but which at the same time keep the weather out, the conditioned air in. The trick is in providing an air screen several feet high and as wide as the entrance. The air stream is blown gently out of a grille in the ceiling and is sucked in through a floor grating in a continuous cycle.

There are two forces against which the air screen has to work: wind in all cases, and stack or "chimney effect" in tall buildings. New commercial buildings are kept under positive pressure to prevent infiltration of outside air, minimizing stack effect. New buildings are kept under positive pressure to prevent infiltration of outside air, minimizing stack effect.

Sulzer engineers say that the air screen can be used in new buildings as high as 30 stories. In older, multi-story buildings with manually operated windows the limit is about 12 stories.

Operation of the air screen is shown above. The discharge plenum may be located directly above the outlet grille. However when the entrance is relatively high, an additional glass plenum is used between the outlet grille and the hung ceiling to preserve the open feeling of the entrance. Bars in the floor grating are spaced close enough together to prevent penetration by the small heels of women's shoes.

When the air has passed the floor grating, the larger particles of foreign matter are eliminated in a plenum chamber or sump which is periodically cleaned by a flushing device. The air is then further cleaned by filters, heated by coils and brought back by a blower to the grille above the entrance.

If the efficiency of the air screen does not have to be varied often, a semi-automatic control system is used: temperature of the supply air is adjusted automatically in accordance with outside temperature. Fan speed and angle of the air discharge are adjusted periodically at a control panel.

If the efficiency of the air screen has to be changed frequently due to variable conditions, a fully automatic control system should be used: temperature of supply air, motor speed and air discharge angle are adjusted automatically.

Design of Air Screen

The primary design question is the quantity of air necessary for a specific installation, and this depends on the difference in pressure between inside and outside. Following are several factors affecting the pressure differential:

1. Height of structure: Feasibility of the air screen depends partly on the degree of stack effect. In existing buildings this effect is measurable. In new buildings the theoretical stack effect can be calculated, and the actual stack effect then predicted on the basis of empirical data. The degree of pressurization, tightness and type of construction (sealed glass, etc.) have considerable effect.

2. Orientation: An entrance facing into the prevailing wind is difficult to seal by an air stream unless a wind screen is used. For example, the machinery required for an air screen facing into the prevailing wind...
would have to be half again as large as for one facing away.

Good and bad locations are shown in the sketch on the first page. If a three-story building in an open area has an entrance on the leeward side, the location is good. However, if there is a taller building across from this entrance, the air screen has to counteract a much higher pressure caused by wind deflected from the tall building.

When the wind patterns are complicated, as in the downtown areas of large cities, or the wide open areas of airport sites, a detailed study will probably be necessary. Wind tunnel tests may be required for evaluating very unusual design conditions.

The depth of the air stream is generally determined by the pressure that it has to work against. In a simplified sense, the pressure exerted by the air stream is a function of its depth and its velocity.

The practical upper limit for the velocity of the air stream is that which people will accept as being comfortable. Experience has shown that a velocity of 1200 ft per minute (13.5 mph) at head level should not be exceeded. The higher velocities are normally required only in cold, windy weather when the air stream is less strong and more comfortable than the wind.

In Sulzer installations, the depth of air streams has ranged from 2 ft 6 in. for a highly pressurized building to 6-ft 6-in. for a building exposed to a strong prevailing wind.

Location of Equipment

Four locations for equipment can be used: below, above, adjacent to, or remote from the entrance. At times a combination may be used, such as fans and filters below the entrance and heating coils above the entrance. Advantages and disadvantages of each location are as follows:

Equipment Below the Entrance. This location is by far the most common. Basement installations have the advantages of compact arrangement, small distance of air travel, and freedom of design above floor level.

Equipment Above Entrance. This system also has a short air travel, but more space is required than with a basement, and structural support is required for the equipment. Since the equipment room is a suction chamber, drawing air through the ducts from the air intake pit below the entrance, the construction of the equipment room and ducts must be airtight to prevent short circuiting of air from the building.

Equipment Adjacent to Entrance. The primary disadvantage of this system is that the equipment room occupies valuable floor space and may be very difficult to blend in with the room.

Equipment Remote from Entrance. Permits a great deal of flexibility in design, but it is usually more expensive because of long duct runs.

Conventional Doors

Air screens require conventional doors to close the opening after business hours, when wind and temperature conditions are beyond the capability of the air screen, for equipment repair or against the possibility of
power failure.

Basically doors can be located as follows when not in use: 1) folded back against the ducts, 2) lifted above the entrance, 3) dropped below the entrance, 4) moved into pockets on the side of the entrance, etc.

In entrances up to 8 ft the simplest and least expensive method is to pin the doors back in the full open position. Above this width the problem is more complex.

**Pan American Passenger Terminal**

Because of the unique design of the new Pan American Passenger Terminal Building, (its elliptical canopy covers about four acres in size) and the strong winds at Idlewild, a complicated distribution of wind pressure was anticipated at the entrance. It was decided, therefore, that wind tunnel tests should be conducted.

Sulzer engineers state that very small models can be used (for instance in a scale of 1:100 or 1:200) while still obtaining accurate data on pressure distribution.

Wind statistics showed an average wind velocity of 19 mph with maximum values of over 65 mph. It was clear that an air curtain could not work effectively unless there were wind screens. Thus the model tests were conducted in the wind tunnel of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich to determine the necessary size and position of the wind screens.

Two wind screens were provided at the sides near the entrance, and a large one in front. These screens are intended not only to reduce the wind pressure but also to ensure that this pressure is approximately equal over the whole width of the entrance and nearly over the full frontage of the building. Without wind screens an oblique wind might produce high pressure at one end of the entrance and low pressure at the other, pushing the air curtain into the building at one point and pulling it out at the other. This would greatly complicate the control problem. Openings were provided in the canopy over the air entrance to permit release of excessive air pressure.
Foamed Plastic: Triple Use Form For Thin Shells

Styrofoam foamed plastic planks have lately found acceptance as permanent form liners which do multiple service as insulation, vapor barrier, and base for interior surface finishing. Supported by wire during construction, the planks have also been used as combination form boards and insulating core for site-built structural sandwich panels.

Now, a research project sponsored by Dow and carried out under the direction of Dr. J. L. Waling, professor of structural engineering at Purdue University's School of Civil Engineering, indicates that these two techniques can be combined in such a way that wire-supported Styrofoam planks might serve as non-removable formwork for concrete shells.

The principal advantage of such a construction system would be to encourage the use of thin shells in this country by cutting the high cost of the formwork now required and by eliminating such additional construction steps as applying vapor barrier and thermal insulation.

The Purdue group has concentrated on the hyperbolic paraboloid which, itself a versatile form, has the added advantage of being generated by straight lines. Their first approach, supporting the Styrofoam shell-cum-form between two sets of tightened straight wires, was ruled out because the excessively high wire tension that would have been necessary to warp the Styrofoam into a true hyperbolic paraboloid would also have resulted in sizeable lateral deflections of the edge beams. However, it was found that these stresses could be lowered and framing simplified by offsetting the wires leading from one edge beam to the opposite one. Skewing the top lattice to exert a downward pressure and the bottom lattice to exert an upward pressure was found to force the Styrofoam planks into the desired shape.

After this approach had been tested on small-scale models, the Purdue research group constructed a 20-ft square model in order to further develop the construction technique and to permit load tests to be performed.

Holes for supporting the wire lattice were spaced 12 in. apart on the steel edge beams, with one end of each wire offset two spaces in the top network and three spaces in the bottom network. Two by eight foot Styrofoam planks placed inside the double lattice were forced together by high-density Styrofoam wedges inside the edge beams, and further aligned by sheet metal H- and Z-clips. When the wires were tightened, the planks formed a shell that deviated from a “perfect” hyperbolic paraboloid by no more than half an inch. A uniform loading of 20 psf resulted in a maximum deflection of about 2\(\frac{3}{4}\) in. at the center point, with no buckling. This deflection was reduced to \(\frac{1}{2}\) in. under the same loading after the shell had been stiffened by a \(\frac{3}{4}\)-in. layer of mortar troweled on the top surface.

On the basis of this successful test, the Purdue group is now exploring the possibilities of adapting the construction method to other shapes based on the hyperbolic paraboloid. Further information on the system is available from The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Mich.
Vinyl Pipe Presages Practical Prefab Plumbing

Because it will withstand operating temperatures from 180 to 200 degrees F (as much as 60 degrees higher than conventional vinyls), a new polyvinyl dichloride, Hi-Temp Geon, is expected to open for plastics the metal-sealed doors to hot water plumbing.

The plastic's heat resistance, plus its light weight (one-sixth that of copper), its corrosion-resistance and its self-extinguishing property, make practical the prefabrication of easily-transported plumbing walls. A two-story prototype was recently installed in an NAHB research house in East Lansing, Michigan, where a wall containing hot as well as cold water lines for bathroom and kitchen was assembled in a local plumbing shop, trucked to the building site and hoisted into position by a light crane (photo left).

For such an installation—and such others as ducts, conduits, corrosion-resistant paneling and even industrial hot-acid piping—the plastic's cost, which will be competitive with other piping materials, is also considered an advantage, as is its ease of fabrication and handling. Geon can be joined with socket solvent cement or threaded couplings, cut with an ordinary saw; and formed to desired curvatures by heating.

Geon pipe will be produced by other manufacturers using resins and techniques developed by B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co., 800 Second Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

New Material, New Method Offer New Protection for Roofs

The chronic problem of economical weather protection for roofs, which has become critical with the advent of new roof forms—and has often prevented their use, will be alleviated by the introduction of a new roofing material and a new method of applying it.

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The system itself is based on the development of new asphaltic compounds that provide the proper wetting characteristics for incorporating glass fibers into the finished film, and on the perfection of the Sealzit gun. This light-weight applicator employs three ejection nozzles; two for applying the especially formulated Flintkote coating compounds, and a separate ejector for applying the chopped glass reinforcing. All three ejectors work simultaneously, a pump and compressor forcing the coating materials and glass roving through hoses and ejectors.

According to the company, a three-man crew using the Sealzit gun can install between 15 and 18 thousand square feet of roofing a day compared to about eight thousand square feet with a five-man crew using conventional methods.

The end product of this simple, fast operation is an integrally reinforced membrane that will not flow or sag at high temperatures or crack at low temperatures, once the film has cured. The Monoform film also has the advantage of not supporting combustion; weathers uniformly; and can be applied easily to normally inaccessible and even damp surfaces.

Naturally smooth and black, the seamless coating can, if desired, be combined with such aggregates as crushed rock, vermiculite, sand, roofing granules, metallic powders and decorative flakes. Flintkote has also developed two decorative-reflective, aluminum-pigmented surfacings which can be applied to Monoform roofing, but other types of paints are not recommended as yet because their coefficients of expansion differ from that of the Monoform coating.

Although the cost savings implicit in this single-operation method of laying a roof (estimated at up to 20 per cent or more compared to conventional methods), combined with its applicability to such “problem roofs” as thin shells, point to a major market in industrial and commercial roofing, Flintkote anticipates wide uses in other phases of construction as well. The Monoform system and the Sealzit gun can, for example, be used for below-grade waterproofing and dampproofing membrane, in the application of insulation, for maintenance and repair work, for sound deadening and pipe coating, as a corrosion protective in water tanks, and in waterproofing farm structures and irrigation ditches. The Flintkote Company, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.

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THREADED NAILS: 3—Design Factors

by Howard P. Vermilya, A.I.A.

Lateral Strength
The deformation of the nailed joint, loaded laterally, is the primary consideration in establishing an allowable lateral load. The common wire nail has about the same resistance as the low-carbon-steel helically threaded nail when driven into side-grain lumber. The high-carbon-steel, hardened, helically threaded nail, because of its greater stiffness and increased withdrawal resistance, even under lateral load conditions, can use the design value normally credited to the common wire plain-shank nail which is one gauge heavier.

Professor Stern states as a result of his work with threaded nails at Virginia Polytechnic Institute's Wood Research Laboratory that a helically threaded, hardened nail loaded in double shear can transmit twice the design load attributed to that nail in single shear, in a joint consisting of two nominal 1-in. side members and one nominal 2-in. center member. The Douglas Fir Use Book, however, in commenting upon plain-shank nails says that limited tests show that at design level of holding power, the nail capacity in double shear is at least twice that for single shear, but at ultimate loads, the shear efficiency is less and varies according to the ratio of the thickness of the side members to the center member. It, as well as the National Design Specification for Stress-Grade Lumber and its Fastenings, recommends that when a nail fully penetrates all three members, the allowable load be increased over that for single shear by one-third when each side member is not less than about one-third the thickness of the center member, increased by two-thirds when each side member is equal in thickness to the center member. This refers to plain-shank nails whereas Professor Stern's recommendation referred specifically to high-carbon-steel, hardened, helically threaded nails.

Tests of full-size trussed rafter assemblies carried out at Wood Research Laboratory of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, with joints having multiple nails in double shear using the design values ascribed to those threaded nails by Professor Stern (namely twice that of nails in single shear), have withstood loads of from five-and-one-half to seven times the design load before failure. In all cases the failure had been in the wood members of the assembly rather than in the joints, with joint deformation held to a negligible amount.

Withdrawal Strength
Nails loaded in direct withdrawal from side-grain lumber are not so efficient in strength as when loaded laterally. Withdrawal resistance of nails is materially affected by the specific gravity of the wood, varying with the density even within species. The significant loss in holding power concurrent with wood seasoning and the numerous uncertainties in joints of this type have resulted in the practice of ascribing a factor of safety of six in determining allowable loads for plain-shank nails. Professor Stern, as a result of the higher and longer lasting holding power observed in his research with threaded nails, recommends that this factor of safety be reduced to two when applied to the ultimate test load for a properly threaded nail loaded in axial withdrawal. Consequently, withdrawal design values for such threaded nails of the same diameter or gauge can be at least three times that for plain-shank nails.

Other Design Factors
When more than one nail is used in the same joint the total allowable load in withdrawal or lateral resistance is the sum of the allowable loads for the individual nails. This applies provided the edge and end distances, and spacings parallel and perpendicular to the grain are sufficient to develop the full strength of the nails without splitting the member. Spacing of threaded nails should be as follows (same as for plain-shank nails): not less than five Diameters from the edge of the member, 15 D-20 D from the end, and not less than five D against 15 D-20 D with the grain.

To further reduce the hazard of splitting, plain-shank and threaded nails may be driven into prebored holes of approximately 70 per cent of the shank or thread-root diameter in width, and 70 per cent of the depth or penetration.
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### Notes:
- **Based on page 65 of "National Design Specification for Stress-Grade Lumber and its Fastenings" (1960 edition), subject to adjustments (see Section 203A, etc.).**
- **Limitations:** Design values for lateral load-carrying capacity of common wire nails based on two-thirds shank penetration and those of hardened helically threaded Screw-Tite® nails based on one-half shank penetration of shortest nail of given diameter.
- **Selection of Design Values of Threaded Nails:** Column (b) is based on derivation procedures generally accepted for common wire nails and indicates the extreme conservatism of the design values shown in Column (a). Columns (f) and (g-f) take into consideration the fact that the test values for delayed withdrawal resistance of properly threaded nails are similar to the immediate test values. This fact eliminates the need for a factor of safety of six for immediate ultimate withdrawal resistance which is customarily applied to common wire nails. A factor of safety of two is fully adequate. Again, these design values indicate the conservatism of the design values presented in Columns (c), (d), (e), and (g-e).

(a) Design values for one-gauge larger common wire nail.
(b) One-sixth of test value (page 26 of V.P.I. Wood Research Laboratory Bulletin No. 2).
(c) 1150x3x0.186 D (acc. to FPL).
(d) 1150x3x0.214 D.
(e) 1150x3x0.267 D.
(f) 1380x3x0.186 D.
(g) 1380x3x0.214 D.
(h) 1380x3x0.267 D.

Three times design value for plain-shank nail of same wire diameter.

(f) One-half of test value (page 26 of V.P.I. Wood Research Laboratory Bulletin No. 2).
(g) Five-sixths of design value for side-grain penetration (Timber News, Vol. 59, No. 2138, pp. 490-492, December, 1950).

* Tests based on use of Screw-Tite® nails made by Independent Nail & Packing Company.

† Tests based on use of Ill-Lord® nails (For plywood diaphragms and gusset plates) made by same company.

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The Planning and Design
...of Motels and Motor Hotels is written primarily for prospective owners, but sections on programming and planning will also be of interest to architects. 24 pp. Sponsored by The American Motor Hotel Assn.; published by The American Institute of Architects, 1785 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Kem Tech Science Furniture
(A.I.A. 35-E) Catalogs expanded line of secondary school science furniture and equipment; gives eleven typical science room floor plans plus roughing-in information on all items. Section KTF, 48 pp. Kewanee Technical Furniture Co., 3006 West Front St., Statesville, N.C.

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Condensed catalog emphasizes fixtures and fittings for residential and small commercial plumbing installations. Catalog PT60. American-Standard Plumbing & Heating Div., 40 W. 40th St., New York 18, N.Y.

Modular Plastic Diffuser
(A.I.A. 30-J) Contains sound ratings, performance data, and engineering information on new plastic modular diffuser. Installation details and specifications are also included. Catalog 460, 38 pp. Carnes Corp., Verona, Wis.

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Mobile Bench and Table Units
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sal to establish the new joint committee was unanimously endorsed by the Assembly.

Two Minneapolis architects participated in the June 3 seminar on "Professional Responsibility," Robert Cerny, of Thorshov and Cerny, and Rodney E. Engeelen, a member of the City of Minneapolis planning staff. Mr. Cerny addressed the seminar luncheon on the subject, "Architecture: Business or Profession." He described the ideal architect as a combination of a creative artist and a hard-headed business man. While most professions have a reputation for carelessness in handling their business obligations, in architecture the situation may be worse where there seems to be an arrogant disregard for the business side. Mr. Cerny said, "Taking an unrealistic attitude toward a client's budget is unprofessional, quite as unscrupulous as an inferior design."

The report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Residential Environment resulted from action taken at the 1959 R.A.I.C. Assembly in Windsor, Ontario, where the Institute directed "that a formal enquiry be established to investigate the broad range of problems associated with Canada's residential growth and development." Three of Canada's most prominent architects—Peter Dobush of Montreal, John C. Parkin of Toronto, and C. E. Pratt of Vancouver—gave their services and engaged in a visual survey of 13 major centers from coast to coast over a seven-month period. They heard over 400 submissions.

A study of the design of the residential environment in Canada was conducted in order to find out how the profession can contribute more effectively to "the improvement of the quality of the design and layout of our residential areas." The report encompasses a total of 32 recommendations. Fifteen of them are for study, and 17 for immediate action. The Institute has charged the Committee on Housing under Chairman James Murray of Toronto with determining the ways and means of implementation. It is likely that a fulltime administrator will be added to the R.A.I.C. headquarters staff in order to direct the sub-committee activity stemming from the recommendations of the report, and he will conduct close liaison with builders, planners, lenders, realtors, etc. Public reaction to the report has exceeded all expectations, and the R.A.I.C. is resolved that no time should be lost in analyzing the report contents and preparing a plan of action.

The officers and members of the R.A.I.C. Executive Committee of Council for 1960-61 are as follows: Harland Steele, president; J. L. Davies, vice president; F. Bruce Brown, honorary secretary; Randolph Betts, honorary treasurer; Neil Stewart; Francis Nobbs; Maurice Payette; Everett Wilson; Alvin Prack; George Masson; and Howard Bouey.

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August
7-12 Fifth Congress, International Association of Gerontology—San Francisco
29-ff Annual Convention, American Hospital Association; through September 1—Civic Auditorium, San Francisco

September
6-16 Second Production Engineering Show: theme, "Automation, Key to Manufacturing in the Sixties"—Navy Pier, Chicago
6-16 Machine Tool Show; of equipment and products which keep machine tools running—International Amphitheatre, Chicago

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October
5-7 39th Annual Meeting and Chapter Officers' Conference, Producers' Council—Drake Hotel, Chicago
8-16 10th Pan-American Congress of Architects—Buenos Aires
9-13 National Convention (third of three in 1960), American Society of Civil Engineers—Boston
11-14 Eighth annual workshop convention, Architectural Woodwork Institute—Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.
11-15 Annual Meeting, American Council of Independent Laboratories—Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach
17-21 48th Annual National Safety Congress—Conrad Hilton and other hotels, Chicago
17-21 National Metal Exposition—Philadelphia

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19-23 15th Annual Convention, California Council, American Institute of Architects—Yosemite National Park

23-26 Annual National Planning Conference of Community Planning Association of Canada; theme, “Planning for the Smaller Communities”—Sheraton Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario

27-28 16th Annual Conference, American Society of Industrial Designers—Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago

Office Notes

Offices Opened
Architect Marcel Beaudin has opened an office for the general practice of architecture at 18 North Main Street in Barre, Vt.


New Firms, Firm Changes

Dalton-Dalton Associates, Architects and Engineers, the Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio, announce the appointment of Eugene B. Fisher, Jr., Architect, as Director of Hospital Planning, and also the appointment of Don M. Hisaka, Architect, as Director of Architectural Design.

Russell S. Fling, Consulting Engineer, announces that Gunnar Eeman is an Associate Engineer under the firm name of Russell S. Fling & Associates, 101 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Kenneth Kassler, F.A.I.A., announces the partnership of Burton F. Weisbecker in the firm known as Kassler and Weisbecker at 18 Nassau Street, Princeton, N. J.

Lublin, McGaughy & Associates, Architects & Consulting Engineers, 1500 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D. C., announce the appointment of Alfred Mercado as Director of Planning. For the past two years, Mr. Mercado has directed the firm's planning work in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

Perry Coke Smith, Benjamin Lane Smith and Charles Haines announce that Frank J. Washler is now an associate with the architectural firm of Voorhees Walker Smith Smith & Haines, 101 Park Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

H. Leslie Walker and Randolph C. Jackson III, announce the separation of their joint practices. Locations of the individual practitioners are as follows: H. Leslie Walker, A.I.A., Architect, 620 Twiggs Street, Tampa, Florida; Randolph C. Jackson III, P. E., Civil Engineer, 312 1/2 Twiggs Street, Tampa, Florida.

Addendum

The Record regrets the inadvertent omission of the credit for the Maison du Brésil photograph on page 166 of the June issue in the Architectural Graphics story. The photographer was Richard Meier.

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Aircraft manufacturers already have spent millions of dollars on research on noise control, and their studies continue. Altitude restrictions, operating procedures and pilot techniques—all have been practiced to minimize noise impact.

Three current methods of controlling noise have been described: 1) muffling at the source through use of noise suppressing devices; 2) muffling at the receiving point by adding extra insulation to roofs and walls, and by air conditioning so windows can stay closed, and 3) putting maximum possible distance between the source and the receiving point. The emphasis now is in applying techniques in the construction and operation of the aircraft itself to lower the noise level.

The administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency, Pete Quesada, outlined the need for such a coordinating organization when he said, "the air carriers, the pilots, the airport operators, and the government have a clear and direct responsibility to act without delay to take all possible steps to minimize the aircraft noise levels in our airport communities. Noise abatement activities on a national basis with effective standards and procedures must be directed towards the solution of this serious and vexing problem."

General Jack R. Cram is president of the N.A.N.A.C.

HEW Asks Hill-Burton Changes to Affect Health Facility Planning

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The bill was in the form of proposed amendments to the Hill-Burton hospital construction act, and was suggested as a means of expanding training facilities, revising Title VI of the Public Health Service Act (the hospital and medical facilities construction grant program), and setting up new Federal credit assistance in the construction of group practice facilities.

The broad purpose of the move at this time, said HEW Secretary Arthur Flemming, was to promote sound public and institutional planning for the facilities, the personnel and the organization of services that will be needed to meet present and future requirements for health and medical services and programs.

The proposal was dictated by such factors as the growing population, continued economic growth, higher levels of education attained, greater industrialization and urbanization, and the increasing proportions of younger and older persons in the population.

There is a necessity now for giving greater emphasis to planned expansion and better organization of medical and health resources, according to Secretary Flemming.

The proposed amendments to Title VI of the Public Health Service Act (Hill-Burton) would:

1. permit and encourage states to give more attention and, in exceptional cases, higher priority to projects for the modernization of hospitals and public health centers;

2. authorize increased Federal participation in research and experimentation for more effective use of the services and resources of hospitals and other medical care facilities;

3. place greater emphasis on the construction of special facilities for the care of long-term patients by consolidating the two present categories of chronic disease hospitals and nursing homes;

4. liberalize conditions under which the construction of mental health clinics or, in certain areas, general medical care clinics may be eligible for aid under the program;

5. make available grants to regional, area, and local planning groups to coordinate the planning of hospitals and other medical facilities and services.

An ingenious method for financing the changes has been evolved by HEW personnel so that no increase in existing authorization is needed. This was explained in this way:

"The current $150 million authorization for hospitals and public health centers would continue during each of the fiscal years 1961 through 1964. The $40 million annual authorization for long-term care facilities would replace the existing $20 million authorization for chronic disease hospitals and $10 million for grants for nursing homes, and the existing $20 million annual authorization for grants for the construction of diagnostic or treatment centers would be reduced to $10 million."

Part of the HEW plan would be to provide grants for medical, dental, osteopathic and public health training facilities construction to assist these institutions in expanding their enrollment capacities. The Department continued on page 318.
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ment proposed authorization of a $100 million expenditure over a five-year period starting July 1, 1960, to support the suggestion.

Of the $100 million sought, $75 million would be made available to schools of medicine, osteopathy and public health, and $25 million would go to the schools of dentistry.

The Surgeon General of the Public Health Service would be authorized to make grants up to 50 percent of the construction costs. The draft bill would also provide for a National Advisory Council on Medical Teaching Facilities, and forbid any Federal control over personnel, curriculum, methods of instruction, or administration of any institution.

Still another aspect of the proposals involves setting up a program of Federal guaranties of bonds of private group practice agencies or organizations to assist them in financing group practice medical or dental care facilities. The Surgeon General would be authorized to guarantee payment of the debt service on bonds sold by group practice agencies or organizations, and payable in 30 years or less.

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Bills formally proposing the changes were introduced in both House and Senate and referred to appropriate committees. HEW had hopes of quick enactment, asserting that the provisions in the draft were largely of a non-controversial nature.

HHFA, Still Fund-less for Research, Urges Private Undertakings

The Housing and Home Finance Agency is doing what it can to encourage research without having any funds of its own to put into investigative efforts.

There is a long-standing authority from Congress for the expenditure of $2.5 million on research studies, but this has not been implemented with appropriations. The Senate has thrown added authority into this year's housing bill for a broad research program in the field of housing, but it appeared that if money to support it was to be forthcoming, the housing agency would have to wait at least until next January.

Meanwhile, housing administrator Norman P. Mason was urging private groups to undertake research on their own to enrich the knowledge on housing subjects. A few weeks ago he announced that the Brookings Institution had agreed to undertake a conference study for the Housing and Home Finance Agency to determine the main areas in which more adequate and reliable information is needed on housing requirements and desires of the elderly. This would serve as a guide to the rapidly growing interest and activity in this field, he said.

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Mr. Mason said he hoped that recommendations coming out of the study would provide guidelines for private institutions and foundations interested in studies and research in the field of housing for the elderly.

"Much is being done today in the field of housing for the aging, and that is very gratifying," he commented. "However, in view of the tremendous importance of the subject and the fact that the field is relatively new, it is more than ever necessary that this effort be channeled in the right direction.

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Sen. Bible Berates Uncoordinated Highway and Renewal Programs

Conflicts between Federal urban renewal efforts and the interstate highway construction program are hastening the dilapidation of city center areas and contributing to the unplanned development of suburbs, Senator Alan Bible (D-Nev.), chairman of the Senate's District Committee, said recently.

In accusing uncoordinated Federal programs of contributing to urban blight rather than relieving it as they are meant to do, the Nevada Senator used some harsh language. He charged that the interstate highway program was often erecting "Chinese walls" to separate neighborhoods and to pull down otherwise sound residential areas.

"Over the last quarter century, from one crisis in improvisation to another," the chairman said, "our national government has been backing into the future, its eyes glued on the past, reciting the shibboleths of local government self-sufficiency. Today, these can no longer serve."

His complaint centered on the allegation that the Federal government programs of housing, redevelopment, highway construction, airport building, hospital and other community facility construction lack strong coordination.

"This is not merely a question of the Federal programs' being administered in a way that handicaps local efforts to solve metropolitan problems," the chairman continued. "It is a matter of the right hand of the Federal government not knowing or caring what the left hand does."

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felt some form of national investigation of the developing metropolitan problems in this country lay ahead. His committee has been concentrating heavily on the problems of the Washington, D. C. "metropolitan area" and early in June proposed legislation looking toward a subway and rapid transit system for the nation's capital.

The Nevada lawmaker feels that rapid transit cannot serve the whole needs of a city. Nor does he feel that competition can promise satisfactory mass transit. He was emphatic in asserting that transportation and metropolitan development are part of the same package and should not be separated in urban planning.

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**Construction Aid Requested For Dental Research and Teaching**

Both Administration officials and private spokesmen have urged Congress to enact legislation assisting in the construction of medical and dental schools.

They told a House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee that Federal aid for this purpose was of utmost importance to the nation's future health and welfare.

Dr. Lester Burket, dean of the school of dentistry, University of Pennsylvania, representing the American Dental Association, noted a recent survey showing that existing dental schools planned to expand and improve teaching and research facilities by some $104 million during the next five years, if sufficient funds could be found.

A Federal matching grant program was suggested as assurance that the construction would go forward. Dean Burket said a program of more than $100 million in dental school and research facility construction surely would go forward if an assistance bill became law.

Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, said there was a need for more dental and medical school facilities, and that some type of Federal aid should be enacted. He supported the Administration proposal for authorization of five-year programs of $100 million grants to assist in meeting construction and renovation costs. Of the total, $25 million would be for dental schools, $75 million for schools of medicine, osteopathy, and public health. The Federal grants would constitute half of the construction cost going to areas of greatest need.

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b. AIR-ENTRAINING AGENTS, if needed, for use in hand mixes shall meet ASTM Designation C-260.
3. PROPERTY SPECIFICATIONS:
All field mortars shall be mixed, tested and used according to ASTM Designation C-270, except as follows:

No type O or K mortars shall be used in this project. Type N masonry-cement mortars shall be used for all masonry work, except where otherwise indicated. If high strength is required, a type M or S mortar may be designated. No lime shall be used in any mix.

4. PROPORTION SPECIFICATIONS:
The ASTM C-270 proportion specification shall apply except that no type O or K mortars shall be permitted in the work covered by these specifications. No lime shall be used in any mix.

5. MIXING:
All mortars in the field shall be mixed with a machine mixer for at least 5 minutes after all materials are in the drum. Hand mixing will only be permitted with written permission from the architect. If hand mixing is used, the air content of the mortar in the field shall be checked with an air meter to make certain that the air entrained is in excess of 11%. If the air entrained is less than 11%, an air-entraining agent shall be added in sufficient quantity to bring the air content of the field mortar up to 11%.

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Bragdon Transferred to CAB From Public Works Unit

The President's coordinator of public works planning, Maj. Gen. John S. Bragdon, was slated last month to take over his new position as a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board. He was confirmed for the post by the Senate on a 73 to 18 vote.

The executive unit on the planning of public works will continue to function after he has transferred to CAB, he explained. No successor had been appointed at this writing.

Under his administration, the coordinating office assembled considerable data on the plans of governments—Federal, state and local—for all types of public works, their detailed plans and timing for construction.

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