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THOSE WHO HAVE FOLLOWED THE PRESIDENT'S TECHNIQUE of setting his projects in motion are familiar with the publicity build-up which usually precedes a ringing message to his lieutenants to start work on another objective. It might be well, therefore, to note a rather obscure item which came over the AP's wire from Washington on July 14th.

According to this dispatch, Mr. Roosevelt says he is convinced Americans pay too much of their money to landlords. With this thought in mind, he said that he had talked to nine government experts and asked them to look for a method of reducing rents. The President said that he had discussed with his experts extension of the limited dividend corporation system, which, he told newshawks, might help make possible the financing of homes and apartments for rent. From the President's remarks it was gathered that he favored the old practice of allotting 20% of a family's income for rent.

All of which might be just another indication that Mr. Roosevelt has his heart set on low-cost, low-rent housing, and perhaps—that if landlords don't watch out they're going to be put in the Administration's already crowded doghouse along with our friends the Princes of Privilege.

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BACK IN 1928—nine long years ago—revisions in New York City's building code were begun. Changes in the existing statute were indicated because of technological progress in the construction industry, which had outmoded some of the stringent requirements of New York's building code.

After a checkered career, the new code was finally approved on July 20th, with Father Knickerbocker's aldermen registering their thumping approval to the tune of a 45 to 9 vote. All along, aldermen had admitted that the many technicalities of the bill were incomprehensible to the average legislator. "The public does not expect aldermen to be Leonardo da Vincis," said Alderman John Cashmore, while Murray W. Stand made the endearing remark that "I'm only an alderman and probably a dumb one at that." Such candor was refreshing indeed.

Most debate was caused by the steel welding provision. But there was also argument over the bill's allowing of steel mesh construction, it being advanced that this would lead to terrific loss of life in case of gas explosions or an explosion like the New London, Texas, school disaster. And there was some bickering over

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the fire-proofing features—particularly the one providing that the seventh, eighth and ninth stories of residential buildings of that height may have steel floors thinner than at present, with a fire-retarding capacity of one and one-half hours instead of three.

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia's approval of the bill is expected. It is to go into effect January 1, 1938... thus giving architects and engineers sufficient time to acquaint themselves with the many innovations.

THAT OLD AND RATHER TEDIOUS BUG-ABOO, advancing realty and construction costs and their reaction on building activity, has been raising its ugly head quite frequently of late. Lugubrious brethren, upset over the state of things, say that superficially conditions might look dandy now, but, they wail, what of the future? Although these viewers-withalarm have been quite articulate, they have been just about offset by the calm, reassuring voices of the rose-tintedglasses fraternity. Culling gloomy comments is an unpleasant task, but we must be realists, so here are some of the plaints . . . together with a few of the more cheerful remarks.

THE TWENTY-NINTH SEMI-ANNUAL SURVEY OF REAL ESTATE CONDITIONS throughout the country by the National Association of Real Estate Boards discloses that realty prices are higher in 84% of the leading cities than was the case one year ago. In 63% of the cities advances of 10% are reported, and the survey says that in a few instances increases of 15% to 20% were found. An increasing scarcity of single-family homes is revealed in all cities, regardless of population, whereas an adequate or superfluous supply of business space is reported for practically all cities over 200,000. Incidentally, one part of the survey shows that the number of home sites purchased during the first four months of this year was approximately double the rate of home production. So either there's a lag in construction reports or else there's a lot of speculative realty buying going on.

AND THEN, IN A RECENT ISSUE OF PRINTER'S INK, we come across Mr. L. Seth Schnitman in a doleful mood. The rise in construction costs, says he, which figures up to 30% to 50% over 1932 lows, is a menace, and if Recovery's insecure, finger-nail grip is loosened by mounting costs, the effect on construction industries may toss the country back into the gaping jaws of another depression's wolves. Mr. Schnitman says that we're being asked to absorb near-peak construction costs on a per-capita national income at least 25% below peak levels.

IF THIS DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE WILLIES, just glance at a recent issue of *News and Opinion*, the bulletin published by the Building Trades Employers Association of the City of New York. The new union scales of wages and hours is given, and after looking it over you may decide to go buy a trowel and join the Union. We are strongly tempted ourselves, the only drawback being that we wouldn't know what to do with all the resulting spare time if we did.

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Needless to say, News and Opinion has an editorial conniption fit over all this, and wonders how it'll end. Trouble is, says N, & O, it is not real collective bargaining which establishes these scales. Why should there be twenty or more separate wage negotiations, wage scales and conditions of work, it wants to know. The already definite signs of a building slump, it is predicted, will give Union officials, who had a share in causing it,

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a headache for which aspirin will be of no avail.

As a grim sort of prognostication of things to come, N. & O. tells what has happened to building in France, where high wages, taxes and governmental labor policies are causing stagnation. Compared to the upward trend in other large countries, France—according to this account—presents a dismal picture indeed. It almost makes us ashamed of America for nagging France about those War Debts when we read:

"... building construction in France has steadily declined during the past three years until in December, 1936, the number of permits was 35% less than in December, 1933, and the entire year averaged only about 65% of the year 1913. In Paris, a city of five million population, permits for only 35 single-family dwellings were asked in 1936, and for twofamily and upward houses, permits totalled only 154, covering less than 2,000 families. In 1936 New York City permits provided for more than 33,000 families."

THIS IS THE KIND OF TALK Mr. Thomas G. Grace, New York State Director of the Federal Housing Administration, doesn't like to hear. Recently Mr. Grace deplored even the discussion of higher building costs as tending to discourage perfectly solvent persons from entering into home building investments.

BUT, AH, says the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, anyway increased buying power and higher rentals are spurring residential building activity. The volume of residential units constructed in April, 1937, was 68% higher than in April, 1936. And then the FHLB goes on to say that employment and wages, which outstripped the increase in cost of living, were responsible for the rise.

SO LET'S CON A COUPLE OF SUNSHINY ITEMS. Writing in the Review of the Society of Residential Appraisers, Frank J. Hallauer, principal engineer of the Department of Agriculture, looks into the crystal and sees 1941 as the peak of the current building cycle. In that year, says he, housings for about 700,000 will be constructed; this year-1937-Mr. Hallauer estimates production will run around 500,-000 housing units. Conditions will continue good until 1951, according to Mr. Hallauer, whose predictions are based on study of previous building cycles and the size of America's families. This latter factor does not usually receive great





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emphasis; the number of persons to a family has been declining at the rate of 5% a decade for the last fifty years, and Mr. Hallauer believes that this increase in family units will play just as important a part in stimulating building as growth in population. Sir Raymond Unwin recently stressed the same phenomenon.

MYRON L. MATTHEWS, WRITING FOR THE DOW SERVICE, breaks down the cost of constructing an average American home. Also, allocation of non-residential expenses is given.

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The non-residential construction dollar goes the way of all flesh like this: 20.7efor concrete work, 17.2e for brickwork, 8.7e for structural steel, 7.6e for elevators, 6.6e for heating and ventilating, 6.6e for electric wiring and fixtures, 6.4efor carpenter work, 5.2e for plumbing, 4.3e for plastering and lathing, 2.5e for excavation and grading, 1.7e for tile work, 1.6e for painting, 1.3e for roofing, 1.3e for glass and glazing and 8.3e for miscellaneous.

These are national statistics based on investigation in more than a dozen cities, of costs accruing from the time excavation is started. The figures do not include overhead expenses, profits, cost of land, finance charges, or that pitifully minor item—architects' fees.

AND FROM CHICAGO comes word of interest in connection with lower cost construction work. Some laudable gentleman has invented a new kind of cold rivet, which is being diligently investigated by engineers and builders. If the inventor's claim stands scrutiny, cost of putting the new rivet in place will be 3ϕ ... as opposed to 15ϕ for the present hot rivet. One effect of this new development might be to make possible steel frames for houses—thus eliminating plaster cracks.

SCHOOLS

DEAN LEOPOLD ARNAUD, of the Columbia School of Architecture, announces that at the opening of the new academic year in the fall a laboratory will be established for research in design correlation . . . a new and different development in architectural training. Says Dean Arnaud:

"Designs for furniture and other mobile equipment will be correlated to the requirements of the human being and his environment. They will then be constructed for actual tests and the theoretical research will be followed by practical study of methods of production.

"An Italian chair of the sixteenth century, for instance, is not outmoded on account of its style, but because today people have adopted different methods of sitting, and the Italian chair no longer provides comfort. In many other ways esthetic factors or styles have changed and at the same time human beings have changed in their viewpoint in respect to design and conveniences." Frederick J. Kiesler of New York will be director of the laboratory, and during the Summer sessions at Columbia will give a course in training for art in industry, which will be in the nature of a preparatory course for the research laboratory work.

LABOR

During the past few years Seattle has earned for itself a reputation as a hotspot of labor unrest. Not surprising, therefore, is the outcropping of organized draftsmen talk recently heard there. Attention was first called to the situation when Seattle architects received notice their draftsmen were to be organized. Accompanying this notice was an intimation that after a certain date the Seattle Building Trades Council will refuse to have its members work on a structure for which plans were produced after a definite date, unless the union stamp appears on the blue prints. Such action, it was predicted, would be subject to court restraint, since interference of this kind with an individual's practice of his profession is illegal.... especially where em-ployes do not desire organized collective bargaining.

In reporting on this situation to the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. William Stanley Parker, of Boston, declared that most, if not all, architects and their draftsmen will find the underlying idea of this move quite offensive to their conception of the relationship which should exist between professional co-workers.

"Draftsmen may appropriately ask whether they should be denied the protection of such organized bargaining if the professional relationship fails to secure for them what they consider to be fair conditions of employment. If they ask such a question, as they appear to be asking in Seattle, the architects and their draftsmen as a group must answer it. The answer may lie in a new form of relationship between draftsmen and the Institute which, after all, is their national professional organization."

Mr. Parker pointed out that draftsmen may join the chapters of the American Institute of Architects as junior associates, but they have no right to hold office or vote on chapter business. When a draftsman is deemed qualified by the chapter he may be advanced to full associateship, but he still has no power to hold office, no voice in chapter business.

"The present situation," continues Mr. Parker's report, "suggests a fresh analysis of the relationship of draftsmen to the Institute in an effort to find a formula that will be satisfactory to the draftsmen and will bring about the affiliation with the Institute of a very substantial proportion of draftsmen. If this can be accomplished, it will be the soundest answer to those draftsmen who feel they need the protection of an outside unionized organization with national union affiliations.

"If this problem cannot be successfully solved, we may, with some reason, look forward to some form of draftsmen's unions in the larger cities. It does not appear likely that they will be found needed in smaller communities in which there are no large architectural offices." That the Institute will soon announce some revised set-up to meet this situation seems likely from the report.

COMPETITIONS

IN A COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE PITTSBURGH GLASS INSTITUTE for the best use of glass as an architectural and decorative medium, Abel Faidy, Chicago designer, won first prize of \$1,000. Through courtesy of the American Federation of Arts, Mr. Faidy's prize-winning design will be shown next winter in museums throughout the country. Winner Faidy, whose wife is a sister of famed sculptor Gutzon Borglum, resides in Chicago, where he gives lectures on modern architecture and conducts classes in design.

FAIRS

AFTER PREVIOUSLY VETOING AS TOO GENEROUS the \$5,000,000 appropriation to aid New York's World Fair of 1939, a couple of weeks ago President Roosevelt signed a bill providing \$3,000,000. At the same time he signed a bill tossing \$1,500,000 into the hopper of San Francisco's Golden Gate Exposition.

In connection with New York's Fair, President Grover Whalen's decision to enter his city's mayoralty contest evoked much interest, since this step came soon after a statement by Mr. Whalen that he did not choose to run. Mr. Whalen has severed all his corporate ties to make the race, retaining only his presidency of the World's Fair. Incidentally, in his first statement to the press Mr. Whalen said he would make housing one of the chief issues of his campaign.

A few days prior to this development it was announced that U. S. Steel, Metropolitan Life and the YMCA had taken space for the coming Fair. Walter Dorwin Teague, industrial designer, has been retained by Big Steel as consultant in preparing its exhibit, while the preliminary plans for the Y's one-story service center are now being drawn up by Dwight James Baum, architect of the West Side YMCA.

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TALMAGE C. HUGHES, whose chief occupation seems to be editorial work. His hand is usually visible in the Michigan Society Bulletin, and he served as executive editor for the Detroit guest editors in this issue of our own magazine

SOME DETROIT ARCHITECTS AND THEIR AVOCATIONS



J. IVAN DISE, who is not only golfer himself, but is rearing his to be another





RICHARD H. MARR divides his spare time between swimming, sailing, and gardening

Left, ROBERT O. DERRICK, of Derrick & Gamber, Inc., gets his exercise in several ways, one of them on the tennis court

Right, BRANSON V. GAMBER, the other half of Derrick & Gamber, Inc., was caught illustrating the working of the stocks at Williamsburg



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ONSTRUCTION seemed almost to be on its way toward a new boom in the early part of the year, but its trend has changed and the curve eveled off. Construction figures used in charting the progress or retrogression of building activity are such that it is not always possible to determine the true meaning of the curve, as far as architectural interest in the picture is concerned. By and large, a curve showing the amount of resilential construction contracts would be an indication of the architectural activity throughout the country. The other figures which entered into the usual statistics involved large industrial expansion and government projects which hardly will affect the rank and file of the profession.

The incipient boom has been nipped by rising tosts, both of materials and labor. Many archiects, whose clients were ready to go ahead, have been discouraged by these high costs since the bids coming back were so much higher than original estimates that owners decided to shelve the projects for he time being. Of course, it is impossible to tell at this point whether costs will be stabilized, will lrop or will rise, but it is doubtful if we can count on very substantial reductions the rest of this year. The architect's only recourse is to persuade the prospective builder—

1. That even at present prices he is still getting more for his money than in the 1927-1929 era.

2. That investment in such a tangible as real esate and a home is wise.

3. That the plans and specifications can be revised downward to meet the original budget.

Again the architect is affected by conditions berond his control.

A ray of sunshine in the building picture is that a recent real estate survey shows a great increase in the purchase of building lots. This, of course, indicates either potential home builders or investors hoping for appreciation in real estate values. New owners of lots are potential architectural clients and an upswing in lot ownership will mean an increase in home building. This is true especialby at the present, when rentals are still increasing, and the shortage of houses is becoming more and more acute. There may also be more work for the architect if the plan of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board can be made to work successfully. The plan contemplates, among other things, the requirement of competent architectural aid in designing the homes, in the specification of materials, and also in the supervision of construction. The owner of a home so constructed with architectural supervision will receive a "Federal Certificate of Registration," which, it is hoped, will be not only a personal satisfaction, but a seal which will strengthen the investment security in the case of re-sale or foreclosure.

NEW BUSINESS

Small homes need architectural supervision, but fees will probably have to be very low both actually and in relation to the time involved. Will the most competent architects be available for this exacting and time-consuming service for small fees? If fees are inadequate, either the quantity or the quality of the service rendered in supervising construction may suffer. The plan should prove to be a long step forward in eliminating jerry building. If it should develop that unworthy structures receive this Federal Certificate, a black mark will be chalked up against the architectural profession, for it is the architect who will be responsible for the supervision as well as for the design and specifications.

• Some speculative builders, interested in profit, may need to cut corners to make sure of their profits, and it is naïve to expect a minimum of supervision to guarantee first-class materials or workmanship. And speculative builders are also going to realize the value of the government bureau certificate as a selling point. Put these two things together and you'll see what it means in architectural responsibility. If the architect can choose contractors he knows to be reliable, who are honest in their construction whether he is there or not, then undoubtedly there will be better construction in this low-price field.

■ The F. H. L. B., in its very commendable efforts to achieve better building and safer loans, is offering to place on the architectural profession a heavy responsibility. Whether or not the profession is willing to accept this burden wholeheartedly still remains to be seen.

• Upon the competency and integrity of the architects engaged in this work depends the success or failure of the plan, from a professional as well as a financial point of view.

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THE RIVER ROUGE PLANT OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY. PHOTOGRAPHED BY CHARLES SHEELE

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ROGER ALLEN

ERY schoolboy knows that Canada is north of the United States. But in Detroit you travel due south to go to adsor, Ontario.

f course there is a scientific explanation of this phenomenon. Detroit river bends sharply as it passes the two cities, ing Canada, for a short distance, south of the United States. wever, I scorn such an obvious explanation; it seems quite sceping with the known contrariness of Detroit that Deters should insist on locating Canada south of the United es while all the rest of us are convinced that it's north.

to an industry designed to make the city—every city ing of the past. Its tremendous centralization of industrial er comes from the production of a machine that will do, has done, more than any other invention in the world's ory to hasten the de-centralization of urban civilization.

The motor car is the best known medium for getting away in wherever you are. Since most Americans are filled with erce and burning desire to go somewhere else, principally for pleasure of coming back almost immediately, the automobile he answer to a nation's prayers. Distance having thus been ihilated, there is now no reason whatever why workers and live in the city in which they toil. And now that it has a made possible to break up a man's home merely by rung into his trailer (a clear gain in time and directness over older and more devious method) it is triumphantly clear the city, as such, is on the way out, thanks to Detroit.

There is a faintly inhuman atmosphere about Detroit. Anyg that happened yesterday might as well have happened in Pleistocene age. If you see a business man sitting at a e in the Motor Bar and staring into space, five dollars will you ten that he is not considering the events of the dear d past; no, he is figuring out how to tell the public that the 0 model of the Skidless coupe (pronounced coop) is definiteuperior to the 1939 model, which the public will not see until 1938. The fact that the gentleman is still in the year 1937 s not register with him, and if you remind him of it he will wl vaguely and class you as a dangerous radical.

Probably there never was a town where tradition meant less in it does in Detroit. Every now and then somebody makes alf-hearted and abortive effort to interest the nobility and try of today in the gaudy doings of Pontiac's conspiracy, the proachable conduct and neckwear of the Sieur de la Mothe lillac, and various other facets of the glamorous history of city, but it is strictly no dice. Detroit is too busy wondering ut year after next to devote any time to the year before last. Detroit has some of the best architecture in the United States some of the worst. Its best makes you glad that you had foresight to be born in Michigan; its worst reminds you of Max Beerbohm's sad remark, "All it takes to be an incendiary is a box of matches and a sense of beauty."

But it is not my job to talk about Detroit's architecture. I want to discuss, just briefly, the effect and impact of Detroit upon the architecture of the rest of the world.

Because of the stream of completed automobiles that rolls out of Detroit, with notable contributions from Pontiac, Flint and Lansing to swell the stream, the architecture of every city in the United States has been changed. Towns, villages and hamlets are now conditioned to the automobile. I have no doubt that in time the human race will become immune to carbon monoxide fumes, and that thumbs, in this hitch-hiking age, will eventually become at least 12 inches long. These changes in the human machine will take time; far more time than it took to revolutionize American architecture in the Model T age.

To make room on city streets for ever more and more traffic lanes, the streets have been widened and in the process it has been the delightful task of the modernizer to retire permanently from view some of the choicest examples of the Pointed Ironic style of architecture that bloomed when Rutherford B. Hayes ruled this land. Frankly admitting that some of the new buildings that replaced them are not of such exceptional beauty as to cause the shade of John Ruskin to regret that he had to pass from this vale of tears without beholding them, yet by and large the new buildings are better than the old. They had to be.

To say that the effect of Detroit's No. 1 product upon American architecture is not beneficial is to argue that an automobile show room is not more pleasing to the eye (and to the nose) than was the old time livery stable, an assertion that would encounter considerable eyebrow-lifting. A whole new class of buildings, both for manufacturing and retailing, came into use with the automobile. These, added to the still more numerous and important replacements made necessary by streetwidenings, have made the American city a better place at which to look than it would have been had not Henry Ford and his compeers made gasoline good for something besides kindling recalcitrant fires. I like to think that some Newton of the motor world, sitting under a tree in the back yard, witnessed an explosion that blew a cook through the wall of the kitchen immediately after the cook had touched a match to the gasolinesaturated kindling in the range, and mused, "It would be a far, far better thing if this explosive power could be harnessed to permit the cook to travel, more slowly it is true, but with more control of direction," and then instantly inventing the internal combustion engine. If it did not happen that way, it should have.

So indirectly we get our architecture f.o.b. Detroit. Cities are being deserted, to the profit of their suburbs and the countryside, because the automobile has made the city a place to work in, not to live in. It may be argued that Detroit is destroying itself in the process. If that were true, I doubt if Detroit would care, having more important fish to fry. But I think that long before the decentralizing process attains much headway in Detroit, the gentlemen of that city will have figured out something else that will operate to keep that eager stream of immigrants from less dynamic sections pouring into Wayne county. Probably they have figured it out already; it wouldn't surprise me. Nothing that could happen in Detroit would surprise me, or surprise Detroit.

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THE history of architecture in Michigan, as far as work of any significance is concerned, extends over a span of about one hundred years. The history of architectural education in the state of Michigan as represented at the University extends over a period of thirty years. Most people would agree that in these last three decades there has been such an acceleration of the nation's development in what are called the refinements of civilization that more of the strenuous life, as well as more of strenuous architecture, has been packed into this period than in the other two-thirds of the century. A world war, several economic booms, and a world-wide depression have come and gone within these thirty years, leaving their high water marks and their scars.

Architecture, faithfully reflecting civilization, has had its dull and good moments in these thirty years. When the first students began to study architecture at the University of Michigan they found that the architect spoke to the world through such variations as he might ring on two themes: Classicism or Romanticism as expressed by the Gothic, Spanish or other variation. The steel frame structure was just winning acceptance and the development of reinforced concrete was just at its beginning. Both were suspect as being dully utilitarian and a bit difficult to reconcile with tradition. It was still thought necessary to make this reconciliation. The tempo of life for the client with whom the architect had to deal was gradually being stepped up, but as yet there was no perceptible break with the long tradition in thought about architecture. It was wood frame or masonry wall for honest construction and always the outward appearances must follow tradition. Industrialization was indeed well established, the great cities had long been on the make, but the automobile was not yet a factor in transportation for business and pleasure, and the meaning of mass production as we accept it today was hardly dreamed of. This was the world upon which the first graduates of our architectural schools entered to play their part, and is the point of departure from which our present generation of mature practitioners have made such adjustments as they might.

What is the state of the profession of architecture as the student of today enters into it? Those who intend to take up the profession are invariably told that architecture is a fine art, that it also comprises the art of building well, and that, in brief, the architect must combine among his talents a keen sense of the esthetically creative, such as is expected of the sculptor and painter, and at the same time, that he must master construction and all the practical details of making his fine conception permanent in wood, stone, or metal. This is a possible combination of qualities, as the careers of men as far apart in time and thought as Leonardo da Vinci and Frank Lloyd Wright both attest. Young architects, however, having been advised of the scope of their field, have always gone blithely on their way, in the majority of the cases leaning heavily on design and m aging with construction as best they might. However, like profession's heroes of the Renaissance and the Gothic peri the more competent men have rarely been able to combine b these qualities.

In the professional world today we realize that even a prospectus for the architect is no longer adequate. The fee just mentioned above have become much more complicated, a as in medicine, though the individual may get the general vi he cannot specialize in all the details. Furthermore, there is fourth dimension, so to speak, in which the architect, if he to continue to exist, must maintain himself. With the you hopeful in architecture let us glance at these present-day factor

In the technics of architecture we are now faced with r and constantly developing materials offered for structure or surface. Moreover, through extension of the mass product idea, there are appearing numerous and various fabricati of these materials. New forms in structural framing constantly in process of evolution. Now that we have bro with the old masonry tradition, we hold nothing sacred in new. Neither the rolled steel section nor the reinforced c crete beam is necessarily the complete answer. The combinat of flexibility in structural design with standardization of un effecting economy in the use of time and materials, seems like to come into building as it has made its way into other industr

Experiments with new surfacing materials have paralle developments in framing. Here the changes imposed synthetic materials and the machine as fabricator enter the f of esthetics with new form, new textures, and new use of co Now the long period of adjustment of appearance to the fa of modern construction is ending, and co-ordination of struct with form and finish is a natural process as never before si the break with simple masonry construction. The student se on these new materials and on the idea of co-ordination with avidity instinctive if sometimes superficial. Of his own t and akin in spirit to the automobile, the radio, and celloph packaging, he considers novel architecture to be contempor architecture and sometimes forgets about stability and pernence. The cantilever seems the logical answer for all str tural problems and the corner window the solution of all fer tration. Where a young man thirty years ago envisioned his flowering to "the song and dance of the Renaissance," stude of today revel in "the International Style," in both cases, fears, with more zest than reason. It is likely, however, t in the technics of architecture, in the co-ordination of esthetic and structural, the student will always grapple w this problem.

Then there is the matter of technical equipment. Once accessory to the work of architecture, mechanical elements today insistent on recognition as part of the fundament



George G. Booth, Traveling Fellowship Award, 1937. Ernst L. Schaible



Senior Design, University of Michigan. Frederick H. Graham



Junior Design, University of Michigan. George Sprau



Senior drawing (left), Mary Louise Kessberger; and elementary design (right) Lawrence B. Lackey, University of Michigan



Model of Junior Design Problem. Richard V. Trusdell, University of Michigan

organization of every building. Every person who accepts the world of today must agree that this co-ordination is not only inevitable but highly desirable. It is not necessary to bow down to the machine but it would be silly not to accept it as our servant and make it completely at home. Heating, vertical transportation, electrical and related mechanical equipment are of increasing importance and they meet the architect upon the threshold of every planning problem. Here the average student of architecture is only restrained from accepting as gospel the "house as machine" by his lack of knowledge of machinery. By disposition he is rarely a machinist.

So architectural education on the technical side alone meets a highly complex situation today. The architectural school is certainly no longer a temple for the worship of tradition. In the College of Architecture at Michigan there is no interest whatever in the battle of the styles. Modern demands as to beauty and utility in plan, form, construction, and equipment are recognized as the substance of architecture. These elements transcend any style. The student, as has been said, is enthusiastic, but often superficial. After all, ramps and escalators must have head room. Even the most modernistic chimney may properly begin at the level of the heating unit and extend through the roof in a generally vertical direction. Even t most daring structural scheme must somehow attain stabili To be a good designer or a good structural man is not enoug Tomorrow's architect must be on speaking terms and preferal on working terms with the whole technological field as regar architecture. It would be humanly impossible for him to mast all the details but he must see the whole picture. Most in portant of all, he must if possible sense, not the gimcracks a superficial "modernism," but the universal principles of architecture pervading both changing physical forms and changing human needs.

With all the training in the world and with all the experier which the good office can give to the hopeful youth just comi from college, there is still something wanting. The young m has had professional training, but, in the interest of his succe and the advancement of the profession, there still remains extension into another dimension. The most complete art the most brilliant planner and technician, may fail of a pla in the sun and may indeed shrink to the status of a hired m for interests and individuals more powerful than he, with narrow intensive technical training, is prepared to withstan Busied with the creative side of the profession alone, the te peramental artist might count the world well lost were architecture thus produced the better or the status of the prof sion the more secure, but this is not the case.

The architect in practice is constantly called on to present case to the public. Building committees and individual clier demand of him not only expert advice in the production beautiful and efficient buildings, but they expect from him well an awareness of economic and social problems. The arc tect in practice must show that architectural projects as he p poses them are of the fabric of American civilization today a that he is cognizant of current trends. Not from an ivory tow but from the contact with the current of today's needs must architect deliver his message. Our profession can only ma tain itself as its members represent it. Through a broad vi of modern life combined with a mastery of technical probler the architectural profession will not only justify its existence live will prove its service indispensable.

Some men have naturally an adjustment to environment, j as the occasional genius is a natural as an architect in the tenical sense. For the general student, however, adjustment the modern world can best be achieved through the acquisit of a broad cultural background in college, preferably precedthe professional courses. Training in salesmanship or in buness methods in the narrow sense is beside the point, for th are mere gadgets of a professional man's education. Histomodern languages, economics, sociology, and philosophy, he ever, set a discipline for the mind and at the same time open it the ultimate freedom.

To sum up our problem objectively, the student about enter the profession of architecture should distinguish betwee being a draftsman and being an architect. If he has the capace and the desire he should look forward to being an architecture To understand architecture and to effectively practice it, should obtain first a general education including at least t years of college. The ensuing period, spent in a good arc tectural school, will be followed by an interneship in an arc tect's office. With this introduction our student may hope find for himself a complete professional life whose compentions in service and the satisfactions that come from creat work are unsurpassed.



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By FREDERICK CROWTHER

Note: The author of this article, Mr. Frederick Crowther, is in the forefront of America's architectural illustration artists in perspective and water-color. He states herein in simple terms some of the things he has learned over a long period, and offers some short cuts to perspective methods. "It is probably true," says Mr. Crowther, "that many have for years held to perspective methods that are untrue." Only by long experience has Mr. Crowther met and corrected these false impressions, which he here passes on to his confreres.

1. To establish stationary point in relation to the plan of the building.

Five times out of ten a satisfactory point can be obtained by combining the extreme corners of the building within an angle of **30°**. This apex of the angle becomes the stationary point. (Fig. A.)

There is nothing arbitrary in this method of establishing the stationary point, but it has proved quite successful in pictures of buildings of two to four stories in height and of average width. For tall buildings it is generally more pleasing to diminish the angle of 30° . For any building of unusual height or width the best method of all is to make a few simple block perspectives at a very small scale until a satisfactory stationary point has been found. The little time and trouble involved are well worth while. **2.** To establish picture plane, vanishing points, and vertical measuring line.

) Center line

Building

Bisect the angle of 30° , which gives the center line. At an angle of 90° to center line draw line through near corner of plan. This determines the picture plane, and the point of intersection of picture plane with the visible vertical planes of the building determines the vertical measuring line at the same scale as the plan of the building. To establish the vanishing points draw lines from the stationary point parallel with the front and side of the building until they intersect with picture plane. These intersections determine the vanishing points for all horizontal lines on the front and side of the building. (Fig. B)

3. To put the building into perspective elevation.

Take a sheet of paper and pin to a drafting-board a little wider than the width of the two vanishing points as determined by Fig. B. With the head of the T-square working from lower edge of the draftingboard draw a vertical line corresponding to center line in Fig. B. At right angles to this, and the full width of the board, draw a line well down towards the lower edge of This establishes the horizontal paper. plane. Having established the center line and horizontal plane, measure the distances of the two vanishing points on either side of the center line as shown on Fig. B, and place a pin at each of these two points. Now measure the three corners of the building as projected from the plan to picture plane, and establish these in relation to the center line,

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erecting verticals. Using the nearest corner as a vertical measuring line, mark off the grade line of the building, to the same scale as the plan, approximately 5'-0" b e l o w the horizontal plane, and the full height of the building above



Picture plane -

Vertical measuring



From a water-color rendering by Frederick Crowther of a proposed apartment house of which Talmage C. Hughes is the architect

grade. Draw line from these points toward the two vanishing points to where the intersect with the corners of the buildin already established and we have the buildin in prospective (Fig. C).

The foregoing presents the elements of perspective generally familiar to all arch tectural draftsmen. From this we go to th lesser known principles, stunts or short-cut whatever you please to call them.

It is not claimed that these stunts malnecessarily for greater speed, but they certainly eliminate a great deal of drudger and labor in drawing all door and windo openings, cornices, roofs, bay window dormers, etc., on the plan and projectin from there to the picture plane, as well a removing the hazard caused by the mult plicity of lines.

4. To establish a third or diagonal vanishing point.

This is most useful, and but rarely practiced. Having established the two usual van ishing points as shown in Fig. B, bisect the angle of 90° formed by the stationary point and the two vanishing points and carry the line until it intersects with picture plan This establishes a third or diagonal vanishing point (Fig. D). The purposes of the diagonal vanishing point will be explained later.

5. To establish a plain gable roof in per spective.

So far we have assumed our building to be a plain rectangle in plan with a flat roo We now add a gable, in a sketch which self-explanatory (Fig. E). Note the metho of determining center of end gable in per spective by use of diagonals. Also remember that the true height of ridge is erected on the rtical measuring line and projected toards vanishing point until it intersects with nter of gable thus established. The vanning point for roof plane is determined by rrying the near edge of the pitch on until intersects with a vertical line erected from e vanishing point, as shown. This van-

ning point is very useful where a number vertical surfaces, such as dormers, chimys, etc., intersect the roof.

To establish a plain hip roof in perspecre. This involves the use of the diagonal mishing point shown in Fig. D.

Proceed to draw a plain gable roof in the anner shown in Fig. E, with the diagonal mishing point determined in addition to e two usual vanishing points. At a point ell above the established roof line draw a flected plan of the gable roof, with the dge line, as shown (Fig. F). From the



arest corner of building on reflected plan aw a line towards the diagonal vanishing bint until it intersects with ridge line on e reflected plan. Now carry a line from agonal vanishing point through the farest corner of building on reflected plan til it intersects with the ridge line in the an. These two points will give the true ngth of the ridge in perspective. Drop ten down until they intersect with the dge in perspective; connect the intersecons with the three visible corners of buildg eaves and the hip roof is established.

To divide a given distance into a numer of equal parts in diminishing perspective. Every draftsman is familiar with the roblem of dividing a horizontal line of ven length into a certain number of equal arts (say five) without the use of dividers. he method is to erect a vertical line at one nd of the horizontal line, mark off upon to any scale the given number of units, onnect the last point of the vertical line ith a diagonal to the other end of the prizontal line, run horizontal lines from ch division on the vertical line until they tersect with the diagonal line and then op down to divide up the horizontal line to the desired five equal parts. (Fig. G) This solution of a simple problem can be oplied to perspective once the regular vanhing points have been determined. For inance, a plain rectangular building has been stablished in perspective with vanishing pints as shown in Fig. C. For our purpose e wish to divide the front elevation into, say, five equal parts and the side elevation into three equal parts. The method is as follows (Fig. H): Continue the vertical line formed by nearest corner above the roof line and divide into five equal units. From the fifth point draw a diagonal line from the far corner of the building at the roof line as

shown. Now carry a line from each unit mark towards the vanishing point until it intersects with the diagonal line; drop the points of intersection down to the face of our building below, which is now divided into five equal parts in perspective. Using a diagonal from the third unit point on the side elevation and continuing in the same manner, gives us three equal parts in perspective. It will readily be seen that it is equally simple to divide a given distance into unequal parts such as door and window openings as desired, or to tick off on our measuring line all the important horizontal dimensions.

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The following is another method of handling the same problem (Fig. I). Draw a line from top line of building to right of nearest corner, parallel with horizontal plane. Divide into five equal units. Connect end of line with far corner of building at roof line and continue through until line intersects horizontal plane. Put a pin at point of intersection and, with pin as center, draw lines from each of the five dimensions until they intersect top line of building.

8. For the purpose of this article we will assume that the five equal parts assumed in Fig. I are bays of, say, 16', in the centers of which we wish to establish window openings, say 7' wide (Fig. J). Having established the vertical lines representing bays, mark off on nearest vertical, 00, 4'-6", 11'-6", 16'-0", to any scale. Draw a line from 00 towards vanishing point until it intersects with next vertical. Draw a diagonal from 16'-0" to this intersection. Then draw lines towards vanishing point from 4'-6" and 11'-6" until they intersect with diagonal, and this will give a 7'-0" window in the center of 16'-0" bay in the perspective.

9. In Fig. K we show an elementary geometric diagram with which everybody is familiar. With its aid and a given horizontal dimension already determined, we may readily establish any second horizontal line of any special length. Fig. L shows the



above diagram in perspective. Referring back to Fig. J, we find that the distance of 4'-6" from nearest corner to window heading has been established in true perspective. We now wish to establish in perspective a flat roof slab projecting 2'-0'' from the face of building (Fig. M). Establish the nearest corner and window as indicated in Fig. J. We know this width to be 4'-6", and so we mark off on the nearest vertical, to any scale, 0, 4'-6", and 6'-6", and draw a line from 0 towards the vanishing point until it intersects with vertical line of window heading. From this intersection draw a diagonal through point 4'-6" and continue until it intersects with a line drawn from vanishing point through and beyond point 4'-6". The point of intersection gives the slab projection of 2'-0", in the form of a profile flush with the face of the building.

To determine the mitred corner of the slab in perspective, draw a line from the diagonal vanishing point (Fig. N) through the intersection of underside of slab with nearest corner, and carry through. Now, from the lefthand vanishing point draw a



line through the lower edge of the profile of slab until it intersects with the line from diagonal vanishing point. This intersection establishes the position of the mitred corner of the slab in true perspective.

10. To draw a bay window in perspective where the distance of, say, 16'-0" between bays has already been established as in Fig. J. Plan of bay is shown in Fig. O.

On the nearest vertical line of the 16' bay already established in perspective, mark off (Fig. P) to our scale, 0, 2'-6", 5'-6", 10'-6", 13'-'6' and 16'-0". Draw line from 0 towards vanishing point until it intersects with second vertical line of 16' bay. Draw diagonal line from point of intersection to 16'-0" mark of nearest vertical. Draw lines from the intervening dimensions between 0 and 16'-0" towards vanishing point until they intersect with diagonal line. Erect vertical lines from these intersections until they meet the topmost line (16'-0"). From the lefthand vanishing point draw lines through points a, b, c and d. From the diagonal vanishing point draw a line through point d until it intersects with the line projected from point c, which gives the depth of the bay window in perspective plan reflected. It then becomes a simple matter to complete the plan in perspective, giving the four corners of the bay.

11. Short method of establishing vanishing points on a drafting-board of limited size.

The establishment of vanishing points for a drawing of even moderate size was at one time considered quite a problem, necessitating the use of the office floor and the moving around of the furniture. One method was to pin the plan on a wall, with a nail for a stationary point and use long straight-edges to determine the intersection of the lines of the 90° angle with the picture plane. Actually, all that is necessary is a draftingboard large enough to hold the plan and the

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stationary point. Place the plan any place on the board which will give the necessary distance below for the stationary point, and the plan need not necessarily be parallel with the edges of the



board. Having determined the position of center line and picture plane as shown in Fig. B, measure the actual distance in inches along the center line from the stationary point to the picture plane. Assuming this distance to be, say, 30'', now measure off along the center line away from the picture plane towards the stationary point thirty units of any size, say eighths or quarter inches (point A in Fig. Q). From point A draw lines parallel with the front and side of the building until they intersect the picture plane.

In the same units as used to determine point A on center line, measure from center line left and right to these intersections and the resulting number of units will give the actual distance in inches of vanishing points from center of picture. The same method of course would be used in determining the position of diagonal vanishing point. Distance C, measured in the same units, gives the actual measurement in inches from center line to vanishing point. The shorter vanishing point is likewise readily established in inches. **12.** To establish vanishing points on a board of limited size.

The first things required are two Tsquares, one for right hand and one for left hand, with the lower portion of the head cut off so that upper edge of blade is exactly in the center between top and bottom of the T-square head (Fig. R). Next, we require a number of pieces of common vardstick (given away by paint stores) cut to the exact length of the T-square heads. Having already determined the distances of the vanishing points on either side of center line as described in Figs. B and Q, we will assume the distance of the longer vanishing point to be on the right hand, 60" from center line (Fig. S). The 60" vanishing point is way off the board, but the shorter vanishing point, which we will assume has been found

to be 15" away, is well on the board. Havin established the center line and horizont plane, we now assume some dimension whic will divide evenly into 60", let us say 15 which is one-fourth of the distance fro center line to the 60" vanishing point, ar becomes point A in Fig. T.

On the center line of picture measure of above the horizontal plane any dimension which will again divide evenly by four (jut as the 60" was divided by four). In the instance we'll say 20", establishing the poin B. Now on this perpendicular drop bac one-fourth of the 20" to 15", which estal lishes point C, and a line drawn from the point B through the point C, if continue through, would eventually meet the hor zontal plane at a point exactly 60" from the center line of picture.

Now place the blade of the T-square alon what we may call the top line of pictur (Fig. U) and nail a piece of the yardstic to the board along the inside edge of th T-square head. Now bring the T-square blade down to and along the horizont plane, with the upper inner corner of th head touching the piece of yardstick naile to the board. Then take another piece of yardstick and touching with it the lowe edge of the stick already nailed in place secure it in position crossing the lower inne edge of the T-square head as in Fig. V With the head of the T-square, working o these two tangents, a line from any poir on the upper edge of the blade will lead t the vanishing point.

13. In the preparation of a finished drawin it has been found good practice to place sheet of tracing paper over the paper o which the finished drawing is to be made and a hole made in the center of the tracin paper a little larger than the size of the building. All calculations in perspective ca then be made on the tracing paper either

above or below the hole. Grateful acknowledgment are here made to Arthu Coyne Hanifin of Oakland California, a master of linear perspective.



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THE house trailer or mobile home unit is definitely here to stay. Its development and world wide use may not be so rapid when compared with the history of the automobile, nevertheless, it is not difficult to conceive of thousands of trailer colonies scattered throughout the nation, their population shifting with the seasons and with industrial labor demands.

The house trailer, as we know it today, has probably been developed from the use of the camp trailer. These outfits were folding-tent-shaped affairs so arranged as to be portable by being constructed around a two-wheeled trailer attachment. Their use never assumed great proportions probably because the limited conveniences and comforts afforded were not commensurate with the original cost or the time involved in preparing them for casual overnight parking. In comparison with the camp trailer, the modern house trailer is a palace. It is not difficult to understand why the house trailer has increased in popularity among those of our population who enjoy travel and recreation in the "great open spaces."

Although the house trailer today is probably used by the greater majority of owners as a convenient camping unit, there are some people who occupy them as home units throughout the entire year.

Due to the mobility and the various uses to which the trailer is seemingly adaptable, it is certain that the house trailer is destined to play an important role in our modern era.

The advent of the house trailer has not been without accompanying problems of considerable social, sanitary and economic significance.

It has been conceded that the home is the very foundation of our government. If this is true, can one imagine a government functioning with any degree of certainty and solidity when the majority of its citizens live in houses on wheels? Although some may predict a roving citizenry, one must not overlook the fact that the American ideal has been, and probably always will be, a tangible something, such as a piece of land that a man may call his own, with a comfortable shelter thereon. If the trailer is to be considered a permanent dwelling and can be proved suitable as such, our future American home would be constructed on the basis of accommodations made available within a floor area of not to exceed two hundred and eighty (280) square feet. The history of small home units does not support the contention that the one-room development is in any measure satisfactory as a permanent place of abode for the average American family. It is obviously doubtful, even if it were possible under existing housing and building laws, that the time has arrived where the camp or house trailer, even those of elaborate proportions, can properly be classed as a permanent home or dwelling.

If house trailer influx is not restricted and controlled to son degree the trend may be expected to increase continually. Suc regulations as may be adopted must be basically sound fro the standpoint of health and safety, and justly equitable fro the real property owner's point of view. Irrespective of the type of government, taxes are essential for its support. A me nicipal corporation is now, and undoubtedly always will be supported chiefly by a tax levy upon real property. A mobil home unit is obviously not real property.

The trailer owner or user naturally has certain rights whic cannot and should not be abrogated. On the other hand the owner of real property has rights and basic inherent value which it is the duty of organized government to protect.

As a house trailer is basically a vehicle, no other classific tion is possible. As a vehicle its permanency of location is no controlled by the factors affecting real property. It is movable at the will and whim and caprice of the owner or operator. Of a given location a house trailer cannot be considered a perm nent structure, and its use as a dwelling, so far as a particula location is concerned, is therefore temporary.

The regulations proposed are founded upon three bas premises:

First: The house trailer is a vehicle designed and intende for temporary parking at given locations and as such cann legally or logically enjoy the unrestricted use of land eith public or private.

Second: Inasmuch as there are no methods of taxing hou trailers for the support of municipal governments, a limitation of parking to such periods as may appear reasonable and prop for any given municipality is deemed to be a constitutional hor rule legislative procedure.

Third: For the health and safety of the trailer occupants, well as the protection of the public in general, regulatory mea ures for the control of parking sites and camp areas are val and may be enforced.

The proposed ordinances were drafted by representatives the Board of Health, Police Department, City Plan Commision and the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineerin The first deals with the trailer proper and is an ordinance regulate the parking of occupied and unoccupied trailers with the city limits; to require the registration of occupants of traers, and to fix penalties for the violation thereof. The secon deals with trailer camps and is an ordinance to license and reg late the location, maintenance and operation of trailer camwithin the city limits; to establish rules and regulations relating to the management, operation and inspection thereof; and to five penalties for violation.



PHOTO: ANDERSON

THOMAS HART BENTON came naturally by his desire to record on the walls of the State Capitol the history of Missouri with which his illustrious name is synonymous. These latest examples of his work show a freedom from the artist's earlier convolutionary manner of painting

> W HEN George Biddle proposed to the Government that it employ artists to decorate walls at a plumber's wage it indicated two things. First, that one of the most important branches of the fine arts was in a sorry state and, second, that most artists in America very sensibly thought of themselves as no more and no less than skilled workmen. The latter idea must have come as a great shock to the group of artists who thought of their work in a more Olympian light. The result of Mr. Biddle's proposal has been tremendously important to American art and to the American artist. Younger men who might have hidden their light under a bushel for years were discovered practically overnight. And, even more than this, the American people were made conscious of mural painting—and probably will continue to be for a long time to come

OVERTONES RECENT MURALS BY EIGHT AMERICAN PAINTERS



LEON KROLL was an important and honored American painter long before he was commissioned to paint these lunettes in the Attorney General's private office in the new Department of Justice Building in Washington. That above represents the "Triumph of Justice" and that on the opposite page the "Defeat of Justice." They are painted in Kroll's usual careful style, clear in color and drawn with a fine regard for firm, plastic modeling

COURTESY OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT ART PROJECTS





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FRANK A. MECHAU is one of the discoveries that has come out of the Treasury Department Painting Program. Only thirty-three years old, his work had included but one previous mural, "Horses at Night," for the Fine Arts Department of the Denver Public Library as a PWA project, until he was selected to do these two for the Colorado Springs Post Office. Since these were completed he has won a competition for murals in the Post Office Department Building in Washington





PHOTO: CAMP

FRED DANA MARSH has always been expert in obtaining interesting technical effects in his decorative mural work. This panel commemorating the conquest of Florida in the Palm Beach home of E. H. Hutton shows an unusual combination of painted surface with applied metal relief

> DEAN CORNWELL not only painted the brilliant murals but he also designed their background for the new Raleigh Room of the Warwick Hotel in New York. Included among many unusual features are the carved and painted circular glass dance floor lighted from below, and amusing seals representing the work and hobbies of many a prominent contemporary

> > PHOTO: NYHOLM







PHOTO: JULEY

ARTHUR CRISP'S flat poster-like technique is especially well adapted to these amusing decorative records of famous women in history

D. PUTNAM BRINLEY, faced with a definitely circumscribed area, behind the altar of St. George's Church in Bridgeport, Conn., developed the Gospel Story. Mr. Brinley, as in some of his previous works, follows the naïveté of many primitives in ignoring such dogmas as diminishing the size of figures and buildings in receding planes, playing with pattern somewhat in the manner of the tapestry weavers

PHOTO: LAROCHE



PHOTO: SOICHI SUNOMI, COURTESY OF THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

LOUIS FERSTADT designed this electro-mural as part of a proposed community center. It is to be executed in various colored electric lights against a dark blue background and is to have synchronized sound effects. The entire project was developed by the Architects, Painters and Sculptors Collaborative, consisting of one architect, six sculptors and fifteen mural painters. The lone architect is Oscar Stonorov



Preliminary perspective, U. S. Post Office, Santa Barbara, California. Reginald Johnson, Designing Architect, Procurement Division

SOME RECENT BUILDINGS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

BY LOUIS A. SIMON, F.A.I.A.

HE accompanying reproductions of photographs show some recent designs of federal buildings constructed under the risdiction of the Procurement Division of the United States easury Department. In some respects they are illustrative the decided change that has come into architectural expresn generally, both in public and private buildings.

Since architecture has demonstrated a purpose sufficiently ious to have perpetuated its practice through centuries of tory, and since in its more worthy examples, expression ries with materials, climate, tradition and standards of culed thought, there is significance and there is interest in the chitectural trends that thrust forward in any particular untry and sometimes are especially marked in only one or ore phases of that country's community life. An opportunity observe such trends occurs in the design of some hundreds buildings of the United States Government.

When all is said and done, architecture creates environment, d it does so by expressing some dominant idea-it may be force and strength, of light playfulness, of restrained and nolarly dignity or florid exuberance of spirit. And even for y particular building, the determining factor of this that we I architectural design, may easily waver on the one hand tween nothing more tangible than a designer's mood, or may dominated, on the other hand, by a regard for strict and netimes previously unsuspected principles of esthetics. Dein is indeed a subtle process, a thing of analytical searchings, d highly emotional at the same time. And what kind of a end such searchings and such emotions may start on its course any particular time, no man can tell-the tides rise and b, and the moon rides serenely on undisturbed by the ripples low. But the point is that there is serious purpose here, that nds to offset a certain free-for-all libertine quality that is owned on or lauded, according to the observer's point of view. Obviously, in our social system with all its ramifications, we e in the midst of stupendous changes that are difficult to easure. That the United States Government is rising to its opportunities in many fields, calls for no argument. We have moved into a consciousness of new relationships to our fellowmen, and that the mass of our countrymen are ready for change has been unhesitatingly shown. The history-making of our epoch carries architecture with it, and while architectural traditions have not been wrecked, incidents are not lacking to show that they have received some visible dents on the surface. And so far as the arts are affected, among the complex and elemental forces that shape our destinies the desire for novelty may not be overlooked; it is something that has a real place in the scheme of things, and the human mind welcomes it.

It is startling to awaken to the fact that there are now even some words which architects could formerly use with impunity anywhere, but which now must be reserved for private conversations where they may be still held current. Such words as art, beauty, symmetry, harmony, and rhythm need a strong context if they are to be relieved of the charge of being saccharine twaddle. Whereas austere, stark, utilitarian and functional with a new emphasis cry out for a tempered and more liberal view of modern architectural performance. For the conservative-progressive, whose arteries have remained sufficiently pliant to yield to the possibility of ordered change, but who still values the sailor's maxim, "never to let go with one hand until you get hold with the other," there is peace and comfort still to be found. The passing of the extravagancies of exaggerated formalism brings to the surface the possibilities of a living architecture not based on the disregard of precedent but on a different, more subtle and more creative way of using and reflecting that part of tradition which is universal-giving to inherited forms a power of adaptation to new materials, structure and processes.

And if, as a whole, the designs of a Government's public buildings are shaped by the composite efforts of that country's architectural ability, be the result what it may, it is at least a logical expression of the time; and to that extent it possesses the spark of enduring life.



U. S. Post Office, Petersburg, Virginia Donald Anderson, Designing Architect, Procurement Division

U. S. Post Office, Hollywood, California. Claud Beelman; Allison & Allison, Associate Archit



SOME RECENT BUILDINGS



In Park Postal Station, Chicago, Illinois. ard L. Cheney, Designing Architect, Procurement Division

U. S. Post Office, Liberal, Kansas. Supervising Architect's Office



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Roseland Postal Station, Chicago, Illinois. John C. Bollenbacher, Designing Architect, Procurement Di





U. S. Post Office, Kerrville, Texas. Atlee B. & Robert M. Ayres, Architects

SOME RECENT BUILDINGS



Perspective of U. S. Post Office, Gary, Indiana. rd L. Cheney, Designing Architect, Procurement Division



U. S. Post Office, Storm Lake, Iowa. Supervising Architect's Office

U. S. Post Office, Rutherford, New Jersey.

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I. Williams, Designing Architect, Procurement Division

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U. S. Post Office and Custom House, Houlton, N Supervising Architect's Office

U. S. Post Office, Blackfoot, Idaho. Supervising Architect's Office

U. S. Post Office, South Pasadena, Californ Supervising Architect's Office

SOME RECENT BUILDIN OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNM

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ginally a private yacht club, the addition of a large audium and the redecorating of the old club house converted building into a night club. The location proved so desirable I the club so popular, that two additions have been necesy since. In every case, materials were selected for their rability to a semi-tropical climate, and the comfort of the prons considered from both a visual and physical standpoint









Latest additions included the covered approach and new entrance foyer. Glass block was used extensively not only for the admission of light, but for the decorative quality it lends the interior treatment

OBERT LAW WEED, ARCHITECT



rals of a spirited, light nature abound throughout the building, and do much overcome the feeling of severity usually associated with this style of architecture.

remodeled bar room has been made accessible m both the main entrance and the dining room.





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THE RACQUET CLUB, PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA SPENCER & LANDON, ARCHITECTS







popular resort for movie stars, this private club for wimming and tennis has been added to, over a period f three years. The original buildings, Lounge and ocker Room are of frame and stucco.. The new Entrance nd new Dining Room are of reinforced Grout Lock brick



THE RACQUET CLUB, PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORN SPENCER & LANDON, ARCHITECT



Natural bamboo and green leather are used as finish in the cockta bar. The floor is of stone. Exposed brick walls painted white and colored canvas ceiling lend a gay touch to the dining room. Colore cement is used for the floor and linoleum for the dance floor





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ccasionally an architect is fortunate enough to find a ent who is uninhibited by considerations of resale lue and similar bugaboos that restrict individualistic ssign. This house is the result of the architect's havg that type client and the excellence of the result is pvious. Constructed of Haydite concrete masonry th concrete floors, joists and roof, the house has been winted with two coats of white silica cement paint hich allows the texture of the concrete blocks to be en. Deep brown trim on copings, windows—terrace enpsure and awnings accents the whiteness of the walls

OUSE OF D. S. COLBURN IGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS ILMER V. BLACK, ARCHITECT







SECOND FLOOR



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use the problem was so individualistic, the plan naturally has many unusual features. Since basement, for storage only, is small, the heating and laundry spaces are on the first floor. ough it is built on a corner lot, heavy traffic on the fronting avenue dictated placing entrance and garage on the side street and the main living areas to the rear. Projecting g walls assure a sense of privacy. (Opposite page top): A peach bloom colored mirror the fireplace wall and the large window areas give a gracious sense of outdoor living. ove)—The glass screen partition between the entrance hall and living room creates an ed feeling of spaciousness. A color scheme of brown walls, eggshell rug, ceiling and and furniture upholstered in brown, flamingo pink, eggshell and gold, contributes an of gaiety. (Right) A view of the circular stair with its glass block area for light

USE OF D. S. COLBURN, HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS MER V. BLACK, ARCHITECT



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Particular attention has been paid to the proper sign of all utility areas throughout the house. Cl and cabinets have been carefully studied in rel to the sizes of the various things that will be st in them. Glass block has been skillfully handle both the kitchen and master bathroom. In rooms bright color is again well used. The bathr is dove gray, black and flamingo pink, and the kit is soft robin's-egg blue, lime yellow, black and

HOUSE OF D. S. COLBURN HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS GILMER V. BLACK, ARCHITE





Brookville, N. Y. Roger H. Bullard

PORTFOLIOS IN PREPARATION—Wall-face Dormers, September . . . Door Steps, October . . . Doorway Side-lights, November . . . Resilient Floors, December The Editors welcome photographs of these subjects. . . . Forms close eight weeks in advance of publication. A list of the subjects that have appeared will be sent upon request. Certain of these past Portfolios are available to subscribers at 25 cents each; or five subjects for one dollar

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Above, Bayside, N. Y. James W. O'Connor

Upper right, Locust Valley, N. Y. Coffin & Coffin

Lower right, Barnwell, S. C., in the public square











Upper left, Haverford, Pa. W. Pope Barney; Edith Emerson

> Above, Maplewood, N. J. Office of John Russell Pope

Lower left, Art Center, Cleveland, Ohio Hubbell & Benes; F. L. Jirouch





Darien, Conn. Charles S. Keefe



Beaugency, Touraine, France

Brockport, N. Y. Dryer & Dryer




Leonia, N. J. J. Ernest G. Yalden





Glen Head, N. Y. Roger H. Bullard

Princeton University Library, Princeton, N. J. Robertson & Potter





Lake Geneva, Wis. Howard Shaw



Lansdowne, Pa. W. Pope Barney

ormer Madison Square Garden, New York, N. Y. McKim, Mead & White

> Portchester, N. Y. Dwight James Baum

Munsey Park, N. Y. H. Lawrence Coggins





Chatham, N. Y. Randolph Evans

New Rochelle, N. Y. Laurits Christian Eichner



Double-faced angle sun dial in the Cotswolds, England



Santa Barbara, Calif. Winsor Soule and John Frederic Murphy



Southbury, Conn. Paul G. Darrot



Chipping Campden (1480) Gloucestershire, England



One of the most elaborate sun dials in America is that on the Bok Singing Tower, Mountain Lake, Fla., designed by Milton B. Medary, architect, and Lee Lawrie, sculptor. The signs of the zodiac, incorporated in a border around the dial proper, were modeled by an associate of Lee Lawrie's—Robert C. Wakeman











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AQUARIUS



CANCER



SCORPIO



PISCES







Forest Hills, N. Y. William E. Haugaard Pepperidge Oakdale, N

GREENACRES



J. Ernest G. Yalden; Arthur S. Covey

Studio of Arthur S. Covey Torrington, Conn. FAVORITE FEATURES

Common problems of design in everyday practice-how the results look and how the drafting-room detailed them

Masonry Finials...

















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HOUSE OF W. T. WALKER, PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA CHARLES O. MATCHAM, ARCHITECT

Comparatively undocumented, this house might fairly be called desert style. The white exterior and use of modern materials in a simple, unadorned way results in a restful freshness. Since no color could compete with the color of the environment, white is used almost exclusively in this area

Car Shelle

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TERRACE









The enclosed terrace (abo opens on a small patio of swimming pool. . . . The ing room (below) has w painted a deep beige. It holstery is green and bei and all trim and furnit of natural bleached wo

HOUSE OF W. T. WALK PALM SPRINGS, CALIF CHARLES O. MATCHA ARCHITECT

ursday, July 1 .- The New York Chapin its post-Convention meeting at lunchtoday, tried a new experiment in reportthe proceedings to its members. A liminary meeting had been held to aption to certain of the delegates each a ticular section of the proceedings on ich to report verbally and briefly. The n avoided one difficulty which occasionarises when a single delegate reports impressions of an entire Convention. instance, one of my friends happened attend the post-Convention meeting of ther Chapter recently, and was decidedly prised that the reporting member's imssions of the relative importance of the vention proceedings differed radically m his own.

day, July 2.-This is surely a red letter for the Diary in that news comes ough Miss Frances Johnson and Mr. rley J. Williams that Mount Vernon is at g last being measured and drawn. I supe there are rather complex reasons bed the long continued refusal of the Board Regents to allow photographs and draws to be made of Washington's home. ne years ago, when Paul Willstach was ting his book, he and I went down there, were permitted by Colonel Dodge to tograph outside but not inside. Under Williams' direction a particularly accusurvey is being made, with scale and size details to supplement Miss Frances nson's photographs. The unusual manand accuracy with which this survey is ng made is a longer story than can be here, but it will be published in these es before many months with the most prehensive showing of Mount Vernon attempted.

nday, July 5.-I hear echoes of the nceton Round Table Conference through bert B. O'Connor, Clarence Stein, and e Barney. It must have been a great cess in bringing together, for a frank cussion of fundamentals, this year's duates of the Architectural Department established architects both from Princeand other schools. Dean Emerson of the was the key-noter. The spirited arguat between a recent graduate who claimed t the Gothic style of college dormitories an invitation to vermin and other lovof darkness, and, on the other hand, the rdy defense by Charles Klauder, who bees that college dormitories must be someng more than mere shelter, must have n worth going miles to hear.

dnesday, July 7.—A cog has slipped newhere apparently, in the building of Paris Exposition, for it is said that at formal opening recently, half the builds were not finished, and some had not been un. There are those who are pointing h pride to the fact that the pavilions



of the totalitarian states were ready—Russia, Italy, and Germany, but so was the pavilion of Belgium—so what?

Friday, July 9.-George B. Cushing of the A. M. Byers Company, tells me of a rather striking change in buying habits since the unlamented depression. During those dark days, purchasing agents of industrial plants and the like had been instructed to make only necessary repairs, and to keep the cost of those down to the irreducible minimum. The fruits of that policy are already becoming evident in more rapid obsolescence and the necessity for new repairs. Cushing says that the whole attitude of these big buyers has changed radically now. Thankful that the necessity for such false economy actually is past, they are once more insisting upon high quality materials, particularly in view of the fact that the element of labor cost is growing more rapidly than the cost of material.

Monday, July 12.—In lunching with a group of men at the League today, the question of the Jefferson Memorial was discussed in some detail. One fact that seems not generally understood, judging from the



Victor Alexandre Frederic Laloux (1850-1937), from a painting exhibited at the Grand Palais in 1914

controversial opinions, is that there are really two distinct questions at issue. One is this: Is the L'Enfant plan for Washington, as further developed by the McMillan Park Commission, still so eminently suited to the conditions that it should be carried out to the extent of keeping the kite form? The second is this: If the first question is answered affirmatively, then is the proposed form of the Jefferson Memorial the best that could be devised?

If those who want to argue about the matter at all would keep these two points separated, their contentions might be more easily understood.

The latest news from Washington is that the plan, in so far as it concerned the shore line of the Tidal Basin, is being restudied in an attempt to leave the cherry trees undisturbed.

Tuesday, July 13.—Laloux is dead. For a generation, at least, the name of Victor Alexandre Frederic Laloux has been a mighty one among the patrons of the Paris ateliers. From his magnificent and inspiring personality, America has profited in the training of Arthur Brown, Jr., Charles Butler, Jacques Carlu, John W. Cross, William A. Delano, William Emerson, Carl F. Gould, Frederic C. Hirons, Jean Labatut, William E. Parsons, Henry R. Shepley, Clarence S. Stein, and others. Not so much through his own work, such as the Hotel de Ville in Tours, and his Gare de Quai d'Orsay, but in the work of his pupils, Laloux's influence upon the architecture of today is immeasurable.

Wednesday, July 14 .- Professor Harold F. Clark of Columbia University, has been doing some research to find out the average earnings in the various professional and business activities. Architecture falls below medicine, law, dentistry, and engineering. In a working life span of forty-three years, the present value of the average architects earnings for that period is \$82,500. The doctor's life span is a year less, and he earns \$108,000. Apparently the longer you live the less you earn. Farm labor has the longest working life span-fifty-one years -but it only averages \$10,400. In the ministry, a man may look forward to a fortyfour year working span, and in that time he earns just about half as much as an architect.

Thursday, July 15.—Lunched with Thomas Stapleton, who has one of those jobs that architects dream about—the design of a whole new community center for Princeton, including an inn, shops, apartments, offices, all carried out in the traditional style flavor of the locality.

Saturday, July 17.—We frequently seize the opportunity of poking fun at the British architects' ideas of house planning. They

apparently do not agree with some of the things we do over here. A writer in the Architects' Journal, London, says, "For example, we like fresh air; we also like at appropriate times the good old English custom of a fog; we like open fires; we do not like enormous spaces of window which betray to the outside world the inner secrets of our domestic life; and we don't enjoy communal arrangements for eating. It should be recognized that although the English climate does not suffer from extremes, it demands continuous access to some comfortable refuge, and that to design a house that makes the most of the few bright days of summer is not enough."

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Monday, July 19.—I see that the Chicago Chapter has given up the house it has been occupying, designed by Henry Hobson Richardson. The house had been given to the Chapter by the John J. Glessner estate in 1924. The Chapter finds itself unable to finance the project in compliance with the donor's wishes.

Wednesday, July 21 .- The increasing complexity of building costs and the difficulty of estimating these in advance is brought out rather clearly by one of the Dow Service reports. In Toronto, brick at \$27.50 per thousand is the highest for all forty-six cities from which reports are obtainable. Yet in the aggregate, construction costs are 25% less than in New York. On the other hand, brick is cheapest in Chicago, yet the building costs there are slightly above New York at present. In addition to the sale prices on materials, costs must take into account availability of supply, of labor, the efficiency of labor, the over-supply or scarcity of projects, and all these things must be weighted in accordance with their relative importance.

Friday, July 23 .- One hears plenty of talk these days of new building materials, and the Architect and Building News of London muses over the possibilities. For instance, the aid of air in motion as an effective substitute for glass has been used by French locomotive engineers. They introduce an ingenious baffle in the design of the cab to eliminate the glazed opening and the danger of its becoming obscured by rain and dirt. When the locomotive is in motion, a thin plane of air is driven across the window, flicking away rain and grit. If we carry this idea a little further, we might have a house with walls and roof consisting entirely of thin planes of rapidly moving air. Turn off the air, and where are you? In the garden.

Saturday, July 24.-Speaking of the architect's relationship to the public, as we were a month or so ago, here's a bit of heresy from an active practitioner. He apparently puts a good deal of stock in that Bible story of the mote and the beam in one's eye.

"After all, it seems to me, the profession has tried to look out for itself and has not tried to look out for its clients, and I do not blame the building public at all for its discovery of this deplorable situation! It seems to me that architecture should be approached as any other art should be, with the full knowledge that its devotee should be willing to be the instrument of the art, modestly doing his part to solve its problems, in collaboration with many others. I cannot see that the present assumption that a man who has had some academic schooling, and a few years' experience as a draftsman, can be metamorphosed into an architect by the acquisition of a client. Our present position, it seems to me, is due to that assumption.

"Would not the profession as a whole be a great deal better off if its members were recruited from boys and girls who not only showed a better than average ability to draw, but who were willing from school days on to learn enough of one or more of the building crafts-such as plumbing or bricklavingso that they could get a certificate of proficiency there, and then realize that practice over the drawing-table must be supplemented by business training? Having had that preparation, surely a very salutary feeling of the modest part that the architect plays in the ultimate production of a building will have been borne in upon the student, and he will expect to do his part as a collaborator and not as a self-appointed Czar. Naturally owners feel they are entitled to a little credit for their own creative ideas and so are exasperated by many of our fellows' assumption of importance.

"When a man discovers that he can hire an architect as he does a lawyer to do a particular job, and will find that he pays him what that job is worth regardless of any predetermined percentage charge, I feel sure that our profession will never find it necessary to combat any such laws as were recently being discussed by the New York State legislature."

Is there any bright young man present who would like to stand up and say a few words for the architectural profession?

Monday, July 26.—Charles F. Lewis, director of the Buhl Foundation, Pittsburgh, whose success in the building and administration of Chatham Village surely gives him the right to be heard, thinks that private capital could do a lot more in housing than is generally expected of it. It is popular today to say that private capital can do nothing in low-cost housing, and that the job must be turned over to the Government. Mr. Lewis suggests a four-fold program: 1. Let business encourage more adequate z ing legislation; 2. Let the government federal, state, and municipal—destroy sl housing; 3. Let FHA be strengthened as agency for research, for stimulation, and financing large-scale operations; 4. private capital on a sound investment ba build large-scale planned communities signed to be managed as income-produc properties which are inherently as nea blight-proof as is possible to contemplate

One of the obvious hurdles to the above to induce private capital to think of hous in a new way. It has in the past thought housing as a speculative gamble, to be p duced and sold at once or produced for sake of the unearned increment in the r ural appreciation of real estate values. stead, in England, housing is looked upor a long-time carefully produced investm to bring a modest, but regular return.

Wednesday, July 28.-Robert D. Ke thinks it will be a shame if we cannot t some way to keep alive the impulse to g a more wide-spread training in design s as has been offered by work relief activ If it is true that prosperity is rap overtaking us, does this mean that we sl no longer be able to afford the "extra gance" of offering training to ordin everyday people in line, form, color, mu drama, organized play and the dance? other words, is it only in depressions t we can afford to spread the seeds of cult in the community at large? Mr. Kohn lieves that the way to keep alive the g elements of this depression effort is to tegrate and co-ordinate the many education organizations in the wide field of the a tying them in some way to the public e cational system.

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Friday, July 30.—Carleton W. Adams, pr dent of the West Texas Chapter, got his chest recently a few thoughts on contractor: "Contractors are men that d know the meaning of the word 'contracti They are always extending, reaching and out, and building up and up. They men who must expand or bust; and t sometimes do expand and bust; but t never by any chance contract.

"Contractors' special words are 'ext sion,' 'expansion,' and best of all, the very very special word, 'extra.' If they were ca 'extractors,' it would be more appropria

Saturday, July 31.—I see that anot woman architect of London has co through as winner of a competition—M Drew, who with Mr. Allison won Dawlish Competition. It is the f feminine victory since Miss Scott's winn of the Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford



TO: SAMUEL GOTTSCHO

ATE OF WARREN WRIGHT, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

REMODELED GREENHOUSE ESTATE OF MRS. CHARLES PLATT WAPPINGERS FALLS, N. Y.

WIMMING POOLS

VITHIN the past few years swimming pools have become almost standard equipment for residences in the higher price range. Their sign and treatment has resulted in many and varied solutions, from most formal to the informal, from remodeled greenhouses to abanned gas storage tanks. When made an integral part of the residence, eir treatment is frankly that of swimming pools, depending little on adscaping. In instances where the pool is isolated from the main house placed in natural surroundings, its treatment demands the combined ents of architect and landscape architect. The following four pages prent a variety of successful solutions of the swimming pool problem.



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ESTATE OF COL. A. E. PIERCE, WARRENTON, VIRGINIA VITALE & GEIFFERT, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

SWIMMING POOL

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ATE OF WARNER BAXTER, AIR, CALIFORNIA ARRY E. WERNER, ARCHITECT



WIMMING POOLS



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ESTATE OF MARSHALL FIELD, HUNTINGTON, LONG ISLAND TREANOR & FATIO, ARCHITECTS

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VIMMING POOLS

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SWIMMING POOLS-2-Equipment

This, the second of two sheets on swimming pools, contains data on sanitation and other pool equipment. For planning and construction data see T-S.S. Serial No. 86, "Swimming Pools—1—Design Data."

SANITATION

Some form of water purification is required in all swimming pools. Most sanitary codes have definite regulations; consult local authorities.

Bathing load. Pool capacity should be checked to insure compliance with data in diagram, "Sanitation—Recirculation System." If intermittent rather than continuous sterilization of pool water is used, allow approximately 1,000 gal. per 7 persons between sterilizations (see plumbing diagram below).

Bacterial quality is usually specified in state or local sanitary codes.

Methods of operation are three: fill-anddraw, continuous flow and recirculation, the names being self-explanatory. In *filland-draw systems* disinfectant is usually omitted; method is uneconomical, tends to become unsanitary and should be condemned. *Cnotinuous flow method* usually employs disinfectant, added intermittently or continuously; is expensive unless a constant source of cheap water is available, and can be entirely satisfactory as to sanitation. *Recirculation method* is most common. Pool water is circulated through filters (with or without addition of make-up water), disinfected, and returned to pool. Operation may be continuous or intermittent depending on bathing load.

Sterilization should be done after filtering and is accomplished by one of four methods shown in the diagram. Chlorine method: Any one of several forms of chlorine is added to filtered water bypassed through a chlorinator and back into the pool supply. Chlorine should not be added by hand directly to pool water thorough distribution is necessary. Continuous automatic operation is preferred. Colloidal silver: Operated by ionizing pure silver electrodes by means of direct electric current and adding the resultant colloidal silver to by-passed water similarly to chlorine method. Intermittent operation is possible as silver remains effective in suspension in water for several weeks. Ozone and ultra-violet methods are not commonly used com-mercially in U. S.

Equipment necessary for pressure filter systems is shown in its proper order in the diagram. Additional items not always re-

quired include: one additional filter (for greater flexibility); sight glasses to be set into line from filter to sewer for observing cleanliness of filter discharge; recirculation pumps for "back-washing" filters and thus cleansing them; rate of flow indicators and controllers for filters. An alternate to the pressure filter is the gravity system, which may be more satisfactory when water level is higher than filter level. A swimming pool (or sanitary) engineer should be consulted. Builtin vacuum cleaners may be omitted if portable equipment is provided. Heaters for tempering the pool water are usually of the indirect type, steam operated, set into the discharge line between the sterilizer and the pool inlet. Many different types of equipment are manufactured, both as units and as complete systems

LIGHTING

Pools, particularly commercial and indoor types, may be lighted for night use by overhead or submerged reflectors, or both. Overhead lighting is satisfactory alone if pool lining is highly reflective. Submerged lighting provides greatest safety for swimmers and permits use of colored special effects. Several kinds of overhead standards and "wet" or "dry" niche submerged projectors, as shown in the lighting diagram, are available.



TYPES OF STERILIZERS

 Chiorine gas, liquid or hypochlorite (most common)

- 2. Colloidal Silver (see text)
- 3. Ozone
 - 4. Ultra-violet ray (not commonly used)

FILTERS

Generally batteries of 3 to permit cleaning 1 while 2 are operating. Solid matter must be coagulated by adding alum or other chemicals before water enters filters. Soda ash added to preserve alkalinity; Copper sulphate to kill algae. To determine Size and No. of filters, allow 3 gal. per Sq.ft. of filter area per minute.

BATHING LOAD

SYSTEM

Desirable Max. = 20 persons per load gallons of clear water

DAILY TURN-OVER (complete

replacement of pool water with clean water) Private pools: 1 per day Semi-private: 2 per day Public pools: 3 per day



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AMUSEMENT EQUIPMENT

Diving boards for competitive sport should measure 1 meter (3'-3'') and 3 meters (10'-0'') from water line to free and of board, and should be 16'-0' long. High platforms for competition should e immovable, should measure 5 meters by 2 meters (minima), and should be erected in three heights: 10 meters, 8 meters and 5 meters, variations of 10% being permitted. Each platform should project 1 meter beyond platform (or pool edge) immediately below it. Unofficial poards, and clearances for all types, are shown in the diagrams. Surface of poards, platforms and racing take-off should be covered with cocoa-fiber mating

Slides may be provided in connection with swimming pools; and sand beaches or boxes with wading pools only.

BATH HOUSE EQUIPMENT

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In large public pools all possible sani-ary precautions should be taken. Bathnouses should be equipped with showers and sterilizing foot-baths, and possibly with straddle-showers located so as to make their use compulsory before enter-ng the pool. The practice of providing 'wet" toilets for bathers and "dry" toilets or non-bathers, is recommended.



A B C D depending upon depth of water Projector Projector Open Ornamental & Pendants Floodlight Luminaire Only and wattage and Water Level STANDARDS beam of reflector. STANDARD A B C D 9" to 1'-0" 0.5 Min 0.5 0.5 0.6 Watts Watertight Rec 1.25 1.0 1.0 1.0 Sq. Ft. Max porthole Variable Reflector removable Max. Spacing 120 120 120 60 through recess, manhole or Mounting, Ht. 25-35 25-35 25-30 17' -Overhead Light Standards-Projector 750 750 750-1000 Wattage 1000 1000 1500 750-1000 passageway 1000 DRY NICHE TYPICAL LAYOUT OVERHEAD LIGHTS SUBMERGED LIGHTS

SWIMMING POOL LIGHTING

(Not to scale)

(250 to 1000 watts each) Depth, waterline to & fixture: 1'-3" to 1/2 depth of pool, depending on wattage & type of fixture

1-0 min.

Outlet

Box

1'-6"

to 2'-0"

Drain for

Condensation



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This sheet, one of two on swimming pools, gives planning and structural data on various types of pools. Equipment is discussed on T-S.S. Serial No. 87, "Swimming Pools—2—Equipment."

PLANNING FACTORS

Control of bathers is necessary in all types of pools to assure sanitary conditions and for safety. *Public pools* (commercial or institutional) are preferably fenced or otherwise enclosed and separated from all adjacent areas. In *semi-private pools* (as for clubs) where patronage is limited, enclosures may be omitted depending on the degree of privacy. In both above types opportunity should be provided for inspection and routing of bathers. *Completely private* pools may be more free in design. Access to all types should be at shallow end.

Segregated areas within the swimming pool, or in separate pools. should be provided for diving and swimming. *Wading pools* should be entirely separate. Wading pools should be from 8 in. to 1 ft. deep and inlets should be above water level.

Size of swimming pool should be first computed from methods given in the diagrams on this sheet. Surface area thus obtained should be checked with bathing load per 1000 gals. of water as shown on T-S.S. Serial No. 87. A.A.U. recommendations for the maximum commercial pool are: 165 ft. x 70 ft.; minimum depth 3 ft. at sides, greatest depth at center; if greater capacity is required, additional pools should be built for economical operation, maintenance and control.

Surrounding areas. Walkways are preferably masonry. Recommended sizes are shown in diagrams. *Beaches* or grass plots are not recommended inside swimming pool enclosures.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Sidewalks and bottom. A competent engineer should be retained to insure proper structural design and reinforcing. Material should be reinforced masonry. Indoor pools may consist of steel shells lined with thin reinforced masonry.

Expansion joints should be provided 50 to 60 ft. (max.) on centers in walls and bottom. Structural joints should be reinforced to permit transmission of loads without settling.

Watertightness may be obtained in concrete or concrete-backed pools by proper specification and supervision of concrete. Reinforced unit masonry and masonry supported by steel shells should be provided with membrane waterproofing. Indoor pools



SWIMMING POOLS-1-Design Date

located over occupied spaces should be provided with insulation drip pans and condensation gutters.

Drains from pool should be multiplied or protected by baff, plates if drainage system causes uncomfortable "vortex" cu rent. Water from walkways should not be permitted to flor into pool. Sub-soil drains with open joints should be provide spacing depending on soil conditions.

Curb and gutter details vary, the "goose-neck" safety gutte Curb or "starting platform" dimensions for racing must k maintained as noted in diagrams.

Projections into swimming space should be avoided. Ladden should be flush or removable bronze type if possible; hand hold or rails should not project beyond curb-face unless removabl

Finish of pool interior should be smooth and light in color for cleanliness. Satisfactory finishes are: Tile, terra-cottaenameled brick or white cement trowelled smooth or painter with specially prepared materials. Non-slip finish of wall ways, curb-tops and treads of ladders is essential.





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WIMMING POOLS-1-Design Data



- 1. Estimate probable peak attendance
- 2 Allow 27[‡] per person for swimmers and waders in "Swimming Area", including patrons resting outside pool

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3. Allow 12 persons per diving board, including those waiting and resting

Water Inlefs: May be spray type or subsurface. Inlets at both ends desirable

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BOOKS FOR THE ARCHITECT'S LIBRARY

MEMOIRS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY IN ROME. Vol. XIV. Preface by George K. Boyce. 112 pages of text; 41 pages of plates, 10 by 14 inches. Illustrations from photographs and draw-ings. Printed in Austria. Paper binding. New York: 1937: American Academy in Rome. \$5.

This latest volume in a notable series recording some of the more advanced work of the American Academy deals with the Corpus of the Lararia of Pompeii. The Lararia is adopted as a convenient term for describing the house shrines of Pompeii through which becomes possible the study of the ancient Roman domestic religion.

ART IN FEDERAL BUILDINGS. Vol. 1: Mural Designs, 1934-1936. Text by Edward Bruce and Forbes Watson. 310 pages, 131/2 by 103/4 inches. Washington, D. C.: 1936: Art in Federal Buildings, Inc. \$6.50.

Here is a volume marking the beginning of a new era in America. Certainly heretofore there has been no such official recognition of art as an essential part of our public buildings. Neither has there heretofore been such a democratic method of selecting the artists and the art that is to embellish our post offices, city halls, and court houses. The system of anonymous competitions developed by the Treasury Department Art Projects, under Edward Bruce, is one that not only marks a new epoch in the discovery of talent among the younger artists, but has also been suggested as a model for competitions in the architectural field. Here are excellent reproductions of a wide variety of murals as produced in two years. An appendix showing simple architectural details of the settings for these paintings is a valuable addition. Forbes Watson contributes an excellent section in which the history and achievement of mural painting in America is brought into sharp focus.

INTERIOR DECORATING. "How To Do It Series." By Duncan Miller. 80 pages, 71/4 by 93/4 inches. Illustrations from photographs and drawings. Printed in Great Britain. New York: 1937: The Studio Publications, Inc. \$3.50.

After laying the elementary foundations of design in interior decoration, the author comes at once to the practical technique of achievement. The reader will be shown what brushes and other tools to use, a great deal about fabrics and their cutting, practical rules for color harmony, modern lighting technique, and the like.

HANDBOOK OF INTERIOR WIRING DESIGN. 80 pages, 81/2 by 11 inches. Illustrations from photographs and line drawings. Pamphlet binding. New York: 1937: Prepared by Industry Committee on Interior Wiring Design. \$1.

A book that has been compiled after careful study and deliberation by a representative committee of the electric wiring and equipment industry. This is no mere boiling down of a series of specifications for residential, commercial, and other work, but rather a concise list of practical requirements and suggestions for the best practice, accompanied by an outline of the ways and means of insuring these. The booklet is sponsored by many of the larger associations and institutions concerned with the use of electricity.

FORESTS, TREES, AND WOOD. By Francis E. Tustison. 96 pages, 6 by 9 inches. Illustrations from drawings and photographs. Stiff paper binding. Peoria, III. 1936: The Manual Arts Press. 65 cents.

The author is in the Department of Physics and General Mechanics, Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wis., and has prepared this little volume particularly for the use of students in wood working.

HOUSE WIRING. By Thomas W. Poppe and Harold P. Strand. 256 pages, 41/4 by 61/2 inches. Illustrations from diagrams and photo-graphs. Linen paper binding. New York: 1937: The Norman W. Henley Publishing Co. \$1.

An elementary handbook prepared for the electrician, his helper, and his apprentice.

HANDWERKSMOBEL. Formgebung und Konstruktion. By Han Beblo. 36 pages, 101/4 by 141/4 inches. Illustrations from photo graphs and diagrams. Printed in Germany. Stiff paper binding Stuttgart-W: 1936: Julius Hoffmann. Obtainable in America from Architectural Book Publishing Co., New York City. \$1.80.

This is a carefully detailed presentation of joinery methods used in handcraft furniture. The text is in German.

PROFILES OF GREEK MOULDINGS. Two volumes—one of text one of plates. By Lucy T. Shoe. Preface by Gorham Phillip Stevens. 188 pages of text, 15 by 211/4 inches, illustrated by lin drawings; 79 plates with illustrations from drawings and photographs Published for The American School of Classical Studies at Athens Cambridge, Mass. 1936: Harvard University Press. \$10.

Here is a beautifully presented collection representing the mos extensive assemblage of molding profiles from the Greek world of the various periods. The profiles have been made with pains taking accuracy, and are clearly shown at full size. Any archi tect interested in reclaiming the exquisite subtlety of the Greek moldings in modern work will find these volumes practically in dispensable. The enormous amount of research and labor in volved was made possible through the fact that it represent Miss Shoe's offering for her doctor's degree.

WITHOUT BENEFIT OF ARCHITECT. By Frazier Forman Peters 212 pages, 51/4 by 71/2 inches. New York: 1937: G. P. Putnam Sons. \$2.

No one should shy at this book because of its title. It is by n means an argument for doing without an architect. Rather is i a strongly implied argument to show that any one who is foolis enough to undertake such a course is laying up for himself trou bles to an extent of which he has no conception. Mr. Peters i an architect himself. He writes well, and, if somewhat dog matically, it is the more convincing.

REAL PROPERTY INVENTORY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY. Prefac

by Ralph J. Watkins. 312 pages, 81/2 by 11 inches. Illustration from maps, with folding map of the City of Pittsburgh, 1936. Pitt burgh: 1937: Bureau of Business Research, University of Pittsburgh. \$

A survey of housing and related conditions conducted, wit Federal Work-Relief Funds, in co-operation with the Federa Civil Works Administration of Pennsylvania, the State Emer gency Relief Board of Pennsylvania, the United States Depart ment of Commerce, and the Federal Works Progress Adminis tration.

LONDON: The Unique City. By Steen Eiler Rasmussen. Introduction by James Bone. 404 pages, 61/4 by 9 inches. Illustration from photographs and drawings. Printed in Great Britain. Ne York: 1937: The Macmillan Co. \$4.

Probably the best way to get a detached and impartial view point of a city is through the eyes of a foreigner. Steen Rasmusse is a Dane from Copenhagen, who has found in London an appea that has drawn him to visit that city year after year. The rea sons why London is a scattered city rather than a concentrate city, such as Paris and Vienna, are matters of concern to him and take him far back into history. Rasmussen ends the volum with a passionate appeal that London shall not sell its birthright the cottage, for a block of flats, such as are, in Rasmussen' opinion, "constructed slums."

NEW CHURCHES ILLUSTRATED. Foreword by Cecil Harcour Smith. 152 pages, 9 by 121/4 inches. Printed in Great Britain London: 1937: Incorporated Church Building Society. Paper binding \$1.50; cloth, \$2.

England has its Incorporated Church Building Society, founder 1818, which aids financially and otherwise in the building, en larging, and repairing of church buildings. Here is a collection of churches that have been built in the last ten years, brough together in photographs and floor plans from their previous pub lication in various English architectural journals. The date of erection, cost of structure and of furniture and fittings, the typ of construction, and number of sittings, are given in connection with each example illustrated.

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ACOUSTICS

Theater acoustics today. (C. C. Potwin). Better Theaters. 29 My'37:41-42 pt

Part I: Auditorium Form Factors. Basic nature of acoustics in theater design—even extends to lot selection.

Size and shape of the auditorium. Essential to maintain low cubage per seat for best results with reproduced sound. Best room proportions for distribution of sound energy and control of reflections have been found to be:

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The article also describes defects and correction of long auditoriums by splays to avoid parallel walls.

Acoustics of a broadcasting station. (C. M. Mungler). Architect & Engineer. Je'37:39-43 tv

Description of new acoustical features of station KFWB in Hollywood.

The now familiar theory of live and dead ends of room was discarded for (1) selective absorption by use of a variety of materials, and (2) use of carefully designed contour ceilings and wall splays.

In one studio the latter elements resemble the bellows of an accordion, surfaced with wood, well-braced and backed up with a variety of acoustic absorbents. Another room uses six different wall materials. There are also notes on measures taken for sound insulation.

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

Air ducts of metal lath with treated plasterboard soffits. (H. J. Hagen). The Plastering Craft. 15 My'37:18-19 & 4p. dtv

This installment deals with ducts finished on outside with plaster, with duct construction of metallated rocklath (plaster finish), and with thermal insulation. There are illustrations of corridor ducts, ducts in angles of rooms, curves, dips and suspended ducts.

How to build to save fuel. (G. L. Larson). American Builder. Je'37:76-77 gt

Calculation of economic values of nine different stages of thermal insulation as applied to an eight-room house. Final type consists of storm sash and doors and four-inch insulation on ceiling and walls. Cost tables include total heat loss, percent saving, square feet of hot water radiation, oil per season, oil cost, fuel saving, cost of construction, interest and depreciation, net saving, net percent return on investment, years for net fuel saving to pay off investment, cost of heating plant necessary, and reduction in plant cost.

Panel heating. (A. Gini). Casabella. (Milan). Ap'37:36-39 dgtv

Discussion in Italian of technical articles and correspondence, giving details, graphs, and views of panel heating installations under construction.

CO, CO₂ & Draft. (G. W. Bohn, from Oil Heat). Real Estate & Bldg. Management Digest. Je'37:20 t

Every cubic foot of excess air or draft in a furnace decreases the heat delivered. Complete combustion of one gallon of oil is secured with about 1900 cubic feet of air. The stack gas then analyzes 14-15%CO₂ and a trace of the dangerous CO. Less air than this increases CO and also decreases heat.

These facts are advanced in support of the wider use of automatic draft regulators.

What will the fuel dollar buy? (D. H. Clary, from The Coal Dealer). R. E. & Bldg. Management Digest. Je'37:20 t

Tests of coal from 500 American fields by the U. S. Bureau of Mines show an average overall efficiency of 58% (ratio of heat developed to total contained heat of fuel). Anthracite rates highest up to 71%, semi-bituminous lowest down to 51%. Eastern bituminous high was 65%. Stokers give highest efficiencies, and hot water is 3% more efficient than steam.

Fans & decibels. (From Power). R. E. & Bldg. Management Digest. Je'37:26 t

The average ear does not hear sounds below 22 decibels in intensity and fans with a noise level of 40-50 decibels are considered quiet. Blade noise is proportional to the square of the velocity, and low speed fans are consequently quieter. The rest of the mechanism, through research, is also becoming more quiet.

CONSTRUCTION

Notes on inspection of structures in Europe. (A. L. Boase). American Concrete Institute Journal. My-Je'37:521-540 dstv

Description and details of Freyssinet methods and applications (including Marine Station at Le Havre, supported by 100-ft. hydraulically-molded hollow piles). Notes on long span hollow-membered concrete bridges, continuity in buildings (Highgate Apartments, London; Hotel Astoria, Copenhagen), arch tectural concrete, industrial and conmercial buildings (including example of railroad stations, shops, piers ar hangars).

Reinforced brickwork. (R. Fleming). Arc tect & Engineer. Je'37:33-35, 43 t

A review of what has been written of this type of construction. This is in extended, annotated bibliography form realy constituting a history and summary technical progress in all countries.

The great engineer Brunel was perhaps the first to use R. B. M. (Rei forced Brick Masonry), in the Tham River Tunnel (1825), but the repioneer was A. Brebner, who laid near three million square feet of reinforce brick in India (1920-1923), and who su sequently wrote a two-volume treatise of its use.

Sheathing with plywood. (N. S. Perkin American Builder. Je'37:142, 144 tv

Brief notes on recent U. S. Fore Products Laboratory tests on thin fir pl wood sheathing which indicate that 5/1inch thickness is stronger and cheap than other methods. The 4 x 8-ft. pane cost only 40-60% as much as diagor sheathing to erect. There is no cuttin except for openings, no 30% waste a lowance and fewer nails are require Even the $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thickness was found be 40% more rigid than diagonal sheat ing when nailed, and much more rig when glued to studs.

Plywood has also been found high satisfactory as a shingle base, bein strong, wind-proof and yet permittin "breathing" of water vapor necessary keep wooden shingles from rotting.

Industrial buildings. (F. Masi). Casabe (Milan). Ap'37:20-27 stv

Brief Italian text. Twenty-five view and sections of industrial constructitypes, mostly steel trusses and bents.

Safety in welding. (R. B. Lincoln). Weldi Journal. My'37:6-10 stv

Considers provisions which should in specifications to insure safety and al describes the welding technique necessa to meet these requirements. Analysis photos and diagrams of both good a bad welds.

See also Structural welding mistak (M. P. Korn). 15-16 dt

Welding symbols and instructions their use. Welding Journal Je'37: 9 p suplement dt

The standard symbols developed by t American Welding Society revised at now recommended to the Americ

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DESIGN & PLANNING

Architectural standardization. (O. P. Bernard). Journal Royal Institute British Architects. (London). 22 My'37:742-744 t

Analysis of what the writer terms "assembly objective" and "government of design by a dominant dimension." The former relates to the need for dimensional correlation of the various units and equipment which go into a building; the latter is our old friend unit- or modular-design.

This article puts forward an interesting argument for a factor of seven as the basis of all dimensioning.

Mathematical design. (M. Texier). L'Architecture. (Paris). 15 Ap'37:137-140 t

A discussion in French of several mathematical bases of design and proportion, including crystallography (crystals illustrate the division of dimensions into exact whole numbers), the concept of the incommensurable as a basis for art, the mathematics of rhythm, the module, and relations gained by use of the compass.

Numerous examples are given from historic buildings.

Stores, shops & offices. (F. E. Towndrow, R. L. Stubbs, & B. E. Verstone). Design & Construction. (London). My'37:263-289 pstv

Short technical articles on planning, comparative plans of department stores and analysis of a recent example with a "plan digest." Descriptions and views of numerous stores, shops and offices complete this design supplement.

LIGHTING

Modern forms and materials for theater lighting schemes. (F. M. Falge). Better Theatres. 29 My'37:9-10, 32-33 tv

A review of new devices and their application to theater lighting problems. New reflecting and translucent elements are described, illustrated and definite applications listed for each item.

Lighting the theater. (W. D. Riddle). Better Theaters. 29 My'37:11-18 dtv

Pictures and captions to describe several features of theater lighting. There are schemes suggested for a front, for a lobby, an auditorium and foyer, using coffers, troughs, louvers and translucent marble. There are also eight views of actual theater lighting solutions.

Economy and effectiveness in lighting methods and maintenance. (J. T. Knight, Jr.) Better Theaters. 29 My'37:23-26 t

Discussion of elements of illumination. Definitions of terms and methods of lighting. Notes on maintenance and reconditioning of lighting elements with emphasis on theater illumination types.

Windows and room-lighting. (E. W. Hummel). Der Baumeister. (Munich). Je'37:121-123 dgstv

Brief German text with nine three-dimensional graphs of lighting intensities with various window shapes, in corner and interior rooms. There are other graphs of intensities, diagrams showing the amount of light cut off by differing schemes of muntins, and a short table of reflection factors for colored surfaces.

Recessed lighting fixtures. (F. N. M. Squires, from Electrical Contracting). R. E. & Bldg. Management Digest. Je' 37:4 t

Abstract of an article on the danger due to heat of recessed illumination. Since temperature may reach 320°F. with a single 100-watt lamp, and since dust accumulations are often ignited at lower temperatures, it is imperative to take precautions.

It is recommended that the metal of enclosures be not less than 22 gauge (Nat'l. Board of Fire Underwriters), and that for lamps larger than 25 watts all sides of the box be covered with ¹/₄-inch asbestos board or one inch of rockwool. No rubber covered wire should be closer than four inches, and soldering is taboo.

New technical developments in lamp making. Illuminating Engineering Society Transactions. Je'37:596-597 t

Ten percent more light output from incandescent lamps without additional current is now possible through the use of a new high efficiency filament. This new lighting element is the culmination of 24 years of continuous research. It consists of doubly coiled wire, 19/10,000's of an inch in diameter. Some idea of the precision necessary is found in the fact that from an original length of 20 inches the filament is reduced to a coiled coil 5%-inch long. If the coils touched the lamp would short and fail.

The theory of this type of filament is that the greater the concentration of filament the lower the heat loss due to convection currents of the gas charge in the lamp. The gases are necessary to reduce filament evaporation and consequent blackening of bulb.

MATERIALS & FINISHES

The atoms that make up metals. (L. R. van Wert). Science Digest. JI'37:59-62 t

Clear discussion, condensed from a radio talk, of the elements of metallurgy, revealing the inner magic of atomic arrangements which distinguish various metals.

"Metals deform when they are worked by a process of internal crystalline slip . . ." Hardening is effected by increasing the resistance to slip. One method is to alloy a certain amount another metal, the two kinds of ator forming a stronger bond. Another way, by chemical combination of metals which "some of the dispersed particl find their way along the potential plan of slip and there . . . inhibit free mov ment" by friction.

Aluminum-coated steel. (W. L. Laurence New York Times. 11 Jl'37: Science, p. 7 tv

Recently developed by Prof. C. G. Fin (Head of Division of Electrochemistr Columbia University), this latest form steel has high corrosion resistance aluminum and the tensile strength of stee It is said that it will displace tin pla and galvanized iron since it is more r sistant to corrosion, acids and high ter peratures. (It has withstood 1800°F. f 1000 hours. Tin melts at 450°F., Zin at 784°F.)

The new material will be useful f airplanes, automobiles, vibrating machin of all kinds, and for bridge construction

Windmills protect pipe from corrosic (From Industrial Bulletin of A. D. Little, Inc Heating, Piping & Air Conditioning. My'3 293 t

Buried steel corrodes at the rate of pounds per year per ampere of electrolyt current. Long pipe lines are now pretected by reversing the current flow impressing upon them low-voltage D.0 often from wind power. The pipe the becomes the cathode (negative) instee of the corroding anode (positive), eat away by the electrolytic chemistry of t earth. A pile of scrap iron, buried near by, preferably in rock salt, is used as t anode and it corrodes rapidly in place the pipeline.

It is suggested that this method counteracting corrosion might be appli to other objects of steel subject to ele trolysis.

Efflorescence and staining of brickwo (L. W. Burridge). The Builder. (London). Je'37:1187-1190 gtv

Preprint of Clay Products Technic Bureau Bulletin No. 3, dealing with to origin, prevention and treatment of the unsightly effects.

Under *efflorescence* the following a discussed: nature and mode of formatic external and internal sources of wate soluble efflorescing salts, tests for liabil of brick to effloresce, avoidance and tree ment in new structures, ingredients functionary.

Corrodible metals, pigments, lime metallic substances which leach out oxidize, and vegetable growths, are considered under *staining*. The distintion is made that stains are permane without treatment while efflorescence d solves and disappears when the brid work is wetted.

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CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE IN ITALY—by Bruno Funaro and Seymour Saltis. Youthful, vital, and inspired by Romanesque simplicity, today's Italian structures embody a proper application of materials and one of the few modern decorative motifs of real significance.

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RESIDENCE, CALIFORNIA — by F. L. Confer, Architect, and James H. Anderson, Jr., Associate.

EXPOSITION ARCHITECTURE—by Walter Dorwin Teague, famed designer of Fair buildings (notably for Ford) at Chicago, San Diego, and Dallas, and now on the Board of Design of the New York Fair. Based on a report he made recently to the New York Directors, his article points up the many problems confronting architects who must stimulate Fair audiences notorious for their low I.Q. ARCHITECTURAL OVERTONES-old. Pennsylvania barns, and other farm buildings.

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A LETTER TO THE EDITORS

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Your valuable magazine by both its announced policy ar choice of subject matter in monthly range of contents he gone far in the past two years to present the architectur "trends" of today, and to point the way in pictured ar printed word to "building the world of tomorrow." I a encouraged to suggest an additional aspect of the archite tural field not yet touched upon. This is the education the men in the ranks of the mechanical and building trade called "skilled labor."

A recent news item (N. Y. Times) related that Presider William M. Lewis, of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. ha proposed that a central educational exhibit be made at the N. Y. World's Fair of 1939. This exhibit would prese the history of higher education in the United States in central building with the co-operation of high schools, pr paratory schools, colleges, and universities and by found tions and the educational committee of the Fair. . . .

This suggestion of President Lewis to be all-embracin should include the education of skilled labor in all the trade which has been completely neglected for many years, and now progressing so slowly and spasmodically as to warra widely expressed fears for a scarcity in all the large ceters. . . .

The public schools in many of our largest industr centers have made advances toward a primary trade educ tion under the generic term of "vocational training" and, line with the old German "continuation schools," develop the tendencies of pupils, whose usual aims were the desi of their parents to put them to work as soon as possible. T age required by work certificates in most of the States sixteen years, which has resulted in the common habit pupils in and above secondary schools and in our colleg to abandon their education before graduation. . . .

You have made an excellent beginning by publishing to clearly reasoned and informative article by Dr. Walter Gupius of Harvard, entitled "Education Toward Creative E sign." This essay, as well as his recently published bood "The New Architecture and the Bauhaus," deals with edcation in the crafts and design elements of mechanical production, but accents the true fundamentals of work over to drafting board, as well as holding the tools. . . .

I suggest that it would be timely and appropriate for you magazine to advocate the establishment of a system of traor craft training, involving both theory and practice in divisions of the building and machine trades for both hginners and those well advanced but not yet up to the star ards required by skilled competition. I would propose the such systems be made a co-ordinate branch of public edcation with separate courses of instruction and separate teace ers, and that their fitness and selection be participated and approved by competent authorities in the labor unic and by the education boards governing in their jurisdiction

The United States, the State, and the Municipal Housi Authority could be petitioned to provide a fund for one su unit at the coming N. Y. World's Fair of 1939, making an integral part of the planned exhibit suggested by I Lewis. No time should be lost, however, as construction on many parts of the Fair is already underway.

I trust that this suggestion will meet your approval, a that your readers may be stirred to comment upon the vitally important topic.

> (Signed) Frederick W. Moore, Architect & Engineer.

TECHNICAL DIGEST-(Continued from page 100)

New method of bonding porcelain enameled architectural panels to masonry. The American Enameler. My'37:5-7 tv

Illustrated description of the new Pem-lox method, a sprayed and baked porous bonding coat on the back of the standard porcelain enamel metal sheets.

Results of the Securit-Vis competition. Casabella. (Milan). Ap'37:42-45 tv

Fourteen views showing the great variety of uses of tempered glass suggested by a recent European competition. See also: Domus (Milan) Ap'37: Supplement.

Nearly sixty photo views and drawings of entries in this competition with ideas for use of hardened glass in furniture and other details.

Glass to moderate glare and heat from windows. (L. T. Sherwood). Illuminating Engineering Society Transactions. Je'37:665-686 **†**

Not only interception of solar infra-red rays (heat) but excessive glare and objectionable color effects must be avoided in industrial buildings.

This paper is published as a cross-section of experience and includes several simple tests to assist users of the material. It is followed by a nine-page discussion by members of the Society.

Facts and fallacies about red and white oak flooring. American Builder. Je'37:86-87 tv

The three main reasons for the general public's preference for white oak for flooring are stated to be: (1) For many years the source of almost all oak lumber was limited to white oak districts; (2) Only white oak is suitable for cooperage (because of tannic acid in red oak). This raised cost and the popular idea of quality followed. (3) Quartered white oak has a larger and more pronounced figure than red oak.

On the other hand, red oak grows to larger sizes, yielding greater average lengths for economy in millwork and laying. If anything, red oak is more uniform in color and takes a better finish than white oak. It is claimed that any oak floor, white or red, when properly finished and maintained will last the life of the building in which it is laid.

Darkening of shellacked floors. (H. R. Anderson, from American Painter & Decorator). R. E. & Bldg. Management Digest. Je'37:6 †

The high tannic acid content of red oak flooring may combine with particles of iron from brush ferrules or old containers to gray or blacken white shellac over sap wood.

It is suggested that only fresh shellac be used for oak floors. Such discoloration may be removed by brushing with two-pound-cut fresh white shellac containing four ounces oxalic acid crystals per gallon.

PLUMBING

Cross-connections. Domestic Engineering. Miy'37:87-88, 187 st

Question, answer and diagram analysis of an important sanitary defect in plumbing installations. Describes both direct cross-connections (actual pipe connection) and indirect (due to siphonage, etc.) Notes on tests for possibility of siphonage.

Running water. (L. M. Forbes). American Builder. Je'37:104, 106, 108, 110 st

Description of the activity of the Electric Water Systems Council, illustrated by several methods of providing water supply for rural residences.

There are sections showing treatment of both shallow and deep wells with equipment located in different places.

Plumbing problems. Domestic Engineering. My'37:90-91, 94, 96 st

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COSTS

DOCUMENTING ITS BRIEF with well-stated argument, the Morton C. Tuttle Company, of Boston, issued a pamphlet not so long ago which declared that costs are due to rise even more during the last half of this year. Why? Mainly because there's a severe shortage of skilled labor, a bequest of the Time of the Great Weep, Further, studies made by the Tuttle Company some years back showed that during boom building periods labor efficiency of all skilled mechanics decreased about 20% below what could be expected when building demands were subnormal. Therefore, building operations will be slowed up-more time and expense to figure on the ledger.

A very helpful part of this pamphlet is a chart illustrating one method of computing building costs. Because much of the material and many of the subcontracts are bought in the early stages of building, the cost of any particular construction job will more nearly correspond with the index figure of building costs at the beginning of the project than with the index at time of completion.

The following example of how to use a building cost index is given:

Assuming that the cost is known of a building constructed during the first nine months of 1936 and that a duplicate of this building is to be built beginning April 1, 1937, the construction period of which will continue for nine months thereafter, the method of calculating the index cost for this second structure is illustrated on this graph:

HOUSING

THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BOARD has just announced completion of that impressive new wrinkle it's been working on for some months. It's called the "Federal Home Building Service Plan," and is described as "a nation-wide program to assure the small home builder a sound investment and eliminate shoddy construction." Already endorsed by the directors of the American Institute of Architects, here's how what will probably be called the FHBSP works: Mr. Osgood P. Booblebaum wants to build a house. The Booblebaums, it is assumed, are among those millions of American families—83% of the total whose annual incomes are \$3,500 or less, and who, therefore, are restricted to

homes costing less than \$8,000. At any

rate, Mr. Booblebaum goes to one of the

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It is most sincerely hoped that this thorough and well-devised plan will supply the link between financing and construction in the small home field . . . a link which has long been sorely needed.

ART

TO SERVE AS LIAISON between a group of modern artists and architects desiring to incorporate their work in public or industrial building, an agency—the first of its kind—has been formed by Edith Gregor Halpert at 113 West 13th Street, New York City. Called the "Bureau for Architectural Sculpture and Murals," the new body, which hopes to meet the demand for creative art decoration in buildings of all kinds, divides its list of artists into two groups.

The first list is composed of older, established artists whose work is represented in major museums and private collections; the second group is made up of younger artists, all of whom were represented in the "New Horizons in American Art" exhibition held at the Museum of Modern Art last September.

Artists in the first group: Robert Laurent, sculptor, and the painters Bernard Karfiol, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Georgia O'Keeffe, Charles Sheeler, Niles Spencer, Nicolai Cikovsky, and Anne Goldthwaite; and Carl Walters, ceramist.

The second group consists of Rainey Bennett, Raymond Breinin, Louis Gugliolmi, David Fredenthal, Hester Miller Murray, Joseph Pandolfini, Gregorio Prestopino, Mitchell Siporin, and John Stenwall—all painters—and Duncan Ferguson, sculptor.

ELECTED . .

ARTHUR LOOMIS HARMON, designer of public buildings and monuments, as president of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to succeed Hobart B. Upjohn. Other officers chosen: Eric Kebbon, vice president; Frederick G. Frost, secretary; Cornelius J. White, treasurer, and Harvey Stevenson, recorder.

President Harmon is a partner of the firm Shreve, Lamb & Harmon. He studied at the Chicago Art Institute and was graduated from the Columbia University School of Architecture in 1901. He has received gold medals for his design of the Hotel Shelton, New York, and for his collaboration in the design of the Empire State and Hollender buildings. Mr. Harmon lives at Irvington-on-Hudson, is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, an associate of the National Academy of Design, and an honorary member of Zeitschrift des Bundes Deutscher Architekten. He is a past president of the Architectural League of New York, and a member of the Beaux Arts Institute of Design.

EARNINGS

DR. JOHN F. CLARK, in charge of the Department of Educational Economics at Columbia University, has just completed an eight-year study undertaken to determine the average life earnings of those engaged in sixteen different vocations ... among which architecture is included. One finding which will occasion little or no lifting of architectural supercilia: of all the professions for whose pursuit specific training is required, architecture pays least. Dr. Clark's modus operandi was to arrive at the average annual income of men in each field-according to the number of years employed. Thus he established the amount received for each successive year of work.

Here's Dr. Clark's lifetime table . . . the first of its kind ever compiled:

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OCCUPATION	LIFE SPAN	LIFETIME
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Law	43 years	106,000
Dentistry	45 years	95,400
Engineering	43 years	95,300
Architecture	43 years	82,500
College Teaching.	44 years	69,300
Social Work	45 years	51,000
Iournalism	46 years	41,500
Ministry	44 years	41,000
Library Work	46 years	35,000
Public School		
Teaching	45 years	29,700
Skilled Trades	44 years	28,600
Nursing	40 years	23,300
Unskilled Labor.	44 years	15,200
Farming	51 years	12,500
Farm Labor	51 years	10,400

Dr. Clark's figures, we gather, are not the gross life earnings of these vocations but rather the total *net* earnings. After looking them over, we've just about decided against retiring to that little farm we've been thinking about.

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