

Yamasaki's Architecture Soars to 'Great Heights'



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This great project, to be built in lower Manhattan, for the purpose of bringing together the presently scattered elements of world trade in the most important port in the world, has architectural possibilities which have rarely existed in a project in our times.

Paramount in importance is the relation of world trade to world peace, since the communication and understanding between nations implicit in trade is basic to peace.

Man today identifies himself with and is as dedicated to world peace as he has been to the great causes of the past. Thus, the architectural opportunity exists in the project to make this complex of buildings a living symbol of man's dedication to world peace.

BEYOND THE compelling need to make this a monument to world peace, the World Trade Center should, because of its importance, become a living representation of man's belief in humanity, his need for individual dignity, his beliefs in the cooperation of men, and through this cooperation his ability to find greatness.

It should reflect the qualities of life which he so passionately seeks of truth and serenity, of hope and joy for all men, qualities integral to the kind of democracy for which he aspires.

The World Trade Center should be imbued with the feeling of man's belief in both his greatness and his humanity.

Though the need to satisfy these spiritual and emotional requirements is pre-eminent, the scope of the World Trade Center demands a positive response to an increasingly important and practical challenge for architecture, that of advancing the art of building.

THE GREAT technological progress that has been made by society in so many fields is only beginning to develop in the realm of construction. It is necessary to develop the advanced technological processes which must result in significant economic and higher quality in buildings.

With such progress in the techniques of buildings, mankind can alleviate the tremendous demand on human and material resources necessary for the gigantic task of rebuilding and expanding our environment.

Further, buildings built through advanced technological processes will truly be the product of our time, truly representative of our technological and industrial society.

NEWEST PROJECT for internationally known architect Minoru Yamasaki of Minoru Yamasaki and Associates, 1025 E. Maple Road, Birmingham, is the \$350 million World Trade Center in New York. Yamasaki lives at 3077 Livernolis, Troy.



WORLD TRADE CENTER has twin towers of gleaming metal that will be the tallest buildings in the world. They will soar 110 stories, 1,350 feet, above a great open plaza of almost five acres on the lower west side of Manhattan overlooking the bi-state harbor. Plans were announced last week by The Port of New York Authority.

College

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ment, you then can start making arrangements for tests. First, you must be physically fit, and a doctor must verify this. A chest X-ray is required. A student's hearing must be found to be at least normal. You must speak distinctly.

AN IBM-TYPE aptitude test must be passed to prove that you are hep in at least some fields, and, dear Brutus, this examination takes some two hours.

Of course, previous to all this testing, you must have obtained transcript from the college or colleges attended in your youth. Obtaining these takes time and the equivocating or evaluating of old Psych 0000 to the new college's Psych 0000 is no mean job. You are lucky if Psych 0000 equals Psych 0009. If it doesn't, it doesn't count in credit hours, and credits, friends, are worth more than all the troops in Panama when it comes to graduation points.

Translating the old semester hours into the new quarter or trimester hours, on which many colleges now function, is also no mean job. Three new quarters equals two old semesters, and unless you are a math major you are continually bedeviled by the fact that two equals three—or is it three equals four—and by some grace of the gods or the advisor, the twin shall someday mean the same.

OFTEN A PERSON who has been out of school, to these 20

years, must take an aptitude test in order to continue a subject he has previously studied. If he wants to go on with French, can he still conjugate "avoir" and respond in kind to "Comment ça va?" "C'est en plume de ma tante," he must repeat the course.

Or perhaps he has been studying, say, Russian, privately or in an adult education course, and would like to continue with it at the state university. He cannot just enter the college Russian course for which he feels himself qualified. That would be too simple.

Again, he must take an examination. This will give him access to the class although no honor points. And he must receive at least a "B" in the test in order to qualify at all. This is called "comping" a course.

TWO 40-ISH friends of mine worked themselves into Gorki's depths studying for such a preliminary workout. By the time they had finished preparing themselves for this first serious exam they had taken in 20 years, they were fit for Siberia.

A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich was a megalomaniac dream compared to this horror.

However, once you have passed the tests, had the necessary conferences with the advisor and obtained the transcripts, you are ready for the next phase of college life—the adjustment period.

(Part II of this article will appear in next week's Eccentric.)

DOWN TO EARTH

Bring an Apple Tree Branch to Flower

This is the time of year to cut large interesting apple tree branches to force in a sunny window.

It is very easy to develop the flowers and leaves on the branches in a greenhouse because you are watering "in a careless manner" daily, but in a restricted area place the cut end in a bucket of water and sprinkle the total cutting well.

Next place a large piece of plastic covering the branches to hold the moisture in to prevent drying out for a week. Then arrange to please yourself.

It is always a good idea to wham the cut end with a hammer to encourage osmosis in the water bucket.

OTHER YEARS I have described forcing all kinds of flower branches. Remember you will only have flowers coming from branches which give flowers early in the springtime.

The old faithful in this category is forsythia. I like the light green leaves of the red cedar dogwood. It is true you don't have flowers, but the red back with the sea green leaves is a reward enough for the arranger.

I wish I could give all of you a small greenhouse for Valentine's Day. There are never enough hours in the day to enjoy the many projects you can enjoy as an owner. Night lighting is fun as you experiment with combinations of colors. Large forced bouquets add interest. There are cuttings for spring flower borders.

Working in the soil with winter temperatures outside creates relaxation, contentment, and a feeling of adventure.

RECENTLY Mrs. W. J. Ullenbruch of Dimondale came to The Community House, Birmingham, and told the National Farm and Garden branches in the area about her experiences in the Netherlands as an exchange guest on their Fry's International Fellowship Award.

As Dutch is the official language, our speaker had studied the language so that she was well received at every home. Seventy-five per cent of the Dutch people speak English. She wore a native costume provided her by her host in the Isle of Walcheren.

As a guest of the Netherlands League of Rural Women, she visited every area of the country for one month in private homes. Here are some human interest experiences she observed:

YOGERT is a favorite food. She heard that carrots were only

served when the guest is unwell.

The grace, before meals, was silent with each member around the table secretly expressing himself, following by the phrase in Dutch, "May you enjoy your meal." At the end of the meal the phrase was said, "We hope you do not have indigestion."

Blades of the windmill toll a story, dependent upon how they have stopped their circular pattern. Joy, grief, need for assistance, etc., used to be expressed before these days of easy communication.

Friesland is the province in northern Holland, and as Mrs. Ullenbruch said, "They act and talk like Texans. Their area is the best."

When the Romans came in 50 B.C. Friesland had been established as a recognized site for 300 years.

Classes Scheduled For Guitar Players

Bring your guitar to the Birmingham YMCA, 400 E. Lincoln, from 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays or Wednesdays and learn how to improve your string technique.

The classes, offered to adults and children, will be taught by Skip Arthur of Birmingham. Enrollment will be limited to six pupils. For further information telephone the "X."

This is a province with a great deal of national spirit.

YOUR COLUMNIST with her better half visited in the home of Mrs. Ullenbruch's counterpart who spent a month getting acquainted with the United States—Mejuffrouw Van Iersson—of Leerbroek, a very small hamlet.

A conducted tour is not the answer when you really want to know the charm of this beautiful clean, progressive country.

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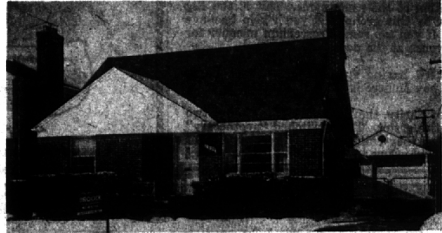
- Command performance! — Corporation owner says "sell"
- Beautiful acre site — convenient to Chrysler Expressway.
- Excellent floor plan — minimum maintenance.
- Large living room with fireplace.
- Three spacious bedrooms (many closets)
- Farm kitchen with built-in oven and range.
- Family room with barbecue.
- Large patio for outdoor living.

\$22,900.



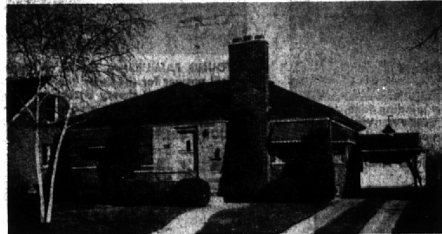
- Truly a surprise package and as "sharp" inside as it is outside.
- Four bedrooms—2 down, 2 up with full bath on each floor.
- Large enclosed (could be heated) porch.
- Fireplace in living room with raised hearth.
- Added extras—fenced yard, "rec" room, carpeting and drapery.
- Freshly decorated — just move in and relax.

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- Convenient to schools, shops and transportation.
- Maximum value at minimum cost.
- Three bedrooms — 2 down, one up (20x10.6)
- Full bath on first floor — also lav and stall shower in basement.
- Fully fenced yard with 1½ car garage.
- Immaculately maintained, carpeting and drapery included.

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- Perfect for small family
- Walk to transportation
- Large living room with fireplace
- Two bedrooms — tile bath
- Fenced yard for privacy
- One year old Nylon carpeting included
- Detached garage with storage space
- A home that has been given T.L.C. (tender, loving care) and reflects it throughout.

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