Wright Builds Anew, Skips Vertical Lines

PHOENIX, Ariz. (U.P.)—Masonry walls and canvas roofs, windows without glass and entry-ways without doors feature the great, rambling structure which Frank Lloyd Wright, internationally famous architect, is creating on the desert to house a school for his pupils.

The structure, still lacking a year of completion, is as unique and novel in the history of American architecture as the man and his students who are building it. When finished it will house the permanent winter quarters of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation.

A year ago Wright and between 20 and 30 pupils came from Green Sulphur Spring, Wis., the summer headquarters; pitched their tents on the rocky slope of a mountain above the school site and started to create from the rocks about them something distinctly different and inspiring at the center of their architectural thought and activities.

Last year this group of "scholars"—among them three girls—moved great boulders in place for foundations and set them in cement, excavated for sunken gardens and a pool, built ramparts for fills on the slope of the mountain and completed the stone walls of the main study hall.

Supplies were hauled over a road the students made themselves and which retains all the unexpected jogs and ruts of a pioneer trail.

The first completed dwelling was a cottage for Wright and his family. The students, however, will live in tents for another year because the dormitory wing of the construction will be the last part of the program.

Three sharply contrasting materials were used in building the one-story structure—stone, canvas and rough sawed pine. Rampart walls to carry the superstructure, and for the terrace and loggias, were built of native basalt rocks, found on the site, and thrown together, random joint, and with just enough cement to hold them. No wall is vertical. Angles and "V" indentations break the monotony. No wall runs for any great distance without a break or angle in its direction. But there are no curves anywhere.

From the walls, which run less than head-high in the main hall, great wood trusses go up on the north side of the room and then slope downward and across, dropping again on the south side to enclose the room. Between the trusses are laid a series of overlapping canvas-covered frames, much like a series of gigantic shingles. Some of them can be lifted for ventilation.

The masonry work blends into the desert landscape of the mountain side as thoroughly as might have an earlier Indian hut on the same site. Woodwork is entirely futuristic in design and treatment. The canvas is set off in spots with bright red hangings and stone stairways lead to sundecks.

The terrace will have a pool and a bit of green lawn but the remainder of the surroundings have been left as desert.

Doors and windows are left open for easy circulation of air.

Sleeping Illness Tenacious

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (U.P.)—Anna Swanepoel, a South African woman has been almost continually asleep for more than 25 years.

NO. 1 ACTOR. . . Paul Muni gives the screen another brilliant characterization in "Juarez," which opens tonight at the Lomita theatre. He plays the title role of the Mexican patriot. Muni's other historical recreations have been Louis Pasteur and Emile Zola.

Make Reservations Now for Holiday

Those planning a three-day outing over Labor Day weekend should make reservations well in advance. Every year numerous week-enders over Labor Day find themselves far from home with no over-night accommodations available. Planning the itinerary now will avoid such inconvenience and disappointment.

GLASS CURBS TRIED

Glass curbs to mark the roadside are being tried out in England to improve visibility for driving at night or in fog. It is claimed that glass curbs are easier to see than ones painted white.

C.U.R.C. TO BECOME C.E.C.

Hereafter the California Unemployment Reserves Commission will be known as the "California Employment Commission."

The provisions of a bill signed by Governor Olson effective Sept. 19, make this change mandatory. The new name, it was felt by the Commission members, will give the public a more comprehensive picture of the work the Commission was intended to accomplish.

Members of the Commission have revised their rule regarding payment of contributions to the unemployment fund. Hereafter, all contributions will be delinquent 20 days after the due date.

The rule will become effective in time to apply on contributions due and payable Oct. 1. These contributions will be delinquent after midnight Oct. 20 instead of Oct. 31 as would have been the case under the old rule.

The Commission also adopted a procedure which will permit it to extend the delinquent date in exceptional cases for not more than 20 days following the delinquent date.

Special Picnics Announced

SEPTUGENARIANS. . . The annual picnic reunion for all people from all states and countries who are over 70 years old (or young) will be held Saturday, Sept. 2 in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. There will be registers and a program of entertainment.

LABOR DAY. . . Sponsored by the Oklahoma State society, a Labor Day picnic and program will be held at Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. Governors of California and Oklahoma and U. S. Senators from those two states have been invited to speak.

Japanese Hurt As Car Overturns

Shaigeru Kogesha, 55, of this city, was treated at Torrance Memorial hospital Saturday morning for minor injuries suffered when his automobile overturned after failing to negotiate the curve at Torrance boulevard and Maple street.

CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT . . . Henry Armetta appears puzzled in this scene from "I Stole a Million" with Claire Trevor and George Raft which opens Sunday at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne.

AS ARTIST SEES THEM . . . A noted Western artist sketched these portraits of Sonja Henie and Tyrone Power while the famed film pair were "on the set" making scenes for "Second Fiddle," which opens Sunday at the Grand theatre .

Bank Report Shows Gain in Retail Trade

Manager Dean L. Sears of the local branch of Bank of America reveals that the current business review compiled by the bank's analysis and research department, shows that improvement in retail trade has been well maintained throughout California during July.

Reports of 67 department and apparel stores show that not only did sales average two percent higher for July this year as compared with the same month a year ago, but that there was a similar gain for the first seven months of this year. Sales of new automobiles in California totalled 17,522 in July, an increase of 24 percent over the same month last year.

Building activity of all kinds, also reviewed by the bank, is shown as 14 percent higher in in July than in the same month a year ago, although five percent lower than in June this year.

County Compiling Data On Direct Lien Districts

The county's special assessment relief committee is compiling additional data as to the status of every direct lien district in the county, for the guidance of the board of supervisors in apportioning funds from the special assessment relief funds set up in this year's budget.

The report is to cover the amount of the present outstanding indebtedness, the rating of each district as to which is the greater moral obligation of the county to aid it, and wherever possible a list of persons in each district who mortgaged their homes and lost them as a result.

Legal justification for aiding districts is to protect the tax revenues of the county, as otherwise much more property would be allowed to go delinquent annually, and sold to the state.

Colleges Expand Social Life

NEW YORK. (U.P.)—Large scale organization of inter-collegiate social life in the metropolitan area will be tackled by the social functions bureau established by the Hunter College house plan on its first anniversary.

Townsend Club Activities

By BETH PAIGE

The blackface comedy recently sponsored by the local Townsend club, managed by Roy Palmer drew a chorus of praise from outside clubs who came here in good numbers to see what we could do.

We want our invalid member, Mrs. Rotha Moran, to know that good wishes of all members of our club follow her into the hospital where she goes today for medical attention.

Dedication of our new Headquarters building on South Broadway last Saturday and Sunday was a big event. Vernon Glidden, local club president was chairman Saturday. A rising salute of affection greeted Mrs. Townsend's appearance and many large baskets of flowers were presented to her, to Madames Stark and Burnham and Mr. and Mrs. Wagner.

Tomorrow evening will see another pot-luck dinner-picnic style, at our hall. Also a rehearsal of the club songs to be put on by our club at its initial program for headquarters next Sunday at 7919 South Broadway. Musical program committee, headed by M. C. Luster and Mrs. Paige, will feature some fine talent from Torrance. President Glidden will preside.

Cat Likes Mickey Mouse

ST. STEPHEN, N. B. (U.P.)—Minnie, pet cat at the Queen's Hotel, not only goes to the movies but has her favorite stars too, local residents say. She purrs, they say, at the sight of Shirley Temple and Mickey Mouse.