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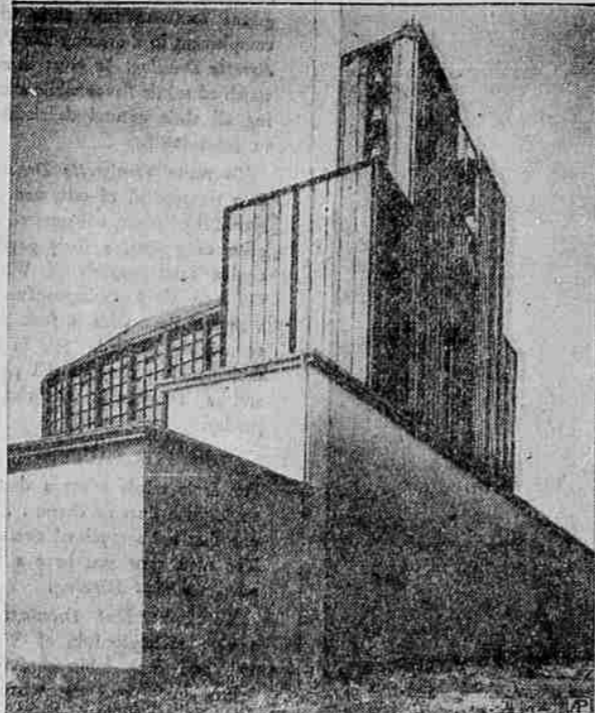
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STEEL 'MAIL-ORDER' HOUSE OF WORSHIP ADVANCES NOVEL CHURCH ARCHITECTURE



This steel and glass church, first built in Munich, Germany, was dismantled and transported piece by piece to Essen, the steel manufacturing center of the Reich, where it was again bolted and riveted into a complete whole.

By Walter Brockmann
ESSEN, Germany (AP)—The first "mail-order" church in history has been put up here. The secular, ready-made building has found its ecclesiastical counterpart.

The church in question is the "steel church," which visitors to the international press exhibition in Cologne two years ago abhorred or adored, according to their response to modernistic architecture.

Now it is in Essen, having been dismantled and transported piece by piece.

Its steel shafts, glass walls, shiny metal fittings and modernistic art were something profoundly new in church architecture. Architects found the parabolic floor-plan an interesting solution to the problem of church acoustics.

Professor Otto Bartning, the designer, has been attempting to carry the ideas embodied in the steel church to a logical conclusion, and the most recent step in the experiment is his "circular church," dedicated in Essen recently.

Its peculiarity is the central location of the altar. To the front, seats range round the altar in semi-circular rows. The usual backside of the altar is the front to a segmental section of seats marked off from the rest of the auditorium by an open row of columns which support the organ loft. This section the architect designates as the sacramental chapel. Of profound significance to church architecture of the future may be the fact that at regular Sunday services members gravitate to the back seats as naturally as to the front. This speaks for excellent acoustics of the circular structure.

In an interview, Professor Bartning said: "Functional building is the source of genuine art in architecture, and a church fully meeting the needs of the congregation it was built for, fully expresses in its character those spiritual qualities that are its source."

The use of contemporary materials like brick, steel, glass, metals, so common in all new German church architecture, and giving rise to a multitude of striking plastic effects, is explained by Professor Bartning as the contemporary desire to make the church a seven day a week institution.

The advantages of modern materials alone justify their use, he declares, pointing out that the steel and glass church was built in the dead of winter and construction took only four months. The cost was less than that of a masonry building, and the steel structure requires a minimum of fuel for heating.

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Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. — Phil. 2:5, 3.

UNEXPECTED CRISES

No matter how prosaic and well regulated a human life can become in an organized society, the possibility of a sudden, life-and-death emergency can never be removed entirely from any man's pathway. The daily newspapers — which contain, week after week, the skeleton outlines for scores of novels, if you know how to look for them — emphasize this fact again and again.

A man goes his way through the routine of his daily life, and never so much as rubs elbows with excitement; then, suddenly, and without warning, a situation arises that tests him, usually in a fraction of a minute, and compels him to render an accounting, by his instinctive actions, of what he has made of himself.

For instance; you will occasionally find, in your paper, some little story of, let us say, a street car accident — one of those mishaps whereby a loaded car goes careening down a hill out of control. And at the end of the article there will be some such sentence as this: "Prompt action by Motor-man John Smith brought the car under control and prevented a disaster."

Or it may be a story of a fire in some hospital, office building, or hotel, and you will learn that some telephone girl struck to her switchboard, as cool as a veteran, and notified everyone in the place of the impending danger.

There is a fascination about those little news items. They are so common and so revealing. Over and over again they tell how this or that ordinary mortal, confronted by an emergency, rises to meet it and proves that he has the right sort of stuff in him.

The most interesting thing is the fact that when such things happen one has no time to plan a course of action. Whatever one does is done instinctively. The man who loses his nerve in a crisis loses it because, through the years before, he had permitted himself to become a coward. The man who comes through with the deed that saves the day, likewise, does it because, through all of his life, he has practiced the habit of doing his best in every situation and meeting every responsibility squarely.

Day by day we go through the same old round of duties and diversions, never thinking of danger. Then, someday, if chance wills it, we may be dropped into a crisis; and the way we meet the test will be determined by the countless numbers of almost insignificant thoughts and actions of the previous years of ordinary, every-day living.

MODERN BRIGANDS

America once went to war with an African brigand rather than pay tribute to him to guarantee safety for its shipping. More recently it has sent military expeditions into foreign countries to scatter bandits preying upon American-owned property and American citizens.

Equally drastic action is demanded by the intolerable condition under which racketeers are exacting from domestic business hundreds of millions in tribute each year. Under the guise of labor organizations and business associations they take heavy toll in exchange for protection from themselves. The contractor or small merchant must pay or fight an interminable battle with rowdies and gunmen.

A case before the interstate commerce commission has just revealed that receivers of freight in New York are compelled to pay "public loaders" for handling their freight although they maintain employes and facilities for that purpose. Victims of the racket pay three cents a hundred pounds for service forced upon them against their will.

The commission places upon the railroads the responsibility for protecting their shippers from racketeers, but that hardly solves the problem. If they know how to provide that protection, the carriers would certainly have driven out the racketeers long ago.

Is it possible that the costly and well organized police forces of the cities are powerless against this modern version of pirate and bandit?

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON — Uncle Sam takes a real pride in his "detectives" — those young men on whom he relies to combat the modern criminal with his high-pressure methods.

And young men they are from the keen and youthful director to the lowest man in the ranks.

The service — bureau of investigation of the department of justice, to give it its proper name — has the reputation of being the hardest branch of the government service to get into and the easiest to get let out of.

An applicant must be between 23 and 35 years of age, J. Edgar Hoover, his director, is himself under 40. Twelve years ago he was a minor clerk in the filing department of the bureau. He studied law in his spare time and in six years climbed to the directorship, succeeding William J. Burns in 1924, at the age of 30.

He is typical of the service where steel trap brains are the rule and ability rather than seniority governs promotions.

Know Legal Evidence
These investigators must have legal training for it is essential that they know what constitutes evidence in a court of law. Often they take the

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

La Grande, Ore.
May 19, 1931

To the Editor:
In your issue of May 19 you print the police court record right on the front page of your paper. A short time ago a prominent citizen was apprehended for driving his car under the influence of liquor but he was Mr. So and So, and you did not print it. A short time later a man was prevented from beating his wife, the police were called and the man left home in his car in a beasty state of intoxication and was apprehended for driving while drunk, fined one hundred dollars and released. You didn't have room enough in your paper for it.

The public is getting sick of this favoritism. If you print police court news the public demands that you should print all or print none.

Respectfully,
W. G. MacGregor.

Editor's Note — In answer to the above statement by W. G. MacGregor, it may be well to state that the Observer has not withheld any names of ordinance or law violators from its columns unless requested to do so by judge, district attorney or other member of the law, or unless the names do not appear upon the court records. In the latter case, if the names do not appear upon the court records, the Observer is powerless to print authentic information.

Witness stand to convince a judge and jury that they are telling the truth. Their responsibility covers all federal laws except prohibition, narcotics and counterfeiting. One day an agent may be called on to interview the president of a great industrial concern and the next day he may be dealing with a person in the stumps of a large city.

Cooperation is the keynote. The division of identification and information for example, which now contains over 2,400,000 fingerprints and is in communication daily with hundreds of police departments, is solely the result of voluntary cooperation of chief with the federal government.

The friendliest relations are maintained with such organizations as the royal northwest mounted police, Scotland Yard and the French national police.

Job Is To Get Facts
As a result, a man recently arrested in South Africa was found to have a police record in Detroit.

When working with local authorities, the investigators have instructions to let the local man get the credit for the arrest.

"Our job," says Hoover, "is to get the facts. The facts show whether a body has violated a federal law it is up to us to see that the violator is put in the penitentiary."

The cardinal rule is: "Never underestimate your opponent." He is given credit for being as shrewd as the investigator.

The work is done quietly and secretly. Announcements concerning cases are not made until an arrest.

"But we don't wear false whiskers," Hoover smilingly says.

Fruit for Royalty Alone
"One orange, please"—"Ah, no, no, no, it's the king's fare"—and so it was for many back in 1394, fruits and desserts were considered as part of the food of royalty alone. In the reign of Edward I, a Spanish ship brought to Portsmouth a cargo which included Seville Raisins or grapes, "a bale of dates, 230 pomegranates, 15 citrons and 7 oranges."

Personal "I. Q."
The intelligence quotient or "I. Q." of a person is determined by multiplying the mental age by 100 and dividing by the actual age. Thus the intelligence quotient of a normal person is 100. A person with an "I. Q." below 80 is rated as subnormal, while one with an "I. Q." above 120 is rated as gifted. About five persons in 100 will be found to be 20 below normal and about five 20 above normal.

St. Louis golf fans are making a determined effort to bring the 1931 P. G. A. tournament to their city.

Corvallis Post Preparing For Legion Meeting

CORVALLIS, Ore. (Special)—Realizing that more ex-service men of Oregon than ever before will attend the state convention of the American Legion this year, the convention commission of the Corvallis Post is preparing the biggest program of entertainment in the history of the legion in Oregon. That the crowd will be the biggest this year is assured by early responses from posts all over the state owing to the central location of Corvallis as the convention city. Convention dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 6, 7 and 8.

With 12 drum and bugle corps entering the annual drum corps contest will again be the big feature of the convention entertainment. From reports of the various corps, practice began earlier than usual this year on account of the program of a trip to Detroit for the winning corps. With the contest and parade on Bell field, college football stadium, under the big flood lights installed for night football, the gay coloring of varied uniforms will be seen without shadows and details will be more striking than under a glaring noonday sun.

More street stunts than ever before are promised for the delight of conventioners this year. Many posts throughout the state which do not support drum corps are entered against each other for the best diversion of this character. The best of former conventions, and many new features will be added to this department. And still other posts will be represented in competitive singing of the program of honoring members of the drum corps. Convention committees comprise more than 50 active legionnaires and members of the post, and many whose convention will be held in Corvallis at the same time. Preparations have been divided into five groups for administrative purposes, and C. R. Briggs, Corvallis post commander, is in general command.

Every community agency in Corvallis has promised active assistance to the legion in its huge job of entertaining the state convention. Many organizations are already doing work for the various committees. Business men of the city have undertaken the budget of expense more than three times over.

GRANGE HALL PERSONALS

By Mrs. Charles Spencer (Observer Correspondent)
GRANGE HALL (Special)—The program for Saturday's meeting of the Blue Mountain Grange was in the form of a newspaper which was prepared by the Grange. Mrs. Walter Pierce, member of the state board of higher education who had just returned from a tour of the state, was in charge of the front page and gave a very interesting report of the meeting. Clarence Carter gave the weather report. Frank Wright acted as sports editor. Mrs. C. B. Spencer had charge of the wit and humor column. Mrs. Edith Gekeler took the poetry corner, and Evelyn Carter the children's page. Dorothy Jean Carter and Mrs. J. B. Lindsey each contributed a poem to the paper. Roll call was answered by "What I Read in the Newspaper." A contest took one of the kind featured in many of the newspapers was conducted. Music by C. B. Spencer and J. B. Lindsey concluded the program.

When Mrs. Edith Gekeler returned home Sunday a very pleasant surprise awaited her. All of her children and their families had come with well-filled dinner baskets to spend the day in happy reunion. Those present besides Mrs. Gekeler were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gekeler and two children, Helen and Maurice, and Mrs. Victor Ragain and two sons, Kermit and Kenneth, and daughter, Betty. Mr. Raymond Ragain, head and two sons, Robert and Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gekeler and Ben Gekeler.

Mrs. C. B. Spencer accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClay and Arthur Huff to Baker last Tuesday to visit Mrs. Leo Wins and underwent a serious appendicitis operation Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. A. former resident of this locality, is a sister of Mrs. McClay. Mrs. Spencer and Mr. Huff.

The Countrywoman's club will have an all-day meeting Friday, May 22 with Mrs. Ralph Chenault. There is to be a potluck dinner served at noon.

Next Friday, May 22 is the last day of Liberty school. Mrs. Inez Jenkins, teacher, the pupils and parents will hold a picnic the following day at Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Haughton made their first hole-in-one in the same week on the Portland, Ore. golf club course.

Soviet Likely Ally For U. S. On Wavelength

WASHINGTON (AP)—Radio experts of Soviet Russia, which boasts the most powerful broadcasting stations in the world, will sit across the conference table from radio engineers of the United States at Copenhagen May 20.

The meeting of the international technical consulting committee on radio communications will assemble radio officials and engineers from all parts of the world. Technical problems which will have a bearing on the proposed reallocation of wavelengths and on conflicting national interests in communications will be discussed.

Recommendations of the committee will be presented to the international radio conference at Madrid in 1932. The last conference was held in Washington in 1927.

Amiability sought
While the United States government does not recognize officially the Soviet government and did not invite its representatives to the conference here, American radio men have endeavored to maintain amiable relations with the Russian experts.

Representatives of Central European countries, whose proximity to each other aggravate the interference problem, have considered urging the committee to recommend a reapportionment of channels among the various nations.

Radio engineers are expected to line up with the American delegation in opposing any action on reallocation until the Madrid conference.

Important Question
One of the most important questions to be considered at Copenhagen is the technical feasibility of reducing the wavelength between radio wavelengths used for radio telegraphy. Many engineers believe that owing to the improvements in transmission apparatus, any channels can be cut into half without causing interference.

This would result in doubling the number of channels available for radio telegraph services.

Fragrant Sassafras
It was the Indians who first discovered the stimulating qualities of the fragrant bark and roots of sassafras and passed them on to the early French and Spanish settlers. Legend tells us that the sassafras odor was wafted to the nostrils of Columbus on his first voyage and convinced him that land was near. Thoreau wrote of the plant: "The green leaves bruised have the fragrance of lemons and 1,000 spices."

Egotism's One Value
Egotism is the anesthetic which nature gives us to deaden the pain of being a fool.—Herbert Shofield.

Herman Hickman, Tennessee's all-around athlete, has turned to golf. He turned in a 97 for his first 18 holes.

The seventh annual Mississippi state tennis tournament will be held at Jackson, June 9.

Wallowa County Schools Close For The Summer

By Mrs. William Wiggins (Observer Correspondent)
LOSTINE, Ore. (Special)—Mrs. Minnie Thorpe closed a very successful school year at Minnan last Friday. She is now at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Nolan.

Mrs. Ella McKinzie spent several days last week at the home of her son, Kenneth McKinzie, at Wallowa. He has been very ill for several days.

Mrs. Francis Craig and children spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. McKinzie.

Rev. Max Cook preached Sunday morning at 11 o'clock instead of in the evening as he delivered the baccalaureate sermon at Wallowa Sunday evening.

Miss Edith Nolan, who has closed a very successful term of school here, will leave soon for Monmouth where she will attend summer school. She will teach the Leap school during the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Searies of Enterprise, and Miss Julia Marvin were visitors at Lostine recently.

C. L. Allen accompanied his son, Marley, on an auto trip to Pendleton, recently. Clifford Winnings worked Stanford and surrounding country for Mr. Allen, who has been away.

Aldie Fleener arrived from Wallowa recently to attend the graduation exercises of her granddaughter, Esther Fleener.

Walter Mcoppis is assisting C. L. Allen with the farm work.

Mrs. James Funk, of Parkdale, and Mrs. Sadie McCubbin, of Enterprise, spent the week with Mrs. Nellie Womack.

Mrs. Cecil Childers and children, of Joseph, spent Thursday and Friday at the home of George Childers. Marie Carter accompanied them home for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Templeton and children of Enterprise spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Childers.

J. N. Nestle, of Wallowa, arrived last week and is visiting friends. Mrs. C. W. Harvey and small son, of Sparks, Nev., arrived last week and will spend a month visiting friends. Mrs. Harvey is a sister of Mrs. Quakerberry.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McArthur and daughter, Vera, of Enterprise, visited friends in Lostine Wednesday. While the year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willis was at play last week he caught the end of a spring in the lid of his left eye. The little fellow jerked the spring and tore the

lower lid so severely that it had to be sewed up.

Enterprise commencement exercises were held Monday, May 18. Dipolmas were given 31 graduates. The speaker was Dr. T. W. Parr, of Oregon State college, who spoke to the Joseph class May 19.

R. E. Stivers and Keller Stringham went to Imbler to fish for catfish and carp. They returned with a catch of 39. Catfish are something new in Wallowa county as they do not live in the swift waters of local streams.

A son of W. P. Hambleton caught his second turtle in Prairie creek last week. This turtle was about the size of his hand.

The Neighborhood club met Thursday in the basement of the Presbyterian church. There were several members and three visitors present. Mrs. Beattie Lloyd served some delicious refreshments, assisted by Mary Deans.

Commencement exercises were held in the High school auditorium Thursday evening before a large audience. W. T. Williams, head of the civil engineering school of the Oregon Institute of Technology, gave an inspiring talk.

School for the next term will convene on Monday, Aug. 31.

The High school graduates graduated six pupils this year. They were Otis Fischer, Marvin Wiggins, Harold Olsen, Frank Wagoner, John Bueler and Verda Childers.

Superintendent and Mrs. J. H. Williams left Friday for Berkeley, Cal.

where they will attend the inter-session and summer session of the University of California. What is planned to make the trip by auto in two days.

The High school has just received a new set of an encyclopedia. This together with a supplementary text to be purchased, will make the Lostine library one of the best in the county.

Lostine has been getting its share of the stormy weather. While it has rained and hailed in the valley and high mountains have been getting snow. The rivers during the warm days were bank-full but the cold nights checked the water to a great extent.

Mrs. Floyd Leonard and Mrs. Floyd Hammack spent one day last week visiting their daughters, who are going to the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

PIONEER FARM GROUP
NOW 116 YEARS OLD
PENDLETON, S. C. (AP)—What is claimed to be the oldest farmers' society in the United States was organized here in 1815.

There was no co-operative marketing in 1815, but even then the farmers seemed to see the advantages in organization.

Purposes of the society are given by the constitution as "promotion and improvement of agricultural stock and mechanics."

The society still meets regularly.

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