

Frank Lloyd Wright May Yet Live To See Creation of His Long Dream on 5th Ave.

New York—(U.P.)—Frank Lloyd Wright, America's most honored architect, celebrates his 87th birthday today with the satisfaction of knowing he'll probably live to see a creation of his self-woven genius rise on Fifth av.

For nearly 40 years New York resisted Wright's attempts to plant his unique offices and apartment buildings amid its architectural turmoil of tenements and towers. But now wreckers are demolishing a renaissance-

styled backfront on upper Fifth av. to make way for one of his most revolutionary structures.

The building-to-be is the Solomon R. Guggenheim museum of art, a \$3,000,000 mushroom-domed cylinder inspired by the spiraled perfection of the tambered nautilus. In an interview at his hotel apartment, Wright described the museum as his "little temple in a park," but his admirers refer to it as a monument to his tenacity.

12 Years on Board
The museum was on the drawing board for 12 years while Wright wrangled with conservative elements in the city's Department of Housing and Build-

ings for permission to build. One of the department's officials—"incurably medieval," Wright termed him—once had the effrontery to refer to the museum as a "perfectly planned fire-trap."

Wright, a seemingly-ageless old man, won by outliving most of his opposition. He expects to be around in 1958 when the museum and its lavishly landscaped setting are completed.

Few Concessions
"Of course I've had to make a few concessions," said the tall, erect architect with a toss of his white mane and his flowing bow tie. "But the museum is practically as I designed it originally.

I could afford to wait, but unfortunately there are a lot of hungry architects who have to work for ignorant employers and can't."

The directors of the Guggenheim Foundation stood behind Wright all the way despite the fact building costs went up 50 per cent since modern art collector Guggenheim left \$2,000,000 for the construction of Wright's brain-child in 1949. Wright has only praise for the "intelligence" of the foundation and scorn for "the common man who forces builders to keep on building boxes just as they did in the dark ages."

Wright described the museum as an example of the cantilever principle of construction which he first applied to the celebrated Price Tower in Bartlesville, Okla. But unlike the Bartlesville office buildings, which branches like a tree from a central trunk support, the museum will take the shape of an open centered shell.

Continuous Ramp
"The steel and cement walls will bear a continuous ramp from the floor to the 125-foot-high plastic dome," said Wright. "The dome will light the huge interior space from the top and the walls along the ramp will slant slightly outward toward the dome so that they will cradle

paintings like an easel."

Wright, who believes New York "deserves" to have grass growing in its streets in 25 years, says he doesn't know why the nation's biggest city "hasn't waked up to the cantilever principle, which is based on modern knowledge of steel in tension." Anyway, he said, the museum will be an example that few will be able to overlook.

"Every good idea will make its own way," said the octogenarian in a philosophic mood as he prepared for a birthday party with his family.

"But it generally takes time. Fortunately, I've had a lot of that, too."

PRESS FREEDOM DAY
Buenos Aires — (U.P.)—Freedom of the Press Day was observed Thursday in many Latin-American republics. Several Argentine newspapers announced they would not publish today, by agreement between management and labor.

ANTI-FORGER ARRESTED
New York — (U.P.)—Charles Carson Chitty, 33, had great plans for the Anti-Forgery League of America, which he founded recently. The plans were cancelled Thursday when Chitty was arrested on a forgery charge.

Museum Has 3,084 Visitors in May; Schools Included

Jacksonville — A total of 3,084 visitors from 27 states, Canada, Nicaragua, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands visited the Jacksonville museum during May, according to the monthly report issued by Miss Mary Hanley, curator.

The number brought the total visitors since July 10, 1950, to 213,437. Attendance during June 1, last year, and June 1, this year, totaled 31,190.

Twenty schools visited the museum during May, Miss Hanley reported. They were Central Point, Myrtle Creek, Murphy, Days Creek, Douglas High school, Butte Falls, Talent, Canyonville, Wolf Creek, Eagle Point, Phoenix, Ashland, Gold Hill, Langlois school safety patrol, Pinehurst, Evans Valley, Williams, Roseburg academy and Jacksonville.

Other Visitors
Also visiting the museum last month were five groups of girl scouts, Brownies and Boy Scouts, Knights of Columbus and Shriners.

Among gifts and loans last month was a wedding dress dated 1882, slippers and other hand made clothing from Mrs. Helen Carpenter. John Monroe loaned an old metal coffee grinder, and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clafin gave the museum an old Beloubet reed pipe hand pumped organ which came to Ashland in 1893 for the Methodist church. The organ was later used in the Presbyterian church in Phoenix.

Half of a hand woven counterpane made after 1830 by Clarissy Beech Jackson, a cousin of Andrew Jackson, was loaned by Dwight Houghton. Other gifts included an old cane, a goblet more than 100 years old, and old school books.

Court Exempts Toys in Ruling

Portland—(U.P.)—Claim by a Portland toy shop owner that the city's anti-pinball ordinance would prevent her from selling certain toys will be tried on its merits in Circuit Court here.

Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson yesterday modified his earlier order which had temporarily restrained the city from enforcing the ordinance approved by the voters May 18. He deleted all reference to certification of the vote and restrained the city only from enforcing the law against toys mentioned in the complaint of Mrs. Hazel Newhill, operator of the toyshop.

Judge Dobson modified his original order on motion of Deputy City Attorney Marian Rushing who argued the court had no right to interfere in legislative processes.

Hearing on Mrs. Newhill's complaint will be June 14.

Meanwhile, operators of an amusement service firm which services and maintains pinball machines filed another suit attacking the constitutionality of the pinball ordinance. Judge Dobson refused to issue a restraining order but said the case would be argued on June 15.

Chin Up Members To Attend Convention

Nine members of the Jackson county Chin Up club left today for Portland where they will attend the organization's national convention Saturday and Sunday.

Those making the trip are Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McMurray, Sam Evans, John Duffy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chipman, Paul Olson, Erwin Edwards and Mrs. Marilyn Smith. Chipman and Mrs. McMurray are members of the national board of directors and Mrs. Chipman is incoming president of the local chapter, an organization of the physically handicapped.

A banquet will be held Saturday night with the business meeting set for Sunday afternoon. A section of street has been reserved in Portland where club members may watch the Rose parade Saturday from their cars, according to word from the Portland host chapter.

WASTES NO TIME
Wichita Falls, Tex. — (U.P.)—Lawrence Campo was jailed on burglary charges exactly 18 hours after his release from the state prison at Huntsville, according to his own statement to police.

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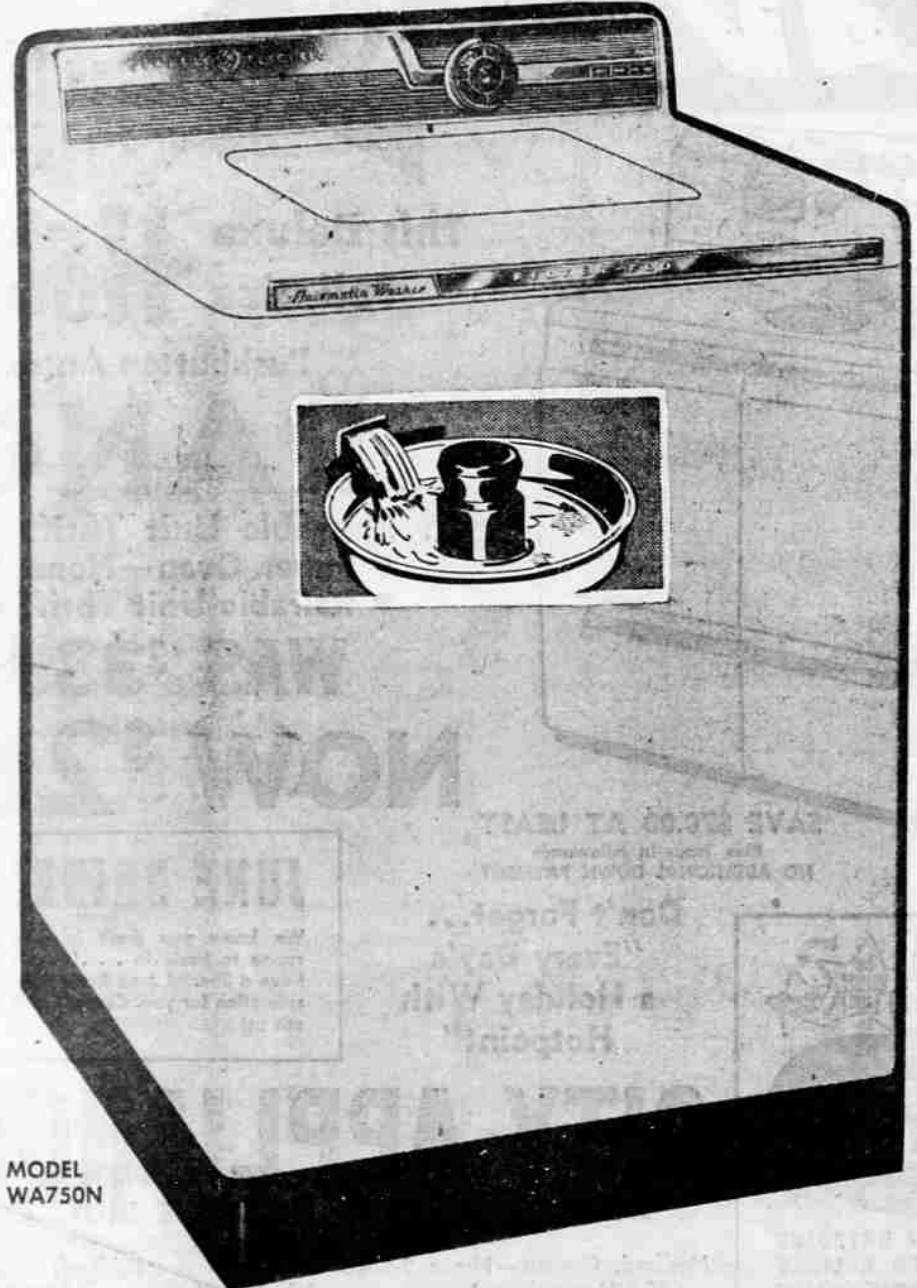
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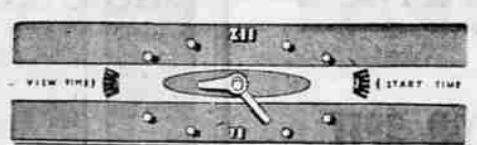
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