Showing just how imaginative you can be when it comes to designing a sign this one for Royal Park, Melb, combines, on a curvilinear plan; a wood-slatted bench; a flower box for shrubbery in fair-face, stack bond; a low wall, rock-face stack bond; vertical louvres, leading edge painted yellow, other edges painted blue; with cut-out letters planted centrally on adjacent uprights. Indeed, a visual tour-de-farce.

Basically a simple conc frame & flat slab structure; exposed cols & beams finished with a matt black waterproof membrane, grey conc block & exposed aggregate infill panels, alum windows & sunshades; this new Telephone Exchange at North Melb has attracted attention mostly for the 45 yellow fiberglass boxes, set in groups of 5 per panel, that stick out like push buttons on the Chetwynd St. elevation. The boxes admit light to a stair well, a rather crafty departure from the more usual fully glazed shaft that keeps cold in winter and hot in summer and dazzles the stair climber in all seasons. Building area—240 squares, three floors & penthouse; cost £160,000. The bldg was designed by Cwlth Dept of Works who retained Meldrum & Partners, archts; to prepare working dwgs. Clements Langford Pty. Ltd., bldg contractor.

A five-deck r conc car park to accommodate 370 vehicles at any one time has been built within what will now be known as Anthony Hordern's Indoor City Shopping Centre. Shoppers park their own cars & parcels are delivered to a collection depot near the street exit. Construction involved some very tricky alterations & replacement of the existing structure. Morrow & Gordon, archts; Morrison & Little, str engs; W E Bassett & Partners, mech & elec engs; Robert Wall & Sons Pty Ltd, bl drs.

This perspective shows the Scottish Union and National Insurance Co. office bldg, scheduled to start in April on a 50 ft. wide site on the southern side of St George's Terrace, Perth. All column and beam casings and brick infill panel walls to the east and west will be faced with white mosaic tile. Structure conc encased steel cols and main beams with conc ribbed floors. Accommodation—14 floors, nett area approx 1,700 sq ft each, with similar basement area half of which is lettable, all air-conditioned. Cameron, Chisholm & Nicol; F. G. B. Hawkins & Desmond Sands, archts in association; D. H. Fraser, Dr. G. B. Barrett-Hill, cons engs in association; J. Rawlinson & Partners, a surveyors; Wood & Grieve, air cond. cons; W. V. Spencer, plumbing cons.

On an irregular site in S. Melb. this new bldg for Oxford University Press is strictly no-nonsense architecture, with economy a major factor in the client's programme. Construction-steel cols, conc encased; 10' flat slabs floors; brick panel walls and aluminium windows. Heating, hot water floor coils. Provision for two future floors. Contract sum—£85,200. Professor Brian Lewis, archt; J. L. & E. M. Daly, str engs; Steven Teodorovic & Assoc, mech eng; Simmie & Co Pty Ltd, bl drs.
The Royal Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes, Grand Lodge of Q'land, will build a £500,000 double skyscraper of home units for old people on a river bank site at New Farm, Q'land. Construction is to commence June 30 & to be completed within 12 months. People living in the units will be asked to donate £2,000 to the Buffalo Memorial Houses for Aged fund.

The Victorian Branch of the Meat Industry Employee’s Union has launched an appeal for £125,000 to build a medical centre at Footscray, Melb. The centre will contain a nine bed hospital, two operating theatres, dental clinic, child welfare dept and a physiotherapy section. W. J. Pollack, archt.

Under construction in Double Bay, NSW, this twelve storey block of home units has two units per floor on the top five floors, each with its own elevator, 25 ft x 16 ft. living room, 12 ft x 11 ft dining area, 16 ft x 13 ft master bedroom, two other bedrooms and lavish toilet facilities. The lower seven floors have three units per floor, containing two and three bedrooms on a slightly reduced scale to those above. It hardly needs emphasis that these units were designed for “the older family group living in spacious homes and now requiring less accommodation and worries of gardening and property maintenance.” Douglas B. Snelling, archt; Stanley Llewellyn & Whitten, str. engrs; A. L. Kennedy, q surveyor; A. F. Little Pty Ltd, bldr.

If work has begun on a £17m. 3,000 allotment satellite township at Frankston, Vic, to be known as the Karingal Estate, and will include a shopping centre, civic centre, motel, churches, schools and two artificial lakes. Promoter is A. V. Jennings Industries.

In the first quarter of the current financial year, buildings worth 42m. were started in the ACT and buildings worth £31m. were completed. Another £18m. were under construction.

A £5,000,000 two storey air-conditioned store for the Myer group, will be built in Toowoomba, Q’land. Hall, Phillips, and Wilson, archts.

A new dining hall to accommodate 100 children at the C of E Tufnell Home at Nundah, Q’land, will be part of £30,492 extensions to be started soon. Collin and Fulton, archts.
The Bldg Heights Committee has rejected plans for Sydney's £12m Australia Square project (C-S No 112, Feb I.) The committee has now substantially agreed with the views of the City Building Surveyor, Mr. J. Rankin, that the ratio of floor space to area of site was about 20 to one. The development company calculation, on a different basis, claims a ratio of 14 to one. Syd City bldg regs normally allow a ratio of 15 to one. The bldg hts committee is said to favour a max. floor ratio of about 12 to one.

An 89 unit motel, Travelodge, is to be erected in Rushcutters Bay on the site of the old tram sheds. Frank Kolos and J. H. Bryant, archts; T. H. O'Connor Pty. Ltd, bldrs.

A new ten-pin bowling centre for Newcastle with timber framed curtain walls was completed in 18 weeks, 5 weeks under contract time. Rodd & Hay, archts; W. Stronach Pty. Ltd, bldrs.

An 18 storey bldg in Macquarie St opposite Sydney Hospital is to be developed by Lend-Lease Corporation. Arch'ts, Budden, Nangle & Michael; engrs & bldrs, Civil & Civic.

In Newcastle, NSW, this new Central Control Laboratory for BHP Ltd contains, apart from lab, equipment, the following reticulated services: oxygen, acetylene, hydrogen, argon, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, compressed air, coke ovens gas, distilled water, vacuum points. The monitor roof houses air conditioning and fume extraction equipment and controls. Steel frame structure, stainless steel curtain wall, white ceramic block infill panels, double glazing to north and east walls incorporates a fine steel louvred mesh to reduce glare. Area 38,882 sq ft on two floors. Stephenson & Turner, archts; Rankin & Hill, str. engrs; construction by BHP and sub-contractors.

On a two acre site in Mill Point Road, South Perth, a £250,000 air-conditioned hotel called the Freeway is to be built by Brenton Building Pty. Ltd, a subsidiary company of Reid Murray Developments. Krantz and Sheldon, archts.

Work has commenced on a new shire library and meeting hall for Rockingham, WA, to cost £7,541. The bldg was planned by Kenneth Broadhurst & Partners, archts, in conjunction with the Library Board of WA; to accommodate a future shire popn of 5,000. Hampson and Benton, bldrs.

A new bridge, two thirds of a mile long, over the Alexandra Ave, the Yarra, Batman Ave., Jolimont railway yards, & Wellington Parade, has been recommended by the M&MBW as the next step towards building Melb's city ring road. The board's planning and highways committee is engaging G. Maunsell and Partners consulting engineers, of London and Melbourne, to report on and recommend designs. Godfrey & Spowers, Hughes, Mewton & Lobb, archts, will work with the engineers to ensure that the bridge will not "clash with its beautiful surroundings".

This is a model of a proposed administration bldg at Walkerville for Highways and Local Govt, Dept, SA. Construction, —reinforced conc with finishes mostly off-form white cement conc. Est. cost £687,000. Cheesman Dokey Brabham & Neighbour, archts; Barnes & Associates, str. engrs; W E Bassett & Partners, mech & elec. engrs; Rider Hunt & Partners, q surveyors.

St Paul's C of E, East Kew, Melb, has the altar in one corner of a hexagonal plan, with pews (to seat 200) arranged to bring the congregation into close proximity. The strong concept, maintained throughout by the use of natural wood or fair face ashlar pattern conc block in a straightforward and unaffected manner, makes this one of the best examples of church architecture in Australia. The roof covering is copper sheet, detailed to follow the stepped profile of the boarded ceiling. Arthur Bunberry & Associates, archts; W. Cochram, bldr.
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