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Fern Creek Elementary School, Orlando, Florida. Built 1947-48 and equipped with a Webster Moderator System of Steam Heating. Architect—L. Alex Hatton, A.I.A. Consulting Engineer—Robert H. Emerick. Heating Contractor—Swartz Service Co. At left, architect's scale model of school.

“...lots nicer than a big old school”

The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel-Star recently asked a group of 9, 10 and 11-year-olds what they thought of Orlando's newest and most modern school.

A 10-year-old acted as spokesman. “It's wonderful,” he said. “We think it's lots nicer than a big, old school.”

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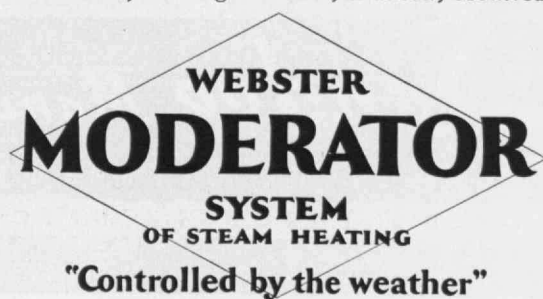
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Features of the ultra-modern Fern Creek School include: gaily painted classroom interiors, audio-visual aids, bathroom facilities for each classroom in the first three grades, sound-proofed ceilings. Each classroom opens on one side directly onto the 8-acre campus and on the other to a covered walkway which is accessible to any other part of the school.

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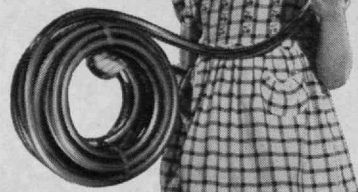
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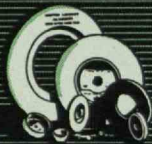
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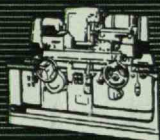
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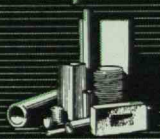
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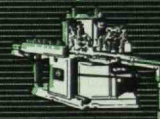
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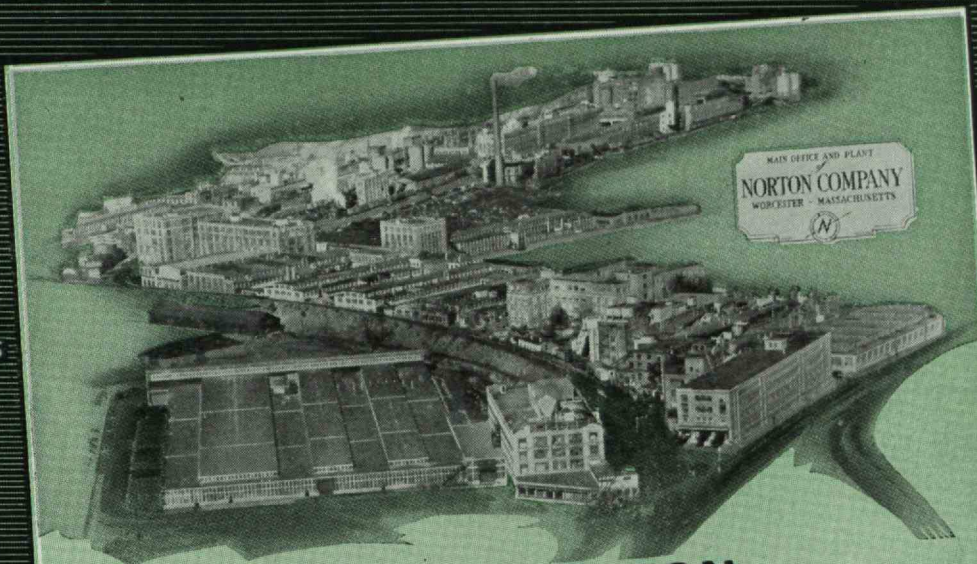
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In 1947 privately owned utilities expended over 60 per cent more for new steam power capacity than in the previous all-time peak year (1924). 1948 expenditures were nearly double 1947 and 1949 will substantially exceed 1948.

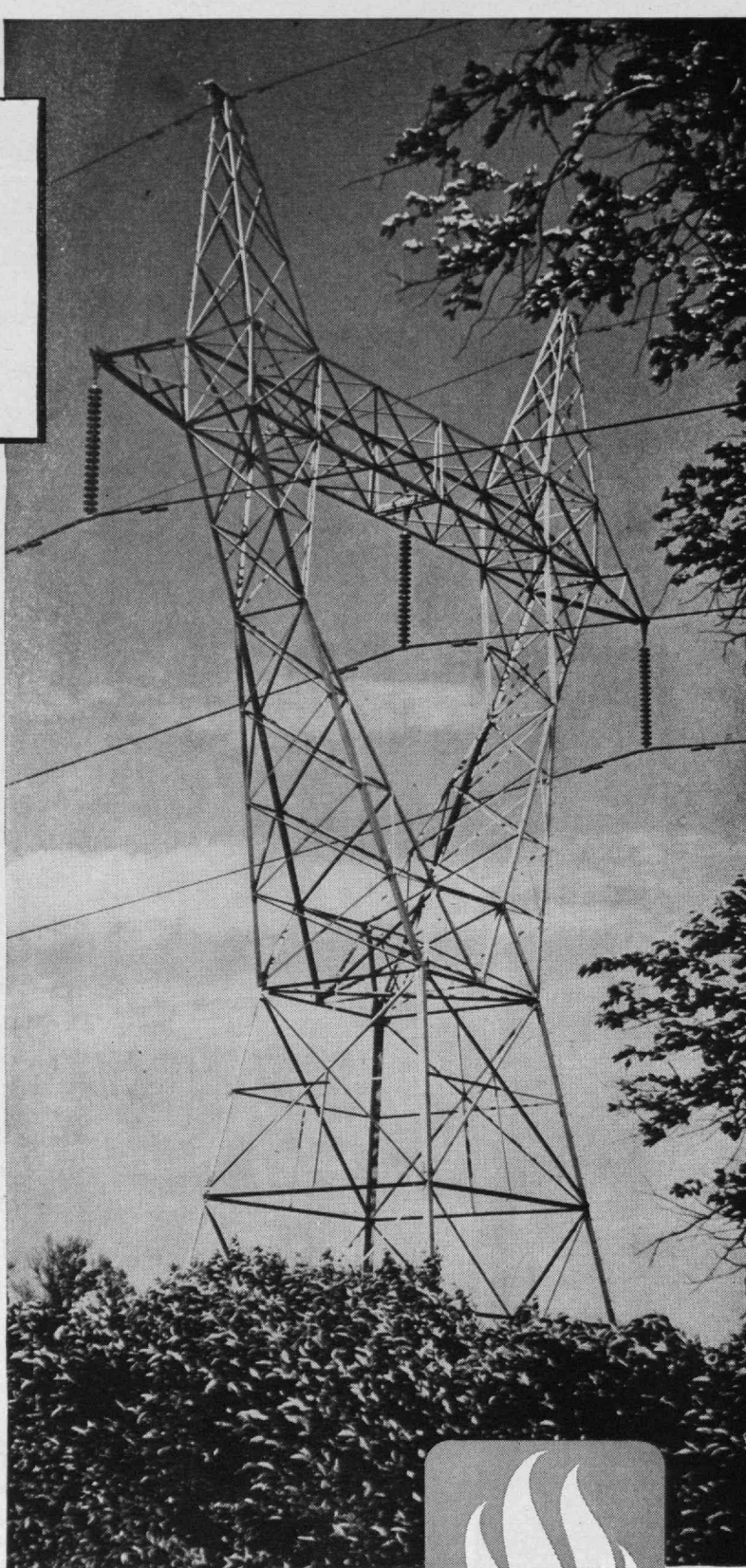
In the four-year period, 1946 through 1949, the total capital expenditures by private utilities for expansion of electric service to the homes and industries of America will have exceeded 6½ billion dollars.

It is equally significant that, in a time of skyrocketing costs, the electric utilities have represented the last stand of the 100-cent dollar, maintaining the price of their product at a level long since passed in all other fields.

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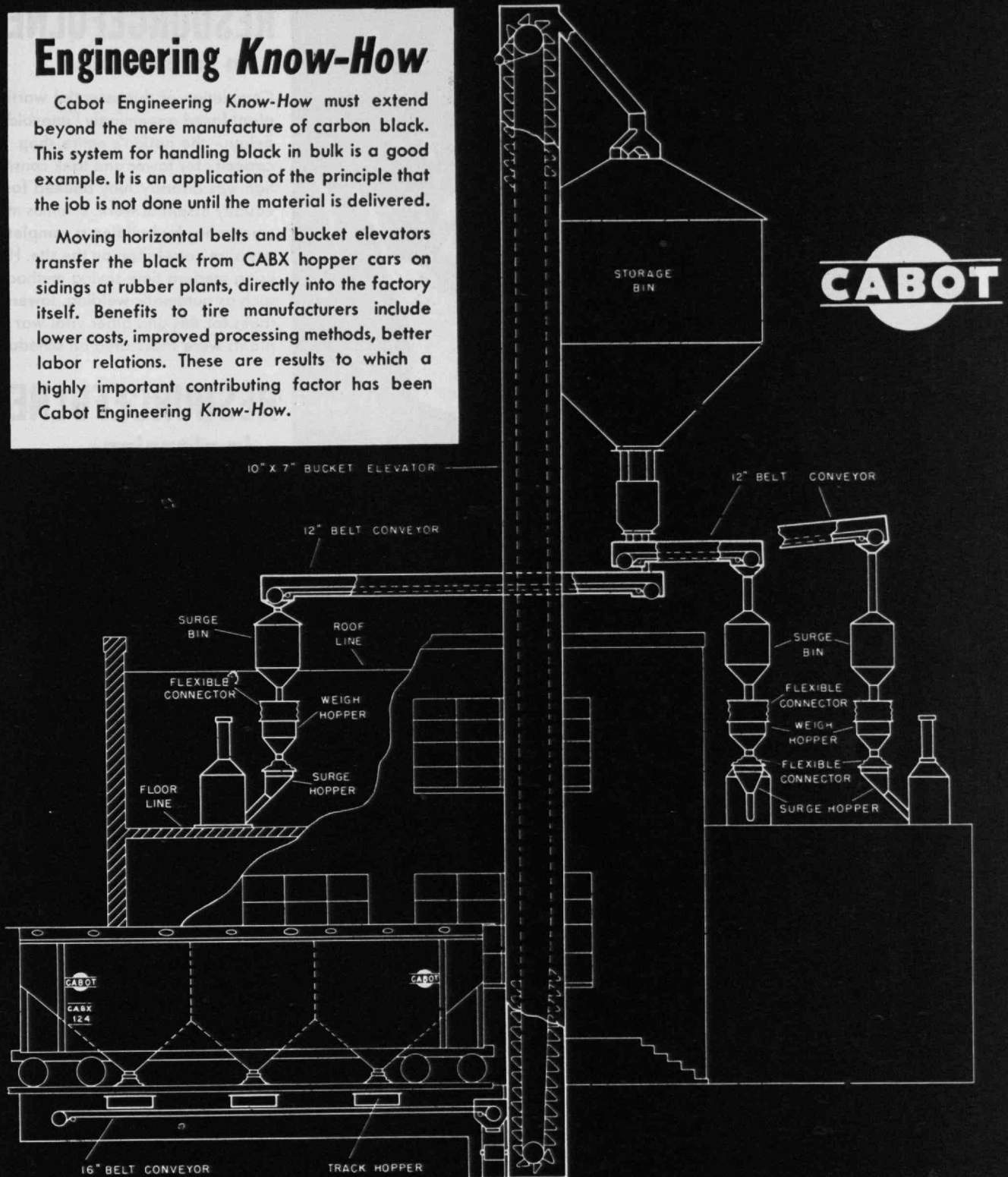
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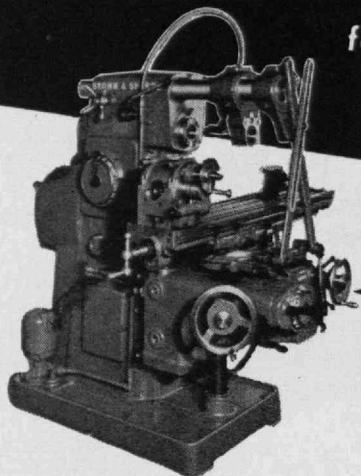
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Flight Progress. — In examining half a century of mechanical flight since the Wright brothers made their first successful sky ride at Kitty Hawk, S. PAUL JOHNSTON, '21, discerns (page 500) three clearly marked avenues of activity which have made possible today's modern aircraft; the invention of the airplane itself, research on air flow, and the great strides which have been made in increasing the efficiency and power output of airplane power plants. Since his graduation from the Institute, Mr. Johnston has been continuously identified with the aviation industry. He has served as editor of *Aviation*, co-ordinator of research for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, research director for the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, deputy director of the aircraft division of the United States Strategic Bombing Survey, and since the end of World War II has been director of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences, Inc.

That's Wright! — Amplifying that phase of American aviation which, almost a half century ago, is centered about the first successful flights in heavier-than-air machines, is the story (page 504) on the human traits and characteristics of the Wright brothers. Whatever these two brothers may seem to others, FRED C. KELLY, who knew both men intimately, regards them as quiet, kindly, homespun men with a keen sense of humor and an insatiable curiosity about those factors which first made flying possible, and then more reliable. Beginning his career as a newspaper correspondent, Mr. Kelly has traveled extensively, has operated a 600-acre farm, and has managed to do a considerable amount of writing throughout the years. He is author of nine volumes, including one on *The Wright Brothers*.

The Forgotten Man. — With "capitalists" able to take care of their own interests (before taxes, at any rate) and benevolent and protective agencies looking after the welfare of "labor," the great segment of white-collar workers has been left to shift for itself. Indeed, from many points of view this portion of the nation's laboring force is truly symbolic of forgotten men. Their case is reviewed (page 508) by PAUL MEADOWS, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Nebraska, whose keen interest in social movements and the human aspects of modern industrialism, enables him to prepare, with authority, his most recent Review article.

Centennial Exposition. — When this nation was celebrating its centennial as a separate political unit, in 1876, faith and confidence in the future ran high. Vast areas of the West still remained to be developed and the country was regarded as having almost limitless resources. How the U.S. International Exposition of 1876 reflected its era is recorded (page 511) by E. H. CAMERON, '13, in the first installment of a two-part article. Head of the Technical Publications Division of Jackson and Moreland, Mr. Cameron has taken the study of engineering in the post-Civil War period as his avocation.

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