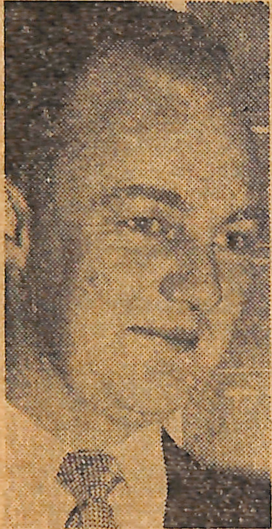


Planning For Adelaide Common Sense; "Begin Now"

Better Small Homes



Mr. ROBIN BOYD

Australian housing standards were physically the highest in the world, yet everybody felt there was something lacking about the houses themselves, a leading Melbourne architect, Mr. Robin Boyd, said in Adelaide today.

The Small Homes Service had been opened in South Australia to place the means of overcoming that lack within the reach of every person's pocket.

The service was opened by the Premier (Mr. Playford) yesterday. It is sponsored by the SA Institute of Architects, the Timber Development Association and the Builders' and Contractors' Association and is being run in conjunction with "The Sunday Advertiser."

Mr. Boyd, who is director of the Small Homes Service in Victoria, came to Adelaide to attend the South Australian opening.

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"Architects are not normally employed in small house work because the ordinary small home builder feels that an architect's fees are too expensive," Mr. Boyd said. "This service overcomes that. It places the best fruits of the experience and talents of the State's architects at the disposal of everyone."

"Statistics show that we have the greatest number of baths, showers and laundries, and the world's highest standards of plumbing, ceiling heights, room sizes and structural strengths and permanence.

"Yet we pay less attention to design than any other country with an equivalent living standard.

"In Melbourne we feel that we are now on the threshold of exciting new developments in housing.

"There are houses with circular, triangular and dome-shaped plans, and various other such completely revolutionary ideas."

Small Homes plans are on display at the headquarters of the Service, 17 Waymouth street, and at Myer's.

MELBOURNE, Sat.—"Every city of moment—and that includes Adelaide—should have its plan; that is just ordinary common sense," said Mr. W. C. D. Veale, Adelaide's Town Clerk, today.

President of the Adelaide division of the Planning Institute of

Australia, he has spent the last week in this city studying the plan designed by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for the Melbourne of 2003.

He has been "tremendously impressed" with it.

He has noted the common-sense approach to the future, approved the down-to-earth tackling of every city's problems and marvelled at the public response.

"Thousands of citizens see the scheme daily," says Mr. Veale.

"I have seen all sections of the community there—business men, industrialists, working men, transport authorities, young women, matrons, professional men and members of organisations in a body such as the Chamber of Commerce.

"Some have gone along just out of idle curiosity, but as they have progressed from section to section they have become serious students absorbed in the subject.

"The scheme is amazingly well depicted with diagrams, photographs, location plans described by well-chosen captions comparing the present with what might be expected in the year 2003.

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"Planning of Adelaide's metropolis should begin at once. Some of the problems at the moment are intricate, but they will become more complex as time goes by."

Meeting and answering all problems, the plan is essentially practical, says Mr. Veale.

It makes shopping easier and more convenient for the housewife: It ensures that business sites can be found in the most economical and suitable locations: It ensures that sites are available for schools and hospitals for future generation

"It is not out to create the 'City Beautiful,' but it achieves this," Mr. Veale says.

"It is out to make the city more efficient and a place in which it is more convenient to travel, work and live."

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