

The "LET YOUR HAIR DOWN"

Column

WE are pleased to record in this column that on the 20th of last month the Chamber Offices were transferred from the premises at No. 424 San Luis Street, occupied since February of 1952, to the Bay-side wing, ground floor, of the handsome Elks Club Building on the Luneta, only a few blocks down the street from the former location.

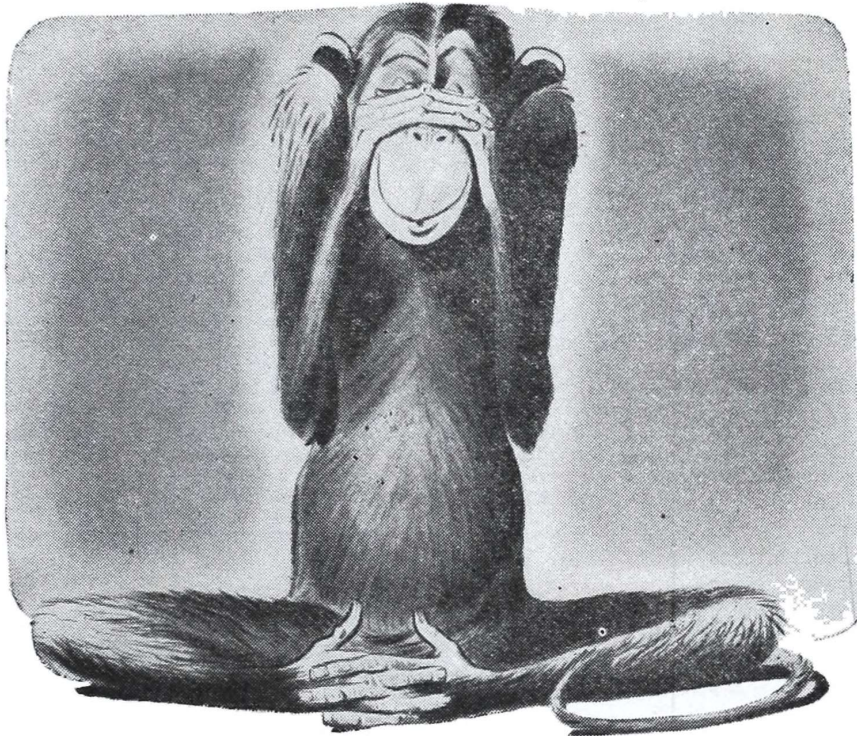
While we of the Chamber and Journal staffs have all been quite comfortable in the fine building owned by Judge Jose C. Zulueta, to whom we are beholden for many courtesies during the past several years, the new location brings a number of advantages, including an increase in floor space from some 200 square meters to nearly 300. The place is conveniently reached by car and

there is plenty of parking space, too. The general area is one of the most beautiful in all Manila.

Mr. Stanley N. Fisher, the new Executive Vice-President of the Chamber, has a private office of his own, and the *Journal* editor's office is larger than the one he occupied in the former quarters. All the others of us are comfortably placed and everyone during the first few days mentioned the fine, fresh air from the Bay and the Luneta.

Everyone is pleased with the Chamber Board for having put the matter through.

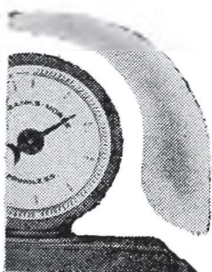
There is talk now of holding some sort of "house-warming" for the Chamber members and guests, but the plans for this have not yet been completed. However, as from now, everyone is welcome to drop in for a visit any time.



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to an old-paper dealer, we write the public school authorities to ask whether they would like to have the old *Journals* for the teachers and school libraries. Shortly before transferring our quarters from 424 San Luis Street to the Elks Club Building we again wrote such a letter to Director Venancio Trinidad, of the Bureau of Public Schools, and received from him the following reply:

"I have your letter of July 6, and it is a pleasure to know that you are again planning to send us your excess copies of past issues of the *Journal*. We shall distribute to our secondary schools any number of copies you can send us. I am happy to learn that you are moving to more spacious quarters which, I hope, will mean a better and greater *Journal*. Thank you very much for your kind offer."

As for us, we are happy to know that the school authorities like to receive even back issues of the *Journal*. Much of the material contained in them is, of course, no longer of much or any value to ordinary readers, but some of the special articles and editorials on general topics are probably of more or less permanent interest. And for the historical record, of course, the whole *Journal* is of importance especially if the annual volumes are kept complete.

The *Journal* as a collectors' item came up in a letter from Mr. E. A. Perkins received by the editor this month. It read:

"The Japanese played havoc with my back issues of the American Chamber of Commerce *Journal*. With the outbreak of the war, I had everything practically complete up to 1941. Since then I have not been so careful in retaining my copies. As a consequence there are a number of missing copies which I would like to obtain in order to reestablish my set complete. They are as follows:

- 1923— Vol. 2—all.
- January, 1937, to December, 1945—all.
- 1946— January, March, May, June, November, December.
- 1947— all.
- 1948— all.
- 1949— January, February, March, April, May, July, August, September, October, November, December.

- 1950— January, February, March, April, May, August, September, October, November, December.
- 1951— February, March, April, May.

"I have in mind to place an advertisement in the American Chamber of Commerce *Journal* and offer to purchase a good clean back number of any of the above. However, before doing so, please let me know if you have any of them in stock, with the amount, and I will send my messenger to receive and pay for them.

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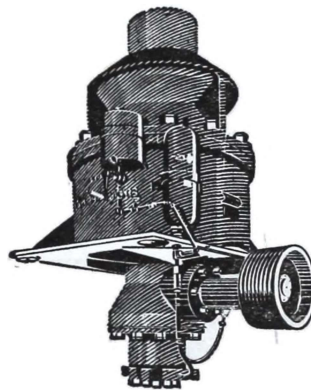
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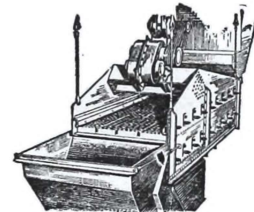
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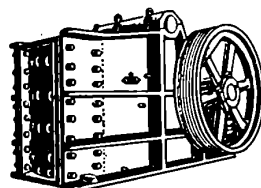


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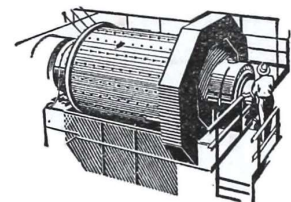


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of eleven issues published during the years 1938, 1939, and 1941 which we could let him have. We could also furnish him with all the post-war issues he wanted except those for December, 1947, and May, 1951, which issues are now out of stock.

As the publication of the *Journal* was very irregular following the first post-war issue, that of December, 1945, and up to the issue for July, 1947, the first gotten out under the present editorship, we refer interested persons to the "Note for Librarians", published in that July issue, which lists all the numbers gotten out during that period,—only ten issues in all: December, 1945; February, April, July, August, September-October, November, and December, 1945; and February and April, 1947.

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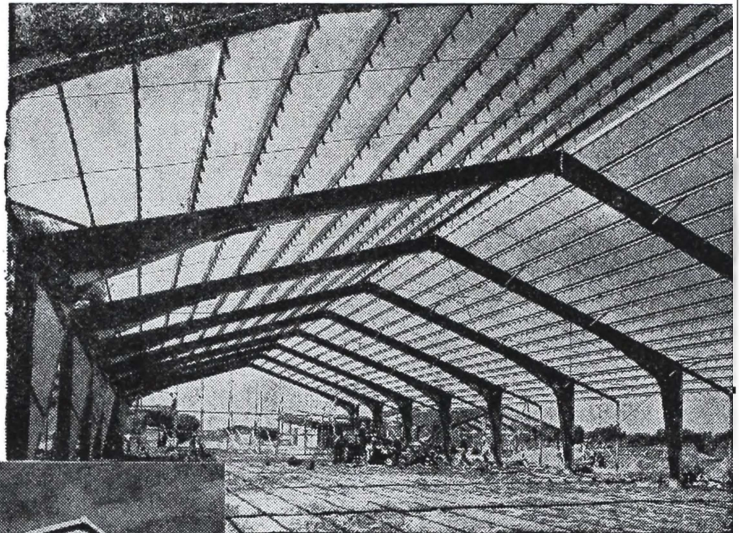
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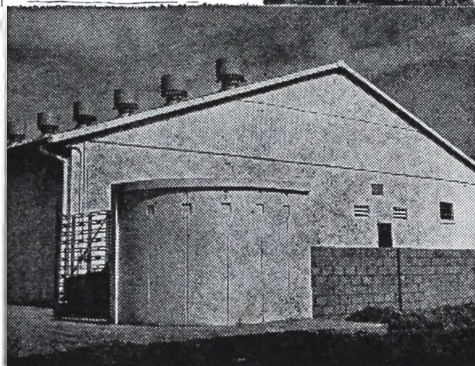
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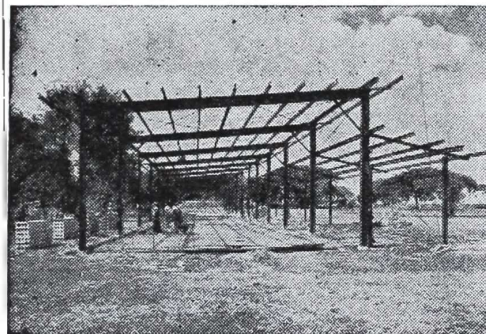
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