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T O . L O Y A L T Y

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IN A GREAT PAINTING OR WORK OF ART, THE  
ARTIST STRIVES TO CAPTURE AND EXPRESS THE  
FEELING WHICH SURROUNDS THE SUBJECT. IN  
THIS BOOK AN EFFORT IS MADE TO REFLECT  
THE SPIRIT OF STALEY . . . THE INSTITUTION



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*A. E. STALEY, Founder,  
President and General Manager  
of the A. E. Staley Manufacturing  
Company, Decatur, Illinois.*



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ON the day this business was founded, a little more than two decades ago, Mr. A. E. Staley sat at his desk and carefully weighed its chances of survival. But the chief asset of all was one that he failed to take into consideration—his own grim and unshakeable determination that he would some day own the finest and best equipped plant in this great industry.

The early years were strenuous ones. Each week brought its own crisis. But Mr. Staley refused to recognize defeat. He kept on fighting.

In these difficult days he set for himself a code of business practices in which the interests of his customers were the very first and only consideration—and never deviated from it by the breadth of a hair.

Five years passed slowly, filled with bitter struggles—with insurmountable difficulties surmounted only by the courage of Mr. Staley and his loyal group of fellow-workers. And one day it became evident that the rough road was growing smoother. The steady growth and development of the Staley Company was definitely under way.

Other crises arose—but now they were met with a surer confidence—with the whole-hearted backing of an organization tried and tested under fire.

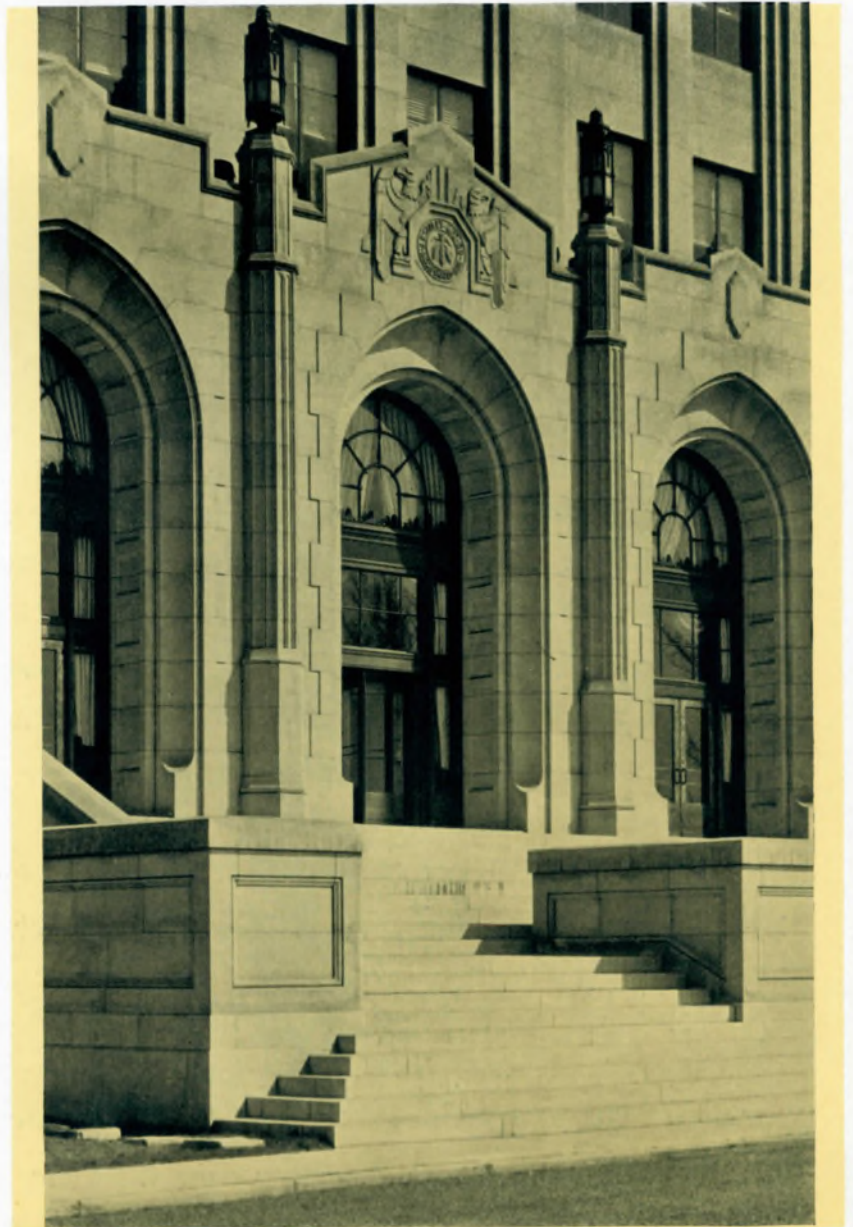
Year after year brought a record of faster, steadier progress. Until today that first, sketchy dream of Mr. Staley's is reproduced in stone and steel—the finest, most up-to-date plant of its kind in all the world.

Then Mr. Staley planned a visible and tangible tribute to the ideals that built his business—ideals so often scoffed at in this skeptical age.

He planned this great Administration building as an enduring rebuke to whomever

might doubt that fair dealing brings its sure return. "Erect for me," he said, "a home for this Company that has beauty and strength and grandeur."

He dedicates it first to the loyalty and faithfulness of the workers—the men and women who helped to make it a reality—second, to the customers of the Staley Company, now grown to a great army, whose trust and confidence are still the foundation of his business.



*THE MAIN ENTRANCE of the Staley Building with its lofty arched doorways suggests a dignified welcome for those who enter.*



● THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING of  
the A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company.



*LOOKING UP to the sky  
from an interesting angle.*



● *ARTISTIC STONE sculpture frames this view Northwest from the tower.*





*THE WARM WELCOME of the colorful, spacious lobby is the first greeting to the visitor on entering building . .*



REVOLVING BRONZE DOORS



LOBBY GRILL WORK



ELEVATOR CAB INTERIOR

### INTERESTING FEATURES

Nothing was spared to make the lobby an expanse of rich beauty. From the high ceilings of gold and walnut, to the interesting design of the floor, it is replete with artistry. Walls of Roman Lava Rock furnish a soft-toned background for the balcony arches, bronze grill work, great chandeliers, and colorful settings.

Completeness is a feature. Fine offices and decorative effects are not confined to the first and second floors, but the entire building is carried out on the same scale.

The elevator doors are particularly interesting, with their pictorial etchings in bronze. They are framed in a black marble casement. The smooth running, efficient elevators attract to the excellence of the engineering and mechanical features of the entire building.



ELEVATOR DOORS



*AN ARTISTIC STUDY through one of  
the archways on the mezzanine floor.*



ENTRANCE TO EXECUTIVE SUITE

**T**O PEOPLE of conservative mind the beauty and elaborateness of the Staley Administration Building is rather amazing. But modern business is departing from the barrenness of offices of other years. Art has won for itself a place in business. An environment of comfort and beauty is conducive to a speedier dispatch of affairs. Business runs smoothly and at a more rapid pace unhampered by the confines of drab surroundings and less modern equipment.

Permanency was built into the Staley Building for the Staley Company. The enduring finish of the walls—the floors—the bronze window frames—the marble trim—the granite foundation were deliberately chosen. Quality is economy in the long run. The Staley Company is a permanent institution.

Soft light through the iron grill paints a shadow pattern on panelled walls.

Graceful lighting fixtures feature a special corn motif design.



LIGHTING FIXTURES



STAIR BANISTERS



*AT NIGHT floodlights paint the building  
in a series of delicate color combinations.*



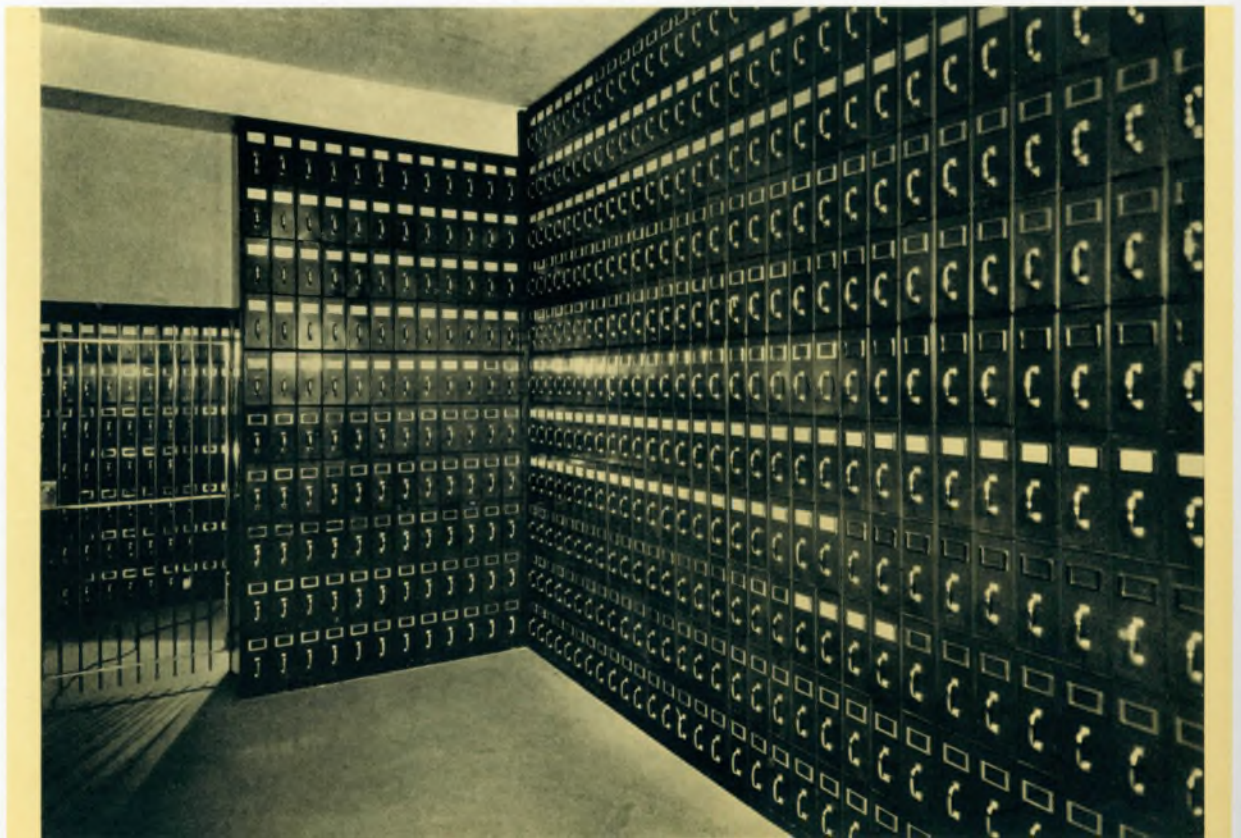
OFFICE OF MR. T. C. BURWELL



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROOM



A STATIONERY SUPPLY ROOM

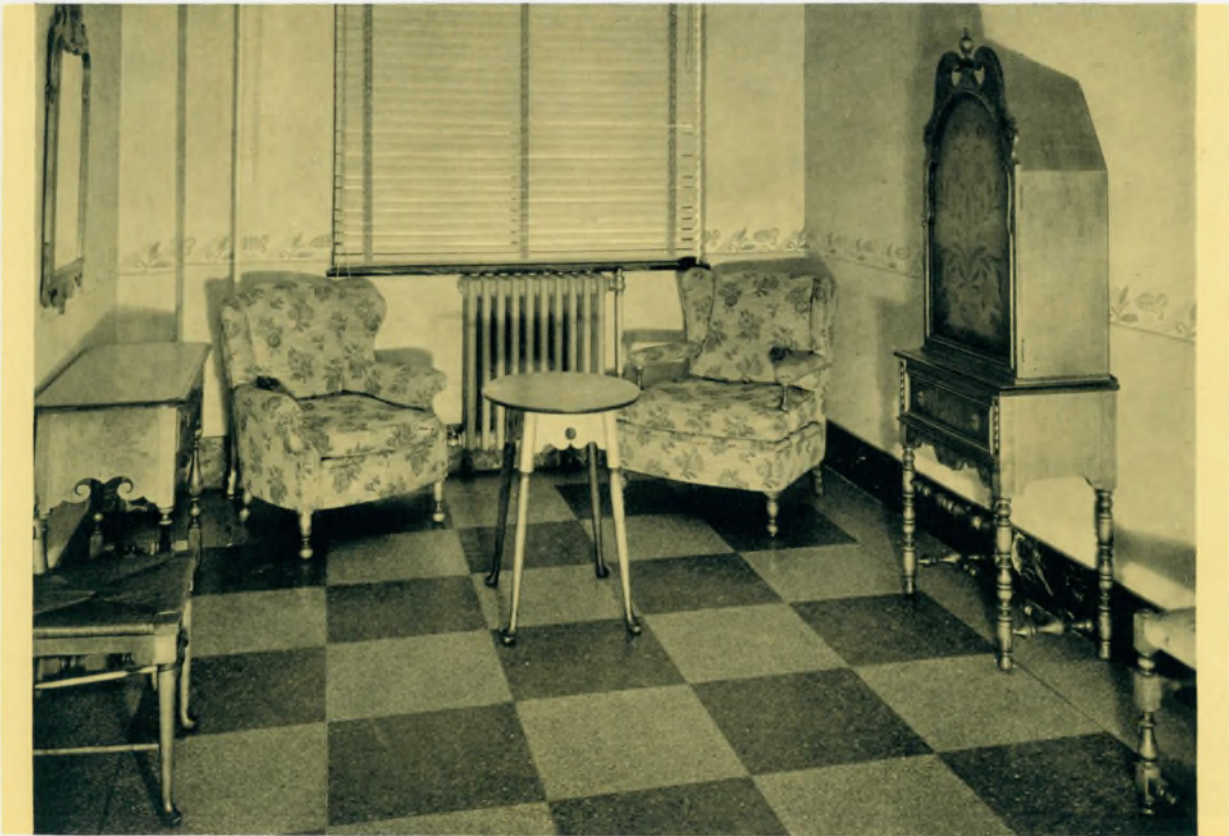


VAULT FOR VALUABLE PAPERS



A TYPICAL MEN'S LOCKER ROOM

*INTERIORS of rooms for ladies resemble home living rooms in the tastefulness of their furnishings.*







THE BOARD of Directors' room  
which adjoins the President's office.











● IN THE EXECUTIVE LOUNGE  
restful furnishings lend quiet elegance.



OFFICE OF MR. H. J. KAPP

**H**ERE millions of bushels of grain are purchased for the needs of the Staley factory, and the Company's grain merchandising operations.

Quotations are marked on the grain board minute by minute. Through glass windows, grain buying executives keep in constant touch with the fluctuations of the grain market. A separate telegraph office serves the Grain Department.



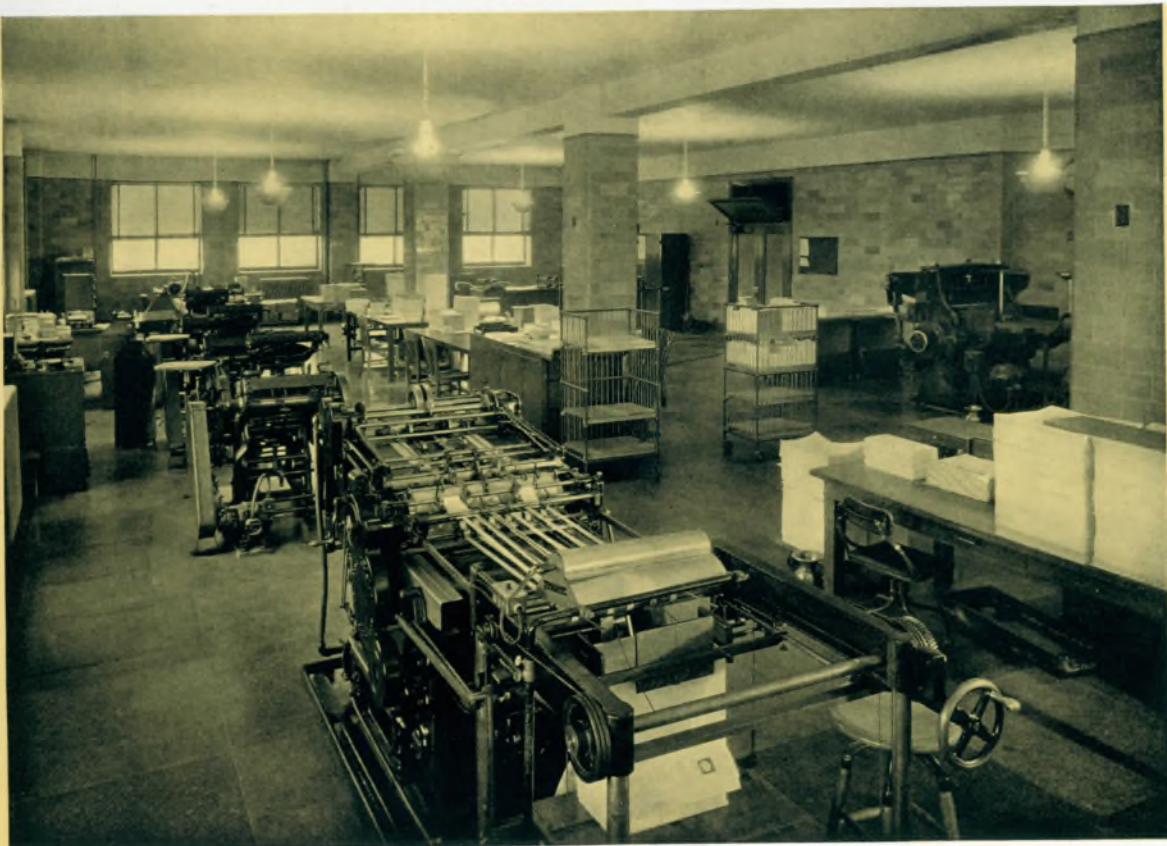
GRAIN BOARD ROOM





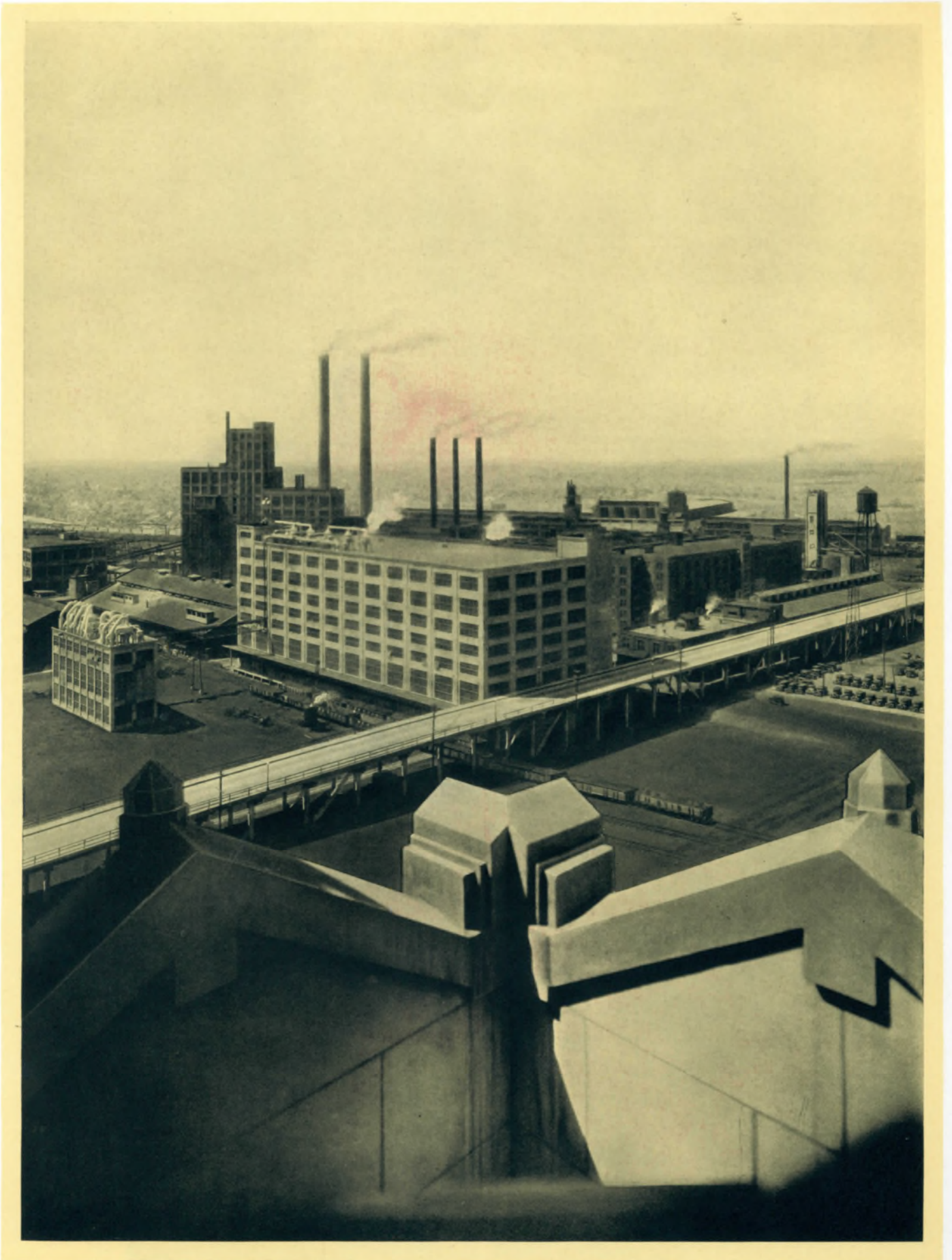
PRINT SHOP

● *IN THE BASEMENT of the building, is this print shop. Countless forms, letters, cards, and record papers are printed here, contributing much to the efficient conduct of business throughout the plant. A modern blue-print machine is part of the equipment.* ●



VIEW OF THE PRESSES





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*PANORAMA VIEW of the A. E. Staley  
Manufacturing Company plant in  
Decatur, Ill., taken from atop the new  
building.*

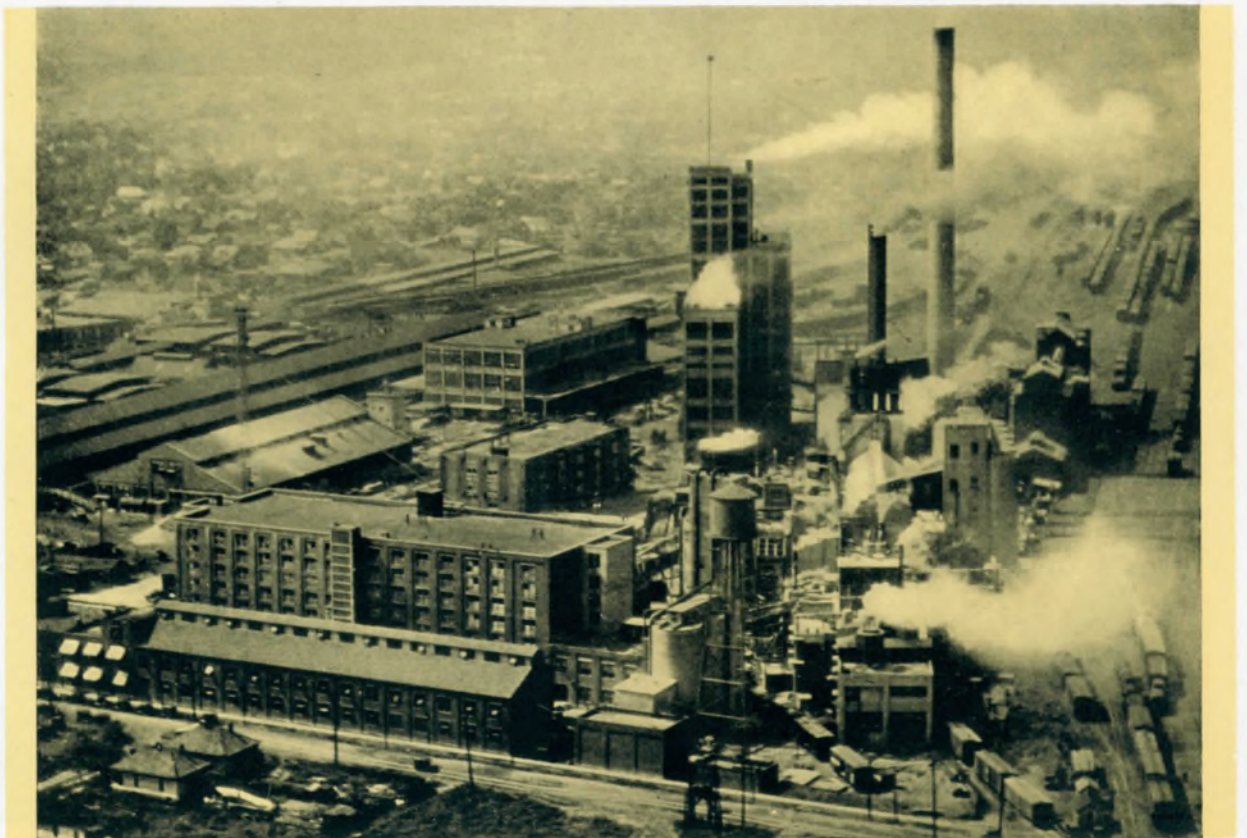


(Above photo) OFFICE OF MR. A. E. STALEY, JR.

(Lower photo) OFFICE OF MR. E. K. SCHEITER



VIEW OF TOWER—LOOKING UP



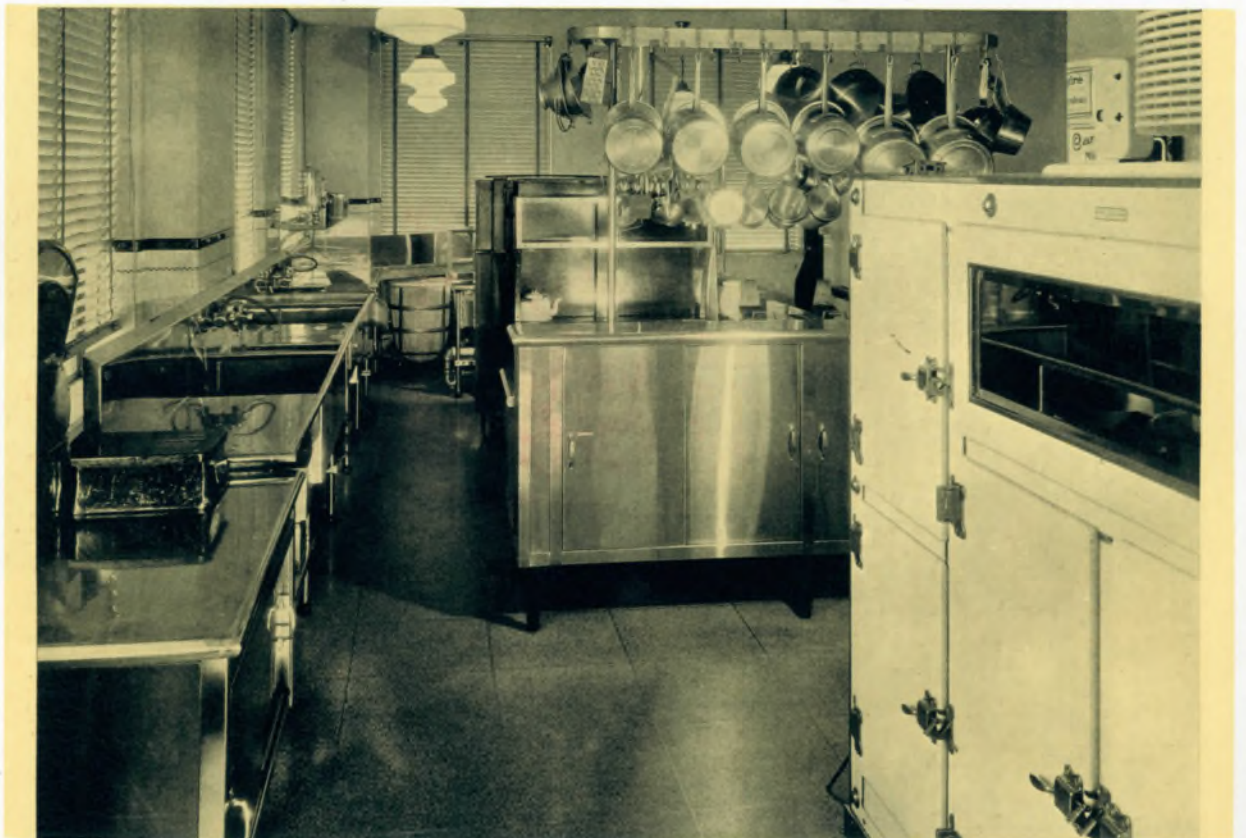
AEROPLANE VIEW OF PLANT



● THE EXECUTIVE dining room on the tenth floor is pleasingly furnished.



*A COOK'S PARADISE is this cafeteria kitchen. Everything is electrical and most modern.* ●



● *THE KITCHEN for the executive dining room is equally well equipped.*



(Above) THE MAIN CAFETERIA

PRIVATE GRAIN OFFICE



BASEMENT STORAGE VAULT



MAILING AND RECEIVING ROOM

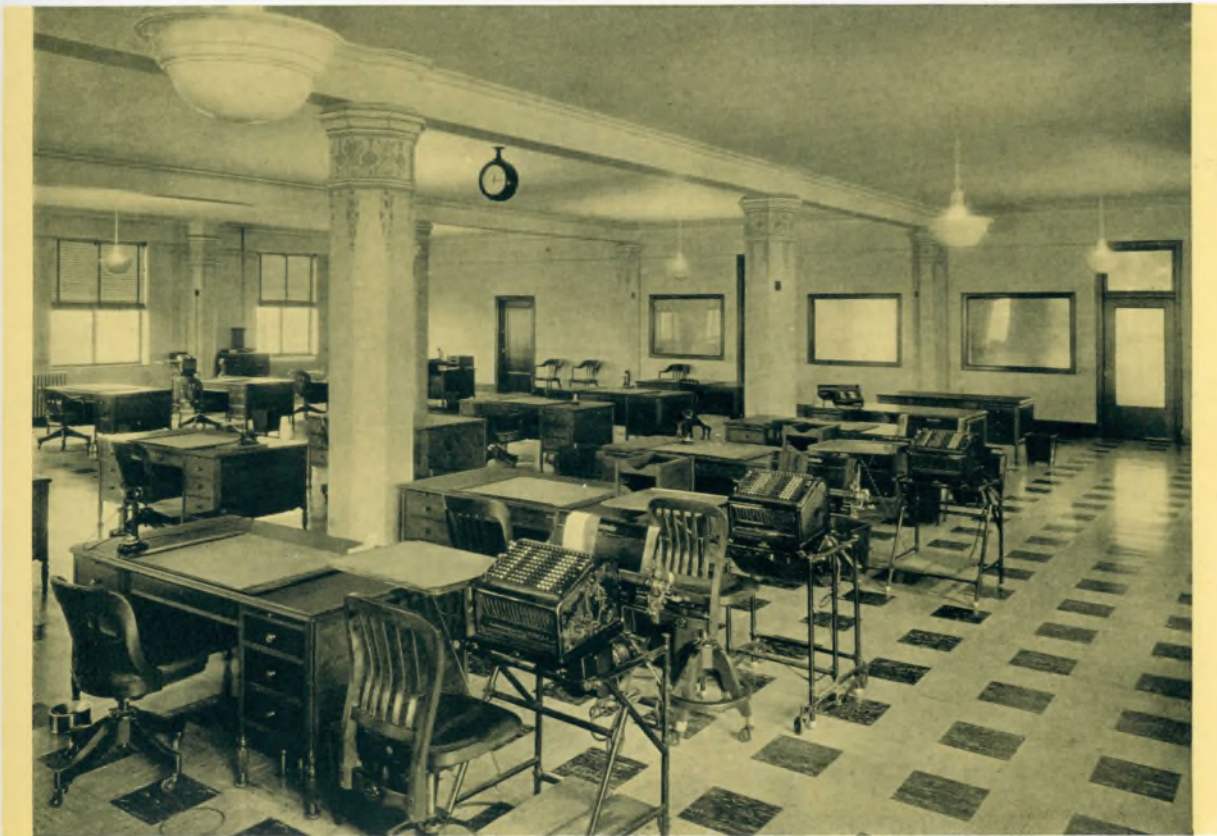


Tons of advertising material and sales literature are mailed out from the Mailing Room pictured here. The Receiving Room for the Administration Building is operated in connection with the Mailing Room.

The basement storage vault above contains the records of the company from its inception, all filed in orderly and easily accessible array.



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



AUDITING DEPARTMENT







THE GRAIN DEPARTMENT



THE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT



OFFICE OF MR. R. C. SCHERER

*NOTICE THE TOUCH OF MODERNISM in the office below, and the different type of furnishings in the office above. In this way each office maintains its individuality.*



OFFICE OF MR. R. S. BASS



*FOUNTAIN of the Blue Herons, located in the court at the rear of the Staley building.*



TELEGRAPH OFFICE



JUNIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Two handball courts and shower room in the basement furnish executives with a means of keeping in trim.

Junior executive offices as well as the Senior offices are furnished and decorated in individual style.



HANDBALL COURTS



COLOR FLOOD LIGHTS



## THE STALEY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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**T**WO years of planning preceded the actual construction work on the Staley Administration Building.

Ground was broken on February 16, 1929. All offices were transferred to the building on April 19, 1930.

It is 263 feet wide and the wings are 103 feet deep. The top of the tower is 217 feet high.

The foundation course of stone and the expansive entrance steps are of granite from Mt. Airy, North Carolina, near Mr. Staley's boyhood home.

The building is in the middle of a park of five acres, all beautifully landscaped.

The Staley Administration Building exhibits the first application of the automatic Thyatron controlled Polychromatic Flood-lighting System.

The beacon in the tower may be seen for twenty miles.

A well lighted and ventilated tunnel from the building connects with the general tunnel system which joins the various important factory units.

The building is entirely occupied by the administrative and clerical personnel of the Staley organization.

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**A. E. STALEY MANUFACTURING COMPANY**  
STALEY SALES CORPORATION  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

# I N S T A L L A T I O N S

ALLEGHENY STEEL COMPANY,  
Brackenridge, Pa.  
*Kitchen and Cafeteria Equipment*

ASCHAUER & WAGGONER, Decatur, Ill.  
*Architects*

BEARDSLEE CHANDELIER COMPANY,  
Chicago, Illinois  
*Chandeliers*

DOTEN-DUNTON DESK CO., Cambridge, Mass.  
*Executive Office Furniture*

DUKE MANUFACTURING COMPANY,  
St. Louis, Mo.  
*Cafeteria Equipment*

ELBROOK, INC., New York, N. Y.  
*Rugs*

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, Chicago, Ill.  
*Exterior Illumination*

HENRY MARBLE COMPANY, Chicago, Ill.  
*Interior Marble Work*

ILLINOIS POWER & LIGHT CORP., Decatur, Ill.  
*Refrigerators*

MATTHEWS BROTHERS MANUFACTURING CO.,  
INC., Milwaukee, Wis.  
*Woodwork and Paneling*

MUELLER CO., Decatur, Ill.  
*Plumbing Goods and Vitreous Ware*

NATIONAL DECORATING SERVICE, Chicago, Ill.  
*Painting and Decorating*

REMINGTON CASH REGISTER COMPANY,  
Ilion, N. Y.  
*Cash Register*

REMINGTON RAND BUSINESS SERVICE, INC.,  
Buffalo, New York  
*Filing Equipment*

RICHEY, BROWNE & DONALD, Maspeth, N. Y.  
*Browne Windows*

SANTAROSSA MOSAIC & TILE CO.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.  
*Terrazzo Floors*

SARGENT & COMPANY, New Haven, Conn.  
*Hardware*

SHAUGHNESSY BROS., Springfield, Ill.  
*Plastering Contractors*

SHAWNEE STONE CO., Bloomington, Ind.  
*Indiana Limestone*

J. L. SIMMONS COMPANY, Decatur, Ill.  
*General Contractor*

STOW-DAVIS FURNITURE CO.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.  
*Furniture*

SWAIN AND MYERS, INC., Decatur, Ill.  
*Kitchen and Cafeteria Equipment*

THE CLEMETSEN CO., Chicago, Ill.  
*Furniture*

THE GLOBE-WERNICKE CO., Cincinnati, Ohio  
*Storage Vault Files*

THE MILWAUKEE CHAIR COMPANY,  
Milwaukee, Wis.  
*Chairs*

THE TYLER COMPANY, Cleveland, Ohio  
*Elevator Doors*

UNITED STATES RUBBER CO., Providence, R. I.  
*Rubber Tile Flooring*

WALRUS MANUFACTURING COMPANY,  
Decatur, Ill.  
*Soda Fountain*

MARY MARTHA WALWORTH, Chicago, Illinois  
*Interior Decorating*

WARREN WEBSTER & COMPANY, Camden, N. J.  
*Steam Heating System*

WHITE PLUMBING AND HEATING CO.,  
Decatur, Ill.  
*Heating and Ventilating Contractor*

