MID-CENTURY MODERN ARCHITECTURE

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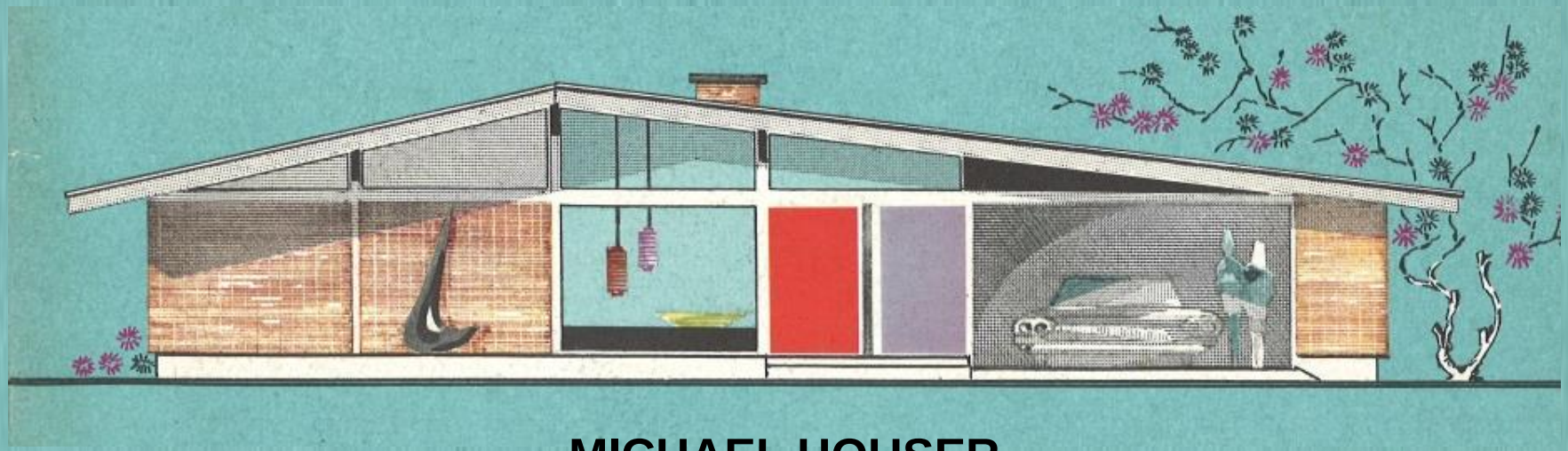

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QUONSET HUT

1941-1960

Roof often on more than one level

Oversized mansard roof hiding one floor

Some examples have flared eave lines reflecting a French Provincial mode

Deep set windows in mansard

Rectangular form

Elongated windows and doors break through eave line

Brick, T-1-11 and shingle siding found

Recessed Entry

House Kent, c.1970

QUONSET HUT

History

Quonset Village: Whidbey Island Naval Station1952

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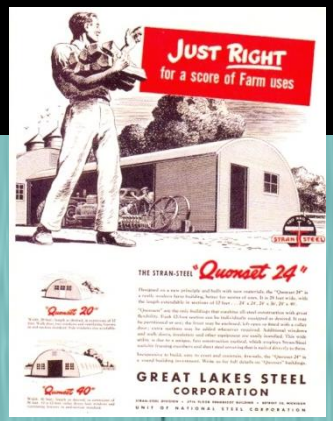

JUST RIGHT for a score of Farm uses

THE STRAN-STEEL "Quonset 24"

"Quonset 20"

"Quonset 40"

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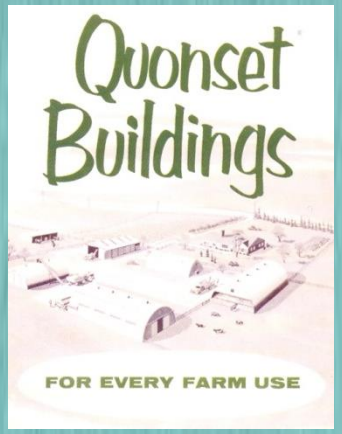
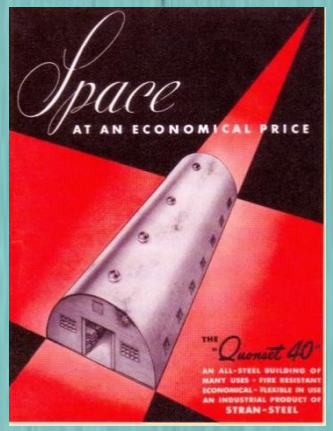


Quonset Buildings

FOR EVERY FARM USE



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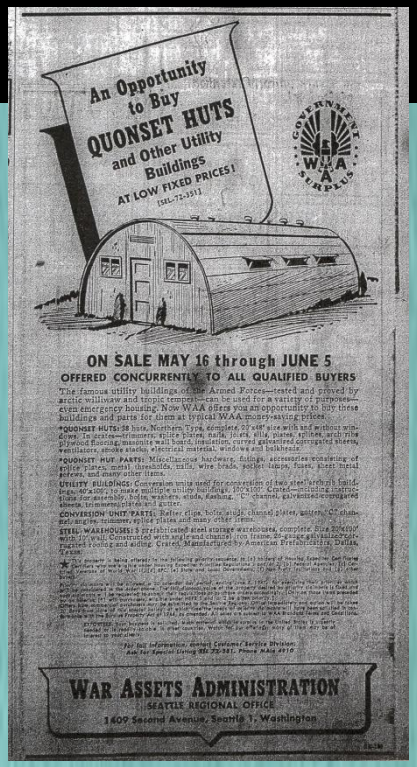

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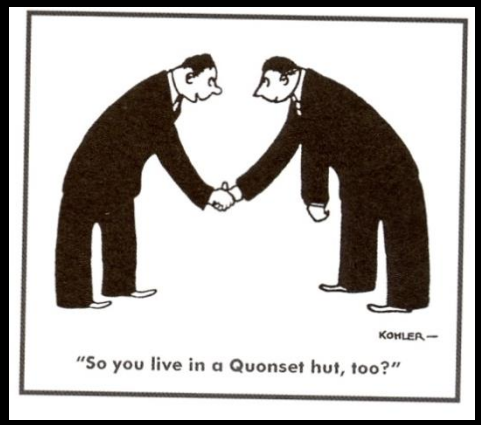
Models



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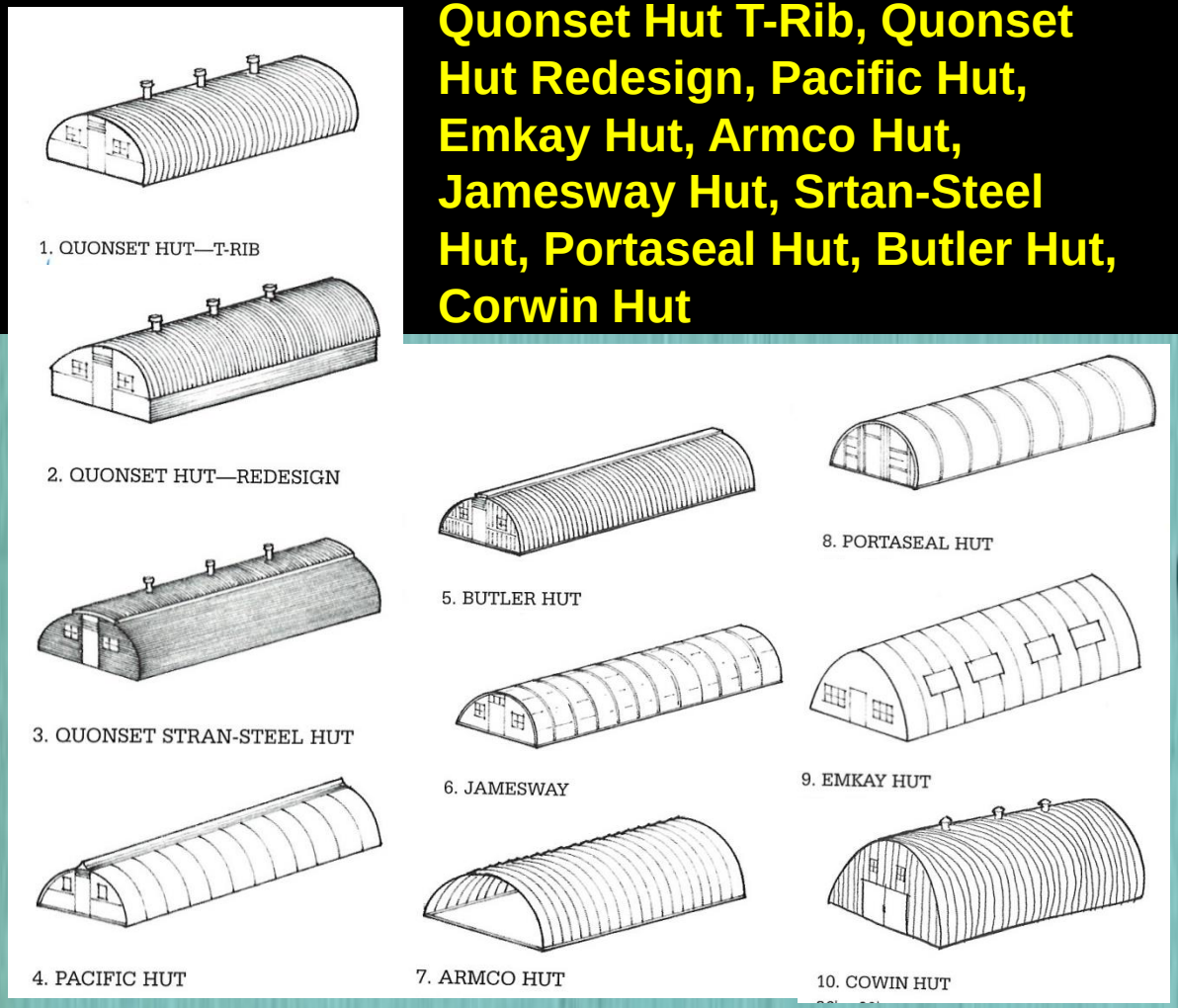


Stran Steel Hut Olympia

Pacific Hut Seattle

QUONSET HUT

History

Poier Motors Chevrolet Dealership

Snohomish, 1948

QUONSET HUT

Examples

Building Mount Vernon, c.1955

Mess Hall: VA Hospital Lakewood, c.1945

Building Seattle, c.1965

VFW Hall McCleary, c.1955

QUONSET HUT

Examples

Building Port Townsend, c.1955

Building Ferndale, c.1950

Building Prosser, c.1948

Building Wenatchee, c.1960

Building Mount Vernon c.1956

Building Garfield, c.1950

QUONSET HUT

Agricultural Examples

Barn Whitman Co., c.1960

"Farm in a Day" Moses Lake 1952

Schorzman Farm Quincy, c.1957

Aldrich Farm Walla Walla, c.1955

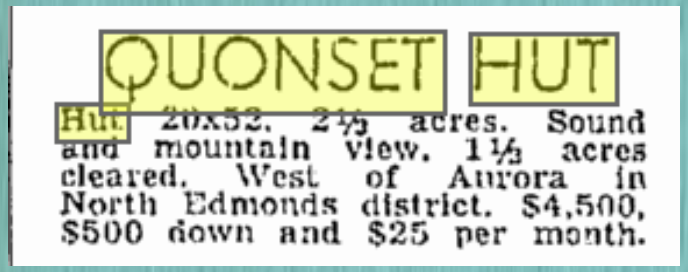
QUONSET HUT

Residential Examples

Driverless Auto Plunges 25 Feet Off Bank Into Quonset-Hut Home

WHERE AUTOMOBILE LANDED: This gaping hole in the side of the quonset hut home of Capt. and Mrs. William A. McClure, 15401 Maple Wild S. W., made an impromptu "picture frame" for the McClures this forenoon. The hole was made by a driverless automobile which plunged off the embankment onto the home at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

Seattle Times July 6, 1949



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Hut 20x52. 2⅓ acres. Sound and mountain view. 1⅓ acres cleared. West of Aurora in North Edmonds district. $4,500, $500 down and $25 per month.

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House Tacoma, c.1958

House Lacey, c.1952