

TABLING AN IDEA

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Have you ever wished that you had a conference table that was more adaptable to the types of meetings you are conducting? Here's an idea you too may be able to use.

Our training conferences are of three general types: directed, round-table discussions, and instructional. There are also times when movies or slide-sound presentations are shown to larger groups and a conference table needs to be out of the way.

Original Design

With these things in mind we set out to design a table for a new conference room which was to be 20 ft. x 32 ft. and contain fifty arm chairs.

The wedge or pie-shaped table has been used for years and it offers the advantage of each member of the group being able to see the leader, chalk board, screen, charts, etc. Our final design consists of four special tables which in reality is a large pie-shaped table made in four parts. The two large tables are 8 ft. long, 5 ft. wide at one end and 3½ ft. the other. The two smaller tables are 8 ft. x 3½ ft. x 2 ft. With the addition of two 34 in. x 60 in. stock tables we have a conference table which

is quite flexible and therefore lends itself to many different uses.

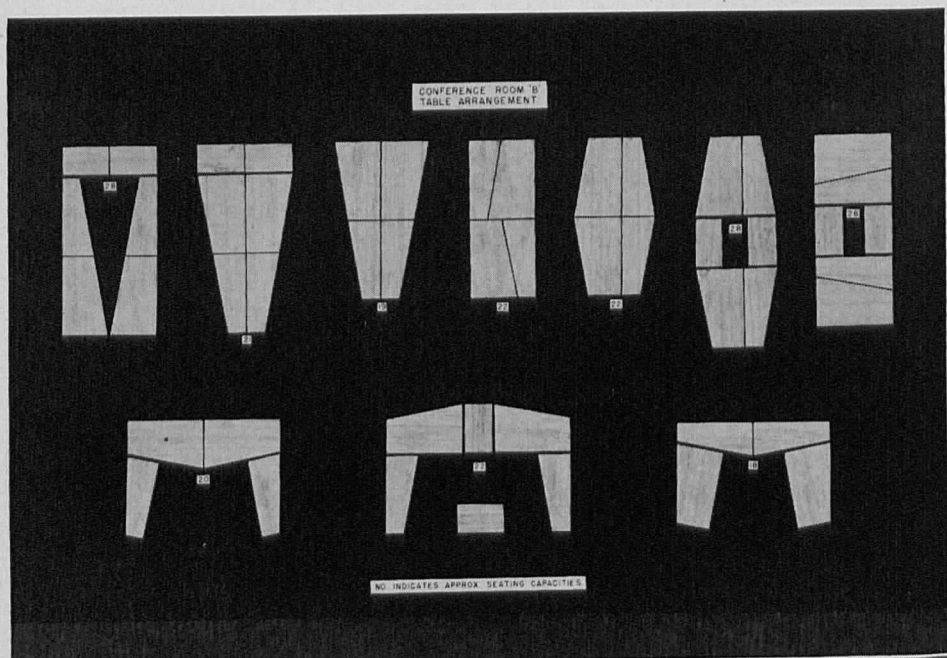
To us the idea was new. If others have already used it we send our compliments.

Some of the different arrangements and maximum seating capacities are illustrated on the following page in figure 1. These versatile tables more than meet our requirements for the directed conference (figure 2), the instructional conference (figure 3), and round-table discussions. In addition, these tables can be moved out of the way for the showing of motion pictures (figure 4). The space they occupy for such showings is a blind area anyway and would not be used even if the tables were not in the room.

Many Combinations Possible

There are many other arrangements possible from combinations of these tables, such as placing them along one wall for display purposes or making two long tables for large luncheon meetings. You have probably already thought of other arrangements. The size, of course, could be altered to fit a smaller conference room.

We wanted flexibility—tabling an idea seemed to be the answer.



TOP: FIGURE 1. BOTTOM: FIGURE 2.



TOP: FIGURE 3. BOTTOM: FIGURE 4.