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Architecture is the product of the man, who is in turn the product of his environment. <sup>the reactions of the architect to his environment dictate his style.</sup> The father of the ~~man~~ <sup>architect</sup> comes ~~out of~~ <sup>from</sup> a long line of industrious Dutch Americans. <sup>An M.I.T. engineer,</sup> ~~He was~~ <sup>he</sup> an administrator ~~to~~ <sup>became</sup> those midwestern grain elevators which Le Corbusier described as "the magnificent FIRST-FRUITS of the new age." in TOWARDS A NEW ARCHITECTURE (p. 31), and made the Great American million <sup>protestant</sup> by his work. ~~He~~ The architect's mother was of a ~~New England~~ family from Salem, Massachusetts. The Nichols family has maintained itself as a paragon of sorts of the <sup>pious</sup> ~~North~~ Protestant Ethic - ever since <sup>being</sup> ~~ever~~ <sup>loyally</sup> ~~since~~ <sup>ministers and sea</sup> ~~captains~~ <sup>captains</sup> ~~was~~ ~~an~~ ~~uncle~~ ~~of~~ ~~her~~ ~~mother~~ ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~hung~~ ~~as~~ ~~a~~ ~~witch~~ ~~in~~ ~~1692~~. The architect's grand father was a modestly prominent Episcopal minister on the East coast, <sup>spending much time</sup> ~~working~~ <sup>in churches</sup> ~~in~~ ~~buildings~~ ~~such~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~Trinity~~ ~~Church~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~New~~ ~~Haven~~ ~~area~~ ~~and~~ ~~similar~~ ~~structures~~. ~~The~~ ~~architect~~ ~~graduated~~ ~~from~~ ~~Harvard~~ ~~cum~~ ~~laude~~ ~~in~~ ~~1933~~, ~~and~~ ~~returned~~ ~~home~~ ~~to~~ ~~Minneapolis~~ ~~to~~ ~~go~~ ~~to~~ ~~graduate~~ ~~school~~ ~~in~~ ~~architecture~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~University~~ ~~of~~ ~~Minnesota~~, where he graduated in 1937. He was <sup>influenced</sup> ~~affected~~ by the writings of "the Lost Generation" ~~not~~ especially Ernest Hemingway. During World War II he worked as a designer in a factory producing gliders. He met his wife there, <sup>whose father</sup> ~~the~~ ~~daughter~~ <sup>whose mother was</sup> ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~editor~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Scarsdale~~ ~~Engineer~~ ~~and~~ ~~she~~ ~~had~~ ~~been~~ ~~to~~ ~~a~~ ~~two~~ ~~year~~ ~~art~~ ~~school~~, <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ ~~a~~ ~~Protestant~~ ~~minister~~ ~~of~~ ~~Westchester~~ ~~County~~, ~~who~~ ~~had~~ ~~been~~ ~~the~~ ~~editor~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Scarsdale~~ ~~Engineer~~. ~~Two~~ ~~years~~ ~~of~~ ~~art~~ ~~school~~ She had been to a two year art school,