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CONCRETE TENNIS COURTS

In response to your request I enclose a blue print showing the reinforced concrete tennis court which was the first one built. I designed this court.

The reinforced slabs are laid alternately, each one dowelled into its neighbor.

The Portland Cement Association took many pictures during the progress of the work. They published them in their magazine "Concrete Builder", Vol. 6 No. 4 which was, I think, in October 1932.

In that issue beginning on Page 5, the article was related by Mr. Alfred Simmons, the Foreman for Bulley & Andrews, contractors for the College Residence Halls for Men, entitled "Building Black-colored Concrete Tennis Court with White Mortar Playing Lines". The article was illustrated by seven construction views and gives various specifications for the work.

Later we built two tennis courts at International House. All three of these courts have now been through several severe winters and very hot summers with no cracking, and there have been few complaints except those applying to all concrete courts.

This construction is not cheap in first cost; I think, however, in view of the length of life and good results over a period of years that it is the cheapest.

I trust this is the information desired.

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P. S. I have only one copy of the magazine. The Portland Cement Association could doubtless furnish a copy.