inlet valve, a water gage, and a relief valve. A source of supply of compressed air for renewing the air cushion is highly desirable, especially in large, high pressure, hot water heating systems where it is inconvenient, if not impracticable, to drain down the water in the system so as to permit introduction of atmospheric pressure air.

For every hot water heating system the designer should calculate the volume of water contained in the radiators, piping system, boiler, etc., in order to select the proper size of expansion tank. The water content of the piping can be obtained from Table 6. For a rough selection of size, however, it is sometimes assumed that 50 per cent of the volume of water is contained in the radiators, and that the water content per square foot of radiator heating surface is 0.2 gal for column radiators and 0.13 gal for tube type radiators.

Another rough method for determining the size of an expansion tank to be located above the highest radiator is to divide the square feet of radiation by the factor 40 to obtain the required capacity in gallons of the expansion tank.

TABLE 6. VOLUME OF WATER IN STANDARD PIPE

PIPE SIZE, IN.	LINEAL FT OF PIPE CONTAINING 1 GAL	PIPE SIZE, IN.	LINEAL FT OF PIPE CONTAINING 1 GAL
½	63.1	2	5.75
¾	36.1	2½	4.02
1	22.2	3	2.60
1¼	12.8	4	1.52
1½	9.47	5	0.96
		6	0.67

INSTALLATION DETAILS

Items that should be considered in the design of this type of system are:

All piping must be so pitched that all air in the system can be vented either through an open expansion tank, radiators or automatic relief valves. When piping must be run around an obstacle such as a beam, it is advisable to drop the piping below the beam. If looped over the beam, it becomes necessary to provide for venting of air from the high point of the pipe.

When changing the size of horizontal runs of pipe, eccentric fittings should be used to keep the tops of the pipes in line to permit free passage of air along the pipe.

All piping must be arranged so that the entire system can be drained. Sections of piping individually valved shall have corresponding drain valves.

In large buildings, the piping may be zoned according to exposure of building, usage of building, or method of control.

All piping must be installed so that it is free to expand and contract with changes of temperature without producing undue stresses in the pipes or connections. For this purpose it is generally sufficient to allow for a variation in length of 1 in. for 100 ft of pipe.

The pipe system should be designed so that each circuit has its correct friction for balanced water distribution. This may be done by change of pipe size or change in piping detail.

The connections from the boiler to the mains should be short and direct, to reduce the friction and should allow for expansion.

The mains and branches should pitch up and away from the heater, generally not less than 1 in. in 10 ft.

The connections from mains to branches and to risers should be such that circulation through the risers will start in the right direction. Hence, in a one-pipe system the flow connection must be nearer the heater than the return connection. In a correctly-designed two-pipe system, the pressure in the flow main is higher than that in the return

main, and a slight variation in the distances of the flow and return connections from the heater is not material; but it is generally best to have the two connections about equally distant from the heater.

Generally, connections to risers or radiators are taken out of the top of mains either 45 or 90 deg.

Supply connections are usually made at the bottom of radiators so that circulation will not be stopped by accumulation of air, as would be the case with a top supply connection. Short radiators are sometimes connected for top supply and bottom return on the same end. When so connected, attention must be given to venting of air from the top of the radiator somewhat oftener than when bottom connections are used.

Unless used as heating surface, all piping, both flow and return, should be insulated.

All large systems should be provided with extra stop and drain valves, suitably located so that parts of the system may be isolated for repairs without making it necessary to drain the water from the entire system.

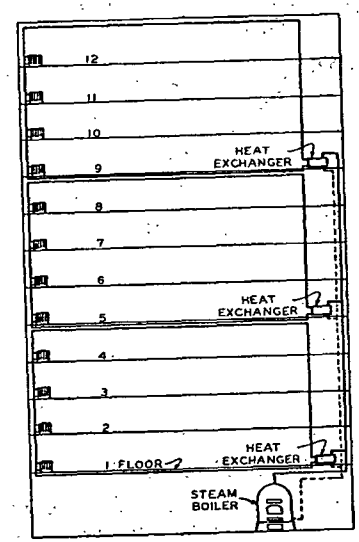

FIG. 17. ILLUSTRATION OF VERTICAL ZONING IN HOT WATER HEATING SYSTEM IN A 12-STORY BUILDING

ZONING

In large hot water systems improved control and economy can be achieved by separating the systems into sections or zones (vertical or horizontal) which can be operated independently of each other. Variations in heat requirement of the different zones as influenced by the exposure of the building, solar heat, weather conditions, heat from processes, type of occupancy, building chimney effect, etc. can readily be compensated for when heat can be supplied only where needed.

In tall buildings, vertical zoning such as shown in Fig. 17 not only provides the advantages of control and economy, but also reduces the water pressure in the system to that caused only by the number of floors served by each section. As shown in Fig. 17 a steam boiler can conveniently be used to supply steam to the heat exchangers supplying heated water to each zone.