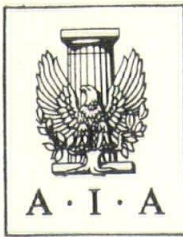


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Choose With Care

The office of the Mississippi Chapter, AIA receives frequent calls asking for a list of architects who specialize in the design of a particular type of building. It is impossible to furnish such a list without being presumptuous.

The successful design of a school, for instance, will almost always lead to other commissions to design schools. If it develops that the architect designs more schools than any other building type, he may very well come to be known as a "school" architect. Although there are a few who wish to be known as specialists, most architects prefer the challenge of a diverse practice that affords the opportunity to design as many different kinds of buildings as possible.

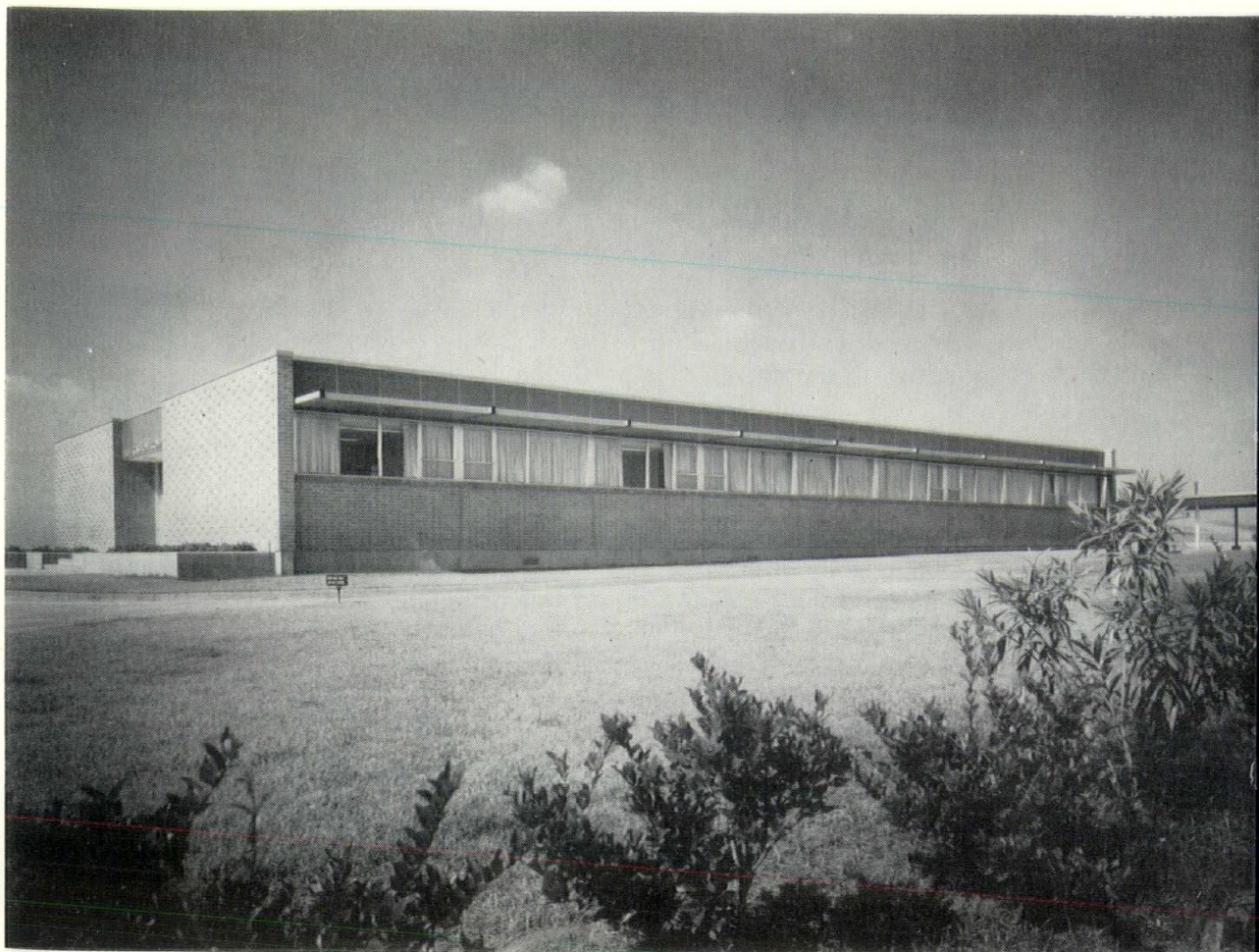
Creative ability needs to be constantly challenged. The same trained talent that produces a good school, will produce a good industrial building, church, bank, office building, shopping center, hospital, or residence. While this in no way negates the value of experience, it does indicate that there are other equally valid considerations in the selection of an architect.

We proffer the following check list without suggesting that it is at all comprehensive:

1. Character, Integrity, and Professional Standing
Check with the architect's former clients, with other architects, and with reputable contractors.
2. Design Ability
Look at completed projects.
3. Formal Training and Experience
Ask the architect for his brochure. It will give such information on him and his personnel.
4. Organization
Visit the architect's office and ask to be shown through. How he conducts his own business may offer some clue as to how he will conduct yours.

Select your architect with care and the process of building should be a rewarding experience.

—Bob Henry



Office Building

Designed originally as a headquarters office building for occupancy by a firm of independent oil operators and producers, the listing of rooms on the accompanying floor plan indicates the general program of requirements. After a few years occupancy, the building was acquired by Mississippi Industries, Inc., and is now called the Warren A. Hood building.

When the site was acquired, it had already been partially graded to several feet lower than its original natural grade elevation. In the final design it was necessary to cut still further, and some portions of the site ended up as much as twelve feet below original grade. This, coupled with the generally bad soil conditions of the area, dictated concrete pile foundations and a "structural" floor slab raised above the ground and not depending upon it for support.

Sun control was an important factor in the design concept. The shape of the lot dictated arrangement of most office windows facing due east and west; the plan development around a central landscaped court, with the conference room fac-

ing south, emphasized further the necessity for careful attention. Tables giving the sun's elevation and azimuth at critical days were studied and shadow shapes and areas laid out correspondingly on the floor plan for the equinox and solstice dates. The size of the sunshades was thus determined, and they became an outstanding feature of the design. East and west of the court walls of the interior passage ways are without door openings, serving both to shield the office from glare, and to provide a surface for hanging of pictures.

The conference room is both acoustically treated and sound isolated, for utmost privacy.

The planning of the receptionist and waiting area at the public entrance was likewise influenced by the need for secrecy in certain situations. The receptionist also operated the telephone switchboard, and the latter is placed in an acoustically-treated recess, partially screened a wall; the building has a piped-music system and its volume is turned up a bit higher in the waiting area.

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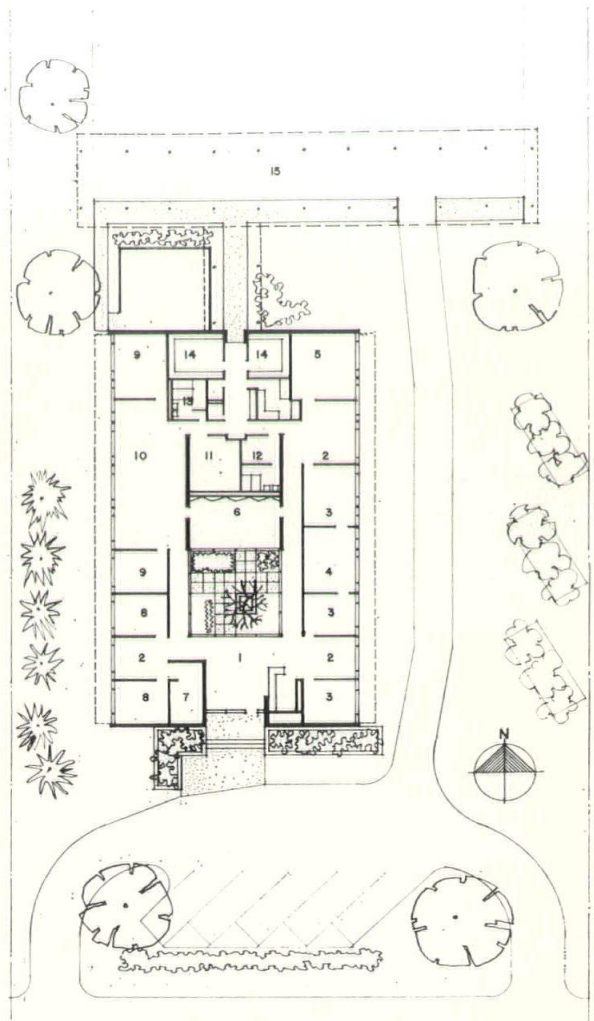
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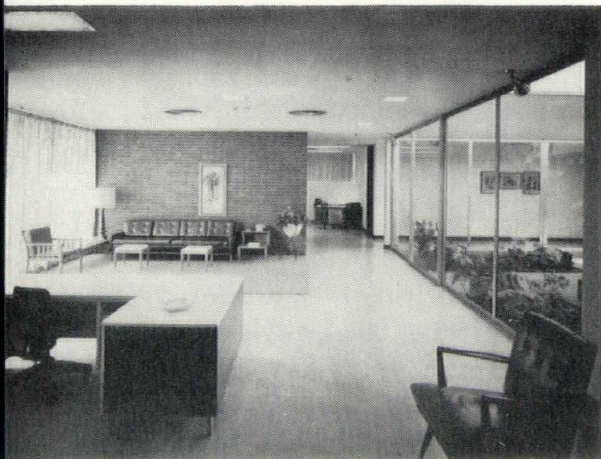
Construction cost \$127,000.00

Area, including carport (@ 1/2) 7,350 sq. ft.

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| 1 Waiting | 9 Accounting |
| 2 Secretary | 10 General Office |
| 3 Legal Office | 11 Mechanical |
| 4 Library | 12 Ladies |
| 5 Private Office | 13 Men |
| 6 Conference | 14 Storage |
| 7 Vault | 15 Parking Shelter |
| 8 Geology | |





Architecture's Scope, Purpose

I think of architecture as the total of man's man-made physical surroundings. The only thing I leave out is nature. You might say it is man-made nature. It is the total of everything we have around us, starting from the largest city plan, including the streets we drive on and its telephone poles and signs, down to the building and house we work and live in and does not end until we consider the chair we sit in and the ash tray we dump our pipe in. It is true that the architect practices on only a narrow segment of this wide keyboard, but that is just a matter of historical accident. The total scope is much wider than what he has staked his claim on. So, to the question, what is the scope of architecture? I would answer: It is man's total physical surroundings, outdoors and indoors.

Now, what is the purpose of architecture? Here again I would stake out the most ambitious claim. I think architecture is much more than its utilitarian meaning—to provide shelter for man's activities on earth. It is certainly that, but I believe it has a much more fundamental role to play for man, almost a religious one. Man is on earth for a very short time and he is not quite sure what his purpose is. Religion gives him his primary purpose. The permanence and beauty and meaningfulness of his surroundings give him confidence and a sense of continuity. So, to the question, what is the purpose of architecture, I would answer: To shelter and enhance man's life on earth and to fulfill his belief in the nobility of his existence.

—*Eero Saarinen*

From an address at Dickinson
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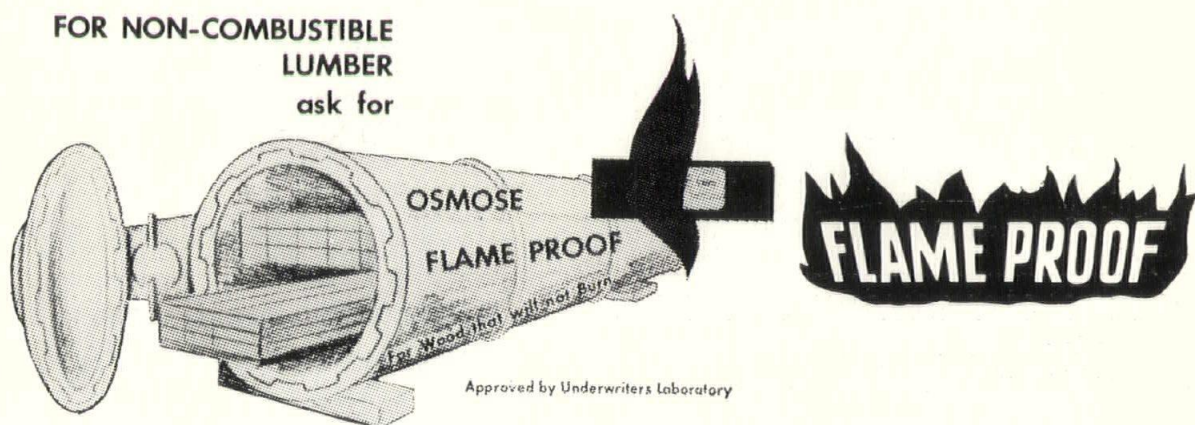
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A scale model of General Electric Company's New York World's Fair Pavilion is viewed by Walt Disney, Gerald L. Phillippe, G-E president, and Steven C. Van Voorhis, manager of the company's World's Fair operation.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY's New York World's Fair attraction, created by Walt Disney, will feature life-size talking figures that seem almost real, a dramatic demonstration of the thermonuclear process by which the sun and stars achieve their tremendous energy, and a six-stage auditorium where audiences move from stage to stage without leaving their seats.

The attraction will be known as "General Electric Progressland" and will be presented in a three-story dome-shaped pavilion which is the first of its kind in the world. The interior of the dome will provide what is believed to be the largest projection screen ever built.

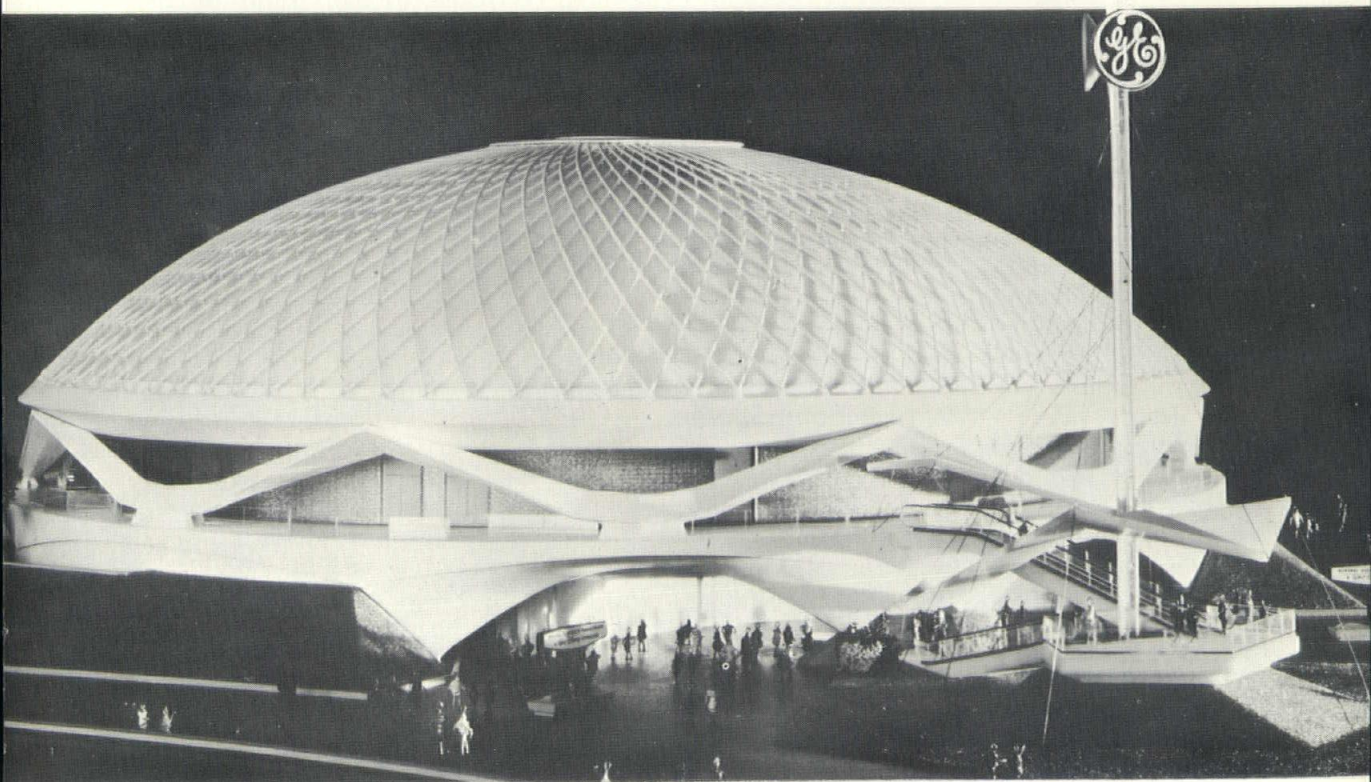
Theme of the Progressland attraction will be the ways in which electricity, put to use for human betterment, is changing our world and our lives.

Steven C. Van Voorhis, manager of the Company's World's Fair operation, estimates that 14 million Fair-goers will visit the General Electric pavilion between the April 22 opening next year and the final closing in the fall of 1965. The circular building is already nearing completion at the edge of the Fair's "Pool of Industry."

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"General Electric Progressland"

A unique 200 ft. in diameter dome formed by steel tubes will support the roof over General Electric's pavilion in the 1964-65 New York World's Fair. Designed by Welton Becket and Associates, architects and engineers, the roof spans a three-level show featuring six 234-seat theaters revolving around a fixed stage.





Critical Path Method (CPM) chart used with the General Electric 225 computer, is helping to speed completion of the G-E World's Fair Attraction. James G. Rebeta, operations manager of the G-E World's Fair Attraction, (left), and S. C. Van Voorhis, manager of the G-E World's Fair operation, check over progress on the project with a scale model of the company's World's Fair building to guide them.

"General Electric Progressland"

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Rising 80 feet high, the pavilion is topped by a 200-foot-diameter dome, containing on its inner surface the enormous full-circle projection screen. The screen will be used for projected effects simulating the awesome forces of nature.

Visitors will enter the white-and-blue structure on a moving ramp which will take them directly to the second floor's "Carousel of Progress."

Mr. Van Voorhis said the second floor will contain the first auditorium ever designed to accommodate several audiences at one time, each watching shows on different stages. The stages will be stationary, forming the core of the second floor. The audiences will be moved around them without ever leaving their seats—remaining before each stage three to four minutes.

Seating 1,500 persons, the entire six section auditorium will move as a single unit around the stationary stages. As the auditorium moves, the whole second floor area—viewed from outside—will appear to rotate.

The presentation will dramatize the contribution of electricity to the progress of better living in America, from the Gay Nineties up to the Fair years. This story will be told through electronically-controlled animated figures which are ex-

pected to prove one of the highlights not only of the General Electric attraction but of the entire Fair.

It is believed the mechanical-electrical figures, invented by Walt Disney, will represent the closest approach ever made by science to the creation of characters that look and talk like people. The "Audio-Animatronic" figures are being created especially for the Progressland attraction by Mr. Disney's WED Enterprises at Glendale, California.

A "time tube" equipped with a moving ramp will take visitors from the "Carousel of Progress" to the third floor, where they will pass through a "corridor of mirrors" illustrating advanced work in General Electric laboratories. They will then enter the huge observation area directly beneath the dome.

Completely free of obstructing pillars, the dome is expected to constitute the most unusual planetarium-like facility ever devised. A lightning storm and the flames on the surface of the sun are among the awesome forces to be represented in the sights and sounds projected across the vast interior of the dome.

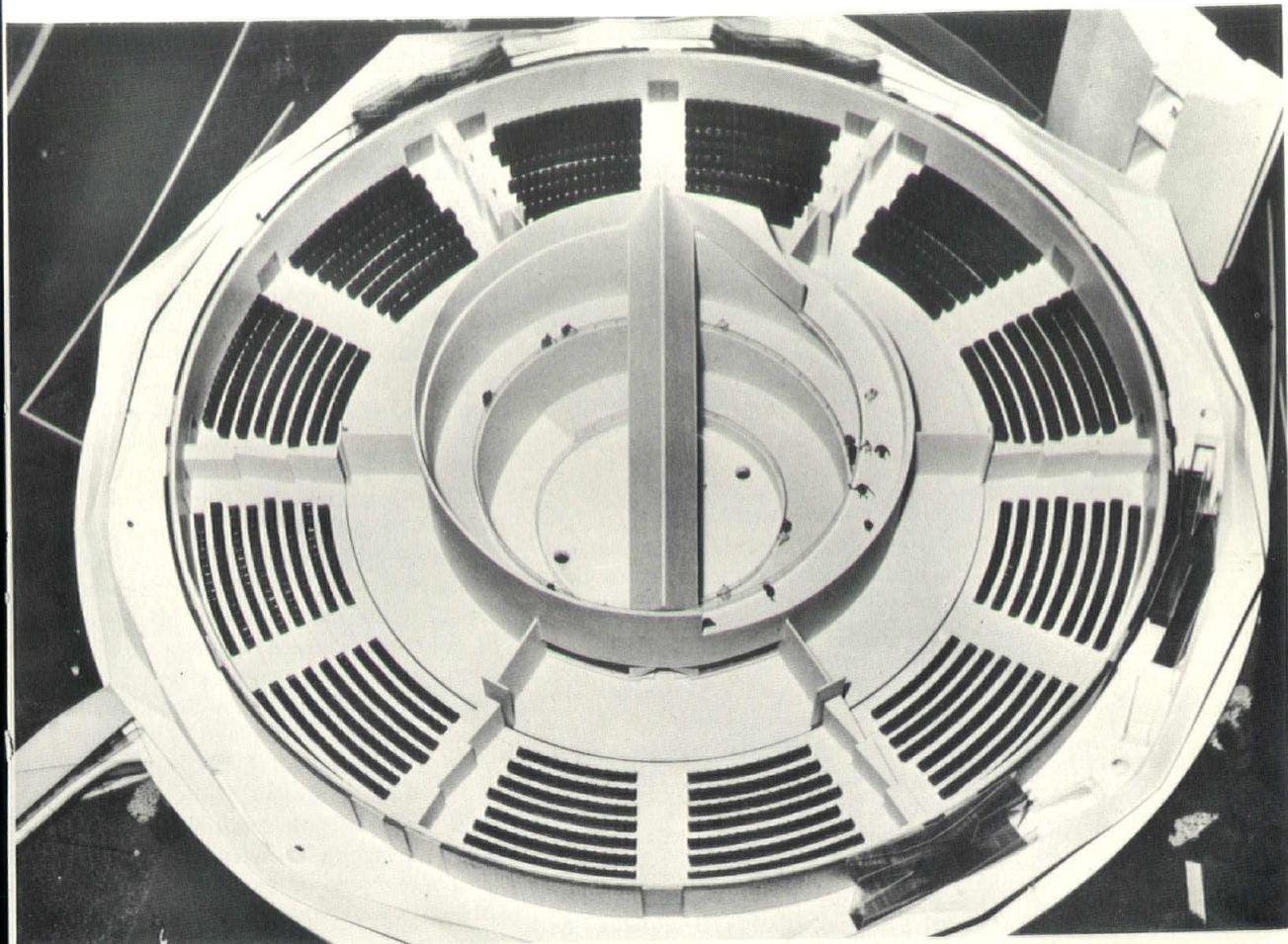
A demonstration of the basic process by which the sun and stars achieve their tremendous energy will climax the pavilion's show, which traces man's quest for new and more powerful sources of energy. Creating temperatures up to 30 million degrees C., this will be the first demonstration of nuclear fusion ever exhibited to the general public.

The spectacular visual and sound effects of the fusion demonstration will be witnessed in an 80-foot-deep centerwell, as the visitors descend from the third to the first floor by an open ramp which spirals down the center core of the pavilion.

The demonstration is being developed by the General Electric Research Laboratory and, with final safety approvals from various State agencies, will be operated under the direction of the Laboratory's scientists. It will point up the prospects of fusion as a distant future source of unlimited and controllable energy to turn deserts into gardens and to boost living standards all over the world.

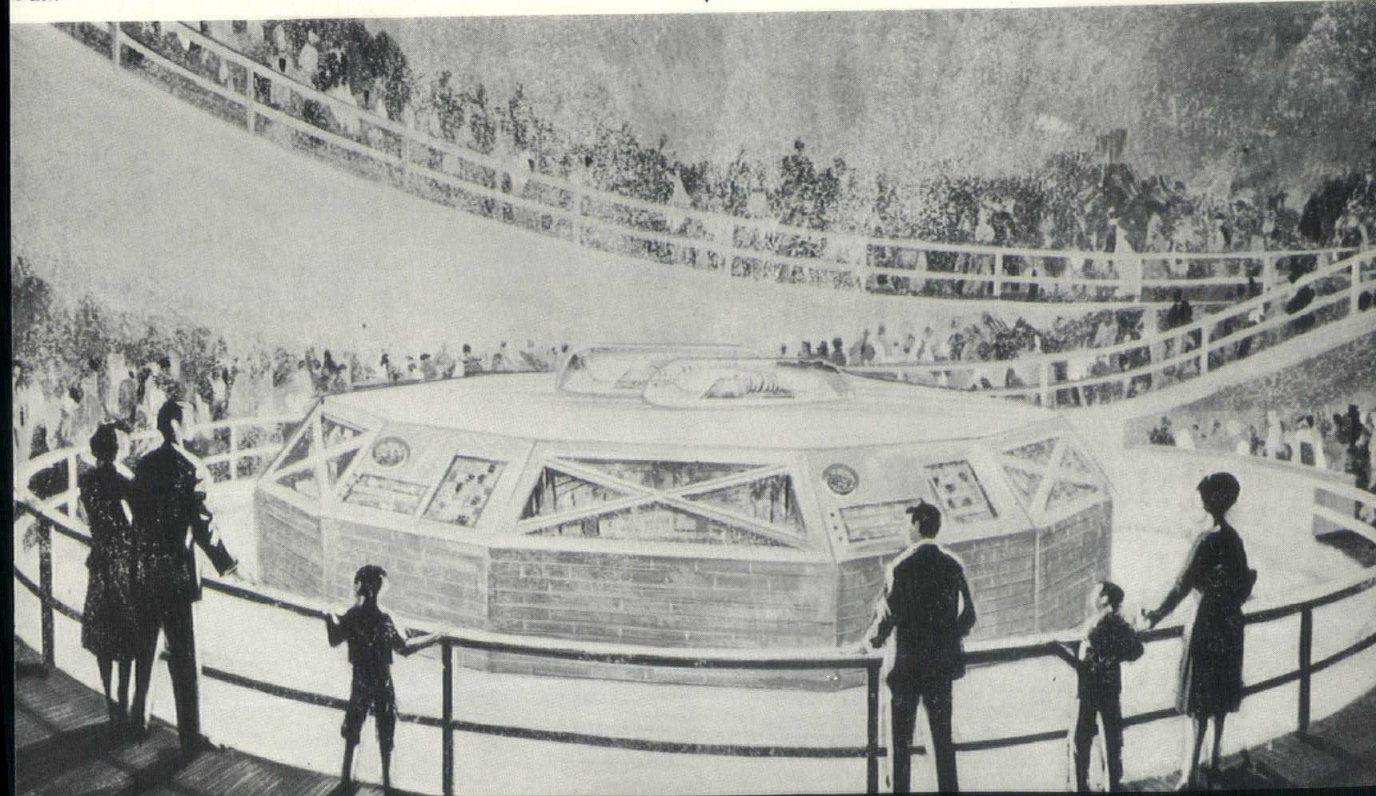
Visitors will complete their tour of the pavillion on the first floor with a walk up the main street of a model community to be known as "Medallion City." They will be free to step inside such Medallion City attractions as a model home, school, hospital, town hall, store, factory, newsreel theater, electric utility, and space observatory. All will be equipped with the latest products available from the Company's various manufacturing plants at the time of the Fair.

Mr. Van Voorhis said "Progressland" will include not only products and developments of today but, in addition, nearly all the major unclassified projects now underway by the Company's science and engineering laboratories—such as the development of new sources of electric power.



▲ Unusual auditorium in which audiences move from stage to stage without leaving their seats is illustrated in this second floor section of scale model representing the General Electric Pavilion designed for the New York World's Fair.

An actual demonstration of the thermonuclear fusion process by which the sun generates its energy, indicated in this artist's concept, will be one of the highlights at the "General Electric Progressland" attraction being planned for the New York World's Fair.



Schokbeton - -

A New Version Of Concrete

SCHOKBETON originated more than 30 years ago in Holland, where it has since become the foremost process for producing architectural concrete elements throughout Europe.

The resultant patented method for molding superior quality precast concrete elements that evolved is comparatively simple in explanation, though the execution is a carefully controlled production. The Schokbeton process involves placing a scientifically designed stiff mix of concrete (zero slump) into molds of intricate form. This is accomplished by a low frequency impact of "shock" that consolidates the material without segregation, resulting in qualities of great strength, exact tolerances, sharp arrises, high density, and low absorption.

The versatility of the Schokbeton process is demonstrated by the contrast of the free-form and rigidly rectangular as combined in the American Cyanamid Co. headquarters, Wayne Township, N. Y. Vincent G. Kling, architect.

The introduction of Schokbeton to the United States was made by George J. Santry, in 1959. Santry, now operating president of Schokbeton, was an international trade expert who had observed the use of Schokbeton in the rehabilitation of war-torn Dutch cities, and was greatly impressed.

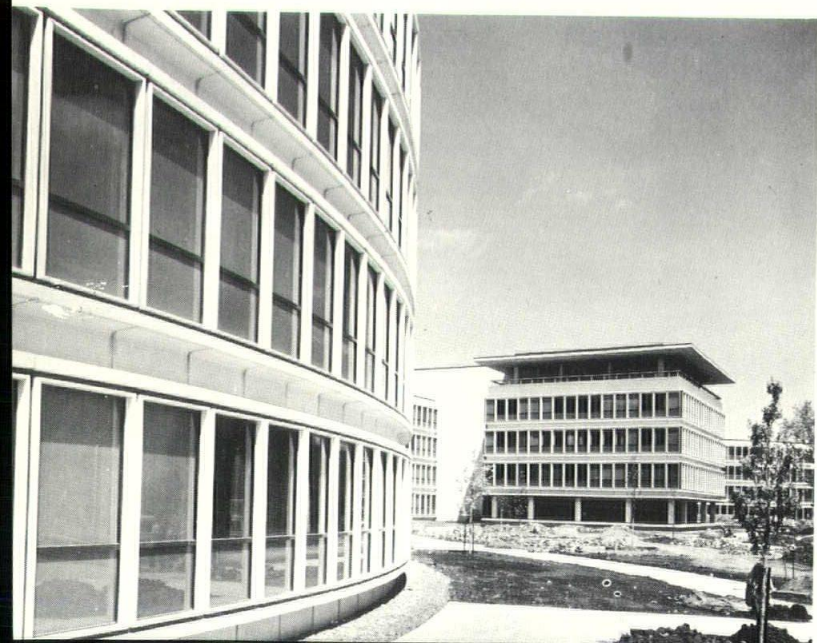
He joined the company and after several years there, was able to arouse the interest of several well known architects, including Yamasaki and Belluschi, as a result of a period of market testing of the product. Qualified franchisers were selected, first in New York and next in Chicago. Now it is available in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D. C., Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and throughout Eastern Canada and Puerto Rico. A plant is presently under construction in Florida, and additional plants will soon serve the South and West.

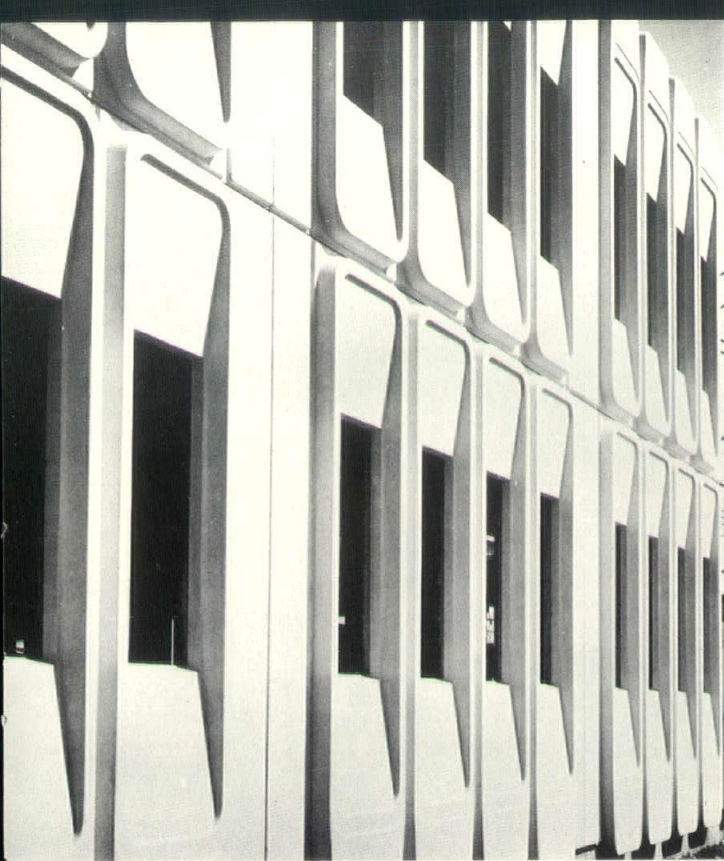
At first attracted by its unique quality of producing exceptionally dense water tight surfaces with infallible certainty, and its high strength, more and more architects are looking to Schokbeton for its attractive and almost unlimited design possibilities.

This versatile process permits the casting of sections up to 12 by 40 feet with obvious economies of production. The most delicate detail is possible—even allowing reinforced sections of Schokbeton shaved down to a thin two-inch thickness.

One of the most striking applications of Schokbeton can be found in the Banque Lambert in Brussels. Designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (New York office) the impressive structure features cross-shaped Schokbeton units joined by stainless steel connectors at the halfway point between floors and ceilings. Honed to a smooth finish, it fits comfortably into the background of neighboring structures in complete compatibility with their limestone facings so familiar on the European scene.

One of the first structures in the United States to employ panels of Schokbeton was a motel on Long Island. An illustration of the wide range of ideas possible with Schokbeton, it features an interesting design in panels of smooth and rough concrete made possible by using retarder on certain portion and later brushing away the cement paste to expose the aggregate.





The sculptural quality possible with the plasticity of Schokbeton precast concrete is evidenced by the Rutgers University Engineering Building, New Brunswick, N. J. Architect: Frank Grad & Sons.



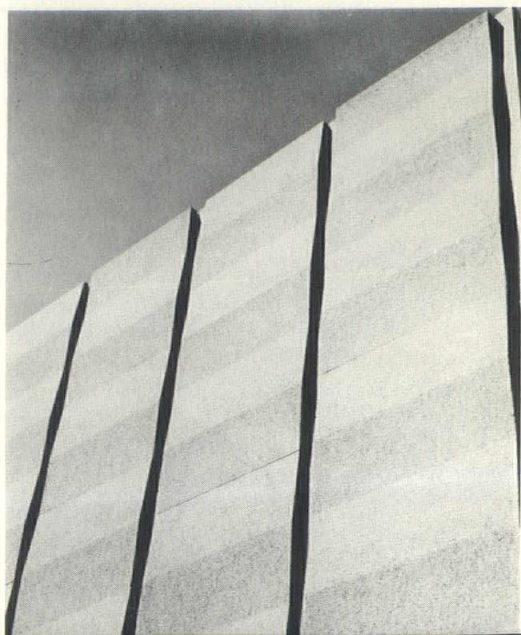
Decorative, intricate panels . . . such as this one are possible when designing building utilizing Schokbeton precast components.

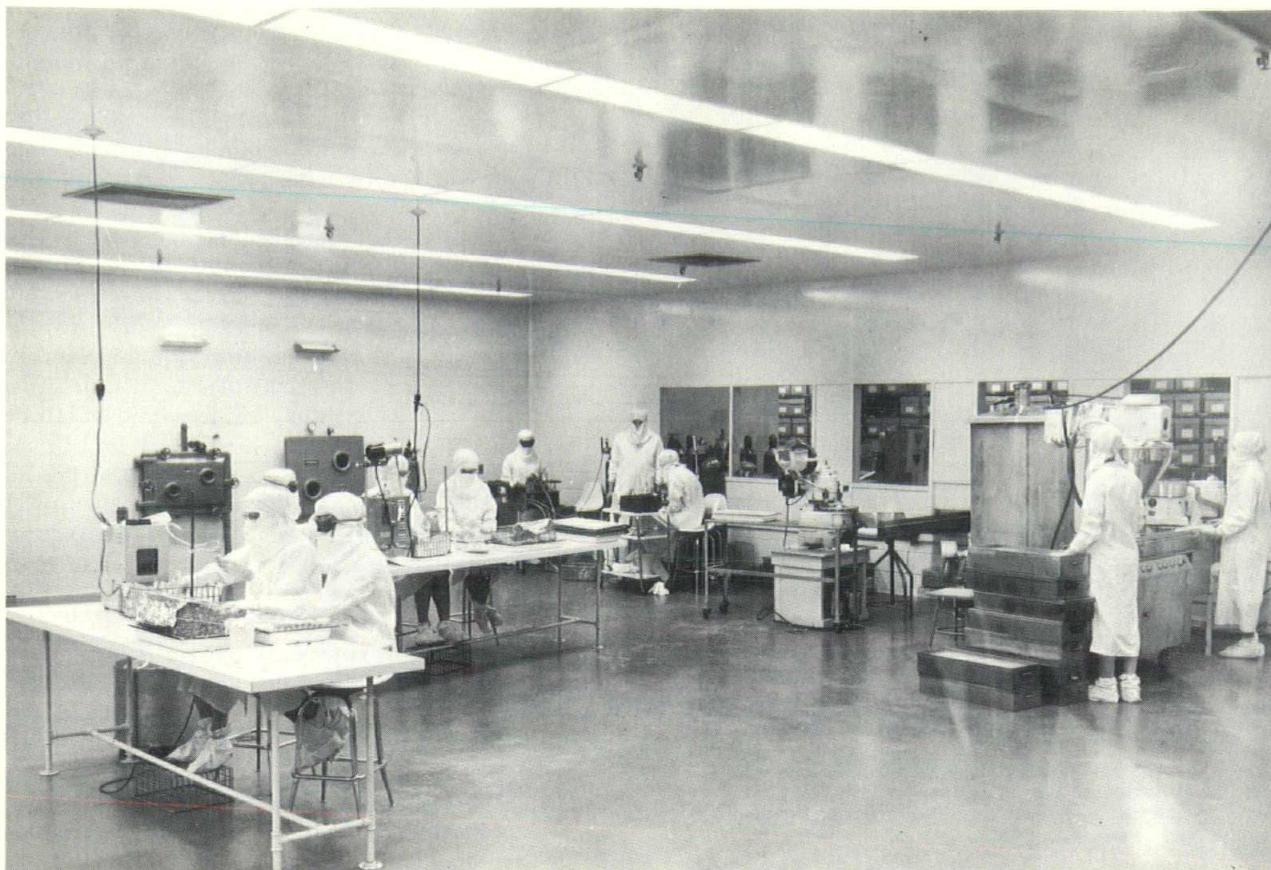
A dramatic demonstration of the resistance to weather is the use of Schokbeton at Thule Air Base in Greenland, where great variations of temperature, including extreme cold, are common.

The process has been widely used in Puerto Rico and in Europe, and there are hundreds of further examples of Schokbeton here in the United States. A successful combination of beauty and efficiency is reflected in Philadelphia's Police Administration Building, one of the first major buildings in this country designed to use Schokbeton. Its exterior, a lattice-work of structural windows, is a good example of the freedom and structural interdependence the precast units can offer.

Among other examples of projects, either completed or under construction: the IBM Building in Kalamazoo, Michigan—a high school in Pekin, Illinois—Container Corporation's new building in Clear Lake, Illinois—the Physics Laboratory at Rutgers University—the American Cyanamid Administration Building in Wayne Township, New Jersey—Sears, Roebuck & Company's retail store in Huntington, New York—Consolidated Edison Nuclear Generating Station, Indian Point, New York—the Science Building at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois—B. Altman's Department Store, White Plains, New York—Sperry Rand Building—Rockefeller Center, New York City.

The textural qualities possible with Schokbeton are exemplified in the B. Altman Department Store, White Plains, N. Y.; architect/engineer, Abbot Merkt & Co. Special aggregates can be used for decorative units; they can be revealed by etching with acid, sandblasting, or bush-hammering.





STERILE ROOM Is Feature Of Philadelphia Plant

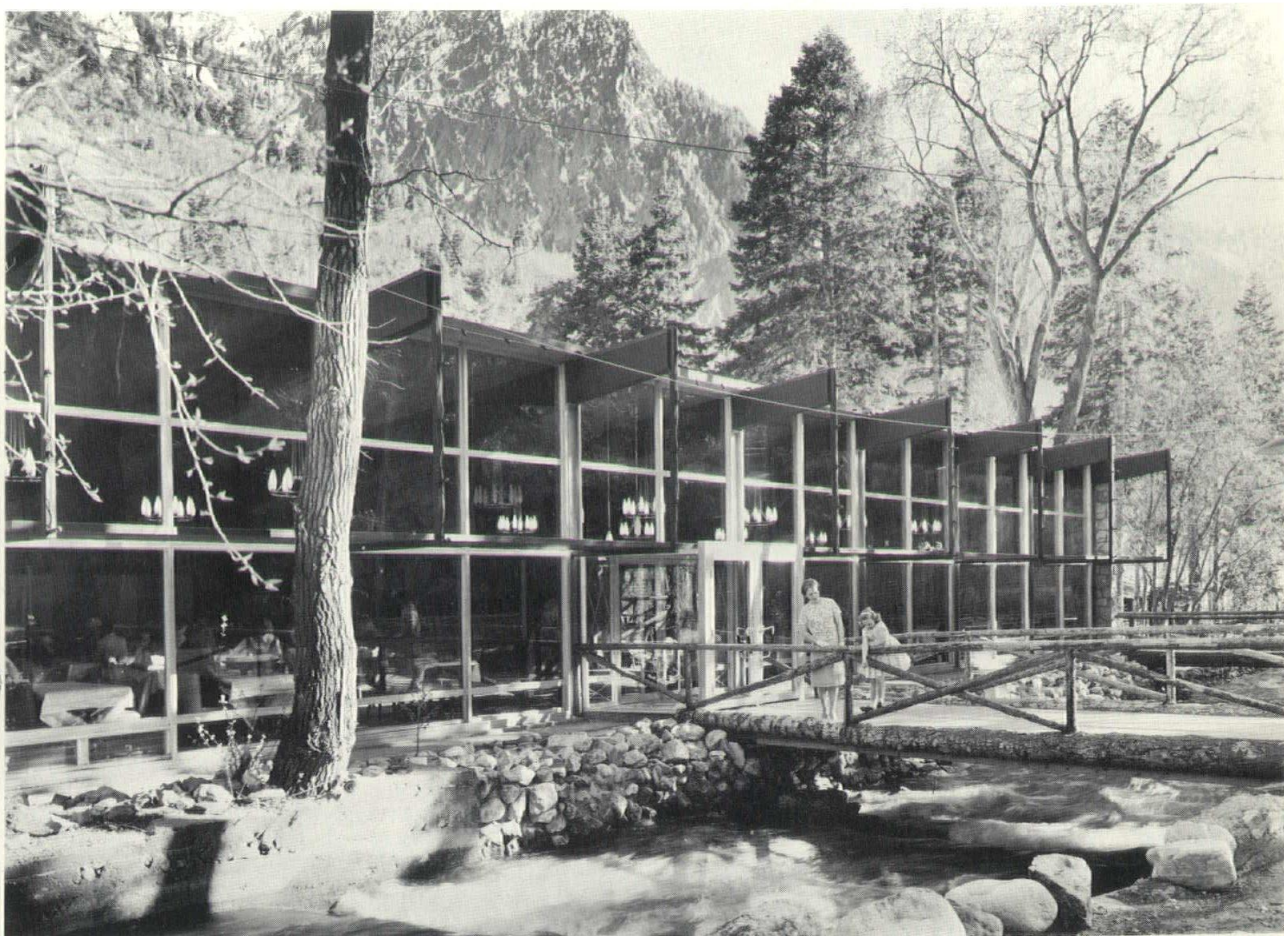
SURGICAL GOWNS, gloves, and masks are standard work clothes in the new sterile room at Philadelphia Laboratories, Inc., Roosevelt Blvd. and Blue Grass Rd., Phila., Penna.

The sterile room is one of the leading product quality control features in the new 50,000 sq-foot plant located on a six acre plot in Northeast Philadelphia. To prevent contamination, the sterile room is isolated from the remainder of the plant. Its air is purified by ultraviolet lamps and electrostatic type filters, and pressurized to prevent entry of air and dust from the exterior areas. Drug containers are brought into the room directly from autoclaves where they have been sterilized. The containers—ampules and vials—are filled with drugs and sealed in the room, then transported out for packing.

This sterile room is believed to be one of the first in the industry to have walls with an epoxy resin coating. This was spray-applied over concrete block and sheet rock. The coating is a polyamide-cured material having a tough, durable finish. Besides being easy to maintain, it is particularly suitable for sterile rooms since it leaves a smooth surface with no crevices for collection of dust and harmful bacteria. (The wall coating is Ply-Tile 520 by M. A. Bruder Co., Philadelphia.)

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Up Big Cottonwood Canyon in Utah, a crystal mountain creek pushes lazily down the canyon. That's the setting for Maxfield Lodge, popular dining spot of the Salt Lake City area. Big view windows glazed with Thermopane insulating glass line the entire elevation overlooking the creek, lending an assist to capturing the open world atmosphere created by the rugged mountain location. Inside, diners look out onto the stream and upward at the rocky slopes as they climb heavenward above the floor of the canyon. Maxfield Lodge is at Brighton, Utah, 18 miles southeast of Salt Lake City. Architects were Lamoine & Nicholatis, of Salt Lake City.



CIRCULAR BUILDING Designed For Union Federal

Circular in shape, the new Union Federal Savings & Loan in Rossmore Center, Los Alamitos, Calif., features walls of glass and a clerestory with tinted windows. Designed by Burke, Kober & Nicolais, Los Angeles architectural and engineering firm, the new building has 5,000 square feet of office space.

CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE, highlighted by its circular shape and glass walls, is featured in the new branch office building of Union Federal Savings and Loan Association in Rossmore Business Center, Los Alamitos, Calif.

Burke, Kober & Nicolais, Los Angeles architectural and engineering firm, has designed the 5,000 square foot steel and reinforced concrete structure, which is built on a pebbled concrete platform.

A walk-way with metal railing on the perimeter of the platform, completely encircles the exterior of the building, and is shaded by the pebbled flat roof overhang.

To illuminate the center core of the building which contains a work area, Burke, Kober & Nicolais designed a clerestory with tinted windows. Bright blue mosaic tile decorated the dome above the windows.

Teak paneled walls and teak counters are used throughout the interior with flooring in a light terrazzo. The glass walls on the front semi-circle of the building create a light and airy atmosphere in the interior.

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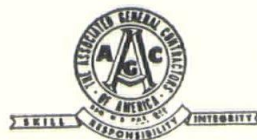
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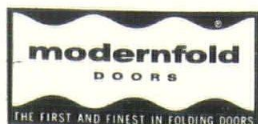
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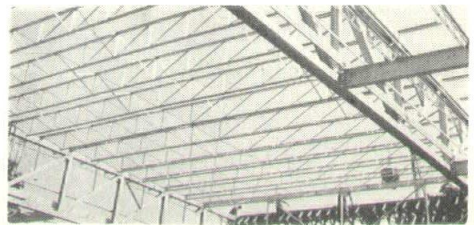
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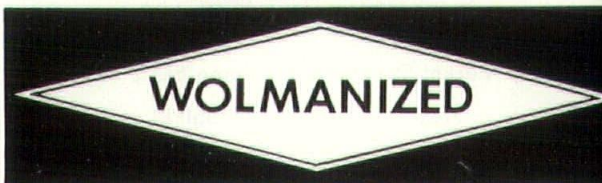
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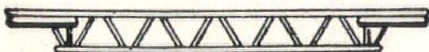
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