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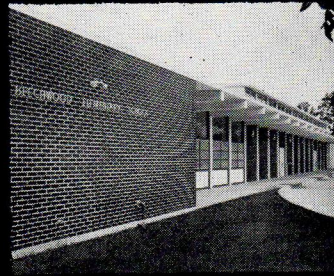
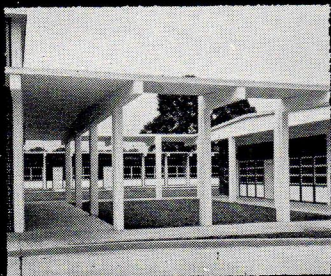
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Architecture was Centuries Old...

before this school was designed . . . an art which ages ago first utilized structural shapes and members still basic in construction. Arches. Columns. Beams. Used by **architektons** in shaping the glory of ancient Greece . . . used today by architects such as Brocato-Bentin of Baton Rouge, La., in shaping schools like Beechwood Elementary, recently completed in East Baton Rouge Parish at a cost far below the original budget. Ancient concepts with a new look. Graceful arches of prestressed concrete by Louisiana Concrete Products, Inc. Economical, fireproof, maintenance-free. Prestressed for greater strength, faster and better construction . . . to help make difficult elements become decorative features. A new avenue to creativeness by Louisiana Concrete.

Architects: Brocato-Bentin, Baton Rouge, La.
Structural Engineer: Edward E. Evans, Baton Rouge, La.
Contractor: Crump Construction Co., Baton Rouge, La.
Owner: East Baton Rouge Parish School Board



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From a fountain of concrete shells ...inspiring church design

From the lantern-like tower that floods the main altar with natural light, concrete parabolas spill out in widening rings. The second tier forms a clerestory. In the lower cluster, the arches shelter monastic side altars.

On the interior of this new chapel of the Benedictine Priory, near St. Louis, Missouri, twenty parabolas echo the architectural theme. They rise from the floor to converge at the base of the tower.

Only shell concrete, with its fluid look, could bring such easy grace and modern simplicity to this circular plan which is basically one of the most ancient used for churches.

The best ideas are more exciting in concrete

Architects: Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, St. Louis.
Structural Engineer: John P. Nix, St. Louis. Structural
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The Legislative Investigating Committee: A CLARIFICATION

During the waning days of the special session of the Legislature, it became disturbingly evident that a few of the Louisiana Architects Association's many friends in both Houses thought LAA might be less than enthused about a legislative investigating committee to probe alleged bidding irregularities.

Let this serve as notice that LAA has, from the very beginning of this controversy, actively supported definite action in this matter. An Association representative appeared and testified at the meeting of the State Board of Education when award of the contract in question was first protested. A committee of four LAA members, plus the Association's legal counsel, later testified in the role of expert witnesses before the special Education Board investigating committee.

Let it be known that LAA wants to insure that this State will receive a dollar's worth of construction for every tax dollar spent.

Let it be known further that the LAA stands ready to assist the investigating committee approved by legislative resolution in any way possible.
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