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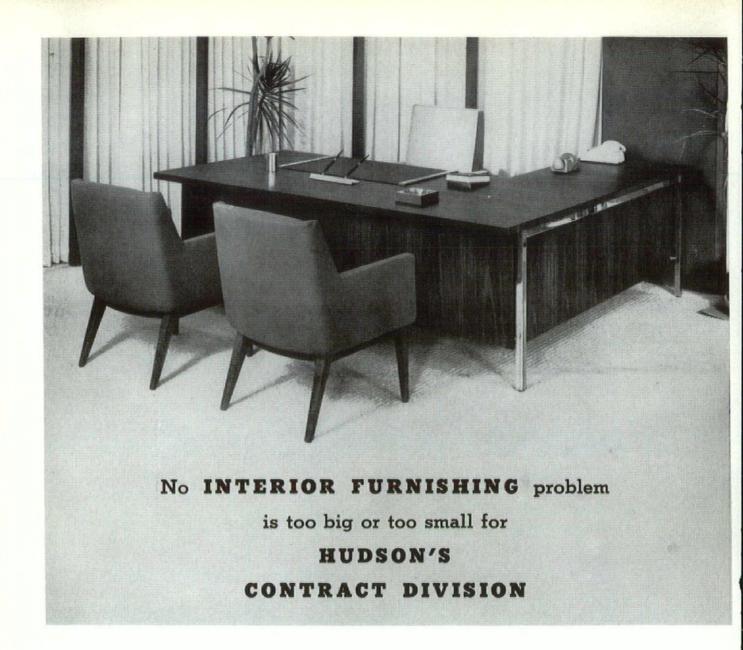




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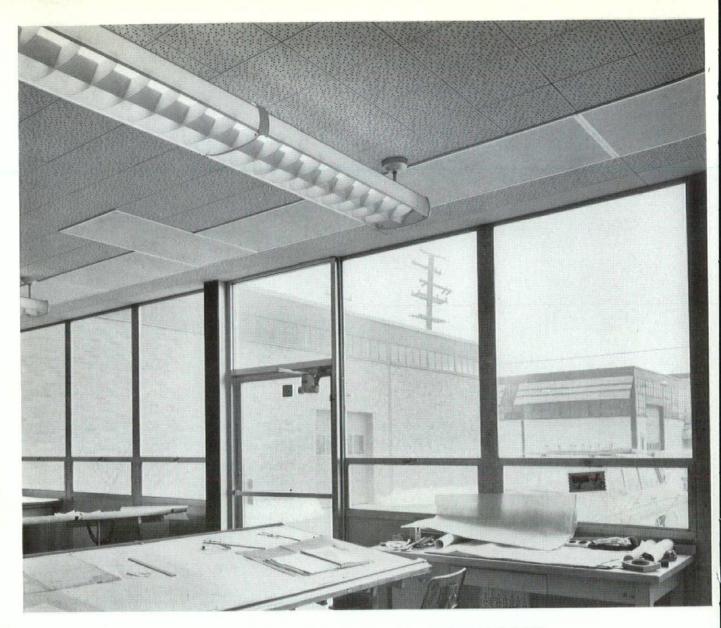
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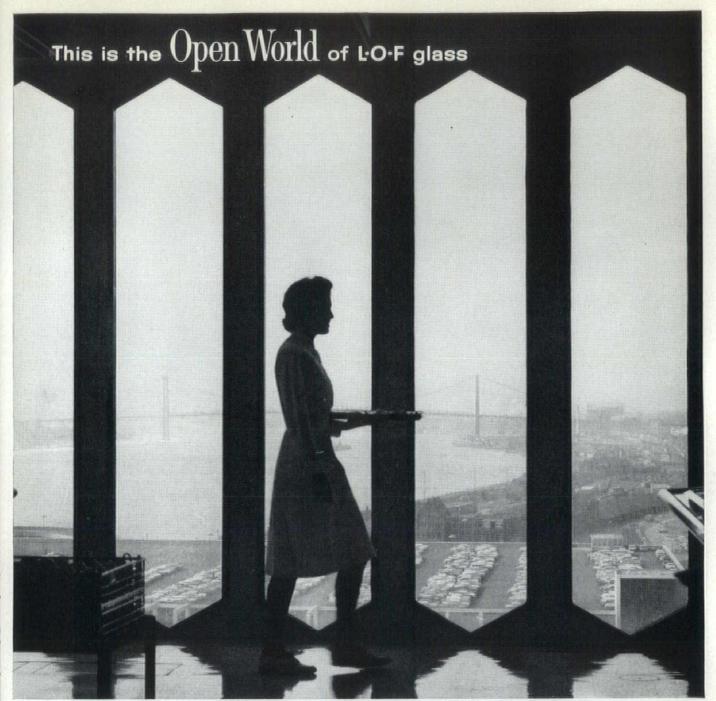
ROBIN PRODUCTS COMPANY SOLVES COLD OFFICE PROBLEM WITH RADIANT HEAT CEILING PANELS

Robin Products Company, of Warren, Michigan, had a heating problem in their new glass-walled engineering room. Employees working near the windows were subjected to constant cold drafts. How to add heat to the trouble area without overheating the rest of the office? They found the simple no-muss, no-fuss answer in radiant electric heat ceiling panels, installed above the windows.

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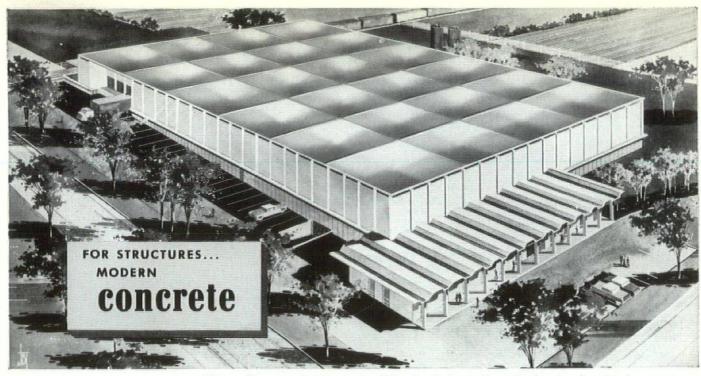


Architects: Minoru Yamasaki & Associates. Glazing Contractor: Cadillac Glass Co., Detroit

These windows put a hex on sun heat and glare

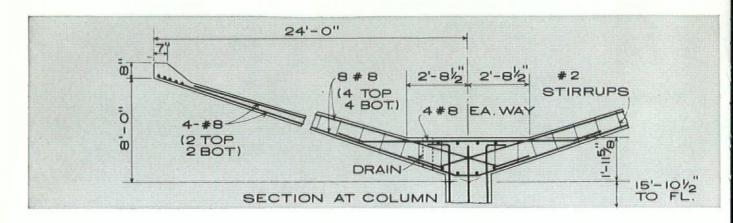
4,800 hexagonal windows in the new Michigan Consolidated Gas Building are glazed with \(^{1}\sum_{\text{"}}\) Parallel-O-Grey\(^{\text{"}}\) plate glass. This remarkable neutral grey glass excludes approximately 40\(^{\text{"}}\) of the solar energy (heat). And it screens out approximately 56\(^{\text{"}}\) of average daylight to reduce glare and brightness.

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24 inverted concrete "umbrellas," each supported by a single column, form the roof of the new Skinner Macaroni Manufacturing plant in Omaha, Nebraska. At an estimated cost of \$1.00 per square foot, it was the economical answer to the special problems involved in designing a plant for making macaroni.

With flour dust everywhere, no dust collecting surfaces could be allowed. Only concrete could give the smooth, dense surface neededand stand up to the high humidity that ruled out the use of plaster.

And the widely spaced columns of the hyperbolic shells permit efficient placing of machinery and processing lines. Although the nominal height is 16 feet, the curves of the shells give room for special processing equipment that requires greater clearance. All piping and wiring run in the high portions of the roof where they won't encroach on design clearance.

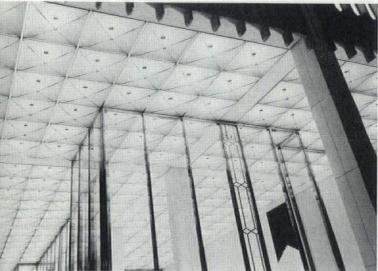
More and more, architects and engineers are finding that concrete is the one completely versatile building material for structures of every type and size.

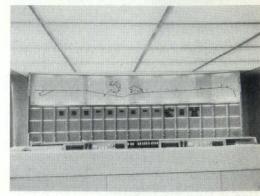
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GASLIGHT?

Yes, the illusion of Gaslight has been accomplished in Detroit's newest structure. Hall Engineering Company, in cooperation with the creative talents of Minoru Yamasaki, D. Lee Dusell and James McDonald (Smith, Hinchman and Grylls), has appropriately installed the realistic illusion of gas jets in the main lobby ceiling of

THE MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY BUILDING

with imaginative use of spotlights and blue "plastic jewels." This is the first of many impressions of "creative illumination" you receive as you move from floor to floor.

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Such states as California and New York may outnumber Michigan's members in the profession, but we can rightly claim a top position in the impact generated by the designs of close to 1000 members of the Michigan Society of Architects.

A few years ago, a feature writer of one of Detroit's newspapers referred to Detroit as the "Mecca of Design." Today, it is more appropriate to apply this expression to the entire

New buildings for all areas of endeavor are rising in Michigan, sparked by the growing advance in science and technology. Since 1950, for example, the University of Michigan has expended \$10 million in developing the North Campus. Lynn W. Fry, A.I.A., the university architect, has in the planning stage for development during the next 10 years additional research facilities totaling \$25 million, including medical

Michigan State University has now under construction science and research facilities totaling approximately \$20 million. Donald O. Ross, A.I.A., MSU's architect, announced that in conceptual phases are technological projects with a cumulative cost of more than \$35 million. Wayne State University will continue development of its research complex and proposes to expend \$15 million during the next five to seven years. This volume does not include their growing Medical Center. And the Michigan universities of Western, Central, Eastern, Northern, Ferris Institute and the Michigan College of Mining and Technology are also on the move. As announced by



Adrian N. Langius, F.A.I.A., director of the Building Division of the Department of Administration for the State, their aggregate cost of construction for new facilities in the '60's will approximate \$15 million.

Industry and development groups are also surging ahead. Recently announced were the plans of two private groups which are putting into actuality research parks adjacent to the North Campus at Ann Arbor and to the MSU research center. At Ann Arbor, Federal-Mogul-Bower Bearings, Inc. earlier this year dedicated a most specialized laboratory.

In 1961, Eaton Manufacturing Company constructed a new research center in Southfield, Michigan, which serves their central engineering group and other divisions and affiliates throughout the United States and foreign countries. Kellogg, within recent weeks, occupied a new technical center at Battle Creek. Also significant to the theme of Michigan Week "Science and Research for Our Future" is the Gerber Products new research center now under construction at Fremont. What makes this project so meaningful to the State's future research growth is that the personnel who will guide Gerber's continued leadership in their market will be reassigned from California. We hope such corporate decisions set a trend.

Of further importance to the Week's theme for Michigan's future are the brilliant new institutions to be found in many areas of the State: Dearborn Center-University of Michigan; Delta College in the Bay area; Grand Valley College at Grand Rapids; and Oakland University. Curricula at these institutions cannot be divorced from the basic principles of research.

Then too are the, oftentimes, unannounced research activities conducted by companies in existing research centers. The General Motors Technical Center and Ford's Engineering complex are regarded as prototypes of such facilities. Many visitors to the State have them on the agenda as "must see" points of interest.



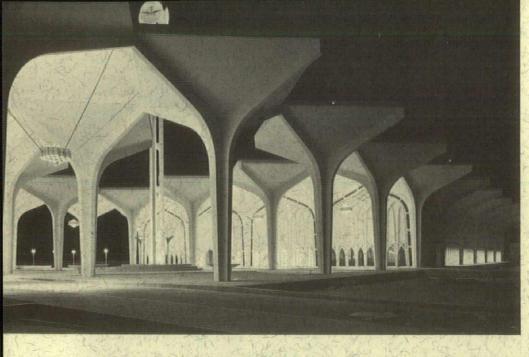
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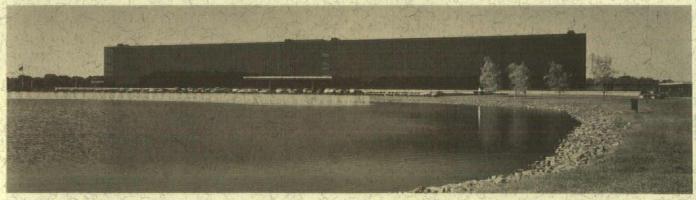
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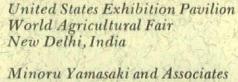
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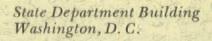
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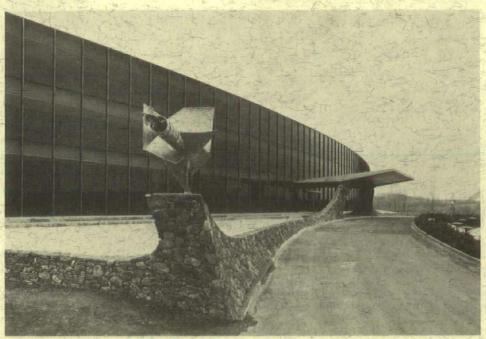
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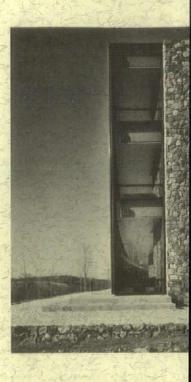
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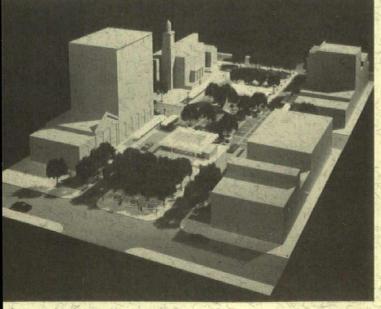
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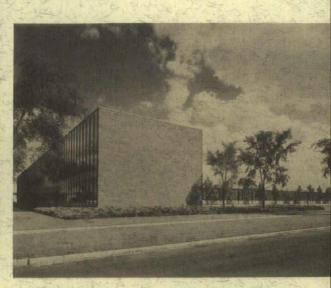
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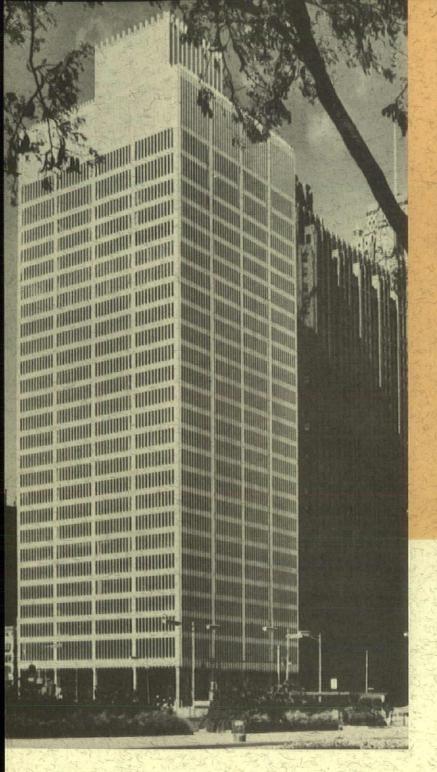
"Michigan Week represents the type of broad community activity in which architects should participate more actively," emphasizes Mr. Daverman. "Architects' public and community relations activity should extend beyond the confines of the AIA. If the current fervor, within the AIA, for the Expanded Services Concept of Architectural Practice is ever to be more fully implemented, it is going to have to be sold, discussed and debated, not merely with other architects, but with prospective clients . . . people from all walks of life . . . the general public . . . the type of person one meets when engaged in such a community relations program as Michigan Week. These are the people who must be influenced to acquire a greater appreciation for architecture and the services of the architectural profession."

Since his appointment a year ago, Mr. Daverman, partner in the J & G Daverman Company, Grand Rapids, has attended 128 Michigan Week meetings and presented 67 speeches, radio and television interviews. His secretary, Angeline Smits, testifies that he has handled more than 1300 pieces of correspondence. It's not unusual for Mr. Daverman to follow a week's schedule calling for Michigan Week meetings in Houghton, Marquette, Sault Ste. Marie, Ann Arbor and Lansing . . . in addition to meeting with some of his firm's clients in Miami and San Antonio. Sound enough reason for the Daverman firm to operate its own airplanes!

Before receiving his present Michigan Week appointment, Daverman was state fund-raising chairman, regional chairman for 11 counties, and in 1962 he served as chairman of the Michigan Week Program Development Board. He is also a vice president of the Greater Michigan Foundation, the organization which sponsors Michigan Week. Other activities of this busy and community-minded architect include the United Community Services, Grand Rapids and Kent County, which he serves as president. He is a director of Old Kent Bank and Trust Company, Grand Rapids; Greater Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce; and of Kendall School of Design, Grand Rapids. He is a member of the Grand Valley Chapter of AIA.



one woodward avenue Michigan Consolidated Gas Company



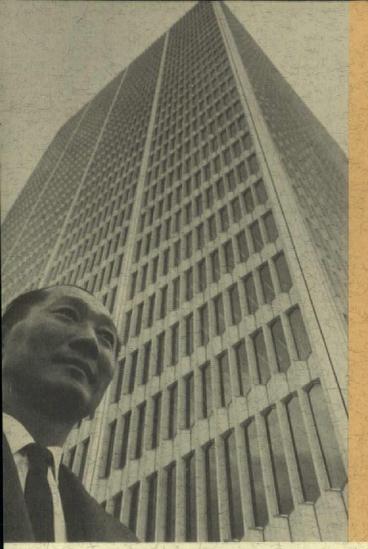
New Detroit offices of Michigan Consolidated Gas Company

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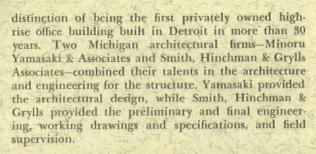
Bryant and Detwiler Company-general contractor Glanz and Killian Company-mechanical contractor Hall Engineering Company-electrical contractor American Bridge Division,

United States Steel Corporation-structral steel

Bearing the distinguished address "One Woodward Avenue," the new Detroit home of the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company has taken a prominent place in the city's growing Civic Center. It has the



"Aspiring verticality" of the Gas Company building provides appropriate background for a camera study of Yamasaki.



Consultants were: W. B. Ford Design Associates, Detroit, interior and space planning; Bolt, Beranek & Newman, Cambridge, Massachusetts, acoustical engineering; and Professor William Housel of the University of Michigan, soils engineering.

Thousands of words have been and are being printed about the Gas Company's \$20-million addition to the Detroit skyline. Coverage in detail is being afforded the site, facing the Detroit River at the juncture of Woodward and Jefferson Avenues; the general design features embodying what Yamasaki terms "aspiring verticality" which minimizes the appearance of floor construction on the building exterior; and the unusual engineering, electrical and mechanical features.



Robert F. Hastings is president of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, the firm responsible for the architectural engineering for the Gas Company building.



A fat volume of specifications is examined by Frederick J. B. Sevald, vice president and project administrator, and Richard H. May, project director, Smith, Hinchman & Grylls.

Thanks to the incomparable help of William M. Hutchins, director of press relations, and William Sweet, chief photographer, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, Monthly Bulletin presents is coverage of photographic highlights. The following brief statistical resume offers an interesting footnote to this coverage.

Approximate number of man hours in total construction of building-1,272,000 hours.

Structral steel tonnage is 6,900 tons with over 100 miles of welding provided for connections, etc.

Approximate cost of a complete "typical" floor is \$475,000.

Square foot cost of exterior skin is \$12.50 per square foot. Cost per running foot of interior office plaster partitions, finished, is \$17.70 per linear foot.

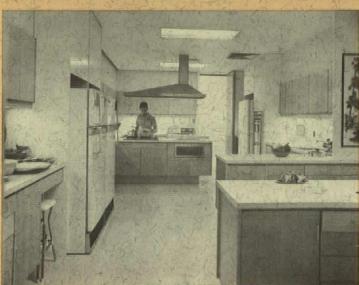
Precast wall panels total 4,503 pieces with the typical panel weighing 2,132 pounds. Total length of cable used for pre-stressing panels is 190,000 feet or about 36 miles.

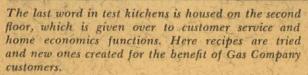
Red is a dominant color in the public lounge area. A bluish tone is used in the furniture while the carpet boasts a handsome shade of "fireman" red.

The reception area of the second floor commands a striking view of the Detroit River and the skyline of the city of Windsor. Model kitchens and gas appliances are on display in an adjacent area.





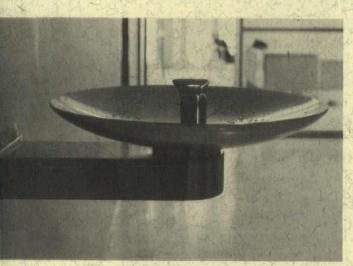




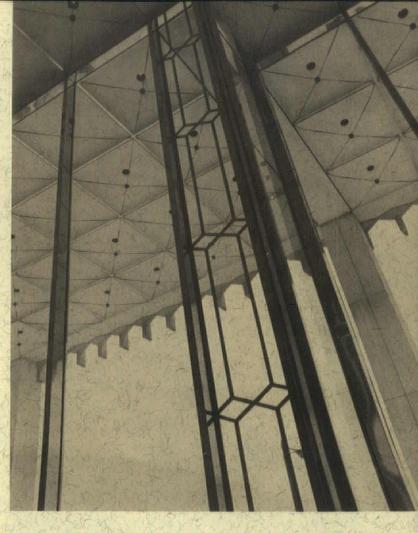


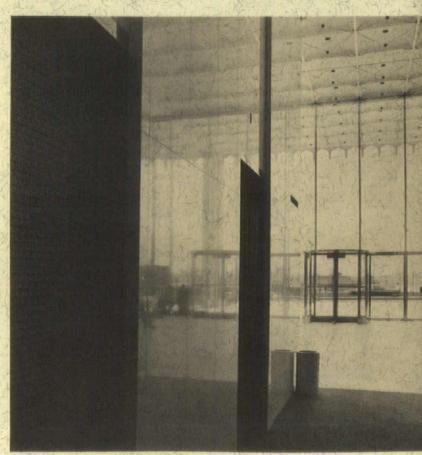
Set up for dining, the second floor meeting room can quickly be converted for auditorium functions featuring the demonstration kitchen on stage. A projection room assures even wider use for showing of films and slides.

Working in conjunction with the Smith, Hinchman & Grylls electrical department, Mr. Du Sell also designed the unusual "jewel lighting" units in the ceiling of the lobby and the surrounding areade, A sparkling effect is achieved by suspended gas-blue multi-faced elements in the center of four-foot square domes upon which spotlights shine.

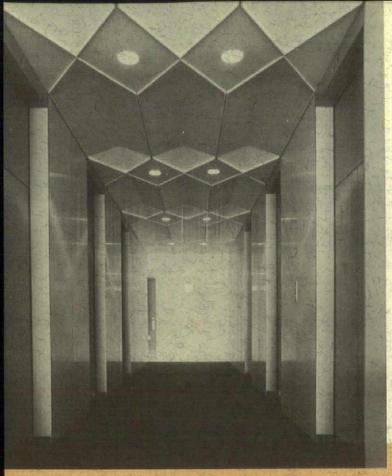


Sleek design for a drinking fountain is the work of Architect James S. Sudler of Denver. Similar fountains also appear in Yamasaki's Reynolds Building, located just outside of Detroit.





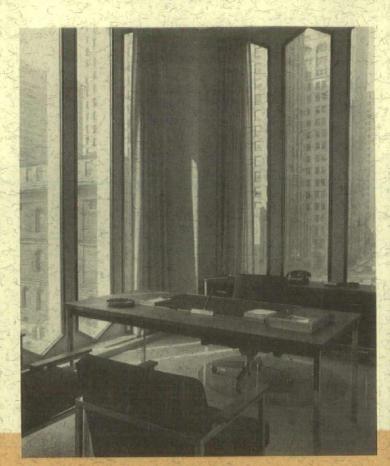
D. Lee Du Sell, architectural sculptor from Liverpool, New York, designed the elevator doors located on the lobby floor.



"The fastest elevators in town" operate behind these closed doors. They clock 600 feet per minute for the first 14 floors . . . then pick up an additional 400 feet per minute to the top floor

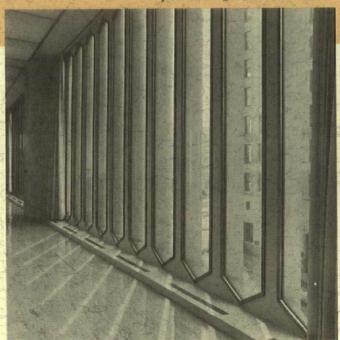
Plastic coated walls eliminate future painting, are easily cleaned. Floor tile is never slippery even when waxed. Draperies of special fabric should look "like new" when ten years old.





A view for each office is a bonus enjoyed by most company employees. A specially designed chair offers interchangeable and removable upholstered parts. The chair is a reinforced plastic shell with a variety of bases for specific

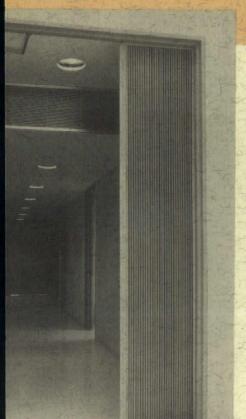
Stainless steel window frames were designed so that glass could be installed from the inside. Thanks to "tension mullions," the windows will withstand winds up to 100 miles an hour with rain equal to 30 gallons a minute.

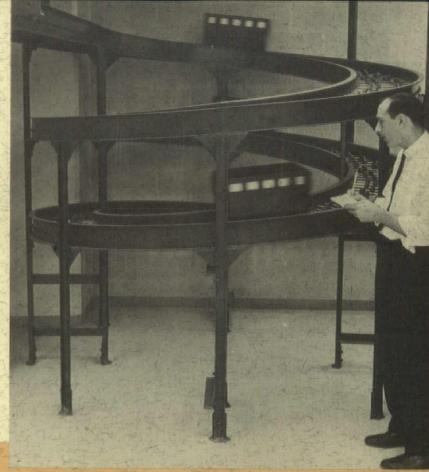




In its new quarters, the Gas Company utilizes 20 per cent less space than it formerly occupied in seven buildings scattered through the downtown area.
Layout of office and work areas was handled by W. B. Ford Associates.

Mechanical systems are housed in the suspended ceiling of this service corridor.

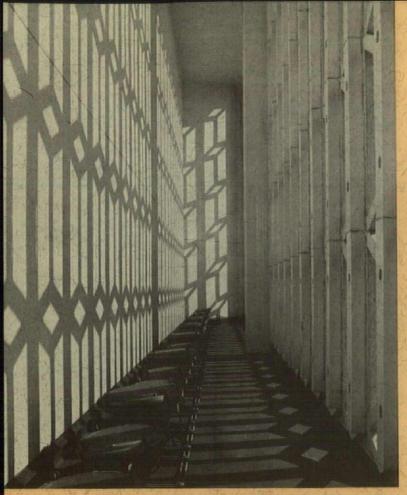




Small packages and mail are distributed between all floors by a continuous, automatic loading and unloading vertical conveyor. Each 16" x 12" conveyor tray has a capacity of 30 pounds.

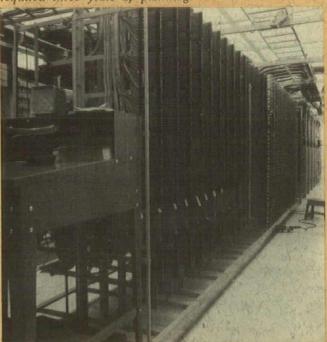
Geiling illumination in the communications center presents a busy pattern. Condensation and integration of structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical elements resulted in a ceiling to floor construction depth of 3' 1", providing luminuous ceilings and air distribution normally requiring upwards of 4' 10".



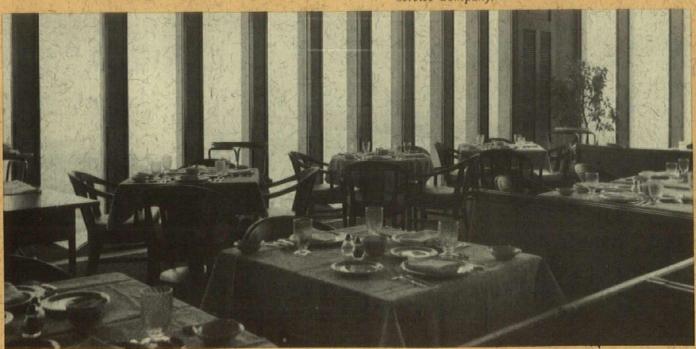


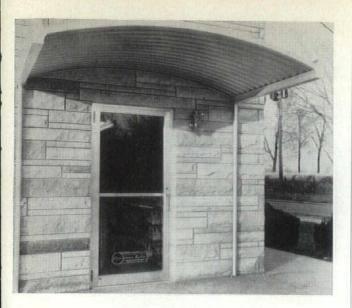
Windowless walls of the 27th and 28th floors, which house mechanical rooms and building services are set back behind grille work and, along with the penthouse, are illuminated with mixed primary colored lights, affording a variety of effects.

Nerve center of the telephone system, large enough to service a good-sized town, is this communications center. Nearly 2,000 miles of telephone wire, all concealed in the floors, were installed by Michigan Bell Telephone Company. The installation, providing a 16-position switchboard and 1,500 telephones, required three years of planning.



"Top of the Flame" is Stouffer's newest restaurant. A spectacular view adds luster to a menu with Oriental overtones. Also housed in the building, in addition to four floors of individual tenants, are the Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line Company, the American Louisane Pipe Line Company, and the American Gas Service Company.





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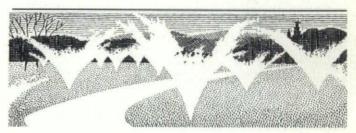
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CSI CONVENTION SET FOR MAY 20-22 IN DETROIT

Members of the Construction Specifications Institute will convene May 20, 21 and 22 in Detroit for their seventh annual convention. Hosting the event is the Detroit CSI Chapter. Convention headquarters will be located in the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel where all social activities will originate. All business and technical sessions, as well as the exhibits, will take place at Cobo Hall. Keynote speaker, Terrell R. Harper of Harper & Kemp, Dallas, Texas, will be heard at the 11 am session on Monday, May 20. Additional information and program details are available from: The Construction Specifications Institute, 307 Du Pont Circle Building, Washington 6, D.C.

MID-MICHIGAN CHAPTER REFRESHER COURSE

Directed by the chapter's education committee chairman, Angelo P. Lucia, Mid-Michigan Chapter is again holding a Refresher Course this spring at

East Lansing. The course is programmed to reinforce and refresh previous training and experience of architectural registration candidates who wish to write the Michigan registration examinations. Faculty includes registered architects and engineers with teaching ability and experience drawn from Michigan State University, University of Michigan and professional

AWARD PRESENTATIONS BY SAGINAW VALLEY CHAPTER

Four award presentations have been announced by the Saginaw Valley Chapter of AIA. In the area of craftsmanship and allied arts, Edward Freidinger of Bay City has been honored for his continued standards of excellence in the field of residential construction. In architectural design, Alden B. Dow, Inc., Architect, received the honor award for Northwood Institute in Midland. In the same field, Wigen and Tincknell and Associates, Architects, of Saginaw received a merit award for Bridgeport High School. A merit award was presented to Oeming and Waters, Architects, of Saginaw, for the Clare residence of Dr. Donald Dunlop.

STUDENT MEETING AND BID REGISTRY WORKSHOP

Minoru Yamasaki, FAIA, will address the annual joint meeting of the Detroit Chapter, AIA, and the University of Detroit, University of Michigan and Lawrence Institute of Technology Student Chapters, on Wednesday, May 15th, following a workshop session on the use of the Bid Registry. Both the workshop and meeting will be held on the campus of the University of De-

The workshop is scheduled for 4:00 P.M. in the Fireside Room, Student Union Building, and will be conducted by Paul B. Brown, Past President of the Detroit Chapter.

Examples of student projects will be on exhibit in the Architecture Department, Engineering Building between 6:00 and 7:00. Dinner will be served in the Student Union Ballroom at 7:00 with the program to follow.

All members of the Detroit Chapter are urged to attend the workshop and to meet the students at this meeting.

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1963 DETROIT CHAPTER HONOR AWARDS PROGRAM

All corporate members of the Detroit Chapter AIA are invited to participate in the 1963 Honor Awards Program. Intended to honor members of the profession for distinguished accomplishment in architecture, entries for buildings completed since May 1, 1960, will be judged by three prominent architects in a major city other than Detroit.

The Honor Awards Program is being reactivated as one of the more important tools of the Detroit Chapter in the chapter's constant attempt to promote the profession of architecture. Its prime purpose is to make the public aware of the outstanding buildings developed by architects locally, nationally or internationally. Those who are responsible for outstanding accomplishment will be the recipients of awards to signify the respect their professional colleagues pay to them for the service they have rendered to the profession. Owners of the award winning projects will be presented with companion awards. A further feature of the program will be an invitation to the three Detroit area schools of architecture for submission of student projects. A special award, aiming toward promotion of closer ties between the architectural college student and the practicing architect, will be presented.

Corporate members in good standing will be eligible to submit as many entries as they desire at a fee of \$15 for each entry.

Student projects will not require an entrance fee. A program of rules with details of schedule and an entry slip will be mailed to the chapter membership in May. Similar information will be provided to the Schools of Architecture at this same time.

Award winners will be required to prepare exhibition mounts for display at the annual chapter meeting in October when presentation of awards will be made. These mounts will also be featured in exhibitions to be arranged in prominent locations throughout the city and eventually throughout Michigan and other states.

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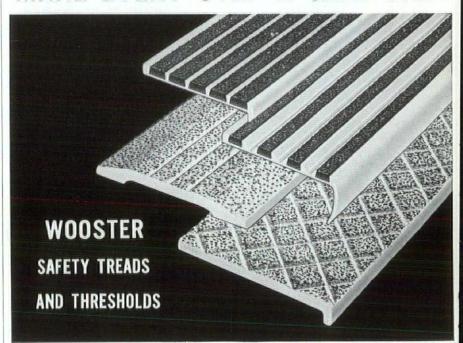
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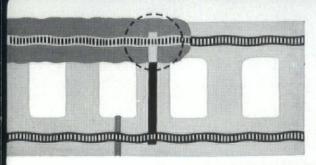
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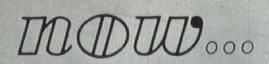
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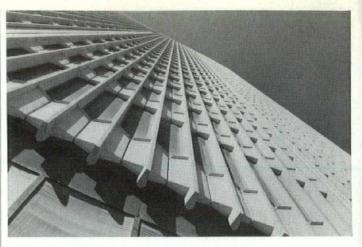
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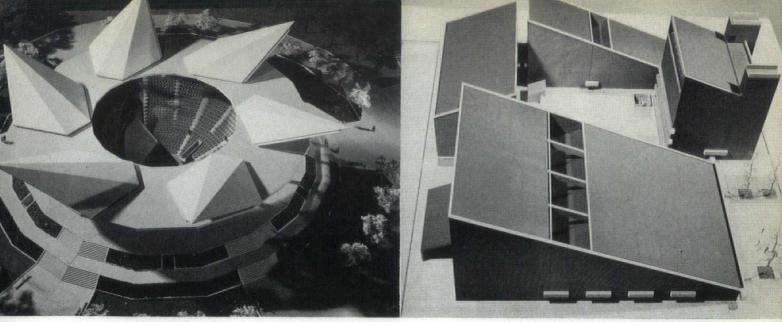
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Ideal Theater Exhibition at Detroit Institute of Art

An exhibition of The Ideal Theater, eight concepts of modern architects, will be on view in Galleries 36 and 37 of the Detroit Institute of Arts through May 12. Seventeen architectural models, presented in three-dimensional display units carrying theatrical lighting, and reproductions of architectural plans, photographs and texts describing each project, are included in the exhibition.

Prepared and circulated by The American Federation of Arts under a grant from the Ford Foundation, the exhibition represents the work of eight designer-architect teams who developed their ideas under grants from the Ford Foundation Program in Theater Design.

The architects and designers, and their projects shown in the current exhibition are: Paul Rudolph and stage designer Ralph Alswang, a theater using new film-projection techniques and live stage actional simultaneously; Edward Durell Stone and stage designer Eldon Elder, a 2,000 seat outdoor theater with "convertible" top; designer Barrie Greenbie and choreographer Elizabeth Harris, a dance theater with adjustable stage levels; Peter Blake and stage designer David Hays, a small flexible openstage theater.

Paul Schweiker and designer-engineer George C. Izenour, a college drama department complex; Frederick J. Kiesler, an urban theater center; Edward L. Barnes and stage designer Jo Mielziner, an "intimate music-drama house," and Ben Schlanger and stage designer Donald Oenslager, a formand-space concept to produce the maximum number of desirable seats in various types of theater.

Grants for these projects represented one phase in the Ford Foundation Program in Humanities and the Arts and its interest in creating new opportunities for talented artists at particular stages in their careers. According to W. McNeil Lowry, director of the Foundation's program, these researches were also intended to stimulate theatrical producers and managers in new concepts of staging not yet represented in New York theater design.

In previous activities with theatrical artists, the Ford Foundation has offered particular opportunities to playwrights, directors, poets, and novelists wishing to test their interest in the dramatic form, and actors wishing to work for sustained periods in professional residential ensembles.

A catalog of 144 pages, published by The American Federation of Arts, is available in connection with the exhibition. This publication documents the project with numerous photographs of the models and reproductions of the plans and renderings. It also includes text by the participating designers and architects, as well as commentaries by playwright Arthur Miller, stage designer Peter Larking and Architect Pietro Belluschi, FAIA.



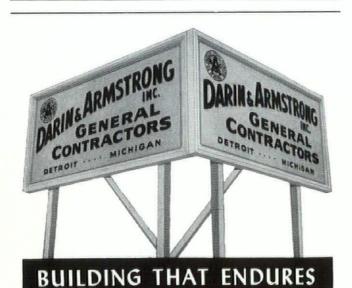
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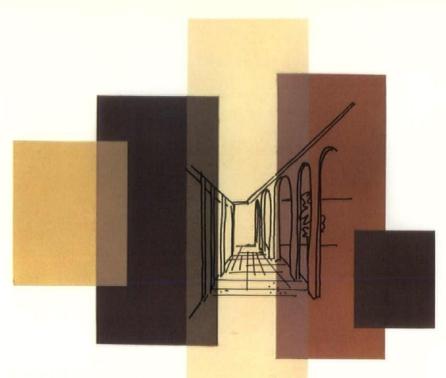
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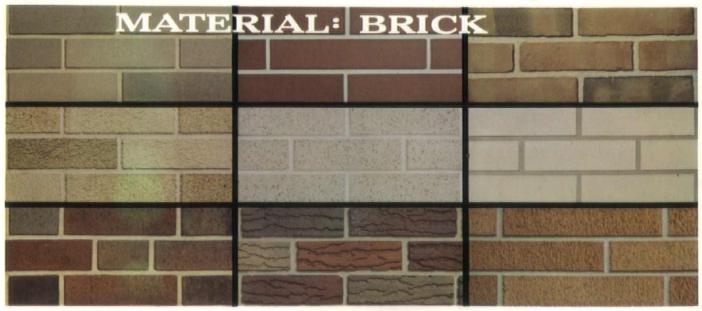
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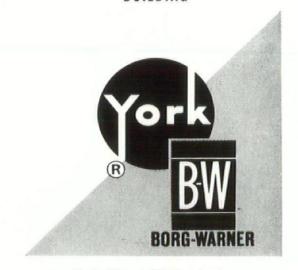
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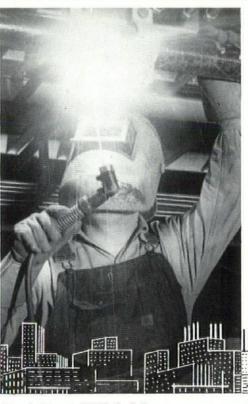
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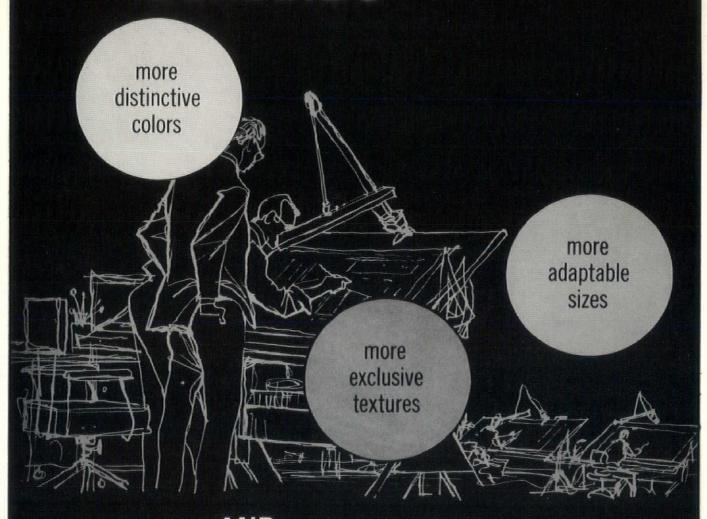


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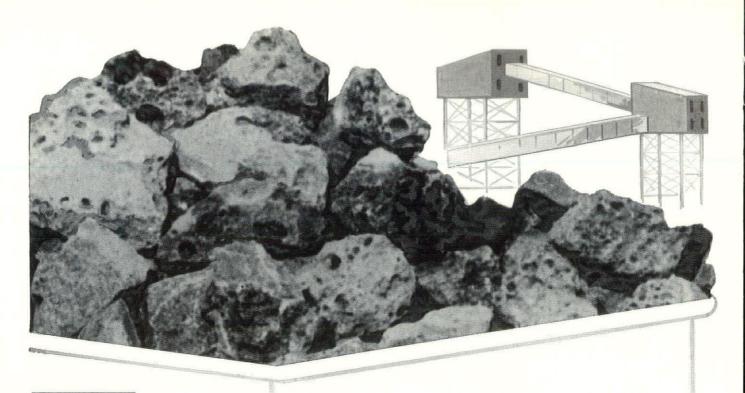
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