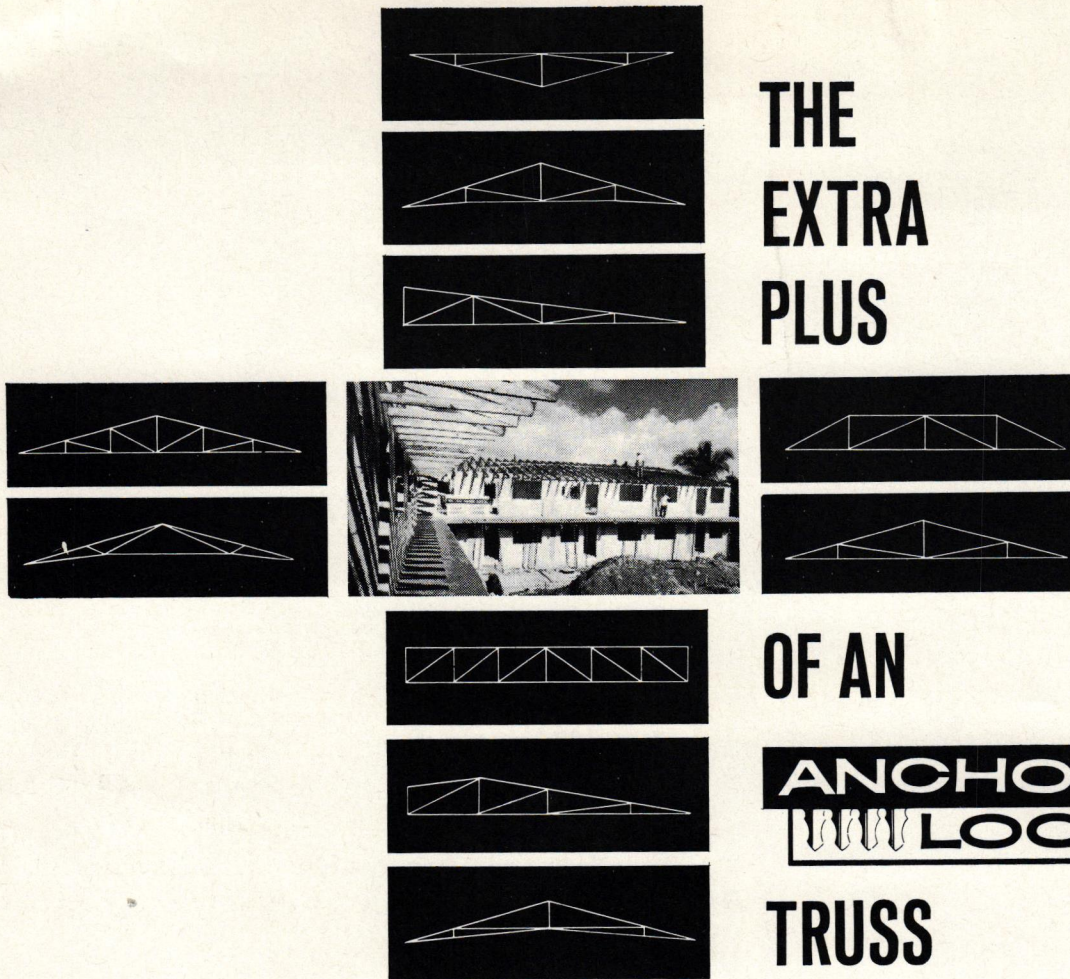
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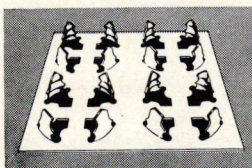
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Recently I received a post card teasingly from a friend with the following quotation: "Flos Regum Arthurus." (This is something Joseph Exeter said to King Arthur.) None of the above is applicable to our 20th Century or to the Texas Society of Architects, but it so happens that my given name is *Arthur* and many years ago I asked my mother "WHY?" She stated that she, as a child, was always fascinated by the stories of King Arthur and the Round Table, so when her second boy arrived he was christened *Arthur*. So let me take my cue from that. I also like a round table because it has no head chair. The table this year will not be only for the elected officers and the chapter directors. This year's table is large enough for the entire membership of the Texas Society of Architects—and let's expand this area—let's make it Texas size and invite all the State, County and City Officials, together with all business and civic leaders in our various communities. Let's invite all priests, ministers, rabbis and all teachers. This table will soon become giant size and the job ahead will become easy. Let's all together attack this much too prevalent "tumor" of ugliness and carry out studied plans and good programming for better environments to live in. Let's preserve nature and build the man made structures into things of beauty and of good taste. Of course, it cannot come into reality in one year. Let's make a serious beginning to work for city planning and zoning codes. Where they exist let's improve them and introduce such measures which will avoid so called "progress" which may be a rampant bulldozer clearing everything in front of it and then build spaces with no regard to anything outside the immediate property line. Much too often this is aimed at just a quick profit. Surely we can make a start! Ladies and gentlemen, now since we have gathered, be seated and let's get on with our work!

ARTHUR FEHR