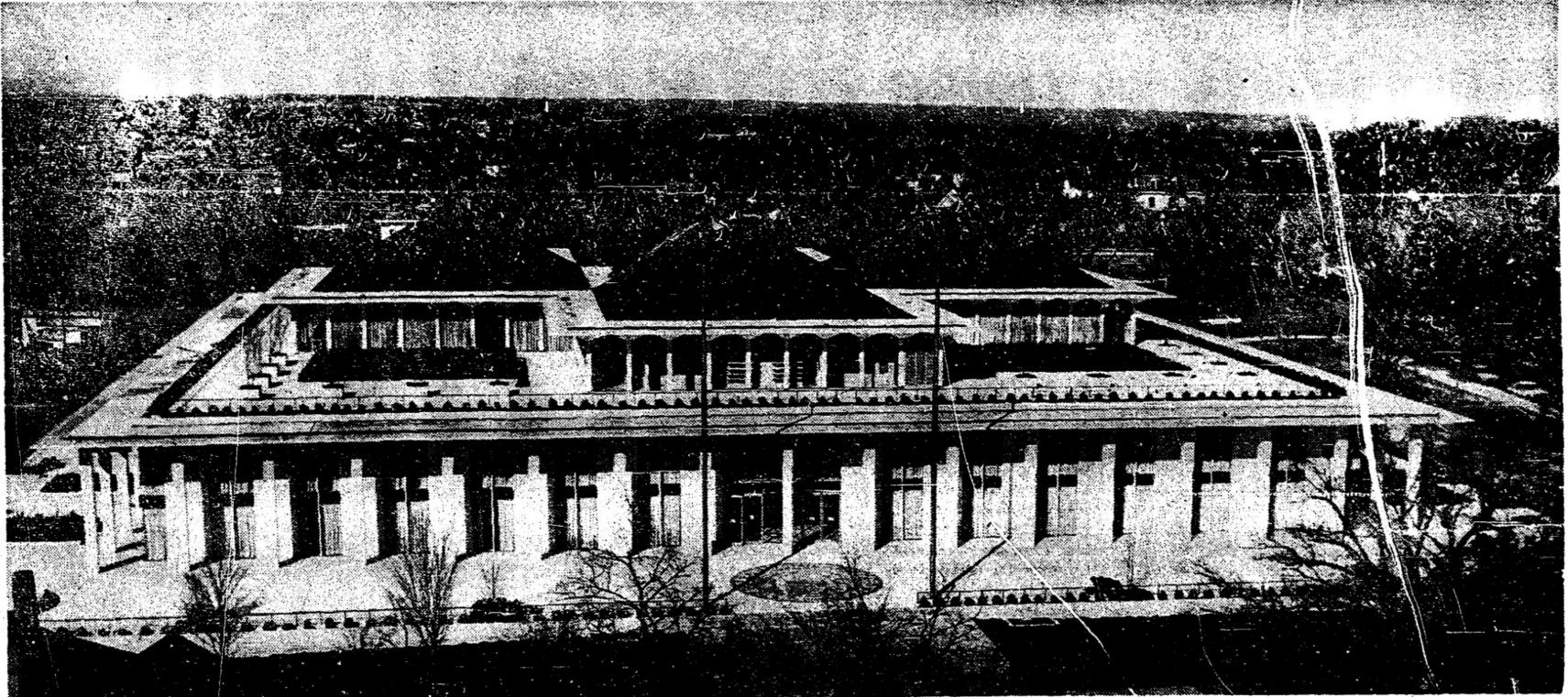
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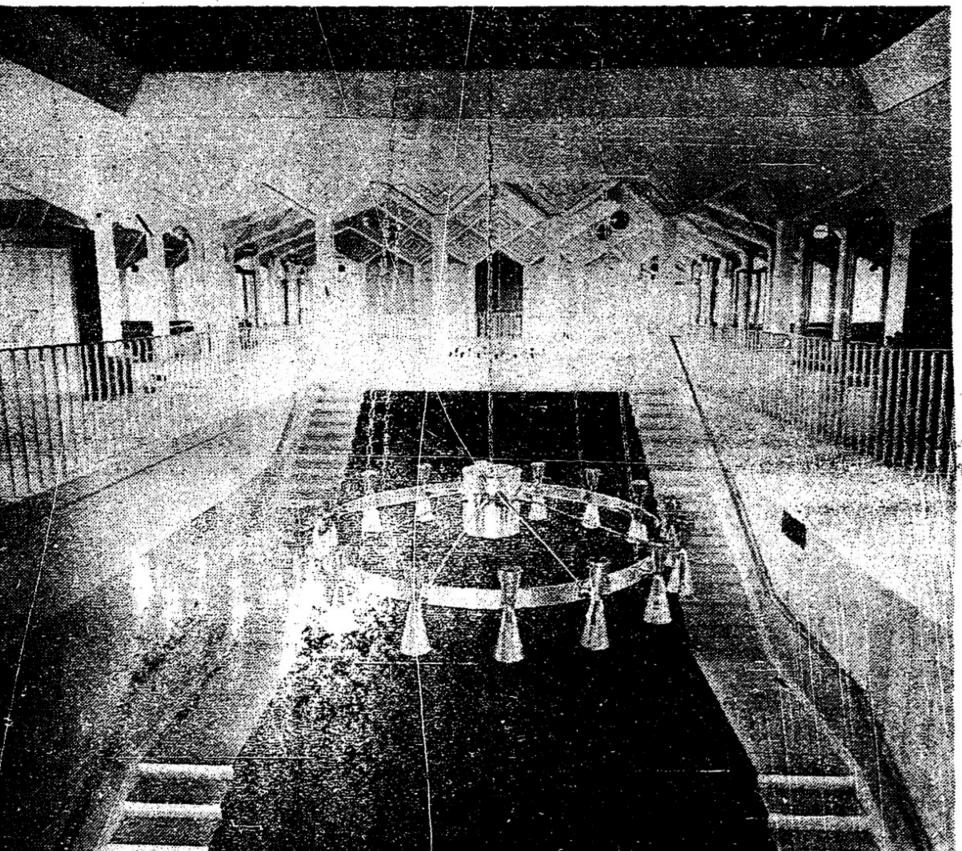
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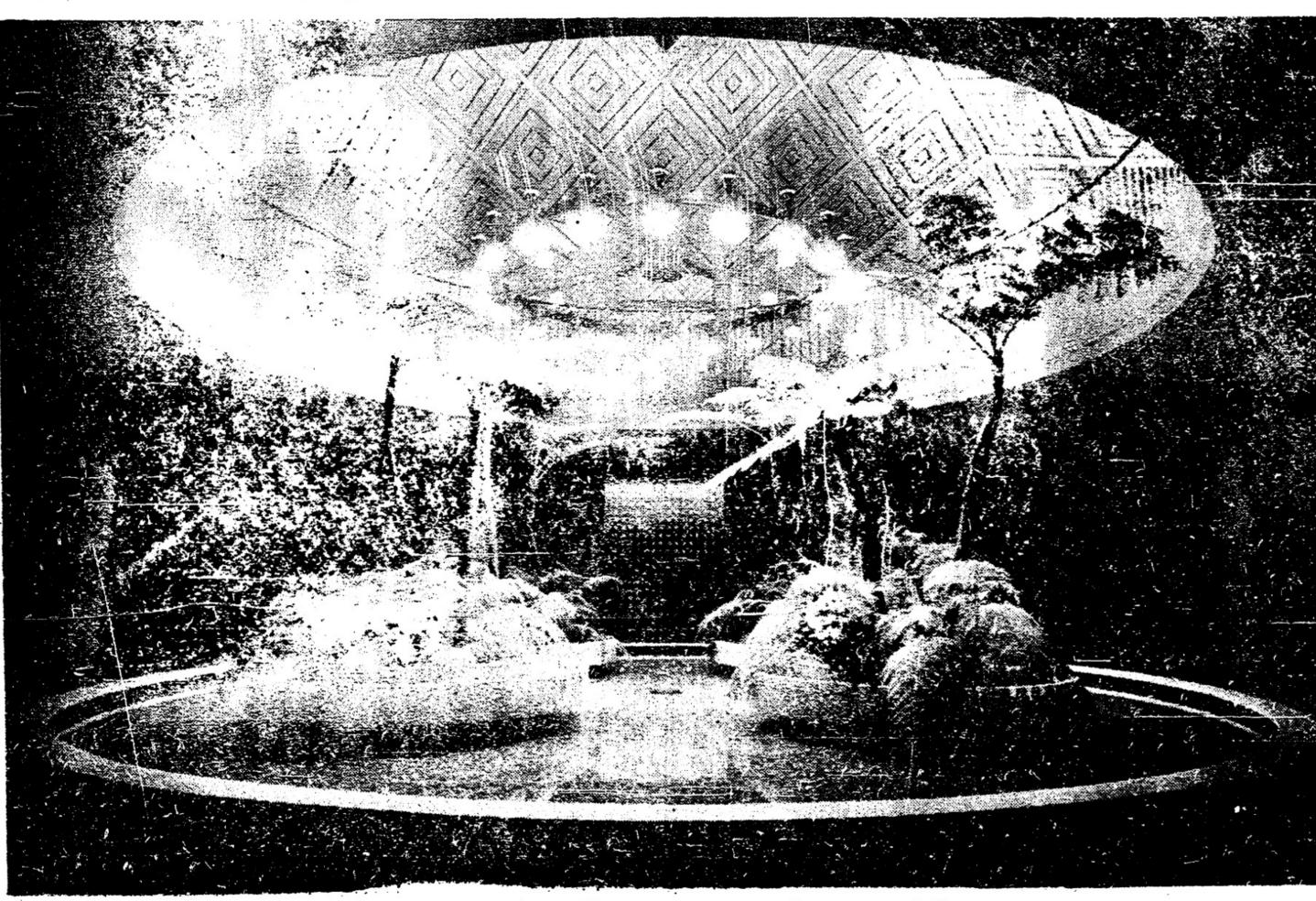
Thick red carpet graces State House's main stairway

The Project In Profile

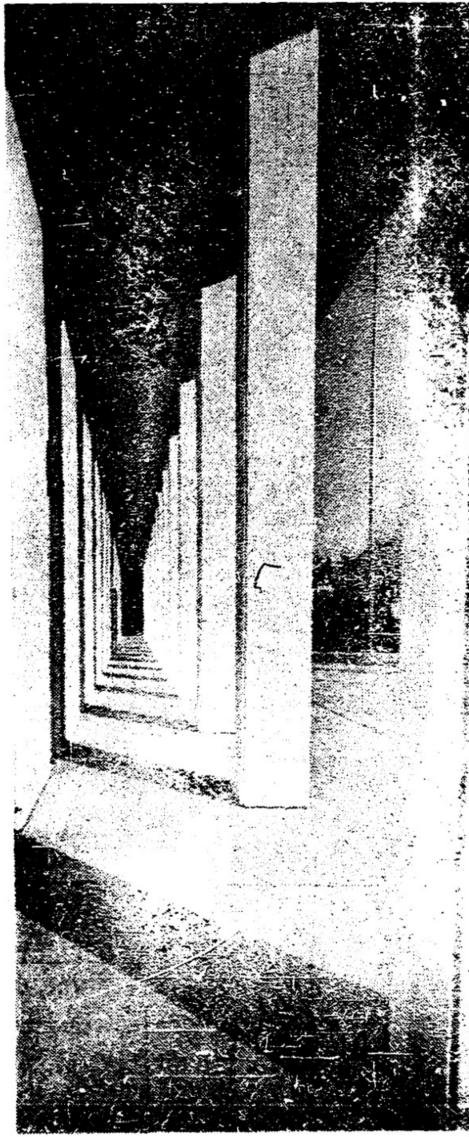
- -Third permanent home of the General Assembly. -Three stories, with basement, includes 206,000 square feet.
- On two-block site astride Halifax Street, one block north of Capitol Square.
- -Designed by Edward Durell Stone of New York, in association with Holloway-Reeves of Raleigh. -Total cost, \$6,200,000.
- -Built by Rea Construction Company of Charlotte. -State Legislative Building Commission supervised construction. State Sen. Tom White of Lenoir County is chairman. Others are Sens. Robert Morgan of Cleveland and Archie Davis of Forsyth; former Rep. B. I. Satterfield of Person County; State Treasurer Edwin Gill; Oliver Rowe of Charlotte; A. E. Finley of Raleigh. State Property Control Officer Frank Turner, secretary.
- -Work began in December, 1960, was finished in mid-December, 1962.
- -First session of the General Assembly to meet in the State House will convene Wednesday, Feb. 6.



Palms in courtyard



Ferns decorate, lights blaze in main rotunda on second floor



Outside columns

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Big, New State House Opens Wednesday

Legislature Moving To Third N. C. Home

By Roy Parker Jr.

North Carolina's new State House-third permanent home of the General Assembly-opens officially for business Wednesday at 11 a.m.

At that time, the gavel will fall to begin the 1963 session of the State Senate. An hour later, the House will convene.

North Carolinians will then get their first official look at the \$5.2 million government building which is the first in the country to be used exclusively by a state legis-

The gleaming five-domed building, designed by a world-famed architect whose work is familiar in government cities around the globe, has every modern convenience—and then some—for

the State's lawmakers. Edward Durell Stone, the

New York architect, concocted a structure that combines the spaciousness of an oriental palace with the red-carpeted, dark-wooded, brass-gleaming decor that has come to represent governmental architecture around the world. For legislators used to

the 19th century decor of the State's small, perfectlyproportioned Capitol, the difference will be striking For a State that has often

outdone itself with its governmental buildings, however, the State House is just one in a series of proud structures. The Capitol itself was no slouch of a building when it was built 122 years ago. It cost the State a half million dollars at a time when that represented a sizable governmental outlay. It was bailed around the country and on the European continent as a jewel of Greek Revival architecture. Before that, the Legislature had met temporarily in ornate Tryon's Palace in New Bern, at the time one of America's most imposing public buildings. And the original State House, which stood on the site of the present Capitol, was a pleasantly-proportioned building put up at a time when the State was still financially hard-pressed by the demands of the Revolution-

Often An Orphan.

Despite its fine homes, however, the Tar Heel Legislature has often been an orphan, with no place to permanently hang

The meeting place of the State's first assembly is cloud-In the 17th century, when the colony consisted of only settlers in the northeastern corner of the State, legislative groups often met in private homes, and in the tiny "court-houses" erected as the seats of colonial government.

By the mid-1750's, the coloni-

al assemblies met throughout the eastern end of the State, usually in courthouses. In the 1760's, New Bern was generally used as the seat of the Assembly. The construction of Tryon's Palace in 1770 afforded the most elegant meeting place in the history of the colony, but the Revolutionary War sent the

while the Assembly had author-

ized the location of a perma-

A convention in 1788 authori-

zed the location of the State's

new seat of government "with-

in 10 miles of Isaac Hunter's

In 1792, a legislative com-

mission bought 1,000 acres from

Joel Lane near Wake Court

House, and the city of Raleigh

In 1794, construction was

started on the first permanent

Capitol, which was to be called

The brick and wood structure

burned in 1831, and for the

sions met in the Governor's

next nine years, legislative ses-

end of Fayetteville Street.

plantation in Wake County."

nent capital city.

was laid out.

the "State House."

Assembly looking for a new "It was a tremendous push to get the building completed During the war, sessions of in the allotted time," Reeves the Revolutionary legislature continued. "We didn't get the met in widely-scattered places commission until December, - in Halifax, Hillsboro, Fayette-1959. After that, in February ville, Smithfield, Wake Court and March, 1960, we made a House and Tarboro. Tryon's Palace was used briefafter the war, but mean-

tour of other legislative facili-"The preliminary drawings were not approved for development into workings drawings until June, 1960. Five months later the working drawings and pecifications were finished and that's a short time for preparing the working drawings and specifications for a building of this scope. Eight to 12 months is not unusual for this type of preparation.

a successful exhibition building

and at the same time symbolic of America. It was a magnifi-

cent building and the hit of the

Architects Holloway and Reeves

It's a Bargain,

Say Architects

By JANE HALL

of the new State House, thinks

Tar Heels are getting a lot of

Not counting the cost of the

land, the State House cost Tar

Heei citizens about \$1.20 each.

or the furnishings in it, the

building came to \$21.25 per

"And that is low for this type

of building, a structure built

of quality materials and in-

cluding 4.7 acres of land,"

Bargain Seen.

firm of Holloway-Reeves which

was associated with New York

"Governmental buildings of a

"If the State Capital should

Holloway and Reeves assist-

designed by him and not by one

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arrhitect Edward D. Stone, the

more than \$30 per square foot,"

State got a real bargain.

mental building." he said.

Holloway said.

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Not counting the cost of land

building for their money.

John Holloway, an architect

momuniental character often cost "Bids were awarded late in December, 1969, and construction was begun immediately. be duplicated today I think it The building was completed in would cost between \$50 and \$60 less than the normal two-andper square foot and that isn't one-half years it usually takes an excessive amount for a monufor a job of this size." Both Holloway and Reeves gave great credit to each memed in the design and visited ber of their staff for the faith-New York frequently to work ful performance of work that with Stone during the building's made possible "a good set of working drawings that came "Mr. Stone," Reeves said, "keeps a finger on every pro- tribution, they said, was made ject in his office. North Caro- by the late Philip H. Woods,

within the budget." A big conlina's legislative building was the firm's mechanical engineer. Designed Funiture. Most of the furnishing in the

The three men directed the construction of the building, new building were designed by with Stone frequently visiting the three architects. Detailed Raleigh to check on the pro- drawings and specifications were made for each item. "Con-Back in 1959, when it became tracts for furniture," Reeves apparent there would be a new commented, "were awarded in legislative building, the Raleigh accord with State law, to the architects asked Stone to join lowest responsible bidder conthem in seeking the commis- forming to the specifications." sion. "We were very pleased Everybody involved with the when he agreed." Reeves said. building was pleasant and "We admire Mr. Stone's work cooperative during the long tremendously. Monumental months of construction. Reeves buildings should be symbolic as said, mentioning especially Johnwell as iunctional and Mr. Stone ie Jones, job superintendent for handles this type of work sup- Rea Construction Company, tho Multy, I saw the American Pagemeral contractor, and Frank value which he did for the Brus- Turner, State property efficer.



Senator Heads Building Group

A strong-willed State Senator and a Charlotte engineer with a personal thing. Allied with a vision of the future have been the big names behind the North;

State Sen. Tom White of Lenoir and Oliver Rowe of Charlotte stand out as the men with the most to do with State House history up to the point when it opens for legislative business. White, chairman of the Legislative Building Commission, and Rowe, the man with "think big" ideas about the location and shape of the structure, have associated on the commission

—State Treasurer Edwin Gill, principal advisor on legisla--A. E. Finley, a Raleigh businessman and developer

construction ideas. -State Sens. Robert Morgan of Cleveland and Archie Davis Former Legislator B. I. Satterfield, State House member from Person County, was an original member of the commission who was instrumental in winning legislative approval

who gave advice on costs and

ture as a unique place—the only building in America devoted exclusively to a state legislative branch. Rowe, named to the commission by Gov. Luther Hodges, took an early lead in pushing the idea for the street-straddling site of the State House. Unencumbered by any past history of the ideas about a building, Rowe made the bold site proposal at an early meeting of the building commission. The idea met oppostion from in and out of government, but

it eventually became a reality

through the backstage work of

For White, an influential leg-

islator, the building has become

Rowe, he envisioned the struc-

Throughout the history of the commission, State Property Control Officer Frank Turner served as its secretary, and handled the day-to-day liaison between the commission and the building contractors and architects. A veteran State official, Turner, has long advocated development of the area around Capitol Square as a complex of governmental buildings and open

White and Rowe.

No Parking Tickets

Legislators shouldn't have to But they shouldn't have to worry about parking tickets worry about meters any more. when they get in the State

Some Assemblymen have space for 25 cars, enough to grumbled in past sessions when take care of a hefty portion of they got parking tickets from the 170-member Legislature. Raleigh policemen or meter And, according to General maids for overtime parking. The honorables who griped ry, the City has agreed to perfelt that members of the Gen- mit legislators to park free of eral Assembly ought to be al- charge along Halifax Street meters or no meters. Their ire was really aroused

meters removed.

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The basement of the State House contains enough parking Services Director George Cher-

lowed to park where they wish, from the Capitol to the State House during the Assembly. Halifax Street now has mewhen the city put up meters ters, but the city plans to cover around Capitol Square, favor- them up during the Legislaite parking ground for legisla- ture, Cherry said. Legislators tors. Several have talked of in- will probably be issued a stickhome. located at the southern troducing legislation to get the er by the city permitting them to park on Halifax Street.

Enrolling Office Major committee rooms Members' offices Secretarial pool News media facilities Members' lounge Dining area Serving kitchen Governor's counsel Receptionist

SENATOR WHITE

Tourist's

Locator

Basement

Institute of Government

Secretaries' lounge

Committee rooms

Custodial facilities

Preparation kitchen

the State House:

Post office

Parking

Second Floor Senate Chamber House Chamber Members' offices Chief clerks' offices Pages Secretarial poo!

Public telephones Chapel Libraru Disbursing offices Lobby lounges Institute of Government Dignitaries' reception

Third Floor

Senate galleries, public and press House galleries, public and press Auditorium Main public hall Snack bar Display cases Outdoor promenacies Upper rutunda

Past Recaptured In Architecture

ward Durell Stone, renowned New York architect, might be described as the past recap-

A sensitive, imaginative man, Stone is a Romantic who weaves the best of the past with the best of the present and, with a twist of ingenuity, produces buildings that are beautiful and

Evidences of this are to be seen in North Carolina's handsome new legislative building which Stone designed with the assistance of Holloway-Reeves, Raleigh architects who were associated with him in the project.

Latest Ideas. Although classical in feeling, the new State House embraces the latest advances in engineer-

ing and architecture - among them, reinforced concerete, airconditioning, the latest in communications equipment, and the use of glass. Here's a quick guide to Part of the building's classical expression may be seen in its gleaming white marble facade that bears a richly incised

pattern. Another is the classical proportion of the House and Senate chambers. Still others are the broad stair that leads to the second floor and the podium of North Carolina granite upon which the building

The stair adds a handsome note to the interior but it is also functional in that it serves as a traffic artery from the first to the second floor. Practically speaking, the podium provides a level base for a building on irregular ground; it also provides a "hiding place" for cars -about 100 may be parked beneath the building.

Edward Stone's career hus paralleled the rise of contemporary architecture in this country. A native of Arkansas, he studied at the University of Arkansas, Harvard and MIT. He began the practice of imagination and he returned home to design, in 1933, the Richard Mandel House in Mt. Kiscoe, N. Y.

Executed in the International ing New York in the Interna-

tional Style. too arid and too cold. In his rine personnel at Cherry Point. residences he began to use ma- Last year he designed the Sherterial indigenous to the area in wood Apartments for the El-

which be happened to be work- derly at Asheville.



EDWARD STONE --

and the Romantic note crept into his public buildings. Sione was the first to use overhanging eaves adjustable to sunlight (the Gocdyear House, 1933); the studio-bed arrangement for a hotel room (1940) making the room a sitting room by day and a bedroom by night; and the concrete grille a solution to the problem of privacy in the lower floors of apartments and town houses. All of these devices are commonplace today.

How to eliminate the hallway or corridor, with its waste plagued Stone for many years. With his design of the William minated the hall from his private residences.

Stone has eliminated the corridor in North Carolina's State House through his use of garden courts which serve as traffic arteries and provide pleasant meeting and waiting places for the public. In 1930, he married Orlean Vandiver and they have two

sons, Edward S. Stone Jr. and Robert Stone. Some 20 years architecture in the mid-20's A later the Stones parted comstudy trip to Europe fired his pany as friends and in 1953 the architect married Marie Elega Torchio. They have a son and a daughter.

Stone's buildings dot the world. Some of the most im-Style. the Mandel house was portant are: The U.S. Embassy the first modern house in the in India: the Brussels World's East. It was constructed of Fair Pavilion, the largest freeconcrete and steel and com- soon building yet constructed: posed of white cubes and cylin- The El Fanama Hotel (virtually der. with continuous strip win- without corridors and doors. daws. In Stone's words the which has become the prototype house was "a real shocker." of the resort hotel: The Graf Thereafter, in association with House in Dallas; the Stanford the late Philip Goodwin, Stone Medical Center; the Yardley designed New York's Museum Building in New Jersey: and of Modern Art, the first build- the Stuart Building in Pasadena. North Carolina's new legislative building is not the first Stone continued in this mode time Stone has done work in for a number of years but, be- the State. Some years ago, in ginning in the '40's, his archi- association with John Rowland, tecture took a new direction. Kinston architect, he worked on He abandoned the International a series of one-and-two-story Style because he thought it was now houses for families of Ma-

No, Not in the State House One of the real symbols of Cigars, a symbol of poli-In recent years, however, ticians during the late 19th legislative government will be missing in North Caroand early 20th centuries, also

ima's new State House. There will be no spittoons on the terrazzo floors. From the first days of the Republic, the round brass item has been as much a

part of the legislative process as the roll call, the gavel, and the motion to table. in the old days, when chewing and shulf-shiffing were favorite uses of tobecco, spitboons were as important to legislative balls as desig and

went with spittoons like biscuits with gravy.

politicians have adopted pipes and cigarettes. The number of chewers has steadily declined until no one can name a single Tar Heel lawmaker who regularly cuts a plug. Spittoors are harder to come by, too. Good ones are becoming antique items. The "sand urn" is considered the

rette or a migar.

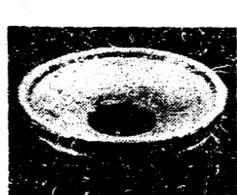
modern way to dunk a ciga-

Besides that, the architects

of the State House just could

not make a spittoon blend

with the modernistic style.



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House Speaker There's Six Miles

Of Concrete Cubes

For those with a statistical mind, ponder this fact: The State House has 142 miles

of pipes, ducts, conduits, and That one bug you? Try this

If the concrete poured into the State House was fashioned in yard-square cubes, the cubes would stretch in a single line for six miles.

Room For Tobacco.

Now, if you can get up off the floor from that one, read If you had a 4.7-acre tobacco allotment, you could plant it in the State House—if you could get the topsoil, that is.

rain, there is the comforting fact that more than two miles of roof draining pipe are part of the State House installation. And don't worry about somebody blowing a fuse. The build-ing is wired to handle 2.3 mil-

If you worry about kitchen gadgets that won't work, take some comfort.

motors—from giant items operating cooling systems, down to tiny items regulating dumb waiters installed in the State

If all these facts weigh you down, here's another heavy one:

The steel reinforcement in the building tips the scales at 1,350 tons, enough to load 27 boxcars.

If you enjoy the comfort of a typical window air conditioning unit, take heart that the capacity of the State House system is equal to enough window units to furnish a subdivision of 620 houses.



Legislators to Get Personal Telephones

Legislators often had to wait long-distance calls made by in line to use a telephone in members. They shouldn't have to in the State House. Each member of

the General Assembly will have his own phone in his office. The Legislature's phone fa-cilities will skyrocket from just a handful to over 200 in the new legislative home.

The House Speaker and the Senate President each had a personal phone in the Capitoi's legislative chambers. The rest

of the members had to share about 19 phones installed in termporary booths each session by sion how the individual phones Southern Bell Telephone Co. will be paid for. The phones already have been installed by Southern Bell in

have to pay for the installation. bowever.

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Legislators paid out of their own pockets for long distance calls in the Capitol. General Services Director George Cherry says if the Legislature decides State tax money should be spent for the calls, he'll just have to depend on the honesty of each member to determine which of his calls represented public business and which were private business.

Early Decision Seen.

Cherry said the House and Rules Committees will probably decide at the start of the ses-

The phones in the legislative offices and the offices of legisthe legislators' office in the new lative clerks and assistants will building, on direction of State be on the State exchange, Cherofficials. The Legislature will ry said.

switchboard in the building, Still undecided is how the however, and has also installed Legislature will pay for any a group of public pay booths.

The Presiding Officers

Rep. Cliff Blue Senator Stone

The man slated to be Speaker of the 1963 House is a softspoken veteran of eight terms in the Ceneral Assembly. Moore County Rep. Clifton Blue will bring to the Speakership a reputation as a hard legislative worker, the kind who does his homework before taking sides in a legislative battle. Now 52 years cld and publisher of three newspapers. Blue got his start in 1930 as a \$5-a-week

By DAVID COOPER

Two years later he berrowed enough money to purchase a \$150 press and went into business for himself, publishing a four-page weekly paper called the "The Captain." That paper was printed in Vass.

In another two years, Blue was invited to form a business was invited to form a business partnership which made him editor of the Sandhill Citizen, printed in Aberdeen. Now he also owns the Robbins Record, also printed in Aberdeen, and is a stockholder and president of the Montgomery Herald, which is printed in Troy.

Blue served his first term in the House in 1547. But he has been reelected from Mocre ever session since. a record of consession since, a record of continuous service in his county. His entry into political af-

Executive Committee.

moving up the ladder in poli- over the State Senate in the tical organizations, he was also new State Rouse thinks serving making a name for himself in in the Legislature is the next

the Assembly. In 1955, the Legislature passed his bill which prevents insurance companies from failing to renew accident and health or hospitalization policies without giving the policyholder written

leading role in the passage of legislation designed to promote conservation of the State's wa-

Following the 1957 Legislature Blue served on a special commission which spent months studying public school financing. The final report of the com-mission is still regarded as a basic tool in any present study

of school money needs. During the 1959 Legislature, he was chairman of the power-ful House Finance Committee. This led to his service on the Advisory Budget Commission following the Legislature. In the 1961 Assembly, Blue was chairman of the House Committee on Corporations and vice-chairman

fairs in the Democratic Party started even earlier, however. He was president of the Moore County YDC from 1941 to 1946

Tar Heel newspaper circles. He recently served as president of the North Carolina Press Association and has held numerand served in numerous other ous other offices in press groups. capacities on district commit-tees until his election as State Presbyterian Church. The next YDC president in 1948. From House speaker is married to the 1949 to 1952, he served as secre-tary to the State Democratic boro and they have four child-

At the same time Blue was The man who will preside from Stoneville will have a

Sen. Clarence Stone of Rockingham, who has served seven terms in the House and two in the Senate, makes no bones about his enjoyment of the leg-

"It is the finest thing I know, and I don't have any other ambition except to get in heaven," Stone told an interviewer in

Presiding over the Senate, Stone will hold a key post in Tar Heel State government.

Yet, there is really no suc-

cessor until the Assembly convenes Feb. 6. The Senate is

not a "continuing body," and

until Stone is elected by his

colleagues, there is no presid-

for the presiding officer's post. He started rounding up votes for the job early last year, and

by mid-fall, his only opponent

The 64-year-old businessman

had virtually conceded.

Once he is chosen, Stone will be the State's Number Two of-

When Lt. Governor Cloyd Philpott died in the fall of 1961, the constitutional void caused by his death was unusual for According to the constitution, the man who presides over the Senate is second in line to the

Governor.

wide range of interests during

As presiding officer, he names the all-important committees which handle the bulk of legislative work.

Favors Safety.

Personally, he strongly favors highway safety legislation, expected to be a major legisla-tive issue. He is also interested in the State's mental hospitals system, in highway construction, and also favors the community college system expected to be a major proposal of Gov. Sanford's administration.

A plain-spoken man, Stone has been at his best in the behind-the-scenes activities of the General Assembly. His style in floor debate is folksy, although he can reach eloquent heights when he is discussing issues close to his heart, especially highway safety.

The death of his only daughter in a highway accident triggered his intense interest in that subject. Stone has a strong streak of the main ingredient of legisla-

tive success—loyalty.

He demonstrated this in the 1961 session, when he became a staunch and unswerving sup-porter of Gov. Sanford's programs, although he had been a backer of Sanford's gubernatorial primary opponent, Bever-

Stone read up on the Sanford proposals, then dropped down to the Governor's office to volunteer his support.

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Senate President



Susan Thomas goes everywhere. Because this brand name is the newest member of our family of 585 famous names, we selected these smart new ensembles in tempo with the State's newest and proud accomplishment.

Shown left; a two piece linen in Beige or Green, 29.99. Center; Matched Pure Silk Skirt, Shirt and Mohair cardigan in Beige or Aqua, 39.99. Right; Pink or Blue Skirt with Silk Shirt, cardigan embroidered on Silk panels, 35.00. See the New State House on Halifax Street. See Susan Thomas ensembles in our Second Floor Sportswear Department.



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To Meet in State House The Senate

1ST-N. Elton Aydlett, Elizabeth City; J. J. Harrington, Lewiston 2ND-Edgar J. Gurganus, Williamston; P. D. Midgett Jr., Englehard 3RD-Perry W. Martin, Rich Square

4TH-W. Lunsford Crew, Roanoke Rapids; Henry G. Shelton, Speed 5TH-Robert Lee Humber, Greenville 6TH-Wilbur M. Jolly, Louisburg; J. Russell Kirby,

7TH-Luther Hamilton Sr., Morehead City; Thomas J. White, Kinston 8TH-Lindsay C. Warren Jr., Goldsboro; Adam J. Whitley Jr., Smithfield 9TH-LeRoy G. Simmons, Albertson; Cicero P. Yow,

Wilmington 10TH-Carl Meares, Fair Bluff; Ray H. Walton, South-11TH-Hector MacLean, Lumberton

12TH-Robert B. Morgan, Lillington; William P. Saunders, Southern Pines 13TH-Harry Horton, Pittsboro; John R. Jordan Jr., 14TH-Claude Currie, Durham; Richard G. Long, Rox-

15TH-T. Clarence Stone, Stoneville 16TH-Ralph H. Scott, Haw River 17TH-Charles W. Strong (R), Greensboro 18TH-Garland S. Garriss, Troy; Dr. W. R. James,

19TH-Fred M. Mills Jr., Wadesboro; Staton P. Williams, Albemarle 20TH-Irwin Belk, Charlotte 21ST-Clyde L. Propst Jr., Concord; Thomas W. Seay Jr., Spencer 22ND—Gordon Hanes, Pjajjtown

23RD-George K. Snow, Mt. Airy 24TH-T. E. Story (R), Wilkesboro 25TH-David Clark, Lincolnton; Jimmy V. Johnson, Statesville 26TH-L. B. Hollowell, Gastonia

27TH-Robert F. Morgan, Shelby; B. T. Jones, Forest

28TH-H. J. Hatcher, Morganton 29TH-Ira T. Johnston, Jefferson 30TH-J. Yates Bailey, Bald Creek 31ST-James G. Stikeleather Jr., Asheville 32ND-R. E. Brantley, Tryon; Oral L. Yates, Waynes-

33RD-W. Frank Forsyth, Murphy



Joe Warren with microphone

Electronic Delights

Legislators in the State House islators, will note the number may have to take out a gadgeteer's license. The array of electronic devices available to the lawmakers would win the admiration

and quickly make their way to the seat of the same number. Unique in legislative halls, the page button system doesn't On their desks, legislators even have a counterpart in Con-have a microphone, and a hut- gress, where pages still sprawl have a microphone, and a button to summon pages.

The page button, when cers' dais, available at the beck pressed, lights up a call board and call of members in a small office off the chamber floor.

Young pages, the teenagers who handle little chores for legislating is a small office off the chamber floor.

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5 Women Members

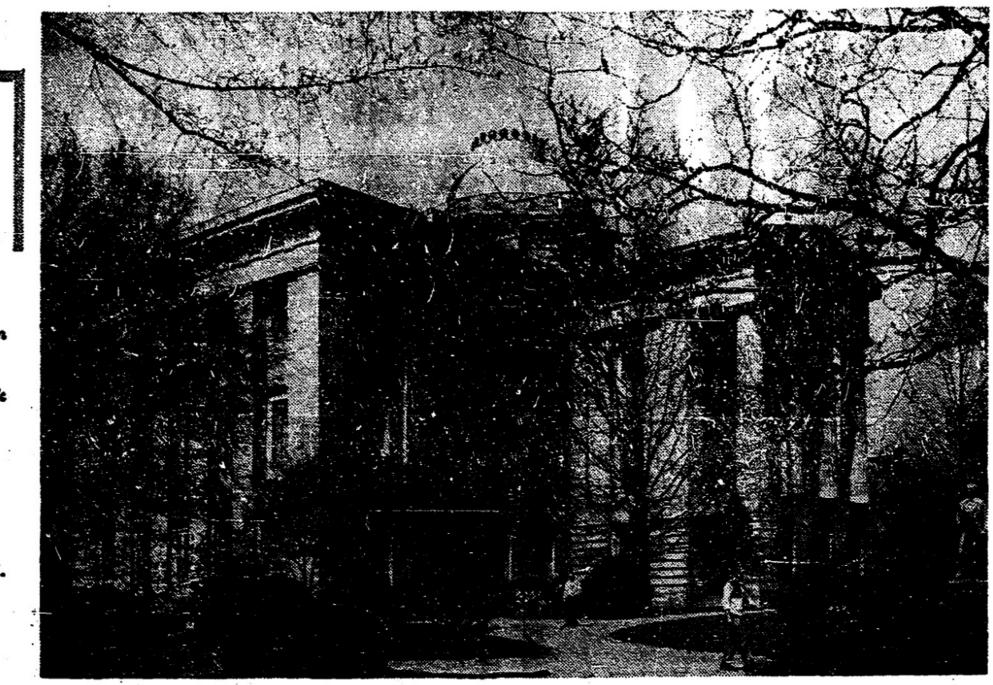
There will be five lady legislators in the 1963 General Assembly, equalling but not surpassing previous legislative records for the number of the gentler sex in the Legislature.

The ladies who will serve this time, all in the House, are:

Mrs. John Harsett of Longs

County. Dr. Rachel Darden Davis III of Lenoir County, Mrs. Grace T. Rodenbough of Stokes County, and Mrs. John B. Chase of Wayne County.

All five of them are Demo-Mrs. John Hargett of Jones crats.



Where General Assembly has held its sessions for many years

Long Loving Care Is Promised For This State's 'Old Gray Lady'

Will the Old Gray Lady of guidernatorial activity, and still bly was a blessing for Capitol North Carolina trustees, and for Capitol Square be overshadowed houses the offices of the Secre-furnishings, some of which date historic occasions called by the her elearning younger sister tany of State and the State from Civil War days. They were executive branch of gov down Halifax Street?

Most Tar Heels would say emphatically "ro." The gray granite Capitol build-ing will continue to be a pride of the State, and will continue to serve a useful and important function in State government, even though the General Assembly will no longer meet in her 19th century halfs but will gather instead in the State

Simply because the Governor's offices will continue in the Capitol, it will be an important gov-

The lawmakers are in town only four months every two years. The chief executive runs Tar Heel government in the meantime. And even working out of the 19th century decor, he will maintain a powerful hold over the gentlemen of the Assembly in their spacious, pyramidal quarters. As the Assembly leaves it forever, the Capital hums with

Old Gray Lady, which has been the seat of Tar Heel government for 122 years. Reflecting its historical value, the House and Senate chambers in the Capitol will be main-

is in charge of Capitol housekeeping, promises she will get loving attention. Cherry's schedule calls for a

complete re-painting of the Capitol interior every three or four years. Her next refurbishing will probably come in 1964. Her stolid granite superstructure, which periodically greens over with a patina of age, is The departure of the Assem-

The former chambers of the

Assembly will probably continue be used periodically, especially

The Assembly will leave its original acts of the General Assembly, irreplaceable records for swearing-in ceremonies, for which are in the charge of the meetings of the University of Secretary of State.

tained in their present decor by the State Department of Archives and History. They Keep It Running

ing sure that the State House is running smoothly every day.

The three are Richard H. Ferguson, custodian for the building; Walter Walters, maintenance mechanic in charge of electrical and air conditioning systems; and Robert M. Cooper, heating superintendent. Ferguson, a Raleigh native, has been with the State about 10 years. He is also custodian

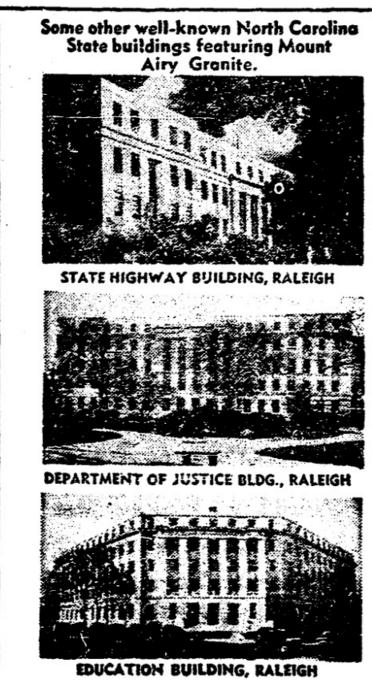
Walters is a native of La on the State House contract

Cooper, a native of Salemburg, has been with the State in charge of the State's central heating plant for all buildings in the Capitol Square area.



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Craven Views State House

By CHARLES CRAVEN. Inglead of having just one dotne to operate under, the Lobbyists plying their trade in

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tine new State House will have Although the walls will be termite free, the ferny courts will be crawling with lobbyists. It will be an engrossing spectawe'r quarry at a water cooler as of old, they can crowd him in the relative privacy of a bread leafed plant. "Joe, old friend, how do you stand. . ." in a stroll through the silence of the new State House now, you might attempt to visualize

animation that will come



ices Director George Cherry predicts that even with the stirring about of the honorables, their staffs, visitors and lobbyists, the building will never

much light is reflected from the heads of the legislators as there is in the imposing building, we taxpayers should benefit abundantly. Light fairly cascades through the high windows and luminous domes of the \$6 million building. In sharp winter sunlight, the snowy exterior columns of the great building will almost make your sourint.

The red carpet on the wide central stairway would be appropriate for the tread of Charles de Gaulle. To Queen's Taste,

The kitchen in the place looks like it was lifted from the Queen Mary. The Senate Chamber and the Hall of the House make the Parthenon look like a booth at the State Fair.

There are 97 offices on the first floor for the honorables. There are 69 on the second floor. You think there'll be any deals made in them? Has a pig Tinkling pools catch the light in the green courts. The wags sicut town have speculated as to who will be the first states-

But there seems to be gen-eral agreement in State official-dom that lawmaking in the new State House will be greatexpedited. Committee rooms throughout the building make it unnecessary for the lawmakers to leave the building to walk to various sites for the meetings as of old. There will be a plethora of telephones and a public address system.

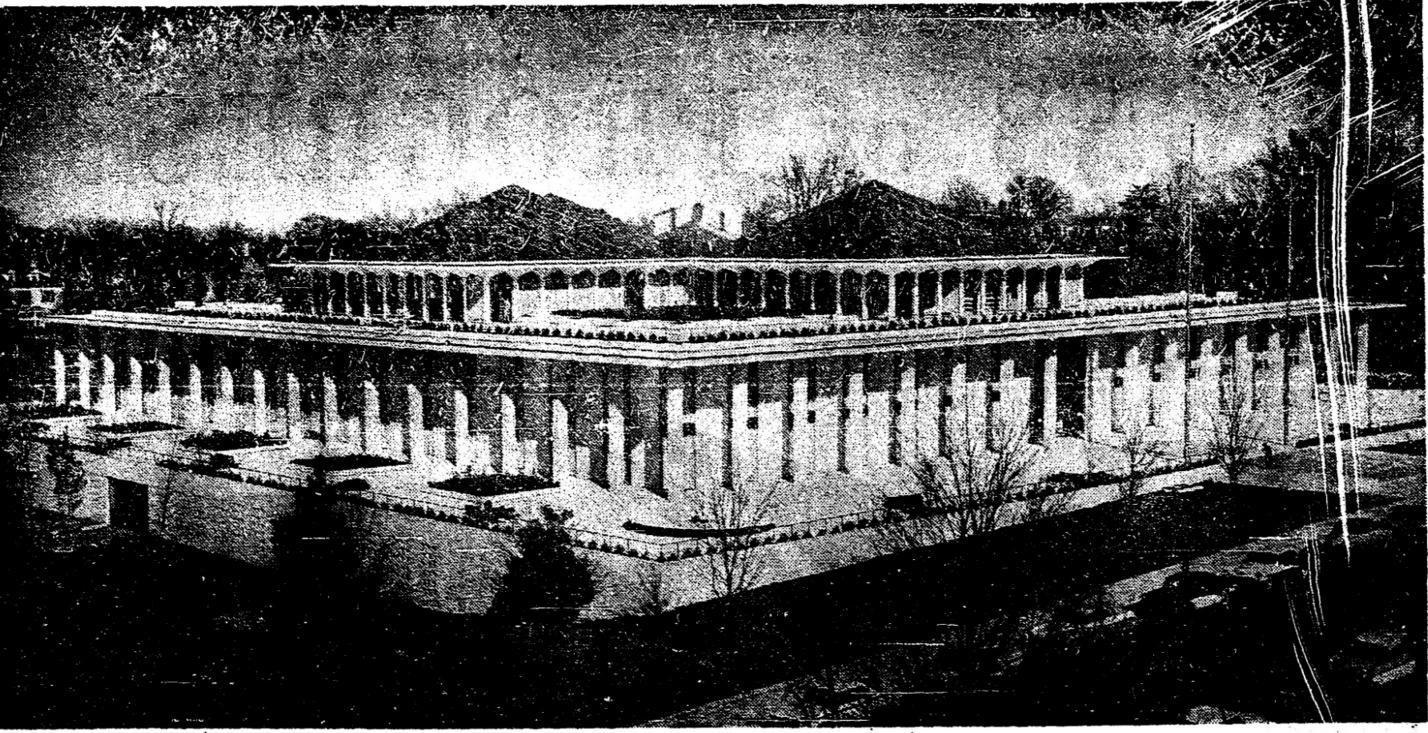
The new splendor has al-ready had heady effect. There is a move afoot to keep the Senate floor isolated from news-paper reporters. The press corps is to be seated in a balcony to the rear of the Chamber. If such a rule is actually adopted, the outcome will be interesting. Of a certainty there will be a running daily account of the effects of such isolation. Leads will read something like, "Due to the heighth and distance of the press balcony yesterday, Sen. Blow Horn couldn't be heard . . . However, it is believed that he has drawn a bill to lift all highway overpasses up 10 feet to enable bigger trucks to pass under them. . .

Their Jobs Roam Over

House or Senate does everything for legislators including acting as nursemaid and cop. The old ritual duties of the sergeant at arms involve keeping folks off a legislative floor who don't belong there.

But, as veteran House Ser-geant-at-Arms Joe Warren puts it, "We do everything but tell 'em how to vote or pay their Warren, a Caswell County native who has served four terms in the Legislature himself, is scheduled to hold down the sergeant-at-arms post in the House this time. He's held the job

In the Senate, Raleigh magis-trate Brooks Poole is slated to be sergeant-at-arms for his secand session. Poole held the post in 1961. He has been an active Democratic Party political worker in Wake County for



Architects See It as Unique and Classical

JOHN HOLLOWAY

The new home of the North Carolina General Assembly is unique in that it accommodates all legislative functions and is devoted solely to the Legisla-tive Branch of the State Govern-

sary for the efficient functioning of the General Assembly, the building includes not only Senate and House chambers but adequate committee rooms, office for each member, space for clerical person-

Throughout, provisions are made for easy public access and observation of legislative morning and devote the entire out leaving the building.

Though not an imitation of historic classical architectural styles, the building is classical

Rising from a broad 340-foot wide podium of North Carolina granite, the marble-faced build-

South (Jones Street) he crosses a 28-foot diameter terrazzo. nosaic of the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina. From this main entrance, the grand stair of red carpet leads directly to the third floor where the visitor may view the Senate and House chambers, enter the auditorium, or stroll on the roof promanade.

The majority of the basement is devoted to parking, mechanical, and other service

In the North center portion, though, are several committee rooms and offices, the post office, and some of the clerical

Most of the committee rooms and members' offices are located in the first floor. At the South center are the news media service areas with space for newspaper, radio, and television representatives to

A special feature of the building, the garden courts are located at the four corners of mittee rooms and offices are entered from the courts. Each, though different from the others, contain seating space for visit-

All courts are landscaped, and three have pools.
The members' diring room is accessible from the Northeast and Northwest garden The two chambers occupy the East and West wings of the

Following the traditional relationship of the two chambers in the Capitol, the House and

Senate are at opposite sides of 2 Veterans Hold, Chief

Clerk Jobs Lawmakers may let off ora-torical steam, but the real cogs in the legislative machine are

the chief clerks. Two veterans will be serving as the chief cierks of House and Senate as the 1965 Legislature meets in its new State House name.

For Annie Cooper of the House and Ray Byerly of the Senate, the State House is a dream For years, they have directed the legislative staffs — the

corps of stenographers and clerks — from cramped quarters in the Capitol. in the State House, the staff facilities are unmatched in

America.

Mrs. Cooper. who has been chief House clerk since 1943 and a legislative employe since 1921, and Ray Byerly of Sanford, chief Senate cierk since 1937, have one primary mission: to keep the official records of the Assembly.

This simple job description covers a field that includes, printing bills, keeping various journals, scheduling legislation for floor debate, keeping min-

for floor debate, keeping minutes of committee meetings. and providing staff secretarial services for individual lawmak-

It also includes the job of keeping up with legislative finances, paying the salaries and the bills of the Assembly.

the rotunda; and when the main doors are open, the two pre-siding officers face one another. The specially-designed members' desks are placed on red

The roof centers are 45-feet above the floor, and the structural ribs of the roof form a coffered ceiling. Inside the coffered pattern, geometric pat-The sides of each chamber open onto mezzanines of the cess to the members' offices around the perimeter; and here, too, a member may step out of a session, confer with a

chamber are the service centers Offices for processing and en-grossing bills are along the service corridor, and the pre-siding officer's office is con-

A small chapel is situated south of the rotunda, and the legislative library is north of The rotunda contains a large

the third floor through a mezare connected by the rotunda Spectators can observe deli-berations through plate glass

leries from the rotunda mez-The main hall flanking the main stair contains a refreshment counter, and display cases form alcoves for small groups. In the North wing, the audiconstituent or messenger, and theatre-type seats for 250. Committee hearings of wider chairs, over 300 can be accom-

windows or can enter the gal-

a projection room for films.

Outside the cruciform-shaped enclosed area, the third floor



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Notables Will See Fancy Rug

Visiting dignitaries in the State House will not get the red carpet treatment.

They'll get the Persian rug treatment. Not that there aren't plenty of red carpets in the State House.

But in a tastefully furnished room on the second floor-just off both the House and Senate floors-a Persian carpet covers the floor.

And in that room, distinguished legislative visitors will go first before entering the chambers.

Governor Will Use It.

The Governor will probably be the most frequent user of the room. He will repair to it from his Capitol office just before delivering his periodic messages to joint sessions of the Assembly. But the Assembly also has

other speakers, usually out-of-State visitors, and they too will meet with legislative leaders in a little protocol ceremony before making their appearance before the Assembly.

The little room is the only spot in the State House furished with what might called "living room" furniture.

Especially-designed chairs, a sofa, and a stunning black walnut and brass secretary are arranged on the Persian rug.

The following were the Assembly's commissioners who selected the site of Raleigh for the first permanent State Capital: Joseph McDowell, Morgan District; James Martin, Salishury District. Themas Barrin, Salishury District. bury District; Thomas Person. Hillsboro District; Thomas Blount, Halifax District; William Johnston Dawson, Edenton District; Frederick Hargett, New Bern District; Henry William Harrington, Fayetteville District; James Bloodworth, Wilmington District; Willie Jones, State-at-large.

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Anthony Di Valentin and the Great Seal

Reproducing Great Seal Was Long, Exacting Job

ment in front of the State house was a chore from start

thony DiValentin of Raleigh DiValentin discovered about He used a series of ladders as many versions of the Great to work on the drawing. When

Seal of the State as there are periods of North Carolina his-

Finally, he borrowed a vacant grounds to lay out the drawing. had trouble finding a model to initial drawing had to be the

> he was finished, be cut the He used thin brass strips to outline the terrazzo figures in

Making the big terrazzo replica of the Great Seal of North full - scale drawing of the seal months to complete the whole
Carolina that is set in the pavethe planned to create.

It took him about three
months to complete the whole
job. Divalentin thinks it is the largest figure ever made in terrazzo with such great detail. DiValentin's firm, United Terrazzo and Tile Corp. of Raleigh, did all the tile, terrazzo

lected Raleigh as the site for the first State Capital spent eight days riding horseback over the countryside before the

Privacy at Last

An Office for Each Member

A legislator who wanted pri- ing, the legislator usually had smaller chairs, a combination vacy in the Capitot usually found it only in a phone booth. But in the State House, legis lators should have plenty of pri-

One of the gleaming building's main features is that it contains an individual office for each of the 170 members of the General Assembly.

Place to Work give Assemblymen a place to work in private or to talk to constituents.

In the old legislative balls, a legislator dictating a retter might find his thoughts confused by the next - seat chatter Each office contains a desk,

land more prestige to the Asfice of his own is more impressive than someone who doesn't have one, the concept goes. About balf a dozen offices are

The offices are expected to

building on the first and second square feet of floor space. located in the basement, on the

ezecutive chair, two other

book case and cabinet and a This may not sound exactly fine an executive suite, but it's Assembly are accustomed to.

Secretary of State Thad Eure a seniority basis, but Dure is leaving it up to the General Assembly itself to portion out

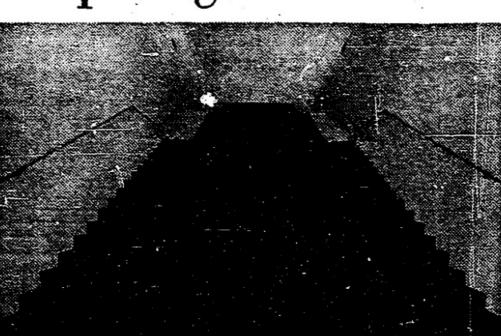
General Services Director made to assign the offices to

will have their offices adjoining committee meeting rooms and these will serve both as their offices as chairmen and as

Some expect the Legislature to apportion the offices on the basis of length of service in the House or Senate. This would mean that the legislator who had served the most terms in either the House or Senate. regardless of whether the terms were consecutive, week get first crack at the office he

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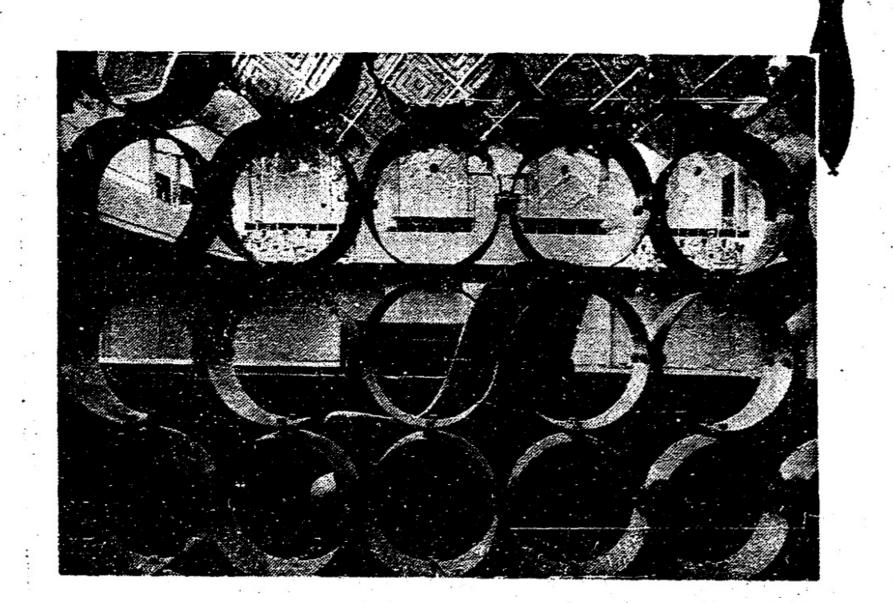
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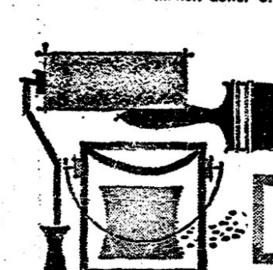


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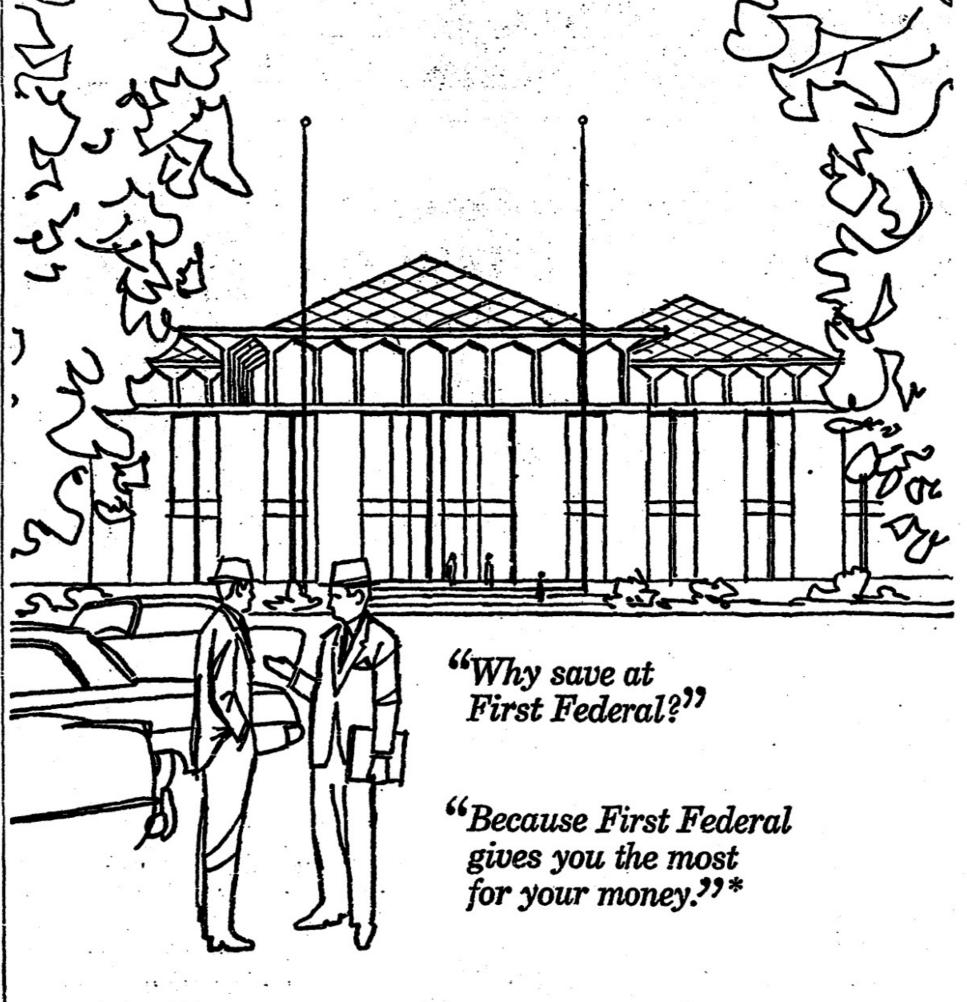
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She Welcomes Visitors

Miss Sue Stephenson, an attractive young veteran in Wake County Democratic Party politics, is the receptionist for the new State House.

A typical day's work in the lobby of the new structure involves saying several hundred times something along this line:

"You go up through these works a lot of "directing traffic," she said. Miss Stephenson is no newcomer to this sort of work. She has helped direct traffic in several political campaigns.

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traffic in several political campaigns.

Now in her early 30s, Miss Stephenson moved with her family to Raleigh when she was three years old. Her mother, Mrs. P. N. Vandergrift, lives in Bunnlevel now.

The State House 'Girl Friday's graduated from Cathedral Latin High School here and St. Mary's Junior College in 1950. She did secretarial work for a number of private firms in Raleigh before joining State Government late in 1960. Since than, she has been secretary then, she has been secretary for Assistant C&D Director Roy Wilder and, up until her appointment as receptionist, secretary for George Stephens, Gov. Sanford's assistant for economic affairs mic affairs.

Political Worker. "I started working in politics before I was old enough to vote," she admits freely. She joined the cause for Harry Truman in 1948 and then worked for Adlai Stevenson in 1952

In 1960, she was a local precinct worker for Terry Sanford in the primary wars. In the fall she headed a Wake County telephone campaign for Jack Kennedy. During 1962, she served as first vice president of the Wake County YDC. She is now a member of the club's board of

Her labors in the Democratic Party vineyards earned a pat on the back from the State YDC recently. She was named one of the 10 most outstand-Carolina. Her desk in the State House

entrance.

The job involves being nursemated for thousands of school children who visit Raleigh every spring, a fount of information for the general public, and a skilled hunter in tracking down legislators or other officials being sought by friends.

She and others are working on getting informative brochures printed which the public can take home from the State House. Guides for the building are also expected to take some of their instructions from her.

The days recently have been busy ones as she and others have tried to get the building ready for the Legislature. "We've just got a few more things to be done," she said re-cently.



State House's tropical plants

Building Displays Many Materials

Marble from Vermont, trees Mount Airy granite, a staple from Hawaii, and black walnut of the North Carolina stone furniture from North Carolina market, is used for some are among the materials in the ground level facings. new State House. The national character of the State House materials lends

of its kind in the nation, the single building in America used exclusively as a state exclusively as a state legislative body. The materials list reflects, too, a wide search for the most appropriate materials for a unique architectural accom-

The Vermont marble, whitest of its kind, was chosen to give life to the architectural plans.

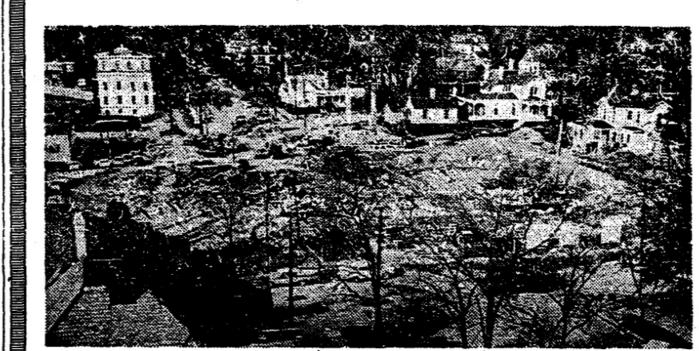
Sensitive to criticism because it didn't choose abundant North Carolina stone, the State House building commission also points out that the \$79,000 cost of the Vermont marble was some right down to the wastebaskets. Vermont marble was some \$7,000 less than a comparable amount of North Carolina gran-

The trees from Hawaii ere Hawaiian Tree Ferns, which grow in indoor pools. They are joined by many other tropical plants, mostly natives of Flor-ida.

While the outside stone is from New England, the interior "stone" is really a man-made product, a "marble aggregate block" manufactured by Standard Concrete Company. The dark furniture which contrasts strikingly with the light building materials is a Tar Heel product, made by High Point furniture firms.

right down to the wastebaskets. The State House draperies and deep red carpets were also out-of-State products. THE NEWS AND OBSERVER, RALEIGH, N. C. Sunday Morning, February 3, 1963

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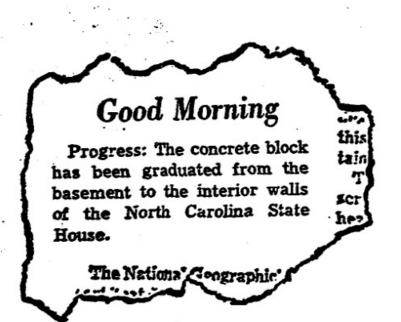
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almost as well as they like to

put on a hefty feed bag in the

ed so they can spend the entire day in it, conducting business without having to go outside.

Naturally, this involved in-cluding eating facilities inside. After all, a Legislature can't

march on speech-making alone.

The building houses a full scale restaurant kitchen in its

basement. The kitchen would be a good home for Pierre of the

in freezer lockers as well as

up-to-date ovens and cooking

racks. There are big warming pans in which to keep vegeta-

A system of dumb waiters was installed to hustle the chow

bles and other food.

State House.

How it Began

Hodges Pushed It, OK'd in '59



concrete form.

frome for the Assembly.

final days of the session.

They introduced Hodges-back-

ed legislation to set up a legis-

lative building commission, and

Umstead

Oldest

Member

The oldest member of the

1963 Legislature will be Orange

County House member John

Senate. Uzzell will be serving

In the Senate this year, Dur-ham County Sen. Claude Currie holds the record for both oldest

member and longest Senate service. He is 72 and will be

his 14th House term.

Umstead will be tied with

first began experiencing a feeling of being cramped, while other branches of State government were increasingly housed in adequate facilities. The first formal action toward expanding the working

room for the lawmakers came in the 1949 session of the Legis-In that year, State property officials went so far as to hire en architect. large the 110-year - old Capitol

man of the group that included Satterfield, two other legisla-tors, State Treasurer Edwin favor with traditionalists, or with lawmakers. The plans Gill, and two non-governmental appointees named by Hodges. were put asside. Not until the administration of The most significant meeting Gov. Luther Hodges did the idea

blossom into a proposal. Man of Action. Hodges, a man who had little truck with tradition, quickly indicated his impatience with the cramped quarters in the Capitol. To enlarge his own first floor space, he politely eased State Auditor Henry Bridges out of his historic first floor

idea of a new building for the lawmakers, who met upstairs portant committee meetings in widely - scattered offices around During the 1957 session, the

He also began to talk of the

eround. Hodges administration officials were mainly thinking about a building to be located across from Capitol Square, on a block to the north of the Capi-After the session left town, Hodges named an informal stu-

dy commission to look into the feasibility of such a building.

met, the idea had been put into Sept. 28, 1959, when Charlotte engineer Oliver Rowe, a Hodges appointee, proposed the bold step of execting a legislative building on the two-block site straddling Helifax Street north of Capitol Square.

legislators formally presented a proposal for a \$4.5 million new The proposal was too bold for many, although Chairman White was highly pleased. For several weeks, behindthe scenes struggling went on as some commission members balked at the site.

asked for an appropriation of The proposal seemed to have The question was resolved clear sailing until a group of dramatically in late October, anti - Hodges Senators styrmied the bill, putting it off until the when architects were called in to bid for the job of designing the building. The bill was not finally pass-In a surprise move, the Raed until the last week of the

leigh firm of Holloway-Reeves brought in Edward Durell Stone, By mid - summer, 1959, the a noted New York architect building commission was ready known for his work with public to do business. Sen. White, who at the time was a member of the House, was named chairand the architect was highly

The commission was pleased with Stone, although some North Carolina architects. grumbled that the job was not to be a native one. Selection of Stone followed shortly, and in April 1960, the Hadifax site was formally chos-

building, when Stone unveiled his five-domed plans to the building commission and Gov.

had been secured, and contracts were let on Dec. 22. On Dec. 29, 1960, Gov. Hodges, Gov. - elect Terry Samford, and the building commission formtilly participated in ground-breaking activities, and within a few weeks, the contractor was at work clearing the site and

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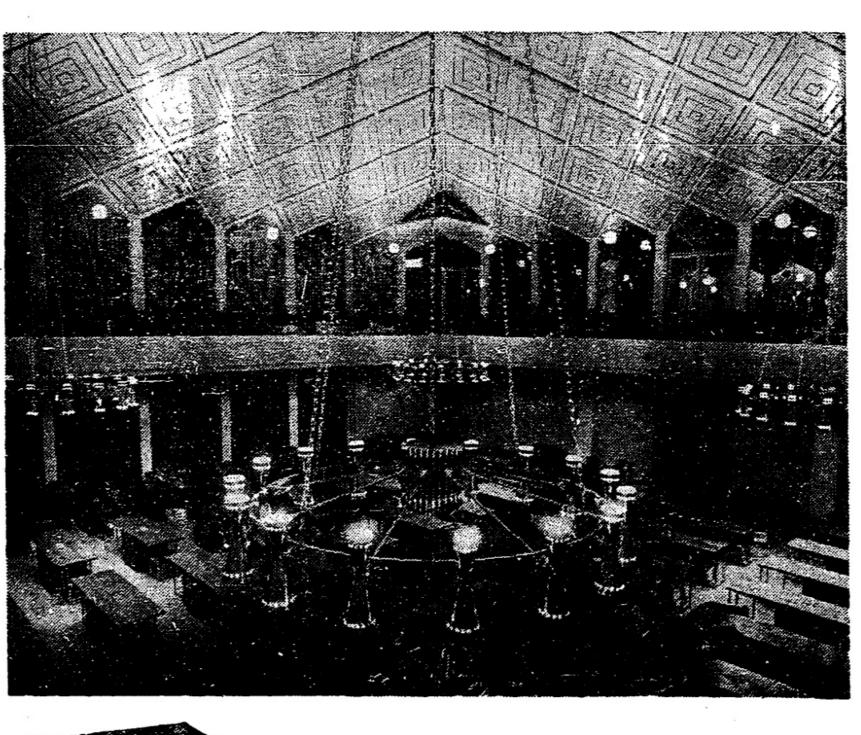
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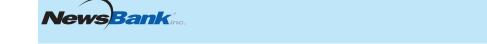
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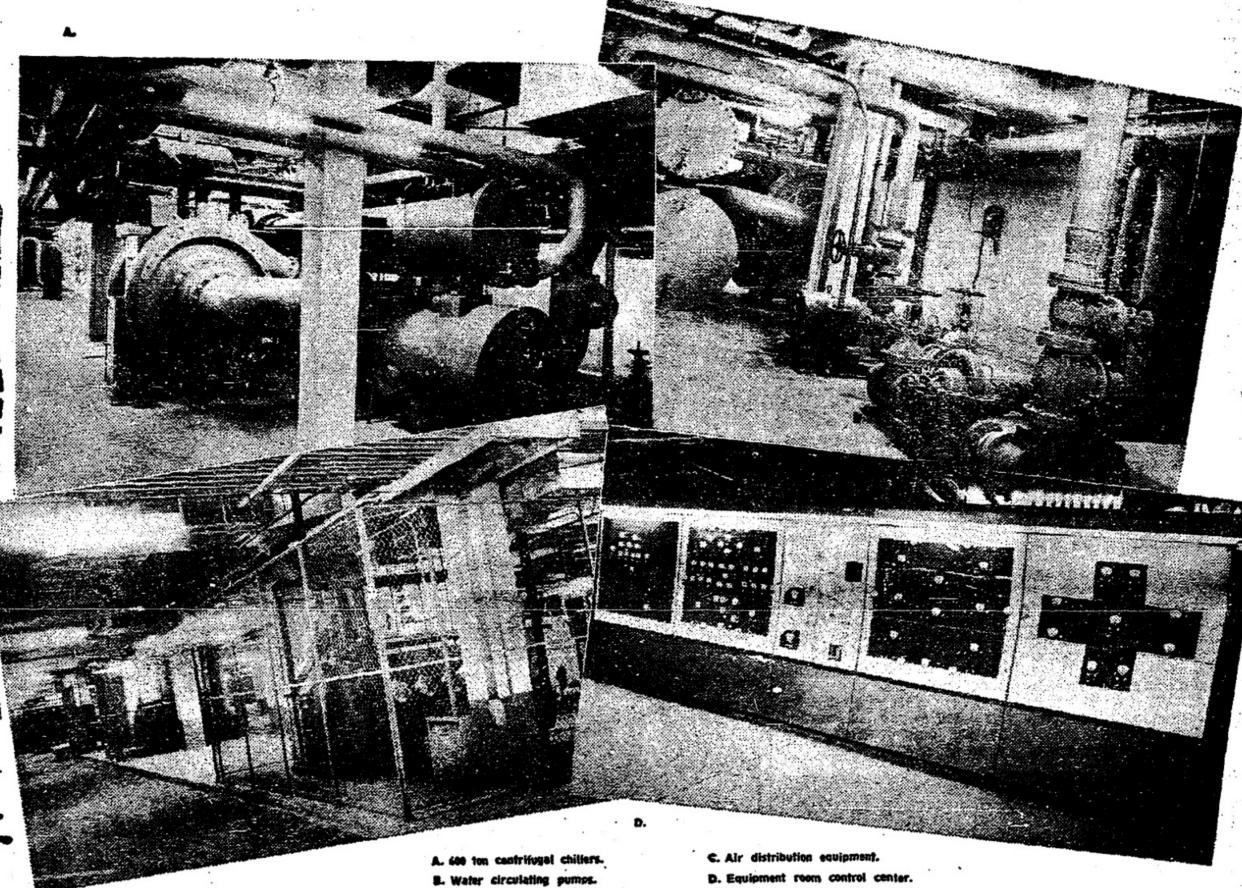
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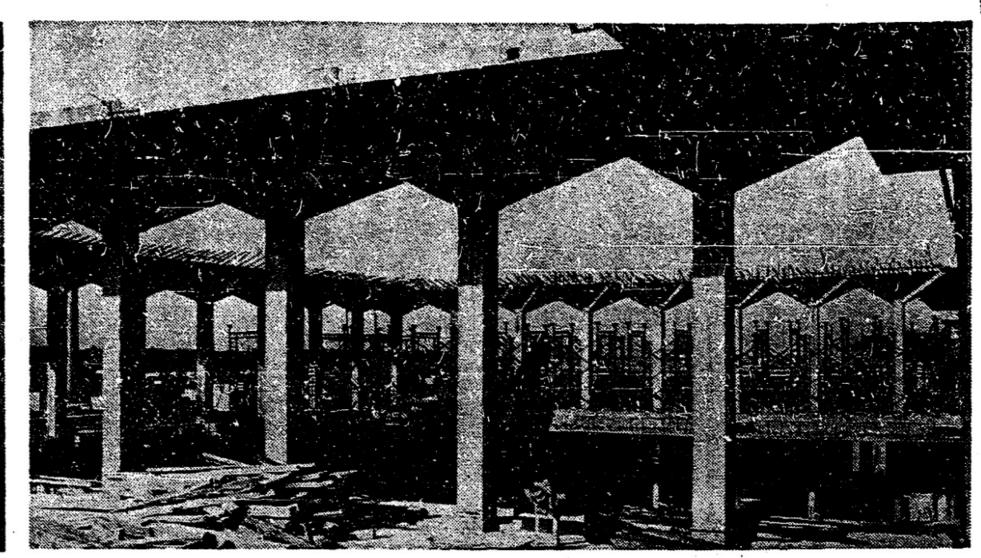
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Planters and pyramids decorate roof of State House



As State House began rising almost two years ago

Per Square Foot "You only build one of these in a lifetime," says Johnnie H. Jones. Jones was construction foreman for Rea Construction of Charlotte and supervised the general construction of the State House Came to \$24.92 "You only build one of these in a lifetime," says Johnnie H. Jones. Jones was construction foreman for Rea Construction Co. of Charlotte and supervised the general construction of the State House Jones was construction foreman for Rea Construction of the general construction of the State House from Jan. They started, after the grading was completed, by putting in 311 drilled-in-place pilings to hold the building. The top roof was made as a deck area for plants and walk-

Each square foot of floor Washington, D. C., installed the space in the new State House electrical equipment at a concost North Carolina taxpayers tract price of \$284,623.

If that sounds high, it really isn't, if it is compared with the cost of the present State Capitol, built in the 1830s at a cost of approximately \$17 per square foot.
The total bill for the 206,000-square foot modernistic State House amounts to \$6,200,471.81

Work For Many. Built under separate contracts, the building provided work for hundreds of men.

But it didn't cause the eco-nomic boost generated by the old Capitol. A railroad, linking the Capitol with a Raleigh quar-ry, was built in the 1830s to haul the granite for the Capitol. Most of the materials in the State House were shipped in by truck. Rea Construction Company of Charlotte, one of the State's largest building outfits, held the

general contract for the State House. Its contract amounted to \$3,-348,349. Proctor Plumbing Company of Raleigh installed the thousands of yards of pipes serving the building, at a contract cost of \$194,853.

Bolton Company of Raleigh. with a \$632,520 contract, installed the heating and air conditioning equipment. Ernst Electrical Company of

Monarch Elevator Company installed three elevators at

Food Equipment Contract Company of Raleigh installed kitchen equipment for \$56,920. Furnishings for the building, designed by the architect, were provided by John Stewart Company and Alfred Williams Company, under contracts of \$173,-594 and \$157,320.

With other minor equipment contracts, the total cost of furcontracts, the total cost of furnishings came to \$422,686.

Davey Tree Company, with a \$30,348 contract, and Greenbriar Farms of Norfolk, with a \$32,710 contract, provided the land-scaping and the hundreds of trees and plants. Landscapes, Inc., of Salisbury had a \$9,700 contract in the same field. Holoway-Reeves, the Raleigh architect who supervised construction in association with New York architect Edward Durell Stone received a fee

Thus, the total cost of building and furnishings for the building comes to \$5,307,828.42. In addition, the State paid \$892,643.39 for the two square blocks of land which form the State House site.

As part of the site price, the State had to buy the Seaboard Railway freight station, at a



Member's private office

Ceremony Delayed As Fame Spreads

North Carolina's State House There is no cornerstone in will open at a gailop, not even the building at the present time, slowing down for a formal turn- and no Masonic rites have been ing the key ceremony.
Instead, the Legislative Building Commission hopes to hold a solemn dedicatory ceremony sometime after the 1963 sassion of the Legislature begins.

Because it is all so new, the commission decided that solemnity would be better served if the dedication ceremony was put off until everybody learned

In keeping with many modern buildings, the State House has had little caremony attached to its ground-breaking ceremony was short, elmost informal.

conducted over State House stones, rites that once were considered most necessary for any public building. By the time a dedicatory ceremony is held, the building's fame is expected to be spread-

Any ceremony is expected to draw legislators from lawmaking bodies around the country to see the only structure in America used exclusively by a state law-making body. The building commission is experted to ask the Legislature to set up a committee to plan

State House Cost Once in Lifetime, Says Construction Boss

"I've been on some projects that cost more, but that's the most detailed job I've ever worked on," he said.

"We don't know of any pour-tions. The pilings varied in ed-in-place pyramids like that depth from 22 feet to over 60 any place else in the country,"

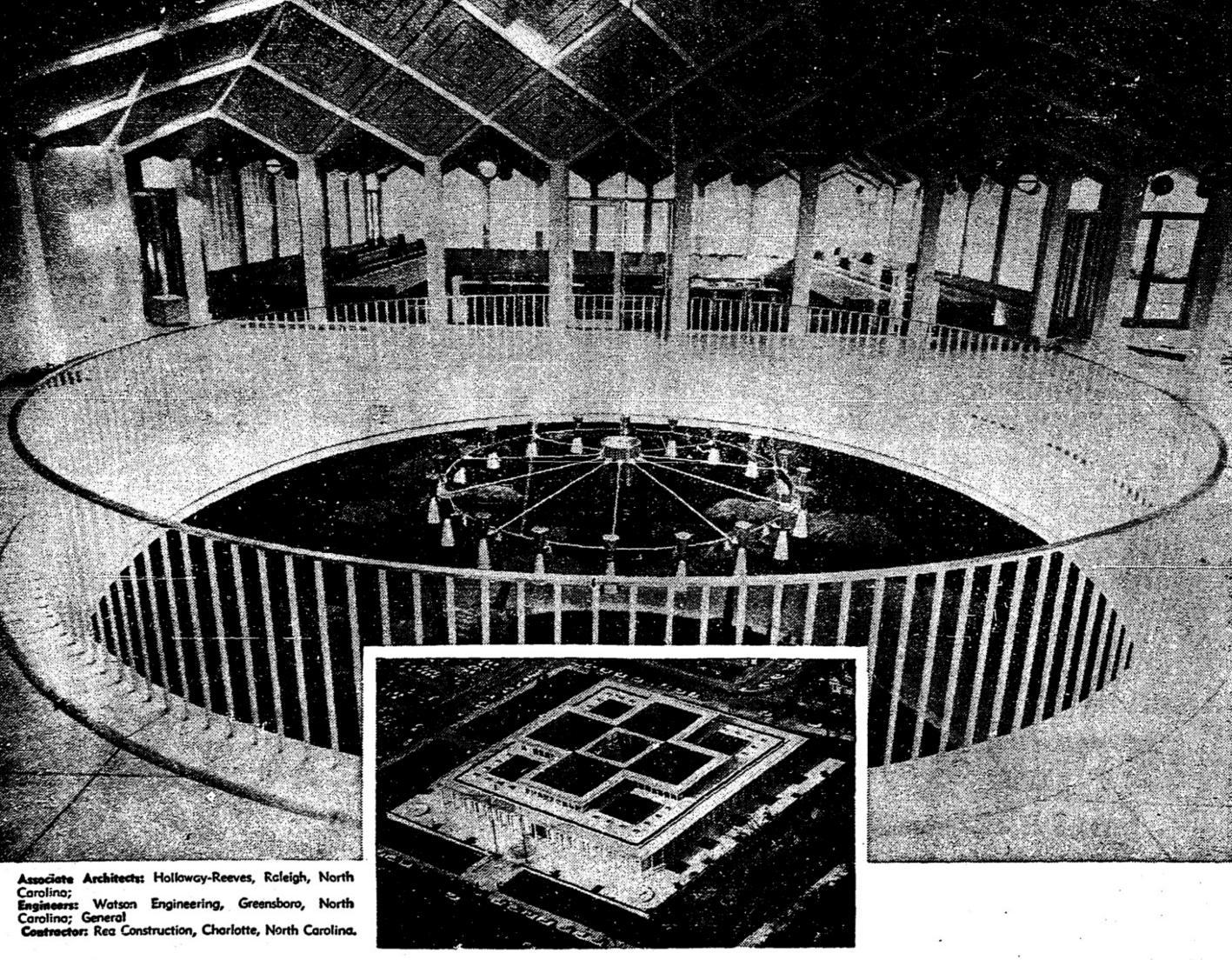
to hold the building's founda-

and other divisions of the building.

"Other than that, the generally highly finished nature of
the top roof was made as a the building is unusual," he

graduated from State College proofing for the structure had in 1953 with a degree in con-

to be put underneath the deck. struction engineering. He has pany of America at Badin.



From terrazzo floors to pyramid roofs... modern concrete brings dramatic beauty to North Carolina's new State House

- ☐ For the nation's first complete State Legislative Building, architect Edward Durell Stone has provided a matchless example of the versatility of modern concrete.
- In the new North Carolina State House, concrete is used for all vital structural elements - room, frame and floors - and for striking decorative effects.
- Gleaming expanses of terrazzo floors, white concrete masonry walls and special concrete etone facings for columns create an interior of great elegance and charm. Overhead, diamond patterns sculptured in the concrete add unusual interest to the interior of the pyramid roofs. And because all
- molds are owned by the State, these patterns will never be seen in other buildings.
- ☐ For the roof gardens, too, concrete provided opportunity for imaginative design. A grillwork of cast-in-place skylight planters cover the 3-story. open courts. Recessed pools, cast-stone planting boxes and hanging planters are arranged differently in each court.
- ☐ Everywhere, today, handsome things are being done with modern concrete Its unique ability to combine beauty with outstanding utility and freedom from upkeep expense makes concrete first choice for modern construccion.

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The end result, some figure,

could well be establishment of

some type of permanent legisla-

tive committee to function be-

Whatever arrangement is fin-

ally approved, it seems obvious

that the home of any new legis-

lative agency will be the State

There was no public hall in

Raleigh during the early days.

As a result the authorities were

generous in opening the rooms

below the Assembly halls of the

State House for Fourth of July

dinners, theatrical perform-

No Idle Place

Year-Round Use Seen

The North Carolina Legisla- solve the meeting problem for swer to legislative questions

And the rooms will give them

a place they can meet perman-

ently and in which they can

than having to hunt a new

meeting ground on each visit

The State House someday

may house a permanent leg-

islative staff, too. The Commis-

sion on Reorganization of State

Government has recommended

that the Assembly set up a full-

time legislative coursel to belp

The idea is to give the Legis-

members both during and be-

keep study materials rather

ture meets for only five months the off-season commissions as

Program Hurried In 1960

One of the little-known tales about the new State House was concealed under a happy little ceremony in late December.

Then, a group of State of-

ficials gathered at the State House site to formally break ground for the building. Gov. Luther Hodges, who had strongly supported the idea, and State Sen. Tom White of Lender, chairman of the building commission, were on hand, clong with Terry Sanford, who was shortly to take office as

Some wondered at the holiday date. It was Dec. 28. Some wondered, too, about the somewhat fasty manner in which the ground-breaking ceremony was

The story in State government circles now is that the speed with which the ceremony took place grew out of Terry Sanford's sketicism about the need for the building. Sanford friends admit that the Governor-elect was somewhat annoyed that the 1959 Legislature had appropriated \$4.5 mil-lion for the building without asking voter approval in a bond

Faced with a political promise to greatly increase spending for public schools, Sanford looked longingly at that building sum. The quickly - called ground-hreaking was the first formal ceremony surrounding the State

mony, the future of the building was nailed down.

Sanford came to office less than two weeks later. Theoretically, he could still have held in construction of the building until the 1961 Legislature was allowed to make a new determination. mony, the future of the building

The new Governor never got to that point. In the 1961 session, he worked closely with Sen. White, who was a stal-wart in backing the Governor's tax program.

White, went the word in some political backrooms, was happy to go along with the new Governor who had turned his skeptical eye away from the State House, and whose administration even put \$1 million in the hudget to meet costs of furnishings.

Others pointed out that the money for the State House wasn't put through the Assembly until White, as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, had pushed thrugh Sanford's tax program.

The first move toward establishing a permanent State capital on a site which later was to become Raleigh was taken by the General Assembly of 1787 sitting at Tarboro. The Assembly provided for the calling of a convention to adopt the Constitution of the United States and to recommend to the people of the State to "fix on the place for the unalterable seat of government."

The Convention which met at Hillsboro in 1788 resolved that "this Convention will not fix the "this Convention will not fix the seat of government at one particular place, but that it will be left to the discretion of the Assembly to ascertain the exact spot, provided always that it will be within 10 miles of the plantation whereas Issue II.

plantation whereon Isaac Hunt-

er now resides in Wake Coun-



Comfortable place to rest

Self-Contained City

There's just about everything bers in the Capitol also had a in the State House but a su- post office.

The building includes a 50seat chapel on the second floor spacious lounges for legislative between the House and Senate chambers. Both the House and Senate have fulltime chaptains. And, up on the third floor. there's a 300-seat auditorium complete with a stage and a House. With that symbolic cere- movie projection booth. It will no doubt be a handy place for legislative briefings and large meetings outside the regular

Also in the building are several emergency treatment rooms in case anyone is taken suddenly ill. The rooms include cabinets for first aid equipment, strong medical lights and exam-

The building also has its own full-fledged post office, which will be manned by the U.S.

Tucked away in several corners of the large structure are

Most Are **Veterans**

A majority of the members of both the 1963 House and Senate will have prior legislative service under their belts. Seveteen members of the Senate served in that chamber in the 1961 Assembly. Two others were in the house last time and 17 more served in prior

A total of 72 members of the '61 House are coming back to the lower chamber. Six others Postal Service during the Leg-islature. The honorables get a have served in previous ses-lot of mail and the old cham-sions.

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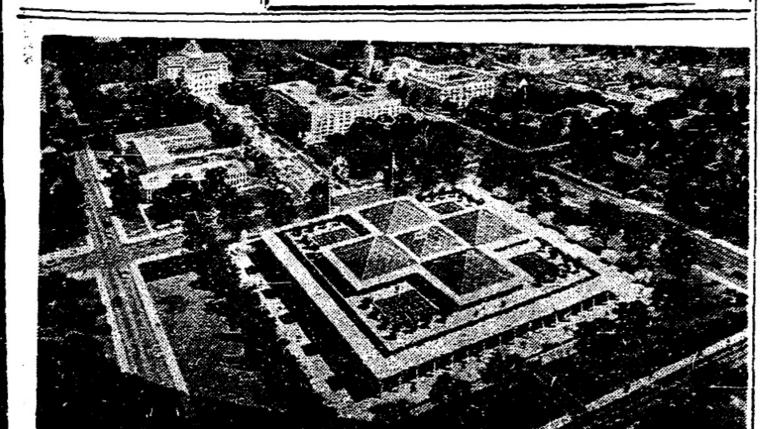
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supplied in the State House for Lature a research and investiances, balls and for religious the Legislature are expected to gative arm to find its own anservices of all denominations.

or so every two years.

General Assembly.

But the State House is ex-

pected to be used on a year-

round basis even when the As-

It is expected to become a

home for teams of study com-

missions and committees that meet between sessions of the

In years past, these commis-

sions have had to find catch as-

catch-can meeting space around

Capital Square, in much the

same manner the Legislature it-

self has had to find meeting

The many committee rooms

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semblymen aren't in town.

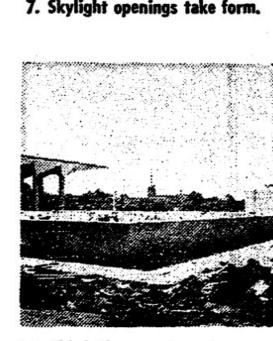


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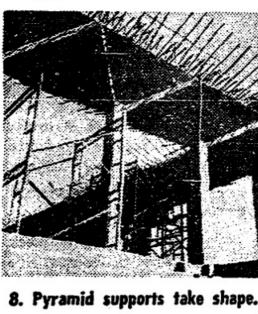
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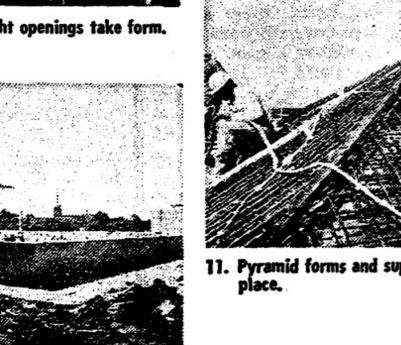


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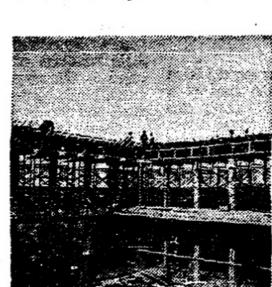


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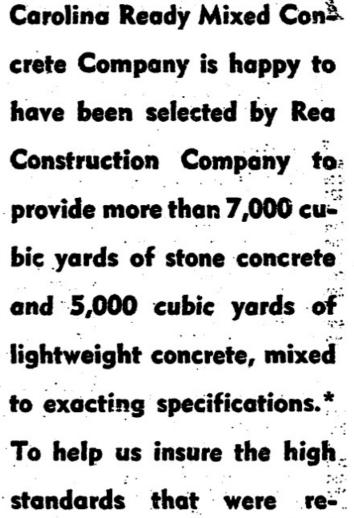
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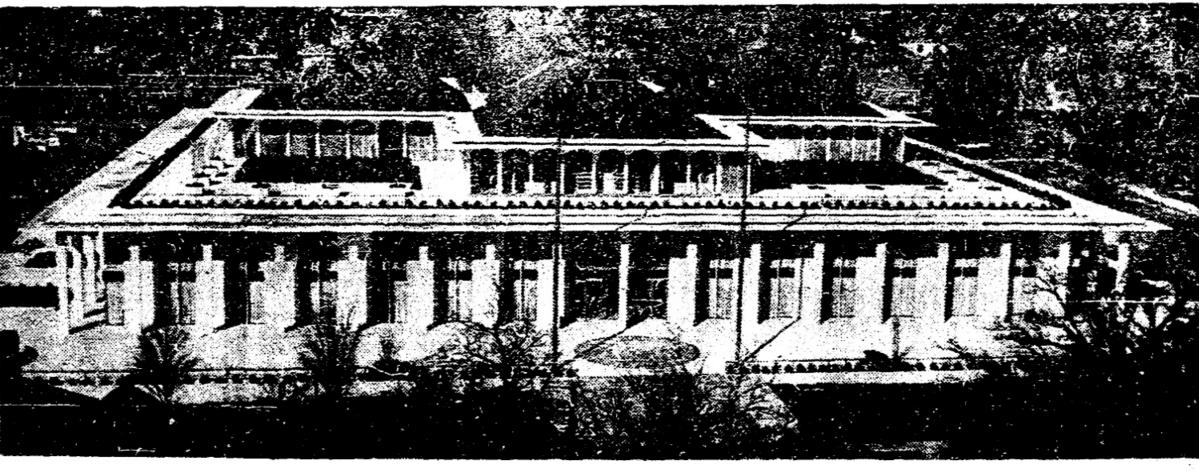
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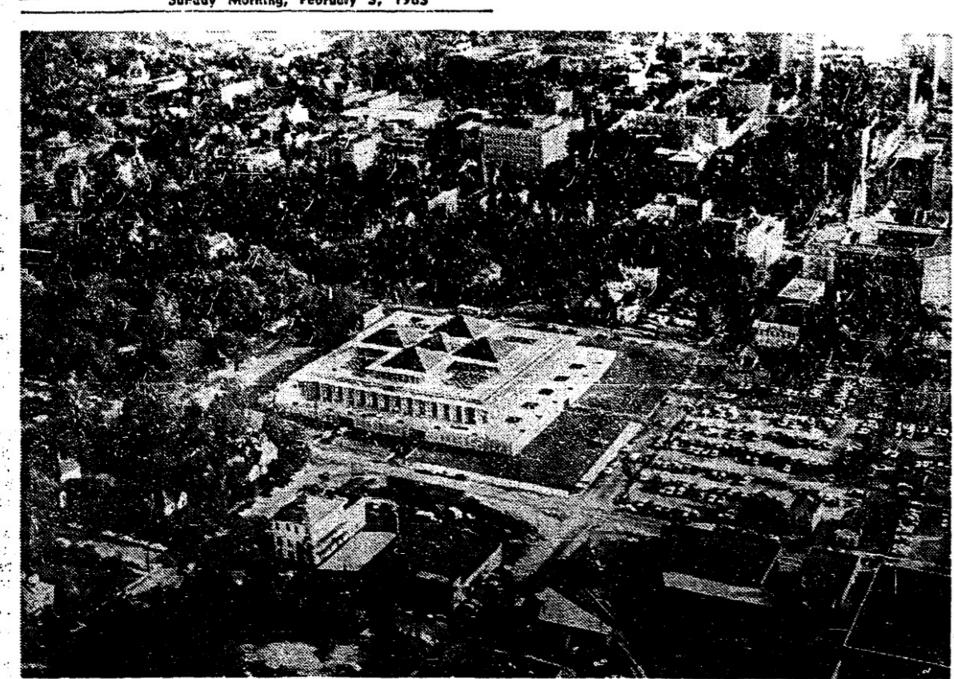
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Latest Addition to Growing Complex ing by the clerk when House or Senate is passing the day's batch of local bills is one of the Of State's Governmental Buildings

latest addition to a government- up in 1922, and a major addial city that is growing up around Raleigh's Capitol

Until a half century ago, the entire business of North Carolina State government-legislative, judicial, and executive— was housed in the State Capitol. But in recent decades, the burgeoning growth of State government has sparked a building boom in governmental

Oldest structure around Capi-

to! Square is the building now known as the Labor Building. It was constructed in the early 1900s, and at one time contained most of the State's executive agencies and the State Supreme Court. It is made of brick. Even earlier, the State had used old Caswell Square, two

blocks to the northwest of Capitol Square, for government A State school for the blind was located there, with one cornerstone laid as early as 1845, another in 1898. Later, beginning in 1928, the building was used by the State Health In 1913, the first stone building was built on the Square—
the building now known as the
State Library Building.
into a complex of open spaces
and governmental buildings.
The State already owns much ing was built on the Square-The building contained the of the land immediately sur-Supreme Court, and the ornate rounding the State House site. court chamber is used today by the State Utilities Commission.

added several other of the Square's most imposing build-The Revenue Building was constructed in 1917, and added to in 1938 and 1945.

After World War I, the State

The next big State building Administration was providing

In that period, the Justice Building and the Education Building went up around Capitol On Caswell Square the health agency's laboratory building, and the Caswell Office Building-now home of the Employ-

The new State House is the The Agriculture Building went State buildings - the cottage- State-owned buildings, and doz-Caswell Square—went up.

up on Capitol Square in 1950. In 1954, the State health department made another move, into its new building on Caswell Motor Vehicles Building on the site of the old Confederate hospital on New Bern Avenue.

sized oral hygiene building on ens of offices are now rented in private Raleigh buildings. The State has also taken over College, located two blocks from the Square.

In all, the State's housekeeping agency-General Servicesings, including heating plants, garages, and leased areas, for In recent years, State govern-ment has expanded outside State government in the Raleigh

Planners Seek Development With Plenty of Open Space

North Carolina's new State

Men with vision see the State House as only the start of a plan that would eventually con-vert an area of several blocks

Culture Center. State cultural center to be constructed on a block-sized site to the east of the State House. Beyond this block, the Governor's Mansion would mark the

eventually own a block that will tie in with Caswell Square across Downtown Boulevard. State buildings are already located on the square. The block between the boulevard and the State House will eventually become an open park area, allowing a good view of the five-domed legislative build-

Proposals to convert Halifax Street between the Capitol and the State House into a mall have already been proposed, but this is likely to come about in

posal, is the idea of using a statue of Sir Walter Raleigh as the main attraction in the

soon own another block between the Square and the State House, to the east Halifax Street. This block is eyed by State planners as the future site for a State office building.

However, other planners have the idea that this block, and the block on the west side of Halifax which now contains the State Agriculture and Labor department buildings, should some day be converted to mall areas, so that Capitol Square and the State House site would be tied together by a green area two blocks wide.

vista be created that will do justice to either the Capitol or the State House. Still undecided are plans for the big area to the north of the State House site, now occupied by commercial buildings and older private dwellings. Eventually, this area would presumably also be tied in as a mail or used for top flight private construction.

Only in this way, they argue,

Mostly Democrats

The 1963 General Assembly will be composed of 147 Demo-crats and 23 Republicans. There will be 99 Democrats in the 120-member House of Representatives and 21 Repub-The 50-member State Senate will be made up of 48 Demo-crats and two Republicans.

Tall Poles, Big Flags

There's a tale behind the two big State and American flags flown in front of the State House. The flagpoles are 80 feet tall, much larger than any-thing State Government has

had previously. When they were completed, General Services Di-rector George Cherry ran up flags the same size as those that have been flown

on the Capitol-eight by 12 Consulting State House architect Edward Durell

Stone frowned when he saw the flags. "Your flags are much too small," he told Cherry. "Your flagpoles are too darned tall," replied Cherry good-naturedly. Sione won out, and the

the State has ever flown.

Reading Clerks Stay On

> The arcient and bonorable post of town cryer has its counterpart in the General Assem-

The reading clerks of House and Senate have a role that can only be played by humans, and despite the electronic gear in the new State House, they will still be necessary.

Candidates for the reading posts this year are Leroy Clark of Wenclell, who served in the job twice before in the Senate, end former legislator Sam Burnow Jr. of Asheboro, who would be a freshman reading clerk for the House. In their role, the reading

clerks sound off with the titles of bills, call the roll, and in many cases read the entire contents of balls and resolutions. Working from a seat next to the Speaker, the presiding offi-cer, the reading clerk follows orders. Forming a team with the chief clerk and the presiding officer, the reading clerk makes the wheels of partiamentary procedure go round. For the visitors to a legisla-

most-remembered facets of a trip to the General Assembly. If he is in good voice, the reading clerk can ratile off a dozen or more concontroversial bills a minute, calling the "short roll" on each bill. When more important legislation is being voted on, and the roll is called name by name,

in what is a high moment of legislative drama. Roll calling has sometimee been the downfall of a reading Legislators are sensitive about the pronunciation of their

names, and of the names of the counties they represent. Woe to the reading clerk who calls "ROB-eson" County "ROBE - son," or who can't get the right inflection of the name of an oldtimer such as Rep. John Kerr (pronounced CAR,

Interestingly enough, the Legislature often picks a man who has had auctioneering experience for the reading clerk post.

Clark, for example, had such experience, and before him, Gene Simmons of Tarboro had The former reading clerk of the House, pint-sized Billy Ar-

at the University.

GEORGE CHERRY

Endless Cleanup Is Seen

polishing will be an almost coninuous task in the gleaming State House. The building contains 25,000 square feet of glass in its ex-

That's 50,000 square feet to

brass, too," says State General Services Director George Cher-

Keeping the building polished and looking its best will be somewhat like painting a big bridge, Cherry figures. Bridge painters paint continuously on a structure the size of the George Washington Bridge in New

"There's also a lot of tile

floor to keep clean," he said.
"And we've got to find out how much water we're supposed to give the tropical plants. How we're supposed to maintain the pools in the building, we don't

. Cherry's cleaning staff will in-clude two men and two women and five prison inmates. He expects other cleaning help from legislative employes. thur of Chapel Hill, worked up "It's going to be a show his deep voice as a cheerleader place and we think it's got to be kept right," he said.

A Future Pride, An Issue Now?

The State House will ring to case with the new State House. the sounds of political battle, of Meanwhile, the question still But will the building itself be a political issue?

them Secretary of State Thad Others, and Eure himself, feel that the building will eventually become a pride of the Tar Heel landscape.

Some think it will, among

A Rocky Road? Eure feels that, for a time,

some political candidates might

make an issue of the undoubted plushness of the legislative surroundings. He points out that in Kentucky a candidate once won a governorship by making wisecracks about an expensive rug in the Governor's Mansion. Something like that could happen with the new House, Eure believes. Some legislators secretly share this view, and some in the privacy of bull sessions admit they are glad they were among the few who voted against the building in the 1959 sessions. The building met surprisingly littie opposition in the legislative sessions which considered

At the time, legislators really had no idea of the architecture of the building. This was not the case in 1949,

when then Gov. Kerr Scott proposed erection of the State Fair Arena. The architectural plans for that building had already been presented, and it had already been dubbed "the Cow The building provoked charges

Now Proud of It.

Yet, as Eure himself points out, the building has become a source of pride for nearly all North Carolinians. He believes this will be the

handy for briefing legislators on the Governor's desires, and two working offices just off the

persists in Tar Heel political

The 1964 elections will be

watched closely by many politi-

cal observers to see if the

State House makes its debut co

First Ones In

Although the State House is

the home of the legislative

branch of government, the ex-

ecutive branch actually moved

Former Sen. Ed Clark of

Bladen County, who is serving

as Gov. Sanford's official legis-

lative counsel, has been work-

ing in his State House office

Clark, who serves as the Gov-

ernor's lobbyist among legisla-

tors, has a spacious front of-

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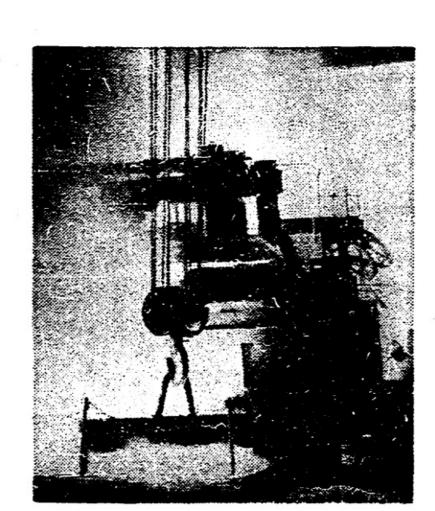
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flags now flying in front of the State House are 12 by 20 feet in size, the biggest

Veteran legislators point out

Time to Think.

For one thing, there is time

to think while the roll is called.

Being human, legislators like

with names beginning far down

the alphabet, the roll call is

handy for checking on how the

For another, the roll call is

the one "gut" action of a leg-

islator, the root activity of the

man who makes laws. Most

men feel that the duty to sound

cff "aye" or "nay" is the one

thing they would like to carry

out in a manner honored by

A more irreverent observer, a

newsman of long legislative ex-

perience, has pointed out that

electronics can be carried to an

With a great number of but-

tons that handle all his chores.

the lawmaker might be reduced

This doesn't appeal to some

men, who find comfort in the

sound of other people's voices.

In a completely - electronic sit-

"ticking of their own conscien-

Richard Dobbs Speight, the

first Governor to serve in

North Carolina's first State

working a panel of buttons.

time and tradition.

To summon a young page, a "pinball gallery" if such a North Carolina lawmakers will device were used. have but to press a button on their State House desks. more basic reasons for keeping the roll call, however. But in order to register their rotes on legislation before

them, legislators will still have to sound off with an "ave" or a "may." The new State House is electronic in many ways, especially to be with a winner. For those in the matter of summoning up

of for a lawmaker. When it comes to making the decisions for which they were elected, however, lawmakers will use an old and honorable.

services that make life easier

method. Up To Legislators. The idea of electronic voting

gear for the State House was

axed in the State House build-

ing commission by old timers

who feit push - button voting wasn't in keeping with legislative dignity.
The final answer has been left to the legislators themselves. The wiring for electronic voting machines is already installed. to sitting in complete silence,

Yet, the idea of continuing with the time - honored roll call vote has many supporters among legislators, both traditionalists and innovators. For one thing, the electronic voting devices in use in some states have a carnival look. They consist of name boards on

the wall which light up when buttons are pressed. A vote can be tabulated in an instant, but that instant is likely to be con-fusing to the lawmakers and to One traditionalist pointed out House at Raleigh was killed in a that school children in to look duel with John Stanly, eight

might get the idea they were in

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at their Legislature in action years after he held chief execu-

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Our Lawmakers

State assembly, and before that

the colonial assembly, met each

ketbook considerations have

Will They Linger or Leave?

Will North Carolina legislators stay in session longer because

of the pleasant new State House Some say so, but others believe the building will make the Assembly more efficient, and able to wind up its work in

For the past decade, Assem-bly sessions have gradually lengthened, with the problems of State government becoming more complex.

The record legislative sessions came in 1931 and in 1955. In both years, when taxes were a major issue, lawmakers stayed in Raleigh for 121 legis-lative days, well into mid-sum-In most recent sessions, the

Assembly usually ran until the second or third week in June, after convening in the first week

Until 1957, the sessions be- often played a big part in the gan in early January. The biennial session of the Oldtimers recall that during Legislature has been a feature the bad days of the 1930's, some legislators were very glad to of North Carolina government stretch out the sessions in order since 1835. Before a constitutional change that year, the to draw the full amount of

Didn't Stay Around.

In those days, legislative sessions usually started in late Nosessions and many legislators from far-off counties left town, making it hard to get together vember and were over by miduary convening date came in 1879. Until after the First World enough lawmakers to attend to

wound up its business by early
March. After then, sessions
gradually lengthened into April,
and into May after World War begins at a Monday night session, and during the middle three days of the week, the Assembly convenes at noon. On Friday, sessions usually begin at 10 a.m., and by mid-afterare paid for a fixed number of noon, most lawmakers are scatlegislative days (now 120), poctering for home.

consists of only one or two Wake County lawmakers in each chamber, meeting for a few minutes simply for the record. During the week-day mornings, the all-important committees of the Assembly are

meeting, discussing the bills which have been introduced. In the afternoons, the big committees-appropriations and finance - hold their meetings. Every member of the Asthe other of these big com-The legislative week usually Assembly session - the budget and tax proposals.

> The General Assembly met in the first State House in Raleigh in November 1794. Richard Dobbs Speight was then

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Senate Stiff Toward Press

The North Carolina State House will contain one of the most complete press facilities found in any public building in

Yet ironically, the press and some members of the Assembly are already at odds over how these facilities should be used. On the first floor of the building, press facilities include a press room with desks for more than 30 newsmen, separate rooms for teevee and radio interviews, and a press lounge. On the third floor, press galleries are located in the balconies overlooking the floor of the

House and Senate chambers. On House Floor. On the House floor, a press table has been located so newsmen can continue to keep close contact with lawmakers while daily sessions are in progress. In the Senate, however, Sen. Clarence Stone of Rockingham, who will preside over that body, has decided newsmen must stay in their balcony gallery, separ-

ated from the floor, and also

separated by two floors from

their work facilities or the lurst Stone's ideas about me press fit those of Sen. Ton. White of Lenoir, chairman of the State House building commission.

Cause of Concern. The controversy over the Seuate press rules in the State House has produced a flood of editorial comment, and concern among legislators and the newsmen who cover legislative ses-

Senators have been divided

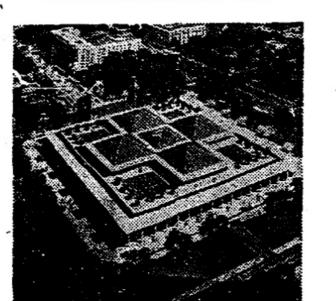
over the question, although many have pointed out that newsmen have covered sessions of the Assembly from the floor for generations. Newsmen have argued that their ability to turn out accurate, speedy reports will be hampered by the separation in Both groups have expressed concern that a working relationship that has been characterized by mutual trust and day-to-day friendliness mi-hi

be marred by the flap over the

Senate gallery.

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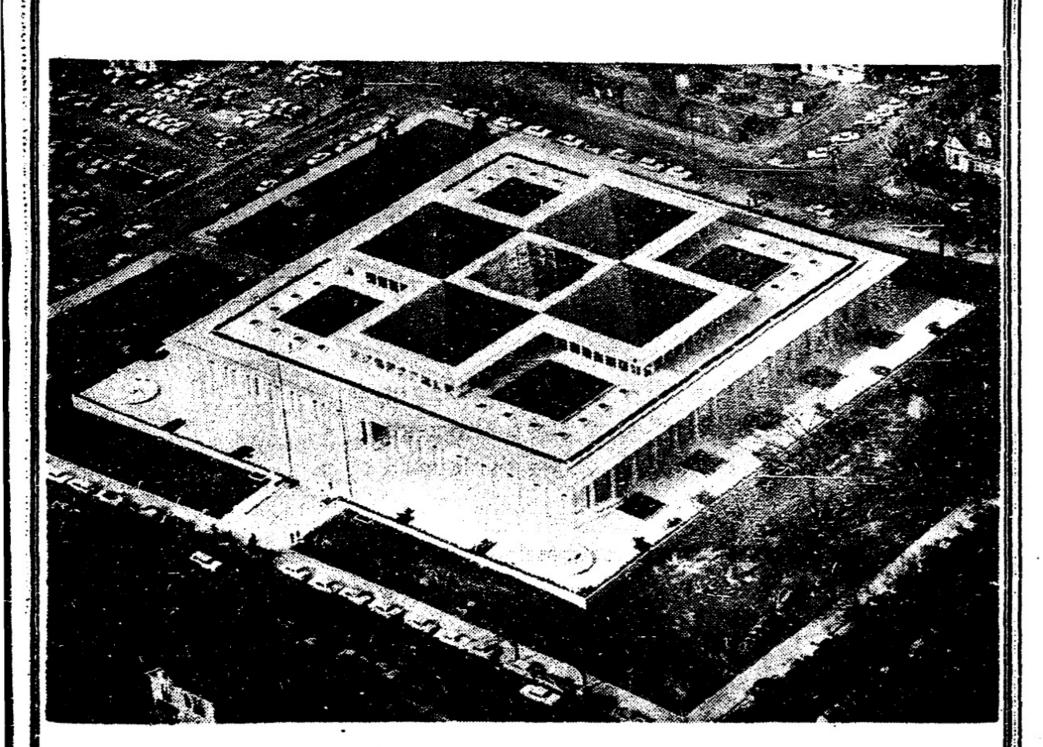
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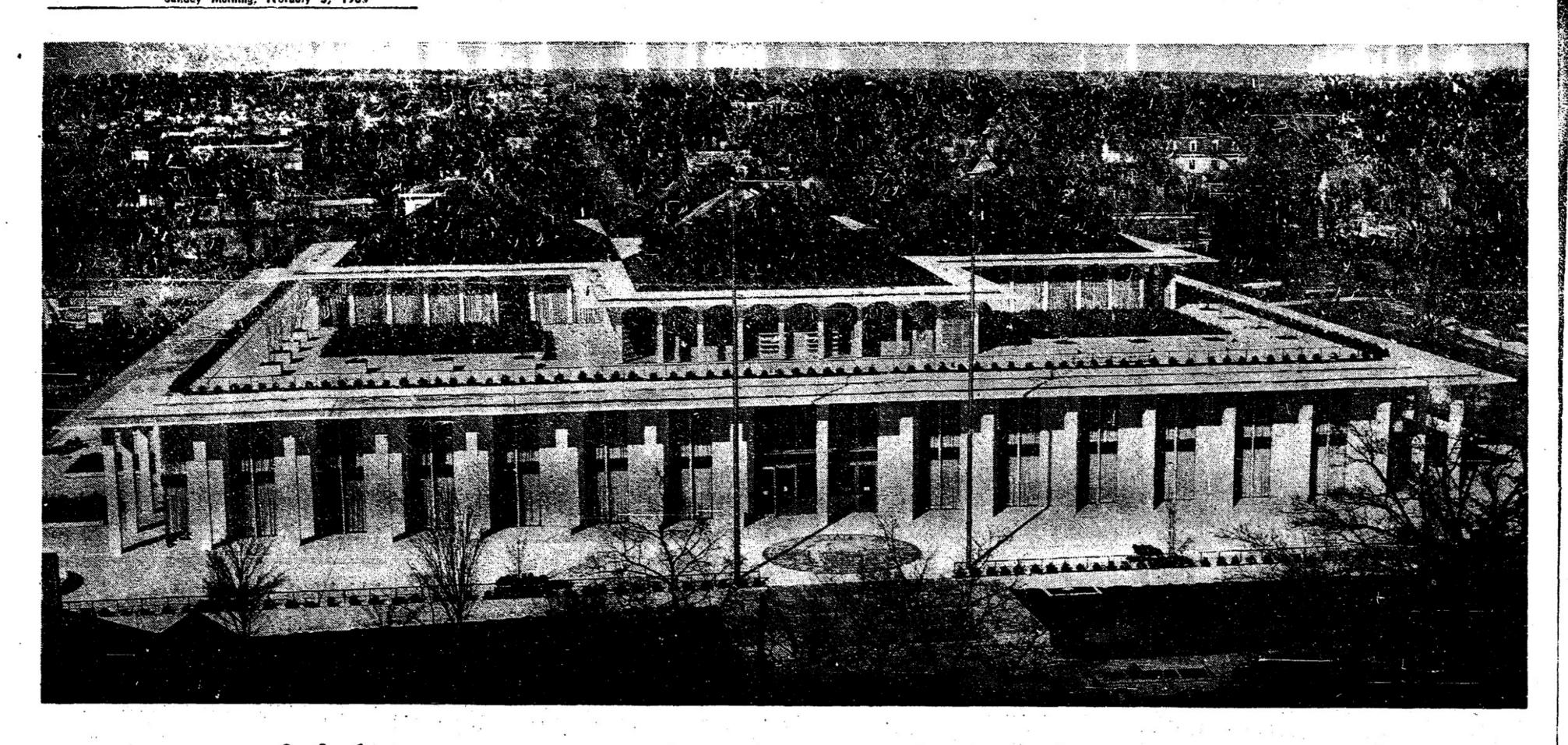
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