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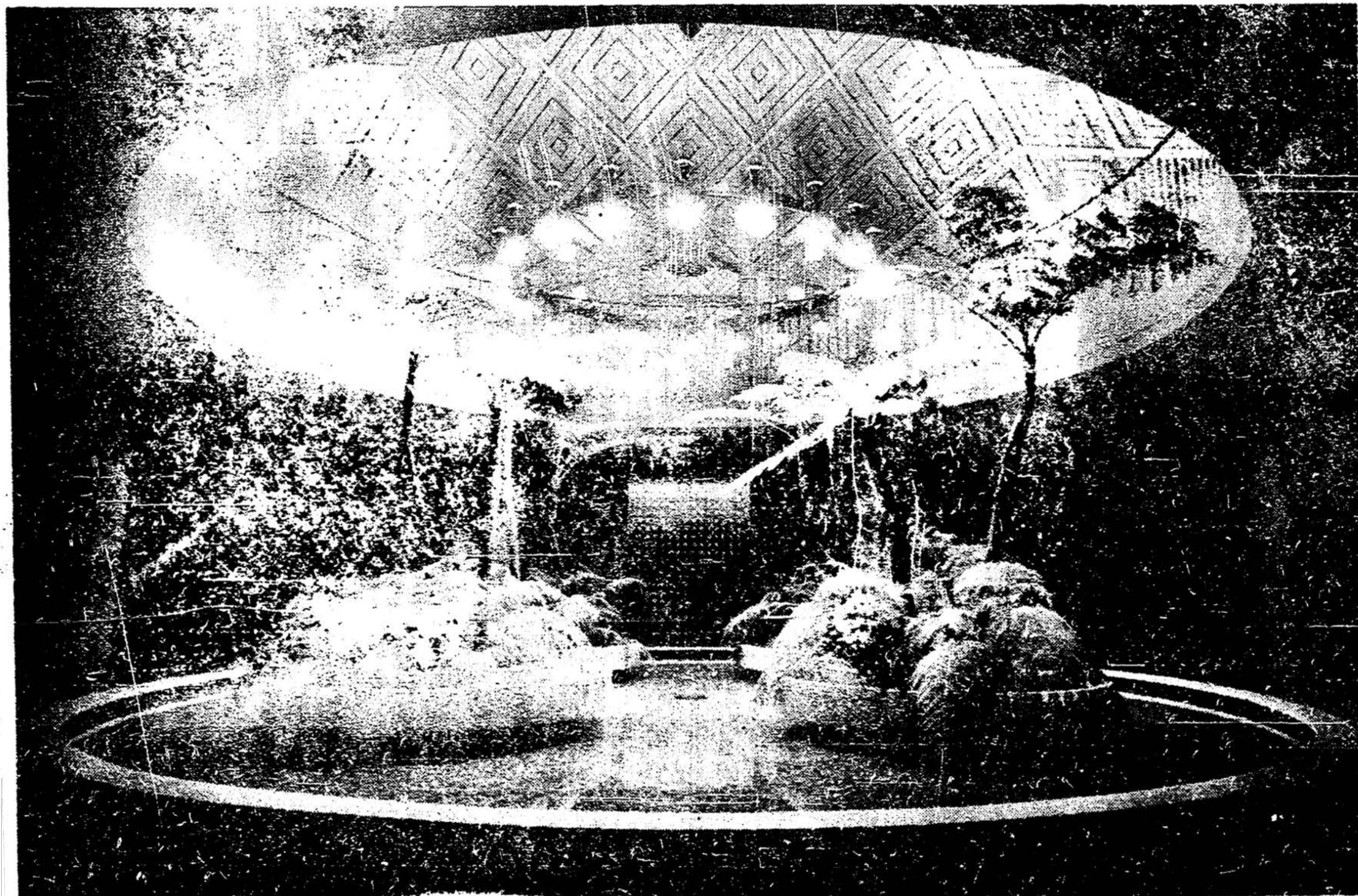
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The State House

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Ferns decorate, lights blaze in main rotunda on second floor

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Legislators to Get Personal Telephones

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Another beautiful structure with MOUNT AIRY GRANITE

... North Carolina's new Legislative Building ...

Some other well-known North Carolina State buildings featuring Mount Airy Granite.



STATE HIGHWAY BUILDING, RALEIGH



Since 1889 white Mount Airy granite has been selected for use in distinguished buildings in North Carolina and throughout the nation. The selection of this native product for the main entrance steps and the facing of the great 324' x 340' podium of the new Legislative Building was in accordance with the Architect's use throughout of the finest possible materials.

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Building Displays Many Materials

Marble from Vermont, trees from Hawaii, and black walnut furniture from North Carolina are among the materials in the new State House. The national character of the building is reflected in the choice of materials.

Mount Airy granite, a staple of the North Carolina stone market, is used for some ground level facings. The trees from Hawaii are Hawaiian Tree Ferns, which

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GEORGE CHERRY

Endless Cleanup Is Seen

Glass cleaning and brass polishing will be an almost continuous task in the gleaming State House.

The building contains 25,000 square feet of glass in its exterior. That's 50,000 square feet to keep clean when you count both sides.

"It's got an awful lot of brass, too," says State General Services Director George Cherry.

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Big, New State 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 legislative body.

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.

No, Not in the State House

One of the real symbols of legislative government will be missing in North Carolina's new State House. There will be no spittoons on the terrazzo floors. From the first days of the

Cigars, a symbol of politicians during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, also went with spittoons like biscuits with gravy.

In recent years, however, politicians have adopted pipes and cigarettes. The number of chewers has steadily declined until no one can name a single Tar Heel lawmaker who regu-

No Parking Tickets

Legislators shouldn't have to worry about parking tickets when they get in the State House.

SENATOR WHITE

Tourist's Locator

Here's a quick guide to the State House:

Basement

Post office
Secretaries' lounge
Institute of Government
Committee rooms
Preparation kitchen
Parking
Custodial facilities
Enrolling Office

Latest Ideas.

Although classical in feeling, the new State House embraces the latest advances in engineering and architecture — among them, reinforced concrete, air-conditioning, the latest in communications equipment, and the use of glass.

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 rests.

Useful, Too.

The stair adds a handsome note to the interior but it is

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Architects See It as Unique and Classical



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REEVES

a colonnade of square columns reaching from the podium to the main roof of the second floor.

As a visitor enters from the South (Jones Street) he crosses a 28-foot diameter terrazzo mosaic 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 promenade.

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

the rotunda; and when the main doors are open, the two presiding officers face one another. The specially-designed members' desks are placed on red carpets, and the pyramidal roofs offer added volume to the chambers.

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 patterns are outlined in gold.

The sides of each chamber open onto mezzanines of the garden courts.

The mezzanines provide access to the members' offices around the perimeter; and here, too, a member may step out of a session, confer with a constituent or messenger, and return immediately to the deliberations.

In rear of the dais of each chamber are the service centers for the two houses.

Offices for processing grossing bills are in a service corridor. A central stairway would be a convenient officer's of appropriate for the tread of the dais. Charles de Gaulle.

To Queen's Taste.

A small chapel is situated south of the rotunda, and the legislative library is north of the rotunda.

The rotunda contains a large landscaped pool and is open to the third floor through a mezzanine.

Galleries for each chamber are connected by the rotunda mezzanine at the top of the main stair.

Spectators can view sessions through windows or can enter galleries from the rotunda.

The main hall main stair contains a mezzanine counter, and form alcoves for the members.

In the North wing, the rotunda is equipped with theatre-type seats for the members.

Committee hearings are held in the committee rooms, and the new State House will have a total of 100 committee rooms.

Although the walls will be terrazzo, the fern courts will be crawling with lobbyists. It will be an engrossing spectacle. Rather than buttonholing



All CAULK!

Craven Views State House

By CHARLES CRAVEN.

Instead of having just one

new State House will be greatly expedited. Committee rooms throughout the building make it unnecessary for the lawmakers to leave the building to walk to various sites for the meetings of old. There will be a plethora of telephones, and a public address system.

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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.

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A legislator who wanted privacy in the Capitol usually found it only in a phone booth.

But in the State House, legislators should have plenty of privacy.

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.

The offices will not be spacious by any means, but they will give Assemblymen a place to work in private or to talk to constituents.

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□ Gleaming expanses of terrazzo floors, white concrete masonry walls and special concrete stone 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

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