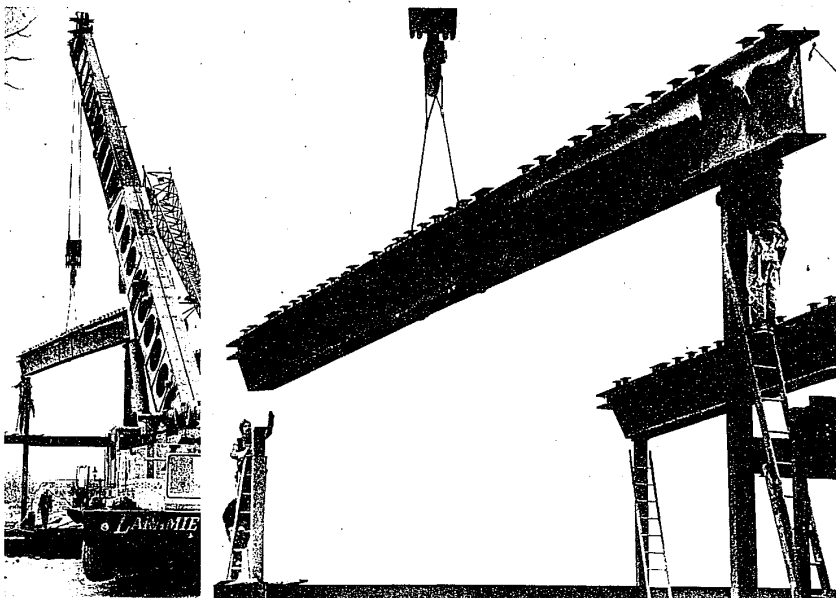


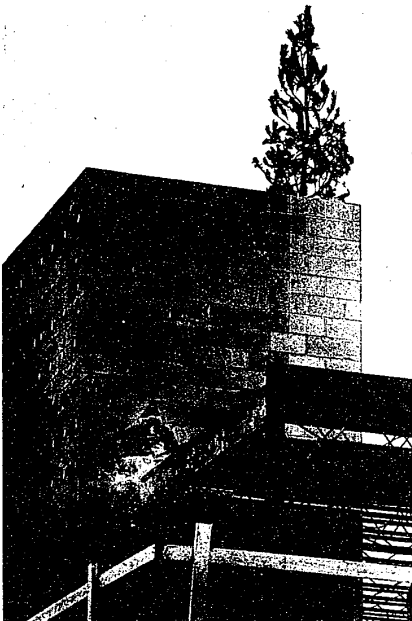


Workers struggle to raise three steel beams, each weighing 23,000 pounds, for use as supports in the Alexander Hamilton Co.'s addition to its world headquarters in Farmington Hills. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

Construction crew leaves them beaming

Three steel beams, each 23,000 pounds, are slowly hoisted to their final resting place in a new addition to the Alexander Hamilton Insurance Co. building in Farmington Hills. The 75-foot beams will span a meeting room

being added to the complex. When completed, the area should seat 400 persons, according to company spokesman Vernon Lunn. Construction on the addition is scheduled for completion in November 1981.



Norm Miller of Garden City welds the beams together.

Cranbrook to give 'Celestial Preview'

A preview of astronomical attractions for the coming year will be shown in planetarium demonstrations Jan. 7-28 at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine Road. "Celestial Preview for 1981" which forecasts predictable patterns that change with the seasons, also will include when and where to look for planets and what star groups to expect each season.

The panoramic survey also will demonstrate when conjunctions will occur

and the best times to look for meteor showers. Planetarium demonstrations — free with museum admission of \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students and senior citizens — are given at 4 p.m. Wednesdays, 2, 3, 4 and 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2, 3, 4 p.m. Sundays.

Also included in Saturday museum admission are observatory demonstrations from 8:30 to 10 p.m. For more information, call 645-3210.

Half unaware of tax credits

Fifty-two percent of the general public is unaware of state and federal tax credits for solar energy installation, according to a market study conducted by Arthur D. Little Inc.

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