Business deal is consummated

wälbridge Aldinger Co., a Livoniabased general contractor, will boy Darin & Armstrong Inc., a Southfield-based
general contractor, and F. William
Button, a D&A lawyer.

The transaction plans, which got
D&A stockbolder approval at a special
New Year's Eve meeting, display confidence in Michigan's economy and the
construction business at a time when
other contractors are pulling the blankets up over their eyes and ordering
flowers, said William Welch, marketing director for Walbridge Aldinger.

Unemployment among Michigan
building tradesmen is a sproximately
50 percent.

"Regardless of what anyone says, the
auto industry is still in Michigan, and
so is a lot of money," said Welch, who
served as state economic development

"BOTH COMPANIES will be stronger in the long run than had they remained apart," said Welch, explaining the unusual backyard purchase of a competitor that he admits is better known than Walbridge Adinger.

Both companies are roughly the same size and rank among the top 50 general contractors in the country.

D&A, an employee-owned company specializing in industrial contracts, built the often photographed EPCOT center's dome entrance in Florida as well as the American Adventure Pavil-lion there.

D&A, a 47-year-old firm, also built the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit, the Prudential Town Center

director during the Milliken administration.

"We can operate just as well out of Michigan as we can out of anywhere.

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News, Detroit Free Press and Chicago Tribuse newspapers. In Farmington Hills, D&A built the recent addition onto Our Lady of Mer-cy High School.

D&A is currently building the contro-versial GM-Toyota plant, in Fremont, Callf., Auto World in Flut, an addition to Ford Hospital in Detroit and has a dozen other hospital projects in the works, said a D&A marketing spokes-man.

D&A HAS subsidiary companies in Florida and North Carolina.
Despite the transaction, "business will continue as usual" on ongoing projects, said D&A lawyer Button.
D&A will keep its same name despite ownership changes, Welch said.

The two companies overlap 25 per-cent in the type of contracting they do, he said.

"Disk does a lot of hospital work and we do mostly antomolive-related proj-ects, he said."

Walbridge Aldinger, a 67-year-old company, recently renovated the Pon-tiac suito plant to produce the new Fiero cars. The company also did \$100 million worth of construction on the Detroit Edison Fermi II nuclear plant and built the Automobile Association of and built the Automobile Association of America building in Dearborn.

Walbridge Aidinger has subsidiaries in Mexico, Canada and South Carolina.

The joining of taients will strengthen and diversity the two companies, Welch predicted. He did not explain why Walbridge Aldinger choose to buy D&A rather than expanding on its own. It isn't wise to divulge company strategy, he said.

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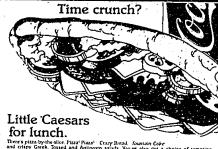
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