

How We Built?

If ever there was a successful team effort, it was in the construction of the new publishing home of Observer Newspapers, Inc.

Ground was broken on Feb. 22, 1969--but obviously many, many hours over a long period of time had gone into planning before even that pivotal point was reached. They were a drop in the bucket compared to the man-hours extended from many sources during the two years that followed.

The building that now stands at Schoolcraft and Levan Roads in western Livonia, and into which the more than 160 ONI employees moved in February 1971 from seven separate and highly scattered offices, was anything but a one man show.

True, Publisher Philip H. Power and his executive staff were at the top rung with Lockwood Greene Engineers, the designers, and the Barton-Malow Co., which was the general contractor.

However, the uniqueness of a newspaper publishing plant--particularly one as modern as ONI's--required participation of a myriad of specialized sub-contractors, each experienced and skilled to the point that that firm's responsibility would be discharged to perfection and blend snugly into the total concept. Together it was a job well done. ONI lists them proudly:

SUB-CONTRACTOR

DIVISION

Acme Visible Records, Inc.	Document Conveyor
Austin's Painters	Painting and Wallcovering
Boston Tile & Terrazzo Co.	Ceramic Tile
Building Accessories Co.	Toilet and Shower Compartments
Cadillac Asphalt Paving Co.	Excavating, Asphalt Paving & Parking Lot Striping
Cates Electric Co.	Electrical
Chaffee Roofing Co.	Roofing and Sheet Metal
Samuel Dickman & Son, Inc.	Lath, Plaster, Sprayed on Insulation and Fireproofing
G. Forte Co.	Masonry Work
Betty Frankel	Landscaping Design
Freedland Structural Steel	Structural Steel
Gibraltar Floors, Inc.	Cement Finish Work
Glanz & Killian Co.	Mechanical
Buryl Hill, Incorporated	Truck Leveler Work
Holmes Associates	Tectum Work
Home Glass Co.	Curtain Wall, Bronze Anodization of Glass
J.L. Hudson Co. - Contract Div.	Interior Design and Furniture and Carpeting Selection
Industrial Building Prod., Inc.	Metal Siding, Roof Deck and Floor Form Work
Johnson's Gardens Inc.	Interior Plants
Kelley Co.	Dock Levelers
Wm. H. Kelly Co.	Membrane Waterproofing
Kinnear Corporation	Rolling Steel Doors
L.C. Langford Company	Cafeteria
Lardner Elevator Co.	Dumbwaiter
Lundia-Meyer Co.	Space Saving Storage Systems
Macotta Corporation	Precast Panels
L. Meraldo Co.	Neoprene Terrazzo
Margolis Nursery	Landscaping
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone System
C. Miller Cement Floor, Inc.	Cement Finish
3-M Company	Music and Paging System
Northwest Acoustical, Inc.	Lay-in Ceilings, Acoustic Field
Ornamental Iron & Stair Co.	Miscellaneous Iron
Pheney, Inc.	Rough and Finish Carpentry
Radar Security	Security System
C.J. Rogers, Inc.	Excavation of Basement, Administrative Wing
St. Clair Carpet Co.	Carpeting
Abbott K. Schlain Co.	Flagpole Work
Triangle Electric Co.	Press Wiring
Thompson-Schmidt Co.	Toilet Room Accessories
Service Unlimited, Inc.	Wallscaping and Carpet Installation
Tupper Associates	Hollow Metal and Door Hardware
Turner-Brooks	Resilient Tile
Victory Re-Steel	Reinforcing Steel
Wayne Steel Erectors	Reinforcing Steel
The Wunderlich Co., Inc.	Rough Carpentry
West Detroit Glass Co.	Bronze Anodized Aluminum and Glass, Computer Room, Mail Room
Ben T. Young:	Moisture Barriers

