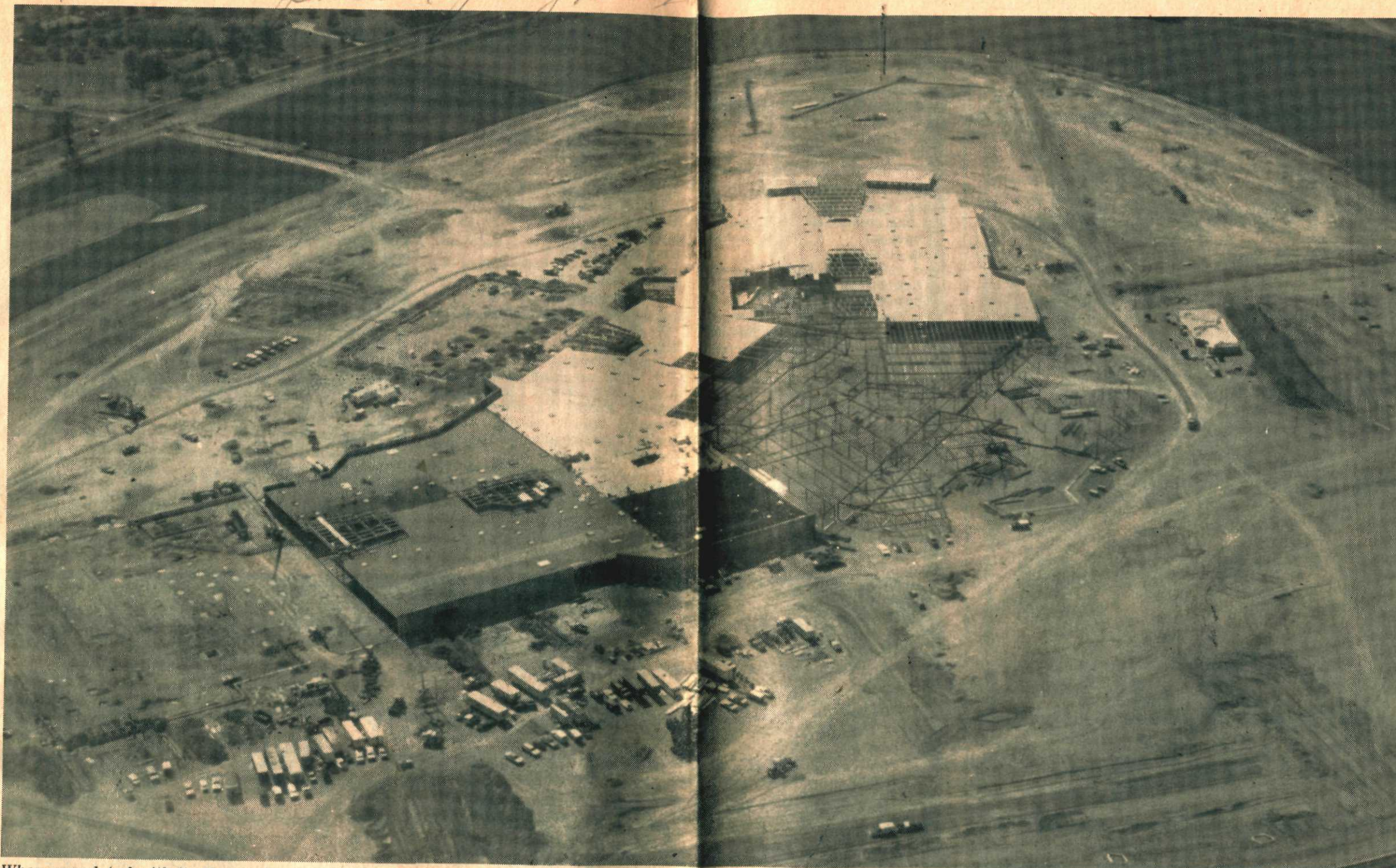


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When completed with its five major department stores, the Spring Hill Mall will be in the shape of a giant star.

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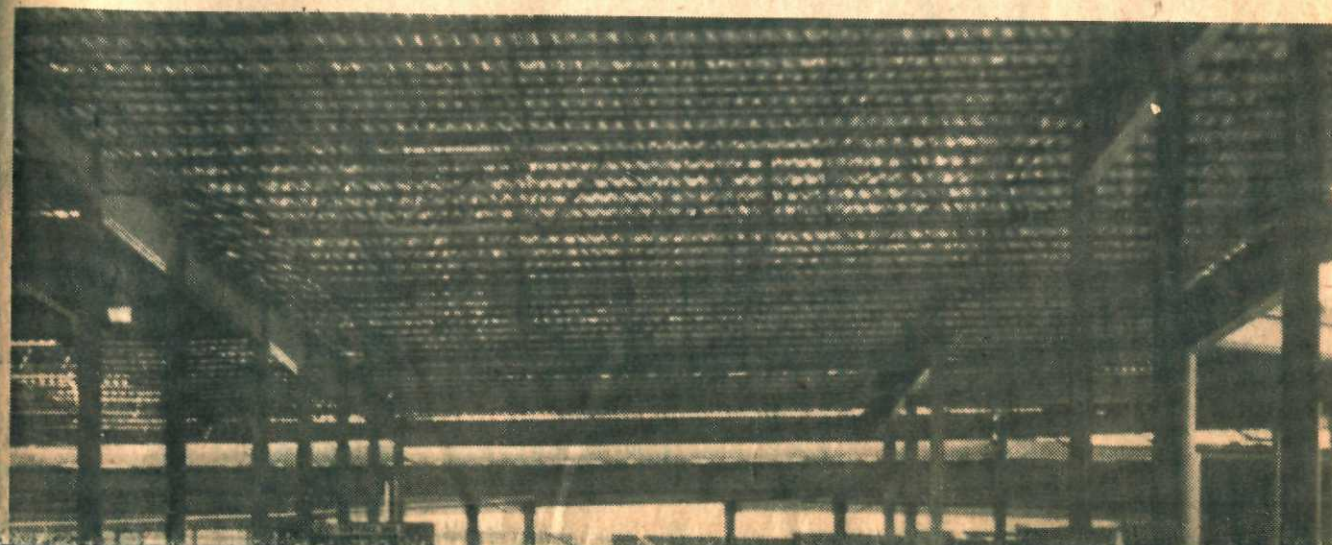
## Homart's 'star' takes shape

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Some eight months into construction, Homart Development Com-

pany the cost of having it brought in. According to Project Manager

Dundee, the two department stores occupying the bottom legs of the star, and their adjacent smaller shops are



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pany's regional shopping center, Spring Hill Mall, is taking shape on schedule, according to Homart officials.

The officials now estimate that the center, located off of Route 31 in West Dundee, will have more than 140 stores. Eventually the mall will include five major department stores, but only three of them are scheduled for completion by the expected opening date of August, 1980.

During a recent tour of the construction site, Homart's assistant project manager Robert Homa said these three major department stores have begun construction: Sears, Roebuck and Company, Marshall Field and Company, and Bergner-Weise. A fourth store, J.C. Pennys, Inc., is scheduled to go up about a year after the mall is open.

The fifth store was originally thought to be Lord and Taylor, but Homa said that organization never actually finalized a deal with Homart. Homa said no company has as yet signed on for the fifth spot.

Designed by Architectonics, Inc. of Chicago, the mall is in the shape of a five-pointed star, with the major department stores occupying the points of the star.

While most of the mall is situated within the boundaries of West

within the village of Carpentersville. There is an actual joint in the building at the boundary between the villages, and Homa explained that no store will extend across the line.

The design of the mall includes a special food area which will have about 13 different fast food outlets clustered around a common eating area patterned after an outdoor cafe. Full-line restaurants will be located in other areas of the mall.

Though much of the mall itself is only now beginning to take shape, Homa stressed that the construction project has involved "much more than just a building and a parking lot." In addition to the framework of the one-story mall, crews have been busy in past weeks laying a network of water mains, storm and sanitary sewer pipes, and electric lines that crisscrosses the entire mall site.

The general contractor for the project is Ragnar Benson, Inc. of Chicago. Many local and Chicago area sub-contractors, some hiring local help, have also been engaged.

During the initial landscaping for the project, about 1.25 million yards of earth were moved. A natural gravel pit at the north end of the mall property provided Homart with all the gravel needed for distribution on the site, saving the development

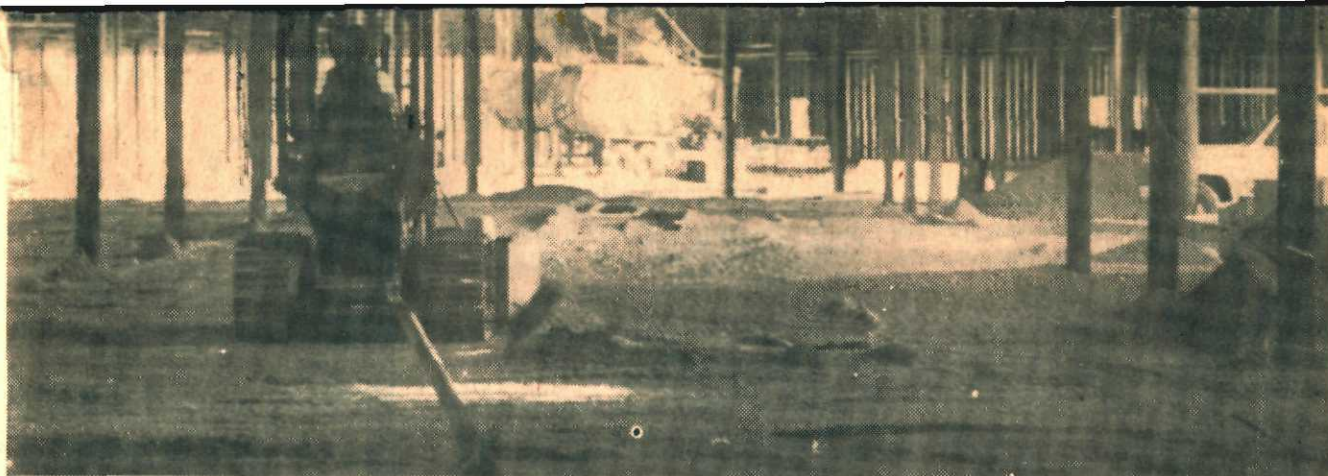
Kirk Kiryakos, the mall construction is moving along on schedule for the most part. He said the entire mall should be enclosed and under temporary heating by the first of the year, and work will continue throughout the winter months.

Present work includes construction of the natural-wood skylight areas which rise above the roof of the mall over the inside entrances to the major department stores. The main courtyard of the mall is also located beneath a large skylighted area.

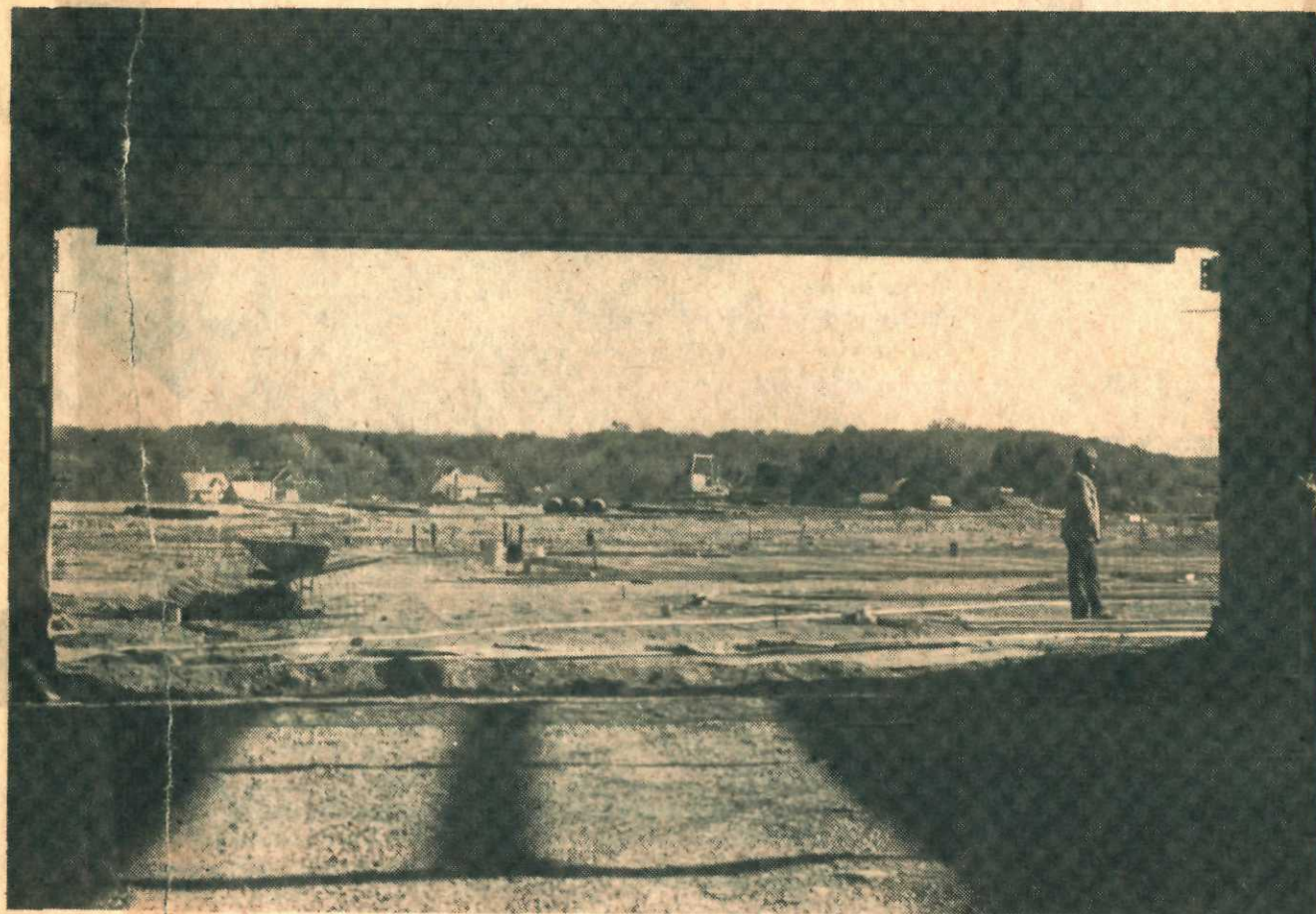
The skylights will provide a generous amount of lighting for the garden areas planned throughout the public areas of the mall. The natural flavor of the mall atmosphere will continue to the flooring in these areas, which will consist of reddish Welsh quarry tile.

Because of the sprawling size of the one-story mall, Homa said the heating and air conditioning units will be placed on the roof by helicopter.

According to Homa, about one-third of the parking lot has been paved, and officials are hoping to have the ring road, which circles the mall, paved before winter. Kiryakos said the paving crews averaged 2,000 tons of asphalt a day.



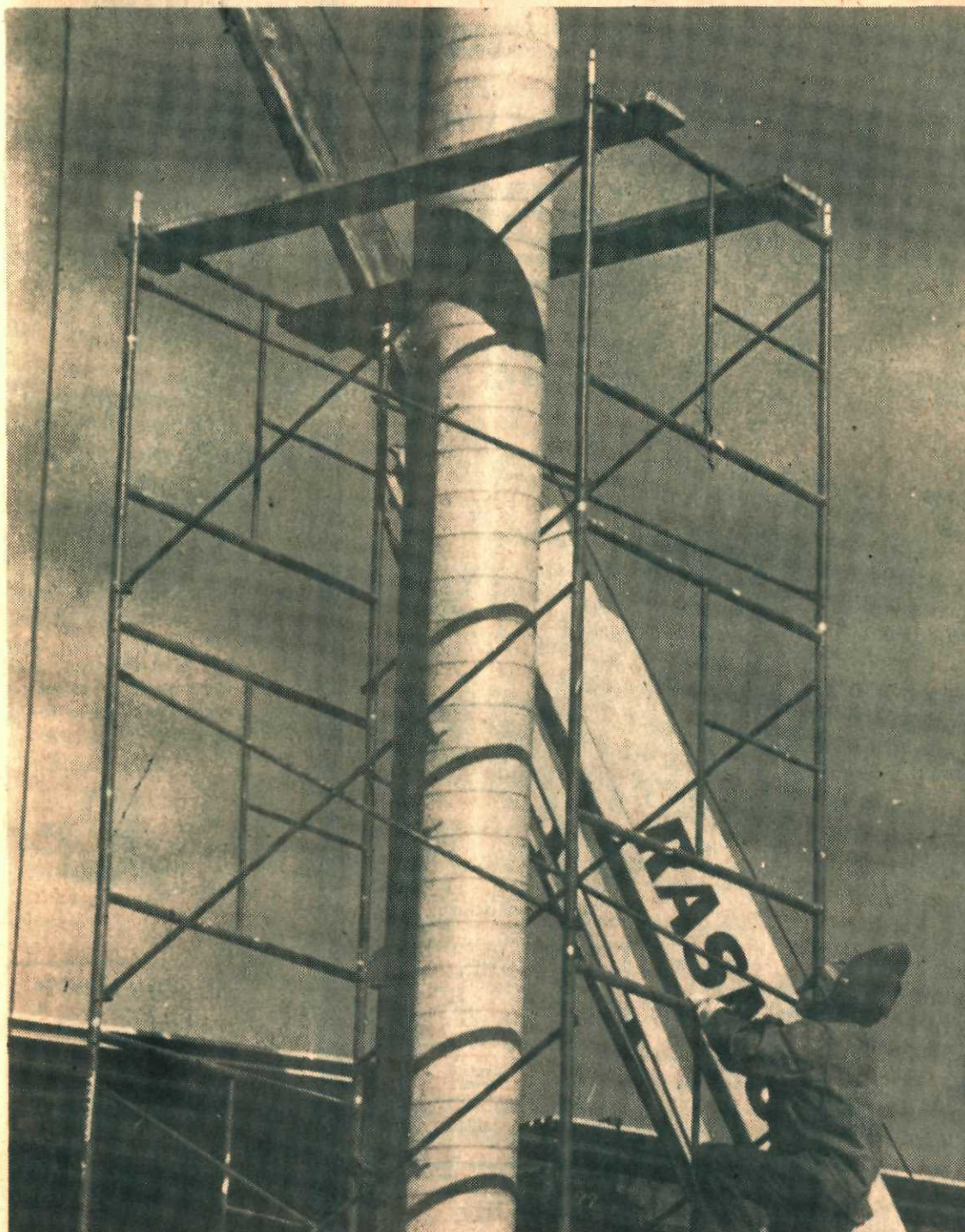
Most of the metal framework for the mall is now in place. Here a workman levels a portion of the mall floor before concrete is poured.



Future customers will enter Sears, Roebuck and Company's new store through this entrance

inside the mall. Workman have begun laying the floor of the new store.

**Photos by Ed Stech**



Concrete columns will hold the wood beams that form the skylight areas.