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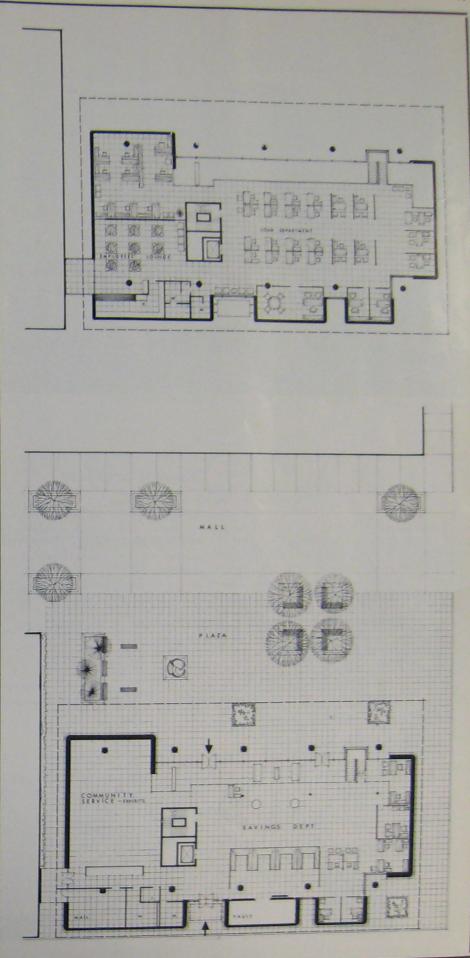


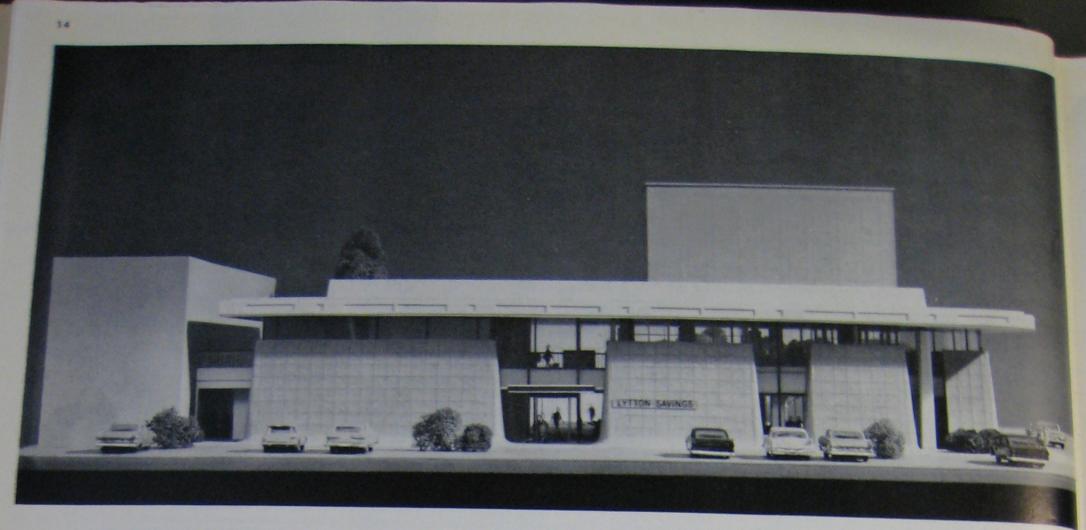
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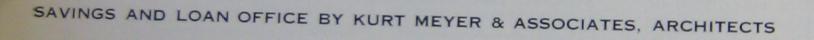
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The savings and loan office, a high-roofed pavilion, is to have two floors and basement for mechanical equipment—a total of 18,800 square feet and an estimated investment of \$1 million. The roof is designed to float over the large, sloping walls which will be faced in the same Italian travertine as the plaza pavement. The walls, with rounded corners and coved base, alternate with high glass areas intended to reveal the interior function. The roof slab of white, post-tensioned concrete, will have a white mo-sai sculptured fascia and white painted plaster soffit. Columns are to be white terrazzo. The grey plate glass will be set in grey anodized aluminum.

The travertine of the plaza and exterior walls will be used for the floors inside. Tellers' counters will be coved, again echoing the exterior; ceilings will be luminous in public areas and acoustic plaster elsewhere. A cantilevered steel frame stair will lead to the 7950-square-foot second floor. First floor will contain 9400 square feet and mechanical basement 1450 square feet.











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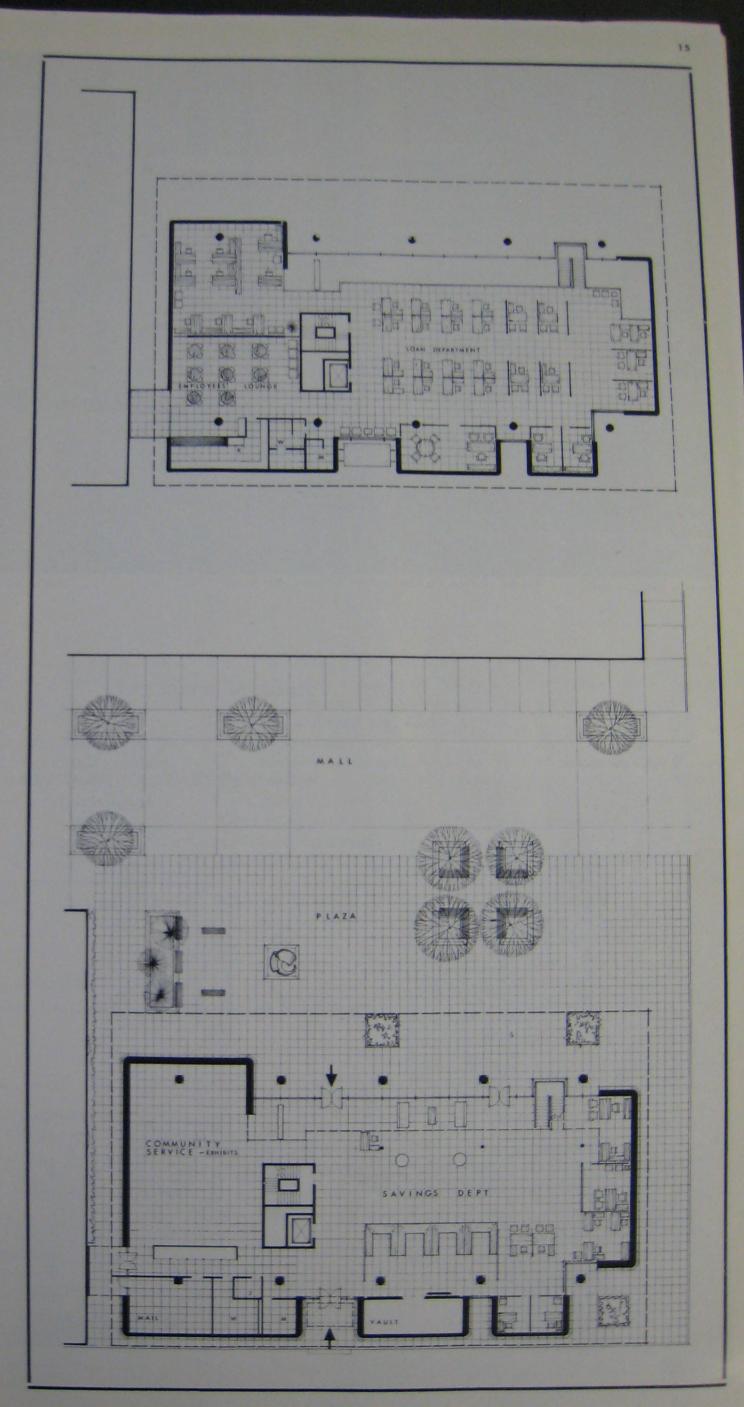
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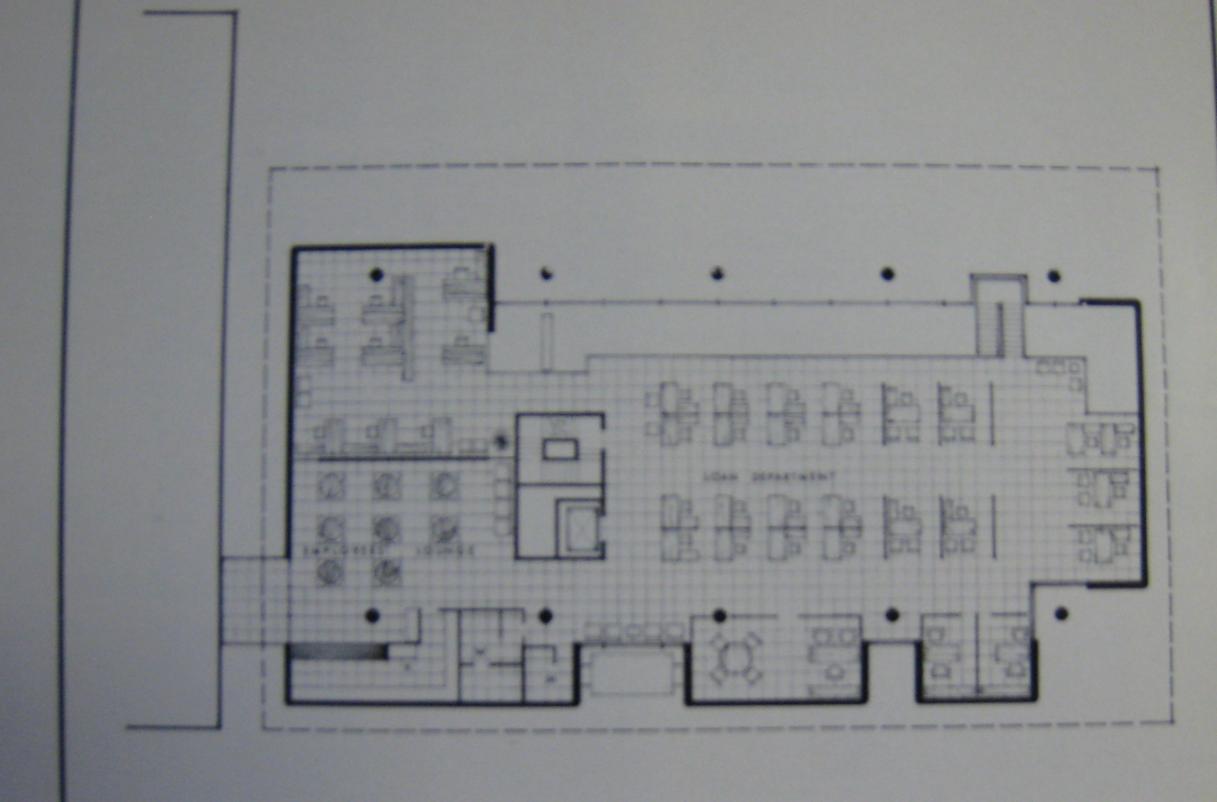
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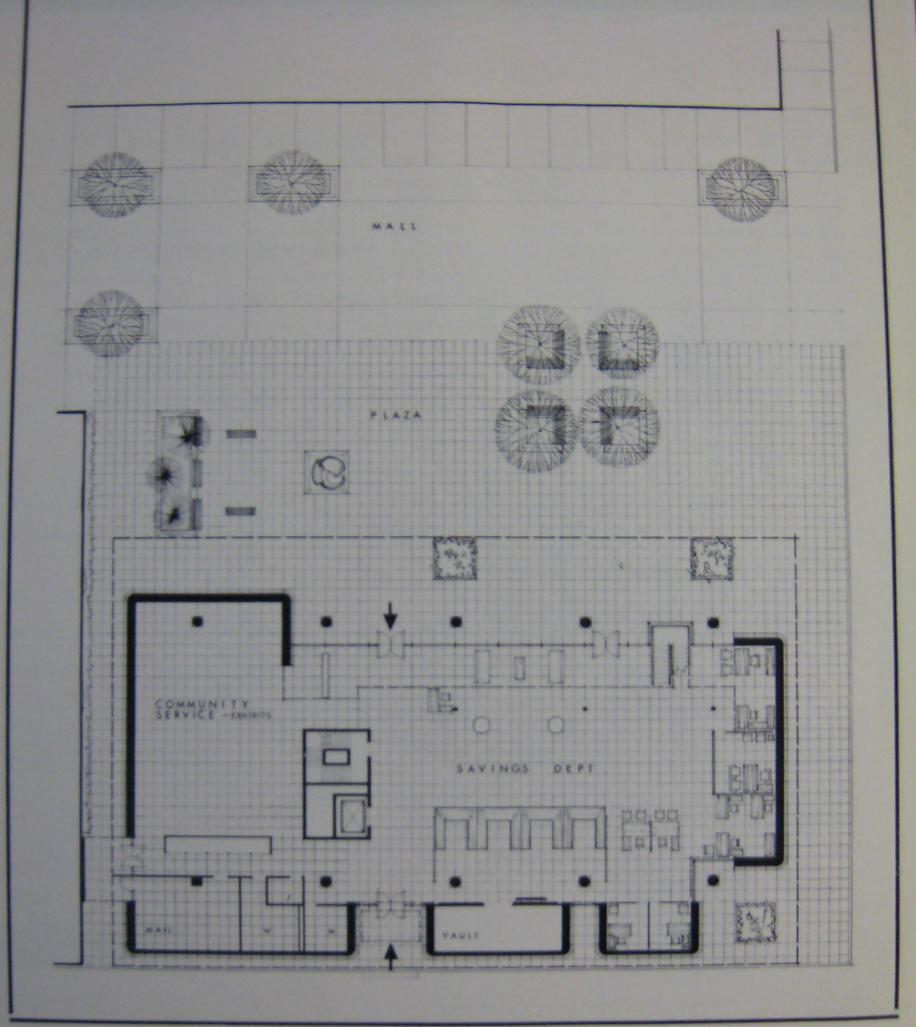


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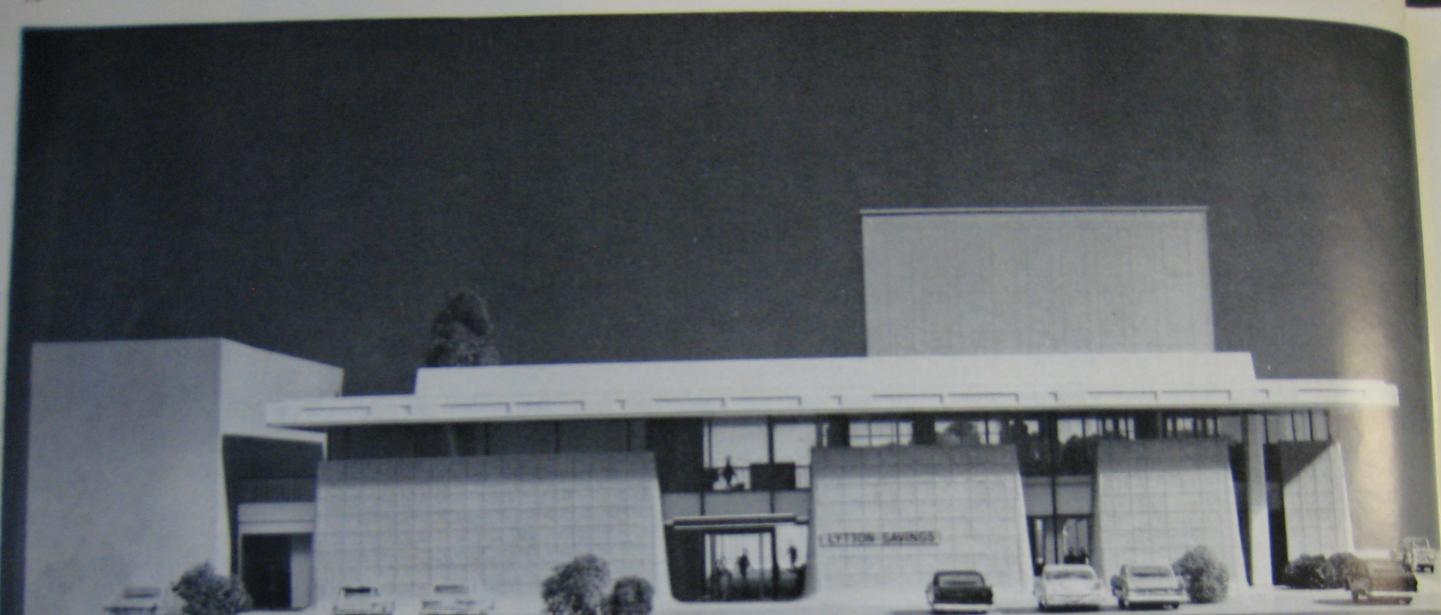
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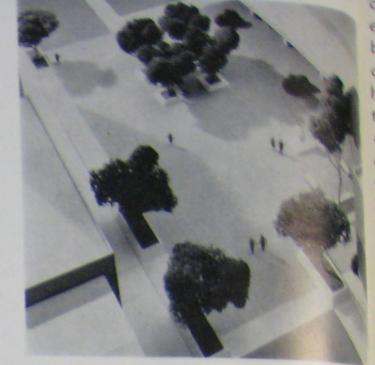
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