

Johns-Manville Plant Marks Inc

Fall Operation Start Due At Huge Transite Pipe Factory

Industrial Week finds one of Denison's most dramatic industrial strides of the community's history still taking shape as construction continues on the \$10 million Johns-Manville pipe plant north of the city on Highway 75. Announcement that this plant for the manufacture of asbestos-cement pipe would be established here electrified Denison late last year. It climaxed years of negotiation with the company that started originally as a routine inquiry.

Now the steel skeleton for the vast plant is steadily taking shape,

with the promise that the industry will be in partial operation during the last quarter of this year.

Chet Sulewski, resident engineer for Johns-Manville on the project, reported last week that the battery of sprawling buildings are roughly 30 per cent complete.

The overall project is slightly behind schedule because of repeated rains during the last several weeks. But company spokesmen describe the rains as "wonderful" and aren't too perturbed about time lost on their account.

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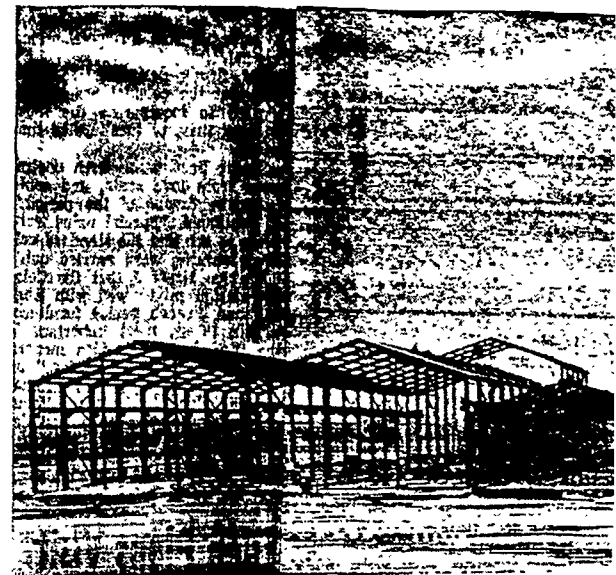
"We expect to have the steel erected for the main buildings by the end of this week. The roofing and siding are approximately 25 per cent complete."

The railroad spur into the plant is being completed. This connects with the line to Denison Dam.

Sulewski said that work is starting on the office, which will be a one-story structure 160 feet long and 60 feet wide.

Within a month J-M hopes to start construction of the intake facility for the pumping of water from Red River for use in the pipe manufacturing operation.

This will include a tile structure housing two pumps, each of 1,000-gallon capacity, feeding water into a 14-inch Transite pipe line stretching south almost a mile to the main plant. There the water will be pumped into a 50,000-gallon



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storage and pressure tank atop a 180-foot tower.

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Sulewski announced that the Austin Co. of Houston and Cleveland, general contractor on the project, is completing plans for building service facilities, including heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and others.

Work is expected to start about July 1 on two other phases of the project, the boiler plant and the sales demonstration building.

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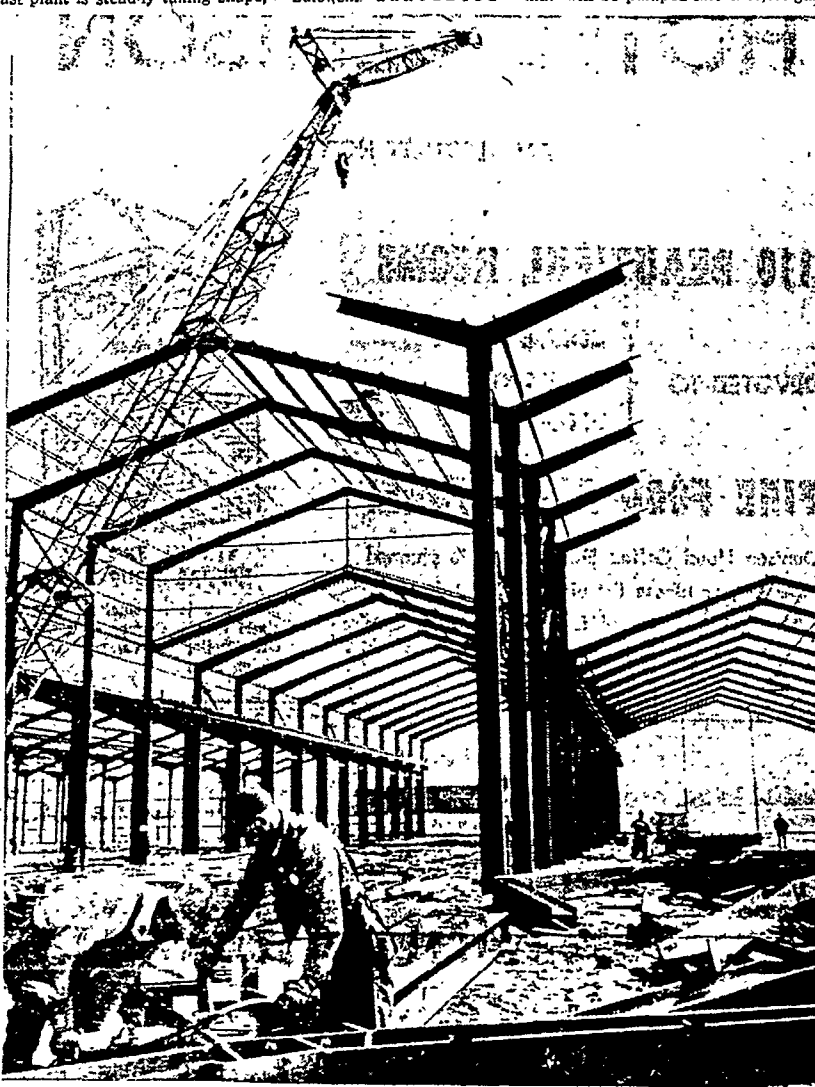
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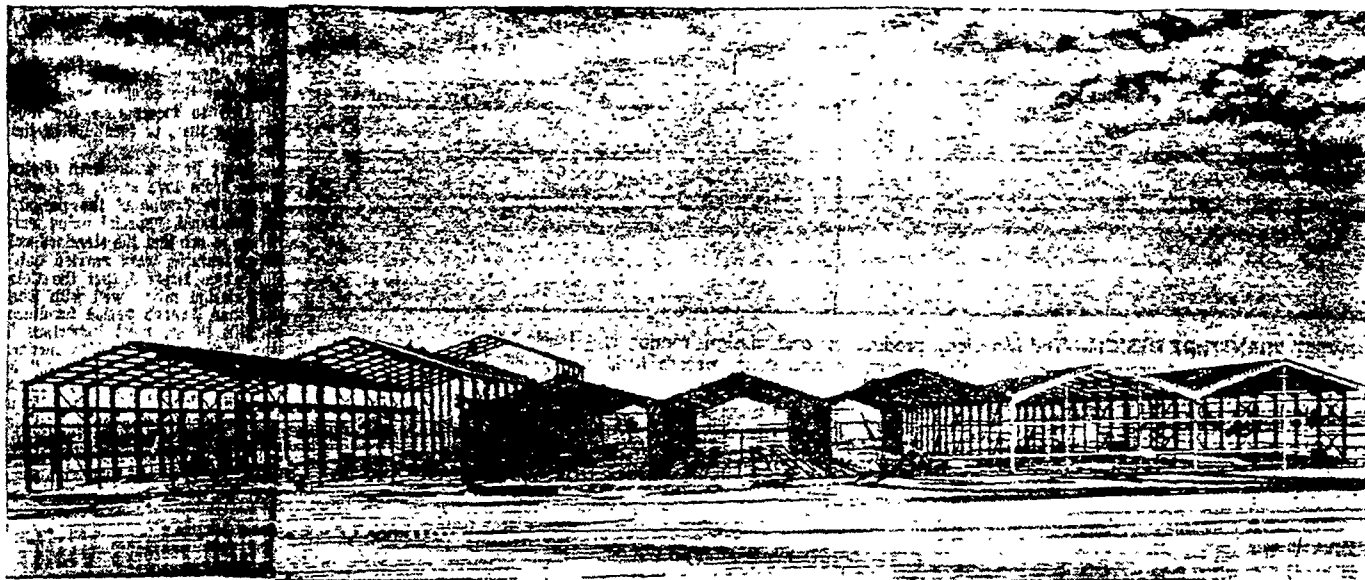
WORKMEN ASSEMBLE a structural steel member that soon will be riveted into the skeleton for one of the seven buildings that will form the backbone of the Johns-Manville Transite pipe plant here.

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