



## FIDELITY NATIONAL BANK

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Albuquerque, New Mexico

<b>BUILDER:</b>	Keleher Construction Company
<b>USE:</b>	Banking Operations
<b>CONSTRUCTION:</b>	Concrete block; KM Coating Exterior, Drywall Interior; Steel Joist and Metal Deck Roof Structure
<b>AREA:</b>	4,250 Square Feet
<b>COST:</b>	\$83,000, Including Sitework
<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b>	1969
<b>CONSULTANTS:</b>	Structural—W. R. Underwood Mechanical—William Helfrich Electrical—Engineering, Inc.
<b>PHOTOGRAPHER:</b>	Dick Kent

The Fidelity National Bank has been designed as a modern building which consciously recalls the architectural forms indigenous to the Southwest. The arched entrance, the curved walls, the massive forms and the adobe color all relate to the traditional Pueblo architecture which is so much at ease in the New Mexico setting.

The curved roof structure compliments the mountain forms against which the building is silhouetted and provides the additional height required to be in scale with a nearby two story building. It also contains a large rooftop heating-air conditioning unit and provides the desired spatial experience from the interior.

The curved walls ease the sightlines for vehicles which must drive around the building from east to west in order to reach the drive-up windows.

The solid, massive forms were also conceived as an expression of the sound and firmly based banking operations for which the bank is known.

The visual drama desired in the main banking hall is intensified by the transition through the arched entrance. The safe deposit vault is featured on the main axis of the building, while the tellers and the officers platform are located on either side of the main banking area. The board room, work areas and lounge areas are located to the front and rear of the main banking hall because of the narrow width of the site.

The three curved ceiling openings create a spatial experience in the center of the banking hall, while the lower ceilings to either side provide a more informal scale desired by the tellers and the officers. These openings also provide a dramatic source of light and a return air plenum for the mechanical system.

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