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an article on historic preservation
and adaptive reuse, the Luna County
Courthouse has a new entrance an additional office space. The article was
prepared by William Quinn Sabatini,
AIA, who is a partner in the firm of
Holms, Sabatini, Smith & Eads, Architects, Albuquerque, Mr. Sabatini
became involved with the Luna County
Courthouse as an architectural intern in
the employ of Jess Holmes, AIA "He Courthouse as an architectural intern in the employ of Jess Holmes, AlA. "He permitted me to take the lead in the design of the Luna County Project. The project became my Masters Thesis for the fulfillment of the requirements at the University of New Mexico for a Master of Architecture degree in 1978." The firm received an Award of Honor from the New Mexico Cultural Properties Review Committee. The Award reads: "for the sensitive, contemporary, remodeling designs for the Luna County Courthouse to meet future and pre-

ty Courthouse to meet future and pre-sent needs."

The cover of this issue of nma is sponsored by Holms, Sabatini, Smith & Eads, Architects. We are pleased to thank them for their generosity. The photographer is Robt. Ames Cook, who is new to our magazine. His photographs have also been featured on the cover of our neighbor and "cousin", Texas Architect magazine. IPC

We were saddened by the news that "Barbee" Kitts, wife of Robert D. Kitts, died at the much young age of 44. Bob Kitts has been a firm supporter of New Mexico Architecture as one of our advertisers, for which we are indebted to him. Barbara Kitts was co-founder of the family business, Kitts Enterprises Inc., and was the former arts coordinator for the Albuquerque Cultural Affairs Program. The family has asked that memorials be sent to the Friends of the KiMo Theatre or to the American Cancer Society. We express our sympathy to Bob and the family. John Conron and Carleen Lazzell.

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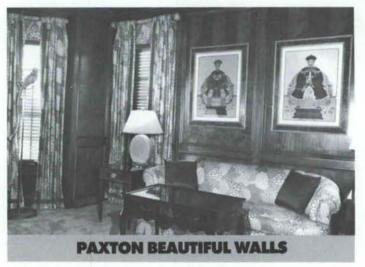
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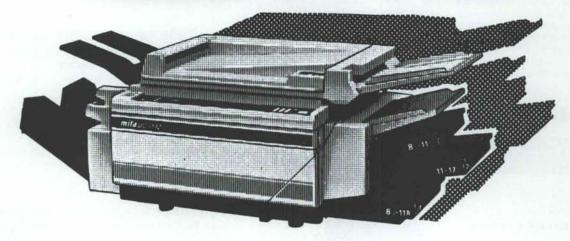
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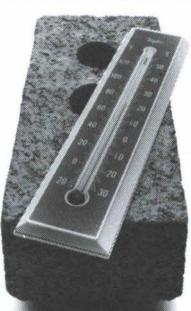
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