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Broad Street Gets New Office Building

Work has started on construction of an office building at 100 Broad St. for the American Mutual Fire Insurance Co., a model of which is shown. Designed by Simons & Lapham, architects, the two-story building will be 45 by 77 feet, constructed of brick on tile. Plans provide that a third story may be

added later. The first floor will include a lobby, secretary's office and the accounting department. The second floor will house the underwriting and loss departments and the business machines. Two air conditioning units will be included, one in the basement and one in the second floor. A warm air heating plant will

utilize the same ducts used by the air conditioning unit. Movable partitions will make it possible to change the sizes of offices as it becomes necessary. Acoustical ceilings and fluorescent lighting are modern features. A facsimile of the company's shield, an eagle and a flag, will be carved in stone beneath each of the four front windows. The building and its

site will represent an investment of more than \$150,000. Herbert L. Lubs, secretary-treasurer of the company, says. Dotterer Engineering Co., the general contractors, expects to have the building completed by July 1. It will occupy about one third of the lot and will be set back nine feet from the street. The intervening strip will be landscaped.