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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. INTRODUCTION

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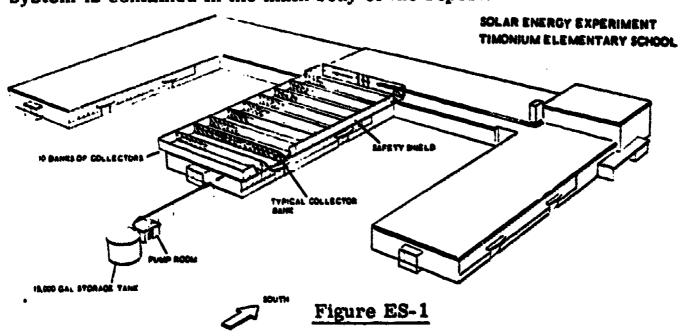
This report describes the system in detail, presents the analysis of operation, and discusses recommendations and conclusions based upon the results of the experiment so far.



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II. DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM

The charts, figures, and photographs on Figures ES-1 through ES-15 graphically show the Solar Heating System built and installed on Timonium Elementary School by AAI. A detailed description of each element of the system is contained in the main body of the report.



Data Sheet
Timonium Elementary School
Solar Heating Pilot Project

| Area Center Wing (67 x 143) - | | | 9581 sq. ft. | | |
|---|----------|-----|--------------|--|--|
| Solar Panel Area | | | 28 sq. ft. | | |
| Area of Solar Collector (180 p | oanels) | | 5040 sq. ft. | | |
| Ratio of Collector Area to Floor Area 527 | | | | | |
| Storage - Hot Water Volume 15,000 gal. | | | | | |
| Ratio of Storage Volume to Collector Area 2.98 gal./sq. ft. | | | | | |
| Availability of Solar Heating (@40% eff.) to Heating Requirement - $\%$ | | | | | |
| October 300% | January | 52% | | | |
| November 105% | February | 94% | | | |
| December 50% | March | | | | |

Figure ES-2



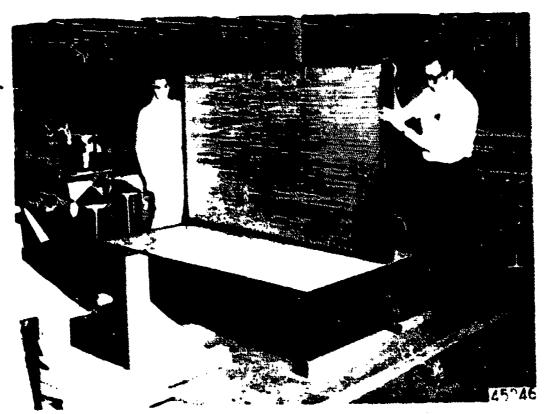


Wing of School Before Installation of Solar Collectors
Figure ES-3

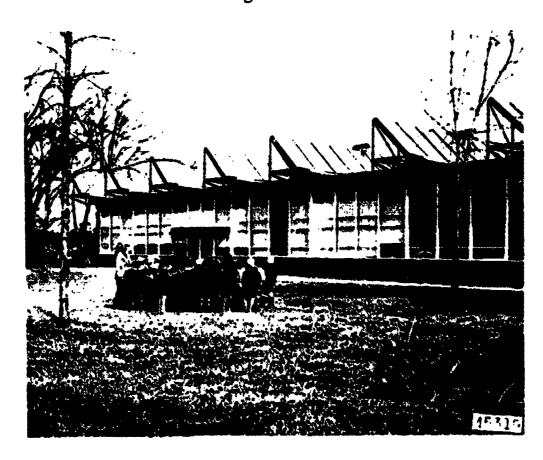


Wing of School After Solar Heating Installation Showing Screen Figure ES-4

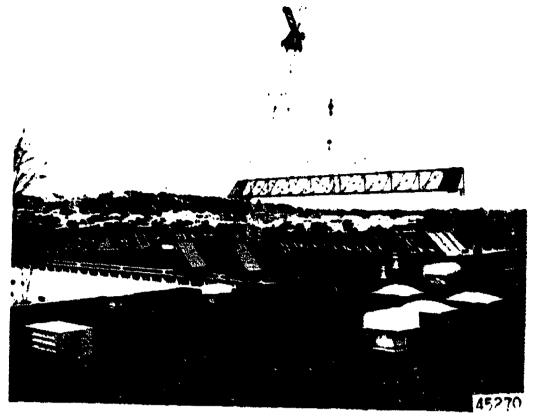
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Solar Collectors in AAI Manufacturing Area Figure ES-5



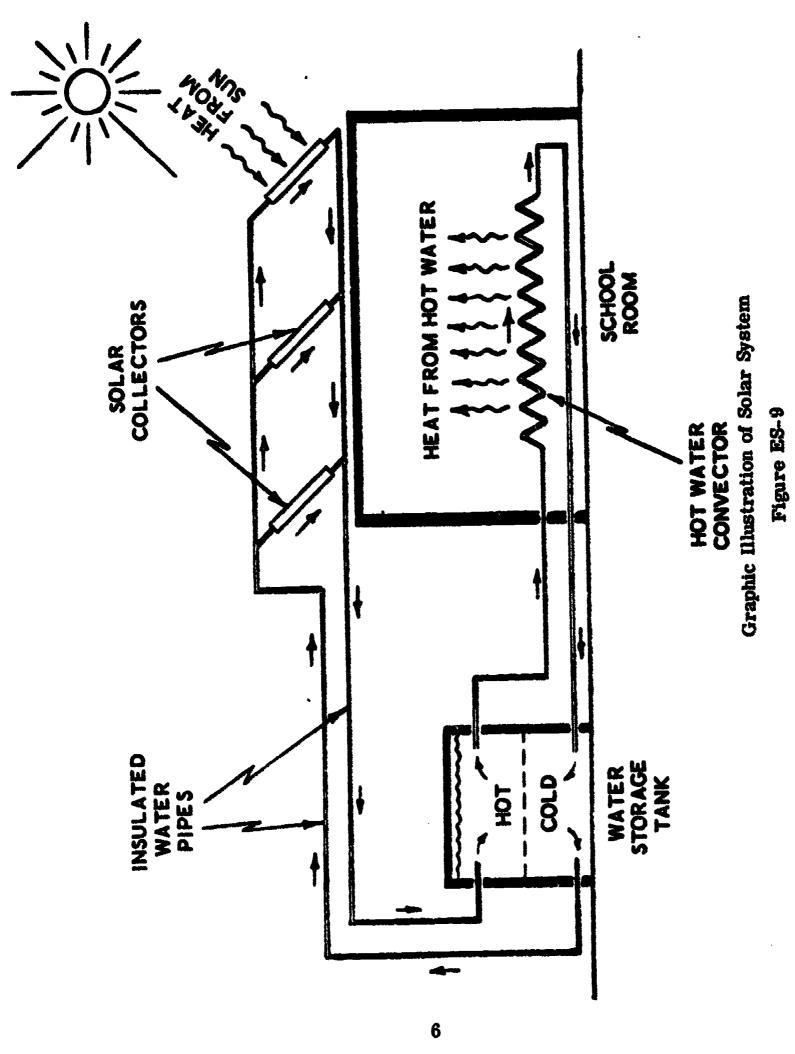
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Installation of Trusses
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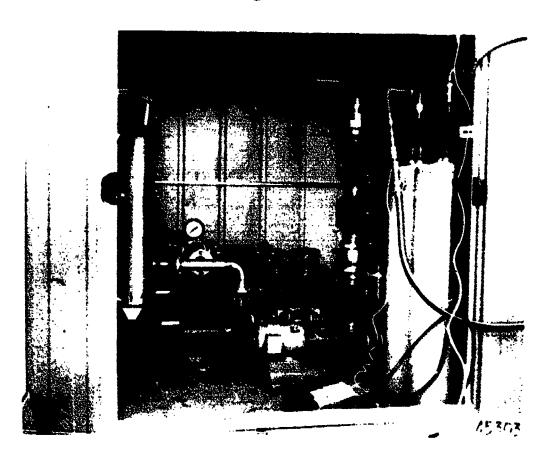


Solar Array of 180 Collectors Figure ES-8





Pump House and 15,000 Gal. Capacity Insulated Water Storage Tank
Figure ES-10



Inside Pump House During Construction Stage Showing Pumps, Filters, and Water Deionization Tanks





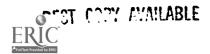
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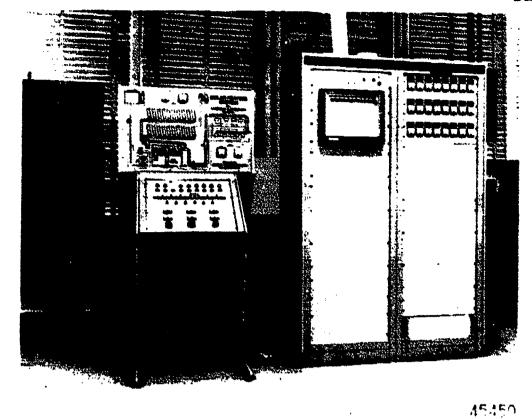




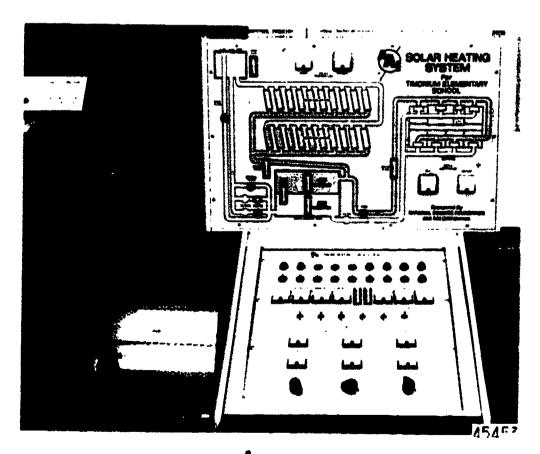
Two Hot Water Convectors Added to Typical Classroom to Provide Solar Heat

Figure ES-13





Solar Heating Control Panel and Instrumentation Cabinet Figure ES-14



Solar Control Panel Figure ES-15



III. ANALYSIS OF OPERATION

A. Direct Operating Costs of the Solar Heating System

Chart ES-16 shown below shows the cost of the electrical energy required to control, collect, distribute, and monitor the solar system.

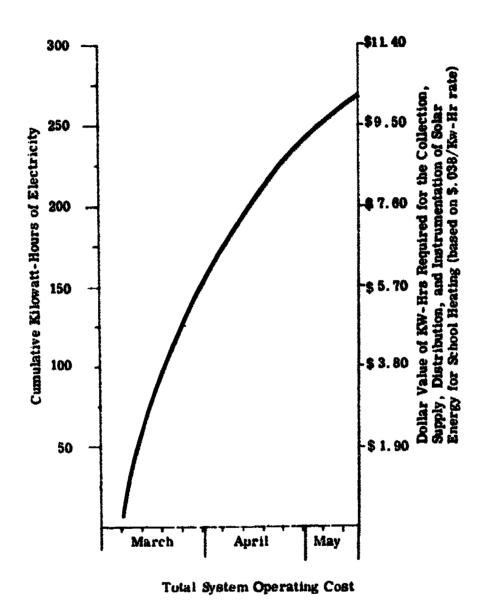


Figure ES-16



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The table below lists the equivalent Btu of the watt-hrs consumed for solar collection for solar school heating and for total system instrumentation. The final column lists the equivalent watt-hr. Btu's chargeable to these various categories as a percentage of the total Btu collected.

| | Total Btu for Operational Period | Cumulative Watt-hours Expended | Cunadative Watt-Hrs Converted To Btu | Watt-Hr Btu to Total Btu Collected (%) |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Total Btu Collected | 58 x 10 ⁶ | 205000 | 699665 | 1.2 |
| Btu Utilized for School Heating | 38.5 x 10 ⁶ | 50000 | 170650 | . 29 |
| Instrumentation for Total System | `` | 14250 | 48635 | . 08 |

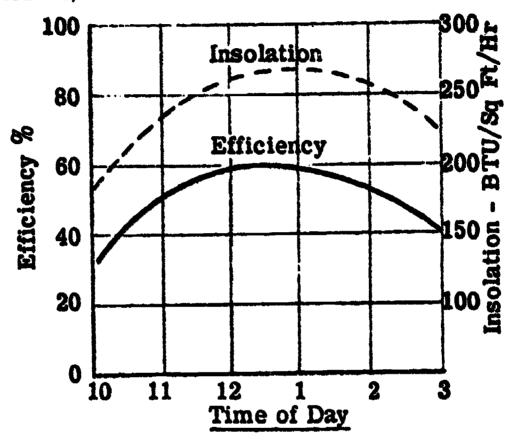
B. Fuel Savings

The utilization of solar heating for the center wing portion of the Timonium School resulted in an overall fuel cost saving to the school for the period of 14 March to 15 May 1974. This cost savings was due to the solar heating system providing 91% of the center wing's heat requirements during this period.

From the school's fuel record the amount of fuel oil consumed by the heating plant was established. This was ratioed to the area heated and it can be shown that approximately 1200 gallons of fuel oil were saved by the use of solar heating for the center wing of the school.

C. Solar Efficiencies

A chart of solar efficiency versus time of day is shown below. This data is typical for the Timonium Elementary School. It shows how the efficiency rises and falls with insolation (for a given water temperature).



A. M. Inlet Water 140°F
P. M. Inlet Water 147°F
Outlet @ 156°F Avg.
Temp. Ambient 70°F Avg.
April 29, 1974 - No wind,
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Figure ES-18



D. Heat Input and Output Summary

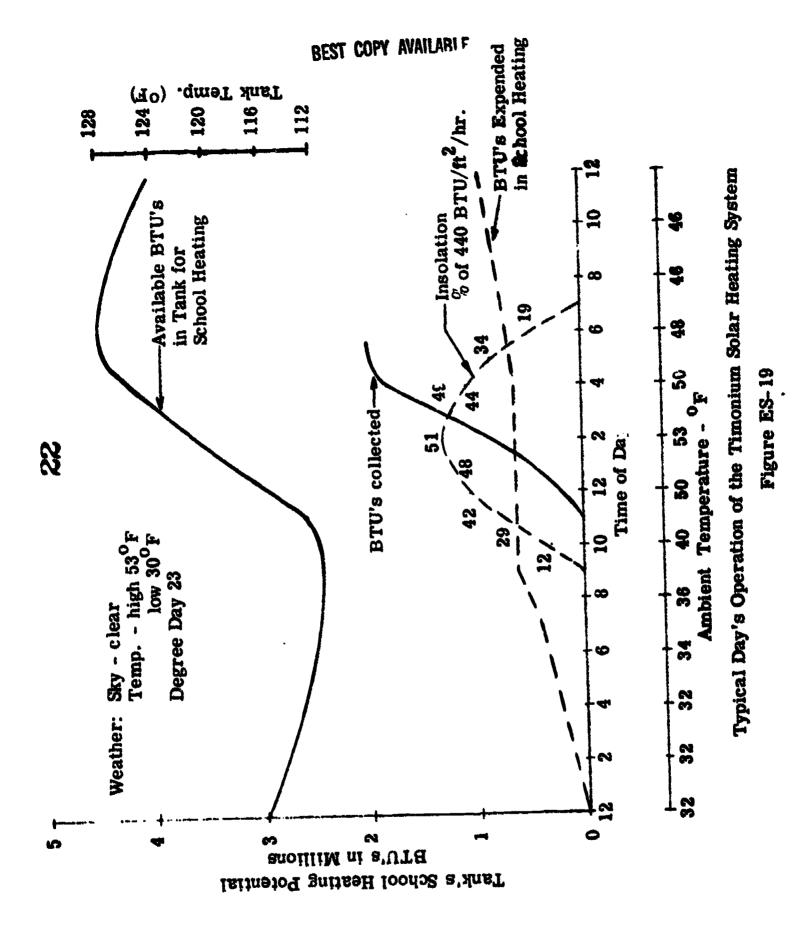
Figure ES-19 shows a typical day's operation in a Solar Heated school. Note that little or no heat is expended heating the school during the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. when the school is occupied by the students. Most of the school heating occurs at night and in the early morning hours.

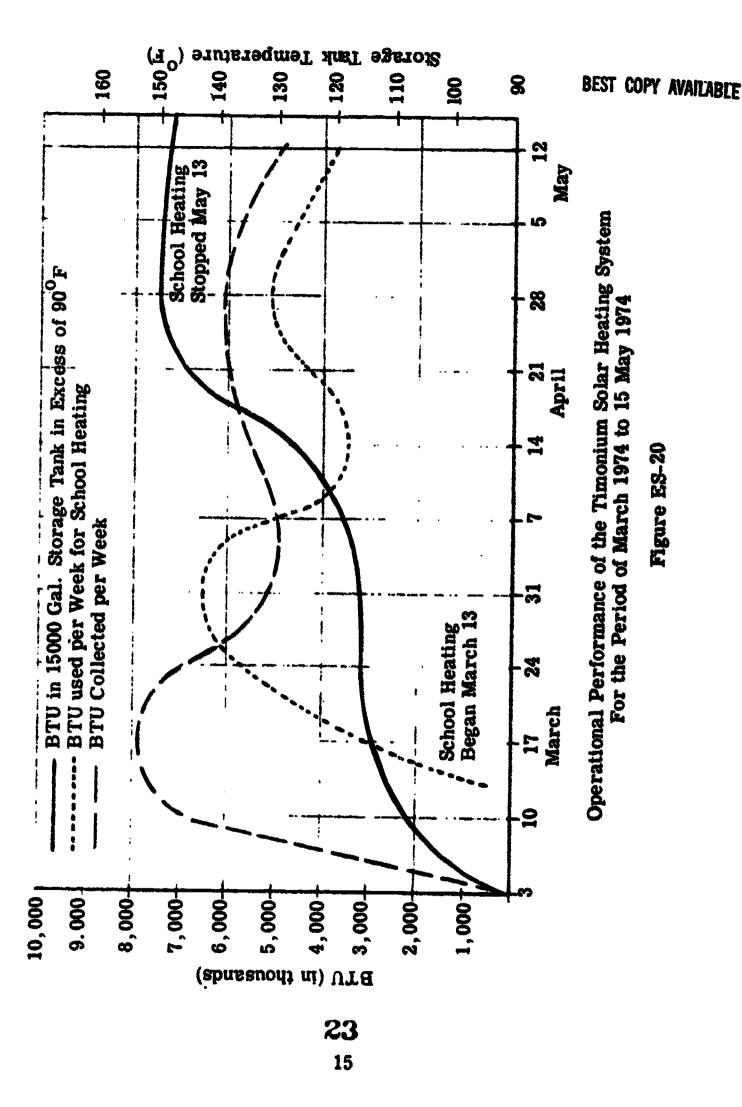
Figure ES-20 displays a weekly history of the operational performance of the system. Very apparent is the large number of BTU's collected at system start-up when the water temperature was relatively cold.

A summary of the total system Heat Input and Output during the operational period of the system is shown in Figure ES-21.

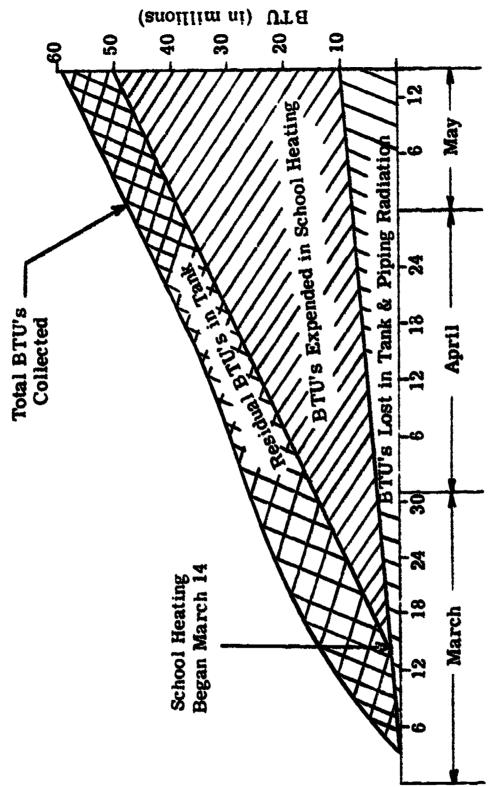
About 7 million BTU's were held in reserve in the storage tank after its temperature reached 150°F. Since the average daily heat required for the school is 1,000,000 BTU's (during the March to May period), the tank is holding about 5.75 days reserve heating capacity (allowing for radiation losses).











Total System Heat Input and Output During the Operational Period of the System

Figure ES-21

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

A. Recommendations for Modifications to the System to Improve Performance or Producibility in Order to Permit Widespread Applications of Solar Heating to School Buildings

After only 2-1/2 months of heating system operation, it is too early to make large scale recommendations for modifications. However, many detail changes are suggested in the main body of the report. These concern:

- o Increased insulation for pipes
- o Improved solar collector efficiency
- o Improved plumbing systems
- O Use of reflectors for increased summer performance.
- B. Conclusions as to the Generalizability of the Results Obtained
- 1. Based on only 2-1/2 months of operation, only a small portion of the results obtained are generalizable at this time. These are the efficiencies, heat losses, heat requirements of schools per degree day, etc.
- 2. The cost studies of the capital investment for the system when projected for additional retrofit installations and for new school construction indicate the following:
 - a. Retrofitting Schools for Solar Heating

By 1985 the retrofitting of schools in Maryland and farther north will be economically feasible. This will be made possible by the increasing cost of fossil fuels.

For areas of the southwest and south, the additional Btu's available from increased insolation will make retrofit more feasible in the current timeframe.



b. New School Solar Heating

If the cost of fuel oil remained constant, a total installation cost per square foot on new construction would have to be below \$5.00/Ft. 2 for an amortization of 25 years at low interest.

If the cost of fuel doubled in 10 years, then the price per square foot could double to \$10.00/Ft. ² for total installation now.

Present indications are that the system installed on new schools in 1975 would cost from \$9.00 to \$13.00 per square foot.

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II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM

A. Timonium Elementary School

The Timonium Elementary School located at 2001 Eastridge Road in Timonium, Maryland was chosen as the site for the AAI Proof-of-Concept Experiment. This school is representative of many United States schools, and is one of more than 300 in the state of Maryland. It is basically a one-story school with window walls on one side of each room.

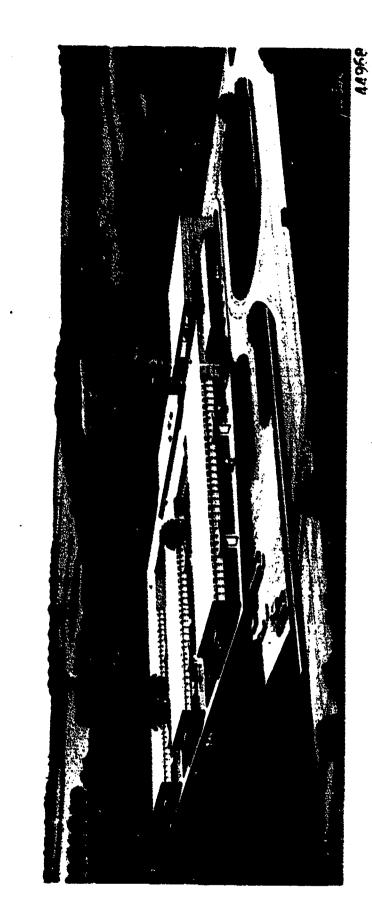
Figure 2-1 shows an artist's concept of the school. The center wing was chosen for the solar experiment. The heating requirements for the other two wings, heated by oil-fired boilers, could then be compared to the wing heated by solar energy. The total area of the school is 60,000 square feet and the area of the solar heated wing is 10,000 square feet.

The solar heating system, as built for the Timonium Elementary School, meets all structural and safety requirements. The design was approved by the Baltimore County School System.

Figures 2-2 and 2-3 show the external view of the center wing before and after the installation of the solar heating system.

An overall view of the solar heating system applied to the school can be seen in Figure 2-4.





Artist's Concept of Timonium Elementary School

Figure 2-1

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Center Wing of Timonium Elementary School Before Installation of the Solar Heating Experiment

Figure 2-2







Center Wing of Timonium Elementary School After Installation of the Solar Heating Experiment

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Solar Energy Experiment Timonium Elementary School

Figure 2-4

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B. Solar Collectors

The basic construction of the AAI collector is as follows.

The collector has two glass covers made from double-strength, low iron content glass. Two thicknesses of aluminum honeycomb are used between the two glass covers and the aluminum absorber plate. Notches are cut in the honeycomb before it is extended as shown in Figure 2-5. The glass plates, the honeycomb, and the absorber plate are bonded together with a two-part epoxy adhesive. A one-and-one-half inch (1-1/2") thick polyurethane foam sheet of insulation is bonded to the back of the absorber plate. After polyurethane foam edging is applied, a rubber strip is applied to the edges of the collector as shown in Figure 2-6.

A stack of finished collectors is shown in Figure 2-7.

The AAI collector is 4 feet by 7 feet by 2-3/8 inches thick, and weighs about 90 pounds (see Figure 2-8).

One hundred and eighty collectors were installed on the roof of Timonium Elementary School. They were lifted to the roof on a pallet as shown in Figure 2-9.





Sawing Water Slots in the Unexpanded Honeycomb Figure 2-5



Installing Neoprene Rubber Edging Strip On the Collectors

Figure 2-6

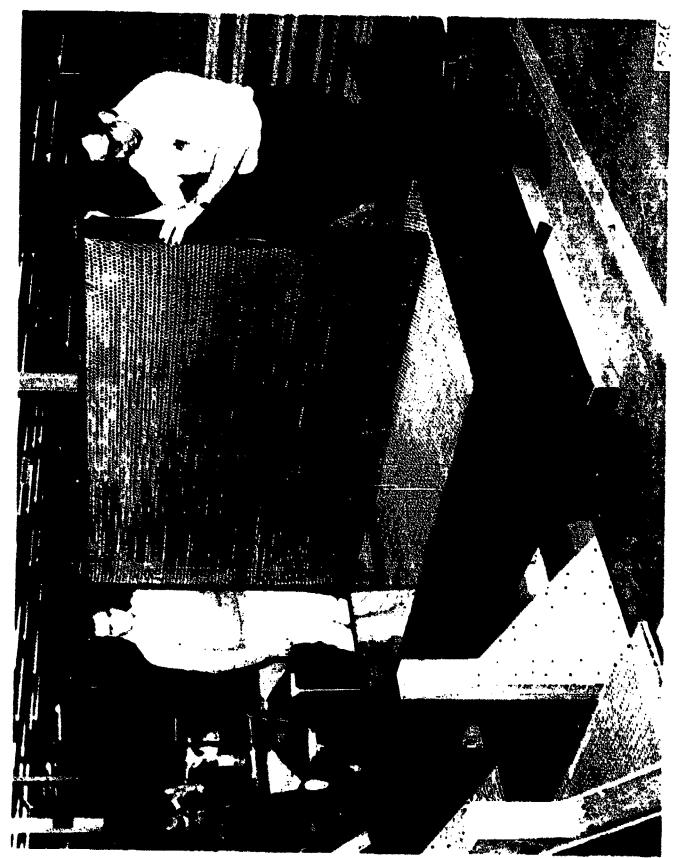
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Fabricated Solar Collectors Figure 2-7

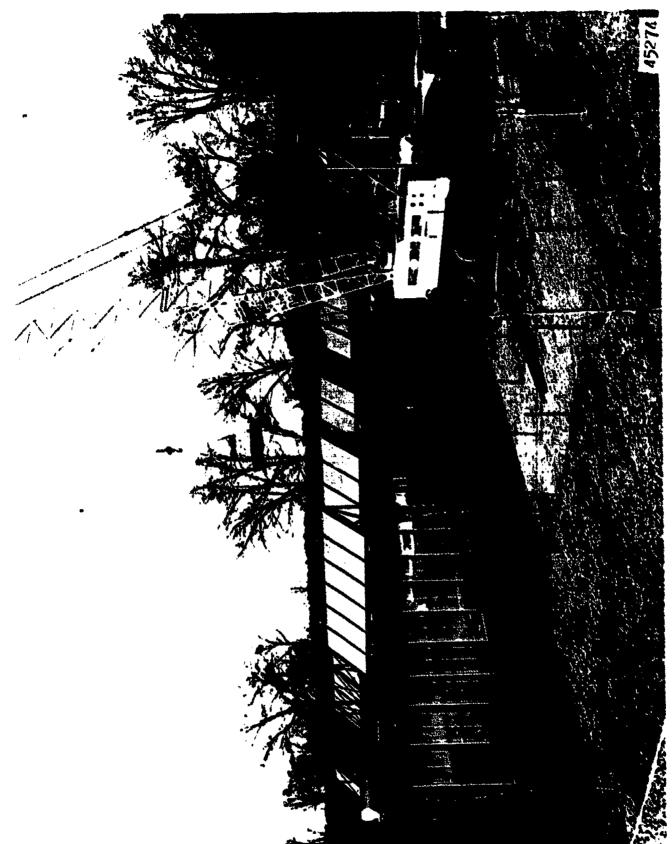
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Solar Collectors in Manufacturing Area

Figure 2-8

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Lifting the Collectors to the School Roof Using a Pallet and Crane

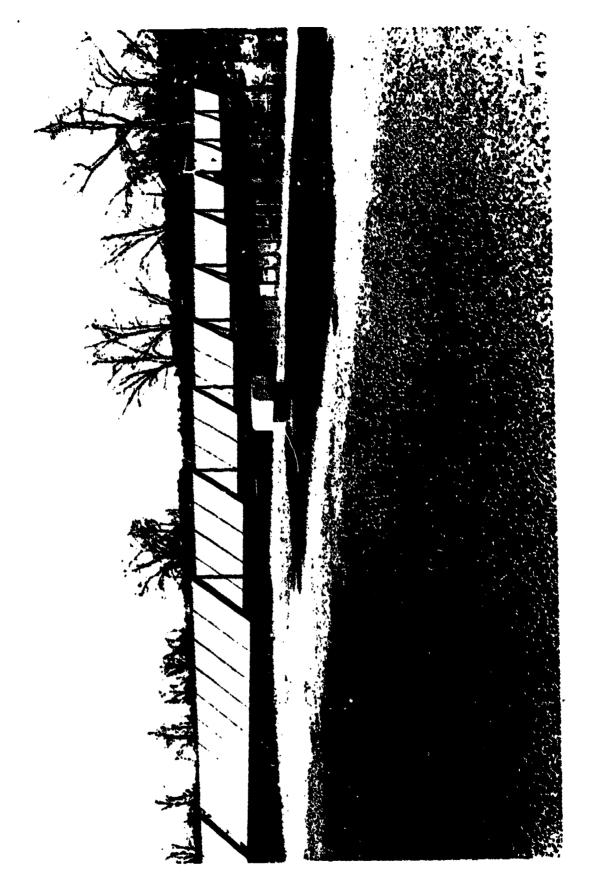
Figure 2-9

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Figure 2-10 shows the ten rows of eighteen collectors after they were installed on the roof, but before the plumbing was installed.

Water is fed to the collector from the top, through a rubber hose. The bottom hose connection can be seen in Figure 2-11.





Collectors Mounted on Roof Before Installation of Plumbing Figure 2-10





Collector Hose Being Installed into Drain Line Figure 2-11

BISH COLLECTIONS

C. SUPPORTING STRUCTURE

The solar collectors are mounted on ten steel trusses which are bolted to I-beams which in turn sit on steel posts. The structural details are shown in the Appendix, Dwg. Nos. 57413-40042 and 57413-40041.

The appearance of the roof before installation is shown in Figure 2-12.

The steel trusses were fabricated in the weld shop at AAI Corp.

They were painted with a zinc chromate rust preventative before being moved to the school site.

Figure 2-13 shows several trusses stored at AAI before being transported to the school site.

The trusses were lifted to the roof with a crane as shown in Figure 2-14.

The finished structure with collectors installed is shown in Figure 2-15. The relationship between the truss, I-beam, and mounting post can be clearly observed.



Roof of School Before Solar Heating Installation Figure 2-12

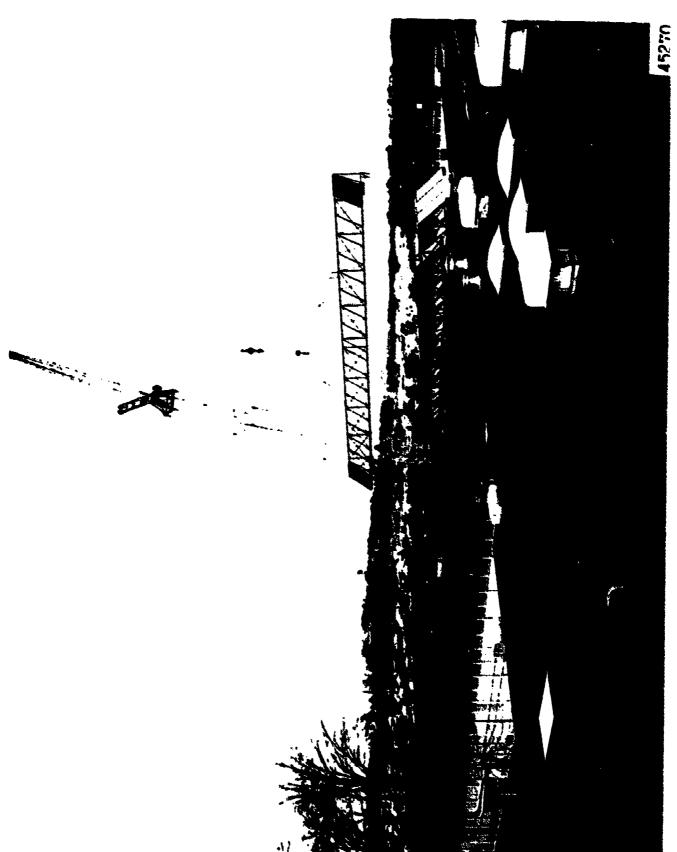
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Trusses Stored at AAI Before Shipment to School Figure 2-13

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Truss Being Lifted to Roof

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Installed Trusses with Collectors

D. Collector Phimbing

An artist's concept of the solar plumbing arrangement is shown in the Appendix on Dwg. No. 57413-40120. It shows that the water is pumped up to a small head tank and distributed to the tops of the collectors from that point. Gravity thus supplies the pressure to the water supplied to the collectors. The water then flows through the collector and over the absorber plate. It then drains into the return line and flows back to the storage tank.

Aluminum pipes were used throughout the collector system to minimize the effects of dissimilar metals causing galvanic corrosion.

One and one-half (1-1/2) inch thick polyurethane foam insulation was applied to the pipes. This was covered with black building paper to protect it from the weather.

A schematic of the pumps, valves, and filters required for the system is shown in the Appendix, Dwg. No. 57413-40024.

The pumps, valves, and filters are located in the pump house shown in Figure 2-16.

An internal view of the pump house is shown in Figure 2-17. The school convector pump is in the foreground, the Culligan water deionizer is on the right, and a water filter is on the left.

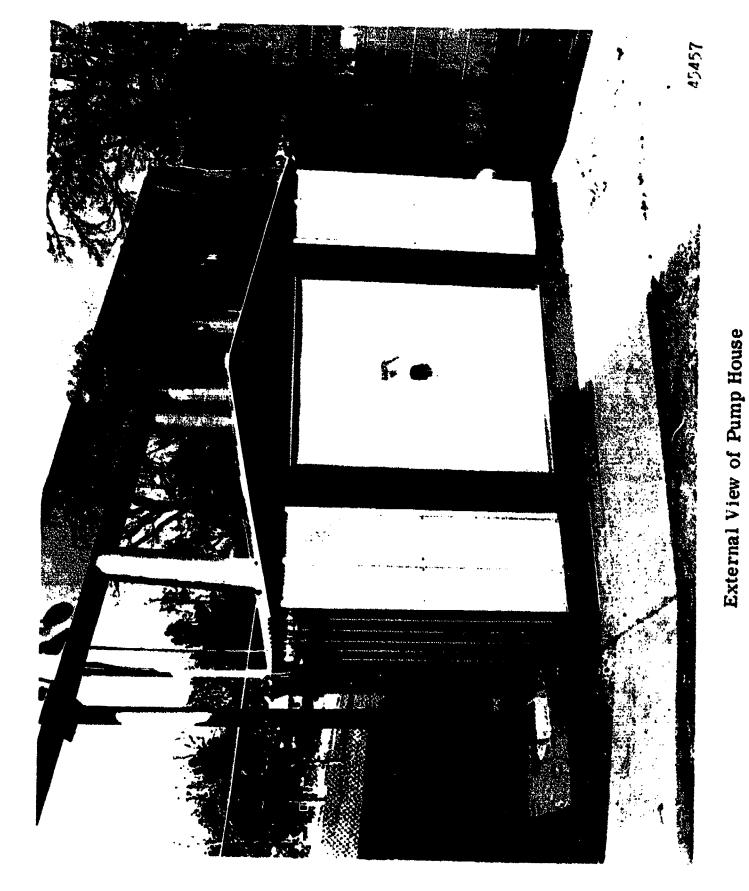
The water supplied to the system passes through the Culligan water treatment system which deionizes the water, thus reducing chances of corrosion.



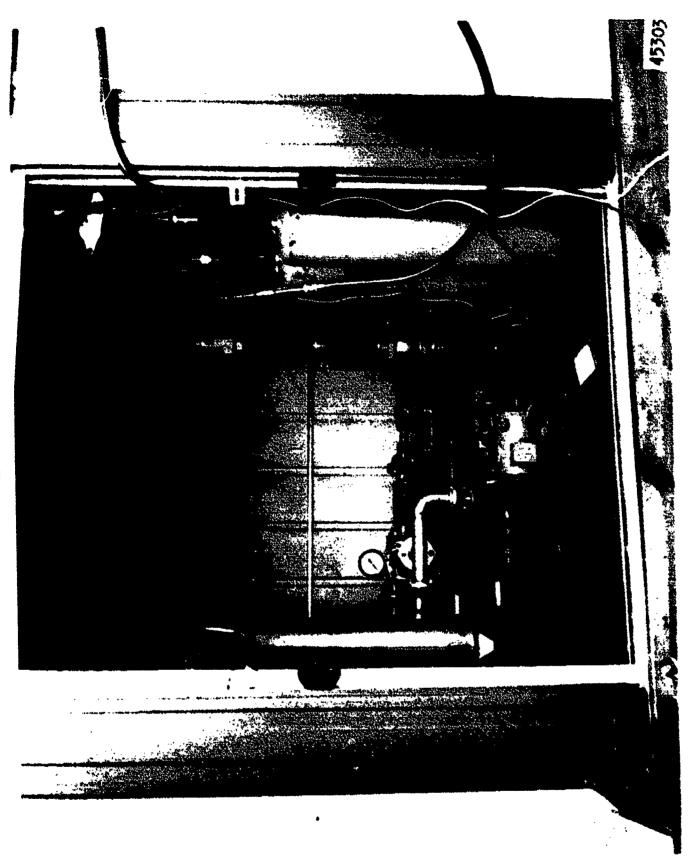
The Culligan water-conditioning system that was incorporated into the Timonium Solar H rating System was reviewed with and recommended by local industrial concerns who had experienced the corrosion type problems that are generally associated with hot water heating systems. The Culligan deionization system that was selected utilizes a strong base duo-bed deionization system to demineralize the water and was selected for the following reasons.

This system would produce a large volume of high quality water at a low cost. Deionized water would eliminate build-up of deposited minerals in the panels due to the excessive heat. Since a lower total dissolved solids water has a lower boiling point than a higher total dissolved solids water, the water would heat faster, thus creating a more favorable situation for the operation of the Solar System.

From a systems standpoint, the portable exchange deionizers were easily adapted to the job site (requiring little space) and were easily piped to the system. As the Solar System required make-up water the deionizers were always there to provide a high quality water. The water coming from the deionizers would have a 7.5 - 8.0 pH, thus assuring a non-corrosive water.



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Internal View of Pump House Figure 2-17



E. School Convectors (Unit Heaters)

The Timonium Elementary School is normally heated by steam with the two boilers shown in Figure 2-18. One of these boilers is usually in the standby status.

The steam supplies heat to the school rooms by passing into a standard heating and ventilating unit as shown in Figure 2-19. This unit, controlled by the room thermostat, supplies steam-heated air as well as ventilating air from the outside. The outside vent for the unit is shown in Figure 2-20.

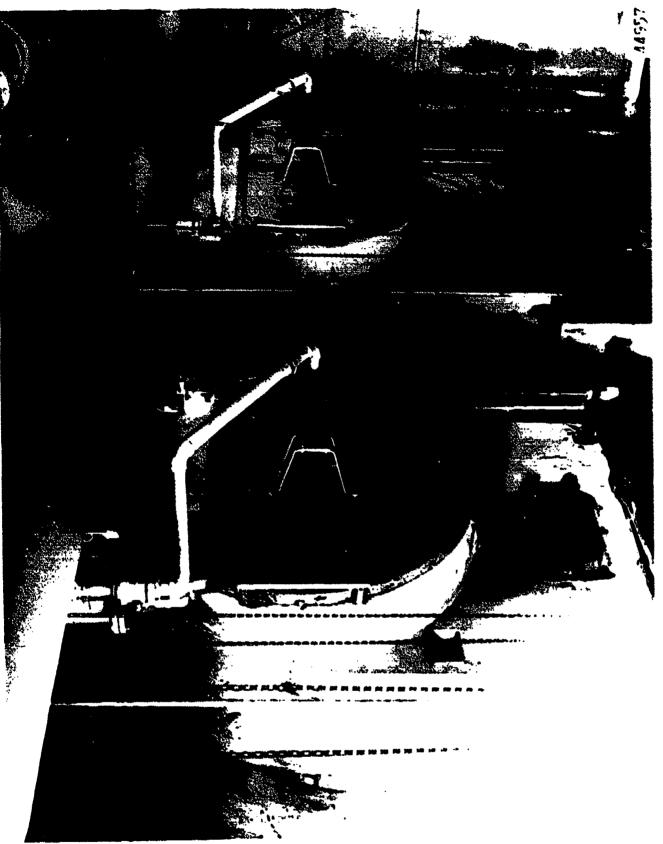
The solar heating system designed for the center wing of the school used hot water forced air convectors. A separate parallel hot water piping system was designed to supply hot water from the storage tank to twenty convectors of the type shown in Figures 2-21 and 2-22.

A layout of the convectors and their associated plumbing is located in the Appendix, Dwg. No. 57413-40114.

All pipes for the school convectors were insulated with one inch of polyurethane foam.

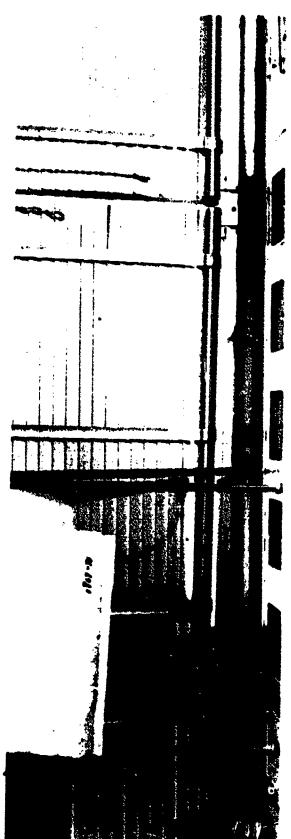
The solar convectors are controlled by the existing thermostats located in each room of the wing.

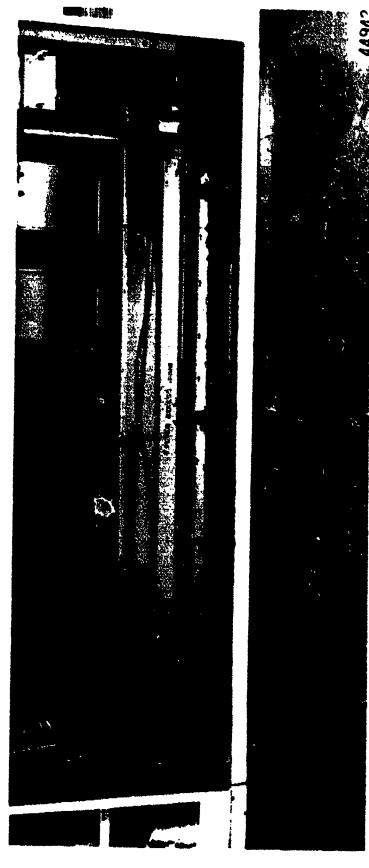




Steam Boilers Used for Heating Timonium Elementary School

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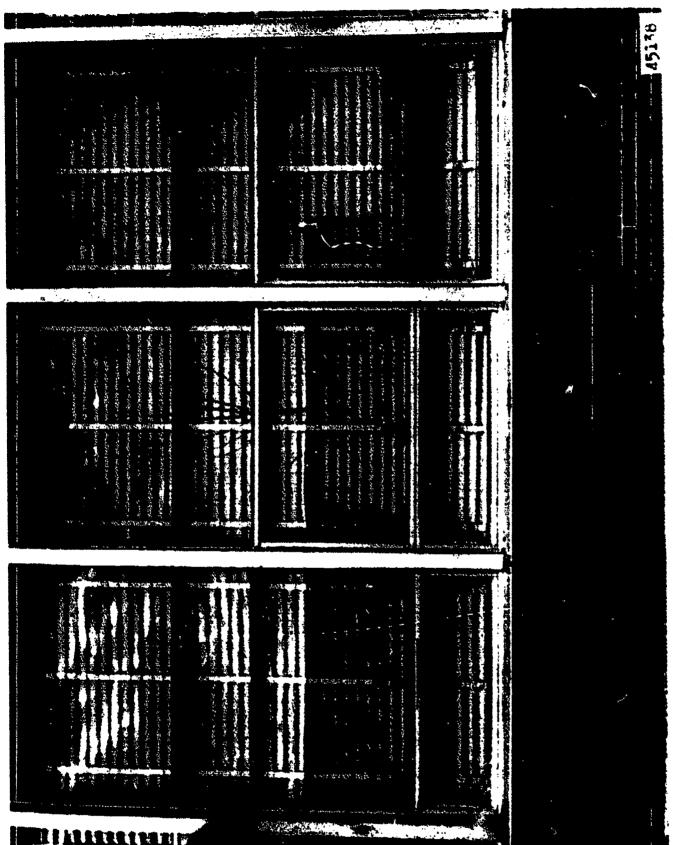




Heating and Ventilating Steam Unit With Protective Cover Removed

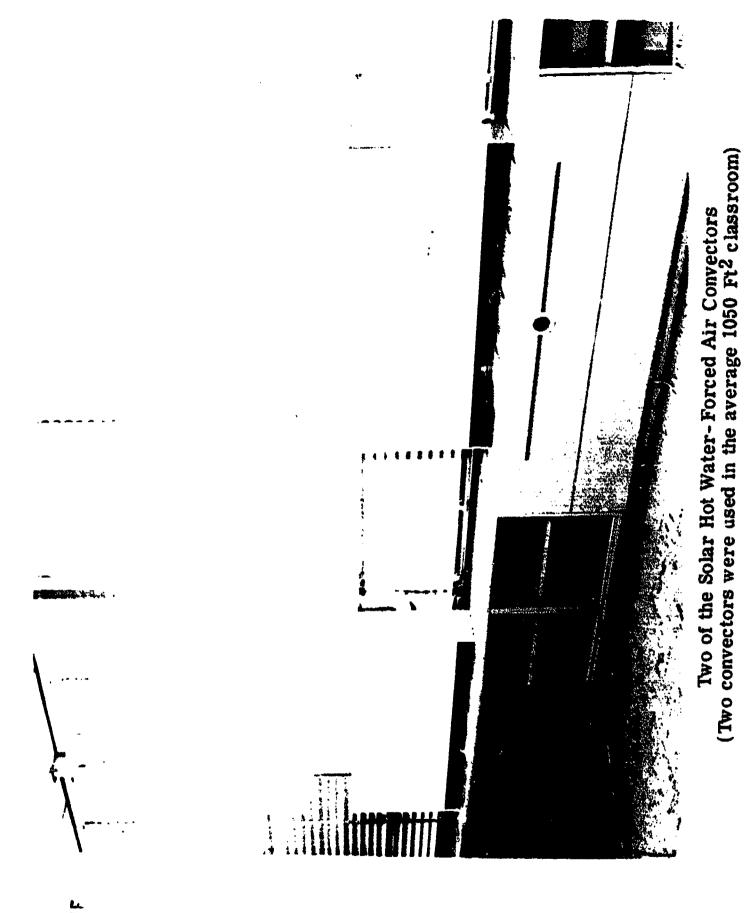
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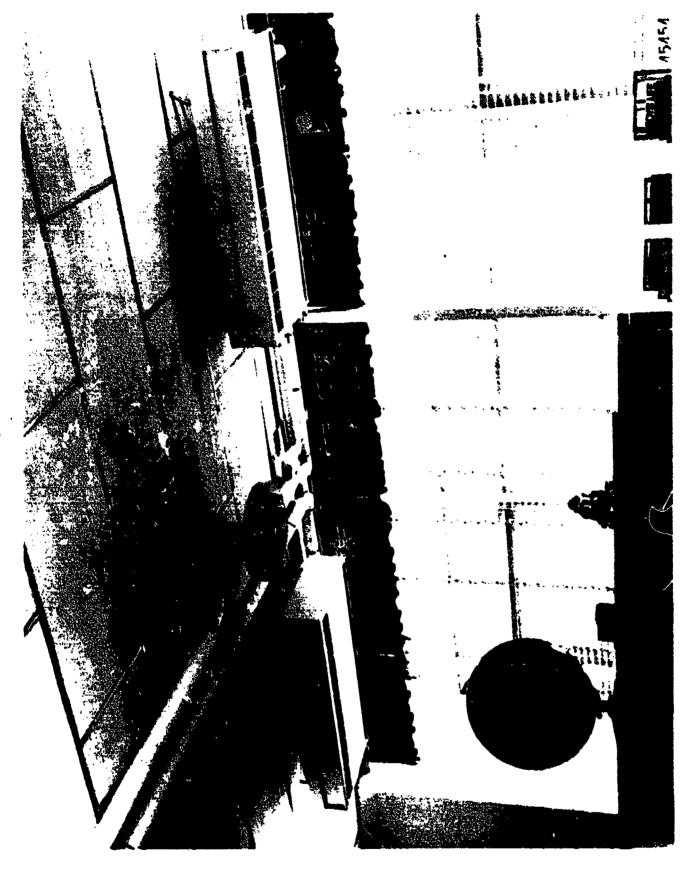


View of Typical Ventilation Opening for the Heating and Ventilating Steam Unit

Figure 2-20



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Solar Hot Watt. - Forced Air Convectors Mounted in the Ceiling of the Library

Figure 2-22

F. Storage Tank

A 15,000 gallon capacity storage tank was designed for the system. It provides 3 gallons of storage per square foot of collector area.

The construction details of the tank may be seen in the Appendix, Dwg. No. 57413-40032, Sheets 1 and 2. It is constructed solely from 6061-T6 aluminum. The sides are rolled and welded. Rolled channels are welded to the sides for lateral support.

A separator is located in the middle of the tank to aid in stratification.

Figure 2-23 shows the tank in the AAI Corp. welding shop. The tank was transported to the site by truck as shown in Figure 2-24 and moved into position by crane as can be seen in Figure 2-25. A reinforced concrete pad was prepared to support the tank which weighed about 5,000 pounds empty, and 125,000 pounds filled with water. The tank was insulated as follows:

Top: 4 inches of fiberglass batts covered with 1/2 inch

of asphalt and a steel mesh grid.

Sides: 4 inches of fiberglass batts covered with an .040"

thick aluminum cover.

Bottom: 6 inches of polyurethane foam encased in a

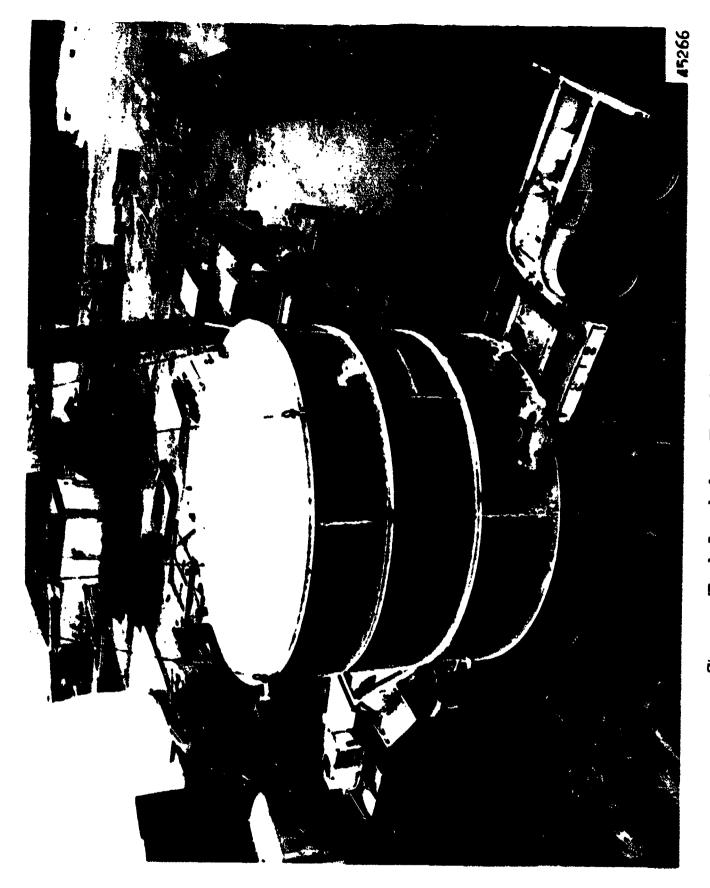
redwood lattice.



Storage Tank in the Weld Shop Trusses are Shown on the Left

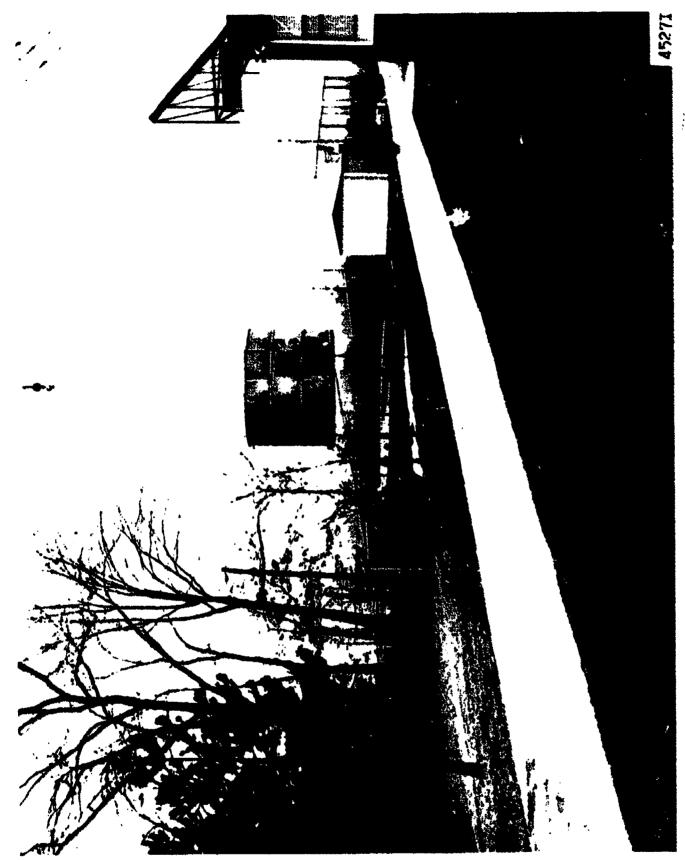
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Figure 2-23



Storage Tank Loaded on Truck for Delivery to Site

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Storage Tank Being Lowered Onto Its Pad by Crane Figure 2-25



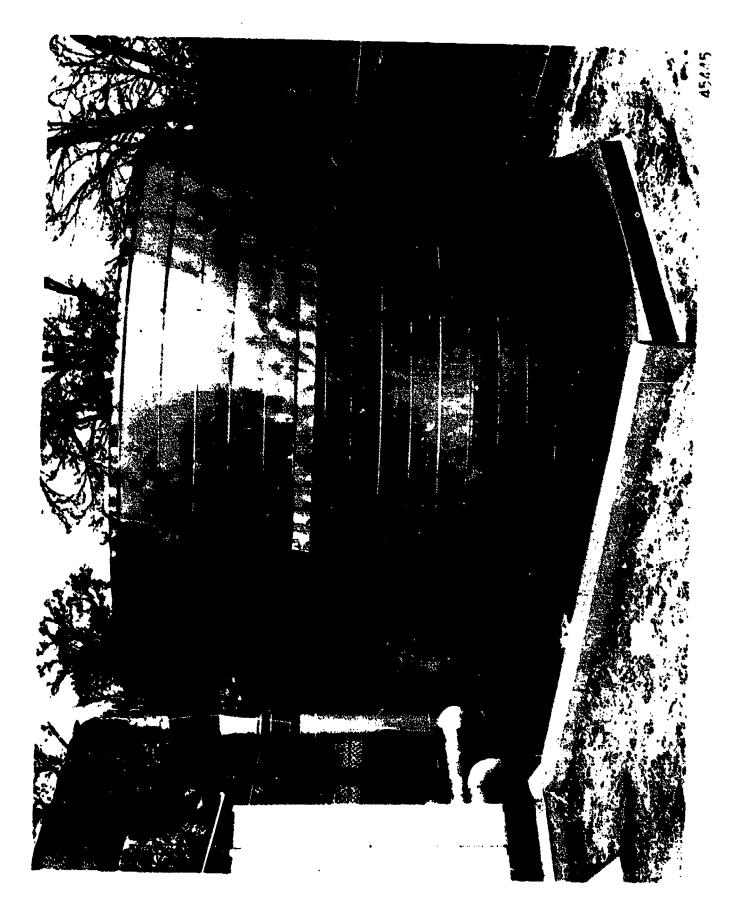
This insulation is designed to limit the temperature loss to ${\bf 1^OF}$ in 24 hours.

Figure 2-26 shows insulation being applied to the solar collector pipes and the storage tank.

The fully insulated tank is shown in Figure 2-27.



Insulation Being Applied to the Solar Collector Pipes and the Storage Tanks



Fully Insulated Tank Figure 2-27

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G. Instrumentation

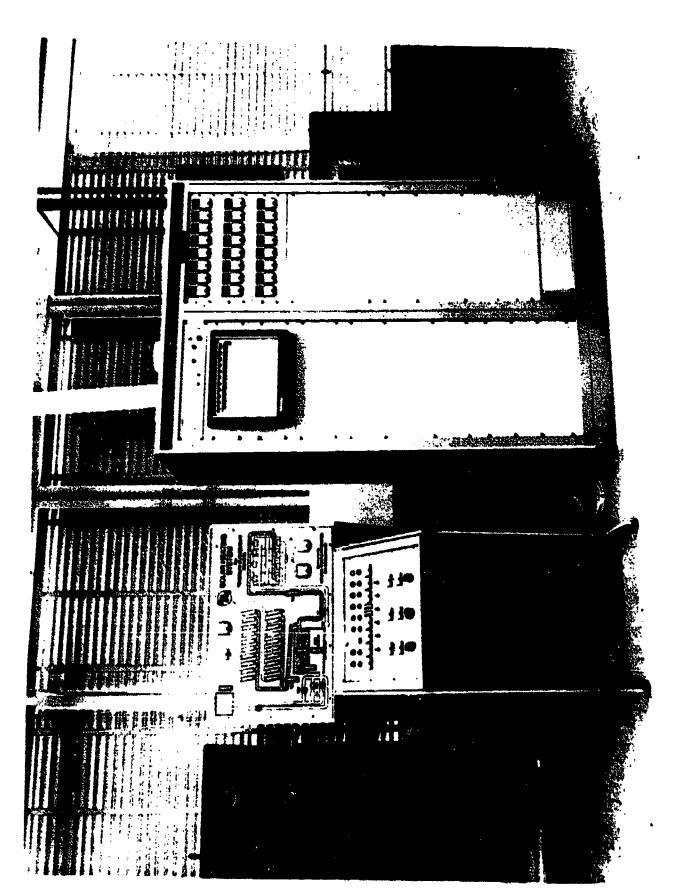
The instrumentation for the system is located in the end room of the heated wing. An overall view of the instrumentation is shown in Figure 2-28. The console on the right houses the Leeds and Northrup recorder which continuously monitors thirteen items.

Figures 2-29 and 2-30 show close-up views of the control panel.

Chart 2-1 shows a detailed listing of all points of instrumentation being monitored.

A complete schematic and layout of the instrumentation can be found in the Appendix, Dwg. No. 57413-40069, Sheets 1 and 2.



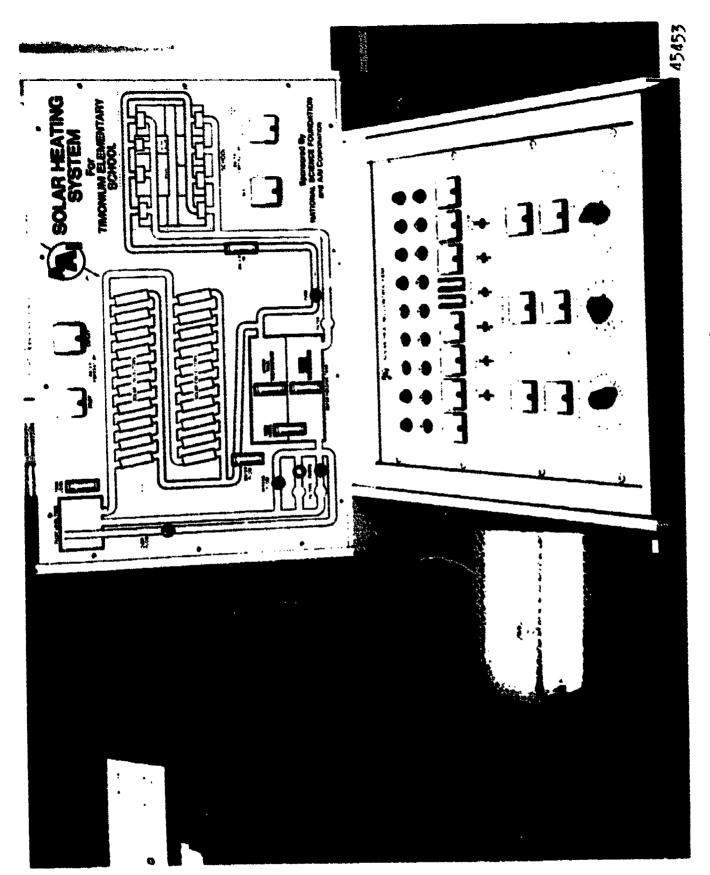


Overall View of the Instrumentation and Control Panels

Figure 2-28 65

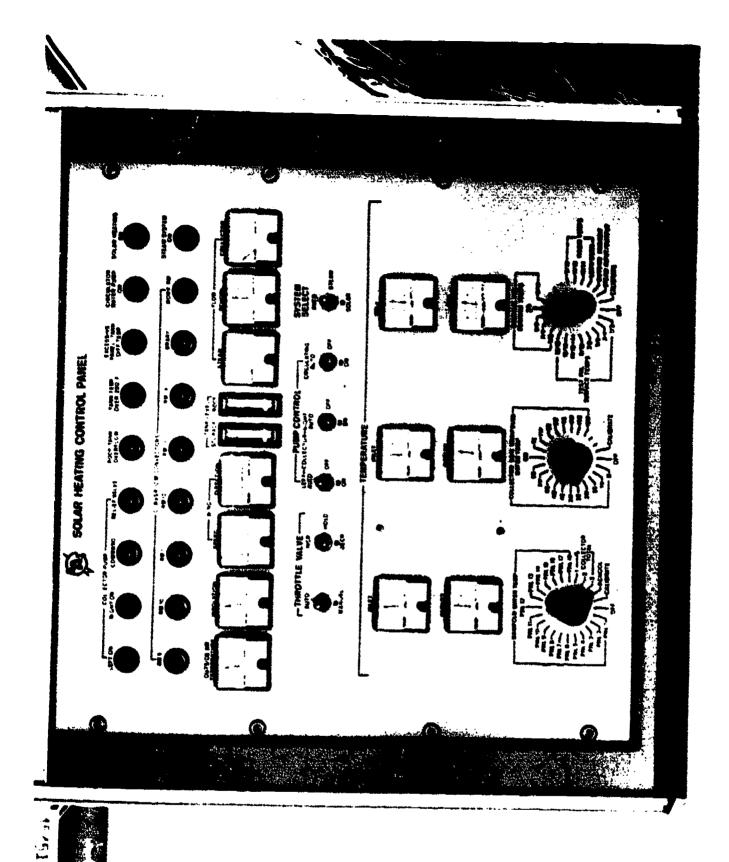
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Control Panel with Schematics Figure 2-29

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Close-Up View of Solar Heating Control Panel

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Chart 2-1. Instrumentation for Timonium Elementary School

- A. Test data currently being continuously recorded on Leeds & Northrup Recorder
 - 1. Ambient temperature
 - 2. Collector water inlet temperature
 - 3. Collector water outlet temperature
 - 4. No. 3 collector surface temperature
 - 5. Heating system water inlet temperature
 - 6. Heating system water outlet temperature
 - 7. Heating system water flow (gal. per minute)
 - 8. Insolation
 - 9. Water volume of holding tank
 - 10. Water temperature at top of tank
 - 11. Water temperature at bottom of tank
 - 12. Inlet water temperature to No. 7 manifold which consists of 9 collectors in parallel
 - 13. Outlet water temperature to No. 7 manifold which consists of 9 collectors in parallel
- B. Present instrumentation currently being utilized in solar system and frequency of monitoring
 - 1. Insolation (continuous)
 - 2. Ambient temperature (continuous)
 - 3. Wind velocity (every half hour during periods of solar heat collection)
 - 4. Wind direction (same as above)
 - 5. Collector surface temperature
 - a. No. 3 (continuous)
 - b. Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 (hourly during periods of solar heat collecting)



- 6. Collector water temperature in and out (continuously)
- 7. Fourteen collector manifolds (18 collections in parallel) (every hour during periods of solar heat collecting)
- 8. Collector water flow based on pump water output (pumps adjusted for desired water flow to collectors)
- 9. Steam temperature in and out (continuously)
- 10. Steam flow in pounds per hour (continuously)
- 11. School heating water temperature in and out (continuously)
- 12. School heat water flow in gallons per minute (continuously)
- 13. Level of water in holding tank (continuously)
- 14. Tank water temperature top and bottom (continuously)
- 15. Level of water in flow control tank (recorded when collector pumps are adjusted for desired flow to collectors)
- 16. Pressure gage for measuring air pressure from air compressor to thermostat (twice daily)
- 17. Deionizer indicator lamp for tank replenishment water supply (every hour during periods of water replenishment to tank)
- * 18. Indicator lamps for collector pumps and heating system pumps
- * 19. Indicator lamp for water overflow line to collectors
- * 20. Indicator lamps for solar collection system, school heating system and command indication (indicates collector surface temperature with respect to tank water temperature is sufficient to effectively collect solar heat)
 - 21. Tank level sight gage (twice daily)
 - 22. Pressure gages for determining condition of water filters in system (daily)
 - 23. Collector supply line throttle valve position indicator (visually checked when collector water supply pumps are adjusted for desired flow)
- * 24. Indicator lamps for indicating opening and closing of throttle valve when the system automatic mode is being employed.



^{*}Visual observation when operator is present.

- 25. Direct reading electric watt/hour meter for collector pumps and unit heater's fan motors (daily)
- 26. Fuel oil tank depth gage for determining fuel consumption (weekly)



III. ANALYSIS OF OPERATION

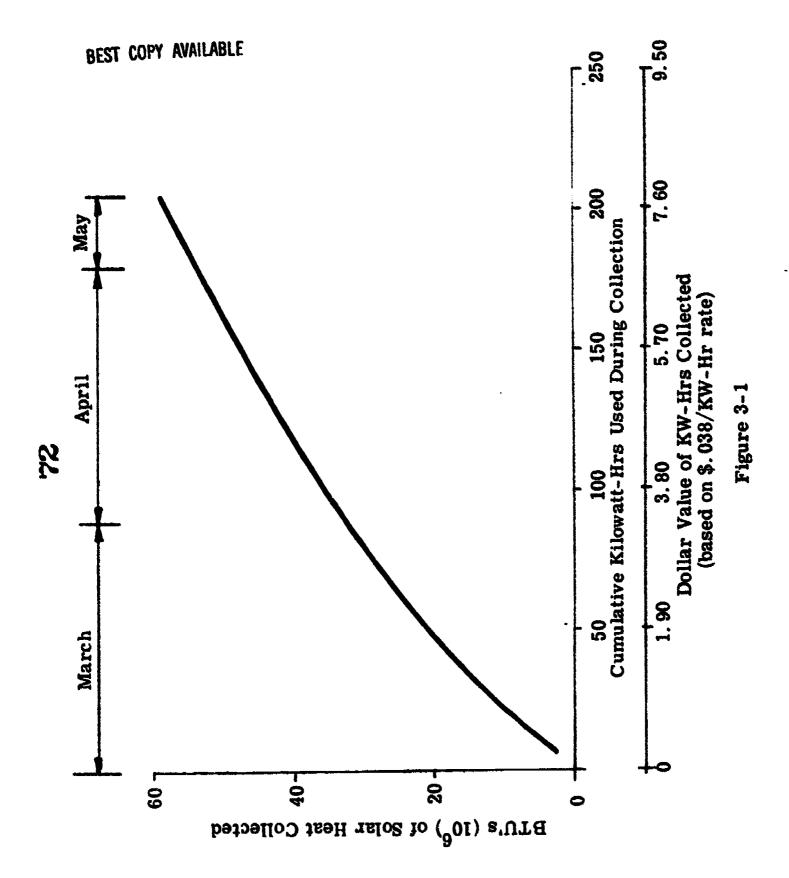
A. Direct Operating Costs of Solar Heating System

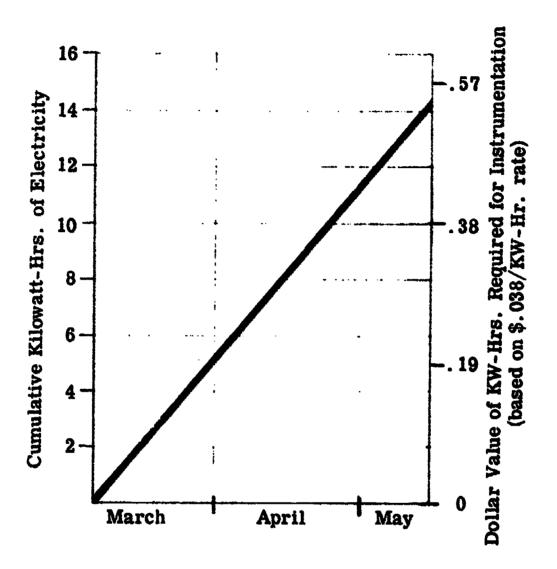
The direct operating cost for the system is the total cost of the electrical energy that is utilized in the collection of the solar heat, the supply and distribution of the heat to the school, and the operation and monitoring of the control system. Specifically, the electrical energy provides the motive, power for the operation of both the collector and school heating water pumps, the unit heater's circulating fans, the air compressor in the school heating control system, and the electrical circuits in the control and monitoring system.

The following graphs present the electrical consumption and costs for the operation of the various system elements during the period of 1 March 1974 to 15 May 1974.

The total electrical cost for the period was \$10.40.

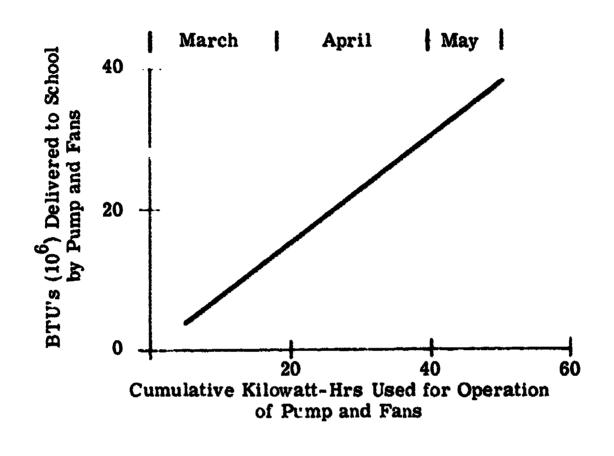


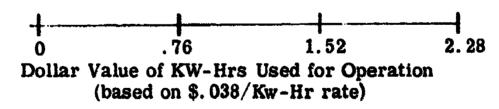




KW-HR of Electricity Required For Instrumentation Operation

Figure 3-2

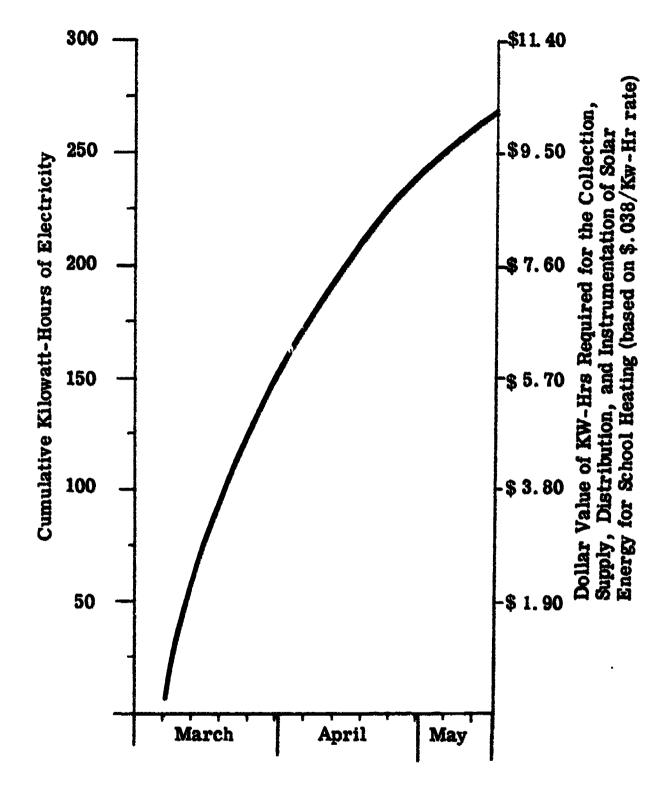




Supply and Distribution Cost of Solar Energy for School Heating

Figure 3-3





Total System Operating Cost

Figure 3-4

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B. Fuel Savings

The utilization of solar heating for the center wing portion of the Timonium School resulted in an overall fuel cost saving to the school for the period of 14 March 1974 to 15 May 1974. This cost savings was due to the Solar Heating System providing 91% of the center wing's heat requirement during this period.

From the school's fuel record the amount of fuel oil consumed by the heating plant was established. This was ratioed to the area heated and it can be shown that approximately 1200 gallons of fuel oil were saved by the use of solar heating for the center wing of the school.

From this information the graph in Figure 3-5 presents the accumulative fuel savings per month during the operation period of this system.

This amounts to a total saving of 1200 gallons of fuel oil.



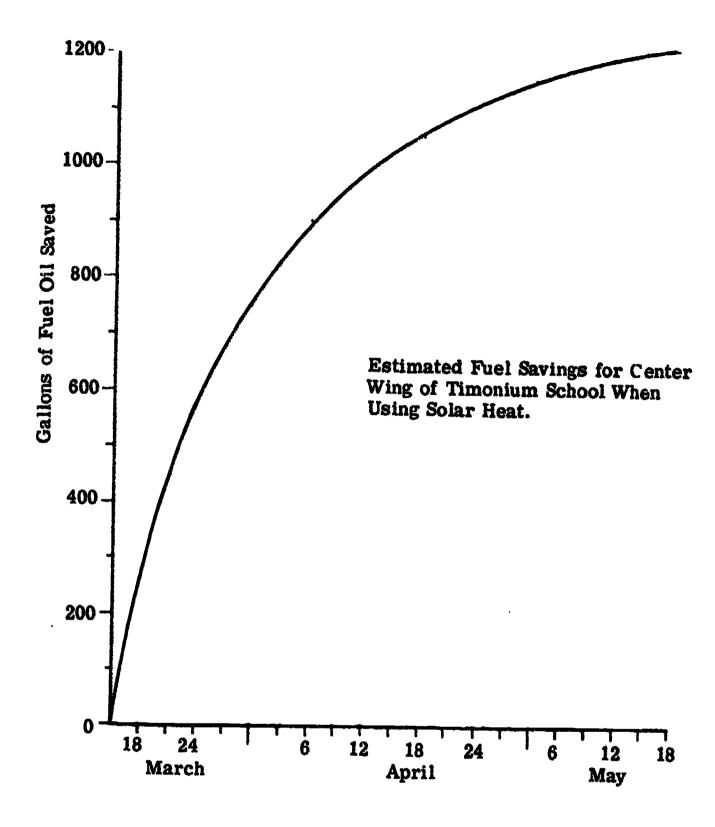


Figure 3-5

C. Maintenance Required

In general for this type of system, the necessity for maintenance essentially stems from the hostile environmental conditions to which the system is subjected and from the rigors and physical loading induced into the system components by actuations during the operating cycle. The necessary maintenance that was employed during this program to combat the above adverse conditions consisted of providing either preventative type maintenance or an operational type maintenance (repairs) to the system's components. Much of the repair work that is listed in Figure 3-6 is really not in the domain of maintenance but is the result of wringing out a new system. However, because of the short exposure period provided by this program, the identifying of these repair areas may be beneficial to future maintenance planning.



| Item | Qty. | Reason for Maintenance | Work Performed | Required Frequency | Unit Cost | Total Cost |
|--|-----------|---|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| Filterite Particle Filter | 3 | Prevent pres- sure loss in system | Replace 36 filter cartridges | *2 Months | \$1.36 each | \$49.00 |
| Deionization of Replenish- ment water to system | l unit | Protect system against corrosion | Replenish 300 gal. | As needed to replace evaporation losses | \$. 04/ gal. | \$12.00 |
| Pump strainer for motor driven throttle valve | 1 | Prevent pressure loss in system | Cleaned | As needed | | |

Preventative Maintenance Performed on Timonium Solar Heating System *Required because system was not flushed before start-up.

| Item | Qty. | Reason for Maintenance | Work Performed | Required Frequency | Maint. Hours | Labor Cost at \$12/Hr |
|---------------------------------------|------|--|---|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Collector Pumps | 2 | Mechanical failure | Replaced pumps | ** | 2 | \$24.00 |
| Instrumenta- tion | - | Electrical Component Malfunction | Replace defective components | Would not be required in normal system | 8 | \$96.00 |
| Solenoid valve | 1 | Malfunction | Repaired valve | As needed | 2 | \$24.00 |
| Manifold/ collector connections | | Rubber hose split | Hose replaced | As needed | 4 | \$48.00 |
| Collector panel | 2 | Panels damaged by vandalism | Repaired w/1 ft ² tape patch | As needed | 1 | \$12.00 |

Operational Maintenance Performed on Timonium Solar Heating System

Figure 3-6

^{**} Pumps were defective and were replaced by vendor.

D. Capital Equipment Costs

A chart showing a breakdown of the capital equipment costs for the Timonium School Solar Heating Installation is shown in Figure 3-7.

The cost figures shown include overhead and burdens as applicable to normal operations at AAI.

Also included is data which shows the estimated costs for these same items if the program was not conducted on an expedited basis. The engineering and the manufacturing costs were reduced 20% and procurement dollars were reduced 5%. These two factors reduced the total cost about 13%.

Figure 3-8 shows this data.

Further discussion of the major cost elements is as follows:

Solar Collectors

The costs included in this category include the collector engineering, manufacture, and temporary tooling required for manufacture of the quantity for the installation. One hundred eighty (180) collectors with six spares were fabricated. The total cost for the collectors, on a non-expedited basis, is projected at \$106,450. Divided by 5200 Ft² of collector, the unit cost would be \$20.50 per Ft². Without engineering, this cost would be reduced to \$16.70 per Ft².



Actual Capital Equipment Costs of AAI Solar Energy Proof-of-Concept Experiment (Expedited Program)

| | Engineering | ing | Manuf | Manufacturing | Procurement | Total |
|--|--------------|---------|-------|---------------|-------------|---------|
| Major Category | Approx. Hrs. | Dollars | Hours | Dollars | Dollars | Dollars |
| 1. Collectors Including Temporary Tooling | 1400 | 24,500 | 2000 | 67,000 | 35,000 | 126,500 |
| 2. Mounting Trusses - School Modifications - Screen | 1200 | 21,000 | 2800 | 37,520 | 27,500 | 86,020 |
| 3. Collector Plumbing - Pump House | 006 | 15,750 | 1400 | 18,760 | 22,500 | 57,010 |
| 4. Insulated Storage Tank | 009 | 10,500 | 1200 | 16,080 | 12,500 | 39,080 |
| 5. School Plumbing and Convectors | 400 | 7,000 | 200 | 2,680 | 000,09 | 69, 680 |
| 6. Instrumentation | 1000 | 17,500 | 1200 | 16,080 | 41,250 | 74,830 |
| 7. Installation | 200 | 8,750 | 1000 | 13,400 | 31,250 | 53, 400 |
| Total | 0009 | 105,000 | 12800 | 171,520 | 230,000 | 506,520 |

Figure 3-7

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Estimated Capital Equipment Costs
Of AAI Solar Energy Proof-of-Concept Experiment
(Costs reduced to show effect of a non-expedited program)

| Ma | Major Cost Category | Engineering Reduce 20 c for Non- Expedited Program | Engineering Reduced 20 c for Non- Expedited Program | Mfg. Reduced 20 c for Non- Expedited Program | ed n- rogram | Procurement Reduced 5 ~ for Non-expedited Program | |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------------|--|---------------|
| | | Hours | Dollars | Hours | Dollars | Proc. Dollars | Total Dollars |
| <u>-</u> | 1. Collectors | 1120 | 19,600 | 4000 | 53,600 | 33, 250 | 106,450 |
| જાં | 2. Mounting Trusses | 096 | 16,800 | 2240 | 30,016 | 26, 125 | 72.941 |
| <u> </u> | Collector Plumbing | 720 | 12,600 | 1120 | 15,008 | 21,375 | 48.983 |
| 4 | Insulated Storage Tank | 480 | 8,400 | 096 | 12.864 | 11,875 | 33, 139 |
| က် | 5. School Plumbing and Convectors | 320 | 5,600 | 160 | 2, 144 | 57,000 | 64,744 |
| <u>.</u> | 6. Instrumentation | 800 | 14,000 | 096 | 12.864 | 39, 188 | 66,052 |
| 7 | 7. Installation | 400 | 7,000 | 800 | 10, 720 | 29, 687 | 47,407 |
| | Total | 4800 | 84,000 | 10, 240 | 137,216 | 218,500 | 439,716 |

Figure 3-8

Mounting Trusses - School Modifications - Protective Screen

The costs incurred in this category were attributed to the addition of the Solar Heating System to a school already built. It is estimated that only 10% of this cost would be incurred if the Solar Heating System would have been built into a new school at the present time. This 10% would be for protective shielding.

Collector Plumbing - Pump House

The costs for the collector plumbing include a separate pump house which would not be required in a new school where Solar Heating would be part of the main heating plant. In addition, extra flow meters and valves were installed for obtaining operational data. In a new school, it is estimated that this cost would be about \$1.50 per Ft² of collector area.

Insulated Storage Tank

The costs for the tank design and manufacture is included in this category. In addition, the insulation and concrete pad are included. On a non-expedited program, the capital cost of the tank was \$2.10 per gallon of water storage capacity.

The storage tank cost could be reduced to about \$0.60 per gallon by the use of a prefabricated, insulated tank procured from an established tank fabricator.



School Plumbing and Convectors

The labor for the installation of the school plumbing and convectors was performed by a subcontractor. Therefore, the labor costs shown for this caregory are small and the subcontract costs are high. Since the Timonium Elementary School had a steam system, a completely new hot water system was installed. In a new school with a hot water system, the cost for this category would be completely eliminated.

If an existing school with hot water heat were converted to Solar Heat, the cost for this cost element would be about 5% of those experienced.

Instrumentation

The instrumentation costs incurred were primarily for use in obtaining experimental data. In a new or converted school, the instrumentation costs would be about 2% of those experienced at Timonium Elementary School.

Installation

The installation costs were somewhat high at Timonium Elementary School because we work was done on the wing during a period when classes were in session. It is estimated that the costs would be about 90% of those experienced if the school wing were not in use.

On a new school, we estimate the installation costs would be about 20% of those at Timonium Elementary School. Instrumentation would not have to be installed and walls would not have to be pierced for pipes, for example.



Summary

Figure 3-9 shows a Solar Heating Capital Cost comparison of the Timonium Elementary School with a typical school with a hot water heating system and with a new school with Solar Heating designed into the original plan.

This study shows that it is much more economical to build the system into a new school rather than apply it to an existing structure. The new school costs drop 50% over the existing school cost.

Collector costs are expected to drop considerably in the future as mass production tooling becomes available. Assuming the collector cost drops from \$16.70 per Ft² to one-third of that value or \$5.40 per Ft², the system cost would then drop to \$13.43 per Ft² of collector area.



School Capital Cost Comparisons & Projections

Conditions: 1. No escalation in price

2. Non-expedited programs

3. All schools same size in same climate

with same size solar system

| Cost Element | Timonium Elem. School - Actual Non-expedited | Typ. School w/Existing Hot Water Heat (Not an Experiment) | New School With Solar Heating Designed into Original Plan |
|--|--|---|--|
| 1. Collectors | \$106,450 | \$86,850 (Engineering not required) | \$86,850 (Engineering not required) |
| 2. Mounting Trusses | 72,941 | \$72,941 | \$ 7,294 |
| 3. Collector Plumbing | 48,983 | 7,800* | 7,800* |
| 4. Insulated Storage Tank | 33,139 | \$ 9,000** | 9,000** |
| 5. School Plumbing & Convectors | 64,744 | 3,230 | Part of busic heating system |
| 6. Instrumentation | 66,052 | 1,320 | 1,320 |
| 7. Installation | 47,407 | 42,700 | 9,480 |
| Total System Cost | \$439,716 | \$223,841 | \$121,744 |
| System Cost/Ft ² of Collector (5200 Ft ²) | \$ 84.56 | \$ 43.05 | \$ 23.41 |
| If the collector cost were the system cost/Ft ² of (| re reduced from \$10 collector would be a | 3.70/Ft ² to \$5.40, as follows: | /Ft ² (one-third), |
| System Cost/Ft ² of Collector (5200 Ft ²) | en es | \$ 31.74 | \$ 12.11 |

Figure 3 9



^{*} Based upon plumbing costs of \$1.50/Ft² of collector area.

** Based upon the use of a prefabricated, insulated tank procured from an established tank fabricator.

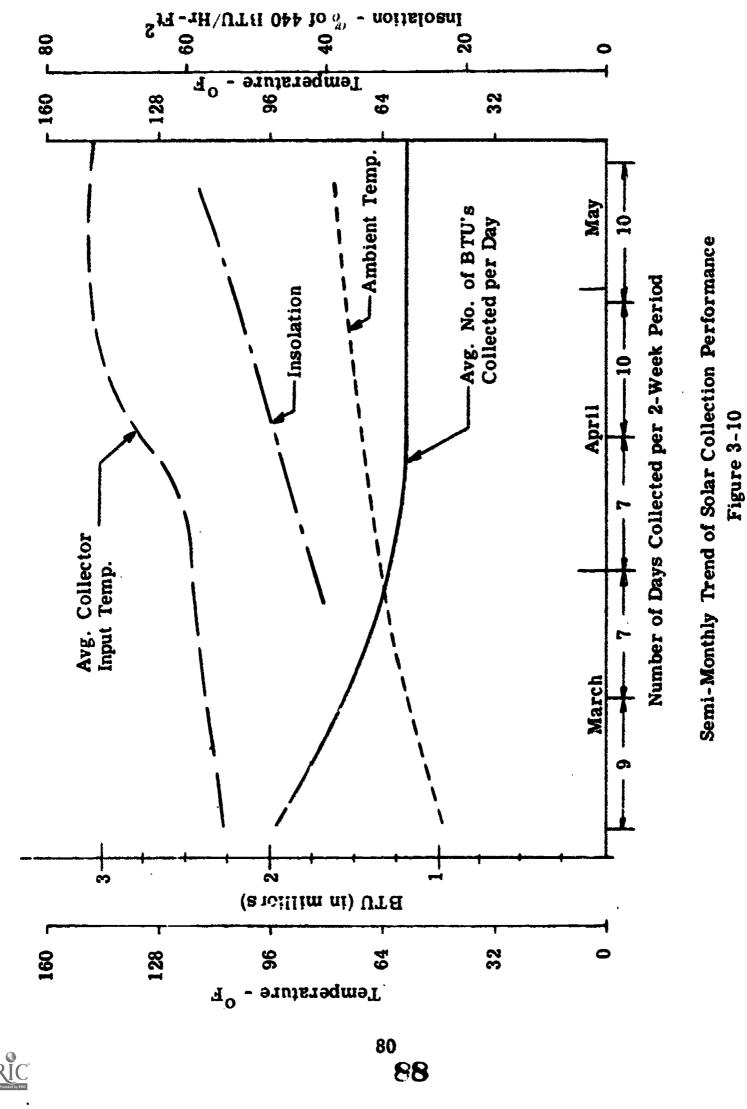
E. Solar Collecting Performance and Efficiency

1. Solar Collecting Performance

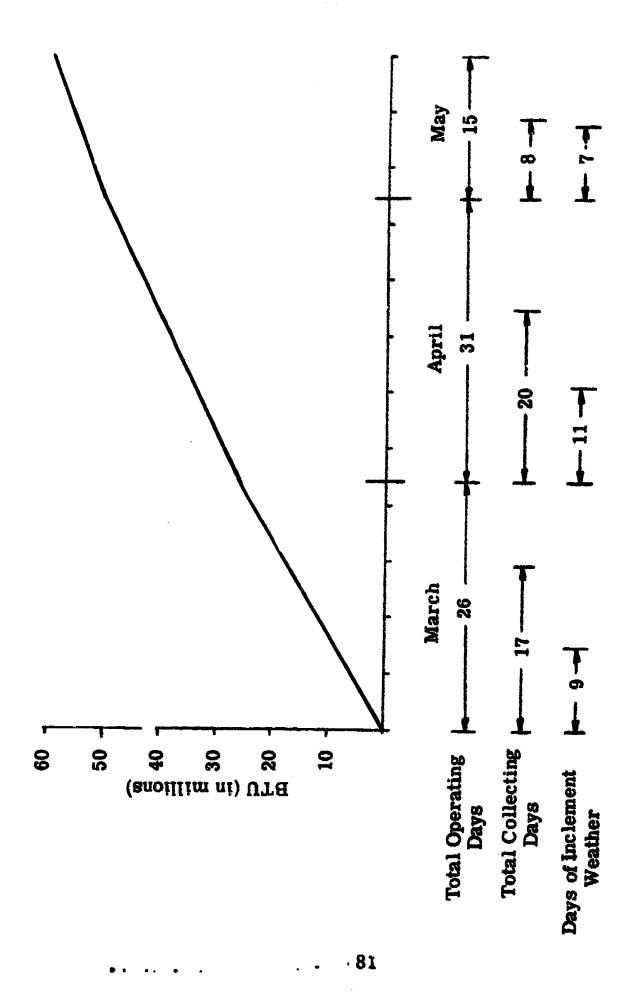
The solar collecting performance of the Timonium Solar System for its period of operation is shown in Figure 3-10. This graph essentially portrays the overall solar heat collecting capability of the system by comparing the number of BTU's collected on a per day basis with the solar heat collection constraints of collector inlet temperature, solar insolation, and ambient temperature.

The chart in Figure 3-11 presents a monthly and total summary of the BTU's collected, the number of collection days, the number of inclement weather days and the total number of operating days for this program.





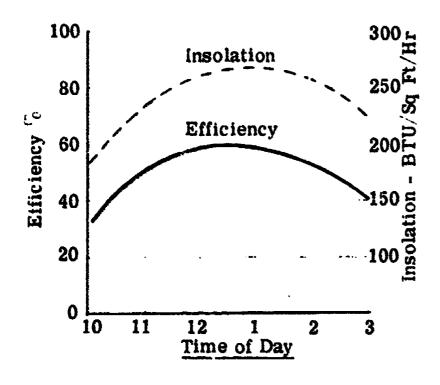




Monthly & Total Summary of Solar Heat Collection Performance

2. Solar Collecting Efficiency

The intent of the following graph of solar collecting efficiency is to illustrate the maximum solar heat collecting capability of the Timonium Solar Heating System. The 29 April 1974 day was essentially an ideal collecting day in that the climatic conditions and solar insolation were conducive to effective solar heat collection. To fully exploit these ideal collecting conditions, the system was operated in the manual mode which permitted fine tuning of the water flow to optimize the heat transfer at the collectors. Due to the remote location of the temperature measuring instruments, the efficiencies illustrated in the graph are not the absolute efficiency of the collector array but are those representative of the overall system.

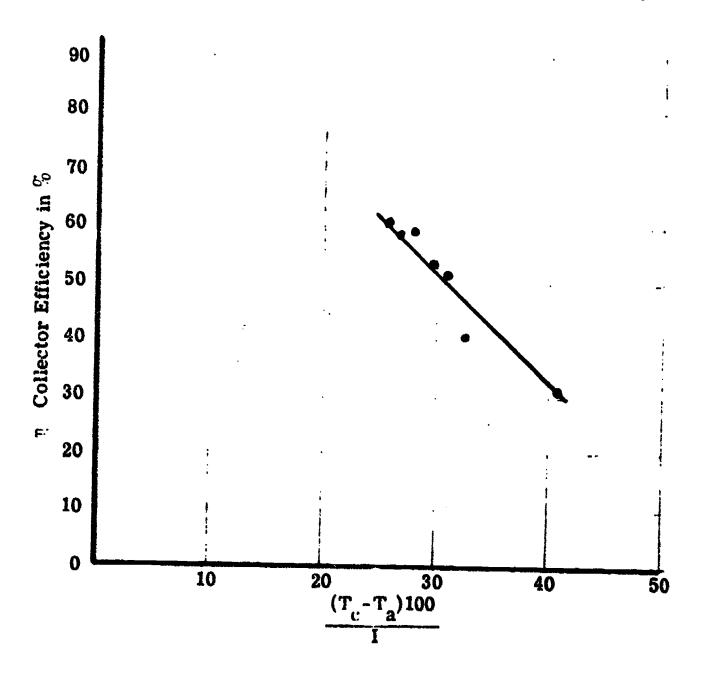


A. M. Inlet Water 140°F
P. M. Inlet Water 147°F
Outlet @ 156°F Avg.
Temp. Ambient 70°F Avg.
April 29, 1974 - No wind
Clear



Based on this one day's data, the curve below was plotted. It shows how the collector efficiency varies from 32% to 61% with a varying insolation and temperature ratio.

Timonium Elementary School Data Collected April 27, 1974

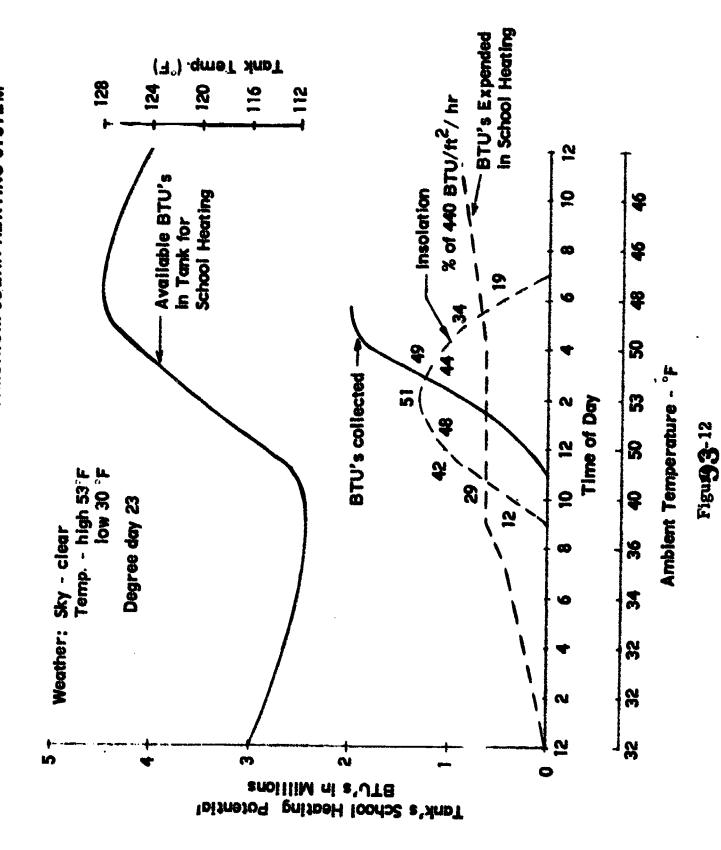


F. Typical Day's Operation (22 March 1974)

Figure 3-12 depicts the daily operational performance with respect to environmental conditions of the solar heating system. This particular day was selected because the overall system had been sufficiently adjusted and tuned for efficient automatic operation and the climatic conditions were such that both school heating and solar collecting could be effectively employed. For this day's operation the graph summarizes the school's heating load, the quantity of solar heat collected and the effect of heat input and output on the holding tank's school heating capability.

It can be seen from the graph, that the heating potential of the tank (available BTU's for school heating) was approximately 3,000,000 BTU's at the start of the day. During the course of the day, the tank provided approximately 970,000 BTU's in meeting the school's heating demand and, including the system's piping circuits, lost through radiation an additional 120,000 BTU's. The collection of solar heat commenced at 10:30 a.m. and during the 7-hour operating period collected and supplied to the tank a total of 2,000,000 BTU's. Since the BTU's collected and supplied to the tank exceeded the total tank BTU loss by 910,000 the tank's heating potential was increased to 3,910,000 BTU at the completion of the day's operation.





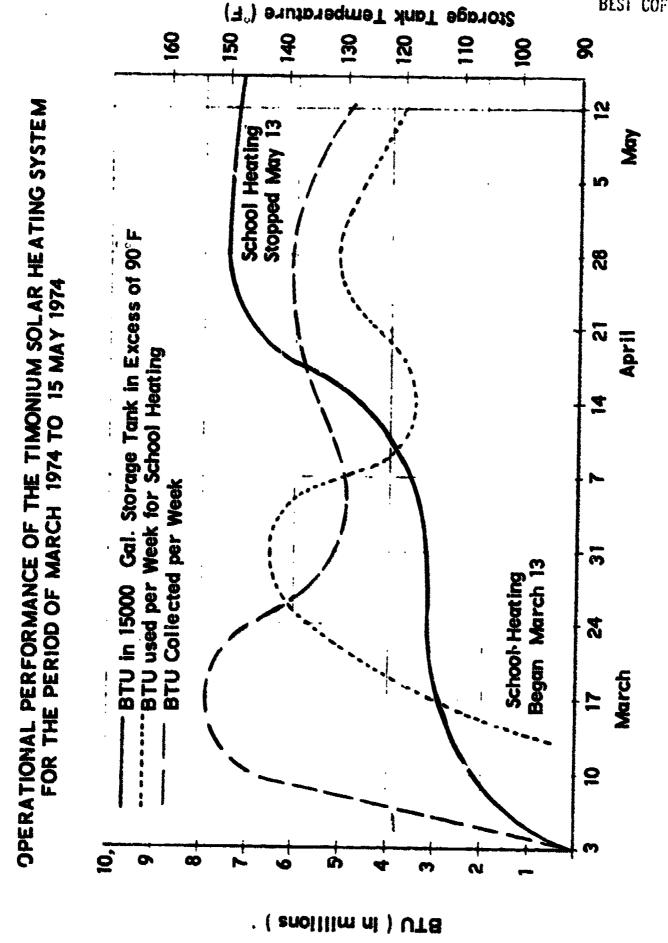
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G. Heat Input and Output Summary

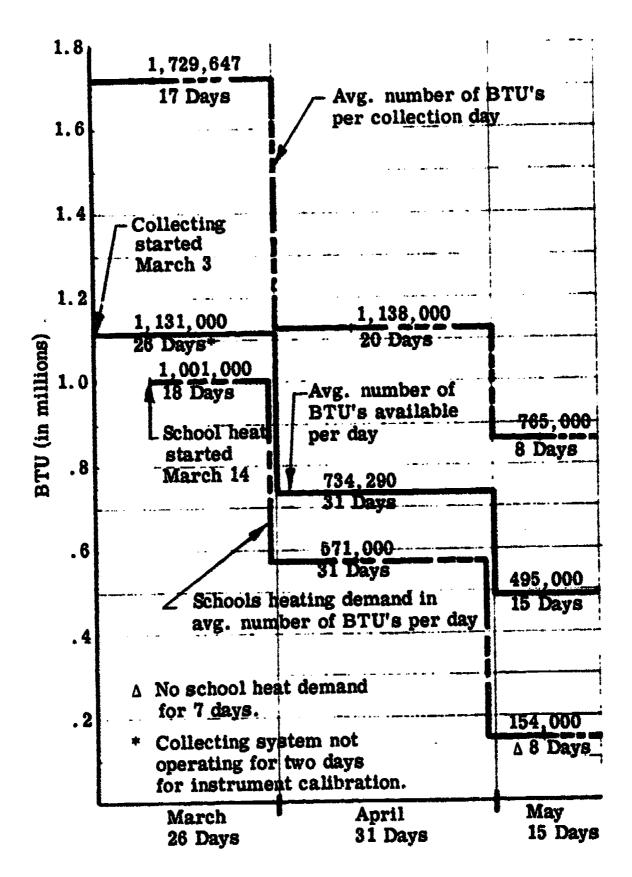
The intent of the Heat Input and Output Summary is to portray in a monthly sequential manner the overall system performance of the Timonium Solar Heating System. The graph shown in Figure 3-13 chronologically presents an operating history of the BTU's collected, the BTU's expended in school heating and the school heating potential of the holding tank for the operational period of the solar system. However, to better illustrate the overall heat input/output performance of the system, Figure 3-14 graphically presents on a monthly basis, the average number of BTU's collected per day with respect to the school's average heating demand per day. Finally, the chart shown in Figure 3-15 presents on a monthly basis the accumulative totals of BTU's collected, BTU's expended in school heating, BTU's lost in tank and piping radiation, and BTU's stored in tank.



Figure 3-13

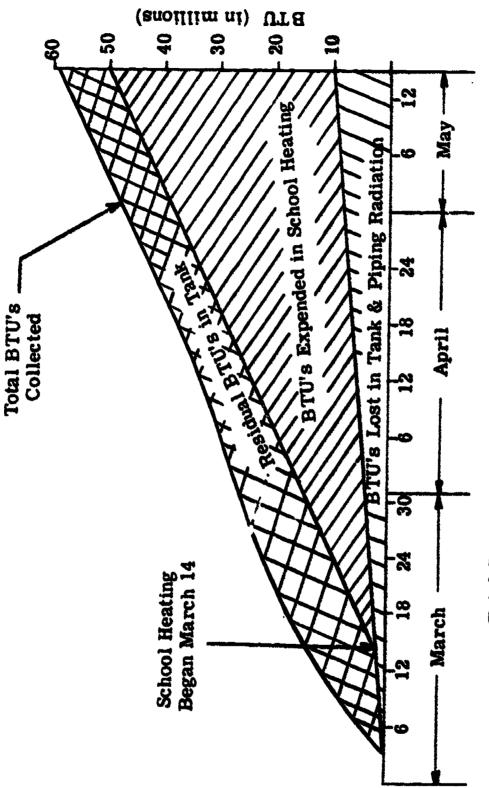






Average Number of BTU's Collected, Available, and Expended Per Day

Figure 3-14



Total System Heat Input and Output During the Operational Period of the System

Figure 3-15

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

A. Recommendations for Modifications to the System to Improve Performance or producibility in Order to Permit Widespread Applications of Solar Heating to School Buildings

After only 2-1/2 months of heating system operation, it is too early to make large-scale recommendations for modifications. However, the following detail changes are suggested modifications to the present system.

o Improved System Performance

Solar Heat Collection Efficiency

- 1. Improve collector efficiency using methods such as selective coatings and three cover plates.
- 2. Study holding tank temperature stratification problem in order to provide low temperature water to collectors.
- 3. Use of reflectors for increased summer performance.

Reduce Heat Radiation Loss

- 1. Increased insulation for pipes.
- 2. Install holding tank in heated building to reduce the temperature gradient between tank and tank environment.
- 3. Install all collector water supply and return lines and manifolds in the building to reduce the temperature gradient between piping and its environment.
- o Improved Producibility
 - 1. Utilize standard steel or concrete tank for water storage.
 - 2. Simplify and reduce plumbing in the pumping station as follows:



- a. Use threaded pipe connections rather than flanges except at the interfaces of the plumbing modules.
- b. Utilize one pump and associated components in collector pumping station rather than the dual set-up being currently used.

B. Conclusions as to the Generalizability of the Results Obtained

- 1. Based on only 2-1/2 months of operation, only a small portion of the results obtained are generalizable at this time. These are the efficiencies, heat losses, heat requirements of schools per degree day, etc.
- 2. The cost studies of the capital investment for the system when projected for additional retrofit installations and for new school construction indicate the following:

a. Retrofitting Schools for Solar Heating

By 1985 the retrofitting of schools in Maryland and farther north will be economically feasible. This will be made possible by the increasing cost of fossil fuels.

For areas of the southwest and south, the additional Btu's available from increased insolation will make retrofit more feasible in the current timeframe.

b. New School Solar Heating

If the cost of fuel oil remained constant, a total installation cost per square foot on new construction would have to be below \$5.00/Ft. ² for an amortization of 25 years at low interest.

If the cost of fuel doubled in 10 years, then the price per square foot could double to \$10.00/Ft. 2 for total installation now.

Present indications are that the system installed on new schools in 1975 would cost from \$9.00 to \$13.00 per square foot.



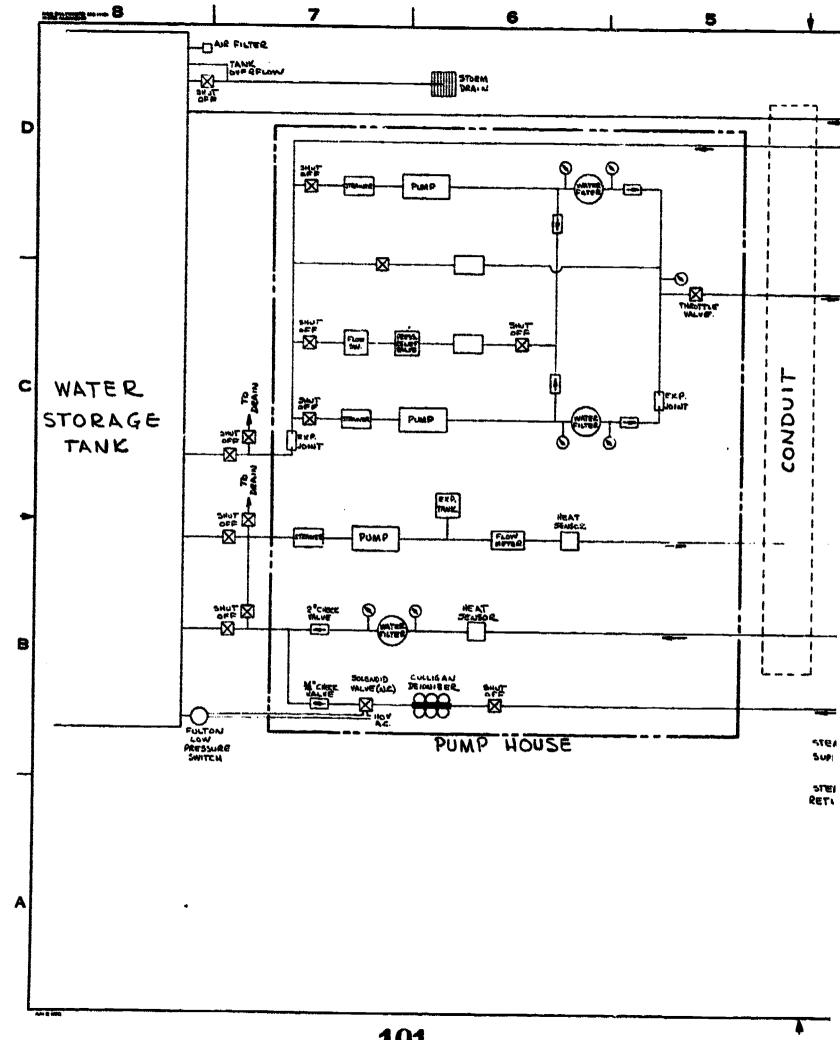
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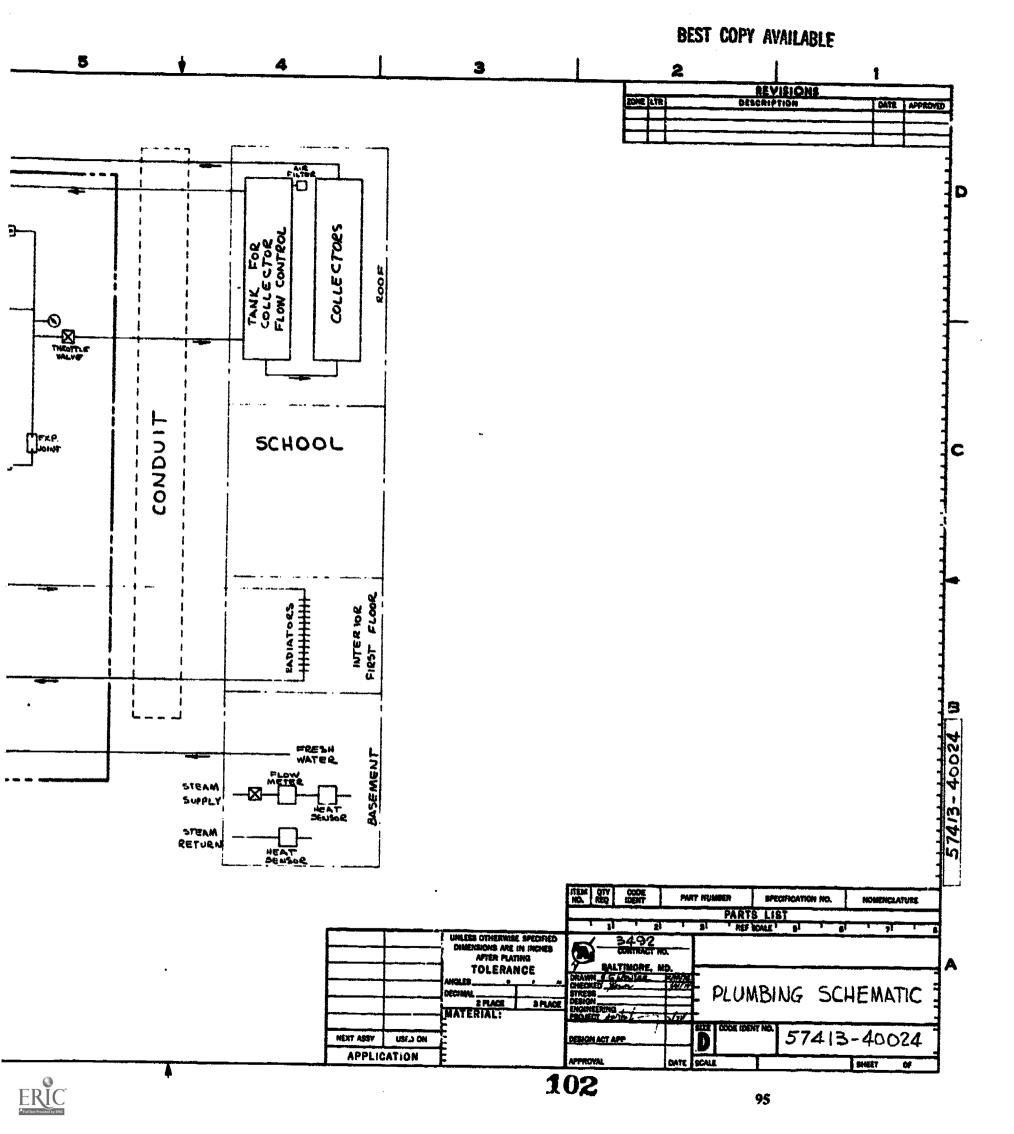
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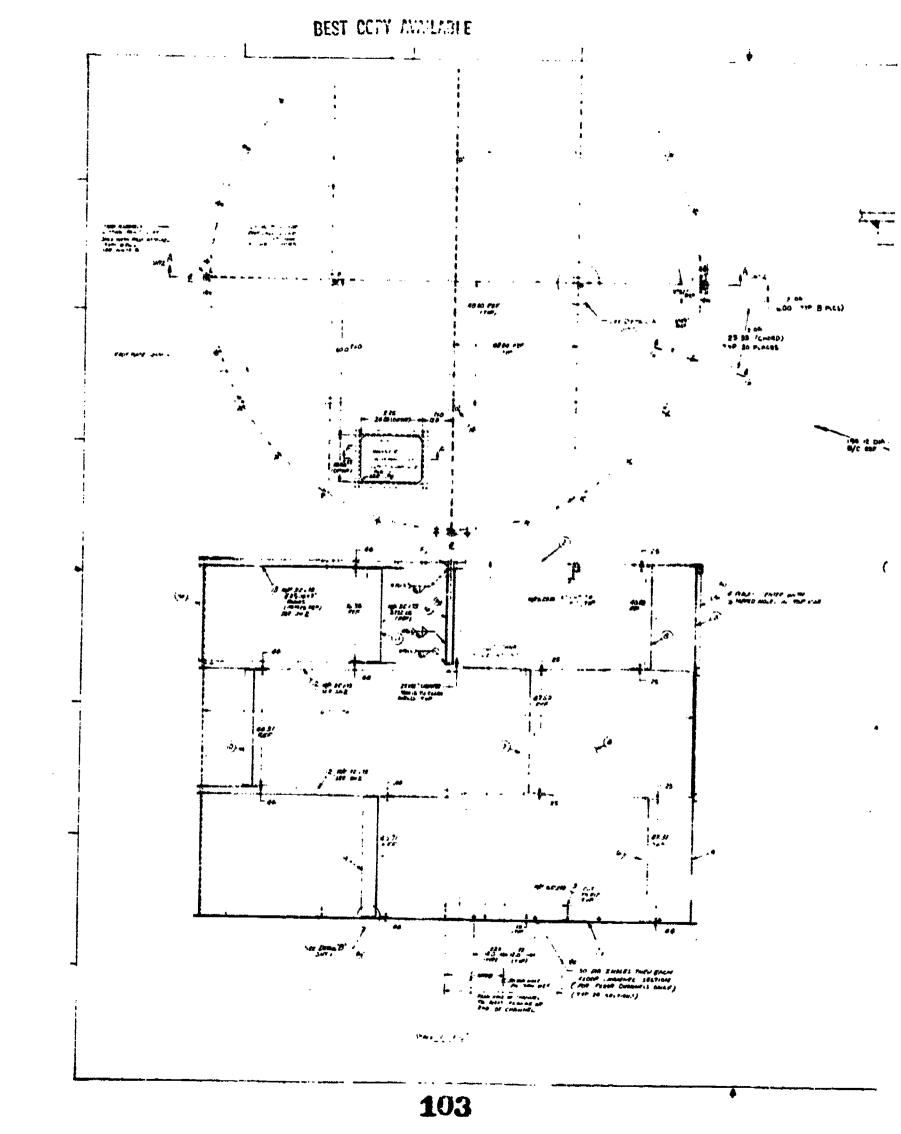




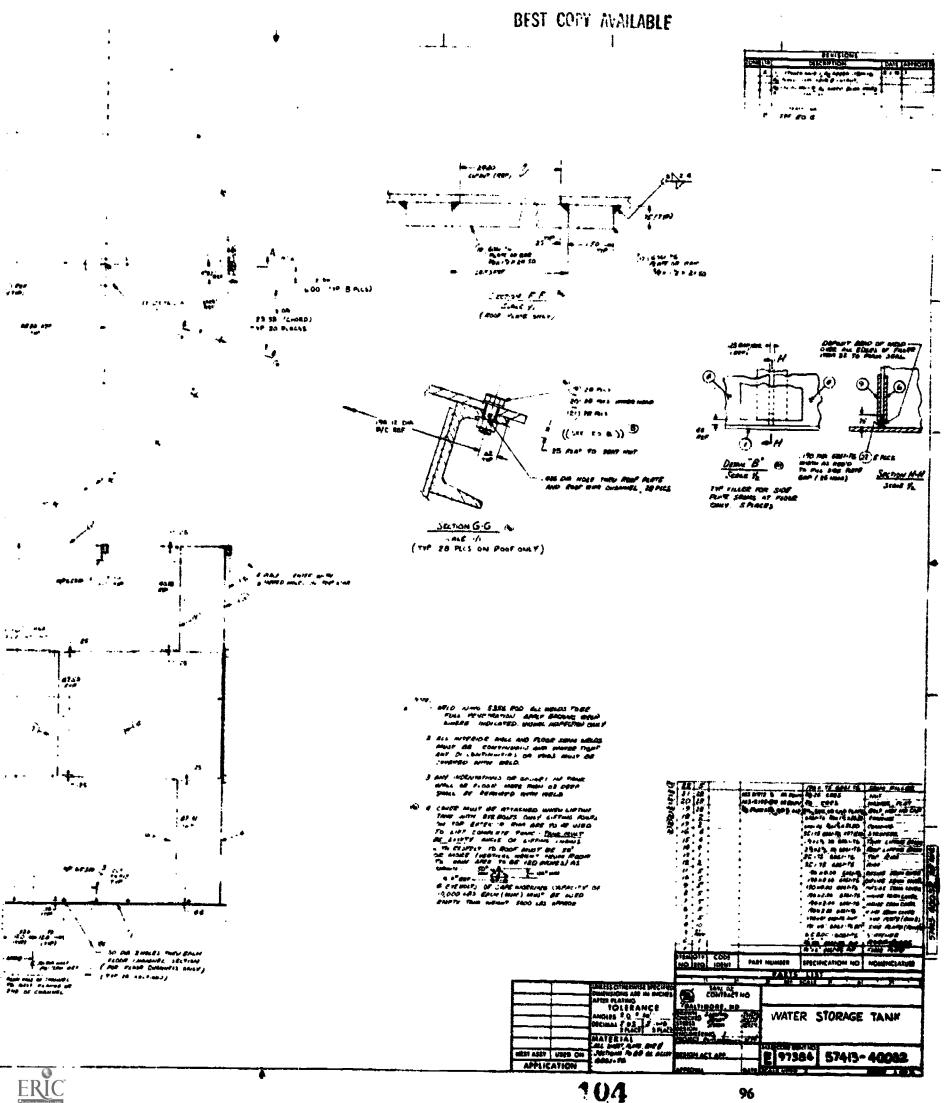
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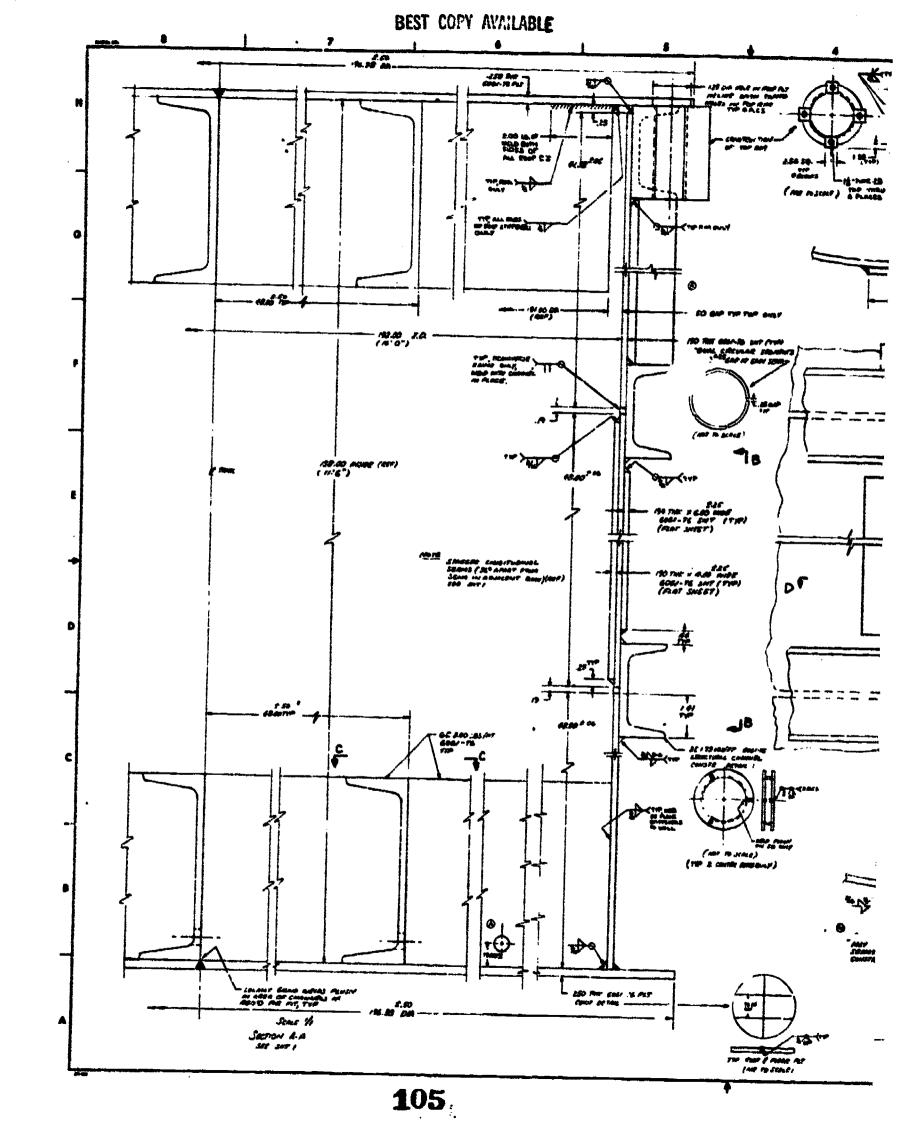




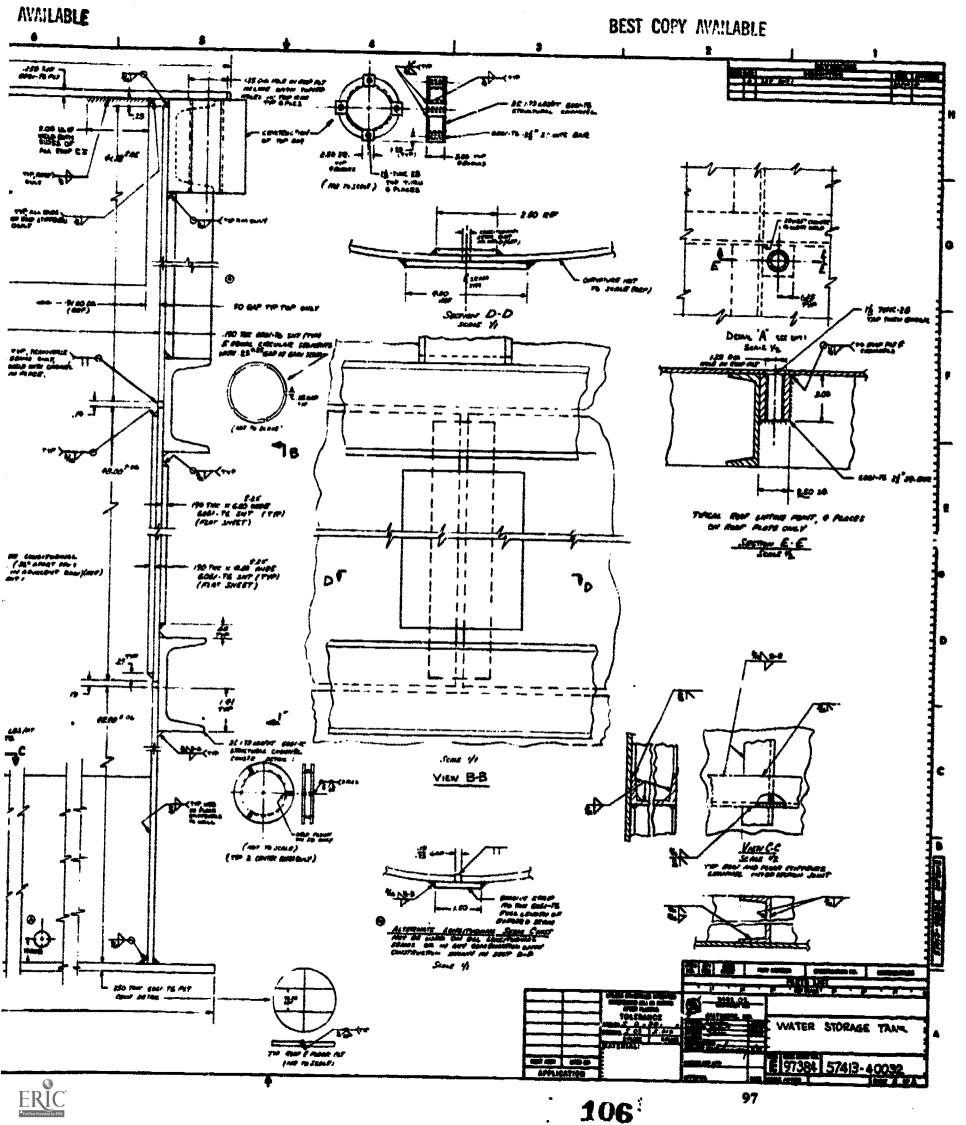


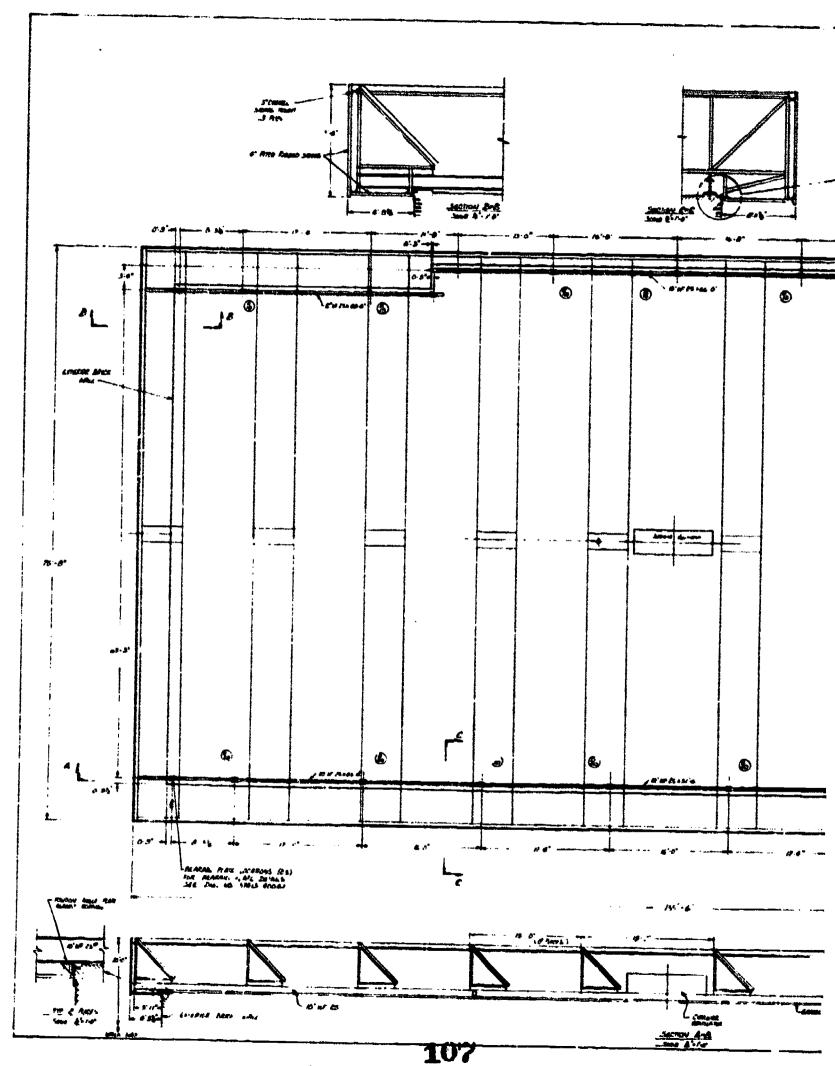
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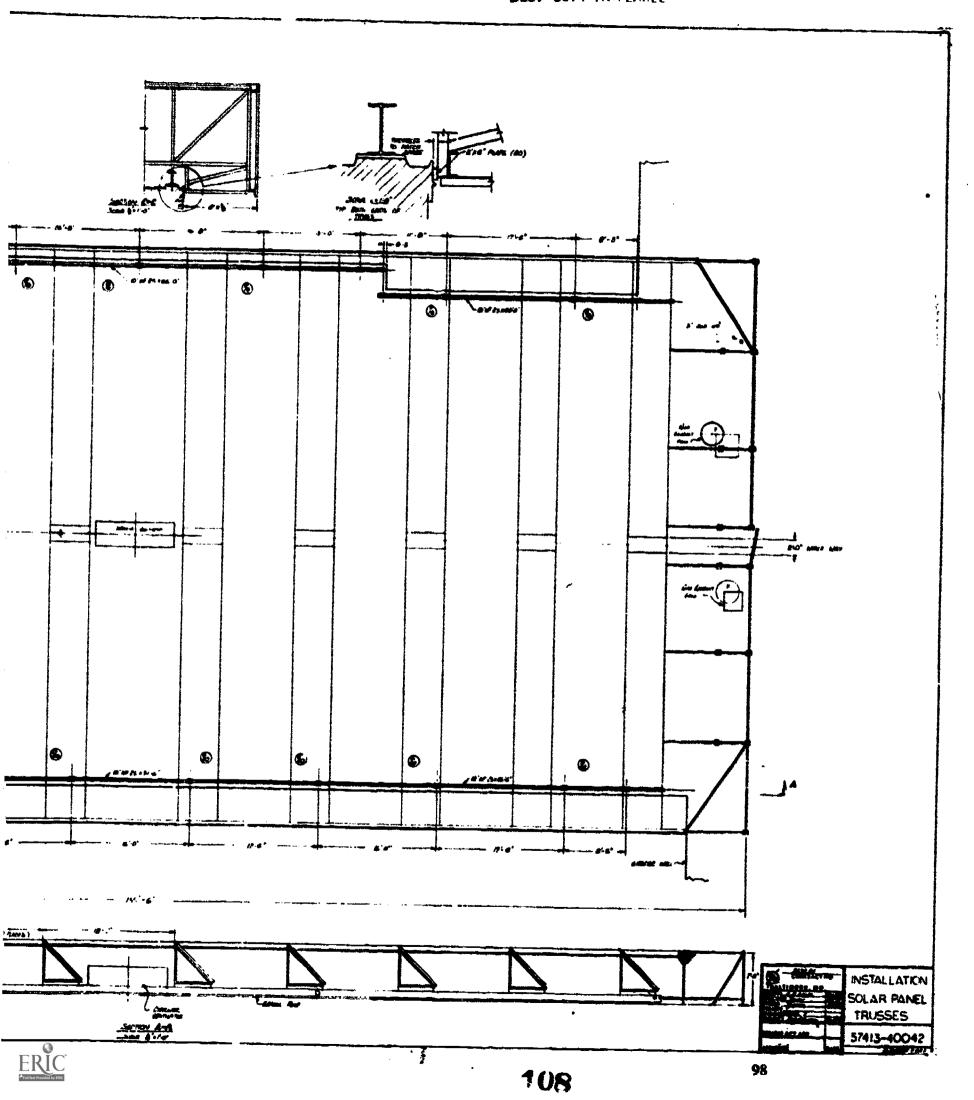


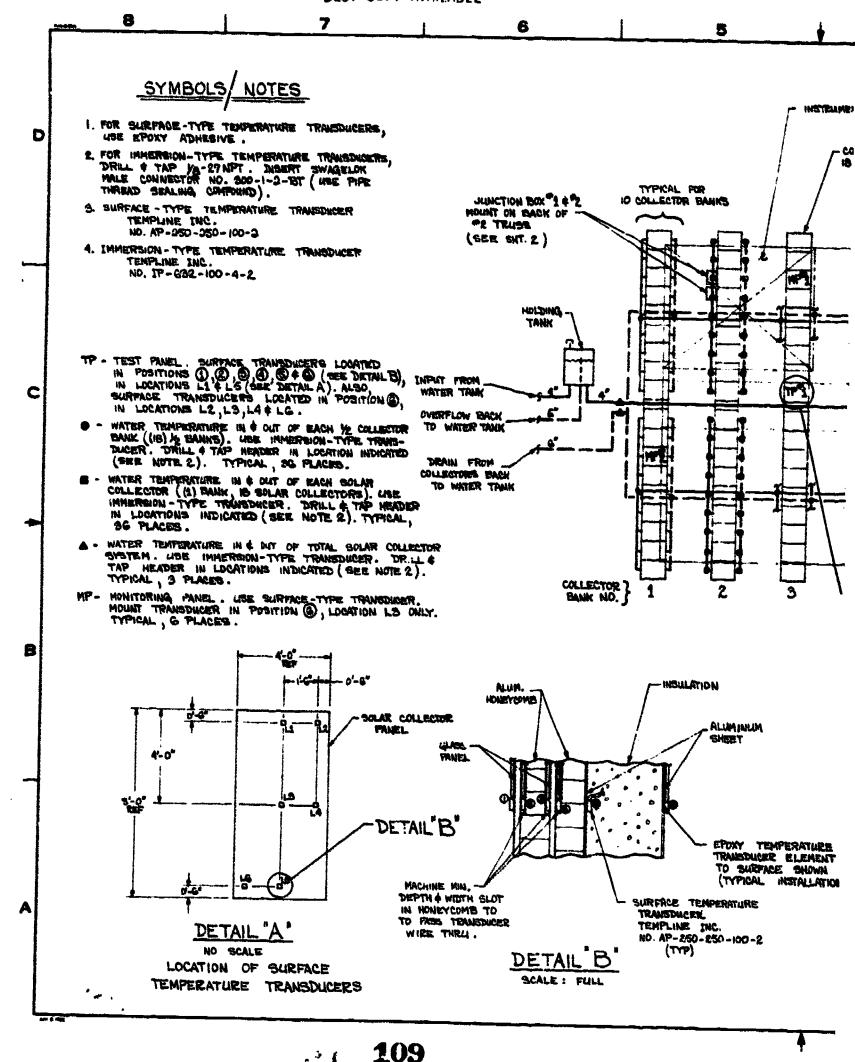
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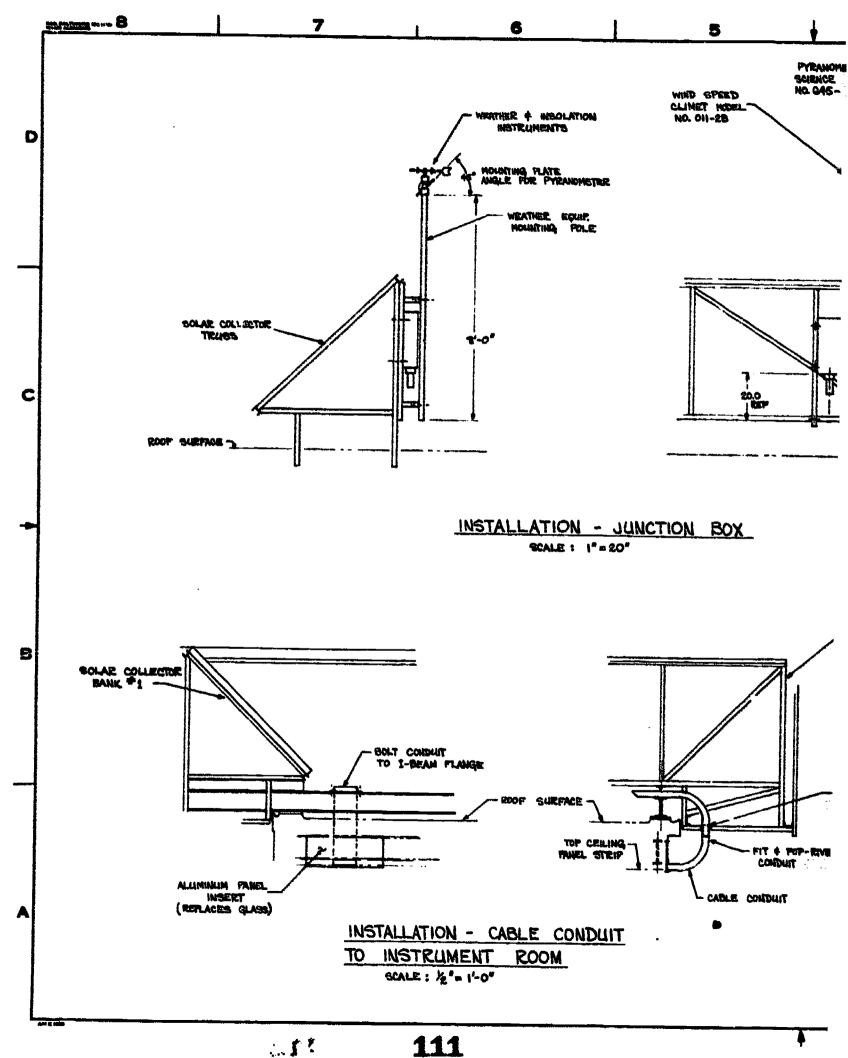
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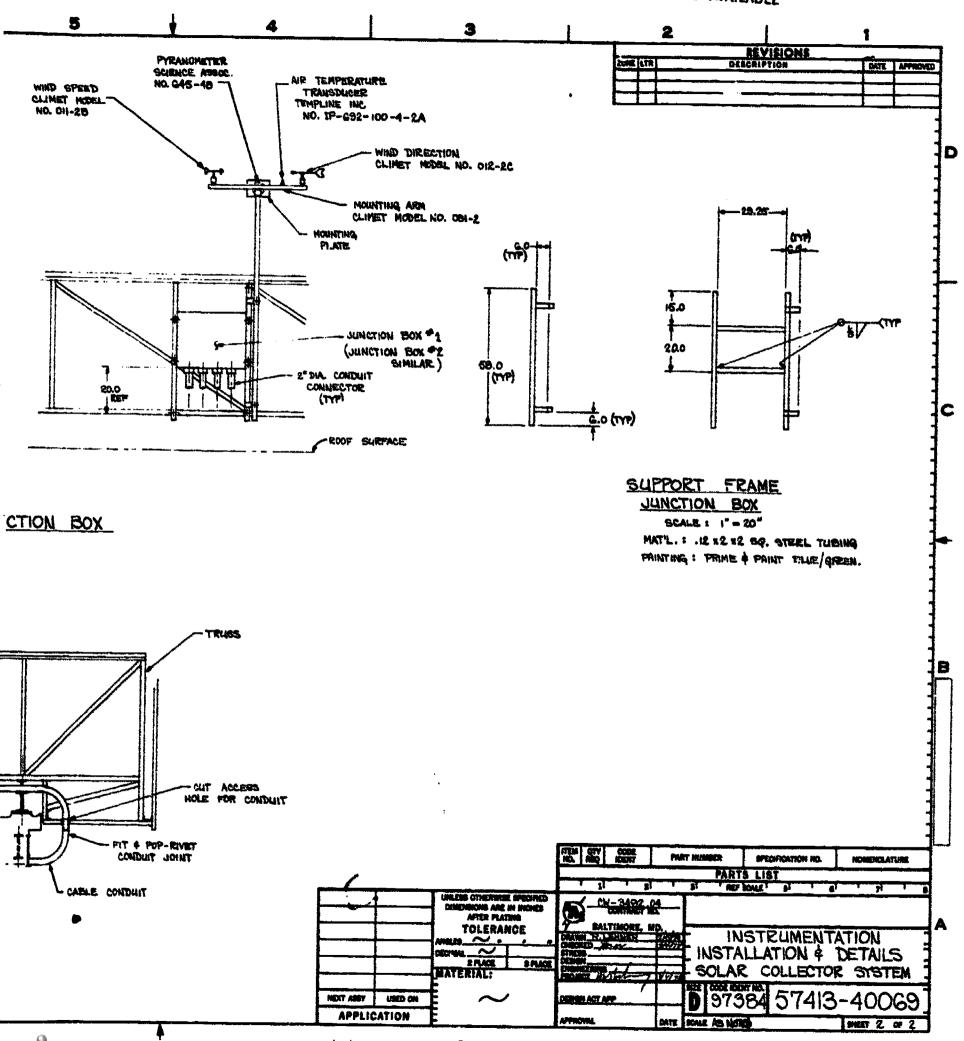
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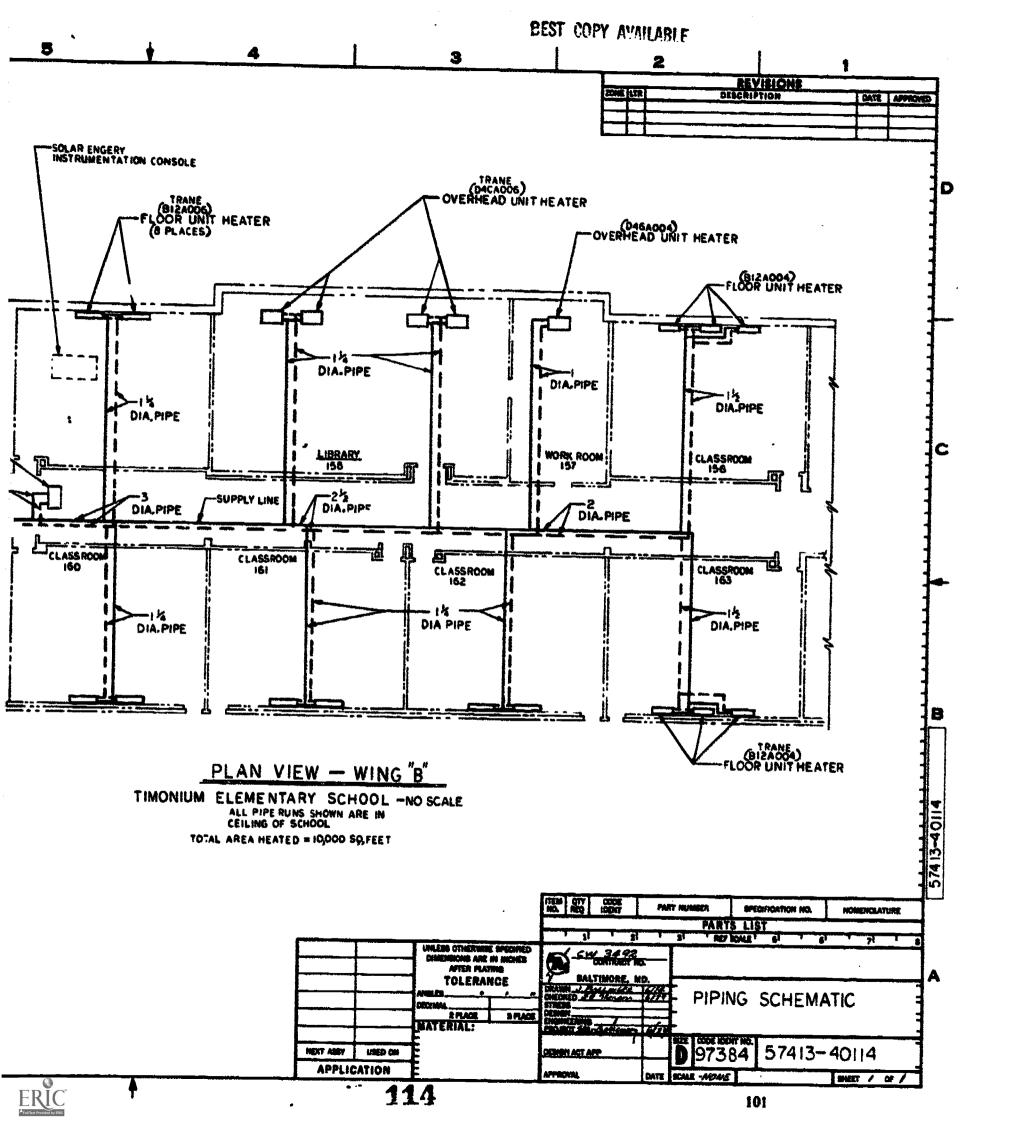
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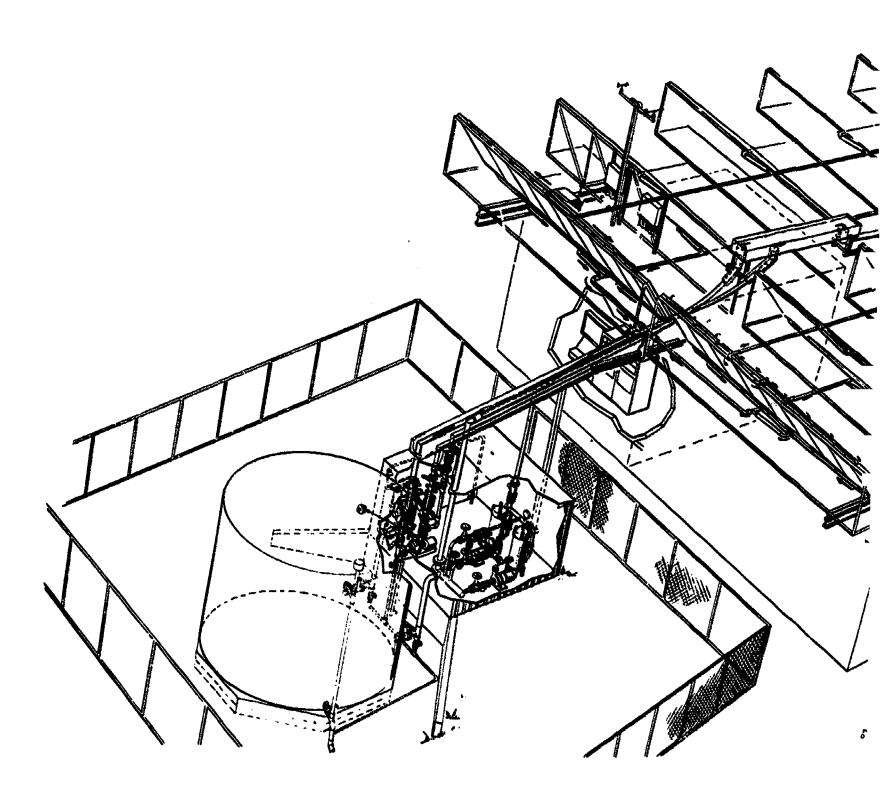
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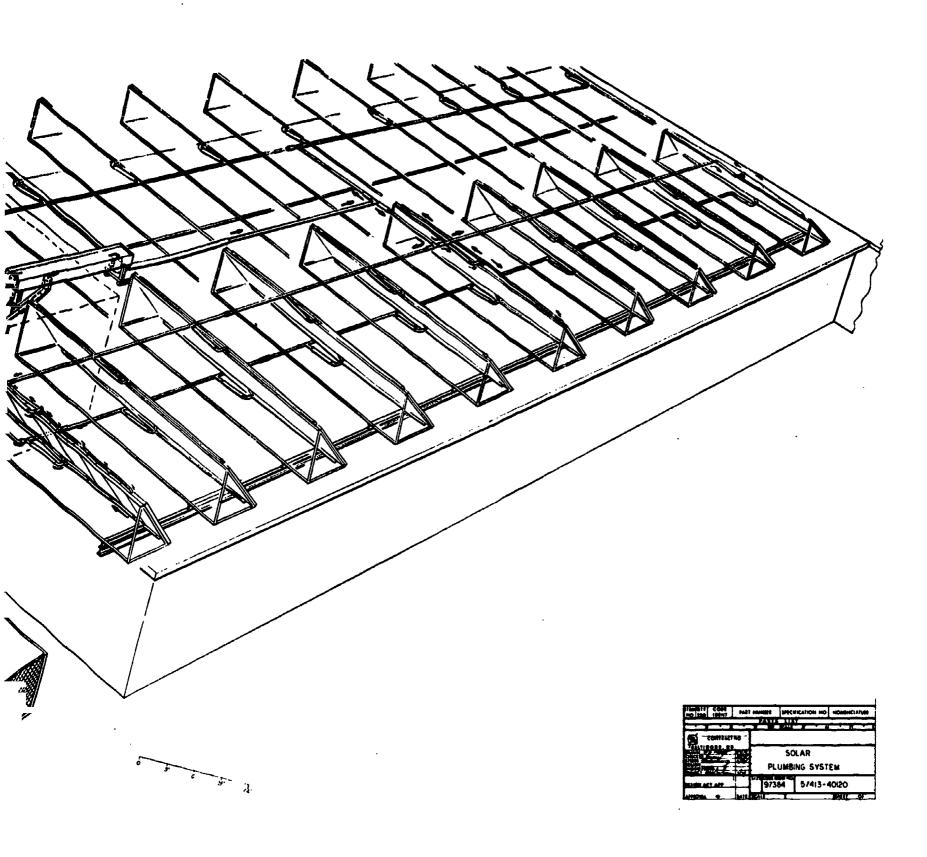




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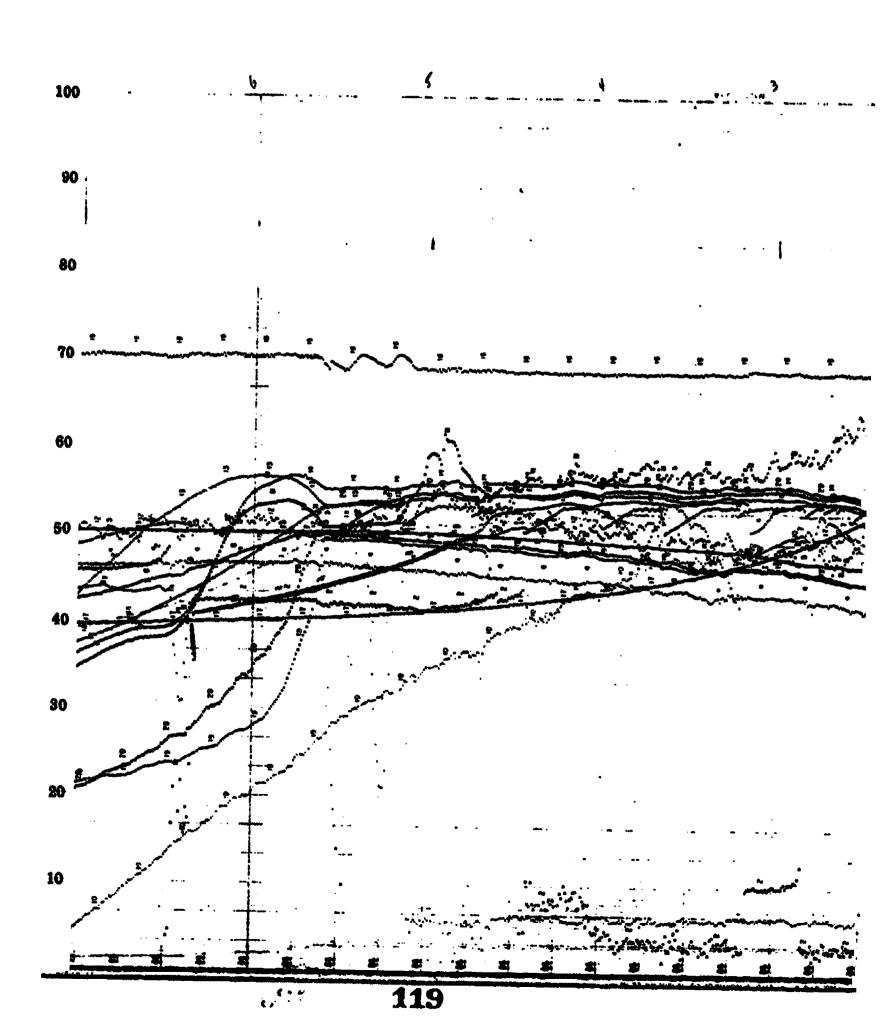


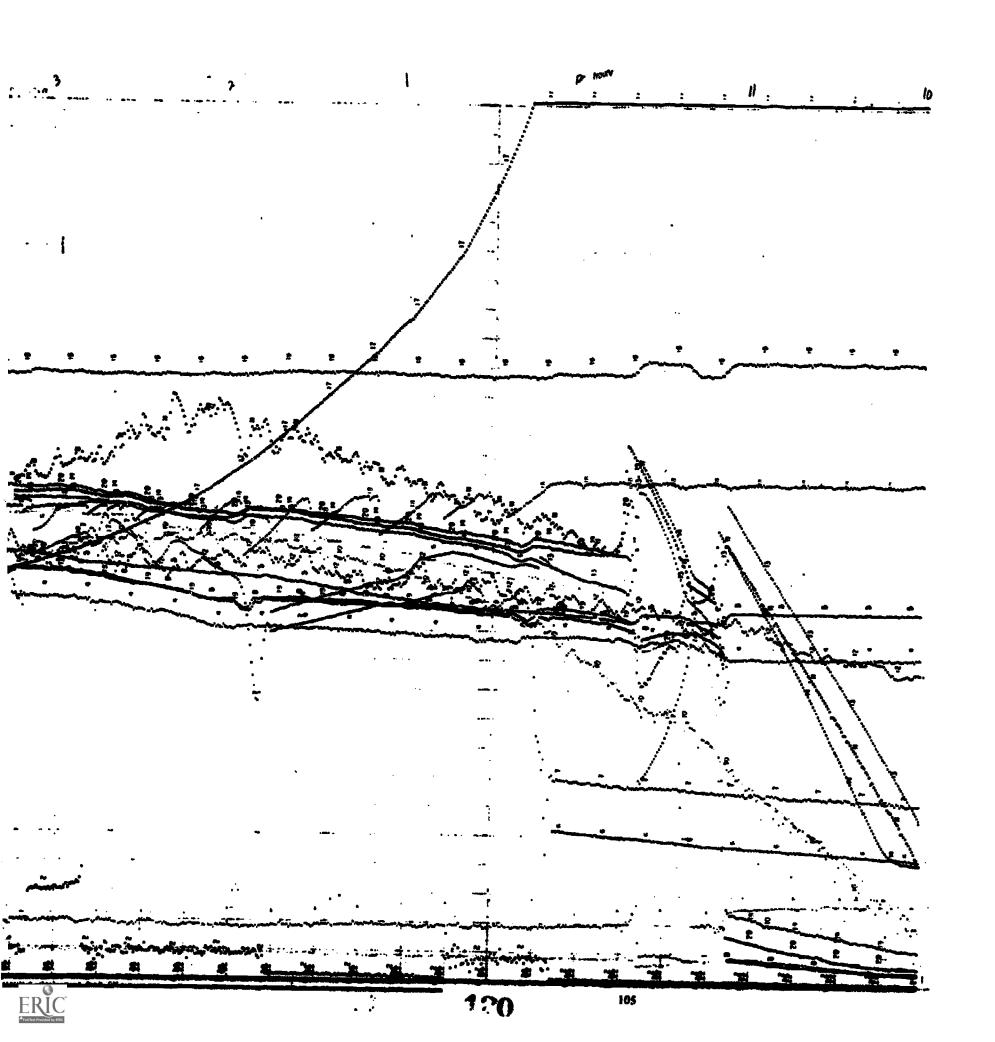
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CHAR I OF DATA FOR A TYPICAL DAY OF OPERATION



| | Recording Channels | Mode of Measurement |
|-----|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Steam Flow | % of 2000 lb/hr |
| 2. | School Flow | % of 125 gpm |
| 3. | Collector Flow | |
| 4. | Tank Temperature - Top | co |
| 5. | Tank Temperature - Bottom | co |
| 6. | School Inlet | Co |
| 7. | School Outlet | co |
| 8. | Collector Inlet | c ^o |
| 9. | Collector Outlet | Co |
| 10. | Insolation | % of 440 |
| 11. | Panel Surface Temperature #2 | Co |
| 12. | Outside Ambient Temperature | Fo |
| 13. | Panel Surface Temperature #3 | Co |
| 14. | Panel Surface Temperature #4 | Co |
| 15. | Float Level Tank | Water height in inches |
| 16. | Storage Tank Level | % of 144 inches |
| 17. | Steam Inlet Temperature | Co |
| 18. | Steam Outlet Temperature | Co |
| 19. | Collector Row Manifold (7 W inlet) | Co |
| 20. | Collector Row Manifold (7 W outlet) | Co |





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| MEFORE FILTE | | | JIL | PESISTIVITY (CHAS/CM) | 7.5 117.000 |
| FP1 R | | | | CHIMICAL CAYUEN DEMANE | 1.3 MI/L |
| ENTAL HARENLS | 5 • | 1.2 | MG/L | | |
| THUN (FE) MANUMNESE (MIN CUPPER (CU) ZINC (ZN) | • | 6.6 6.6 | | NITHATE (N) SILICA | MG/L 2.3 MC/L |
| -CATIONS- | * | | | -ANICNS- # | |
| CALCIUM | | | | CHLUMILL | MU/F |
| MAGNESIUM | | | | SLLFAIE | Mi/L |
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|--|------------------------|--|---|
| | | CALCIUF LARBONATE | |
| AFFORE FILTERING AFTER FILTERING CCLCR | JTU JTU | PH PESISTIVITY (CHMS/CP) | 7.5 76,000 |
| HOLK | | CHEMICAL CXYGEN GEMAND | 6.7 MG/L |
| THIAL HARDNESS . | 1.5 FG/L | | |
| IRUN (FE) MANIANESE (MN) COPPER (CU) ZING (ZN) | C.C. MC/1 | NITRATE (N) SILICA | MG/L 6.0 MG/L |
| -CATIUNS- + | | -ANICNS- + | |
| LALCIUM MAGNESIUM | 0.39 MG/L 1.09 MG/L | CHECRIVE | MG/L |
| SUCTUM | 1.69 MG/L | SULFATE | MG/L |
| PUTASSIUM | 2.09 PG/L | NITRATE | MG/L |
| er received at the state of | 0.56 MG/L | | MG/L |
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| BALTIMORE NO 21236 | | US ZIP OF SAMPLE LUCAT SCURCE SAMPLING POINT | TIN 21002 |
| FILE NUMBER SAMPLED | 4/22/14 | SAMPLE REPRESENTS | DEIONIZED WATER |
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| 3.8 | | CHEMICAL CXYGEN BEFAIL | 8.0 MG/L |
| TOTAL HARDNESS * | 1.5 PG/L | | |
| IPLM (PE) MANGANESE (MN) COPPER (CU) ZINC (ZN) | 0.0 MG/L 0.0 MG/L 0.02 MG/L 0.04 MG/L | | MC/L 3.5 MG/L |
| -CATIUNS- * CALCIUM MAGNESIUM SUCIUM PUTASSIUM | | -ANICAS- + | |
| CALCIUM | 0.32 MG/L | CHLORICE | MG/L |
| TAUNE SIUT | 1.12 MG/L | SULFATE | MG/L |
| PITASSIM | 2010 MG/L | NITRATE | MG/L |
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| IKON (FE) MANGANESH (MN) COPPER (CU) ZINC (ZN) | | 0.0 0.0 0.01 | PPM Mqq Mqq | NITRATE (N) SILICA | NONE 2.0 | PPM PPM |
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