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This one-story commercial building was built for three African American businessmen. The use of ribbed concrete block created a Brutalist style effect at a lower cost than reinforced concrete. This building exemplifies several of the key characteristics of the firm's Postmodernist approach. The “decorated shed” is varied by the building's curved corner to match the roadway. The entry recessed under a Pop-art type of lettering announcing the fire companies housed in the station.

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