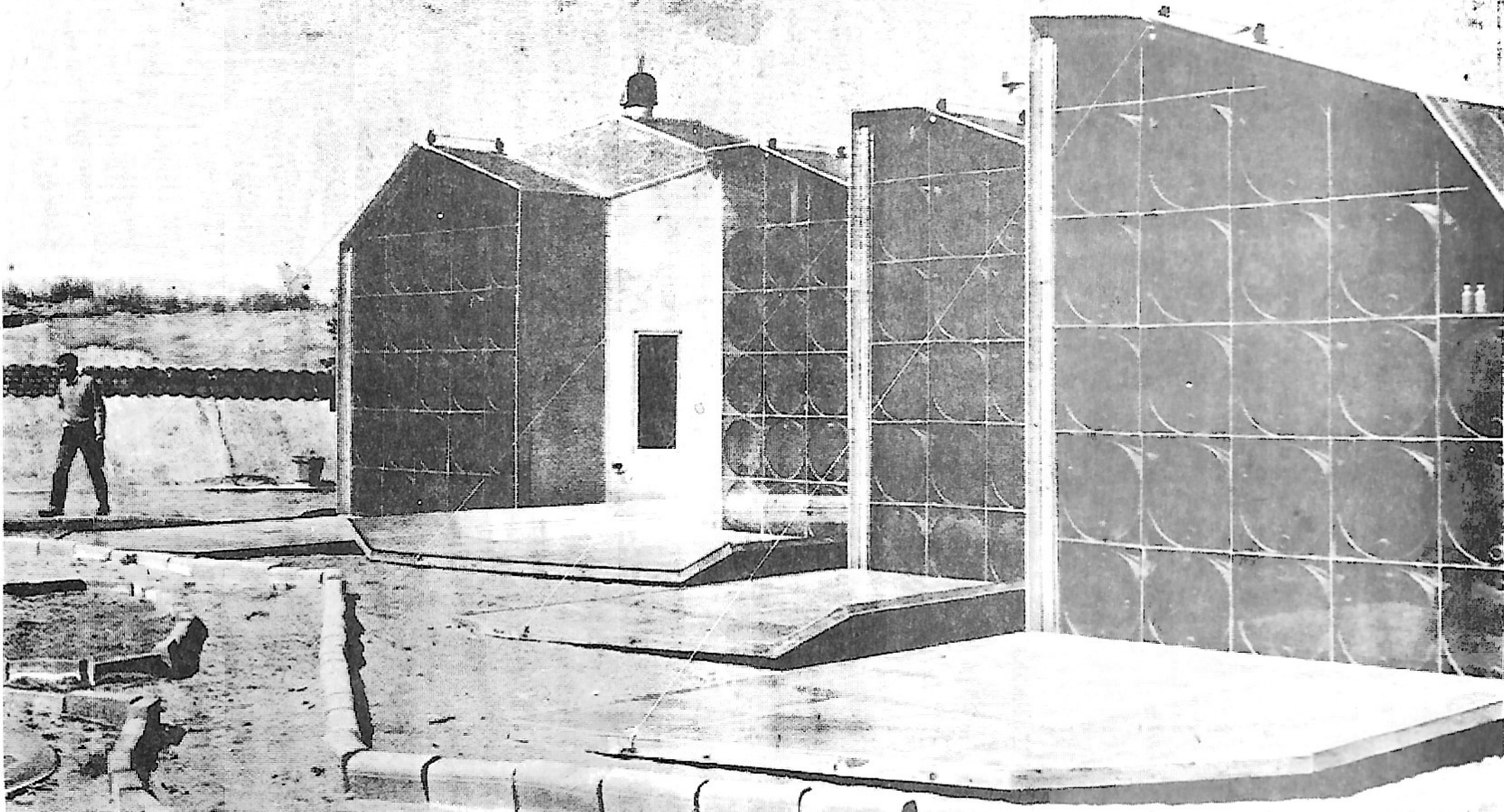


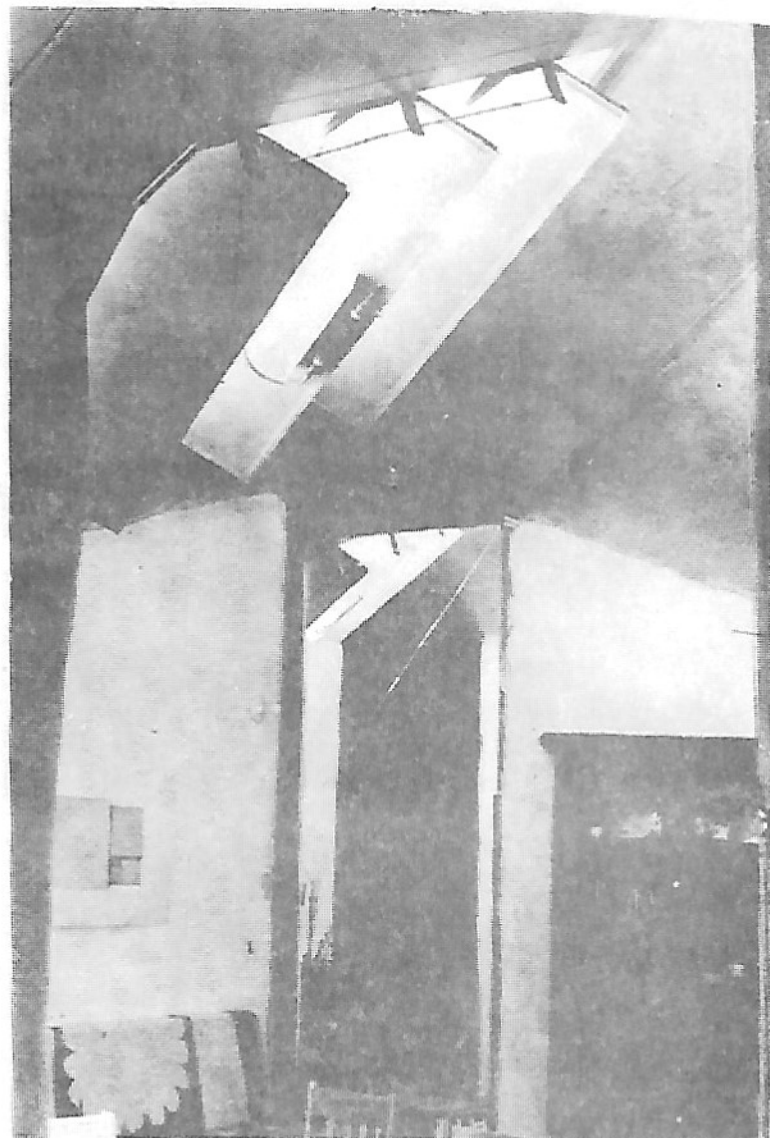


Old 55 gallon oil barrels filled with water, painted black, absorb heat from sun during day, In the evening side panels (seen laying on ground) are drawn shut. Barrels give off warmth all night long heating most of house.

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Like a dream, surreal. at first; coming up to it. a couple of "wow"s. maybe a "far out", or two. but then a quietness, a calm. no big-city hum, for one thing: the loudest noise comes from the windmill, behind and beyond the house. but the calm is more than that: it is a strong presence of order; of logic; and plain old common sense. further; it is the presence of space - all around you - inside and out. space to move in, to move thru, nothing cramped, or close. and the light: it touches everything. its presence, too, is soft and undemanding. simplicity is often the most difficult state to attain. in architecture, in art, or just living day-to-day. when you come across it (simplicity), it is a pleasure. this new mexico sunshine home is that. it is enough.

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A motor with a light-sensitive switch automatically opens windows in morning and self-adjusts to allow the best angle for sunlight.