

The Rolls Royce Of Balanced Doors'

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Carnegie Hall Doors

Thelma Ecklund is shown ready to enter the completely restored Carnegie Hall in New York City through doors made and installed by Ellison Bronze Co. of Falconer, where her husband, N. Russell Ecklund, is

executive vice president/general manager. The area firm made five pairs of doors, the sidelights, transom and fixed windows — all now part of the main entrance of the century-old concert hall.

Photo by N. Russell Ecklund

Hall, ALLTEL New York, and WCA Hospital.

The door company official said Ellison doors and frames are in the renovated Statue of Liberty, the World Trade Center in New York City, the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority facilities and numerous other locations in Boston and Chicago.

In addition, he said, Ellison Bronze is doing considerable work for May's Department Store by supplying all the doors for its malls in eastern and southern United States. Each store has 30 to 36 doors. Considerable retrofitting work is done with older buildings.

Dillard's — a major department store chain in the Southwest — also is using Ellison doors in its buildings. About 75 to 80 percent of classroom buildings and dormitories in the State University of New York system use these doors. They also can be found in Saudi Arabia and other parts of the world, but most of them are in the United States, Ecklund noted.

He said the Falconer industry has been contacted by the International Council of Shopping Centers, requesting information for presentation to mall developers.

Ellison Bronze originated as a mausoleum door and plaque company, and still makes these goods on special order.

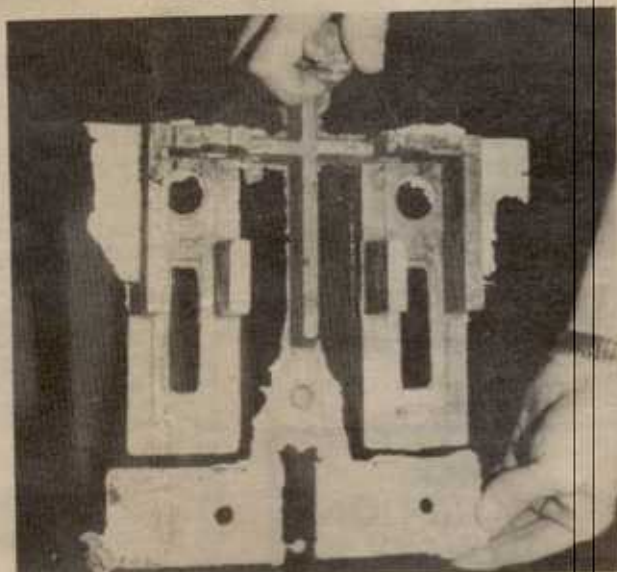
About 55 workers are employed in the shop, which occupies about 66,000 square feet of space on three floors. A 10,000-square-foot addition was opened last March and five new employees were added to the payroll. About 15 office workers are employed by Ellison Bronze.

A polishing machine is a recent addition to the equipment line, resulting in a faster, more uniform finish than the former hand-polishing technique.

Three to four months are required to complete the usual project, depending on the finish required.

When an order is completed, the doors are hung inside the plant to make sure they will perform properly when installed at their final destination.

That location could be most anyplace in the United States or throughout the world where easy-opening doors are required.



Hinge Casting

A casting for part of a hinge in a balanced door was made in the foundry of Ellison Bronze Co. division of Dowercraft Corp. of Falconer, one of the few such operations remaining in the area. The company makes its all of its own bronze castings and machining.

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