

DEDICATION PROGRAM

ANN ARBOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Sunday, April 15, 1956

2:30 P.M.

Auditorium

Ann Arbor, Michigan

History of the New Ann Arbor High School

- April 15, 1956** Dedication of the Ann Arbor High School—the culmination of over a quarter century of effort, planning and building—and the start of another century of outstanding high school education in Ann Arbor. Here are the recent events leading up to this historic occasion:
- August 9, 1945** Purchase of the 30 acre Pauline Boulevard site (\$22,500) for the new high school.
- April 18, 1949** Passage of the first bond issue for \$5,800,000, \$4,000,000 of which was designated for a new high school.
- September 20, 1949** Appointment by the principal of committees of high school faculty members to study, investigate and propose plans.
- April 17-18, 1950** Ann Arbor Educational Planning Conference of Citizens held at Haven Hall. Basic concepts and plans from the citizens point of view were developed here.
- October 26, 1950** Purchase of present high school site of 210 acres from University of Michigan for \$135,000 plus Wines Field and an option to purchase the old high school building.
- Winter of 1950-51** Ann Arbor Citizens Committee continue planning for new high school.
The Board of Education and administration conduct an exhaustive search for the outstanding high school architects in the middle west.
- August 1, 1951** Fulton, Krinsky and Dela Motte, architects of Cleveland, Ohio, engaged to design and plan the new building.
- August 16, 1952** Sale of the Pauline Boulevard site for \$51,025.
- February 24, 1953** Citizens rescind the 1949 bond issue and approve by a 3-1 majority a new bond issue for \$7,650,000 (\$5,750,000 for the high school).
- June 11, 1953** Contract for grading, excavating and pouring foundations awarded to deKoning Construction Co., of Ann Arbor.
- June 24, 1953** Sale of 33 acre northwest portion of high school site for \$170,000, leaving 177 acres.
- June 26, 1953** Ground breaking ceremony with Trustee Ashley Clague turning the first shovelful of earth.
- September 24, 1953** After twenty-two preliminary sketches had been presented, the Board of Education finally approved the twenty-third along with preliminary specifications.
- March 10, 1954** After approval of working plans by faculty, administration and Board of Education, the general contract was awarded to the lowest bidder—Sorensen Gross Construction Co., Flint, Michigan.
- December 16, 1954** Cornerstone laid with Dr. Eugene Elliott, President of Michigan State Normal College, as the principal speaker.
- June 25, 1955** Contract awarded to the G. F. Taft Company, Northville, Michigan for site development.
- June 29, 1955** First series of contracts awarded for equipment, furniture and furnishings.
- December 14, 1955** Old high school building purchased by the University of Michigan for \$1,400,000.
- January 25, 1956** Dr. Harlow C. Whittemore, Chairman, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Michigan, employed to plan landscaping project.
- February 20, 1956** Trade Painting and Decorating, and Machine Shop classes began operations in the new building.
- April 9, 1956** All high school students reported to the new building at 12:30 P.M. to begin classes.

A History of the Ann Arbor High School

1856—1956

ON OCTOBER 5, 1856, Ann Arbor High School opened its doors to a group of eleven young men and women. In June, 1956, the high school will graduate 401 seniors. Much has happened between these two widely separated dates.

The school was located on South State Street, the site of the building which has just been vacated. The land was purchased for \$2,000 and consisted of one and three-quarters acres which had been used for pasture land and an occasional circus.

The school has not always been known as the Ann Arbor High School but was called at first the Union School and later the Union High School. The building, constructed of brick and stone at a cost of \$32,000, was intended to accommodate 200 students; but within ten years twice that number were in attendance. Consequently in 1871 an addition which doubled the original size was erected. This building burned in 1904, and in 1906 it was replaced by the present structure on South State Street. Since that time three major changes have been made in the building: the modernization of the gymnasium and the extensive rebuilding of the auditorium in 1936, and the large modern addition in 1939. When the building was vacated in March of this year, there were 1,374 students in attendance.

The first courses offered by the school were preparatory to college; in 1877 commercial courses were added. Since then work in music, industrial arts, home economics, physical education, vocational training, machine shop, painting and decorating, cooperative occupational training, and driver education has been added as the growing needs of the community dictated.

The power and prestige which the high school enjoys in state academic circles are due in large measure to a series of outstanding principals. The first principal was Theophilus Capen Abbott, who resigned in 1858 to become a professor of English at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University); in 1863 he was made president of the college. Judge Claudius Buchanan Grant, who was principal from 1860 to 1862, later became a regent of the University and a justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan.

Among the several outstanding principals who have served the Ann Arbor High School since then, three deserve special mention. One of them is Judson G. Pattengill, who was principal from 1877 to 1908. Several major extra-curricular activities had their inception under Mr. Pattengill's leadership: the *Omega*, the high school yearbook, was first published in 1884, and the first football team dates back to 1885. The second principal who made a notable contribution was Lewis L. Forsythe, serving from 1917 to 1946. Mr. Forsythe started his career as principal at the beginning of one world war and ended it at the conclusion of another. The present principal is Nicholas Schreiber who assumed his duties in 1946.

There were only eight teachers including Principal Abbott on the staff when the Union School opened in 1856; today there are seventy-nine. Among the teachers who in the past have given their toil, their inspiration, and the best years of their

lives are Horatio N. Chute, physics teacher, Levi D. Wines, mathematics teacher, Sara O'Brien, history teacher, and Alice Porter, Latin teacher. All were great instructors who left the impress of their personalities on their pupils. The memory of at least two of them is preserved in the medals which are presented each June to the outstanding boy and the outstanding girl in the graduating class: the Horatio N. Chute medal to the boy and the Alice Porter medal to the girl.

Ann Arbor High School has contributed its share of combatants in the six military conflicts in which our country engaged during the past one hundred years: the Civil War, the Mexican War, the Spanish-American War, the First World War, the Second World War, and the Korean War. In the Tower entrance corridor of this building the names of those loyal students who died in the First and the Second World Wars in the defense of their country are inscribed on bronze tablets.

In the field of athletics Ann Arbor High School has made a name for itself in state scholastic circles. As early as 1898 the football team won its first undisputed championship; and since that time its teams in football, basketball, baseball, tennis, golf, track, and swimming have made enviable records throughout the years. The name "Pioneers," which designates all teams sponsored by the Athletic Association, was not adopted until 1936. The name was acceptable because Ann Arbor High School is a pioneer in the true sense of the word, being one of the first schools in the state to have an organized athletic program.

But aside from the war record and the athletic record, important as they were, they yield in significance to the high level of scholarship which the school has zealously and persistently maintained. Tangible proof of this may be found in the many graduates who have gone from its doors to make notable successes in such fields as art, literature, and science.

In March of this year the old school closed its doors forever, and the building has become a part of the University. The building in which we find ourselves today is the cumulative result of many, many hours of thought and labor on the part of the principal, the superintendent of schools, the Board of Education, the Citizens' Committee, and the high school faculty. Because of this planning the building has incorporated within it the best in existing school construction; but it also anticipates the future in its planetarium, weather station, radio and television studios, and other unique features.

It is a notable achievement to round out a century of progress, but in this dynamic age one cannot dwell nostalgically in the past. By a coincidence we end our first one-hundred years in one building and begin the next in another. What part will the new Ann Arbor High School play? What great strides will the world make in the humanities, technology, science? Such a world will place ever-increasing responsibilities upon its citizens. We look to the new school to play its part in preparing its students to assume a meaningful and progressive role in this world.

Board of Education



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Administration



Elzay West Neff Balas High

Mr. Jack Elzay, *Superintendent*
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“Schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged”

Ordinance of 1787

Senior High School Staff



Schreiber

Fonde

Forsythe

Reed

Barclay

Meyers

Mr. Nicholas Schreiber, *Principal*

Mr. Henry Fonde, *Assistant Principal*

Mr. L. L. Forsythe, *Principal-Emeritus*

Mr. Ben Reed—*Administrative Assistant*

Mr. Charles Barclay—*Administrative Assistant*

Mr. Paul Meyers—*Administrative Assistant*

John Allison
Charles Barclay
Ross Bateman
Edna Beslock
Philip Buchanan
Mahlon Buell
Elvira Carstensen
Mary Lou Chaffee
Paul Clifford
Vernor Cook
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Ronald Dawson
Linda Eberbach
Henry Fonde
Albert Gallup
Donald Gary
Virginia Golay
Lawrence Good
Robert Granville

Kenneth Greer
Dorothy Harding
Elise Harney
Forrest Haywood
Alfred Henry
Eleanor Hoag
Louis H. Hollway
Audrey Jones
Janet Kelly
Frank Kline
Edward Klum
John Kulpinski
Ralph LaJeunesse
Mary Ellen Lewis
Lucille Lundgren
Olive McLouth
Alicya Malik
David March
John Merrill

Paul K. Meyers
Sally Monsour
Cecil North
Dorothy Noyes
Chris Pagakis
Peter Palmer
Dorothy Paton
Howard Patthoff
James Peden
Mildred Peterson
Reginald Phillips
Ben Reed
Frank Reed, Jr.
Jean Reynolds
Lavanche Rieger
John Rosemergy
Clarence Roth
A. T. Ryan
Charles Sacquety, Jr.

Margaret Savery
Harold Schoch
Donald Schultz
Rudolph Silverstone
Alberta Simon
William Sonandres
Ruth Straight
William Taylor
Emery Toogood
Roy Underwood
Lane Van Orman
Rosabel Walker
Charles Wallschlaeger
Glenn Warneking
Raymond Whiting
Thomas Wilson
Virginia Wyman
Paul Yambert
Pauline Zoller

Non-Teaching Personnel

ATTENDANCE

Jeannette Smith — Rene French

Louise Avsharian
Oma Logan

Marian Baird
Charlotte Knoedler
Margaret Smiley
Louise Wietzel

William Bates
John Bradley
Clifford Bryant
Donald Moody
Donald O'Connell
Woodrow Shelton

SECRETARIES

Virginia Kirk
Barbara Mayfield

CAFETERIA

Esther Koch, *Manager*

Minnie Barbiaux
Shirley Miller
Gladys Somes
Ruth Wing

MAINTENANCE

William Carr, *Supervisor*

Richard Weinmann
Erna Bomis
William Dalton
Harold Mortenson
Gilbert Pitts
Jewel Washington

LIBRARY

Jane Warner — Mavis Greene

Florence Kitson
Lynn Shemiot

Rosa Fike
Elizabeth Prieskorn
Lillian Swanson
Frieda Wurster

Herbert Brian
James Gulley
Lincoln Murphy
Yancy Pitts
Harry Webber
Engelbert Zwick

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Presiding:	Dr. Donald L. Katz, <i>President, Board of Education</i> Mr. Jack Elzay, <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>
Prelude Music	Ann Arbor High School Orchestra Mr. Clarence Roth, <i>Conductor</i>
National Anthem	Audience
Invocation	Monsignor Warren Peek Pastor, St. Thomas Catholic Church
Response—O Holy Jesu	Palestrina Ann Arbor High School Cantando Choir Miss Sally Monsour, <i>Conductor</i>
Greetings	The Hon. Talbot Smith <i>Justice, Michigan State Supreme Court</i>
Greetings	Mr. G. Robert Koopman <i>Associate Superintendent, State Department of Public Instruction</i>
Music—A Manx Overture	Hadyn Wood Ann Arbor High School Concert Band Mr. Clarence Roth, <i>Conductor</i>
Greetings	Dr. Harlan Hatcher <i>President, University of Michigan</i>
Greetings	Mr. A. D. Moore <i>Immediate Past President, Common Council, City of Ann Arbor</i>
Music: O Filii et Filiae	Leisring
Come Thou Holy Spirit	Tschesnokoff Ann Arbor High School A Cappella Choir Mr. John Merrill, <i>Conductor</i>
Dedication Address	Dr. Herold C. Hunt <i>Under Secretary, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare</i>
Music—Ballet Music from La Gioconda	Ponchialli Ann Arbor High School Orchestra Mr. Clarence Roth, <i>Conductor</i>
Architect's Presentation	Mr. Harry A. Fulton <i>Senior Partner—Fulton, Krinsky & Dela Motte, Cleveland, Ohio</i>
Acceptance of the Building	Dr. Donald L. Katz
Introduction of Principal Nicholas Schreiber	
Greetings from the Student Council	Mr. Amherst Turner
Greetings from the Faculty	Mr. Robert Granville
Greetings from the Parent-Teacher Organization	Mr. Ray Fullerton
Introductions: Mr. Otto W. Haisley, <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>	1924-1953
Mr. L. L. Forsythe, <i>Principal-Emeritus</i>	1917-1946
Music—Battle Hymn of the Republic	Arr. by Wilhousky <i>Concert Band and A Cappella Choir</i>
Benediction	The Rev. W. R. Schutze <i>Associate Rector, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church</i> <i>President, Ann Arbor Ministers' Association</i>
Postlude Music	Ann Arbor High School Concert Band

Architects

Mr. Harry A. Fulton

Mr. Ben Krinsky
Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Ray B. Dela Motte

Mr. Leland Roberts, Field Superintendent

Engineers and Contractors

Sorensen Gross, Flint, Michigan, General Contractor

General Electric Shop, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Electrical Contractor

Ben Agree Company, Flint, Michigan, Mechanical Contractor

Henry W. deKoning Construction Co., Ann Arbor, Michigan
Excavation and Footings

Atwell-Hicks, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Site Engineers

G. F. Taft Construction Co., Northville, Michigan, Site Development Contractor

Landscape Architecture Planning Prof. Harlow O. Whittemore

Draperies and Furnishings Mrs. Virginia D. Biggers

Subcontractors

Accordion Fabric Doors Crawford Door Sales Company
Acoustical Work Detroit Fiberglas Insulation Co.
Aluminum Awning Sash Tru Seal Window Division
Aluminum Entrances General Door & Entrance Company
Aluminum Facades H. H. Robertson Company
Aluminum Ribbon Sash Valley Metal Products Company
Aluminum Sliding Windows Peterson Window Corporation
Aluminum Work Moynahan Bronze Company
Asphalt & Vinyl Tile, Cork Wall Turner-Brooks, Inc.
Auditorium Seating Ideal Seating Company
Auto Hoists Auto Parts Company
Auto Shop Monorail Charles A. Strelinger
Basketball Backstops Narragansett Gymnasium Equipment Company
Boilers Johnston Bros.
Cafeteria Kitchen Equipment Monarch Equipment Company
Carpeting Oglesby Equipment
Caulking S. J. Ojack
Chalkboard and Corkboard Peninsular Slate Company
Cold Storage Work United Cork Companies
Darkening Drapes McFadden Corporation
Elevator Detroit Elevator Company
Excavation Snyder Excavating Company
Excavation Johnson-Greene Co.
Excavation and Sewer Frank Siller Construction
Face Brick Thomas Brick & Tile Company
Fin Tube Radiator & Convectors Trane Co.
Finish Hardware A. L. Damman Hardware Company
Fire Hose Equipment Elkhart Brass Manufacturing Co.
Folding & Rollway Bleachers Oglesby Equipment Company
Folding Partitions Oglesby Equipment Company
Glass & Glazing Ohio Plate Glass Company
Glass Block G. Forte & Company
Glazed Tile Lincoln Brick Company
Granite Cold Spring Granite Company
Greenhouse Materials Lord & Burnham, Inc.
Grills & Registers J. H. Keller Co.
Heating and Ventilating Units and Fans American Blower
Hollow Metal Superior Fireproof Door & Sash Company
Home Economics Kitchens Mary Christensen's Kitchens
Incinerator Incinerator Products Company
Library Furniture Oglesby Equipment Company
Lightweight Block Adams Concrete Products Company
Limestone Bloomington Limestone Company

Little Theater & Planetarium Seating . . American Seating Company
Mail Box Nest House of Plastics, Inc.
Marble Work Michigan Tile & Marble
Metal Accoustical Ceiling Detroit Steel Products Company
Metal Lockers Berger Mfg. Div., Republic Steel
Metal Louvers N. W. Hamill Company
Metal Partitions E. F. Hauserman Company
Millwork Pontiac Millwork Company
Miscellaneous Iron International Steel Company
Painting H. Delf & Son
Panaview Window Units Panaview
Pipe Covering J. W. Willman Asbestos Co.
Plastering Service Art Plastering Company
Plastic Doors Alvan Supply Company
Plumbing Fixtures Crane Co.
Public Address, Radio & Television Antenna . . K. L. A. Laboratories
Pumps Fairbanks-Morse
Reinforcing Steel Capitol Steel Division
Reinforcing Steel Installation Wayco Steel Co.
Rolling Steel Grilles & Doors . . Moeschl-Edwards Corrugating Co.
Roof Ventilators Swartwout Co.
Roofing and Sheet Metal J. D. Candler Roofing Co.
Sash Erection Dundee Sash, Deck & Panel Co.
Science Laboratory & Cabinet Equipment . . Kewaunee Mfg. Co.
Sprinkler System B. L. Harroun Co.
Stage Drapes & Equipment Tiffin Scenic Studios
Steel Continuous Sash Truscon Steel Division
Steel Joists Macomber, Inc.
Steel Shelving Republic Steel Corp.
Steel Shop Sash Detroit Steel Products Co.
Structural Steel International Steel Co.
Structural Steel Erection John F. Beasley Construction Co.
Swimming Pool Tower Iron Works
Swimming Pump Equipment Waterite Co.
Temperature Controls Minneapolis Honeywell Co.
Textum Chaffee Roofing Company
Tile & Terrazzo Work Italian Mosaic & Tile Co.
Vault Door Diebold, Inc.
Waterproofing Western Waterproofing Co.
Window Cleaning Huron Valley Window Cleaning Co.
Wood Flooring Cincinnati Floor Company
Wood Folding Doors Allied Home Equipment Co.
Zonolite Roof Deck Midwest Maintenance & Waterproofing Co.

Project Statistics

CAPACITIES

Building (Ideal)	1800 students
Building (Max. with present facilities)	2600 students
Expansion potential	3300 students
Auditorium	1780 seats
Little Theater	266 seats
Gymnasium	2450 seats
Swimming pool area for spectators	1350
Cafeterias—(two)	300 each
Student parking lot	1300 cars
Teachers dining room	60
Study Hall	180
Library	160
Corridor lockers	1891

COSTS

Project total to date	\$6,665,167.00
Construction	5,837,018.00
Site development	412,680.00
New equipment cost	415,469.00
Site—177 acres (net)	97,000.00
Cubic foot (construction and architect's fee)	.98
Square foot (construction and architect's fee)	17.71

SPACE DIMENSIONS

Gymnasiums:	
Boys	91' x 116'
Girls	66' x 116'
Activity room (under gymnasium)	160' x 116'
Swimming pool	75' x 44'
Library	106' x 47'
Study Hall	55' x 47'
Recreation room	90' x 65'
Building Volume	5,942,571
Square Feet	329,528

CLASSROOMS AND STATIONS

Mathematics	5
Languages	4
Social Sciences	9
English	11
Commercial	6
Sciences	8
Home Economics	6
Music	3
Industrial, Vocational, and Fine Arts	12
Physical Education	5

GENERAL

Teacher Personnel	78
Custodial and Maintenance Personnel	18
Present Enrollment	1400
Estimated Enrollment in 1960	2100

Dedication Statement

RECOGNIZING the need for an educated citizenry, we dedicate this high school building, with its distinctive educational features, and its outstanding faculty, to the democratic ideal upon which our nation was founded—the recognition of the worth and dignity of man.

Furthermore, we dedicate this institution of public education to the service of youth and adults whereby we can best meet their needs. We believe these needs to be: To acquire, through competent guidance, habits of good workmanship, skills, understandings and attitudes that cause them to perform intelligently, and to be productive workers in economic life; to develop and maintain good health habits and physical fitness; to understand the rights and duties of citizenship, and to be diligent and competent in the performance of their obligations as members of the community, and citizens of the state and nation;

to understand the significance of the family, and the conditions conducive to successful family life; to know how to purchase and use goods and services intelligently; to understand the influence of science on human life, the methods of science, and the fundamental scientific facts; to develop their capacities to appreciate the beauty of literature, art, music and nature; to be able to use their leisure time well and to budget it wisely; to develop respect for other persons regardless of race, creed or color, to grow in their insight into ethical values and moral principles as a basis for a sound philosophy of life; and to grow in their ability to think rationally, to express their thoughts clearly and adequately, and to read and listen with understanding.

To our youth and adults, and the achievement of these objectives by them, we dedicate our new high school today.

Gifts

Ann Arbor Association of Insurance Agents,
\$2,000.00 football scoreboard
Ann Arbor News original oil painting
American Legion Auxiliary classroom flags
Argus Cameras, Inc., \$10,000.00 planetarium
Class of 1942—\$500.00 bond no specification
Class of 1945—\$787.50 swimming pool equipment
Class of 1948—\$234.80 basketball scoreboard
Class of 1949—\$416.66 piano, recreation room
Class of 1950—\$367.12 flagpole
Class of 1951—\$649.99 equipment
Class of 1952—\$450.00—lectern, chairs, microphones
auditorium stage

Class of 1953—\$545.81 outdoor sign
Class of 1954—\$1,040.06 bronze plaque
Class of 1955—\$524.16 bulletin boards
McDonald Ice Cream Company soda bar
Nielson's Flower Shop and Greenhouses, Inc.
. greenhouse plantings
Potter's Guild ceramic pieces
Student Council, 1956—\$1,000.00 drapes

Several families have presented flags to the school in commemoration of sons, former students of the Ann Arbor High School, who made the supreme sacrifice in service to their country. We are grateful for these gifts and will use them in the intended manner.

Dedication Program Committee

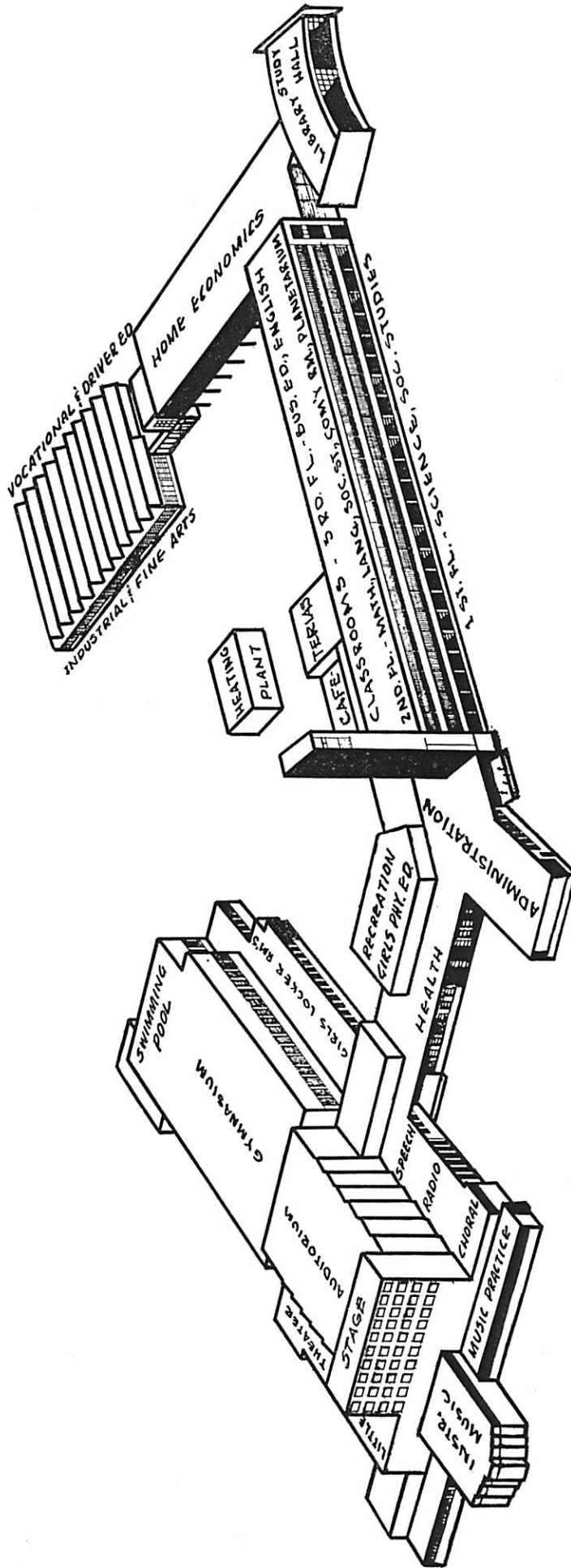
History of the Ann Arbor High School
Robert Granville, Albert H. Marckwardt
History of the new Ann Arbor High School
Ashley Clague, Nicholas Schreiber
Guest List . . . Frederic B. House, George Schlecht,
Russell West
Invitations, Publicity . Philip Buchanan, Ruth Williams
Project Statistics George Balas, John High,
Gerald Neff, Douglas Williams
Program . Jack Elzay, Marguerite Hood, Donald L. Katz

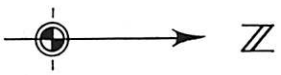
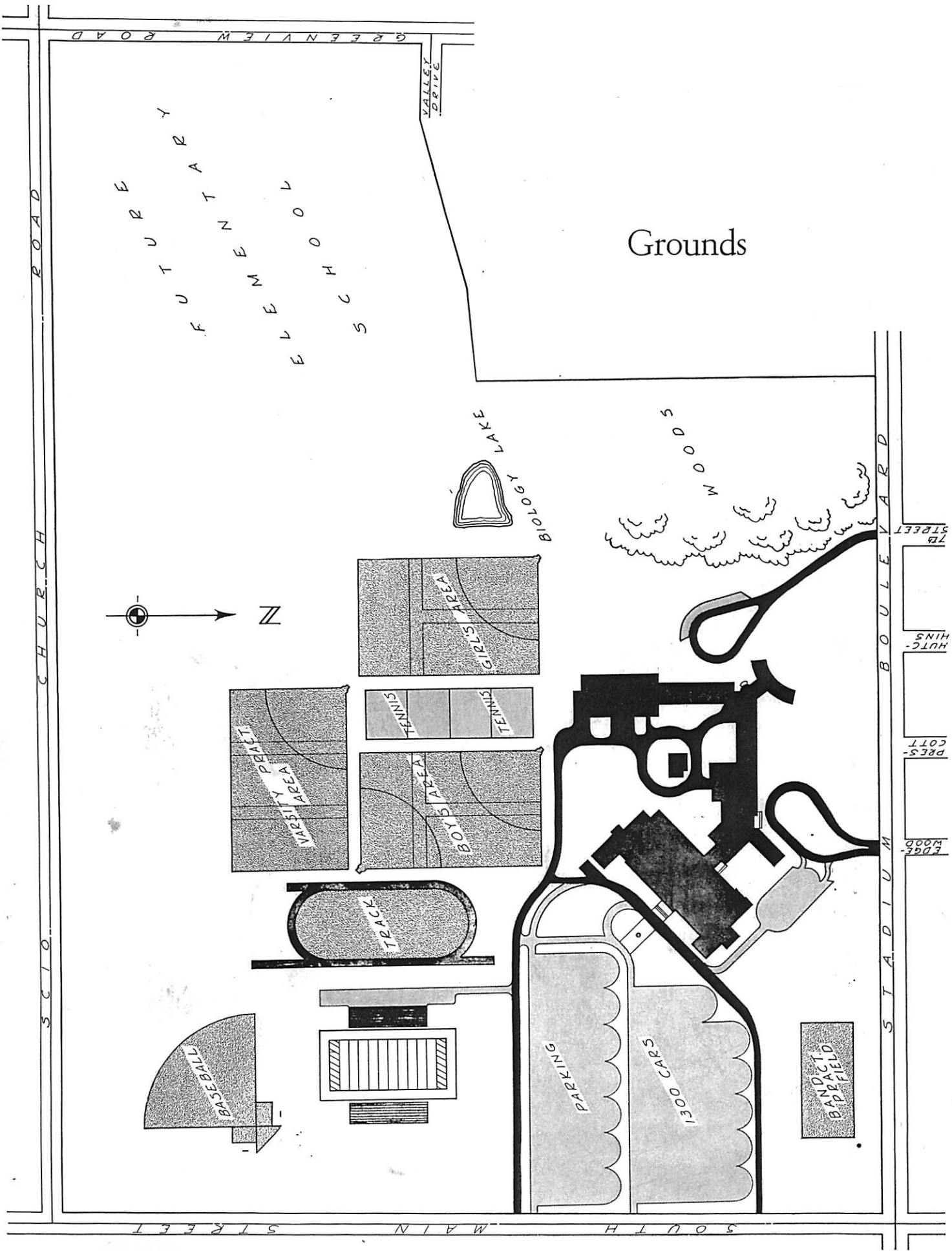
Reception Linda Eberbach, Esther Koch,
Mabel Nesbit, Cecil North
Special Arrangements . Ronald Dawson, Henry Fonde,
John Hollowell, Paul Yambert

The services of the Student Council and the Parent-Teacher Organization on the occasion of this dedication service are appreciated.

The student body, faculty, and employees of the system have, along with the architects and contractors, cooperated so as to make this building presentable for this dedication service.

Directory





Grounds