

Dedication

WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Watertown, Wisconsin

October 19, 1952 - - 2 p. m.



The citizens of Watertown have another opportunity of presenting to its youth and the community an elementary school of which it may well be proud. Following in the footsteps of the completion of the Lincoln School, the presentation of the Webster School for educational opportunity marks an additional step toward a realization of an educational goal.

The completion of another modern school building, which is designed and planned to meet the needs of the children and to provide a safe, efficient, and pleasant environment for the education of children, marks a tremendous stride toward the realization of an effective achievement in educational attainment.

The exterior of the building is faced with brick and stone. The building is of one story, "L" shaped construction to effect the ultimate in safety and general efficiency. The modernistic design provides an attractive perspective.

The classroom section of the building contains twelve academic units 40' x 24'. Unique among this group is a kindergarten unit planned with an adjoining modern activity room. In addition to the above units, there is a combination visual aids-lunch room with an attached kitchen unit. The school contains a modern health room, principal's office and storage room, an efficient teachers' work room and adjoining supply room, a teachers' rest room, a janitor storage room, and two sets of lavatories in each wing of the building.

At the south end of the "L" is a combination gymnasium-auditorium room, with an interior area of 50' x 70'. The gymnasium area is approached through an individual entrance containing a separate unit for checking of clothes and chair storage. The gymnasium contains a spacious stage of 28' x 25' dimensions, with an adjoining small entry and storage unit.

An entire additional unit to serve the athletic needs of the youth of Watertown has been effected under the gymnasium proper. This section includes two locker and shower rooms, a coaches' room, an athletic equipment room, an athletic equipment drying room, a Scout meeting room, a janitor's work room, and a boiler room.

The interior of the building is finished in modern, fire resistive materials. The ceilings, 10' in height, are of acoustical materials suspended by steel framework. This material provides a fine appearing surface and has a high coefficient of sound absorption. The walls of the rooms are plaster and have been painted in pastel colors, designed to provide a high degree of light reflectivity. The floors of all classrooms are of asphalt tile laid directly on the concrete slab. Hall floors are of quarry tile, and the floors of the toilet areas and shower rooms are of mosaic tile. The only wood floor in the building is in the gymnasium, where maple flooring has been laid on concrete, as it provides the best type of flooring for gymnasium activities. The walls of the corridors, toilet and shower areas are of glazed tile. The wood trim throughout the building is birch finished in natural shade.

One of the unique features in the classrooms is the provision of especially designed cabinets and work space for carrying on the various activities recognized as essential in a modern elementary school program. A space for free reading is provided in the back of each room at the outside or window side of the room. The remainder of the space at the back of the room is arranged for the carrying on of activities related to science, art, health, and creative activities. In the primary rooms, this area is surrounded with linoleum-topped counters with an abundance of storage space arranged for the storage of the particular types of materials that are used by these grades. In the intermediate rooms, the area is quite similar, except that more counter space is provided in order to furnish the necessary areas for these grades. In each room a sink is recessed in the counter providing hot and cold water and a drinking bubbler.

All furniture and equipment in the building is new, modern, attractive, and designed for comfort and health. The teacher equipment consists of a steel desk with linoleum top, steel filing cabinet, and two guest chairs. The unit for the child consists of a combined desk and seat. Both seat and desk are adjustable and movable. The wood parts are of birch in natural finish. The pupil's chairs are all steel with wood seats, and they as well as the reading table are also of birch.

The building is heated by steam generated in two oil burning boilers located in the basement of the building. The floors, walls, and ceiling of the boiler room are of reinforced concrete, and all doors leading from this area are covered with metal, providing fire resistive qualities as recommended by the Fire Underwriters. Each classroom has two recessed, deflected type radiators. Each classroom also has a univert, a mechanical device for heating and ventilating controlled by a thermostat.

The kindergarten unit has the same type of heating as the other classrooms, but in addition coils have been laid in the concrete floor, through which hot water will circulate to keep the floor of the room warm.

The building has been carefully planned to provide the maximum lighting in all classrooms. The decorative color scheme has been so designed as to effect the ultimate in lighting for each room. All classrooms are equipped with green slate boards at eye level to create a sight-saving. Each classroom has eight windows which provide the maximum of light admission. The artificial lighting is furnished by twelve incandescent Holophane units. Each unit of three is wired to effect necessary lighting for advantageous purposes.

The completion of Webster School marks another step forward in providing more adequate educational facilities for the children of Watertown and thus meeting the modern requirements for serving the pupils and community in an efficient, safe, and healthful manner.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Otcober 19, 1952

2:00 P. M.

Presiding — S. C. Northrop

Band Concert

March "Salutation".....	Seitz
Blossom Time Overture.....	Romberg
Storm King.....	Finlayson
River Jordon.....	Whitney
Electric Sparks.....	Meyers

Watertown High School Band — Walter A. Stamstad, Director

Our National Anthem.....Audience

Directed by Wayne Strayer

Pledge of Allegiance.....Audience

Presentation of Platform Guests.....S. C. Northrop, Pres., Board of Education

Responses

For the City.....Dean Van Ness, City Manager

For the Board of Education.....Robert J. Archie,

Chairman, Building Committee

For the Webster P. T. A.....Mrs. H. E. Bauck, Vice-President

For the Architects and Builders.....E. H. Berners

Foeller, Schober, Berners, Safford & Jahn

Music

Dedication.....Arr. Riegger

My God and I.....Sergei

This Is My Country.....Arr. Scott

The Nations Creed.....Williams

High School Mixed Chorus — Wayne Strayer, Director

Address.....G. E. Watson,

Supt. of Public Instruction, State of Wisconsin

Dedicatory Statement.....Roger B. Holtz, Supt. of Schools

America (First Verse).....Audience

STAFF

Lula Farrell.....	Principal, Grade 6
Ruth Malison.....	Grade 5
Vida Delton.....	Grade 4
Elsie Popelka.....	Grade 3
Lois Johnson.....	Grade 2
Marian James.....	Grade 2
Alice Krueger.....	Grade 1
Joan Walter.....	Kindergarten
Harriet Kiefer.....	Kindergarten Assistant
Verna Keene.....	Elementary Supervisor
Wayne Strayer.....	Music Supervisor
Dolores Beilke.....	Art Supervisor
Gwynn Christensen.....	Physical Education
Clara Slupinski.....	Speech Correction
Joyce Lally.....	Dental Hygiene
Ella Heim.....	Nurse
George Hiller.....	Custodian

COSTS

General Construction.....	\$398,807.07
Heating and Ventilation.....	58,777.30
Plumbing.....	33,578.00
Electrical Wiring and Fixtures.....	18,645.34
Hardware.....	4,225.00
Stage Equipment.....	1,957.00
Lockers.....	6,548.80
Basketball Backstops.....	710.00
Architect's Fees.....	30,841.96
Total.....	\$554,090.47
Sidewalks, Curbs, Driveway,	
Grounds.....	3,032.14
Equipment.....	15,804.14
Grand Total.....	\$572,926.75

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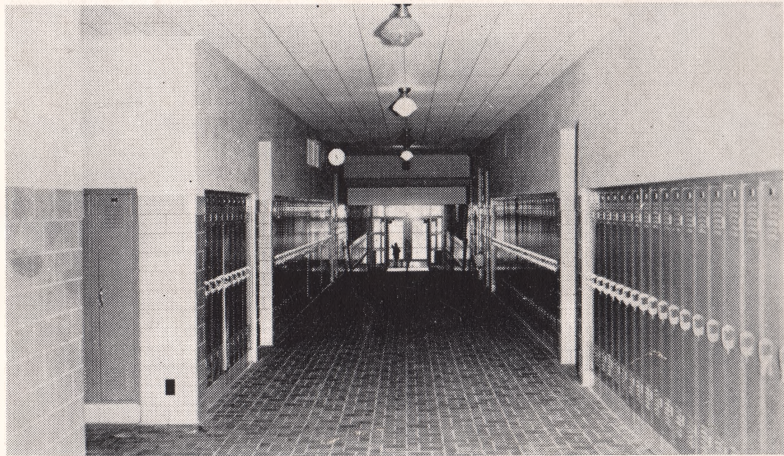
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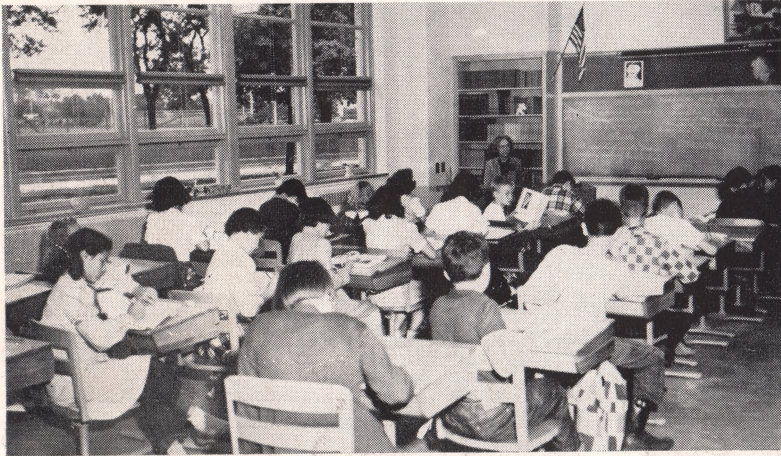
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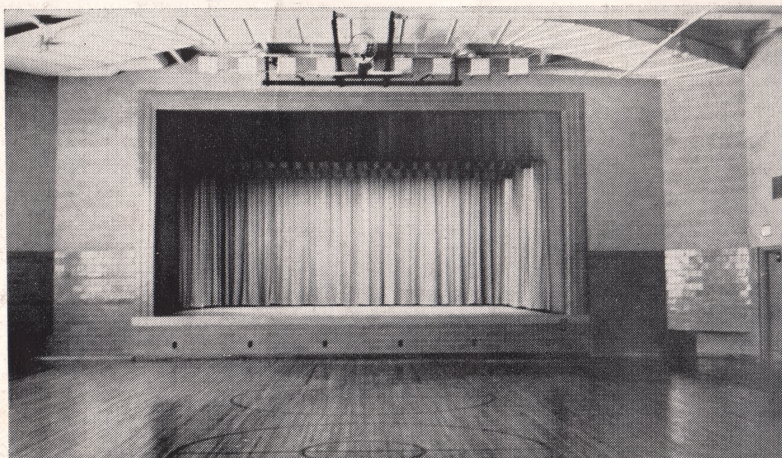
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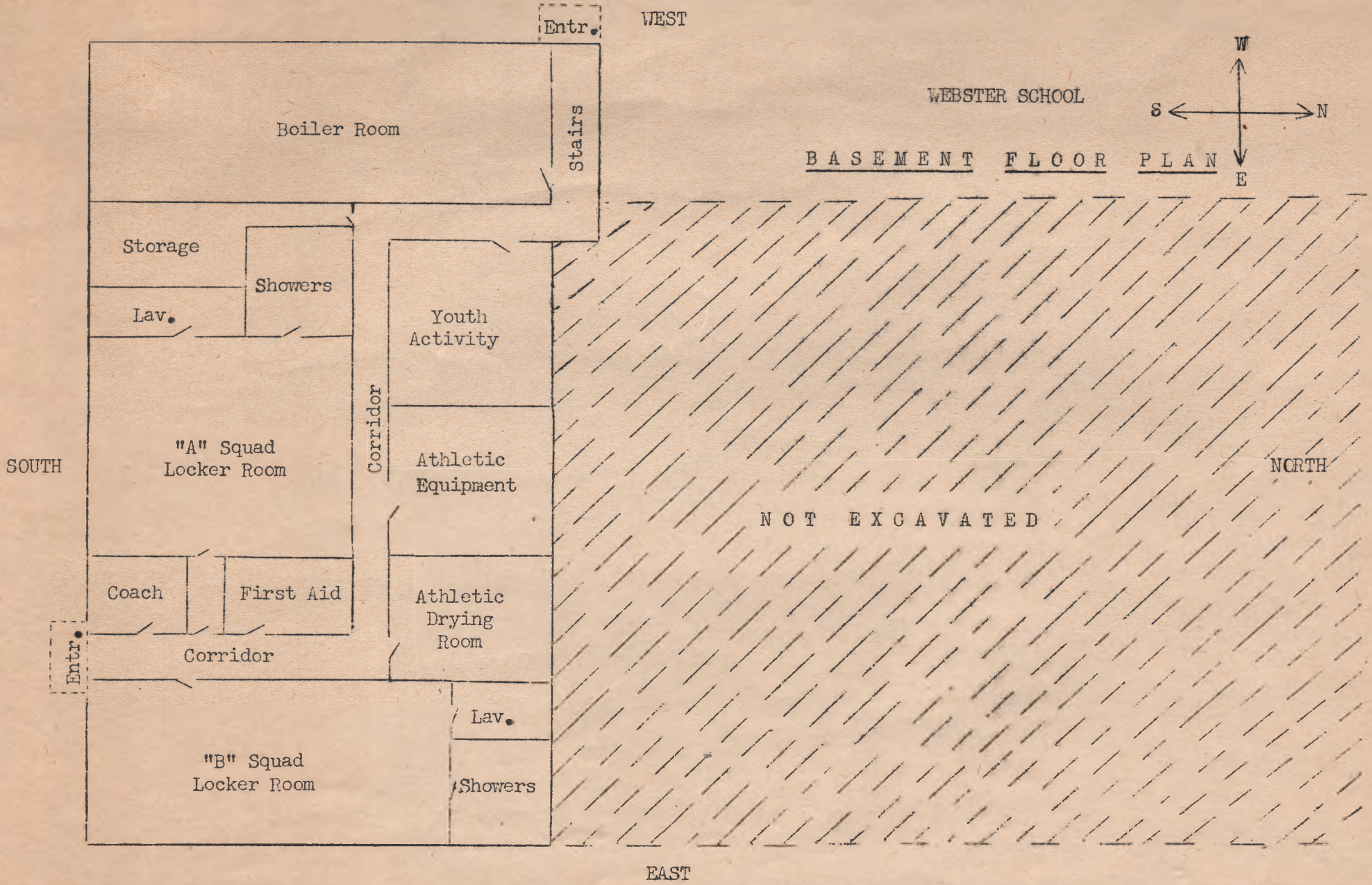
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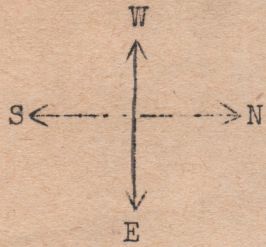
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GYMNASIUM — STAGE



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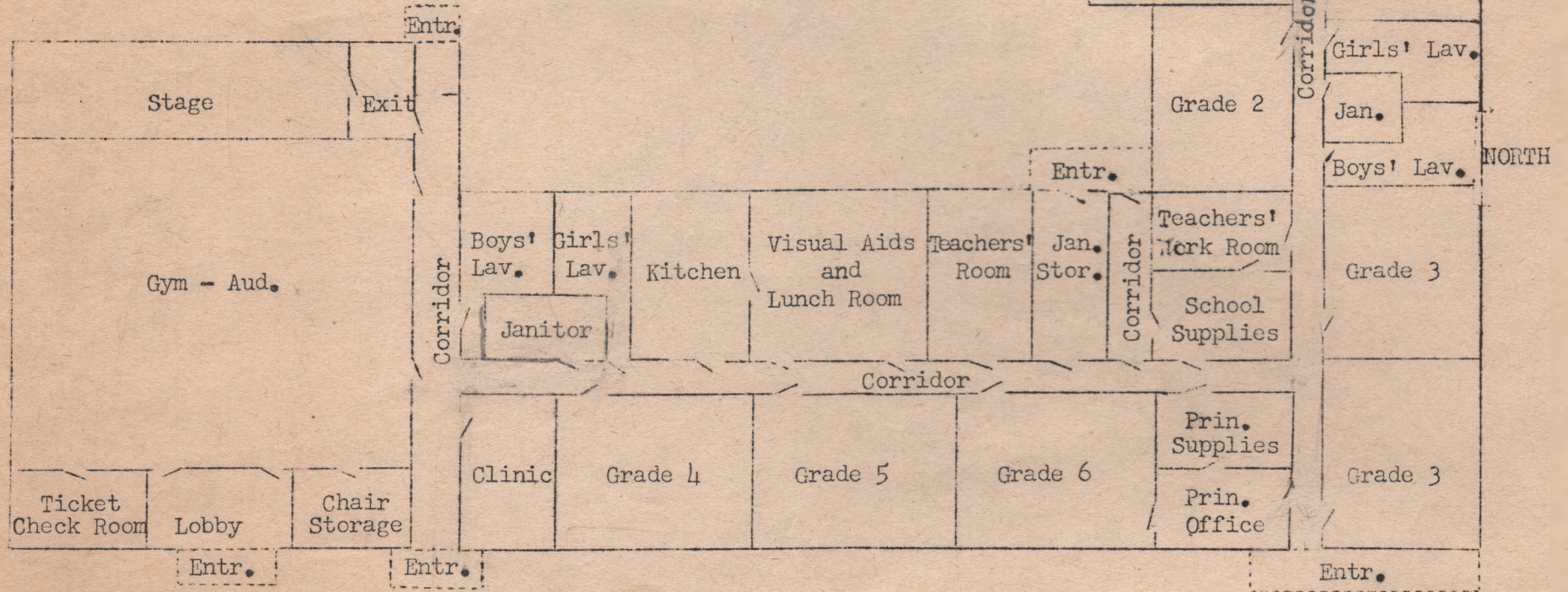


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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SOUTH



EAST

12th Street