

Harding and Taft Schools Dedicated

Capacity Crowds at Ceremonies

By Bill Duffy
Harding and Taft junior high schools were formally presented to the community Sunday with separate dedication ceremonies and open houses.

Hundreds of Cedar Rapidsians toured the two buildings, which are of nearly-identical design. The 1,000-seat gymnasiums were both filled during brief ceremonies.

The schools opened last fall. Both are designed to accommodate 900 students, with plans to expand to 1,200 capacity within a few years.

At Harding school, 4801 Golf avenue NE, speaker was B. A. Jensen, school board member. Jensen challenged parents and other taxpayers to accept the "changing of the guard" with the new school.

Seeking Excellence

Jensen said he believes the school board has accepted the responsibility of using community resources wisely in planning the new schools, which feature several new educational design concepts.

He said the "stewardship" of the school board is to seek excellence in the educational program while guarding against errors in planning and spending of the tax dollar.

"I think in Cedar Rapids this has been well exercised," Jensen said.

Irwin Nelson, Harding principal, gave welcoming remarks. Jensen's presentation speech was followed by acceptance of the building by Kathy McLaughlin, representing the students; Carl Means, faculty; and Mrs. Charles Enfield, parents.

The Harding band, directed by H. Max Northrup; the ninth-grade choir, directed by Don Quijano; and the orchestra, directed by Arthur Sundermeier, performed during the dedication program.

At Taft school, 5200 E avenue NW, board member Mrs. Frank Nye said the two new Cedar Rapids schools are symbolic of the continuing changes in education and in the world.

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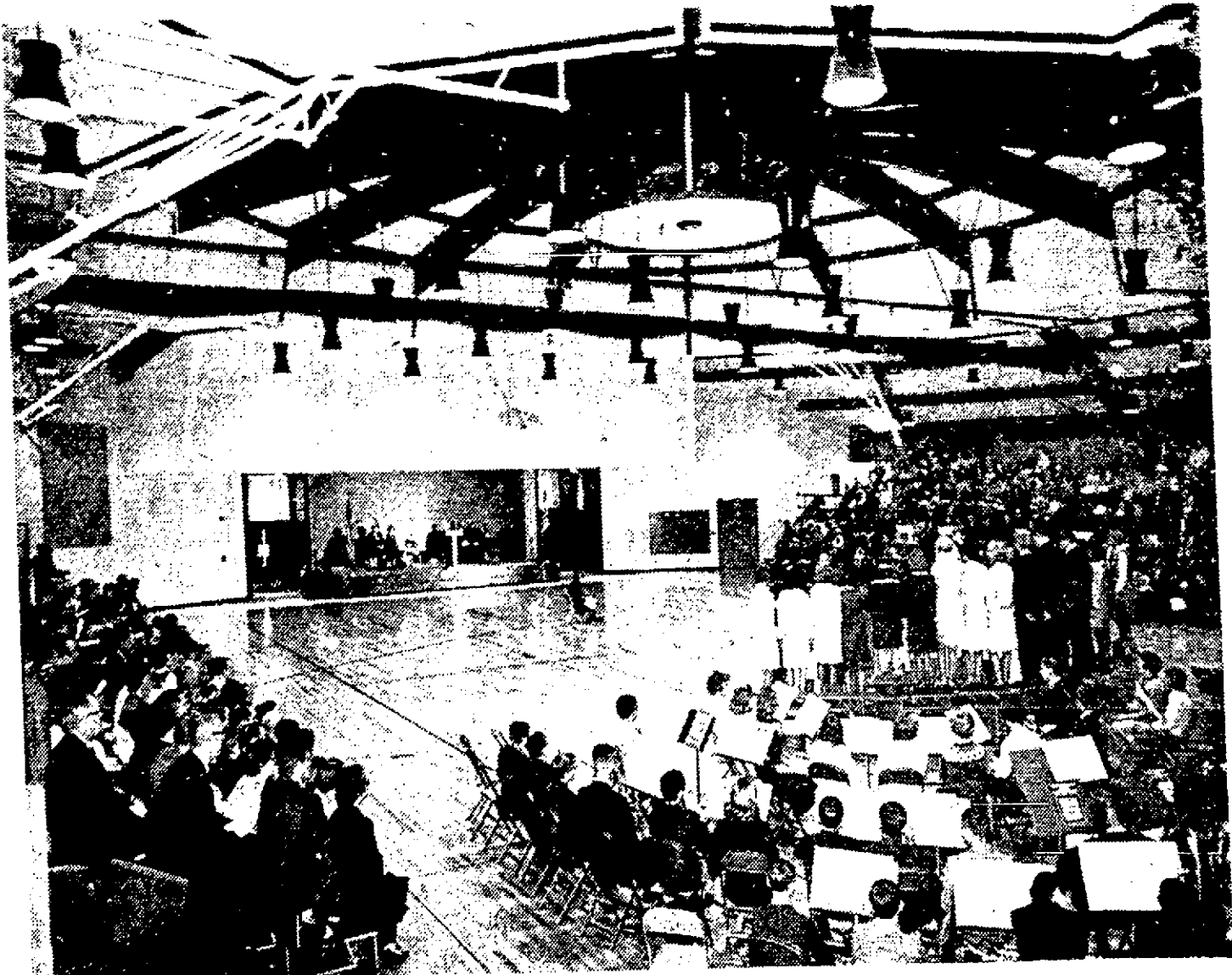
In making presentation remarks, Mrs. Nye explained some of the design features included in the two schools, including movable walls, "clustered" classrooms, minimum outside window space and air-conditioning in the academic wing.

Mrs. Nye said the modern design of the two schools is "a happy blending" of the functional and aesthetic phases of design. She thanked taxpayers for supporting school bond issues and for placing high priority on good education.

At Taft, Principal Eugene Whiteman made welcoming remarks. Accepting the building were Nancy Carpenter, for the students; Donald Miller, faculty; and Mrs. Glenn Gable, parents.

The Taft honor band, directed by R. Cedric Anderson, and the honor chorus, directed by Janetha Giroto, performed.

Ernest Pence, school board president, presided at both ceremonies.



The band and ninth-grade chorus performed Sunday afternoon at dedication ceremonies for the new Warren G. Harding junior high school in northeast Cedar Rapids. View shows the school gymnasium which seats about 1,000 adults for athletic events and school programs. On stage at left center are school board members and others participating in the ceremony. Twin dedication ceremonies were held for both Harding and the William Howard Taft junior high.



Two young ladies who may someday attend the new Taft junior high school visited Sunday's dedication and open house at the school in Cedar Hills. Carol Molander, 5, and her sister, Barbara, 7, even met the Cedar Rapids superintendent of schools, Dr. Arnold Salisbury. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Molander are standing at rear.

French Boycott Of Market Ends

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — France ended Monday a six-month boycott of the European Common Market.

The other five member governments all had their eyes on President de Gaulle's foreign minister, Maurice Couve de Murville, wondering what price he would set to restore full French cooperation.

Couve de Murville was one of the first speakers on the program of a meeting of the foreign ministers at Luxembourg's city hall Monday.

When he arrived from Paris earlier in the day he told reporters that with good will it ought to be possible to get the common market back on the rails again. But French spokesmen were saying it probably would take more than this two-day meeting.

Couve de Murville was expected to make two major demands:

1. A firm agreement to allow each of the member nations to hold their veto over major Common Market decisions. This veto has existed all along but it had been due to disappear Jan. 1, 1966.

2. A curb on the powers of Chairman Walter Hallstein and his nine-man Common Market commission. De Gaulle feels Hallstein is acting too much as

if he were the president of a United States of Europe.

Couve de Murville walked out of the last full meeting of the Common Market council of July 1, 1965. The reason given was that the members had failed to meet an agreed midnight deadline for a plan to subsidize the exports of farm surpluses.

Iowan Dies of Gunshot Wound

DES MOINES (UPI) — A man who was shot during a New Year's party died early Monday in Broadlawn hospital here.

Harold Holt, 25, of Des Moines, was wounded by a .38 caliber revolver slug about 3:30 a.m. Jan. 1 in the street in front of a home where a New Year's eve party was in progress.

Douglas M. Wilson, Des Moines, was charged with going armed with intent and is free on bond pending a hearing Jan. 28.

Herman Mure also was charged in connection with the same incident. Mure, accused of shooting and wounding Wilson with a .25 caliber revolver, was charged with assault with intent

to commit murder. Wilson was wounded in the knee and another bullet grazed his ankle. A hearing has been set for Mure for Friday.

Thompson said there had been ill feelings among a group of men, including Holt, Wilson and Mure, for a long time. He said

the feud erupted at a party at the home of Lawrence Robinson here, and Wilson, Holt and Mure went outside and the shootings followed.

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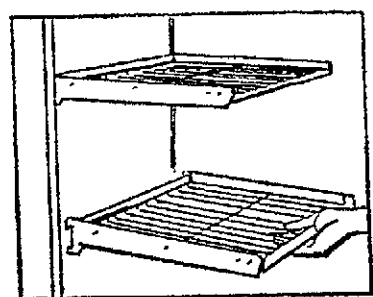
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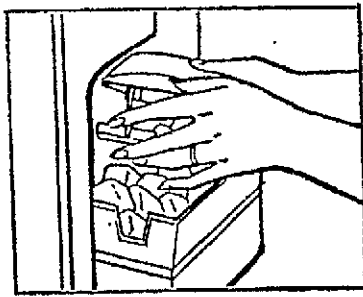
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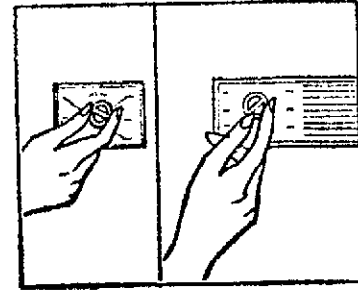
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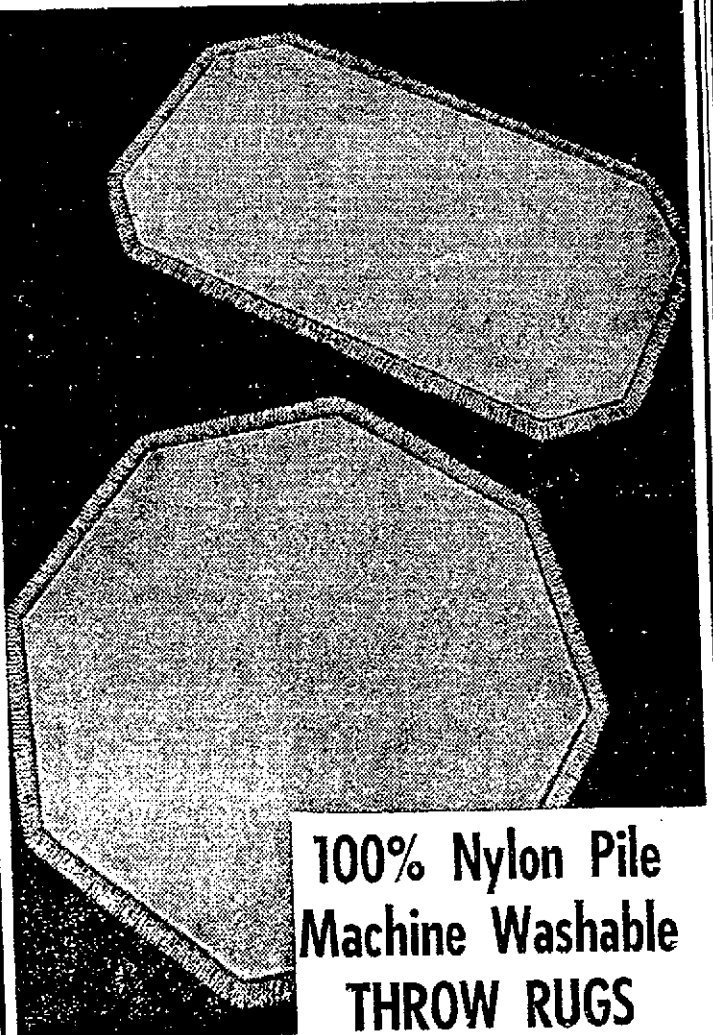
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