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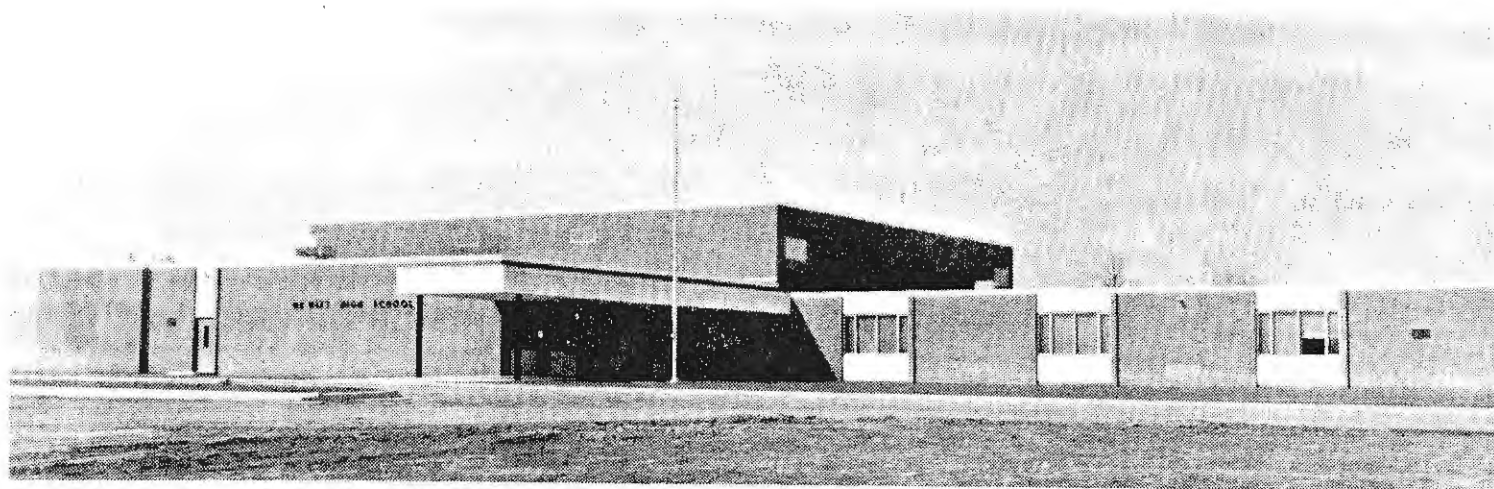
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Dedication and Open House

Sunday, April 24, 1966

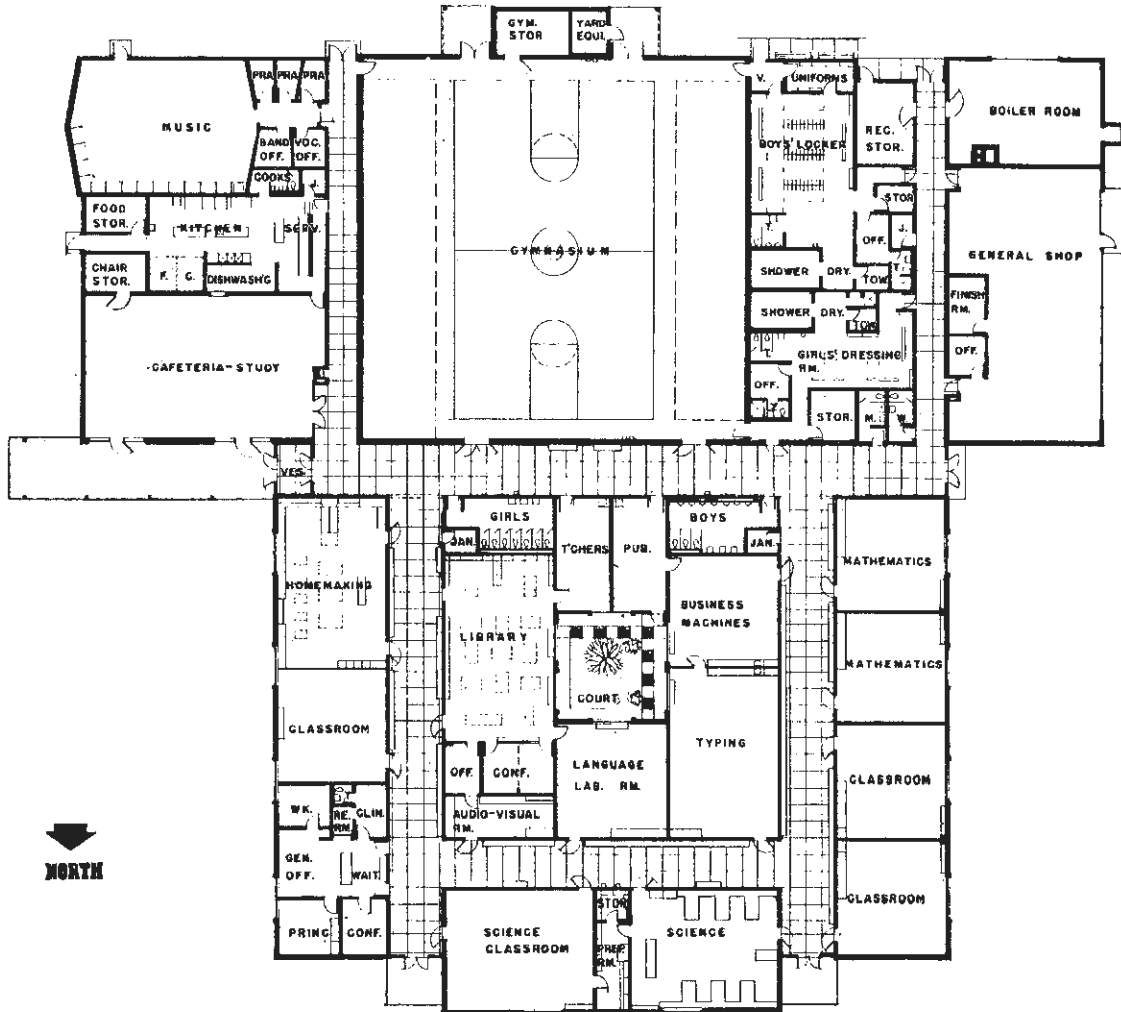
Dedication: 2:00 p.m.

In High School Gymnasium

Following the Dedication, there will be
an open house until 5:00 p.m.

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DeWITT HIGH SCHOOL



PROJECT DATA

Warren Holmes Co. Architect
 Hanel-Vance Construction Co. General Contractor
 Hendrickson Plumbing and Heating Co. Mechanical Contractor
 Martin Electric Electrical Contractor

Site Purchase (60 acres)	\$ 12,500.00
Architect and Engineering Cost	40,952.00
Construction Cost	692,927.00
Furniture and Equipment	Not Complete
Other Costs	4,792.50
Total	\$751,171.50
Cost per square foot	\$ 14.64

The square foot cost shown includes the General Construction, Mechanical Work, Electrical Work, Well Drilling, Access Road and Road Lighting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

(Present)

Herbert Hardtke	President
Earl Coryell	Secretary
Irene Zeeb	Treasurer
Marshall Warren	Trustee
Albert Pierce	Trustee
Lloyd Ballard	Trustee
Maurice Becker	Trustee

(Former)

Cliff Phillips, Gerald Lankford

ADMINISTRATION

C. H. Fuerstenau	Superintendent
Hobart H. Jenkins	Assistant Superintendent
E. D. VanSpybrook	High School Principal

DeWITT HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Instructional

Robert Berube	Band
Floyd Fleetham	Social Studies
Golda Gaskins	Library
Barbara Gebhardt	English
Margaret Jones	Business Education
Lyman Jump	Industrial Arts
Elaine Kutchins	Social Studies
Barbara Maxson	Girls Physical Ed.
Beverly Miller	Home Economics
Susan Oburn	English
Marvella Stevens	Algebra
Gerald Summerhays	Boys Physical Ed.
Carolyn Vestal	Science
Burma Williams	Math and Science

Non-Instructional

Blanche Bissell	Cafeteria
Earl Brooks	Custodian
Edward Felzke	Custodian
Marilyn Hiatt	Cafeteria
Gordon Perry	Head Custodian
Geraldine Pelky	Cafeteria
Edna Rach	Cafeteria
Fern Wellington	Cafeteria Manager
Patricia Willits	Secretary

. . . Program . . .

Musical Prelude DeWitt High School Band
Robert Berube, Director

National Anthem DeWitt High School Band

Invocation Father Dominick Dohanyos

Welcome Clarence Fuerstenou
Superintendent

Introduction of Guests and Board Members . . Herbert Hardtke
President DeWitt Board of Education

Presentotion of Building Richard Snyder, Architect
Warren S. Holmes Co.

Acceptance of Building Herbert Hardtke

Introduction of Speaker Clarence Fuerstenau
Superintendent

Dedicatory Address Alexander J. Kloster
Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction

Special Band Number Robert Berube, Director

Invitation to Tour Hobart Jenkins
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

The buildings will be open for inspection following the program.

Teachers will be in their respective class rooms. Refreshments
will be served in the High School Cafeteria.

DEWITT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POLICIES

RULES

PROCEDURES

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Definition of "terms" .

POLICIES are statements of fundamental principles upon which all rules and procedures of the school district are based. Policies describe in general terms the educational objectives or philosophies which the Board hopes to achieve. Policies are an attempt to communicate to all interested parties a framework of basic beliefs with such force and clarity that the administration and staff may apply them to specific situations with reasonable confidence that they are reflecting the collective will of the Board. Policies must be in accordance with Michigan School Laws and adopted by the Board of Education.

A. Policy numbers shall be preceded by a letter prefix of A.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES are statements indicating a course of action consistent with the broad general policies as established by the board of education. They are developed by the administration with the knowledge of the School Board.

A. Rule numbers shall be preceded by a letter prefix of B.

OPERATING PROCEDURES are the particular manner in which the details of these policies and administrative rules will be carried out. They are developed by the administration with staff involvement.

A. Procedure numbers shall be preceded by a letter prefix of C.

adopted 23 January 1969.

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

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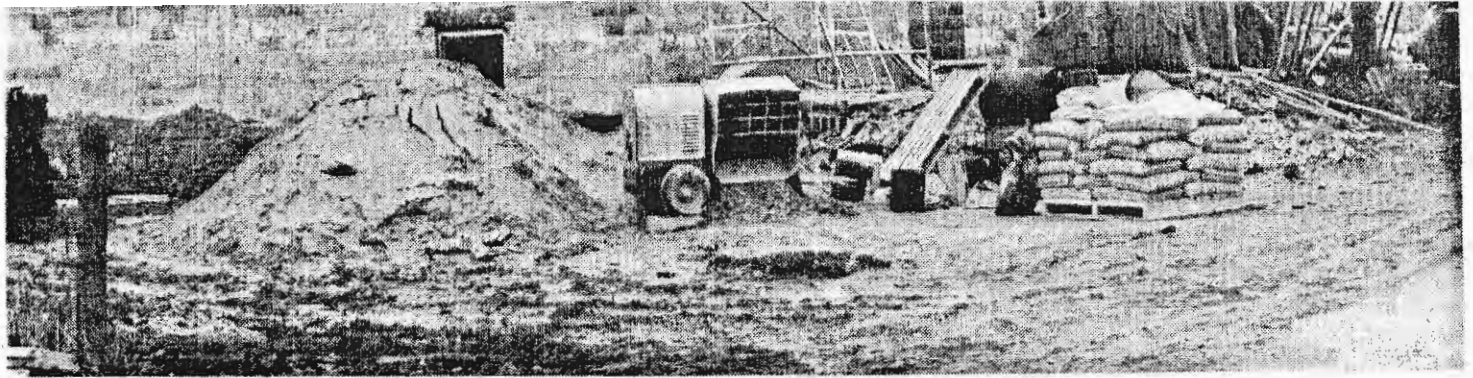
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The policies, rules and regulations were adopted by the DeWitt Board of Education on or since 25 February 1969 as noted; all were compiled and edited by
Dr. Becker -Board VP(65-69)
Major Decatur-Board Treasurer
Don S. Mueller-MS Prin & Policy Officer

* To be reviewed annually.



DeWitt Memorial Building Addition Shaping Up

The walls are up and the steel beams for the roof were to go on this week on the new addition to the DeWitt Memorial Building. The building construction blossomed rapidly in December after the association accepted a "splendid proposal" from Richard L. Corr Jr. of DeWitt to do the masonry work on a cost plus 10 per cent basis. Association officers picked out the brickwork for the front last week; the new and old buildings will have a common front, though the interiors will not be connected.

New superintendent hired at DeWitt

DeWITT —Hobart Jenkins, who has spent 16 years in the Detroit Public School system, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the DeWitt Schools, it has been announced.

Jenkins will take over the superintendent's post in July when the present superintendent, C. H. Fuersteau, retires.

Jenkins, 41, will assume his new post as assistant superintendent Feb. 2 and will serve through July 1 in that capacity.

AN ARMY veteran of World War II, Jenkins is currently serving as assistant principal of Detroit's Oakman School and is treasurer of the Southfield Board of Education.

He is a graduate of Wayne State University and has a master's degree from Wayne in special education and a master's from the University of Michigan in school administration.

HE PRESENTLY lives in Southfield with his wife, Jeanne, and son Steven. Another son, Ger-



HOBART JENKINS

ald W., is in his plebe year at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

The DeWitt School System has two elementary schools, a junior high and a new senior high school—all serving a total of 1,200 students.

MID Michigan NEWS



Mrs. Loretta Sharp: 38 Years a Teacher

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By FAYE HANSON
State Journal Special Writer

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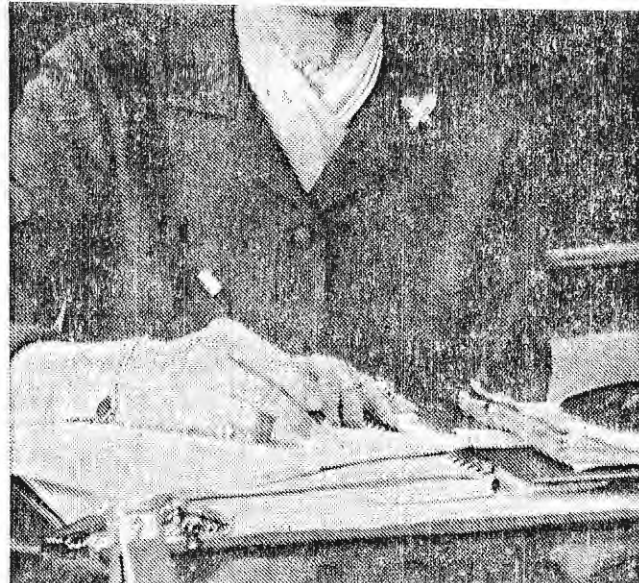
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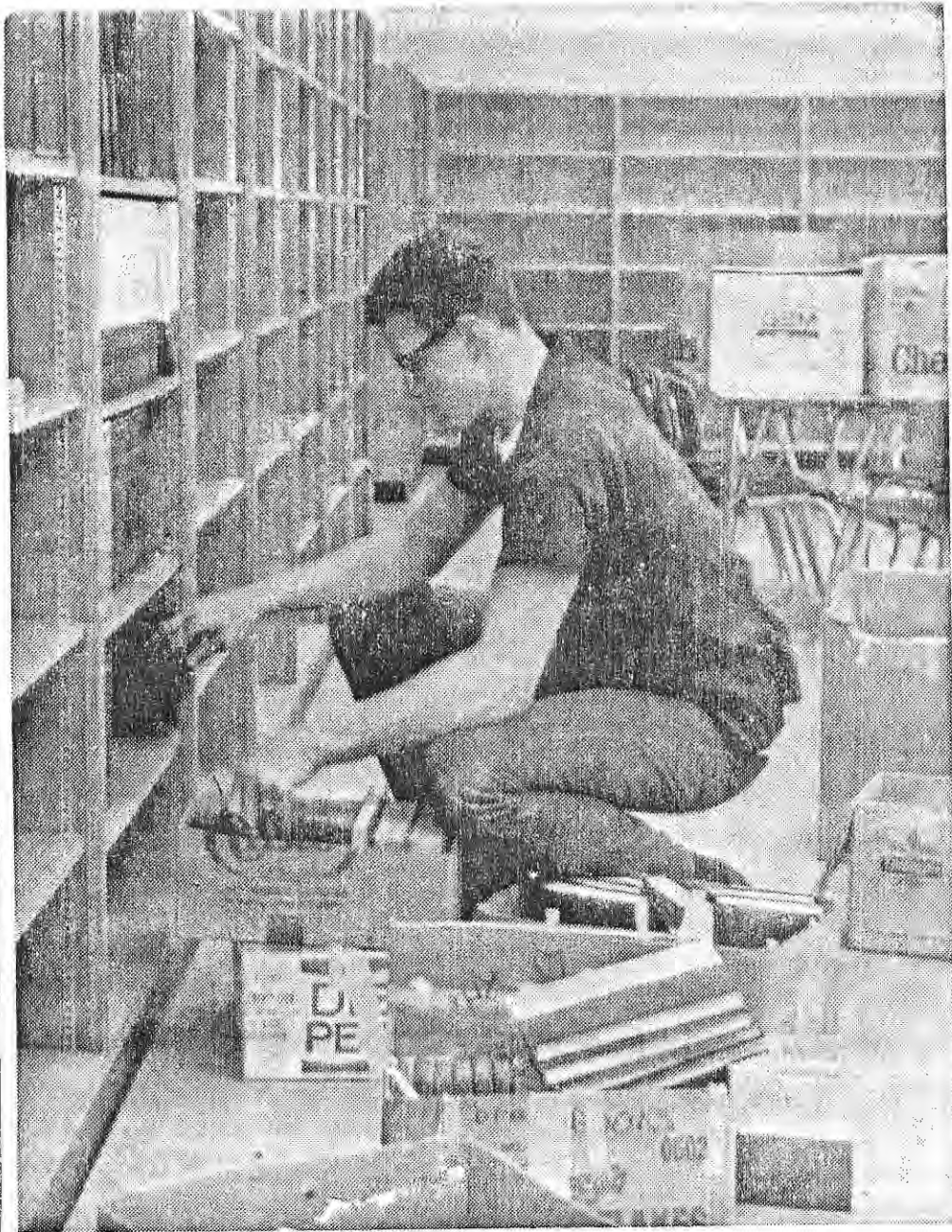
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Throughout her career, fellow teachers have noted the respect Mrs. Sharp has received from her pupils and their parents, and the orderly atmosphere of her classroom, despite the fact her students are active teenagers.

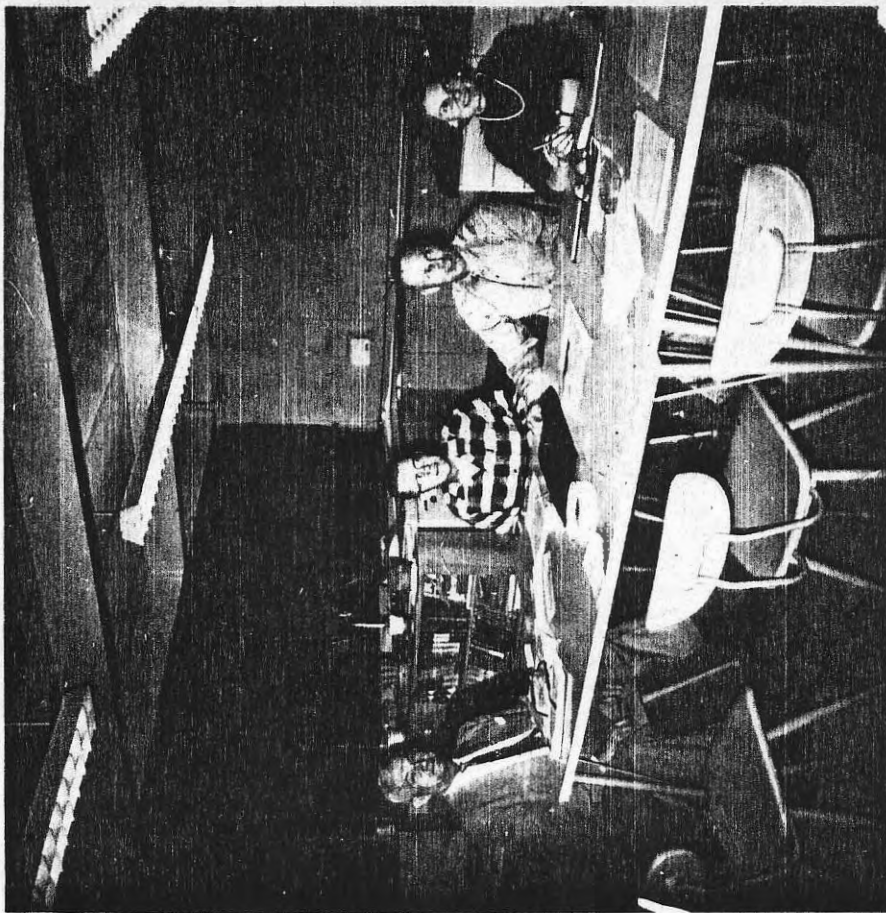
Mrs. Sharp never kept count of the number of students she has taught, but figures there have been "several thousand." She is now teaching second generation pupils in DeWitt.

When not in the classroom, Mrs. Sharp keeps busy at her home, 416 W. Main St., where she lives with her husband, Lavern. She finds relaxation knitting, playing the piano or on the golf links, and with her three grandchildren, twins Marsha and Martha Brainard and their brother, Ladd. Their mother, Mrs. Richard Brainard, is secretary at Bath High School.

ARY 3, 1966



MOVING DAY—DeWitt High School students got an extra day of vacation Monday as they waited for their new high school on Herbison Road to open Tuesday. Monday was devoted to teachers' moving day and tidying up the new structure. Here Tom Ruest, a high school junior and student helper, places books on the shelves of the new building. School officials said Tuesday would be a regular school day. (State Journal Photo)



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Coryell at head of table as
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Teacher, Superintendent to Be Honored at DeWitt

DeWitt school board members, teachers and citizens, many of whom are former students of DeWitt school superintendent Clarence H. Fuerstenau and teacher Loretta Sharp, will gather at the high school gym at 2 p.m. Sunday to pay homage to these two highly respected educators, who have between them a total of 60 years service to DeWitt schools.

The DeWitt board of education decided May 1 that this would be an appropriate time to honor Superintendent Fuerstenau, who will complete his 35th year at DeWitt, and Mrs Sharp, who is finishing her 25th year. Mrs Virgil Zeeb, treasurer of the board, arranged the three-hour program with the help of the other board members' wives.

Born in Memphis, Mich., Fuerstenau attended country schools and was graduated from Richmond high school in 1919. He started teaching at DeWitt in 1923 after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and business education from Albion College.

AFTER FIVE years as a 9th and 10th grade teacher and head of the 10-grade school, he went to Laingsburg, where he was superintendent three years. Fuerstenau taught night school in Flint one year after leaving Laingsburg, returning to DeWitt in 1932 to take over his present job.



LORETTA SHARP

The superintendent continued his education, receiving a Master of Arts degree in economics and business administration from MSU in 1944. He was married in 1926 to the former Beatrice Bisbing of Flint.

The Fuerstenaus have two daughters, Mrs Duane (Barbara) Davis of St. Johns and Mrs Donald (Margaret) Nelson of Summit, N. J., and a son, William, married to the former Patricia Sowers of Farmington, now living in Trenton, N. J., William is attending Princeton Theological seminary. There are also six grandchildren in the family.



CLARENCE H. FUERSTENAU

FUERSTENAU IS active in professional organizations and community affairs. He is a charter member of the DeWitt Lions club and belongs to the Masons and the Hi-12 club of Lansing. He served two terms on the DeWitt village council. He and Mrs Fuerstenau attend the First Presbyterian church in Lansing.

Mrs Sharp was born in Gratiot county, where she attended country schools and was graduated from Alma high school. After her marriage to LaVern Sharp and the birth of her daughter, Marjorie, she enrolled in County Normal at Ithaca.

She returned to her own country school for her first teaching assignment. She taught there three years, meanwhile attending Ferris Institute and Central Michigan University until she obtained her Life Teaching certificate.

MRS SHARP then went to Wheeler, Mich., where she taught four years and was principal two years. She came to DeWitt in 1937.

She continued her education at CMU, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree. In addition to her classroom duties, Mrs Sharp has conducted the girls glee club for the past 20 years.

Her daughter married Richard Brainerd of Bath. They have three children. Mrs Sharp attends DeWitt Community church.

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR DEWITT SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT AND TEACHER

The DeWitt Board of Education, at its May 1 meeting, set Sunday, May 20th, from 2 to 5 p.m., as a time for recognition of the long years of service these two people have given to educating DeWitt school children (thirty-five years for Clarence H. Fuerstenau, and twenty-five years for Mrs. Loretta Sharp). The affair is to be in the high school gym. Chairman Irene Zeeb, board treasurer, is in charge of the planning with help of Board members wives. The people of the community will have a golden opportunity to pay homage to these fine educators, and there-by assure them of their pride and appreciation of the long service.

Resume of Service

Clarence H. Fuerstenau, Superintendent, was born on a farm at Memphis, Michigan. One of five children, he attended country school eight years, and graduated from Richmond High School in 1919. He received his BA Degree from Albion College, graduating in 1923, majoring in English and business education. He received his Master of Arts Degree in 1944 at MSU, where he majored in Economics and Business Administration. This work was taken along with his teaching. He took his first teaching job in DeWitt in 1923, where he was head of the 10-grade school, and taught 9th and 10th grade subjects. After five years at DeWitt, he took the Superintendency at Laingsburg schools for three years. He then taught night school in Flint one year. Returning to DeWitt in 1932 as Supt., this is his 35th year in DeWitt and 38th in school work. He married Beatrice Bisbing of Flint in 1926. They have three children: Barbara, Mrs. Duane Davis of rural St. Johns; Margaret, wife of Dr. Donald Nelson, formerly of Indian Hills, Okemos, now of Summit, N. J.; William, who is married to the former Patricia Sowers of Farmington. They live in Trenton, N. J., while he attends Princeton Theological Seminary. There are six grand-children. Clarence is a Life member of the Michigan Education Association, member of the National Education Association, member of the Michigan Association of School Administrators. Locally, he is a Charter member of the DeWitt Lions Club, and a member of the Hi-12 Club of Lansing.

sing, two terms on DeWitt Village Council, many years of the Boy Scout committees, treasurer of the DeWitt Recreation Association, and has worked in all community projects. He and Mrs. Fuerstenau attend First Presbyterian Church in Lansing.

Mrs. Loretta Sharp was born in the rural community of Lafayette township, Gratiot County. The youngest of five children, she attended country school eight years, then to Alma High School fifteen miles from home, making it necessary to live in Alma during the week and spending week-ends and summers at home. After marriage to Mr. LaVern Sharp, and the birth of her daughter Marjorie, she enrolled in County Normal at Ithaca. Her first teaching was in the rural school where she received her early education, just a mile and a half from home. Two of her sisters started their teaching careers in the same school. Loretta remained there 3 years, during which period she attended Ferris Institute and Central Michigan University until she obtained her Life Certificate. Her second teaching assignment was at Wheeler, Mich., where she taught the intermediate room four years, and then was Principal for two years. At that time the school was 10 grades. Since then, she has been both happy and grateful to be a teacher in DeWitt schools. While here, she continued her education at Central Michigan University, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree. Her daughter, Marjorie, married Richard Brainerd of Bath. They have three children: Ladd, Marsha and Martha. Mrs. Sharp has been for twenty years, instructor and leader of the Girls Glee Club in DeWitt schools. She is very highly respected by her girls, and all the students who have passed through her class rooms these many years. Mrs. Sharp attends DeWitt Community Church. Of her twenty-five years, twenty have been teaching in Junior high school. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are very proud of their grandchildren.

May God bless both these wonderful educators with good health and many useful years, yet, in DeWitt schools.

— Earl Coryell, Secretary,
DeWitt Board of Education.



FIRST DAY ON JOB—Wednesday is the first day on the job for Hobart H. Jenkins (left), new assistant superintendent of DeWitt Public Schools. Jenkins is shown as he conferred with Supt. C. H. Fuerstenau, veteran school administrator, who will retire in July after 34 years as superintendent. When Fuerstenau retires, Jenkins will become superintendent. Jenkins, 41, has served 16 years in Detroit schools. His most recent assignment was principal of Oakman School. (State Journal Photo)

*The Senior Class
of
DeWitt High School*

announces its

Commencement Exercises

Tuesday evening, May thirty-first

Nineteen hundred and sixty-six

eight o'clock

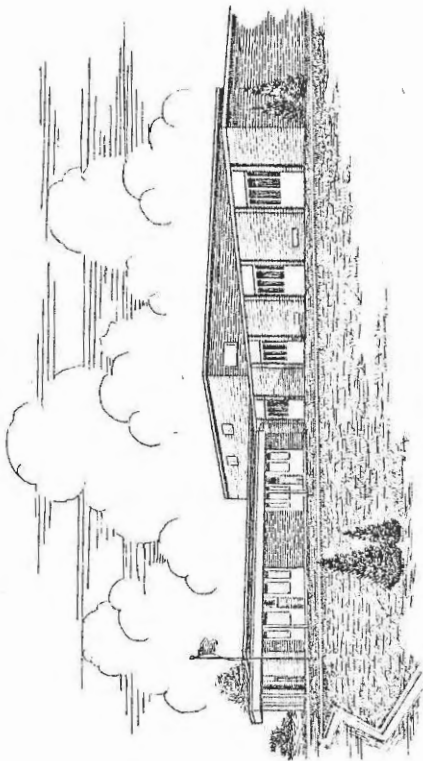
DeWitt High School

Baccalaureate

Sunday evening, May twenty-ninth

eight o'clock, Methodist Church

DeWitt, Michigan



Richard James Coin

Two Boys Earn Honor

Class Orators Named at DeWitt

Allen Warren and Richard Overholt have been named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the DeWitt High School Senior Class.

Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Marshall Warren, 415 W. Washington Street, DeWitt, has earned a 3.97 grade average. He has participated in baseball four years, Science Club two years, band three years, pep band two years, Student Council two years. He was elected president of the Senior Class and has been a member of the Varsity Club two years. He took part in Junior and Senior plays, and has been active in the Methodist Church, serving as president of M.Y.F. and member of the church choir.

Overholt, son of Mrs. Ruth Overholt, 104 N. Bridge Street, DeWitt, earned Salutatorian honors with a 3.81 scholastic average in his four years at DeWitt. He has been a Student Council member two years, band four years, pep band four years, Junior and Senior play member, Science club three years, Senior Class Treasurer and has been active in the Community Church Youth Fellowship for several years.

Honor Seniors with a 3.0 or better scholastic average include William Tingay, Christine Zeeb, Lee Ann Little and Mary Jo Charland.



RICHARD OVERHOLT



ALLEN WARREN

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^{2/67} New Principal Named At DeWitt Junior High

DEWITT — Jack Enderle, 28, a Lansing teacher, has been named principal of DeWitt Junior High School.

The appointment, effective Aug 15, was made by the DeWitt Board of Education and announced by Hobart H. Jenkins, superintendent of schools.

Enderle will serve as a resource person for DeWitt schools from Jan. 30 until his appointment becomes effective. He will then succeed Otto Wakefield as junior high principal here.

The new principal currently is teaching science and physical education at C. W. Otto Junior High School in Lansing. He is a graduate of Northern Michigan University and is completing work at Michigan State Univer-

sity for a master's degree in school administration.

Enderle, his wife, Bea, and the couple's four children live on Dill Road.



ENDERLE