

De Witt Band Calendar 1961



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GOING TO STATE FAIR—Here which has been invited to ap- in Detroit next Wednesday, direction of Robert O. Berube of is the DeWitt high school band pear at the Michigan State fair Sept. 6. The band is under the East Lansing.

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MENU

Juice
Baked Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Mixed Vegetable
Molded Salad
Relish Plate
Rolls
Coffee
Pie

PROGRAM

Invocation
Rev. Barker
Introduction
John Miller
Toast Master
Willard Reed
Welcome to Grads
Ernest Bond
Response
Bonnie Locher
Introduction to Class of "61"
C. H. Fuerstenau
Introduction of 25 yr. class
Lawrence Ward
Speaker.
Jack Farley
March by Ruth Raby



JUDITH RICHARDS



DESS ANN OVERHOLT



CAROL RICHARDS

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Twins Co-Valedictorians Of DeWitt Senior Class

Judith and Carol Richards, twin daughters of Mrs. Wanda Richards, are co-valedictorians of DeWitt high school senior class.

Each of the girls has a four point average and have been awarded alumni distinguished honors scholarships. They will attend Michigan State university and plan to major in mathematics.

Judith and Carol are members of First Presbyterian church, Lansing; Westminster Fellowship and chancel choir. They have been active in Junior Red Cross, the Lansing Community Circle Players and are now rehearsing for the Lansing Civic Players production of "Damn Yankees."

Class salutatorian is Dess Ann Overholt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Overholt, who maintained a high school average of 3.79.

She will major in social science at Michigan State university. Active in girls' basketball, Girls' Athletic league, student council, glee club and double sextet. Miss Overholt also has served as past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters, youth fellowship and participated in 4-H club activities.

ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT
DEWITT SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Berube, Instrumental Music

Mrs. Sharp, Vocal Music

PROGRAM

5th Grade Band: Toonerville Trolley March..... Weber
Merry-Go-Round Waltz..... Weber
Pony Express March..... Weber

6th Grade Band: Here Comes The Parade..... Weber
Holiday Serenade..... Weber
Peasant Dance-Flute Duet. K. Newcombe, L. Kronberg
Mary Jane-cornet solo L. Green
Jolly Joe-trombone solo D. Warren
Sentimental Lady-clarinet trio-
B. Kronberg, S. Dinstbier, S. Becker
Folk Song Suite..... Weber

Harmonettes: Hc..... Ross

Double Sextette: Big Rock Candy Mountain..... Howorth
He's Got The Whole World In His Hands.... Howorth

Glee Club: Birdland Symphony..... Kieserling
How Great Thou Art..... Hines

accompanists: Karen Phillips, Kathy Smith, Sandra McCrum

High School Band: *Symbol of Honor March..... Mesang
*Cathedral Canyon Overture..... Hansen
*Air For Band..... Erickson
Fiarello! Selections from Broadway Show.... Bock
**Blue and the Gray, Civil War Suite..... Grundman
Freshman March..... Panella

*These are the selections performed by the band in the District Contest where they received the highest rating of I which entitles them to compete in the State Festival on April 28.

**Written in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Civil War.

1962

Valedictorian, Salutatorian Are Announced at DeWitt



DELMAR ROSE



BRIAN BOUTS

Scholastic leaders of the DeWitt high school senior class of 1962 were announced this week by Dale Hines, principal.

Delmar Rose, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Rose, Sr., of DeWitt, has been named valedictorian. He has compiled a scholastic average of 3.82 out of a possible 4.0.

Delmar's extracurricular activities include sophomore class president, junior and senior plays, newspaper staff and annual staff in his junior year and editor of the school annual in his senior year. He plans to continue his education at Miami of Ohio.

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SALUTATORIAN honors will go to Brian Bouts, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Bouts of DeWitt. His four-year scholastic average figures out at 3.33.

Brian's activities include four years of football, four years of track, two years of basketball, four years of band, freshman vice president, jun-

ior vice president, senior president, junior and senior plays and four years of membership in the Varsity club, of which he was treasurer two years. He will attend MSU.

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Commencement

DeWitt High School

May 22, 1962

CLASS ROLL

Brian Bouts - - President
Eugene Schneeberger - - Vice President
Judy Peterson - - Secretary
Curtis Lankford - - Treasurer

Carol Bennett	James Holiday
Carol Berry	Thomas Isanhart
Jo Bowerman	LeRoy Johnson
Elaine Challender	Dennis Locher
Carolee Janz	Ronald Lyon
Dawn Johnson	William Mason
Ruth Lee	Douglas Miller
Margaret Paquet	Larry Mull
Judith Phillips	Brent Newman
Jean Sailor	Ward Ostrom
Jolene Schafer	Donald Porter
Dorothy Shooltz	Ronald Porter
Vonnie Stoner	Russell Raymer
Lela Wardell	Delmar Rose
Richard Arthur	Thomas Soltow
Roger Boss	Grant Tingay
Robert Donders	Roger Tomlinson
Ronald Foster	Philip Trumble
Larry Fountain	Gary Wilcox
Ronald Fox	Bruce Woodman
Michael Gnagi	John Thomas
Brent Grinold	Robert Stewart

PROGRAM

Prelude - - - - - DeWitt High School Band
Robert Berube, Director

March - - - - - DeWitt High School Band

Invocation - - - - - Rev. Walter W. Sluys

Girl's Glee Club -
Loretta Sharp, Director
"Four-Leaf Clover" by Coombs
"If I Can Help Somebody" by Androzzo

Salutatorian - - - - - Brian Bouts

Speaker - - - - - Dr. Clyde Campbell, MSU
"The New Frontier"

Double Sextette -
"Climb Ev'ry Mountain" by Rogers

Valedictory - - - - - Delmar Rose

Honors - - - - - Dale Hines, Principal

Presentation of Class - C. H. Fuerstenau, Supt.

Presentation of Diplomas - Cliff W. Phillips
President of Board of Education

Benediction - - - - - Rev. Walter W. Sluys



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Curtis J. Lankford

DeWitt High School

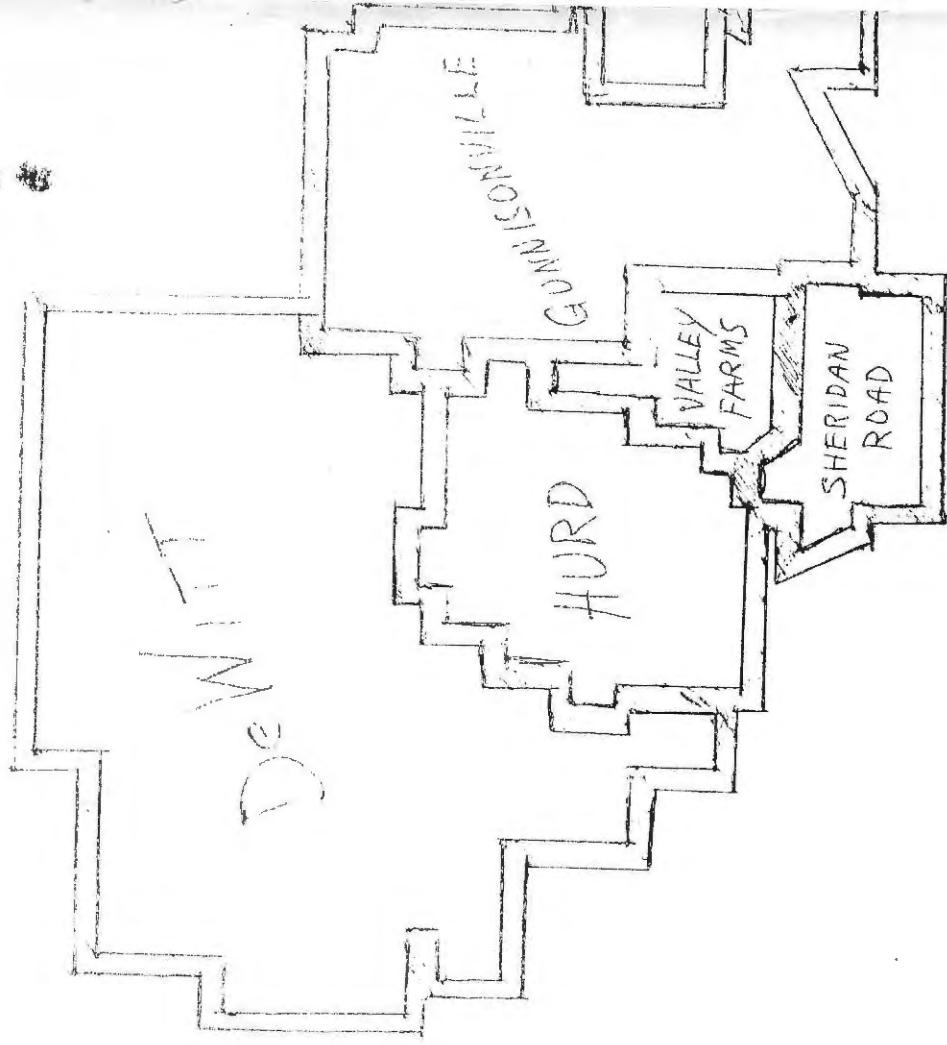
Commencement Exercises

May twenty-second

eight P. M.

High School Auditorium

TOGETHER
EVER?



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In the summer of 1961 the school boards of DeWitt, Gunnisonville, Hurd, Sheridan Road and Valley Farms, plus interested citizens met. The purpose was to investigate the possibilities of forming a new high school district.

The Boards of Education decided that much more information was needed. Citizens from each district were asked to work along with CONSULTANTS from Michigan State University in gathering this information. The information was returned to the steering committee who made recommendations to the Boards of Education.

What were the recommendations?

1. Sheridan Road School District annex to the City of Lansing.
2. The other four Districts form a twelve-grade district, but send grades 10, 11, and 12 to the Lansing Public Schools on a tuition basis.

THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION DID NOT ACCEPT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

After careful review the five Boards of Education stated their conclusions as follows:

All of the Boards of Education are aware of the fact that the school districts cannot continue to operate over a long period of time in the same manner in which they are now operating. They feel that each student has a right to be a part of a program that will insure his education through grade twelve. It is the opinion of the majority of the Boards that the best way to achieve this goal is to reorganize into a high school district and to offer an accredited secondary program.

WHAT TYPE OF REORGANIZATION IS RECOMMENDED?

Consolidation of all school districts involved is the type of reorganization recommended by the five Boards of Education.

WHAT IS CONSOLIDATION?

Consolidation is the reorganization of two or more districts to form a new district. Each of the former districts lose their identity, but people in these former districts will be identified with the new large consolidated district.

HOW DOES CONSOLIDATION TAKE PLACE?

Consolidation is accomplished by a majority vote of the qualified electors in the school districts involved. Certain preliminary procedures are necessary before consolidation may be voted upon. In the specific case of the five school dis-

tricts involved, only DeWitt is currently operating a Kindergarten through twelve program. The electors of the DeWitt district would vote as one unit. The other four school districts would vote as a second unit. A majority vote would be required in each unit for the consolidation to carry.

IF CONSOLIDATION CARRIES,
WHAT THEN?

There are certain procedures to be followed by each Board of Education with various time limits involved. The most important is that the County Board of Education would appoint seven members to a new district Board of Education. This temporary Board of Education immediately sets up the machinery to elect a new regular Board of Education for the new consolidated district.

WHO WILL SERVE ON THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION?

The temporary Board of Education appointed by the County Board of Education would more than likely be composed of at least one member of each of the districts involved. Citizens wishing to be a member of the regular Board of Education would be required to file a nominating petition and the seven people receiving the highest number of votes will be members of the new Board of Education.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE
PRESENT DEBTS IN EACH
SCHOOL DISTRICT?

One of the conditions of the consolidation would be mutual assumption of all present bonded indebtedness. This means that a uniform rate of taxation will be spread on the entire valuation of the new district to pay off all bonds in the former districts as they become due.

WILL ANY NEW FACILITIES BE
NEEDED?

Yes, a new Junior-Senior High building will be needed to house the students now being sent to other school districts for their secondary education.

WHERE WOULD THESE NEW
FACILITIES BE LOCATED?

This is a question that only the new Board of Education could answer. It would be logical to assume that the Board would select the best site available near the center of the new school district. Many factors are involved in the selection of a site.

This brochure has been prepared by a committee of Board Members of DeWitt, Gunnisonville, Hurd, Sheridan Road and Valley Farms school districts. It is the first in a series of several that will attempt to ask and answer pertinent questions pertaining to school district reorganization. After reading these questions and answers, any additional questions that you have should be directed to your local Boards of Education.

Future brochures will cover the following areas:

1. Facilities Needed.
2. Curriculum.
3. Finance.
4. Transportation & Use of Facilities.
5. Problems of Transition.

B E I N F O R M E D !

The Citizens Committee for Annexation is foolishly telling us that we can live in Lansing for practically nothing. How ridiculous can they get?! We don't believe that even "they" are gullible enough to swallow this. What they conveniently forgot to tell you was that Lansing's assessments are based on 40% of actual resale value, while the townships' are based on 25% or less.

In view of the recent untruths circulated by the opposition, let us set the record straight. We have proof that taxes have increased nearly 300% in the recently annexed areas: Here are some examples of what has happened to people that have been annexed: - - - Robert Harrison - Phone TU-24156; BEFORE Annexation taxes were \$113.00 per year. THEY ARE NOW \$320.00 per year! - - Walter Bradley - Phone TU-25109; BEFORE Annexation taxes were \$87.22 per year. THEY ARE NOW \$221.38 PER YEAR!

Taxes in the Sheridan Road area were cut \$6.00 per thousand in 1963 and will decrease another \$6.00 per thousand for the year 1964. The questionable savings which might occur on utilities will be many times offset by the huge increase in our assessment.

The opposition stated that the city improvements have to be petitioned by the people. This statement is FALSE! We quote from a brochure printed by the City of Lansing: "The present system approved by the City Council and City Ordinances provide for the installation of public improvements by petition of the property owners in the area affected. IN ADDITION, THE CITY CHARTER PROVIDES THAT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE ORDERED CONSTRUCTED AND THE AMOUNT ASSESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY ORDINANCES." We feel that these improvements should be left entirely to the discretion of the property owner and not to the City Council. In the township area, 20% of the property owners can stop any improvements not beneficial.

Lansing has just announced a 1.6 million dollars yearly increase in their school budget. We have many senior citizens who have already educated their children and are now living on a fixed income. These people cannot afford this extra tax burden!

Only a small group of people petitioned for the Sheridan Road area to annex to Lansing. One petition was circulated before consolidation was brought to a vote. The majority was not in favor of this petition.

THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR ANNEXATION IS WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH THE LANSING CITY COUNCIL AND THE LANSING SCHOOL BOARD TO PUSH US HEADLONG INTO LANSING POLITICALLY - AGAINST OUR WILL! They are pushing this annexation because North is the main direction in which Lansing can grow.

We are not denying our children the advantages of the Lansing School System. Lansing is denying it by trying to force political annexation. Lansing is not interested in the education of our children, only in our TAX dollars. Furthermore, Lansing claims that they are losing money on our tuition students. At a recent school board meeting, our superintendent stated that Lansing was making a PROFIT of over \$100.00 per student! It only stands to reason that they have more to gain by forcing political annexation upon us.

This committee is convinced that we do not have to politically annex to Lansing to solve our educational problem. Our opponents have been trying to block every avenue along which we might find a solution.

At this time, no official request can be made to other school districts to accept our tuition students. These letters which the opposition received are only stating present school board policy and should not be interpreted as a REFUSAL. We are confident that these and other districts will take a different position once political annexation is turned down.

It is interesting to note that these people are the ones who led the drive to defeat consolidation. They did so with misinformation and flyers directed at the emotions of the people. Now they would have you believe that they are only interested in facts. They will stop at nothing to try to convince you that you do not have a choice. On the record of their past performances, we believe that you will carefully weigh all of their "so-called" facts. Do not let them sell this community short again!

Our school problem can be resolved by unit cooperation. In voting for our recent millage, the people have indicated confidence in our own school system. If annexation is turned down, this committee will dedicate itself to finding a permanent solution to our school problem.

----- THE PRICE OF ANNEXATION IS TOO HIGH -----

DON'T BE FORCED INTO A SITUATION FROM WHICH THERE IS NO RETURN!!!

VOTE "NO" ON POLITICAL ANNEXATION!!! VOTE "NO" ON APRIL 28th!!!

Aroused Township Residents

VOTE NO!



If we annex to Lansing, taxes would increase by re-assessment of properties on a basis of 40% of cash value. Below is a table which shows what your approximate taxes would be:

Price your house would sell for:	Your assessment would be:	Taxes per year would be:
\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 134.00
8,000.00	3,200.00	192.00
10,000.00	4,000.00	240.00
12,000.00	4,800.00	288.00
14,000.00	5,600.00	336.00
16,000.00	6,400.00	384.00

The taxes shown on this table DO NOT include special assessments.

The tax payer's special assessments for improvements in the city of Lansing: EXAMPLE: An average size lot of 65 ft. frontage:

SEWER	\$292.84
DRAIN (\$.0203 per sq. ft.)	197.93
CURB AND GUTTER (\$1.76 per lineal ft.)	114.40
SIDEWALKS (50¢ per sq. ft.)	<u>162.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 767.67

The cost of connecting water and sewer is EXTRA, (approximately \$3.00 per foot). If you are on the opposite side of the road from the sewer or water line it will cost you approximately \$120.00 additional. The City Council of Lansing has SOLE CONTROL over how long and when improvements are paid for.

Don't be misled by the emotional hysteria of the opponents, who are using the school children of Sheridan Road as a wedge to achieve the very selfish goal of political annexation through scare tactics.

Lansing City Councilman Horace Bradshaw said in a recent council meeting, "All the taxpayers of the City of Lansing can look forward to is it's greatest bonded indebtedness, less service and greater taxation!"

It is not fair to burden our senior citizens of this area with Lansing's high city taxes when we can solve our educational problem without political annexation.

The opposition has conceded that there is an educational alternative for the Clinton portion by annexation to another school district. By the same token, this is true of the whole Sheridan Road School District! We must remain together!

Many residents of our area have already stated they will move away if this area joins the city. They should not be forced into this position and risk losing money when already residents of the city are attempting to escape the higher tax load which the city recently gave them.

----- THE PRICE OF ANNEXATION IS TOO HIGH! -----
DON'T BE FORCED INTO A SITUATION FROM WHICH THERE IS NO RETURN!!

Aroused Township Residents

(A committee of PARENTS dedicated to resolve our own problems, ----- WITHOUT BECOMING SLAVES OF CITY POLITICIANS -----
Our efforts have JUST begun! Ask not what the City can do for you, but rather what you can do to help yourself! ? ? ?)

First - - - Be Informed

Second - - - VOTE NO

— Consolidation Election October 7th —

VOTE YES

POLLS OPEN 7:00 a.m. TO 8:00 p.m.

“ RESPONSIBILITY IS THE KEY TO FREEDOM ”

Let's not depend on "George" educating our children
— Let's do the job ourselves.

VOTE YES

“ A HOUSE DIVIDED CANNOT STAND ”

A consolidated district with its own High School will
unite us all.

VOTE YES

“ EDUCATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR SURVIVAL ”

Consolidation will provide our children with a
complete education.

VOTE YES

“ REALITY — NOT PROMISES ”

Our children will not be educated by promises of
City politicians — Consolidation will guarantee a
complete education.

VOTE YES

“ RETAIN CONTROL OF YOUR SCHOOLS ”

We will keep control of our schools by consolidating.

VOTE YES

YES

YES

THINK, VOTE, AND HOPE

If you pay taxes, own your home, or are old enough to vote; then use these privileges on October 7. The decision made at this time will effect you, your children, and your grandchildren. If consolidation passes it will cause an excess of taxation for the next 28 years. It will cause you to be liable for debts of three other school districts which are already destitute. The proposed new 2 million dollar school which the consolidation intends to build will be built at the expense of the people of Sheridan Road (not 34 mills as has been stated) but at a whopping 85 mills on assessed valuation.

Michigan State University consultants under Dr. Parker and lay people from each district studied the school problems in each district, and what were their recommendations? - very simple - They stated that Sheridan Road should not consolidate. Why does our school board use this study for only certain parts they find useful for consolidation, and completely ignore other important facts and recommendations printed in the study? Why have a study at all if the recommendations are to be ignored? Why pay consultants? These people hide the basic reasons for consolidation with such reasons as pioneering spirit, civic pride, football field, and sympathetic feelings for the other school districts. These people were voted into office to be concerned for Sheridan Road, and not all the other school districts. They are trying to sell us a Cadillac when we're having a tough time buying gas for our Fords and Chevies.

We are a small community trying to get along, and get as much as we can for our money. Above all, we certainly want the very best education for our children! We hope you will find it your civic duty to get out and vote on October 7. If you need transportation to the polls on October 7 call IV 4-8686.

Election Oct. 7

VOTE NO ON CONSOLIDATION

DON'T VOTE FOR HIGHER TAXES
AND GET POORER SCHOOLS

WE HAVEN'T
GOT INDUSTRIAL
SUPPORT

M.S.U.
EXPERTS
SAY
NO!

LANSING
SCHOOL
SYSTEMS
ARE THE BEST!

Consolidation IS FOR THE BIRDS
NOT CHILDREN

VOTE

Oct. 76

CONSOLIDATION



**VOTE
NO**

1965



DEWITT'S BEST—John Overholt has been named valedictorian at DeWitt High School and Dolores Ballard has been named salutatorian. John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Overholt, has been president of the student council two years and was active in basketball, baseball and drama. Dolores, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Ballard, was vice president of her sophomore class and has been active as a cheerleader and majorette, and in the student council, basketball and band. John plans to attend Michigan State University and Dolores has been accepted at Central Michigan University.

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1964 Honor Students Selected at DeWitt



VINCENT REED



DOUGLAS WOODMAN

DeWitt— Vincent Reed, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Reed, DeWitt, has earned the valedictorian honors at DeWitt high school this year. His average for four years is 3.970.

Besides the honor of valedictorian, he is the senior class president and president of the Science club. He has had the lead in both junior and senior plays. Last summer he attended MSU as an honor student in the field of science and math.

Vincent has been accepted at MSU this fall and will be in the honors college in the field of biology.

Douglas Woodman, son Mr and Mrs Robert Woodman of Schavey road, DeWitt, is salutatorian at DeWitt high school. He earned a 3.468 average while at DeWitt.

His abilities as an athlete showed in his four years of football, basketball and baseball participation while earning this high academic record.

He will attend Central Michigan University next fall majoring in industrial arts.

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Commencement

DeWitt High School

May 25, 1965



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CLASS ROLL

*Allen Warren - President
William Tingay - Vice President
Clarice Korte - Secretary Richard Overholt - Treasurer*

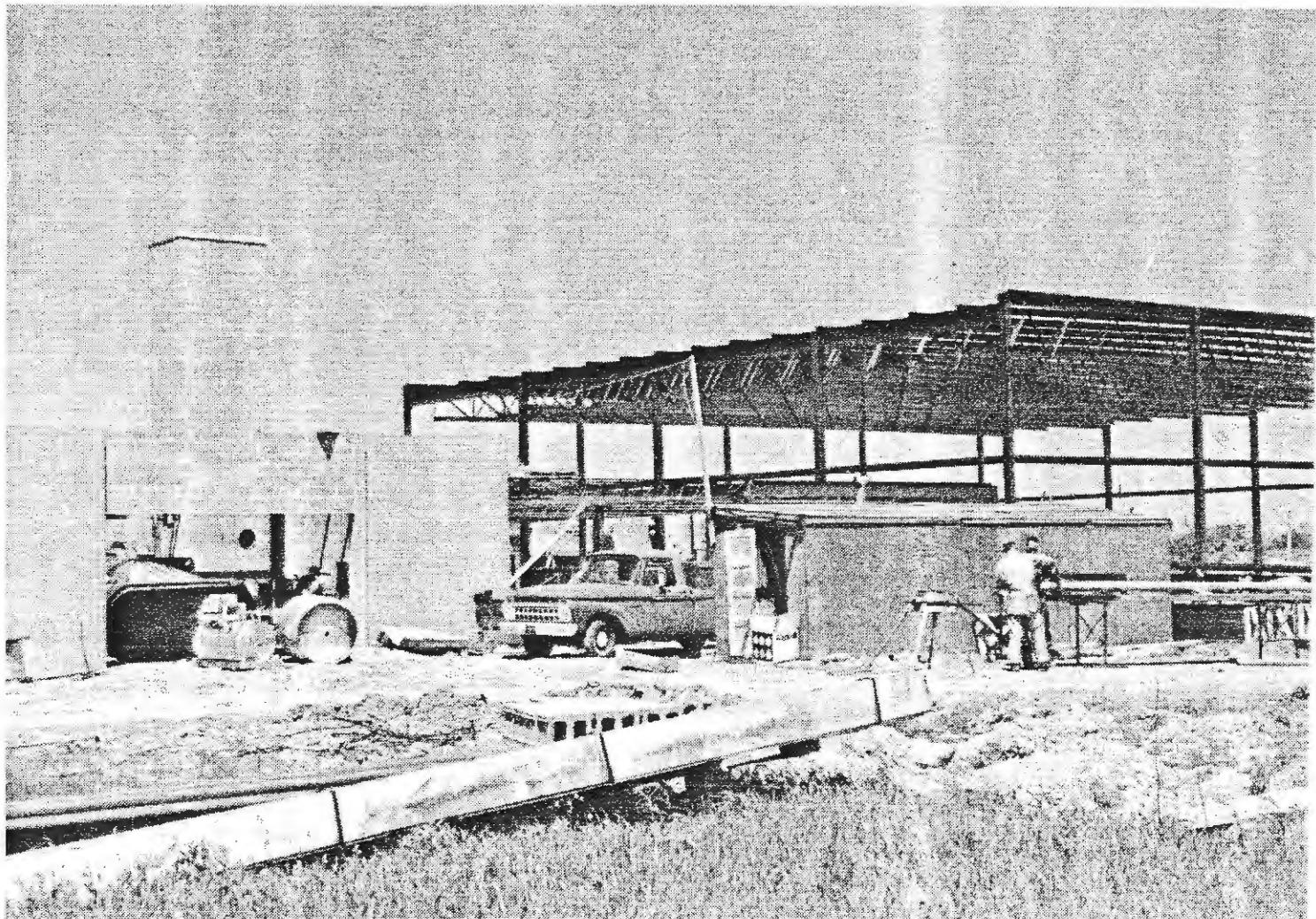
<i>Linda Austin</i>	<i>Paul Phillips</i>
<i>Gilbert Barrish</i>	<i>Nancy Potts</i>
<i>Charles Batdorf</i>	<i>Frederick Rach</i>
<i>Robert Bissell</i>	<i>Richard Reust</i>
<i>Cynthia Bouts</i>	<i>John Ruiz</i>
<i>Mary Jo Charland</i>	<i>Maria Ruiz</i>
<i>Sandra Clark</i>	<i>Debrah Rummell</i>
<i>Roger Coryell</i>	<i>Daniel Rumzek</i>
<i>Janice Dague</i>	<i>Linda Slater</i>
<i>James Dalman</i>	<i>Nancy Smith</i>
<i>Sharon Ellsworth</i>	<i>Jean Strait</i>
<i>Patricia Fuller</i>	<i>Larry Sult</i>
<i>Gail Greene</i>	<i>Jane Walter</i>
<i>Daniel Hill</i>	<i>Leonard Ward</i>
<i>Margaret Holland</i>	<i>Wendel Wardell</i>
<i>Patricia Horvath</i>	<i>William Wedel</i>
<i>Ellinor Hudson</i>	<i>Patrick Weston</i>
<i>Michele Keefer</i>	<i>Janis White</i>
<i>Lee Ann Little</i>	<i>Gaye Ann Wilcox</i>
<i>Patricia Logan</i>	<i>Jon Wilcox</i>
<i>Ronald Miller</i>	<i>Marilyn Wilcox</i>
<i>Cecilia Parks</i>	<i>Christine Zeeb</i>
<i>Larry Pasch</i>	

PROGRAM

<i>Prelude</i>	<i>DeWitt High School Band Robert Berube, Director</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>DeWitt High School Band</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Rev. Ernest Combellack</i>
<i>Girl's Glee Club</i>	<i>Loretta Sharp, Director Ruth Ann Smith, Accompanist "Blossom Time" by J. W. Lerman</i>
<i>Senior Girls from the Glee Club</i>	
	<i>"Now Is The Hour" by Ken Darby</i>
<i>Salutatorian</i>	<i>Richard Overholt</i>
<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Russell Strong, Editor of Information Services, Michigan State University</i>
<i>Duet</i>	<i>Gaye Ann Wilcox and Barbara Wilcox "Graduation Day" by William Stickles</i>
<i>Valedictory</i>	<i>Allen Warren</i>
<i>Honors</i>	<i>Dale Hines, Principal</i>
<i>Presentation of the Class</i>	<i>C. H. Fuerstenau, Superintendent</i>
<i>Presentation of Diplomas</i>	<i>Herbert Hardtke, President of Board of Education</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>Rev. Ernest Combellack</i>

Thursday, May 27, 1965

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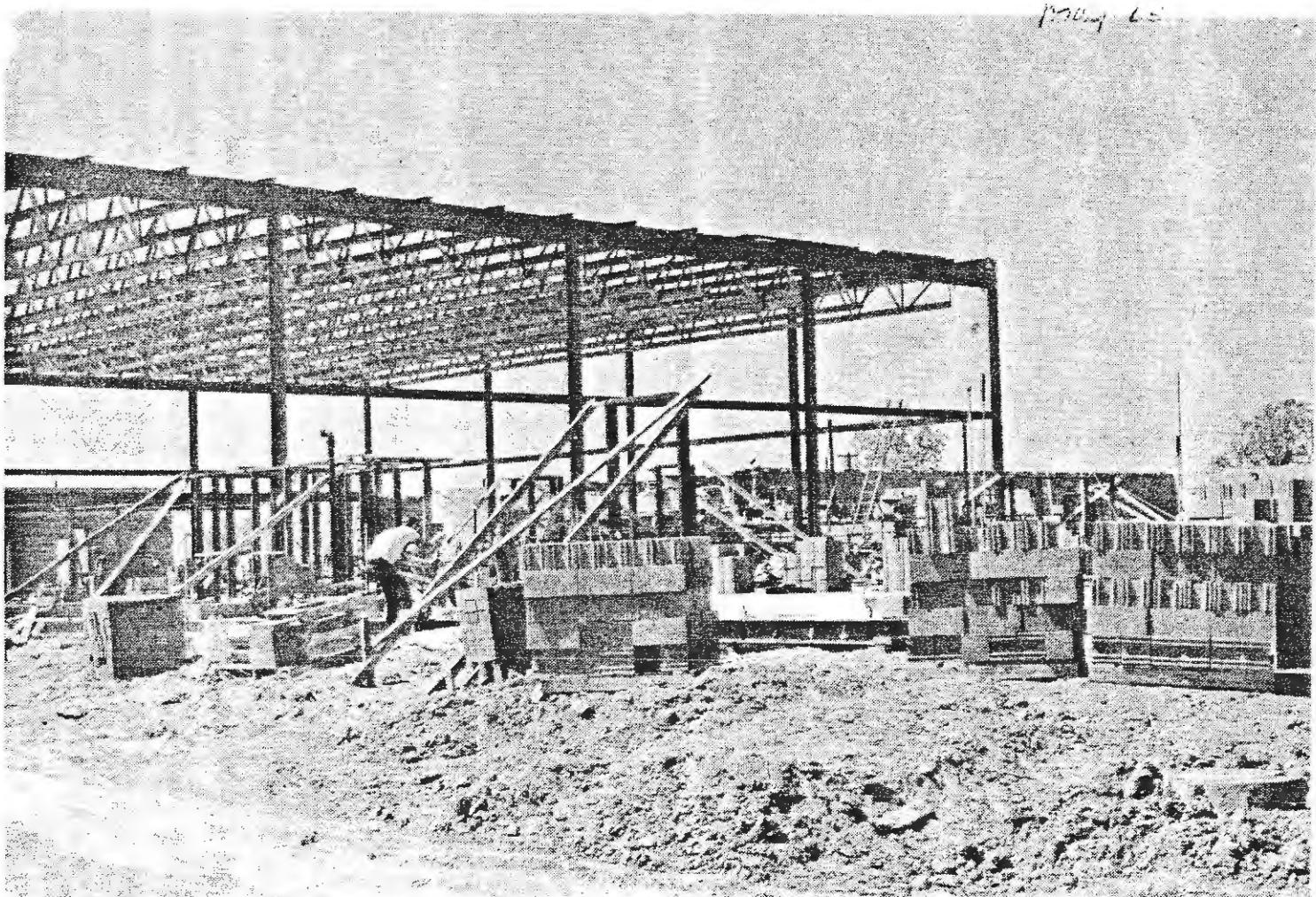


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Masonry, Steel Goes Up as New DeWitt High School Begins to Take Shape

Partially completed masonry work on the southwest corner of the new DeWitt High School is contrasted by the darker steel framework of the gymnasium portion of the structure. Masonry work all around the sprawling building is now to a point where it gives a good indication of the size of the new school. It's located on Herbison Road. (Additional picture on Page 1-B.)

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Steel framework for the new gymnasium rises above workers and the walls of the rest of the new DeWitt High School on Herbison Road. A lot of the brickwork is up on the west side of the new school.

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