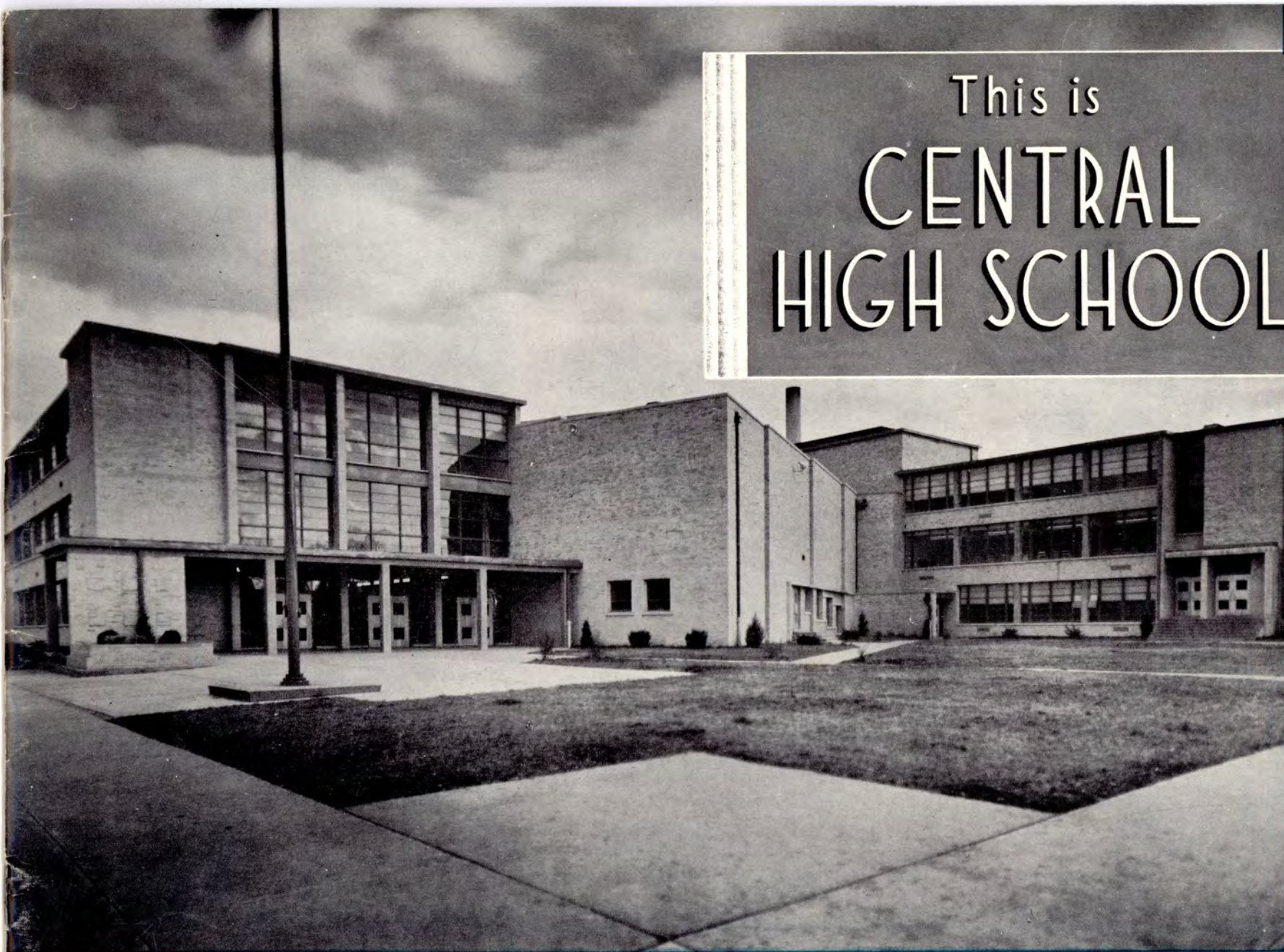




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This is  
**CENTRAL  
HIGH SCHOOL**



***Louisville's NEWEST High School***



**LOUISVILLE  
KENTUCKY**



## ... **F**oreword

The public schools have commanded the attention of people of other lands as no other American institution except our system of government. The public schools have made a major contribution to the preservation and development of our representative democracy by giving our people preparation for their duties as citizens.

The amazing growth of the public high school in America in the past half century has attracted more attention at home and abroad than any other part of our public school program. Some idea of this growth is gained from these facts. In 1900 the number of graduates of all public high schools was only 61,737. By 1938 the number has increased to 1,035,054 and has continued above 1,000,000 each year since.

Wise planning builds a school for the educational program to be offered. The program should grow out of the needs of the children and the community. Few schools have been planned with greater consideration for this principle than has our new Central High School. Surveys

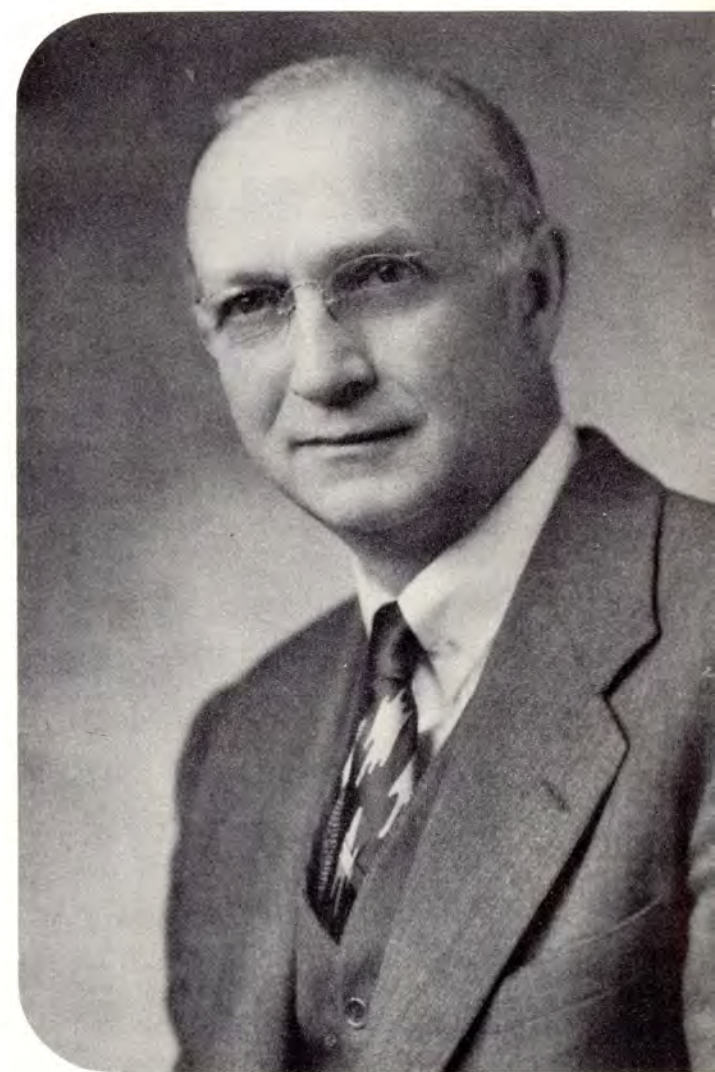
were made of the interests of students of both junior and senior high schools. Parent-teacher associations and other community groups offered their suggestions, based on individual and group judgments of pupil and community needs. The high school faculty studied and restudied many proposals. These proposals were further refined by the principal with the help of fellow students and faculty members in graduate classes. Finally, the administrative and supervisory staff of the school system, with the assistance of expert educational consultants, prepared a schedule of educational services to be housed in the new building.

From this point, the building represents the combined planning of the professional staff and the technical skill of educational consultants, architects, engineers and builders, with assistance from the principal and faculty members as specific problems required decision.

It is believed that the building offers to the young people whom it will serve unusual opportunity. It is dedicated to those who use it now and all who will follow them.

*Omer Carmichael*

Superintendent



Omer Carmichael  
Superintendent





## **Board of Education**

Seated, left to right, William C. Embry, Morton Walker, Walter H. Girdler, Jr., Yancey Altsheler, President, Raymond C. Stephenson.

Standing, left to right, Dr. C. A. Rubado, Omer Carmichael, William D. Chilton, W. F. Coslow, Samuel V. Noe, Monroe Melton.



# **P** *Principal* *and* **F** *Faculty*

First Row: Seated — left to right — Miss E. E. Fields, Mrs. M. B. Robinson, Mrs. M. G. Malone, Mrs. C. F. Horton, Mrs. M. H. London, Miss L. B. Whitehead, R. S. Lawery.

Second row: Seated — left to right — L. H. Harper, W. L. Kean, Mrs. M. B. Crawford, William Akin, A. L. Johnson, W. A. Tisdale, Jr., E. D. Whedbee, D. W. Barnett, Jr., Mrs. G. C. Young, Mrs. H. Y. Kuykendall.

Third Row: Seated — left to right — Mrs. R. W. Coxe, Mrs. H. R. Bolan, Mrs. G. H. Wilson, B. H. Bolan, Mrs. J. M. Rabb, Mrs. E. B. Belmear, Mrs. T. C. Tilford, A. I. Ramsey, E. H. Bolan, Miss G. J. Spain, F. L. Whitaker, Mrs. B. L. Douglas.



Atwood S. Wilson, Principal

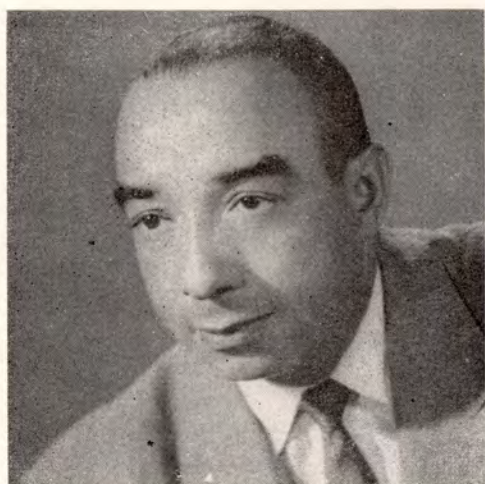
Fourth Row: Seated — left to right — H. S. Brown, Mrs. M. A. Broaddus, Mrs. D. E. Rhodes, Mrs. T. F. Lauderdale, Mrs. F. C. Washington, Miss M. A. Williams, Miss F. L. Matthews, Mrs. N. B. Crume, Mrs. L. L. Bates, L. T. Johnson, E. T. Woolridge, L. C. Curry, J. E. Hayes.

— Standing: left to right — Miss Alberta Wilson, Mrs. D. B. Richardson, Miss S. A. Jenkins, Mrs. M. W. Howland, Mrs. A. Y. Garvin, Mrs. J. J. Russell, V. K. Perry, J. D. White, K. Hamer, E. Q. Adams, J. A. Bishop.

Not on Picture: T. H. McNeil, Mrs. E. H. Thompson, Mrs. T. W. Wade, Alan White, Mrs. B. S. Laine, Mrs. F. F. Anderson, C. G. Forbes, Mrs. M. L. Sanders.



## SUPPLEMENT TO DEDICATION PROGRAM OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**



Robert S. Lawery  
Indiana University, A.B., M.A.,  
English  
Counselor for Boys



Gladys J. Spain  
Fisk University, A.B.  
University of Michigan, M.S., P.H.  
Health Counselor



Maude Brown Porter  
Howard University, A.B.  
Western Reserve University, M.A.  
Assistant Principal



Bettie Whitenhill Douglas  
Louisville Municipal College, A.B.  
Indiana University, A.M.  
English  
Counselor for Girls



Gertrude Holmes Wilson  
Whittenberg College, B.A.  
Ohio State University, A.B.  
Western Reserve University, B.S. In L.S.  
Librarian





Central High School  
in 1882

Central High School, known first as the Louisville Colored High School and secondly as the Central Colored High School, has had three locations: Sixth and Kentucky Streets, Ninth and Magazine Streets and Eighth and Chestnut Streets.

The Louisville Colored High School began in September, 1882, with J. M. Maxwell as principal of the several departments in the building and with C. W. Houser as the only teacher. Enrolled that first year were twenty-seven pupils — eight juniors and nineteen first-year students. In addition to Mr. Maxwell there have been six other principals: F. S. Delaney, Frank Williams, A. E. Meyzeek, D. L. Lawson, W. B. Matthews, and Atwood S. Wilson, the present administrator. In 1944, Mrs. Maude Brown Porter was appointed the first assistant principal in the history of the school.

The trend in curricular offerings, throughout the seventy years of the existence of the school, has been toward the more practical and useful. Today, Central, with an enrollment of 1400 students and a faculty of 57 members, best manifests itself in its offerings of courses that prepare boys and girls for a fuller life in their own environment. Trade courses available are beauty culture, dressmaking, practical nursing, home economics, tailoring, electricity, plumbing, cabinet making, automobile mechanics, blue-printing, and machine shop. In addition, students may take courses which lead to the professions.

In September, 1952, the school was moved to its present and fourth location, the new Central High School building at Twelfth and Chestnut Streets, where the facilities, complete and modern to the last detail, make it possible for Central High to maintain its "A" rating given by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

# History of Central

1882-1952



The New Central High School of 1952



# *a **M**odern Plant for a Modern Program*



Wholesome, balanced meals are served daily in the attractive Cafeteria.

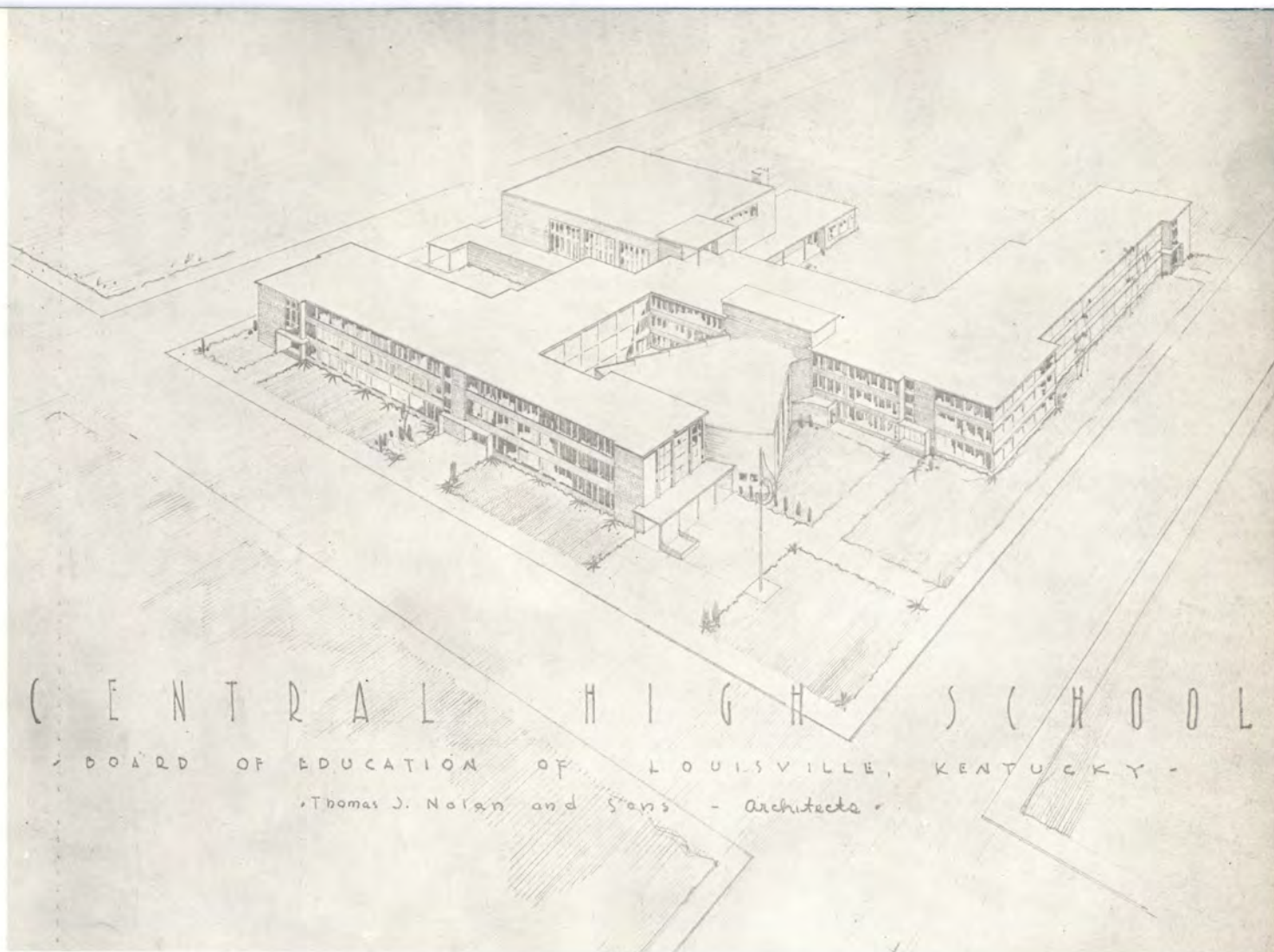


**T**he new Central High School is an outstanding example of modern simplicity and functional design.

The Auditorium seats 1,450 and includes special Stage Craft areas for the preparation and painting of scenery. The double Gymnasium can be made available to 3,647 school or community people. The L shaped Cafeteria and Kitchen are extremely modern and the Cafeteria can be used for luncheon meetings and conferences.

Central High School contains, in addition to all standard facilities, a Medical First-Aid Department, Practice Radio Station, various trade shops, and Science and Chemistry laboratories. There is a Domestic Science wing, complete with Demonstration Home, fully equipped, even to a fireplace. The Music Department has modern, sound-proof listening rooms.

The building was designed and constructed for use by the community as well as for a school. Various sections are especially arranged to accommodate community functions.

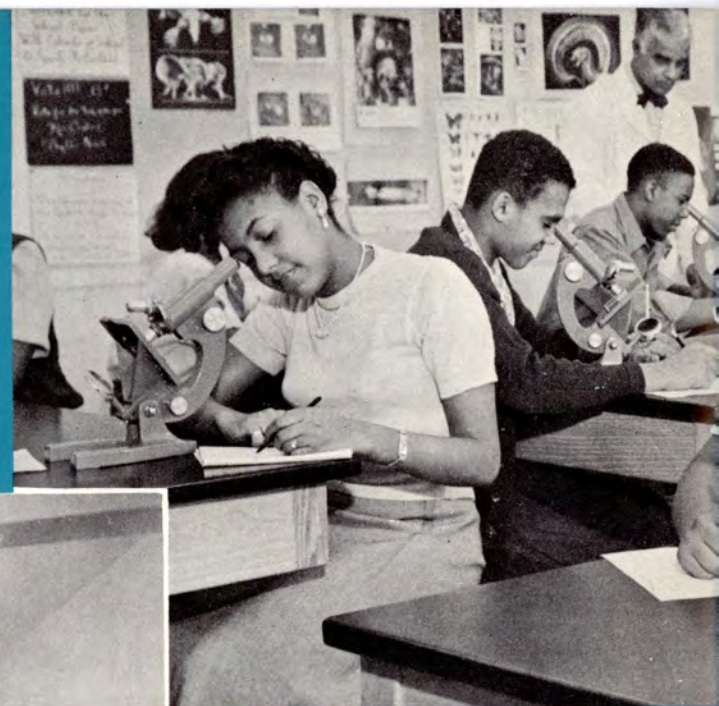


**Total cost to date of  
building and equipment,  
and site and improvement,  
is shown  
in the following table**

Site .....	\$ 312,431.80
General Contract .....	2,120,475.99
Heating, Ventilating, Plumbing and Electrical .....	1,025,202.35
Equipment .....	253,639.18
Architects and Engineers Fees .....	190,173.53
Miscellaneous .....	15,195.56
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,917,118.41</b>



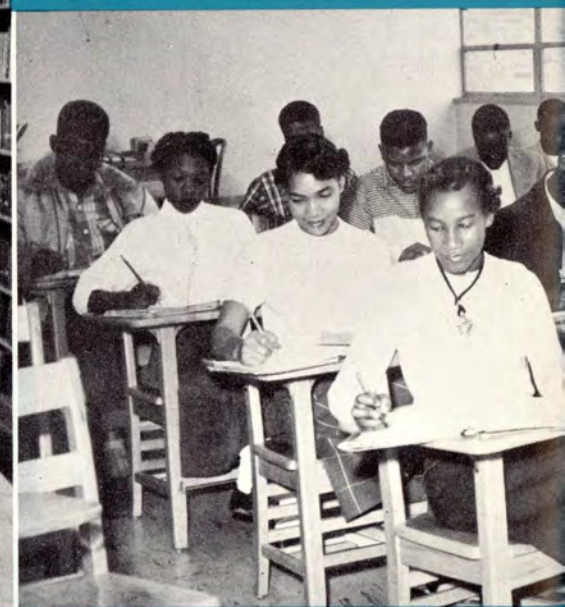
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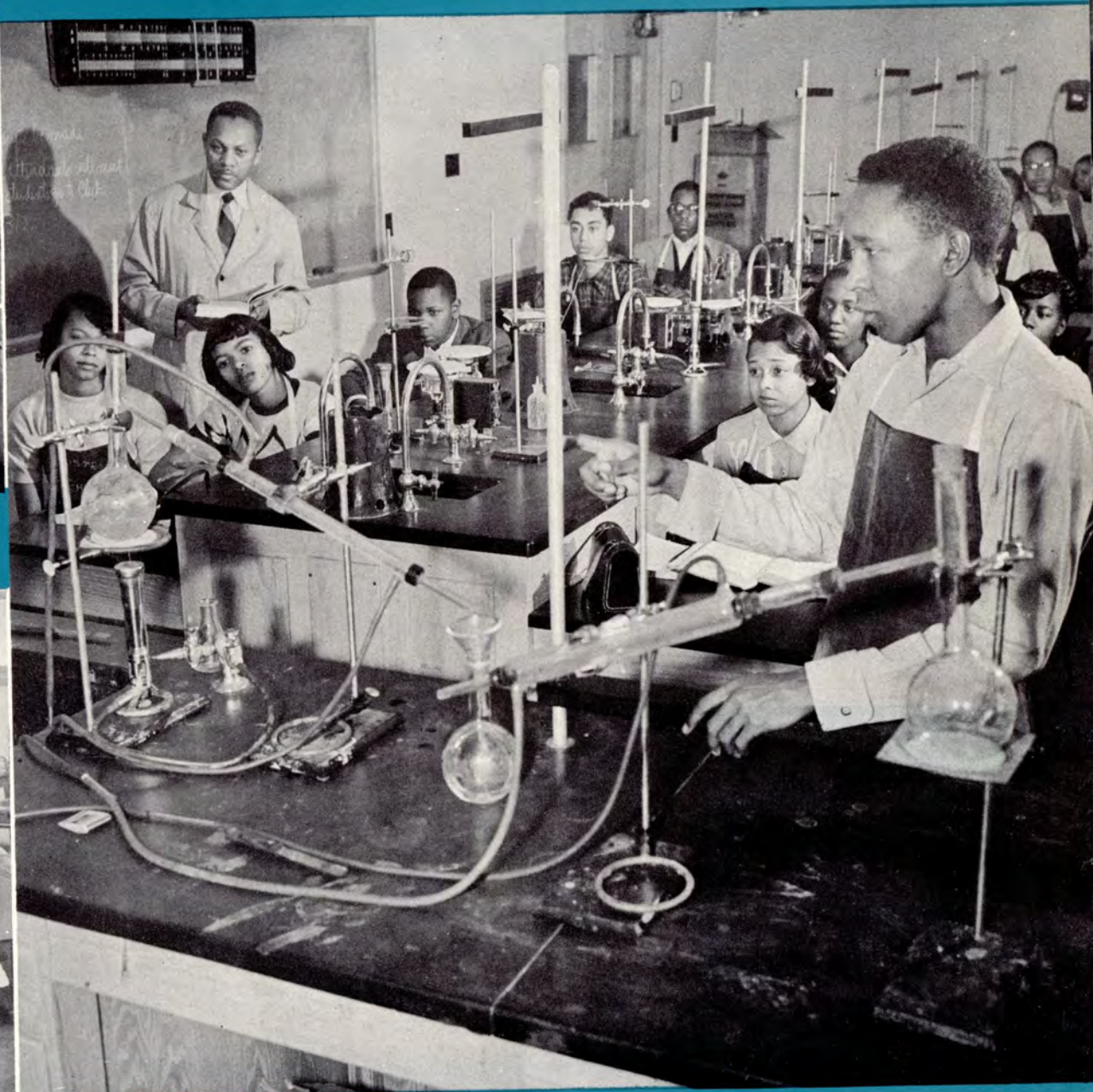
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scopic life is studied.



Chemistry for everyday living.



modern communications.





Practice in Cafeteria Management and Tea Room Service.

Acquiring skills in the art of sewing. ➡



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Commercial Students learn  
to use business machines.



Typists learn speed and  
accuracy.



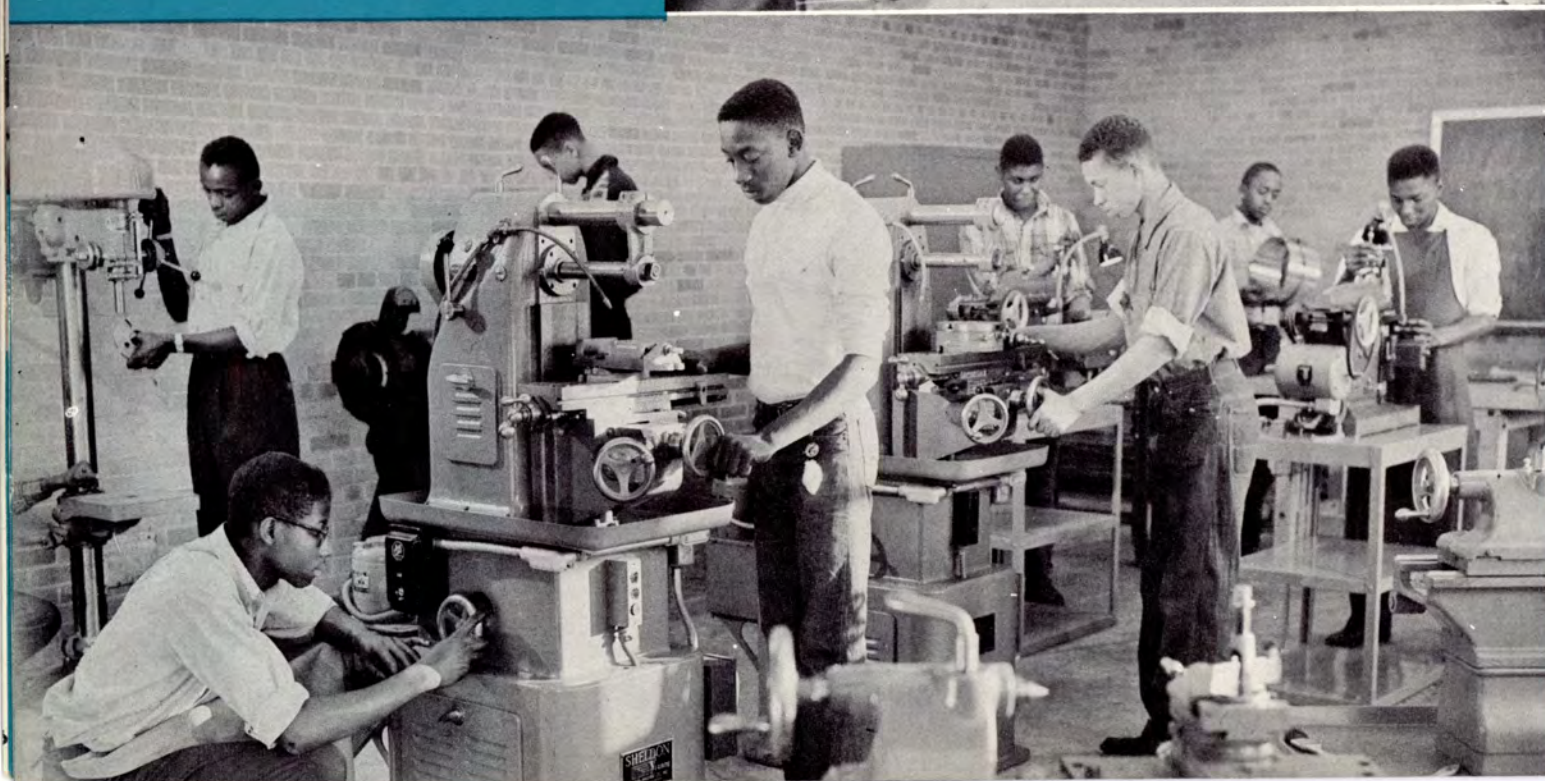


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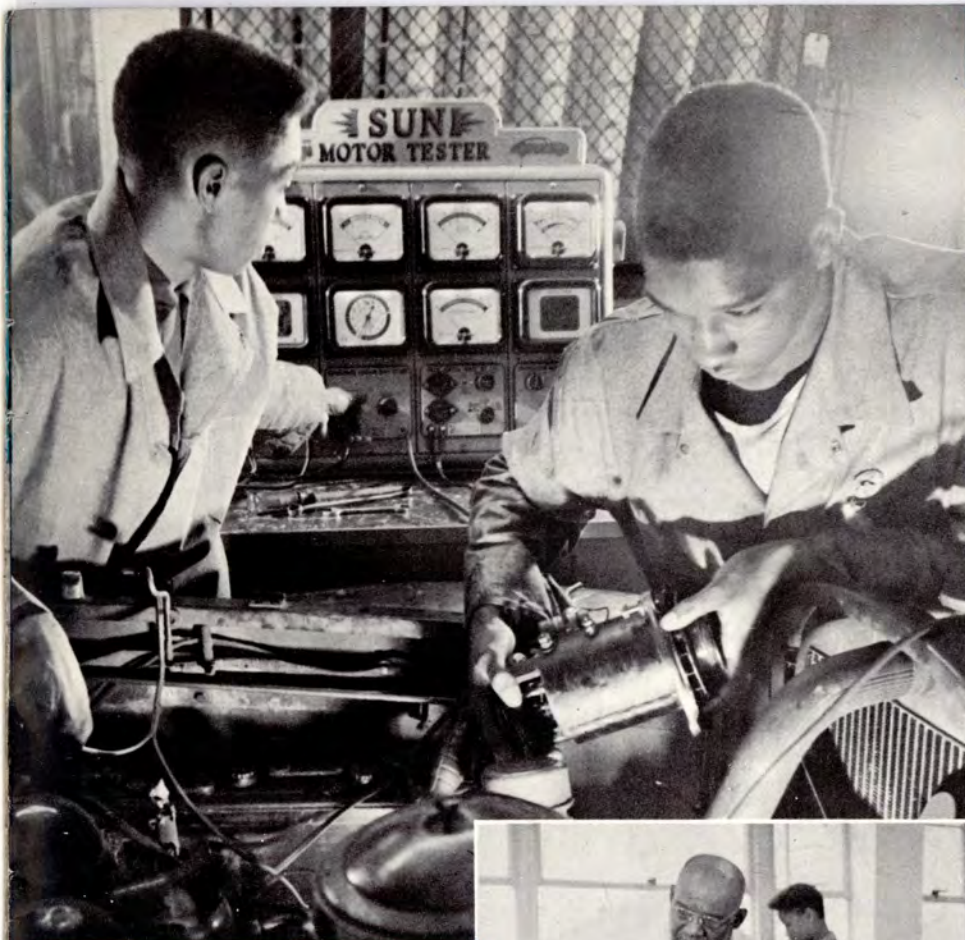
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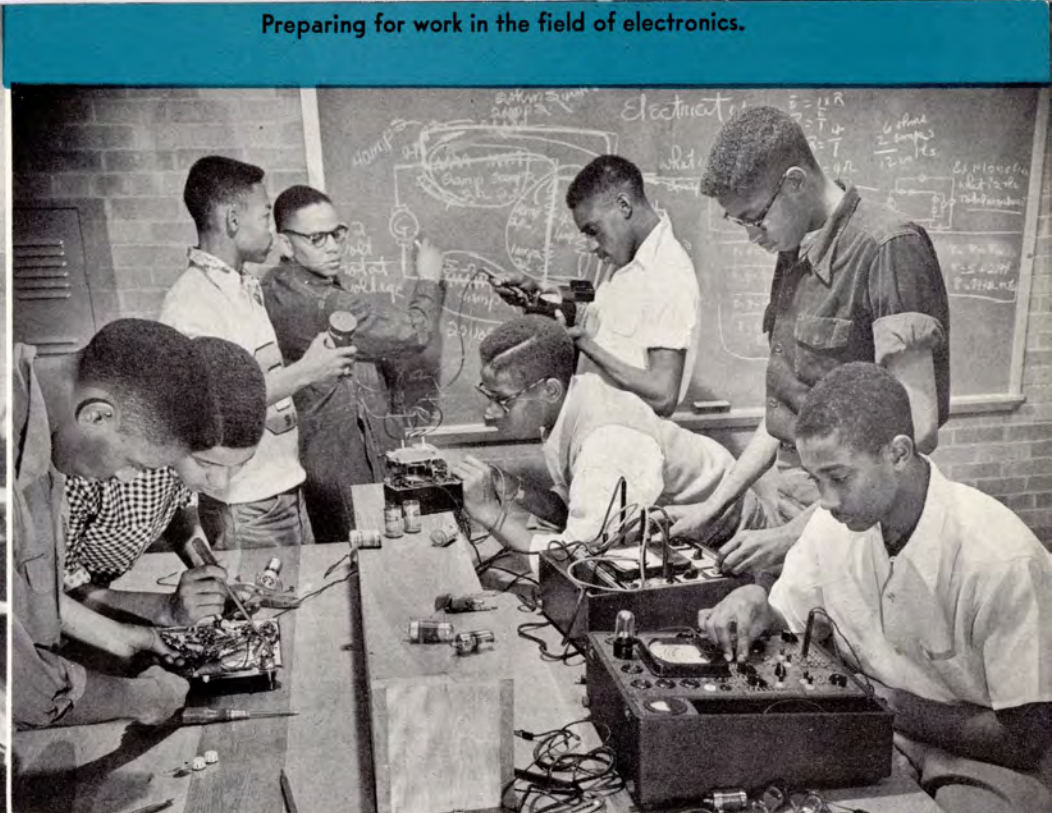
Future apprentices learn  
machine skills.



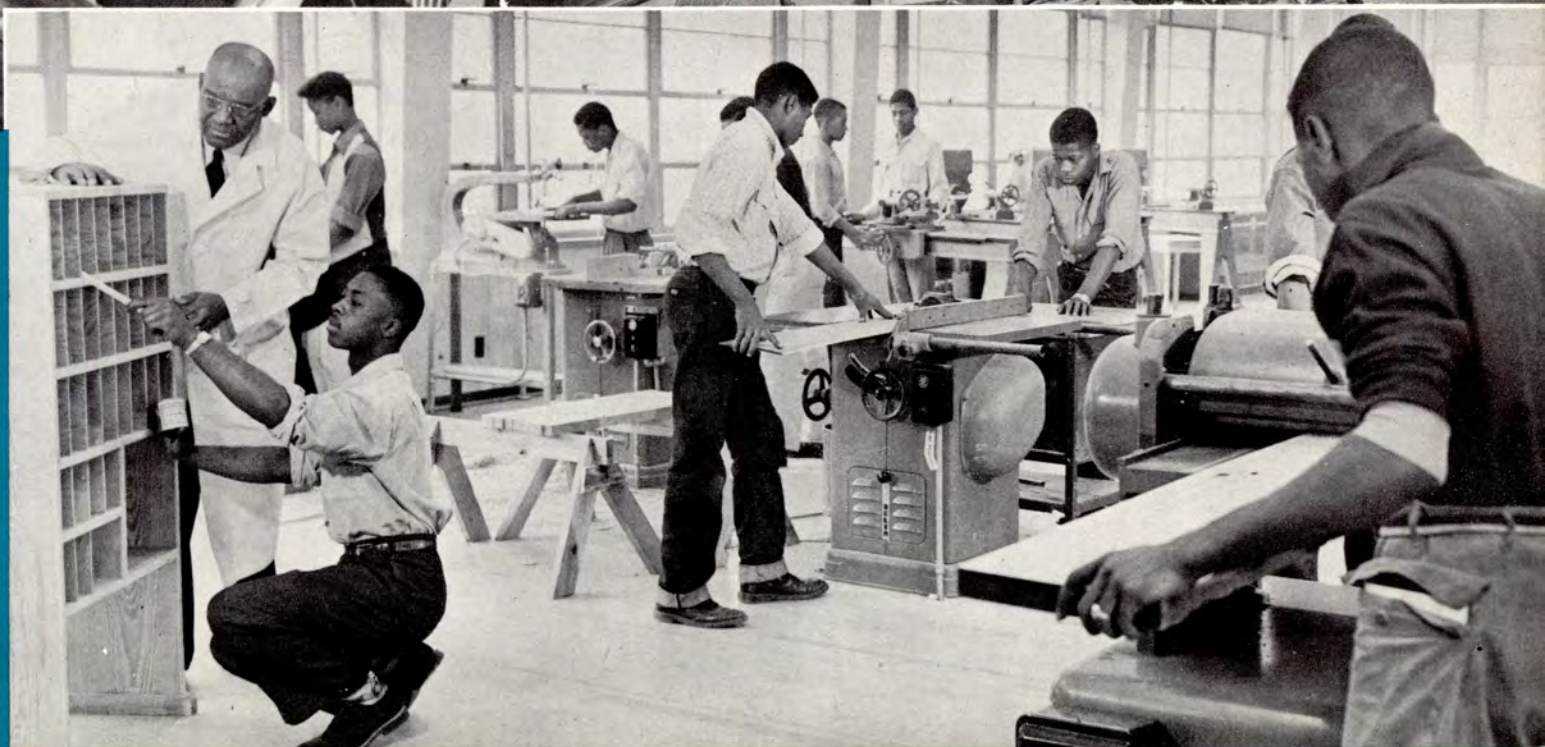
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Future auto mechanics.



Preparing for work in the field of electronics.

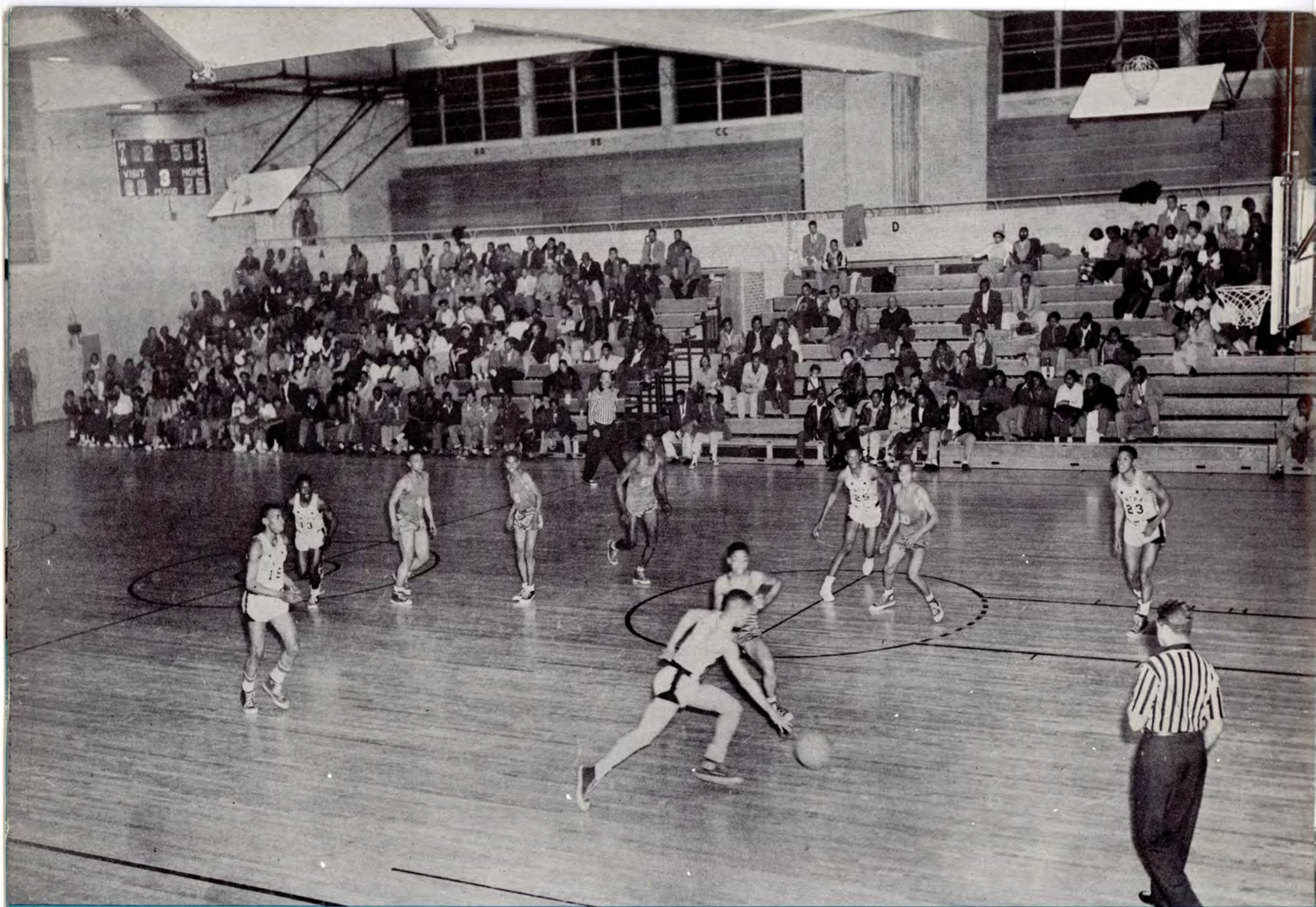


Experiences in the wood  
working shop prepare  
youth for wood working  
industries.





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National Basketball Champs work out in the new Gymnasium.



Central P. T. A. officials discussing dinner program.



Community's gift to the new school — a new organ.

# **C**ommunity **R**elations



Urban League officials confer with educators at vocational guidance institute.





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**P**rogram  
**of**  
**Dedication**  
**Central High School**  
**12th & Chestnut Sts.**  
**January 16,**  
**1953**

Mr. Yancey Altsheler, President of the Louisville Board of Education, Presiding

Invocation ..... Rev. D. E. King, Pastor  
Zion Baptist Church

Music ..... Central High School Chorus  
Mrs. Nannie Crume, Director

Presentation of Platform Guests ..... Mr. Omer Carmichael, Superintendent  
Louisville Public Schools

Music ..... Central High School Chorus

Dedicatory Address ..... Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President  
Atlanta University

Dedication of School and Charge to the Community,  
the School Staff, and the Pupils ..... Mr. Altsheler

Acceptances:

For the Community and Patrons ..... Mr. Henry Owens, President  
Central High School P.T.A.

For the Churches ..... Rev. D. J. Hughlett, President  
Jefferson County Sunday School Association

For the Alumni ..... Mr. Frank L. Stanley, President

For the Students ..... Mr. Eugene Tucker, President  
Central High School Student Council

For the School Staff ..... Mr. Atwood S. Wilson, Principal

Music ..... Central High School Chorus

Announcement of Tours and Reception ..... Mr. Altsheler

Benediction ..... Rev. E. L. Hickman, Pastor  
Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church