

Knights and Ladies, which Castle do you remember?



This one, as pictured in the
1948 Crusader?

Or this one, from the
1956 Crusader?



In the photo from 1948, Southeast looks much as it did when it opened for the first time in 1938. In 1954, a major building project was undertaken as described on the two pages below from the 1954 Crusader. The groundbreaking ceremony for the addition took place on Tuesday, November 10, 1953, although construction had already begun on October 29, 1953. The 1939 Crusader reports that the original building cost \$900,000. Fifteen years later, this 1954 addition cost \$811,128. The addition included 13 new classrooms (west of the library), a swimming pool, a balcony for the auditorium with additional seating for 382, and a gymnasium with seating for 1225 and a movable partition.

Southeast's Dreams Come True

An audience of parents, teachers, and students gathered on the northeast lawn of the campus to witness the long-awaited groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, November 10.

After the invocation by Dr. W. Ross Edwards, Mr. Ray O. Jolin, president of the Board of Education, delivered the address. Then he turned the traditional first shovel of dirt which is symbolic of the beginning of construction, although actual construction began on October 29.

The work is being done by the Winn-Senter Construction Company, the Plaza Electric Company, and the A. D. Jacobson Plumbing Company. The total cost of the construction will be \$811,128. The addition will include an

art room, a science laboratory, a drafting room, a large study hall, six rooms for English and social studies, two girls' rooms, storage space, lockers, dressing rooms, a swimming pool, and a balcony for the auditorium.

The addition will be built to conform to the present Southeast style of architecture. The classrooms, however, will be modern in style with a varied color scheme for the walls.

In the southeast wing, our new gymnasium will be built to meet the needs of our growing school and make it possible for sports events to be held here at Southeast. The outside area of the gymnasium will be 194 feet by 84½ feet which will include the actual playing area and room for 1225 spectators to sit. The several

With Long Awaited Addition

playing area will measure 84 feet by 45 feet. A movable partition will divide the gymnasium in half. Thus it will be possible to have two areas for physical education classes and one large area for sports events.

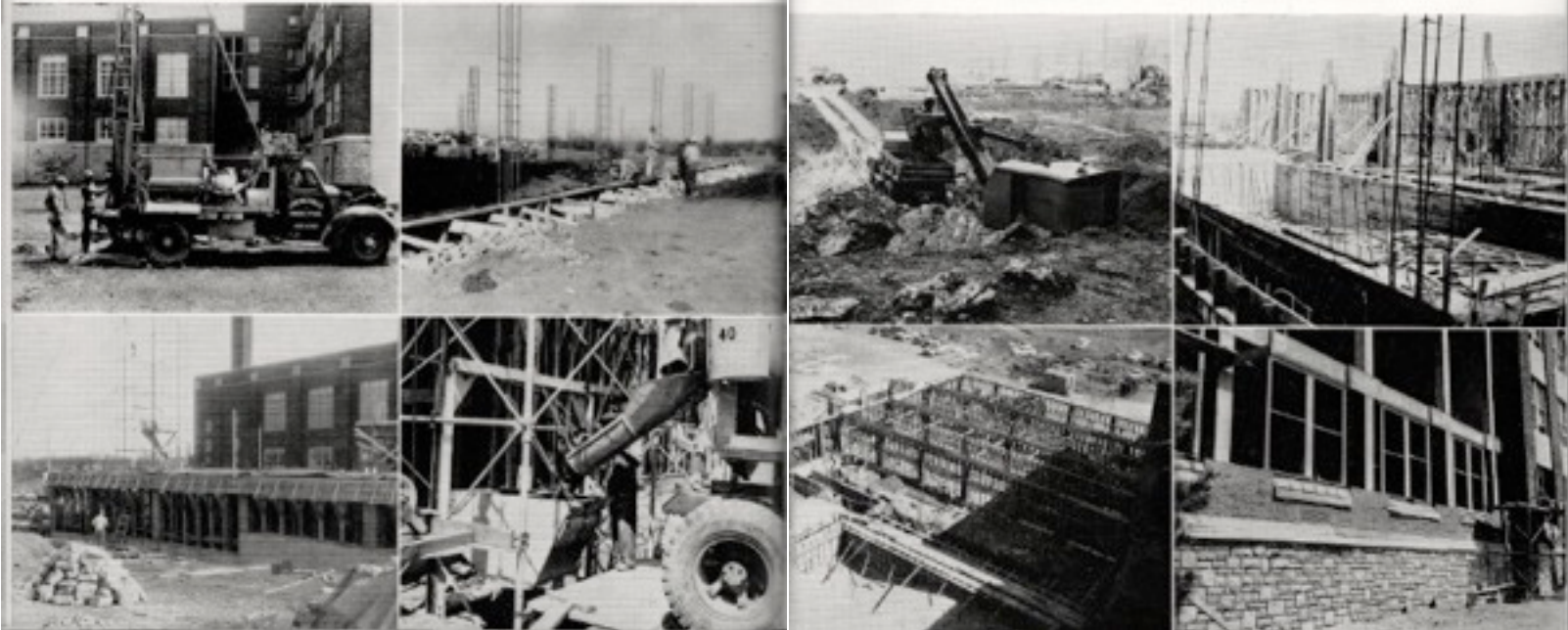
Underneath the gymnasium will be a boys' locker room, a drafting room, and the woodshop extension. The girls will use the boys' present dressing room and their own present one as well. Also, the southeast section of the ground floor will provide a new drafting room. The old drafting room will become a vocal music room. The wood shop will be enlarged to the north of the present room.

The inside area of the swimming pool will be 60 feet by 21 feet which is the standard size

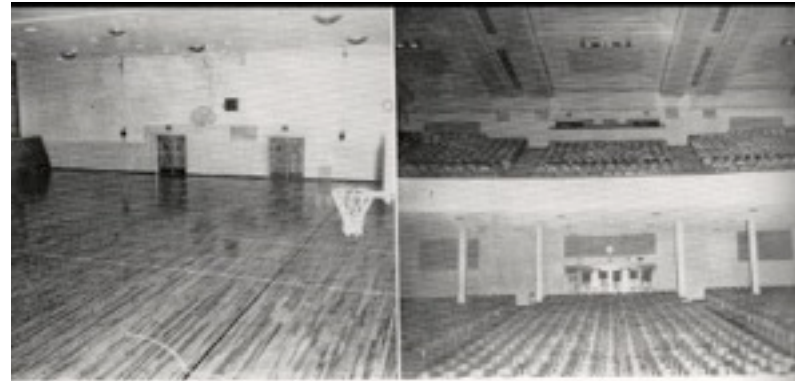
for the establishment of center recess. The pool will be surfaced with blue-green ceramic tile, and it will be equipped with a diving board. A girls' new locker room with shower facilities and electric hair dryer will be built for use with the pool.

There will be a balcony added in the auditorium which will seat approximately 300 people, thus making the total seating capacity of the auditorium 1582. Fire doors and an extra exit from the cafeteria will be built to conform with fire regulations.

We at Southeast are very grateful to everyone who has made this addition possible. We realize the tremendous effort and expense involved in it, and we will do our best to prove worthy of our fine building.



Finally, the 1955 Crusader included this page showing the beautiful new spaces.



New Gymnasium

New Balcony

Dreams In Reality

For many years, Southeast has had one dream—one desire above all—to expand. We have long needed an addition to our building to accommodate our rapidly growing enrollment. Construction of the addition began October 25, 1953.

Our dream became a reality with the completion of our thirteen new classrooms, equipped with modern educational aids; the new gymnasium, one hundred feet one inch by eighty-three feet one inch, has a seating capacity of 1,225; the new swimming pool, twenty-one feet by sixty feet, has a descending depth

ranging from three and one-half feet at the shallow end to nine feet at the deep end; and the new balcony in our auditorium has a seating capacity of three hundred eighty-two.

These improvements have made more efficient work possible both in the classrooms and the physical education department because of the added space.

The spirit of progress, exemplified in the new addition, has taken root deep in the hearts of every student and parent. Such will always be the story of Southeast.

New Rooms

New Swimming Pool

