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CITY OF Ottawa

STATE OF Illinois

DATE May 1, 1946

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ARCHITECTS' ROSTER AND/OR REGISTER OF ARCHITECTS QUALIFIED FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC WORKS

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1. (a) **FIRM** (individual or partnership) Louis H. Gerding, Architect, Strawn A. Gay, Associate

   (b) **FORMER FIRM,** if any none

2. **BUSINESS ADDRESS** 708 LaSalle Street, Ottawa, Illinois

3. **YEAR ESTABLISHED** 1930

4. **PERSONAL HISTORIES OF PRINCIPALS**

Name of Principal	Name of Principal
Louis H. Gerding	

Furnish data complete, but keep to essentials. Describe each member of firm individually; if more than two, append extra sheets.

(a) **Date of Birth** August 12, 1902

(b) **Education** Ottawa Public Schools - Ottawa High School - Chicago Technical College, Chicago, Illinois, night course - Armour Institute, night course - Private tutoring by Armour Institute Professors, Prof. Heald and Prof. Eusz

(c) **Experience Prior to Own Practice**
(Give architect or architectural firm affiliations, positions held, and approximate dates of employment.)
John Hanifen, Architect, Ottawa, Illinois 1921-1925, draftsman
Robt. C. Ostergren, Architect, Evanston and Chicago, Illinois

(d) **Commenced Practice** Received Illinois license Nov. 1928. Commenced Practise in Ottawa, Illinois in 1930.

(e) **Number of Years a Principal** 16 years

(f) **Architectural Licenses**
(Give State, Number and Year Issued.)

Architectural License, State of Illinois 2203 - 1945
State of Illinos Registered Professional Engineer 70 - 1945

(g) **Professional Societies and Offices Held**

Illinois Society of Architects - Chicago Chapter
American Institute of Architects

(h) **Service in World Wars I and II.** (Append data if desired.)

None in World War 1 & 2. Enlisted & Officer 11 years, 1923-1934
Illinois National Guard

(i) **Civic Activities**

Many

5. **CONSULTANTS USUALLY EMPLOYED:**
(If a member of your staff, so state)

(a) **STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS** Smith & Brown, 309 N. Michigan Blvd., Chicago, Ill

Name of Firm or Individual J. Kenny Johnson
Business Address 1 No. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois

(b) **HEATING & VENTILATING ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Beling Engineering Company
Business Address 1407 Seventh Avenue, Moline, Illinois

(c) **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Beling Engineering Company
Business Address 1407 Seventh Avenue, Moline, Illinois

(d) **PLUMBING OR SANITARY ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Beling Engineering Company
Business Address 1407 Seventh Avenue, Moline, Illinois

(e) **LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**

Name of Firm or Individual Austin Engineering Company
Business Address Peoria, Illinois

6. **OTHER REMARKS RE QUALIFICATIONS:** Practice covers practically all fields.
(Append extra sheet if necessary) Predominant work - Schools, Public Buildings.

7. **SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:**

	Largest Single Job	All Jobs Valuation	Annual Average
Work Completed 1930–1940	350,000.00	2,000,000.00	400,000.00
Work Completed 1941–1946	2,500.00	5,000,000.00	1000,000.00
Current Work under construction or working drawings authorized	2,500.00	4,000,000.00	

8. **REPRESENTATIVE WORK FOR WHICH YOU WERE ARCHITECT OR WERE ASSOCIATED WITH OTHERS:**

(a) **Three Projects Not Exceeding Cost of $300,000:**

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
F. P. H. A. trailer and housing projects in this area			

(b) **Three Projects Costing From $300,000 to $1,000,000:**

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
F. P. H. A. housing projects in this area.			

(c) **Three Projects Costing Over $1,000,000:**

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
F. P. H. A. Housing projects in this area.			

9. PHOTOGRAPHS/PHOTOSTATS:

The author submits herewith photographs or photostats (size 8" x 10") of several buildings for which he has been the Architect, as follows: (N.C.A.R.B. presentation acceptable.)

Jefferson School, Ottawa, Illinois
Jackson School, LaSalle, Illinois
Seneca Project
~~Others-2~~

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10. COLLABORATION WITH JUNIOR ARCHITECTS:

(**a**) If an established individual or firm, are you willing to collaborate with other firms or individuals which would permit junior architects to qualify and help further their professional careers?

Yes

(**b**) If in private practice at this time, name associates (if additional architects are to be added to your organization) for the purpose of qualifying:

None

(**c**) If **not** in private practice at this time, name established architect or firm with whom you have agreed to collaborate, for the purpose of qualifying:

Does not apply

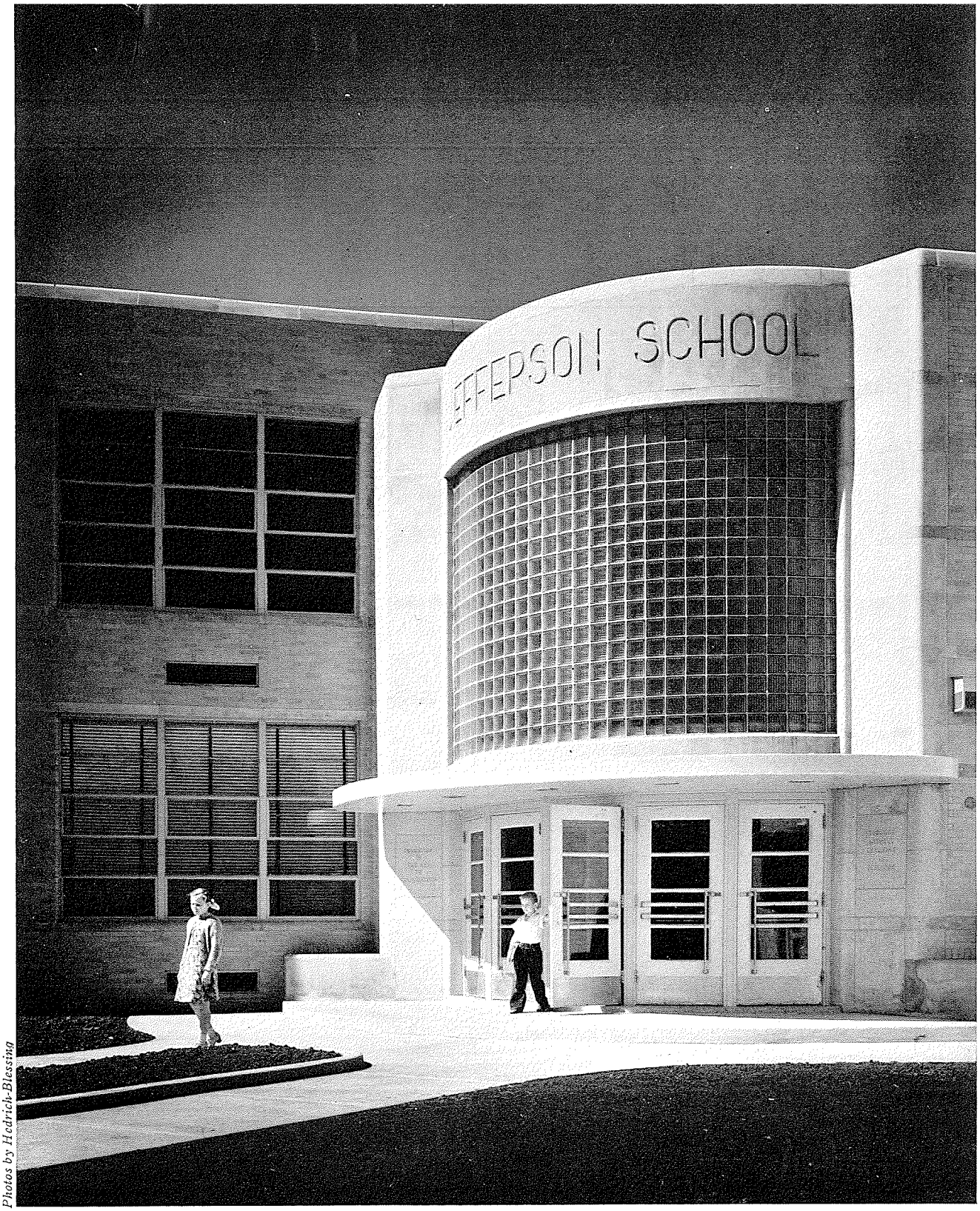
11.(**a**) I/We wish to be ☒ / do not wish to be ☐ included in the **Architects' Roster**

(**b**) I/We would like to be ☒ / do not wish to be ☐ considered for the **Register of Architects Qualified for Federal Public Works**

I/We hereby certify that the above is a true statement of facts.

Name of Firm or Individual Louis D Bruning

Signed by all Principals: Strawn W Jay



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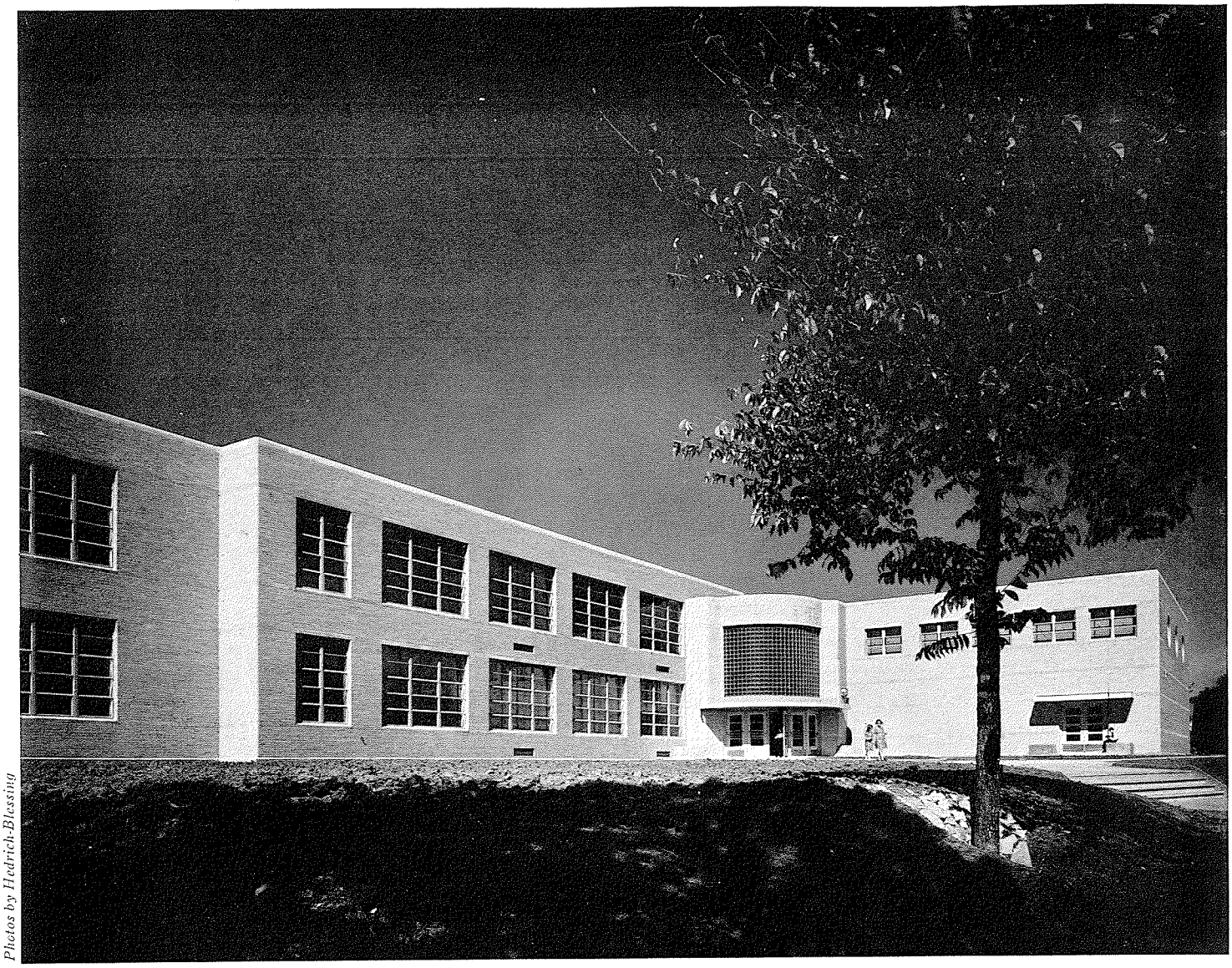
LOW UNIT COST ACHIEVED IN MODERN SCHOOL STRUCTURE

LOUIS H. GERDING, Architect

THE NEW JEFFERSON SCHOOL at Ottawa, Ill., is a building which was economically constructed without sacrifice of either structural soundness or first-rate equipment. In fact, for a school plant in a small city with limited funds at its disposal, the design and equipment are unusually advanced. Approximate total cost was [redacted]. 200,000



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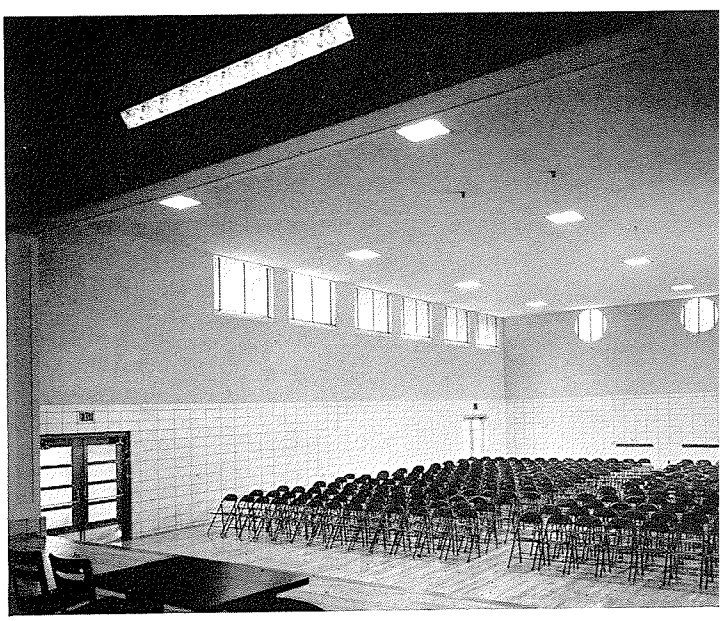
The curved entrance unit at the corner dominates the design. The panel of P-C glass block lights the main stairway landing.

CONSTRUCTION is as efficient as it is simple. The first and second floors and the roof are of steel pan joists, continuous between spandrel beams in the outside walls and over two interior walls. These joists are 6 by 10½ in. on 36-in. centers. The three clear spans are 21 ft. 2 in., 12 ft. 2 in., and 21 ft. 2 in. Over the 12 ft. 4-in. window openings, the lintel beams are 20 in. deep and rest on 3 ft. 6-in. brick piers.

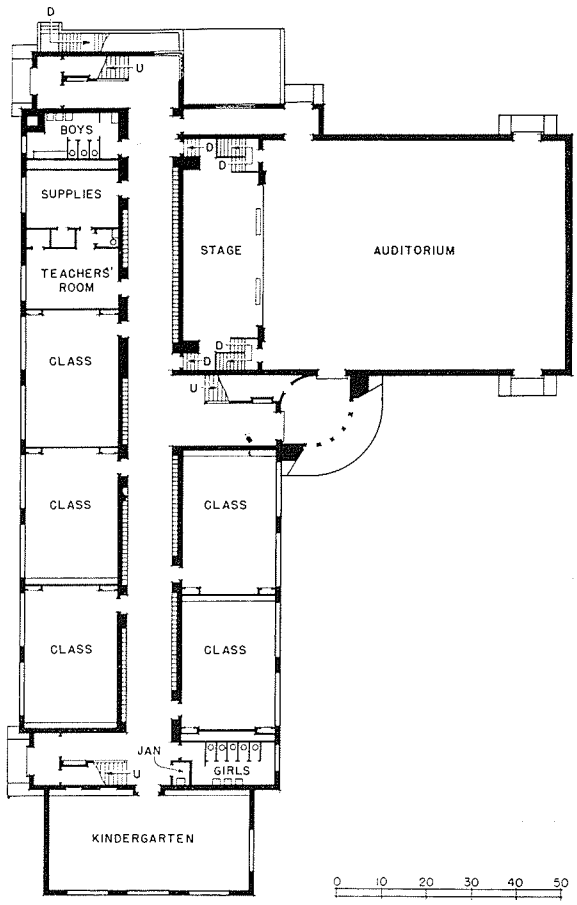
At the corners, the parapets are confined longitudinally by reinforced concrete bolsters 8 in. square and 10 in. high. Every 25 ft. the parapets have compressive joints formed by using compressible waterproof pads in place of mortar between the bricks.

The lighting system consists of fully recessed down-lighting units, equipped with Holophane lens for distribution without glare or shadow. In all classrooms, the outer lights are controlled by photoelectric cells, with separate control for each exposure of the building.

Each classroom has a complete winter air-conditioning system, governing temperature, humidity, and air movement. This consists of pneumatic temperature-controlled concealed convectors and automatically controlled unit ventilators.



A wainscot of National Fireproofing 8 by 16-in. tile rims the au



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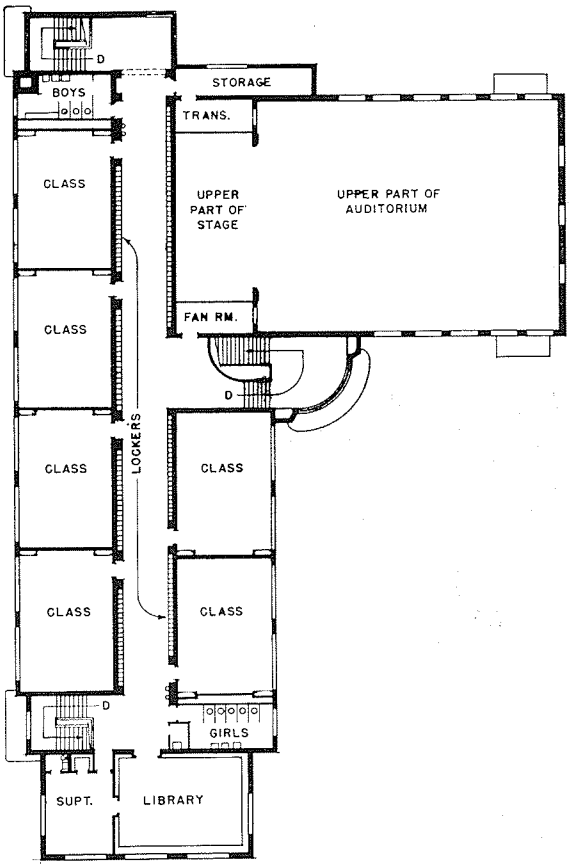

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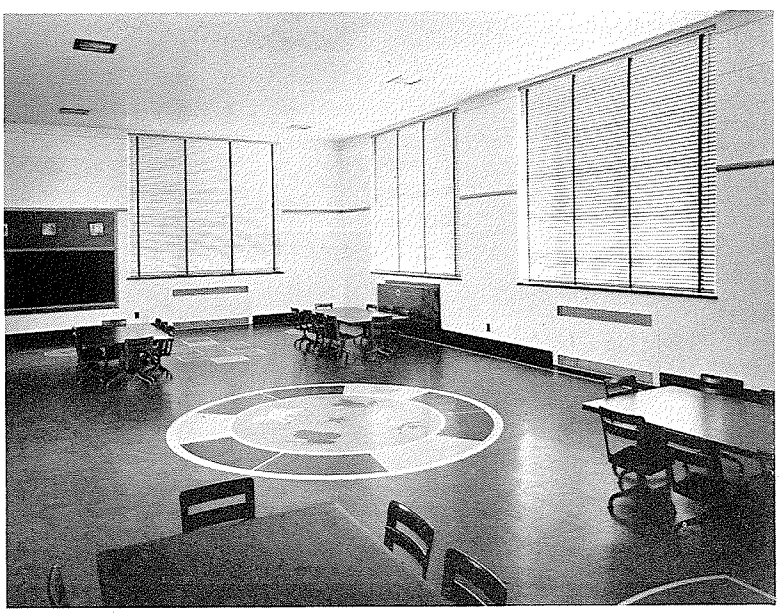
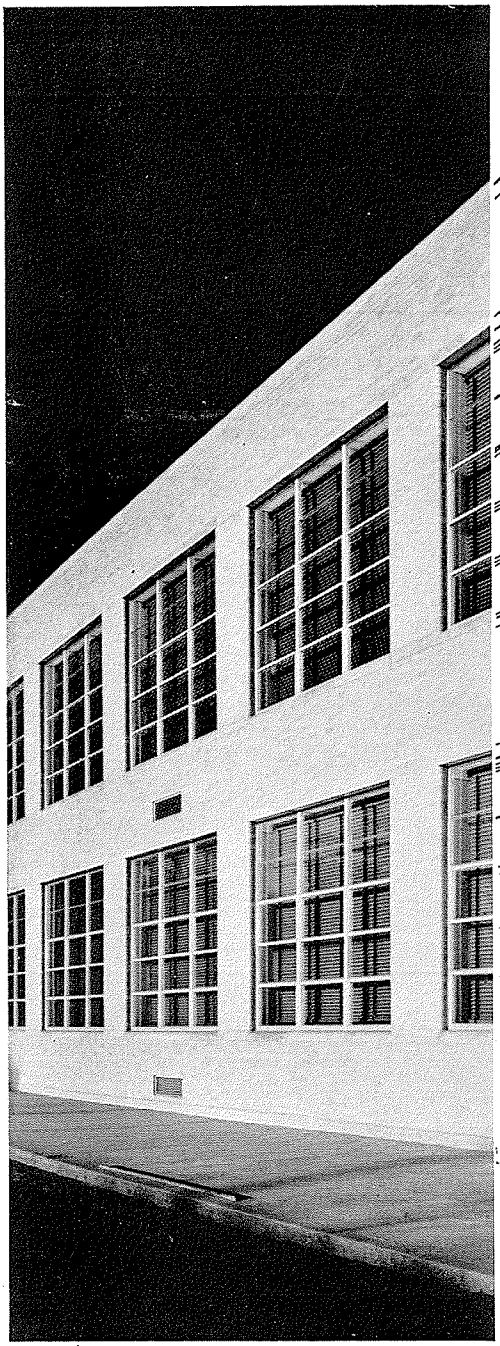
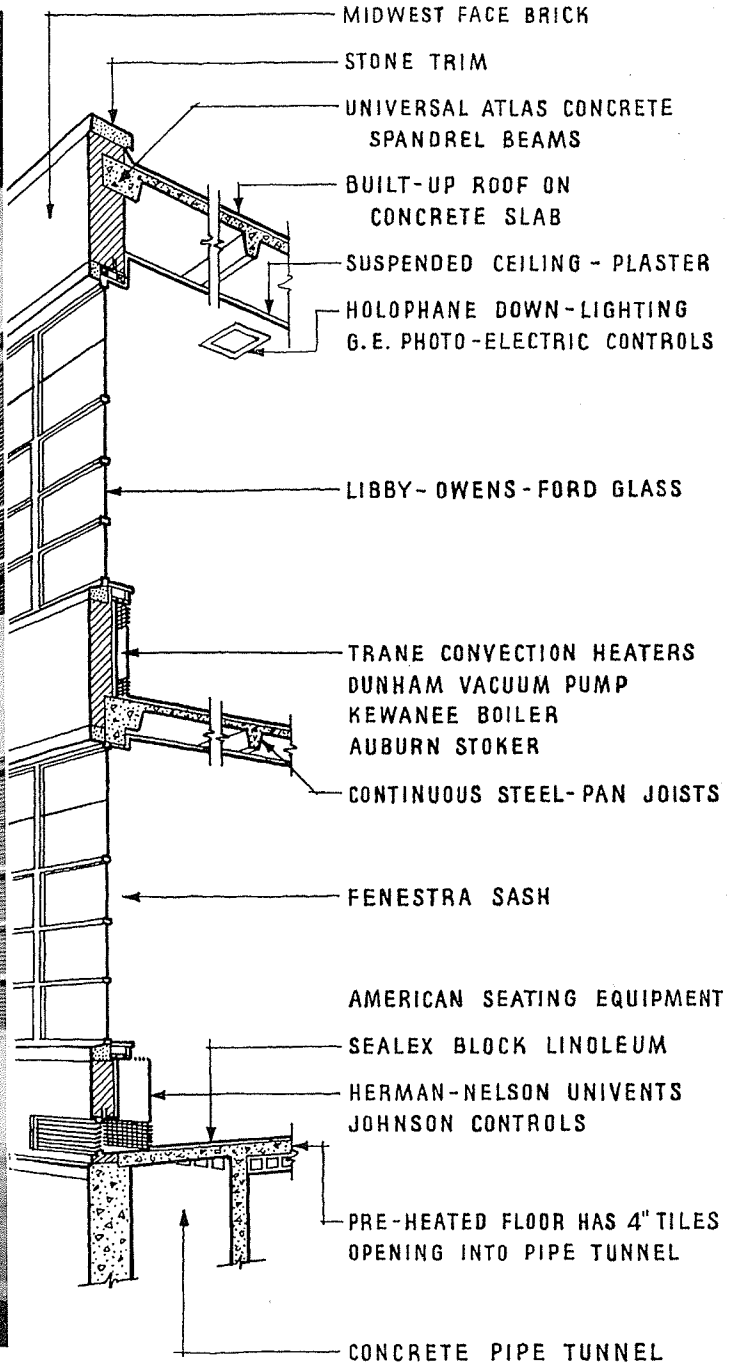
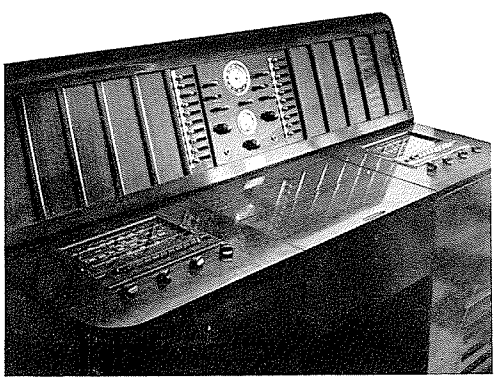


he corridors have built-in Medart lockers and Sealex linoleum floors. The kindergarten is flexibly equipped to handle its diversified uses.







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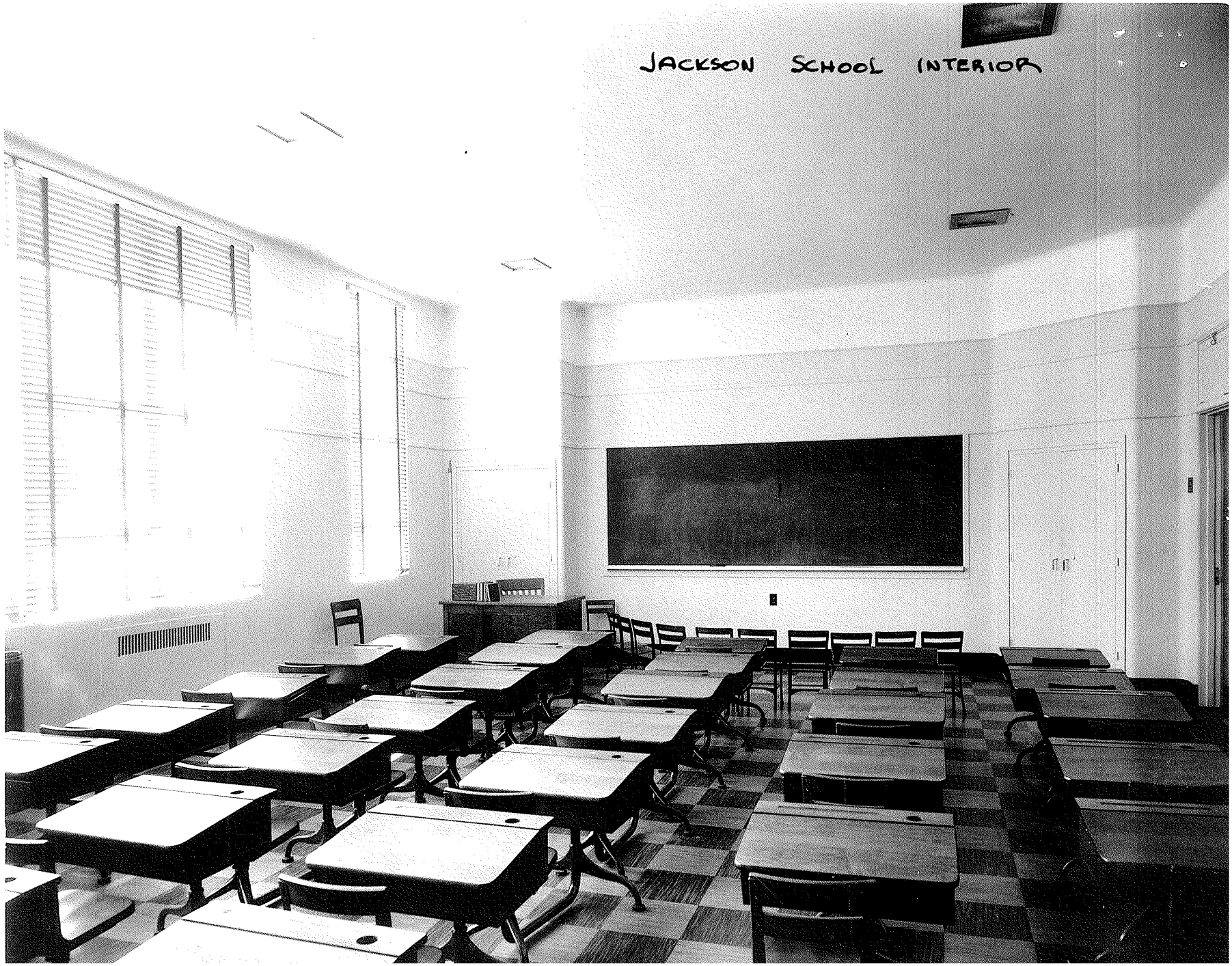
An RCA public-address system runs throughout the building. The photograph at left shows the main control board, located in the principal's office. Each of the main rooms has a microphone and speaker. The principal can talk to any room or group of rooms. Any teacher can communicate directly with the principal or with other rooms. A radio or recorded program may be funneled wherever desired, and it is also possible for a teacher to keep track of what is going on in her room although she may be in a room at the other end of the building.

JACKSON SCHOOL INTERIOR



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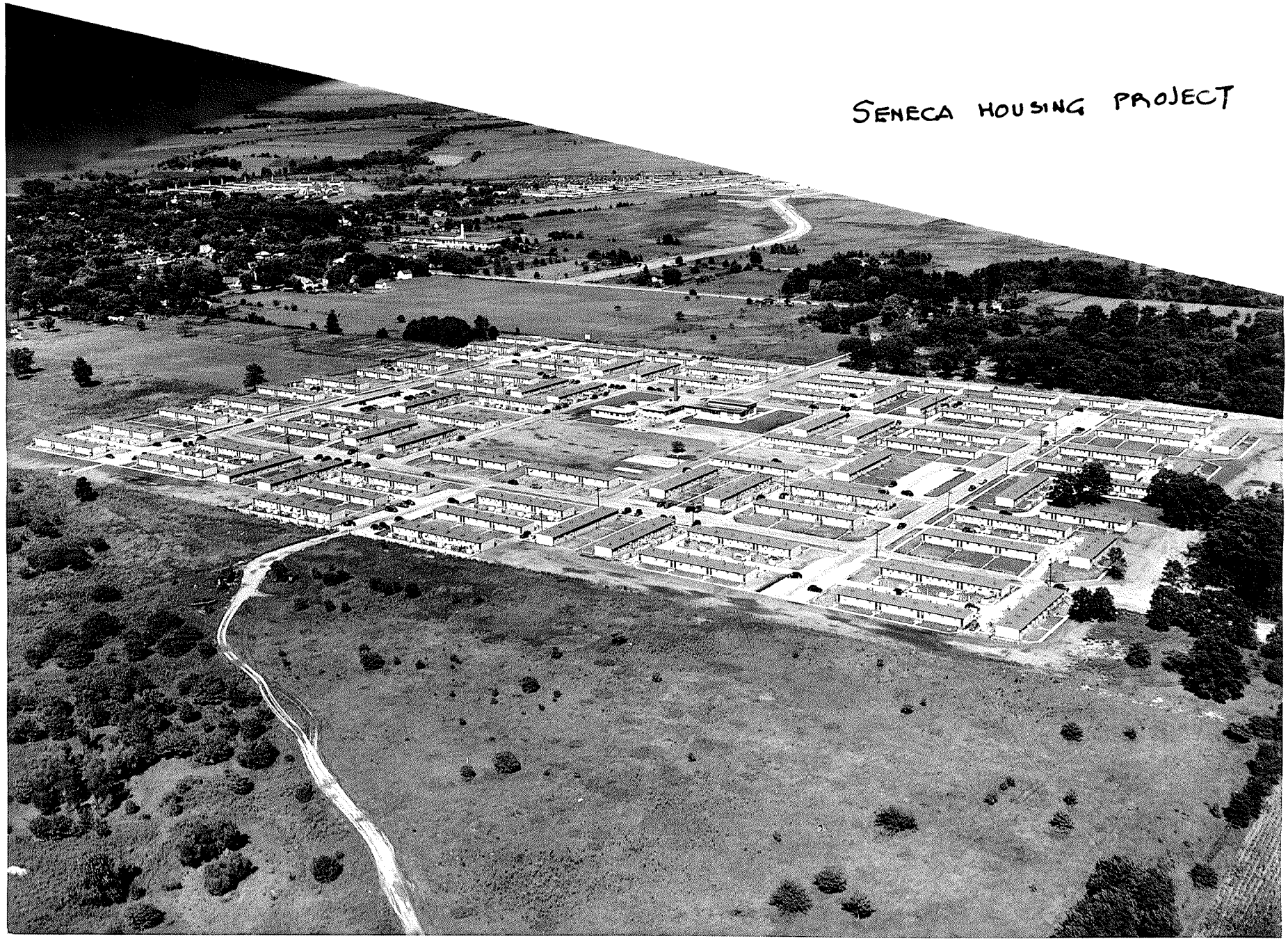

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