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*Detroit Chap.*

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

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- 1. (a) FIRM (individual or (Partnership) partnership) G. M. Merritt & Lyle S. Cole (1930 - Present)
- (b) FORMER FIRM, if any Spier & Merritt (1928 - 1930)
- 2. BUSINESS ADDRESS 7376 Grand River Avenue, Detroit 4, Michigan
- 3. YEAR ESTABLISHED 1930

4. PERSONAL HISTORIES OF PRINCIPALS	Name of Principal	Name of Principal
	<u>G. M. Merritt</u>	<u>Lyle S. Cole</u>

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

- (a) Date of Birth September 2, 1903 February 28, 1896
- (b) Education Westmount High School Mt. Pleasant High School  
Montreal, Quebec, 1916 - 1920 Mt. Pleasant, Mich., 1912-16  
McGill University Mich. State College of Education  
Montreal Quebec, 1920-25 Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 1917 and 1920  
Degree-B. Sc. Civil Eng. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
1920-24, Degree-B. Sc. Architecture
- (c) Experience Prior to Own Practice  
(Give architect or architectural firm affiliations, positions held, and approximate dates of employment.)  
Lawson & Little, Archts, Montreal Abraham & Wood, Archts, Detroit  
Owners Supt. School Construc, 1925 1924-25-Draftsman  
Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada Alvin E. Harley, Archt, Detroit  
Montreal, Quebec-Owners supt. 1925-26-Draftsman  
Factory Const. at Leamington, D. Allen Wright, Archt, Detroit  
Ontario, 1925-26 1926-28-Draftsman  
Miller Storm Company, Detroit Alvin E. Harley, Archt, Detroit  
Draftsman, 1926 1928-29-Draftsman-Asst. Supt.  
F. H. Spier, Archt, Detroit of Construction  
Draftsman, 1926-28 Spier & Merritt, Archts, Detroit  
1930 - draftsman
- (d) Commenced Practice 1928 1930
- (e) Number of Years a Principal 18 16

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(f) **Architectural Licenses**

(Give State, Number and Year Issued.)

Michigan #2061 - 1930  
Ohio 874 - 1933  
Also Professional Engineer  
Michigan #4557 - 1943  
Michigan #1821 - 1928

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

Detroit Chapter  
Amer. Inst. of Archts  
Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.  
Michigan Society of Architects  
Detroit Division, Treasurer-  
1940-42, secretary-1942-43

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

Civilian Service  
Atomic Bomb Project 1943-44  
World War I- 2 years, 18 mos.  
Overseas with I-Co., 125th Inf.,  
32nd Division. Wounded July 29,  
1918 near Clergies, France  
World War II- Aircraft Engineer-  
ing on B-29 Superfortress 1943-44

(i) **Civic Activities**

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**5. CONSULTANTS USUALLY EMPLOYED:**

(If a member of your staff, so state)

(a) **STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Merrill M. Bush  
Business Address 13327 Terry Avenue, Detroit 27, Michigan

(b) **HEATING & VENTILATING ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Ray S. M. Wilde  
Business Address 8545 Second Avenue, Detroit 2, Michigan

(c) **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Ray S. M. Wilde  
Business Address 8545 Second Avenue, Detroit 2, Michigan

(d) **PLUMBING OR SANITARY ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Ray S. M. Wilde  
Business Address 8545 Second Avenue, Detroit 2, Michigan

(e) **LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**

Name of Firm or Individual Varies  
Business Address .....

**6. OTHER REMARKS RE QUALIFICATIONS:**.....

(Append extra sheet if necessary).....

Past work has included churches, schools, recreational, municipal, commercial and residential construction.

**7. SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:**

	Largest Single Job	All Jobs Valuation Approximate	Annual Average Approximate
Work Completed 1930-1940	\$125,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$250,000.00
Work Completed 1941-1946	290,000.00 (Office closed 1943-44 due to War)	1,050,000.00	350,000.00
Current Work under construction or working drawings authorized (in process)	400,000.00	1,300,000.00	-
Plans completed (Not yet built)	250,000.00	1,300,000.00	

**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
Fancher Elem. school	\$125,000.00	Mt. Pleasant, Mich.	Pub. School Dist. Mt. Pleasant
Covenant Baptist Church	175,000.00	Detroit, Michigan	Dr. Warner Cole, Pastor
Our Savior Lutheran Church	150,000.00	Detroit, Michigan	Rev. E. H. Buchheimer, Pastor

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

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
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**(c) Three Projects Costing Over \$1,000,000:**

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
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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.)

- Fancher Elementary school, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, Built in 1937
- Salem Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan, Built in 1936
- Educational Bldg for Epiphany Lutheran Church, Detroit, Built in 1941
- Jehovah Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan, (Plans completed - not yet built)

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:

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- (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:

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- 11.(a)  We wish to be included in the Architects' Roster  
do not wish to be

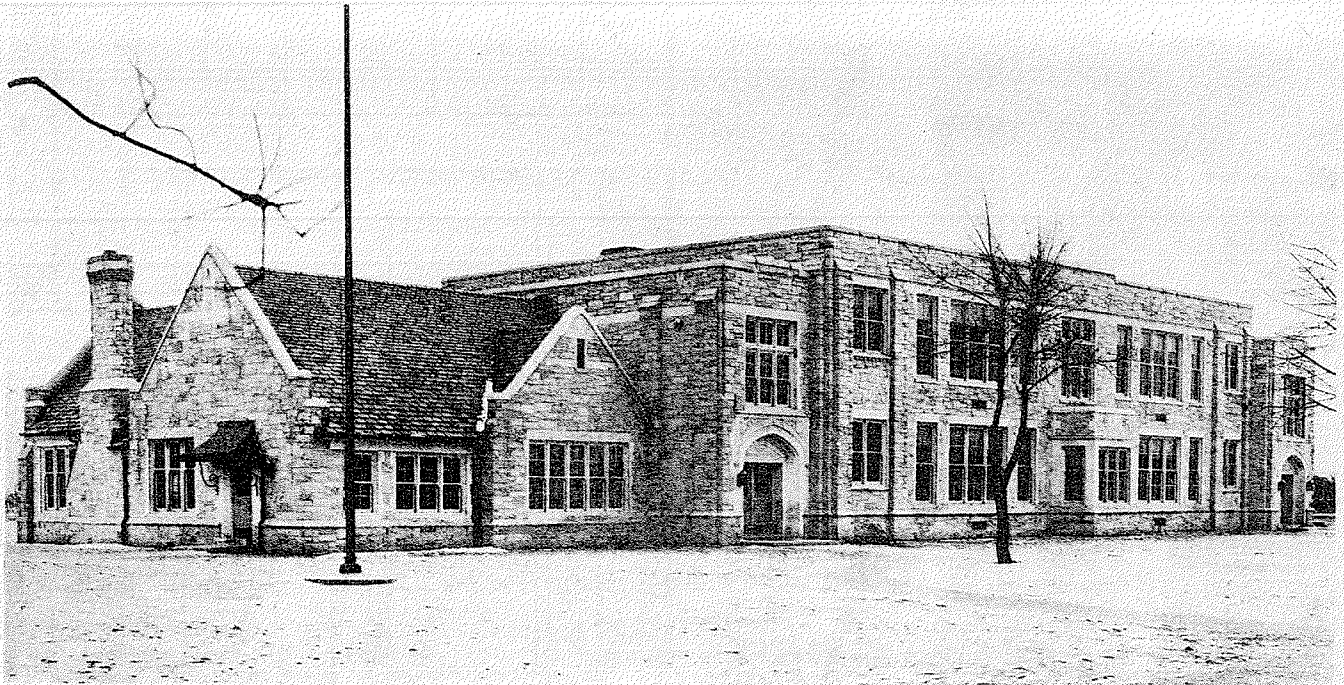
- (b)  We would like to be considered for the Register of Architects Qualified for Federal Public Works  
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We hereby certify that the above is a true statement of facts.

Name of Firm or Individual G. M. Merritt & Lyle S. Cole, Archts.

Signed by all Principals: G. M. Merritt  
Lyle S. Cole





*General Exterior View, Fancher Elementary School, Mount Pleasant, Michigan. — G. M. Merritt & Lyle S. Cole, Architects, Detroit, Michigan.*

## Housing a Progressive School

### The Fancher Elementary School, Mount Pleasant, Michigan

Six years of elementary-school work and a year of kindergarten — all planned and carried into effect on progressive education lines — are offered in the new Fancher Elementary School, Mount Pleasant, Mich. Every detail of the building has been planned with this program in mind, and the layout has been along generous lines so that the building will be flexible enough for considerable changes in class organization and teaching method.

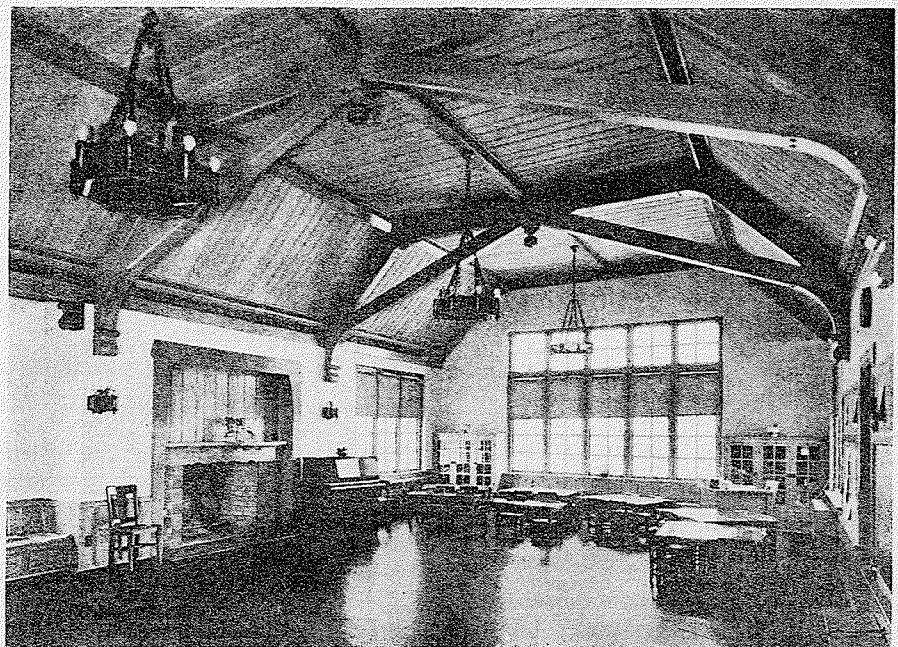
The building is two stories high and has been erected without a basement, except for a small area which contains the boiler room, the fuel bins, and a workroom for the janitor-engineer. The construction is fireproof throughout. The footings and foundation walls are of reinforced concrete, and the first-floor slab has been cast solid in the same material. The second floor and roof are carried on steel columns, set in concrete. The second-floor construction consists in part of steel joists, and in part of concrete slab; the roof is of steel joists and gypsum slabs; over the kindergarten the roof is covered with slate. The exterior bearing walls are faced with split "Briar Hill" sandstone, with sawed beds and random heights and lengths. The exterior trim is cut Indiana limestone. The interior walls and partitions are random cinder blocks.

The corridors and the toilet rooms have floors of terrazzo, and wainscots of salt-

glazed brick. The stairs are of steel and have terrazzo nonslip treads. The classrooms and workrooms have linoleum-finish floors and painted cinder block walls. The

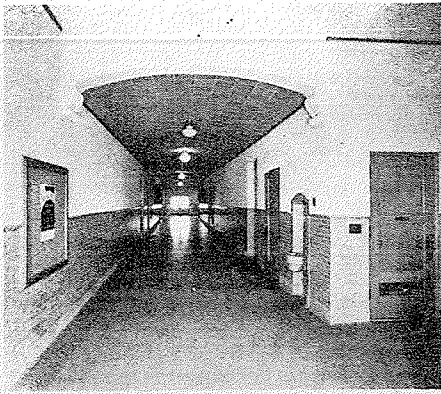
ceilings are plastered and the wood trim is oak throughout.

The building is heated by low-pressure steel boilers, which are gas fired and which



*The kindergarten is a bright, cheerful room and is used not only for classes of little tots, but serves frequently for community groups.*



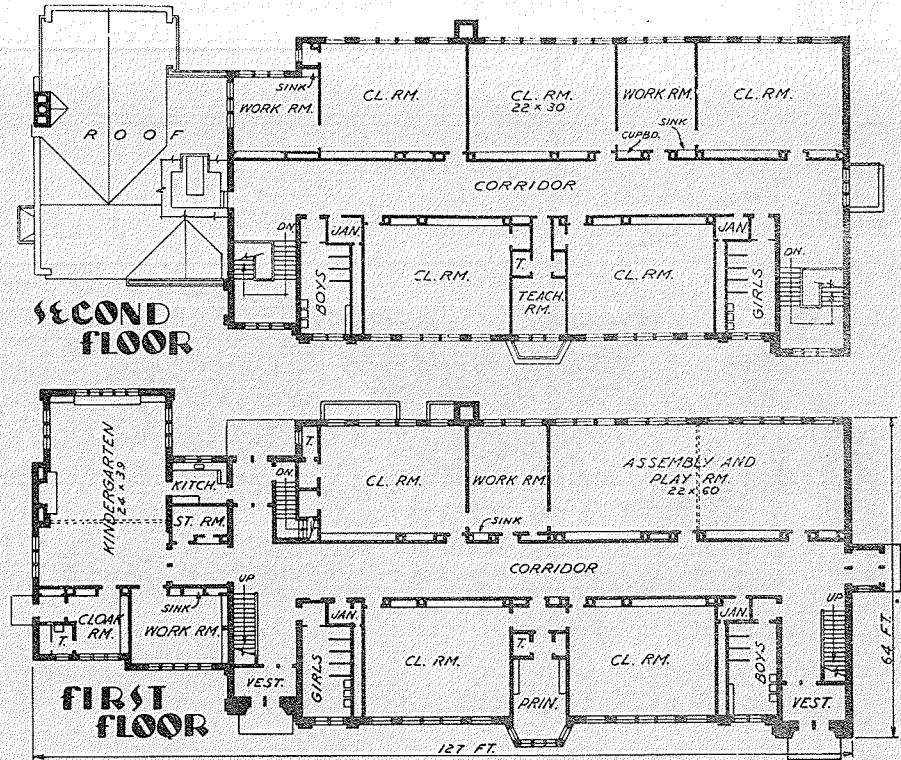


Main corridor of the Fancher Elementary School showing the ceiling which has been lowered 18 inches and treated with sound absorbing materials.

supply steam to a two-pipe system fitted with unit ventilators and radiators. Dual temperature control is provided.

An interesting feature of the first floor is the kindergarten (see illustration) which measures 24 by 39 feet and which has adjoining it a small kitchen, a store room, a workroom, and a special toilet. Care has been taken to finish the entire room in attractive form and to harmonize the colors of ceiling, walls, and inlaid linoleum floor. There are further on the first floor a principal's office, three classrooms, a workroom, a large playroom which serves for assemblies, boys' and girls' toilets. On the second floor there are five classrooms, two workrooms, boys' and girls' toilets, and a retiring room for women teachers.

The architects in designing the building co-operated closely with the superintendent of schools who outlined the instruc-

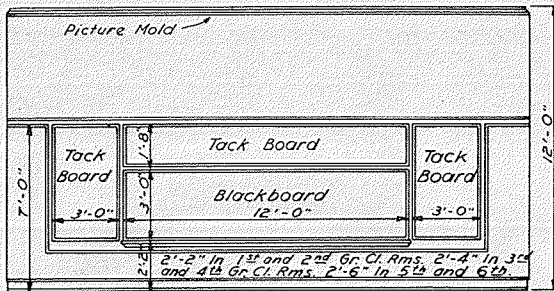


First and Second Floor Plans, Fancher Elementary School, Mount Pleasant, Michigan. — G. M. Merritt & Lyle S. Cole, Architects, Detroit, Michigan.

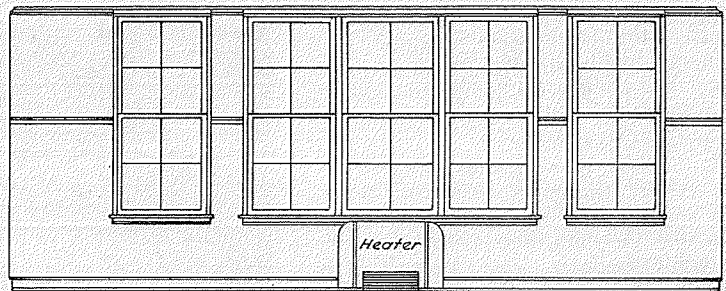
tional uses of each room and the administrative plan of the building as a whole. To allow for the development of a progressive type of program, three workrooms have been provided adjoining classrooms. These workrooms are fitted with large storage cases, workbenches, tackboards, and sinks where hot and cold water are available. All classrooms are fitted with

lockeroles which are a distinct improvement over the old-type wardrobe because of their economy of space and management, and the sanitary storage of clothes which they permit. Each classroom has a built-in bookcase and storage space for teaching materials. In addition to natural blackboards, there are ample cork tack-

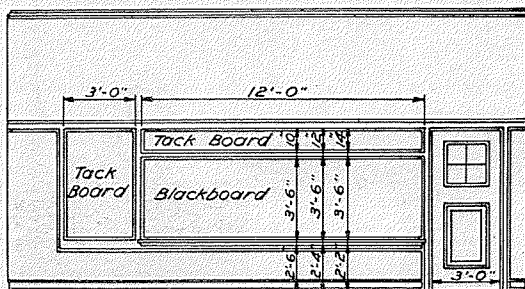
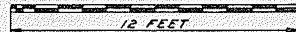
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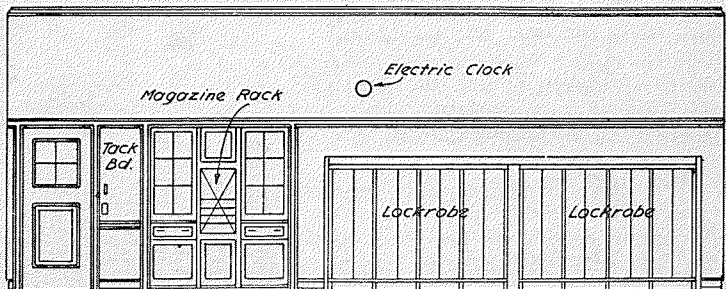
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SIDE ELEVATION



FRONT ELEVATION

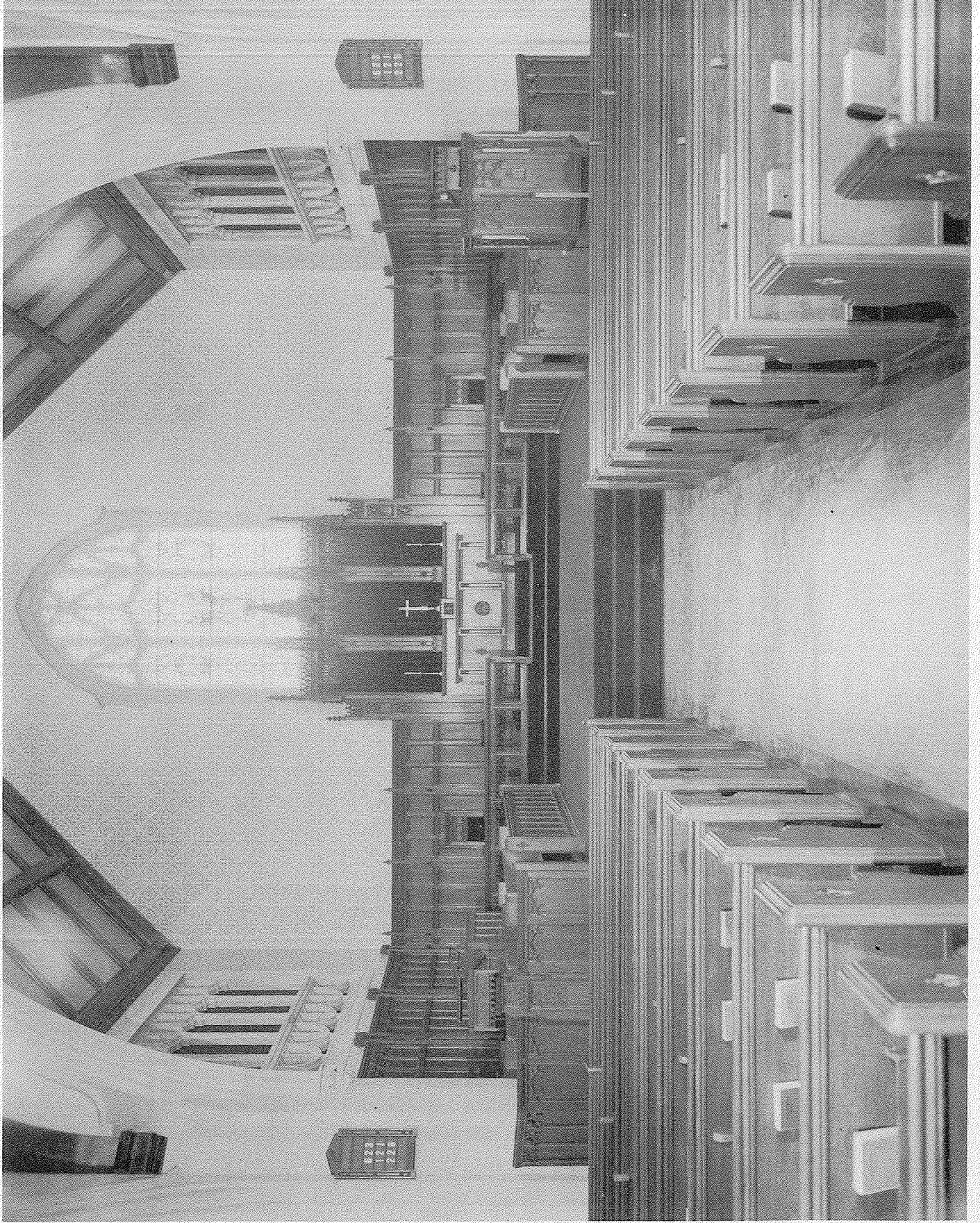


SIDE ELEVATION

Typical elevations of the classrooms in the Fancher Elementary School, Mount Pleasant, Michigan. The workrooms are similarly treated.



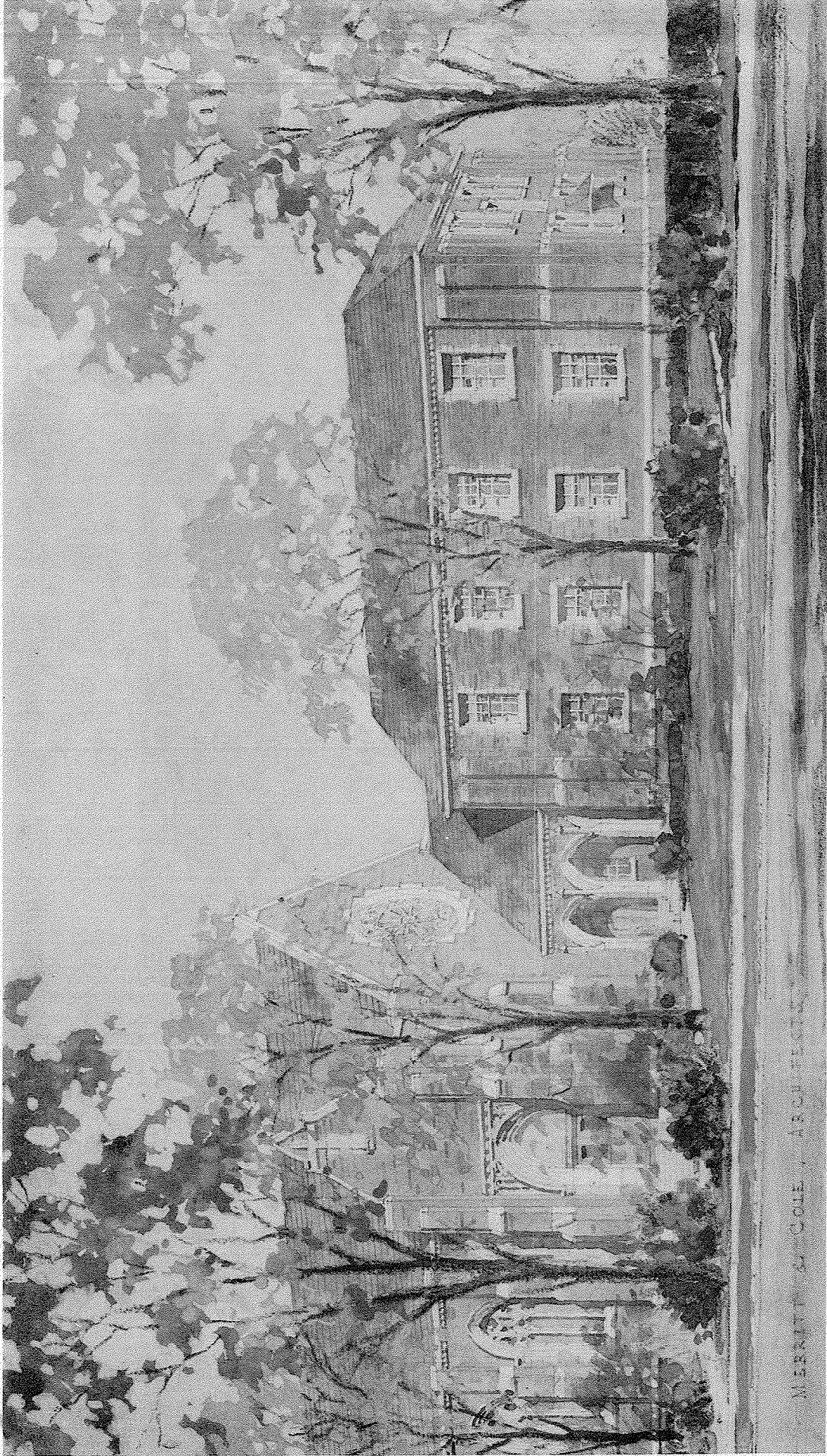
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