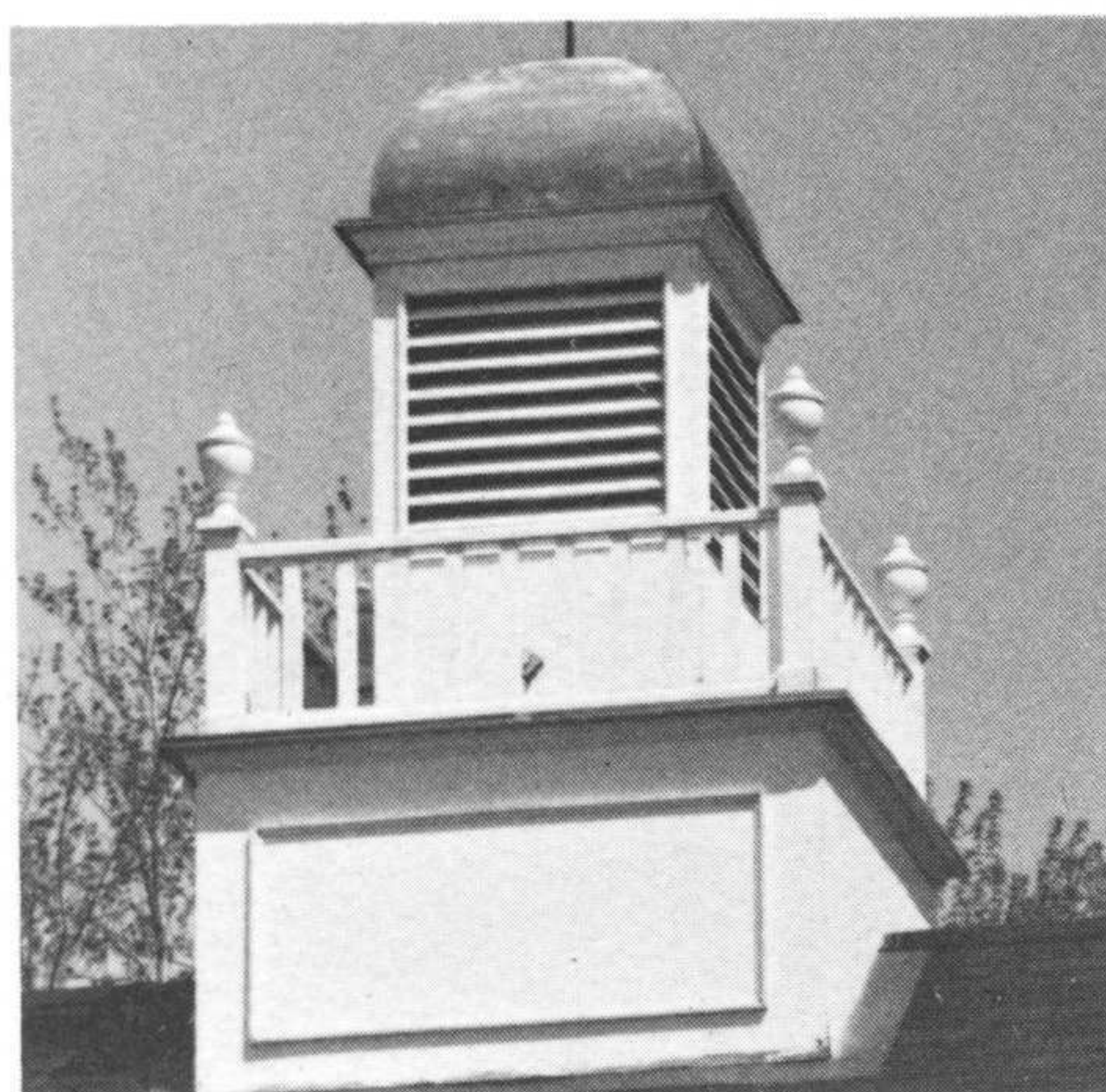
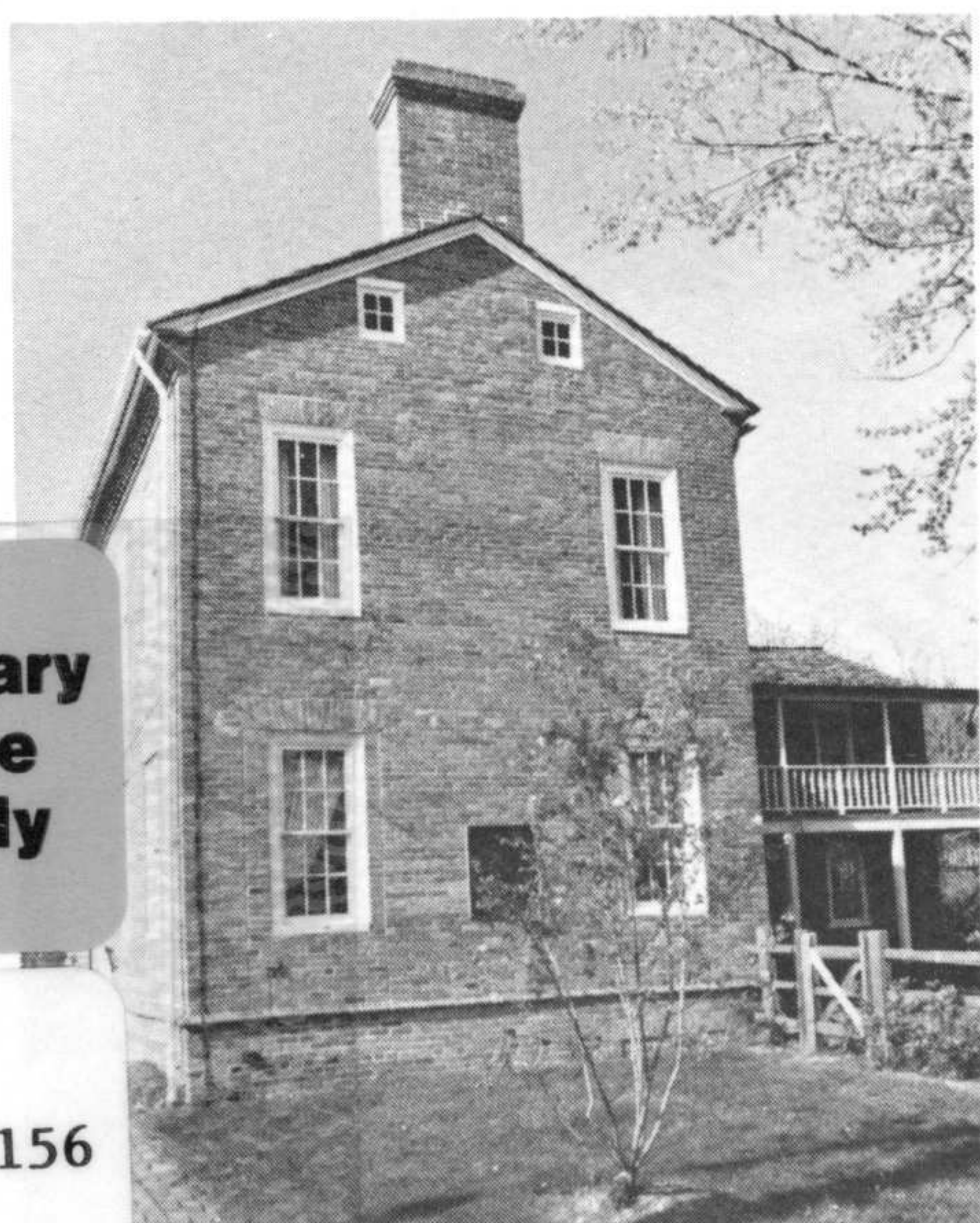
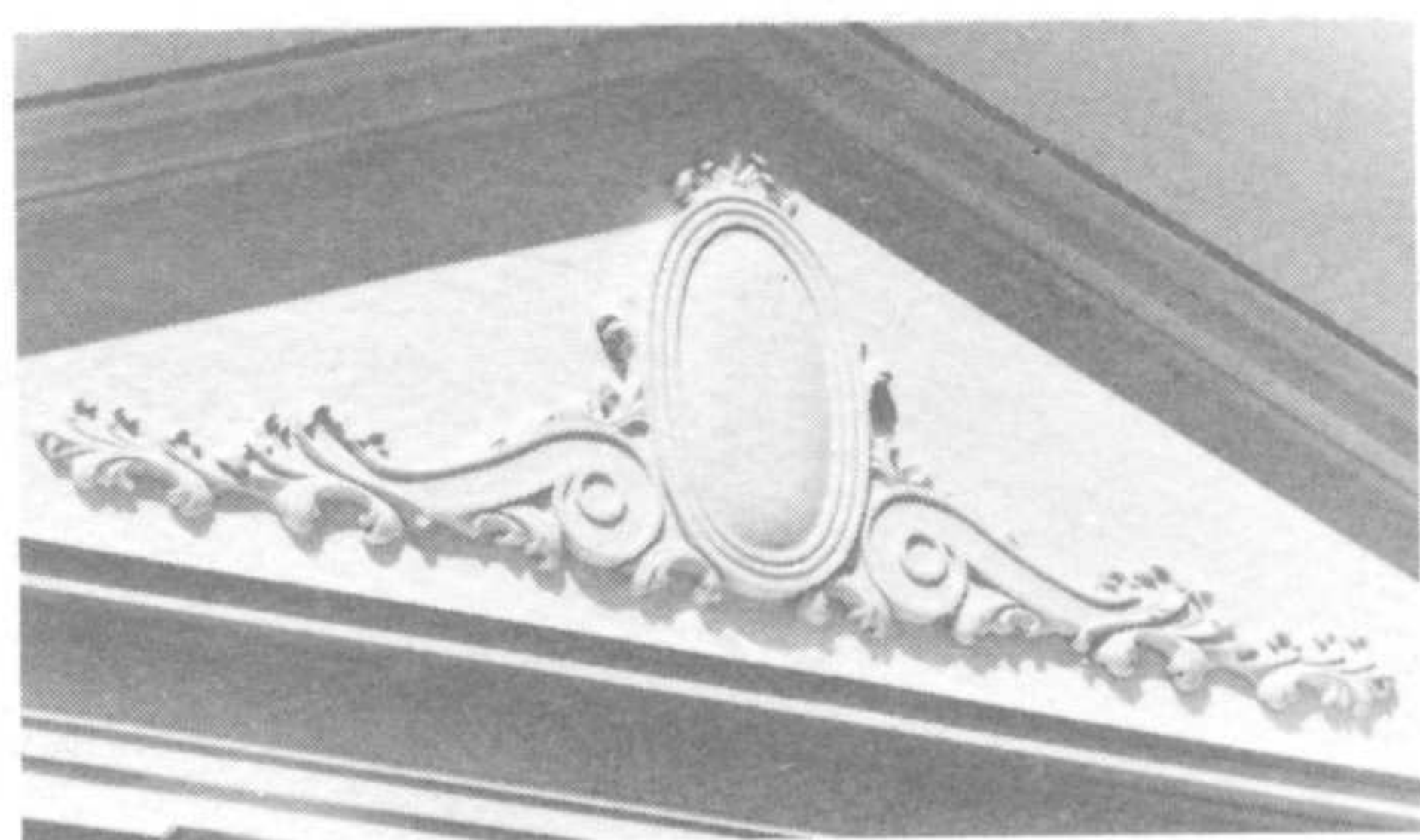
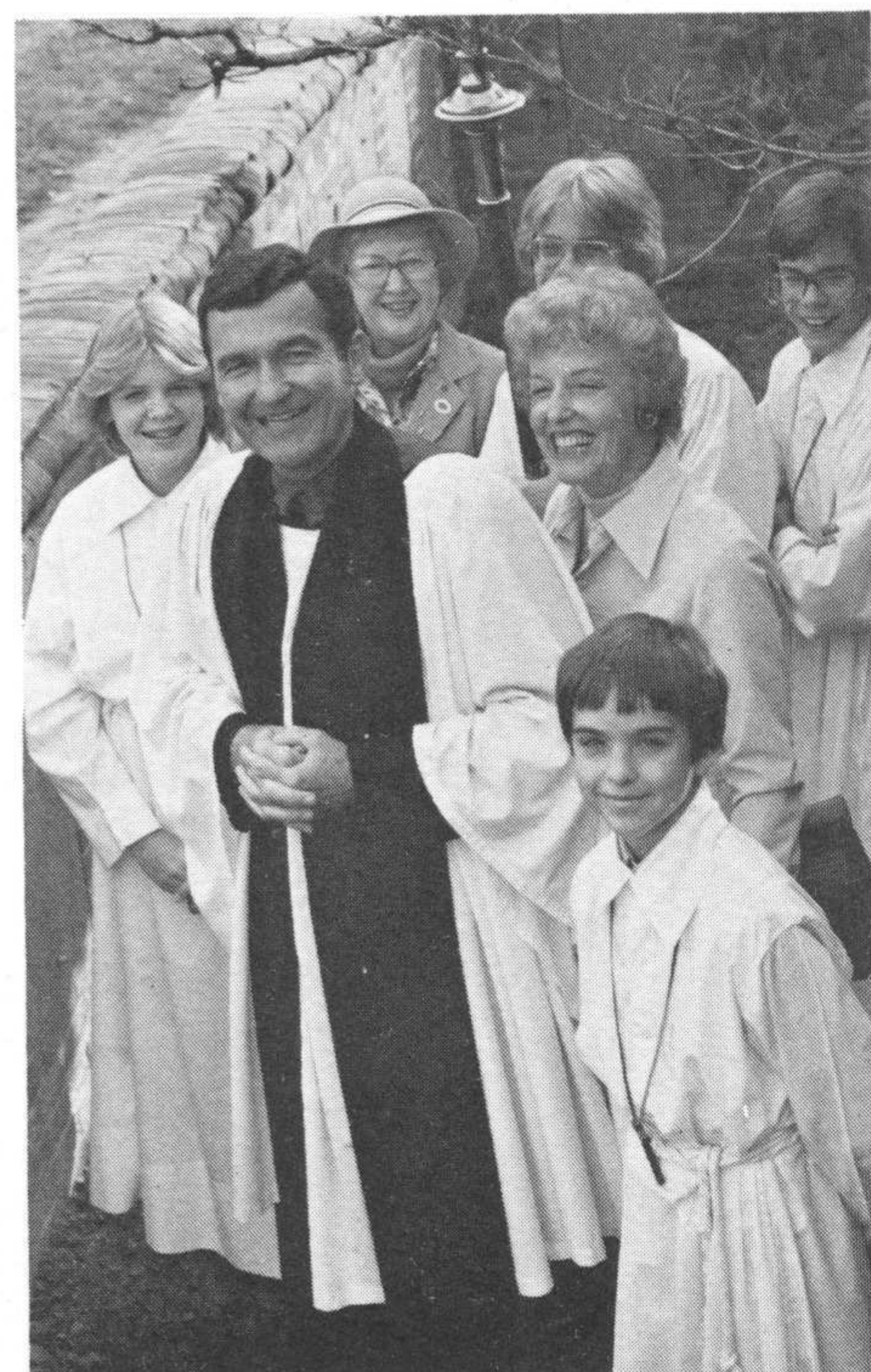


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Worthington is a community noted for its friendliness, community spirit, and pride in its traditions and heritage. It is good people leading quality lives in comfortable homes and quiet neighborhoods. People who want superior schools for their children, exceptional community services, and excellent recreational and cultural programs. It is people who want a say in their local governments and accept the responsibilities of building a vibrant community.

Worthington is a fine blend of the old and new. It is a mixture of quiet, tree-shaded, established streets and ultra-modern homes. It is a combination of century-old village shops and modern shopping centers. Worthington's past is inspiring. Its future is bright and exciting.

Worthington is a growing community which retains a small town atmosphere while providing the outstanding services that most other cities its size lack. Its closeness and easy access to Columbus and its resources are another advantage.

We hope the information provided in this brochure will help you understand how much *worth* really is in Worthington. We believe our community is an ideal place to live, work and do business. We hope you will join us in Worthington. You'll find it's worth it.

There's Heritage in Worthington

The history of Worthington begins with the moundbuilders whose monuments still remain along the Olentangy River. The most important mound is near Worthington on the west side of the river, north of Granville Road. There were few permanent settlements of Indians. Most were roving tribes moving on trails from Canada to the warmer country of Kentucky along the waters of the Sandusky River, the Olentangy River and the Scioto River. A foot trail, known as the Scioto Trail, also followed this course.

Scioto Land Company

Colonialization of the territory originated with a group of New Englanders from Connecticut who formed the Scioto Land Company and purchased 16,000 acres on the Scioto Trail, which is now Sharon Township and the City of Worthington. James Kilbourne, a businessman and minister in the Episcopal Church, was the central figure in the beginning and early growth of the city.

He and the 40 families of the Scioto Company carefully planned the village in preparation for the general settlement in 1803. They decided on two north-south roads, now Olentangy River Road and High Street, and one east-west road, now Granville Road or State Route 161.

At the center of the town four lots were set aside for the village Green. A total of 160 lots were platted as the village, bounded on the north by North Street, on the east by Morning Street, on the south by South Street, and on the west by Evening Street. Each owner of a town lot could also have a country lot of 100 acres to farm. Worthington's forefathers also set aside a town lot for the school and church with "out-lots" of 100 acres each where crops could be raised for their support. The school's town lot and farm acreage are used as school sites today.

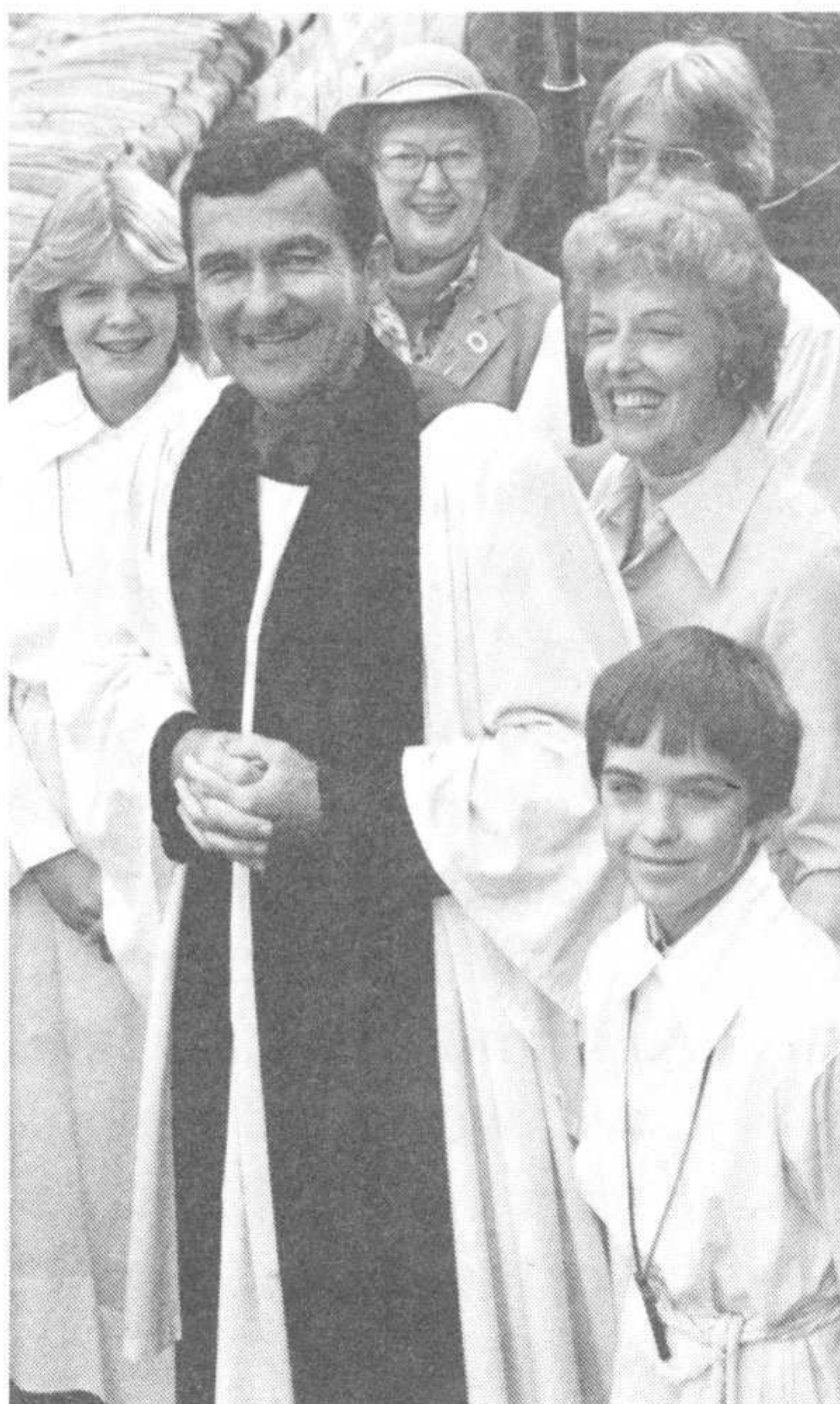
Getting Settled

In September 1803, 11 families left their Connecticut homes for their new Ohio homes.

Twelve log cabins were built for temporary shelter and the largest served as a church, school, and community meeting place. The village was officially named Worthington in honor of Thomas Worthington, a friend and benefactor of the early settlers, at a Christmas party held on December 26, 1803. Worthington later became a state senator and governor of Ohio.

Places of Worship

The small village was known for its religious feelings, and religious faith played an important part in the development of the community. The settlers held their first church services on the first Sunday after their arrival, and shortly later a Protestant Episcopal Society was organized with Reverend Kilbourne as its deacon. Other church societies were formed during these early years. The Presbyterians began meeting in 1805 and built a church on the Green in 1830. A Methodist Church was built in 1823. St. John's Episcopal Church was completed in 1831.



Establishing Education

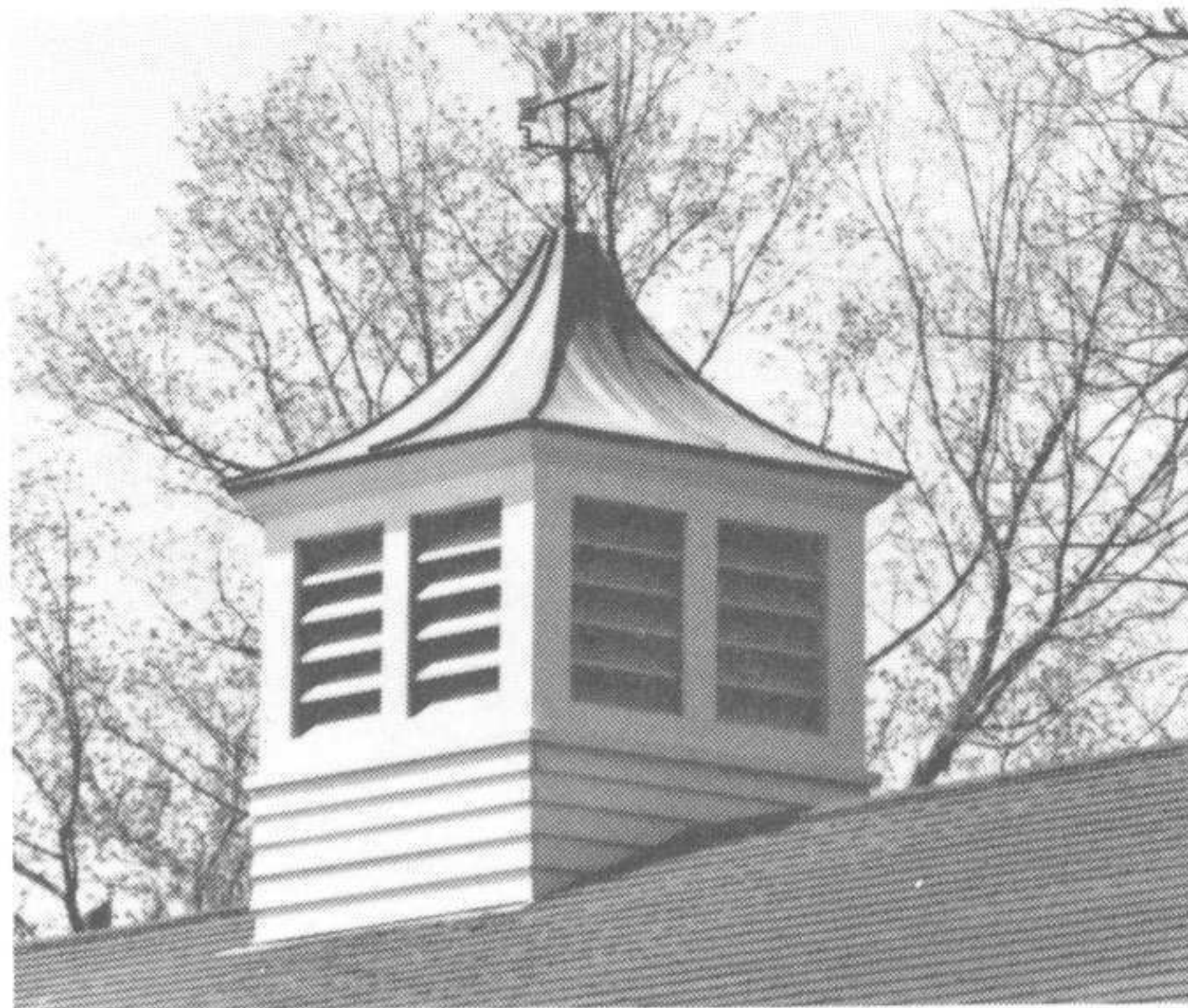
The history of Worthington would not be complete without the story of public and higher education. The first public school, a log cabin, opened within one month after the first families arrived in Worthington. School was held there until 1808 when it was moved to provide the site for Worthington Academy, the first secondary school in Ohio. Then another log cabin became the new public school.

The school moved from place to place until 1856 when a two-story building, known today as Sharon Township Hall, was built. Later a new building was completed in 1874 where the first high school class was graduated in 1880.

Following the establishment of Worthington Academy, the Worthington College was founded in 1819. Five years later the Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio was established. This school later became Kenyon College, located in Gambier, Ohio.

The first medical college in Central Ohio opened in Worthington in 1830 under the auspices of the Reformed Medical Society of the United States. This school would later be located in Cincinnati and become the Cincinnati College of Medicine.

The Worthington Female Seminary of the Methodist Church opened in 1838, and the Ohio Central Normal School was founded in 1871. In 1888 the Pontifical College of Josephinum, a preparatory seminary for the training of men studying to be Roman Catholic priests, began in Columbus, moving in 1931 to its present location just north of the city. There are eight Pontifical colleges in the world; the Josephinum is the only one in the Western Hemisphere. All are under the direct administrative authority of the Vatican in Rome.



Orange Johnson House

Home of Many Firsts

As early as 1808 the citizens of Worthington offered the state legislature money to erect state buildings if Worthington were made the capital of Ohio. But when the vote was taken in February 1812, Worthington lost by one vote.

Despite this second place, Worthington can be noted for other "firsts" in the state, including:

- first library, December 1803
- first Masonic Lodge, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, 1803
- first post office, 1805. Mail was carried by horseback to Chillicothe.
- first newspaper, the **Western**



Intelligencer, founded by Kilbourne in 1811. This newspaper eventually became the **Columbus Citizen-Journal** of today.

- first industrial effort, the Worthington Manufacturing Company, 1811. One building is still standing near the foot of South Street at 25 Fox Lane.

- first visit by a President of the United States, James Monroe, 1817.

- first Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Ohio, the Reverend Philander Chase, 1818.

Worthington's history is exciting and entrancing. A passionate love of country, a firm belief in God, and a desire for learning and enlightenment were the foundations upon which Worthington was built and continues to grow today.

There's Quality Education in Worthington

Education was uppermost in the minds of Worthington's forefathers, and it remains so today. The Worthington School District values its traditions of excellence, and its public schools rank among the best in the state.

A commitment to basic skills pervades all areas of the instructional program from kindergarten through 12th grade. The elementary schools lay the foundations for the higher levels of learning and diversification found at the middle schools and high school. But at all levels is a commitment to provide an individualized approach to teaching which enables students to learn at their own pace, level and style.

The school district has six elementary schools (K-6), two middle schools (7-8) and one high school (9-12). Enrollment in the

elementary schools ranges from 350 students to 700 students. The two middle schools have approximately 600 students each and the high school houses approximately 2,300 students on three campuses.

Elementary Schools

The goal of the elementary school program is to give children a foundation in basic skills and to help them think creatively and develop the self-esteem necessary for continued growth. The program focuses on reading, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and health. A reading specialist at each school assists students who are having reading difficulties.

Children also receive instruction in art, music, physical education and the use of the library from specialists in these fields at each school.

Middle Schools

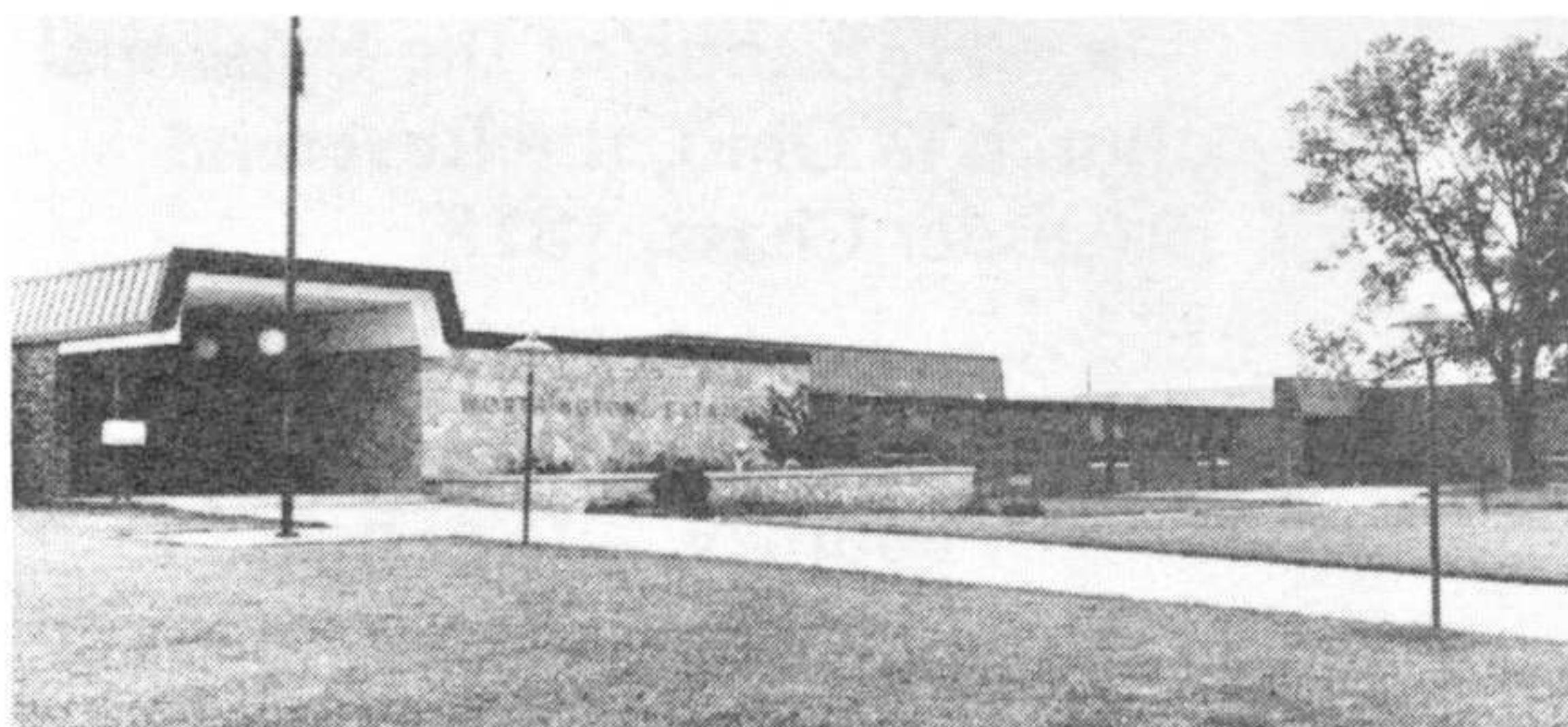
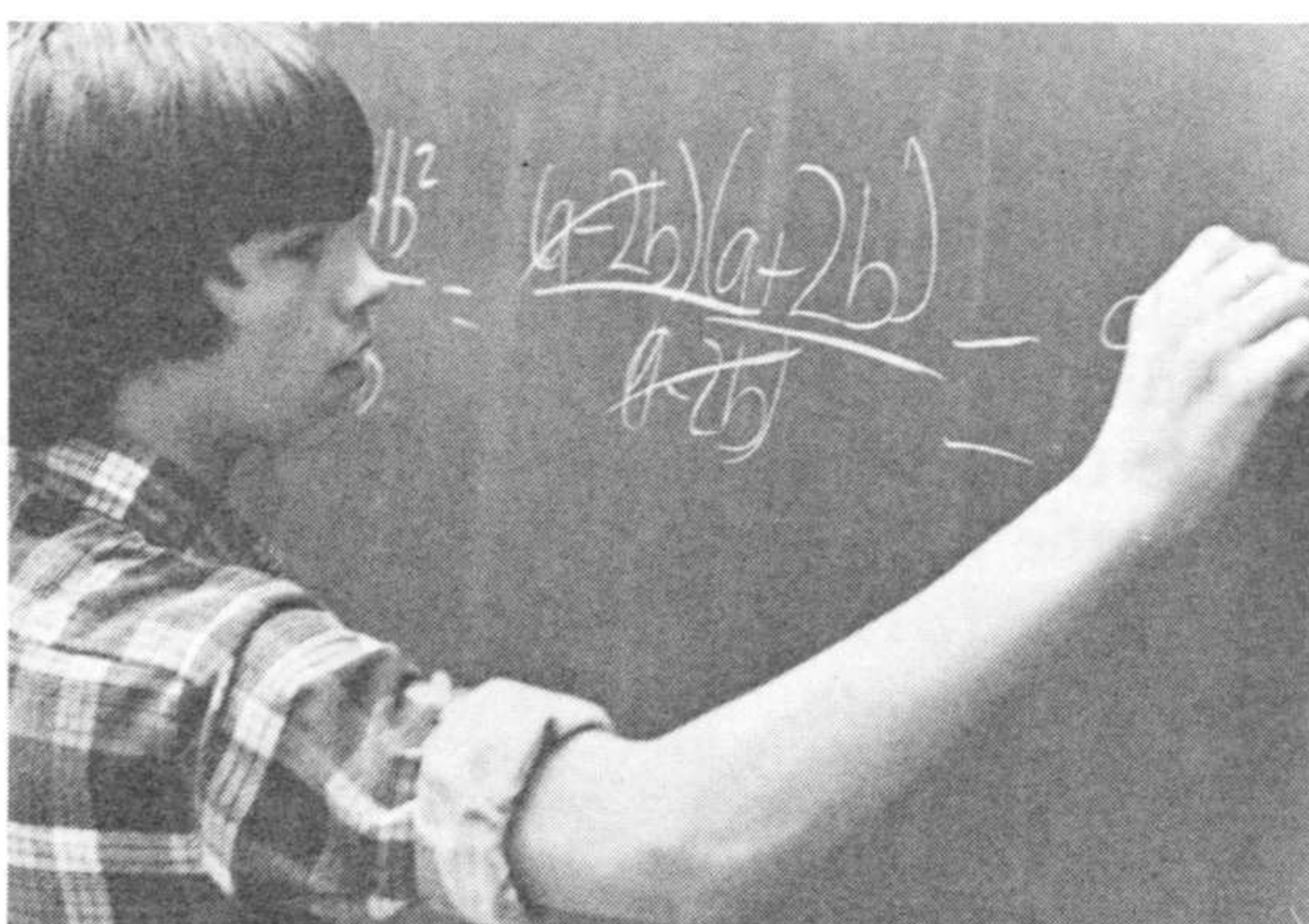
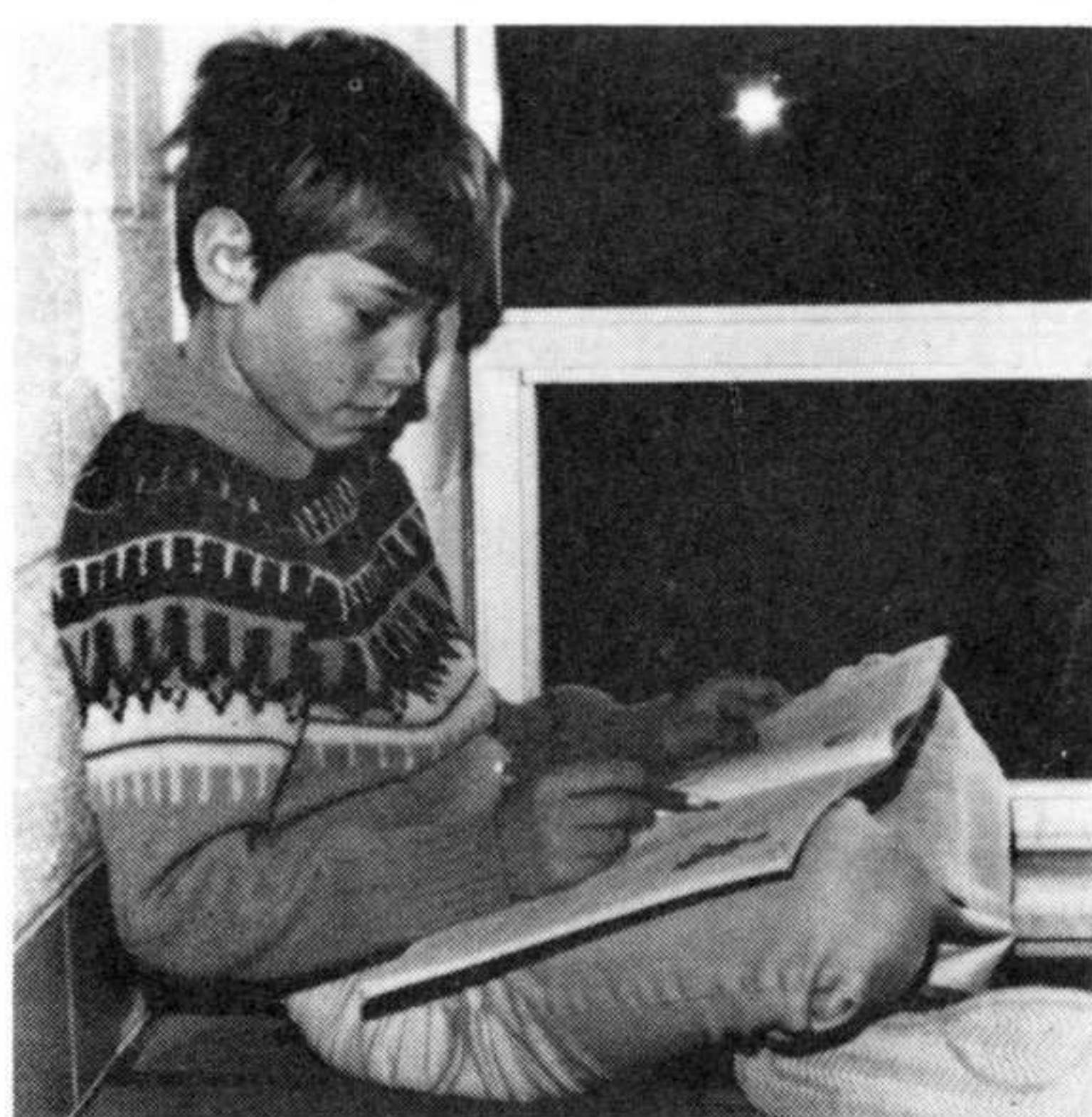
The middle school provides a smooth transition between the elementary school and high school levels. It gives students an opportunity to become increasingly aware of their abilities and interests and explore future directions. During the seventh and eighth grades students extend their knowledge of fundamental skills and take preliminary courses in home economics and industrial arts. Elective courses include vocal music, band, orchestra, art, French and Spanish. Competitive athletics for boys and girls begin in the seventh grade.

High School

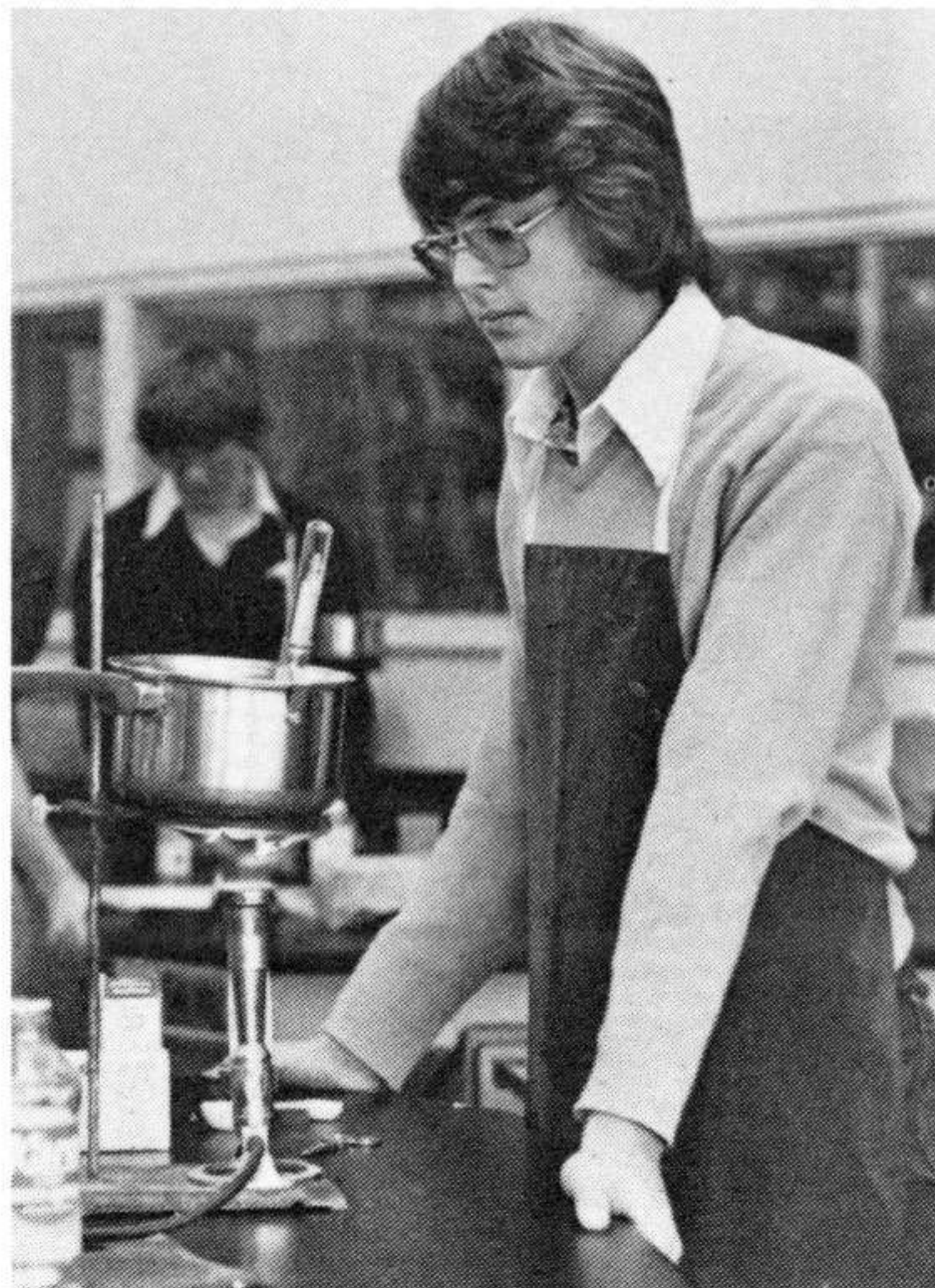
Worthington High School offers a wide variety of educational opportunities with the requirements for a solid academic background. Fully accredited by the North Central Association, the high school has comprehensive offerings in English, math, science, social studies, foreign languages, fine arts and applied arts. About two-thirds of Worthington's graduates continue their education in four-year colleges and universities, and Worthington students consistently rank above state and national averages in ACT and SAT scores.

Ninth graders begin their high school program at Kilbourne Campus. This 550-student campus gives students the special opportunity to adjust to high school life on a smaller-school basis and gives students from the two middle schools the chance to become better acquainted with their peers and teachers.

The Main Campus, housing approximately 1,600 students in grades 10-12, is administered as two separate units within one school. This organization is intended to give students a

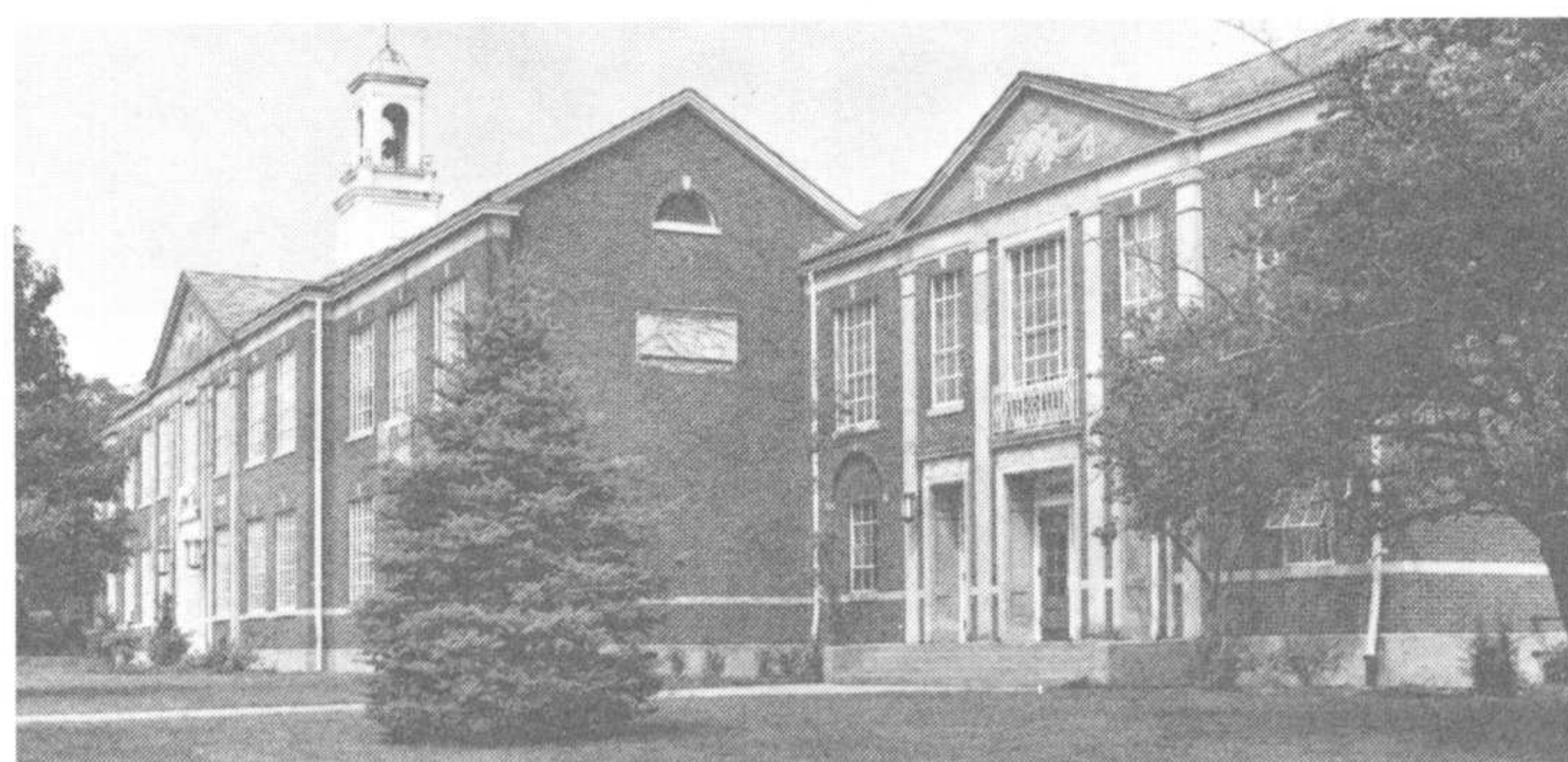


Worthington Estates Elementary School





Kilbourne Campus



chance to develop closer relationships with teachers and other students while having a broad school curriculum from which to select.

The high school's Alternative Program is housed at the Linworth Campus. The program is an alternative to the more conventional Main Campus setting, allowing students a higher level of independence and self-motivation. The school has a relaxed atmosphere and enables students to earn high school credits in a number of ways. They may establish a work contract with a teacher, participate on an equivalency schedule where the student plans his own way of fulfilling 30 hours of learning a week, or the student may participate in a traditional classroom. All students keep logs on their progress which are used in evaluations of work. Student-led town meetings are held twice a week to deal with school decisions. A random draw is used to select applicants who will fill the 160 positions at the school.

Interscholastic athletic programs, intramurals, performing music groups, student government, literary publications and a wide variety of other extracurricular activities provide many options for high school students in pursuing their abilities and interests.

Special Services

Nurses, speech and hearing therapists and psychologists serve all schools in the district. In addition, guidance counselors work with students at the middle schools and high school.

The school district provides services for children who need special programs to learn effectively in school. Whenever possible, students receive instruction while remaining in a regular classroom. However, students may be placed in separate programs for all or part of the day, depending on their needs. Specially certified resource teachers are provided at all levels for children who are educably mentally retarded, those who have behavior disorders, and children with learning disabilities. Supplementary tutoring for children with learning disabilities is also provided.

Blind, deaf or physically handicapped students are transported to special schools in Columbus at no cost to parents. The school district also provides campus schools for adolescents residing at the United Methodist Children's Home and Harding Hospital.

Another special program, the Extended Projects Program, serves students who are academically talented in grades two through six. The goal of this

program is to extend the curriculum in language arts, reading, and mathematics for academically talented youngsters who need greater challenges beyond those provided by the regular curriculum at their grade level.

Students are selected for this program based on their performance on standardized achievement and intelligence tests, their standing on a behavioral rating scale and teacher recommendations. The students are grouped in clusters within a classroom at each grade level. They spend part of the day working with other students in the program and the remainder working with all of their classmates. The district is developing plans to continue this program through the middle school and high school.

The school district conducts a Summer School Program for elementary and secondary school students. The elementary and middle school programs offer a variety of courses for self-improvement and enrichment. At the high school level, credit courses are offered which students can apply to graduation.

Evening education classes are also offered to residents of all ages during the fall, winter, and spring. Tuition and free courses are taught in arts and skills, *(continued on next page)*



business, languages, music and dance, physical education and recreation, and personal enrichment. Brochures about the program are mailed to all residents prior to each term.

Teaching Staff

Worthington teachers are highly regarded throughout the state for their teaching skills and dedication to students. Over the years Worthington teachers have demonstrated a genuine interest in their students and have won many teaching honors. Approximately 45 per cent of the instructional staff holds master's degrees or beyond. Salaries compare favorably with similar districts locally and statewide.

Support Services

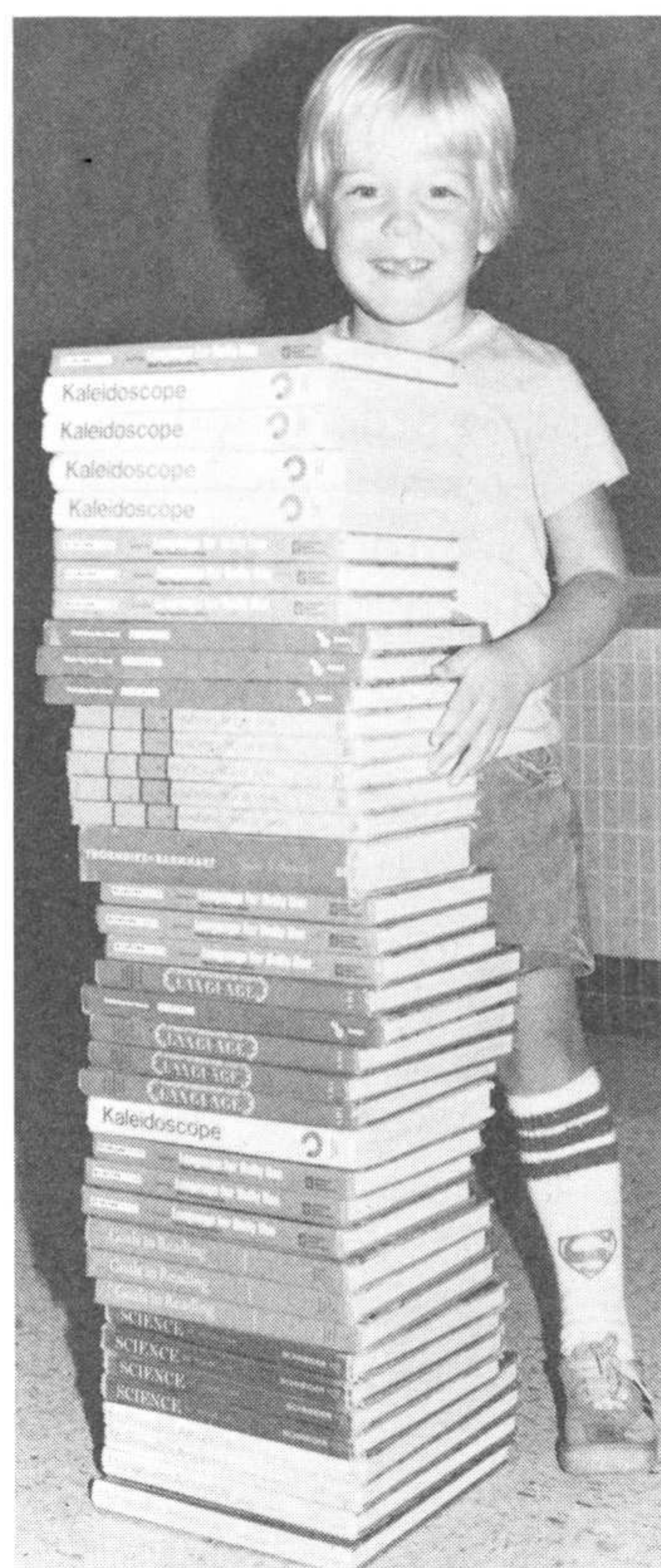
The school district provides free transportation to all public and nonpublic students in grades kindergarten through 12 who live at least one mile from school or who would have to walk on hazardous roads. The one-mile limit is determined by the most practical routes. Handicapped students living within the one-mile distance are provided transportation as needed.

Hot lunches are served daily in all schools. A la carte items are offered as alternate choices at the high school. The school district provides free or reduced-price lunches for students who are unable to pay the full price.

School Finances

Worthington schools are

financially sound due to the continued support of local residents. Approximately 80 per cent of the school system's budget comes from local real estate and personal property taxes, 16 per cent from the state, and four per cent from miscellaneous sources. Nearly 56 per cent of the budget is allocated



for regular instructional programs. A budget hearing, open to the public, is conducted in July. A final spending plan for the district is approved each year in January.

In recent years substantial residential growth has occurred and studies are conducted annually to determine needs for additional instructional facilities. In November 1978 voters approved funds for a new 700-student elementary school in the north-west quadrant of the school district.

School Board

The Worthington Board of Education is composed of five elected representatives from the school district. The school board establishes policies and employs the professional staff to carry them out. The board meets in public sessions on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Administrative Office Building.

Enrollment

School enrollment is arranged through individual schools. Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 21 who reside with parents or guardians who are legal residents of the school district are eligible for admission. Students whose parents are building a home in the district which they will occupy before the end of the school semester may enroll on a tuition basis.

Also qualifying as tuition students are students whose parents have rented or purchased a home in the school district which they will occupy during the semester.

High school juniors who have attended Worthington High School for at least four semesters and whose parents have moved from the district may also qualify as nonresident tuition students. Nonresident students must furnish their own transportation. Monthly tuition rates are set each year according to state law.



To register for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before September 30, and parents must furnish a birth certificate or legal proof of the child's date of birth at registration time. A health certificate and dental form must also be filled out and signed before registration is complete.

All students entering the school district must meet all health requirements established by state law and the state departments of education and health. In general, all students must be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, and rubella.

No student in the Worthington School District will be excluded from participating in any educational program or activity on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, or marital status.

Attendance Areas

The Worthington school

board endorses the concept of neighborhood schools and believes children should have the opportunity to attend the school nearest their home. School officials set school attendance boundaries each year and these may be adjusted as neighborhoods change.

In addition to public schools, Worthington offers several non-public schools. These are the Worthington Christian School (K-12), St. Michael's Parochial School (1-8) and the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) for children from 2 years old to third grade.

Located in the Central Ohio area are several colleges and universities including Ohio State University, Franklin University, Otterbein College, Dennison University, Ohio Wesleyan University and Columbus Technical Institute.

There's Strong Government in Worthington

Governing and being governed are part of Worthington's heritage and they are not taken lightly in our community. Within the boundaries of the Worthington School District are three municipalities and two unincorporated townships. Each has its own local government and provides various services for its residents.

City of Worthington

Worthington was incorporated as a city in 1956 when voters adopted a "home rule" charter, allowing self-government in matters of local concern. The city is governed by a council-manager form of government, and most city meetings and administrative business are conducted at the Municipal Building, 789 High Street.

The Worthington City Council is composed of seven members elected at large and serving four-year, overlapping terms. The Council establishes local laws and

policies by ordinances and resolutions and appoints the city manager. It also authorizes the levy of taxes and issuance of bonds and restricts the use of private real estate by zoning.

A number of city boards and commissions assist the City Council in its decision making. The Municipal Development Commission (MDC) is responsible for planning and zoning and serves as an architectural review board for designated areas of the city. The Board of Zoning Appeals, (BZA) decides on matters in variance with city code.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board advises the Department of Parks and Recreation on programming, facilities and activities. The Community Relations Commission fosters an atmosphere of mutual understanding and cooperation among the various social, religious, educational, business, economic and

racial segments of the community. Citizens are appointed to these boards and commissions by Council.

The mayor of Worthington, appointed by Council for a two-year term, is the ceremonial head of city government. The mayor also presides as judge of the Mayor's Court which hears local traffic and civil cases.

The city manager is the chief administrator of the government and oversees the work of the major city departments, including finance, engineering, law, personnel, safety, service and parks and recreation.

Worthington provides 24-hour police protection. The Department of Safety has 32 fulltime officers, 14 reserve officers and a fulltime animal warden.

Townships

Township government is the oldest form of local government in Ohio, dating back to the late 1700s when the Northwest Territory was split into five-mile square segments called townships.

The Worthington School District includes Sharon Township, encompassing the City of Worthington and unincorporated areas to the south and east, and Perry Township, including the Brookside Estates subdivision and most of the Worthington Hills subdivision.

Both townships are governed by a three-member board of trustees, elected on a nonpartisan ballot for overlapping, four-year terms. The townships provide police protection to outlying and unincorporated areas. The Sharon and Perry Township fire departments have teams of highly trained fire fighters prepared for any fire emergencies.





The departments also provide emergency rescue and medical technicians.

Village of Riverlea

The unincorporated Village of Riverlea is governed by a mayor and a six-member village council whose members are elected to overlapping four-year terms on a nonpartisan basis. The mayor acts as the official head of the village and is president of the Council which conducts business monthly. The village contracts with the Franklin County Sheriff for police protection. The Sharon Township Fire Department provides fire and emergency medical services.

City of Columbus

Columbus has a strong mayor-council form of government. The city council is composed of seven members elected at large for four-year terms on a nonpartisan basis. The mayor is responsible for administering seven divisions which provide services to the approximately 600,000 Columbus residents. These include: energy and telecommunications, development, community services, public safety, public service, finance and recreation and parks.

Columbus provides 24-hour full police service and cooperates with other local law enforcement

Worthington Public Library



agencies in handling emergencies. Fire Station 27, at Smokey Row and Billingsley Roads, serves the Columbus areas within the school district and provides emergency squad, medic and rescue services.

Water

Water for the northern portion of Franklin County, where Worthington is located, is obtained primarily from the Hoover Reservoir on the Big Walnut Creek. Worthington area residents purchase their water and sewage treatment from the City of Columbus at cost plus a surcharge.

Utilities

Electrical power is supplied to the Worthington School District area by the Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Company (464-2111). Natural gas is supplied by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (460-2222). Telephone service is provided by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company (460-4848).

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Worthington Public Library offers the latest in media equipment and services and has a collection of approximately 86,000 books. It features a special audiovisual section with viewing room, a children's section, fiction and nonfiction

stacks and a large reference area.

The library has collections of framed art prints, 8 mm films, phonograph records and cassette tapes. A homebound service along with story programs, puppet shows and art exhibits are also part of the library's programming.

A special computerized system links Worthington's library to other library facilities in Columbus and Franklin County, facilitating location of books and other materials throughout the area. The local library also connects with a nationwide information bank, further expanding its reference resources.

The library facility, completed in 1979, was designed for community involvement, and it includes a multipurpose room for meetings of up to 75 persons and a conference room open for small group study.

Located at the corner of Stafford Avenue and Hartford Street, the two-level building in Colonial architecture contains 24,000 square feet. An elevator provides easy access to both floors for handicapped and disabled persons. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

There's Diverse Recreation in Worthington

Worthington area residents enjoy their leisure time, and a variety of recreational programs and facilities are close to home.

The Worthington Community Center, home of the Department of Parks and Recreation, is the hub of much year-round recreational activity. The Center, located at 360 Highland Avenue, was named the best new recreational facility in Ohio in 1978. It features a full gymnasium, arts, and crafts room, multipurpose room, two meeting rooms and a kitchenette.

The city's recreation department offers approximately 150 different programs each year, meeting the needs of preschoolers to senior citizens. Activities range from arts and crafts classes to couples' volleyball leagues and family movies.

Parklands

The City of Worthington maintains 13 neighborhood parks, many furnished with playground equipment, picnic tables and bicycle racks. The State Department of Natural Resources has recognized several of these parklands for their uniqueness and beauty.

The Olentangy Parklands, developed along the east bank of the Olentangy River, received the Outstanding Park Facility Award from the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association in 1977. Partially funded by the Heritage Conservation Recreation Services (HCRS), the park features a two-and-a-half mile bikeway, three play fields, and two "tot" lots. Two soccer fields and six tennis courts are planned.

McCord Park on East Wilson Bridge Road, is another award-

winning parkland. It was named an Outstanding Recreation Facility in Ohio in 1977. This park includes five ball diamonds, four soccer fields, a play area and shelter house.

Tennis

The City of Worthington operates and maintains seven lighted tennis courts with an additional six to be completed by 1980. The Recreation Department offers tennis instruction for various age groups during its spring and summer programs. The school district's Continuing Education Program also schedules tennis instruction during the fall and spring.

City courts are available free of charge for a one-hour limit from daylight until 10 p.m., March 1 through October 31. During the summer months courts may be reserved week nights and on weekends. Otherwise, play is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Five lighted courts are also available at Worthington High

School during nonschool hours and summer months. Antrim Park, southwest of the Worthington area, has six lighted public tennis courts. Several private clubs in the area also have tennis facilities. Worthington Cardinal Tennis, a community organization, provides opportunities for competitive league play for men and women during the summer.

Swimming

Many Worthington residents are swimming enthusiasts, and Swim-inc Inc., a nonprofit, community organization, provides swimming facilities at 400 West Granville Road. The complex has four outdoor pools and a natatorium. Membership is open to individuals and families who reside in the Worthington School district on a winter, summer or year-round basis. Instructional programs are also available. Several private clubs in the area have swimming facilities for their members.

Biking

The Olentangy Bike Trail is part



Worthington Community Center



of a metropolitan bikeway system planned for Franklin County. When completed, the trail will extend from Worthington to Ohio State University. The Worthington bikeway, located on the east side of the river between Wilson Bridge Road and State Route 161, will connect with the Columbus Bikeway, located on the west side of the river.

Also in the planning stage is an internal bikeway system in Worthington, which will join area neighborhoods with schools, swimming pools, parks, the Community Center and other recreational areas. Another bikeway system, the Shrock Road Bikeway, will link Worthington to Westerville when completed.

Fishing

The Olentangy River provides an excellent fishing ground for licensed fishermen and easy access is provided all along the River Parklands. A state-owned and maintained fishing access is located off West Wilson Bridge Road, just north of the park. It is stocked with rock bass, blue gill, and catfish. Licenses for those 16 and over may be obtained at most sporting goods stores.

Golfing

The Columbus metropolitan area has six public golf courses. The Indian Run Golf Courses, which are used by the Worthington Recreation Department for instruction and league programs, are the nearest public links for Worthington area residents. Three private golf courses are located in the community at the Brookside, Worthington Hills, and York Temple Country Clubs. The nationally known Muirfield golf course is located just west of the Worthington area.



Exercise Facilities

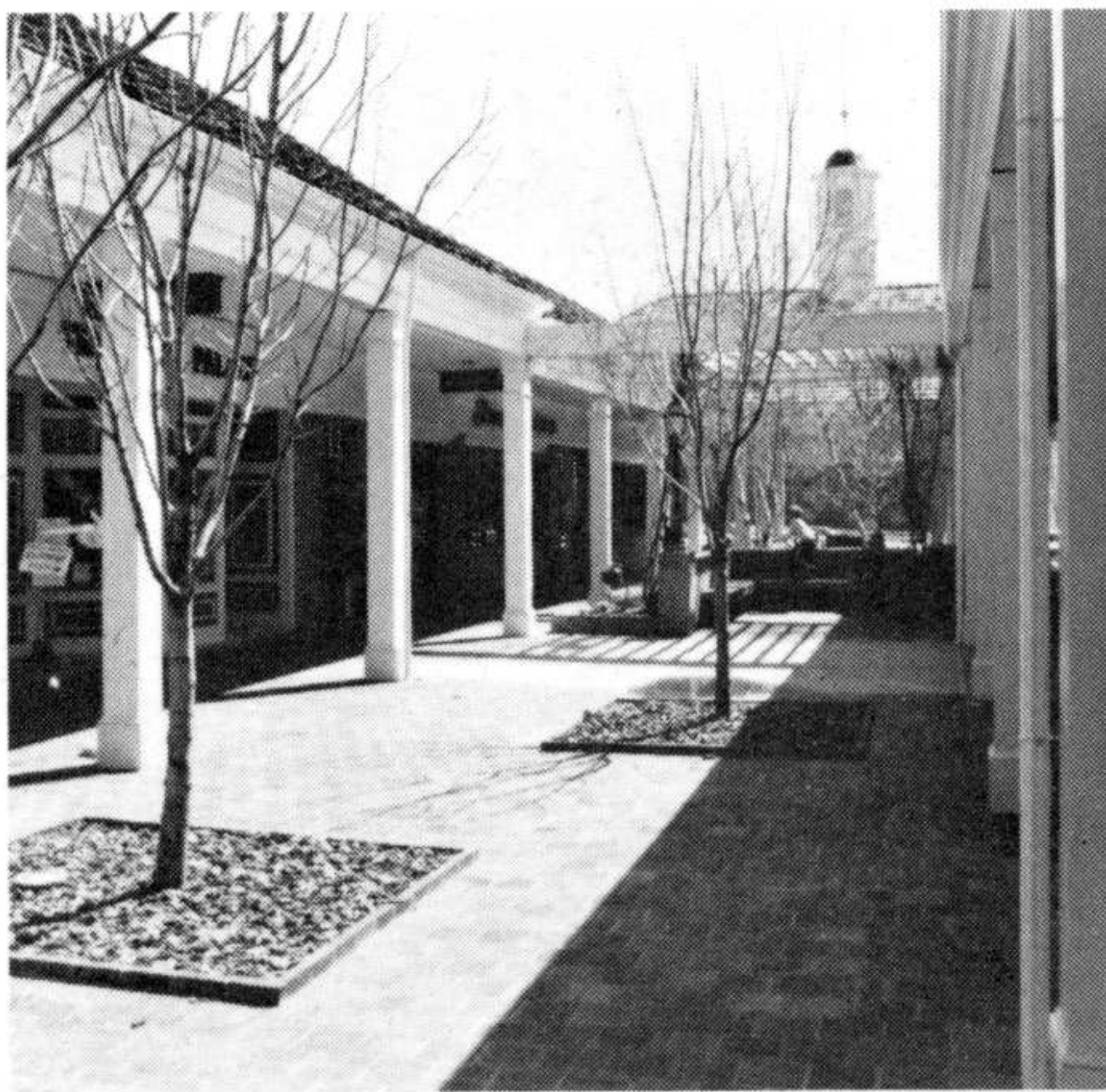
A new outdoor, running-exercise course, located in the Olentangy Parklands, demonstrates the community's interest in promoting better health for all family members through exercise. Constructed by the City of Worthington and the Ohio Medical Indemnity, Inc., the course is a one-mile running track with physical exercise stations along the route.

Competitive Sports

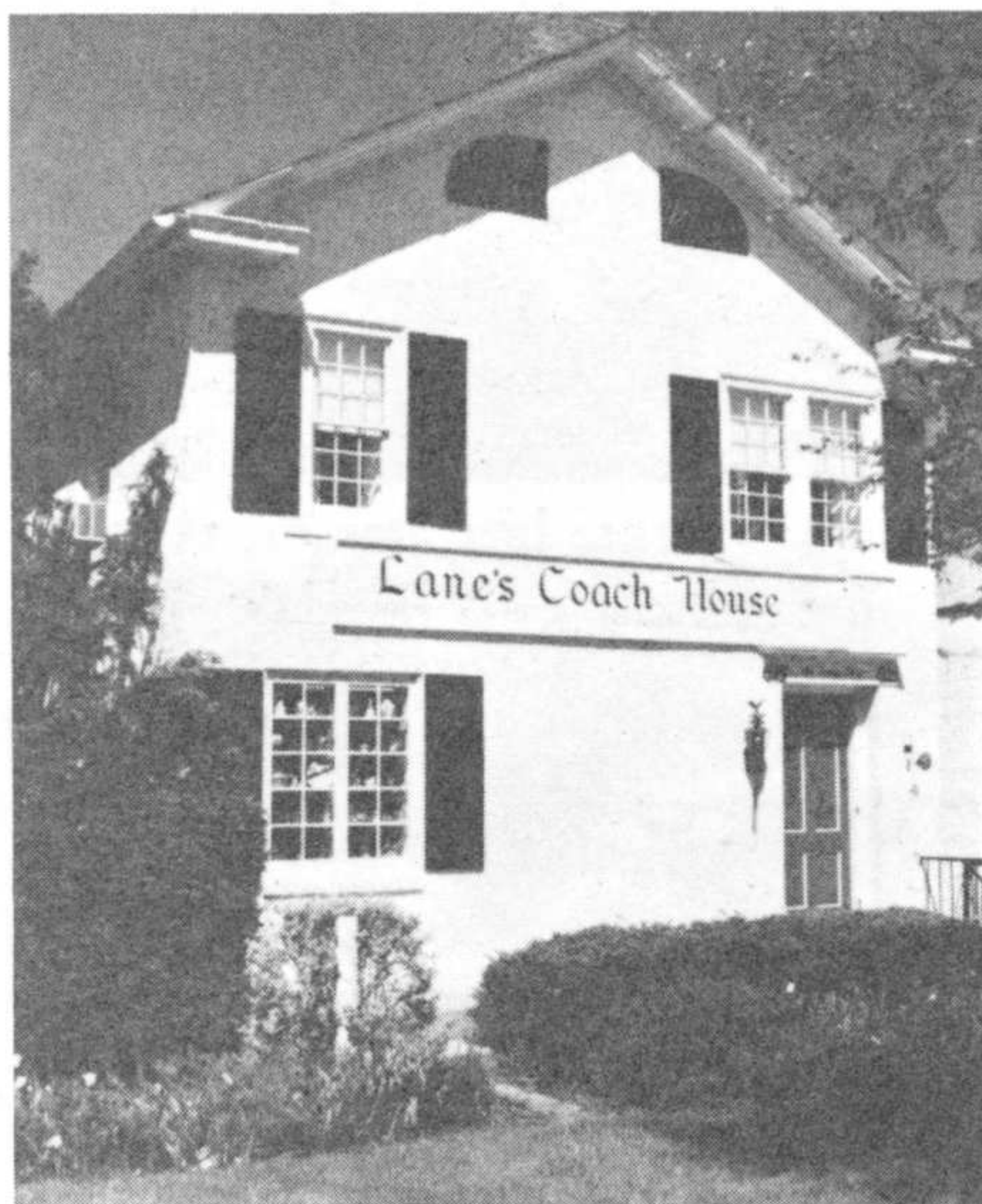
School district youth between the ages of 9 and 13 can take advantage of nonprofit, city-assisted Cardinal Boosters athletic program, offering organized programs in gymnastics, bowling, wrestling, soccer, lacrosse, baseball and football. Adult volunteer leaders supervise and schedule games and practices at local school and recreational facilities. Emphasis is on enjoyment and learning the rules of the game.



There's Thriving Business in Worthington



Worthington Square Shopping Center



Worthington is a thriving and growing center of business and industry. Although strongly residential and suburban, Worthington is the headquarters for corporations such as Toledo Scale, Worthington Industries, Equitable Life Assurance, Ohio Medical Indemnity, ChemLawn, General Electric, Dresser Industries and National Water Well. In addition, nearly one million square feet of office space exists in large ultra-modern building complexes, including the 42-acre Cascade Corporate Center.

The beginnings of Worthington industry were a tannery, a cabinet shop, a grist mill and small factories where the early settlers made woolen cloth, hats and kid gloves. Today's Worthington has developed the Huntley Industrial Park, providing a location for light industrial, research and testing, and warehousing interests such as Continental Can, Liqui-Box and the Liebert Corporations. Areas remain for further industrial development and warehousing in Huntley Road and in the Proprietors Road area where numerous other industries are located.

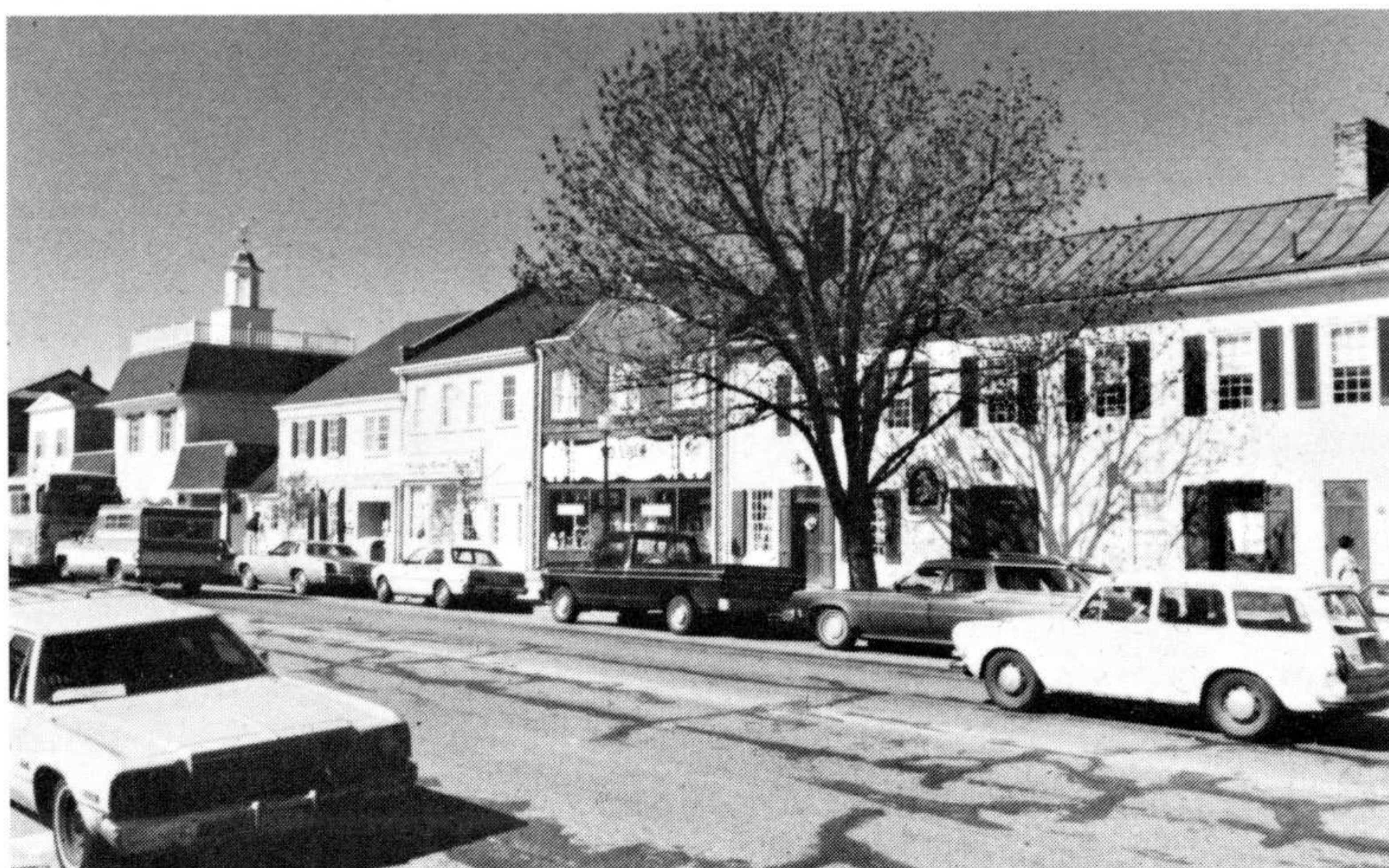
Local products include plastic containers, industrial abrasives and diamonds, scales and weighing equipment, metal cans, fabricated and primary metals, textured protein foods, surgical and medical instruments, prefabricated wood, bulk handling equipment, gears and speed reducers, rubber and plastic hoses, precision machined parts, and transportation and electrical equipment.

Shopping Areas

The business area in the center of Old Worthington still has the early architecture and spirit of the small town; small shops and service businesses surround the Village Green, just as they did in the city's early days. Other shopping areas are the new Worthington Square Shopping Center, built in Old New England style and housing more than 40 shops, and the Olentangy Valley Shopping Center. Large Columbus shopping malls are within a few miles of Worthington. More than 700 businesses are conveniently located for those living and working in the city, ranging from sole proprietorships to those with hundreds of employees; and from branch banks, modern motels and professional offices to a small shoe repair or antique shop.

A Growing Community

Worthington's substantial industrial and residential growth in the past 20 years provides the city with a tax base fostering growth and prosperity; the excellent municipal services have grown and kept pace with the city's mixture of rapid residential and business development. New commercial and residential construction in 1978 totaled \$13 million. Worthington has an assessed property valuation of approxi-



Downtown Worthington



mately \$167 million; the city budget in 1978 was a total of over \$5 million. The Anheuser-Busch brewing plant, one of the largest and most modern in the world, is the largest taxpayer in the Worthington School District. The City Council has reduced property taxes twice in the past five years. Worthington has a one per cent city income tax.

Transportation

Worthington is located within 600 miles of 66 per cent of the population of the United States and Canada and is in the heart of the 32-county central Ohio trading area. Intercity bus lines and 125 motor freight lines are available for product delivery. Railroads serving Worthington and Central Ohio are the Penn Central, Chesapeake and Ohio/Baltimore and Ohio, Norfolk and Western, and Amtrak.

Access to the interstate highway system is two miles from the center of the city. The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) provides bus service for Worthington residents throughout metropolitan Columbus. Air travel is readily accessible from Worthington; Port Columbus, a commercial airport served by all major airlines, is 25 minutes by interstate highway. The Ohio State University Don Scott airfield for private planes is within 15 minutes of the center of town.

Consumer Markets

The Franklin County area, of

which Worthington is a part, is an unusually good consumer product market with high consumer sales. It is a growing product area with high per capita sales and a high labor participation rate.

Columbus, the state capital, is a government and insurance center, as well as the home of the 55,000 student population of Ohio State University. The labor market force numbers 430,000 in Franklin County; the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) figure for a five-county area, which includes Worthington, is 563,000.

Building Codes & Standards

The founders of Worthington brought their liking for colonial architecture with them from their native Connecticut. Today a Board of Architectural Review sees that new buildings within the original boundaries of the town respect the colonial tradition. New architecture on the outer area of the city is quite modern, but the old central part of Worthington is much the same as it was in the 1800s.

Worthington has building codes applicable to residential, commercial and industrial building, as well as housing codes and various neighborhood associations. The City Council, assisted by the Municipal Development Commission, supervises subdivision platting, zoning plans and the physical needs of the city.

The Council has adopted comprehensive plans for the future development of the city, in-

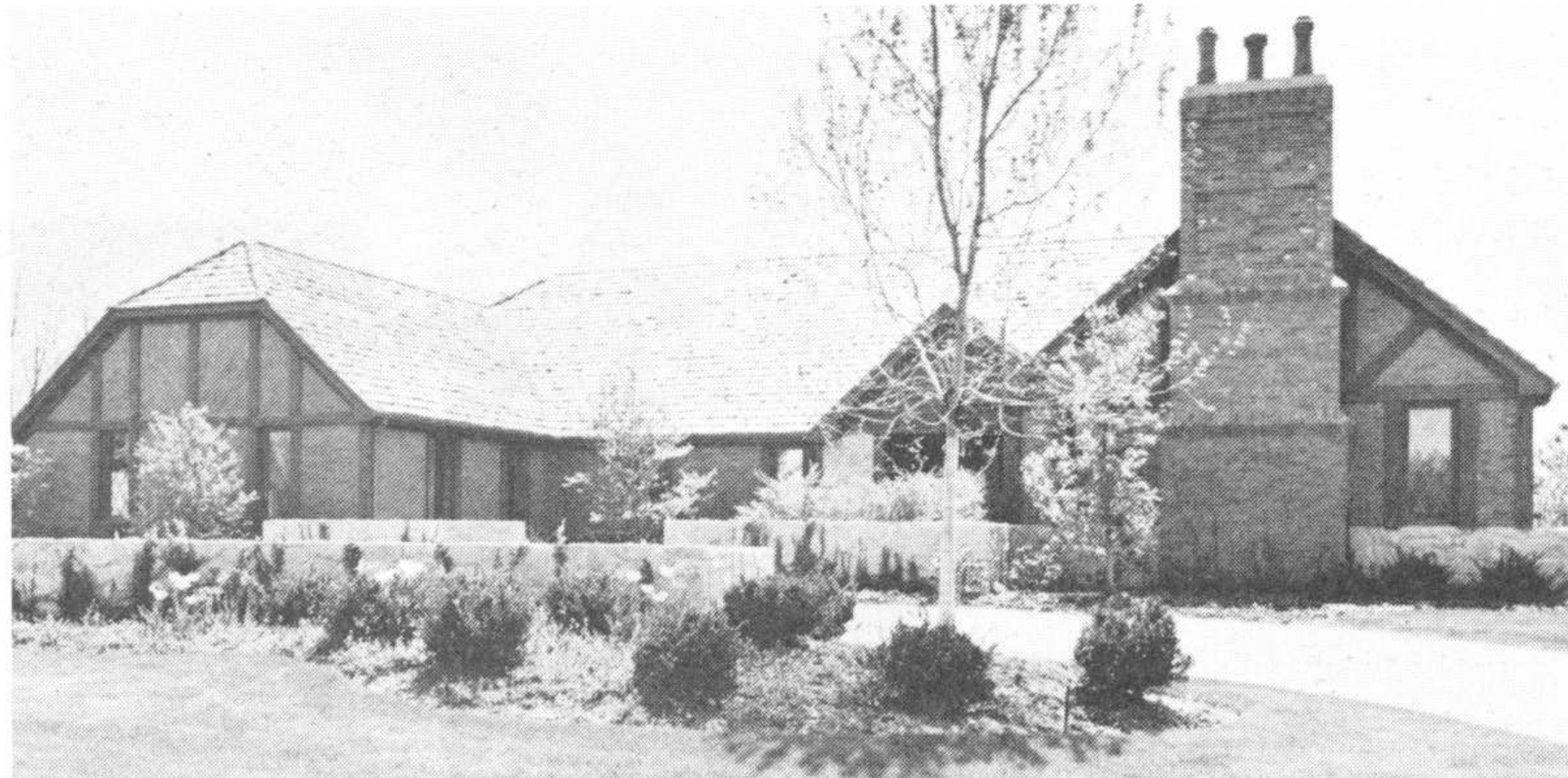
cluding recommended uses of land, projected streets and highways, and locations of future public buildings, schools and parks.

Chamber of Commerce

The Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce has long been a major supporter of a variety of programs to better Worthington and to promote community pride and growth. At the same time the Chamber has actively sought to help preserve the "small village" downtown atmosphere. It has financially supported a parking lot for the downtown business area, beautification projects and displays of sculpture on the Village Green.

Civic projects of the Chamber are as varied as its members. In recent years the Chamber has co-sponsored an all-community downtown "street market" and recognized employers and employees during a special week-long celebration. The Chamber has also given its support to other community organizations, published brochures on the community and participated in the Memorial Day parade, the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and the Worthington Walk-fest.

The Chamber holds luncheon meetings and special programs throughout the year. Membership includes the smallest shopkeepers to managers of large national business firms, all united in the Chamber's goal of being a vital and progressive force for the business community and for the betterment of the Worthington area.



HOUSING

Residential opportunities of every kind are available to the prospective Worthington resident. Approximately 7,400 single-family homes and 450 multi-family dwellings within the Worthington School District provide varied living experiences.

Homes are a mixture of old and new - - the majority built since 1960 - - in a wide range of prices. Styles reflect the diversity of tastes and lifestyles of the 25,000 people who live in the Worthington area.

There are two-story colonials, ranches, split-levels, bi-levels, tri-levels, one-and-a-half stories and contemporary styles. For those who like homes that blend with

their surroundings, there is Rush Creek where homes reflect Frank Lloyd Wright's "organic housing" philosophy that homes should look like they are emerging from the earth.

There's also condominium living in Worthington. Toll Gate Square, in the heart of the city, was the first condominium development in Ohio. Now the Worthington area has six. Melbourne and Stafford Villages provide the finest in senior citizen residential living.

The Worthington School District offers fine family homes, and housing is abundantly available. Builders project an additional 7,000 dwellings within the next three to five years.

CHURCHES

Thirteen denominations and faiths are represented in the 21 churches in the Worthington area. Among these are Baptist, Episcopalian, Judaism, Lutheran, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Seventh-Day Adventist.

Other faiths are represented in the Grace Brethren Church, Third Church of Christ Scientist, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, St. John's AME, and the nondenominational Worthington Christian Church.

Many of the Churches have multiple services and offer programs within the church for adults and youths.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

The City of Worthington contracts with the Columbus Health Department for health care services for its residents. These services include a monthly immunization clinic for children and adults and a weekly senior citizen health assessment clinic for residents 60 and over. Sharon Township contracts with the Franklin County Health Department for its health care services.

Eleven general hospitals are located within the Columbus metropolitan area. Riverside Hospital and Ohio State University are the nearest facilities to the Worthington area. Several nursing homes are located within the community.

The Worthington area is served



by the North Area Mental Health and Retardation Services, headquartered at 1901 East Granville Road. Among the many agencies located within Worthington are:

Worthington Community Counseling Service (WCCS), serving ages 12 to 25 through individual, family and group counseling, individual growth activities, crisis intervention services and a volunteer program.

Worthington Resource Center (WRC), a volunteer organization committed to bringing people, their interests, talents and concerns together.

Worthington Community Service Committee, providing assistance to needy families in Worthington through the coordinated efforts of local civic associations, community organizations and local churches.

Harding Hospital, a comprehensive psychiatric treatment center providing evaluation and treatment programs, including in-patient, day-patient, and out-patient services for adults and youth.

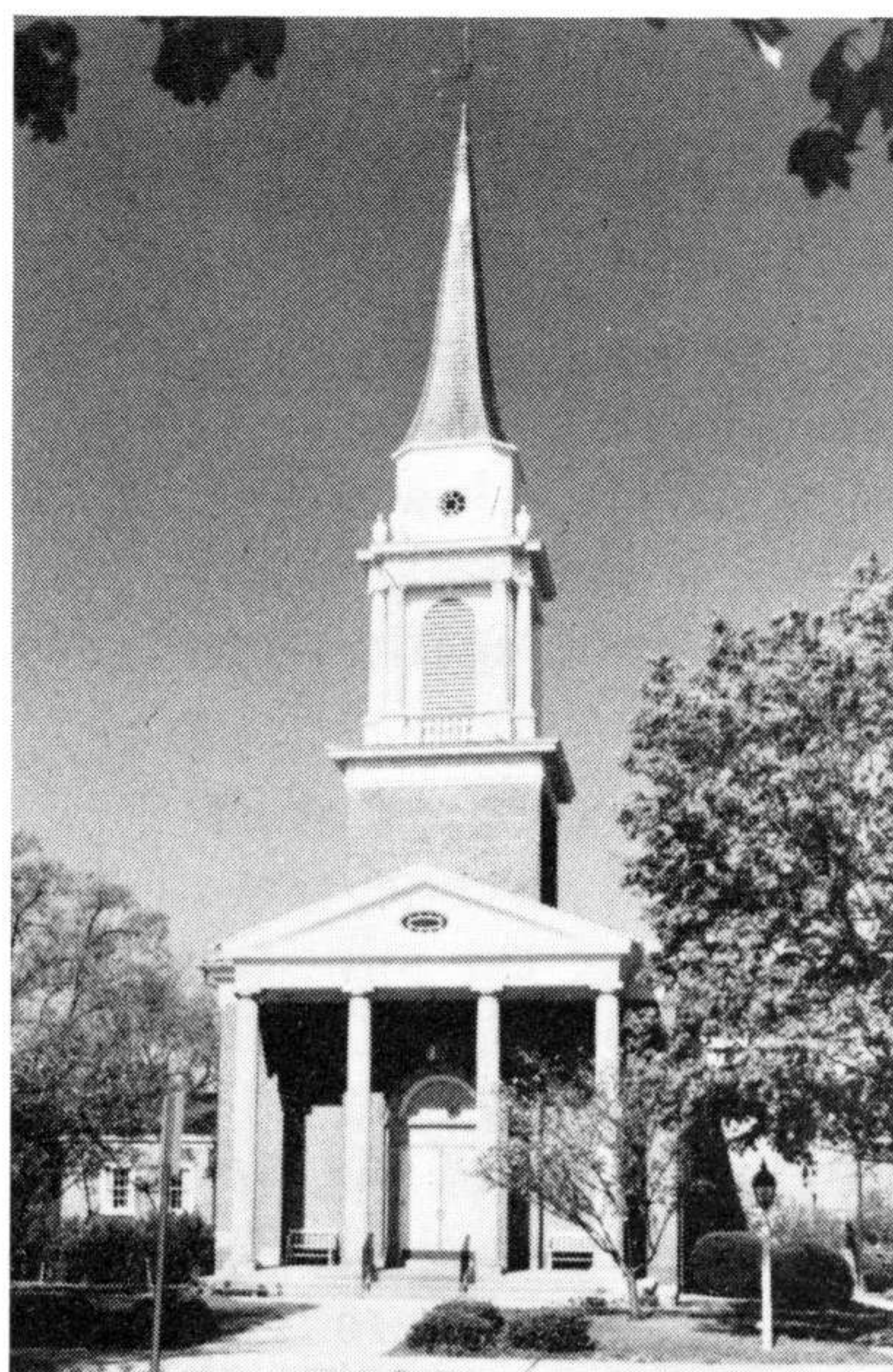
United Methodist Children's Home, providing coed residential services for youth age 12 to 17 using reality therapy and positive peer culture as the basic treatment philosophies.

North Area Guidance Center, providing out-patient treatment of emotional and behavioral problems for children and their families.

THE ARTS

Worthington has the advantage of being close to Columbus and its cultural life and there are numerous and varied cultural activities right at home.

The Worthington Arts Council, an umbrella organization for local arts groups, is responsible for many of the community's cultural events. Its goal is to bring the visual and performing arts to the community and to make the creative experience part of everyday life. With the support



of Worthington City Council, school and business leaders and local organizations, the Arts Council presents a music and dance Performance Series, art exhibitions and outdoor sculpture displays during the year.

Worthington has an active and award-winning community theatre group and a Civic Band. Each summer the City of Worthington sponsors a series of concerts on the Village Green showcasing the talents of community and professional groups.

Columbus supports a host of



artistic endeavors including the Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus Symphony, Ohio State University's Great Artist Series, Mershon Variety Series, Ohio Theatre Subscription Series, Ballet Metropolitan and Dancentral.

The area's colleges and universities are also very active in promoting and presenting the performing and visual arts. The Worthington schools actively participate in the "Artists-in-the-Schools Program," which provides children the opportunity to work with professional artists.



There's Historic Restoration in Worthington

A number of historic properties have been preserved in Worthington through the efforts of the Worthington Historical Society and many conscientious business and property owners. Listed below are some of the most noteworthy.

Orange Johnson House, 956 High Street, is the former home of an early comb manufacturer. Constructed in 1816 and expanded in 1830, the residence has been completely restored and authentically furnished by the local historical society. The house includes a doll collection, museum and gift shop. It serves as the center for many community events sponsored by the Society, including open houses, garden parties, and tours.

St. John's Episcopal Church, on the southeast corner of the village Green, is the oldest Episcopal church west of the Allegheny Mountains. Constructed in 1931, the church has been painstakingly restored in recent years. The tiny graveyard, sheltered behind the church, contains the bodies of 18 of the original settlers. A colum-

barium wall was added to the grounds in 1978, visually connecting the church with the old **Sharon Township Hall**, which the congregation has also restored.

The Rectory, 50 West New England Avenue, served as the home of the minister of St. John's Episcopal Church. Originally located on the southeast corner of the Green, the house was moved to 799 Hartford Street, where it served as administrative offices for the Worthington schools. In 1978 it was moved to its present site. The property of the Worthington Historical Society, the building is now being renovated for use as a museum, historical library and office space.

The John Snow House, 41 West New England Avenue, now houses an antique shop. Built in 1815 by Asa Gillet as a home and shop, the brick house was sold to James Kilbourne in 1817. Later John Snow, proprietor of Worthington's first drug store at the southwest corner of New England and High Street, purchased the home. The Snow family lived in the house for 138 years.

The Kilbourne House, 679 High Street, is another historic property constructed as a residence and now used commercially. The building was constructed by Worthington's founder and was the family home until his death on April 24, 1850. The restored building now houses a women's clothing store.

The Old Worthington Inn, on the northwest corner of New England Avenue and High Street, is the second oldest operating restaurant in Ohio and included in the National Registrar of Historic Buildings. The Inn was founded in 1831 as a stage coach stop, providing sleeping accommodations and meals for those passing through on the Columbus Sandusky Turnpike. Once the setting of many "Tally Ho Parties," community gatherings and even ballroom dances, the Inn is still a popular spot for reunions and banquets.

Ohio Railway Museum, 990 Proprietors, features actual railway stock collected by rail-fan members, an authentic station house and rides on the museum's own track. Open on Sundays.



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