

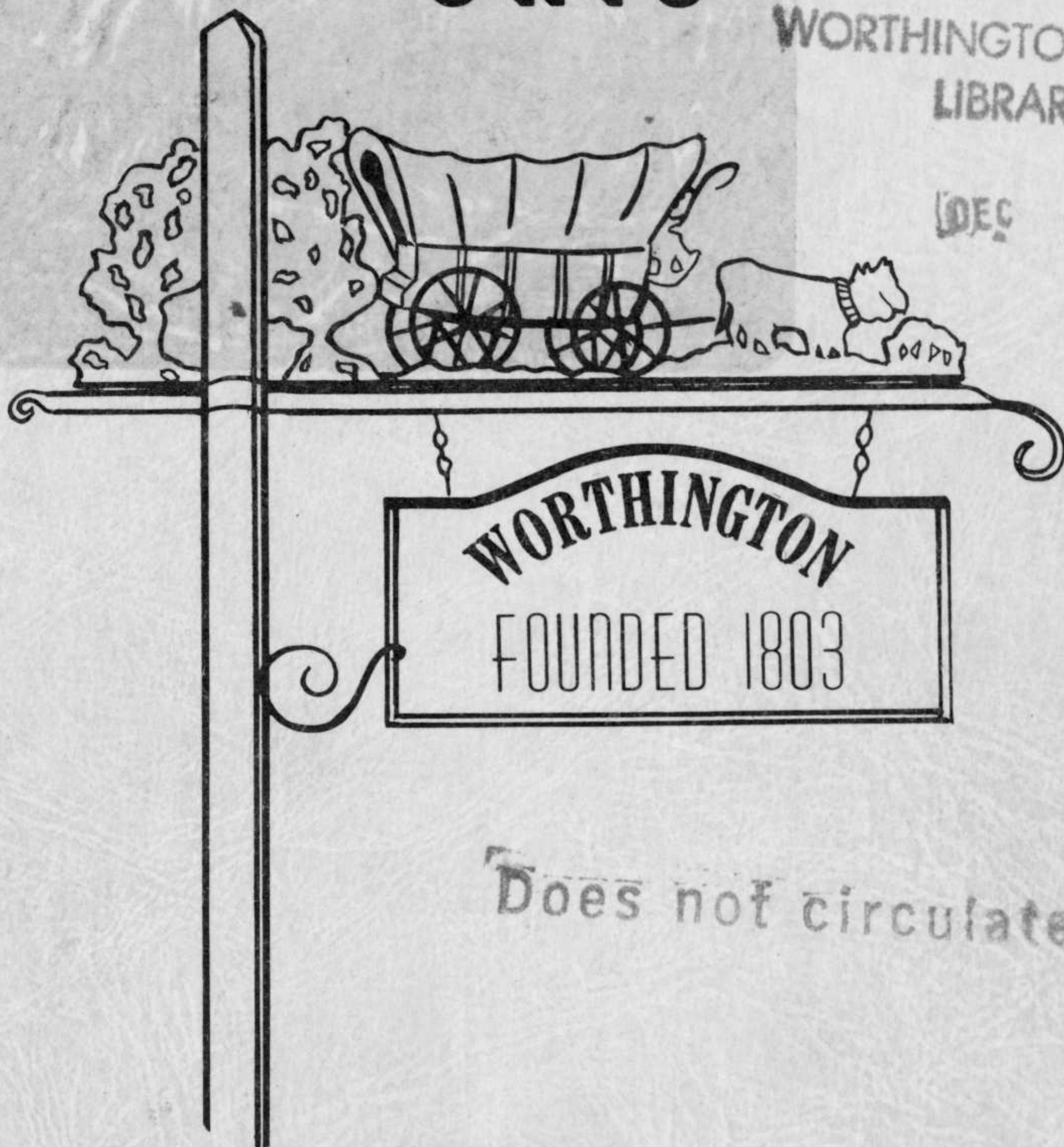
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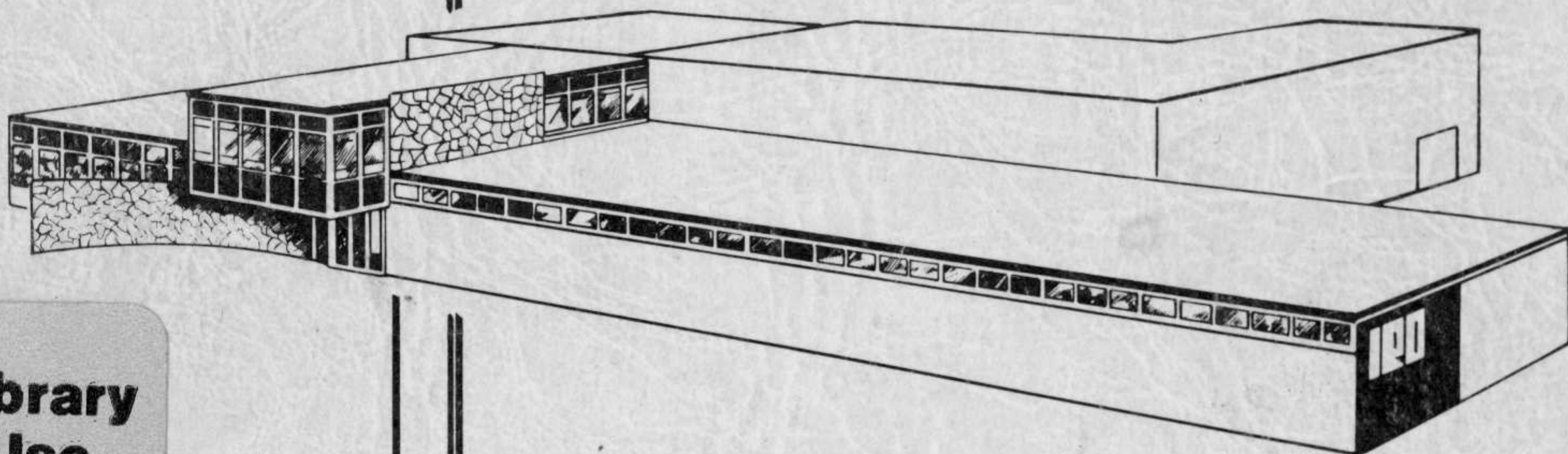
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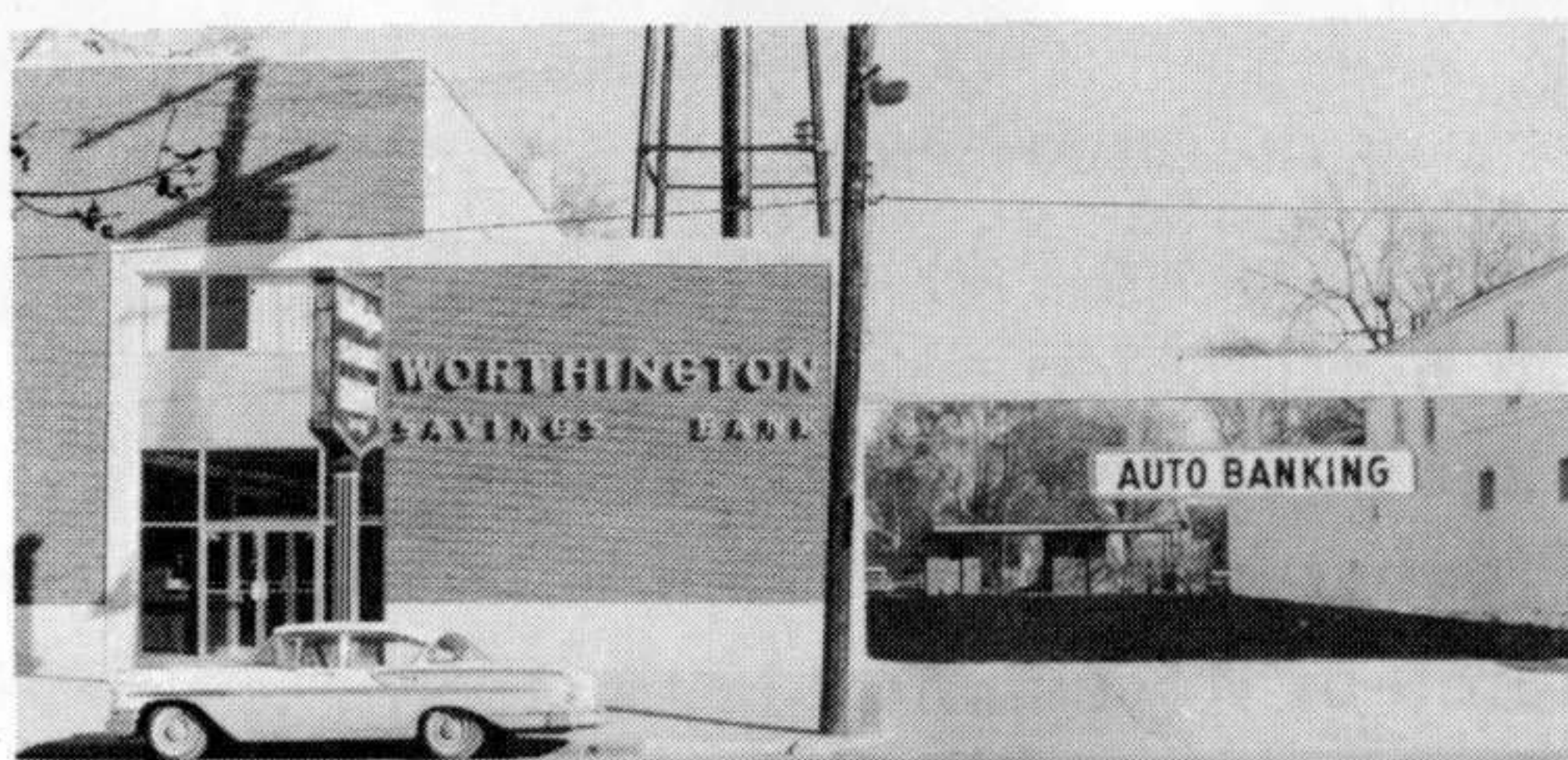
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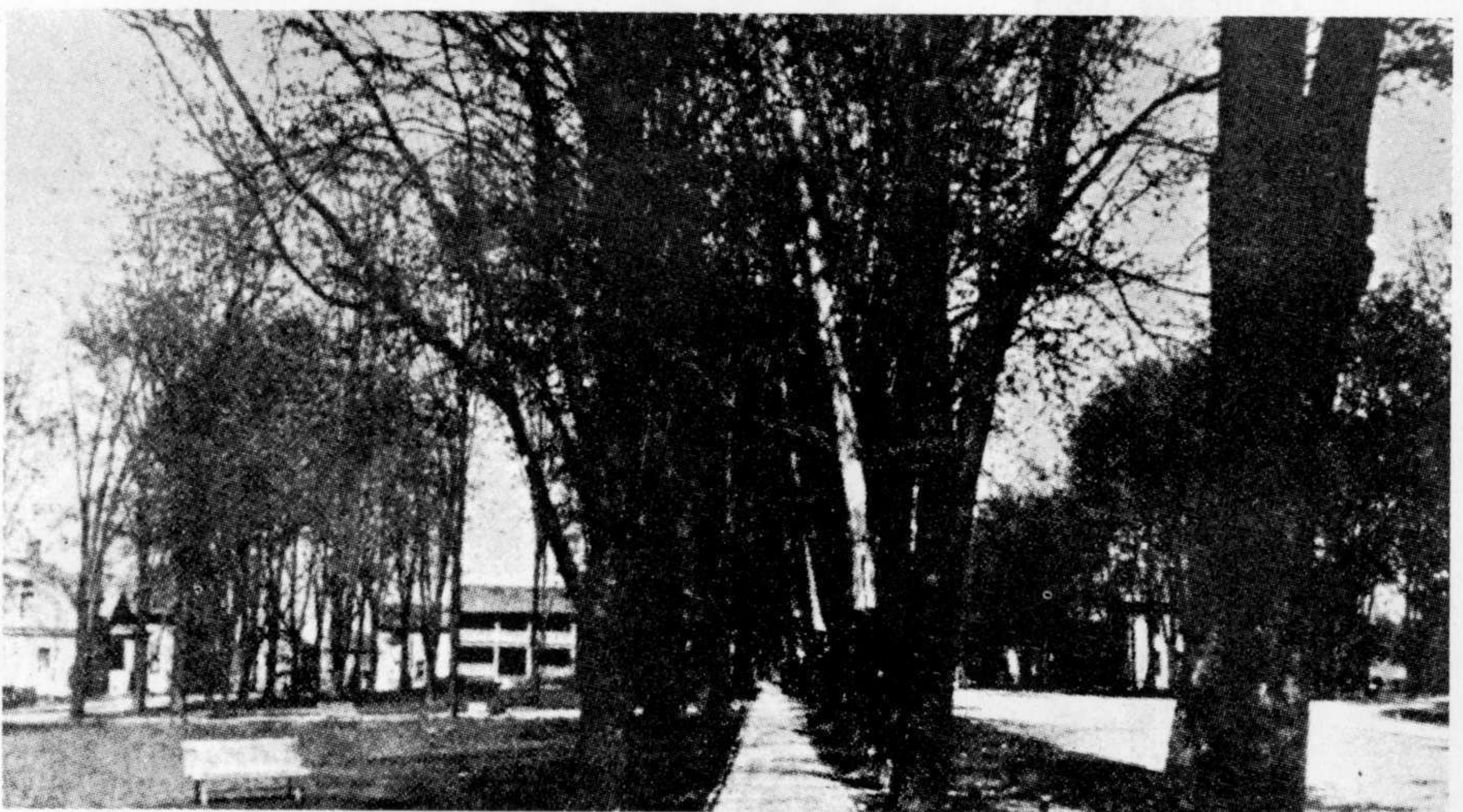
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Main Street – Horse and Buggy Days

I. OUR CITY'S CHARACTERISTICS

HISTORICAL REVIEW

In 1803, the year after the constitution of the newly created state of Ohio was drawn up and it was apparent that slavery would be prohibited, a small group of New Englanders who had previously formed the Scioto Company purchased 16,000 acres of land in what is now Sharon Township and parts of Clinton and Delaware Townships. The sum of twenty thousand dollars, a dollar and a quarter an acre, was paid for the land.

Colonel James Kilbourne had explored the country before the purchase was made. The Scioto Company provided for the division of the land, including the setting aside of land for the public square, for the school, and for the Episcopal Society, before any of the party left New England. The site selected for the town was a dense forest, but Worthington developed with amazing speed. By 1805 the first mill was established, inns were opened, and by the next year there was a real store, occupying its own building. There are two versions of how Worthington got its name. It was named either for Colonel Kilbourne's friend, Colonel Thomas Worthington, afterwards governor, or for the parish of Worthington in Connecticut.

A glimpse into the life of early Worthington is seen through the following excerpts.

In 1835 by a special act of the legislature, Worthington was incorporated, and the following spring James Kilbourne was elected its first mayor. Worthington's incorporation was annulled by the constitution of 1851. In 1852 Worthington became a village under general law and remained such until a special census was taken in 1956, which showed the population to be in excess of 5,000, and classified it as a city. The mayor-council was the community's government. In 1956, Worthington adopted its present charter, which has been amended slightly since that time. This charter provides for a council and city manager to administer the affairs of the growing city.

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West South Street, which is at present such a beautiful residential section was at one time factory row. James Kilbourne was instrumental in organizing as well as helping to bring several industries to Worthington. In 1811 Kilbourne organized the Worthington Manufacturing Company of which he was the president and general agent. The company produced woolen cloth which was sold to the government for the army of the northwest then fighting on the Ohio frontier. Besides the woolen factory, a tannery, a shoe shop, a cabinet shop, a grist mill and a hat factory all operated on South Street.

The first frame house in the village was built by Ezra Griswold in 1805. It was located across the street from where the inn now stands.

The first brick house was built by James Kilbourne in 1808. The Corbin Funeral Home is a part of this old building.

In 1811 James Kilbourne started the first newspaper titled "The Western Intelligencer". It became a part of what is now The Ohio State Journal in 1814.

A mud road connected the village to Columbus until about 1840. A corduroy road was built that year. The corduroy road was changed to a plank road in 1850. A gravel road was built about 1875. The paved road was completed in 1921.

The Columbus, Delaware and Marion Interurban Line connected the village to Columbus for a good many years. Service began in 1902 and was discontinued in August 1933. The Ohio Railway Museum is located on the right of way of the interurban line along Proprietor's Road.

A horse car line was to connect Worthington and Westerville but was completed only as far as the general store in Flint and ran from 1899 to 1902.

The oldest tombstone found in the St. John's cemetery behind the church is that of Captain Abner Pinney who died in 1804.

The double wedding of Polly Morrison and Abner P. Pinney, Charlotte Beach and Levi Pinney was the first wedding solemnized in the village. The wedding took place in the church-school building on February 10, 1804.

The back wing of the Presbyterian Church is the original church building turned at right angles to its original position. It is brick encased and forms a Sunday School room and the church offices. Some of the original timbers are still in use in this portion of the building.

The pews in the Episcopal Church are the original ones. The carved black walnut choir stalls are also the original ones but are not in the former position. The first church bell rang from the St. John steeple on Christmas Day 1833.

Telephone communications between Worthington and Columbus were completed Saturday May 23, 1881.

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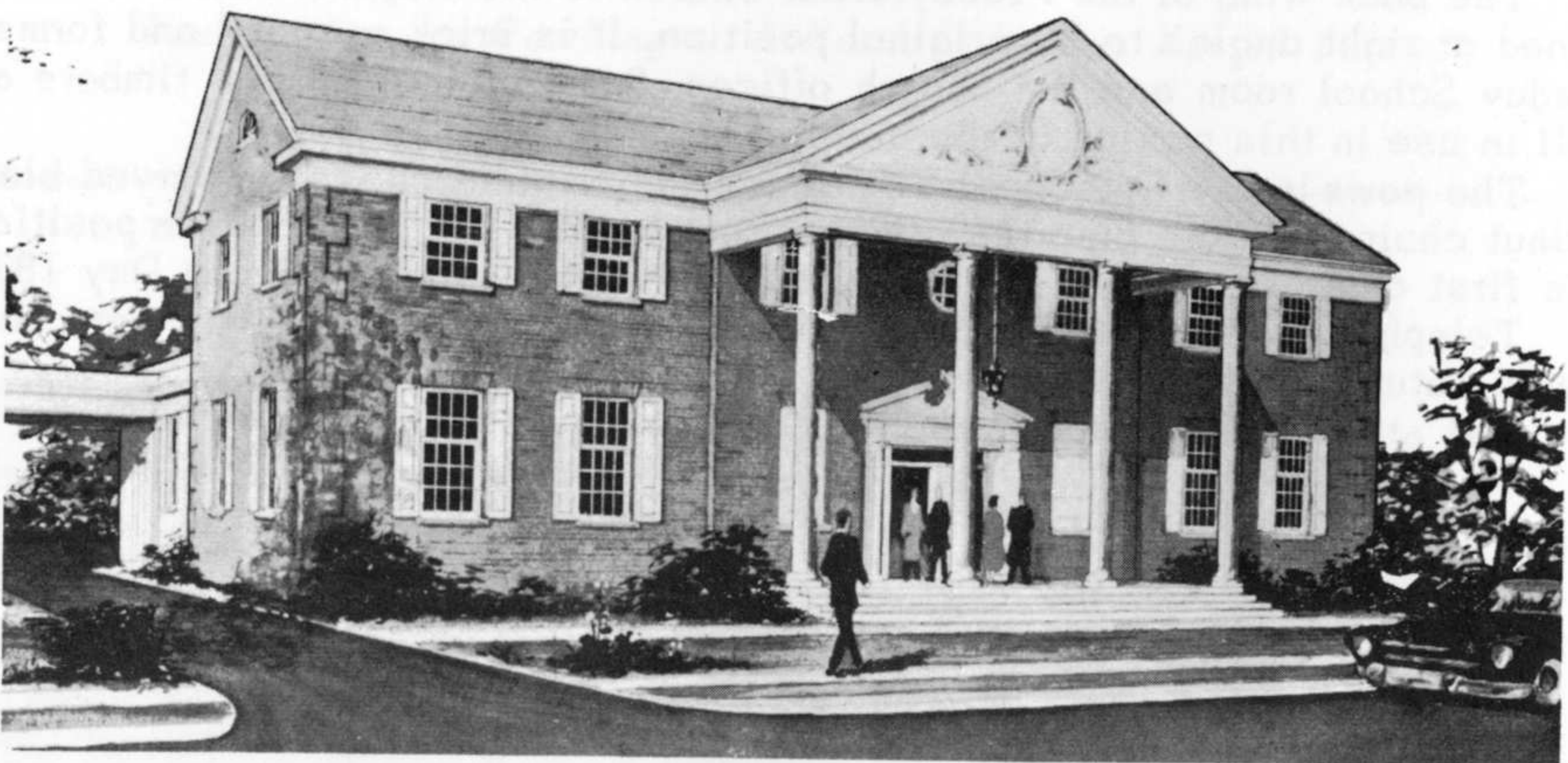


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GEOGRAPHICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The geographical extent of Worthington is approximately five square miles, an increase of 400% through annexation in a ten-year period. Worthington is a part of Sharon Township.

The original plat of Worthington encompassed a square bounded on the north by North Street, on the south by South Street, on the west by Evening Street, and on the east by Morning Street. These were the original names of the streets. The present-day High Street appeared as Main Street, while what is now Granville Road was called State Street on the original plat.

The present boundaries extend a little north of Wilson Bridge Road, as far south as Stanton Avenue west of High Street, and between Selby Boulevard and Chase Road east of High Street. The west boundary is west of the Olen-tangy River, and extends to the railroad west of Linworth Road at one point south of Dublin-Granville Road. The east boundary is east of Huntley Road north of Dublin-Granville Road, then jogs westward to a line roughly along Indianola Avenue.

Although Worthington has been primarily a residential community, there were industries in the early days and today there are areas zoned for commercial enterprises and for industrial uses. The Huntley Road area is the site of several industrial plants.

POPULATION

The population has grown from 1,235 in 1930 to 9,239, as recorded in the 1960 census. From its beginning as a village of transplanted New Englanders, present-day Worthington has residents who have come from all parts of the nation.



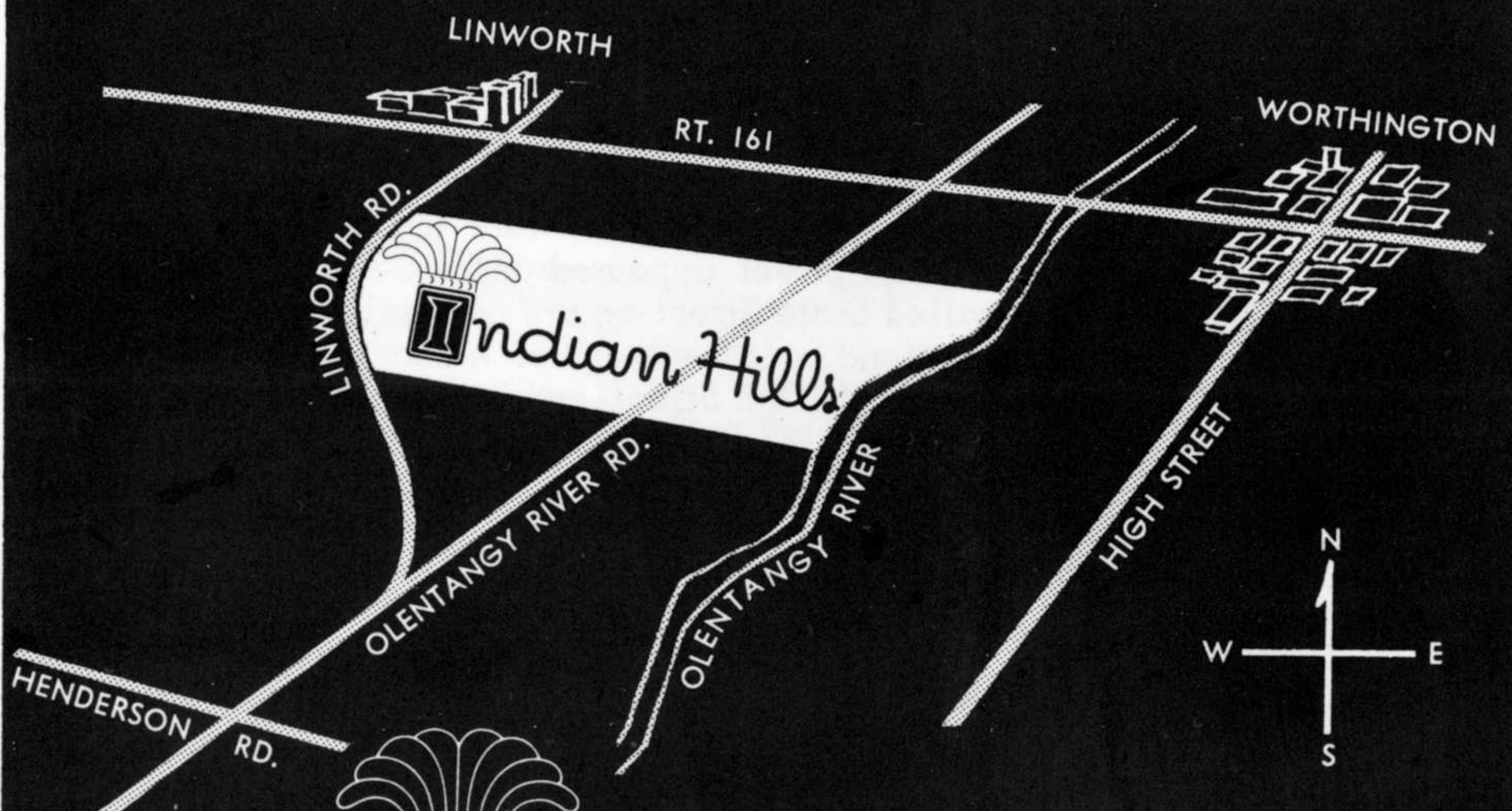
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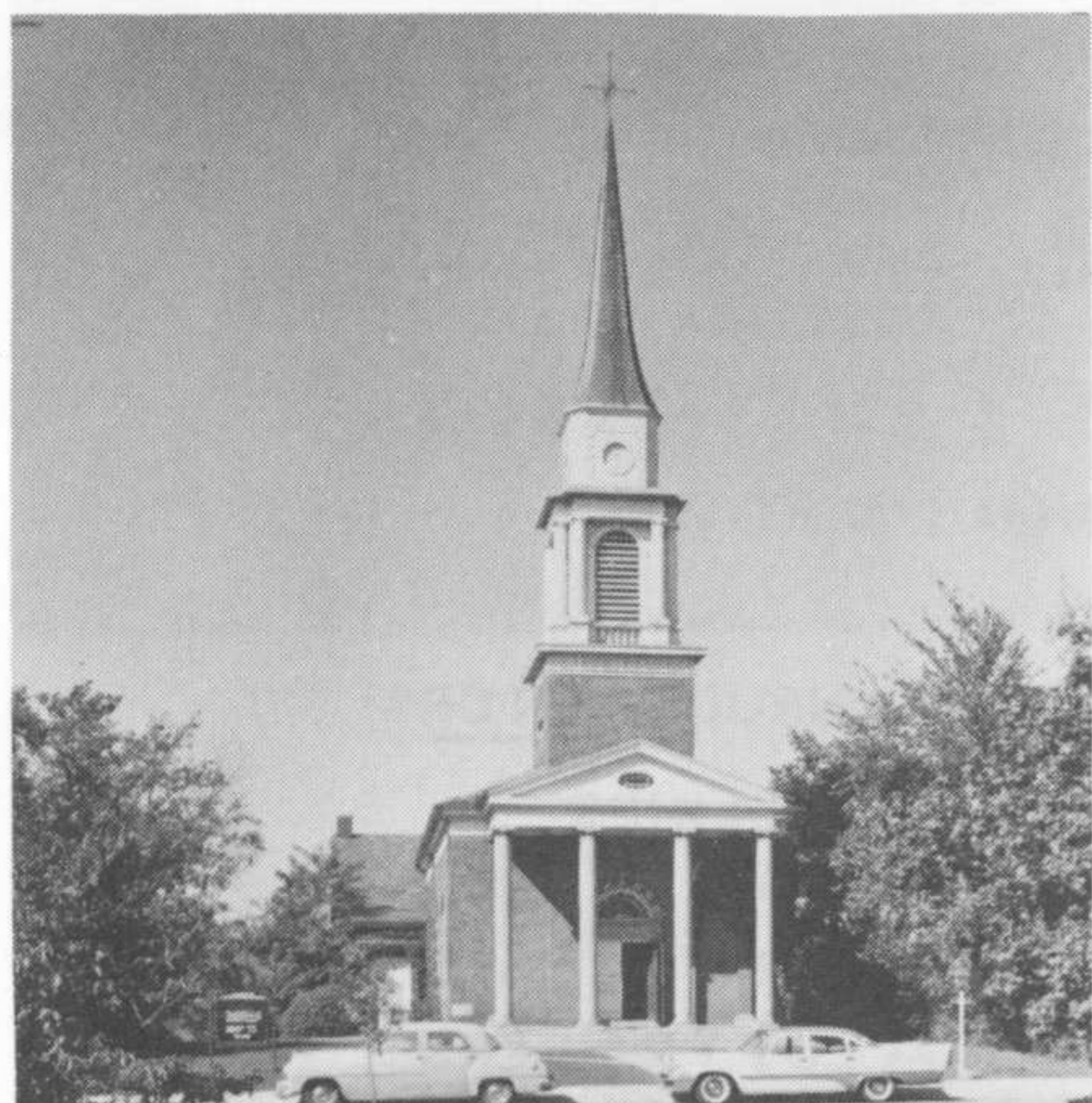
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ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Worthington's location in close proximity to Columbus, the state capital, has largely determined the economic development of the community. In the very early days, Worthington had a thriving factory area, near the river along the present-day South Street. With the rapid growth of Columbus, Worthington has a rather unique position, that of a suburb with a history. Many of the residents are employed in Columbus businesses, industries, and educational institutions.

Recent efforts have resulted in light industries and research corporations locating in Worthington. There have, of course, always been service businesses, stores, and other commercial enterprises for the convenience of the residents of the city.



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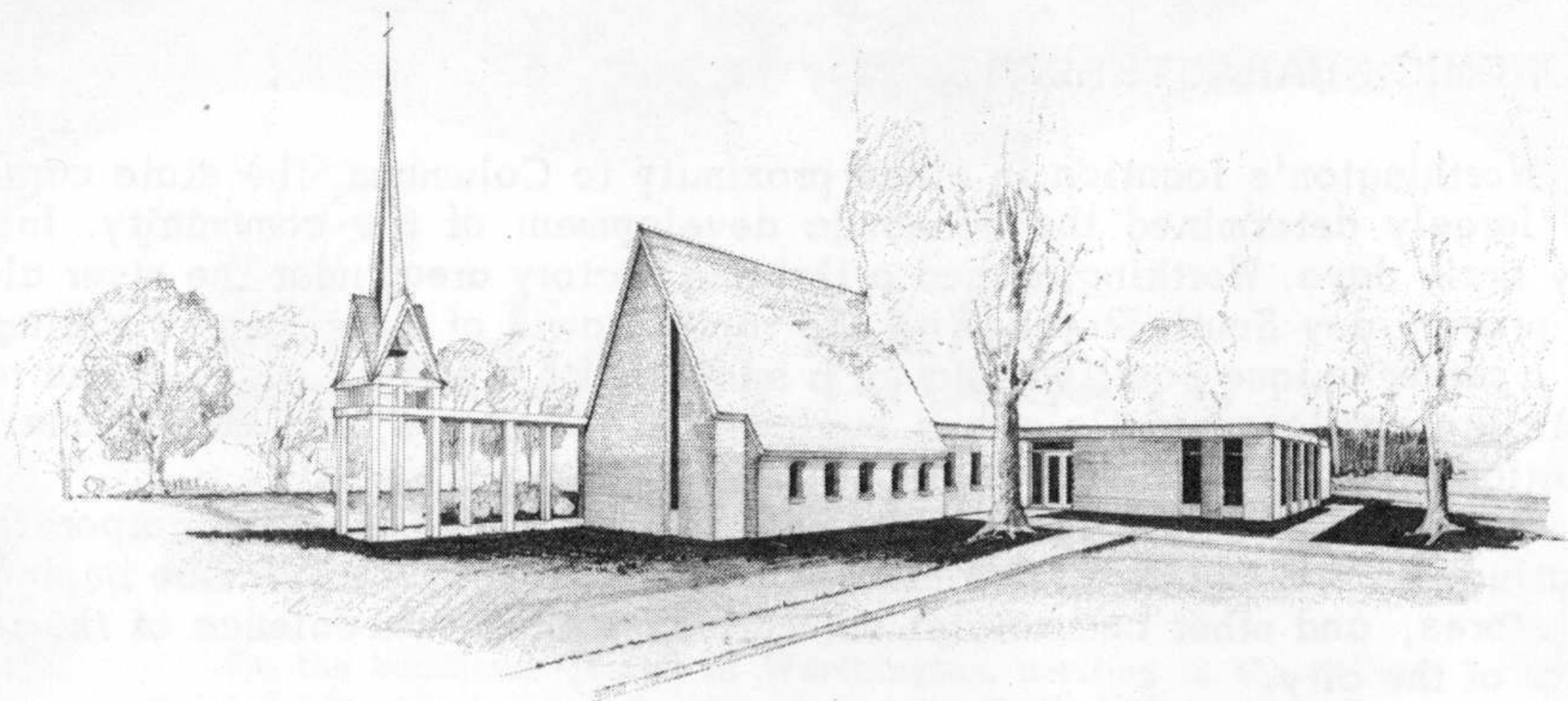
Worthington has one newspaper, the Worthington News, which has been published on a weekly basis since 1925. News of Worthington residents and events is also carried in the two Columbus daily newspapers.

WRFD is a radio station which carries a Worthington address, although it is located north of the city limits. The city is also served by several Columbus radio and television stations.

Eight churches are located in Worthington. These are: St. John's Episcopal, Worthington Methodist, Worthington Presbyterian, St. John A.M.E., Worthington Seventh Day Adventist, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, St. Michael Roman Catholic, and the All Saints Lutheran Church. According to a 1960 survey, approximately 2/3 of the church members attend Protestant churches, 1/3 attend Roman Catholic churches, and there is a representation of other faiths.

Worthington has a multitude of civic, social, fraternal, and other organizations. Many of these groups cooperate on community projects.

Much of the fund-raising for such organizations as the United Appeal, health groups, and others of this type is planned on a county-wide basis.



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II. OUR CITY'S GOVERNMENT

AUTHORITY OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT

The City of Worthington derives its governmental authority from its Charter which was adopted in November, 1956, and became effective one year later. This Charter is of the "home rule" type, which allows a city to govern itself outside the framework of the revised Code of the State of Ohio in matters of local concern. The government of Worthington has all powers possible for it to have under the Ohio Constitution unless it specifically limits itself. Copies of the Charter and amendments may be obtained at City Hall, 789 High Street.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CITY GOVERNMENT

City Council

Worthington has for its government the Council-Manager type. City Council is comprised of seven members, elected at large, for four-year overlapping terms. At two-year intervals, four members and then three are elected. Worthington uses a non-partisan ballot. Any qualified elector who has lived in the city for one year and does not hold a conflicting office with some other governmental unit may run for Council. The Council elects its President from among its number for a two-year term.



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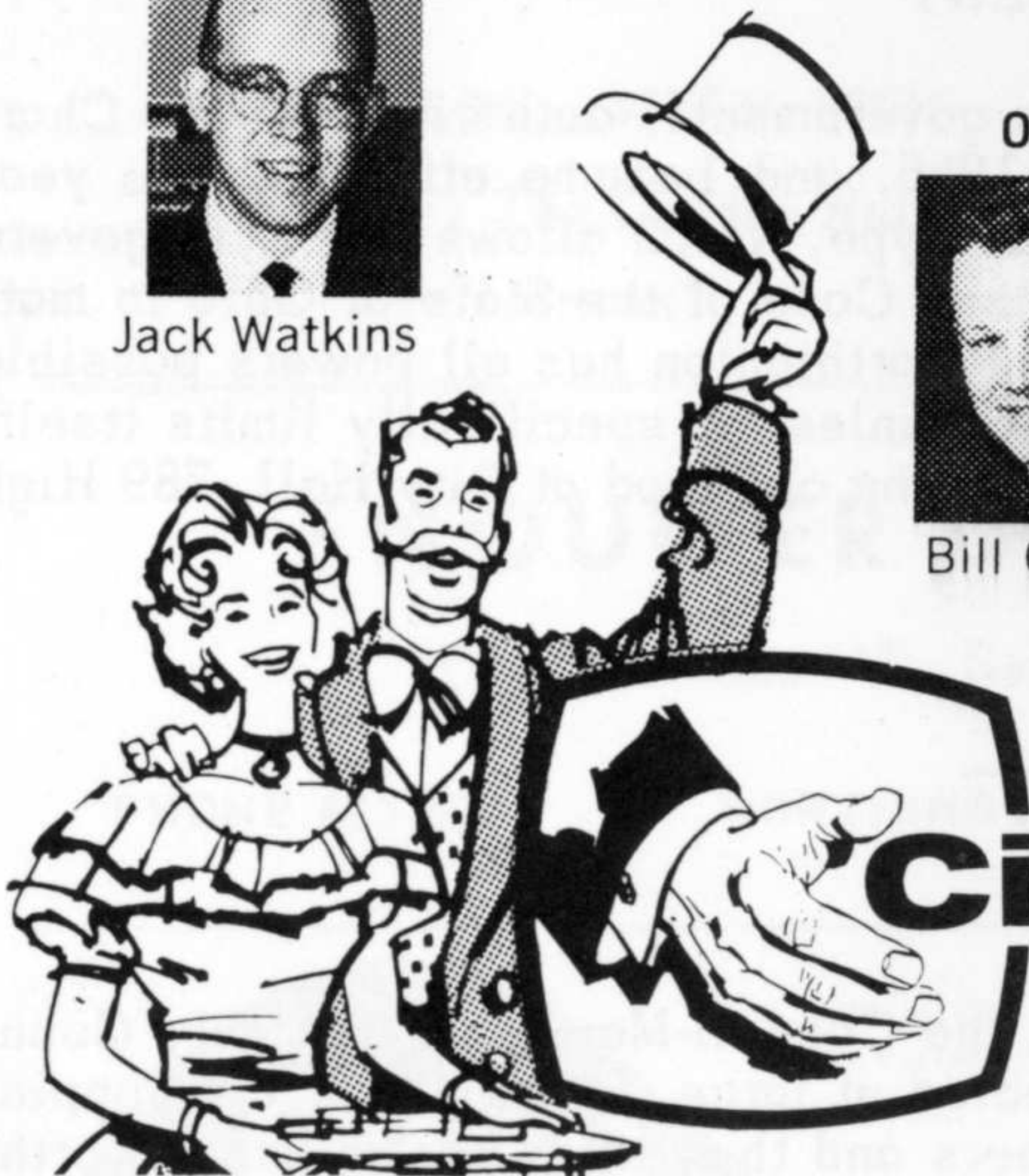
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Council is the legislative body of the local government, and it establishes local laws and policy by ordinances and resolutions. It has the power to appoint and remove the city manager and establish his salary; establish administrative departments; define the duties and fix salaries and wages for all employees; adopt the city budget; inquire into the conduct of any officer or employee in the performance of his public duties; appoint and remove members of the commissions; adopt and modify the official map; regulate and restrict the use of private real estate by zoning; adopt and approve subdivision plats; authorize the levy of taxes and the issuance of bonds; and arrange for audits.

Presently a councilman receives \$25.00, as set by ordinance, for each attendance at a regular Council meeting, but the yearly amount may not exceed \$600.00. Council meets twice a month in regular sessions and the meetings are open to the public.

The City Manager

The actual administration of the government is in the hands of the City Manager, who is an expert trained in these duties. He has no stated tenure of office, but is kept as long as the Council approves his administration, or until he resigns. He need not be a resident of Worthington when appointed, but he must reside in this city after he assumes his duties. He is appointed by the Council and is responsible to it. Currently the City Manager's salary is \$10,750.00 per year.

The City Manager is responsible for appointing and removing any of the appointive officers and employees of the city; preparing and submitting to Council the annual budget estimates; administering the adopted budget; preparing and submitting to Council and to the public a complete annual financial report; keeping Council informed of the current financial condition and the future needs of the city; appointing such citizen advisory committees as seem desirable; delegating duties to subordinate officers and employees and seeing that these duties are faithfully discharged; and performing such other duties as may be required by Council.

There are several departments in the city government. The City Manager appoints the head of each department, with the approval of Council. Two or more departments may be headed by the same person. The City Manager may serve as head of one or more departments, in addition to his duties as City Manager, if approved by Council.

The Mayor

The Mayor is chosen by the Council for a two-year term. He is recognized as the head of the city government, but has no administrative duties, and receives a salary of \$2,000.00 per year. The Mayor may be selected from among the Councilmen or from outside the Council.

The administration of justice in Worthington is handled by the Mayor's court. The Mayor serves as Judge to hear and determine misdemeanor cases arising under the Ordinances of the Municipality or under State Law if the affidavit alleging the offense so specifies. Fines are retained by the city and constitute about 10% of its income. If those charged with an offense do not waive their right to a jury trial, if circumstances guarantee this right, the cases are referred to the Franklin County Common Pleas or the Columbus Municipal Court. Persons drawing jail sentences are sentenced to the Franklin County Jail with a daily fee being paid by the City. Cases involving juveniles are transferred to the Juvenile Court.



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RELATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS

The citizens and government are subject to federal and state law. The city's finances are subject to audit by the Bureau of Inspection of Public Offices in the State Auditor's Office. The State Department of Highway Safety cooperates with the local police in supervising the state routes that traverse Worthington. The State Highway Department cooperates with local jurisdictions in construction projects within their limits. Fire protection comes from the Sharon Township Fire Department. Legal matters beyond the jurisdiction of the Mayor's Court are handled by the Franklin County Courts. The water supply is contracted for from the city of Columbus. The sanitary sewage is treated by the City of Columbus on a contractual arrangement. Public health services are provided through contract with the Franklin County General Health District. Worthington is a member of the Franklin County Regional Planning Commission. The summer playground program is held by the City and the School Board on a co-operative basis.

Columbus is the largest unit of government within Franklin County. The county is administered by a Board of Commissioners made up of three elected members. Franklin County now sends seven representatives to the State Legislature.

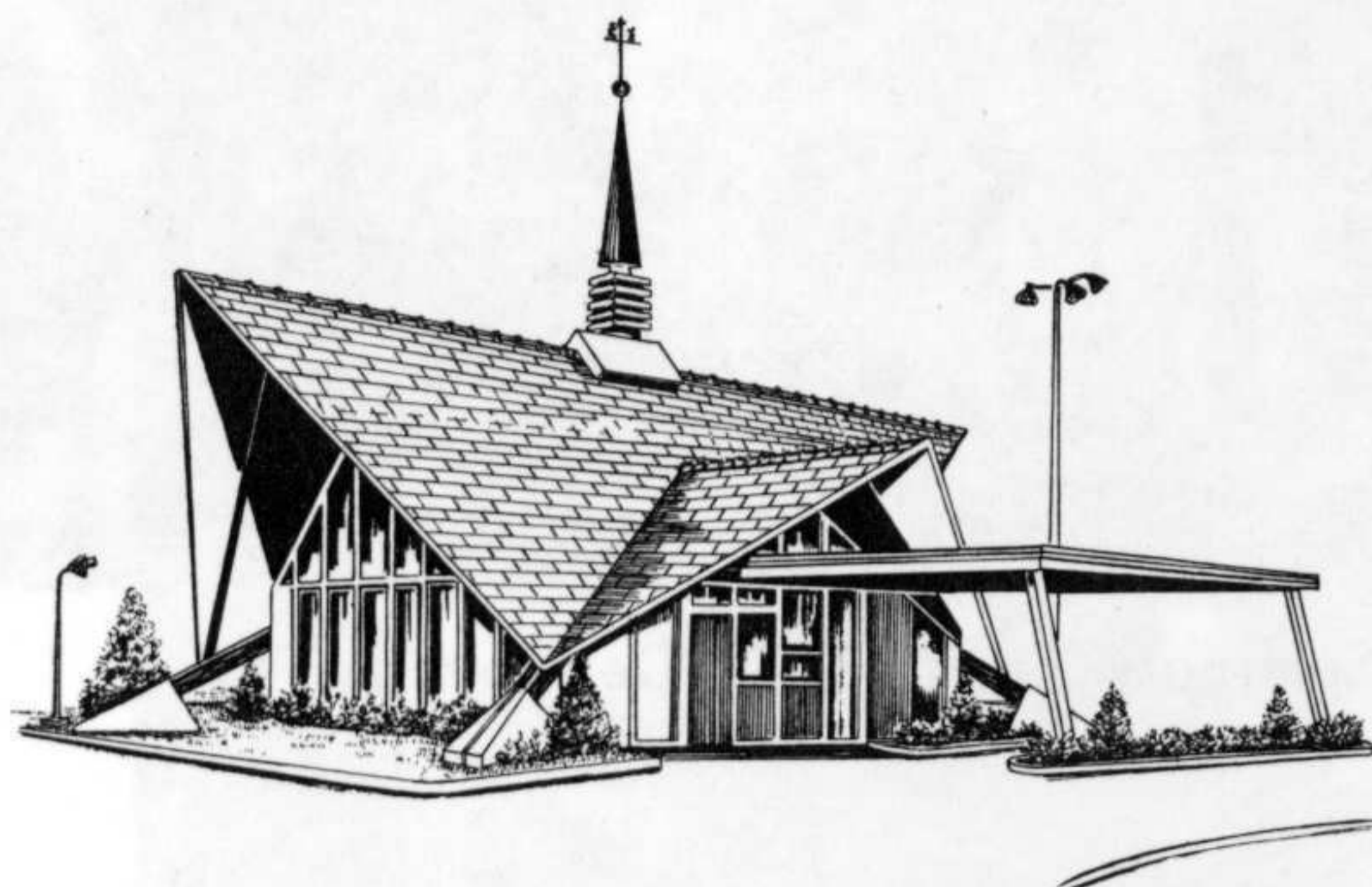
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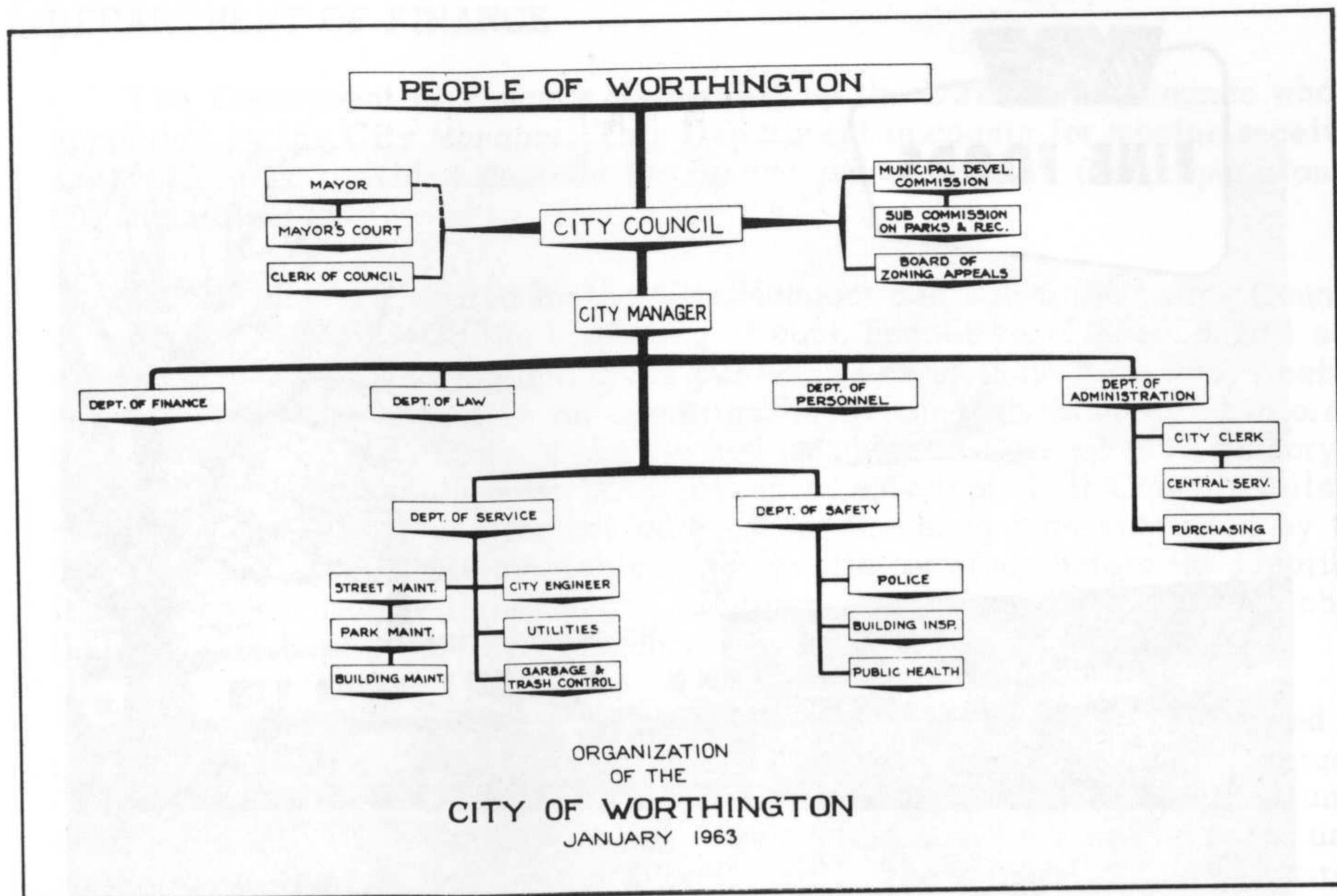
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III. DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY

The City of Worthington has Departments of Administration, Finance, Law, Personnel, Safety, and Service at the present time. Other departments may be established by ordinance if the Council wishes.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Administration, as designated by Council, includes the Divisions of City Clerk, Central Services, and Purchasing. Duties of the City Clerk's office include: issuing licenses and permits; maintaining official city records; and preparing certain financial transcripts.

The Division of Central Services provides general clerical, machine, mail, and informational services.

The Purchasing Division secures needed supplies, materials, and outside services for the operation of the city government. The City Manager is now serving as the purchasing agent. Any equipment or materials costing over \$1,000.00 must be purchased through competitive bidding.



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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

The Department of Finance is headed by the Director of Finance who is appointed by the City Manager. This Department accounts for monies received and disbursed, provides custody for funds, and assists in the preparation of the annual budget.

The budget is prepared by the City Manager and submitted to the Council at least 35 days prior to the beginning of each budget year. The Council sets a date for a public hearing and gives public notice at least seven days before the date set. The budget is an operating budget and gives detailed information. The vote of a majority of the elected members of Council is necessary to adopt the budget, which must be balanced when adopted. If Council fails to act, the Charter provides for the adoption of the budget as submitted by the City Manager. Copies are available to the public for study before its adoption. It takes approximately three months to prepare and adopt the budget, which is then administered by the City Manager.

The general property tax rate for municipal purposes is established by City Council and Council also establishes various local fees and surcharges. Other revenues are obtained from State taxes that are distributed to local units of government. All revenue is placed in funds and no money can be spent until it has been appropriated by the City Council. The general property tax rate for municipal purposes, which is 6.60 mills for 1962, is limited by the Charter to 8 mills. The 1963 property tax duplicate of the City is estimated at 28 million dollars, so a one mill levy produces about \$28,000.00. The county assesses the value of property for taxing purposes. Worthington's total annual income, from all sources, for operating purposes amounts to slightly over \$300,000.00.

The Director of Finance has custody of the city funds, which are kept in a local bank. There are monthly financial reports made to the Council. The state is required by law to conduct an annual post-audit.

The City's general debt is limited to an amount equal to 1.5 per cent of the assessed valuation. General debt includes the City's share of major construction projects. Another type of debt results from special assessments against benefited properties. Here, the amount of debt is limited by the City's ability to insure repayment of special assessment bonds within the 8 mill limitation imposed by the Charter.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

The Director of Law, who is appointed by the City Manager gives legal guidance to the legislative and administrative officials. He attends all regular and special meetings of the Council, drafts proposed legislation, and renders opinions. The Director of Law also prosecutes violators of the city ordinances when necessary and represents the city in all legal actions.

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DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

The Department of Safety includes the Division of Police, Division of Building Inspection, and provision for Public Health services.

Personnel of the Division of Police are responsible for the preservation of the public peace and order; the prevention and detection of crime; and the protection of persons and property.

The Division of Building Inspection enforces all applicable laws and ordinances regulating building, housing, zoning, plumbing, heating, and electrical installations.

Public Health Services are provided through contract with the Franklin County General Health District.

DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE

The Department of Service is responsible for the maintenance of streets, parks, city-owned buildings, fire hydrants, storm sewers, and sanitary sewers. Activities include snow and ice removal, leaf pick-up, street marking, and traffic and street signs.

The Jennings-Lawrence Company of Columbus has been designated the City Engineer and its terms of employment and payment are on a contract basis.

IV. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH FACILITIES

The City of Worthington does not have a city department of health, board of health, or health officer. Public health services are provided by the Franklin County District Board of Health, under a contractual agreement which has been in effect since 1956, and is renewed periodically. This year Worthington will pay approximately \$6,500.00 for these services which include investigation of improper refuse disposal, malfunctioning septic tanks and general sanitation as well as communicable disease detection and control. The annual cost for public health is partially offset by a State health subsidy of \$2,000.00.

There are two nurses employed by the Board of Education. They take care of the health education programs within the school system and also test the eyesight and hearing of every child in the school system approximately every two years. Teachers must have chest x-rays each year when they sign their teaching contracts.

Harding Hospital (formerly Harding Sanatorium) is the only hospital in the City of Worthington and its facilities are limited to persons with psychiatric problems. Since January 1, 1962, this hospital has operated as a non-profit voluntary hospital.

Worthington residents are served by the various Columbus hospitals. According to the Columbus Hospital Federation, there are adequate hospital facilities in Franklin County, with 4 beds per 1000 population. The occupancy rate is 83.3%.

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SANITARY REGULATIONS

The Franklin County District Board of Health will test private wells for purity, free of charge, upon request of the owner. However, it cannot force a private well owner to discontinue the use of a well. Almost all of Worthington now gets its water from the city of Columbus, through the Hoover Dam Filtration Plant, under the provisions of a written contract.

Sewage is treated by the City of Columbus through a contractual arrangement. Sanitary sewers and storm sewers located in the City of Worthington are built and maintained by Worthington. Water lines are built by Worthington but the City of Columbus performs the ordinary maintenance of these out of revenues collected. Although the surtax on water and sewer bills is used for these purposes, it is only about 2% of the total cost. Most of the cost is assessed against benefited property. The planning and general supervision of this work is handled by the Service Department of the City of Worthington. Almost all the sewers of the city are closed ones. Sewage is treated by the City of Columbus at its Jackson Pike treatment plant.

The water of the Olentangy River is not considered "overly polluted" by the Franklin County Board of Health. Although it has been drinkable on some occasions when tested, residents are not encouraged to drink it or swim in it as its pollution can increase rapidly when cities upstream add sewage or industrial wastes to it.

Meat that enters the Worthington and Columbus stores is inspected by the Federal government and the City of Columbus Health Department at the packing house. Dairies serving Worthington are inspected by the Columbus Health Department. The County Board of Health would inspect a dairy if it entered this area and was not licensed by the Columbus department.

All food handlers and meat cutters are required to pass a physical examination, blood test, and chest x-ray before they are employed, and each succeeding year on their birthdays. All restaurants must apply for and receive a license as of January 1 of each year. They are then inspected on an average of three times a year. If a restaurant does not pass the cleanliness inspections, its license can be revoked immediately and it can be forced to close.

Domestic trash and garbage pick-up is provided by the Mount Vernon Garbage Company through a franchise with the City of Worthington. There is a quarterly charge to each household. The garbage and rubbish is hauled to the nearest land fill, presently east of Port Columbus, and immediately covered over with dirt by a bulldozer.

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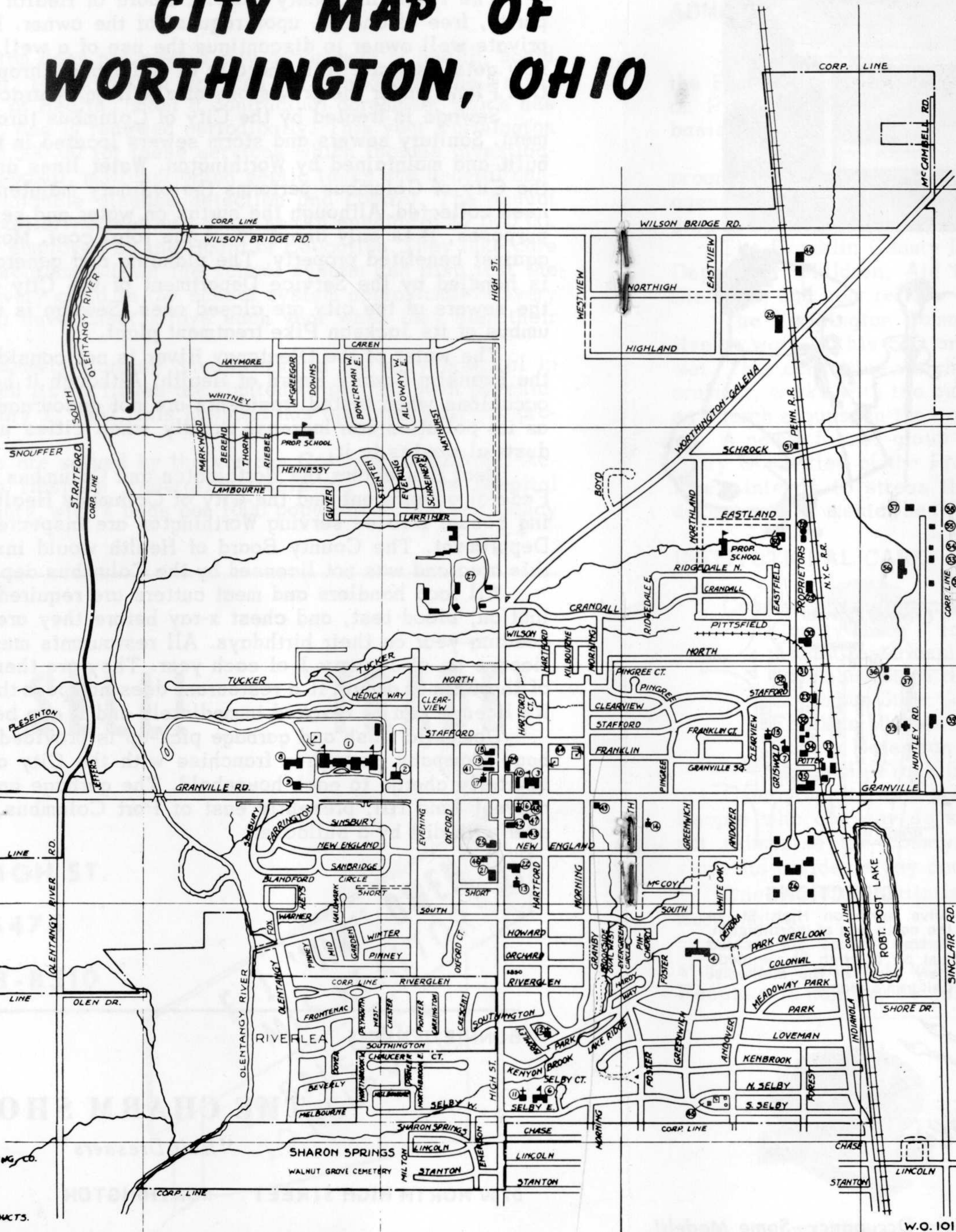
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- 6 ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL
- 7 WORTHINGTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHCH
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- 9 WATER PLANT
- 10 WORTHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
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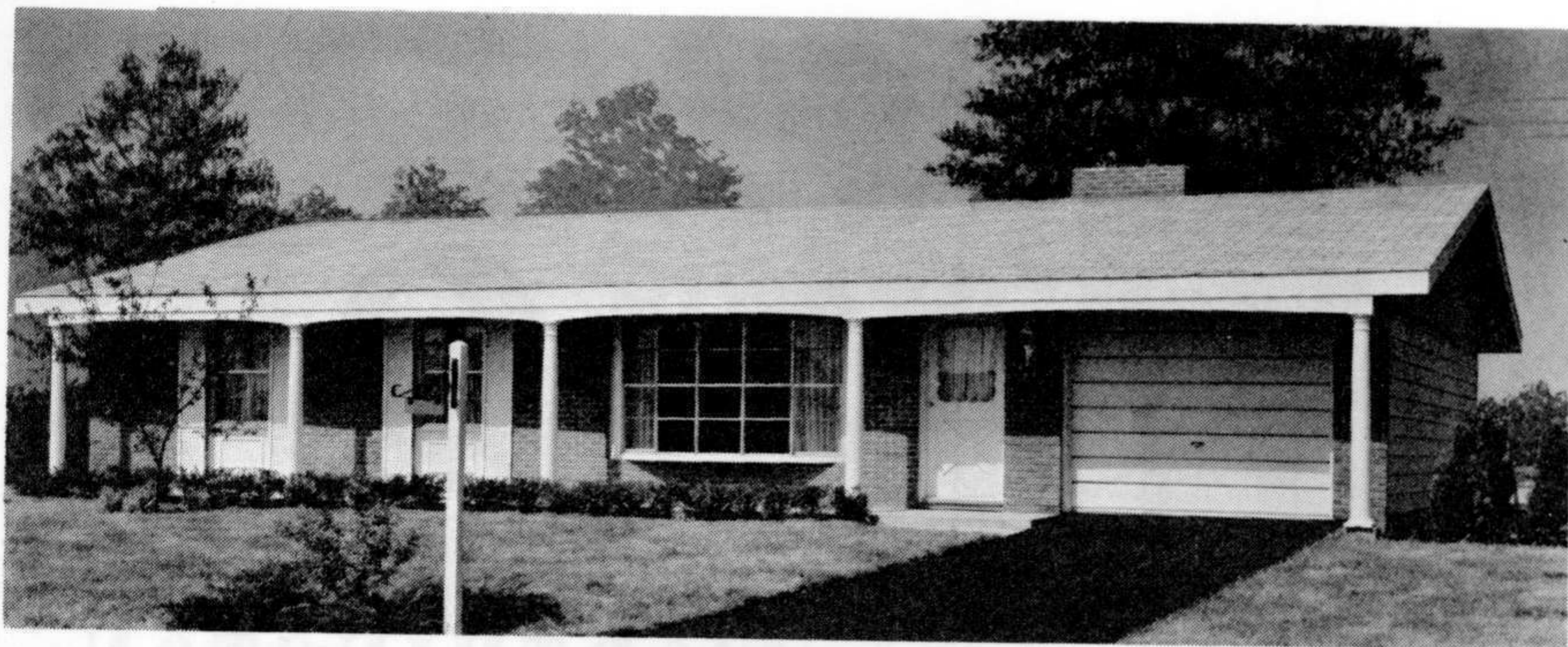
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V. PUBLIC WELFARE

ADMINISTRATION AND TYPES OF WELFARE PROGRAMS

The State Department of Public Welfare and the two county agencies--the Franklin County Child Welfare Board and the Franklin County Department of Public Welfare--administer the public welfare program on a county-wide basis.

The Franklin County Child Welfare Board is in charge of the child welfare program and the program for crippled children and the mentally retarded. This agency also operates Franklin Village, an institution for non-delinquent children of this county in need of a home.

The Franklin County Department of Public Welfare is in charge of Aid to Dependent Children, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled, and poor relief.

The Worthington Community Service Committee is a group of people who live or work in this city and who attempt to meet welfare needs not otherwise met. This committee which is a semi-official group and a part of the city government, works with the public agencies, and with private organizations, such as church groups, in the community.

A newly formed group in the community is the Worthington Volunteer Auxiliary Committee of the Franklin County Mental Health Association. The auxiliary intends to stress the availability of mental health resources and the acceptance of mental health responsibility.

INSTITUTIONAL CARE

County or state institutions within Franklin County are as follows:

County Home -- for the indigent, old

Alum Crest Hospital -- for the indigent, old, ill

Columbus State Hospital -- for the mentally ill

Columbus State School -- for the mentally retarded

Franklin Village -- for non-delinquent children

County Detention Home -- for juvenile delinquents

• Benjamin Franklin Hospital -- for tubercular patients

County institutions are under the supervision of the county commissioners. People who can pay do so except for the detention home. Worthington does not reimburse the county institutions for its people using these facilities since its residents pay county taxes.

One private institution, The Methodist Children's Home, is located in Worthington.

Columbus State School and Columbus State Hospital are financed through state taxes and the money is appropriated by the Ohio General Assembly. People who can pay do so.



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VI. PROTECTION – FIRE, POLICE, JAILS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City of Worthington is within the confines of Sharon Township and city taxpayers pay the township tax rate and are, therefore, entitled to protection of the township fire and emergency departments. The Sharon Township Fire Department is under the authority of the township trustees. At the present time there are 4 paid and 17 volunteer firemen, assisted by 5 reserve (in-training) firemen, all of whom have been selected strictly on their qualifications.

A training course is given each new fireman. There is additional training conducted twice monthly. Recently, the department completed its own training manual. Fire training service at the Ohio State University and regional fire schools may also be attended.

Promotions are few, but they are based on the man's ability. There is a retirement system for the paid firemen.

The oldest piece of equipment at the fire station is 18 years old and is in the process of being replaced. Most of the equipment is much newer. Along with the crash and rescue equipment, the department has several radiological monitoring devices.

The fire department has duties other than fire fighting which include: emergency and rescue; fire inspection; fire prevention programs; civil defense.

The mutual aid setup with the surrounding townships means the fire department may get aid within 15 minutes of a call to any neighboring department. Individual call radios have been installed in the homes of the firemen to replace the sounding of the siren.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department is the responsibility of the City Manager. It is under the direct supervision of the Chief of Police. The Police Division is a part of the Department of Safety. Units of the Police Division are referred to as Bureaus. Paid employees number 11 uniformed policemen with the Chief included, 1 clerk-typist (who acts in the capacity of policewoman), and 4 radio-dispatchers. Women act as school crossing guards in certain areas. A Reserve Police Force of about 16 members with full police authority performs valuable services as assigned by the Chief of Police. A Juvenile Officer is in charge of problems involving juveniles that come before the police department.

Various specified educational and professional requirements must be met by the police chief, police sergeants, and patrolmen. Worthington uses the merit system, similar to civil service, containing written, oral, physical fitness, and mental tests. Most of the Worthington patrolmen come from the Highway Patrol. After a 6-months probationary training course they receive their permanent certification. The merit system provides for their promotions and automatic pay increases. The retirement system is through the local Police Retirement Plan, whereby the city and the policemen both contribute.

The main divisions of the police department include: the radio dispatchers who monitor the phone and radio calls and dispatch the necessary men and equipment to the scene of trouble; one plainclothesman who handles investigation of cases; and the uniformed division for general patrol duty.

The educational program of this department for the prevention of delinquency and accidents may account for the low accident rate in Worthington.

The police station is located in the rear of the City Municipal Building. The Police Department works in close cooperation with the City of Columbus, Franklin County and Ohio State departments, as well as the FBI.

JAILS AND OTHER CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

At present, plans call for a detention cell at Worthington, which will be used to hold persons short periods of time for interviews and/or to allow them to arrange for bond. The Franklin County Jail is used for longer periods of detention. Juveniles are sent to the Juvenile Detention Home. The Mayor's Court in Worthington makes commitments for adults. Juvenile offenders are handled through the Juvenile Court of Franklin County.

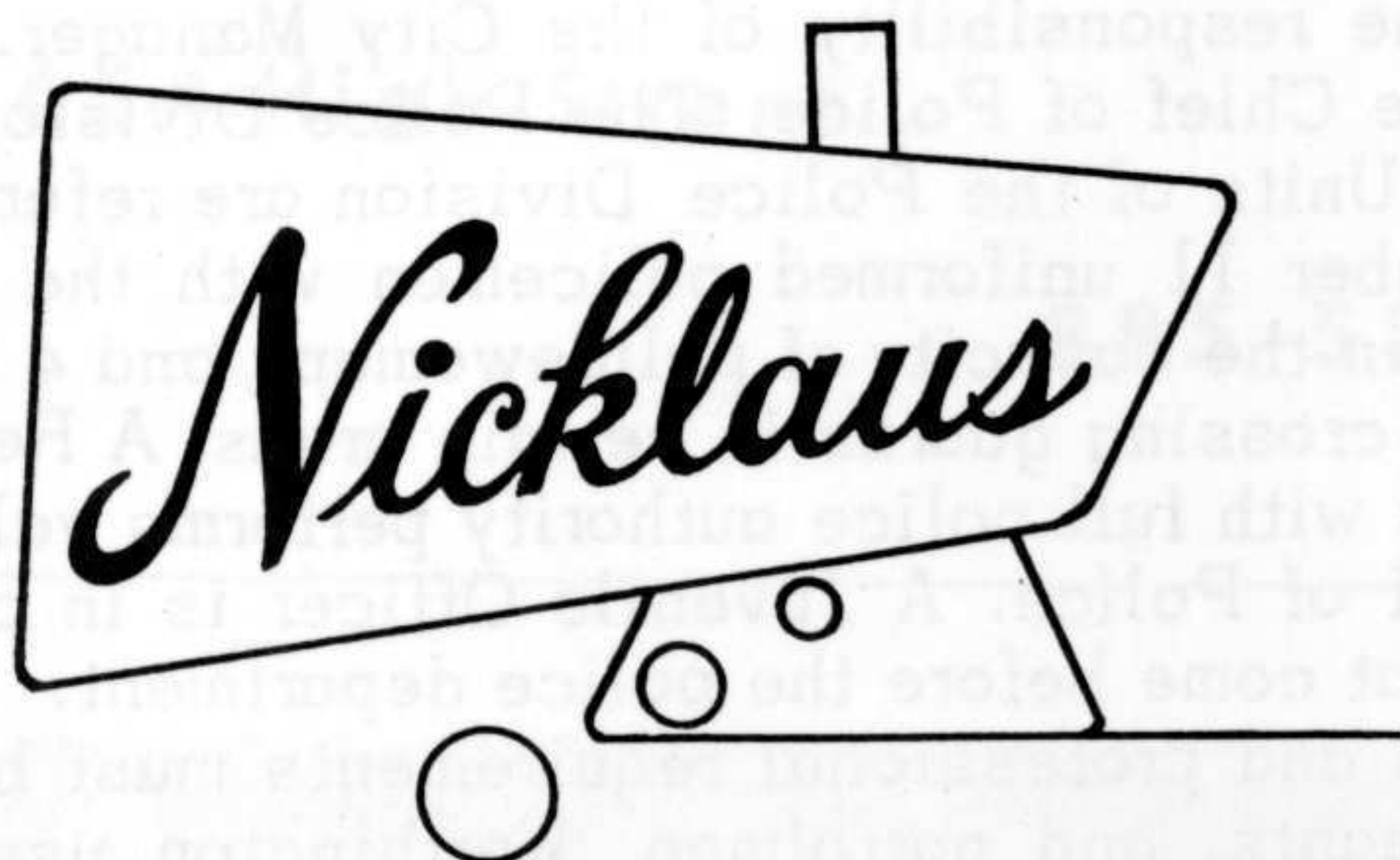


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VII. STREETS, TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC UTILITIES

STREETS, TRANSPORTATION, AND TRAFFIC

The Superintendent of Maintenance and Operation is appointed by the City Manager. His qualifications include professional education and experience.

The Superintendent is responsible for the maintenance of existing pavement on city streets. He supervises street cleaning and the maintenance of sidewalks abutting city owned property. He is also responsible for street signs. New pavement and resurfacing must be approved by the City Council and the City Manager. Installation of new sidewalks is the responsibility of the contractors and inspection is provided by the city engineer. Worthington has a contract on a continuing basis with the Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company for providing and maintaining street lights.

One state route (161) and one federal highway (23) go through Worthington. Upon entering Worthington, all roads become the responsibility of the city to maintain. Funds for this purpose are provided by the gasoline and auto license taxes. The state does not help in the regular maintenance of the state roads.

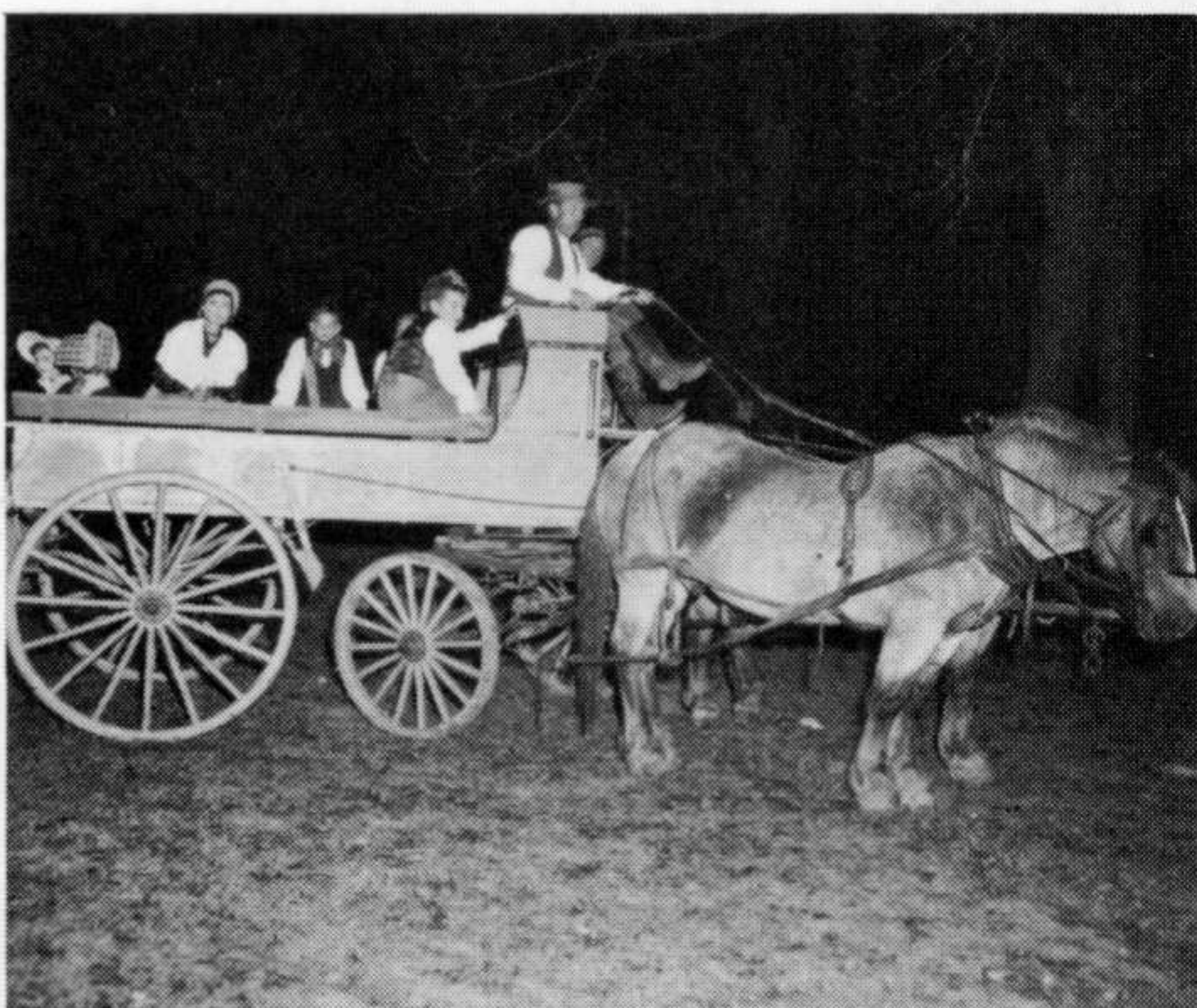
Re-routing of state roads through Worthington would normally be initiated by the City Council with a request to the State Highway Department (although this might be initiated on the state level). Upon approval, plans would be the responsibility of the State Highway Department. Construction would normally be on the basis of the State paying 95% of the cost and the City paying 5% of the cost.

Worthington has public parking areas. No meters are installed in Worthington. For every new public building, plans must include adequate off-street parking facilities.

The Columbus Transit Company provides public transportation for Worthington. No taxicab company exists in Worthington, but the Westerville Taxicab Company has the right to a stand in Worthington.

OTHER PUBLIC UTILITIES

Worthington does not own or operate a water system, an electric plant, or a gas plant. These facilities are provided by contracts with the City of Columbus, the Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, and the Ohio Fuel Gas Company.



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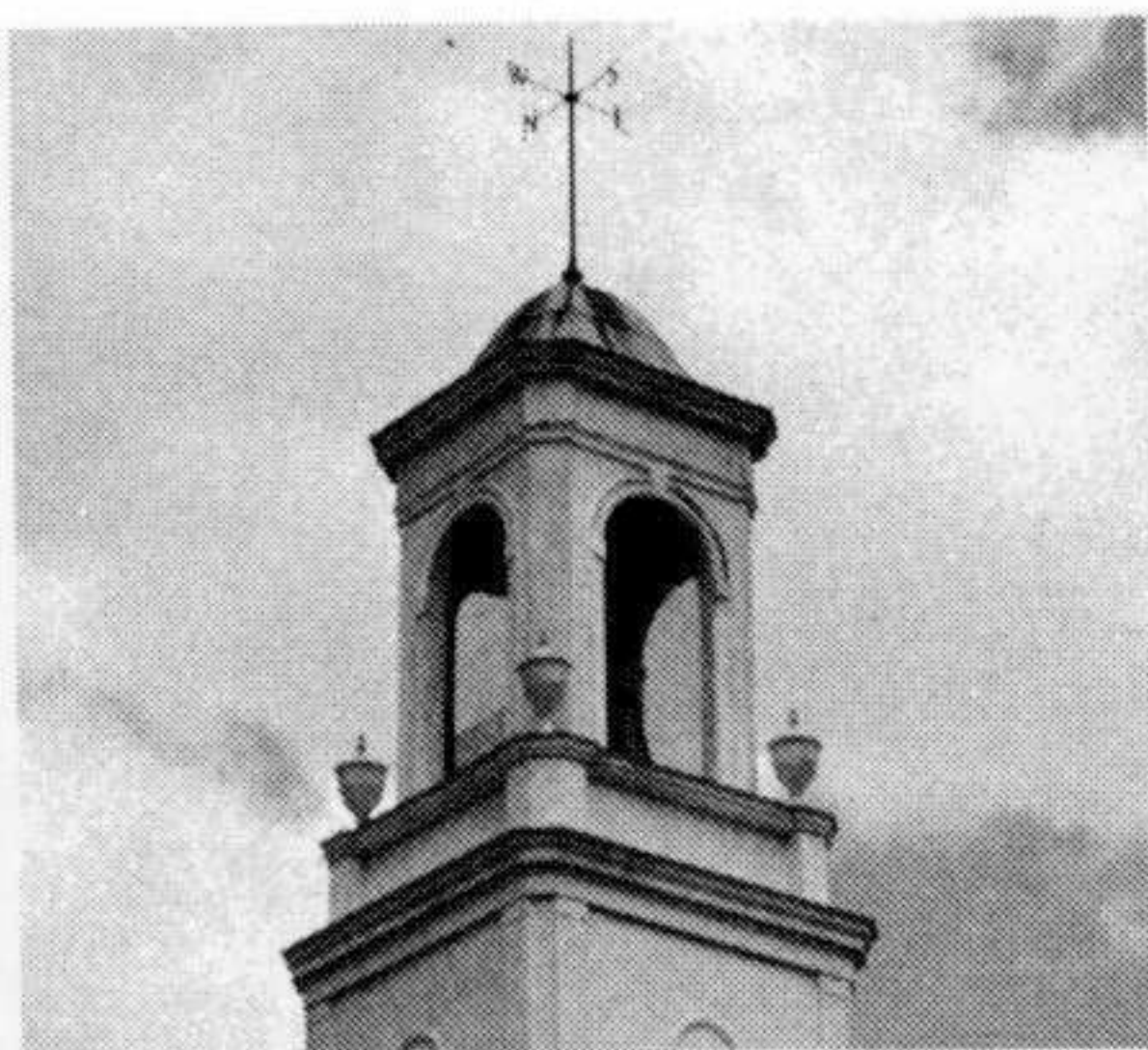
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VIII. EDUCATION

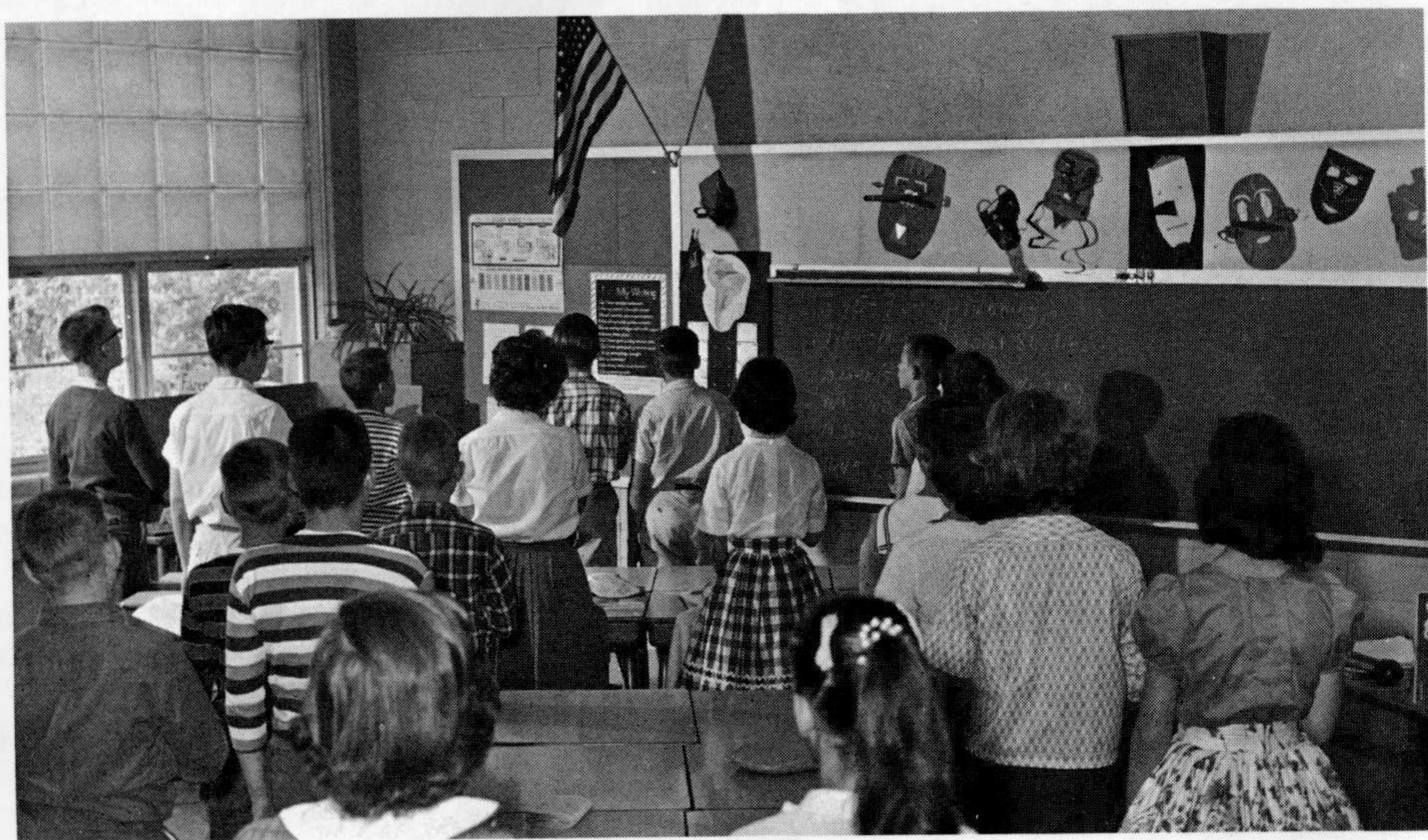
RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDUCATION

The Worthington Exempted School District encompasses more than twice the area of the City of Worthington. Education for this area is the responsibility of the State Legislature, State Board of Education and the School Board of the Worthington Exempted School District.

The State Legislature makes laws regarding school matters and controls the amount of money given to the local board by the state. The State Board of Education sets up the basic curriculum to be followed for certification. The School Board is a policy making body.

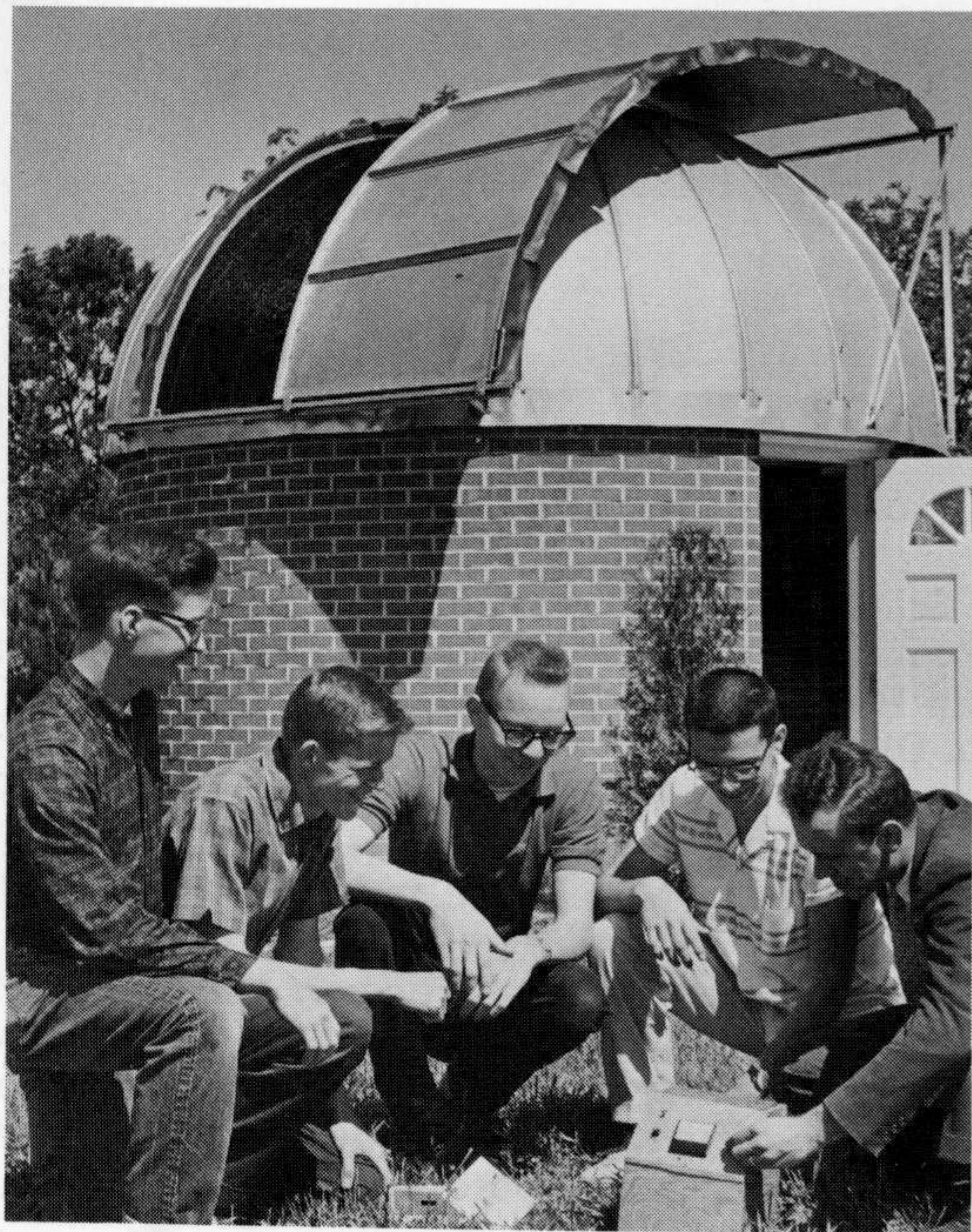
The Worthington School Board is made up of five members elected by the citizens of the school district, two elected at one time and three members two years later, each serving a four-year term. Any voting resident in the school district may be qualified to run for this office. Currently the salary is \$36.00 a year. The public is welcome to attend and participate in the meetings of the board which are held twice a month.

The Superintendent acts as the head administrator of the schools. The Assistant to the Superintendent is the Director of Instruction who is in charge of curriculum and other matters. Both have three-year renewable contracts with the Board of Education.



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SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN

At present there are eight schools in the district serving approximately 4011 children from kindergarten through twelfth grade. There is a continuous increase in the school population. The state law requires a minimum of 176 days of actual instruction annually for children of school age. The Worthington school year exceeds this minimum. The average size of the classrooms is 850 square feet. In general they are well ventilated, heated, and lighted. Free books and equipment are provided for all children.

The lunch program is financed through the Federal Lunch Program which supplies some commodities plus four cents per lunch served. The remainder of the lunch cost is paid by the student — twenty-five cents in the elementary schools and thirty-five cents in the secondary schools.

The National Education Defense Act permits the Federal Government to support the science, mathematics and modern language programs up to thirty dollars for each teacher in the district, but not to exceed 50% of the cost of the equipment purchased.

Worthington schools do not have special provisions for any handicapped children except brain damaged children. For some physically handicapped, Worthington pays tuition to the Columbus Public Schools. Worthington also provides an enrichment program in grades four, five, and six for children who are academically talented. The Junior High School has a remedial reading class for children who are not reading at their grade level. Adult Education non-credit courses are provided in the evenings.

The Worthington schools are participating in the Mid West Program of Air-bourne Television Instruction (MPATI). This consists of a class receiving from twenty minutes to four periods each week of televised instruction.

CHURCH-SUPPORTED SCHOOLS

There are two church-supported schools in Worthington. St. Michael Church operates one for Roman Catholic children and the other is operated by the Seventh Day Adventists.

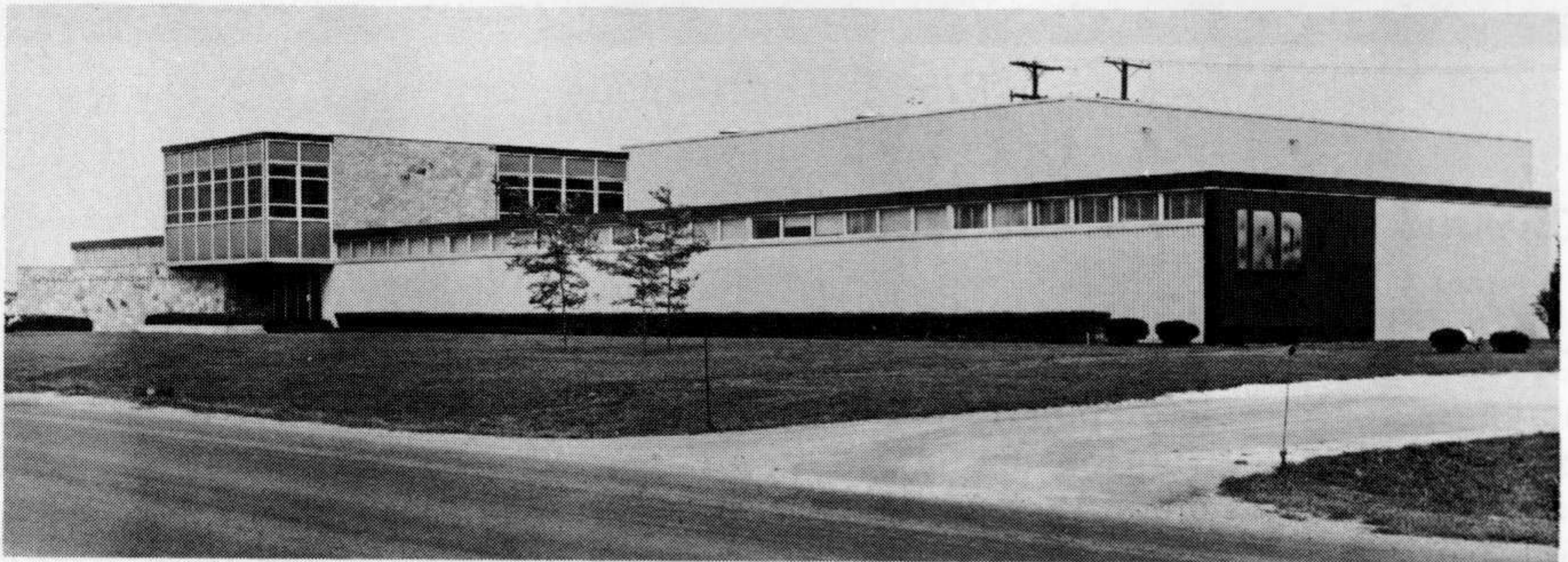
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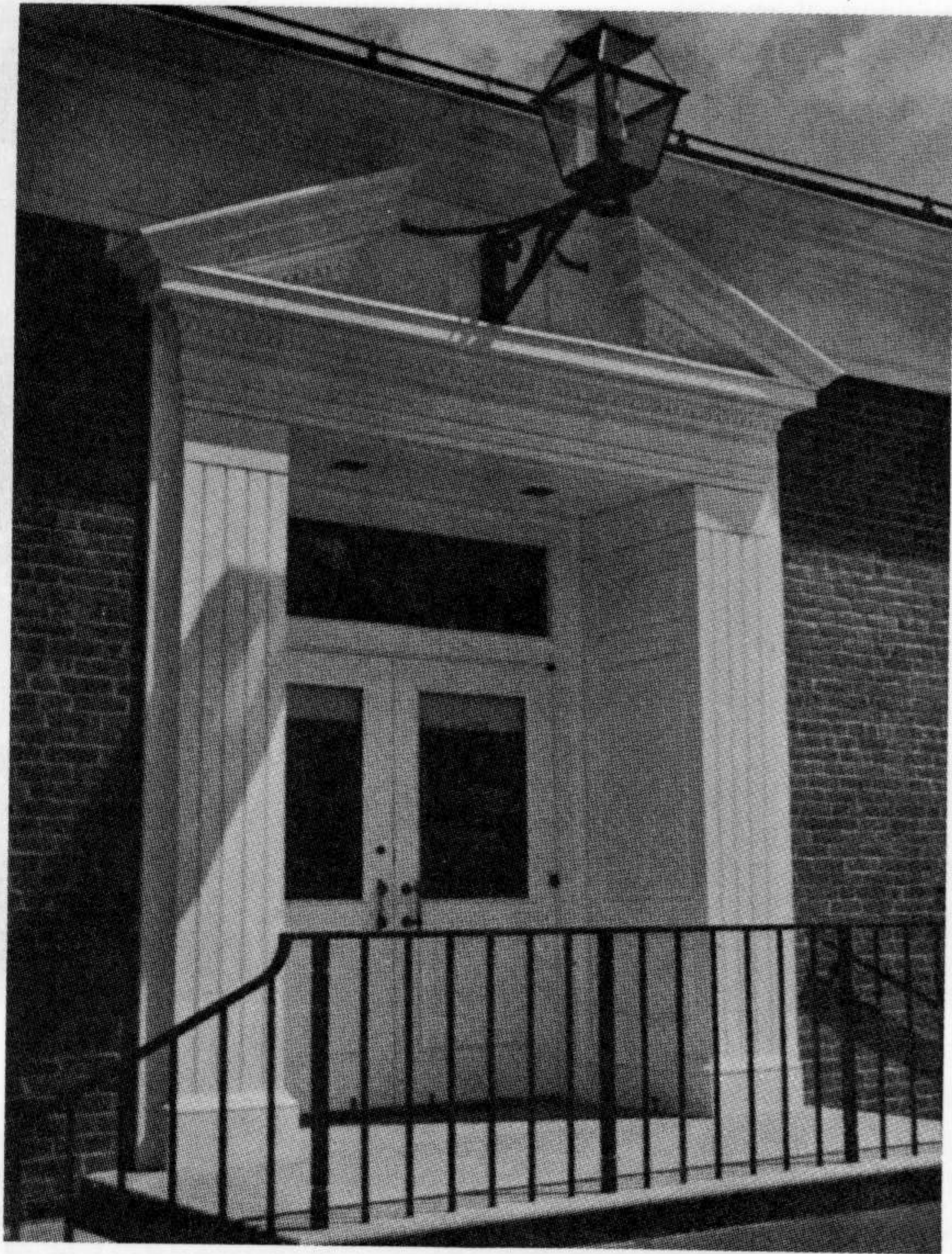
The average number of pupils in each classroom is twenty-eight.

Building programs are financed through bond issues voted upon by the people of the district.

The school buildings in the district include:

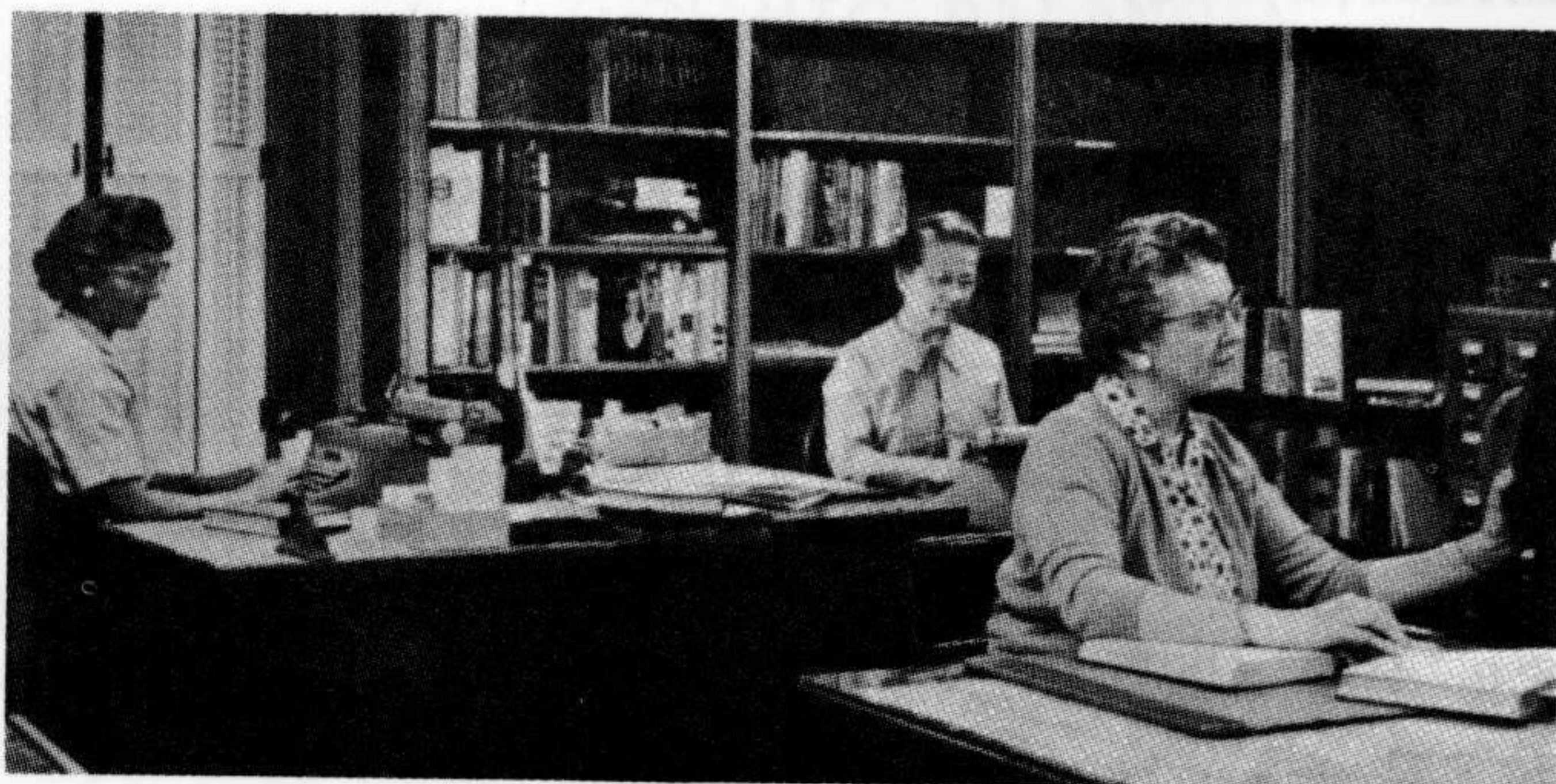
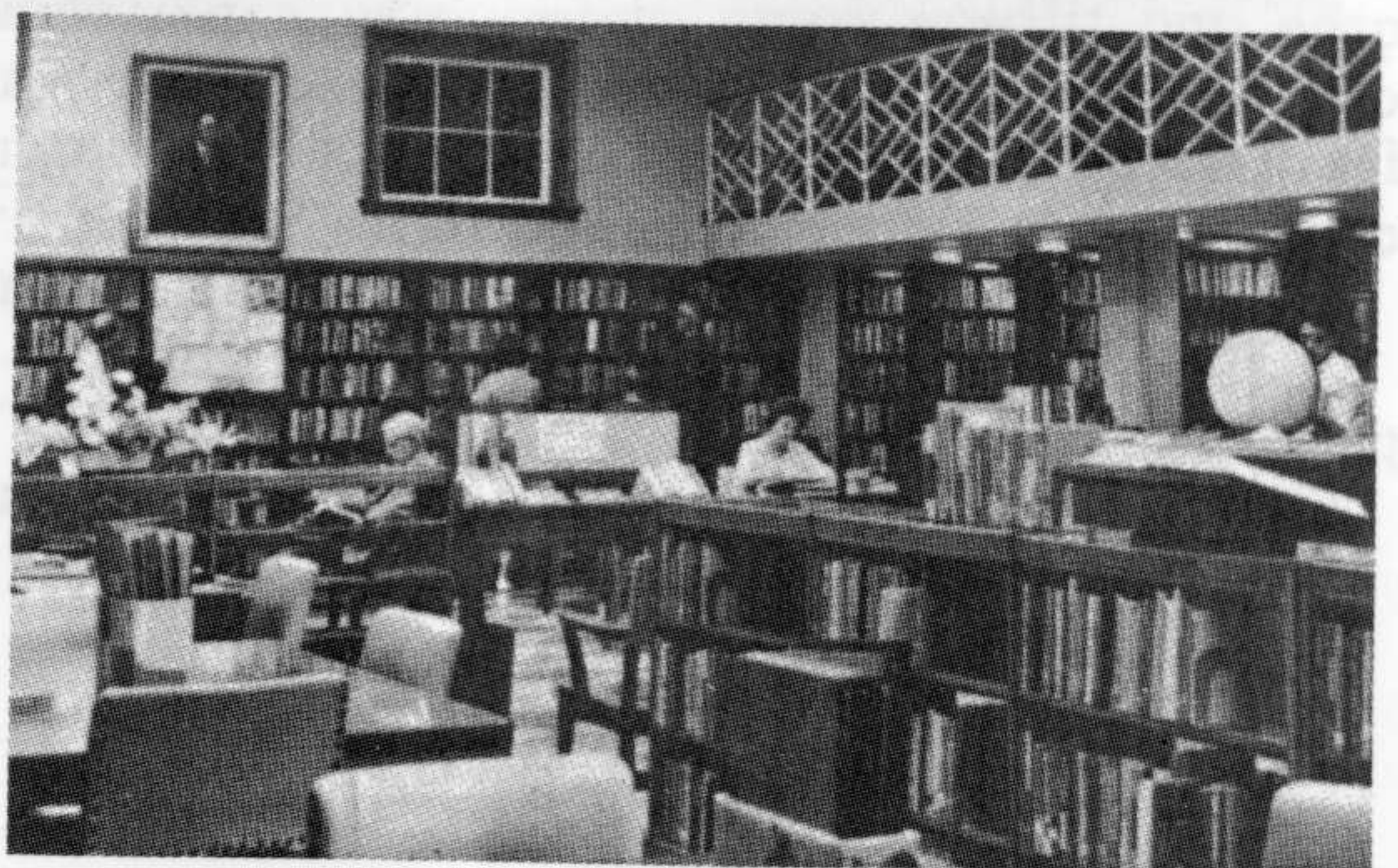
<i>Evening Street</i>	1915
<i>Linworth</i>	1918
<i>Homedale</i>	1923
<i>Addition</i>	1955
<i>Flint</i>	1924
<i>Worthington Elementary</i>	1938
<i>High School</i>	1951-1952
<i>Gym and shop added</i>	1953
<i>Colonial Hills</i>	1955
<i>Junior High School</i>	1958
<i>Wilson Hills Elementary School</i>	to open 1963

The Clerk-treasurer and Superintendent make recommendations and present a list of necessary expenditures to the School Board for approval. Annually the State Auditor inspects the account books. The operating expenditure annually per pupil, excluding bonds and interest, in the Worthington School District was \$346.21 during 1961-62. For the same period the state average was \$365.03. Total cost per pupil in the Worthington School District was \$398.68.

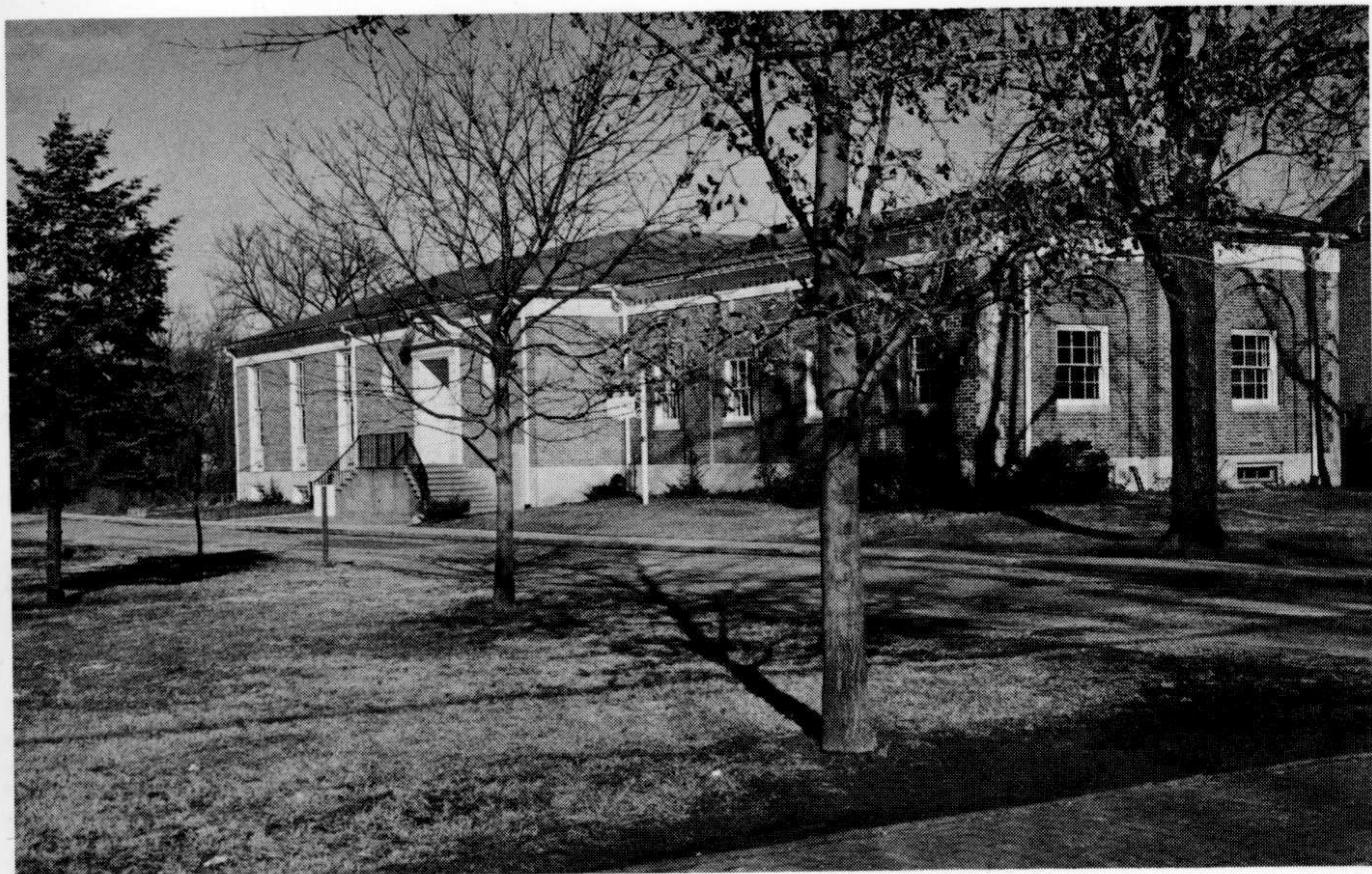


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LIBRARY AND MUSEUMS

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The Library Board consists of seven members appointed by the Board of Education of this district, a new appointment or reappointment being made every year and each member serving for seven years. This board is the final authority in the function and operation of the library. It appoints the head librarian and approves the selection of other personnel. The librarian must have a degree in library science.

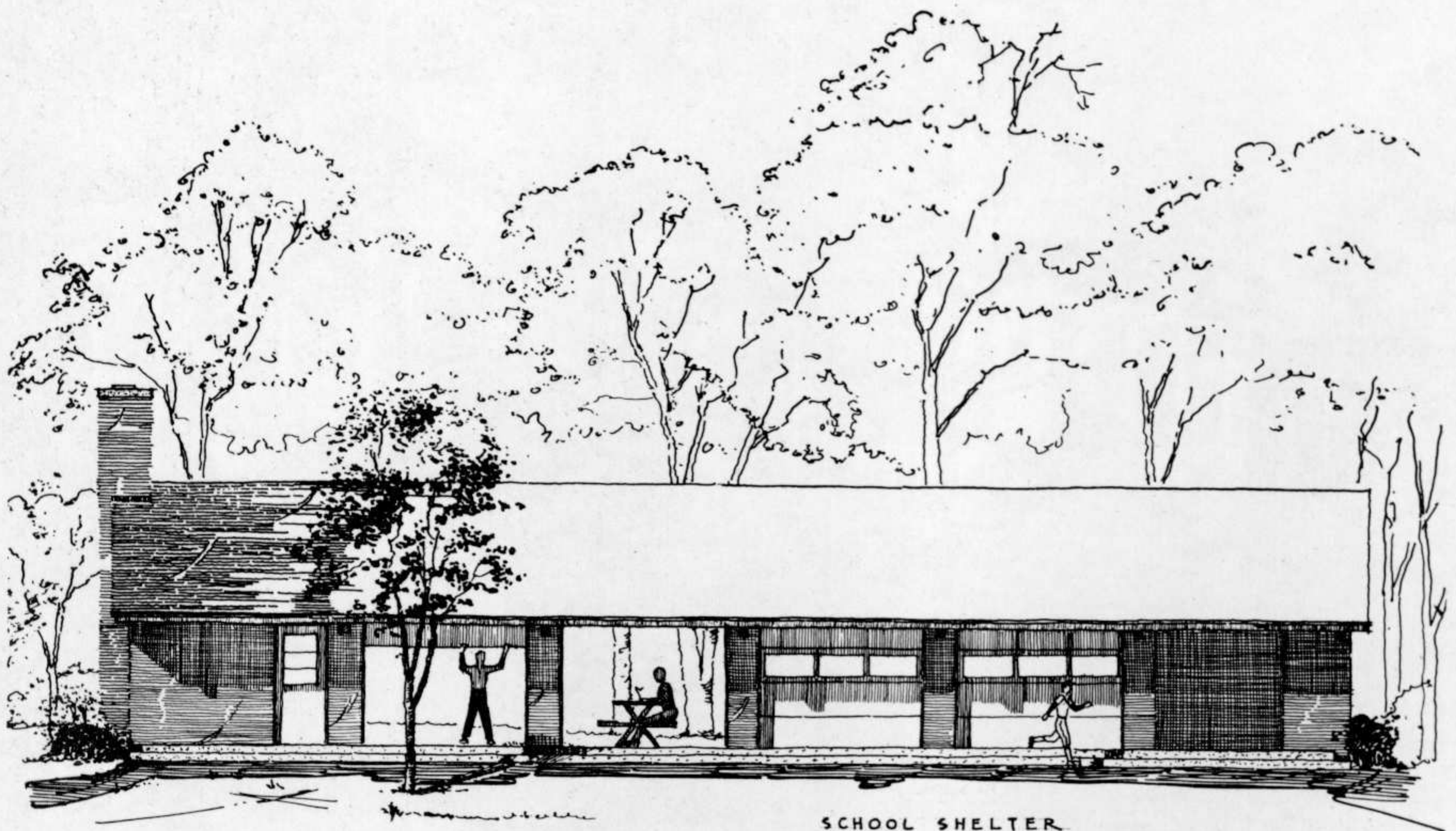
The Franklin County budget appropriation for 1962 for maintaining the library was \$99,206.00. The Library Board of Trustees makes up the annual budget and sends it to the Board of Education for approval. It is then transmitted to the County Budget Commission. The funds come from the Franklin County Intangible Taxes.

At the end of 1962 there were 40,372 volumes and 1,790 records owned by the library. In addition, it has a limited school loan program and the library shares a ceiling projector with the North Columbus Library.

Worthington has two museums. The Worthington Historical Society Museum is located on Granville Road and is open to the public free of charge. It is supported by donations to the Historical Society.

The Worthington Historical Society has definite plans to purchase the Orange Johnson House, built in 1816, and plans to maintain it as a local historical site.

The Ohio Railway Museum, operated by the Central Ohio Rail Fans' Association, Inc., is located on Proprietors Road, and operates oldtime engines, trolleys and interurbans during spring, summer, and fall. Although there is no charge, donations are accepted from the public.



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IX. RECREATION

ADMINISTRATION

A Subcommission on Parks and Recreation reports to the Municipal Development Commission. This group is set up to study the needs for park, playground and other recreational facilities. It cooperates with the Board of Education in the development of the property and programs in the recreation field.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee to the Subcommission on Parks and Recreation supplies advice and recommendations, based on wide-spread community representation, to the subcommittee.

A professional staff is provided by the Board of Education and the City of Worthington to administer the Summer Recreation Program. The four supervised playgrounds are located at Selby Park, Homedale School, Linworth School and Worthington Elementary School. Approximately five hundred children per day take part in this program which lasts 7 weeks, and costs approximately \$4,500.00. In the swimming program approximately nine hundred children received instruction. The Board of Education cooperates with the American Legion and the Cardinal Boosters for such activities as Little League Baseball and Tennis. Two areas for ice skating are maintained during suitable weather in the winter.

An area of 3.15 acres between North Street and Crandall Drive was purchased in 1962 for park and playground purposes. The City now has about \$20,000.00 available for additional land purchases and additional sites are being considered by municipal officials. \$5,000.00 was appropriated during 1962 for park improvements.

PROGRAM

At the present time Worthington owns and maintains about thirteen acres of land for recreation. In addition the schools provide over 100 acres for recreation and athletic purposes.

There is an Outdoor Laboratory, which is used extensively by the schools. This includes a nature trail, wild life area, and an observatory.

There are two swimming pools and a pool for small children which may be used by the residents of the Worthington School District and their guests. These are located west of the High School Building.

Picnicking and hiking areas are available at nearby Blendon Woods, while one can fish and boat at Hoover Dam and at the Scioto River. Columbus maintains a zoo.

X. HOUSING

Neighborhood improvement associations have been formed in various parts of the city on purely voluntary bases, and they in turn have organized contests and other projects to encourage the proper maintenance of property.

The responsibility of inspecting housing for safety and the prevention of intolerable conditions rests with the Division of Building Inspection under the supervision of a Building Inspector who is accountable to the Director of Public Safety. The Division of Building Inspection was certified, on December 20, 1961, by the State Board of Building Standards to enforce all provisions of the Ohio Building Code except those pertaining to schools and school structures.

Worthington has no Housing Code designed to deal comprehensively with existing housing. The Building Code deals almost entirely with new construction and is kept up-to-date so that as new building materials are developed and thoroughly investigated, they can be put to use. There is a difference in requirements for existing buildings and for new construction. This is done to keep up with changing construction methods and other developments in the building industry.

XI. PLANNING AND ZONING

PLANNING

Worthington has an official planning agency called the Municipal Development Commission. It is charged with preparing the official map and a master plan; supervising subdivision platting; making and recommending to Council a zoning plan; reporting to Council at least annually on the physical needs of the City; preparing a long term capital improvement program for Council approval and cost estimates of these improvements for the annual budget; cooperating with the regional planning commission and those of adjacent cities; and such other duties as are required by ordinance or requested by the City Manager.

The Municipal Development Commission consists of seven members. These are the President of Council and the City Manager, both of whom serve ex-officio and without vote; the Superintendent of Schools or a member of the Board of Education who is a resident of the City, chosen by the Board for a one-year term; and four members appointed by the Council for overlapping terms of four years. The appointed members hold no other city office or appointment. The Commission elects its own officers annually and makes its own rules of procedure. All members serve without pay.

The Municipal Development Commission has a Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation. It is assisted by an eight member citizen's advisory committee. This Subcommittee consists of four members of the Municipal Development Commission; the City Manager who serves ex-officio and without vote; the Superintendent of Schools or member of the Board of Education; and two members elected one each year for a two-year overlapping term by the Municipal Development Commission from among its appointed members. The Subcommittee chooses its chairman annually from the two appointed members.

An appropriation is made annually by Council for the support of the Municipal Development Commission. There is no regularly employed professional staff, although the Commission has, from time to time, obtained planning services, especially from the Franklin County Regional Planning Commission, of which Worthington is a dues-paying member. A two-year planning study has been arranged for with the Regional Planning Commission. This should be completed in 1963.

ZONING

Worthington was a pioneer in the field of zoning and has had a comprehensive zoning ordinance since at least 1923. The entire ordinance was revised in 1956 and there have been amendments thereto since that time. The power to zone rests with Council, on recommendation of the Municipal Development Commission. The zoning ordinance is based on land use and covers use, height, area, and set-back. Provisions of the Zoning Code fall uniformly over all areas of a like zoning classification. There is provision for notice and hearing on amendments to the zoning ordinance.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has the power to hear and determine appeals from refusal of building permits and to permit exceptions to and variations from the zoning regulations in individual cases.

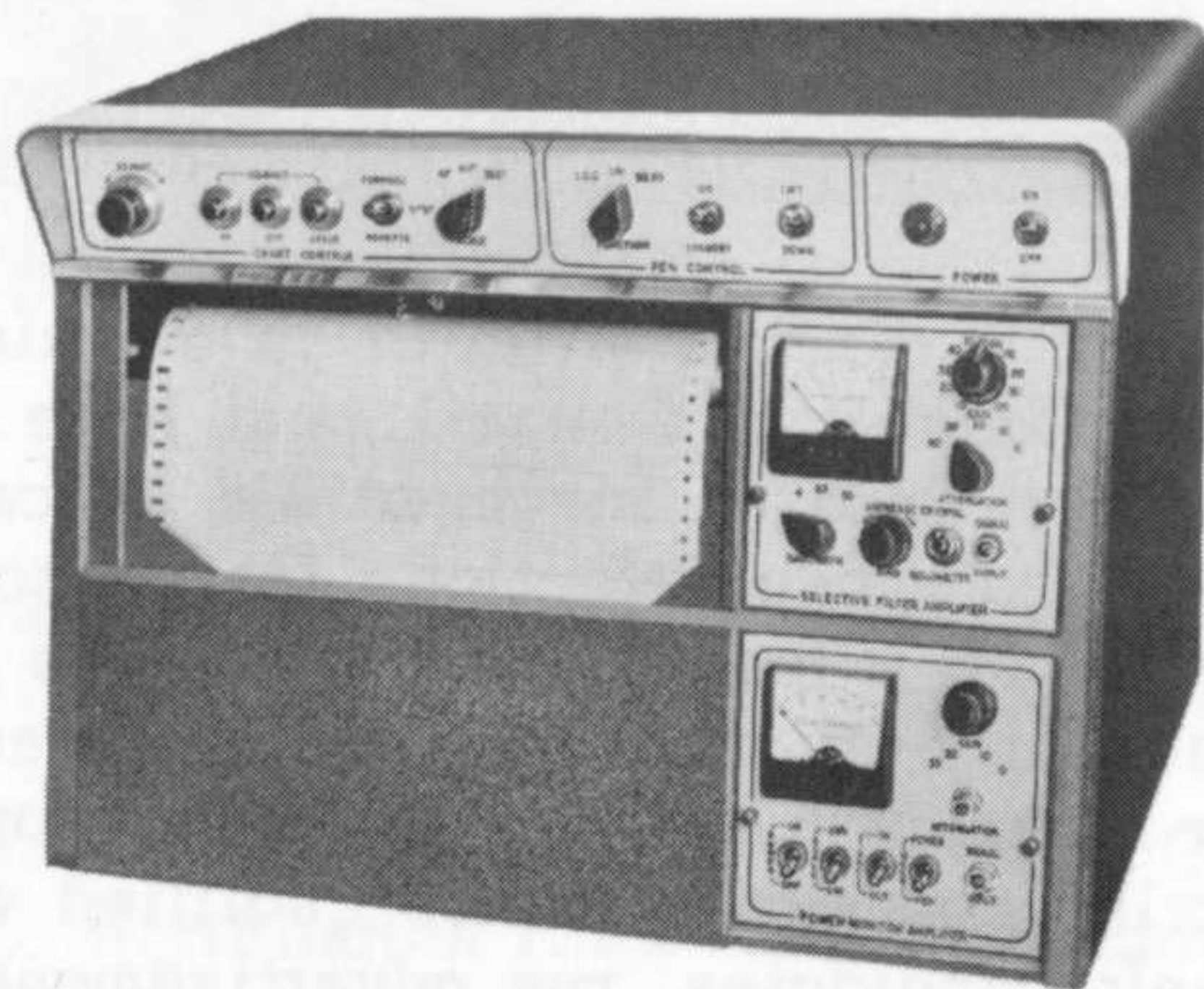
This Board has five members, one of whom is a member of the Municipal Development Commission. The other four members are chosen by Council for overlapping four-year terms.

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XII. POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ELECTORATE

In order to vote in a local election in Worthington, one must comply with the stipulations set forth by the State of Ohio and, specifically, the Franklin County Board of Elections. One must be a citizen of the United States, at least 21 years of age, a resident of the state for one year, of the county for 40 days, and of the voting precinct for 40 days and have previously registered to vote.

There are 4853 registered voters in Worthington, but only 2802 exercised their right to vote in the November 1961 election, when the council members were elected. On the school bond issue, 2548 voted.

ELECTION MACHINERY

Local elections for members of City Council are in conjunction with Franklin County's elections and are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November on the odd numbered years. By resolution, Council may order a special election if necessary.

Franklin County's Board of Elections consists of four members, two from each party. They are appointed by the Secretary of State. A Clerk and Deputy Clerk from opposite parties are the officials in charge of elections. They are appointed by the Secretary of State and are paid officials.

In order to vote, one must register at the office of the County Board of Elections any time except during the 40 days before a primary or general election, or 10 days before a special election, or 10 days following an election. One must register if one has not registered before; is a new resident of the city; has moved since the last election, has not voted in the last two years, or has changed one's name. It is necessary to appear in person before the Board of Elections, except for a move within the county, in which case you may advise them of your new address by postal card. Publicity is given voter registration prior to closing of the books 40 days before an election.

POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

The only elected officials in Worthington are the seven members of Council. A candidate for Council must have resided in the City at least one year and may not hold an incompatible office under the national, state, or county governments. Local elections for council members are non-partisan. No primary election is held. Nominations are made by petition only, signed by not less than fifty nor more than 100 registered voters, and filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections 90 days before election day. Each candidate has a sponsoring committee of five qualified voters. Groups of active citizens support their candidates, run advertisements in the newspapers, print brochures giving their qualifications, hold meetings in their homes and in public places.

All eight precincts in Worthington use voting machines. A write-in ballot may be cast, if desired. Absentee voting is permitted. A plurality of one is the deciding factor and a tie vote is decided by the flip of a coin at the Board of Elections.



Swiminc, Inc., a Cardinal Boosters' subsidiary, provides the summer swimming program for the Worthington School District—youngsters and adults.

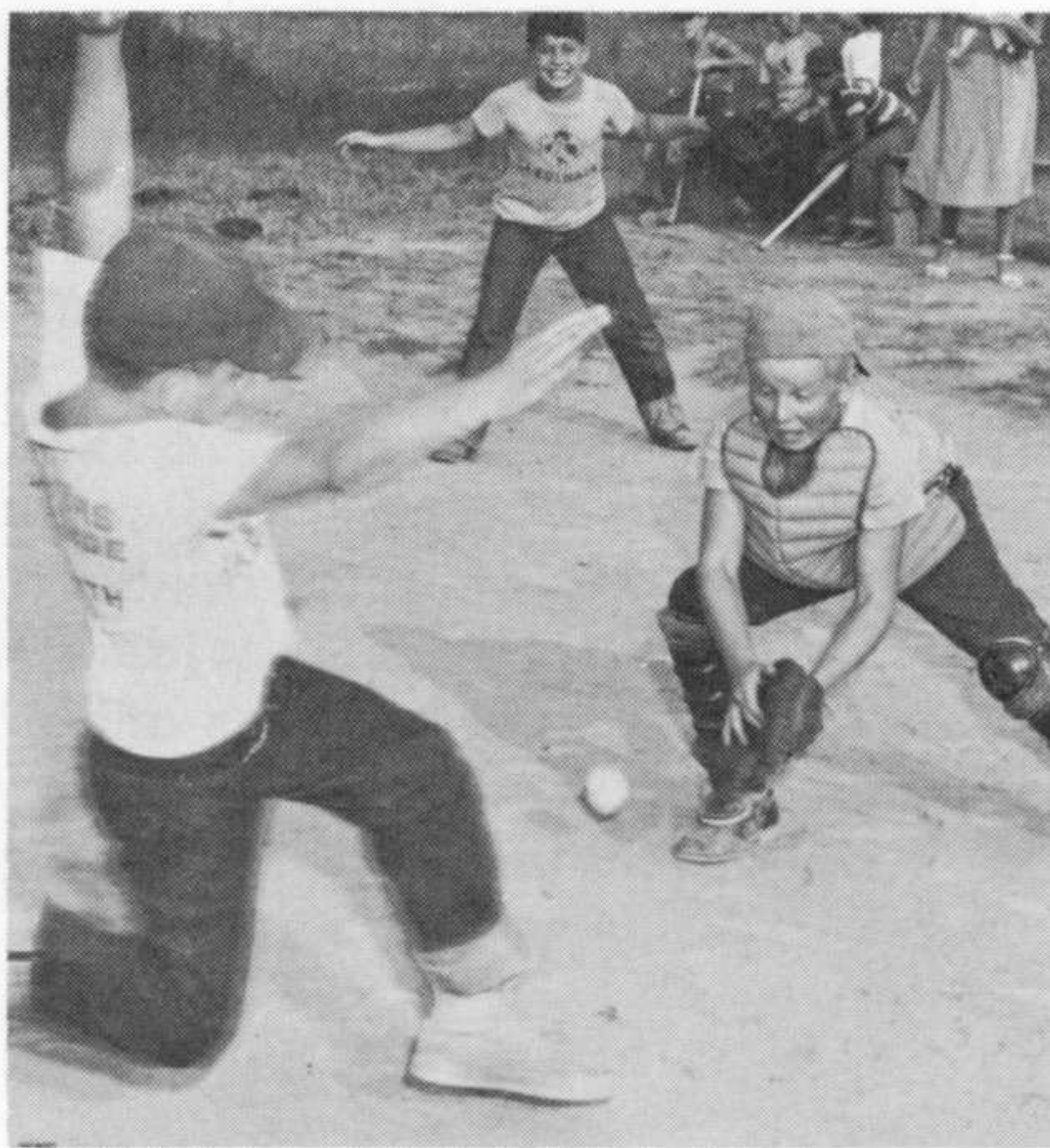
It was formed in 1953 and opened its first facility in August, 1954—a pool 120-by-50 feet with a diving bay 32-by-36 feet.

The initial project included a commodious bath house and a kiddie pool, 20-by-30-feet.

The rapid growth of the community made it necessary to add another large pool. In June of 1958, Swiminc put into operation a regulation 25-meter speed pool to the south of the original pool. Here the high school swimming team plays host to visiting schools in the greater Columbus area. It is also referred to as the "adult" pool.

All together, through the sale of non-interest-bearing bonds, \$180,000 was invested in the facility, located on the Worthington High School grounds along Granville Rd.

The swimming facility has maximum use from early summer to Labor Day, with as many as 3000 patrons daily. Swimming lessons are offered and the entire use of the pool is under close supervision of the manager, assistants, instructors and lifeguards.



*Boosters Little League
Baseball Program*



HARDING HOSPITAL.

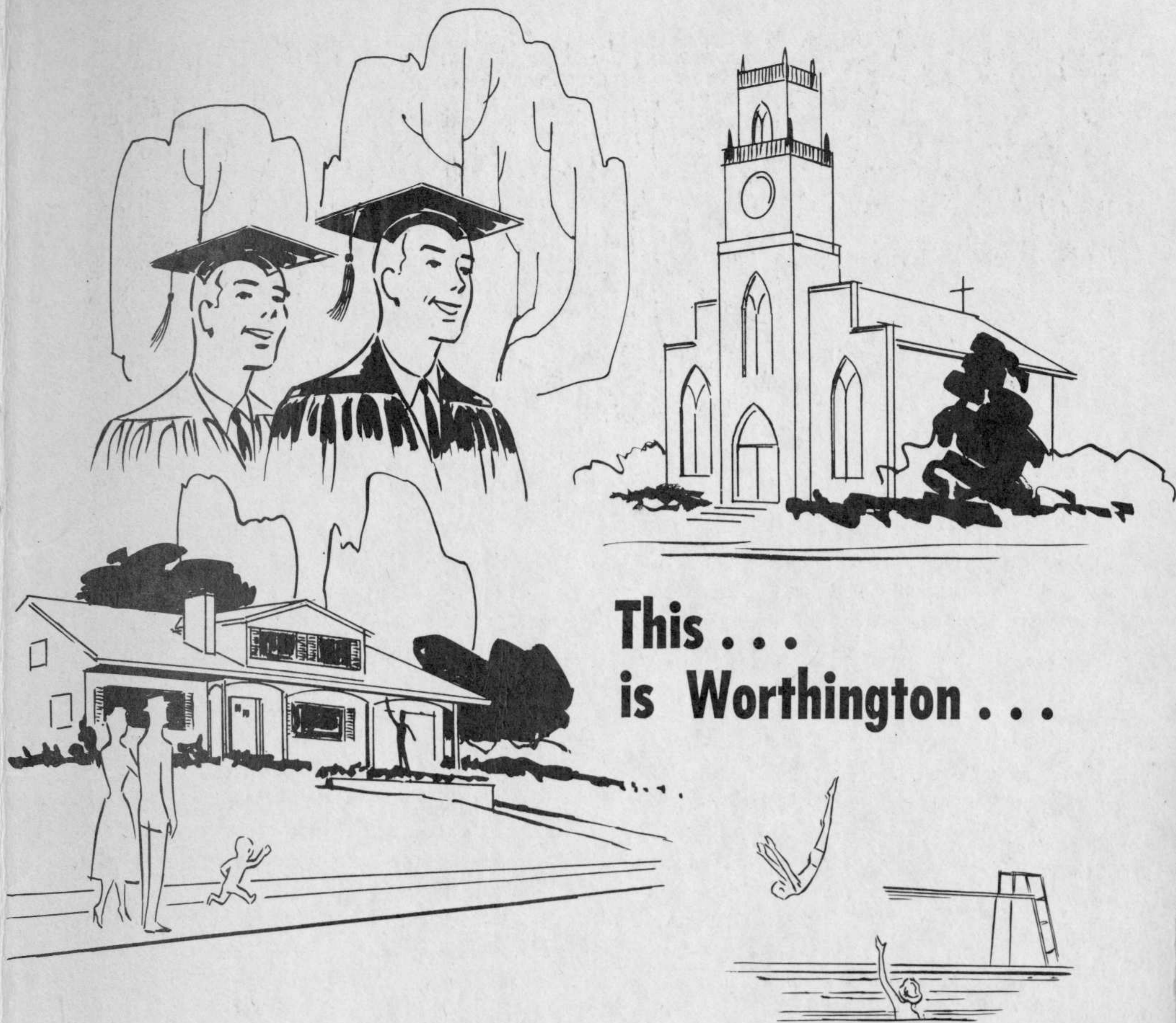
The Harding Hospital, located at 445 E. Granville Road in Worthington, known for many years as Harding Sanitarium, is one of the country's leading private, psychiatric hospitals.

Situated on forty acres of beautifully wooded land, it comprises five major buildings, housing one hundred twenty patients, and several service buildings.

The hospital not only serves local residents and the Central Ohio area but draws patients from all parts of the United States. It is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation representing the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association, American Hospital Association and American College of Physicians. Approximately one hundred seventy-five persons are employed by the hospital, including psychologists, psychiatrists, psychiatric social workers, occupational and recreational therapists, psychiatric nurses, aides and attendants. The medical staff includes eight full time attending psychiatrists and an associate staff of twelve psychiatrists and other specialists from the Central Ohio area.

In addition to its treatment program for persons suffering from mental and emotional problems, the hospital conducts a fully approved, three-year residency program for psychiatrists and is affiliated with Ohio State University in training psychiatric social workers and adjunctive therapists.

The hospital is a non-profit, voluntary organization which receives no governmental support but is financed by fees charged for its services, and voluntary contributions from interested persons.



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The Inn can give an interesting glimpse of the Stage Coach Days. Its walnut mantles, carved walnut stair rails, its beautiful paneled doors, and outside all metal stairway from the second to third floor are all a pattern of colonial days.

Its third floor was one large ballroom used on Saturdays and special occasions for square dancing. The enterprising Mr. Van Loon also operated a horse relay station and livery barn on the rear of the property.

Property is now operated by George A. Snyder who changed the name in January, 1952, to "The Old Worthington Inn."

The Inn now offers their traditional Home Style Dinners plus their new Harvest Table Buffet.