



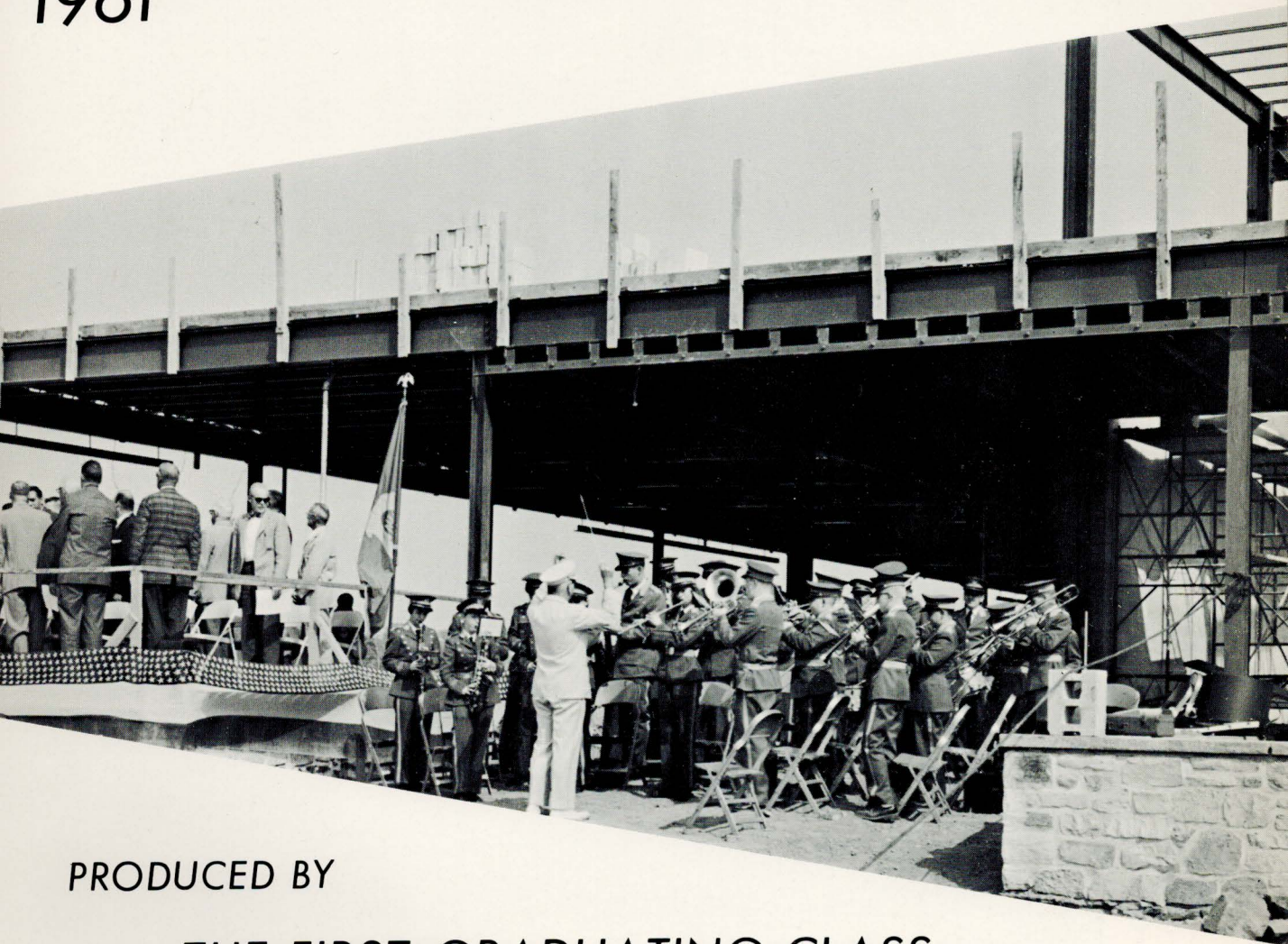
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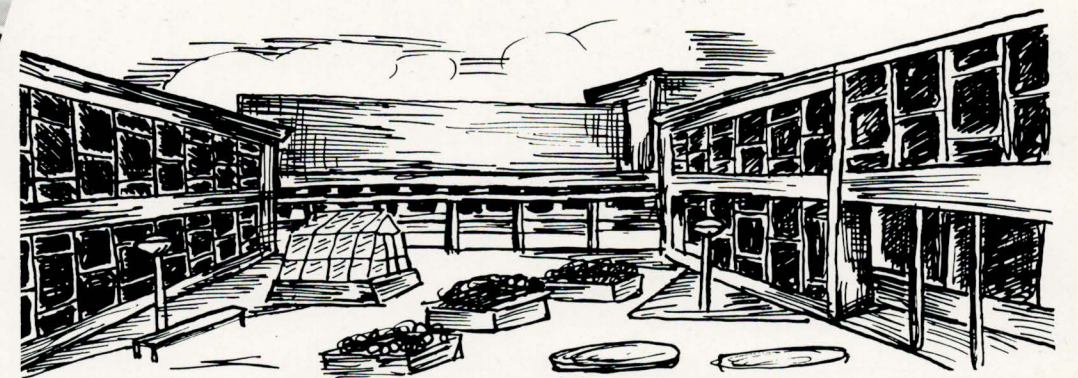
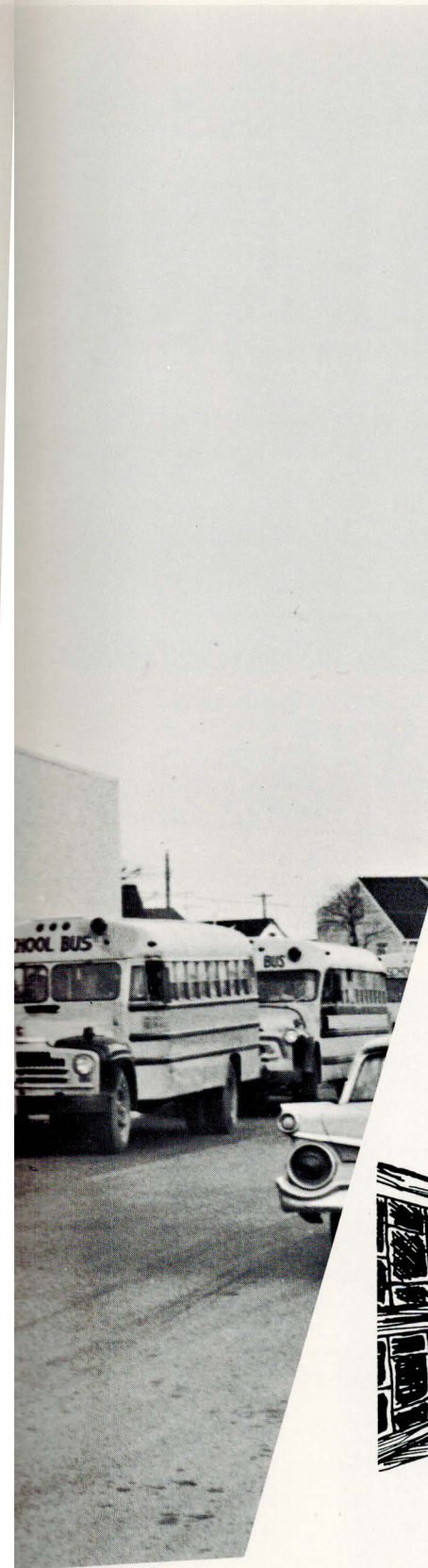
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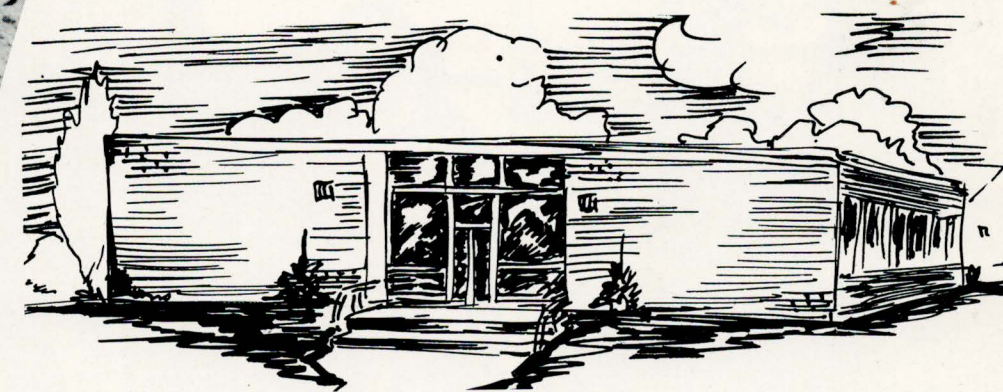
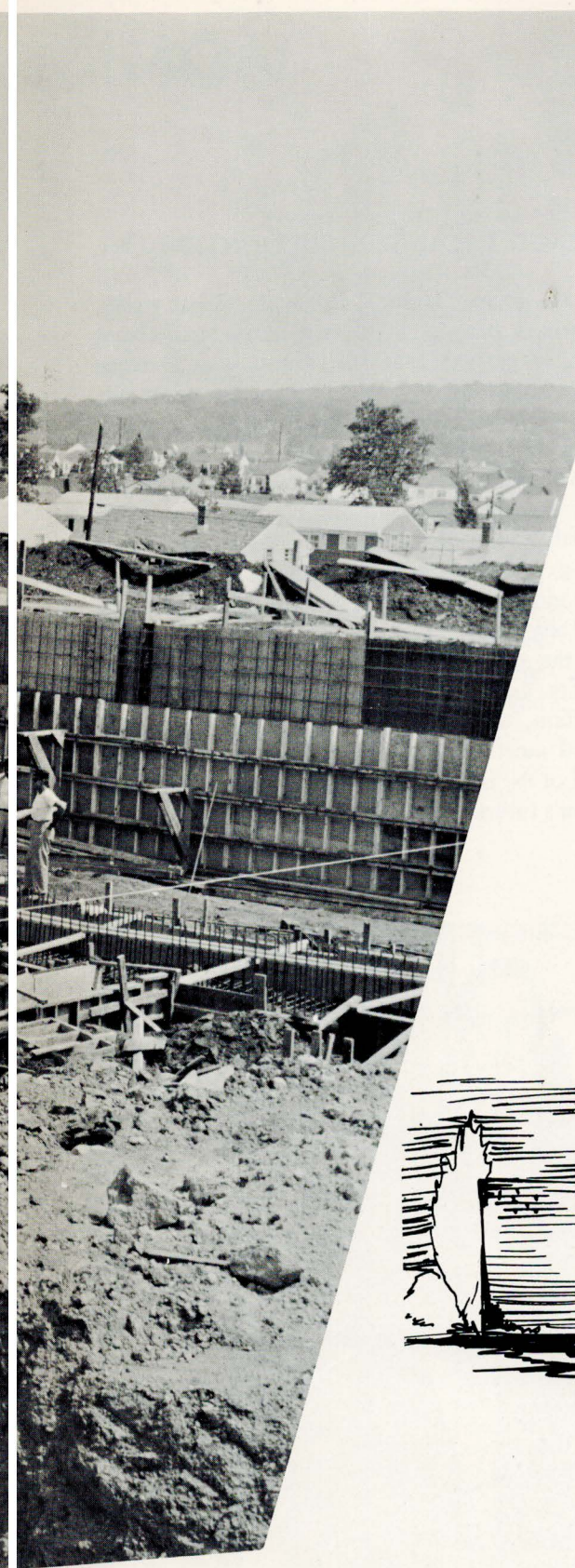
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ADMINISTRATION



Mr. Baehr, Pres. of the School Board, lends a helping hand.

CORNERSTONE AND DEDICATION CEREMONIES

On Saturday, September 26, 1959, we passed another milestone in the history of Upper Merion education. A complete contingent of School District officials and guests witnessed the laying of the cornerstone of the township's new three and one-quarter million dollar high school, located on Crossfield Road, King of Prussia. Fred Baehr, president of the School Board, delivered the main address to approximately one hundred fifty persons. Dr. Harold F. Martin, Superintendent of Schools, Fred Baehr, and Robert R. Strine, high school principal, officially laid the cornerstone. Following this, Mr. Baehr and Mr. Strine placed the cornerstone documents in the wall. Each delivered a brief address, extolling the past history of Upper Merion education, and predicted continued progress in the future. The high school band played appropriate selections during the hour long ceremony.



Principals of Dedication Ceremonies: Mr. Foltz, Pres. of School Board; Dr. Martin, Supt. of Schools; Mr. William Ellis, Chairman School Authority; Dr. Kenneth B. Wells, Pres. of Freedoms Foundation; Mr. Strine, Principal of Upper Merion High School.

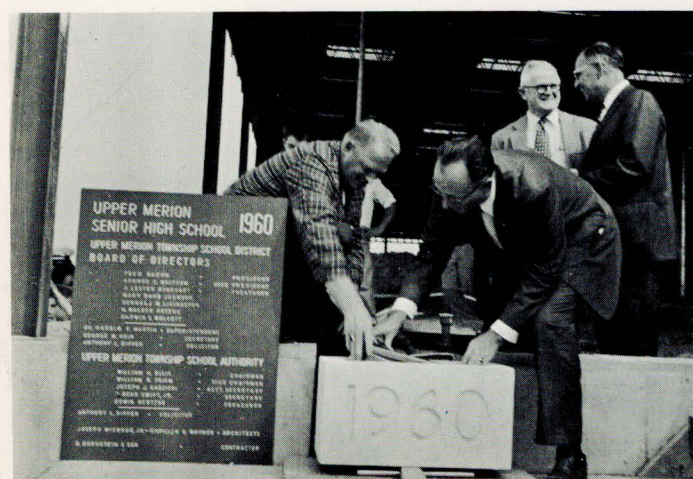
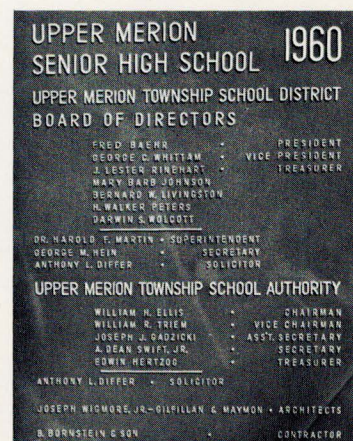
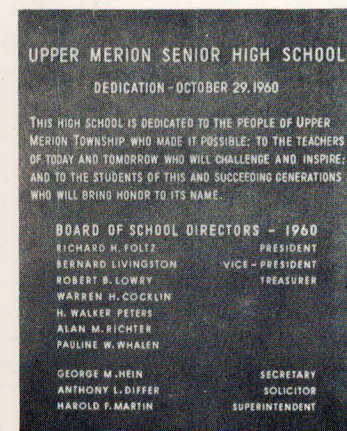
"This high school is dedicated to the people of Upper Merion Township who made it possible; to the teachers of today and tomorrow who will challenge and inspire; and to the students of this and succeeding generations who will bring honor to its name."

On October 29, 1960, the dedication of the new ultra-modern Upper Merion Senior High School took place. The formalities opened with a dinner in the new cafeteria with Director, Mrs. Frederick J. Whalen, presiding. Following the invocation by Rev. William Loane and the introduction of the distinguished guests, Dr. Bertrand W. Hayward, president of Philadelphia Textile Institute, gave the address.

Following the dinner, the guests adjourned to the auditorium for the dedication program, with more than eight hundred in attendance. The Upper Merion band and chorus presented music honoring the occasion. Rev. Herbert H. Beardsley delivered the invocation, followed by the welcome address by Dr. Harold F. Martin. Fred Baehr, past president of the School Board, spoke concerning the new school and extended greetings to state officials. The dedicatory speaker was Director Robert B. Lowry.

Dr. Kenneth B. Wells, president of Freedoms Foundation, gave an address entitled, "Let the Voice of Freedom Ring." Director Bernard Livingston presented the dedicatory plaque, which was unveiled by Larry Smerglia and Joyce Maloney.

The program concluded with the Alma Mater by the band, chorus, and guests.



Significant documents being placed in cornerstone.

Joyce Maloney and Larry Smerglia unveil dedication plaque.



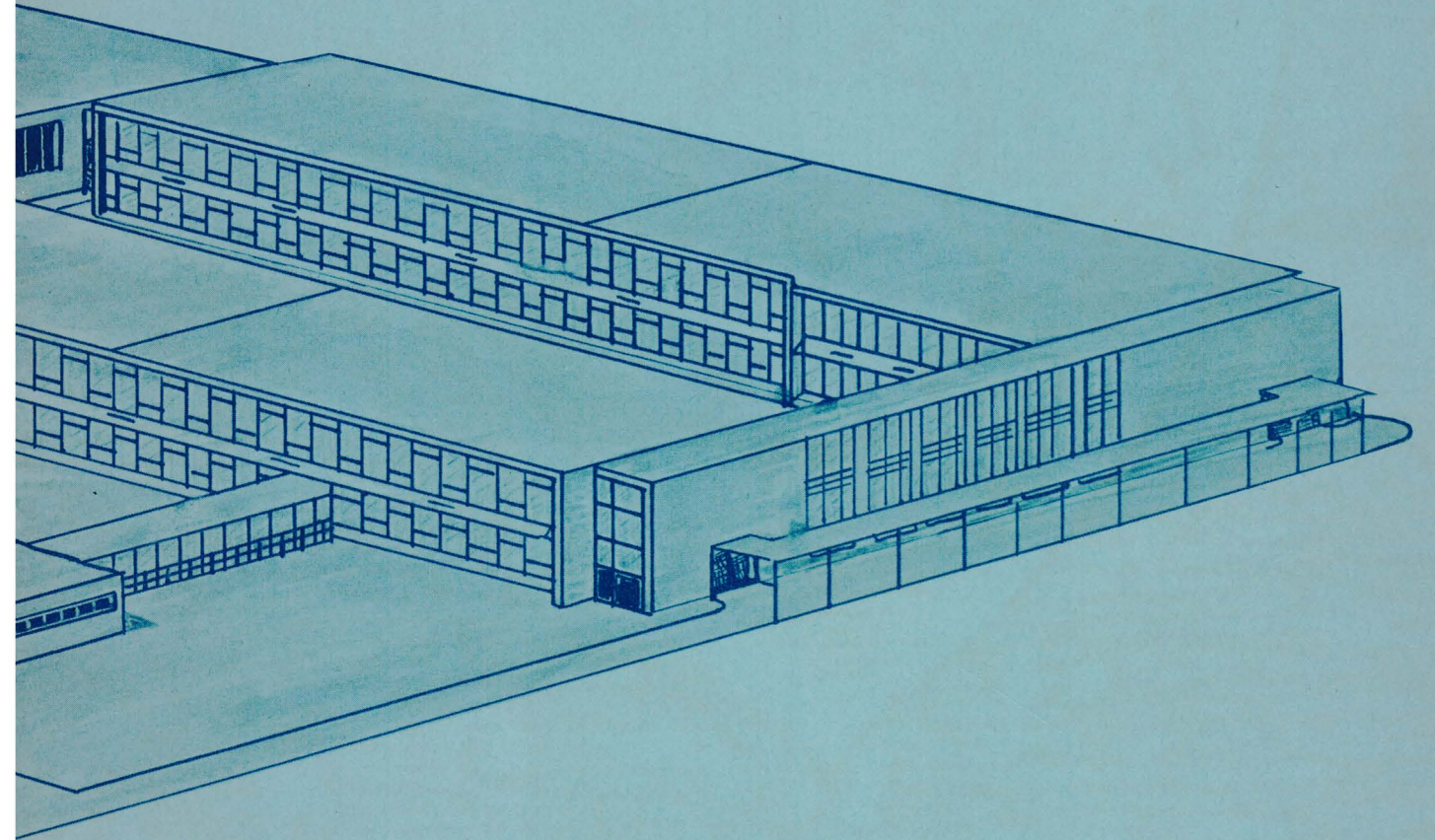
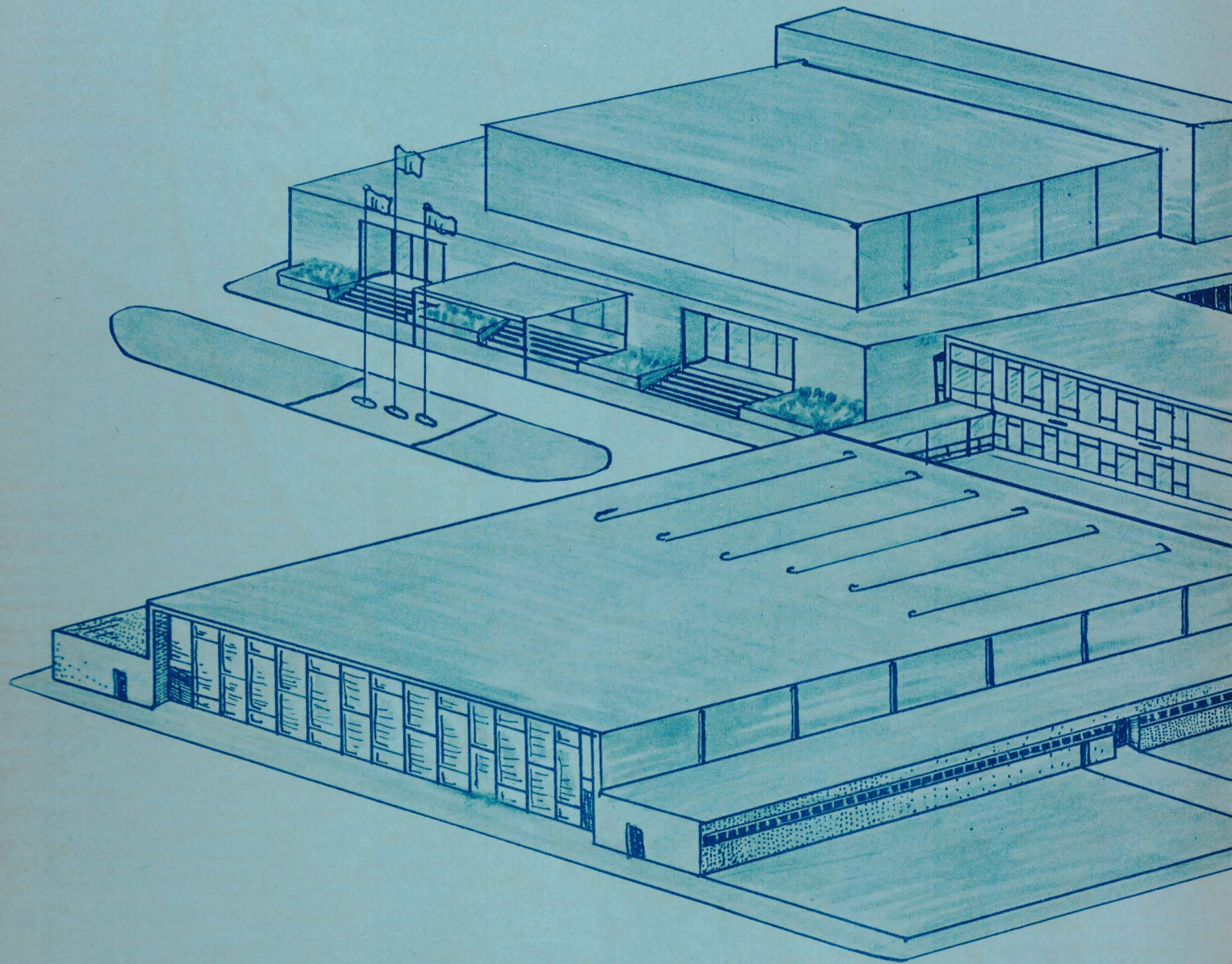
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Improvements in building have been paralleled by advancements in education in Upper Merion Township Schools. 1960 marked the completion of a high school here which incorporated the dreams of educators with the realities of modern architecture. In this structure are laboratory facilities for future scientists and home economists. Artists can promote their talent in the modern art room. Liberal arts students have opportunities to learn in classrooms with special work rooms for exceptional scholars. Language and music classes are conducted in areas which reflect modern attitudes. Spartans are provided with excellent gymnasium facilities which include an Olympic size swimming pool. The contrast with today's insti-

tution and the previous high school is sharp, impressive, and profound.

The class of 1961 is proud of the new school, our dream come true. We are proud to be its first graduating class. We realize that we have been growing and improving, just as the buildings of the educational system in the township have. Upper Merion has provided us with the opportunity to become useful, productive members of society. Surely the contrast in us can be identified with the building advancement. May this book remind us of the growth that has taken place in building, in education, and in our lives.

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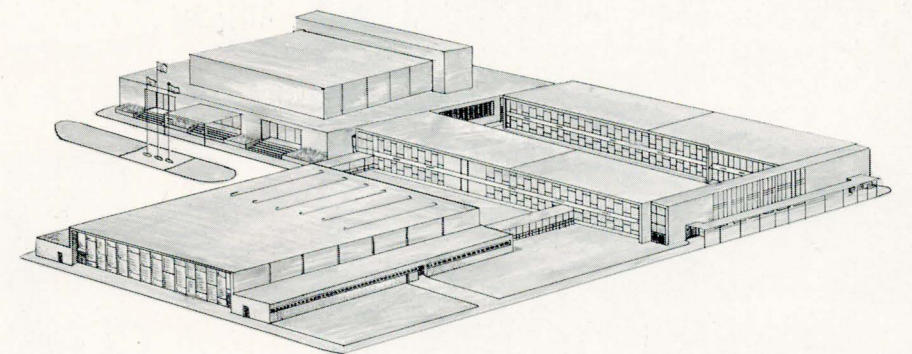
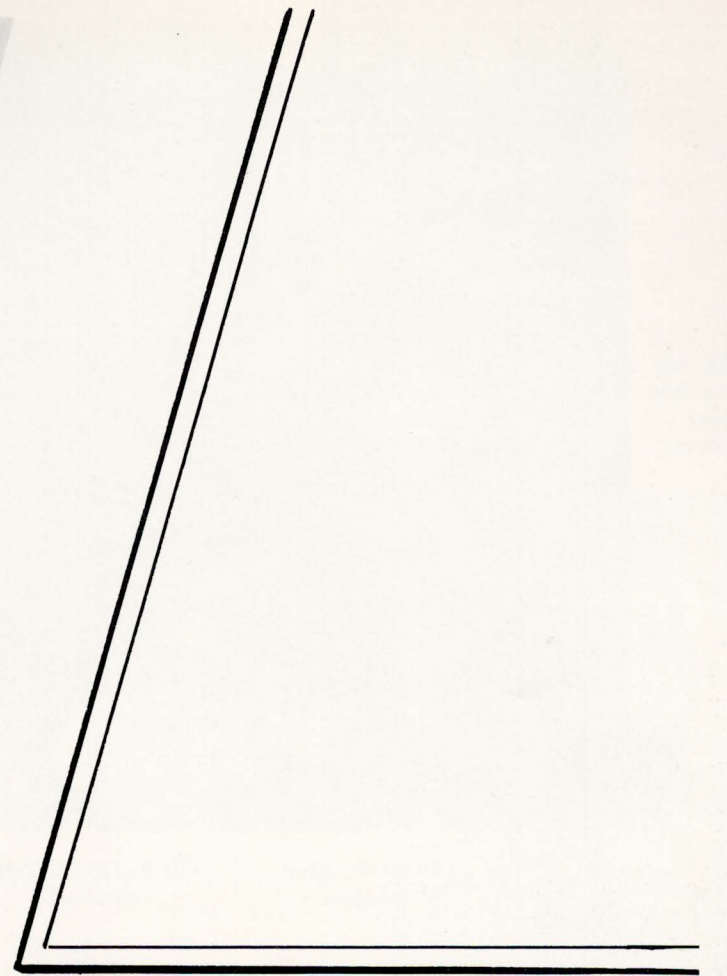


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