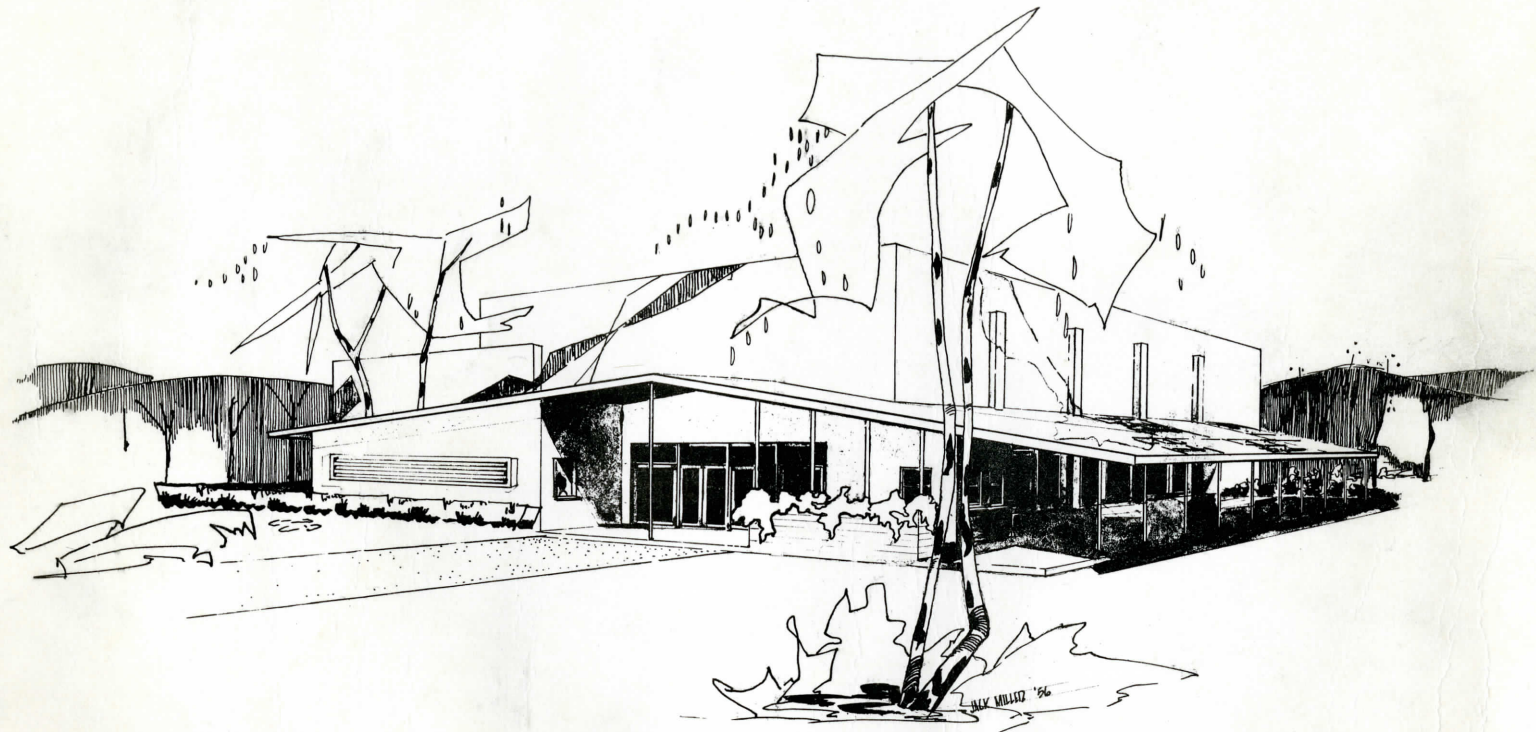


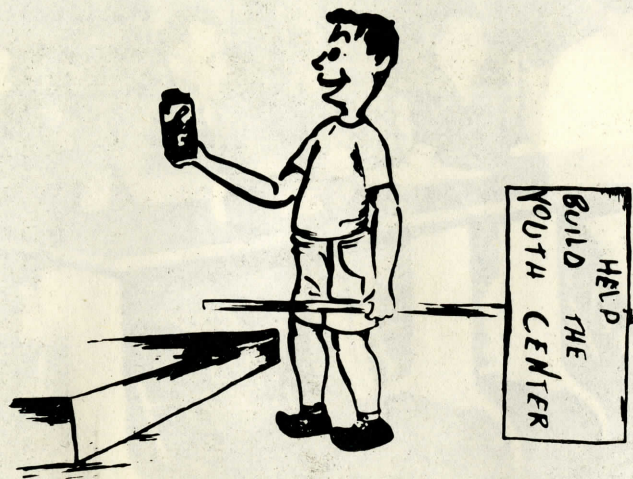
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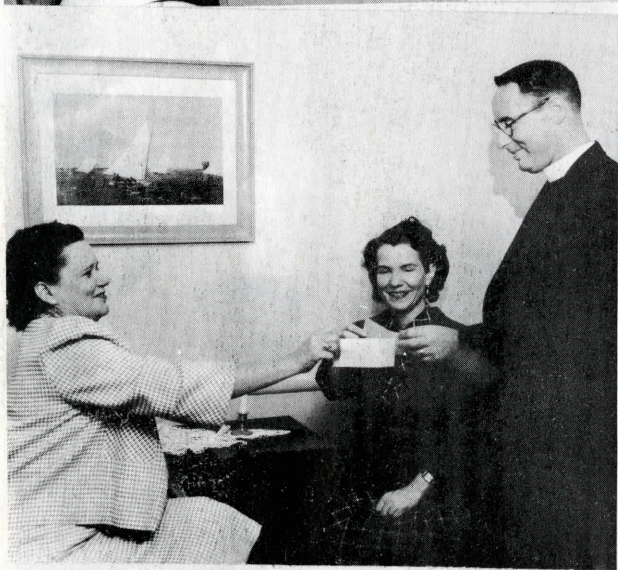
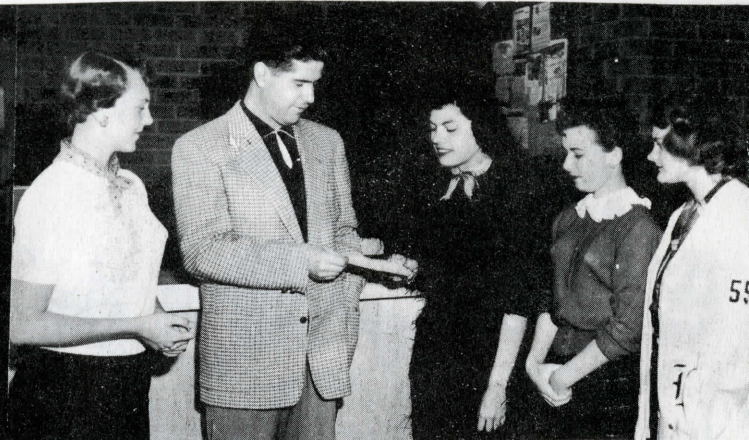
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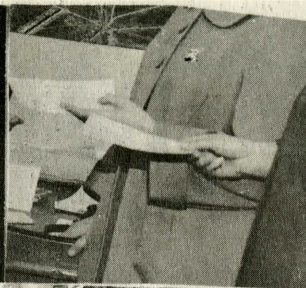


THE STORY OF THE YOUTH CENTER

When the city of Henderson became incorporated in June of 1953, the Mayor and City Council appointed several citizen committees to assist in specific areas of the city government. The first Recreation Board was appointed in December and held its first meeting on January 12, 1954.

After discussing the situation in Henderson—the possibilities and the limitations—it was decided that very little could be done to improve upon the recreational program already sponsored by the Co-ordinating Council until recreational facilities were made available.

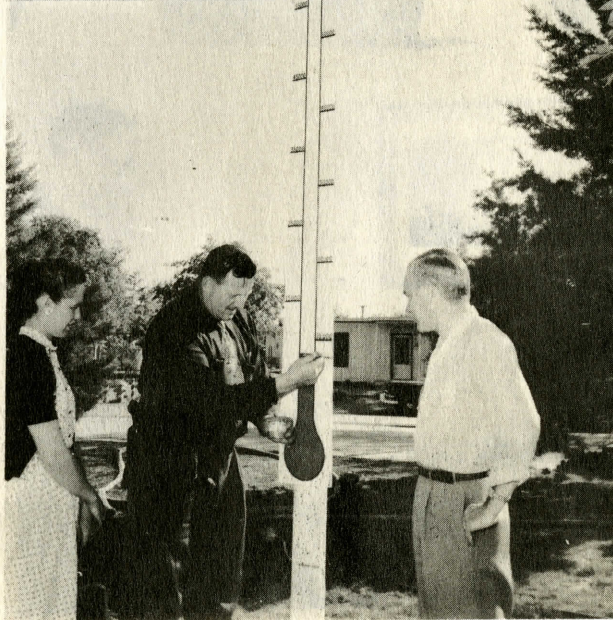
Consequently there followed six weeks of meeting with the Managers of the industrial plants, the Henderson School Board and school officials, Henderson Chamber of Commerce, representatives of all

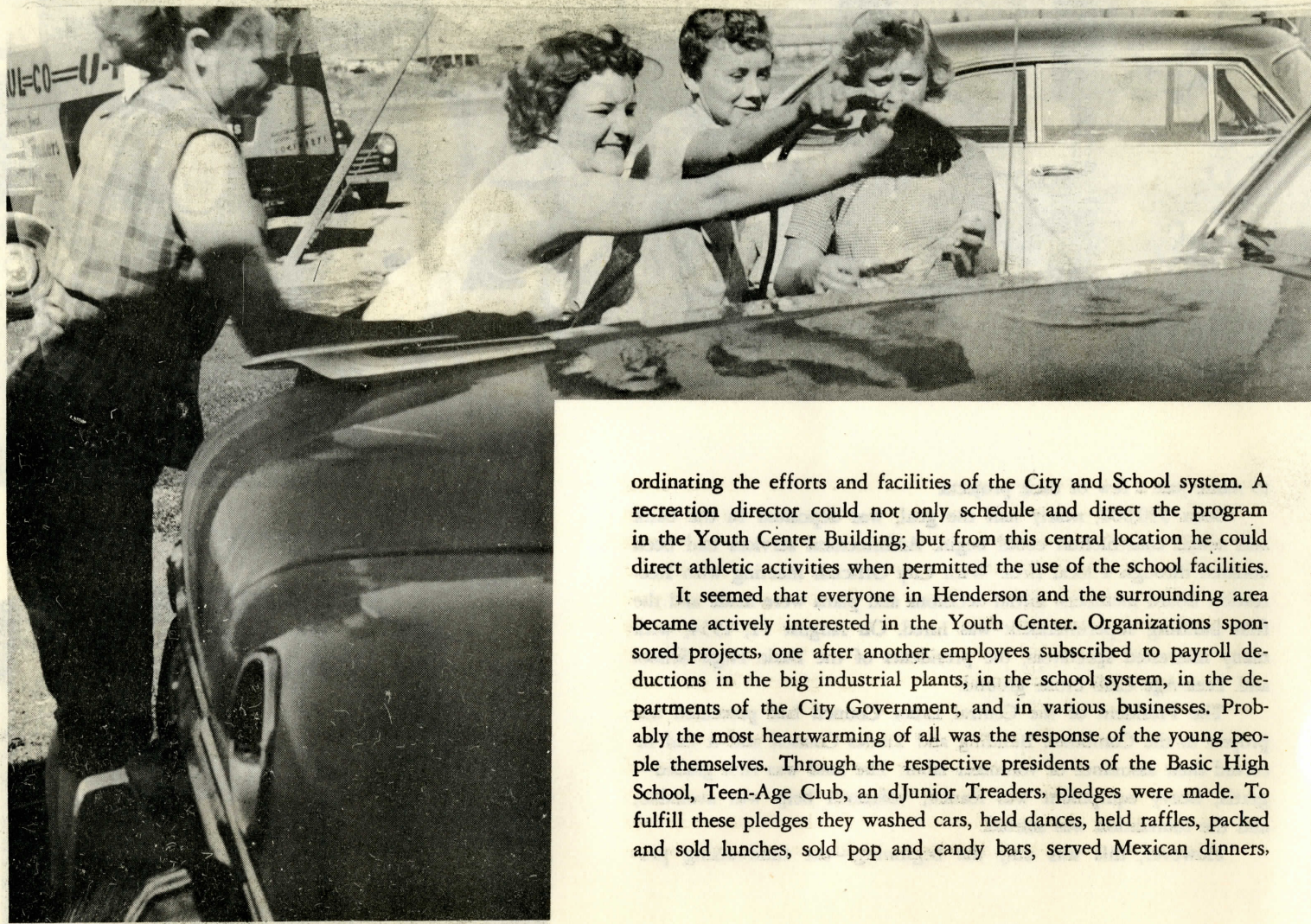


fraternal and civic organizations, and officers of the Central Labor Council. As a result of these meetings a report was submitted in March of 1954 to the Mayor and City Council. The report stated that the City Recreation Board would sponsor a campaign for funds for a Youth Center building with a Municipal Swimming Pool and park to follow on the same site. Although this area would not be entirely adequate for our population and size, it would be a good start and in some way serve the needs of every age group. The plan submitted was approved and through excellent publicity was spontaneously and enthusiastically received by the people of Henderson.

A site of three and one-half acres was deeded to the City of Henderson by Basic Management Inc. The location was nearly perfect relative to the three school sites. It was felt by all concerned that the interests of the youth of Henderson could best be served by co-

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ordinating the efforts and facilities of the City and School system. A recreation director could not only schedule and direct the program in the Youth Center Building; but from this central location he could direct athletic activities when permitted the use of the school facilities.

It seemed that everyone in Henderson and the surrounding area became actively interested in the Youth Center. Organizations sponsored projects, one after another employees subscribed to payroll deductions in the big industrial plants, in the school system, in the departments of the City Government, and in various businesses. Probably the most heartwarming of all was the response of the young people themselves. Through the respective presidents of the Basic High School, Teen-Age Club, and Junior Traders, pledges were made. To fulfill these pledges they washed cars, held dances, held raffles, packed and sold lunches, sold pop and candy bars, served Mexican dinners,



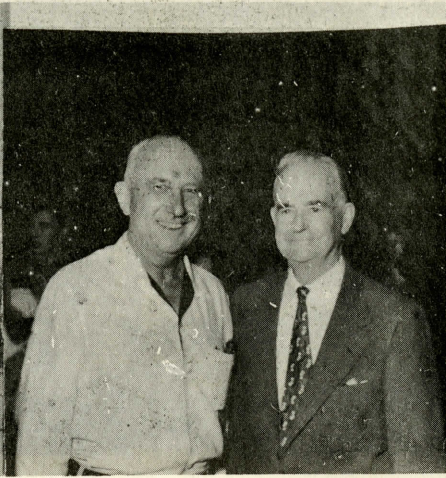
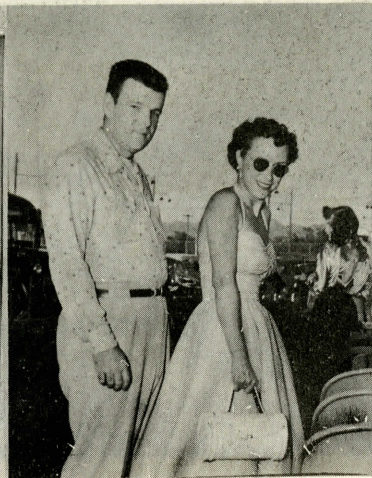
to name just a few of their projects.

Soon \$30,000, nearly half the goal, was deposited in the bank and actual construction could begin. Architectural services had been donated through a local firm. With City Officials meeting with Recreation Board members, initial decisions and plans were made and the first building superintendent was hired. On August 11, 1954, with many interested spectators, the presidents of the Basic High School and Teen-Age Club broke ground.

The President of the Central Labor Council had presented our project to the Combined Building and Trades Council and it had received their assurance of volunteer labor. The land was first graded—gratis; heavy equipment was loaned; volunteer help was available; and the foundation was started.

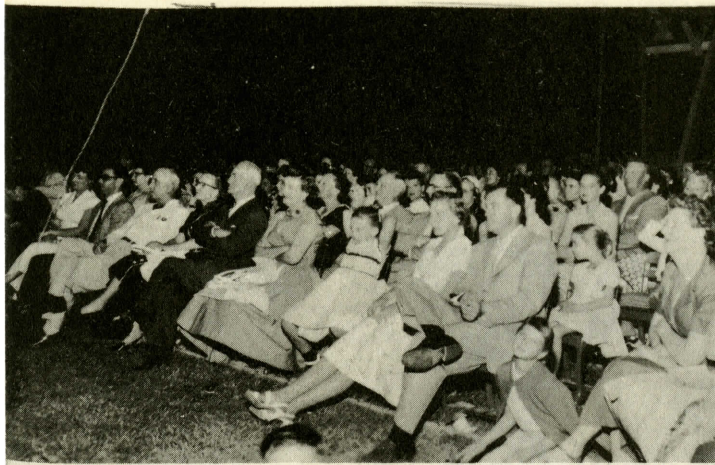
However, this was only the beginning—the fund-raising pro-





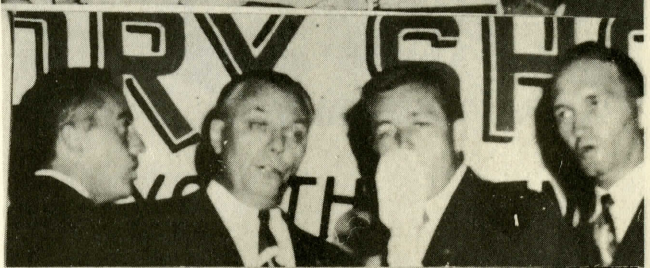
jects must continue and material must be procured either through purchase or donation. In this instance many of the volunteer workers helped to obtain material needed, such as plumbing, electrical equipment, etc. The Recreation Board Members contacted all available sources in the area, with much of the material being donated, and a large proportion of material sold to us at cost.

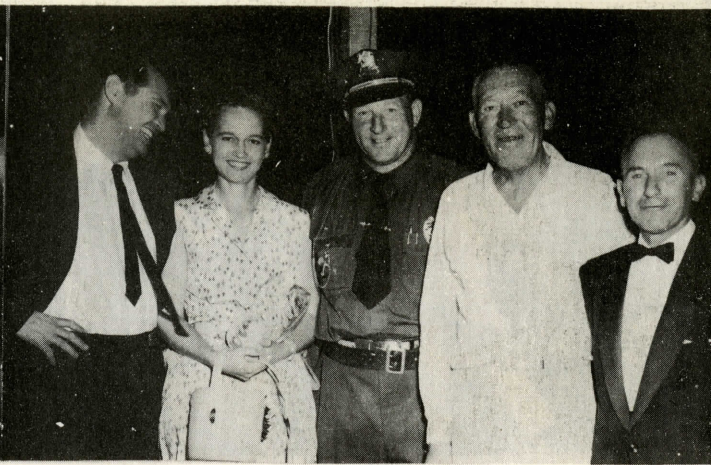
When the building seemed to be well on the way to completion, B. M. I. made the announcement of their gift to the recreational area—an olympic sized Municipal Swimming Pool. This was indeed a most welcome gift. A wing of the Youth Center Building was to be used as a shower house to serve the pool in the summer and serve as dressing rooms for the building in the winter. Unfortunately, because of the Nevada State laws, the Nevada State Board of Health could not approve this plan. After several new sets of



plans had been sent to Carson City, one was finally accepted. However, this meant a separate shower house building, in a different location, and with a new floor plan and more floor space. Consequently, the Youth Center campaign was set aside temporarily and a new campaign for a shower house was initiated. In this instance two foot square concrete blocks in the deck of the swimming pool were sold for \$25 with the donors names inscribed. This plan was met with enthusiasm and again, with the help of excellent publicity, the blocks were sold for a total of \$11,500. The shower house was put out for bid and contracted by the City of Henderson and the balance of \$8,000 was paid from the Recreation Budget.

At this time, with the assistance of the City Beautiful Board, Marines from the Lake Mead Marine Base, and donations of shrubbery and trees, the park area was landscaped and started. The Lions

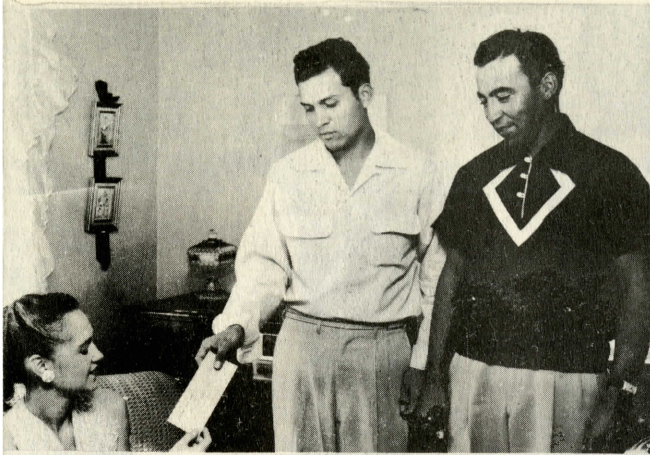




Club of Henderson had previously raised funds for playground equipment. This equipment was purchased and installed in the park area by members of the Lions Club.

During this interval several grave problems, concerning the Youth Center Building, presented themselves, and it was necessary, for the first time, to ask financial assistance from B. M. I. in order to get expensive structural steel and bricks, which were already on the job site, into the walls. B. M. I. was willing to underwrite \$14,430.21 so that construction on the building could continue.

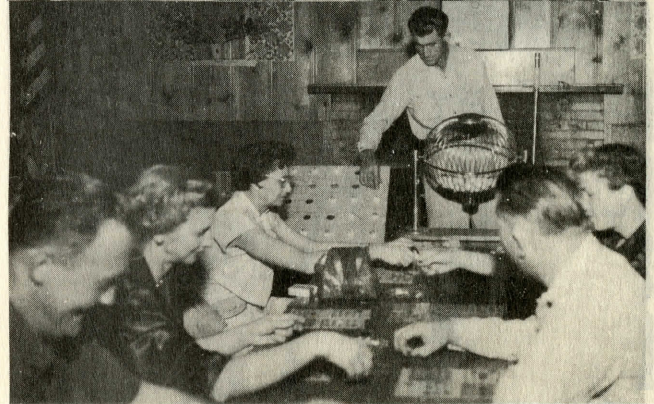
In September of 1955 the Recreation Board Members resigned to become members of a new committee whose sole purpose was to complete the physical construction of the Youth Center Building. This new committee was named the Henderson Youth Center Building Committee Inc. This group included several business men in Hen-

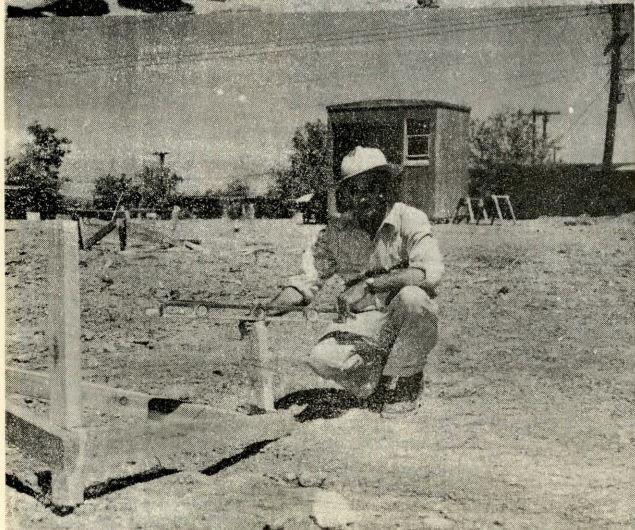


derson. These new members added impetus to the project and brought about its eventual completion. New payroll deductions were subscribed to—this time each company matching the employees subscription.

On this evening of December 29, 1956, the dedication of the Youth Center Building, B. M. I. is prepared to make a final contribution and cancel the indebtedness of \$14,430.21, thus leaving the project debt free and ready for presentation to the City of Henderson.

To say this project had been easy or free from problems—even heartaches, would be a complete misstatement of fact. However, those who have sponsored it have never deviated from the original goal, and they have been sustained in their purpose by the whole-hearted support of many hundreds of people. It is each one of these hundreds of people that collectively have made this beautiful building possible. They wish to express their sincere appreciation and grate-

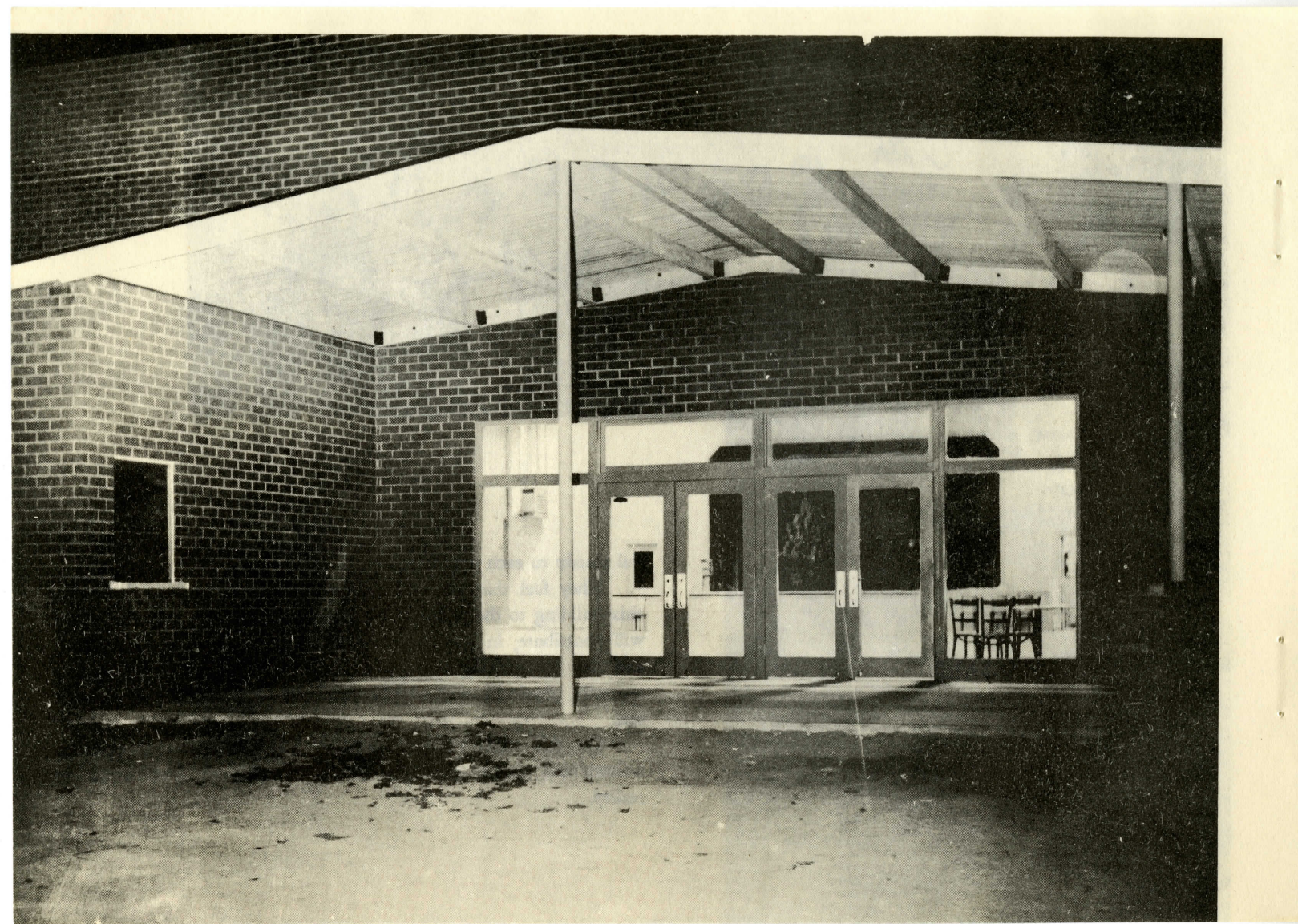




ful thanks to each one of you.

They feel that you will want to join with them in dedicating this building to the youth of Henderson in the hope that our efforts will contribute, in some measure, to the development of character; and that by utilizing the opportunities here our youth will mature mentally, physically, and morally into future good citizens of Henderson.

On this night of dedication we relive in pictures, sketches, written and spoken word the Youth Center Story from dream to reality.



DEDICATION PROGRAM

December 29, 1956 — 8:00 P.M.

Welcome Hershel Trumbo
Invocation Bishop Marlan Walker
Introduction of Honor Guests Mrs. J. H. McBeath
Speakers Lyal Burkholder, Phillip J. Maddex, R. Julian Moore
Presentation of Building to..... Mayor J. B. French
Dedicatory Prayer Rev. Ford Gilbert

Dance in honor of young people of Henderson and their guests.

Music with cooperation of Local Union 369 of A.F.
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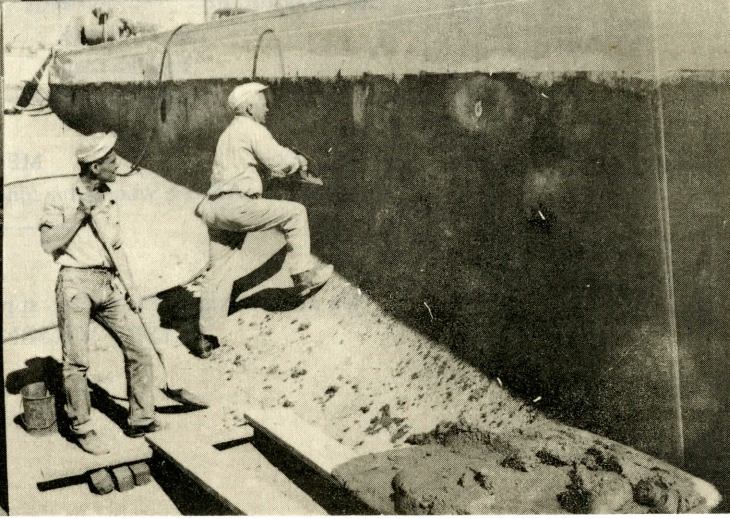
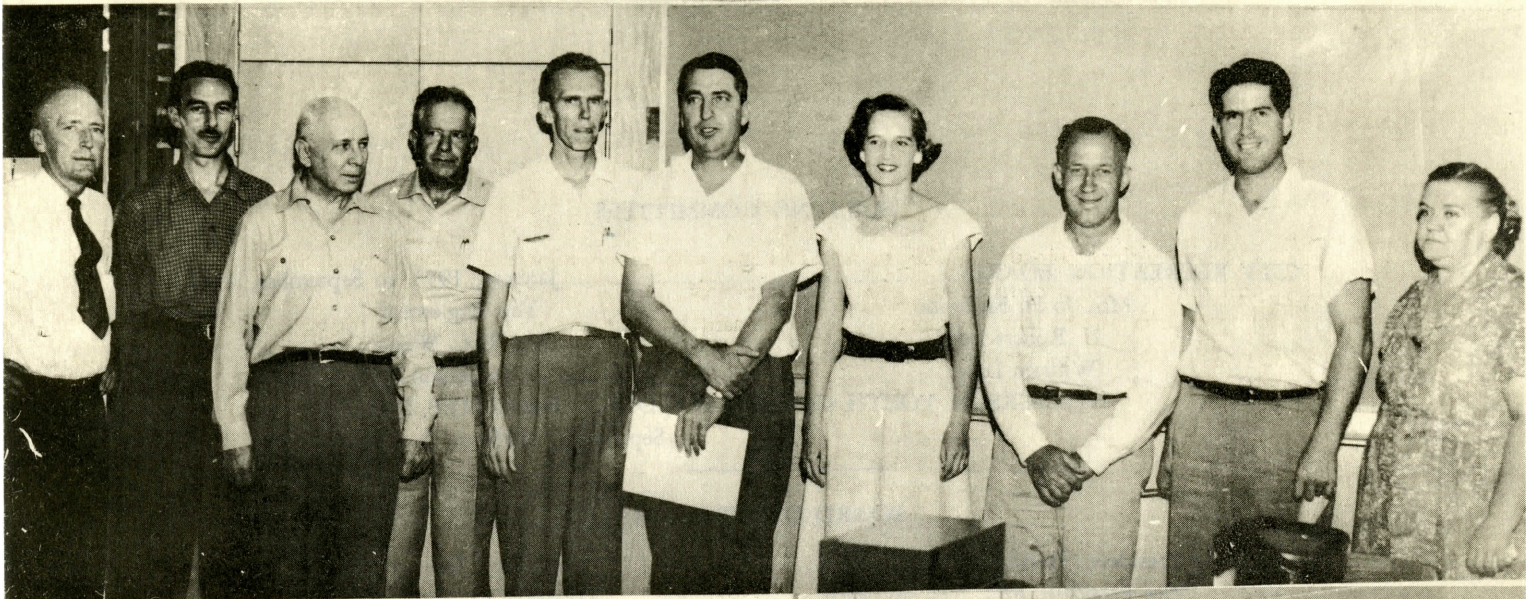
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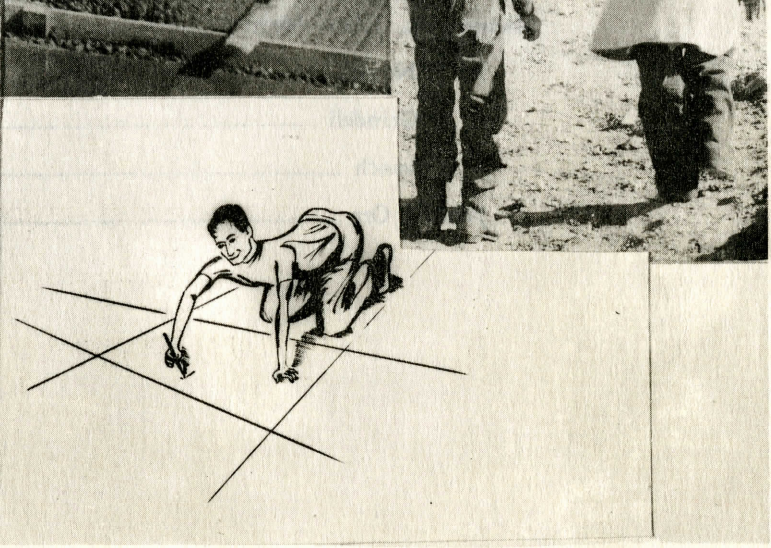
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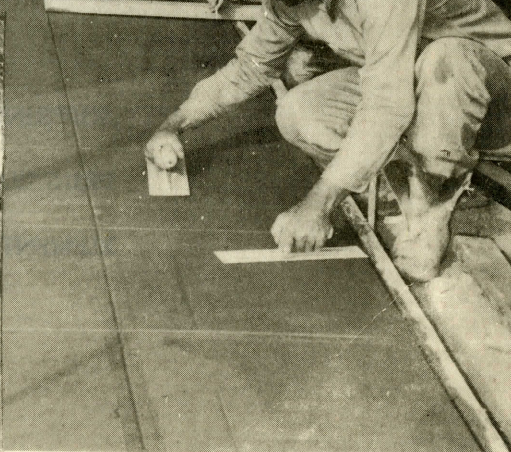
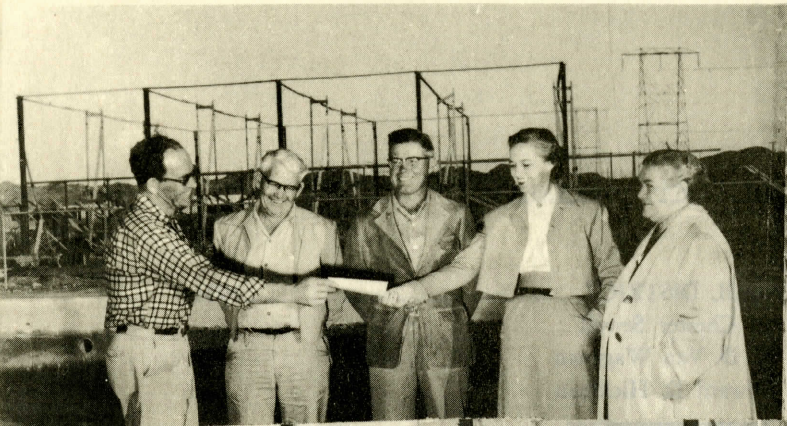
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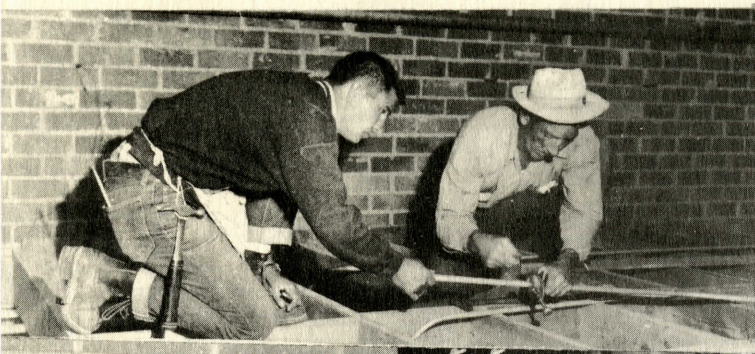
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