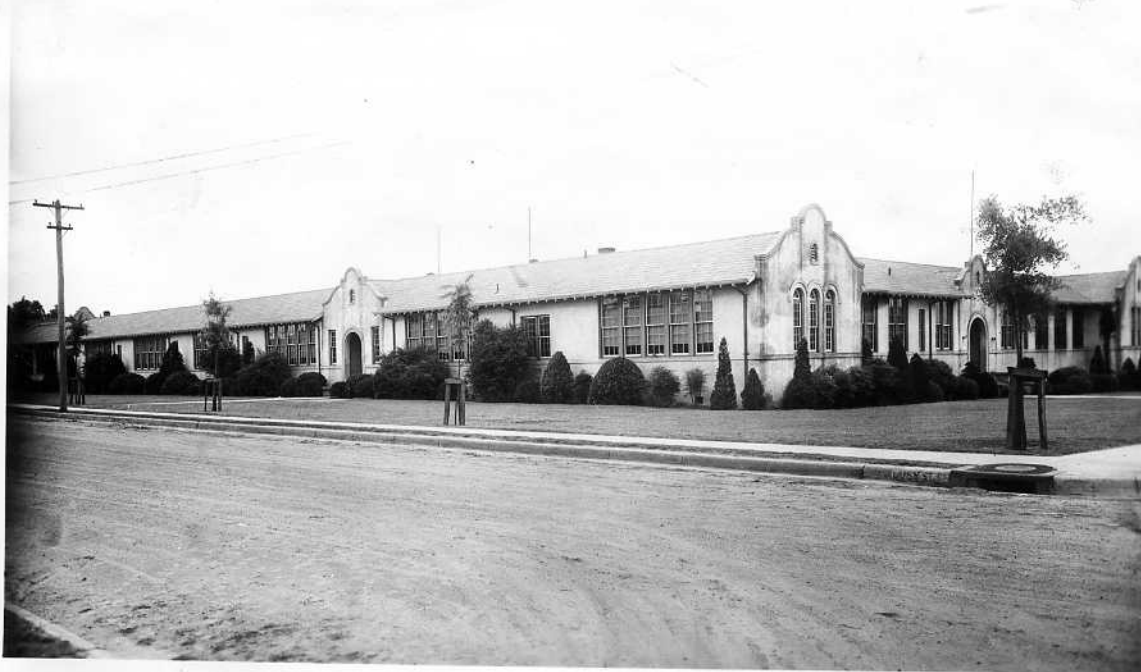


*The* BUILDING, EQUIPMENT  
*And* CAMPUS





Taken 1937-38

*Jr. High's First Snow*



Dec. 15, 1944

A second snow fell on March 6, 1954, but in insufficient quantity to permit a picture to be made.

The Building, Equipment and Campus of Young Junior High

Ever since its construction in 1921, Young Junior High has been one of the essential factors in the Dothan City School System.

It was originally intended that the school be built on a hill a little above the present site, but since this more desirable location could not be obtained it was erected where it now stands.

The lot on which it stands cost only four thousand dollars (\$4,000) while the structure cost eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000). The men who ran the city government at this time were:

Mayor--Ed. Jones  
Mayor Protem--I. C. Ezell  
City Clerk--R. W. Lisenby  
Board of Education:  
George Cotton--President  
J. R. Young  
John Sanders  
O. R. Morgan  
B. B. Baker  
P. N. Spann  
City Councilmen:  
Clem Ezell--President  
M. J. Patterson  
A. J. Sellers  
W. D. Malone  
W. A. Barnes  
J. T. Brock  
Briston Allen  
W. F. Martin  
Foy Walden

The original equipment cost ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). More was bought each year. The electric clock was bought and installed in the office in 1923. In 1925 machinery, tables, benches, and tools were purchased for the Manual Training Department.

The first pictures to be put in the rooms of Junior High were placed in 1922, the second year the building was occupied. These pictures still remain in the junior one and two rooms.

From the pictures of the art exhibit held in the spring of 1931, Miss Stafford chose "The Grand Canyon", while Miss Roan and Miss McCall selected "Harpoof the Wind" and "Souvenirs of Italy" respectively. Miss Edwards chose "The Rialto Bridge". These pictures were correctly hung under the direction of Miss Mary Emma Barnes, director of home economics in 1931-1932.

From the two pictures selected for the auditorium one was "Lifting Fog" by Henry A. Vincent. The scene depicted is of a water-front as the fog lifts showing a dock and boat. Vincent was born in Chicago in 1864 and is well known for his ship scenes among which this picture ranks high.

The Keystone "600 Set" Stereograph and Lantern were purchased in 1923, the cost of five hundred dollars (\$500) being paid by the school.

In 1922 there was little equipment other than teachers' and pupils' desks. The first extra equipment was the Gold Maps, purchased in 1922. Also in 1922 Mr. J. R. Young presented the faculty with three pieces of wicker furniture for their rest room.

The song slides were first used in 1927 by Miss Strother. During that year twenty-five slides were bought from the Sims Slide Company.

The present science room was the first lunch room and was under the direction of Misses Julia Kimbrough and Elizabeth Bradford. Soup and sandwiches were served there. Mrs. J. C. Crawford took charge of the lunch room in 1927 and kept it until 1932 when Miss Stafford, director of home economics, took it over. The one-day session plan was put into effect in 1926 and used until 1932.

In 1928 alterations were made on the building. The Home Economics and Manual Training Departments were added as were the present lunch room and library at a cost of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000).

The safe for the office was bought in 1928.

In 1927 the curtain for the auditorium was bought and the emblem for it was bought in 1933.

New furniture bought for the faculty lounge room in 1934 consisted of a beautiful lounge, table, and chair which added greatly to the attractiveness of the room. Under the direction of Miss Stafford new draperies were hung in this room and in the office.

It is astonishing to learn the great changes that have taken place concerning our campus. What is now a beautiful campus was in 1921 and 1922 hardly less than a bog hole. It was not unusual in the spring of 1922 for a car to sink up to its hub caps in the mud in an attempt to get near enough the school to receive students.

It was during the summer of 1922 that the walks around the school and those leading up to the doors and corridors were laid. At the same time the so-called bog and the courts were filled in.

The first attempt to beautify the campus by planting shrubbery was made in the spring of 1923 when only scanty amounts of sprouts and bulbs were ordered and set out. For a while the problem of beautifying the campus was set aside and more time was spent on other improvements. Finally, however, in the fall of 1929, a considerable amount of shrubbery was set out around the building and in the two front courts by Mr. Young.

Since that time more shrubbery has been added every year. In 1931 sprouts were planted in the long courts on both sides of the auditorium. Most of the shrubbery now surrounding Young Junior High School was obtained from Dye's Nursery and from Mr. Pittman.

In the time which has elapsed since the school opened in 1922, our campus which was once a bog hole has been changed into a level, grass-covered campus trimmed with beautiful shrubbery.

In the year 1935 a belopticon machine was added to increase visual education supplies. The cost was one hundred and sixty dollars.

In the spring of 1937 pictures were purchased for the auditorium. The pictures chosen were selected by the students and faculty upon the advice of Miss Kathryn Johnson of the Practical Drawing Company. Approximately three hundred dollars was spent to buy the ten selected pictures. After

the pictures were bought, it was necessary to buy draperies and blinds for the windows. Mr. Bill Hardin draped the windows and hung the Venetian blinds. Approximately four hundred dollars was spent in this project.

In the fall of 1937 the school purchased a twelve-tube-R.C.A. Radio for use in the auditorium. The primary objective of this purchase was to increase music appreciation--an objective to be realized through the Damrosch Music Appreciation Hour, conducted every other week during the term.

In the fall of 1938 the faculty returned to find the teachers' rest room redecorated. New Venetian blinds had been purchased for it as well as for the office rooms. Mrs. Heard had had Mr. Bill Hardin to redecorate the rest room and he did a very artistic and attractive job.

Other supplies were purchased during the 1938-39 term which greatly increased our already more-than-average supply of equipment. Maps for the Jr. II History classes were purchased from Nystrom and Co. at an approximate cost of eighty dollars. A pottery kiln was bought for the pottery club and to be used also by any department for activities. Eighteen dolls representing the Nations of the World made their appearance in the Geography department. The film projector machine was purchased near the end of the term with funds raised from the annual Junior High Night of the previous year. Films amounting to nearly one hundred dollars and representing every department were also purchased.

It was decided in the fall of 1938 to dispense with a Literature book to be purchased by the students and instead a



fee of fifty cents was charged. By supplementing this approximately one hundred and fifty literature books were purchased for the three classes. These included "Literature and Life" by Greenlaw, Elson, Keck, Miles, "Elson Jr. I Literature" by Elson, Keck, Burris, "Elson Jr. II Literature" by Elson, Keck, Burris and several other separate copies of literature books to be used for reference.

The Jr. I Science department also purchased about fifty new volumes in 1938-1939. These included books on birds, insects, and other nature subjects.

During the scholastic year, 1939-1940, each department in the school--with the exception of the mathematics departments--was equipped with a steel filing cabinet. Index cards and fillers were provided in order that each teacher might efficiently organize the material in her department.

New pictures were bought for many of the classrooms, while others which we had were rehung and several reframed. The following is a list of the pictures in the building at the end of the year 1940-1941:

Shady Nook	by Jacobsen
Blanket of Snow	by Choultse
Surrender of Cornwallis	by Trumbull
General Robert E. Lee	by Coffin
Washington	by Stuart
The Presidents of the U. S.	
Franklin D. Roosevelt	
Neck and Neck	by Dawson
Beech Alley	by Hanft
Prize Poppies	by Streckenbach
Summer Flowers	by Streckenbach

Brookshire Brook	by Pennoyer
Great Mystery	by Sharp
Pinkie	by Lawrence
Blue Boy	by Gainsborough
Rialto Bridge	by Leipold
Grand Canyon	by Moran
Age of Innocence	by Reynolds
Torn Hat	by Sully
Antibes	by Monet
Grand Canal, Venice	by Leipold
Lifting Fog	by Vincent
Souvenir of Italy	by Corot
Signing Declaration of Independence	by Trumbull
Panels of Declaration of Independence	
Washington	by Stuart
Robert E. Lee	
Panel of American Poets	
Avenue of Trees	by Hobbema
Pointers	by Blinks
Setters	by Blinks
Tales of Adventure	by Schroder
Woman Reading	by de Hooch
Glorious Summer	by Vogler
Nature's Grandeur	by Vogler
Swan Lake	by Minden
Woman Weighing Gold	by de Hooch
Moonlight on Riviera	by Chabanian

Mother's Happiness	by de Hooch	
The Apple Peeler	by de Hooch	
Knights of Round Table	by Abbey	
The Craftsman	by Amick	
Carpet of Allah	by Sayre	
Christ and the Doctors	by Hofmann	
Boyhood of Sir Walter Raleigh	by Millais	
Falling Leaves	by Bundy	
In Full Sail	by Sherrin	
The Oregon Trail	by Amick	
Madonna	by Sichel	
Sistine Madonna	by Raphael	
The Student	by Rembrandt	
Bret Hart's Home	by Schwartz	
Robert Louis Stevenson's Home	by Schwartz	
Mark Twain's Cabin	by Schwartz	
The Four Freedoms (set of 4)	by Rockwell	(1945-1946)
Christ at Gethsemane	by Hofmann	(1945-1946)

(Note: This picture was returned to our school from the Post Chapel at Napier Field when the field was deactivated in January of 1946. This picture had been presented in 1942.)

In the summer of 1941 from one to two cork bulletin boards were placed in each class room.

Two chairs were bought for the teachers' lounge in 1943.

The beginning of the 1944-45 term was a joyous one for both students and teachers because of the refinishing of the interior of the entire building. The freshly painted walls were such an inspiration that in a short while each advisory had scrubbed and sanded their desks and had them ready for varnishing. Mr. Walker and some of the boys from Dothan High School did the varnishing, while the students completed their work by using steel wool and waxing the desks until they were almost like new.

Mirrors were added to the boys' and girls' toilets, new covers were made for the girls's toilet tables and stools, the teachers' lounge was redecorated by Mr. Harden, and a new gold velour curtain was purchased for the auditorium. One extra chair was added to the teachers' lounge also at this time.

Since the money to finance this all had been an accumulation for several years from Spring Play funds, it was decided to have an open house affair and invite the Dothan High School students over to see how their money had contributed to the appearance of the building. The following clipping from the "Hi-Lites" will give some idea of the entertainment:

## **YOUNG JUNIOR HIGH HAS HOME COMING**

Young Junior was hostess Tuesday afternoon, October 10, at open house from 5:00 to 7:00. At that time she invited all of her former students to come over to see the multiple improvements made during the vacation months— her pastel green walls; gleaming new wood work; cleaned, sanded, waxed and polished desks and tables; freshly sanded bulletin boards; attractive trash containers; long ample mirrors in all rest rooms; and a beautiful new auditorium curtain of new gold velour.

The affair was quite informal. Mrs. Heard and other members of the faculty greeted the guests as they arrived— some immediately made the rounds of the whole building, peering into each room; others strolled around the auditorium; some few began to dance.

After not too long— the affair was under way as Mr. Hampton and his Southernaires enticed other dancers to the floor with their entrancing melodies.

In 1945-1946 a new refrigerator was added to the cafeteria. The purchase price was \$790.50. During this year \$75.00 was given to the Dothan High School Band for equipment.

When in 1946-1947, the next school year, Mr. Hampton organized a separate band for Young Junior High School, 50 band uniforms were ordered. These uniforms consisted of capes and caps in the school colors, black and gold, were not received in time for use this year, but \$600 was paid for them. In addition, \$50 was donated to the Dothan High School Band.

The relandscaping of the shrubbery was begun during this year and \$525 was spent in adding azaleas and camellias. A mahogany lectern and an Alabama Flag were purchased for the auditorium. A large pulpit Bible was purchased for the auditorium during the summer months. The stage furniture was repaired and recovered during the summer months of 1947 also.

The greatest addition in the way of equipment made during the year 1947-1948 was the installation of a public address system. For this \$1711.30 was paid.

Few additions were made in 1948-1949. A new piano was purchased for \$229.50, and 41 copies of Alabama History by Owens and Jackson were obtained for the history department. A new motion picture projector was purchased for \$579, but was not used because of the poor lighting in the auditorium. Desks, chair type, some of them new, were added in room 16

During the summer months of 1949 two new rooms were added to the building. These were added at the rear of the study hall. The paving of the block of Lafayette Street in front of the school during this summer was a welcome and much needed improvement. The woodwork outside the building was repainted and all gutters were repaired and painted early in the fall. New chair desks were added in rooms 8, 10, 12, 11 13 and 15, in addition to 31 new chairs in the typewriting room.

During the summer the stage was also refinished. Work was begun early in the fall to install fluorescent lights in all classrooms and the study hall. This work was completed during the Christmas holidays and they were ready for use when school reopened in January.

Soon after the rewiring of the building the installation of the motion picture projector was begun. A screen and lens for use with the projector were purchased for \$142.50. The first film to be shown by this new projector was on March 22, 1950 and was a film on Cancer Education. Four other pictures were shown during the spring months.

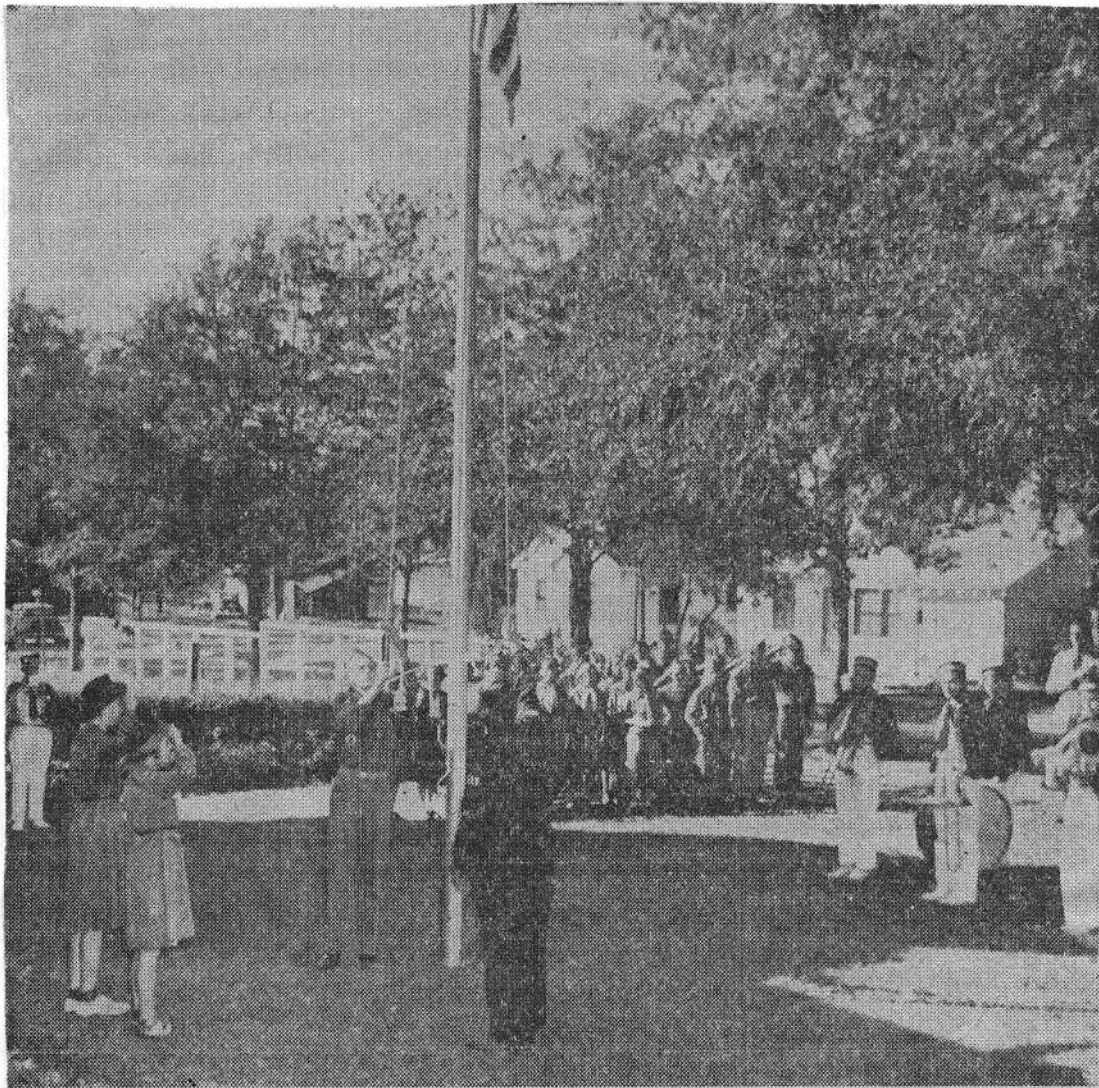
The local Lions Club presented the school with outfits for safety patrol for the school. These outfits included caps, arm bands, shoulder straps, flags, and raincoats and hoods.

During the 1949-1950 term the front courts were relandscaped with boxwoods and azaleas. The border plants that were removed were used to fill in other parts of the campus. A total of \$236 was spent on shrubbery at this time.

Other equipment and materials purchased this year included a Rexograph machine (\$121.25) for the office, maps and globes for Seventh Grade social studies, and trash cans for the building.

The gross proceeds from the annual Spring Plays for 1949-1950 amounted to \$1013.95.

The year 1950-51 brought several additions to the building and facilities of the school as usual. Early in the year a new adding machine was added to the office equipment by the Dothan Board of Education, and the former manual training room currently serving as combination band and lunch room annex was screened. A new flag pole was placed on the front campus. A photograph from the local paper shows scene of the program marking the first use of this new pole.



**FLAG RAISING CEREMONY** — Young Junior High School's student body, band, Boy and Girl Scout troops and faculty participated in the ceremony of raising the new American flag on the

school's new flag pole yesterday. The pole is the first to be used at the school since the old staff was broken before the war. (Eagle Staff Photo).

## Young Junior High School Raises New American Flag

A new American flag whips in the breeze atop a new flagpole on the Young Junior High School campus today, the first time the flag has flown on the campus since before World War II.

Yesterday, the entire student body turned out to participate in a brief but impressive ceremony to raise the new flag.

Boys and girls who are members of Boy and Girl Scout troops here were in uniform and marched behind the Young Junior High School band to the campus where the ceremony was held.

While the Scouts and color guard stood at attention, nearly 700 students marched from classrooms to the front campus. The solemnity of the occasion was emphasized by the silence which remained unbroken from the time the band completed the first march until the bugler, John Lee Deal, sounded "To The Colors."

Girl Scout Patricia Ann Cook gave the devotional and the prayer was offered by Boy Scout Jimmy Howell.

As the flag was slowly raised to the top of the pole by the color guard of Scouts Frank Martin, Kenneth Lovern, Sandra Ludlum and Helen Holley, the watching students straightened their shoulders and stood at attention, their eyes following the flag's progress up the gleaming staff.

Then Miss LeMerle Penn, music instructor, lead the assembly in singing "God Bless America." The band, under the baton of Bandmaster Hobart Hall, concluded the ceremony with the "Star-Spangled Banner."

The ceremony, which was held as a special part of American Education Week, was planned by Miss Fannie Mae Faulk.

During this year \$146.75 was spend on shrubbery, \$49.38 of this was for replacements following the extremely cold weather which did considerable damage to the shrubbery in the front courts..

In the spring two new drinking fountains were installed on the physical education field. Stair mats were added to the steps leading into the auditorium and rails for the draperies were installed to aid in the darkening of the room for motion pictures. The cost of the rails was \$74.40. New aqua velvet draperies were placed in the auditorium just at the close of school. The draperies cost \$857.

The local Lion's Club replaced several worn patrol flags.

Funds from the annual springs plays netted \$1073.85, for the year 1950-1951.

Prior to the opening of school the following year, 1951-1952, the auditorium was repainted. (This did not include the ceiling.) The kitchen also received a fresh coat of paint during the summer vacation.

During the summer a new S. V. E. filmstrip machine and radiant screen were purchased from the Wilfred Naylor Company for \$227.23. Then 44 filmstrips were bought from the John R. Moffitt Company together with a steel file cabinet for the filmstrips. This purchase amounted to \$215.40.

September of 1951, and the opening of school, found the teachers' lounge had also been redecorated by Harden's. At the same time a new mirror and small sofa were added to the lounge. For both the redeco-rating with new slip-covers and the furniture a total of \$379.88 was spent.

In the home economics department new draperies were added during the 1951-1952 term. For these \$15.16 was spent. Then the tables and stools in the girls' rest rooms were also recovered at the cost of \$18.50. This work was done by the home economics classes and teacher.



The opening of the next year, 1952-1953, found many changes at Young Junior High School. No longer was it a true junior high school, for the Junior III class had been transferred to the senior high school, and in its place six sections of sixth graders entered our school. This change was made to relieve overcrowded conditions in the elementary schools and gave us the largest enrollment in the history of the school as well as the largest faculty.

To house these additional younger students, the typewriting room was cleared and changed into a classroom. The best of the machines were sent to the high school commercial department, the others were sold or stored. While in the home economics department, the kitchen was converted into a classroom, and only the sewing room was maintained. One class of sewing was offered to the larger, older girls of the eighth grade. The kitchen equipment was stored.

With such a great change the major emphasis and expenditures during the year went to adapting the school to a new type student body. The library ranked first in important expenditures. To provide suitable books and other materials more than \$1,000 was invested. Room libraries and maps were purchased for each sixth grade room.

Three new steel filing cabinets were placed in classrooms where teachers did not have them. These cost \$121.56. Other equipment added included new stage furniture consisting of a divan and 2 chairs in red plastic covers which totaled \$125, and a lamp for the teachers' lounge which cost \$11.50.

To further build up the audio-visual aids, another filmstrip projector (Viewlex) and radiant screen were added which amounted to \$141.60. Eighteen filmstrips costing \$89.46 were obtained. Then in addition to the usual expenditure of about \$50 for film rental, a film splicer was purchased from Rainer's for \$10. A V-M record player,

Model 985, a Bell 25-watt amplifier, model 3725B, and 2 speakers were purchased in February from Hand Brothers for \$193.64.

Only a small amount was spent on shrubbery this year--a total of \$21.29. To obtain equipment and food for a rat experiment which was used by the health classes in their study of foods a total of \$70 was spent.

The unusually large expenditures for this school term were made possible largely by the circus which the school presented in the spring instead of the usual one-act plays. Over \$1200 was realized from the project.

This school year of 1952-1953 marked the completion of the term of Mrs. Minnie T. Heard as principal. The improvements on the campus and in school equipment which have been recorded from the beginning of the school in January of 1922 until Mrs. Heard's retirement in June of 1953, are evidence of her zeal, vision, untiring efforts and wise management.

During the summer months the building received its first coat of paint, since the walls had been in the original concrete finish from the beginning. It was refinished in a light cream color, while the gutters were in deep orange color which blended quite well with the slate roof. So as school opened in the fall of 1953-1954 term there was a beautiful building to greet a new principal, the second one, and the school's largest enrollment. The front office and hallway leading to the lunch room were also painted prior to the opening of school. When Halloween pranksters marred the walls and doors at the front of the building, it was necessary to refinish parts of the walls at Christmas vacation.

School equipment added this year included a window fan for the cafeteria which cost \$ 33.70 A new Alabama flag was secured for the flag pole. The lectern and two chairs in the auditorium were repaired and the lectern refinished by Mr. Cooley for \$

Three new dictionaries were placed in the English classrooms.

In addition to the usual replacements of balls, bats and other physical education materials, team jackets, "pinnies" were purchased for use in games by the girls.

A tape recorder was purchased for \$188.96.