

Dedication and Opening of the New

# EASTGLEN COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL



*November 19th 1954*

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*The official opening of Eastglen Composite High School by the Honourable E. C. Manning, Premier of Alberta, is an occasion for congratulation to all those who have shared in its planning and construction and to the families of this area of Edmonton.*

*This splendid new school will provide for its students a rich and varied program of learning. Here in this attractive environment, under a competent staff, with the very best equipment and facilities, students may feel confident that they are acquiring a sound foundation either for further training at the University or for skilled service in business and industry. Here they may acquire good habits of work, the power of organized thinking and valuable experience in dealing justly with one another. Here they may develop those skills that will enable them to serve the technical and clerical needs of our province. Here they may explore the academic fields of science, mathematics and literature, and the world of human affairs. Here they will carry on the fine school spirit of Eastwood, and bring together their various backgrounds, interests and purposes into a common society. They will attack its problems working together and we shall hope that in so doing they will develop the competence, the sense of responsibility and the tolerance that are so essential to good citizenship.*

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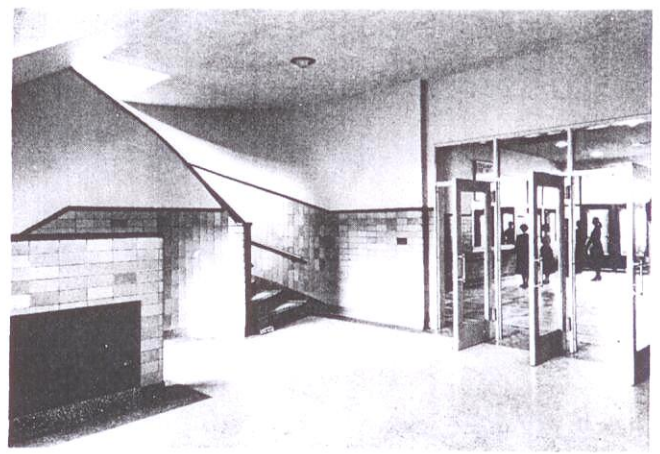
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J. H. THOROGOOD,

CHAIRMAN,

EDMONTON  
PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD



*This day, the 19th of November, 1954, marking the official opening of the Eastglen Composite High School, will, I am sure, fill the hearts of many with the joy of achievement.*

*This school, a two storey structure of reinforced concrete, steel, brick, tile, and stone, equipped with modern facilities to meet the educational requirements of a high school, was planned for some years and is designed to serve between 900 and 1,000 students.*

*It is fitting at this time, and I have much pleasure on behalf of the Board to pay tribute to some who have played a large part in bringing about the existence of this well planned school building. I wish to thank the officials of the School Board, Mr. R. S. Sheppard, Superintendent; Mr. H. G. Turner, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mr. W. W. Butchart, Architect, for their foresight in planning, well in advance, for the school and the required specifications.*

*The cost of this undertaking which includes the building, site and equipment, was approximately \$2,220,000.00, of which \$555,000.00 was received from the Alberta Provincial Government as a school grant.*

*Construction was undertaken by the following:*

Architects	Rule, Wynn and Rule (in association with W. W. Butchart)
Consulting Engineers	Angus Butler and Associates Ltd.
Electrical Consultants	Jarvis and Co.
General Contractors	Christensen and Macdonald Ltd.
Plumbing, Heating and Ventilating	Cotter Bros. Ltd.
Electrical Contractors	Hillas Electric Co.

*To all tradesmen and all others who in any way have contributed their talents to this building go the same thanks for a job well done.*

*A special tribute to past members of the Board, particularly Mr. R. H. Rae and the late Mr. H. B. Fowler, who gave willingly much of their time in the planning of this school.*

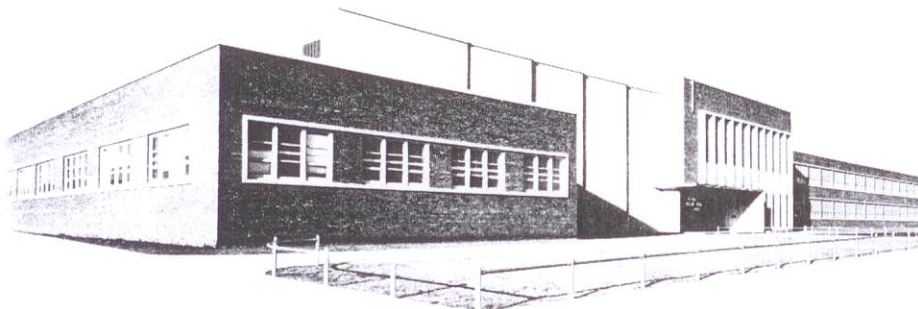
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E. E. HYDE,  
PRINCIPAL,  
EASTGLEN HIGH SCHOOL.



*In 1915 the Edmonton Public School Board completed building a series of public schools which were as fine as any in Canada at that time. The present Highlands School was one of the last of these. At the end of August in that year, the Edmonton Bulletin printed a special number with school pictures and at the top of one page devoted entirely to a description of the new schools was this headline right across the page, "THE PRIDE AND GLORY OF EDMONTON." In that phrase, Frank Oliver, then editor of the BULLETIN expressed as well as anyone has ever done, the attitude of Edmonton citizens toward our schools.*

*Now we are engaged in a second great building program. Victoria Composite High School, five years ago; now Eastglen Composite, and next year Strathcona Composite High School. As teacher and principal my service has reached from 1914 to 1954 and I wish to convey my compliments to the citizens of Edmonton, and especially to those who have been school trustees, whose vision and generosity have made this school possible. May I express too, my appreciation for the loyal and competent assistance of my fellow teachers and their students in Eastwood for help over the years in building traditions of sound scholarship and worthy conduct. Also for the work done by the present staff and student body in moving last March from Eastwood to Eastglen.*

*To present students and their parents, and to graduates, my congratulations on having so fine and well equipped a building. To our distinguished guests, our thanks for their presence and help in this our birthday celebration.*

E. E. HYDE,  
PRINCIPAL, EASTGLEN HIGH SCHOOL.

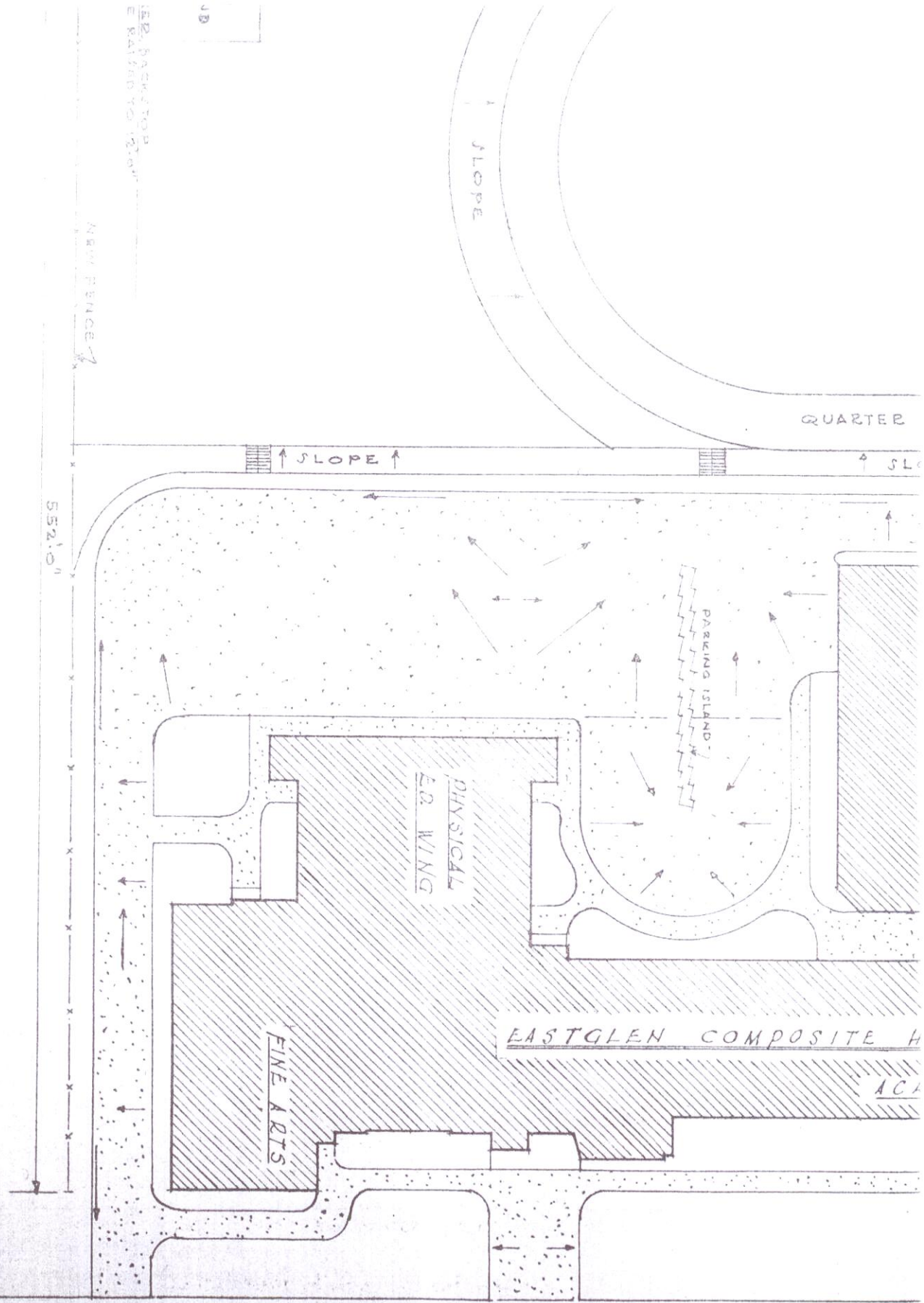
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PLOT PLAN  
SCALE 1" = 50'-0"



68 STREET

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# Programme

O CANADA  
Thelma Larson at the Piano

RUNNING TRACK

INVOCATION: ARCHDEACON C. F. A. CLOUGH

PRINCIPAL'S REMARKS: MR. E. E. HYDE

CHAIRMAN: MR. R. H. RAE

SOLO: "BLESS THIS HOUSE"

MARION TYMKOW, accompanied by JOAN DINGMAN

MR. J. H. THOROGOOD  
Chairman of Edmonton Public School BoardMRS. F. C. BUTTERWORTH  
Chairman of the Management CommitteeUKRAINIAN DANCE  
OREST AND LEISHA YUSYPCHUK

HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR WILLIAM HAWRELAK

HONORABLE A. O. AALBORG  
Minister of EducationVIOLIN SOLO  
GENE KROPELNISKY, accompanied by Miss D. ARGUEADDRESS: HONORABLE E. C. MANNING  
Premier of Alberta

PRESENTATION OF KEY: JOHN RULE

School declared open for inspection by  
MR. J. H. THOROGOOD,  
Chairman, Edmonton Public School Board

VISITING SCHOOL

116 AVENUE

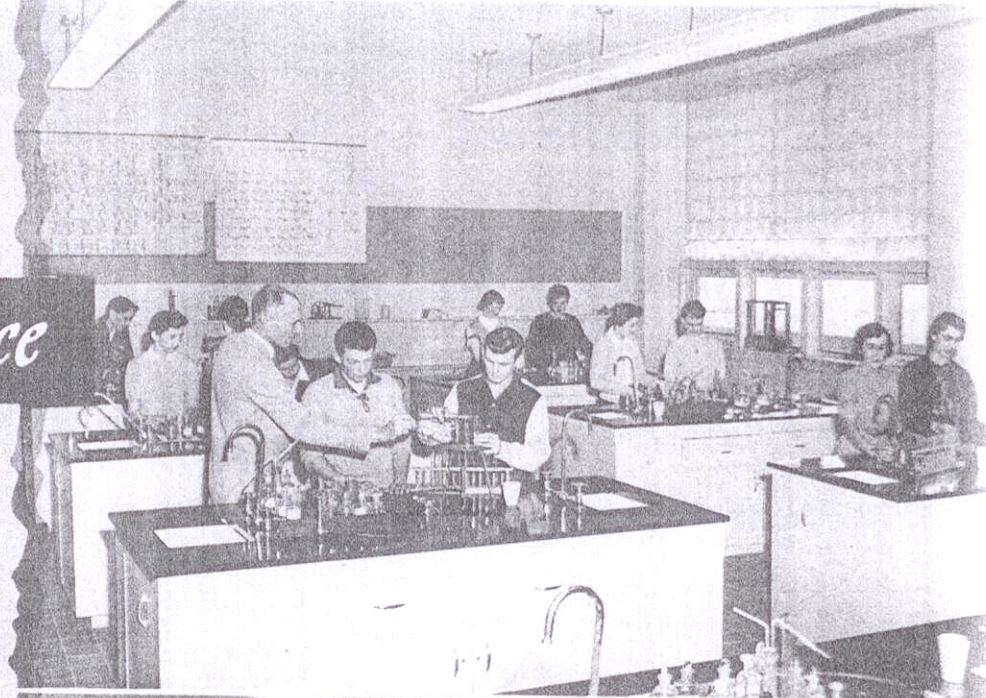
FENCE TO 12'-0" HIGH

BASEBALL DIAMOND

SCHOOL  
AIC WING



## Arts & Science

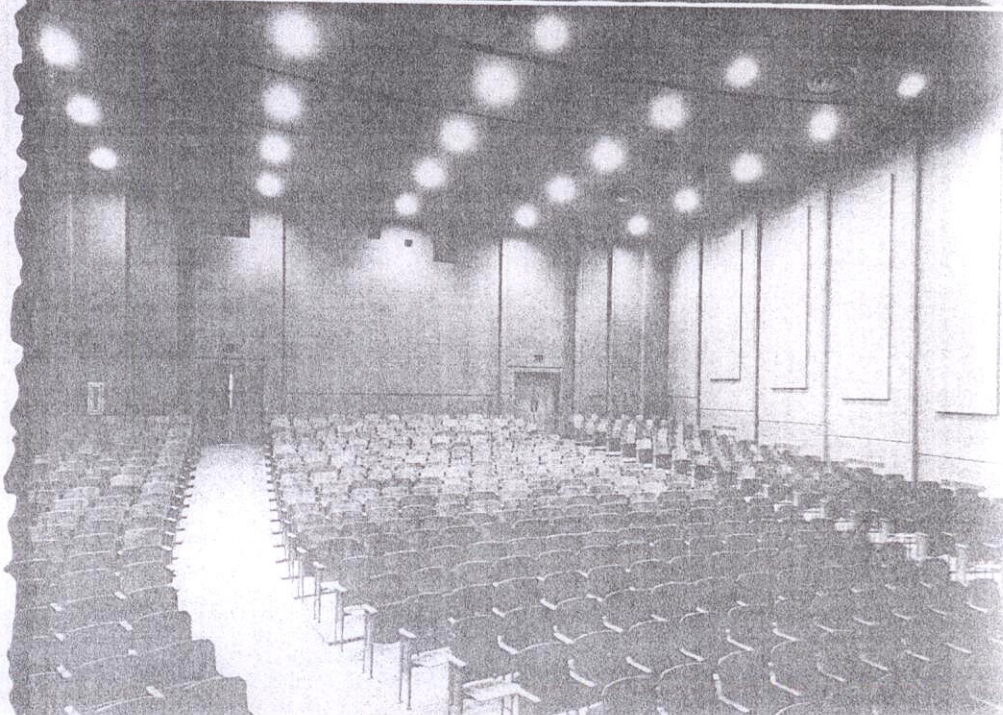
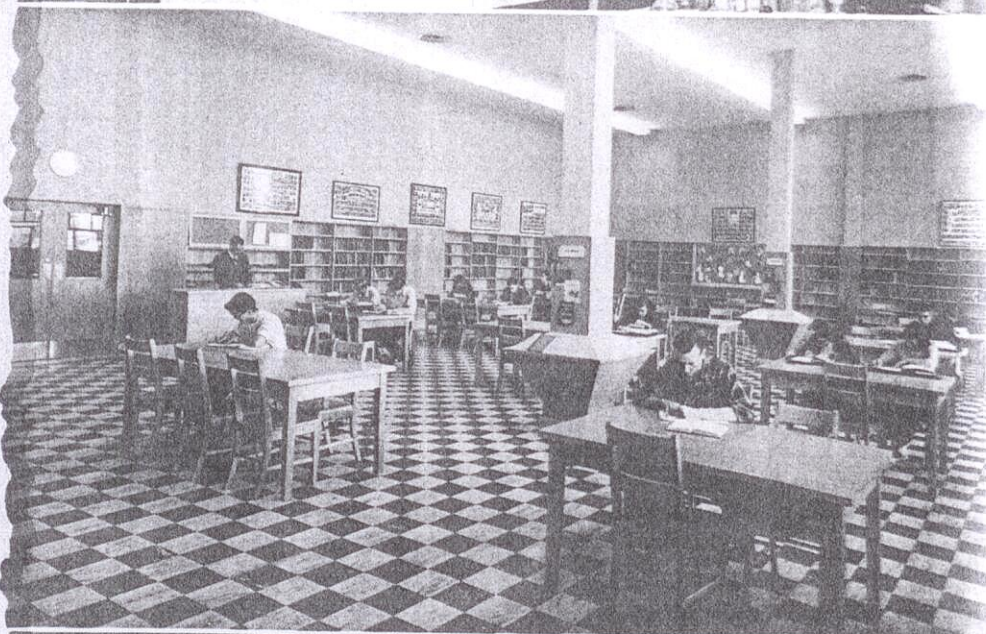


It would be difficult to imagine any student "creeping like a snail unwilling to school" when Eastglen-bound. The bright new well-equipped classrooms and other facilities invite students to widen their horizons and fit themselves to take their places in the world of today.

A unique feature of the Chemistry Lab, (top), is that it serves two adjoining classrooms thereby reducing costs.

Finished in oak, the Library (centre) is used by senior students for study periods. When fully equipped it will provide much needed reference material enabling the students to acquire necessary research skills. A stack room for the repairing of books is located immediately below in basement quarters.

Equipped with necessary stage props, the Auditorium (below) seats 610 people, sufficient to take care of present Eastglen needs. It will also provide accommodation for dramatic groups in the area served by the school.

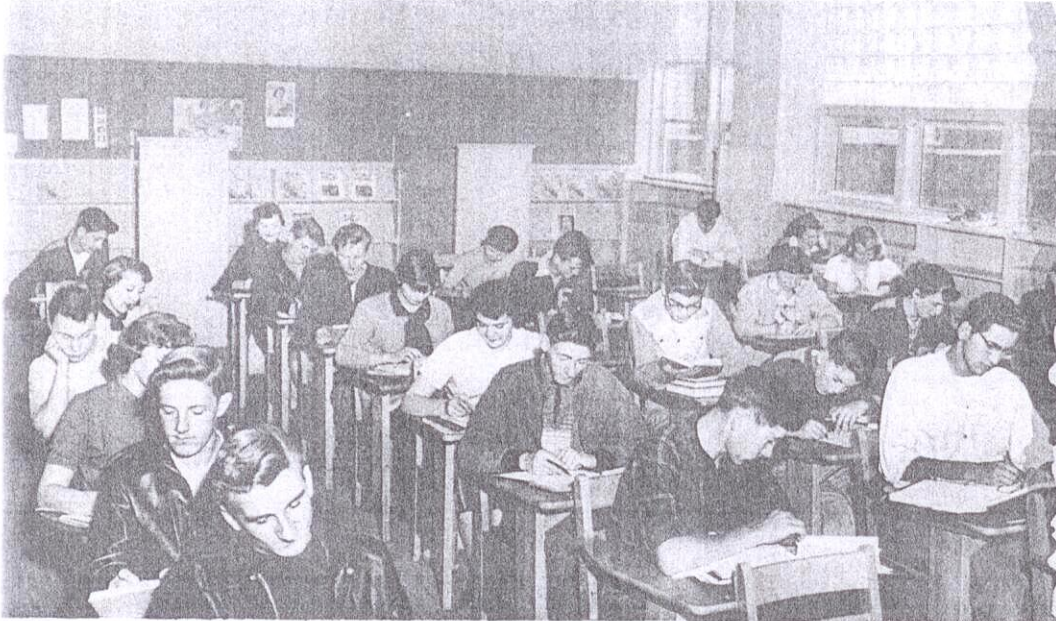


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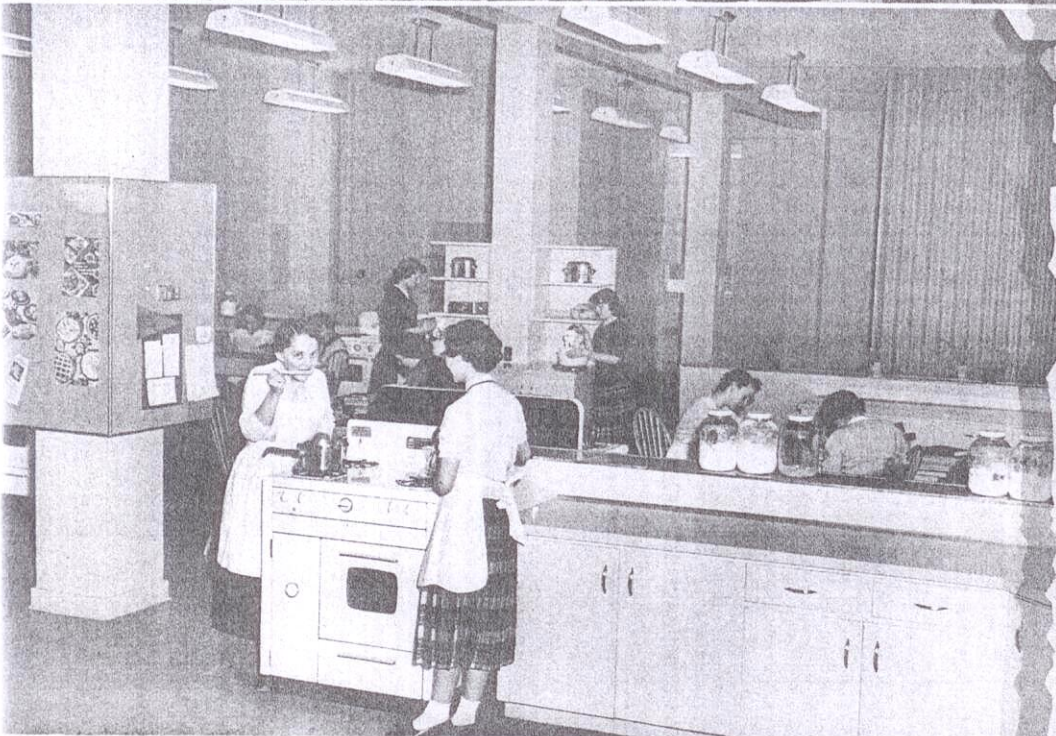
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Manual knowledge combined with a keen appreciation of the arts, will fit Eastglen students for the tasks that lie ahead.

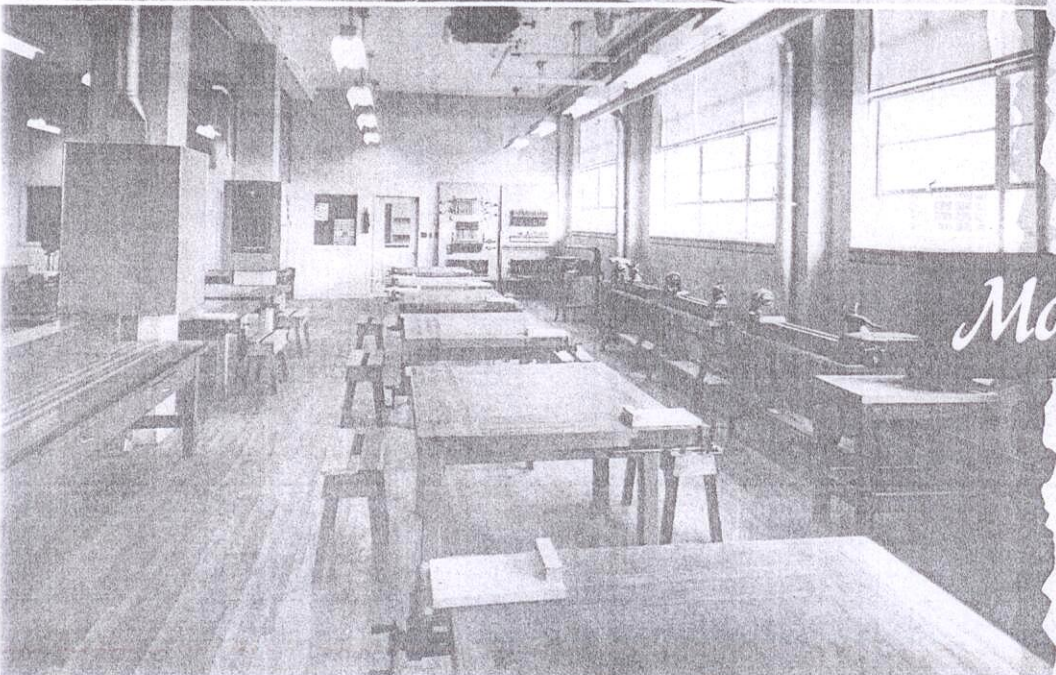
There are three of these Social Studies classrooms (top) with special equipment to facilitate the work of the students in this important subject.



Perhaps no other feature of Eastglen is quite so much appreciated as the Foods and Nutrition Lab. and the Woodworking and Electricity Workshops. Eastglen tax-paying parents and the teaching staff, to say nothing of the pupils, have waited many long years for these facilities which will now obviate the necessity of transporting pupils to other teaching centres in the city for these popular courses.

The Foods and Nutrition Lab. (centre) is equipped with one electric and three gas ranges as well as the other appliances found in today's modern home.

The Woodworking and Electricity Workshops, the culmination of 25 years of effort are well designed for the teaching of the manual arts, thus contributing to the development of the well-rounded personality.



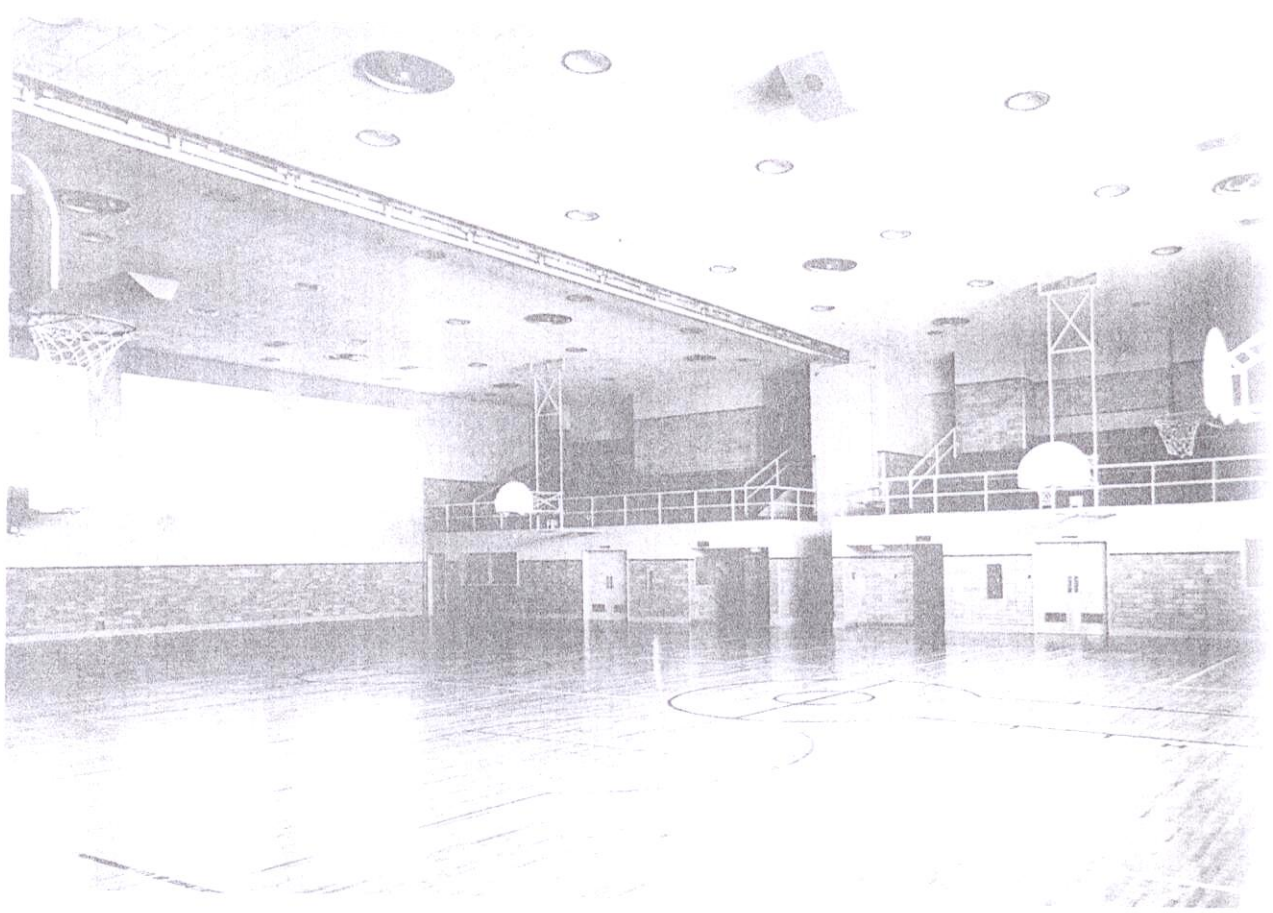
## *Modern Training*

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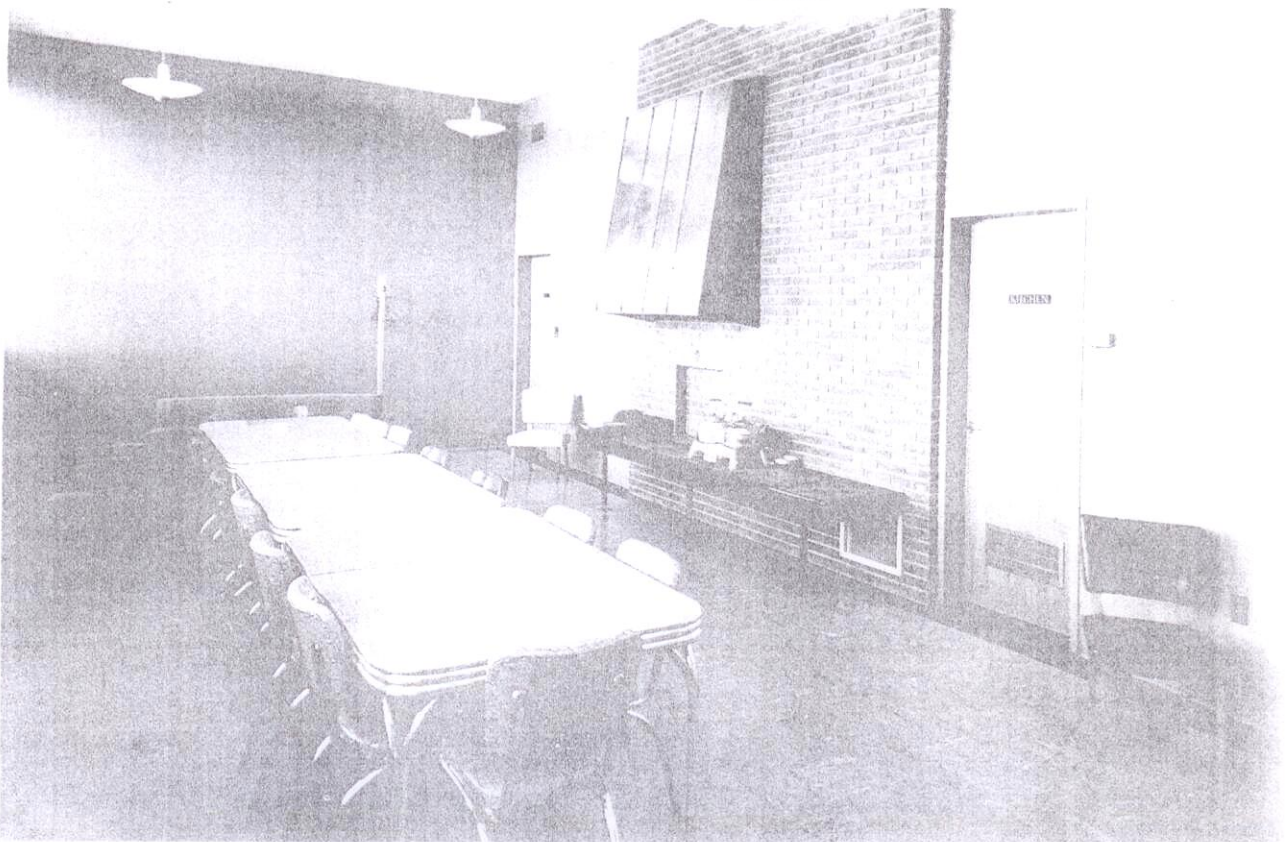


## *Recreational Facilities*

There shouldn't be any "dull boys" at Eastglen, ample provision being made for play as well as work.

The large Gymnasium is provided with folding doors so that two classes in Physical Education may be conducted simultaneously. Bleachers provide seating accommodation for 300 with collapsible grandstands permitting another 300 to view sporting events.

The Teachers' Common Room, with adjoining kitchen, enables the staff to enjoy a social hour during the lunch period.





## Our Past

In September 1926, the Edmonton Public School Board set up a nine-room high school in the newly completed top floor of Eastwood School. For the next twenty-eight years high school students in East Edmonton went to Eastwood.

It was not so intended at the beginning. The Superintendent, the late Mr. G. A. McKee, and the school board of those days expected to build a new high school as the need arose.

In 1930 a special committee of prominent citizens made a survey of the need for new high schools. This committee recommended the construction of three new composite high schools, one of which would be in the East end. By-laws were prepared and submitted to the burgesses by the board. The burgesses failed by a small margin to give the necessary two-thirds approval and no high school was built.

The depression and the Second World War made further attempts at building hopeless. During the thirties congestion became acute. All space that could be made available in Eastwood was jammed, a condition that persisted through the years.

When we moved into Eastglen last March it seemed we had, for a year or so, enough accommodation without crowding. This year our registration was over sixty students more than we could accommodate.

The staff of ten teachers which opened Eastwood High school in 1926 continued intact for eight years. In 1934 Miss Marion Cato, now Mrs. MacLeod of Vancouver, transferred to Garneau High School. The remaining nine teachers stayed together until 1940. Other teachers came and went but these nine original teachers set the pattern and tradition of Eastwood. Two new teachers who came and stayed were John McGuire and Marian Gimby. Miss Gimby is now on Sabbatical leave in Europe and Mr. McGuire died this past summer in Vancouver. Miss Anderson, Miss Munro and Miss Howard are now retired and living in Edmonton. Mr. Younie retired in 1943 and lives on the South Side. Mr. Sim is retired and lives in Victoria. Mr. Clark died on the job and Mr. Leaver retired in 1942 and died in 1949 at the coast. Mr. E. E. Hyde, Principal, and Mr. McCoy, Vice-Principal at Eastglen, are still in service.

A graduate of twenty years ago looked through the school recently and said, "Mr. Hyde, I was born twenty years too soon."

The present Eastglen High School has been worth waiting for.

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