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## Work Begins on New O.H.S. Gymnasium

### Completion Set For Christmas

Work on the new \$70,000 Oxford High School gymnasium is well underway and school officials hope that the building will be ready for occupancy by Christmas. Early in the spring the task of clearing the athletic field was begun by the high school students and the work of draining the field was begun during the summer. That work has now been completed and grass seed has been sown. The new building which will be made of brick will comprise one floor only. Included in the floor plan will be two classrooms, two locker rooms, a basketball court, and a band room.

#### Basketball Court

The main portion of the gymnasium will be the basketball court which will be entered through the foyer. This court, which conforms to all modern regulations and which will have a maple floor, will be 105 feet by 84 feet. Bleachers will be placed on each side of the court and will seat approximately 1,000 people.

#### Classrooms

The new building calls for two physical educational classrooms which will greatly relieve the present congestion in the high school. The two classrooms will be thoroughly modern in every respect and will be located in the front and in the rear of the building respectively. The addition of these classrooms will enable Mr. R. C. Culton and Miss Janet Crinkley, physical education directors, to expand the physical education program of the high school.

#### Locker Rooms

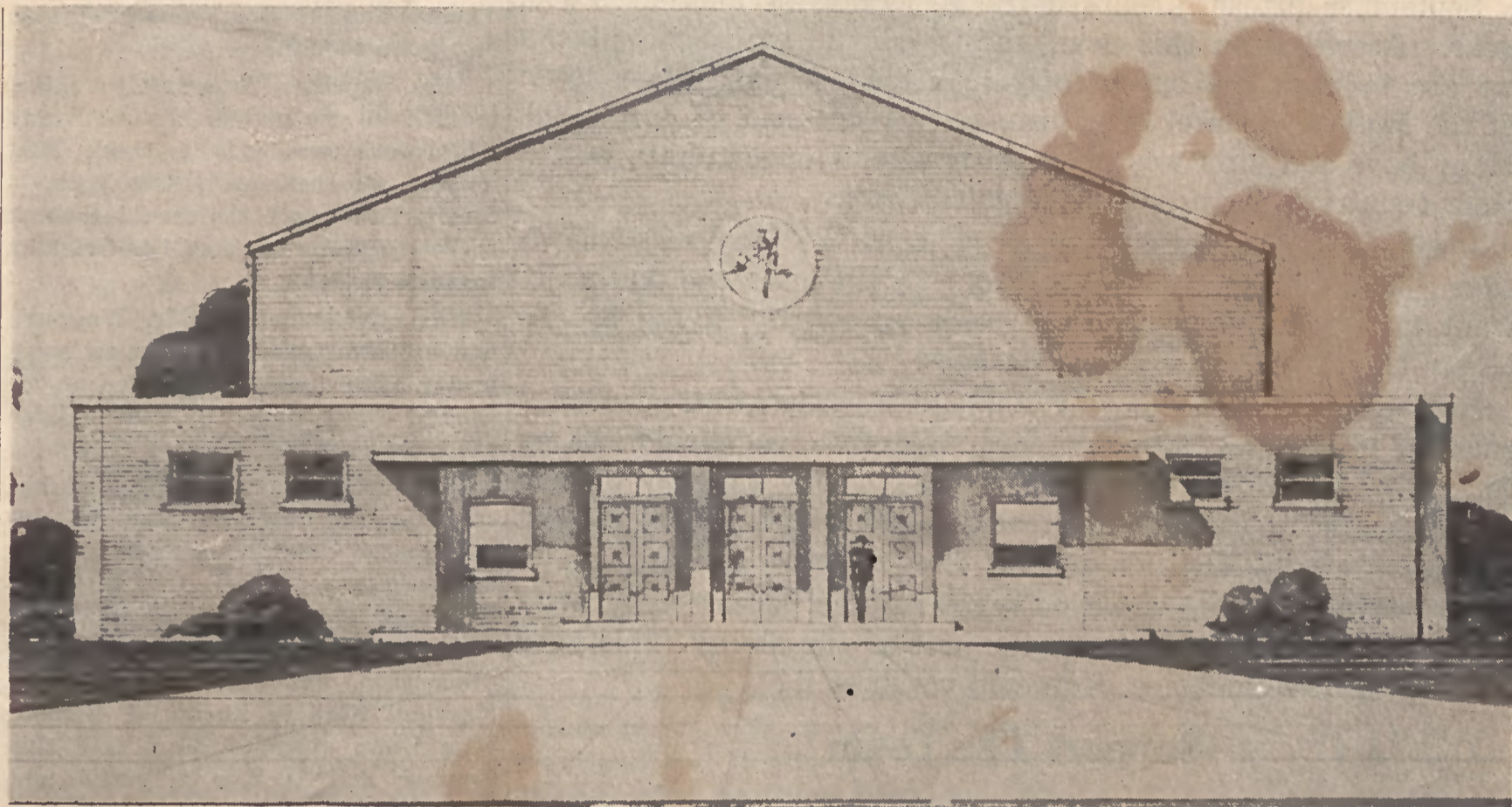
The gymnasium is to provide locker rooms for both boys and girls. The locker rooms are to be complete with showers and with individual lockers for both boys and girls. Ample storage space is to be provided.

#### Band Room

Included in the new building also is a practice room to be used solely by the members of the Oxford High School Band. This room is to include a director's platform, ample space for seating band members, and storage space for music and for other band materials and supplies.

### Football Schedule 1948

Date	Opponent
Sept. 24	Chapel Hill at Chapel Hill
Oct. 1	Hillsboro at Oxford
Oct. 8	Garner at Oxford
Oct. 15	Oxford Orphanage at Oxford
Oct. 26	Erwin at Oxford
Oct. 20	Henderson at Oxford
Nov. 5	Roanoke Rapids at Roanoke Rapids
Nov. 12	Methodist Orphanage at Oxford
Nov. 25	Roxboro at Oxford



The New Gymnasium

### Classes Elect Officers

On September 29, the four classes of Oxford High School met at the special period in the morning to elect officers for the coming year.

#### Seniors

The senior class, advised by Miss Wilkin and Miss Boyd, met in Miss Boyd's room. Arch Fort called the meeting to order and the floor was opened for nominations for a senior president. Jimmy Steagall was elected president; John Parham, vice-president; Joe Pruitt, secretary, and Charles Brooks, treasurer.

#### Juniors

The Juniors met in the auditorium with both Mrs. Clay and Miss Reams present. Donna Yancey called the meeting to order and presided until Titus Dickerson was elected president. Howard Critcher became vice-president and Donna Yancey, secretary. The class chose Libby Peele, treasurer.

#### Sophomores

Ruth Hedgepeth was elected president at the Sophomore class meeting; Bobby Daniel, vice-president; Margaret Morris, secretary, and "Pete" Strother, treasurer. Margaret Seabolt was the class' choice for historian. Miss Averett and Mrs. Yancey are the sophomore sponsors.

#### Freshman

The first meeting of the Freshman class was held on September 29 in Miss Crinkley's homeroom. Janet Speed was elected to the presidency; Joyce Yeargin was elected vice-president, and Juanita Hughes, secretary and treasurer. Miss Folger and Miss Crinkley, homeroom teachers, were present.

The members of all classes are urged to choose their projects for the year. These projects, sponsored by the Student Council, have been a feature of the school year for three consecutive years. Choice of a project should be reported to the Council.

### Band Off To Good Start

The band made its first public appearance of the school year at the Oxford-Ruquay Springs football game on the Daniel Memorial Field at Oxford Orphanage September 18.

The band, composed on sixty-two musicians, six color guards, three tumblers, five majorettes and drum major, made a splendid performance at half-time for the Oxford-Oxphanage game. The group went through the telescope formation and forming an "O."

On Saturday, October 2, the band participated in the Tobaccoland Festival Parade in Durham at ten o'clock in the morning and attended the football contest between Duke University and the University of Tennessee.

This year Barbara Elliott has taken Dorothy Ragland's place on the left pivot of the color guard line. Margaret Parham has moved back one row into line with the tumblers. Jan Parks has taken Margaret's place as Junior Majorette.

With this good start the band will really be tops this year.

### BURWELL HEADS CHEERLEADERS

On September 22, and 23 the tryouts for cheerleaders were held in the high school auditorium. The lucky nine chosen are William Burwell, chief, Betsy Turner, Ruth Hedgepeth, Jeanette Potter, Marianne May, Jean Clark, Ludie Maxwell, and Dorothy Currin.

This year's tryouts were the largest ever known; in all there were twenty-six contestants. The judges were composed of students and teachers. The participants were judged on grace, poise, voice, cooperation and leadership. The duties of the cheerleaders are to lead the student body at athletic contests, and promote school spirit.

### Home Rooms Choose Council Representatives

The Student Council under the leadership of Arch Fort began its year's work with a meeting on September 20. Home rooms in the high school had elected representatives to the Council previously: Miss Wilkin: Ann Pace and Charles Brooks, Miss Boyd: Jimmie Steagall and Betty Nutt; Miss Reams: Bobby Green, Jean Belcher; Mrs. Clay: Mildred Currin, Titus Dickerson; Miss Averette: Sam Finch, Ruth Hedgepeth; Miss Austin: Nat Burwell, Edith Ashley; Miss Crinkley: Homer Hobgood, Violet Overton; Miss Folger: Alec Hancock, Leslie Hall.

Organizational meetings have been held since that date and plans for the year's work have been partially completed. Committee chairmen and committee members have been appointed as follows: Program: Buck Hicks, chairman, Bobby Green, Leslie Hall, Mrs. Yancey, adviser; Social: Ann Pace, chairman, Alex Hancock, Joe Pruitt, Mrs. Currin, adviser; Hall traffic: Sam Finch, chairman, Edith Ashley, Betty Nutt, Mrs. Clay, adviser; Finance: Barbara Elliott, chairman, Ruth Hedgepeth, Homer Hobgood, Miss Reams, adviser; Projects: Jimmie Steagall, chairman, Nat Burwell, Mildred Currin, Violet Overton, Miss Crinkley, adviser; Welcome and Congratulatory: Betsy Hobgood, chairman, Titus Dickerson, Jean Belcher, Miss Boyd, adviser.

Eloise Gill, a member of the Junior Class, has been chosen by the executive committee of the Student Council to assist in running the school store. Eloise will assist Jimmy Steagall who has been connected with the council for the past two years.

During the year, as usual, the Student Council is planning to sponsor a number of paid programs for the student body.