



KEARNEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, KEARNEY, NEB.

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BUILDING**

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The junior high school building in Kearney, Nebraska, was constructed and equipped within a bond issue of \$250,000 plus accrued interest of \$8,000. The board of education was particularly fortunate in letting the contracts at an opportune time and on a rather good market with good competition. The per cubic foot cost was 19 $\frac{10}{100}$ cents which is the lowest on record in Nebraska. The building will accommodate comfortably 700 students.

This building is a two-story structure, 240 feet long by 121 feet deep, and so planned that the two end wings may be extended. The only departure from the straight lines of the light mottled face brick exterior, is in the main entrance of grey Bedford sandstone, which is decidedly Grecian in design.

Twenty classrooms occupy the major portion of the building. Each classroom has ample window space to provide full light efficiency. Steel window frames and sash of the fenestra type are used throughout. Each classroom has forced ventilation, a recessed teacher's locker, thermostatic control, and slate blackboard on three sides of the room, with ample corkboard for bulletins and exhibit material.

The floors and stairs are all of reinforced concrete construction covered in the corridors and stairs with mastic flooring while the classrooms have red oak flooring and the gymnasiums 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " maple flooring.

Built-in ventilated student lockers in the corridors provide ample safe places for the students' cloaks, books, and supplies. Eight drinking fountains of the Halsey-Taylor type are located on each floor—four at each end of the main corridor. Four large toilet rooms with white tile floors are well lighted and ventilated. There are two on each floor—one for boys and



MAIN ENTRANCE DETAIL.



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TOP: Proscenium and Stage and the Auditorium; CENTER: Science Room and Art Room; BOTTOM: Main Entrance Hallway and Stairs, and the Library.

one for girls on opposite ends of the building.

On the first floor situated to the right of the main entrance and easily accessible to the public, is the general office and principal's office. Just off from these are the vault, private lavatory, book and store room, then in turn are several classrooms. To the left of the main entrance are a series of classrooms, two sewing rooms equipped with individual locker compartments, built-in ironing board, fitting booth and hot sockets for electric machines. The cooking

room is equipped with Sheldon desks facing one way and ample to accommodate thirty students. It is also equipped with locker compartments for aprons and toweling. A Crane automatic gas water heater provides plenty of hot water at all times. There are also two large gas oven ranges, one equipped with Loraine regulator. Off from the cooking room is the supply room for dishes, groceries, etc. Adjacent also is the lunchroom which will accommodate 150 students at a time. During other than lunch hours the

lunchroom is used for visual education.

The auditorium, seating 1,109 people, is equipped with opera chairs, a complete set of stage scenery, orchestra pit, and booth for picture machine. The curtain of the stage is dark blue velour, opening from the center to the sides. Two sets of scenery—one outdoor and one Cyclorama set, are provided in addition to the picture screen. The stage-gymnasium plan has been followed, hence by means of folding accordion doors, the stage of the auditorium may

