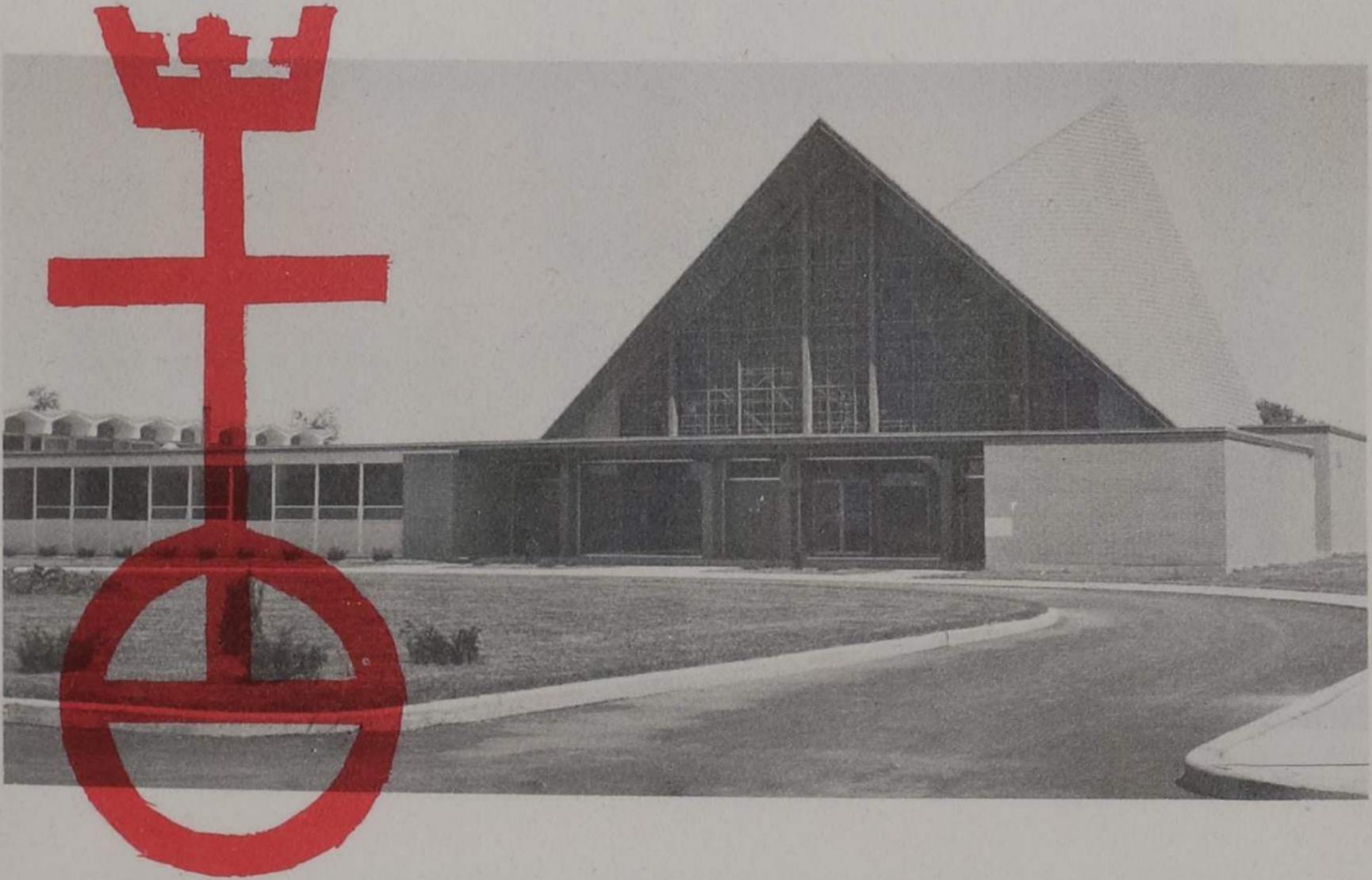




Our First Two Years

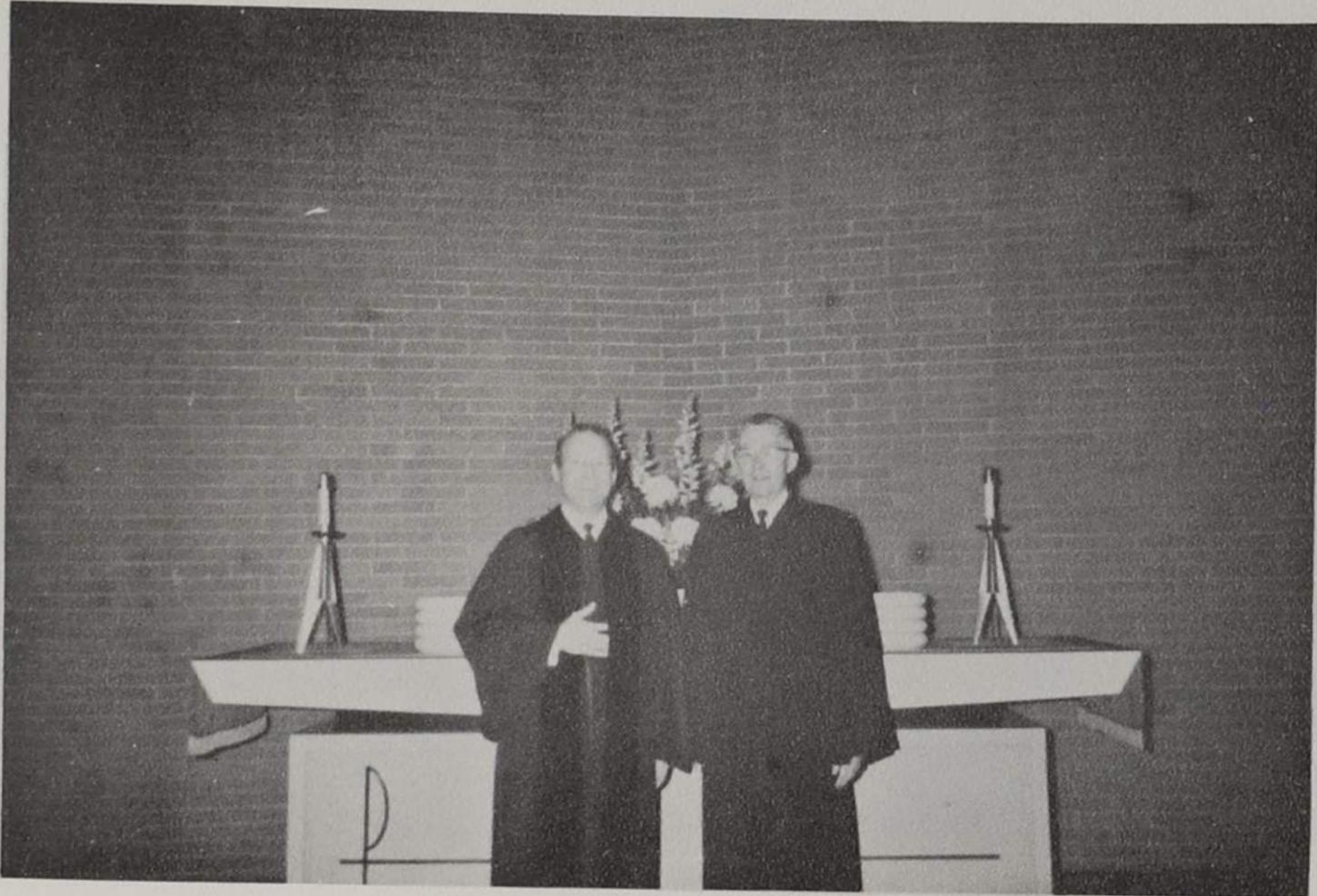
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FOREWORD

We have been in our new building for two years now and many things have happened during that time. The use of the new facilities is the important part of any building program and the Youth Fellowship wants people to know what has been going on in the past and what will be going on in the future. They have combined pictures of the building with the pictures of the people who use it thus making for a fine pictorial presentation. I personally want to thank the young people for undertaking this tremendous task and hope and pray that what they have done here will inspire us all on to greater activity for our Lord in the many years we will be privileged to use these fine new facilities.

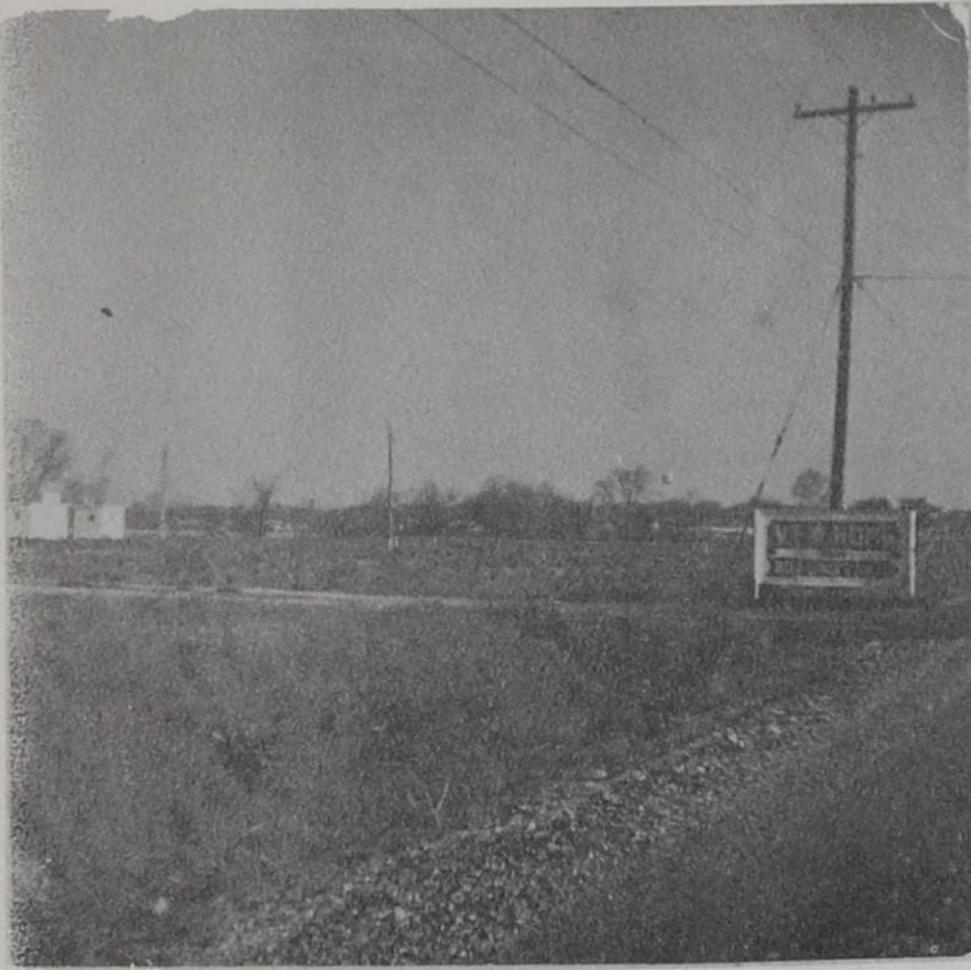
In His Name,

Pastor Schoen

As these words are being written, I look back to the pouring of concrete, the laying of brick and block, the bending and placing of pipe, the pulling of wire, the installation of fixtures and all the other things that go into the erection of a new church. But this is not the Church. I see the people coming to this newly erected building to worship, to study, and for fellowship. I hear the preaching, the praying, and the singing of hymns. But this is not the Church. I even see the giving of time, talent and possessions which make this building and the activity within it possible. Even this is not the Church. The real Church is the spirit which is within each person and each act which makes up the above. This spirit is the Church and it must always be new in the spirit of Christ and renewed by the spirit of Christ. Then will the building and those within it truly be the Church. May our activities in this place continue to work this spirit within us that we may truly be the Church

Pastor Langhorst

Pastoral Assistant



Ground-breaking for the new Evangelical United Church of Christ at the site on the Arkansas Road began April 25, 1962.



The actual ground-breaking ceremonies were held on a windy Sunday morning, April 29, 1962

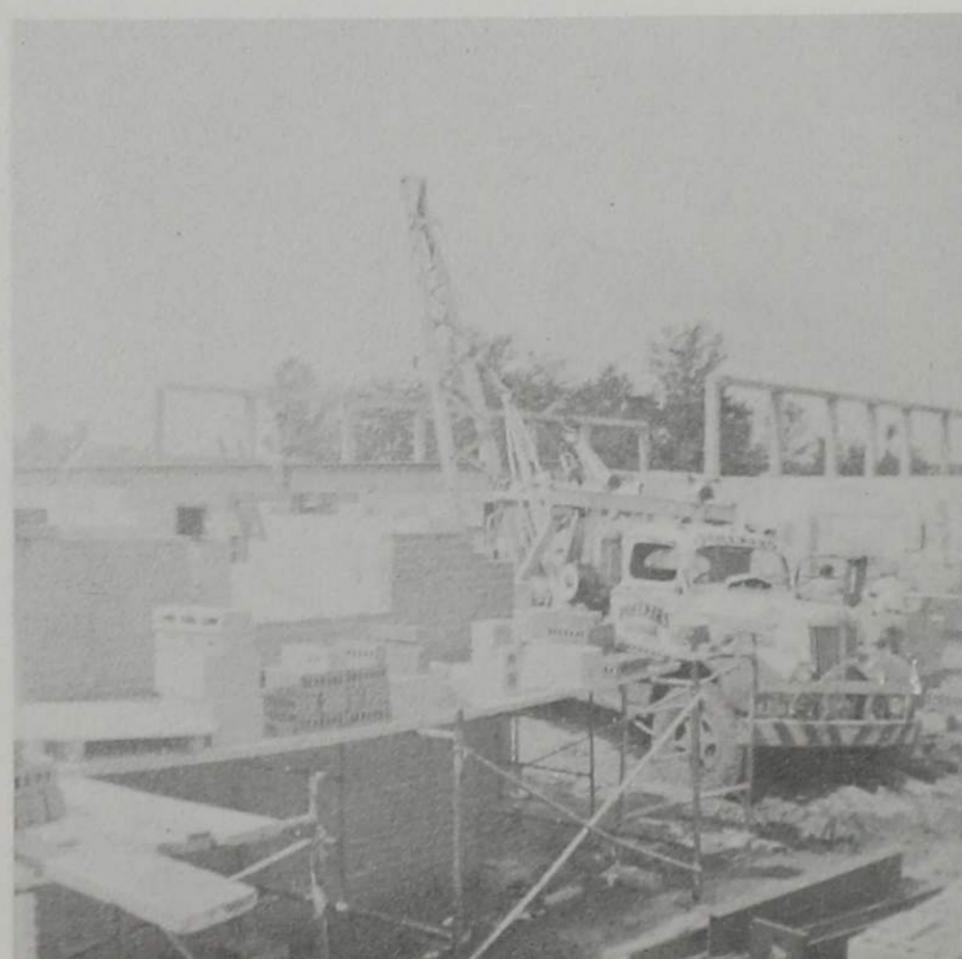


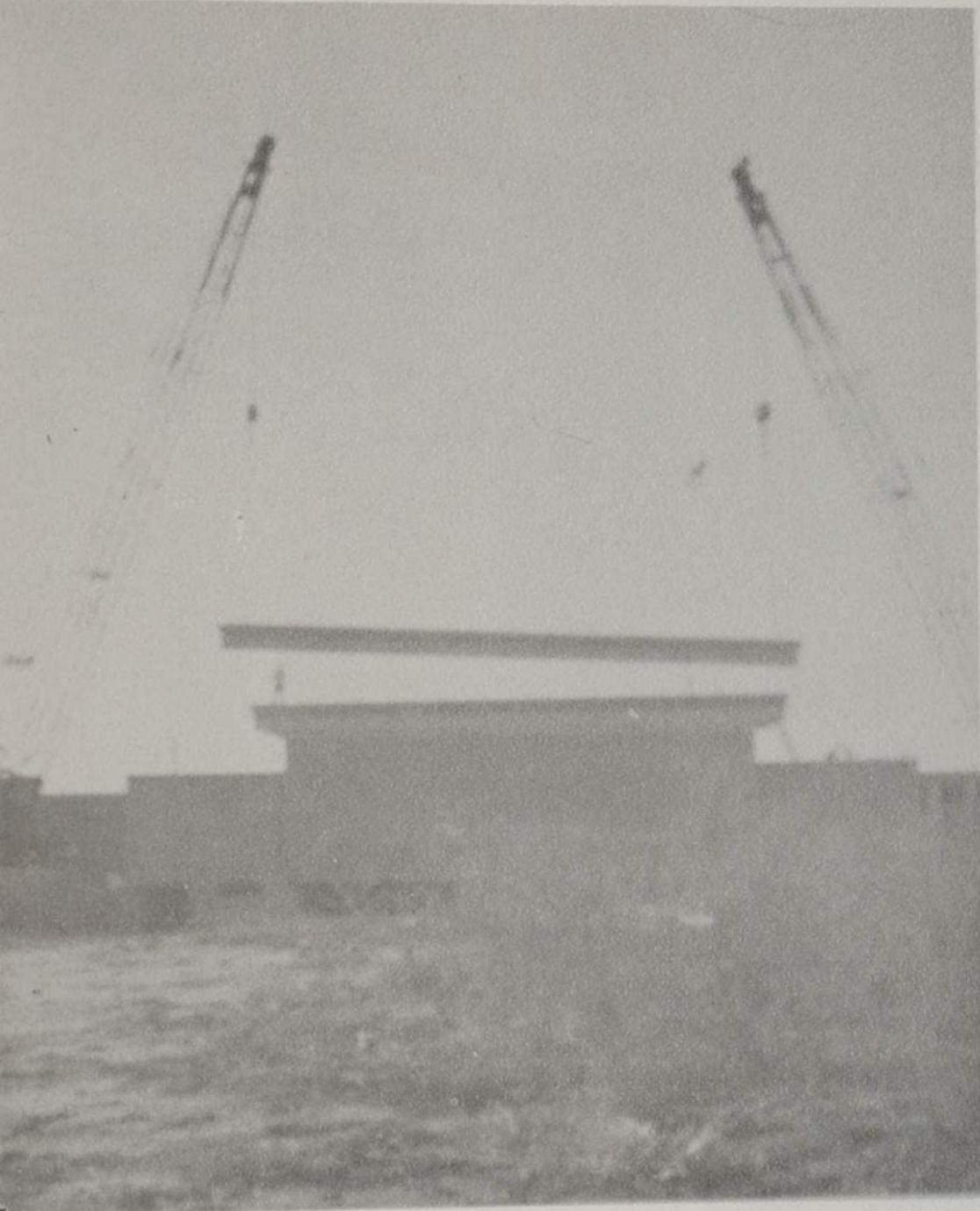
Construction during the summer of 1962 was tremendously fast.





The highlight of construction was the raising of the sixty-foot arch on August 16, 1962.

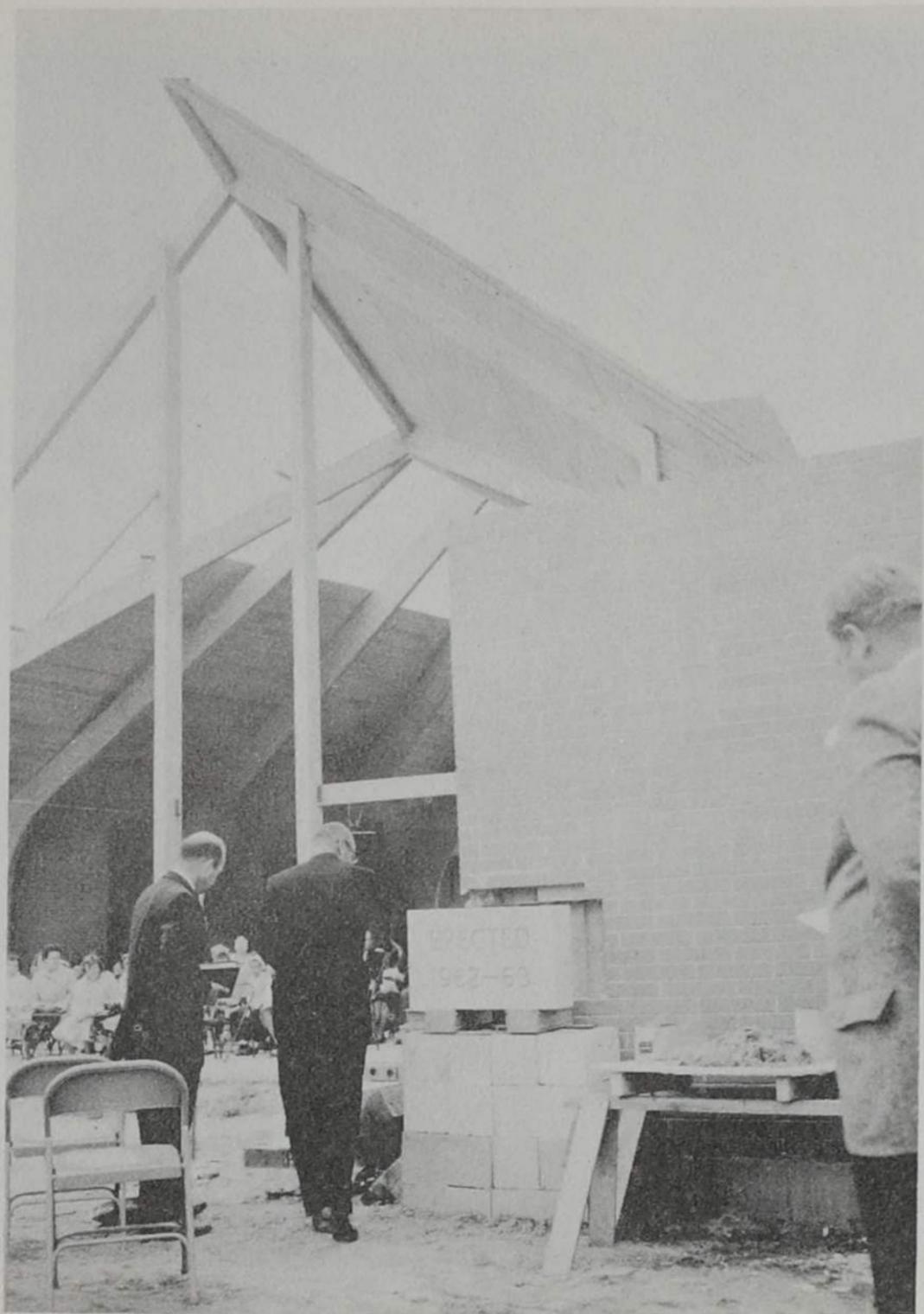




Another interesting feat was the placing of the pre - cast concrete roof over the large social hall. Each section was lifted up by two cranes and put together atop the hall.

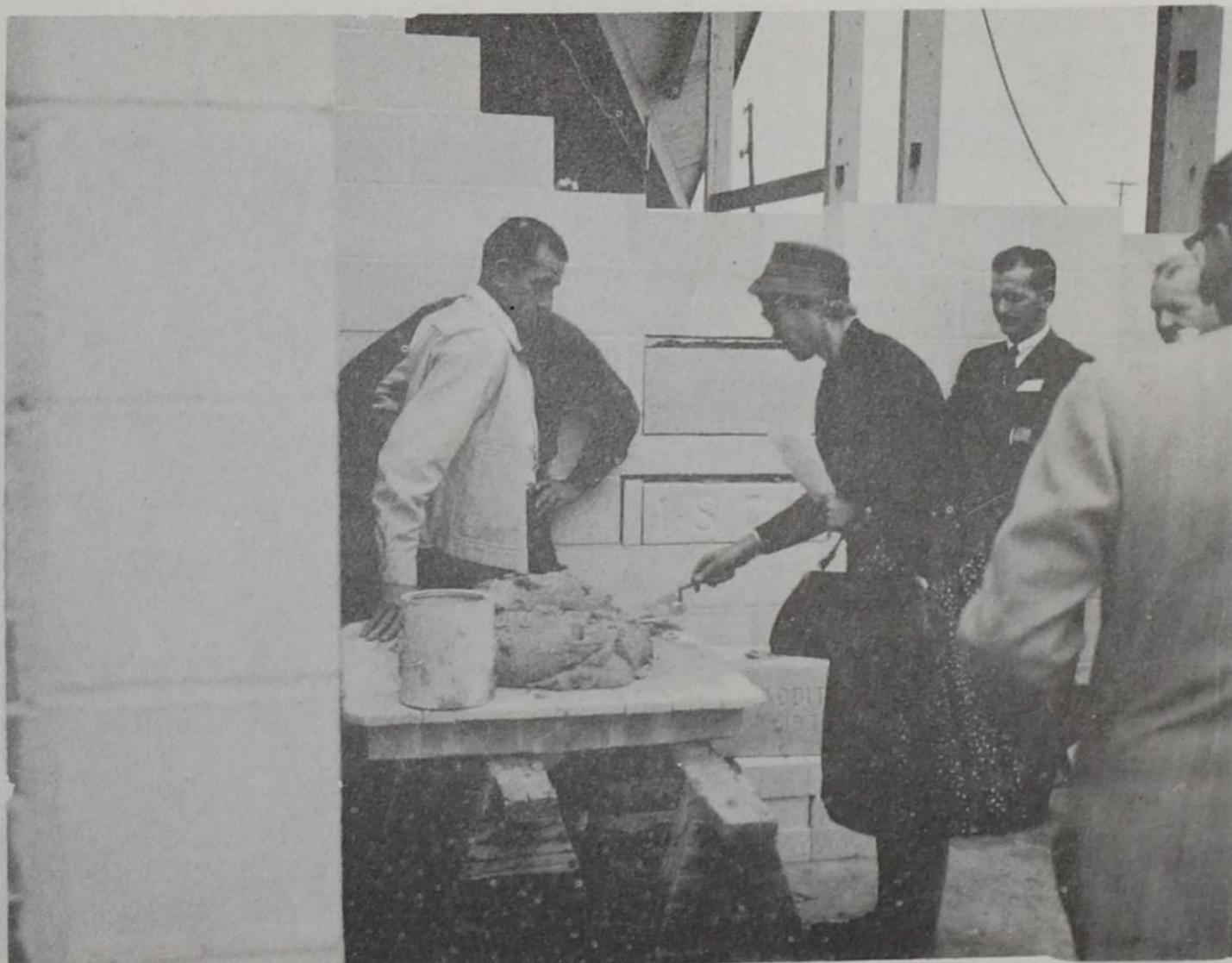


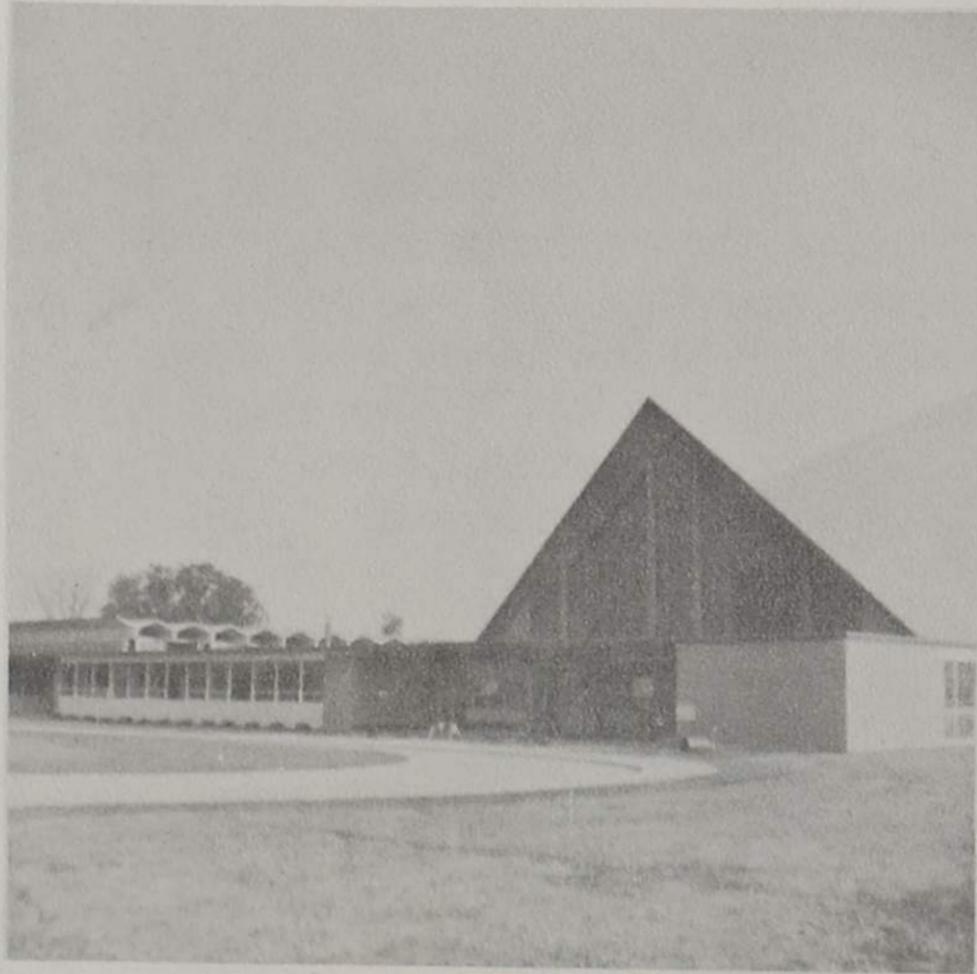
All of the construction was being hurried to meet the dedication deadline.



On September 30, 1962 construction was far enough along to permit cornerstone-laying ceremonies.

Besides the new cornerstone, there were three others set in the memorial chapel wall. These were the ones from 1878, 1921 and 1934.





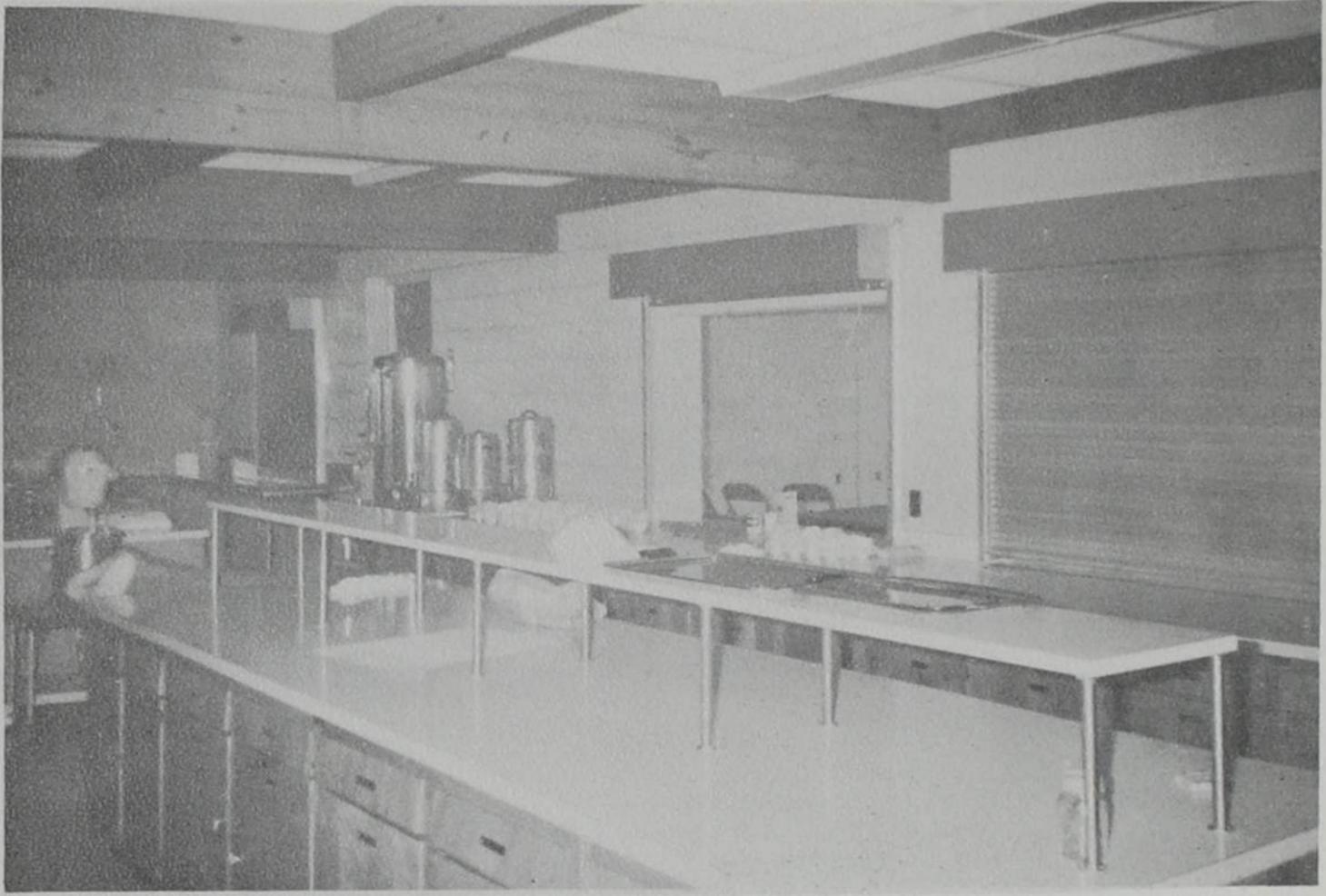


At that time many members of the congregation were helping lay sod in preparation for the dedication.

Finally, the climax to all of the hustle and bustle came on July 28, 1963, with the dedication ceremonies. There were two services held in the morning for members of the congregation. That afternoon an open house was held. Then in the evening there was a service open to the public with tours of the new church following the service. In just a little more than a year, a beautiful sanctuary, parsonage, and bell tower were built and dedicated to the service of our Lord and Master.

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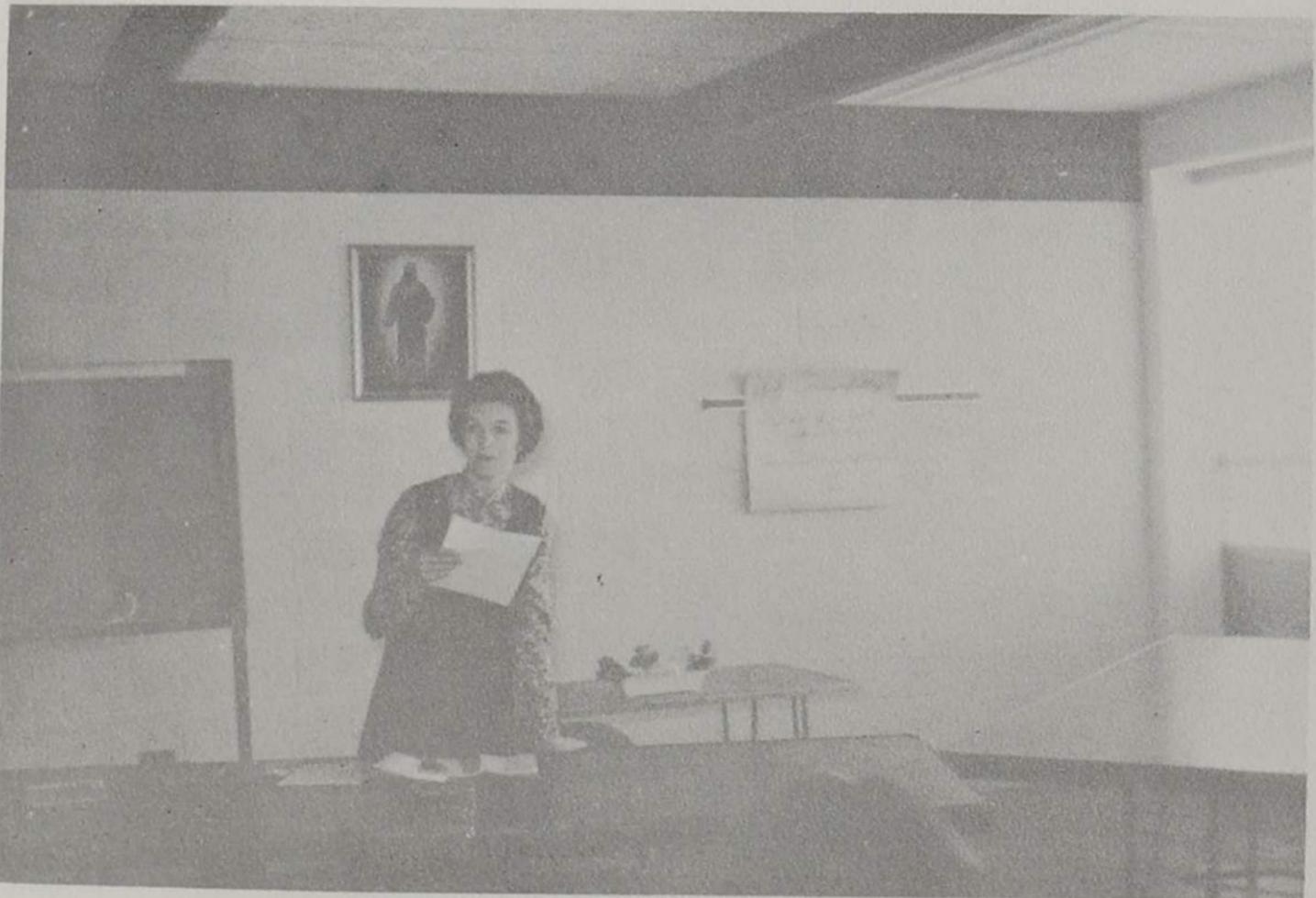
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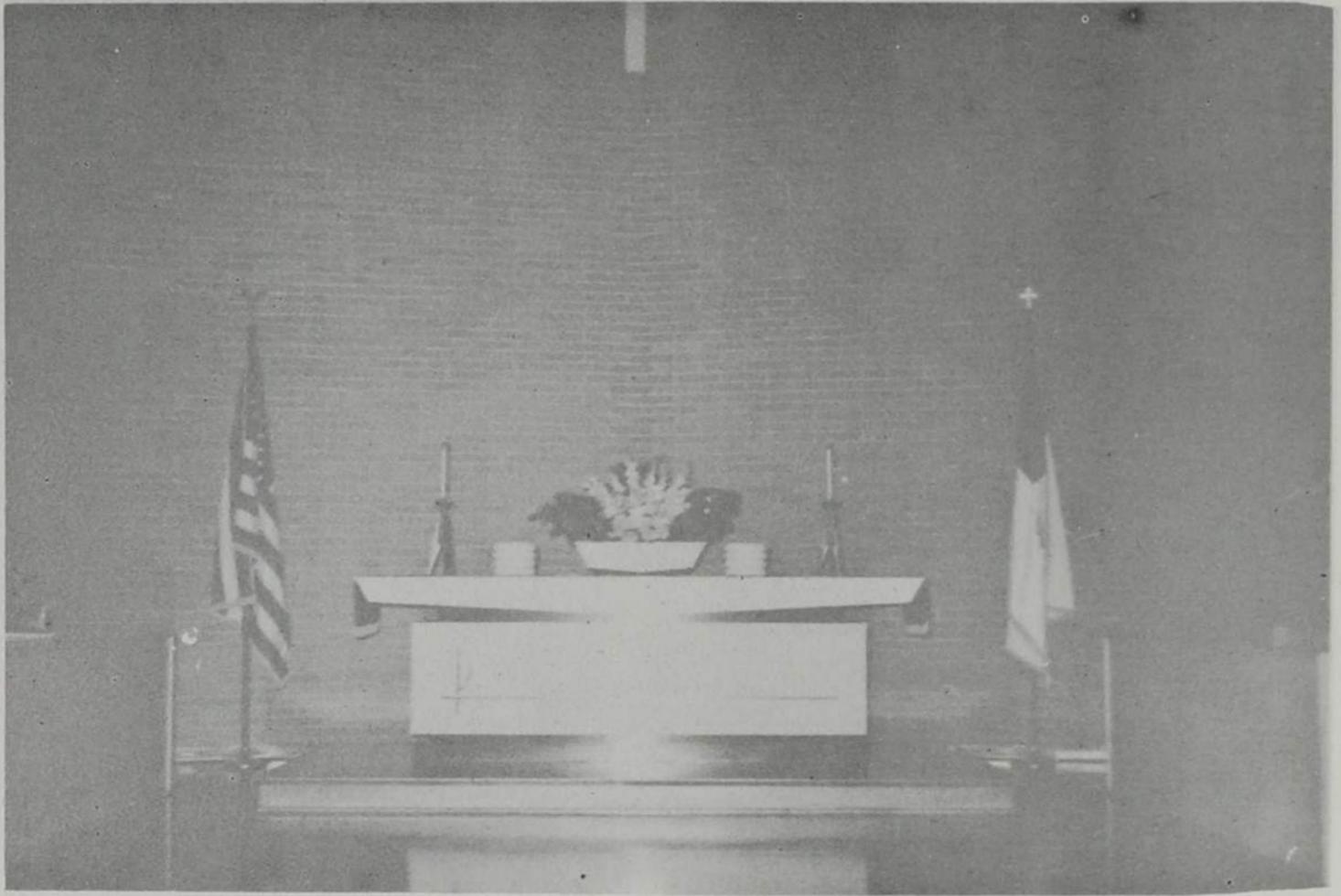
Dining Room: Seating Capacity 500; Dining Capacity 350



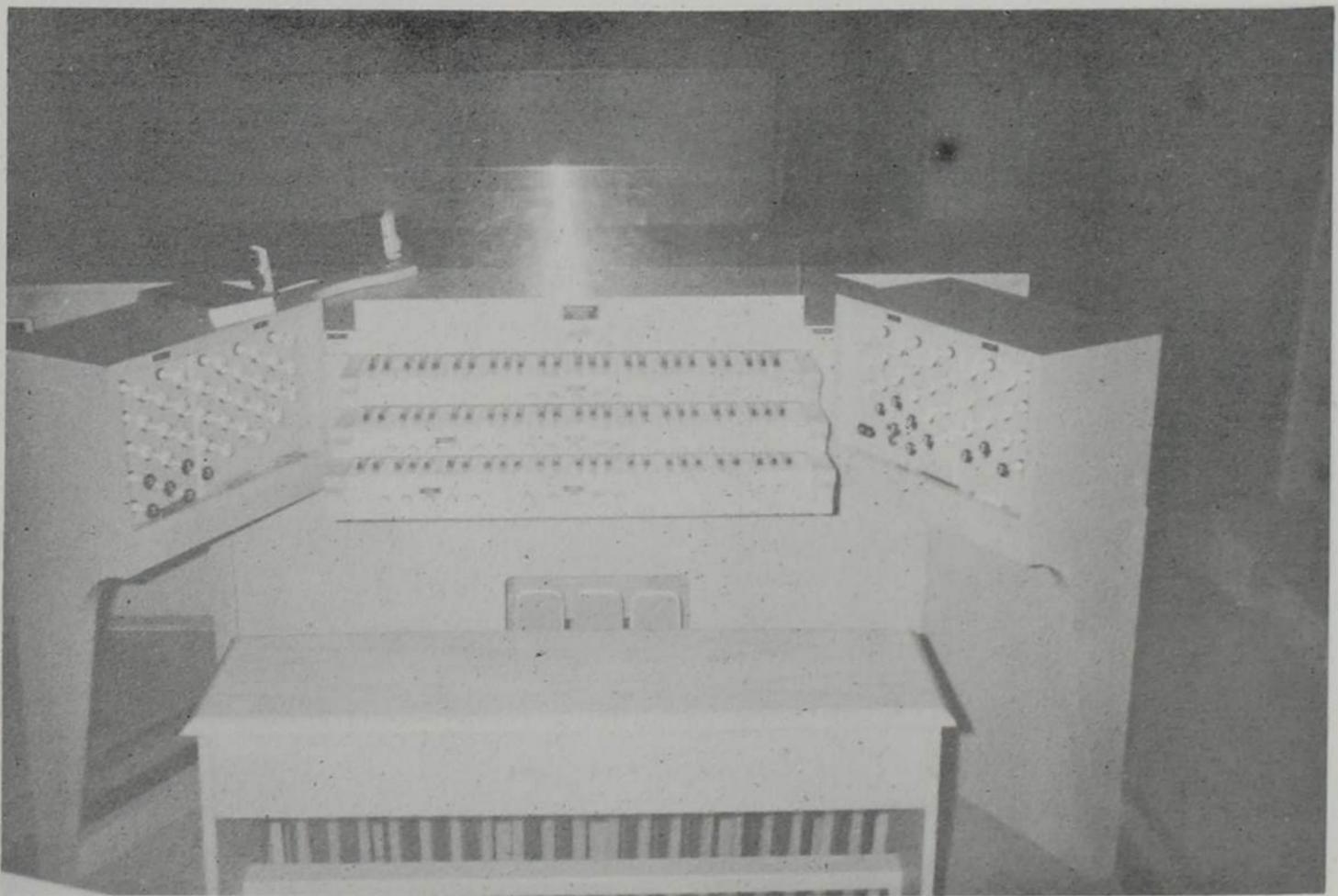
Community Room used by church and civic organizations



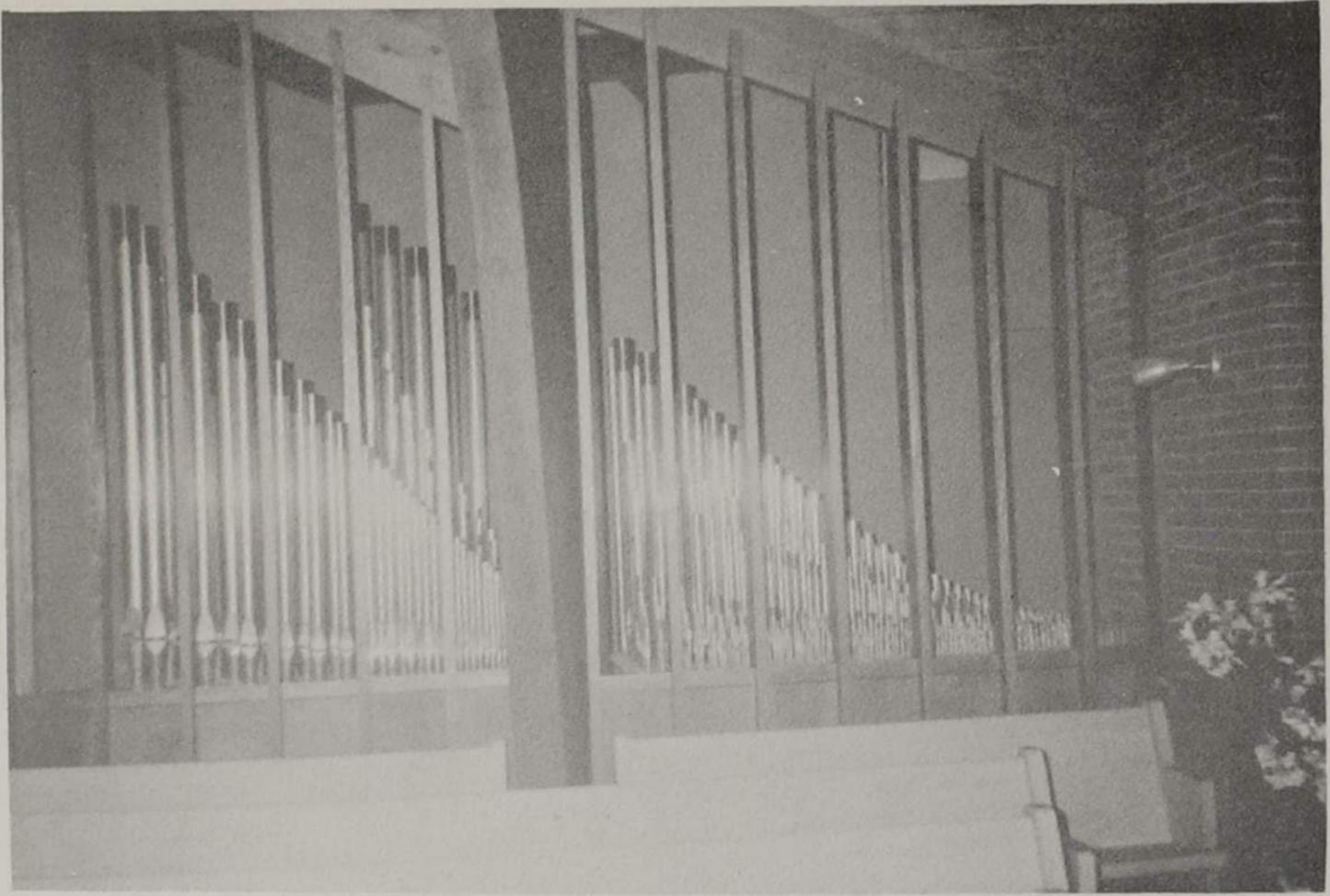
Senior High Room, Mrs. Louer



Memorial Confirmation Altar donated by past confirmands



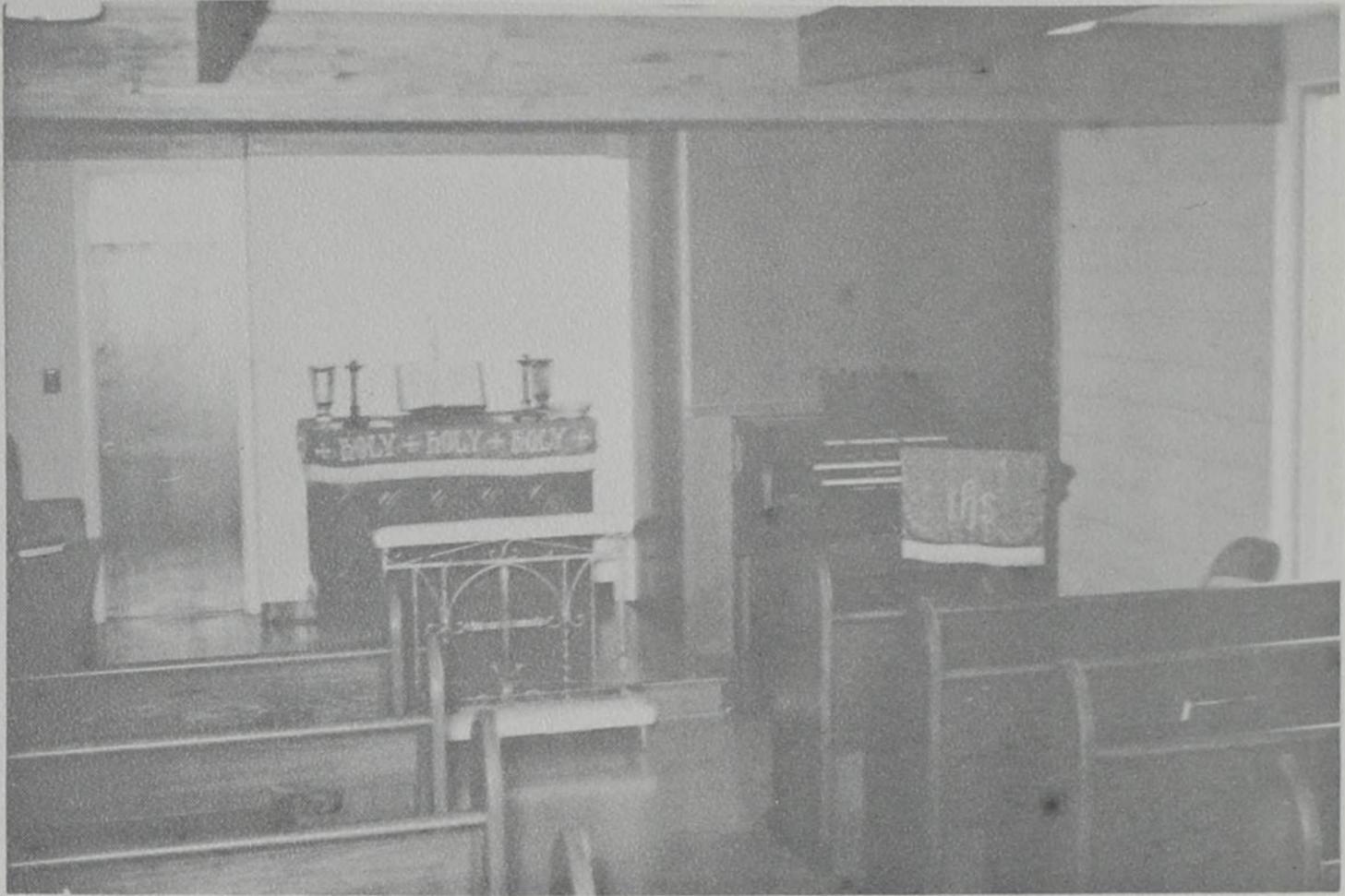
The organ with 27 ranks



The ranks of pipes



The main church office



A link with the past —
Memorial Chapel with pews, organ and altar from old church.



Back of Chapel



Pastor Schoen's Office



Church School Office



Junior High Youth Fellowship Officers



Senior High Officers



Women's Guild Officers



Brotherhood Officers



The quilters busily at work



The Church Custodian
Emil Schneider



Church Organist, Arline Shimer



Church Secretary, Myrtle Rutz



Church School Officers



President of Congregation, Floyd Rogier



Pastor Victor Schoen and family



Pastor Victor Langhorst and family



2-Year-Olds



3-Year-Olds



Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades



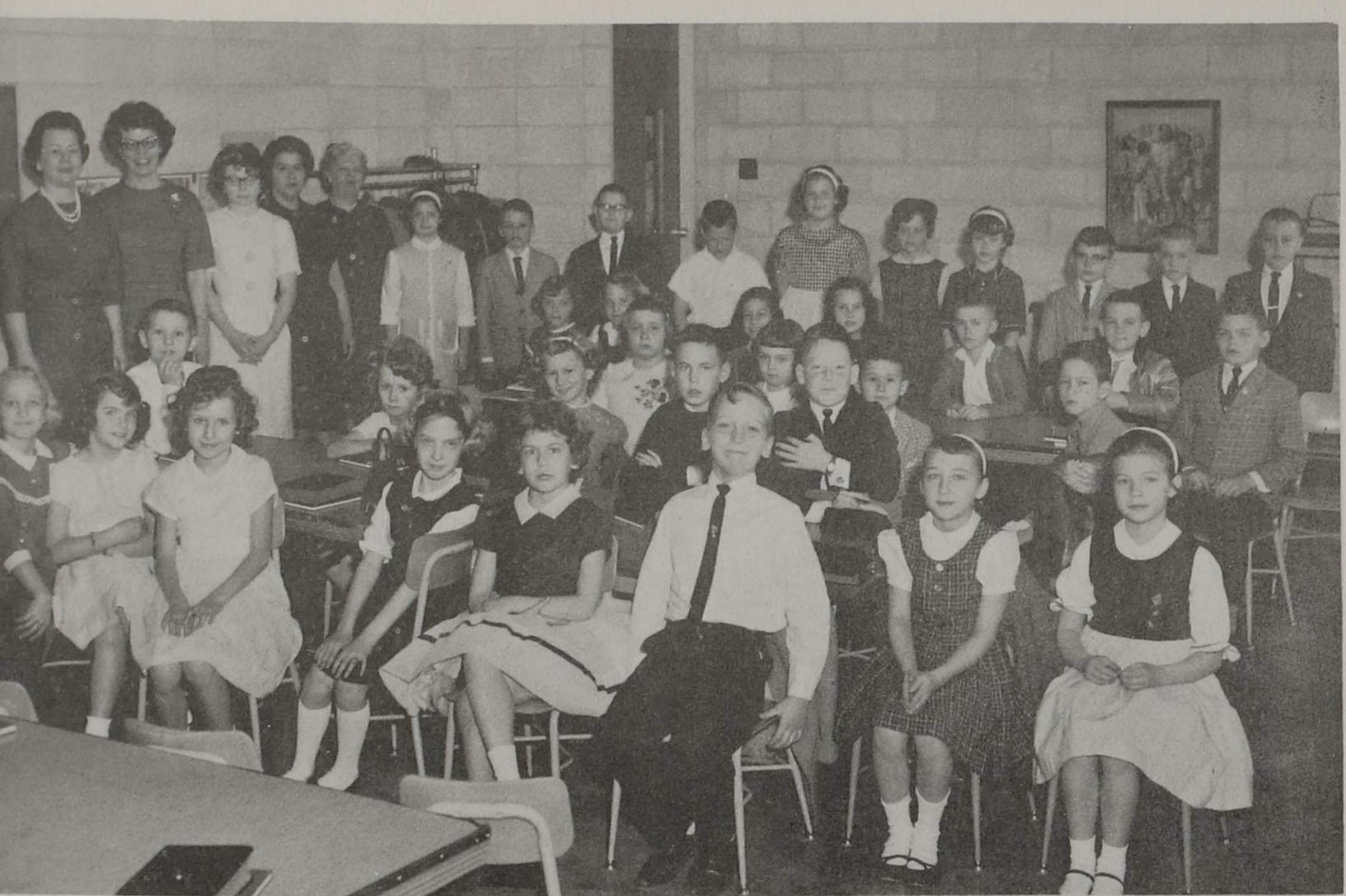
1st and 2nd Grades



Kindergarten



Primary



Lower Juniors 3rd



Juniors 5th



Lower Juniors 4th



Juniors 6th



Junior High



Senior High



Consistory



Adult Class



Board of Christian Education



Women's Guild



Yearbook Committee



Children's Choir



Junior Choir



Senior Choir