

1,600,000 Invested In New School

Notre Dame High Cost Exceeds Million And Half Dollars,

Sisters of Mercy Assume Heavy Financial Burden

MODERN HOME builders planning to purchase new refrigerators and appliances will blink when they see the amazing fittings of the Home Economics rooms of Notre Dame High School and tour the school's cafeteria this week-end. But they would gasp if they had to pay more than \$30,000 for such a much of their new home.

The cost statistics of \$1,633,504, revealed as the total cost of the new high school built for Elmira by the Sisters of Mercy, covers hundreds of similar items from the cost of the land to the installation of an electric score-board in the gymnasium. Looked at individually the expenditures explain the magnitude of this newest Catholic enterprise for the children of the Southern Tier.

Land alone cost \$20,800 and the development of the site for construction was another \$47,650. The building, without any equipment or facilities cost slightly over \$300,000 and when heating, plumbing and electrical work was finished another \$285,000 had been spent.

Major equipment costs for the school included these specific items: student desks, \$10,000; tables and chairs for the cafeteria, \$3,300; kitchen equipment for the cafeteria, \$18,340; science laboratories, \$13,179; Home Economics rooms, \$12,532.

Furnishings for the new auditorium included: seats, \$25,058; stage equipment, \$22,155; and the organ, \$3,000.

The magnificent new gymnasium required \$6,325 for bleachers, and \$2,300 for basketball backstops.

The convent for the 13 Sisters of Mercy who comprise the present faculty required an outlay of \$15,000 for the purchase of the original building and \$59,500 for remodeling to accommodate the new residents. Equipment for their home will run to nearly \$10,000 more.

A contribution of some \$300,000 from the people of the Elmira area as their share of the Bishop's High School Campaign conducted throughout the diocese in 1952 was given to the Sisters of Mercy who assumed financial responsibility for the new Notre Dame school. In addition the Sisters have invested their own funds of nearly \$300,000 for the construction of the institution and assumed an indebtedness of approximately \$800,000 more to conclude the work.



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Even youngsters, not yet of high-school age, share everyone's enthusiasm for the Sisters of Mercy achievement in the new Notre Dame High School! These boys were enjoying the last Indian Summer swim in the old swimming hole a week ago.

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Sisters and students look up from Notre Dame stage to fly area.