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crete form in which we exercise our rights as free citizens for the advancement of morality and religion."—American Bishops, 1919.

### Elmira's New Notre Dame

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equipped with sound-proofing and dark shades, and the concession stand for auditorium and gymnasium activities.  
The west unit of the school houses the auditorium, gymnasium and allied facilities. The large auditorium, with seating capacity of 1,000 is done in acoustical plastering and possesses special indirect lighting facilities. Sizable dressing and make-up rooms and storage space for stage properties are provided under the stage, which is full size and large enough to handle any legitimate production.  
The gymnasium, adjoining the auditorium measures 34 by 200 feet and is equipped with sliding bleachers seating 500. The floor, made of iron-bound strip flooring is marked for basketball and indoor baseball. Nearby are the athletic director's office and locker and shower facilities for both boys and girls. Another special feature is the room for visiting teams directly off the gym. The gymnasium is also equipped with a basketball court.

Back rooms in the gym and auditorium balconies are found the music rooms, consisting of a band room, practice rooms and storage room for instruments, as well as a room for music instruction. All these rooms are specially prepared with acoustical tile to cut down sound carried to other parts of the building.  
By dropping a grille from the ceiling, the whole west wing can be cut off from the rest of the school. This can be locked which will prove helpful when evening programs are being conducted in either gym or auditorium.

THE CLASSROOMS and corridors are covered with serviceable asphalt tile. White quarry tile has been placed in the cafeteria and kitchen. Recessed metal lockers provide maximum space in the wide, bright corridors, and beauty is being added with the glass display cases for trophies, art work, etc.  
In the center wing, an alcove shrine of the Infant of Prague attracts the passerby, while a black marble niche opposite the main entrance in the east wing will hold a white marble statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, a gift of students and alumnae of Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester.

Another beautiful gift to the new school is the mural painting of Mother Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, presented by the students of the former Elmira Catholic High School.

The heating plant, located in the east unit, consists of two oil-fired boilers connected with a system of zone heating which provides heat in the various wings as desired by means of convector and pipe-in radiators. A system of unit ventilators and shelving provides for fresh air intake, filtering and circulation. Dampers deliver two-thirds outdoor air, one-third circulated, while coils heat the air to provide room temperature control.

Landscaping has been started on the 26 acre Notre Dame Campus. The entire plot has been staked and shrubbery locations have been mapped out. The actual placement of the trees and shrubs will take place in early spring to assure proper development of the plants. Black-top driveways extend from Maple Avenue to the front entrance of the school and to the garage and continue around the entire building. At the south end of the tract is a 450-car parking lot easily accessible to both school and auditorium.

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