

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes    
no

Property Name: C.W. Lansdale House/Landon School Inventory Number: M:35-16  
 Address: <sup>6101</sup>~~1601~~ Wilson Lane City: Bethesda Zip Code: 20817  
 County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Falls Church Va and Washington West  
 Owner: Landon School Corporation Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 618 Tax Map Number: GN563 Tax Account ID Number: 00426654  
 Project: MD 188 Agency: SHA  
 Site visit by MHT staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property is located within a historic district  yes  no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district  yes Eligible district  yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource  yes  no Non-contributing but eligible in another context  yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible  yes  no

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in  Compliance files

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The C.W. Lansdale House (M: 35-16) is located on the Landon School campus which includes over 15 buildings on 73-acres located on Wilson Lane.

The Lansdale house is a two-story frame dwelling that was referred to as "Tumblestone" in early records. Originally a log structure, it was built in several sections by Christopher W. Lansdale who purchased the land in 1843. He expanded the house to six rooms by 1876. This section of the house has an external chimney on the east side. The house was enlarged to eight rooms by 1890 including a dining room, second staircase and upstairs bedroom. The two-story gallery porch was probably added at this time. The farm originally included a summer kitchen, frame bank barn with 32 cow stalls, a 8 stall horse stable, double corn crib, hen house and meat house. The barn and stable are still extant.

The Lansdale property was part of the original 62 acre parcel purchased Paul and Mary Lee Banfield in 1934 to be used as the Landon School for Boys (The parcel included the Andrew's house and the Lansdale house). In 1936, the Lansdale house was renovated by the Banfields as the headmaster home and a two-story addition was added to the west side that included a kitchen, pantry and library on the first floor and a large room on the second. The first floor of the gallery was also enclosed and the front door relocated. The house is currently used as faculty housing and a meeting place for Landon School.

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MHT Comments	
<i>Andrew Lewis</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Service	<u>11/22/02</u> Date
<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>11/22/02</u> Date

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The Andrew's House was converted to a dormitory for the and the former garage (known as Torry Hall) was adapted to classrooms and library.

Washington DC architect, Horace W. Peaslee, assisted the Banfields with the development of a master plan for the Landon School in collaboration with Charles W. Eliot, Landscape Architect. Peaslee is best known for several prominent Washington landmarks including zero milestone, the Cosmos Club, Meridian Hill Park, and the restoration of Dumbarton House, the headquarters of the Colonial Dames.

Peaslee designed the Gymnasium in 1939 (the first new building on campus), the Administration building and the first three master's houses (faculty houses). He also oversaw the renovation of the Lansdale house, the Andrew's House, and the garage/servant quarters, known as Torry Hall. He also assisted with the design and location of the pool and amphitheatre.

THE HISTORY OF LANDON SCHOOL

The Landon School was originally founded by in 1929 in Washington DC. With a two thousand dollar loan from a former student's father, Paul and Mary Lee Banfield opened Landon School at 2131 Massachusetts Avenue, on September 12, 1929, as a day and boarding school with 23 students. Paul Landon Banfield was a graduate of St. John's College and teacher, coach and athletic director of Emerson Institute and Dewitt Preparatory School.

In 1934, the Landon School was relocated to the Welsh estate (now gone) located on 35 acres at Bradley and Wilson Lanes in Bethesda. Built by Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean as a summer residence for her mother, Mrs. Thomas Welsh, the house was ever occupied. The property was leased by the Landon School until 1940.

In the spring of 1936, the Andrew's Estate, located one mile from the Welsh Estate on Wilson Lane, came on the market for \$150,000. The Andrew's Estate consisted of a 2 1/2 stone, timber and stucco residence originally built c. 1900 by Hugh Reilly who owned a paint store in Georgetown. The property included a 2 story timber, fieldstone and stucco garage that had servants quarters above, and caretakers cottage (the C.W. Lansdale House) on 62 acres. Jim Andrew's, whose son graduated from Landon in 1932, agreed to sell the property to the school for a discounted \$90,000. The Landon School used the Andrew's House as a dormitory and classroom space for the Landon Upper School. It presently is the Admissions office.

The second and third floors of the Andrew's House were used as living quarters for staff beginning in 1971 when the school ended the boarding program. Wilkes, Faulkner Architects designed the renovation of the third floor apartments. Torry Hall, the former garage and servant quarter's served as a library and classrooms. It has been enlarged twice.

After establishing a nonprofit corporation to own the Landon School in 1944, the Banfields remained active in the School's daily operation, with Paul Banfield serving as headmaster until he retired in 1971, and Mary Lee Banfield serving as secretary to the Landon Board of Trustees until 1977.

The gymnasium was designed by Peaslee and built in 1939. It is constructed on brick and has slate roof and chimney on the south end. It has five large multi-paned wood windows on the front and back. The simple lines of the building have been

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compared to a Maryland tobacco barn. The north wing was added in 1945-46 when the middle school was created. It contained a Laboratory and four offices and offices. The southern wing was built to house shower and locker facilities. It was renamed the Randy Perkins Activities Building. Another modern addition was added to the South wing in 1977 and the building is now known as the T. Edward Barton Athletic Center.

The Administration Building was built in 1941-1945. This 2 1/2 story brick building housed offices for the headmaster and assistant, the finance department and an apartment for a master.

Clyde T. Wilson Building was built in 1940 for the Lower School (grade 3-6). Contemporary in design, this two story brick building has a flat rood and metal casement windows. The building has a kitchen and dining room as well as offices and classrooms. In 1951, an addition was built that housed 2 classrooms and an art room.

The Master's Houses:

The first master's house was built in 1939 on property acquired from a developer who planned to build 50 houses on the north side of the campus along Bradley Boulevard. T prevent the development, Paul Banfield personally purchased the land and later sold it to the school. The acquisition of the property allowed for access to the school from Bradley Boulevard. The first Master's house was white frame and was selected from popular house styles at the time and adapted to the site by Horace Peaslee. Clyde Wilson, teacher and headmaster of Lower School, and his family lived in the house for over 25 years. The 2-story, 3 bay frame house is Colonial Revival in style. It had a brick end chimney on the west side, and a two story wing. An attached single car garage is featured on the east side. The house currently has exterior vinyl siding.

The second master's house was built of white brick in 1950. It is a two-story cross-gabled dwelling with an end chimney. The entrance door is on the east side facing Bradley Boulevard. A one-story gabled frame addition is located on the west side and an attached single car garage on east side of house. The contractor was Morrison Brothers, Inc of Bethesda. Mr. Harry Prindle was the first master to live in this house.

The third master's house is a 2-story, 5 bay, red brick dwelling with an end chimney on the west side. Typical of a Colonial Revival style house, it was designed by Horace Peaslee in 1953. E.A. Baker, Company was the builder. Mr. James Thomas, of the Science Dept., and family first occupied the house.

The Perkins House and gardens:

In 1954, the Landon School purchased the home of Tharon and Milo Perkins. The Perkins, the parents of two boys at Landon School, had originally bought the 2 1/2 acres adjacent to the Landon School Property in 1937 to protect it from future development. They built a 2-story, 5 bay frame house with brick end chimneys. A two story wing is located on the west side. In the 1940s, the Perkins established a garden containing 10,000 azaleas of more than 600 varieties. The garden is a living memorial to their two sons, who died in the 1950s. The original garden design was created by Rose Greely, a local landscape architect, and the oldest beds, planted in 1945, are those directly in front of the house. The Perkins' developed a keen interest and understanding of azaleas through their friendship and collaboration with Frederic P. Lee, a noted azalea expert, and Ben Y. Morrison, the dean of American azalea breeding. One of Mr. Morrison's Back Acre hybrids bears the name Tharon

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Perkins. Mr. Perkins was an internationally noted economist and co-authored The Azalea Handbook. Many of the azaleas were propagated by Mr. and Mrs. Perkins. This mature garden includes a collection of more than 350 of the original Glenn Dale varieties, many of the major hybrid groups and native species as well as rare tree peonies, Pieris, boxwoods and an expanding collection of wildflowers. The Perkins house served as faculty housing and now is the location of the annual Azalea Festival which funds scholarships for Landon School students.

The Eric Pielage Amphitheater is located on the hillside west of the Administration building. It was built by the class of 1953 and is used for graduation ceremonies. It was named for a student who was killed tragically before graduation. It is considered a contributing feature on campus.

The Banfield Academic Center was designed by Peaslee in 1957 to house the middle and upper school, the Library and the Keith Science Laboratory. Similar in construction to the Lower school, the original building was constructed of brick and has a flat roof. The Wiley Buchanan Library was completed in 1962 and was constructed of used red brick and has large multi-paned windows and Classical Revival details. The Wallace Wing was eventually added in 1976.

Frank Parson's Rifle Range consists of a stained concrete block building constructed in 1957.

The following buildings were built after 1960 and are considered non-contributing:

The Foster's Maintenance Building, c. 1965.

Headmasters House, c.1971.

Benjamin M. Mondzac Performing Arts Center, designed by John Parker, AIA and built in 1989.

Landon Middle School and Gallery was built in 1999.

The MIHP form for the C.W. Lansdale House indicates that the house is significant as an example of rural vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County in the mid-late nineteenth century. The C. W. Lansdale house was locally designated as a historic site by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission in 1990 for having historical and cultural significance and stating the Lansdale House "has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation and exemplifies the cultural economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities". The site includes 11.77 acres which including the surrounding land around the house and barns and entrance from Wilson Lane.

The Lansdale House is also significant for its association with development of the Landon School for Boys. Since 1939, both the Lansdale house and Andrew's house have been used by the Landon School. According to William Offutt's book, Bethesda: A Social History, the Landon School became the best known private school in Bethesda and eventually rivaled the older Georgetown Preparatory School in both prestige and facilities.

The Landon School is an example of a private boys school that was established in the Bethesda area during the 1930's. The master plan for the campus was designed by Horace Peaslee, a prominent Washington DC architect. Peaslee sensitively incorporated two historic properties, the Lansdale and Andrew's house, into the master plan of the Landon School. Peaslee also designed a number of modern school buildings on the property during the 1939-1960 period that fit into the landscape and preserved the rural feel of the property. The Landon School is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under

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criteria a and c. The proposed boundary of the district includes the entire tax parcel.

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2001.

Offutt, William, "Bethesda: A Social History". The Innovation Game, Bethesda MD, 1995.

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Interviews with Mr. Bill Dickson, Teacher, Landon School, Don Miller, Director of Operations, Landon School and Ms. Sandy Malone, archivist, Landon School.

Landon School archives.

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Date Prepared: 10/29/2002

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic C.W. Lansdale House

and/or common Landon School

### 2. Location

street & number 6101 Wilson La.  not for publication

city, town Bethesda  vicinity of congressional district 7th

state Maryland county Montgomery

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Landon School Corp.

street & number 6101 Wilson La. telephone no.: 320-3200

city, town Bethesda state and zip code Maryland, 20034

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 632

street & number folio 52

city, town Rockville state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Md.

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored           </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two-story, frame building built in several sections. There is a four-bay section with the entrance in the end bay; this is the oldest part of the house. It has a two-story, external chimney with a free standing stack on the east end. The south facade has a two-story porch (the first floor now enclosed). The windows are 6/6 double hung sash.</p> <p>On the west end there is an L-plan addition that is twenty years old.</p>	

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# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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**Specific dates** \_\_\_\_\_ **Builder/Architect** \_\_\_\_\_

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The C.W. Lansdale house is significant as an example of rural vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The early part of the house, a small log section with a mud and sand fireplace (the present center hall), was probably built by Christopher W. Lansdale during the mid-nineteenth century.<sup>1</sup> Christopher built his house on 73 acres 2 roods and 32 perches of "Tranquil Bar" which he purchased in October of 1843 from the Holtzman heirs of Georgetown.<sup>2</sup> Christopher later made a large frame addition to the house.

The house was sold in 1876 after Christopher defaulted on his mortgage. It was then described in the notice of sale as a large, two story dwelling of six rooms with a cellar and a pantry. Also on the property was a smoke house, poultry house, barn, stable, cow stable and other necessary outbuildings. The house was sold to Samuel E. Hill.<sup>3</sup>

In November of 1879, Hill sold the house to Bridget Fagan for \$2,200.<sup>4</sup> Bridget also defaulted on the mortgage, selling the house in April of 1886 to George S. McCormick for \$1,405. The farm was then described as 73 acres 2 roods and 32 perches situated on the road from the Old Georgetown Road to the River Road, 1 1/2 miles from the C&O Canal and 6 miles from Georgetown. It was improved by a large two story frame dwelling of six rooms, etc. (as mentioned in the pervious sale). There was also believed to be valuable soap stone on the property as well as orchards of apples, peaches and cherries. In addition, the notice of sale stated that the farm's "accessibility and proximity to Georgetown and Washington, D.C. render it very desirable as a market farm or a country residence for persons doing business in D.C."<sup>5</sup>

George McCormick sold the house in November of 1886 to Margaret O'Brien for \$1,750.<sup>6</sup> A second frame addition was made to the house sometime between 1886 and 1898.<sup>7</sup> In May of 1893, Margaret sold the house to Jeremiah P. Harrington for \$3,500.<sup>8</sup> Jeremiah and his wife, Margaret, defaulted on the mortgage and the house was put up for sale in 1905. It was advertised as a dairy farm of 62 acres 2 roods and 32 perches of "fertile" land, presently under cultivation. The improvements consisted of a frame dwelling of eight rooms, a summer kitchen, bank barn with stable room for 32 cows, a stable for 8 horses, wagon shed and granary combined, hen house and meat house. As stated in the ad, "its proximity to the electric road

see attachment sheet A

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and the city of Washington renders it a most desirable property."<sup>9</sup> The house was purchased in June of 1906 by Edward C. Peter who immediately sold it to Charles P. Janney for \$4,000.<sup>10</sup>

The house has been the home of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Landon Banfield, the founders of the Landon School, since 1926. In 1939, the house was remodeled according to the plans of architect Horace Peaslee. At this time a two story addition was made to the west end which included a new kitchen, pantry and utility room on the first floor, and one large room on the second floor. They also put in a second bathroom and converted the two small front rooms into a single large room. The heavy, wide planking, the size of the beams and the hand made nails used in the building of the house, as well as the mud and sand fireplace on the early section, seem to indicate an early date of construction. The house is now part of the Landon School complex.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The date given is based on the date that the property was purchased, the tax assessment records and the fact that the house appears on both the 1865 and 1878 maps as well as the early appearance on the construction of the house.

<sup>2</sup>Deed BS 12/17, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>3</sup>Equity #319, EBP 9/93, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.

<sup>4</sup>Deed EBP 21/342, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>5</sup>Equity #630, JA 1/157, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.

<sup>6</sup>Deed JA 4/361, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>7</sup>Tax Assessment Records, 1887-1909 & Equity cases #630 & #2174.

<sup>8</sup>Deed JA 38/313, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>9</sup>Equity #2174, 3/319, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.

<sup>10</sup>Deed 190/19, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>11</sup>Conversation with Mrs. Banfield, 12/82.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Mont. Co. Land Records  
Mont. Co. Judgement Records  
Conversation with Mrs. Banfield, 12/82  
Tax records

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 62.53 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. historic Preservation Comm. date 1/83

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Rockville state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET**  
**NOMINATION FORM**  
**for the**  
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE**

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
Landon School					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
C. W. Lansdale House					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
Wilson Lane					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Bethesda					
STATE:			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME:					
Landon School					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
Wilson Lane					
CITY OR TOWN:				STATE:	
Bethesda				Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:				STATE:	
Rockville				Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
None					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:				STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century

- 16th Century
- 17th Century

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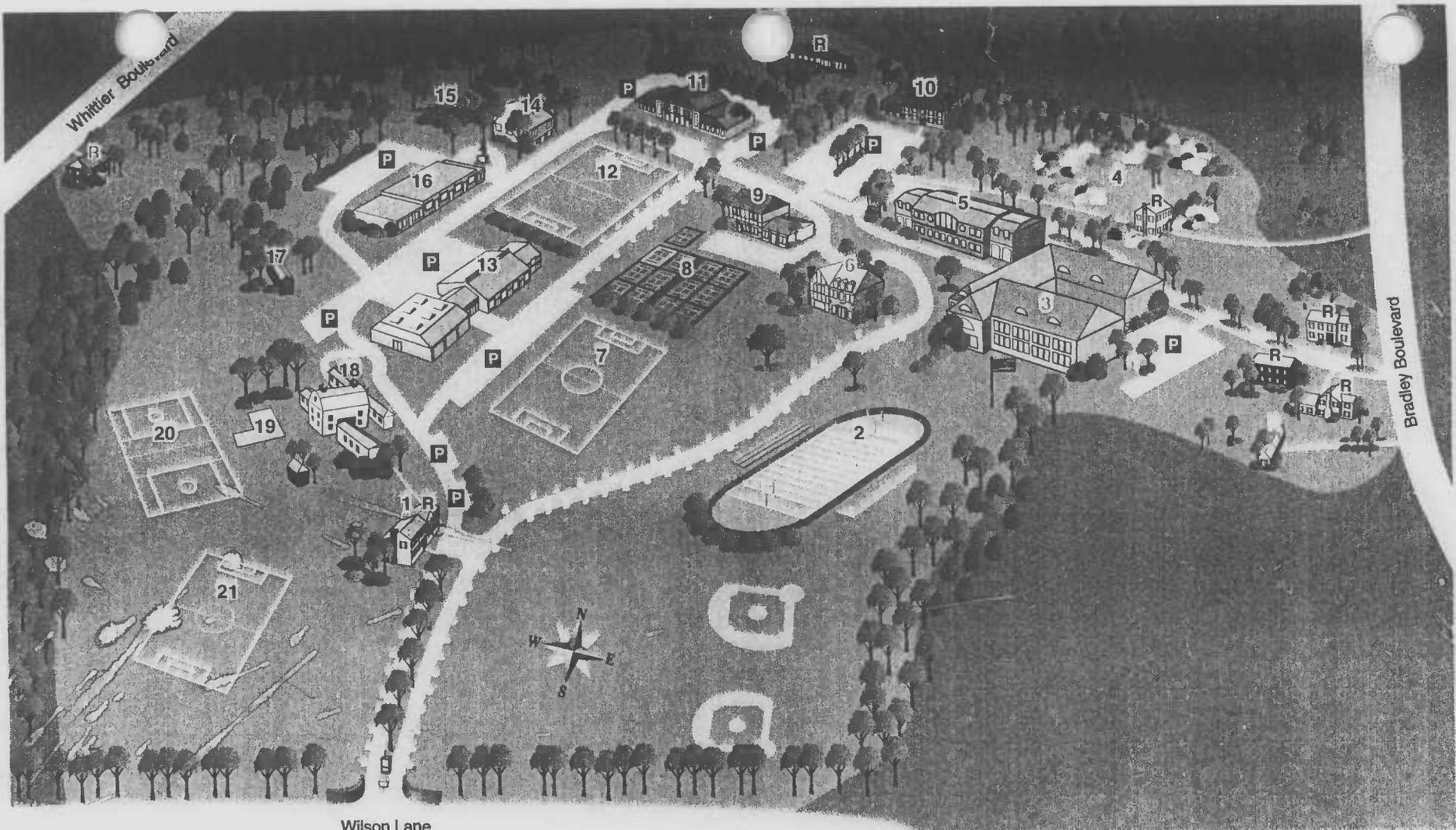
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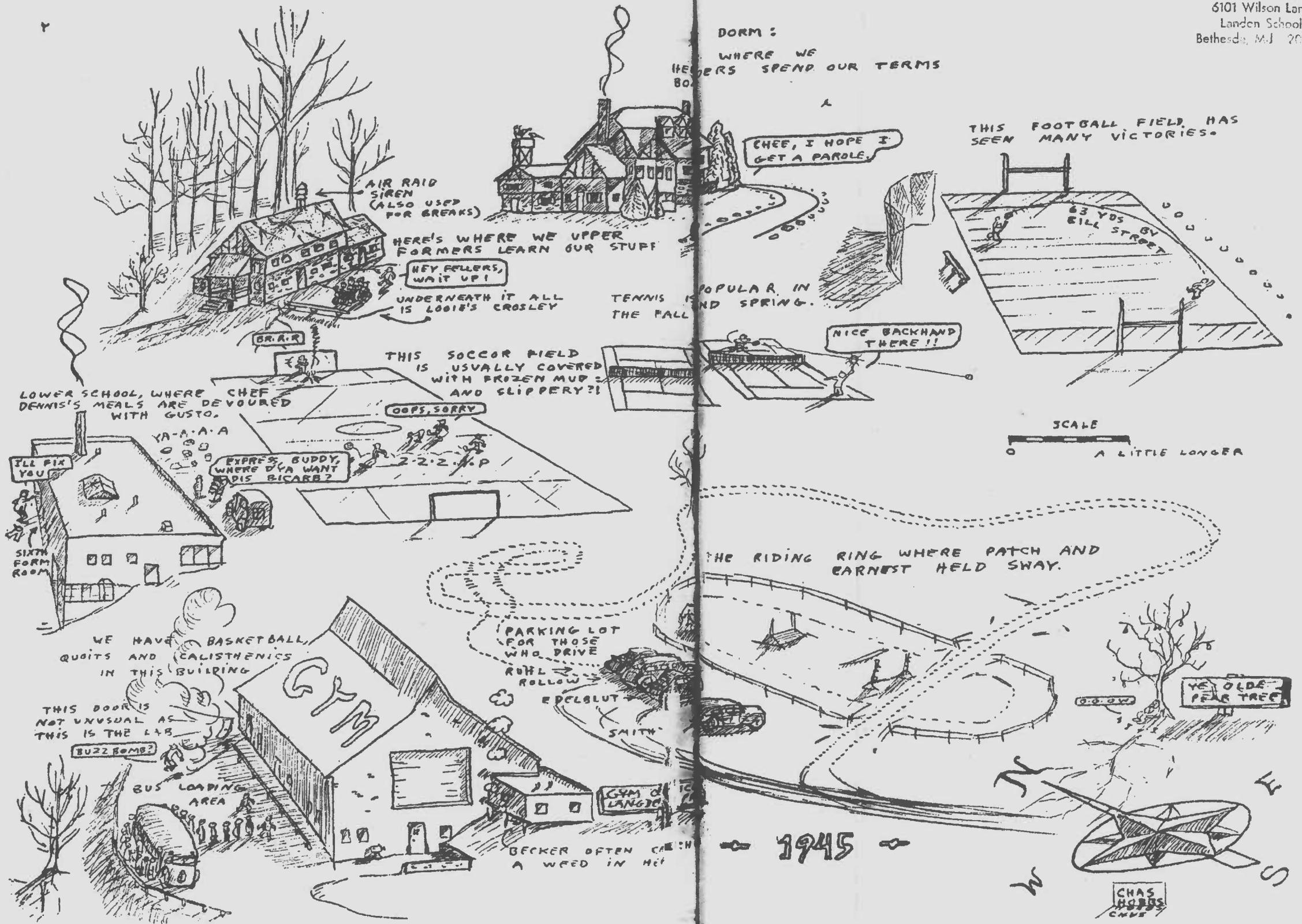


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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Banfield Farmhouse (Founders' House)</li> <li>2. William H. Triplett Field</li> <li>3. Paul L. and Mary Lee Banfield Academic Center (Upper School and Bookstore)</li> <li>4. Perkins Azalea Garden</li> <li>5. Landon Middle School and Gallery</li> <li>6. Andrews' House (Admissions/Communications)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Gym Field</li> <li>8. Maciear Jacoby Tennis Courts</li> <li>9. Torrey Hall (Summer Program Office)</li> <li>10. Headmaster's House</li> <li>11. Benjamin M. Mondzac Performing Arts Center, Malcolm Coates Auditorium and Dining Hall</li> <li>12. Lower School Field</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. T. Edward Barton Athletic Center (Hugh C. Riddleberger and George and Randy Perkins Gymnasiums) and Banfield Alumni Room (BAR)</li> <li>14. Administration Building and Headmaster's Office</li> <li>15. Eric Pielage Amphitheater</li> <li>16. Clyde T. Wilson Building (Lower School)</li> <li>17. Frank T. Parsons Rifle Range</li> <li>18. Barn and Foster Building</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19. Pool</li> <li>20. Harrison Prindle Field</li> <li>21. J.A. Goddard Jr. Field</li> </ul> <p><b>R.</b> Faculty/Administrative Residence</p> <p><b>P</b> Parking</p> <p>Landon School<br/>6101 Wilson Lane<br/>Bethesda, Maryland 20817<br/>(301) 320-3200</p> |
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A view of Landon's buildings and grounds by Chas Hobbs in the 1945 yearbook

# LANDON SCHOOL: 1938-46 PROGRESS

as developed from a Preliminary Plan prepared May, 1938  
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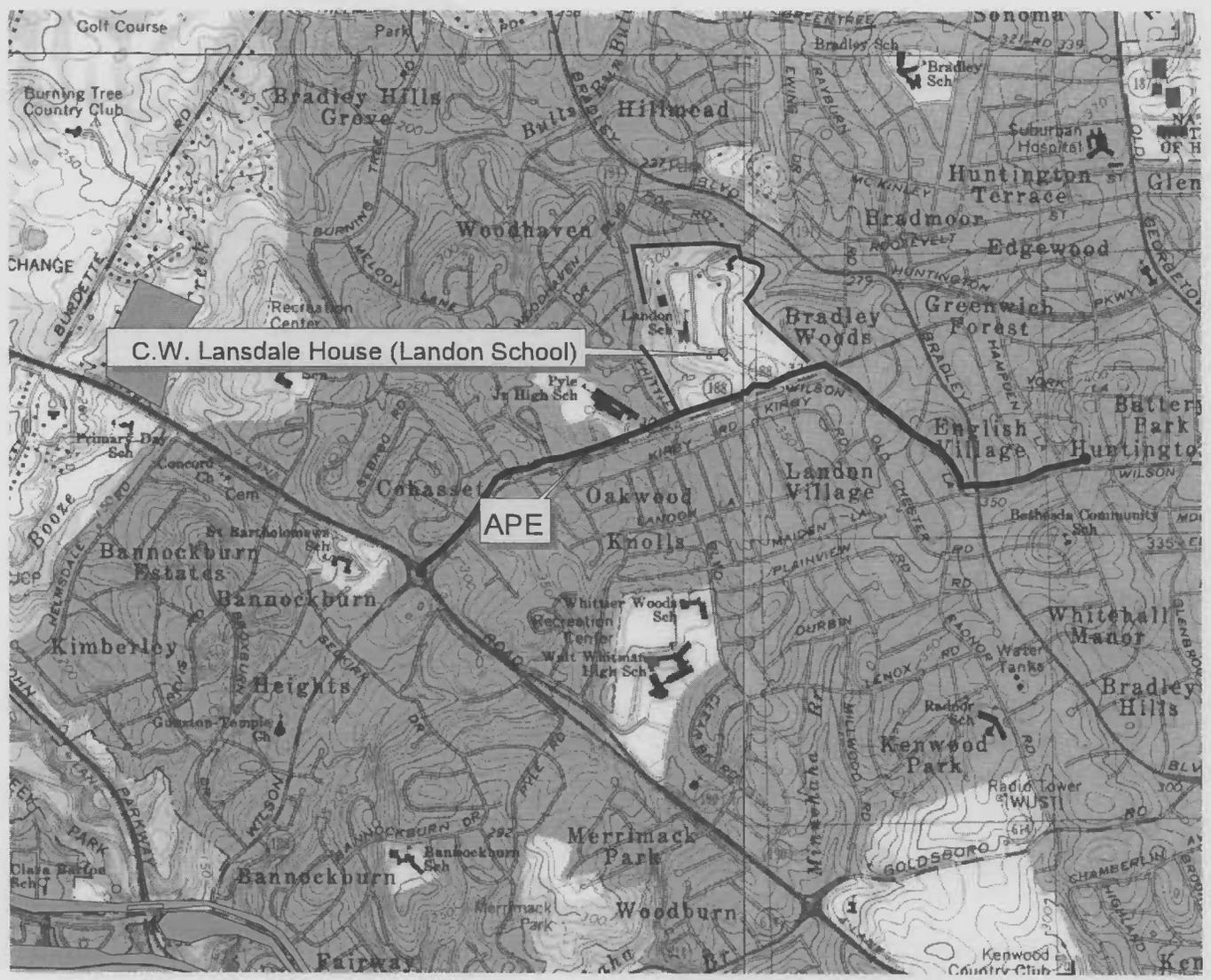
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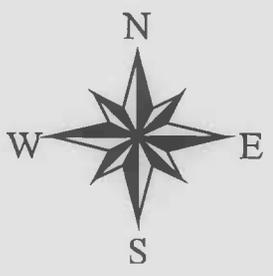


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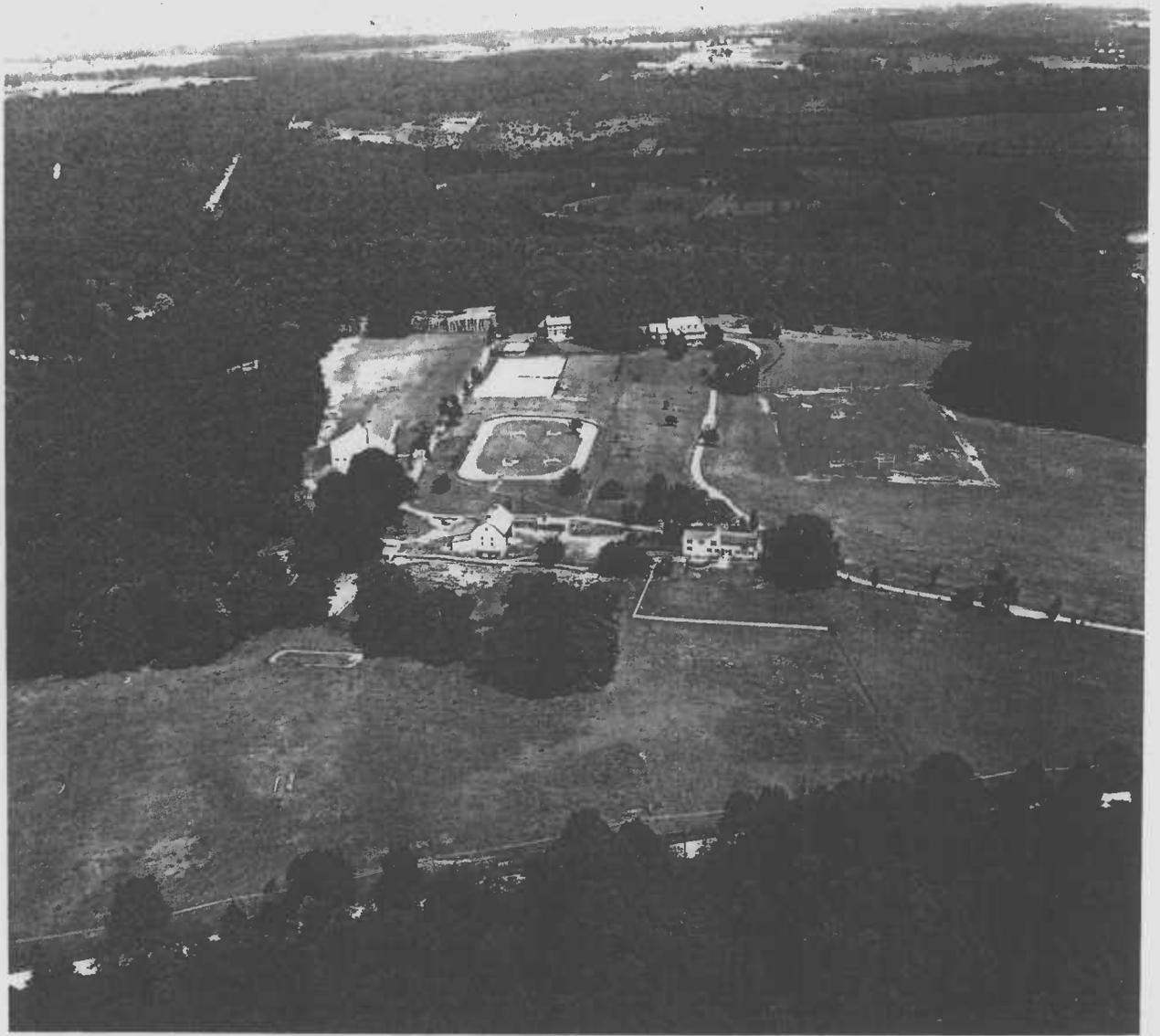


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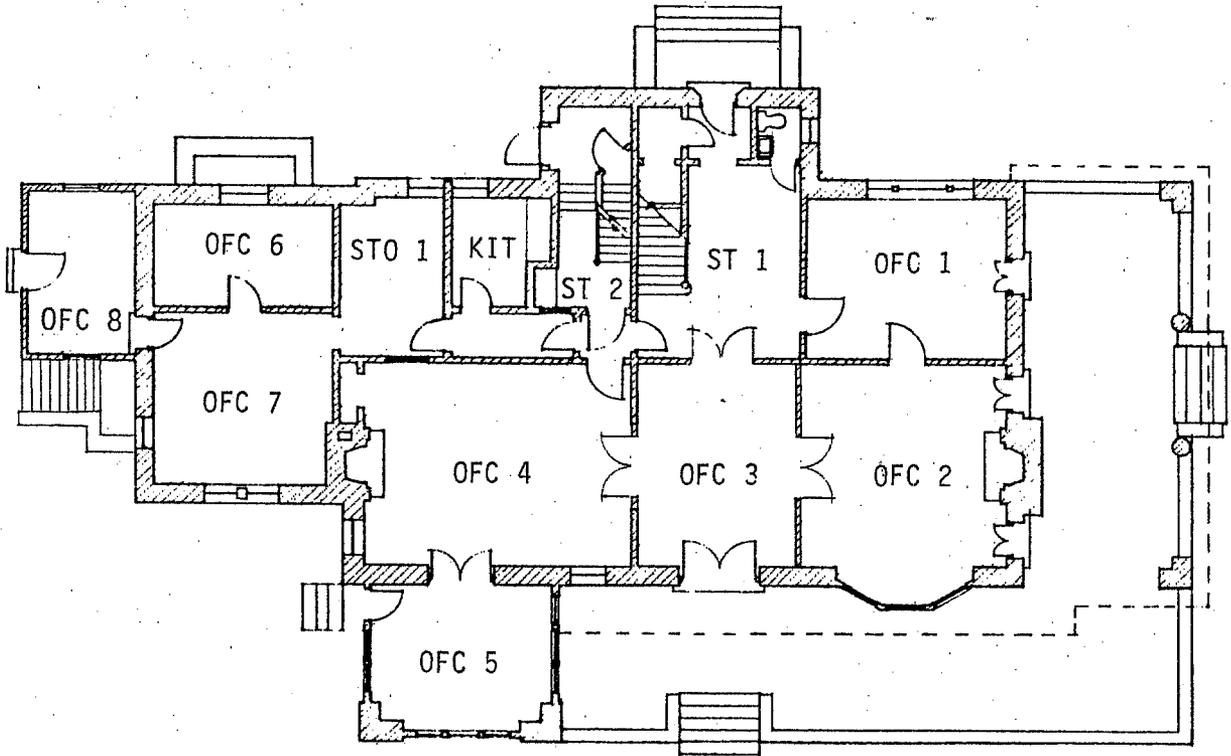




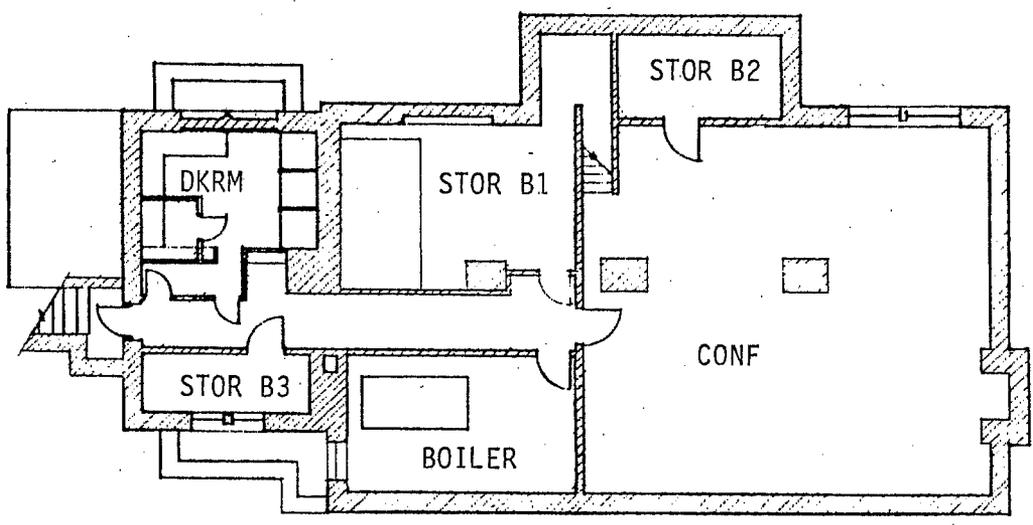
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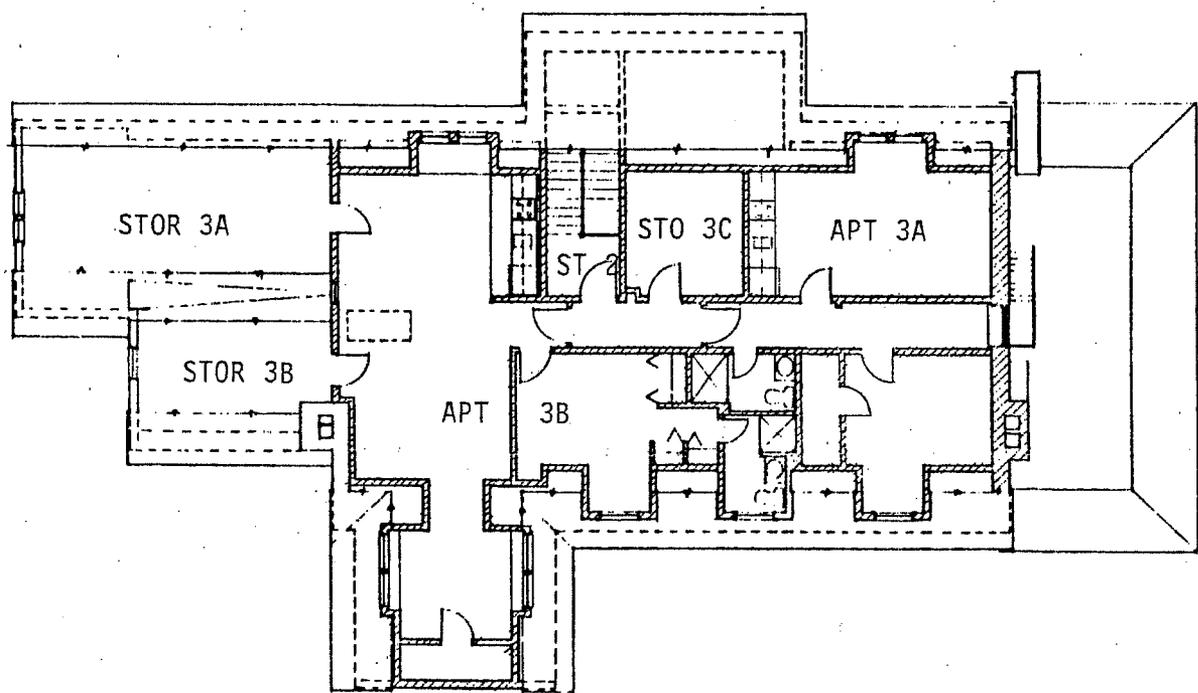


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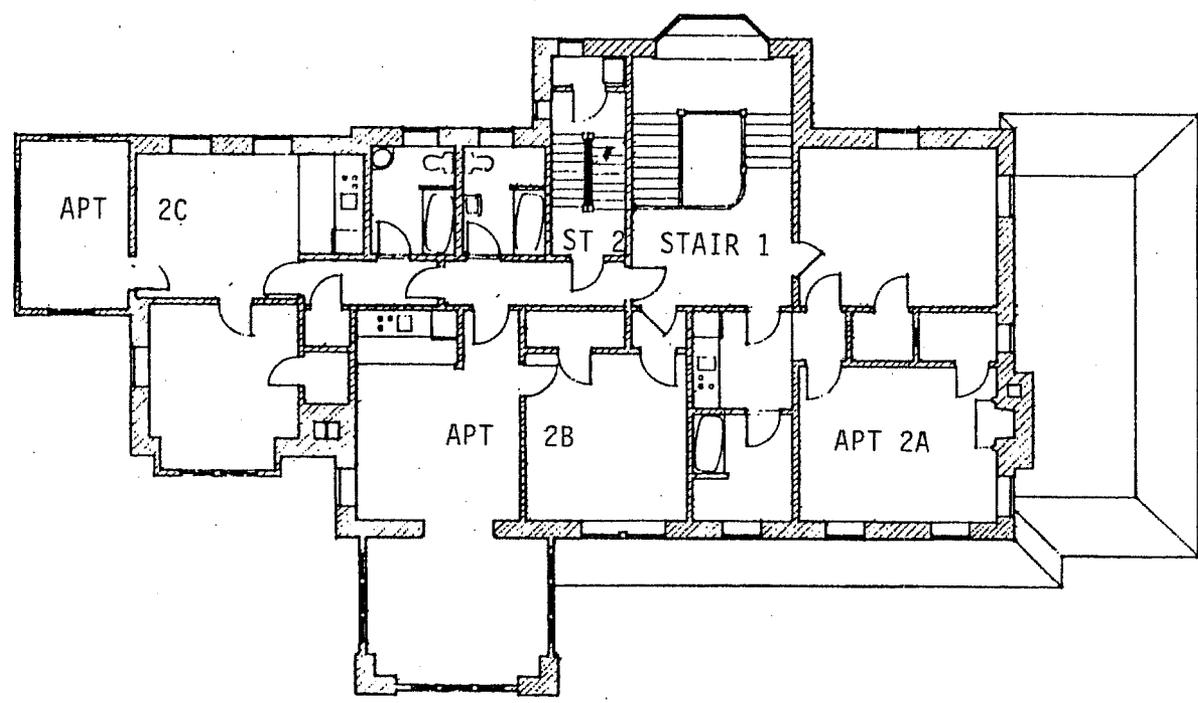


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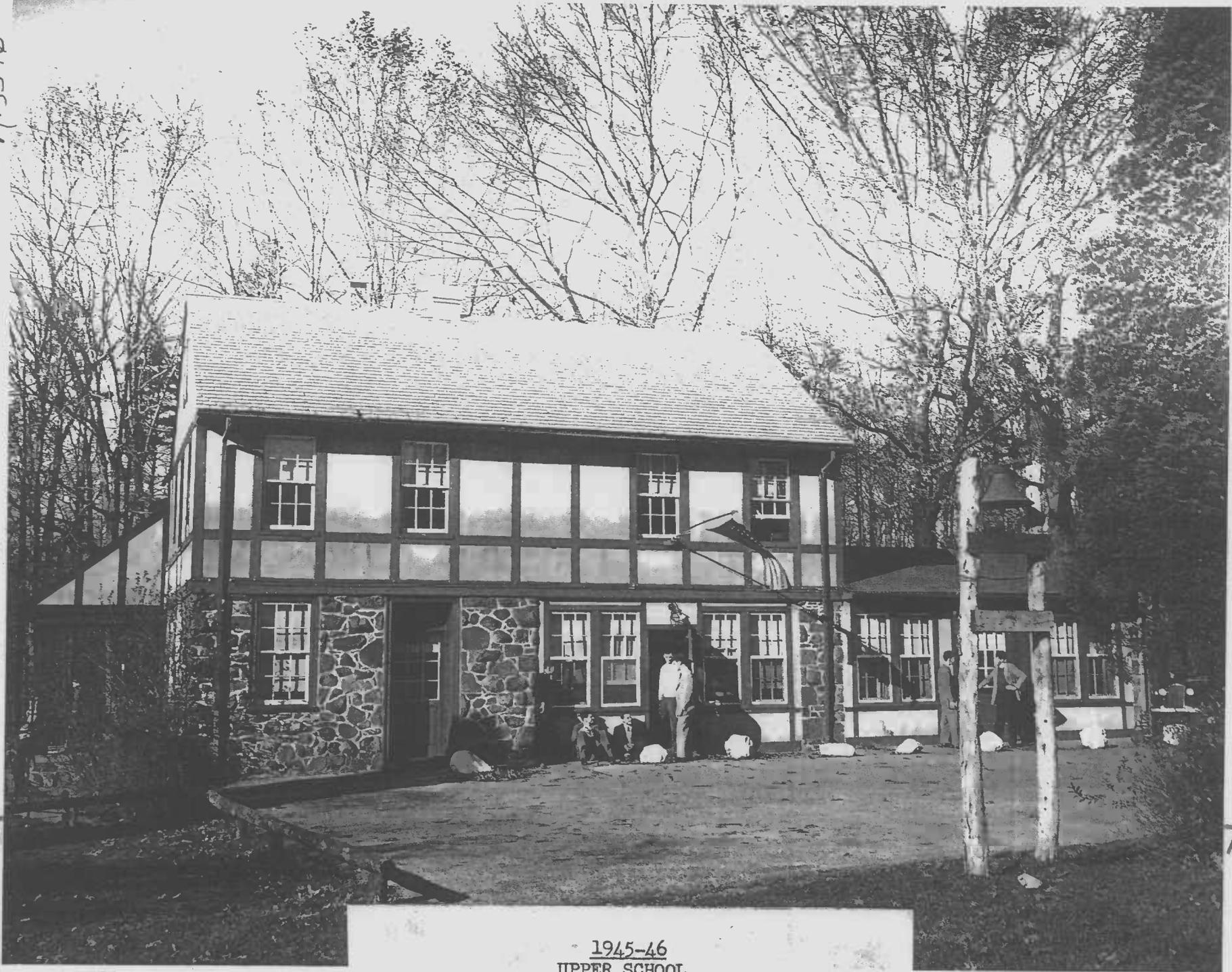
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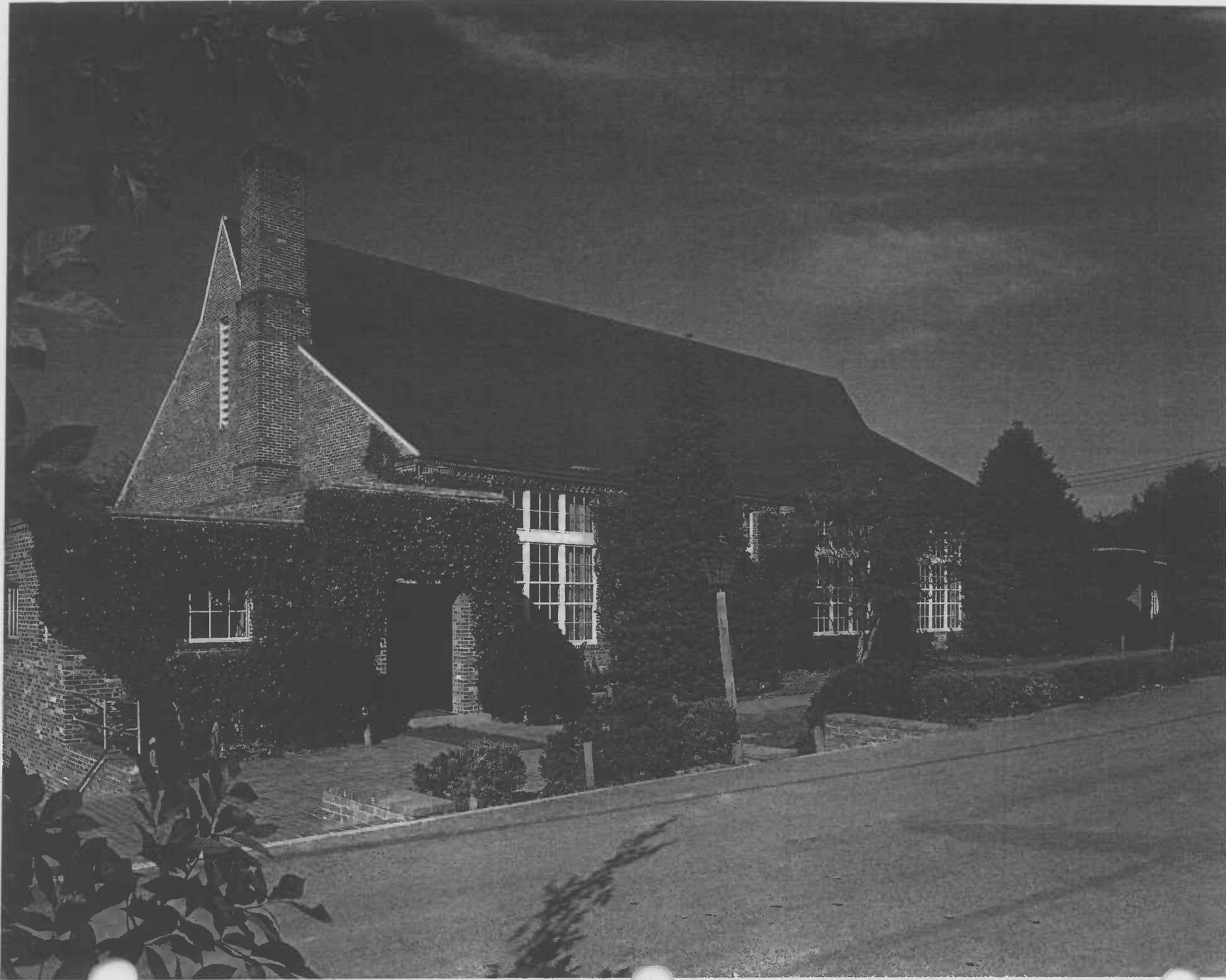


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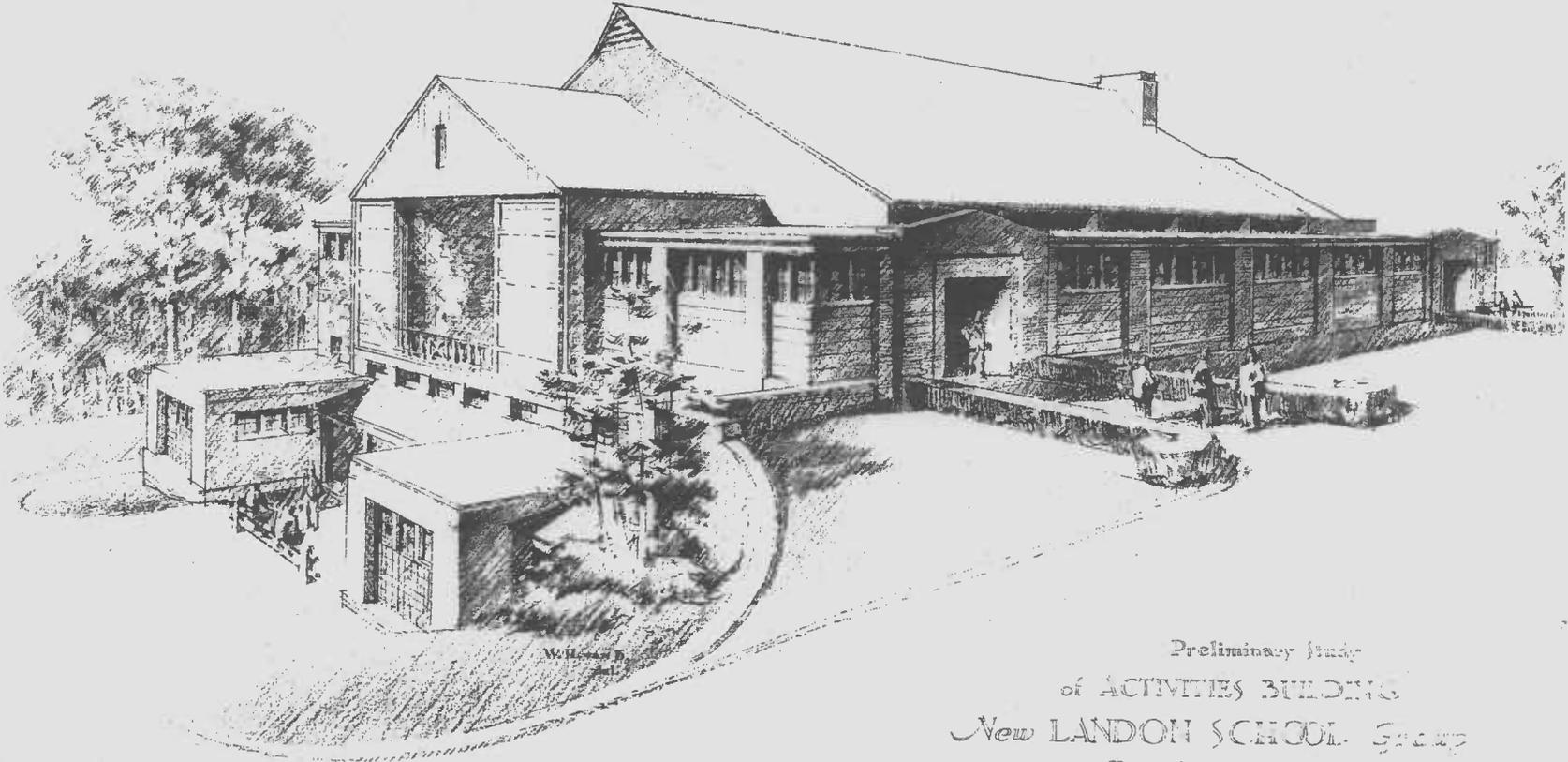
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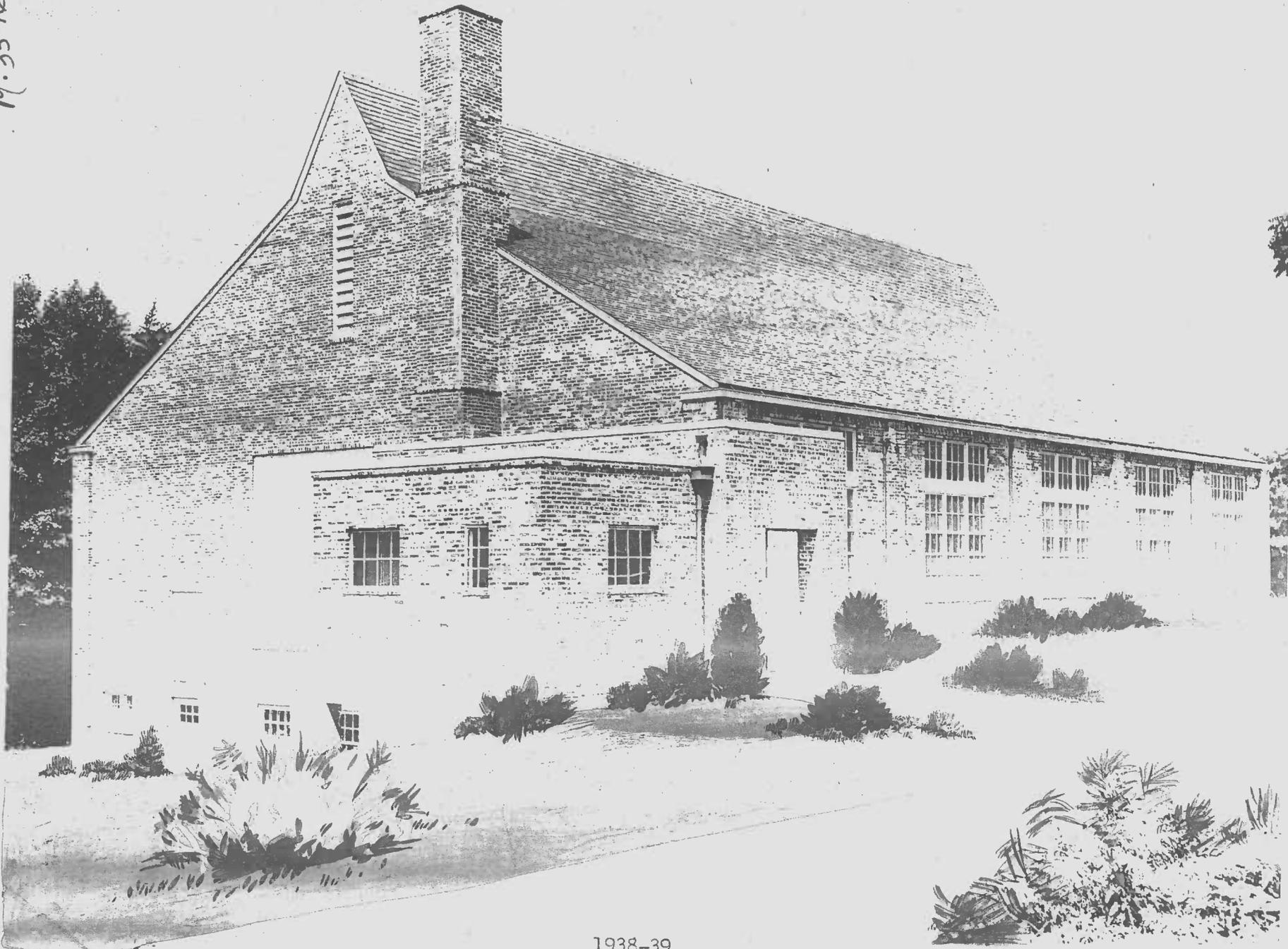
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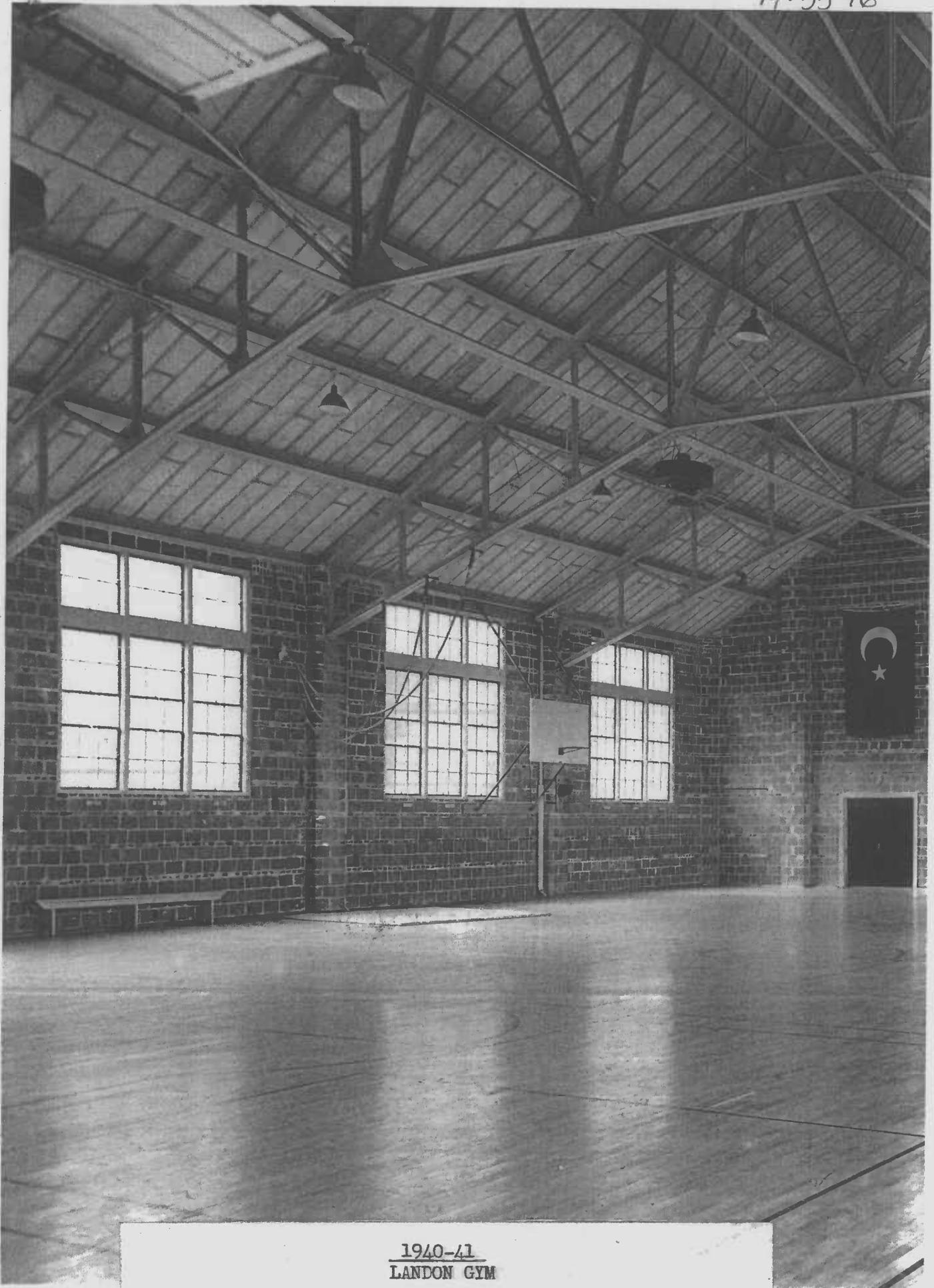
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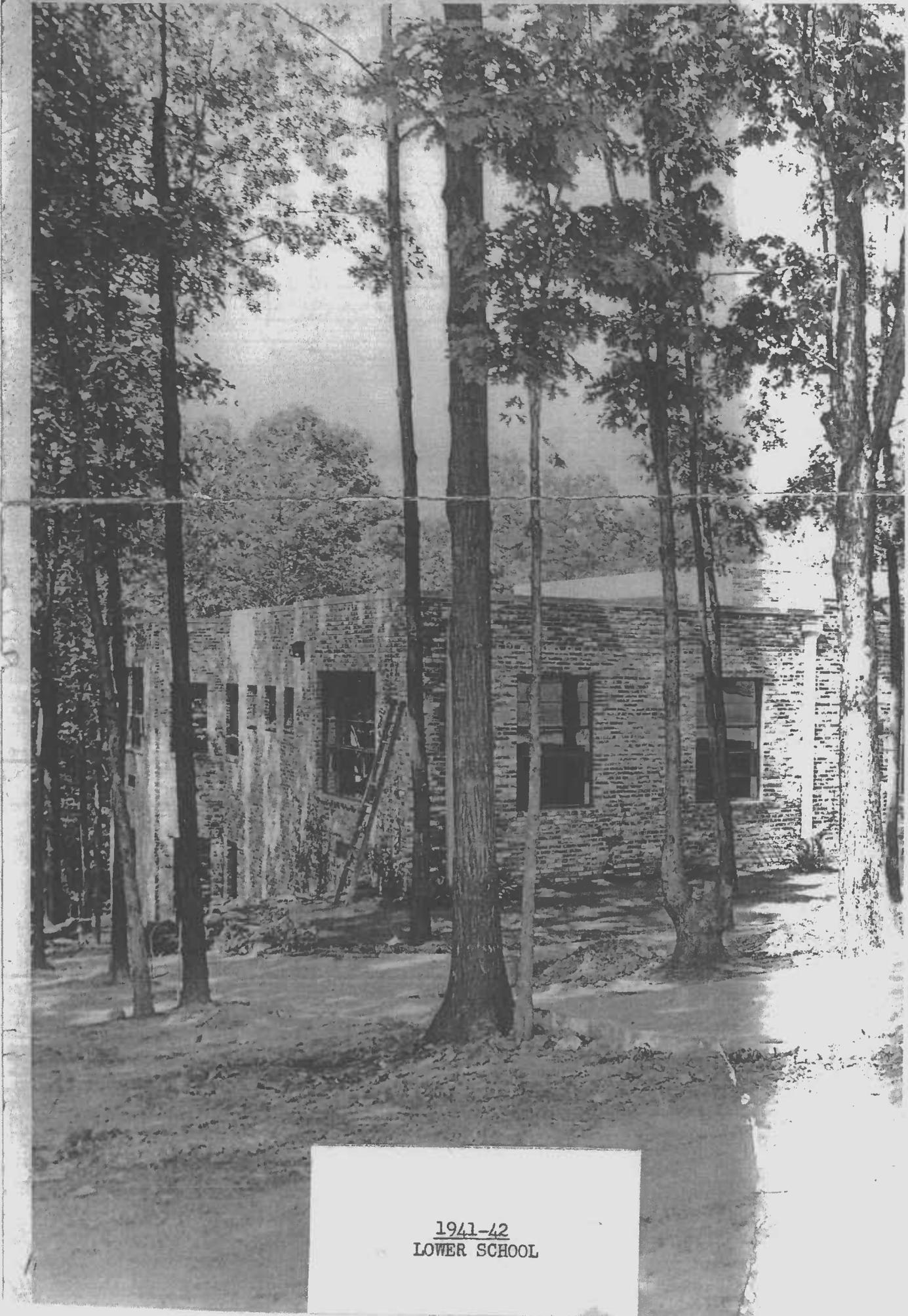


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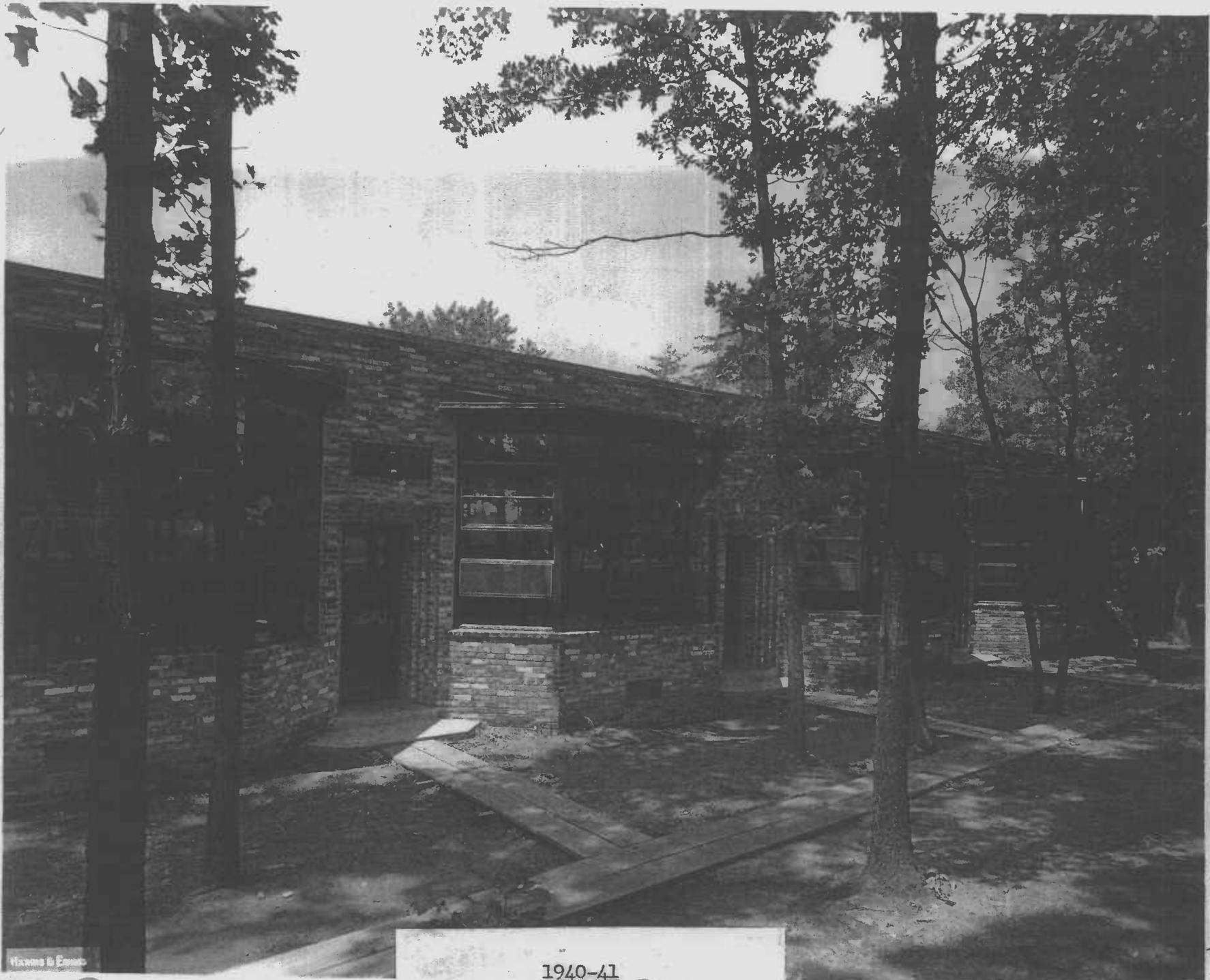
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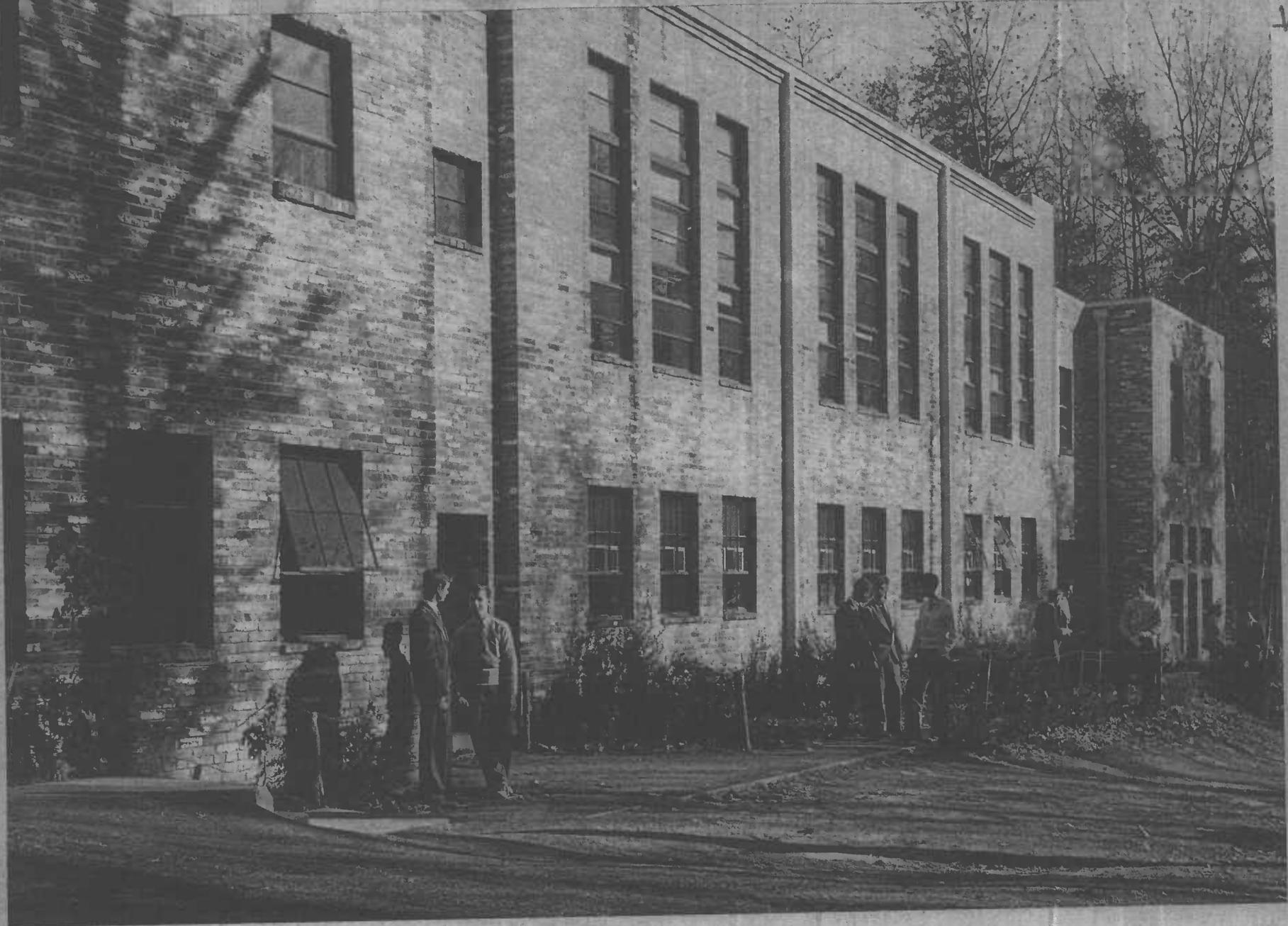
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