


## DEDICATION PROGRAM

INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

| Rev. Joseph W. Leahy |
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| Pastor, Saint Dorothy's Church |
| Mr. Robert Barrett |

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER
Principal, Glen Road Elementary School
Mr. Joseph F. Courtney
Permanent Building Committee
His Excellency, Foster Furcolo
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Governor of the Commonwealth
Mr. Erwin Hanke
Permanent Building Committee
Mr. John Valtz
Mr. S. Francis Kimberley
Valtz and Kimberley, Inc., Architects
Mr. John Scaldini

## Background to the Glen Road School

After it had become inescapably apparent that the Town of Wilmington must expect to construct the equivalent of a school each year for the next ten years, the Annual Town Meeting of March, 1958 voted the establishment of a permanent Building Committee consisting of five members appointed by the Town Manager and Board of Selectinen. The Town Meeting also provided for Advisory Members from the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, the Finance Committee, the Planning Board, and the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools.

In addition to the responsibility for planning and site selection for future school buildings, the Permanent Building Committee was instructed to proceed with the construction of an elementary school on town-owned land off Glen Road to consist of not more than twelve classrooms at a total cost not to exceed $\$ 400,000$.

The Permanent Building Committee was cognizant of the desire of the Town Meeting to achieve an economical but good quality school that could be both adaptable to other sites within the Town and expansible if required by future needs. Therefore, the architect was instructed to explore economy through the efficient and imaginative allocation of space rather than by the use of low quality building materiais.

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The unique design developed by the architects has ingeniously resolved the traditional conflict between economy and quality. The school is comparable in useable educational space, auxiliary facilities, building materials and finish to far more expensive schools constructed elsewhere in the Commonwealth. It is in fact, one of the least expensive elementary schools erected in Massachusetts in the last decade.

The Permanent Btilding Committee received invaluable assistance in the completion of its assignment from the advice and guidance of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee, Planning Board, Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools. In particular, the site improvements and playgr ound area were developed at minimum cost through the fine cooperation and supervision of the Superintendent of Streets, James H. White.


## Typical Classroom



Typical Classroom

## Vital Statistics

## Estimated Cost

## As of December 31, 1959



# Wilmington's School Construction Program 

Projected Minimum Requirements For New School Construction In Wilmington<br>1958-1971 (x)




All-Purpose Cafetorium


All-Purpose Cafetorium


Remedial Reading Room


Modern Kitchen Facilities




Left to right: Edward F. Page (advisory member), Vincent R. McLain, Raymond G. McClure, John f. Collins (advisory member), Erwin Hanke, Chairman, Paul H. Niles, Secretary, and Joseph F. Courtney.

# Advisory Members of Permanent Building Committee 

Nicholas L. DeFelice
Arthur V. Lynch
Edward F. Page
Stanley Webber
John G. Hayward
William K. Irwin
John R. Evans
Alfred Calabrese
Cecil O . Lancaster
John J. Collins

Board of Selectmen
School Committee' - 1958
School Committee - 1959
Finance Committee - 1958
Finance Ccmmittee - 1958-1959
Planning Board-1958
Planning Board-1959
Town Manager - 1958-59
Town Manager - 1959
Superintendent of Schools


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