





The new John Clancy Elementary School in Kenner as it looked in 1954. Additions have been added through the years. (From the Jefferson Parish Yearly Review).



The present John Martyn High School facility on Shrewsbury Road was known as the Colored High School when it opened in the middle 1950's. (From the Jefferson Parish Yearly Review).

schools were financed with this portion of the money. These eight new schools and the cost of construction were:

Bridge City Elementary	\$102,270.77
Bridge City Elementary Addition	63,786.34
W.S. Hart Elementary	59,507.53
McDonogh No. 27 Negro Elementary	99,641.09
Shrewsbury Negro (Elementary and High)	313,672.96
Bridge City Negro Elementary	43,323.34
Harvey Negro Elementary	59,424.80
Walkertown Negro Elementary and High	404,655.02

When civic groups began to criticize the handling of these funds, Superintendent Higgins ordered an audit by L.S. Guenther, Certified Public Accountant. The report showed that \$4,059,397.50 had been spent as of March 3, 1952, and that there was a balance on hand of \$1,500,000 in the First National Bank of Jefferson Parish and the Metairie Savings Bank and Trust Company.¹⁵ A further breakdown of the figures showed the following expenditures:

New Construction and Additions	\$2,556,125.17
Repairs and Renovations	1,052,104.91
Building Sites Purchased	233,300.00
Equipment	102,954.44
Miscellaneous Costs	61,904.94
Expenses of the Election and Insurance	53,011.04

Actual work on the two high schools began in 1953 and they were accepted as finished on May 25, 1955. The two schools were similarly constructed of reinforced steel and concrete with a

¹⁵*Times-Picayune*, June 8, 1952.