

**The Whitestown High School gym was dedicated on April 11, 1941  
Attached is the article from the Lebanon Reporter, 04/14/1941.**

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**WHITESTOWN GYM  
DEDICATION HELD**

**A.L. Trester Speaker:  
Exhibit Praised**

Whitestown Indiana, April 14

Dedication services and the school exhibit at the new gymnasium at Whitestown Friday evening brought together one of the largest crowds from this and surrounding communities in the history of the school.

A.L. Trester commissioner of the Indiana high school athletic association was guest speaker with Paul J. Swank, county superintendent, and Frank Null, principal of the local school, master of ceremonies.

Upon arrival the guests were guided through the classrooms where work of each department was on display. The tour included visits to the rooms of the first six grades. Commerce, English, Physics, Social Studies, Home Economics and Manual arts rooms and also the locker rooms. The tour concluded in the new gymnasium.

The displays included cutout work, crayon notebooks, themes, sewing, baking and manual training handwork. The exhibit was the largest and one of the best given here.

The Zionsville band gave an hour of lovely music. Just as the program was about to get underway at eight o'clock all lights of the school dimmed and then went out for keeps. The load was too much for the old transformer. Candles and a gasoline light were used to illuminate the gym. Handicapped by inadequate lighting part of the evening's program could not be presented.

The speaker gave a splendid address asking the question "what do we dedicate when we dedicate a new gymnasium?" He interestingly answered his question in three parts: First, the physical building; second, community spirit, and third, a firm belief in education.

Several students of the music department of the school under the direction of Mrs. Wilber Casey gave a variety of numbers. "A Boone County Jamboree" and "Flag Drill" were cleverly given grade pupils. The style revue was outstanding in so much as apparel made by this department showed proper dress for each hour and every occasion of the day. Miss Billie Hine made the presentations in unique narrations. Miss Theda June Linville sang "God bless America" and "Goodnight Mother". Miss Rebecca Clemens and Catherine Wallace rendered trumpet and saxophone numbers.

Worth Township Trustee Charles Essex spoke thanking the patrons all concerned in making the new gym a decided success.

Principal Null made several school announcements and the Zionsville band concluded the program by playing the national anthem