

Maytag Gymnasium

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

1930

“Where physical development will receive attention as a part of the four-fold need of man: Spiritual, Intellectual, Social, Physical.”

- Taylor University
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Nearly half of the building's existence has been defined by its role as Maytag Gymnasium, but few students can envision Rediger Chapel/Auditorium in its original form.

Now Rediger Chapel/Auditorium, construction of Maytag Gymnasium began in October of 1929. Funding for the project was made possible largely by T. H. Maytag, brother of Maytag Washing Machine Company founder. In addition to sporting events, Maytag hosted Taylor presidential inaugurations, the Grant County Corn Show, plays, graduation, Youth Conference events, and Sunday evening services. The final basketball game in Maytag Gymnasium was attended by Taylor greats: Don Odle, George Glass, and Milo Rediger. In an appropriate tribute to the building's legacy, "President Rediger trim[med] the net for the last time,"



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