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This is the program for the “Dedication of the Junior-Senior High School Building, Gideon, Missouri,” dated 17 September 1937.

The Common School District surrounding Gideon in New Madrid County, Missouri, had a total enrollment of 1,910 students in 1936-1937. The new Junior-Senior High School Building cost $99,000, including a “government grant” [Public Works Administration] of $37,000 and a “State’s contribution” of $2,000. The building included eleven classrooms and a gymnasium/auditorium.

School Board president R. B. Meentemeyer presided over the dedication ceremonies, which included remarks by William P. Anderson and J. C. Anderson of the Gideon-Anderson Lumber Company, and short talks by the architect, contractor, state PWA director, and U.S. Senator Harry S. Truman. U.S. Representative Orville Zimmerman delivered the dedicatory address.

The program is printed on one sheet of paper, folded over to make four panels. A photograph of the new edifice is on the front panel.