

MENTONE SCHOOL HISTORY

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until 1883

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Residence

The first school or academy in this school district was located on the east side of the main highway's residence. Its appearance was hardly desirable, the rural district school of that time. As far as I am able to learn Miss Dora Goshert and Mary Lincoln were the last teachers of that school.

In the spring of 1883, since there was an increase in population, the old building was not large enough to accommodate the pupils. So after some discussion, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Everly, the trustees, decided to build a larger building where the school house now stands.

The construction was soon begun and the fall was finished. It was a large frame building, heated by stoves, and unlike our present building, it was surrounded on the north and east by woods and a rail fence.

Frank Cratcher, assigned by Miss Anna Melick, taught the first term in the new building. Following these were: O. A. Harding, Miss Effie Brindley, Mr. Poggess, Mr. Porter, Mr. Under, Mrs. Jefferberger and Mr. Sloan. The High School was first established by Mr. Under and was thoroughly organized by Sloan, the last teacher in the old frame building.

The history would not be complete if I did not mention one peculiarity of Mr. Sloan. He was not satisfied with the diligence of the teachers of the lower rooms, in regard to the discipline of the school and consequently holes were bored in the doors of the different rooms. Through these holes the gentlemen often took a birdseye view of the rooms and any time the unruly youngsters were surprised by the appearance of the professor with a victory saddle. This was the case that followed.

The present school building was built by the architect A. L. Franer, under the supervision of the trustees, J. C. Mertenberger, L. P. Jefferies and G. F. Doane. It consists of six rooms, well lighted, heated and ventilated. It also has some of the latest improvements for the comfort of the pupils.

The instructors of the schools since the construction of the new building are as follows: O. V. Doane, Mrs. Beldon, Miss Esther Martin, W. I. Fish, Miss Mary Goff, Miss Laura Hill, C. G. Goshert, E. W. Hudson, L. A. Meredith, Miss Alice Jennings, Miss J. C. Cratcher and W. E. Lewis, our present principal.

While the music has always been back of the school, as a matter of course, the officials to whom have been entrusted the administration of affairs, are largely responsible for the growth or decay of any system of schools.

Among the persons who have served on the board of Education, and have very materially assisted in the progress of the schools, are the following: G. E. Doane, A. C. Mertenberger, L. P. Jefferies, J. W. Dunlap, Dr. E. Stockberger, M. Reichway, Dr. W. H. Jeffery, W. A. Forst, D. W. Lewis and L. M. Eddinger.

As a whole we are very much indebted to the teachers and officers named above, for our schools at the present time, are in an excellent condition - a condition, that indicates growth in the past and a bright outlook for the future.

Our schools are such as insure good instruction, sanitary surroundings and all that is fitting to secure the best result of learning. It is thought that in the near future, another year will be added to the high school and then our officials our present and the next year will look on the completion of the course. With these improvements our schools would certainly become a model of public schools.

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