

"Early Schools"

The first school of Mentone area was located at the intersection of the now Road 19725 on the lot now occupied by the American Legion Home. Mentone wasn't layed out at this time. It was a district school probably Dis 13 it may have been called the Morgan school since it was on the ~~J. Morgan~~ ^{J. Morgan} Smith land. The early Mentone school stood on the lot where Dr. Wilson has his office and the Reed dwelling place. In 1892 it housed a two year High School as well as grade pupils. The first class to graduate had C.M. Sloan as the teacher. In 1893 a three year High School was in a 6 room Bldg. It was made of brick. Because of lack of High School students it was 1896 before another class graduated. O.W. Bowman was principal. In 1908 a 4 yr. High School was declared. Some of the Early Teachers were: S.A. Boggess 1893, Mary Otis 1895, W.M. Fish, Mr. Davis, Alice Jennings, 1901 & 02, Lindsey Blue 1903 & 04, A.G. Wood, Frank Crutcher, Miss Crutcher, Leah Blue, Miriam Boggess, George Kelston, The Meredith, Helen Blue Pandoran, Dale Kelley, Ethel Smith, Adeline Boggess, Edna Wolfe. Clara Warren (early teacher)