

## EARLY SCHOOLS

The first school of the Mentone area was located at the intersection of State Roads 19 and 25, on the lot now occupied by the Pack Rat Palace antique shop. Mentone wasn't layed out at this time. It was a district school, probably District 13. It may have been called the Morgan school, since it was on the John Morgan land. The early Mentone school stood where Dr. Wilson's office is and north to the library. In 1892, it housed a two-year high school as well as grade school. The first class to graduate had C. M. Sloan as teacher. In 1893, a three-year high school was in a six-room building. It was made of brick. Because of the lack of high school students, it was 1896 before another class graduated. O. H. Bowman was principal. In 1908, a four-year high school was declared. Some of the early teachers were: S. A. Boggess (1893), Mary Otis (1895), Wm. Fish, Mr. Davis, Alice Jennings (1901 & 2), Lindsey Blue (1903 & 4), A. G. Wood, Frank Crutcher, Miss Crutcher, Leah Blue, Miriam Boggess, George Ralston, Ike Meredith, Hellen Blue Van Doran, Dale Kelley, Ethel Smith, Adaline Boggess, Edna Wolfe, Clara Warren.