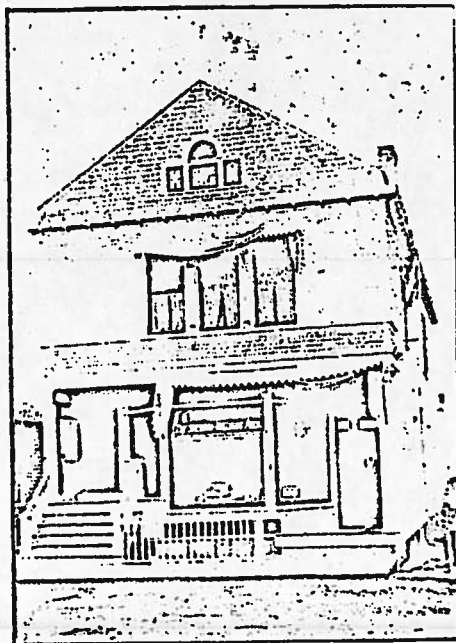
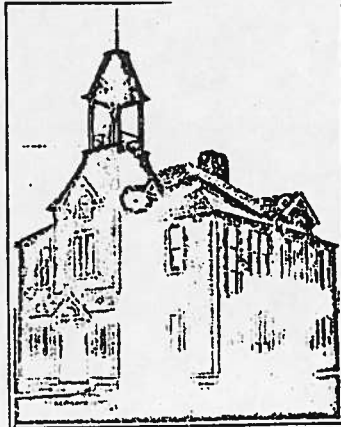


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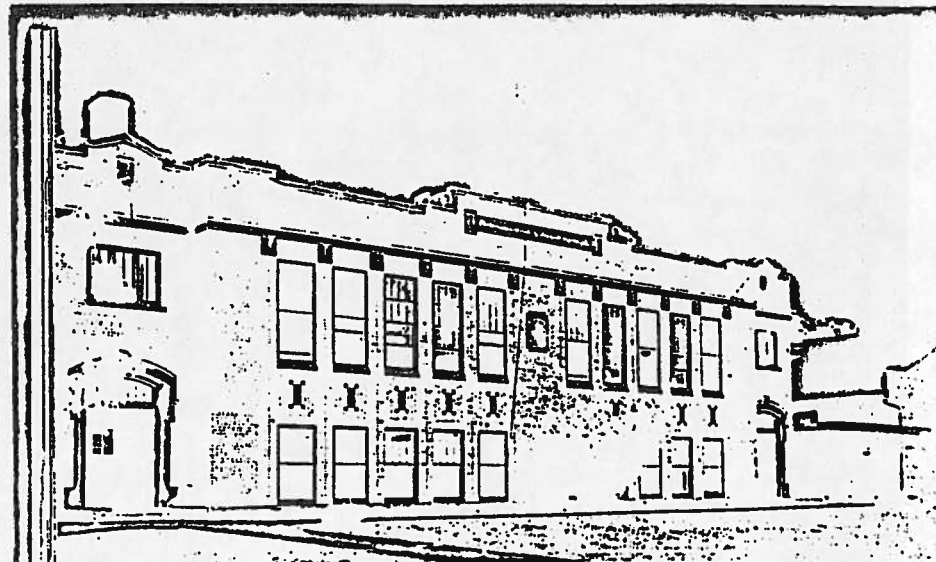
"WHERE WE HAVE BEEN"

The Melrose
Grade School



The I. O. O. F.

Building.



HISTORY OF MINDORO HIGH SCHOOL

On October 20, 1919, a petition was signed by 151 electors of our community for the establishment of a Union Free High School at Mindoro. The first school board was organized in 1919. William Keppel was elected clerk, Fred Brown the Director, and Fred Mulder the Treasurer. The new high and grade school building was constructed in 1921. It consisted of three rooms, a large assembly, and stage upstairs, and three rooms and the gymnasium downstairs. The total cost at that time was \$53,000.

The first faculty consisted of Helmer J. Hembre, Xina M. Grant, and Lester O. Lacey, with Mr. Hembre serving as principal. The first person to graduate under this faculty was Flossie Sebo, who transferred from West Salem and finished here in 1922 as an only graduate. The next class, of 1923, was made up of six members, Marion Radcliffe, Favorite Deibe, Raymond Erickson, Manley Hendrickson, Chester Olson, and Stanley Roberts.

Some interesting and significant highlights in the history of M. H. S. are: Mindoro High won the District Basketball Championship at West Salem in 1942. The team was made up of W. Tomten, L. Mulder, L. Fisher, A. Harebu, E. Lash, D. Welda, R. Eggen, and K. Berchert.

The Mindoro High Band went to the State Band Contest in Milwaukee on May 10, 1930, and received a superior rating. D. W. Nichols was the director at that time.

The total number of graduates since 1921 through the present '64" class is 725.

The largest class ever to graduate was the class of '66" with 23 members.

As far as is known, no one who has graduated from Mindoro High School has ever had a criminal record.

In 1949, the farm shop building was added to the north-west of the main building, at the cost of \$15,075, for the expansion of the agricultural program.

The latest addition, the new gymnasium, was built in 1955, to the south of the main building. Its playing floor measures 78 x 45 feet. There is a stage located at the east end of the new gymnasium with a coach's office and a music room adjacent to it. Below these offices are located the locker and shower rooms. The cost of the new addition, remodeling of the old building, hot lunch kitchen, heating plant and architectural fees totaled approximately \$43,000. The above figures are especially interesting when compared to the projected cost of our new consolidated Melrose-Mindoro High School--\$635,000.

Times have, indeed, changed! And so has education. The community of Mindoro has accepted the challenge of changing times by providing the finest educational opportunities to assure the future of its youth. And now we proudly present to you our new school, as shown in the architect's sketch on the cover-liner of our 1936 COULEE ECHIO.

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