

UNION FREE HIGH SCHOOL, WILMOT, WISCONSIN

The exact date of establishment of the high school is indefinite, for as early as 1879 the course of study in the school was equivalent to that of the ninth and tenth grade of the present day. In 1903 the high school course was extended to a full four year course and the first class to complete the four year high school graduated in 1905. It consisted of seven members and we think it entirely fitting to mention their names in this brief history: Rosa B. Bufton, Grace M. Carey, Helen Carey Dobyms, Lillian E. Darby, Edith Hatch Allen, Henry Blim and Laura Loftus Ferry. The principal of this school was A. P. Minsart and the other high school teacher was Rosa M. Purdue.

In 1908 the State Legislature passed a law providing for the establishment of Union Free High Schools and in 1912 a district composed of parts of the towns of Salem, Randall and Wheatland was mapped out and approved by the electors.

In 1918 a two-room addition was completed and in 1922 a separate gymnasium building was erected. In 1929 two additional classrooms and washrooms were added to the original school building. On New Year's morning, 1933 fire of an undetermined origin destroyed the school building. Construction of what would now be called the old wing of this building was started in May, 1933 and was occupied on October 30, 1933. During this period high school classes were held in the gymnasium.

In 1950 the district which was formed in 1912 was enlarged to include all of the village of Twin Lakes and all of the township of Randall, thereby providing a compact, well populated high school district with an exceptionally high valuation per student. The State Equalized Valuation of the district is over twenty-three million dollars.

In 1951 the voters of the district approved the building of the addition which is being dedicated today. This modern school building is designed and planned to meet the educational needs of the children and community. The building is built of fire resistant materials. The walls are brick, cement block and plaster; the floors of steel joists covered with concrete slabs. Glazed tile has been used in many parts of the building. Asphalt tile has been used for floor surfaces with ceramic tile in washrooms and showers. The gymnasium floor is of grade A maple laid on a subfloor which in turn is laid on a water proof vermiculite concrete. Conservative, modern design is the theme of the entire addition. Sound construction has been emphasized. Convenience, efficiency, safety, comfort and economy of operation have been foremost in every bit of the planning.

The new addition includes a Science Laboratory, Social Science Room, Music Rooms, Shop Rooms, General and Private Office, Boys' and Girls' Washrooms; also a gymnasium auditorium 94 feet x 96 feet with a suspended, acoustical ceiling and adequate locker and shower rooms for both boys and girls. The playing floor for basketball is 50 feet x 84 feet and there are two cross courts for practice. Folding bleachers are used for seating and there is sufficient space to eventually provide seating for 1800 people at basketball games. The stage is 44 feet x 26 feet and has exceptionally fine rigging and lighting. Alterations to the original building provide a new modern heating and ventilation plant, acoustical treatment and the conversion of a classroom to a library, a Fine Arts Department and a Manual Arts Department have been added to the curriculum of the school, thereby providing a complete program for the students in all high school course areas.

This district now has all the essentials to have one of the finest high school programs found anywhere and it can be our fondest hopes that the interest and enthusiasm of the people of the district will help to make this program a complete reality.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Marlin M. Schnurr Presiding

Open House 12:30 - 2:00and3:30 - 5:00
Movies of Construction 3:30
Band Selections1:45 to 2:00 High School Band
Invocation Rev. Harold J. O'Conner
Presentation of Flag Legion Posts: Schultz-Hahn Post No. 293
Scott-Semrau Post No. 361, Twin Lakes Post No. 544

Municipal Guests:

Chairman of Town of Randall Fred Rasch
Chairman of Town of Salem Earl Elfers
Chairman of Town of Wheatland George Schlitz
President of Village of Silver Lake William Richter
President of Village of Twin Lakes Alfred Fischer
County Board Supervisor, Silver Lake Martin Schenning
County Board Supervisor, Twin Lakes Arnold Buschman

Board of Education:

Director Henry Bierdz
Treasurer Stanley H. Stoxen
Clerk Raymond H. Forster
Member Alfred Fischer
Member William Busch
Member Raymond Loth
Member Ervin Rasch

Response by Henry Bierdz

Architects and Contractors:

General Construction Oliver Construction Co., Oconomowoc, Wis.
Electrical Work Bakke Electric Co., Waterford, Wis.
Heating Ted Kuck Co., Sheboygan, Wis.
Plumbing Carey Electric & Plumbing Shop, Antioch, Ill.
Architects Boyum, Schubert and Sorenson, LaCrosse, Wis.
Response by Carl Schubert

Staff:

Marlin M. Schnurr Principal
Malcolm Alby Mathematics
Enoch Brice Social Science
Frank Bucci Physical Education, Coach
Mary Feltz English, Spanish, Library
Henry Frank Commercial
Genevieve Gulan English, Dramatics
Cecelia Howland Fine Arts
Hendric Hudson Science
Chester Knight Agriculture, Industrial Arts
Angelo LaValle Music
Marilyn Meister Social Science
Ruth Miller Home Economics
Lawrence Stein Commercial
Norman Stockwell Veteran Trainer
Marjorie Stoxen Secretary
Gus Neuman Maintenance Engineer
Herman Frank Maintenance Engineer

Band Selection High School Band
Address Secondary School Supervisor, Roy S. Ihlenfeldt
Benediction Rev. E. Duane Hulse
National Anthem High School Band