



In 1927 bonds were voted to build at \$91,000 the high school building, herewith pictured. It is the one now in use, and was among the very first in North Missouri to provide a high school auditorium (seating capacity over 600) with stage and basketball court.

the groundwork of future society, in charge of Prof. Willis and his able associates. Signed—A Visitor.

Due to a smaller enrollment and a general lack of interest, the college merged into a public school in May, 1892.

Bonds in the sum of \$10,000 were voted at a special election Nov. 18, 1893, for the purpose of erecting a new high school building, the assessed valuation of the district being \$900,000. Rate of taxation July 1, 1893 was 40c on the \$100 valuation.

The contract for the building was let in February to Mr. Magill. Mr. Tubesing was the architect. The building was 85x93 feet with two fronts, one east, the other north. The walls were of St. Louis pressed brick. Each room was 23x32. There were six rooms on the first floor, each being provided with a cloak room. The second floor was like the first except two rooms were thrown into one for use as a chapel. And in the east hall over the front entrance was a room for the superintendent.

The teachers of 1893 were J. T. Vaughn, supt.; M. L. Gerard, 1st high school asst.; Olga Miller, 2nd high school asst.; E. R. Edwards, prin.; Mabel Cooper 5th grade; Minnie Patterson 4th grade; Alice Grant 3rd grade; Gertrude Blodgett 2nd grade and Kate Cooper primary. Salaries ranged from \$100 to \$40 per month.

Oct. 8, 1894 school opened in the new building. The superintendent was Prof. J. T. Vaughn. He was considered one of the best school men in the state. The first regular commencement was held in the spring of 1894. The graduates were Frank Blodgett, John Yost and Harry Bragg.

The pressing need for expanded facilities made necessary the building of an addition to the structure which was erected in 1894. A special election was held April 30, 1912 for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the district the proposition to borrow \$22,000 to provide funds for an addition to the present building. The election results were for the loan 292, against the loan 135. This building was completed in the early fall of 1912. It was later used as an elementary school building until March 1, 1957.

In 1927 the high school building erected in 1894 was declared unsafe and on March 22, 1927 a special election was held to incur indebtedness of the district in the sum of \$85,000 to erect a new high school. Results of the election were 724 for and 110 against the loan. The corner stone for the new building was laid Sept. 2, 1927. The building cost \$91,000 as compared with the old one which cost \$10,000. The building was completed in December 1927. School was held in the new building January 16, 1928.

State Supt. of Schools Chas. A. Lee dedicated the new high

school building January 24, 1928. About 800 people attended. Supt. W. E. Moore presided.

The Shelbina Special School District's property consists of the old grade school building constructed in 1912 following a \$22,000 bond issue, the present high school building erected in 1927 following an \$85,000 bond issue and added to in 1938 with a \$10,000 bond issue and PWA assistance, a Vocational Agriculture shop building built in 1947 following a \$6,000 bond issue (some of this used to buy land which now is the football field,) a bus barn and lot on E. Mill St., a building and lot on East Maple St., formerly Lincoln elementary school, a rural school building formerly the Prairie school house, and a new fire-resistant elementary school building completed in 1957 following a \$240,000 bond issue.

The present evaluation of the Shelbina Special District is \$2,723,365. This figure was reached in 1956 due to the annexation of the Prairie district in March 1955, the annexation of the Walkersville district in March 1956 and the increase in the assessed valuation of property within the district as authorized by the Missouri State Tax Commission.

The Shelbina Public Schools are classified AA-6-6 by the State Department of Education with 40 units of approved credits offered in the high school, and fully accredited by the North Central Assn. of Secondary Schools and Colleges. These approved credits include the **Language Arts** of English I, II, III, IV, Speech and Latin; the **Social Studies** of Social Sciences I and II, American History, Sociology and Family Relations; **Mathematics** including General Mathematics, Algebra, Plane Geometry, Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry; **Natural Sciences** of General Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics; **Fine Arts** of Art I and II, Instrumental and Vocal Music; **Practical Arts** of General Business, Typing, Shorthand I and II, Bookkeeping in the Commercial Field, Vocational Agriculture I, II, III and IV, Vocational Home Economics I, II and III, Industrial Arts with Shop and Mechanical Drawing, Driver Training and Education; Physical Education for both boys and girls, and Health.

The Athletic program of inter-school competition consists of **Football**, Junior high and Senior high; **Basketball**, boys and girls Junior high and Senior high; **Track and Baseball**. The high school and junior high athletic teams have consistently ranked high in competition with other schools and continue to be an asset to the school and community by their display of fine conduct and good sportsmanship in all contests.

The instrumental music department led by the present 60-piece high school band, continues to uphold the tradition of always ranking high in district and state competition. The future of the instrumental music department appears secure with a 30-piece junior band and a 30-piece beginners band each year. The band has, for a number of years, given weekly summer concerts and represented the school and community by its appearance in neighboring towns on special occasions.

The vocal music department, boys and girls glee clubs, mixed chorus and ensembles, has consistently ranked high in district and state competition. This department has performed many community services by annually visiting the local churches and presenting musical programs for local clubs and organizations.

The Vocational Agriculture department boasts of having one of the oldest Future Farmers of America chapters in the state. They have continually won their way into state contests and brought home their share of honors. Members of their group have annually been awarded the State Farmer Degree, with a state FFA officer and two American Farmer degrees being among their recent achievements.

The Shelbina chapter of the National Honor Society was organized in 1933. Membership in this society is limited to 15 percent of the graduating seniors with leadership, character, service and scholarship being the principles for individual mem-