

bership. Since its organization in 1933, 255 graduating seniors have obtained membership.

Numerous clubs are organized annually in the schools where students learn the principles of democracy and self expression by actually participating in democratic organizations.

The elementary school consists of 300 students enrolled in the first six grades. Their program consists of classroom instruction in accordance with the state course of study as outlined by the State Department of Education. Special instruction in Art, Vocal Music and Instrumental Music are given the elementary students under the direct supervision of fully qualified instructors in these fields.

Since 1936 the Shelbina Public School, in cooperation with the Missouri State Division of Health, and local doctors and dentists, has had a Nine Point Health Program. Students found qualified after physical examinations, dental examinations, immunization clinics, and birth registration, are awarded nine-point health pins.

The Shelbina Elementary students have for the past several years participated in a Thrift Program through the purchase of U. S. Savings Stamps and Bonds. An average of \$60 per week has been invested in Savings Stamps each school year.

The Shelbina Public School is presently serving not only the Shelbina Special District, but a surrounding area of over 100 square miles. School busses travel over 500 miles daily transporting students to the Shelbina schools. The present school enrollment totals 595, with 392 resident and 203 non-resident students. Students from 27 rural districts, 11 in Monroe county and 16 in Shelby, are presently in attendance in the Shelbina schools.

The present faculty of the Shelbina Public School consists of 29 teachers holding valid teaching certificates from the State Department of Education. These 29 faculty members possess a total of 4276.5 college hours of training and 514 years of teaching experience.

At the present time the Shelbina Special District has a bonded indebtedness of \$221,000. The present school levy is \$2.65 on the \$100 assessed valuation, with \$2.00 going for operating levy and 65c for the debt levy. For the 1955-56 school year, the per pupil cost of educating an elementary student was \$174.70, the per pupil cost for a high school student was \$239.95.

In summarizing, here are a few highlights of the present school:

1954-55: the Negro high school students were integrated in the Shelbina high school.

Condemnation procedure was instituted in the Shelby county circuit court to acquire a site for a new elementary school in December, 1954. The report of the commissioners of the court (Paul Callison, Frank Wand, C. F. Kirby) was accepted by the Board of Education and \$11,500 was paid the defendants. (An additional \$1,000 was paid the defendants in April, 1955 following their appeal and change of venue to the Monroe county circuit court—an out-of-court settlement was made.)

1955-56: The Lincoln elementary school was closed and the resident pupils were integrated in the Shelbina elementary school.

Anna Jean Fox became the first member of her race to receive a high school diploma from the Shelbina high school.

In September, 1955 a \$240,000 bond issue won voters approval for the construction of a new elementary building in the district. The vote was 642 yes; 191 no.

New Elementary School



The new Shelbina elementary school, front view shown here, was completed this year at a cost of \$240,000.

The front of the building, here shown, has a 157 footage and a depth of 290 feet. There are 14 standard elementary rooms and a large general purpose room for indoor activities.

On March 1, 1956, a contract was awarded to the Sutton Construction Co. of Bethany, Mo., for the amount of \$235,447.00 for the construction of a new elementary school as drawn by Bonsack and Pearce, Inc., architects, St. Louis, Mo.

With the 1956 graduating class, 2187 regular high school diplomas have been issued since the first class graduated in 1894.

1956-57: March 1, 1957 — 300 elementary school students moved from the 1912 elementary school building to the new fire resistant building on West College Avenue.

The year 1957 brings another milestone in education, from a teacher's viewpoint. At the close of this year, the first Shelbina teacher will retire under the Retirement System of the State of Missouri. She is Miss Letha Cadwell, for 37 years the primary teacher in the elementary school in Shelbina. She has long been an influence for good in the community and she richly deserves the devotion and respect which she holds in Shelbina.

This is the story of the beginning and growth of education in Shelbina. Through the century the citizens have most ably supported educational efforts and have kept the faith with the young people of Shelbina, often at some sacrifice to themselves. Our educational progress is a perpetual monument to those people in the past, who have unselfishly given of their time and effort for one hundred years.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE SHELBINA SCHOOL

1892-1899—J. T. Vaughn	1919-1920—A. A. Ross
1899-1900—A. E. Stout	1920-1923—W. R. Henry
1900-1901—H. Blair	1923-1926—Stephen Blackhurst
1901-1907—Ira Richardson	1926-1932—W. E. Moore
1907-1908—J. W. Dunlap	1932-1937—W. S. Bennett
1908-1912—Nelson Kerr	1937-1944—D. D. Johnson
1912-1915—Noble L. Garrison	1944-1953—Chester C. Calvert
1915-1919—S. F. Bonney	1953—W. L. Shores