

California Twp.



"Roots"

WELCOME TO OUR HOMECOMING-DEDICATION
PROGRAM

MAY 22, 1979 7:00P.M.

SPEAKER-MR. JAMES LUCAS, former student
and 7th grade teacher

SPECIAL- "WE'RE PROUD OF WHO WE ARE"
5th grade class.

SPECIAL-DON FRANKLIN, former 5th grade
teacher, now Palmer School
Principal

AS CALIFORNIA TWP. SCHOOL WILL
BE CELEBRATING ITS 50th ANNIVERSARY
NEXT YEAR, WE ARE HAPPY AND PROUD TO
COMPILE THIS MOMENTO FOR YOU TO ENJOY.
TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY,
WE THANK YOU.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO TOUR THE
NEWLY REMODELED BUILDING.

KNOX COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
CALIFORNIA ELEMENTARY P.T.O.
CALIFORNIA ELEMENTARY FACULTY

A NEW IDEA, A NEW BUILDING, AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN OUR SCHOOL LIFE. THIS WAS THE YEAR 1931. ONE LARGE SCHOOL FROM MANY SMALL ONES, WITH BUT ONE PURPOSE IN MIND, A BETTER EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN.

THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THIS BEAUTIFUL NEW BUILDING WERE NOT QUITE COMPLETE. SCHOOL BEGAN IN OCTOBER THAT FIRST YEAR. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO SCHOOL ALL WEEK, ON SATURDAYS, THANKSGIVING, NEW YEARS DAY AND ONLY THREE DAYS OFF FOR CHRISTMAS? TO MAKE UP FOR THE DELAY IN STARTING THIS FIRST YEAR THE CHILDREN DID JUST THAT.

THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS WERE CONSOLIDATED DATED TO FORM THE CALIFORNIA TWP. SCHOOL:

ALDINE-GRACE PARSONS
BASS- VERNITA BORTHELL SANDERS
BENTON GROVE-LEONA L. KANE
CENTER-GROVER SHORT
MAPLE GROVE- DALE SHORT
WHITE-MILDRED COX

THE NEW CALIFORNIA TWP. SCHOOL HAD AN ENROLLMENT OF 191 PUPILS AND EMPLOYED 5 TEACHERS INSTEAD OF THE 6 THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE CALIFORNIA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL.

FACULTY 1930-39

VERNITA BORTHELL

ALICE M. MOSHER

DALE SHORT

PERRY LUCAS, SR. PRINCIPAL

EARL LUCAS

GROVER SHORT

LEONA KANE

CONT. 1930-39

MILDRED COX
GRACE PARSONS
MARY LOUGH
MRS. EYER
ERNEST KLETZ, SR. JANITOR

1940-49

GROVER SHORT, PRINCIPAL
WENDELL KING
PURDEN LAUSTEN
EDWARD STANLEY
MRS. BROWN
MRS. GREEN
ALVA WHITING
JOSEPH SHORT, JANITOR

1950-59

PURDEN LAUSTEN
HELEN SHORT
CELENE GURRADO
VERNITA SANDERS
BETTY GARDNER
CARRIE BOEG
MARY CRIST
PEARL MAYS
ANNA DOLEZAL
MARY KIRST, MUSIC
DARREL KRAFT
EDISON HOOLEY
JAMES WILLIAMS
ROBERT MCINTIRE
RUTH BUDD
MISS HIGGINS
JAMES LUCAS
O.W. BEITELSHIEES, PRINCIPAL
JOANNE STRANIN, SEC'Y

CONT. 1950-59

MARCEDA NERGER, SEC'Y
HELEN STELOW, COOK
ETTA REAM, COOK
VIVIAN BARKER, COOK
LEORA DELAU, COOK
NORA BREHON, COOK
JOSEPH MANONI, JANITOR
JOSEPH KRECICK, JANITOR
MARTIN BARKER, JANITOR

1960-69

VERA WARNER
PURDEN LAUSTEN
VERNITA SANDERS
CARRIS LUCAS
CARRIE BORG
DON FRANKLIN
MISS DOUGLAS
JAMES KISTLER
MALBE MAXON
JAMES LUCAS
ROBERT MCINTIRE
O.W. BEITELSHEES, PRINCIPAL
VIRGIL COLLINS, PRINCIPAL
MARTIN & VIVIAN BARKER, JANITORS
JOSEPH REZAC, JANITOR

1970-79

CAROLYN CRANDALL
MARYANN BUFFINGTON
CARRIS LUCAS
WILLIAM SANDERS
PATTY MULLIGAN
BARBARA JOHNSON
NANCY TRIER

CARAL REINHOLT
JUNE CUNNINGHAM
MEDA SULLIVAN

CONT. 1970-79

ELIZABETH FINAN
JANICE COLLINS
DIANE GILNER
JO ELLEN ARNDT
MELISSA BOURFF
JEANNE SPAW
DAWN BARNHOUSE, MUSIC
RALPH HARELSON, PRINCIPAL
GEORGE MILLER, PRINCIPAL
JAMES PETERSON, PRINCIPAL
RUTH MEYERS, PRINCIPAL
STEVEN HASSINGER, PRINCIPAL
MRS. ARMSTRONG, SEC'Y
ROSIE KIMMEY, SEC'Y
SHILLA CORNELIOUS, SEC'Y
LINDA LINDSTRAND, SEC'Y
MARTHA ABAZARIS, COOK
VIVIAN BARKER, COOK
BONNIE VARRA, JANITOR
SANDY ZELLERS, JANITOR
BILL LANDRUM, JANITOR
WANDA JOSEPH, JANITOR
CHARLOTTE HOWARD, JANITOR

IN MEMORY

BY MRS. VERNITA BORTELL SANDERS

OUT OF ALL SIX OF US WHO BEGAN
SCHOOL ON THAT DAY,

IT IS WITH A SAD HEART THAT I HAVE
TO SAY

REMEMBERING SO WELL THAT FIRST
BEAUTIFUL FALL

FIVE OF THE SIX HAVE ANSWERED THEIR
LAST ROLL CALL.

BUT I AM SURE THEIR HEARTS AS
WELL AS MINE

REMAINED TRUE TO THE MEMORIES
OF THAT TIME

AND FOR ALL OF US, WHO TRIED TO
ABIDE BY THE GOLDEN RULE,

WE WILL STILL SAY "GOD BLESS OUR
CALIFORNIA SCHOOL".