

**SHILOH SCHOOL
1966
FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

For the past 33 years our motto has been: Think - Work - Serve.

Just how well we have succeeded in helping our students make this motto become functional in their lives may never be fully known.

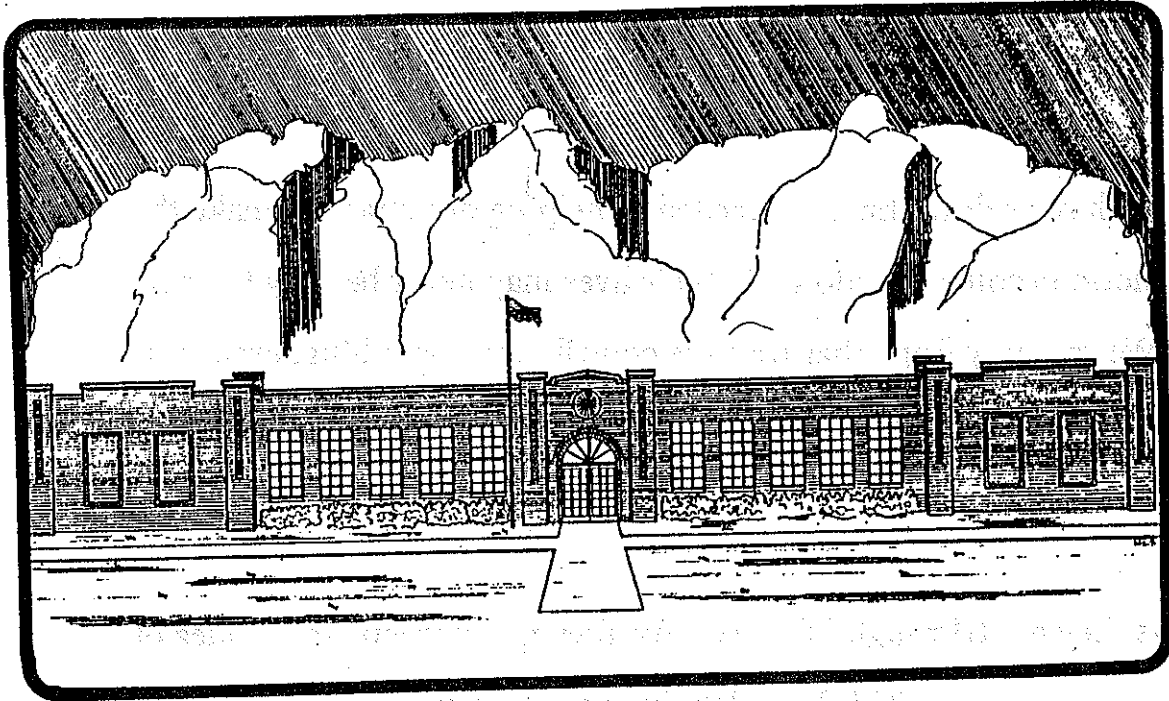
We can only hope that we have contributed something, even in a small measure, to the life of a boy or a girl, which will help him or her to live a richer, fuller, more productive life.

As they go, (through life), we trust they will perpetuate the idea of Thinking, Working and Serving.

Where there is honest labor there is rich rewarding experience.

D.M. Brown

Shiloh School History



THE FORMER SHILOH ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL
Shiloh Road - Longview, Gregg County, Texas

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HISTORY OF THE SHILOH SCHOOL

Introduction;

The history of Shiloh School dates back to the years immediately after slavery. Much of the information was obtained from heirs of the original families of the community and students of the school.

"After having searched the books and records on file in the office of the County Superintendent of Gregg County, Texas in an endeavor to find the record of the original creation of Shiloh School, of District 8, has been unsuccessful, the records of such creation apparently have been misplaced or destroyed. "1

However, information passed down by the forefathers indicate² that a school named Shiloh was built for the colored children.

The following listing shows other years of operation:

- 1920 - The Julius Rosenwald Foundation Funded the building
- 1933 - The Junior High School was built
- 1937 - The High School Department was added
- 1949 - The High School Department was eliminated
- 1950 - High School Students were transferred (bussed) to Weldon High School in Gladewater or Womack High School in Longview
- 1966 - The year of integration. The school closed. Students were enrolled in White Oak Independent School District.
- 1993 - The abandoned Shiloh School was destroyed by fire³

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Affadavit, State of Texas; County of Gregg; W.E. Jones, Former County Schools Superintendent. Earl Sharp, Notary Public, Gregg County, Texas, April 13, 1950.

2

William (Bill) Allen, first known Janitor of Shiloh School, as told to him by his father, Jim Allen Sr., who was born before the 1900's.

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Recollections of students of the former Shiloh Elementary/ High School. 1920 - 1997. (2)

Through research, records indicate that after the Civil War and after the slaves learned that they were free (June 19, 1865) there were many problems. Most slaves had not learned to read or write.⁴ Texas declared that black education would have to be funded by black property owners. However, there were few black property owners or jobs to fund their own schools. As a result, black children would be denied an education.⁵ Because of these and other difficulties, family members of the community worked on a solution. According to the history of the Shiloh Baptist Church and confirmed by the 1880 U.S. Census, the following families were involved; Butcher and Chaney Christian, Alex and Chaney Jones, A Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Allen, George and Callie Jones, Simon and Katherine Boyd, A Mr. Wilhite and wife, Ollie, Mr. Wilson Randell and Rebecca Christian, and Mr. Ike Anderson and wife.⁶ Children of these families were the first students of the Shiloh School, which was built by members of the community and named "Shiloh" which is the name of the community in which it was built. The small one room school was located on Adams farm near the northern part of the present Watley Road in Gregg County, Texas. It was a one teacher school. A Mrs. Safronia Anderson was the teacher.

4

Elbow, G.S., McDonald, Metzger, M.G., Rocha, R., Texas Yesterday and Today. Dallas: Silver Burdett & Ginn. p. 170.

5

Kingston, Mike, Editor; Harris, Rith, Assistant Editor; Crawford, Mary G., Editorial Assistant; Bailey, Ernie, Artist; Deal, Dacid, Artist; Texas Almanac. (1986-1987) Sesquicentennial and State Industrial Guide Edition. pp. 207, 208.

6

History of Shiloh Baptist Church, Addendum, p.2. Longview, Gregg County, Texas. 1992.

The number of students is not known. Classes in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic were taught. Students all ages attended the school. The children had to help with the crops, therefore, the school year was centered around planting and harvesting time.

After a terrible storm, the small, one room school was demolished.⁷ It was during this time, the late 1880's and the early 1900's, that classes were held in the Shiloh Baptist Church which is presently located on Shiloh Road, Longview,⁸ Gregg County, Texas.

⁷ Ibid; William (Bill) Allen, first known Janitor of Shiloh School.

⁸ History of Shiloh Baptist Church, Addendum, p. 2. Longview, Gregg County, Texas. 1992.

After a period of time (1920-1921), A Julius Rosenwald Fund was established by the Jewish President of Sears Roebuck and Company. It was through this fund that a two room white frame building for the elementary school was built on the location of the present site of the now closed school.⁹

There were two teachers, a Mrs. S.A. Anderson, who served as principal and a Mrs. Johnnie Anderson. Classes in reading, writing and arithmetic were taught.¹⁰

The schools of Gregg County became under supervision of County Superintendents and County School Boards. They organized what was called "Common School Districts" which were numbered 1 - 12. The Shiloh School became a part of District # 8 which is shared with White Oak.

Some of the Superintendents were: Walter E. Jones, (1917),

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S.L. Wilson, (1920)

Bertha D. Allen, (1930)

J.W. Hagler, (1939- 1959)

Ray Mayberry, (1960, 1965, 1972)

Henry Atkinson, (1980)¹¹

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A Historical Yearbook of the Weldon Elementary-High School, Gladewater, Gregg County, Texas. 1894-1967. p. 25.

10.

Ibid. Recollections of students of the former Shiloh elementary-High School.

11.

Gregg County School Board Minutes, Longview, Texas. 1916-1945. pp.9-12,30,32, 47, 82, 148, 154.

During the early 1930's a red brick building shaped like an L was built. The front of the building, which was the bottom of the L, housed the elementary school department, auditorium, principal's office and library. The left wing, (top of the L) housed the Junior High School Department.(1933). Later(1937), high school classrooms, a book room, cafeteria and indoor toilets were added. Apart from the main building was a wooden frame building called the science building in which Science, Biology, Home Economics, Agriculture and Machinist classes were held. Located behind the main building also, was a white frame building where Kindergarten Classes were taught and later used for a teachers residence.

Population of the school grew as the Colored Children from Pine Hill Community of the Spring Hill School District # 12, and the Sabine Valley Community of the Pine Tree School District #7 were bussed to the Shiloh School.

Prior to building of the high school, high school students¹² attended and graduated from the Longview Negro High School.

The first Commencement Exercise at Shiloh High School was¹³ held May 27, 1938.

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Ibid. Reflections of students of the former Shiloh Elementary-High School. 1920-1997.

13

Souvenir Book, Shiloh School Reunion, Host, Bay Area Chapter (California), Shiloh Exes, July 25-28, 1996. p.5.

The school, located on Shiloh Road, just North of White Oak and two blocks west of Shiloh Baptist Church boasted ten graduates that first year. D.M. Brown was the principal at that time with a faculty of nine under him. During his tenure many new departments of education were added, including Home Economics, Vocational Agriculture, Home Economics, Science, Biology, Music, Black History, French, Defence and Visual Education. Also, busing of students and janitorial services were added. Hot lunches were provided which at one time had been provided by the county, but now for a fee of twenty five cents.

In 1949 the high school closed leaving Shiloh's doors open only for elementary students. At this time there were four teachers, one cook, a bus driver and a janitor. High school students were bussed to the Weldon High School in Gladewater Texas.

Because of school desegregation, Shiloh closed its doors for the last time in 1966 to integrate with the White Oak School system. A total of 136 graduates passed through the doors of the Shiloh School during the last thirty-six years of history. The school colors were purple and gold. The Ram served as the Mascot. ¹⁴

14 The White Oak Independent Newspaper, 201-B, Hwy 80E., White Oak, Gregg County Texas, Winnie Newman, Independent Managing Editor, Vol. IV, No. 29, August 26, 1993.

The following are examples of various activities provided by the school in which the students took part. Soft ball, base ball, basket ball, volley ball, foot ball, track, tennis, Live Stock Judging, NEA Chapter Activities, UIL Competition, State (Ag.) meetings at Prairie View A&M College, Choir, field trips, Programs for special occasions and preparation and serving meals to School Board Members. 15

The following Administrators served as Principals of the Shiloh School: Mrs. S.A. Anderson, Mrs. Minnie Freeman, A Mr. Earl, Mr. R.J. Jones, Mr. Willie (Wilbert) Williams and Mr. D.M. Brown who served as the last principal to the closing of the school.

Faculty members of Shiloh Elementary-High School through out its history were Mrs. S.A. Anderson, Mrs. Maggie Foster, Mrs. Delphine Franklin Helms, Mr. Wilbur Williams, Mrs. Velma Jones, Mrs. A.M. Brown, Mrs. Jessie Mayfield, Mrs. Grace Jones, Mrs. Prince E. Hooper, Miss Myrtle Willis, Mrs. Mattie Frost Allen, Mr. Sherman Gay, Mrs. P.L. Stephens Thomas, Mr. James Earl, Mrs. Dezell McCaney, Mrs. Beulah Jones, Mrs. L Campbell, Mrs. Ira C. Henry, Mrs. Floree Jacobs, Mrs. Velma McCollough, Mrs. Essie Mae Adams, Mr. Maurice Shavers, Mr. Smith Howard, Mrs. Una McGruff Flemings, Mr. C.R. Walker, Mr. J. Caldwell, Ms. Pearlle M. Christian, Mrs. A.H. Frazier, Mrs. Ruby Arterberry, Mrs. Irene Holt, Mrs. Constance Howell Mrs. Fannie Anderson, Mrs. LeLa Larue Stinson, Mr. Curley Jones, and Mrs. Narcissus McCrary. 16

15 Ibid. Reflections of students of the former Shiloh Elementary- High School.

16

Gregg County School Board Minutes. (1913-1949) pp. 9-12,30, 32, 47,82,148,154.

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Bus drivers through the years included Mr. Houston Stephens, Mr. Roy Lawson, Mr. Fredrick Stephens, Mr. Carl Stephens, and Mr. Raphus Allen. Janitorial service was provided by Mr. William (Bill) Allen.

PTA Officers were Mrs. Leo Stephens, Mrs. Minnie Tims, Mrs. Montine Pruitt, Mrs. Martha Anderson, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Agugusta Allen, Mrs. Mary Alice Sanders and Mrs. Leneva Hunt.

The Shiloh School has contributed to society by providing basic information and preparation to its students who have been and is successful in numerous professions and areas. The following are some examples: College graduates with majors in education, business, Science, Classroom Teachers, Certified Professional Managers in Many Businesses,, Degrees in Social Work, Early Childhood Education, Cosmetology, Military Service, Supervisory Positions in Business Establishments, Sewing Technicians, Pharmaceutical Reps., Manager/Owner of Rental and Sales of Real Estate, Architectual Engineers, and Ministers of the Gospel.

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Ibid. Reflections of Former students of the former Shiloh Elementary-High School. 1901-1997.

Specific examples of contributions to society by students of the former Shiloh School / Community follows -

I. Ministers of the Gospel

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Christian, Acy | Lawson, J.L. |
| Christian, Elmo | Profit, Willie Jr. |
| Christian, Rufus | Thomas, Darnell |

II. Education: Administrators/ Teachers

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Adkins, Rudolph | Mitchell, Raycine Allen |
| Allen, Billye | Nevels, Gloria D. Allen |
| Allen, Millie | Newsome, Wilma Mann |
| Anderson, Cordie Jones | Ragsdale, M.J. Crain |
| Anderson, J.W. | Russ, Andretta |
| Anderson, Willie G. | Sanders, Robbie |
| Cannon, Freddie | Snoddy, James E., B.S., M.Ed. |
| Christian, Clara | Snoddy, Narva L., B.S., M.Ed. |
| Christian, Lloyd M. | Snoddy, Vernon T., T.BA, M.S.W. |
| Christian, Walter E. | Snoddy, Wailie M. |
| Ellis, Ruth E. | Stephens, Dennis, Adm. |
| Harris, Angela | Thomas, Darnell |
| Henderson, Peggie | Thomas, Lucille Stephens |
| Jackson, Pearlie M. | Willis, Lillie D. |
| Jones, Maurice | Willis, Lula D. |
| Jones, Muriel G. | |

III. Medical Profession

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Alford, Marcus, Rep., Key Pharm. | Lawson, Lenora, Nurse |
| Anderson, Walter, M.D. | Lawson, Wealthia, Nurse |
| Anderson, Montine, N. Aid | Mann, Retta, Nurse |
| Gray, Ola F. Smith, Nurse | Mann, Ila M., Nurse |
| Green, Norbert L., Nurse | Pruitt, Linda, Nurse Aid |
| Hunt, Earnestine, Nurse | Pruitt, Jennifer, Lab. Tech. |
| Jones, Brady, Dentist | Roberts, Beverly, Nurse |
| Lawson, Kathryn, Nurse | Sims, Evelyn, Nurse |

IV. Beauticians/ Barbers

Anderson, Elizabeth, Beautician
Barnes, Irola, Barber
Blake, Beatrice, Beautician
Christian, Johnnie D., Beautician
Fullylove, Marie Stephens, Beautician
Green, Corine, Beautician
Green, Ollie B., Beautician
Hunt, Nina M. Smith, Beautician
Jones, Fannie M., Beautician
Johnson, Ruby L., Beautician
Morris, Earnestine Hunt, Beautician
Perry, Ezra, Barber
Pruitt, Janis, Beautician
Whitaker, Hazel, Beautician

V. ARMED FORCES

A. WORLD WAR I:

Allen, Pink

Anderson, W.D.

Christian, Tom

B. WORLD WAR II:

Allen, James

Allen, Jack

Allen, J'that

Allen, Lacy

Anderson, Festus

Anderson, Maceo

Anderson, J.C.

Anderson, J.W., Sgt.

Anderson, Lacy

Anderson, Raymond

Anderson, Robert G., Capt.

Anderson, Willie G.

Boykins, John L.

Christian, Acy, USN

Christian, Alma

Christian, Andrew, USN

Christian, Calvin

Christian, Elmo

Christian, Walter E.

Christian, Wesley

Christian, York

Crain, Artis

Crain, Lacy, Cpl.

Davis, H.D.

Hamilton, J.T.

Hodge, Joe

Hunt, George Jr., Tech. Sgt.

Howard, Matthew

Jones, Boyce

Jones, Pardee

Lawson, John L.

Oliver, James

Oliver, O.Z.

Perry, Ezra

Profit, Willie

Sheppard, Eddie L

Armed Forces Continued

Armed Forces Continued-

WORLD WAR II

Christian, Fortson

Christian, Howard

Christian, Jack

Christian, James

Christian, Joseph

Christian, LaRue

Christian, Onas

Christian, Roger

Christian, Rufus

Christian, T.P.

Christian, Virgil

Sheppard, Freddie L

Smith, Curtis, USN

Snoddy, Clavis, Cpl.

Stephens, Carl, Sgt.

Stephens, Sherman Jr.

Thomas, Floyd

Wagner, Ervin

Williams, Adolphus

Williams, Ozzie Lee

C. KOREAN CONFLICT. / PEACE TIME

Anderson, Norris

Anderson, Willie G.

Andrews, Raymond

Allen, Robert, Sgt.

Allen, Willie Fred

Christian, Lloyd M.

Christian, Billie L.

Crain, Lewis

Green, Norbert L., Airforce

Green, Norris

Holman, John W.

Hunt, Earnestine

Johnson, Buford , Sgt.

Jones, Jimmy, Sgt.

Jones, Maurice

Jones, R.L.

Smith, Roy Jr.

Snoddy, Belvin G.

Snoddy, James E., E. Officer LTC.

Stephens, Houston

Stephens, Joel

Thomas, Darnell

Walker, Jerry L.

Wilhite, Jimmie L.

VI. MACHINISTS / MECHANISTS / SUPERVISORS / ENGINEERS

Blake, Isiah, Mec.

Green, Norris, Mec.

Hodge, Joe, Sup.

Hunt, George Jr., Sup.

Jones, Nancy, Allen, Production-Continental Can Co.

Newsome, Wilma Mann, Sewing Tech./ Power Mac. Operator

Snoddy, Belvin G., Can Operator, Stroh's Brewery

Snoddy, Leo H., Sup. Training Div., Pontiac Motor Co.

Snoddy, Wayne L., Engineer

VII. OTHER PROFESSIONS

Adams, Doris Anderson, Ass. Owner A&A Construction

Anderson, Darnell, Maintenance Operator, Texas Eastman

Clark, Kenneth, Maintenance Operator, Texas Eastman

Clough, Lillie Pruitt, Production, Caps Factory

Hunt, Claudetta, Manager of an Insurance Co.

Hunt, LaLell, Transformer Repairman

Hunt, Leneva, Domestic Work

Hunt, Sammie K., Pro. Foot Ball Player/Owner of A Real Estate Co.

Hunt, Sandra, Secretary

Hunt, Wardell, Manager Capacity Business Enterprise

Perry, Ezra, Mortician

Pruitt, Lavert, Production at Lebus International, Inc.

Pruitt, Marcus, Owner Real Estate Agency

Pruitt, Virginia, Sales Clerk

Other Professions Continued-

Sanders, Mary A. Stephens, Domestic Work
Sanders, Milton, Maintenance - City of Longview
Smith, Dwight, Carpenter
Smith, LaNell Wilborn, Production-Caps Factory
Stephens, Carl Sr., Construction
Stephens, Carl E. Jr., Cafeteria Manager
Stephens, Houston, Construction
Stephens, Joel, School Bus Driver
Thomas, Venora Pruitt, Sales Clerk
Whitaker, R.P. Construction
Wilborn, Wenford, Maintenance- Texas Eastman

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The historic Shiloh School, just north of White Oak was destroyed by an intense chemical fire that investigators believe may have been deliberately set early Thursday morning August 20, 1993. The abandoned school which closed when its black children were integrated into White Oak ISD in the 1960's had been used for plastic manufacturing by the Hayward Tank Company, owner of the property. Plastic pellets and unknown chemicals remained at the sight.

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Ibid. Recollections students of the former Shiloh Elementary/ High School.

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The White Oak Independent Newspaper. Vol. IV. No. 29, August 26, 1993; 201-B, Hwy. 80 E., White Oak, Texas.

Students of the former Shiloh School have banded together in an effort to hold on to the memories of good comradeship and togetherness by organizing Chapters in cities where many of the students now live. There is a chapter called "Shiloh Exes" in Longview and Dallas, Texas, Detroit Michigan, Los Angeles and the Bay Area in California. 21

Efforts to secure a Historical Marker for the School in memory of its contributions to the world and society are now in the making. 22

(This narrative history compiled and written, un-edited, by Narva Snoddy, 2909 Snoddy Road, Longview, Texas 75604. Telephone 903, 189-4567.) -NWB

21
Minutes, Longview, Chapter, "Shiloh Exes", p. 83, 1983.

22
Souvenir Book, Shiloh School Reunion, Host, Bay Area Chapter, Shiloh Exes July 25-28, 1996, Business Meeting Records.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
OF THE
HISTORICAL SHILOH SCHOOL
SHILOH ROAD
LONGVIEW, GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS
1937 - 1966

—Principal—

Mr. D. M. Brown

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“Shiloh”

(School Song)

Shiloh, O, Shiloh!
How I love thy name.
Above or below —
I'll to thee give fame.
I'll sing thy praise with joy and thrills
Till earth and air with Shiloh fills.
I'll give my best and provide its test
For Shiloh.

Shiloh, O, Shiloh!
Sacred school of mine
Save me from my foe —
I'm forever thine.
I shall no more in darkness tread
By thine own star I shall be led
Still guide my mind and make me thine
O Shiloh.

Shiloh, O, Shiloh!
Give me heart e'er true
Thy power in me glow —
As I go from you.
But when my days with thee are o'er
Be still my shrine of long ago
And gird me through to higher view
O Shiloh!

D. M. Brown

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MRS. LUCILLE S. CLARK
B.A. Butler College - Music



*MR. SHERMAN L. GAY
B.S. Bishop College - P.E., Coach



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*MRS. MAGGIE FOSTER



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M.Ed. Texas College - Elem. Education

*Deceased

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*MRS. MAGGIE FOSTER &
*MRS. VELMA McCOLLOUGH



*MRS. A.M. BROWN

*Deceased

THE FIRST CLASS TO GRADUATE FROM SHILOH HIGH SCHOOL



— CLASS OF 1938 —

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Gradie Bowens, Elizabeth Stephens, Lacy Crain, Annie V. Crain, Carl Stephens, Mary Anderson, Elmo Christian,
Monite Smith and Ezra Perry. Not Pictured is T.P. Christian.

— SHILOH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES —

37-38

Anderson, Mary
Bowens, Gradie
Christian, Elmo
Christian, T.P.
Crain, Annie V.
Crain, Lacy
Perry, Ezra
Smith, Montie
Stephens, Carl
Stephens, Elizabeth

38-39

Barnes, Lorene
Christian, Bernice
Christian, Pearlie Mae
Lawson, Katheryn
Stephens, Marie
Wagner, Marie

39-40

Anderson, Ida Mae
Anderson, Rhudell
Blake, Isalah
Garr, Ella V.
Christian, Annie Mae
Christian, Johnnie D.
Hunt, Ernestine
Mann, Ila Mae
Profit, Willie Jr.
Watts, Annie Lee
Williams, Doris M.

40-41

Anderson, J.W.
Christian, Clara
Christian, Inez
Christian, Walter E.
Green, Raleigh Mae
Green, Ruth Ella
Lawson, Lenoria
Lawson, Wealthia
Pruitt, Venoria
Simms, Evelyn
Snoddy, Narva L.



41-42

Christian, Einora
Coleman, Annie Lee
Crain, Ora Lee
Davis, Mavis
Hodge, Joe
Hunt, George Jr.
Jones, Beatrice
Snoddy, Clavis
Snoddy, Martha Ann
Stephens, Mary A.
Stephens, Sally R.
Wagner, Julia

42-43

Allen, Kathryn
Christian, Acy
Green, Corine
Hunt, Charlie Mae
Hunt, Dolly
Laswon, John L.
Lawson, Zepha Leen
Sirls, Imogene
Smith, Curtis
Smith, Nina Mae
Walker, Ernestine
Willis, Lillie D.

43-44

Allen, Ida Mary
Anderson, Erma J.
Barnes, Irola
Boykins, John L.
Christian, Cordia
Davis, Cascenia
Hunt, Henretta
Jackson, Dorothy
Johnson, Ruby L.
Jones, Florence
Jones, Lurlee
Mann, Retta
Moore, Olivia

44-45

Anderson, Willie G.
Clark, Versie
Fagan, Milgred
Green, Norris
Green, Ollie B.
Johnson, Burford
Jones, Fannie M.
Moore, Erleen
Smith, Roy
Snoddy, Wailie M.

45-46

Anderson, Ruby Ray
Jones, Carleen
Jones, Cordia
Jones, Dellyner
Lawson, Elizabeth
Lawson, Mary Ann
Sirls, Mildred
Stephens, Joel
Thomas, Darnell
Timms, Martha
Whitaker, Hazel
Williams, Adolphus
Willis, Lula D.

46-47

Anderson, Doris
Anderson, Norris
Christian, Lloyd M.
Holman, Oretha
Howard, Ora M.
Jones, Jimmie,
Jones, Maurice
Mathis, Howard
Smith, Ola Faye
Snoddy, Belvin
Stephens, Sherman
Thomas, Leneva
Timms, Mary
Williams, Myrtle
Willis, John H.

47-48

Allen, Robert
Christian, Rufus
Crain, Artis
Green, Norbert Lee
Holman, John Wesley
Howard, Lossie D.
Jones, R.L.
Lawson, Ruby J.
Mann, Wilma
Moore, Willie Mae
Stephens, Houston
Walker, Jerry Lee

48-49

Christian, Alma
Christian, Helen
Christian, Jacqueline
Hunt, Ruth Ella
Jackson, Bennie
Jones, Eliza Ann
Jones, Odie Mae
Russ, Andretta
Snoddy, Leo
Stephens, Lucille
Whitaker, Helen

THE CAMPUS REGISTER

The Mouthpiece of Shiloh High School

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EDITOR CHATS

Erma J. Anderson

Appreciation

As editor-in-chief of "The Campus Register" of Shiloh High school, I am grateful for responses given by the staff and students, during the term of '43-'44. I want each of you who contributed news to the "Register" to know that it was appreciated. I am sorry that the time is near when I must offer my resignation as Editor-in-chief here and go farther. Whoever is editor of "The Campus Register" next year, it will be interesting to note the wide distance between us, and yet we are built on one accord.

Football Social

Friday night, April 21, 1944, at Shiloh High school was the performance of the football social. The affair was formal, and the girls were gorgeous in their fitted gowns of various colors. The auditorium was decorated for the occasion, carrying out the school colors, purple and gold. Among the many visitors were: Marine Sgt. Warren Johnson and Coastguardsman A. L. Gholston, who rendered several musical selections.

Junior-Senior Prom

Palm trees, blue background, grass house, and birds flying around the auditorium formed the attractive scenery in the Shiloh High school auditorium Tuesday evening, May 9th, for the Junior-Senior prom.

For further information read the article "Junior-Senior Prom." Here's wishing each of you a happy vacation this summer.

PVT. ARTIS CRAIN VISITING PARENTS AND CLASSMATES

Pvt. Artis Crain, now a member of Uncle Sam's big family, is spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, classmates and friends.

He is a member of the senior class and we regret that he had to leave before graduation. He was one of the famous "Drillers" and a class artist. He is smiling despite his lonesomeness for his school life.

Think of Me

Think of me as a friend
 And call me by a loving name,
 I will not care what others say
 If you remain the same.

I will not care how dark the night,
 I'll not care how wild the storm;
 Your love will fill my heart with joy
 And shield me close and keep me warm.

So think of me as a friend
 Or my life is little worth;
 Let our memories light our way
 If we meet no more on earth.

Now that I know you here on earth,
 There's nothing happier meant for me;
 It doesn't matter about others
 If you understand, and see.
 Cascenia Y. Davis, Senior.

The Sophomore Class

Before the year of '44 is out we would like for you to know the members of the sophomore class as a whole:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Name— | Known as |
| Anderson, Ruby Ray..... | Mut |
| Crain, Sedalia L..... | Patsy |
| Christian, Joseph..... | Joe |
| Everitt, Velma Ruth..... | Pudden |
| Everitt, Willie V..... | Yang |
| Jones, Cordie Mae..... | Connie |
| Jones, Del Lyner B..... | Brenda |
| Jones, Carlean..... | Sweetie |
| Johnson, Pennie L..... | Lue |
| Lawson, Mary Ann..... | Tenia |
| Lawson, Elizabeth..... | Stuff |
| Key, Bessie B..... | Dootsie |
| Thomas, Darnell..... | Dornal Duck |
| Whitaker, Hazel..... | Whit |
| Halton, Irene..... | Shorty |
| Stephens, Joel..... | Steve |
| Tims, Martha..... | Sister |
| Howard, Mann..... | Slick |
| Ware, Alice Mae..... | Sugar Plumb |
| McKinley, Rachel B..... | Chick |
| Sirls, Mildred..... | Tulip |

Mr. M. H. Shavers, sponsor.
 Joel Stephens, president.
 Del Lyner B. Jones, secretary.

Mrs. Jackson and husband spent the week-end in Tyler.

Typist and Librarian



Miss Perlie M. Christian, "Sutie" to all of the home folks, is the typist for every concern and everybody around Shiloh. She is a graduate of Shiloh and is a student of the library science department of Wiley College. She somehow finds time to serve her school, church and community in many ways.

QUIZ YOURSELF

Doris Y. Anderson

1. What four soldiers and two sailors are home on a furlough?
 "What girl visited the campus Tuesday?"
2. What two girls are dreaming of Forneest Colman?
3. What girl is giving Dorothy M. Jackson a ditzzy spell with Mr. George Hunt, Jr.?
4. What 10th grade girl really put Bessie B. Key out of commission?
5. What girl likes any sports around Shiloh?
6. What boy thinks Leneva Thomas is another May West?
7. What two girls are good friends but hate each other, they say?
8. What two boys entertain Myrtle Williams at the same time?
9. What girl has hair like Earline Moore, eyes like Retta Mann and personality like Florence Jones?
10. Of all women in the world who would Ida Mae like to be?
11. Why does Dorothy sing "Please Be Careful, if you can't be good"?
12. What animal, next to man, is the most intelligent?
13. What wild animal is most helpful to man?
14. What is the largest animal that ever lived?

LAUGHS

Ruby L. Johnson

Ida M.: Artis, tell me something about the army.
 Artis: Join the WAAC and and find out for yourself.

Mr. Walker: Wilhite, what animal is most noted for its fur?
 Wilhite: The skunk, the more fur you get away from him the better it is for you.

Miss Henry (looking for errors on Retta Mann's exam paper): Well, there must be something wrong. Yes, here's a period made upside town.

Mr. Shavers: Miss Jones, I'm very hungry. Have you a piece of cake?
 Miss Jones: Cake? Why cake? Wouldn't bread be better?
 Mr. Shavers: Ordinarily it would, but this is my birthday.

Mrs. Jackson: Let us hear your poem, Cordia Jones.
 Cordia:
 The lad was dull at school you see;
 His dad took things to heart;
 He took the lad across his knee
 And there he made him smart.

Mr. Brown (a study of weights and measures): What does milk come in Elizabeth?
 Elizabeth: In quarts.
 Mr. Brown: What else?
 Elizabeth (thinking of her cow at home): I know. It comes "in squirts."

Junior-Senior Prom

Retta V. Mann

The Shiloh High School auditorium was transformed from its usual appearance May 9, 1944, to an "Isle of Paradise," complete with waving palm trees, grass top huts, beautiful flowers, flowing green grass, beautiful native girls and sweet tropical Boogie Woogie which was furnished by the Weldon High School Orchestra.

The spirited juniors and their sponsor of '44 entertained the seniors and their guests at one of the gayest and most picturesque occasions of the season. We, the seniors, are envious of Mrs. Jackson's amazing ability to bring Hawaii to Shiloh and are very grateful to her and the junior class for such an honored occasion.

Principal and Mrs. Brown spent Easter Sunday with Miss Henry in Hawkins, Texas.

Pfc. F. C. Christian is spending a 21-days furlough with his friends.

A SHORT STORY

It Happened One Day

Retta V. Mann

The afternoon shadows had fallen over the town of Tootsville, Georgia, and the city at once became alive with the voices of school children leaving school at 4 o'clock p. m.

As the members of the Dunbar High school filled the village streets, a tall, neat, middle aged school teacher stepped out of the main entrance of the building. It was a sunny afternoon and Miss Crabapple decided to walk home instead of riding the bus. She could have gone another way, but since Dr. Curewell's appearance was vivid in her mind her steps quickened. He was a bachelor about forty years of age, average height, medium brown complexion, sturdy broad shoulders, with a few streaks of silver among the black curls of his hair. Although he was not fat, he had acquired a thick waist-line that bulged above the top of his trousers.

Before reaching the office Miss Crabapple took a mirror from her purse to see if she looked her very best when she passed her latest admirer (who had been the same for the past ten years), and she was now 39 years old and still "Miss Crabapple." As she neared the office, she smiled her best at herself, once more powdered her pointed nose and rearranged her long black hair about her shoulders. (It had been dyed several times.) Dark red lipstick was applied in heavy lines as she pretended to be "window shopping."

Within a few steps of the office, the old maid lifted her head high and quickened her steps and strutted by the entrance looking down the street. Dr. Curewell, who was looking at her, came and stood in the doorway. He smiled and called a timid "good afternoon," and received a husky "evening doctor" in return. Noticing the lady's dislike for his attention, he turned and started back into the building, but was startled by a scream of a woman. He looked just in time to see a speeding auto hit his only personal friend, Miss Crabapple.

Miss Crabapple had stepped into the street on a red light and had been hit by a hit and run driver, not hurting her seriously, but tearing a piece of her girlish plaid skirt off and leaving her unconscious.

Dr. Curewell rushed to the rescue and gave necessary first aid. When she regained consciousness, the doctor told her in very

BOOSTS PAPER



Ruby Ray Anderson, a sophomore, likes her school paper so well that she finds joy in selling it. She sold 26 copies of the first edition and 25 copies of the last. The sponsor and staff of the "Register" appreciate the efforts she has made. With more boosters like Ruby Ray the "Campus Register" would "never die."

Negro History

Erma J. Anderson

For the past four and one-half months, the senior class has been studying Negro History, and Current News. We have composed poems on the Negro and Democracy, staged a play entitled "Two Races." For visitation day we made a display of Negro soldiers of Civil War, World Wars I and II.

The senior class also wrote a 10,000-word theme on Negro and Democracy and made booklets on "Outstanding Negroes in America." We made stage coaches, covered wagons and steam boats of the early centuries. During this semester we find that "Negro History" is very interesting.

Mrs. J. M. Jackson, teacher.

Mrs. Molene Ford of Longview was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson.

low tense tones that he saved her life. Thinking he said "will you be my wife," the thankful old maid whispered "yes doctor." Rather than correct her opinion of his statement, he kissed her hand.

The very next day Miss Crabapple became smiling Mrs. Curewell, the wife of the city doctor.

Personally Speaking

I. M. Allen

Mrs. M. L. Foster spent the week-end with Mrs. A. B. Green. She was invited to a birthday party.

Harmon Wilson, Jr., was a visitor of the primary room last week.

Mrs. Velma W. McCullough spent the week-end at her home, Crockett, Texas, with her husband.

Mrs. A. M. Brown and Mrs. V. W. McCullough visited Mrs. Nancy Christian, Miss Ollie Wilhite and Miss Annie Mae Christian last week.

Sergeant Mayfield and wife, Mr. Johnson and wife from Terrell, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Enmit Hooper Sunday afternoon, May 6.

Oneta B. William reports a pleasant week-end in Kilgore.

Pfc. Onis Christian is spending a 15-day furlough with his sisters, grandmother and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Glasco Christian spent Mother's Day with Mrs. Minnie B. Christian.

Mr. Isaac Anderson is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anderson, and friends.

Pvt. Calvin Christian is spending a 15-day furlough with his sister, Annie M. Christian.

Pvt. Vergie L. Wilhite was the guest of I. M. Allen recently.

Miss Henry spent the week-end in Shreveport visiting friends.

Little Billy Jean and Charles Ray are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Christian.

Mrs. Willie Mae Carter is here visiting her relatives and friends.

Mr. Aubrey Green is on an indefinite vacation in Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Ruth Campbell of Wiley College spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anderson and family.

Misses Nina M. Smith and Narval L. Snoddy spent the week-end with their parents.

S.2/c Curtis J. Smith spent

several days with his friends and parents.

Pvt. Artis Crain is spending a 21-days furlough with his mother and relatives.

Mrs. Berry was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Foster. She is now in Dallas, Texas, visiting her relatives and friends.

Miss E. M. Jones spent Mother's Day at her home in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ YOURSELF

1. Pvt. Onas Christian, T/Cpl. Clavis Snoddy, Pvt. Artis Crain, Pfc. F. C. Christian and 2/c Curtis and St. 2/c Andrew Christian.
2. Lossie D. Howard.
3. Doris Elois Anderson and Hazel Whitaker.
4. Sedalia Crain.
5. Velma Ruth Everitt.
6. Doris Y. Anderson.
7. Joseph Christian.
8. Ola Faye Smith and Doris Y. Anderson.
9. Norris L. Green and Darnell Thomas.
10. Ella Mae Walker.
11. Hitler's widow.
12. Because Willie G. is about to start something.
13. The Chimpanzee.
14. The earth worm (he turns over soil thus increasing the fertility of it).

ROOM 2

The fifth and sixth grade classes have been running along smoothly for the last few days. Everyone is interested in making his or her grade. We have had a very successful school term. We are hoping that there will be just as few failures as possible.

For our closing program an oneretta, "A Little Bit of Holland" was staged to a full house. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed it and we are thanking everyone who came out.

Mrs. P. E. Hooper, Teacher.

ROOM 5

The third and fourth graders year's work has been very good. They were happy to have their parents out on Visitation Day to see some of their work.

We are now planning our annual picnic.

Mrs. Velma W. McCullough, Teacher.

ROOM 6

The primary program is over and it was seemingly enjoyed by all. The primary graduates received loads of presents. All of the children are working very hard to be sure to pass. Congratulations should go to L. C. Christian for having a perfect attendance record.

Mrs. D. F. Helm, Teacher.

Editor Chats

Erma J. Anderson

Students Hear Principal

One of the most wholesome speeches that the students of Shiloh have heard was delivered by Principal D. M. Brown January 21, 1944. Because of the unique way in which he appealed to the students to check up on themselves in every respect especially their conduct. Students of Shiloh will long treasure it as a priceless gift. His thoughts were centered around the "Improvement of the School" every student got a fair knowledge of what his speech meant. Principal Brown concluded by saying "Hoping the graduating class will score one hundred per cent in number."

Football Season

The students are overjoyed because the Drillers were not defeated in any of the games played during the season.

Newspaper

Every student is waiting with eagerness the coming of the newspaper, since it is the first paper to go to press in the history of Shiloh. We hope the parents as well as students can appreciate reading it.

Semester Examination

Semester examinations are almost here. We hope no student will fail in his or her examinations.

Post War Period

To students of various schools: Master your books with a determination to get all there is written. By so doing we can better be prepared to face the changes that will be made in the world in the coming post-war period.

Homemaking Dept.

Earlean M. Moore, Junior

The home making department as a whole has had quite a set back due to change of teachers. Now we are getting along fine. The junior and senior classes have, since the beginning of school been studying clothing.

For this month they are learning how to renovate garments, which is vitally important today as there is a shortage of material.

Room 6

"A Good American Citizen", a playlet, will be presented by the primary children in their next assembly program.

All of the children have been inoculated against smallpox and diphtheria.

Mrs. D. F. Helm, Teacher.

Class Queens



In the above picture is seen the representatives of the classes in the recent "Miss Shiloh" contest. Reading from left to right they are Cascenia Davis, Senior; Wallie Mae Snoddy, Junior and Bessie B. Key, Sophomore. Each girl worked hard for the school title. The title was won by Doris Yvonne Anderson-Freshman whose picture may be seen on the front page.

Quiz Answers

1. Belvin Snoddy.
2. Mrs. V. W. McCullough.
3. Artis Crain and York Christian.
4. Seniors.
5. Sherman Stephens.
6. Norris Anderson and La Francis Allen.
7. Buford Johnson.
8. Velma Ruth Everitt.
9. Erma Anderson.
10. He didn't want to be double crossing.
11. The Sophomores.
12. The loin.
14. Reading.
15. Alice May Ware.

Patriotism

Shiloh High has made its contribution to the war effort in the past few months by: purchasing Christmas seals, enrolling the entire school in the Red Cross, donating a substantial sum to the National War Relief Fund, staging patriotic morale building plays in various communities, and purchasing war bonds and stamps.

Don't spend money foolishly. Buy War Stamps instead!

Social Science Dept.

It is nice to know when one goes backward in memory to jot down an item or two of things that are past, that there are those who enjoy it as the Junior Class say, they like hearing from Pvt. York Christian who left for duty Jan. 8, 1944 to help us to achieve victory.

Like a breath out of the blue sky comes to our memory another name Pvt. Artis Crain a member of the senior class, and a much missed member of the social science club. Pvt. Crain joined the armed forces Jan. 13, 1944. We believe these boys will come home again when they are free of war and the restraints of war. Free to work and be honored for work in a land where there will always be for them, for me and every man liberty, security and dignity.

Through our economic classes it makes us more tolerant and sympathetic toward those who are struggling for better living and working conditions.

In our American government we are trying to impress the students with their responsibility as junior citizens for the development of a better government.

In "Our Story of America" we are learning how this America came to be and the part we are to play to keep it.

In "Man's Great Adventure" the freshman class is trying to achieve a right of judgment in all things. They too know what Victory is about.

We all believe there can be no peace without victory. We believe our boys will soon be back home with a better future than they had before, and together turn to peaceful things to the building of an even better Shiloh.

"Meet Our Faculty"

Principal, D. M. Brown, Mathematics, B. S. Tennessee State College.

C. R. Walker, Agriculture, B.S. Prairie View State College.

M. H. Shavers, Science, B. S. Prairie View State College.

I. C. Henry, English, A. B. Texas College.

E. M. Jones, Homemaking, Bishop College.

Mrs. J. M. Jackson, History, B. A. Texas College.

Mrs. M. L. Foster, 7th and 8th grade, Texas College.

Mrs. P. E. Hooper, 5th and 6th grade, B. A. Jarvis, Christian College.

Mrs. V. W. McCullough, 3rd and 4th grade, B. S. Prairie View College.

Mrs. D. F. Helm, 1st and 2nd grade. B. A. Bishop College.

"Personally Speaking"

Ida Mary Allen

Sgt. Carl Stephens, a graduate of Shiloh visited the school on Tuesday, January 25, 1944.

Jimmie E. Jones has recovered from pneumonia and is back in school.

Cordia Christian spent the week-end in Marshall, Texas, visiting her grandparents

Stm 1-c Andrew Christian was home recently on a short leave. He is with the United States Navy in Brandbridge, Maryland

Mrs. Jessie Jackson spent the week end in Tyler.

Pfc. Sandy Carr, former student, spent a thirteen day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Lurleen Carr at Greggton.

Miss I. C. Henry spent the week end in the State Capital City, Austin. She reports an interesting visit.

Mrs. U. M. Flemings and little daughter Marguerita are visiting 2nd Lt. Flemings in service with the Medical Corps in Boston, Mass.

Pfc. Rufus Christian who attended Shiloh High School last year, is now stationed with the army force overseas.

Artis Crain, a senior is now in the U. S. Army.

James Willie Anderson, a graduate of Shiloh, is home on an honorable discharge following injuries received while in service in the South Pacific battle area. Despite his weakness, he is as full of life and hope as is possible. The many friends and family are happy that he is home again.

N.F.A. Accomplishments

Sherman Stephens

Butchering hogs by grades. The first and second year boys have butchered 33 heads. Third and fourth year boys received \$2.00 per head for hogs killed. They killed 23 hogs and received \$46.50. Hogs vaccinated 22, castrated 39, yearlings butchered 2, orchards pruned and sprayed 3; hot beds built one, with two more in progress. At present the Shiloh Agriculture Department is co-sponsoring night school on vegetable gardening, Mrs. D. M. Brown teaching. Mr. C. R. Walker is teaching at Lewis Chapel while Mr. W. E. Lee, former Jeanes supervisor of Harrison County and Greggton. Plans are under way for a mammoth canning center to be held at Shiloh School this summer.

You can do your part toward winning the war by buying War Stamps regularly.

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Doris Anderson Chosen "Miss Shiloh"

Claudia Williams



What an honor! What a thrill! What a feeling! As the queen of any school we can imagine how very pleased a young lady must be but to be "Miss Shiloh" is nothing to be sneezed at but something to cherish forever. Miss Shiloh for 1943-1944 is the very charming little lass Doris Yvonne Anderson, who has already distinguished herself on the campus even as an elementary student.

"Miss Shiloh" of 1942-43, who is Sedalia L. Crain, will find pleasure, I am sure, in passing the title to a young lady who is as versatile and diligent as she.

Names Paper

Belvin Snoddy, a freshman, has the distinction of being the person whose name was chosen for the school paper in a recent "paper naming" contest in which all students of Shiloh took part. The judges found it not an easy task to make their final decision. Belvin is the youngest person in the high school department, being only 11 years old. As long as the "Campus Register" lives the name of Belvin Snoddy should also be cherished.

FOOTBALL SEASON THE BEST EVER



Reading from left to right, standing: Coach M. H. Shavers, Stephens, John E. Boykins, Francis Allen, Maurice Jones,

Norris Anderson, Roy Smith, Joel Stephens, Norris Green, Bottom row: Joseph Christian, Mann Howard, Buford Johnson,

Willie George Anderson, Arty Russ, Loyd Christian, Forneft Coleman.

Football at Shiloh

La Francis Allen and Sherman Stephens

The past year's grid season at Shiloh was one of the most successful in the history of the school. The ruthless Shiloh Drillers smashed every opponent of deep east Texas that claimed any gridiron prestige.

Perhaps one of the most sensational games of the past season among both college and high school, was the game between the Gladewater Humble Bees and the Shiloh Drillers. Both teams had something to fight for.

The Humble Bees wanted to protect a gridiron prestige acquired by hard playing throughout the years. The Drillers wanted to disprove a stigma which has labeled them the underdogs through the years although the game ended a scoreless tie, the Humble Bees were quite sure of the fact that the Drillers had been mis-labeled and that they had been beaten so when the time keeper raised his hand and signaled the Humble Bee rooters gave a sigh of relief and were completely satisfied with a scoreless tie. The game ended with the Drillers in possession of the ball on the Humble Bee's one yard line.

Another game of spectacular notice was played against Kilgore. Both teams had played hard until well into the last quarter. Both teams had made efforts but none had proved fruitful until fleet-footed Boykins (captain) scooped up a blocked kick and trucked more than 40 yards for the only score of the game. Again "Big Pitch" and his brother from Kilgore saw the much hated captain of the Drillers "do it again."

The Drillers went on with their ruthless slaughter and grid record and their victims were Mt. Pleasant 43-0. Troup 27-0 until the last game of the season when the Drillers could boast of the fact that no one had crossed their goal line. This record was shattered by North Chapel, a team that the Drillers had beaten earlier in the season; so they came back like a strong and vicious lion but the Drillers were the men to cage that lion and they did, although North Chapel crossed the goal line of the Drillers and that made the Drillers plenty warr and they had some game from then on. The game ended 18-6 for Shiloh.

Every player on the Driller team deserves some praise and plenty of it because every player played a whole season. Much could be said about the players but space will not allow. The

Drillers have been picked tops for all East Texas in 1944, so if you want to be on the winning side wear a Shiloh badge.

While we are at it we are urging more students to participate in basketball as Coach C. R. Walker is planning a victorious season such as the football season turned out to be.

Home Making

In the Home Making Department the Freshman and Sophomores are busy making quick breads and serving luncheons. You would be surprised to know that the Sophomore Class will put aside all jokes when it is time for them to work. The Juniors and Seniors are doing a fine job renovating garments for their spring wardrobes.

Music Department

Waille Mae Snoddy

The Music Department of Shiloh High School sponsored a Patriotic Extravaganza in their auditorium on the twenty-third of November. This colorful patriotic program was staged in the White Oak auditorium and also in Gladewater Colored High School auditorium. It was enjoyed by each school. The program was directed by Miss I. C. Henry.



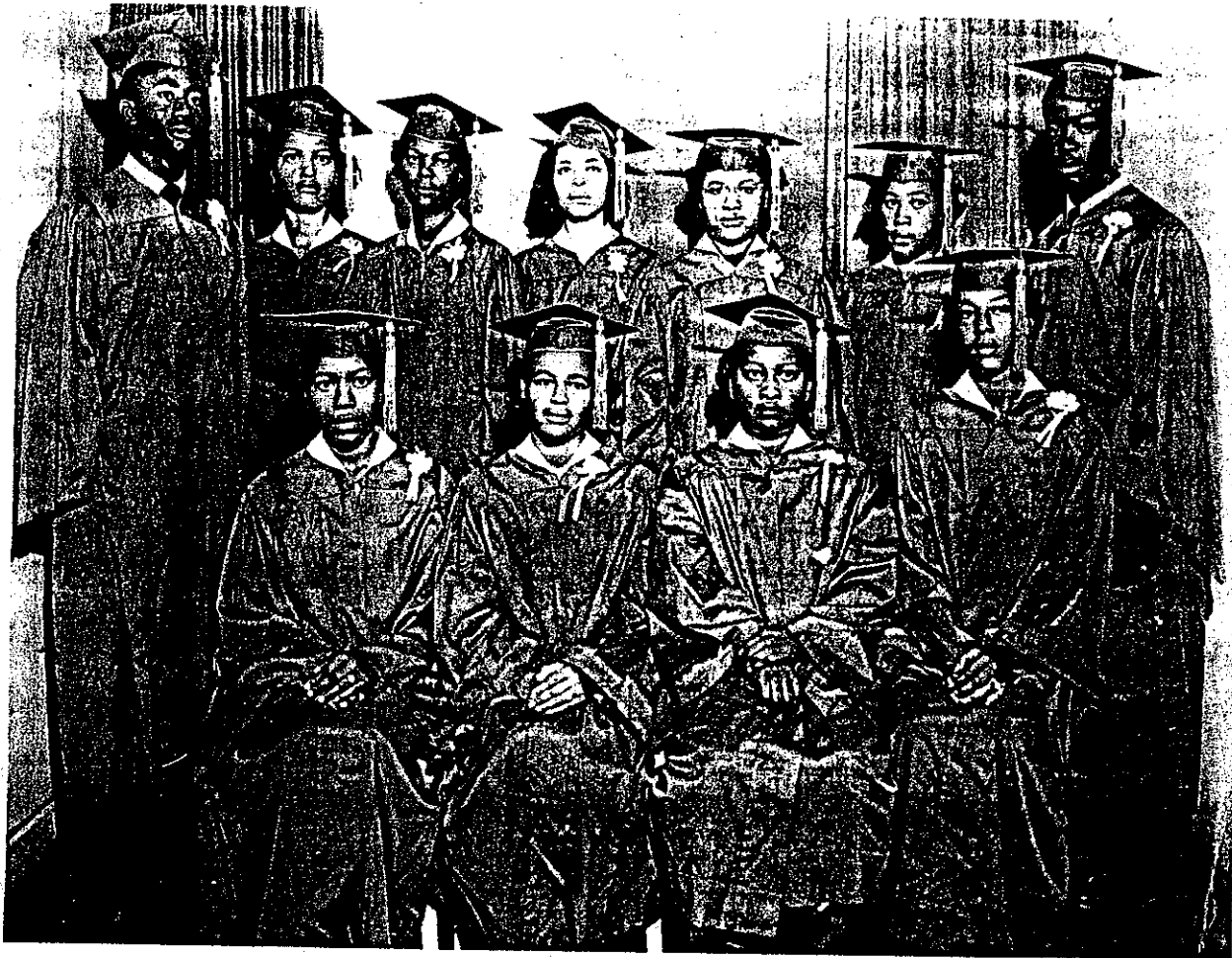
1942-1943
SHILOH SCHOOL QUEEN

Sedelia L. Crain



1944
SHILOH HIGH SCHOOL QUEEN
LULA D. WILLIS

THE LAST CLASS TO GRADUATE FROM SHILOH HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS OF 1949

First Row, Left to Right: Lucille Stephens, Andretta Russ, Odie Mae Moore and Helen Whitaker.
Second Row, Left to Right: Leo Snoddy, Jacqueline Christian, Alma Christian, Helen Christian,
Eliza A. Jones, Ruth Ella Hunt and Bennie Jackson.

STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED SHILOH FROM 1949 - 1966

Carla Adams
 Marvin Adams
 Renita Adams
 Marcus Alford
 Alfred Allen
 Billie Allen
 Bunny Ruth Allen
 Carolyn Ann Allen
 Donnie Ray Allen
 Gearldine Allen
 Gloria Dean Allen
 James Allen
 J.D. Allen
 Jodie Allen
 Mary Lois Allen
 Mavader Allen
 Millie Allen
 Nancy Allen
 Racyne Allen
 Robert Allen
 Verona Allen
 Winston Allen
 Bennie Anderson
 Darrell Anderson
 Freddie D. Anderson
 Debbie Bailey
 Deloris Bailey
 Emery Bailey
 Freddy Lee Bailey
 Nevorsia Bailey
 Otha Mae Bailey
 Shirley Bailey
 Vivian Bailey
 Vonda Bailey
 Darrell D. Barnes
 Lonnie Barnes
 Yalonda Barnes
 Clifford Brown
 Jenny V. Brown
 Dewey Christian
 Flora Christian
 Malcolm Christian
 Mitchell Christian
 Patricia Christian
 Randle Christian
 Thomas Christian
 Kenneth Clark
 Gordon Coleman
 James Coleman
 Larry Coleman
 Lillie M. Coleman
 Mary Easter Coleman
 Virginia Ann Coleman
 Beverly (Sis) Crain
 Johnny (Butch) Crain
 Jaunita Crain
 Keith Crain
 Ronnie Crain
 Cathy Sue Criss
 Diane Anette Criss

Glenda Sue Criss
 Jannie Criss
 Joe Criss
 J.C. Criss
 K.C. Criss
 Lessie B. Criss
 Lulla Mae Criss
 Ola B. Criss
 W.C. Criss
 Hawathi Davis
 Missidine Davis
 Mossolini Davis
 O'Grissom Davis
 Orleen Davis
 Pato Davis
 Alford (Chief) Deadmon
 Pamela Joyce Gilliam
 Horace Lee Green, Jr.
 Peggy Denise Green
 Lillie Pearl Green
 Victoria Green
 Jeanette (Howard) Grissom
 Melvia Rose Hooper
 Tommy Hooper
 Amelia Hunt
 Byron Ray Hunt
 Cladetta Hunt
 Lavell Hunt
 Sammy Hunt
 Sandra Lynn Hunt
 Wardell Hunt
 Lynn Jackson
 Artenna Jones
 Bob Jones
 Claudie Jones
 Darnell Jones
 Elavee Jones
 Erma Mae Jones
 Frank Jones
 Gene Jones
 Hardee Jones
 Horace Earl Jones
 James Jones
 Jannie Mae Jones
 Lizane Jones
 Louis Jones
 Lula D. Jones
 Maurice Jones, Jr.
 Melvin Jones
 Monica Jean Jones
 Mozelle Jones
 Richard Jones
 Robert Jones
 Rory Jones
 Shelia Jones
 Troy Jones
 Vattie Mearie Jones
 Verlene Jones
 Vernon Jones
 Wilson Jones, Jr.

Cynthia Jefferson
 Rocelia (Bunch) Jefferson
 Jannie Lowe
 Gearldine Lucas
 W.L. Lucas
 Daniel McFarland
 David McFarland
 Pamela McFarland
 James Montgomery
 Marvin Montgomery
 Melvin Montgomery
 Raymond Montgomery
 Dwight Pruitt
 Fell S. Pruitt
 Hilary Pruitt
 Janice Pruitt
 Jenifer Pruitt
 Lavert Pruitt
 Lillie Pruitt
 Linda Pruitt
 Marcus Pruitt
 Myles Pruitt
 Virginia Pruitt
 Wendell Corey Pruitt
 Minnie Pearl
 Allice Fay Snoddy
 Cynthia Snoddy
 James Snoddy
 Janette Snoddy
 Jason Snoddy
 May Francis Snoddy
 Robert Snoddy
 Rufus Snoddy, Jr.
 Wayne Snoddy
 Milton Travis Sanders
 Robbie Sanders
 Mary Sheppard
 Phyllis Sheppard
 Bessie Smith
 Carl Stephens
 Carlton Stephens
 Carol Ann Stephens
 Dennis Stephens
 James Dee Stephens
 Joe Stephens
 Lawrence Stephens
 Mary Stephens
 Altha Lee Taylor
 Arthur D. Taylor
 Brenda Taylor
 Denice Ann Taylor
 Doris Ann Taylor
 Lola Bell Taylor
 May Pearle Taylor
 Peggy Taylor
 Rodessa Taylor
 Willie Watts
 Lanell Wilborn
 Wenford Wilborn



Nina Mae
Shiloh Rams Football Queen
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Room 2

The fifth and sixth grade classes are looking forward to doing big things during the second semester. We have several pupils who are striving hard each day, so that they may make the honor roll, both classes have a motto to serve their purpose: "We will fight, fight, and finally we will reach the goal which will sum up to this one word, Success."

Mrs. Prince E. Hooper,
Teacher.

News from Senior Class

Florence L. Jones

We, the seniors are putting forth great efforts in getting ready for commencement. We have already put in an order for our rings, caps and gowns.

Within the next month we will be ready to stage our class play, "A Fighting Chance"

Erma Jean Anderson is writing the will, John Earl Boykins and Ruby L. Johnson are try-outs in composing the class song.

Despite handicaps, such as losing Artis Crain in the army, we are keeping our spirits high. We don't have much time for fun and recreation but we have that success which comes after perseverance

Letter from Pvt. Crain

A letter from Pvt. Artis Crain who is in service reads:

Hello Classmates, I want you to know that I appreciate the affair that you gave in my honor. It was "swell." How is algebra? Tell Mr. Brown not to be so hard on you. Have you eaten Boykins up as yet? Tell Miss Henry and the other teachers hello. Do your best in your studies and leave off part of your fun. Write to me.

Your Classmate,
Pvt. Artis Crain.

Ruby L. Johnson spent the week-end in Gladevater visiting Doris Holman.

Room 4

We are doing our best and intend to keep it up. The eighth grade class stated that: "Although we are few in number, we are working very zealously to become freshmen when school closes."

We are not having many slackers and we hope that few will not fool around and fail.

Mrs. Foster, Teacher.

Football Men and Their Positions

Artis Crain LE, Norris Green I.T, Lloyd Christian LG, Willie George Anderson C, Arty Russ. G, Mann Howard RT, Sherman Stephens RE, John Earl Boykins QB, LaFrancis Allen FB, Festus Anderson RHB, Lavert Christian LHB, Joel Stephens RT, Roy Smith LG, York Christian C, Joseph Christian RT, Fornest Colman LE, Buford Johnson RG, Morris Anderson L HB, J. T. Allen LT, J. C. Anderson RT.

Our Football Queens

Retta V. Mann

Isn't it a pity we don't have football Kings? Shiloh's royal Kingdom has four charming queens on the loose.

The annual football queen contest was held from November 1, 1943 to December 1, 1943 with the following "royalties" being elected class queens: Cascinia Davis, Senior, Wallie Mae Snoddy, Junior, Bessie B. Key, Sophomore, and Doris Y. Anderson, Freshman.

The enthusiastic final election revealed the honored queen Doris Y. Anderson with Cascinia Davis as runner up. The Juniors tried to be a dark horse winner but the Seniors, Freshmen and Sophomores were not to be fooled and so the contest ended with the Freshman class in the lead. The total amount of money raised was \$243.02.

This meritorious move was sponsored by the student body with Principal D. M. Brown as supervisor.

Quiz Yourself

- 1 Who is the youngest person in the freshman class?
2. What teacher is always home sick?
- 3 What students were recently drafted?
4. What class has only one boy?
5. Who is the best player on the football team?
6. What boys are called the "several devils"?
7. Who is called Boots?
8. Who is the best actress on the campus?
9. What girl writes the most letters?
10. If George Washington went across the London bridge why didn't he want to come back?
11. What class is the noisiest on the campus?
12. What boys call themselves the 'Nicest' on the campus?
13. Where is the porter house steak cut from?
14. What is man's greatest social invention?
15. What Sophomore girl always wears a smile?

A Word From Our Sponsor

I. C. Henry

At last, a dream of mine has come true. A real paper for a real school. The "Campus Register" to you, dear readers, may be just another paper, but to us at Shiloh it is the coming of something that has been long "looked for." The "Campus Register" has three aims: first to reach many readers far and near; second to be a representative of the school and third to serve the school in as many respects as possible. Since this is true it is the desire of the members of the staff to make it just what it should be in order that we can always have the patronage of our readers. Any suggestions given to make our paper a bigger and better one will be appreciated.

Room 5

The third and fourth grades have done excellent work during the first semester. Those making the honor roll were: Bertie Lee Washington and Mattie L. Richardson, third grade; Lavara J. Richardson, Noble Jones and Shirley Hunt, fourth grade. We are planning a Valentine party in our room February, 14, 1944.

Mrs. Velma W. McCullough,
Teacher.

Buy Bonds to defeat the Axis!

Laughs

Ruby L. Johnson

Mr. Walker: Belvin, can you tell me the four kinds of sheep?
 Belvin: Sure, black sheep, white sheep, Mary's little lamb and the hydraulic ram.

A freshman teacher, I have a pain in my abdomen.

Teacher: You are mistaken, seniors have abdomen, sophomores and juniors have stomachs but you, you have the belly ache.

Darnell: Mr. Shavers, what holds people on earth while it turns around?

Mr. Shavers: The law of gravitation of course.

Darnell: Yeah, but what I can't figure out is how the people stayed on before Congress passed that law.

Mr. Walker: Boys, you can't go wrong if you buy a mare that is sound, gentle, a good worker and a saddle horse.

Willie G.: (very hungry) The main thing to me, would be, is she tender?

Traffic Officer: (To Mr. Brown after an accident) Do you know the number of the car that struck you?

Mr. Brown: No, I don't remember that but I saw if it were multiplied by ten the square root would be 26,897 multiplied by 16, subtract from the product that would equal to the sum of the digits. (Some mathematician eh?)

Mildred: These teachers here don't know a thing. Not one of them knows straight up. They are just dumb. This school ought to get a whole new teaching staff.

O. L. Williams: Say, did you flunk too?

Boykins: Boy, you know my girl is a chemist.

Crain: How is that?

Boykins: Well, when I take her out she changes my silver into copper.

Miss Henry: Why aren't you writing Sheppard?

Sheppard: I ain't got no pen.

Miss Henry: Whew! where's your grammar?

Sheppard: Oh, she's dead.

Ruby Loyce: (In line) Hey, who do you think you're pushing?

Norris Green: Oh, I don't know. What is your name?

"I'll now illustrate what I have in mind," said Mr. Shavers as he erased the board.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Doris Adams
J.W. Anderson
Willia, (Bill) Allen
Bessie Key Brooms
Ruby J. Lawson Brown
Carlean Branner
Freddie O. Cannon
Artis Crain
Joyce Cosby
Susie M. Craddock
Alma L. Christian
-Marie Stephens Fullylove
Nina , Hunt
George Hunt Jr.

Joe Hodge
Verna Hodge
Ola F. Gray
Maurice Jones
Muriel G. Jones
Wilma Mann Newsome
Nona M. Pinson
Leo H. Snoddy
Belvin G. Snoddy
Vernon Snoddy
James E. Snoddy
Beatrice Blake Smith
Sedalia Crain Taylor
Carl Stephens



"The RAM "

SHILOH SCHOOL MASCOT

Footprints in the Sand

In Memory

Principal - Mrs. S. A. Anderson
Mr. Wilbur Williams
Mr. D. M. Brown

Teachers - Mrs. Johnnie Anderson
Mrs. Maggie L. Foster
Mrs. A. H. Frazier
Mrs. Sarah W. Frost Allen
Mr. Sherman L. Gay
Mrs. Ira C. Henry
Mrs. Irlene Holt
Mrs. Floree J. Jones
Mrs. Bullah Jones
Mrs. Betty Jones
Mrs. Velma McClough
Mr. C. R. Walker
Miss Myrtle C. Willis

Bus Drivers: Mr. Raphus Allen
Mr. Houston Stephens, Sr.

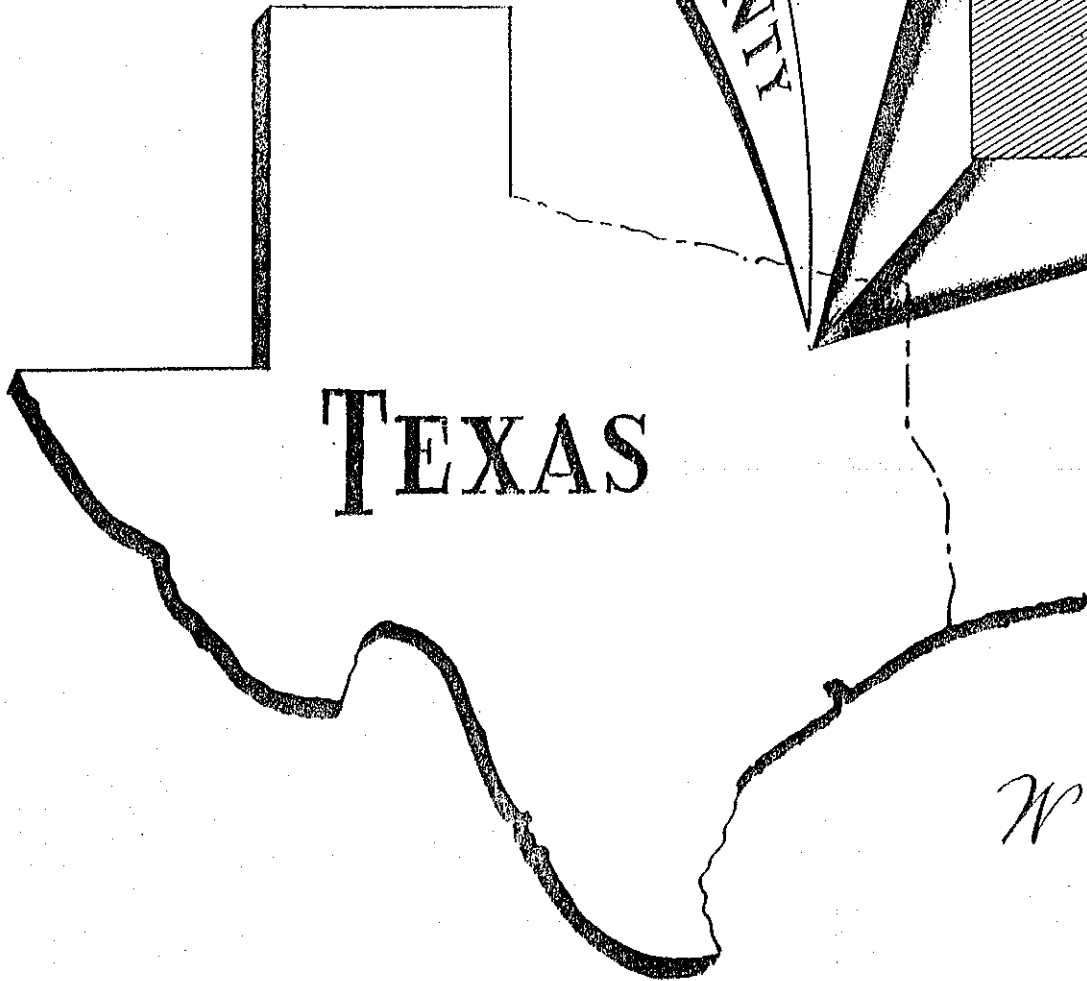
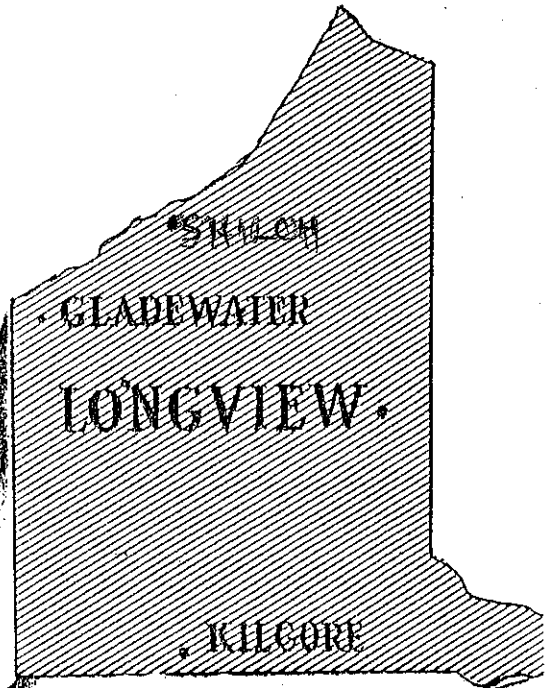
Cook: Mrs. Doshie Jones

Students: Jodie Allen
La Francis Allen
Robert Allen
Kathryn Allen
Jurial Allen
Frea Allen
Margaret Allen
Adell Allen
Hommer Allen
Sally Anderson
Rudell Anderson
Irma Jean Anderson
Festus Anderson
Isiah Blake
Grade Bowens
Ella Brooks
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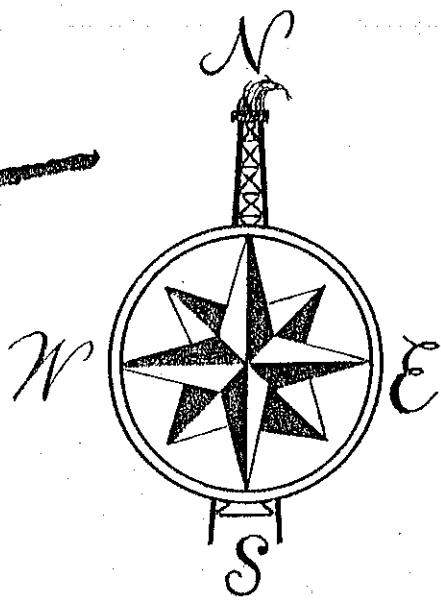
Students (cont.)

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Calvin Christian
Roger Christian
K. D. Christian
Forston Christian
Emmett James Christian
Joseph Christian
Billy L. Christian
H. D. Davis
Willie V. Everitt
Raleigh Mae Green
Matthew Howard
Lurlee Jones
Elizann Jones
Miller Jones
Cordia Jones
Pardee Jones
Boyce Jones
Dorothy Johnson
Retta V. Mann
Henry Mann, Jr.
Oddie Mae Moore
Perthaleen Pruitt
Alton Russ
Lavern Russ
Wallie Mae Snoddy
Freddie Lee Shepard
Eddie Lee Sheparā
Loyd Thomas
J. D. Watts
Deloris Watts
Zollie D. Watts
Alice Watts
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John Willis

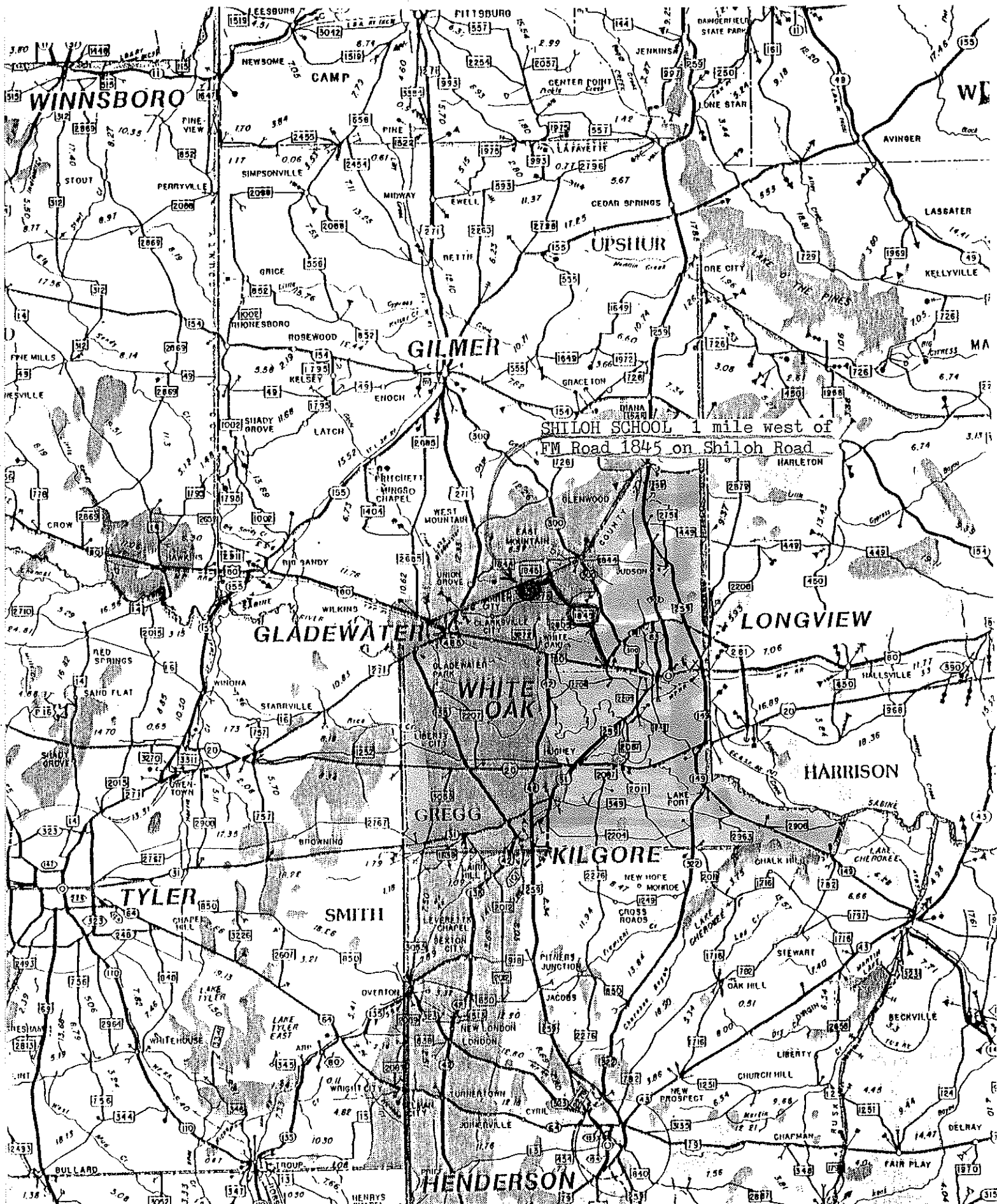
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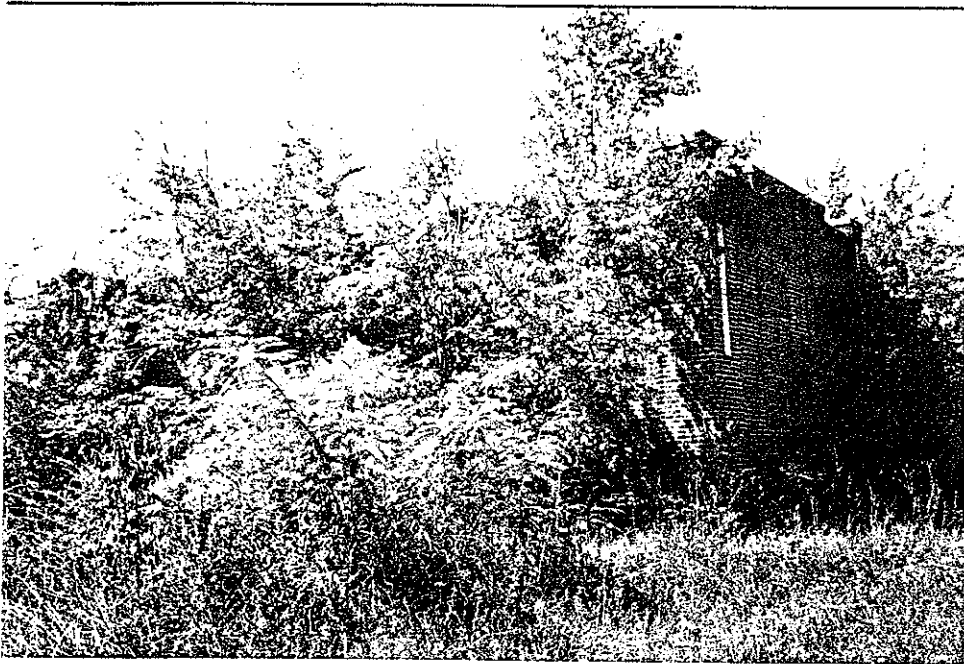
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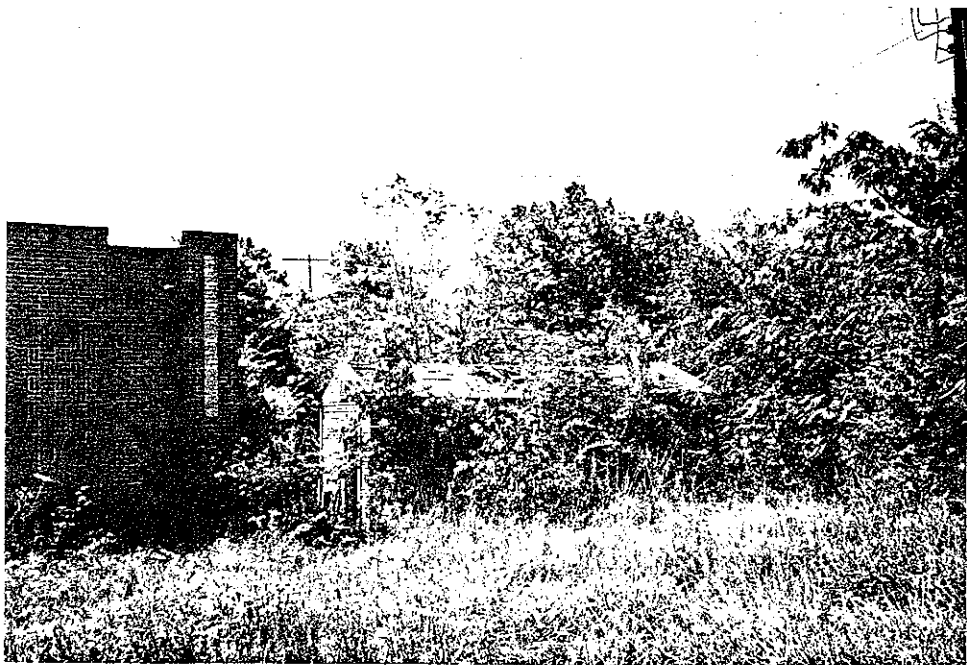


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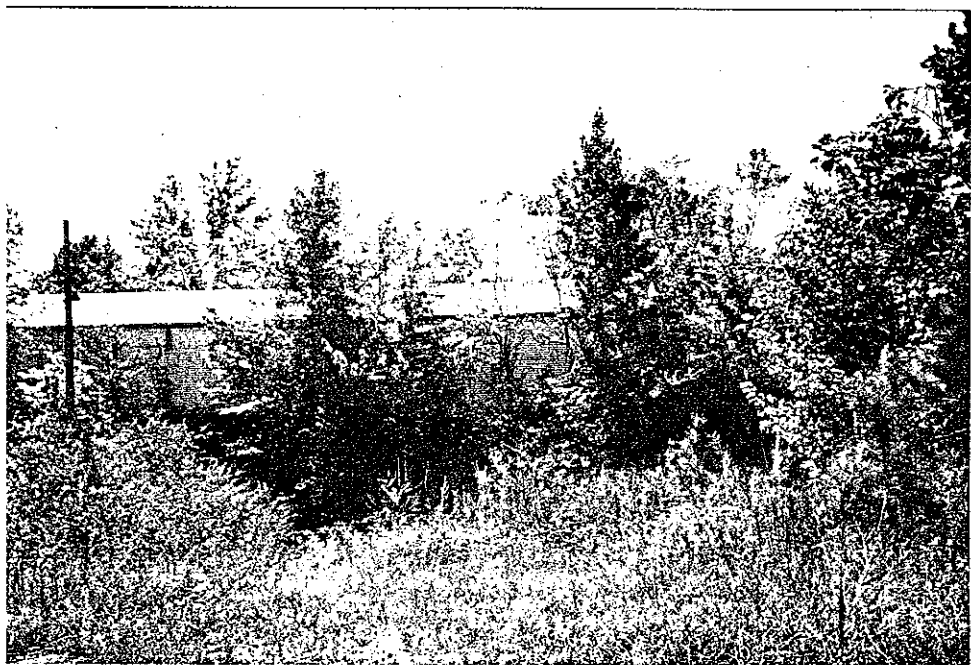


North side (front)

⊗ proposed H.M.
location
- (20' from Shiloh Rd.)



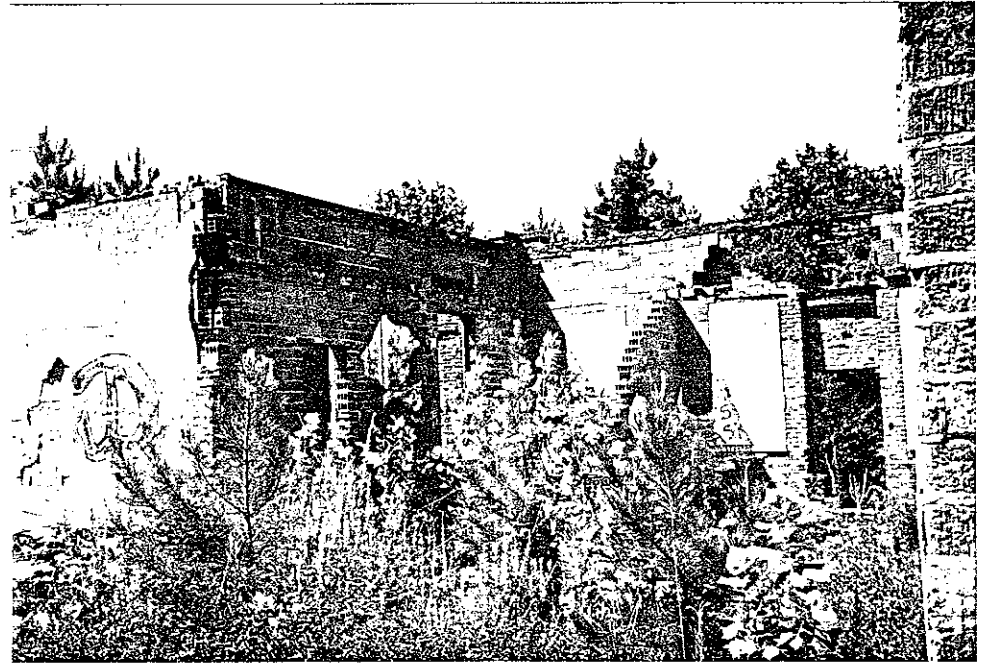
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North side



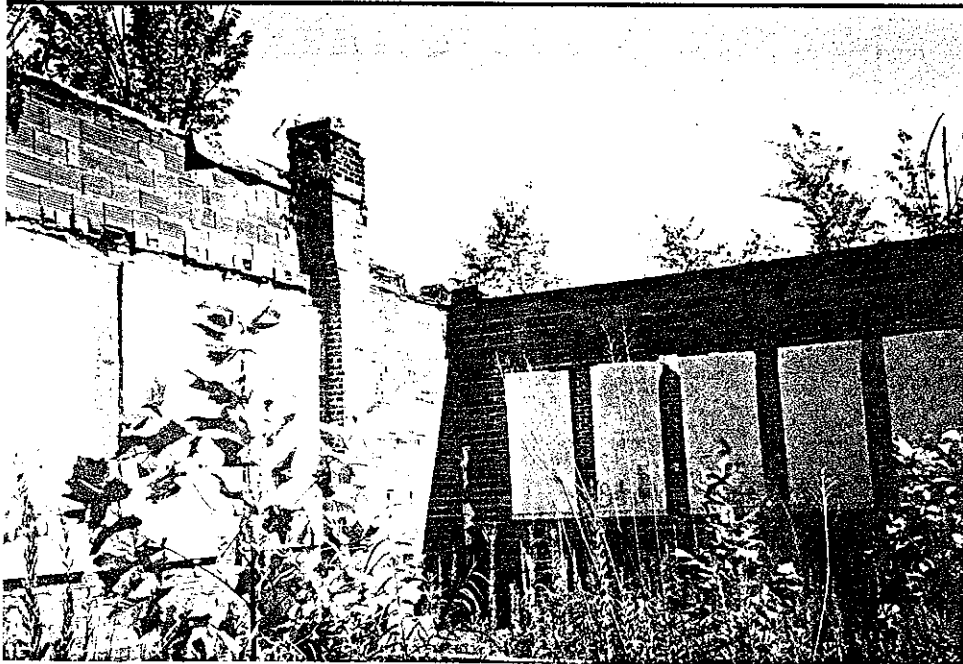
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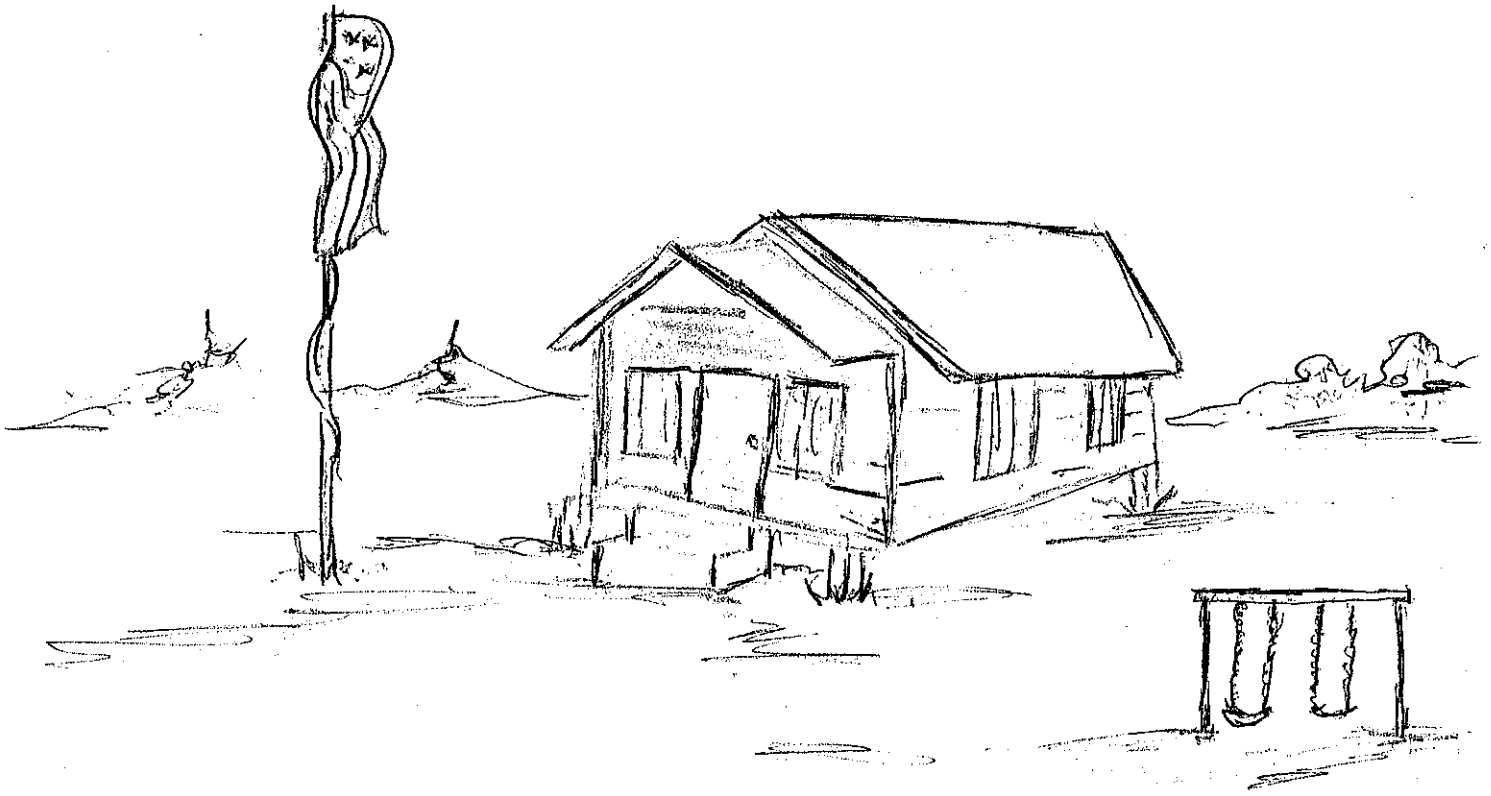
Shiloh School Ruins



Inside the ruins

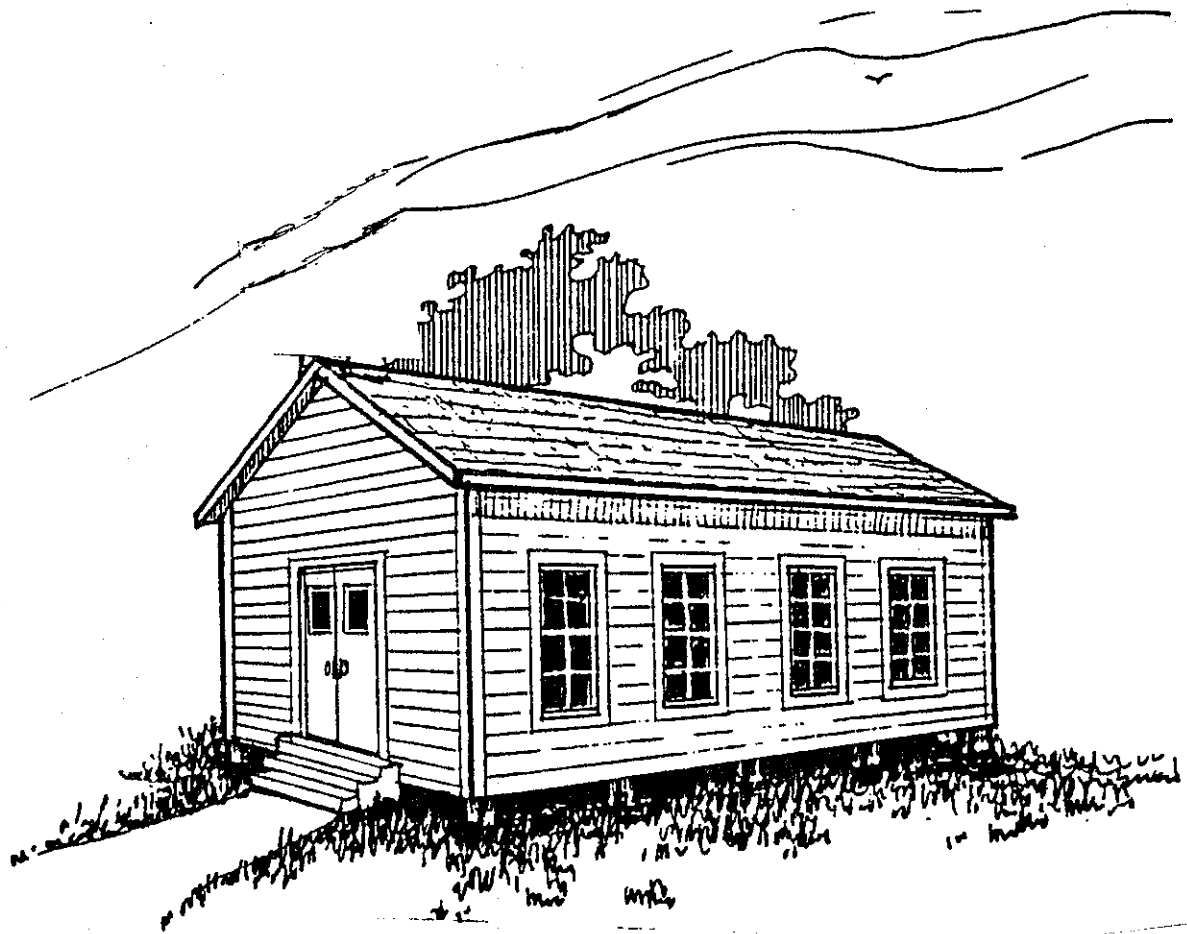


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The First Shiloh School Building
C. 1880 - N.W. BLACK

This is an Artist's (Willie G. Anderson) Concept of the first ^{one room} Shiloh School, as described to him by William (Bill) Allen. (see footnote 2)



The Second Shiloh School Building
C. 1921 - N.W. BLACK
Artist, Willie G. Anderson, conception of the
two room school which was funded by
the Rosenwald Foundation.



Gregg County Historical Commission

Norman W. Black, D.D.S.
Chairman

417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, Texas 75602

Phone 903-757-2261
Fax # 903-753-5337

October 6, 1997

Cynthia J. Beeman, Administrator
Official Texas Historical Markers Program
Texas Historical Commission
P. O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: SHILOH SCHOOL SITE (ruins) H. M. Application

Dear Cynthia:

Enclosed is an application for an Official Texas Historical Marker for the above subject.

This is an interesting subject as the narrative describes. It is only one I have proposed for this recognition where only ruins of the main building remain. As pointed out to me by the writer of the narrative few of the African-Americans had camera in those early days and no known photographs of the frame buildings have been found. However, one of the alumni, Willie G. Anderson, has drawn sketches from the memories of former students. The sketch of the second frame building seems to fit the plan of the one-room Rosenwald schools. Due to heavy undergrowth and sapling trees at the sides of the buildings it was impossible for me to photograph all sides of the ruins and outbuildings.

Sincerely,

Norman W. Black, D.D.S.

Enc.

Application Form Official Texas Historical Marker

(Please complete both sides of form.)

This marker is for (title or subject): SHILOH SCHOOL (RUINS)

(Title subject to change by THC staff and/or State Marker Review Board.)

County: GREGG

Marker location (street address and city, or specific directions from nearest town on state highway map):
Approximately one mile west of FM Road 1845 on Shiloh Road in north part of
Gregg County

Distance and direction of marker topic from marker site (if applicable): In front of the main building
on Gregg County right-of-way of Shiloh Road, approximately twenty feet in front of
the building.

Approval of County Historical Commission

The application and narrative history must be approved by the county historical commission before forwarding to the Texas Historical Commission.

Signature of CHC chair or Marker Committee chair: Norman J. Beck, P.D.S.

Date: 10-6-97

Address: 417 Mobberly Ave.

Longview, Texas 75602

Phone: 903-757-2261

FAX: 903-753-5337

The CHC chair or Marker Committee chair automatically will receive all copies of correspondence regarding this marker project.

Permission of owner for marker placement

Permission for placement of a marker must be obtained from the property owner. Please provide the name of a contact person if the owner is an institution, organization, or public entity. This section need not be completed if the marker is to be placed on right-of-way maintained by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Name: David McBride, Commissioner, Pct. 3, Gregg County

Contact person (if applicable):

Mailing address: Rt. 4, Box 648, Longview, Texas 75604

Phone: 903-759-8962

FAX:

Owner's Signature: David McBride

Commissioner Pct 3 Gregg Co.

Do you wish to receive copies of all correspondence concerning this marker application? Yes No

To whom should the request for payment be addressed?

Name: George Hunt Jr

Contact person (if applicable):

Mailing address: George Hunt Jr

2705 Hunt Rd.

Phone: 759 5023

FAX:

Longview, TX 75604

Does this person wish to receive copies of all other correspondence concerning this application? Yes No

Is there anyone else to whom all correspondence concerning this marker application should be addressed? (One additional name and address only, please.)

Name:

Mailing address:

Phone:

FAX:

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The State Agency for Historic Preservation

October 13, 1997

Dr Norman Black, Chair
Gregg CHC
417 Mobberly Ave
Longview, TX 75602

RE: SHILOH SCHOOL, SITE OF
18" X 28" marker w/post
Job # 04093; Received: 10/09/97

Dear Dr. Black:

We have received the above-referenced marker application. The application will be reviewed and evaluated by the Texas Historical Commission staff in the order in which it was received. Currently, there is about a 60 day wait between the time subject marker applications are received and evaluated. Should additional information be needed for the review, we will contact you and any parties listed below at that time. After any deficiencies have been corrected, we will send copies of the application to the members of the State Marker Review Board, who will make the final determination of the topic's acceptability for marking.

We will notify all parties as soon as the Board makes its decision. If the topic is approved for marking, payment will be requested at that time. If not approved, the application will be returned along with a letter of explanation.

Because of the variables involved in the marker process, and because we must coordinate our orders with the schedule of the contracting foundry, we suggest that the date of the marker dedication not be set until the completed marker is received.

We appreciate the effort made to record this topic. Should there be any questions about the status of this marker application, please contact me at 512/463-5853.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronnie Kaase".

Ronnie Kaase
Local History Programs



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February 18, 1998

George Hunt, Jr.
2705 Hunt Road
Longview, TX 75604

RE: SITE OF SHILOH SCHOOL
18" x 28" marker w/ post
Job # 04098, Gregg County

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I am pleased to notify you that the State Marker Review Board has reviewed and approved the above-referenced topic for an Official Texas Historical Marker.

Payment for the marker, in the amount of \$650.00, is now due. Please complete and return the enclosed payment form at your earliest convenience. Once payment for the marker is received, the application will be placed in line to have the marker inscription written. The inscription will not be written until after funds have been received. When the text is prepared, a copy will be sent to you and any parties listed below for review and approval.

The Texas Historical Commission congratulates you on your efforts to record and preserve Texas history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia J. Beeman".

Cynthia J. Beeman, Administrator
Official Texas Historical Marker Program

pc: Dr. Norman Black, Gregg CHC

P.S. Due to an unavoidable price increase at the foundry, the cost quoted in this letter is more than your application form may have indicated. We apologize for any inconvenience, and hope this will not cause any undue hardships.



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The State Agency for Historic Preservation

May 26, 1998

Dr. Norman Black
417 Mobberly
Longview, TX 75602

RE: SITE OF SHILOH SCHOOL
18" x 28" subject marker with post
Gregg County, Job #04098

Dear Dr. Black:

Enclosed is the proposed inscription for the above-referenced marker. (Please note that this is a working copy, including filing and foundry instructions. The right-hand margin, which is uneven in this copy, will be justified on the finished marker.)

Please review and verify the information contained in the inscription. In particular, be sure to check all names and dates, and make certain we have noted the correct marker location. Please contact other sponsors of this application to discuss the wording of this marker. If you approve the inscription, sign where indicated and return it to me. You also may want to make a copy of the inscription for your files.

If you have corrections to make or changes to suggest, please do so on the enclosed copy of the inscription and return it to me with the marked corrections. To ensure that I catch all your suggested changes, I ask that you not type a new version of the inscription. The revised wording will need to meet style and spacing requirements; suggestions for new information not documented in your narrative history must be sent with appropriate reference notes.

The marker will not be ordered for casting until the county historical commission and other persons or groups listed below have approved the inscription. For that reason, we will expect to receive signed copies of the inscription from each person; in order to avoid possible delays, you may want to consult with each other and discuss approvals or possible revisions and coordinate the return of all of the copies.

Sincerely,

Emily C. Bell

Emily C. Bell, Historian
Local History Programs
History Programs Division

c: George Hunt, Jr.

Texas Historical Commission (ECB), 5/7/98

18" x 28" Official Texas Historical Marker with post
Gregg County (Job #04098)

Location: 4 mi. NW of Longview on FM 1845; 1 mi. W on Shiloh Road

Site of
SHILOH SCHOOL

THE NEWLY FREED AFRICAN AMERICANS
OF THE SHILOH COMMUNITY ESTABLISHED
A SCHOOL FOR THEIR CHILDREN SHORTLY
AFTER THE CIVIL WAR. THE ONE-ROOM
BUILDING WAS DEMOLISHED IN THE LATE
1800s AND CLASSES WERE HELD AT THE
SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH. WITH FINAN-
CIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE JULIUS
ROSENWALD FUND, A NEW TWO-ROOM
SCHOOL WAS ERECTED IN 1920. IT WAS
REPLACED BY A LARGE BRICK BUILDING
IN THE 1930s. THE HIGH SCHOOL WAS
CLOSED IN 1949; THE END OF SEGREGA-
TION CLOSED THE REST OF THE SHILOH
SCHOOL IN 1966. SHILOH GRADUATES
BECAME CONTRIBUTING CITIZENS IN
TEXAS AND THE NATION. LONG VACANT,
THE SCHOOL BUILDING WAS LATER USED
TO STORE CHEMICALS FOR A PLASTICS
COMPANY AND BURNED IN 1993.

(1998)



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The State Agency for Historic Preservation

June 11, 1998

Dr. Norman Black, Chair
Gregg CHC
417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, TX 75602

RE: SITE OF SHILOH SCHOOL
18" x 28" marker w/ post - Job # 04098
Shipment information: above address

Dear Dr. Black:

We have ordered the above referenced marker for casting. Since the marker is wanted for an August 1, 1998 dedication, we have labeled it a RUSH order and have asked that it be placed ahead of all other non-RUSH orders. A copy of the final inscription as it was sent to the foundry is enclosed for your files.

Though you have already been planning the dedication ceremony and have set the date, if you should need further assistance, a guide to planning your dedication ceremony is available from our office upon request.

We will contact you again once we are notified that your marker has been shipped.

Thank you for your interest in the Local History Programs; we greatly appreciate your support in the preservation of the history of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Egina G. Reyes".

Egina G. Reyes
Office Manager
Local History Programs

SEE BACK OF DELIVERY RECEIPT

DATE 07/02/98

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July 10, 1998

Dr. Norman Black, Chair
Gregg CHC
417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, TX 75602

RE: SITE OF SHILOH SCHOOL
18" x 28" marker w/ post; Job # 04098
Date Shipped: 06/30/98; Shipping Company: CENTRAL

Dear Dr. Black:

The above-referenced marker was recently shipped to your attention, on the above referenced date. If it has not been received, please contact the Southwell Company at 210/223-1831 so that it may be traced. Please be prepared to give the job number, date shipped, and shipping company name.

We would appreciate having photocopies of any newspaper clippings (rather than the original clippings, which aren't archivally stable) or photos about the dedication ceremony to complete our file on this marker.

Thank you for your continued support and good work toward the preservation of the history of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Egina G. Reyes".

Egina G. Reyes
Office Manager
History Programs Division

July 6, 1998

*Dr. Norman W. Black
417 South Colberly Avenue
Longview, Texas 75602*

Dear Dr. Black:

We, the members of the Philoh High School Exes, cordially invite you to attend the dedication of an official Texas Historical Marker at the former site of the Philoh High School - 1026 Philoh Road on Saturday, August 1, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. Looking forward to seeing you at this historical event.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Nina Hunt, Chairperson
Philoh High School Historical
Marker Committee*

Shiloh Historical Marker Committee

1996 - 1998 Officers:

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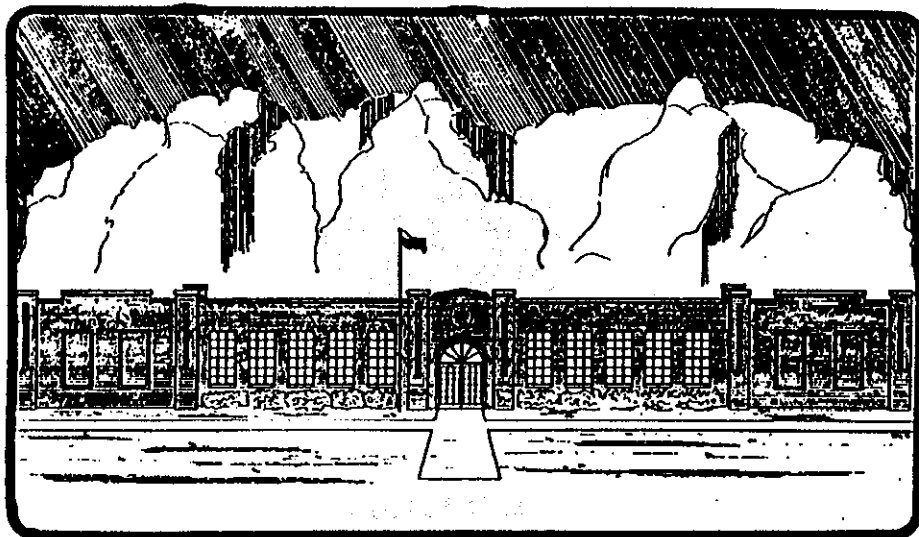
**Dedication
of an
Official Texas Historical Marker**

**Former Site of
Shiloh Elementary / High School
1026 Shiloh Road
Longview, Texas**

Saturday, August 1, 1998

Sponsored by

**The Texas Historical Commission
The Gregg County Historical Commission**



The Former Shiloh Elementary/High School
 Shiloh Road - Longview, Gregg County, Texas

Gregg County Historical Commission

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| Nelda Lewis | Joe White |
| Carol Morris Little | W.A. Williams |

*Denotes member of the Texas Historical Commission

Program

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Master of Ceremonies | Dr. Norman W. Black, Chairman Gregg County Historical Commission |
| Invocation | Mr. George Hunt Jr. Past President, Longview Chapter |
| Welcome | Mrs. Nina Hunt Vice President, Longview Chapter |
| Introduction of Guest | Dr. Norman W. Black |
| Introduction of Speaker | Mr. Curtis Smith President, Dallas Chapter |
| Address | Mrs. Lucille Thomas Founder of the Exes Reunion |
| Dedication of Marker | Dr. Norman W. Black |
| Unveiling of Marker | Mr. Burford A. Johnson Los Angeles Chapter Mrs. Wilma Newsome President, S.F.B. A Chapter |
| Reading of Marker | Dr. Norman W. Black |
| Benediction | Mr. Leo Snoddy President, Michigan Chapter |

Acknowledgements:

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| Shiloh Exes: | Longview Chapter Dallas Chapter Michigan Chapter Los Angeles Chapter S.F.B.A. Chapter |
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Bing and Janis Canion
 Robert Bohn

SITE OF SHILOH SCHOOL

HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION

Saturday, August 1, 1998, 10:30 A.M.

M.C. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the dedication of an Official Texas Historical Marker: Shiloh School. This marker is authorized by the State of Texas and sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission and the Gregg County Historical Commission.

INVOCATION The invocation will be given by Mr. George Hunt, Jr., Past President of the Longview Chapter of the Shiloh Exes.....

WELCOME ...followed by the Welcome by Mrs. Nina Hunt, Vice President of Longview Chapter of the Shiloh Exes.....Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Hunt.

GUESTS We have some Guests I would like to introduce. First Judge Mickey Smith.....(asked me to represent him at these ceremonies)

INTRO/SPKR Mr. Curtis Smith, President of the Dallas Chapter will now introduce our speaker...Mr. Smith .

(Mr. Smith will introduce Mrs. Lucille Thomas, Founder of the Exes Reunion).....Thank you Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Smith.

DEDICATION I will now dedicate the historical marker. "I dedicate this marker to all the alumni of Shiloh School, who have steadfastly kept alive the memory of this historic Shiloh School."

UNVEILING The marker will be unveiled by Mr. Burford A. Johnson of the Los Angeles Chapter and Mrs. Wilma Newsome, President of the S.F.B.A. Chapter (Applause)...Thank you, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Newsome.

READ/TEXT The text of the marker is as follows: (Read text)

BENEDICT. We will now have the benediction by Mr. Leo Snoddy, President of the Michigan Chapter.

ADJOURN Thank you all for coming.

Historical marker dedicated at site of old Shiloh School

By WINNIE NEWMAN
Independent Editor

Another piece of East Texas history has been noted with the dedication of an historical marker at the site of the former Shiloh School. The formal ceremonies took place Saturday, Aug. 1 at 10:30 a.m. in front of the remains of the school at 1026 Shiloh Road. Over 75 people were in attendance including representatives of Shiloh Exes from Longview, Dallas, Michigan, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Dr. Norman W. Black, chairman of the Gregg County Historical Commission, served as master of ceremonies. The dedication fell in conjunction with the 11th Shiloh School reunion.

George Hunt Jr., past president of the Longview Chapter of the Shiloh Exes, gave the invocation. He said, in part: "We give special thanks to you, oh God, for our forefathers, who as former slaves in a wretched condition did not lean upon their own understanding, but on all your ways. They acknowledged you, they called upon you while you were near.

"You heard their feeble cry and you touched the hearts of former slave owners, who provided a

school for their children, that they may help themselves and bring honor to your name."

Mrs. Nina Hunt, vice president of the Longview chapter, welcomed the attendees. "The love and renewed friendship generated here today along with this historical marker is a monument that ages cannot destroy nor time erase," she said.

The emotional event was highlighted when Penney Lucille (Stephens) Clark Thomas addressed the exes. Mrs. Thomas, a 1949 graduate of Shiloh School, taught there from 1956 to 1966. After desegregation, she taught at White Oak High School. She is the founding president of the Shiloh Exes.

"As we dedicate this marker, may we all appreciate our heritage and forever share it with generations to come, never, never forgetting our roots," she said.

"We must do everything we can to pass this great legacy to our children, grandchildren, great-

grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. This is my school, your school, our school ... Shiloh!"

The history of schooling for the black children of the Shiloh community dates back to shortly after the Civil War when

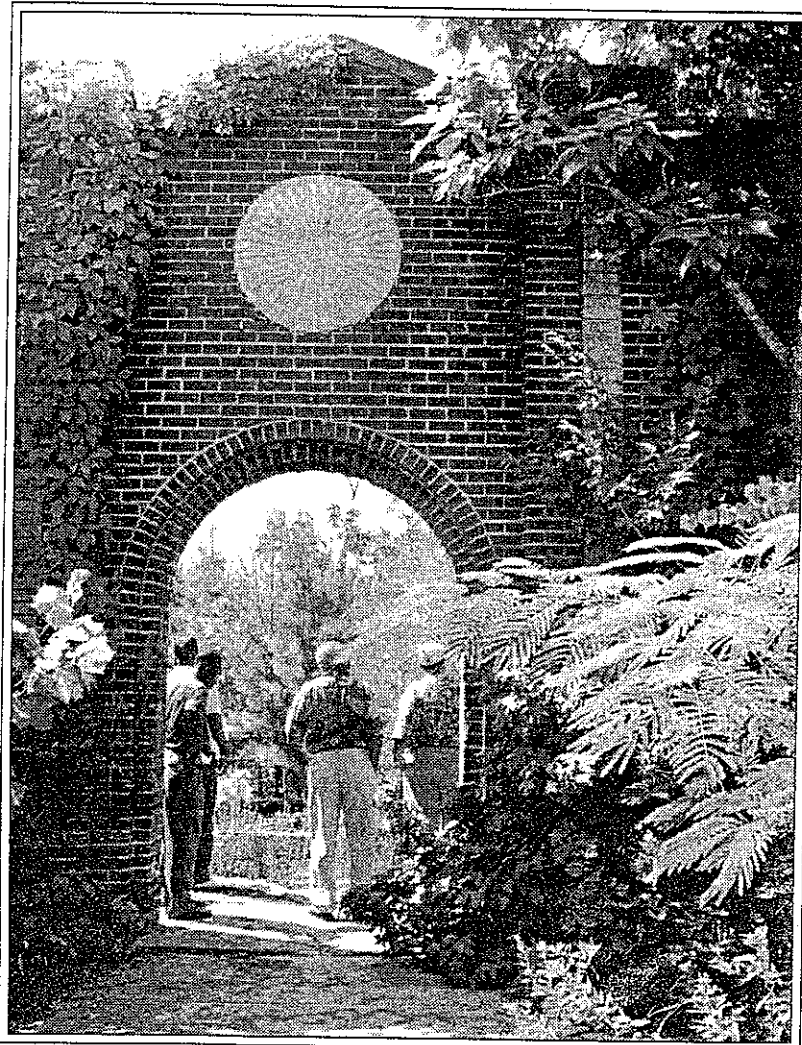
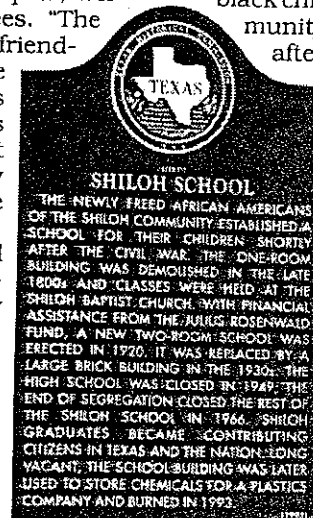
slavery was abolished. For a number of years the students were taught in a one-room building until it was demolished by a storm. Shiloh Baptist Church served as the classroom from the late 1880s until 1920.

At that time, a two-room white frame school was built through funding from the Julius Rosenwald Foundation. The fund was estab-

lished by the president of Sears Roebuck and Company.

In 1933 a new, red "L"-shaped brick building was erected. The front of the building, which was the bottom of the "L," housed the elementary school, auditorium, principal's office and library. The left wing (top of the "L") housed the junior high school.

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REUNION — Rev. Tony Zinnah, J.C. Anderson, Dewey Townsend and Jimmie Jones talk under the entry arch at the Shiloh School reunion last weekend. Plans are under way to buy the old school for use as a civic center.

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Later, in 1937, high school classrooms, a book room, a cafeteria and indoor toilets were added. Apart from the main school was a frame building which was the home for science, biology, agriculture and machinist classes. Behind the main structure was a small, white frame building which housed the kindergarten classes, later to be used as a teachers' residence.

Prior to the building of the high school, upperclassmen were bused to the Longview Negro High School.

D.M. Brown was the principal at that time at Shiloh with a staff of nine. Eventually music, black history, French, defense classes and visual education were added to the curriculum.

Shiloh School had an experimental vocational agricultural farm for a number of years. Records are sketchy on dates and facts, but it is believed to have been only one of three in East Texas.

As the population in the area grew, black children from the Pine Hill community and the Sabine Valley community were bused to Shiloh School.

The school prospered, and on May 27, 1938 the first commencement exercises were held, boasting ten graduates. The Shiloh mascot was the ram. School colors were royal purple and gold. A total of 136 students graduated from this proud institution.

In 1949 the high school closed, leaving Shiloh's doors open for elementary students only. Four teachers, one cook, one bus driver and a janitor remained. Through the years a nursing clinic was added along with a new cafeteria serving hot lunches, a canopy for bus loading, new stage curtains, auditorium chairs, a trophy case and classes in physical education.

High school students were bused to the all-black Weldon High School in Gladewater.

The historic decade of the 1960s brought school integration — and the end of Shiloh School. With integration came mixed emotions. In May 1966 Shiloh closed its doors for the last time, leaving many students confused and frightened.

"It was a slow death," said Thomas, who was one of six teachers at the time. "The kids were crying, asking 'Why?' We had no answers they could understand. I told them 'Things have happened that you have no control over,' I told them they will go on to another school and continue to learn and make a contribution to society."

Most of the students were integrated into the White Oak school system.

The historic school was destroyed by an intense chemical fire that began at 2:33 Thursday morning, Aug. 20, 1993 leaving only the front facade standing. Investigators believe that fire may have been deliberately set.

Through the years the abandoned building had been a hang-out for teenagers, evidence of which was graffiti, broken bottles, cans and other debris. It also had once been used for plastic manufacturing by the Hayward Tank Company. Plastic pellets and chemi-



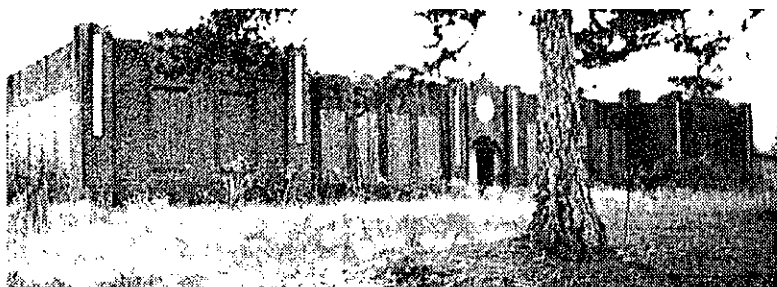
UNVEILING — Shiloh School's state historical marker is unveiled by Wilma Manry Newsome, president of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Shiloh Exes, and Burford A. Johnson with the Los Angeles Chapter. The school served the Shiloh community from the 1930s until desegregation closed its doors in 1966.

cals which complicated firefighters' efforts and contributed to the devastation remained at the site at the time of the fire.

Today, five years later, the front of the school still proudly stands as do some interior walls and what once was the school gym annex. All is overgrown with bushes, trees and weeds.

But that may change if the Shiloh Exes have their way.

Plans are being formulated to buy the land and what is left of the school and their heritage in hopes of restoring and reconstructing part of it. The old school may someday house memorabilia collected throughout the years, and serve as a museum and possibly even a civic center for weddings and social gatherings.



THE WAY THINGS WERE — Shiloh School, shown in its better days before a fire destroyed most of the structure five years ago. Exes from all over the country came to White Oak last weekend for a reunion.

Shiloh: subject of urban legends and myths

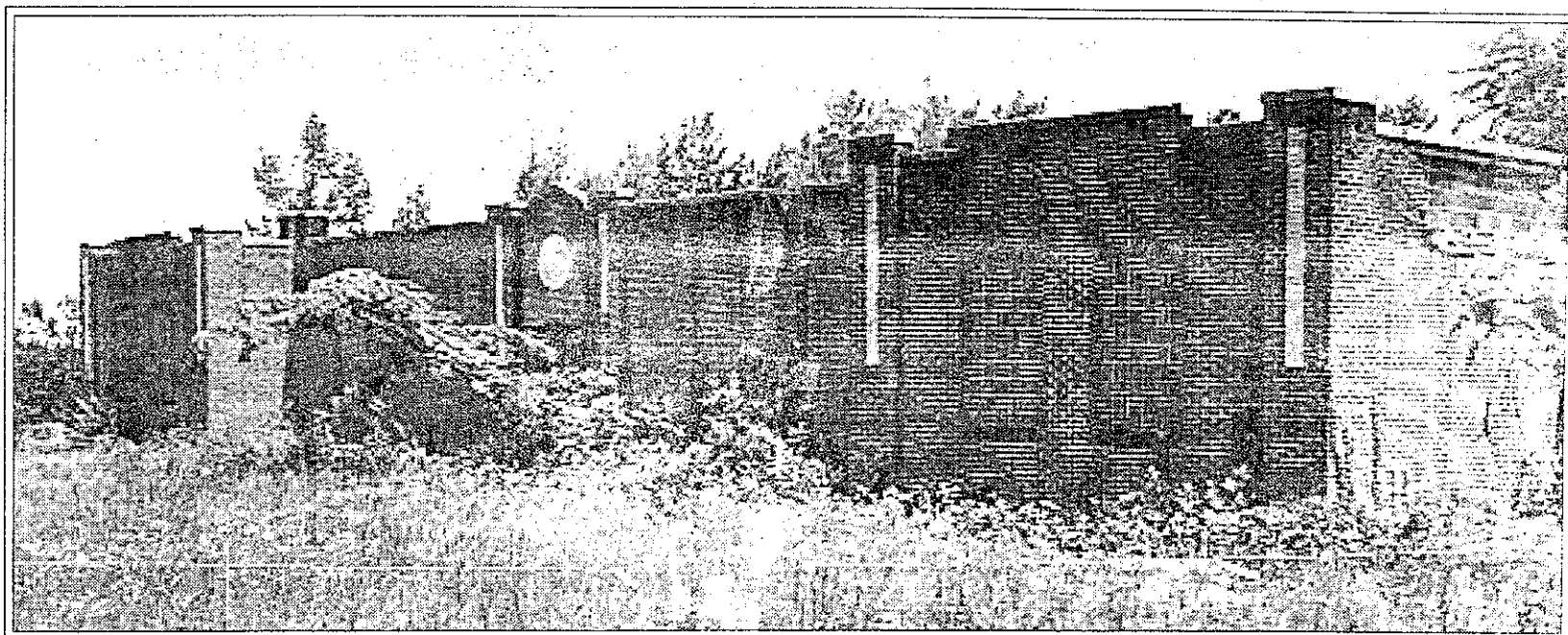
By Kristi McClelland
Special to the Independent

Shiloh is haunted. Or so many area teenagers say, anyway.

I heard the stories for the first time several years back. One story was about a terrible school fire and the ghosts that remain in this long lost farm community.

I have friends who swear they've seen the ghosts of yesterday's children.

It has even been said that the whole area is haunted, with witches



SAD DEMISE — This is what remains of the historic Shiloh School that was devastated by fire in 1993.



PROTECTOR — This Guardian Angel watches over the graves in the new Shiloh Cemetery.

covens deep in the woods. The cemetery is haunted. The school is haunted.

Right? Wrong!

In fact, nothing could be further from the truth than the story of the mysterious school fire that has Shiloh etched into local urban legends among White Oak, Spring Hill and Pine Tree teens.

The story, which has survived through the years, involves a horrible school fire in which many school children and teachers lost their lives.

As the story goes, you can still hear the children playing if you

dare to walk through the schoolyard after dark. Some people go as far to say that something or someone might grab at your feet if you veer off track.

There are also rumors of mysterious sites found deep in the woods, which have been said to have been used by early witches.

Rational Explanation

There is, however, a rational explanation for how these local legends formed. Teens admit to hearing them for the first time from their older siblings, who in turn, heard them from their own siblings.

The stories have been passed down, orally from generation to generation. And they seem to get a little scarier — and a little farther from the truth — with each telling.

It's easy to see why teens, or anyone with their imaginations running wild, would find the remains of a long-abandoned burned-out schoolhouse to be so intriguing. To add to the mystery, they've probably overheard adults discussing the tragedy of a local school explosion.

The kernel of truth behind the legend may be confusion with a real school-fire catastrophe in the

late 1930s. The New London School, known today as West Rusk, did have an explosion tragedy that claimed the lives of nearly 300 children and teachers in 1937. The explosion was caused by a natural gas leak.

And a dozen years after the New London school explosion, part of the Shiloh school did close, but for completely unrelated reasons: The community was too small to support a secondary school, and Shiloh High School closed in 1949. The elementary school continued in service until 1966.

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The Shiloh Community

The historic Shiloh community, just north of White Oak, was established shortly after the Civil War. Mr. Gideon Christian, a

wealthy landowner in the area, transferred much of his land to the newly emancipated slaves.

In 1871 Butcher Christian and the Rev. John Baptist founded the Shiloh Baptist Church. The church is still thriving today, offers both Sunday and Wednesday night services. A historical marker in front

of the church tells of its remarkable past.

The cemetery began shortly after the church was founded. That story is interesting in itself.

The oldest part of the cemetery is closest to the church building. A newer cemetery is located across Shiloh Road from the church. There are also a few graves scattered among the trees that are not enclosed by any cemetery boundaries.

The cemetery holds several unreadable graves. Some graves are marked only by a large blank stone. The earliest legible marker bears the date of 1882. The oldest resident is a lady who died at the age of 110.

The land donated by Gideon Christian also led to the foundation of a school system for the Shiloh community. Several of the freedmen built a small one-room schoolhouse for their children shortly after the war. Eventually, the school lessons were moved to the church building.

The community continued to grow in the 20th century. The Julius Rosenwald Fund helped fund a larger, two-room schoolhouse that was built in the 1920s. And that was replaced in the 1930s by the brick building whose remains inspire those silly local legends among teens today.

Shiloh School Fire

But there's another kernel of truth to the school-fire story. But it happened long after the school closed and the students began attending the newly-integrated White Oak ISD in the late 1960s.

The Rest of the Story

Today, the remainder of the school site is privately owned and posted. No trespassing is allowed.

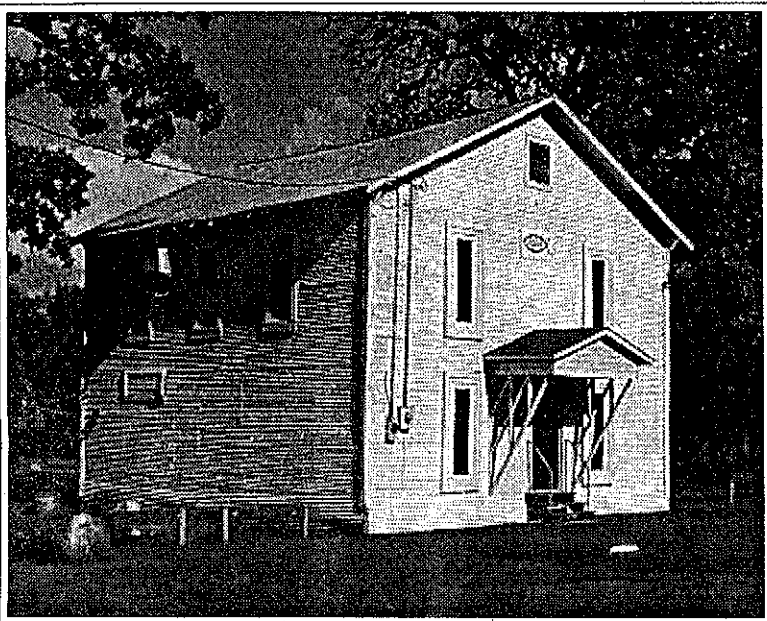
But the "school fire" story is only one of the local legends about the Shiloh area. Teenagers have long scared their gullible friends with stories of nearby "witches sites."

But the explanation behind these sites is even simpler than the historical background of the Shiloh community and its schools.

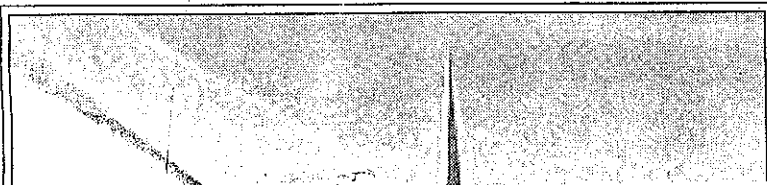
The sites are actual clearings made in the wooded areas surrounding both the school and the church. Passing a graveyard on the way to show a new initiate no doubt adds to the adventure.

But in reality, it was rough necks and not witches who made these clearings. Shiloh is on the far northern edge of the historic East Texas Oil Field that has been in production since the 1930s. Similar old clearings can be seen throughout the field.

Although the myths surrounding the school are not true, the people of the community certainly are. Many of the descendants of the original settlers still live in the area. The cemetery and the church still remain and serve the community faithfully.



BEFORE THE FIRE — This picture was taken recently of the Shiloh Baptist Church Activities Building which housed many historic documents. The building was destroyed Tuesday morning, July 24 in a fire.



Thanks for coverage of Shiloh event

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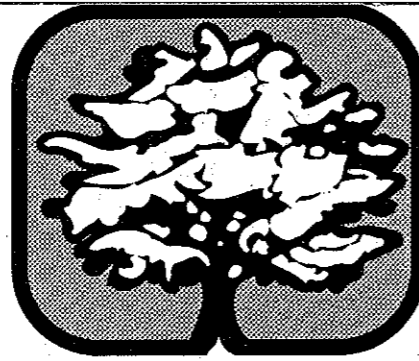
Thank you for coming to our aid for covering the former Shiloh School historical marker dedication last Saturday.

If all else fails, we've learned that we can depend on you. We thank you so much, not only for coverage of the former Shiloh school activities, but for the Shiloh Church activities also.

We are so grateful to you.
Thanks.

Shiloh Exes Reunion Committee
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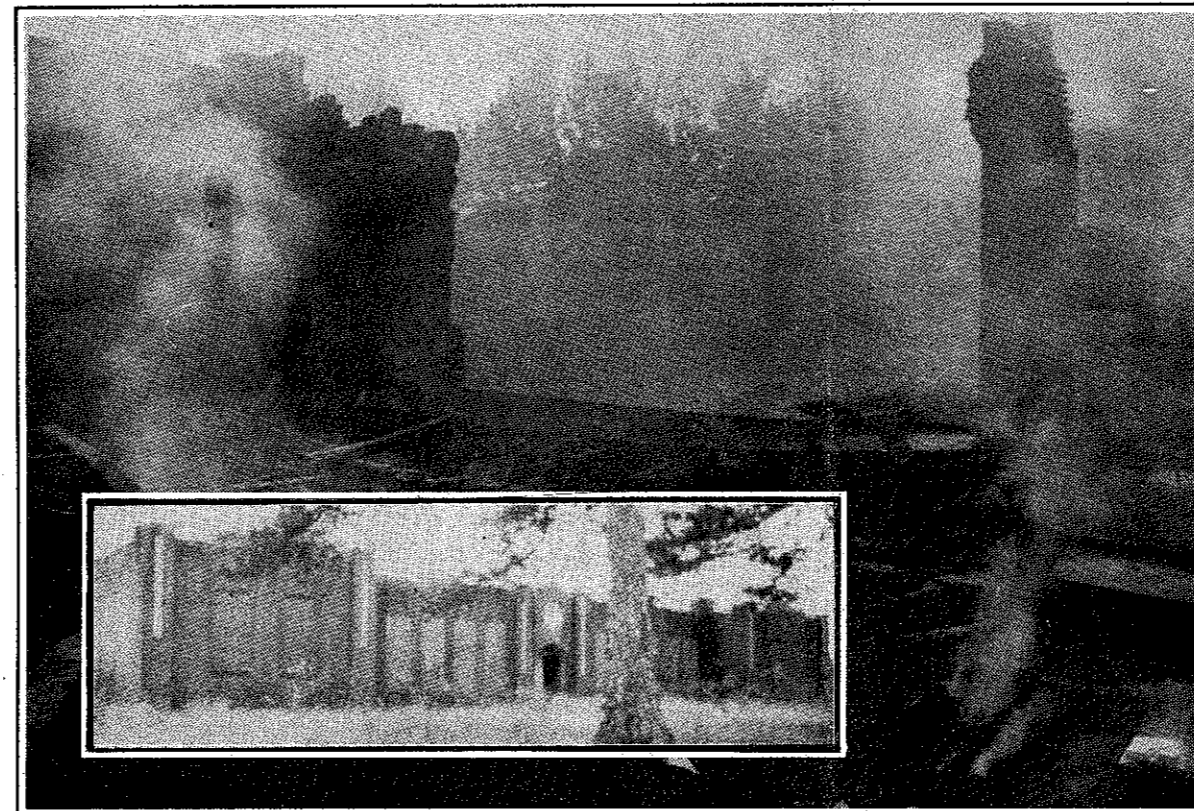
Shiloh School burns to the ground

136 students graduated in 1930-1966

The Shiloh School opened in 1930 with combined elementary and high school students under the administration of its first principal, Mrs. S.A. Anderson. Her teaching staff consisted of Maggie Foster and Dephane Franklin. Following in her footsteps Wilbur Williams became principal with D.M. Brown, Velma Jones, and Maggie Foster as faculty members.

The first commencement exercises were held on May 27, 1938. The school, located on Shiloh Road just north of White Oak and half a mile west of Shiloh Baptist Church, boasted ten graduates that first year. D.M. Brown was the principal at the time with a faculty of nine under him. During his tenure many new departments of education were added, including vocational agriculture, home economics, science, music, black history, French, defense and visual education. Also added was busing for students and janitorial services for the school. Hot lunch fees were paid by the county.

In 1949 the high school closed, leaving Shiloh's doors open only for elementary students. There were four teachers, one cook, a bus driver and a janitor. Added through the years were a nursing clinic, a new cafeteria, a canopy for bus loading, new stage curtains, auditorium chairs, a trophy



SMOULDERING RUINS — The old Shiloh School north of White Oak was gutted by fire last week in what investigators say may have been arson. Chemicals at the site caused noxious fumes and forced evacuation of two nearby homes. Inset: The red brick building housed black students from 1930 until integration with White Oak in 1966.

case and classes in physical education.

With school desegregation Shiloh closed its doors for the last time in 1966 to integrate with the White Oak school system.

A total of 136 graduates passed through the doors of the Shiloh School throughout its 36-year his-

tory. School colors were purple and gold and the Ram served as their mascot.

Faculty members Shiloh School through its history were Mr. D.M. Brown, Mrs. Archie Mac Brown, Mrs. Maggie Lee Foster, Mrs. Delphane Franklin, Mrs. Velma Jones, Mrs. A.H. Frazier, Mrs.

Floree Jones, Mrs. G.L. Campbell, Mr. Smith Wesley Howard, Mr. Comodore R. Walker, Mr. J. Caldwell, Mrs. V.M. Flemings, Mrs. Prince Ella Hooper, Mr. G.O. Smith, Mrs. Ira C. Henry, Miss Jessie Mayfield, Mr. Maurice Shavers, Mrs. Essie Mae Adams, Mrs. Sarah
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Chemicals hinder fight; 2 residences evacuated

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The historic Shiloh School just north of White Oak was destroyed by an intense chemical fire that investigators believe may have been deliberately set early Thursday morning.

The abandoned school — which closed when its black children were integrated into White Oak ISD in the 1960s — had been used for plastic manufacturing. Plastic pellets and barrels of unknown chemicals remained at the site.

That complicated the firefighting efforts, as did low water pressure in the hydrant near the school.

Firemen let the fire burn for two days, and concentrated on preventing it from spreading to nearby buildings and homes.

Two families were evacuated from nearby residences.

The White Oak Volunteer Fire Department received the first call at 2:33 a.m. Thursday. When they arrived at the Shiloh Road site the building was fully involved in fire.

Shiloh School was approximately 60 years old and had fallen in disrepair over the last 25 years.

The abandoned brick building was once used by Hayward Tank Company to make plastic pipes. Because the structure was so old and unsafe and contained unknown chemicals, firemen did not venture inside to combat the heavy

smoke and raging fire but contained the inferno to keep it from spreading to a nearby annex (once the school gym) and another separate, smaller wood building.

"It wasn't worth risking someone's life for or having them injured," said Fire Chief Jim Nall.

Many barrels of chemicals had also been left in the gym annex.

White Oak VFD members stayed at the scene of the fire until 8:30 a.m. Thursday. During the fire the roof of the building collapsed over plastic pellets and chemicals causing the fire to continue to smolder throughout the day. Because of this authorities kept a close watch on it.

At 9:30 p.m. Thursday firemen were again called to the scene as the fire had flared up anew. Firemen also went back to the scene Friday to douse remaining hot spots. They cut holes in the tin roof and inserted water hoses to prevent future flareups.

The abandoned and secluded building had become a dangerous hangout for teens, according to authorities and neighbors. The remains of graffiti can still be seen on some of the standing walls and trash is lying over the grounds.

Nall said because of the remote location, the age and deterioration of the building, it was inevitable it would eventually be destroyed by fire. There have been two or three

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small fires at the site within the past year, and a few years ago the fire department planned what they would do in the event of a major fire at the school.

The Tom Granger family, who live west of the school, was one of the two families evacuated. Mr. Granger said he was awakened by an explosion in the early morning hours, and his wife heard a loud truck at about the same time.

"It felt like it knocked my mobile home off of its blocks," he said. "I thought somebody had hit my house."

Granger said the heat was so intense he couldn't hold onto the door of his house because it was so hot. He added that his wife said she thought she heard a loud pickup truck with what sounded like glass packs (mufflers) at the approximate time they heard the explosion.

The site will have to be cleaned up, and what that will take depends on what the barrels of chemicals turn out to contain.

Officials with the Texas Water Commission out of Tyler have been called to investigate the remaining barrels. A report will be sent to Austin and a decision about their disposal will be made in the future.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

[The Independent would like to thank members of the Shiloh Community for their contributions to the history of the Shiloh School and especially Mrs. Narva L. Snoddy who supplied pictures and information.]