



This was the first schoolhouse in Tuscola. It was also said to have been used for Sunday school and church at various times. It was built at a cost of \$500. It served the children of the town until the Union School was built in 1871.



The Union School was completed in 1871 at a cost of \$42,000. It was a three-story building of brick with a stone foundation.



The Union School had 12 rooms above the basement, 10 classrooms, assembly room, superintendent's office and laboratory. The entire third floor was occupied by the high school students.



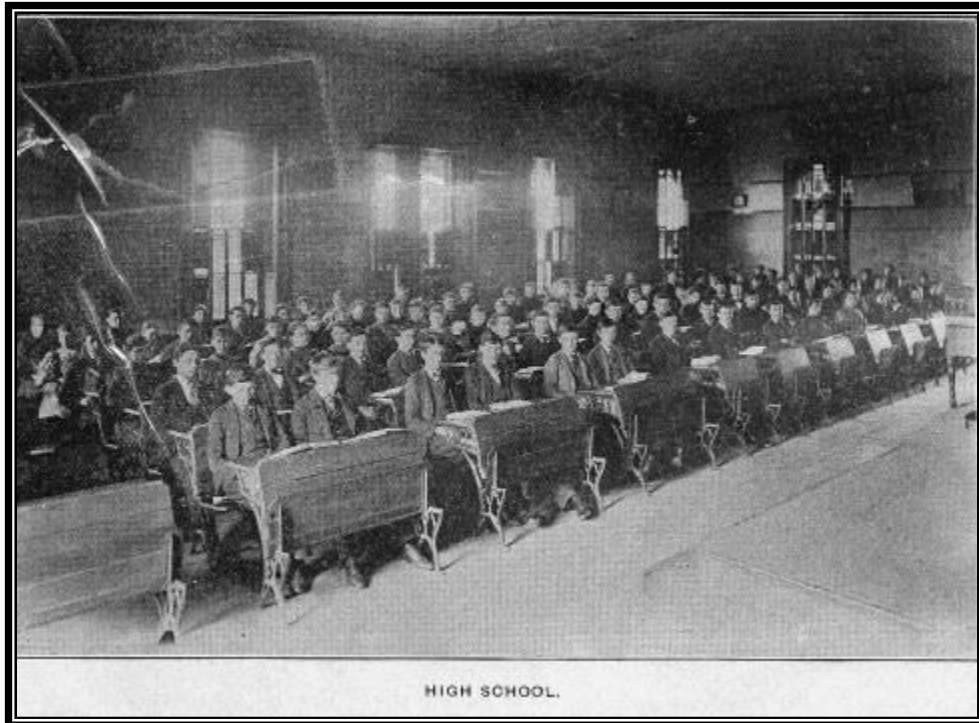
Biology Class and Laboratory - 1895



The Union School was surmounted by a belfry containing a large clock with four dials facing the four directions. A bell marked the hours and called students.



Union School about 1910



1895



FIRST GRADE CLASS – UNION SCHOOL 1914

TEACHER – MISS MARY ALMA JEWETT

Row 1: Carmelita Tate, Kate Chapman, Deloris Smith, Dorothy Fullerton, Martha Bartlett, Inez, Huber, Bertha Powell, Opal Herald, Charles Henry E., Sarah Howard, Charles Henry, Wanetta Roderick, Cecil Boggs, Francis Smith. Row 2: John Tabor, Marjorie Timm, Frank Michener, Hugh Shearer, Glenn Fields, Wilbur Parker, Renus Parrish, Miriam Beall Grace Horton, Anna May Fullerton, Soddie Williams, Harold Bidwell, Raymond Warren, William Roderick. Row 3: Lawrence Taylor, Ailena Mills, Miriam Jones, William Share, John Brinkley, Russell Black, Harry Sheu, Lloyd Holmes, Hettie Langley, David Parker, Floyd Holmes, Alec Komar, Kenneth Huber, Donald Frazier, Ellsworth Tomas.



Built in 1895, North Ward Grade School was home to children grades 1-4 living on the north side of the tracks. It was torn down in 1960.



Interior of the old North Ward School. The building had just four rooms and was heated by two hot air furnaces.



Fourth Grade Class at North Ward School about 1920

Front row: Eloise Albritton, Helen ford, Inez Hardwick, Ellen Brooks, Bonnie McDonald, Ruby Hance, Ethel Woods, Dorothy Cooch, Julie Kennedy, Pauline Bruno, Virginia Roman.
 Second row: Wendel (unknown), Millard Leonard, Noel Moore, Franklin Pyles, Scott Donnals, Faye Barbee, Goldie Benskin, Dola Wade O’Neal, Eileen Woods.
 Back row: Lois McNeil Moulden (teacher), Emery Green, Dale Patrick,Jr., Charles Galbreth, Marie Oye, Ruth Calimese.



Fourth Grade Class at North Ward about 1954-55

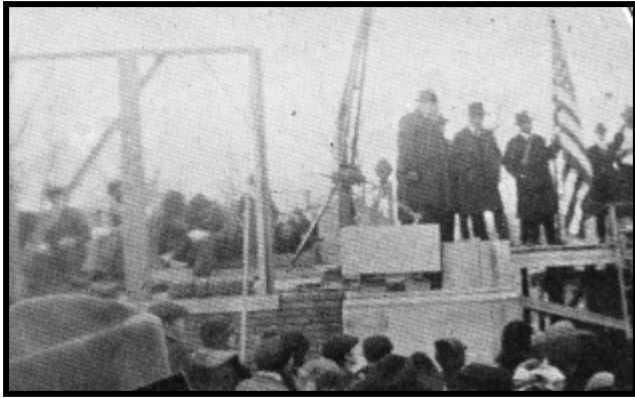
Front row: Sonya Reece, Ann Patterson, Helen O'Bryan, Brinda Ruby, Beth Ann Thownsend, Linda Rahn, Linda Vail, Brenda Stewart.

Second row: Jack O'Bryan, Sherman Shaw, (unknown), Burt Weisener, Phil Schultz, Richard Williams, Danny Morris.

Back row: Riki Thompason, Roger Winn, Clarence Conner, (unknown), Karla Reed, Charles Whitney, Vicki Lee McKinney, Grace Mitchell, Rhonda Rushing.



A demolition crew finishes tearing down the old North Ward School. The building was built in 1895 at a cost of \$6,500 and was razed in 1959.



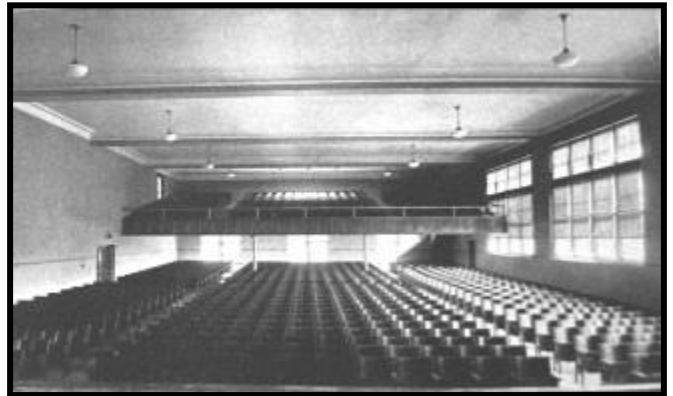
Laying of the cornerstone of the new high school on November 23, 1921.



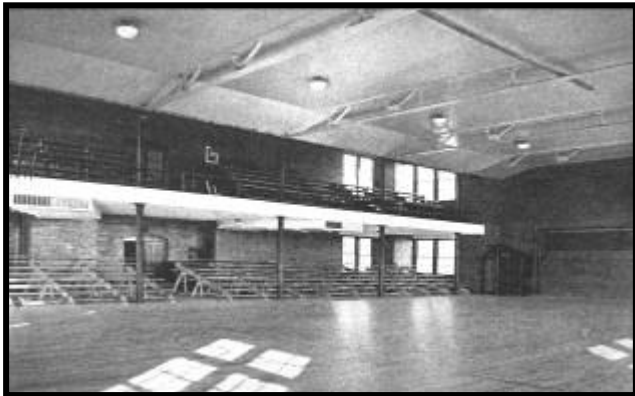
Construction of auditorium 1922



TCHS 1923



Auditorium 1923 seating capacity - 870



Gymnasium 1923



Cafeteria 1923

Front Entrance 1925



Main Hall 1925





Cathy Feldman and her second grade class gather around the new sign at North Ward Elementary School with Principal Darrel Sy, PTO President Teresa Bowles and Vice-President Debbie Kleiss. The new sign was a gift from the PTO (Parent Teachers Organization).



North Ward Elementary School closed the doors on its final school year in May 2002. The city of Tuscola purchased the property for \$250,000 on September 24, 2003. The building will one day be slated for the wrecking ball, but no decision as to what will replace it has been made.

**ONE LAST LOOK
INSIDE...**

Photos taken fall 2002





South Ward School opened in 1922 when the Union School was destroyed by fire the year before. The structure was attached to the gymnasium which had been built four years earlier. A clock was included in the building because the people of the town missed the Union School's clock. Unlike its predecessor, this timepiece very rarely kept correct time.



Recess at South Ward Grade School March 1956



Jack Donnals
South Ward Grade
School Custodian
March 1956.



MRS. LETA MALONEY'S SECOND GRADE CLASS DUTCH VILLAGE

Row 1 – Kenny Wagner, Alice Dallas, Pam Woods, Marilyn Ziegler, Jane Dunn, ___, Judy Wright, Sharon ___, Nancy Jones, Lyla Spencer, Libby Kiegley, Elsie Morris, Ronnie Knapp,
Row 2 - ___, Howard Patterson, Bob Wetzel, Jim Voltenberg, Jim Weber, Jim Sears, ___, Claude Benner, Bob Stout, Art Wilson, John Campbell, Jim Newberry, Ralph Brewer, Kenny Billings, Bruce Weatherford.

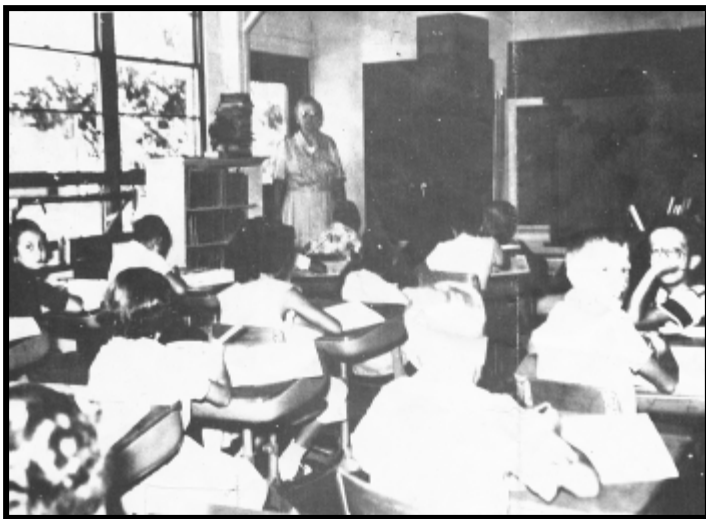




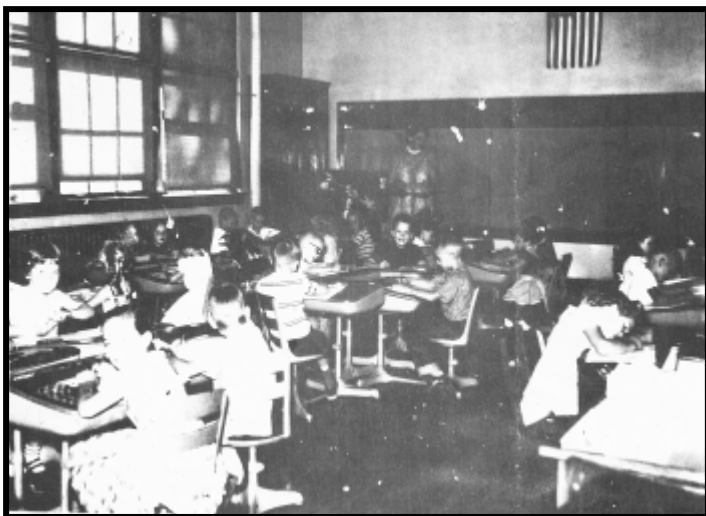
Janice Clark's Music Class



Esther Kennedy's 4th Grade Class

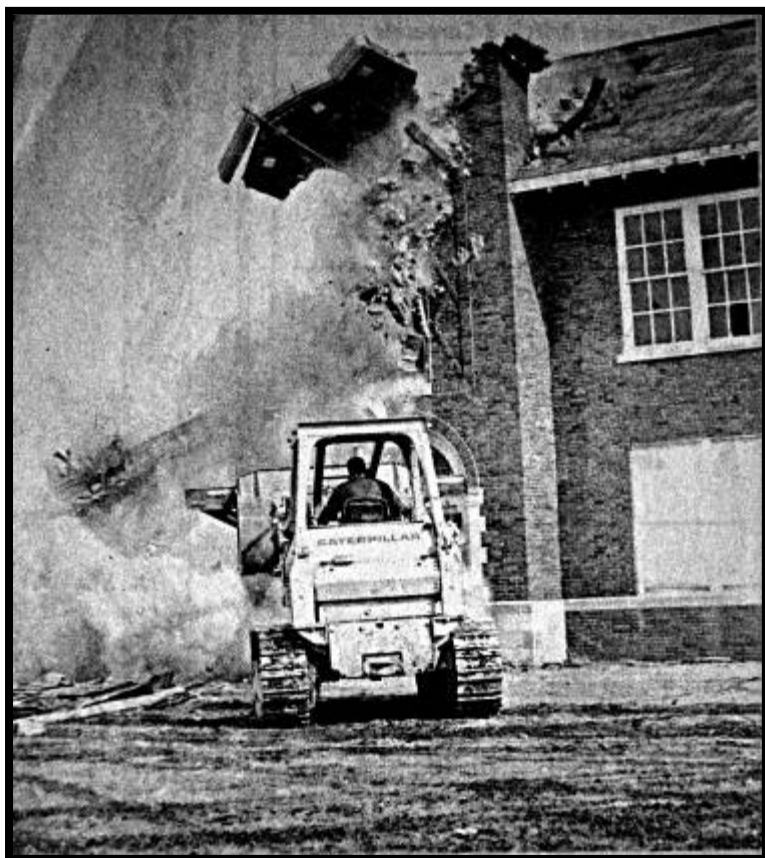


Audrey Lamb's 3rd Grade Class



Frances Holterman's 1st Grade Class

Scenes at
South Ward
Grade
School
1955



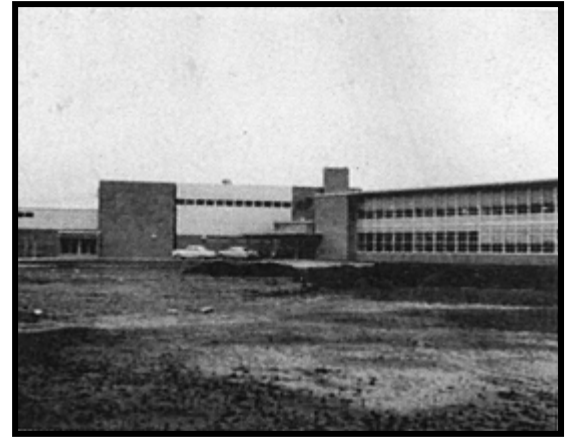
**February 7, 1980....
a sad day for
residents of Tuscola
when their beloved
South Ward Grade
School was razed.**

**The tearing down of the
South Ward Grade
School building was
signified by the ringing of
the bell in the school's
north tower. Harold
Weber is shown as he
rings the bell 59 times
with a hammer, one time
for each year of the
school's existence.**





TCHS 1958



Construction of new High School
1957



Industrial Arts Workshop
1958



Home Economics Room
1958



Tuscola Community High School
2006
Grades
Nine through Twelve



Ground breaking ceremony for the new East Prairie Elementary School – June 23, 1967
Jake Smith, Willis Jolley, C. P. Atkins, Willis Winn, Rev. Kenneth McConkey, Clinton Taylor,
Jack Williams, Darrell Brown, W. A. Bozarth, Dr. Robert Burns, Delbert Davis.



**East Prairie Elementary School
2006
Grades
Five through Eight**



Ground breaking for the new North Ward Grade School – February 28, 2001
Tuscola school administrators, school board members, city officials, architectural and construction representatives break ground for the new grade school.



Aerial View
Construction of the grade school shows the structure's basic layout. Photo taken September 4, 2001.

**North Ward
Elementary School
2006
Grades
Pre-K through Four**





2004-2005 School Board

First row – Joe Burgess, Superintendent; John Best, Linda Brown, and Craig Romine.

Second row – Dave Lietz, Rick Quinn and Bob Travis.

Not pictured is Steve Wetzel who was the Board President.



**Ann Lamkey
Principal of
North Ward
Elementary**



**Joe Yurko
Principal of
East Prairie
Elementary**



**Kyle Ransom
Principal of
Tuscola Community
High School**

DISTRICT 301 STAFF 2006-07

NORTH WARD

Ann Lamkey
Pam Sudduth
Cindi Haake
Maureen Bergeson
Tammy Eads
Sherry Miller
Scott McGuire
Marydith Foster
Ann Hilgendorf
Sharon Stahler
Cindy Surma
Angie Bergner
Ron O'Hearn
Darla Stanfield
Jeannie Taylor
Lori Griffith
Beth Reifstack
Nancy Smith
Jason Colet
Jennie Sullender
Jonna Green
Cathy Feldman
Julie McGowan
Kathy Woods
Lorraine Best
Marylee McGee
Carol Martin
Maribeth Opperman
Ruth Adams
Brooke Martin
Trixie Flavin
Laurie Mooney
Bonnie Petty
Carey Wood
Wayne Hardwick
Jennifer Kapps
Kyle Walker
Mick Eiben
Carolyn Adkins
Debra Wakefield
Liz Mauer
Erma Sutton
Debbie Davis
Julie Baird
Pam Hemingway
Pam Eblin
Connie Wesch
Tammy Martin
Stephanie Terwelp
Carrie Miller
Anna McGillen
Mary Ann Elder
Paul Lemay
Cassie Hardwick

EAST PRAIRIE

Joe Burgess
Joe Yurko
Jerri Quinn
Becky Lietz
Sara Brandenburg
Marilyn Michener
Suzanne Henderson
Bob Pearse
Debby Conlin
Jenny Wiesener
Allison Yantis
Kirsten Day
Janice Fogerson
Bart Brewer
Tina Hausmann
Brenda Logan
Beth Pugh
Jason Spang
Mary Williams
Sarah Miller
Denise Brown
Susan Cisna
Andrea Englehardt
Bill Hill
Kay Moser
Karen Schweighart
Julie Wigall
Nichole Bates
Sandy Simpson
Pat Sturgis
Kay Crays
Connie Lang
Carolyn Adkins
Barb Alexander
Jeannie Craddock
Alison Bowen
Laurie Mooney
Jeff Sudduth
Marylee McGee
Sharon Silver
Gary Dallas
Tony Fidler
Wanda Hardwick

HIGH SCHOOL

Kyle Ransom
Carolyn Adkins
Allison Bowen
Robert Boyd
Eric Butler
Jan Chappell
Elizabeth Cottle
Janet Cox
Jeannie Craddock
Sue Elder
Kathy Frye
Drew Hall
Jill Hall
Jon Hart
Darcey Helmick
David Hess
Christy Hoel
Sandy Hoke
Chad Hopkins
Ryan Hornaday
Kerry Kincaid
Aja Kohlbecker
Tim Kohlbecker
Amy Lacey
Dee Lenzi
Martin Marx
Rhonda McCumber
Laurie Mooney
Johanna Morgan
Kay Moser
Angie Patton
Scott Patton
Jason Philips
Cheri Prah
Michelle Rhine
Mary Schmidt
Lenny Sementi
Marci Shoemaker
Steve Spears
Scott Stahlhut
Mark Sweeny
Becky Swinford
Ryan Tabeling
Sharon Taylor
Shawn Todd
Ellen Tubbs
Kyle Walker
Stan Wienke
Ryan Wildman
Doug Williamson
Carey Wood
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