

Information and dates taken from high school yearbooks:

Year	Superintendent	School Board
1936	Samuel Claud Miles	Clyde Franklin Gus Backhaus, Jr. John E. Cooke L. A. Baxter Harley Stone R. J. Glenn Stewart Hubert H. Coffield
1947	C. M. Selman	W. L. Howell - Pres. Louis G. Gest H. J. Stone - Sec. John M. Weed Gus Backhaus, Jr. Frank Brandon Ernest Noack
1948	C. M. Selman	W. L. Howell - Pres. Louis G. Gest - VP H. J. Stone - Sec. Frank Brandon E. H. Noack W. A. Urban John M. Weed
1949	C. M. Selman	John M. Weed - Pres. Frank Brandon H. J. Stone - Sec. Louis G. Gest L. C. Mehaffey E. H. Noack W. A. Urban

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1950	C. M. Selman	W. L. Hall W. A. Urban L. C. Mehaffey - VP John M. Weed - Pres. A. W. Butts - Sec. Frank Brandon E. H. Noack
1951	C. M. Selman	W. L. Hall John M. Weed - Pres. A. W. Butts - Sec. W. T. Scurlock L. C. Mehaffey - VP Henry Tyler E. H. Noack
1952	W. C. Grissom	L. L. Keen A. W. Butts Grissom - Superintendent Henry Tyler W. L. Hall E. H. Noack B. E. Williams ?
1953	W. C. Grissom	L. L. Keen E. H. Noack B. D. Williams W. T. Scurlock Henry Tyler A. W. Butts W. L. Hall

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1954	W.C. Grissom	L.L. Keen E.H. Noack B.E. Williams W.T. Scurlock Henry Tyler A.W. Butts W.L. Hall
1955	W.C. Grissom	L.L. Keen E.H. Noack B.E. Williams W.T. Scurlock - Pres. Henry Tyler A.W. Butts - Sec. W.L. Hall
1956	J.M. Moorman	E.H. Noack Henry Tyler A.W. Butts - Sec. W.T. Scurlock - Pres. John Yelverton W.L. Hall Larry Lowe (resigned) Brice Crow (No Picture)
1957	J.M. Moorman	M.C. Perry Henry Tyler John Yelverton W.T. Scurlock Brice Crow Ernest Rinn Dr. John T. Richards

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1958	J. M. Moorman	W.T. Scurlock - Pres M.C. Perry - VP Brice Crow - Sec. Dr. John T. Richards W.H. Holliman Henry Tyler E.H. Rinn
1959	J. M. Moorman	W.T. Scurlock - Pres. Brice Crow - Sec. M.C. Perry Henry Tyler W.H. Holliman Dr. John T. Richards Johnny Ralston
1960	J. M. Moorman	W.T. Scurlock - Pres. M.C. Perry - VP Brice Crow - Sec. W.H. Holliman Henry Tyler Johnny Ralston Dr. John T. Richards
1961	J. M. Moorman	Henry Tyler W.P. Hogan M.C. Perry - Pres. Brice Crow - Sec. Don Roddam Johnny Ralston Dr. John T. Richards - VP

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1962	J. M. Moorman	Henry Tyler W. P. Hogan M. C. Perry - Pres. Brice Crow Don Roddam Johnny Ralston Dr. John T. Richards
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David W. Erskine ?		Brice Crow W. P. Hogan Dr. L. E. Selden Johnny Ralston Glenn Hodges
1969	J. M. Moorman	Brice Crow Emory Camp
David W. Erskine ?		W. P. Hogan Phillip Young Glenn Hodges Mercer Cotton Dr. L. E. Selden

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1970	J. M. Moorman	Mercer Cotton Glenn Hodges Dr. L.E. Selden - Sec. W.P. Hogan - Pres. Emory Camp Dr. Phillip Young Brice Crow - VP
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1974	J.M. Moorman	W.P. Hogan - Pres. Dr. Phillip Young Brice Crow Emory Camp D.D. McGregor Glen Beyer Dr. L.E. Selden
1975	Dr. Walter Vincent	D.D. McGregor Dr. L.E. Selden Emory Camp W.P. Hogan - Pres. Dr. Phillip Young Brice Crow Glen Beyer
1976	Dr. Walter Vincent	W.P. Hogan - Pres. Dr. L.E. Selden - 1 st VP Emory Camp - 2 nd VP Glen Beyer - Sec. Brice Crow Dr. Phillip Young James H. Greene D.D. McGregor
1977	Dr. Walter Vincent	W.P. Hogan - Pres. Dr. L.E. Selden - 1 st VP Emory Camp - 2 nd VP Dr. Phillip Young James H. Greene Carroll glaser Tom Harmuth

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1978	Dr. Walter Vincent	W.P.Hogan - Pres. Dr. L.E. Selden - 1 st VP Emory Camp - 2 nd VP Jerry Kirk - Sec. Carroll Glaser Tom Hormuth Allen Menke Elizabeth Holloway
1979	Dr. Walter Vincent	Emory Camp - Pres. W.P. Hogan - 1 st VP Jerry Kirk - Sec. Dr. L.E. Selden Carroll Glaser Allen Menke Elizabeth Holloway
1980	Edward F. Burleson	Emory Camp - Pres. W.P. Hogan - VP Jerry Kirk - Sec. Dr. L.E. Selden Carroll Glaser Allen Menke Elizabeth Holloway
1981	Edward F. Burleson	Emory Camp - Pres. Dr. L.E. Selden - VP Jerry Kirk - Sec. Elizabeth Holloway Allen Menke Don Roddam Mozelle Williams

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1982	Edward F. Burleson (81) Bill Ortego (82)	Emory Camp - Pres. Dr. L.E. Selden - VP Mozelle Williams - Sec. Billy Gest Elizabeth Holloway Dr. John Rinn Don Roddam
1983	Bill Ortego	Emory Camp - Pres. Dr. L.E. Selden - VP Mozelle Williams - Sec. Billy Gest Elizabeth Holloway Dr. John Rinn Don Roddam
1984	Bill Ortego	Don Roddam - Pres. Dr. John Rinn - VP Mozelle Williams - Sec. Miller Bassler Billy Gest Elizabeth Holloway Rodney Spence
1985	Bill Ortego	Don Roddam - Pres. Dr. John Rinn - VP Elizabeth Holloway - Sec. Rod Spence Miller Bassler Billy Gest Clift Clark

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1986	Bobby Roberts	Don Roddam - Pres. Dr. John Rinn - VP Elizabeth Holloway-Sec. Miller Bassler Clift Clark Billy Gest Rod Spence
1987	Bobby Roberts	Don Roddam - Pres. Carl Hudson - VP Dr. John Rinn-Sec. Billy Gest Clift Clark David Pendleton Gary Walker
1988	Bobby Roberts	Don Roddam - Pres. Carl Hudson - VP Dr. John Rinn - Sec. Billy Gest Clift Clark David Pendleton Gary Walker
1989	Walter Pond	Don Roddam - Pres. Carl Hudson - VP Clift Clark - Sec. Billy Gest David Pendleton Dr. John Rinn Gary Walker

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2001	Walter Pond	Carl Hudson - Pres. Gaye Bland - VP James Birkhead - Sec. Jerry Caywood Barbara Grayson Ralph Sifuentes Gary Walker

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2002	Walter Pond	Gaye Bland - Pres. James Birkhead - VP Jerry Caywood - Sec. Dr. Dee Ellis Barbara Grayson Lee Jenkins Ralph Sifuentes
2003	Walter Pond	Gaye Bland - Pres. James Birkhead Jerry Caywood Dr. Dee Ellis Lisa Gerthe Barbara Grayson Lee Jenkins
2004	Walter Pond	James Birkhead - Pres. Jerry Caywood - VP Barbara Grayson - Sec. Lisa Gerthe Dr. Dee Ellis Lee Jenkins Gaye Bland
2005	Walter Pond	James Birkhead Jerry Caywood Barbara Grayson Lisa Gerthe Brad Gest Lee Jenkins Gaye Bland
2006	Walter Pond	Michael Lee Pruitt (Mike) Thomas Wayne Fisher Brad Gest Lee Jenkins James Birkhead - Pres. Barbara Grayson - VP Lisa Davidson Gerthe - Sec.

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2007	Walter Pond	Michael Lee Pruitt (Mike) Thomas Wayne Fisher Michelle Lehmkuhl Lee Jenkins - Sec. James Birkhead - Pres. Barbara Grayson Lisa Davidson Gerthe - VP
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2009	Dr. Howell Wright	Michael Lee Pruitt (Mike) Thomas Wayne Fisher Michelle Lehmkuhl - VP Lee Jenkins - Sec. James Birkhead - Pres. Barbara Grayson Lisa Davidson Gerthe
2010	Dr. Howell Wright	Michael Lee Pruitt - Sec. Thomas Wayne Fisher Michelle Lehmkuhl - VP Lee Jenkins - Sec. Wenda Jo Dyer Barbara Grayson Lisa Davidson Gerthe
2011	Dr. Howell Wright	Michael Lee Pruitt - Sec. Thomas Wayne Fisher Michelle Lehmkuhl - VP Lee Jenkins - Pres. Wenda Jo Dyer Lin Perry Kent Bowermon

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2012	Dr. Howell Wright	Michael Lee Pruitt - Sec. Troy D. Zinn Michelle Lehmkuhl - VP Lee Jenkins - Pres. Wenda Jo Dyer Lin Perry Kent Bowermon
2013	Interim Don Denbow	Michael Lee Pruitt - Sec. Troy D. Zinn Michelle Lehmkuhl - VP Lee Jenkins - Pres. Wenda Jo Dyer Lin Perry Kent Bowermon
2014	Denise Monzingo	Michael Lee Pruitt - Sec. Troy D. Zinn Michelle Lehmkuhl - VP Lee Jenkins - Pres. Wenda Jo Dyer Lin Perry Kent Bowermon
2015	Denise Monzingo	Raymon Puente Troy D. Zinn Michelle Lehmkuhl - Pres. Lee Jenkins Wenda Jo Dyer - Sec. Lin Perry Kent Bowermon - VP
2016	Denise Monzingo	Raymon Puente Troy D. Zinn Michelle Lehmkuhl - Pres. Lee Jenkins Wenda Jo Dyer - Sec. Lin Perry Kent Bowermon - VP

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2017	Denise Monzingo	Raymon Puente Troy D. Zinn Michelle Lehmkuhl - Pres. Charles Miles Wenda Jo Dyer - Sec. Lin Perry Julia Cardona
2018	Denise Monzingo	Raymon Puente Troy D. Zinn - Pres. Michelle Lehmkuhl - VP Charles Miles Wenda Jo Dyer - Sec. Lin Perry Julia Cardona
2019	Denise Monzingo	Raymon Puente Troy D. Zinn - Pres. Amy Ogea Casas Charles Miles Wenda Jo Dyer - Sec. Lin Perry - VP Julia Cardona
2020	Denise Monzingo	Raymon Puente Troy D. Zinn - Pres. Amy Ogea Casas Charles Miles - VP Wenda Jo Dyer - Sec. Janice Keen Julia Cardona
2021	Denise Monzingo	Jason Barcak Troy D. Zinn - Pres. Amy Ogea Casas Charles Miles - VP Wenda Jo Dyer - Sec. Janice Keen Julia Cardona

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2022	Denise Monzingo	Jason Barcak Troy D. Zinn - Pres. Amy Ogea Casas - Sec. Charles Miles Lindsey Lillard Janice Keen Julia Cardona - VP
2023	Denise Monzingo	Jason Barcak Troy D. Zinn - Pres. Amy Ogea Casas - Sec. Charles Miles Lindsey Lillard Janice Keen Julia Cardona - VP



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Rockdale Public School

Rockdale High School is recognized by the State Department of Education as a high school of the first class and is fully affiliated with the various colleges and universities of the state. The school has 21 1-2 accredited units as follows: English 4, history 4, algebra 2, plane geometry 1, solid geometry 1-2, trigonometry 1-2, commercial arithmetic 1-2, civics 1-2, economics 1-2, Latin 3, Spanish 2, physics 1, general science 1, and physiography and physiology 1.

Sixteen units are required for graduation, although most of our graduates finish with more than that number. The following units are required and the others elective: English 4 units, algebra 2 units, plane geometry 1 unit, early history, modern history and beginning with next session, American history.

The enrollment in the high school department is about 175, while the total enrollment in the white schools is over 500. Fifteen teachers in addition to the music teacher, the expression teacher and the substitutes are employed. Six of these teach in the high school, five in the intermediate grades, and four in the primary school.

Rockdale has two splendid modern and well equipped school buildings. The main building, erected in 1923, is one of the best in this section of the state. It has 16 class rooms, an auditorium, a library, a laboratory, and two athletic rooms. It is steam heated. In this building is housed the high school and intermediate departments. The primary school building was remodeled in 1924 and is constructed of brick and stucco. It has four class rooms, an assembly hall, and is modern in every respect.

In addition to the white schools, Rockdale has one of the best colored schools in central Texas. It enrolls nearly 200 pupils and five teachers are employed. The building is modern and well equipped.

The citizens of Rockdale have provided well for the education of their children and they extend an invitation to the children of the surrounding rural schools to come to Rockdale to finish their high school education.



Other active ministers of the early days were the Rev. S. B. Rogers, who was a pastor of the first meeting hall and who helped to organize the First Baptist Church, Rev. Boring of the Methodist Church, and the Rev. Lewis, Minister of the Episcopal Church. Two outstanding ministers, the Rev. James H. Boring and the Rev. George Palmer served as pastors of the Baptist Church. The first revival of any kind was held by the First evangelist, Major Wm. F. Jones, who, together with his sister, Mr. Parker, organized the town. The famous Pine Camp Circuit at San Carlos was a twenty meeting place for those of all creeds.

Some years after the old Presbyterian Church was built, Dr. Thomas Harrison Church was started on property where the old Scotch Agency home stood. This home was destroyed by the late Mr. Jones gave the lot to the church. Then followed the Baptist, the Methodist, and last the Christian Church. In Joseph's Catholic Church was moved on a lot donated by Leopold A. Jenkins, Sr., who, with his family, had lived in 1870 on a later home now miles north of Rockdale. The Lutheran Church was established some years later. All have simple and handsome edifices, good dining, home and musical societies, and good Sunday schools, and the pulpit are occupied by able, good, and successful ministers.

And so we are turned to the past and look with hope and faith of a greater, bigger and more successful Rockdale.



Rockdale Public School

In 1874, a few months after the T & C N railroad reached Rockdale, the first school in the town was organized by a Miss Maggie Hall. Miss Hall taught for six months, and through exerting the lack of educational advantage, she was finally forced to give up on account of poor patronage.



Miss S. H. Hicks at Pine, Texas.
The former Miss Maggie Hall, first teacher in Rockdale school.

It was not until the following fall that an attempt was made to organize the first school. Miss Maggie Hall, a slight, girlish, young lady, who had attended Baylor University down in old Independence, and who had taught several years in the Bryan Public School, for the great need of education for the young. So in September she opened a private school in one small upper room of a house owned by Mrs. Cole, located where the Marston house now stands. Miss Hall taught her little school for the nine months term of 1874-75.

The town had been incorporated, and the citizens decided it was time they should have the benefits of the public schools that had been secured for Texas under the administration of Governor O. M. Roberts; so the council appointed a board of trustees consisting of Dr. W. A. Brooks, R. H. Hicks, Rev. J. H. Boring, A. E. Patterson, Dr. A. C. Walker, Rev. W. E. Copeland, with S. M. Satterthigh, (Mayor, Ex-Officio) chairman—a strong steady group of patrons.

We must not add this to the list of history of Rockdale without saying something about its early life. In the old days the Marston House home club was organized by the young men and brilliant efforts were given. The officers were: C. Turner, president; Miss B. Brown, secretary, with its working men being composed of J. B. Longhouse, Henry Bate, J. H. Harris, Frank Bate, Miss Brown, Lee Williams, Phil Davidson and others. In Jan. 1882, Dr. and Mrs. Brooks of the Marston continued their after-nooning, and the reception was provided in the new hall built in the history of Rockdale. The old Mason Hall, and later the Grand Opera House were other scenes of social gatherings. No sojourns were observed and every family would attend these delightful entertainments. The town was full of young married people. The old Presbyterian Church, which served as a church building, was a gathering place for the young folk on Sunday afternoon. Rockdale is today represented by lodge and women's clubs, fraternal associations and the various organizations of Camp New Davis No. 1148, U. D. C. Chapter and American Legion Chapter, Post No. 374.

An old abandoned warehouse at the corner of Cass and Green Streets was appropriated, and the public school of Rockdale was founded. Very proper school was the framework of this first school. Miss Hall, who had been a school teacher, had a small desk at the front of the room, while Mr. W. A. Brooks, who was principal, had a small platform at the rear of the room. Mr. Brooks' only recommendations were that he was a Christian and that he would "teach" the boys. His platform was equipped with a desk, a box of stationery and a compiler, and a bundle of switches. The principal's platform and the right of the pulpit around the front, and rear of the pulpit. However, under these primitive conditions the first public school of Rockdale stepped through its first session.

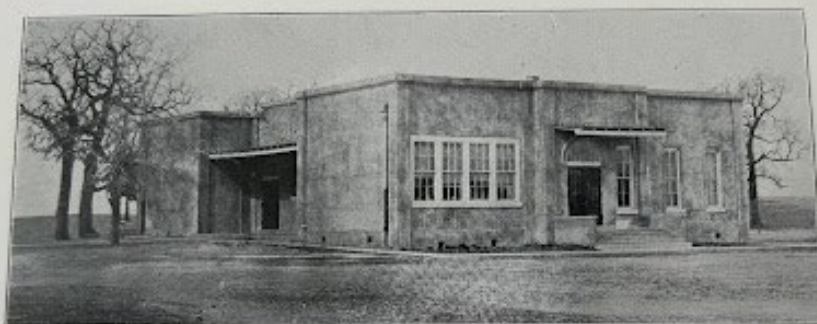
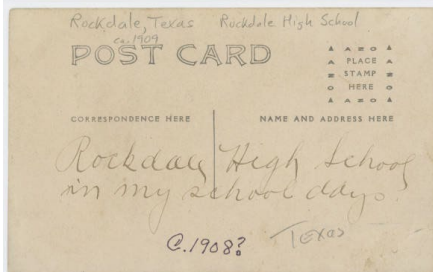
One term for Mr. What was enough for the school board, so Mr. Brooks was elected to be the principal for the next term. Miss Hall again accepted the position of teacher. Mr. Brooks conducted the school in such a way as to get the respect and confidence of both the pupils and parents, despite the fact that the very poor old building and equipment were used. He was a clean, quiet gentleman of middle age, a widower with two children.

At the beginning of the next term Miss Hall resigned her position and took a small schoolhouse on the west of Green St. near a private home. Then she taught a private school for girls. Mr. Brooks conducted the school in the old building, which was almost converted to a boys' school, as most of the girls attended Miss Hall's school. At the close of that term the council agreed to use the new building of Miss Hall's for the use of the public school and that her as principal she gladly accepted this offer, and for the next two years school was conducted under these circumstances.

Following the close of school in the spring of 79, Miss Hall resigned and was married to Mr. R. H. Hicks. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks continued to be identified with the social, religious, educational and business interests of the town, serving in many capacities throughout the years.

Patronage continued to grow rapidly. The council, building the need for a large building, rented the old Brooks home on the corner lot where now stands the J. L. Lott's home. Mr. O. W. Satterthigh, as principal, and Miss Ella Morley (the late Mrs. A. H. Williams), as assistant, were in charge of the plant and proved competent teachers. The school grew and prospered under their leadership for the next two terms, after which the land was bought by Mr. Lott.

We might add here that there were a number of private academies in those early days. Mr. O. F. Rogers, a successful grandfather of Mrs. H. T. Coulter, a Presbyterian minister of the old school, organized and taught a private school in a church building which served the needs of all denominations. The building was when the Presbyterian church now stands. Here also a Mr. Wadell, an Episcopal minister, conducted a private school. The section around



Our Primary School

Above is the picture of our splendid primary school. It is modern in every respect and has all kinds of equipment for beginners. There are four class rooms, a spacious hall, and a book room. Here the children of the first three grades are taught. It is quite an advantage to have these little people in a separate building from the influence of the older children.

Here some of the best work in the entire system is done. Mrs. Jim Lanning, familiarly known as Miss Fredonia, is principal and has charge of the second grade. The other teachers are Miss Gladys Brannon, who teaches the beginners; Miss Lella Brightman, who has charge of the third grade; and Miss Ophela Estell, who teaches part of the high third and the low fourth.

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R. H. S. 1927



A History of R.H.S.

By Nan Jones

Miss Molly Roby founded the Rockdale Public School in 1874, but was forced to give it up due to poor patronage.

The following year Miss Maggie Hall started a private school in the upper story of a home. The next year the city of Rockdale gave the school an old abandoned store-house and the school was successfully launched. The first principal was Mr. W. Wyatt.

In 1893 a two story brick building was erected on a hill west of town known as "College Hill." There were approximately 100 students in school at that time. The white stucco building in the southwest corner of the campus is the lower story of that building.

A new \$7500 red brick building was constructed in 1924 and became known as "the high school building." The present athletic facilities were started in 1933 when ground was purchased for a football field and athletic park. Soon afterwards the school was provided with a gymnasium.

The present enrollment at R. H. S. is 1,000. Many new subjects, sports, and activities have been added with the increased enrollment. Rockdale is rated one of the best schools academically in central Texas and with the football season of '54 will be in District Class AA.

The superintendent is Mr. W. C. Grissom. The school board members are Messrs. L. L. Keen, E. H. Noack, B. D. Williams, W. T. Scurlock, H. Tyler, A. W. Burts, and W. L. Hall.

Recently a \$300,000.00, ultramodern primary building was completed. It houses the first through the fifth grade. The catetorium in this building is a combination stage, auditorium, visual education room, kitchen, and cafeteria.

The athletic grounds are undergoing a face lifting. The football field is being improved and new bleachers added. A baseball park is also being built beyond the football field.

The future of Rockdale calls for a new high school, which will be built in the wooded area on Murry Street beyond the athletic grounds. Along with the new building will be the construction of a new gymnasium. These will be ready for use in the near future. The students of the Rockdale Schools can look forward to new, exciting developments in the years ahead.



Our School Board

Rockdale Public School is fortunate in the personnel of its board of education. It is not only composed of seven capable and successful business men, but it is versatile. It has a preacher who can pray for its success, a newspaper man who can give the proper publicity, a college graduate who can judge even the scholarship of the teachers, two ex-teachers who can see that all things scholastic are as they should be and two railroad men who can see that our books, library and laboratory material reach us promptly. One might think that a board possessing all these qualities might meddle too much with school affairs but such is not the case. They lend only such co-operation as is needed and at the same time are always loyal to the school and willing to do all in their power for its progress.

Mr. E. B. Phillips, the president, is a former teacher, although he never publishes the fact, and this information is gained only from his friends who knew him in his earlier life. He has been a member of the school board for over twenty years and during this time has taken a deep interest in school affairs. He is not much for taking part in programs, but is always ready when something is needed for the school in the way of new equipment, or furnishing conveniences for the teachers as well as the students. He has served continuously since April 1919.

Judge Ed Gunn, the vice-president of the board, is an ex-teacher as well as the legal advisor of the board. He is an able speaker and takes a great interest in the public speaking activities among the students. He is always ready to help us when we call upon him for an address. He has been a member of the board since April 27, 1923.

Mr. C. M. Sessions, secretary of the school board, is a graduate of Southwestern University and has been a member of the board for four years. During all this time he has missed only a few of its meetings. He is an expert at writing up the proceedings of the board and the checks he has signed have amounted to more than \$60,000. He has also signed more than a hundred school diplomas. We consider him a true friend of the school.

Mr. John E. Cooke has been a member of the school board since April 9, 1919, and during a large part of that time was its president. As editor of the Rockdale Reporter, he has always befriended the school by giving us freely of his space. For the last three years the school through his kindness has had a full page, known as The Tiger Tales in his paper. For the last four years Mr. Cooke has presented the high school diplomas to the seniors and his characteristic and unique way of doing this attracted attention among the schools of this section of the State. He has always been the students' friend. They have missed him much this year, as he has been unable to visit the school as much as common.

Mr. L. A. Baxter, has been a member of the school board since September 1, 1926, having been appointed to take the place of E. R. Wolfe, resigned. He is a member of the building and grounds committee and has taken a great interest in seeing that things are kept up in shape at the school building. Mr. Baxter has been a citizen of Rockdale for about a dozen years and always took active interest in school affairs even before he became a member of the board. He is a native Texan and was educated in the Beeville schools.

Mr. R. D. Barnes was appointed a member of the school board September 1, 1925, and since that time has taken an active interest in school affairs. This is not his first experience in educational work, however, as he was a member of the board of education in Oakwood before he moved to Rockdale. We feel that he is a true friend of the school.

Rev. R. E. Roberts, pastor of the local Christian Church, was appointed a member of the school board February 22, 1926, but even before this he took a deep interest in school affairs. His addresses and talks to the students in chapel are always a source of inspiration.

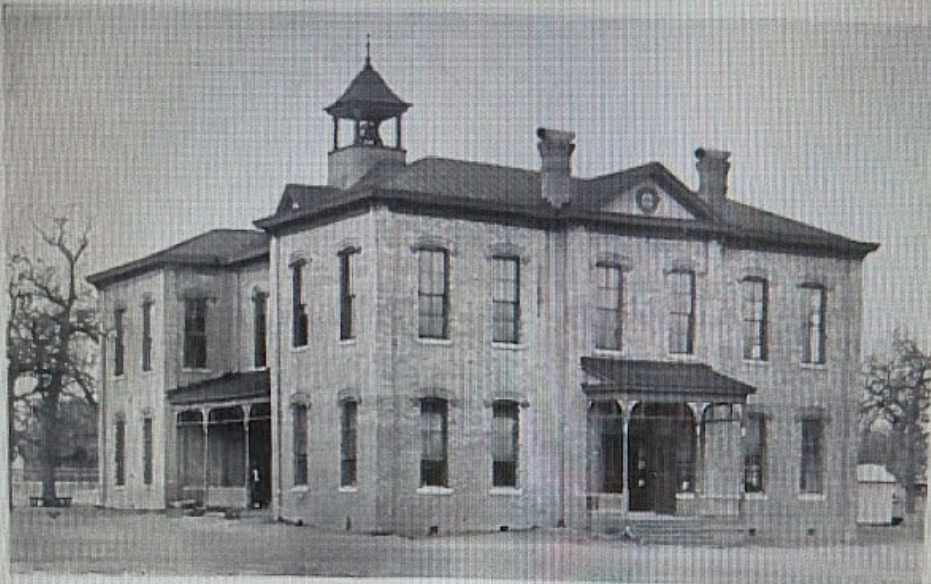


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