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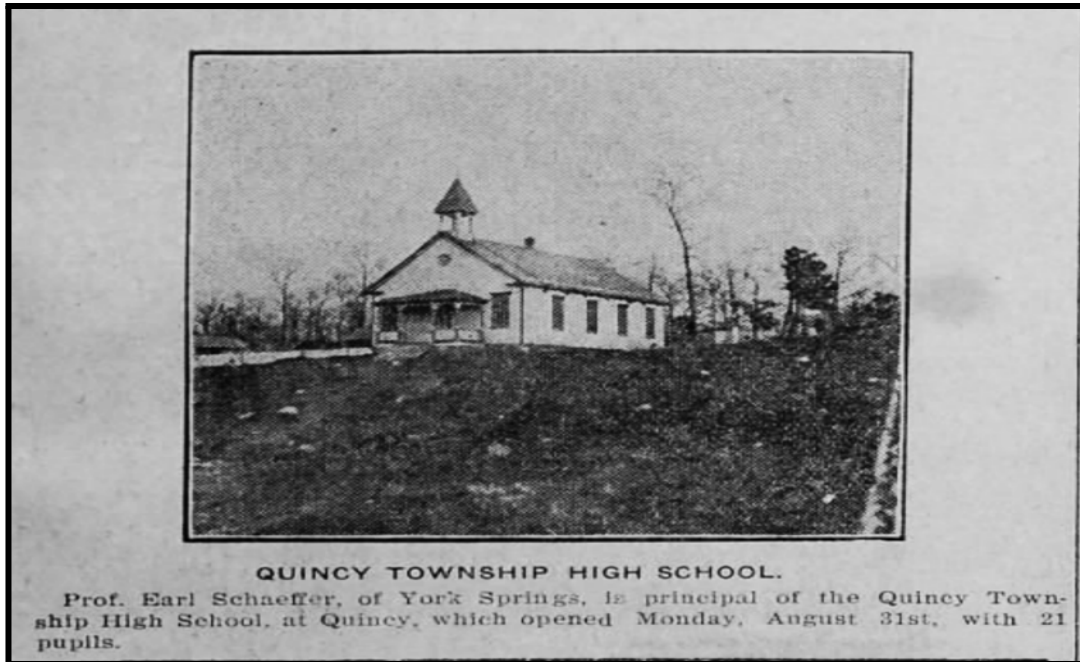
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**Quincy Township's First High School, 1903-1928**

**Quincy High School was the second rural high school to be built in Franklin County, PA., the first being Metal Township High School at Fannettsburg.**

This clapboard schoolhouse was built in 1903 near the 1880 Shoestring Hill (Quincy) grade school. H.A. Good, one of three bidders, was awarded the building contract. The cost of construction was \$1,390.00. In anticipation of hiring a teacher, the school directors established the salary at \$50.00 per month. Two teachers applied for the position. After two votes, the first having resulted in a tie, Mr. Charles Clever was elected unanimously. The high school opened on August 31, 1903 with twenty-one pupils. The first commencement at the 3-year high school was held for the class of 1906. Three were graduated - Amanda Middour, Henry W. Good, and Maurice A. Hess. By 1912 the school attendance increased to the point where a second teacher was required. Miss Clara Shaffer was hired to fill this position. In 1918 Mr. Good was again contracted to add one room to either end of the building, both equipped with cloakrooms. During the 1920's students from the Quincy Orphanage and Mont Alto were admitted on a tuition basis.

**A new high school became the focus for the directors.** A motion was made to add two rooms to the Shoestring (Quincy) grade school and make it the new high school. This scheme was rejected in favor of building a new high school. Again because of overcrowding, in 1927 it became necessary to hold half-day sessions. Half of the students attended classes from the start of the school day until noon. The other half attended for the remainder of the school day. The Quincy Athletic and Alumni Associations, with the approval of the directors, converted the structure into a gymnasium-auditorium for the use of the new Quincy High School population. The Athletic and Alumni Associations removed the interior classrooms from the old high school leaving the building with just one wall-to-wall room. Hardwood flooring was installed and the interior walls repaired and painted. A stage was built at the rear end of activity hall which served as a gallery for spectators at sporting events. The gymnasium-auditorium served its purpose until 1944 when the building was condemned and razed.

### Quincy High's First Graduating Class

**Quincy Township High School Commencement—P. O. S. of A. Memorial Day Regular Correspondence of the RECORD Quincy, March 28.**

The first commencement exercises of the Quincy township high school will be held in the U. B. church Friday evening, at 7.30 o'clock. The following are the first graduates of that institution Miss Amanda Middour Henry W Good and Maurice A. Hess.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached to the graduating class, Sunday evening, by Rev. A. H. Shertz. He took as his text Daniel 3 17,18. Rev. Shertz was assisted in the services by Rev. H. J. Kitzmiller, who read the scripture lesson.

Waynesboro Record - March 28, 1906

### USED CAPS AND GOWNS

The fifth commencement of the Quincy township high school was held Friday evening. The graduates wore caps and gowns, showing how progressive Quincy is.

Public Opinion - March 28, 1910

### IMITATE QUINCY.

The Quincy Township High School graduating class wore caps and gowns in imitation of colleges at the commencement on Saturday. There is another example for our high school.

Franklin Repository - March 28, 1910

### Quincy Plans New Eight-Room School

Quincy township's school board is preparing for an advanced step. It will build an eight-room house, with all the rooms on one floor, with four or five exits so that the building can be quickly emptied, if necessary, with an auditorium to seat 500 people and with modern equipment throughout.

Quincy township was the first in the county to establish a township high school and its present project again puts it in the lead.

The high school is to find a home in the new structure and so will a number of other schools. Five of the schools in the vicinity will be abandoned when the new building is in use.

There is still further to be undertaken by the board. It contemplates the introduction of the study of agriculture on a scale that will be extensive enough to make better farmers of the pupils. The board realizes that the next generation will have greater competition in every line than the last and it believes that it will be justified in teaching the boys and girls how to get the most out of the soil and how, at the same time, to preserve the soil instead of impoverishing it.

Public Opinion - May 31, 1916

### QUINCY WILL GET MODERN SCHOOL HOUSE

The Quincy Township School Board will erect an 8-room school house in the village of Quincy.

This advanced step was determined upon at the last meeting of the board and is taken because of the need of better buildings in the township.

It is said that 17 school houses in the township will be condemned if an inspection of them is made by a state official; that only one building in the township complies with all the requirements—the U. B. orphanage school.

The new school house will be erected in Quincy, on a site not yet selected. Several plans for it have been made and are under discussion.

With the erection of the new building at least five of the township schools will be closed, including the high school, and their pupils sent to the new structure.

Public Opinion - May 24, 1916

**Problem For Quincy School Directors**  
**New Act Permits Orphanage Children To Enter Township Schools**  
**Waynesboro Record - June 25, 1913**

## PROBLEM FOR QUINCY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

### New Act Permits Orphanage Children To Enter Schools of The Township

A recent act, approved May 9, 1913, by Governor Tener, provides that school districts shall permit children of orphanages in their districts to attend the district public school, free of charge or upon payment of tuition, etc., by the school districts to which such children legally belong.

The act supersedes the old law which provided that such children "may" be permitted to attend the district school.

#### Affects Quincy Township

This new law applies to Quincy township and the children of the Quincy United Brethren orphanage. The orphanage children are now taught in a school maintained by the institution and the cornerstone of a new school building was recently laid.

However, since the new law is in effect, the orphanage will ask that some or all its pupils be received into the Quincy schools.

As there will be between 80 and 100 pupils in the orphanage next term, the Quincy schools would be taxed beyond their present capacity.

#### Several Solutions

Several solutions have been suggested. One is that Quincy township build a large central graded school, with accommodations for the pupils of Quincy and several nearby districts and the orphanage.

Another is that the township build a house large enough to provide for half of the orphanage pupils and some of the increasing district pupils and that the other half of the orphanage children—the older ones—be taught in the orphanage.

A third one is that the orphanage management permit the township to use part of its building for the orphanage pupils, installing its own teacher, until such time as the township feels that it is ready to build a new house.

The school directors and Superintendent Kitzmiller are now conferring concerning these different propositions. No decision has been reached.

#### A Central School

The suggestion as to a central school is one which meets with favor from many of the school patrons. It would give the pupils a graded school where they would have more advantages than in the present ungraded schools.

The township could afford to erect a central school. It has no debt and has a low tax rate.

#### The Law in the Matter

The new law relating to orphanage pupils is an amendment to section 1412 of the school code and is as follows:

"The board of school directors of any school district in this commonwealth in which there is located any orphan asylum, home of the friendless, children's home, or other institutions for the care or training of orphans or other children, shall permit any children who are inmates of such homes, but not legal residents in such district, to attend the public schools in said district, either with or without charge for tuition, text books or school supplies as the directors of the district in which such institution is located may determine, provided, that when the education of such inmates of such institutions is charged for, the cost thereof shall not exceed the cost of tuition, text books and school supplies of other children of similar grade in such district. And, provided further that such cost shall be paid to the district in which such institution is located by the district of which the respective pupils are legal residents."

### QUINCY ORPHANAGE SCHOOL IS CONSIDERED

A meeting of the school committee of the Quincy United Brethren orphanage, consisting of Rev. W. H. Washinger, D. D., and Rev. J. E. Kleffman, D. D., Chambersburg, and Superintendent H. J. Kitzmiller, was held at the home of Dr. Washinger, Chambersburg, this afternoon, to confer upon matters concerning the orphanage school.

#### Confer with School Directors

The committee will have before it the questions of continuing the school at the orphanage, the enrolment of the orphanage children in the public schools of Quincy and recommendations for teachers.

Definite action was deferred until after a conference with the Quincy school directors as to the enrolment of orphanage children in the Quincy school.

#### Perhaps New Building

As has been told by this paper the orphanage can send its inmates to the township school at the expense of the district to which the children legally belong. If the Quincy institution decides to make use of this law, it will be necessary for the Quincy directors to build a larger school building in Quincy.

#### Appointed by Trustees

The school committee has been appointed by the new board of orphanage trustees, referred to in this paper, yesterday.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Washinger as treasurer of the orphanage and Rev. H. J. Kitzmiller as superintendent are members of the executive committee of the institution.

## DIRECTORS CHANGE MIND

### Over Big New School Building at Quincy

A meeting of citizens and taxpayers of Quincy township was held in the Quincy school building for the purpose of discussing the consolidation of the Quincy, Nunnery and the Fox Hill schools and the Quincy high school.

Forty people attended the meeting including several members of the school board. Wilbur Barkdoll presided over the meeting and B. F. Burger acted as secretary.

Last fall the Quincy school board purchased for \$5,000 the A. J. Baer property, consisting of a house and sixteen acres of land for the purpose of building a large school building there. The building, to cost about \$20,000 was designed as a one-story structure with eight rooms.

The pupils of the above schools could all be accommodated in this building, and the school was to have been graded.

Plans and specifications for the building were drawn up by Architect J. W. Woltz, Waynesboro and were accepted. The work on the building was to have been started last fall but was delayed when an agitation against the expenditure of such a sum of money was begun.

It is said that at present three members of the board are against the consolidation of the schools while two are in favor of it.

It seems that the recalcitrant element in the board will agree to a 4-room school but will not stand for the eight-room proposition. The department will likely unravel the tangle and direct what is proper to be done.

Franklin Repository - March 12, 1917

## IS FOR CONSOLIDATION

In the proposed matter of the consolidation of the Quincy school, the Mont Alto district school, the Polk school near Good's Siding and the Nunnery school, the inspector sent there March 8 by the state department of public instruction to make a survey of the situation has reported in favor of the consolidation.

Franklin Repository - April 11, 1917

## QUINCY TOWNSHIP

### CITIZENS ARE CALLED

#### To "Defend Children" by Antis of School Building

One month ago announcement was made that the taxpayers of Quincy township were about to build a new schoolhouse. The reason given at the time was that Quincy Orphanage had decided to take over all its school facilities for orphanage pupils, which left Quincy high and dry for school quarters.

It was represented at the time that Quincy citizens were a unit in respect to the new school house. It now appears there is a division of opinion about the matter, for a mass meeting of Quincy citizens has been called for next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The following call for the meeting explains itself:

#### "STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN!

"There will be a meeting of the citizens of Quincy township in Quincy, Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, to protest against building a school house at this time.

"Our school directors can arrange with the Quincy Orphanage on the same terms that prevailed for the last eight years, which would obviate the building of a new home at least this year, and by that time material and wages will more than likely be nearer normal.

"We have a debt on last year's building of about twelve thousand dollars, and to increase the burden, when it can be averted, is not good business.

"Our township taxpayers are staggering under the burden of taxes, and if there is not something done to stem the tide of extravagance the township will be bankrupt.

"Come to this meeting, taxpayers, men and women, and defend your children and homes!

Public Opinion - June 13, 1921

## New Brick Two-Room School To Be Built at Quincy

In 1928, this building would become the central building block for the new Quincy High School.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS—  
Bids will be received for the construction of a new brick two-room school building, to be erected on a lot of ground adjacent to the Quincy township High School Building, by H. S. Cook, Secretary of the Board of School Directors of said township, at his residence in Quincy, Pa., not later than 7 o'clock p. m. June 17, 1921.  
Plans and specifications can be obtained from said secretary on or after June 4, 1921 upon payment of a fee of Five dollars.  
No bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check for \$500.  
The said board of school directors reserves the right to reject any or all bids as it may deem best for the interest of the township.  
QUINCY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

**Franklin Repository - June 11, 1921**

NEW SCHOOL AT QUINCY  
OPENED TODAY  
The new brick school house at the north end of Quincy, close to the township high school, recently completed, was used for the first time today. There are two rooms in the building and sufficiently large to accommodate pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.  
Township pupils who have been attending school at the Quincy Orphanage will be transferred to the new building.

**Franklin Repository - October 17, 1921**

Because of rapid increase in population, The Quincy Township authorities were confronted with the growing need to provide more classroom space in the schools. By 1925, Quincy High School was forced to introduce half-day sessions.

QUINCY HI GOES  
ON HALF SESSIONS  
The Quincy High School opened yesterday. Because of the large enrollment the plan of holding half-day sessions will be used. Half of the pupils will attend school in the forenoon and the remainder in the afternoon.

**Public Opinion - February 7, 1928**

## Is A New High School On The Way?

This news clipping from **The Record Herald - April 8, 1927** suggests that there was talk about the township's need for a new high school. A debate was held at Quincy High on the matter.

**“Resolved: That Quincy should have a new high school building.” The debate ended in a 2-2 tie.**

This is the first newspaper account that shows the topic was popular on the high school campus and perhaps also throughout the community.

Students of the Quincy high school will give the following literary program, Friday, April 15:  
Calling to order, by president.  
Roll call and reading of minutes, by secretary.  
Song, society.  
Reading, Irene Beeler.  
Story, Elsie Benchoff.  
Essay, Norman Besecker.  
Recitation, Hester Besecker.  
Book report, Leo Bishop.  
Debate, “Resolved: That Quincy should have a new high school building.” Affirmative, Huber Eavey and Manolo Rhadecap; negative, Earle Funk and Franklin Cordell.

### QUINCY HI BUILDING CONDEMNED BY STATE

Quincy township is to have a new high school building equipped for a full four year course within the next year if the present plans of the Quincy township school board materialize.

Preliminary plans for the new high school building were made at a meeting of the board Saturday when a letter was received from the state board of education stating that the present high school building has been condemned and that the school cannot remain on the department's list of classified schools unless a satisfactory building situation is made available.

No definite action was taken at the meeting but it is thought that a satisfactory plan will be decided upon at the next meeting.

John L. Gates, secretary of the township board, pointed out that it is thought the new building can be constructed without raising the present tax rate. Even if the rate is raised he said one additional mill will be all that is required.

**Public Opinion - February 7, 1928**



## QUINCY TWP. TO GET NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Record Herald - February 6, 1928

### Plans Approved By School Board

#### APPROVE SCHOOL PLANS

Plans for the conversion of the consolidated school building at Quincy into a high school building were approved at a meeting of the townships school board in the Quincy school building Saturday morning. Work will be started as soon as the plans are approved by the state department of education. This approval is expected in the near future as the plans have been made to meet all of the state requirements.

Public Opinion - April 4, 1928

### Plans Approved By State

#### QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL PLANS ARE APPROVED

The plans for the new Quincy high school addition, submitted by Architect Buhrman, have received the approval of the department of public instruction at Harrisburg.

The plans call for the construction of two wings 80 feet by 59 feet to the east of the present grade school building. A corridor will join them and provide entrance. The building will be of brick except the foundation, which is to be of stone or concrete. Each of the wings will contain two rooms.

It is necessary for the board to advertise for bids for the erection, heating plant, wiring, etc., during a period of 21 days. Work on the structure will start about June 1, and is to be completed by September 1.

Quincy township will then be equipped to give its students a four year high school course, thus relieving the township of the expense of paying for one year elsewhere. A small number of Quincy pupils now attend the Chambersburg High School.

Public Opinion - February 7, 1928

#### QUINCY TOWNSHIP TO BUILD TO CARE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

A solution of the high school building problem was reached at the regular monthly meeting of the Quincy township school board when by unanimous vote it was decided to add four rooms to the present Quincy consolidated school building and remodel the building to make it suitable for use as both a high school and grammar school.

The present consolidated building at Quincy is a two room building and was built about six years ago. It is modern in every way and was constructed according to the present school building plan which provides for the construction of additional rooms when necessary to meet the growing demands for more room space.

The other factors considered in the decision are:

That the location of the Quincy school is the most desirable one for the high school.

And that the state department of education has recommended that the seventh and eighth grades be conducted under the supervision of the high school.

According to the plan the present high school building, while it does not meet the requirements of a high school, can at a low cost be remodeled, repaired and converted into a primary school building taking care of all grades except the seventh and eighth which will be housed in the new high school building.

Record Herald - March 31, 1928

## Township Finances In Good Shape—No Additional Bonds Necessary

### FOUR YEAR COURSE PLANNED

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The financial condition of the township is good. There is at present \$18,500 in bonds outstanding but there is enough money on hand to form a nucleus for the building fund and it is thought that the balance can be obtained without necessitating an additional bond issue, it was pointed out.

The school building was condemned following the annual inspection of secondary schools. The report and recommendations were embodied in a letter to County

Superintendent Pinafrock signed by William H. Bristow, assistant director secondary education.

The report in part follows:

"The Quincy township high school building is not suitably adjusted for the work of a high school. The building is not in good repair, the heating plant is inadequate in extremely cold weather and the building is not so arranged that it can be satisfactorily adjusted for the work of a high school. The school is not provided with sufficient laboratory materials to meet the needs."

Summing up the conditions the report stated that the school does not meet the requirements for classification in the following respects: Building, equipment and supplies, program of study and teaching load.

It was pointed out that the latter three requirements, with the construction of the new building, will automatically be adjusted.

The present building is crowded and it is impossible for any change to be made in the program of study or to reduce the teaching load under the present conditions.

It is planned that when the new building is constructed it will contain all of the necessary equipment for a four-year course and will be modern in every way.

One member of the board stated that the sending of students to the Chambersburg high school for the fourth year work has been unsatisfactory and that due to the lack of proper equipment the Quincy township high school has been unable to maintain the same standard as the first three years in the Waynesboro high school, thus making it a difficult task for a township high school graduate to complete his course here in one year.

When the new school is constructed an effort will be made to solve all of the Quincy township high school problems with the one move.

# QUINCY SCHOOL BOARD ASKS BIDS FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

**Present Structure Erected In  
1903—4-Year Course With  
New Building**

**ARTESIAN WELL  
WILL BE DUG**

**Final Event In Old Structure  
Will Be Alumni Banquet  
May 29**

**By H. E. SNYDER**

In the spring of 1903, a momentous meeting was held in the Quincy school house. A large group of citizens met with the school board for the purpose of establishing a township high school.

An agreement was reached that night which had as its result the erection of a weatherboarded building which has provided a three-year high school course for a quarter of a century. There was for a

long time much opposition to such a building and to the high school, but this was in time overcome and now 25 years later an advertisement appears in Record Herald for the erection of a new building consisting of two wings, each wing containing two rooms.

These wings to be erected adjacent to the new brick grade building which provides educational facilities for grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. Bids will be received for the drilling of an artesian well to provide water. This is an excellent move as practically all the township schools lack water facilities although it could have been obtained by drilling towards China as at present nor do we think it will be necessary to drill deep enough to injure the heads of the warring Chinese. Might do them good.

**Record Herald - February 6, 1928**

## WAYNESBORO MAN BUILDS QUINCY SCHOOL

A. R. Warner, Waynesboro contractor, was awarded the contract for the new addition to the Quincy township high school building, which next fall will be changed to a class A four year institution, at a special meeting of the township board of education Wednesday night. Mr. Warner's bid for the addition was \$13,243.

The electrical contract was awarded to A. G. Crunkleton, Waynesboro electrician, at the figure of \$750. The heating and plumbing contract was not let.

**Public Opinion - June 6, 1928**

**QUINCY SCHOOL ADDITION  
NOW NEARLY READY**

Quincy Township High School authorities are preparing for the opening of high school in the improved high school building next Monday, when it is expected ninety will be enrolled. At this time, the high school will begin a four year course, placing it on a par with four other high schools in the county.

Work of building the addition to the high school building has progressed well under the direction of Contractor A. R. Warner of Waynesboro. The interior finish is being applied this week so that the entire building will be completed on the contract date of September 15.

Right and left wings have been added to the building, and renovations made to put the structure in fine shape for opening of school. Quincy high school has a nine months term, which will make it run a little longer next spring than most high schools, which have been able to start earlier. The Quincy board preferred to await school opening until completion of the addition on the contract date of September 15 than try to accomplish good work in temporary quarters.

**Franklin Repository - September 10, 1928**

**QUINCY HIGH  
RECOGNIZED AS  
FIRST CLASS  
INSTITUTION**

**State Educational Department Puts Stamp of Approval on Work, Building**

**FOUR YEAR COURSE  
IS NOW OFFERED**

**First Class in History of  
School Will Be Graduated in June**

**Record Herald - February 22, 1929**

## Quincy Classified A First Class Institution (Continued)

The Quincy High School now stands as a classified, first class, four year senior high school whose work is fully recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction

This year due to a complete re-organization the school is able to offer four years of work in either the classical or scientific fields. Heretofore only three years of work were given and pupils graduating were compelled to go to other institutions for the fourth year.

In his report to the principal of the high school, William H. Bristol, assistant Director of Secondary Education, Harrisburg, states that now this school will be classified as an accredited four year high school. This means that the work given will be recognized by the normal schools and colleges of this and other states.

The final classification of a high school depends upon meeting definite standards set up by the state department, including building, equipment and supplies, program of studies and plan of organization, methods of instruction, supervision, morale, teacher preparation and certification, teaching load, pupil load, records, reports and filing cabinets, etc.

In June 1929 the first class in the history of the Quincy High school will be graduated from an institution of the first rank, and will be on an equal with those being graduated from other schools in the state.

The increased educational opportunity which the boys and girls of Quincy township now enjoy is due in no small degree to the present board of education, D. E. Hartman, president, J. L. Gates, secretary; E. H. Stull, treasurer; Charles Avey and H. E. Snider.

The high school this year has an enrollment of 83 divided as follows: Seniors 18, juniors, 20, sophomores, 13, freshmen, 32.

After serving the community for twenty-five years for school purposes, the old high school building during the past summer and fall was converted into a school gymnasium and community house. This step was made possible by the erection also during the summer months of 1928 of a modern, up-to-date building for accommodating the high school pupils of Quincy township.

Record Herald - February 22, 1929

### OLD QUINCY HI TO BE GYMNASIUM

The Quincy High School Alumni Association and the Quincy Athletic Association have been granted permission by the Quincy school board to remodel the old high school building into a gymnasium and an auditorium.

These two associations will bear the expense of the alterations. The students of the high school will

have the privilege of using the gymnasium for physical exercises and also the auditorium in which to stage plays and other entertainments.

The alumni association for a number of years has been giving plays at Quincy and elsewhere for the purpose of raising funds for the above improvements.

The building will remain the property of the township.

Public Opinion - September 29, 1928



**QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL, 1928-1963**



**From 1903-1963  
Quincy High School Graduated  
1,416 Young Women and Men.**

## **New Quincy High School Opens**

**HI HAS 90 PUPILS**  
The Quincy Township High School opened yesterday morning to begin a nine months term with an enrollment of ninety students. Supervising Principal C. W. Lindeman was in charge.

**Public Opinion - September 18, 1928**

## QUINCY'S NEW HI OPENS SEPT. 17

Quincy township high school will open September 17 for its nine months' term, it was announced Saturday by J. L. Gates, secretary of the township board of education.

The new four year high school, making it the fifth in the county, has been undergoing repairs for the past several months, during which time right and left wings were added to the building.

When the scheduled opening for September 4 came about, it was found necessary to postpone it since work on the interior of the building had not been completed. Within the next week, it is expected that all work will be completed.

Including the four years of high school, there will be the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades housed in the same building. Approximately 90 students will be enrolled in the four high school years, while nearly 80 will enter the grades.

The transition from the "Old" to the "New" Quincy High School was to bring many changes. The old school had a 3-year course of study. The new high school was to implement a 4-year course of study. This change meant that the 1928 senior class at the old high school was not permitted to graduate. Instead, these students, as well as all township students who aspired to attending the new Quincy High, were compelled to take an entrance exam. If any student was "conditioned," he was provided with tutoring to bring him up-to-grade and therefore able to enter high school "without condition."

Public Opinion - September 10, 1928



# This Year's Class First To Graduate Since Four Year Course, Instituted

**Eighteen To Receive Diplomas At Commencement June 10—Other Dates Set**

**LATE CLOSING DUE TO LATE START**

**Seniors Plan Three Days' Visit To Washington Following School Term**

For the first time in the history of Quincy High school, a class will be graduated after having completed a four year course which was inaugurated this year. Prior to this year Quincy High only offered a three year course.

Eighteen young people will receive diplomas. Four of these, Aldus Reed, Harper Miller, Harold Stull and Fred Mentzer, having previously completed three years in high school under the former schedule, returned for the fourth year with the establishment of the school on a four year basis. Two of the graduates, Walter Lohman and Paul Staley, are

graduates of Washington Township High, having entered Quincy High in the fall for their fourth year work.

The honor students of the graduating class have been announced. Highest honors go to Louise Stull as valedictorian, and Leila Cook as salutatorian, their average in school work for the four years being 95 or over. Other honor students whose average for the four years' work was 90 or over, are, Nettie Besecker, Esther Hartman, Crema Riley and Harold Stull.

The school will not close until the second week of June, due to improvements to the building which prevented the school's opening on schedule time last fall.

Commencement will be held the night of June 10 in the Quincy U. B. church at 8 o'clock. The speaker will be Dr. Harry Daniels of Mechanicsburg. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached the night of June 9 in the Quincy Lutheran church by Rev. H. C. Kottler, pastor.

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In June 1929 the first class in the history of the Quincy High school will be graduated from an institution of the first rank, and will be on an equal with those being graduated from other schools in the state.

The increased educational opportunity which the boys and girls of Quincy township now enjoy is due in no small degree to the present board of education. D. E. Hartman, president, J. L. Gates, secretary; E. H. Stull, treasurer; Charles Avey and H. E. Snider.

The high school this year has an enrollment of 83 divided as follows: Seniors 18, juniors, 20, sophomores, 13, freshmen, 32.

After serving the community for twenty-five years for school purposes, the old high school building during the past summer and fall was converted into a school gymnasium and community house. This step was made possible by the erection also during the summer months of 1928 of a modern, up-to-date building for accommodating the high school pupils of Quincy township.

Record Herald, May 9, 1929

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tor of the Quincy U. B. church. Class Day exercises will be held Friday evening, June 7, in the high school gymnasium.

Following commencement the graduating class plans a two or three day trip to Washington, D. C.

Members of the graduating class are: Louise Stull, Leila Cook, Nettie Besecker, Esther Hartman, Crema Riley, Garnet Mentzer, Roy Wilderson, Eva Harshman, Kathryn Kauffman, Luena Stymiest, Barr Stoops, Chloe Sprengle, Aldus Reed, Harper Miller, Harold Stull, Fred Mentzer, Walter Lohman and Paul Staley.

Record Herald, May 7, 1929

In 1931 the science lab was shifted to a remodeled room in the cellar.

In 1935 four more classrooms and additional student lockers were added in the cellar.



# QUINCY TOWNSHIP BOARD OPENS BIDS ON SCHOOL ANNEX

Indicated Cost of Proposed  
Auditorium-Gymnasium  
Project, \$58,134.78

Low bids totaling \$58,134.78 were received by the Quincy Township school board last night for the construction of an auditorium-gymnasium annex to the Quincy Township High School building.

The board, which was authorized by township electors last year to borrow up to \$65,000 for the construction work, referred the bids to its architect for study and tabulation. Another meeting of the board will be held next Thursday evening, when, it is expected, contracts will be awarded.

The annex also will include shower and locker rooms. A new boiler will be installed to provide adequate heating for the enlarged building.

**Record Herald, July 30, 1949**

From 1945 thru 1948, Quincy High was without a gymnasium/auditorium. Local church buildings and the Mont Alto Firehouse were used for many school activities. Some sports activities were put on hold. Some "Home Games" were played as "Away Games." The gymnasium of the Penn State Forestry School at Mont Alto was also made available to the Quincy School District.



Built in 1949, the Quincy High gymnasium-auditorium is the only remaining remnant of the old school. It survived the 1991 fire which completely destroyed the high school building. For many years this building was rented out for events of all sorts...dances, receptions, family reunions, birthday parties, basketball, volleyball, and much more. More information, including photos of events, may be seen on the rental group's Facebook page, "Quincy Gym And Rentals."



**Southern View of Quincy High School showing the  
Gymnasium- Auditorium and the connecting walkway**

## Quincy School District Accepts Addition to High School



The Quincy board of school directors last night accepted the combination gymnasium-auditorium added to the school in the last year. Shown above are the directors making the acceptance after an inspection tour. Shown in the photograph are: John Gates, R. S. Witter, sub contractor; Paul Barkdoll, Warren Avey, John Bender, field supervisor of the Buchart Engineer Company, York; Earl Mentzer, president of the board; Ken Oyler, representing the Good Lumber Company, general contractors; Russell E. Horn, partner in the Buchart firm; Rodger Mowrey, supervising principal of the school.

Record Herald - May 19, 1950

## Quincy High Students Name Teams Spartans

For the first time in the 47 years Quincy High School has been in existence, the school's athletic teams have a nickname.

It is the SPARTANS.

The monicker was chosen by the student body.

Any student was eligible to nominate a nickname for the team. There were thirty nominations. Three members of the student council, and two members of the faculty, Rodger Mowrey, supervising principal, and James Cluck, coach, chose five to be voted on by the students.

The names chosen: Rams, Mustangs, Mountaineers, Raiders and Spartans.

In the voting the name Spartans received 135 votes and the other four altogether received only 35.

It was announced that the student submitting the name chosen as a nickname would receive a sweater. In the case the name chosen was submitted by two students, the first entry would be the winner.

Both Victor Rock and Mary Anna Jones nominated Spartans. Victor's was the first entered and he'll receive the sweater.



Photo obtained from the Quincy Township Historical Society Facebook page.

Record Herald - December 8, 1950

## First Baccalaureate In New Auditorium Will Be Held In Quincy Sunday Evening

### Rev. Fred Mentzer To Deliver Address At School Affair

BY LENA SNYDER

For the first time in the history of Quincy High School the baccalaureate service of the senior class will not be held in a community church, but this year will take place in the new auditorium.

Another new practice has been instituted concerning the service. Beginning this year and as long as they are available, alumni members of the school, who are ministers, will deliver the baccalaureate address to the senior class.

### WILL ASSIST HERE

Pastors of the community churches will assist. This year, the Rev. Fred Mentzer, of the class of 1927 and 1929, pastor of the Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church, near Scotland, is the speaker.

Mr. Mentzer is identified with two classes because he was graduated in the last class from the old building, now torn down, and the first class in the present building. There was no class in 1928 as another year was added to the course making it four. Some of the graduates took the added year of study.

Assistant pastor this year is the Rev. James Reese, pastor of the

Second Church of God, South Mountain.

### PROGRAM LISTED

The program for Sunday evening begins at 7:45 and follows: Prelude, "Crescendo"; processional hymn, "From All That Dwell Below"; invocation, Mr. Reese; anthem, "Service Is Praise," high school chorus.

Scripture and prayer, Mr. Reese; hymn, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer"; sermon, "Youth remaking the World," Mr. Mentzer; anthem, "Wait on the Lord," chorus; benediction, Mr. Reese; recessional, "Fair-est Lord Jesus."

Record Herald - May 27, 1950

## QHS Seniors Dedicate Class Play To New Gym-Auditorium

### Cast, Directors of Quincy High School Senior Class Play



Quincy High School's senior class will unofficially dedicate the new auditorium-gymnasium this evening with the presentation of "Aunt Tillie Goes To Town", a three-act comedy. Shown above is the cast of the production, Doris Jones, Lois Bonebrake, Joyce Monn, Mildred Bonner, Janice Slaybaugh, Lena Miller, Harold McCleary; Johns Sanderson, Miss Kathryn Geesaman, directors; Charles Siegrist, Glendora Reichard, Glenn Fortney, Robert Stoops. The performance begins at 8 p. m.

Record Herald - May 29, 1950

## First Graduating Class In New Gym-Auditorium

# Quincy's Commencement Is Slated For 8 Tonight

### 33 Will Receive Diplomas in New School Auditorium

The commencement exercises of the class of 1950 of the Quincy Township high school is scheduled for tonight at 8 in the high school auditorium. Admission is by ticket only.

In connection with the program the new public address system already in use at the school will be presented to the school by the class. Doris J. Jones, class president, will make the presentation.

Honor students are Doris J. Jones, Glendora J. Reichard and Margaret V. Tabler. Thirty-three are in the class.

The theme of the program is "America's Youth Is America's Future."

The program: Processional; invocation, Rev. Charles R. Miller, pastor of the Mount Alto-Quincy Evangelical United Brethren Churches; hymn, "American Hymn," the class; speech, "Challenges to Youth of the Future," Margaret Tabler.

#### CHORUS SINGS

Selection, "Stouthearted Men," Senior Girls' Chorus; "Education Opportunities for Youth of the Future," Richard Sheffler; piano

solo, "First Valse, Opus 83," Mildred Bonner; "A Fuller Life for Youth of the Future," Lois Jean Bonebrake.

Vocal duet, "I Hear America Singing," Mildred Bonner and Lamar Bonner; "Youth Looks at the Social and Economical Scene of the Future," Harold Rosenberger.

"Democracy Shall Live Through Youth," Glendora Reichard; mixed quartet, "Hymn of Youth," Joyce Monn, Hilda Miller, Harold McCleary and James Siegrist; "America's Future is the Responsibility of its Youth," Doris Jones; "Class Song," (words by Joyce Monn, music by Mildred Bonner) the class.

#### PRESENTS AWARDS

Awards and presentation of the class for graduation by Roger C. Mowrey, supervising principal; presentation of diplomas by Earl G. Mentzer, president of the township board of directors; National Anthem, class and audience; benediction and recessional.

Class colors are maroon and white; class flower, American Beauty rose; class motto, "Tonight we launch, where shall we anchor?"

Class officers: President, Doris Jones; vice president, William Shaffer; secretary, Mildred Bonner and treasurer, Lois Bonebrake.

Record Herald - May 29, 1950

# 500 At Quincy Graduation Exercises In Auditorium

Record Herald - May 31, 1950

## Awards Presented At Annual Program In New Building

BY LENA SNYDER

The 1950 senior class of the Quincy Township High School presented graduation exercises Monday night from the stage of the new auditorium before an audience of approximately 500 persons.

Baskets of spring flowers attractively decorated the stage.

One member of the class, John "Tony" Miller, was not able to appear on the stage. Seconds before the processional began he was stricken with nose bleed and was not able to return for the program. Thirty-three were in the class.

### BACK IN TIME

Another member, Clair Simmers, who had just been released from the hospital Sunday following an appendectomy, was present and took part in the program.

Following the processional, the Rev. Charles R. Miller, pastor of the Mont Alto-Quincy Evangelical United Brethren Churches, gave the invocation.

Bearing out the theme, "America's Youth Is America's Future," the program proceeded with the class singing "American Hymn," accompanied by Mrs. Edith Sipes, music supervisor.

Margaret Tabler, member of the chorus, spoke on "Challenges to Youth," followed by the senior girls chorus singing "Stouthearted Men."

### PIANO SOLO

Richard Sheffler spoke on "Educational Opportunities," and Mildred Bonner played a piano memory selection. Lois Jean Bonebrake gave her version of "A Fuller Life for Youth," and a vocal duet followed by Mildred Bonner and Lamar Bonner.

"Youth Looks at the Social and Economical Scene" was the subject of Harold Rosenberger's talk and Glendora Reichard spoke on "Democracy Shall Live." Joyce Monn, Hilda Miller, Harold McCleary and Charles Siegrist sang "Hymn of Youth," for their part of the program and Doris Jones interpreted the subject: "Responsibility in America's Future." The class sang, "Class Song," the words by Jayce Monn and music by Mildred Bonner.

Prior to the introduction of the class and presentation of awards by Roger C. Mowrey, supervising principal, Doris Jones presented to the school from the class an amplifying system with a record player, which was accepted by Mowrey.

Award pins were given as follows: Excellence in scholarship, mathematics, science, English and all subjects, Doris Jones.

Commercial, Lois Jean Bonebrake; social studies, Richard Sheffler; perfect attendance, Glendora Reichard, three years; Joyce Monn, two years; music, Harold McCleary, Patricia McFerren, Joyce Monn, Glendora Reichard, Mildred Bonner.

### SHORTHAND AWARD

Library, Patricia McFerren, Mildred Bonner; service letter, Joyce Monn; shorthand, Lena Miller, June Mentzer, Lois Bonebrake; typing, Lois Bonebrake.

Athletic letters, four years, Lamar Bonner, Earl Blubaugh, Jay Fry, Harold McCleary, Carl Mentzer, Clair Simmers, Charles Siegrist, Ronald Stoops.

Other members of the class not already mentioned were: Arnold Barnes, Jack Bishop, Anna Black, Glenn Fortney, Jack Jones, Jane Kauffman, Lyle Kiser, Phyllis Miller, William Shaffler, Janice Slaybaugh, Robert Stoops and Wayne Widmer.

Presenting the diplomas was Earl Mentzer, president of the township board of school directors.

## In 1963, The Quincy Merged School District Was Integrated With The Waynesboro Merged School District.

As a result, Quincy Township would no longer have its High School.

# Quincy Board Favors 'Yes' Vote On Merger

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third of a series of articles covering the forthcoming school merger vote in Waynesboro, Washington and Quincy Townships.)

By W. J. DAVIS

The Quincy Merged School Board favors a "Yes" vote on merger at the May 21 primary.

In a statement today the board agreed:

"We, the directors of Quincy Merged, believe that the merger of Quincy, Washington and Waynesboro, is the solution to the educational problems of the area in general and Quincy in particular. As your school board, we favor a "Yes" vote on merger."

This statement will go into every home in Quincy Township.

"There is much change today, and many of us must alter our usual habits of thinking about education. These changes result from the complexities of society, from the movement of people from one area to another, from scientific and technological progress, and from automation with its accompanying decreases in the number of unskilled jobs. We live in a vastly different world from that of even 20 years ago." Roger Mowrey, supervising principal, has told the people of Quincy Township.

The Quincy board in formulating its statement was in accord that "many new materials, procedures and services, and innovations have been introduced into education recently — some of it probably bad, but most of it good."

"To help children learn, there are team teaching, teaching machines, more and better audio-visuals aids, more and better equipment in the scientific laboratories, guidance to a specialized degree,

supervisors in the various subjects of the school curriculum, library books and reference materials, and many other services too numerous to mention.

"A district with too few pupils just cannot afford to provide these services. Under present organization, Quincy cannot do more than just 'scratch the surface' because of cost and lack of space within our present buildings. Do we want our boys and girls deprived of the educational opportunities that boys and girls a few miles away are receiving?"

The Quincy Merged Board also states "the Quincy residents, as well as those in the neighboring districts, cannot and must not let other areas give superior educational opportunities. Our Quincy children deserve the best that we can give. We hope that this information letter will help you cast an intelligent vote on the merger issue at the primary election, Tuesday, May 21.

### SCHOOL REORGANIZATION

Act 561 of September 1961, mandated the reorganization of school districts in Pennsylvania into large school districts of more than 4,000 pupils except in exceptional cases. The current legislature talks about changing this law in only two major areas: (1) postponement of effective date from 1965 to 1966; and (2) permission for certain qualifying districts to remain independent with less than 4,000 pupils.

For two important reasons Quincy is proposing to merge with Waynesboro and Washington Township three years early:

1. Lack of building space to develop the required educational program, particularly in

the high school.

2. An increase in the State share of the reimbursement of the new area senior high school if Quincy becomes a part of the Waynesboro Area before the final audit of the new building is made — probably in the latter half of 1963. (The amount saved locally over the period of the amortization of the building would be about \$500,000.)

### A MERGED DISTRICT

Merger is not new to Quincy. Quincy has been a merged school district since 1953, when Guilford Fifth Voting District and Quincy Township became the Quincy Merged School District. A new school district was formed and there was no longer a dividing line — for school purposes — between Guilford Fifth and Quincy.

The same type of school district would result if the electors of the area vote favorably on the proposed merger of Waynesboro, Washington Township and Quincy Merger. All boundary lines — for school purposes — would be erased between the three districts. Actually, a new school district would begin, with the liabilities and assets of all the districts being assumed by the new school district. Tax rates would be uniform. School professional employees are guaranteed jobs in the new school district.

### HIGH SCHOOL

Under the proposed merger there will be one high school — the new Waynesboro Area Senior High School — and three junior high schools, with two in Waynesboro and one in Quincy.

Until the building of an addition or a new junior high school in Quincy could be completed, the ninth grade of Quincy would probably be assigned to one or both of the junior high schools in Way-

nesboro, the seventh and eighth grades of Quincy being assigned to the present high school building either as elementary grades or as a two-year junior high school.

When additional space became available in Quincy, the junior high school there would consist of the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades.

### ELEMENTARY

Under the proposed merger any change in the elementary schools will be minor. Of course, there will be no seventh and eighth grades in the elementary buildings. It is hoped that there would not be two grades in any one room. Attempts would be made to equalize the numbers of pupils in the various rooms. Some Quincy pupils living near the Mont Alto building may be assigned there instead of to Quincy buildings.

Merger will create some space in the buildings to establish elementary libraries and separate space for music and other activities.

### SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

The assignment of professional staff and non-professional employees should not be a consideration in the vote on merger. Who gets what job? or who will be assigned where? or Who will be principal or supervisor? are not important questions. Time has a way of fixing most things.

Within a few years, the normal course of retirements, job changes, and deaths will enable the new school district to employ persons of its choice. Personalities should be completely eliminated in making any decision.

NEXT: The Quincy Board discusses its financial situation.

**Quincy High School Class of 1963 Will Graduate 51 Seniors. This Final Commencement Celebrates The School's 60th Year in Quincy Township, 1903-1963.**

**Members of the Graduating Class of 1963 - Quincy High School**

Due to the Merger of the Quincy School District and the Waynesboro Area School District...

**This would be the final class to graduate from Quincy High School.**

Robert Owens, high school principal, will present the class for graduation. Diplomas will be conferred by Earl Mentzer, president of the Quincy Merged Board of School Directors.

Members of the Quincy High School Class of 1963 are

Charles R Avey, Terry L Baker, Wayne A Benschoff, Jane Marie Biesecker, David A Bonner, John R Bumbaugh Jr, Harry C Bumbaugh Jr, Lydia May Bumbaugh, Barry Lou Carbaugh, Rosemarie Carter, H Ronald Coldsmith, Rudy Barton Cordell and John Maurice Creager

Donald Charles Dickinson, Eugene Wesley Dickinson, Joan Marie Fahrney, Judith Lorraine Flasher, Allen Clark Freeman, Robert Harvey Freeman, Joseph

Thomas Harshberger, Darlene Leora Hoover, Jack Leroy Kennedy, Donna Marie Kipe, Mary Katherine King, Donald C Knepper and Donald L. Lehman.

Carol Ann Madigan, Ronald O Mentzer, Terry D Michalsky, Katherine Elizabeth Miller Paulette Kaye Miller, Cheryl Lee Minnich, Suzanne Mae Misner, Alan Douglas Moats, Elaine Delores Monn, Randolph Clayton Monn, Mary Catherine Murray, Elden Martin Newcomer and Joseph Januz Orlicki.

Maxine Elizabeth Potter, Susan Irene Rook, Barbara Jane Seilhamer, Judith Ann Sheffler, John Robert Shindlecker Dorothea Ann Snider, Ivan Lee Stauffer, Susan Ellen Stoner, John E W a g a m a n, Claudia Winnona Welsh, Ronald Eugene Whitmore and **Kenneth Alan Wilhide.**

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## QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL GETS A NEW NAME

Quincy High is to become a Junior High School for 7th and 8th grades.

### NAME IS CHANGED

The committee moved to change the name of Quincy Merged High School to Quincy Junior School

Record Herald - July 24, 1963

In 1963 Quincy High School was renamed Quincy Junior School where the township's 7th and 8th grades attended. Because of the merger with the Waynesboro School System, in 1964 these students transferred to Antietam Junior High in Waynesboro. **Also in 1964, the old high school was renamed yet again to Mowrey II Elementary** housing the township's 5th and 6th grade population. This arrangement continued until 1989 when Mowrey II was closed and Quincy High School was offered for sale at auction.

## QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL IS OFFERED FOR SALE AT AUCTION

# Local man submits \$61,000 bid for Mowrey

By DIANNA HEIM  
*Staff writer*

QUINCY — Going, going, but not quite gone yet.

The Waynesboro Area School Board will soon accept or reject a bid for the abandoned Mowrey II Elementary School submitted Saturday morning during a public auction.

Kerry Bumbaugh, 11383 Anthony Highway, Waynesboro, was the highest bidder with an offer of \$61,000 for the former school building and its 2.507 acres along Route 997 in Quincy.

If his offer is approved by the board at its Oct. 16 meeting, Bumbaugh will be required to make a 10 percent down payment to be accepted as deposit toward the purchase price.

"I didn't expect it (the school) would go for this much," said Bumbaugh, one of only two bidders at the auction.

The district's auctioneer, Solicitor Timothy Misner, said he had no idea what kind of bids the property would garner. "I really didn't know what to expect."

The school district had two independent appraisals made of the property.

"We didn't make the appraisals for East public, so we won't for this either," noted district Business Manager Wallace Jones, referring to the auction and sale of East Junior High last spring.

Both East and Mowrey II, along with Mont Alto Elementary School, were closed as part of a consolidation process in the district. Mowrey I Elementary, located to the northeast of the old school, has been expanded and now serves all North Area elementary students.

What are Bumbaugh's plans for the building? "They're undetermined at this time. I really wanted it for the gym. I've got no place to play basketball. The rest of it I may use for a storage garage."

According to Bumbaugh, he asked a roofing contractor to give him an estimate on the building's needed roof repairs.

"For one part it'll cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000," Bumbaugh said. The bill would be approximately \$30,000 to repair the school's entire roof.

Record Herald - October 8, 1990



## QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE



By Sid Miller - The Record Herald

Michael Marchowsky, state police fire marshal, examines the ruins of the former school.

# Investigation continues

## Damage tops \$200,000 in Quincy fire

By DIANNA HEIM

*Staff writer*

QUINCY — County and state police fire officials are continuing their efforts to pinpoint the cause of the Tuesday morning blaze that destroyed the former Mowrey Elementary School.

Damage to the building, owned by Kerry Bumbaugh of Waynesboro, has been estimated at approximately \$200,000, according to Michael Marchowsky, Pennsylvania State Police fire marshal.

"If the gym had gone up, too, you would have had a higher damage estimate," he noted.

Marchowsky and Jerry Hartman, Franklin County fire inspector, were on the scene yesterday afternoon, sifting through the wreckage for clues to the origin of the fire.

Hartman said he could tell it was an extremely hot fire by the depth and amount of char on the building's remaining walls.

They came to no conclusion on the fire's cause or origin, Marchowsky said.

A state fire investigator reportedly has been called in to help with the investigation.

The Mont Alto Fire Co. was called back to the scene twice Tuesday to extinguish hot spots. They returned at 5:46 this morning to douse a few small flames, according to a fire company spokesman.

Three firefighters were injured while fighting the blaze Tuesday morning. Danny Reed and Oscar Reed, both of Waynesboro, and James T. Warne of Chambersburg were treated in Waynesboro Hospital's emergency room and released, a spokeswoman there said.

# Former school held years of memories

By JEFF McCLOUD

*Staff writer*

QUINCY — The fire that destroyed the former Quincy High School took a lot of memories with it when it burned.

The school, built around 1929, also served as a junior high and elementary school, and it had been a landmark in Quincy since then.

"It's one of those things you expect to see there," said Gerald Stouffer, principal of Mowrey Elementary School next door and a former student at Quincy High.

"I hated to see it (burn). It's always been there," agreed Dorothy Geesaman, a 1960 graduate.

Stouffer said the school's present owner, Kerry Bumbaugh, would have been a good neighbor, and it's sad to see him go through the trauma of losing the building.

A 1940 graduate, Lena Besecker, agreed with Stouffer.

"I feel really sorry for Kerry," she said. "It's really a sad thing; he worked hard to make this place livable."

Former students and teachers agreed the school provided a closeness in which everyone knew everybody else.

"You knew your classmates and even sometimes their families. It was a close feeling," pondered Cheryl Sanders, one of the members of the last class to graduate from the school in 1963.

That closeness also was felt between faculty and students and was displayed earlier this summer, when one of the classes invited former principal Robert Owens to attend its reunion.

"How blessed can a person be when you get back with students you had 25 or 30 years ago?" asked Owens.

Owens, who became principal in 1955, said a friend called him and told him about the fire.

"This was a bad dream," was his reaction. "This can't be."

"The best analogy can be like a home. You go back, and it's burned down. Or it's like the death of a loved one," he continued.

Kenny Wilhide, another member of the Class of 1963, was fixing a fence on a hill above the Quincy United Methodist Home when he looked down and saw the school in ruins.

"It seemed like a lot of memories burned up," he lamented. "A little bit of my history went up in smoke."

Wilhide said he always will treasure the years he spent at Quincy High School, when life was easier than it is today.

"It was a time when you weren't pressured as much," he explained. "It was easy-going." Owens' recollections of his first few months on the job are pleasant ones because he was young, and everyone made life easier for him.

"I did an awful lot of growing there. This was my new family," he reminisced.

He said he refused to drive to the school to look at the remains of the building, even when his wife asked him to.

"That would be like going to a funeral," he said.

## Acknowledgements

This presentation features as sources Roger C. Mowrey's self-published, uncopyrighted, and now rare book - *Quincy PA Schools*, and the digital archives of the Waynesboro Record Herald and Chambersburg Public Opinion Newspapers.

As a Quincy Township school official, Mr. Mowrey was able to access the school records. This made it possible for him to relate many interesting and enlightening facts and statistics concerning both of the Quincy High Schools that served Quincy Township students from 1903-1963

Mr. Mowrey was also a student in the Quincy school system. He began his school career in the first grade at the Polk Hill School in 1917 and continued on to graduate from Quincy High School.

**Below are Roger Mowrey's Own Words as they appear in his 1978, and now very rare Publication, *QUINCY PA SCHOOLS*.**

The writer was connected with the Quincy schools for more than 40 years, from 1917 to 1924 as a pupil in a one-room building (Polk Hill) and in Quincy High School, from 1932 to 1936 as an elementary teacher and principal, from 1936 to 1945 as the high school principal, from 1945 to 1963 as the supervising principal, and from 1963 to 1965 as the assistant superintendent of the Waynesboro Area during the first two years that Quincy was a member of the jointure. With such close ties for so long a period, it has been only natural that there should be a desire to record the development of the Quincy schools.

There is a personal pride in having been the chief school administrator when the directors authorized or approved the addition of a gymnasium-auditorium to the high school; the construction of two elementary buildings with 18 rooms so that nine one-room and three two-room buildings could be closed; driver education; special education; grading of one-room schools; sick leave; school lunch program; instrumental music; elementary supervision; summer playground and music; art education; and semi-monthly payrolls throughout the year, among other noteworthy educational advancement.

Of course, the writer's greatest personal satisfaction has resulted from the naming of the elementary building at Good Siding on the Fox Hill road as MOWREY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in his honor and that of his father, Dr. Raymond G. Mowrey.

And so, this history has resulted from that long service, from that pride in the district's achievements, and from that deep satisfaction in being honored with the name of a school.

ROGER C. MOWREY

**From Roger C. Mowrey's 1978 Book, *Quincy PA Schools-  
Records Of Quincy High School Principals and Teachers, 1903-1963***

The principals and teachers of the high school during the time of its existence follow:

1903-06	Charles Clever (Principal)		
1906-08	Paul Myers (Principal)		
1908-09	Earle H. Schaeffer (Principal)		
1909-12	Emory J. Middour (Principal)		
1912-13	Raymond G. Mowrey (Principal)		
	Clara Shaffer		
1913-15	Raymond G. Mowrey (Principal)		
	Joseph Hess		
1915-16	Raymond G. Mowrey (Principal)		
	C. R. Shook		
1916-17	Raymond G. Mowrey (Principal)		
	Flo Guyer		
1917-18	Ray B. Hess (Principal)		
	Flo Guyer		
1918-21	D. B. Lytle (Principal)		
	Charlotte Lohman		
1921-23	Ray B. Hess (Principal)		
	Charlotte Lohman		
1923-24	Robert D. Macclay (Principal)		
	Amos Funk		
1924-26	Amos Funk (Principal)		
	Pearl Witmer		
1926-28	Clarence W. Lindeman (Principal)		
	Pearl Witmer		
1928-29	Clarence W. Lindeman (Principal)		
	Pearl Witmer	A. C. Fray	Ray B. Hess
1929-30	Ray B. Hess (Principal)		
	Ruth S. Orton	Sarah Jane Faust	Harry A. Gardner
1930-31	Ray B. Hess (Principal)		
	Ruth S. Orton	Clarence Shultz	Harry A. Gardner
1931-32	Harry A. Gardner (Principal)		
	Mary Hykes	Clarence Shultz	Donald W. Mort
1932-33	Harry A. Gardner (Principal)		
	Mary Hykes	Clarence Smith	Donald W. Mort

1933-35	Harry A. Gardner (Principal) Louise M. Stull Grant C. Heefner	Clarence Shultz	Donald W. Mort
1935-36	Harry A. Gardner (Principal) Louise M. Stull Grant C. Heefner	Hester Besecker Bradford Smith	Donald W. Mort
1936-37	Roger C. Mowrey (Principal) Grant C. Heefner Hester Besecker	Donald W. Mort Harper M. Miller	Paul Burger Carrie Worthington
1937-39	Roger C. Mowrey (Principal) Grant C. Heefner Harper M. Miller	Donald W. Mort A. Glenn Hassler	Hester Besecker Carrie Worthington
1939-40	Roger C. Mowrey (Principal) Olive Fitzgerald Donald W. Mort Harold W. Bonner	A. Glenn Hassler Harper M. Miller	Grant C. Heefner Hester Besecker
1940-41	Roger C. Mowrey (Principal) Olive Fitzgerald Joseph E. Shively Harold W. Bonner	A. Glenn Hassler Harper M. Miller	Grant C. Heefner Hester B. Lewis
1941-42	Roger C. Mowrey (Principal) Grant C. Heefner Joseph E. Shively Harold W. Bonner	Harper M. Miller Wilbur N. Sanders Dorothy Mellott	Harry Smith Hester B. Lewis
	Military Leave: A. Glenn Hassler		
	Substitutes: Helen Frederick, Kathryn Kise, Lois Harer		
1942-43	Roger C. Mowrey (Principal) Wilbur N. Sanders Anna W. Spangler	Dorothy H. Lehman Betty J. Shaul	Harper M. Miller Harold W. Bonner
	Military Leave: A. Glenn Hassler, Grant C. Heefner		
	Substitutes: Mary M. Shaffer, Josephine Smith, Lillian Eyer, Mary Strickler, Richard McCurdy, Gladys Stockslager Marion Frederick		
1943-44	Roger C. Mowrey (Principal) Dorothy H. Lehman Anna W. Spangler	Betty J. Shaul	Wilbur N. Sanders
	Military Leave: A. Glenn Hassler, Grant C. Heefner		
	Substitutes: Richard McCurdy, Mary M. Shaffer		
1944-45	Roger C. Mowrey (Principal) Grant C. Heefner Ruth M. Dourte	Wilbur N. Sanders Fred W. Mentzer	Kathryn M. Geesaman Anna W. Spangler
	Military Leave: A. Glenn Hassler		
1945-46	Roger C. Mowrey (Principal) Anna W. Spangler Kathryn M. Geesaman A. Glenn Hassler	Wilbur N. Sanders Grant C. Heefner	Ruth M. Dourte James McDannell
1946-47	Roger C. Mowrey (Principal) Grant C. Heefner Ruth M. Dourte Daniel Bartholomew	Wilbur N. Sanders Kathryn Geesaman	Anna W. Spangler Jane C. Butler

1947-48 Roger C. Mowrey (Principal)  
Grant C. Heefner Wilbur N. Sanders Anna W. Spangler  
Frances Newcomer Kathryn Geesaman John C. Sanderson  
Wilma DeBernardi

1948-49 Roger C. Mowrey (Principal)  
Grant C. Heefner Wilbur N. Sanders Anna W. Spangler  
Hester B. Lewis Kathryn Geesaman John C. Sanderson  
Wilma DeBernardi

1949-50 Roger C. Mowrey (Principal)  
John C. Sanderson (Assistant Principal)  
Grant C. Heefner Wilbur N. Sanders Anna W. Spangler  
Hester B. Lewis Kathryn Geesaman Wilma DeBernardi  
James W. Cluck

1950-51 Roger C. Mowrey (Principal)  
John C. Sanderson (Assistant Principal)  
Grant C. Heefner Wilbur N. Sanders Anna W. Spangler  
Hester B. Lewis Susan K. Margin Wilma DeBernardi  
James W. Cluck

1951-52 Roger C. Mowrey (Principal)  
John C. Sanderson (Assistant Principal)  
Grant C. Heefner Wilbur N. Sanders Anna W. Spangler  
Hester B. Lewis Doris S. Cook James W. Cluck  
Part-time: Robert C. Rankin, driver education

1952-53 Roger C. Mowrey (Principal)  
John C. Sanderson (Assistant Principal)  
Grant C. Heefner Wilbur N. Sanders Anna W. Spangler  
Hester B. Lewis Doris S. Cook James W. Cluck  
Lena Rosenberry  
Part-time: Robert C. Rankin, driver education

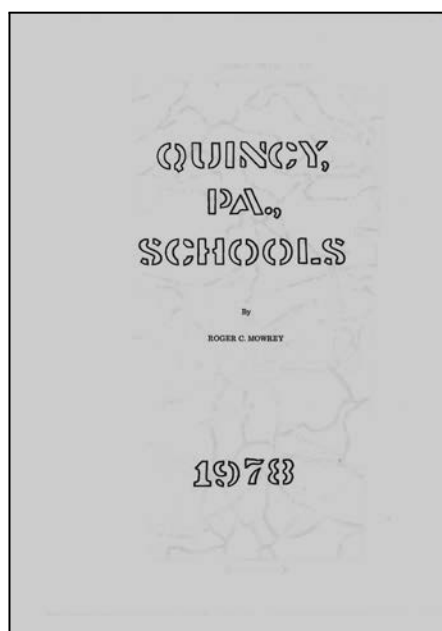
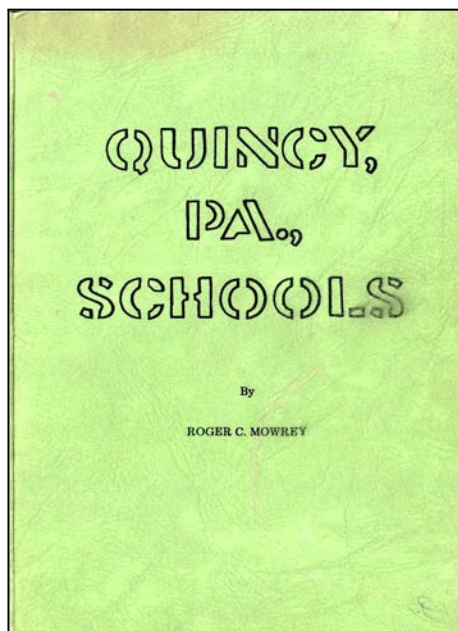
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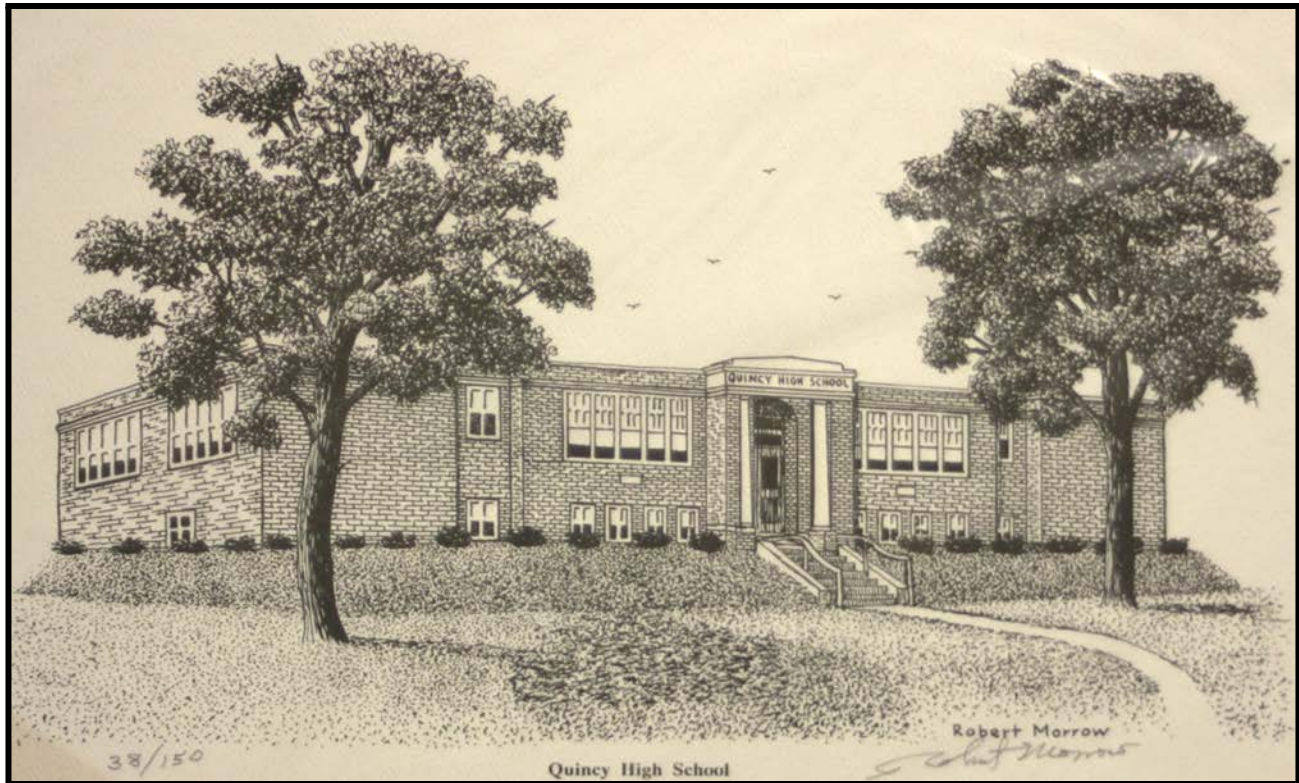
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Hester B. Lewis (Assistant Principal)  
Grant C. Heefner Wilbur N. Sanders Anna W. Spangler  
Doris S. Cook James W. Cluck Susan Melville  
Robert R. Miller  
Part-time: Robert C. Rankin, driver education

1955-56 Robert L. Owens (Principal)  
Grant C. Heefner Wilbur N. Sanders Anna W. Spangler  
Doris S. Cook James W. Cluck Hester B. Eyler  
Robert R. Miller Susan M. Rapp  
Part-time: Robert C. Rankin, driver education

1956-57 Robert L. Owens (Principal)  
Theodore Heefner Wilbur N. Sanders Anna W. Spangler  
Doris S. Cook Jay D. Tregellas Hester B. Eyler  
Robert R. Miller Marilyn McCarney  
Part-time: Robert C. Rankin, driver education

1957-58	Robert L. Owens (Principal)		
	Theodore Heefner	Wilbur N. Sanders	Anna W. Spangler
	Doris S. Cook	Jay D. Tregellas	Hester B. Eyler
	Robert R. Miller	Marilyn McCarney	Jack Patterson
	Part-time: Robert C. Rankin, driver education		
1958-59	Robert L. Owens (Principal)		
	Theodore Heefner	Wilbur N. Sanders	Anna W. Spangler
	Doris S. Cook	Jay D. Tregellas	Hester B. Eyler
	Victor Rock	Marilyn McCarney	Gary Mowery
	Sabbatical Leave: Robert R. Miller		
1959-60	Robert L. Owens (Principal)		
	Theodore Heefner	Wilbur N. Sanders	Anna W. Spangler
	Lamar Creager	Richard George	Hester B. Eyler
	Victor Rock	Marilyn McCarney	Stephen Rollins
	Barbara Saler		
1960-61	Wilbur N. Sanders (Acting Principal)		
	Anna W. Spangler	Theodore Heefner	Barry Barlup
	Mary B. Unger	Richard George	Ralph Norcross
	Stephen Rollins	Barbara Saler	Hester B. Eyler
	Lamar Creager	Victor Rock	
	Sabbatical Leave: Robert L. Owens		
1961-62	Robert L. Owens (Principal)		
	Margaret Brady	Richard George	Anna W. Spangler
	Theodore Heefner	John Martin	Stephen Rollins
	Barbara Saler	Larry Baker	Lamar Creager
	Hester B. Eyler	Molly Gossert	
1962-63	Robert L. Owens (Principal)		
	Margaret Brady	Robert Stum	Anna W. Spangler
	Theodore Heefner	John Martin	James Tracey
	Dorothy Glover	Doris Billow	Lamar Creager
	Margaret Kemmler	Thomas Colgan	





**This ink drawing of Quincy High School is by Waynesboro, PA native Robert B. “Bob” Morrow, 1925-2015.**

This drawing presents a view of Quincy High School which makes it possible to identify the many stages of the building’s evolution.

**Stage 1:** Constructed in 1921, the original part of the building was a two-room building called Quincy Grade School, and later, Quincy Consolidated School. This structure is seen in the drawing as the central cathedral entrance with a classroom to either side.

**Stage 2:** In 1928 four rooms were added. These are seen in the drawing as the brick wings on either side of the building, each wing having two classrooms.

#### **OTHER CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATIONS**

**Stage 3:** In 1931 the cellar was partially excavated to make room for the Science Laboratory.

**Stage 4:** In 1935 the cellar was further excavated to make room for four classrooms, storage closets, and student lockers.

**Stage 5:** In 1949 a gymnasium-auditorium was built. This new facility was connected to the main building by an enclosed walkway (see page 16.) The school had been without a gym since 1944 when its old gym, the remodeled 1903 Quincy High School building was condemned and razed.