

MEMORIES OF MONROE HIGH SCHOOL

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I attended 4 years of High School at Monroe from 1929 to 1933. They were happy enjoyable years and I loved every year of them.

Our class was the last group of "Freshies" to attend this school. The next year the freshmen class was incorporated into the Junior High.

Our faculty were dedicated, caring teachers and they encouraged us to study and learn everything we possibly could so we would be able to live useful, productive lives after graduation.

Some of the teachers I remember best are: Karma Partridge who taught domestic science: Mary Delle Mallon- English and Physical Education: Phyllis Larsen- Business: A.B. Smith- Chemistry: Wesley Pierce- Music: Hilmer Lee- English: Vernon L. Israelson- taught Algebra.

In those long ago days we had an "H" up on the hill instead of two S's. Every Spring we would have a special day called "H" Day when the boys would whitewash the H and the girls helped clean and polish the Auditorium at the school. We would end the day with an extra special assembly and hold a fun dance in the evening.

There were 2 girls clubs at the school. The one group was called the 4-S club and the other, of which I was a member, was the Poppettes. These two clubs created a lot of school spirit with their different activities.

We had both a football team and a basketball team that kept things interesting. We always had pep rallies before each game and a snake dance where everyone participated. All the students would hold hands and dance our way down the High School street to main street and then over to the old Elementary school building chanting and singing.

We had a lot of fun assemblies and a lot of matinee dances as well as Senior Hop, the Junior Prom, and Sophomore Swing.

During the year 1931 the school officers published an outstanding yearbook called "The Ram", which has really been a lovely keepsake. The Editor was Virginia Dyches Nielsen: the Business Manager was Ordeen Washburn and the Assistant Editor Max Tuft.

We had a very good business department during this time. I took shorthand and type for 3 years and after graduation was able to obtain a good job at the County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse in Richfield. When I was a Senior I also worked for Mr. Melville and Mr. Israelson to pay for my tuition which was \$7.50. This was a good experience for me and I loved the work.

We graduated from High School the 19th of April 1933. Our graduation exercises were held in the old South Ward Church with a dance afterward at the Pavilion.

Our school spirit was kept at a high level all during our school days by our school song. The words were composed by Susie Bohman Jensen and the music was arranged by our music teacher Mr. Pierce. The song went as follows:

All hail our grand ol South Sevier
We'll cheer unto her name
We've marched toward our greatest goal
To glorify her name
We cannot be untrue to her
So let us all ordain
The white unto her honor
And the red unto her fame

Our South Sevier, our South Sevier
To thee our hearts are true
We'll give our grand old banner
The honor that is due
So we'll wave our colors high
In sunshine or in rain
Praising white unto her honor
And the red unto her fame