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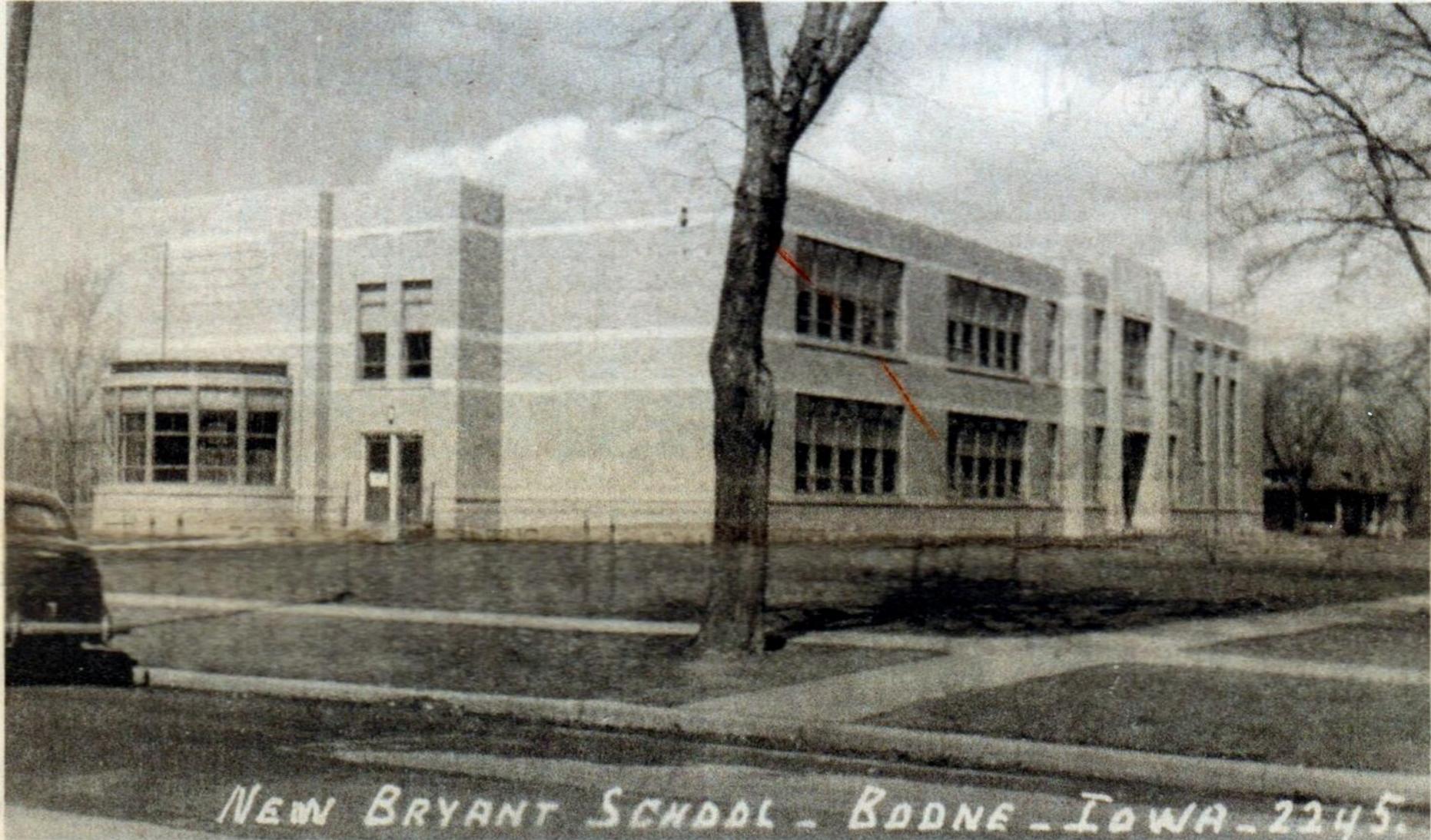
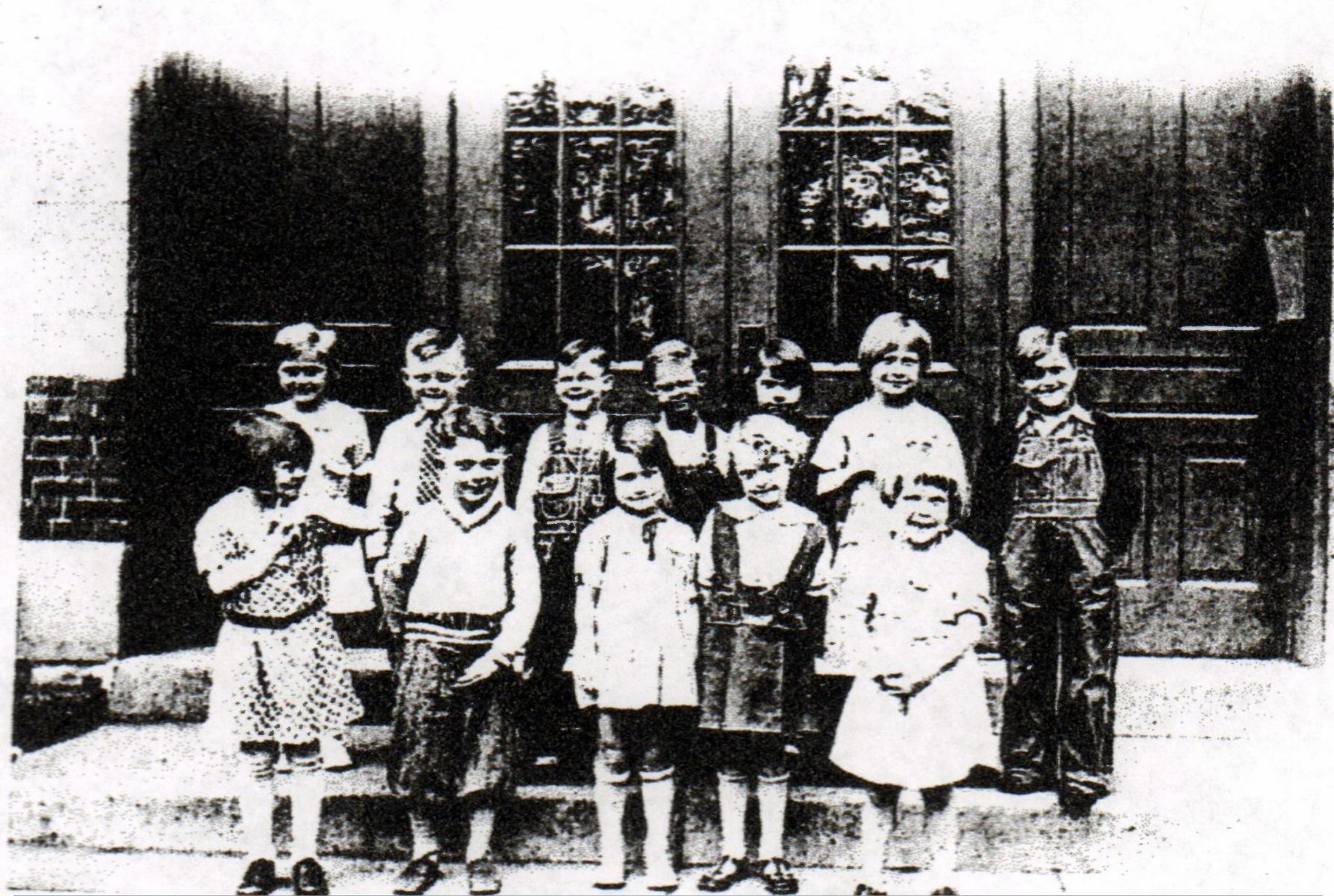


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**In 1939 the old Bryant School was replaced by a new building, which offered up-to-date facilities at the time. The above photographs shows a view of the building in its early years.**



**Bryant - 1934 - Kindergarten or 1st Grade**

**Back Row: L to R: Charlotte Quinn, Robert Gildea, Ralph Tallent, Chuck Heitkamp, Betty Castor, Edna Smith, Tub Halbrook**

**Front Row: L to R: Dixie Dickey, Bob McCormick, Shirley Hott, Marilyn Lee, Jean Stealy**



**Bryant - 1936 - Grade 2A & 2B**

**5th Row: L to R: Dick Littell, Dale Watts, Ted Condon?, \_\_\_\_\_?, Robert Gildea**

**4th Row: L to R: \_\_\_\_\_?, Jim Littell, Edna Smith, Charlotte Quinn, Bererly Handschin, Charles Hietkamp**

**3rd Row: L to R: Ralph Tallent or Jones?, Bow Barrows?, Ed Statton, David Atherton, \_\_\_\_\_?, Bob McCormick**

**2nd Row: L to R: \_\_\_\_\_?, Arthur Schultz, Rus Anderson, Delores Cotton?, \_\_\_\_\_?, Jean Staley, Jimmy Barnes**

**1st Row: L to R: Wilma Jackson?, Lila Buichler, \_\_\_\_\_?, \_\_\_\_\_?, Shiley Hott,**

# Blasts from the past

## *1938: Fourth Grade Class at Bryant School*



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Pictured above is the fourth-grade class from Bryant School in 1938, forwarded to the Boone News-Republican by Sharon Witcraft, who received the photo from her cousin Bob McCormick. In a letter forwarded to the BN-R, Witcraft wanted to see if readers could identify any of the students above, and included this information from McCormick: "I attended the original Bryant from kindergarten (1934) through fourth grade in 1938. While the school was demolished and rebuilt in 1939, I and my fifth-grade classmates attended Page school."

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County Historical Society

Pictured right is a photo of Bryant School after it was reconstructed in 1939. Due to space limitations, this photo was unable to be included in Boone County Historical Society's Suzanne Caswell's excellent history on the school that ran Tuesday.





3rd Row: L to R: \_\_\_\_\_?, Charles Heitcamp, Norma Aspergren, Richard Anderson, Dora Pence (Teacher), Samuel Chiles, James Emerson, Roger Orr, \_\_\_\_\_?  
**Ruth Camp (in front of Teacher)**

2nd Row: L to R: Beverly Handschin, \_\_\_\_\_?, \_\_\_\_\_?, Delores Cotton, Shirley Hott, Bob McCormick, John Morris, Charlotte Quinn, Russell Anderson, JoAnn Forbes

1st Row: L to R: Sharon Jones, Betty Castor, Jean Staley, Jim Barnes, Ruth Anderson, Geraldine Moss, David Atherton, Mathew Wilson, Bill Haleen

Not in this picture: Jim Clapp, Ralph Tallent, Bob Batton (may not have finished school year)

## MEMBERS OF FOURTH GRADE - FIRST SEMESTER 1938-39

## A Class

1. Anderson, Richard ✓
2. Anderson, Ruth?
3. Aspengren, Norma ✓
4. Atherton, David
- \*5. Batton, Bob
- \*6. Camp, Ruth
- \*7. Clapp, Jimmie
8. Collins, Ted
9. Condon, Teddy ✓
10. Chiles, Samuel ✓
11. Duncan, Dorothy
12. Emerson, James
13. Haleen, Billie
14. Hall, Larry
15. Mackrell, Dolor?
16. Moss, Geraldine ✓
17. Orr, Roger ✓
18. Wilson, Mathew

## B Class

1. Anderson, Russell
2. Barnes, Jimmie ✓
3. Brown, Romald
4. Castor, Betty
5. Cotton, Delores ✓
6. Forbes, JoAnn ✓
7. Gildea, Robert
8. Handschin, Beverly
9. Heitcamp, Charles
10. Hott, Shirley
11. Jones, Sharon Lou
12. McCormick, Bobby ✓
13. Morris, John ✓
14. Quinn, Charlotte ✓
15. Staley, Jean
- \*16. Tallent, Ralph

\* Not in Bryant when picture was taken.



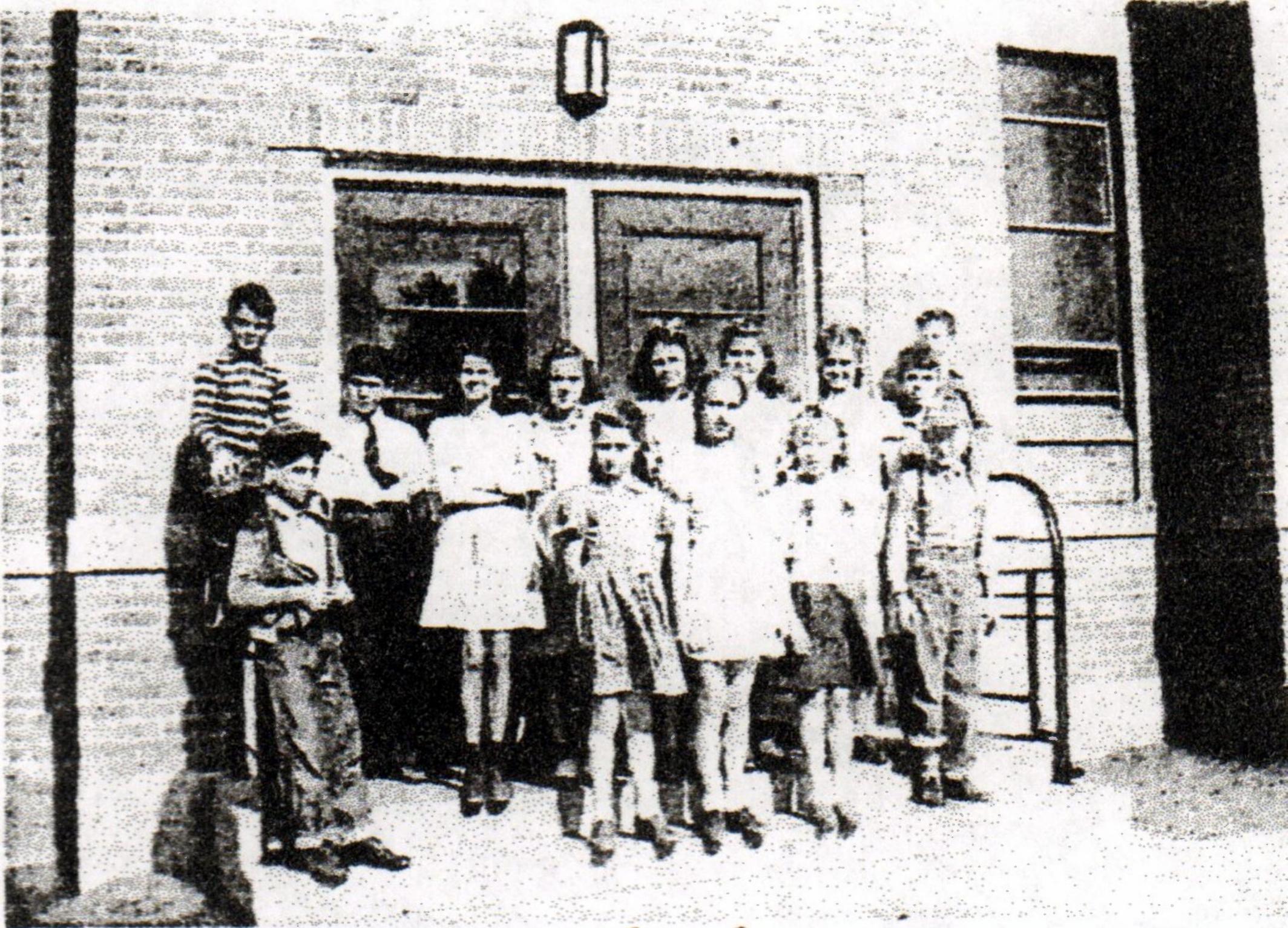
**Bryant School - Year ???? Grade ??**



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The photograph above is of 6A and 6B students in January of 1939.





**Bryant - 1941 - Grade 6A**

**Front Row: L to R: Paul Needham, Shirley Hott, Bev Handschin, Sharon Jones, Ronald Brown**

**Back Row: L to R: Bob McCormick, Bob Yoder, Betty Majors, Delores Cotton, Jo Ann Forbes, Charlotte Quinn, Jo Ann Mullen, John Morris, Rus Anderson**



**Bryant - 1941 - Grade 6B**

**Front Row: L to R: Dick Littell, Ed Statton, Arlo Schultz, Shelia Heron, Betty Dugan**

**Back Row: L to R: Dean Johnson, Betty Shuey, Alveretta Riggs, Joyce Platter, Gloria Hessel, Chuck Hartnet, Wilma Jackson**



Top Row: L to R: Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_?, Chuck Peterson, Doloras Barton, James Triplet, Craita Stroble, Wally Pratt, Barbara Wallace, James Tait  
 Next to Top Row: L to R: David Ross, Diane Morley, James Morgan, Marjorie Vert, Gary Bass, Janice Johnston  
 Next to Bottom Row: L to R: Kay Brightwell, Ted Schultz, Betty Reed, Gene Price, Karen Finley, George \_\_\_\_, Margaret White, Stanley Olander  
 Bottom Row: L to R: Janice Holbrook, Gerald Zanker, Larry Williams, Glen Capps, David Fitzsimons, Marilyn Ross



Back Row: L to R: Gerald Pharoh, David Rose, Gary Bass, Stanley Olander, Jim Morgan, David Fitzsimons, Jerry Zanker, Larry Williams, Jim Minson, Ted Schultz  
Middel Row: L to R: Maye O'donnell (teacher/Principal), George ?????, Margaret White, Betty Jacobson, Betty Reed, Janice Holbrook, Janice Johnston, Jim Tait, Wally Pratt  
Front Row: L to R: Glen Capps, Kae Marie Brightwell, Barbara Wallace, Clarita Stoble, Marjorie Vert, Marilyn Ross, Diane Morley, Gale Morris.



# Collecting memories from Bryant School

Jeannine Schaub  
Features Writer

Gretchen Otis of Boone keeps track. She keeps track of friends the way some folks keep track of \$100 bills, seeing their value increase with interest.

Ask her who graduated from the Boone High School in 1951 and she'll quickly start with the names of Brad Carswell and Bob Brown. The maiden names of Connie Cross and Gretchen Stark? That would be Mondt and Kinter, she answers without hesitation.

Lately, Otis (Class of 1952, along with LeRoy Hamilton, she notes) has focused on the dearly departed Bryant School and its pupils of yesteryear.

She suggested this newspaper record memories of the late elementary school and tracked down former pupils to interview.

Otis remembers starting kindergarten in the basement of the Primitive Methodist Church at Second and Clinton streets while the "new" Bryant School was being built. There was a goldfish pond in the basement, and the teacher's name was Harriet Barker. Ruth Watts was the first grade teacher and wore an Indian Halloween costume every year.



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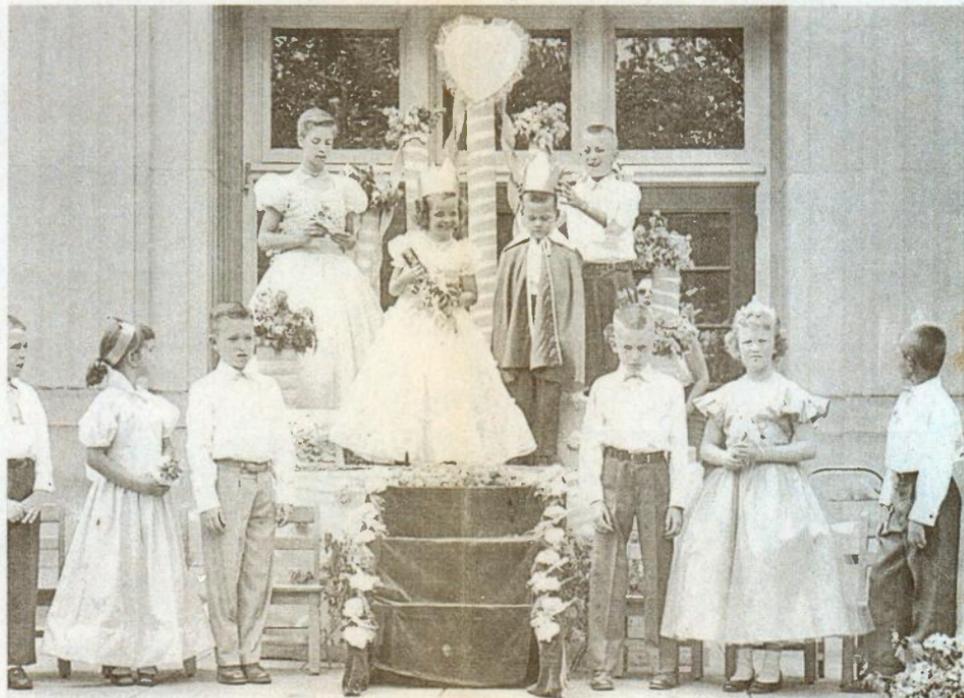


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Pictured above is the Bryant School May Day celebration, received from Jeff Smoot, former Boone student who currently lives in Wisconsin, who was crowned 'King' with Sandra Kay Kennedy as 'Queen.' Jeff inquires if anyone can identify the other children in the picture and asks that they contact Gretchen Otis with info - 432-6788.

# BOONE COUNTY LIFE

## Bryant: Collecting memories from former Bryant students



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Pictured above is the Bryant 1948-49 Bryant sixth grade class. Back row, from left, is Gerald Pharoah, David Rose, Gary Bass, Stanley Olander, Jim Morgan, David Fitzsimons, Jerry Zanker, Larry Williams, Jim Minson and Ted Schultz. Middle row, from left, is Maye O'Donnell (Teacher and Principal), George (last name unknown), Margaret White, Betty Jacobsen, Betty Reed, Janice Holbrook, Janice Johnston, Jim Tait and Wally Pratt. Front row, from left, is Glen Capps, Kae Marie Brightwell, Barbara Wallace, Carita Stroble, Marjorie Vert, Marilyn Ross, Diane Morley and Gale Morris.

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Like other Boone people who attended Bryant School, Otis remembers Principal Maye O'Donnell and her butter paddle.

"The butter paddle? Oh, yes, I remember it," said Shirley Holte. "My grandfather was a Boone policeman, so my sister and I had to be nice little girls. We were never on the receiving end of Maye O'Donnell's butter paddle."

Robert "Bob" Fisher wasn't either. "I was an exemplary student and didn't know about the butter paddle," he said with a chuckle and a wink. "I remember Maye O'Donnell though. She was a good one. So

were all the Bryant teachers. They were good teachers and very caring."

Fisher was at Bryant when the old school was torn down and attended fifth grade at Page School. Returning to sixth grade at Bryant, he and his class were the first to graduate from the new school at Sixth and Cedar streets.

Fisher remembers that every Boone school had a softball team in those days before Little League. The teams played each other, and the winner faced an All-Star team comprised of hotshots from all the other schools.

"Bryant won the league two years in a row," Fisher said, "and went on to

beat the All-Stars. Marvin Crouch was the winning pitcher the first year we won, and Jack Bass won for us the second year."

Fisher recalls that his position on the team was the 10th "man," the roving shortstop.

Like many of his classmates, Fisher still remembers the pride he took when the new Bryant School opened with a real gymnasium. It gave children somewhere to go for recess, before and after school. And the gym's worth didn't stop there. When he and adult friends returned from the service as young professionals and businessmen, they used the gym once a week for basketball



Photo Contributed

The Morris family saw 10 children go through Bryant School. This family picture was taken when they honored Principal Maye O'Donnell in 1953 at Chick-a-dine restaurant. The group includes, seated from left, John, Thelma, Miss O'Donnell, George, Marilyn and Lois. Lois was the last Morris child to graduate. Behind them, from left, are Lora Mae, Warren, Paul, Philip, JoAnn, Gale and Helen Morris.

games. "It had a real wooden floor," they boasted.

Arlo Schultz remembers touch football and the single wing. "Since I was small, my position was quarterback. All I had to do was call the plays. No passing required. Chuck Dinning was our star. He did it all and the rest of us supported his efforts by showing up for practice and going to the games. He went on to be a starting linebacker at Iowa."

Other team members included Dick Littell, Ed Statton and, possibly, Dean Johnson and Jack Clemmons, Schultz said. Gretchen Otis believes the team was called the Bryant Bombers.

"The janitor suggested plays and advice. Come winter, he would let us use the gym on Saturday morning if we removed our shoes and cleaned up everything. No Saturday morning kid TV for us, but we went to the Princess Theater for the afternoon double feature."

Pat Miller has 78 years

of Boone memories, including some at Bryant.

"I began kindergarten there — Joe Moore was a classmate — and went to Washington (School) while they tore down and replaced the school. We went by bus, which was a big deal then. For second grade, there was a brand new school."

Miller's two brothers, five children and three grandchildren have also been pupils at the school.

Other families who sent several children to school from "the east end" were the Stattons, Lambs, Hagaleens and the Morrises, who saw their 10 children be Bryant pupils. "In fact, Maye O'Donnell stayed on one year after her planned retirement to see the 10th Morris child go through Bryant," according to Otis.

Marilyn Long remembers the yearly Field Day and getting her first pair of slacks (actually pedal pushers) for it. The year? About 1942.

An anonymous former

Bryant pupil remembers getting in trouble one day.

"My classmates decided to throw spitballs at me in the front of the room. Of course, I threw them back. Three of us, all sixth-graders, were caught and sentenced to spend the rest of the day in kindergarten. That included taking a nap on a rug on the floor with the 5-year-olds. It's funny today, but not then."

Bryant's children of yesteryear remember the May pole dance, fruit "showers" for teachers, sixth-grade crossing guards, going home for lunch, spreading toes and fingers for inspection by the school nurse and a free Coke at Linderblood's Bottling Works if they received an A.

They recall class trips to City Hall, the fire department and the hatchery.

The best thing? Forming lifelong friendships that continue to this day.



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Spring of 1953 - The Morris Family took Maye O'Donell (Bryant School Principal) to the Chick-a-Dine

Back Row: L to R: Loramae, Warren, Paul, Philip, JoAnn, Gale, Helen  
Front Row: L to R: John Telma, Maye O'Donell, George, Marilyn, Lois

# Looking back at Bryant

Suzanne Caswell  
Boone County Historical  
Society

The history of Bryant School stretches back to the mid 1860s when school officials decided to build a school in Boone's second ward. The building, just demolished, was the third school built to educate the children of the second ward and the second to bear the name of Bryant School.

~~X~~ The first second-ward school was built in 1867 or 1868 at Fifth and Benton streets. It was a two-story, four-room brick building and known as the Old Second Ward School. There were two rooms on each floor with wardrobes between them. The school boasted 227 students.

By the early 1890s the school was bursting its seams, so on Feb. 11, 1891, the Boone Independent School District resolved to construct a new school in the second ward

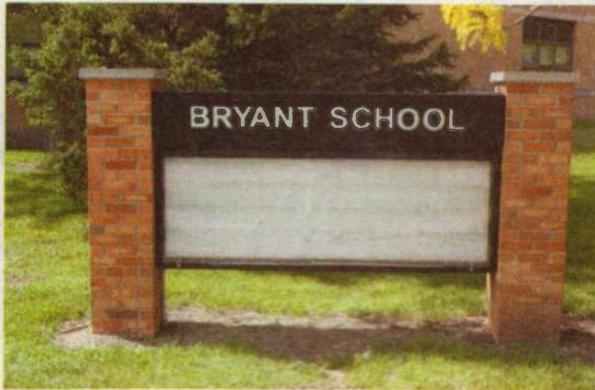
Accordingly, the board issued a proposition to the

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Pictured above and bottom right is the demolition of Bryant School, which took place last week. Pictured bottom left is the Bryant School sign, photographed prior to demolition.



# —BOONE COUNTY LIFE—

## *Bryant: A school history that spans nearly 150 years*



Photo courtesy of the Boone County Historical Society

The Boone County Historical Society opened the Bryant time capsule on August 1, 2011. Inside were documents and items placed within it on July 7, 1939. Stamps, a Bible, photographs of the old Bryant School and students, teacher and staff standing in front of the building, a 1939 Boone telephone directory, newspapers, WPA documents, and a fan that was 50 years old in 1939 were among the items found.



Photo courtesy of the Boone County Historical Society

During the 50th anniversary of the “new” Bryant School, celebrated in 1990, the cornerstone was opened and relevant items from that year were added to the box’s contents. These include a red scarf, friendship bracelets, letters from fifth-graders to imaginary “time capsule openers in 2040,” newspapers, stamps, photographs of the space shuttle, baseball cards and school reports.

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electors of the school district for bonds not to exceed \$10,000 at 6 percent per annum for 10 years to raise money for both the building and the land. The election carried at the March annual meeting; and, at the March 21 meeting of the Board of Education, it was decided to build the school on land owned by the board at Sixth and Cedar streets. A second election was held in the summer of 1891 to raise an additional \$7,000

in bonds. A Mr. Parsons was named the architect and E. C. Culver the general contractor. The building was completed in 1893 and cost between \$16,000 and \$18,000 (sources vary), with an additional \$1,200 for the land upon which the school stood. The first Bryant School was considered the finest school in the city at the time it was built.

In 1892, the school board appointed a committee to name the Boone schools. The new school being built at Sixth and Ce-

dar Streets was to be called Bryant School for the popular American poet William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878). When the school opened in 1893 (some sources give 1892 and 1895 as the opening date), it contained first through seventh grades; later kindergarten was added. During the 1898-'99 school year, Bryant also housed an eighth-grade class. Later, the upper grades moved to the Boone Junior High School.

Not long after the school's construction, the

Boonesboro and Boone Independent School Districts merged, bringing all the area schools into one system under George I. Miller as superintendent of schools. Miller served as superintendent of the Montana (Boone) Independent District schools from 1886 to 1894 and the combined Boone and Boonesboro districts from 1894 to 1901. The first meeting of the merged school districts was held on March 18, 1894.

A 1946 history of the Boone schools, *Through the Years*, by superintendent, A. B. Grimes offers a few little known facts about the school. In 1903, an out-house costing \$84 was constructed at Bryant School. Telephones were installed in the principals' and superintendent's offices at the Boone grade schools during the 1905-'06 school year. They cost \$6 per year per telephone and were off limits to students. Teachers could use them only in an emergency.

Between 1893 and 1939, Bryant School was remodeled several times to bring it up to date. "Drinking fountains, toilets, fire-proof

boiler rooms and a good ventilating system were installed," the 1965 centennial edition of the Boone News-Republican reported.

An organizational meeting forming the Bryant Parent Teachers Association (PTA) was held on March 10, 1915. Officers were elected and a constitution committee appointed. At the next meeting on April 14, 1915, the constitution was adopted. When the Bryant PTA was formed, the National PTA was only 18 years old. It was founded in 1897 in Washington D. C. by Alice McLelland Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst as the National Congress of Mothers. The Iowa PTA was organized by Cora Bussey Hillis in 1900. After 1924 the old seventh-grade classroom at Bryant was used by the PTA.

By the mid 1930s, the 1893 Bryant school was showing its age. It was decided to replace the building with a new, modern facility. Application was first made in 1936 to the United States Government under the Public Works Administration (WPA) to replace Bryant School along with Lincoln

and Lowell schools. By 1939, the WPA had OK'd the construction of the new schools. According to *Through the Years*, "the government responded by making a gift of \$162,603 which represented 45% of the cost, the remaining 55% to be raised by bond issue." The government's offer was made on August 3, 1938, and it was formally accepted by the Boone Independent School District on August 8, 1939.

Dougher, Rich & Woodburn, Architects and Engineers, drew the general plans and designs for the new Bryant School. The mechanical plans and designs were furnished by B. E. Landis, Mechanical Engineer, of Des Moines. The Boone News Republican reported on March 31, 1939, that the contracts were let for the new school. Hogensen Construction Company of Belmond, Iowa, was the low bidder for the construction of the building; W. L. Anderson Plumbing of Boone was the low bidder on the plumbing, and Best Electrical of



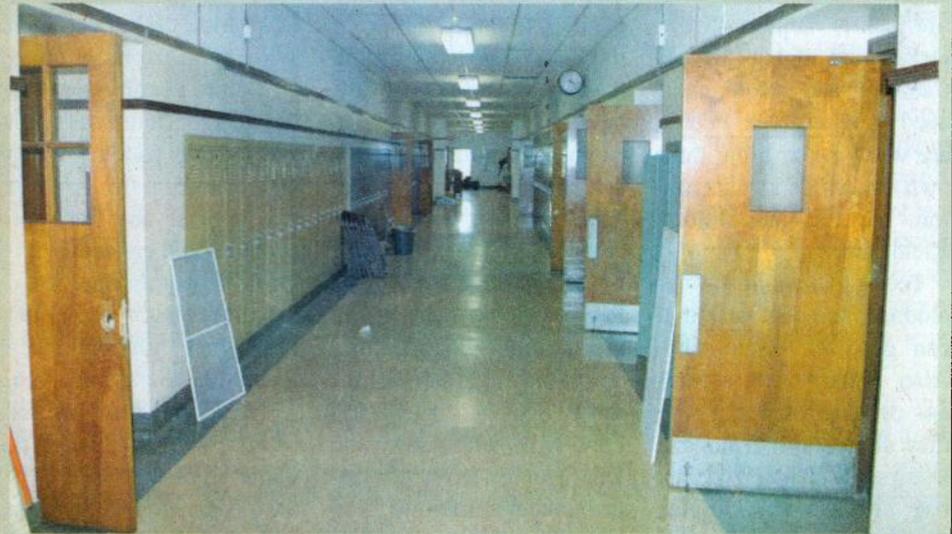
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Crews work to raze Bryant School last week. Both Bryant and Lowell schools were demolished this summer.

# One last walk through...

Photos courtesy of the Boone County Historical Society

These photos are interior views of Bryant School taken by Executive Director of the Boone County Historical Society Executive Director Charles W. Irwin prior to its demolition this summer.



# BOONE COUNTY LIFE

## History: Final chapter of Bryant School legacy written last week



Photo courtesy of the Boone County Historical Society

The photograph above is of 6A and 6B students in January of 1939. The photograph on the right is of the Bryant teachers and staff in December of 1938. The students are not identified, but the staff members are, back row from left, Dora Pence, Mable Gray and Ruth Watts. Front row, from left, Bertha Johnson, Maye O'Donnell, Ireka Kreiger, Mrs. Thomas, probably the secretary or clerk, and Clyde Reynolds, custodian. These are some of the last photographs of students and teachers and staff taken at the old Bryant School. The school was closed in January of 1939 and torn down. The photographs were found in the 1939 time capsule, courtesy of the BCHS.



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Ames was the low bidder for the electrical work.

On June 13, 1939, the newspaper reported that three homes would be torn down to make way for an expanded playground surrounding the new school. Storm and sanitary sewers were installed by the WPA. The corner stone was laid at 2 p.m. on July 7, 1939. A time capsule with relevant documents, including a Bible, postage stamps, photographs of students and teachers, a small 46 star silk flag, a Boone telephone directory and newspapers, was placed in a copper box within the corner stone. L. L. Hoffman, plumbing and sheet metal contractors sealed the time capsule on the same day.

In January of 1939, the Old Bryant School was vacated by students and staff and the building was demolished. A statistical report for the eighteen weeks ending in January of 1939, one of the last for the old Bryant School, notes that 221 students were enrolled at the school for the semester, 114 of whom where boys and 107 were girls. The average daily attendance was 196.5 or 97.7 percent of those enrolled. There were no cases of truancy during the period. There were seven teachers: Harriett Barker, kindergarten; Ruth Watts, first grade; Mabel Gray, second grade; Ireka Krieger, third grade; Dora Pence, fourth grade;

Bertha Johnson, fifth grade; and Maye O'Donnell, sixth grade.

The July 6, 1939, Boone News-Republican noted that the per pupil cost of the Boone schools was \$8.45 below the national average for the 1938-'39 school year. For U.S. cities with a population between 10,000 and 29,000 the cost per grade school student was \$80.53. In Boone it was \$72.08. Costs were higher for high school and junior college students.

When the new Bryant School opened in 1940, Maye O'Donnell had been named principal. The new Bryant School was dedicated, along with Lowell School, on April 5, 1940. Lt. Gov. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, the keynote speaker, opened his remarks by saying: "Show me the history of the attitude of the people toward educational institutions and I'll write you a history of progress."

A bond issue raised funds in 1953 to expand several Boone schools, including an addition to Bryant School. The addition provided more classroom space.

During the mid-1920s, Bryant School began to hold play days in early May. This evolved into the school's annual May Day celebration. Games, May-pole dances and other fun activities for students comprised the day's activities. Later on a king and queen were crowned as part of the festivities. May Day fes-

tivities spread to other area schools.

In honor of Bryant School's 50th anniversary in 1990, the 1939 time capsule was opened. New items were added to the 1939 contents, including friendship bracelets, letters from students, stamps, newspapers, photographs and other items relevant to 1990. On June 19, 1991, the time capsule was resealed by Pritchard Brothers Heating and Cooling Company.

Declining enrollment and the age of the building prompted the school board's decision to close the school at the end of the 2009 school year. Along with Lowell School, which closed the year before, the property was offered for sale. When no buyers came forward, it was determined that it would be better to raze both schools than to have them sit unoccupied and deteriorate.

Poignantly, when the time capsule was opened by the Boone County Historical Society on August, 1, 2011, the following letter to future Bryant students, was found:

July 7, 1939

Classes of Bryant School  
Twenty-first century  
Boone, Iowa

Dear Pupils:

The Board of Directors of the Independent School District of Boone, Iowa, extend to you, their posterity, greetings upon the demolition of this 1939's gift to the pupils of Boone, Iowa.



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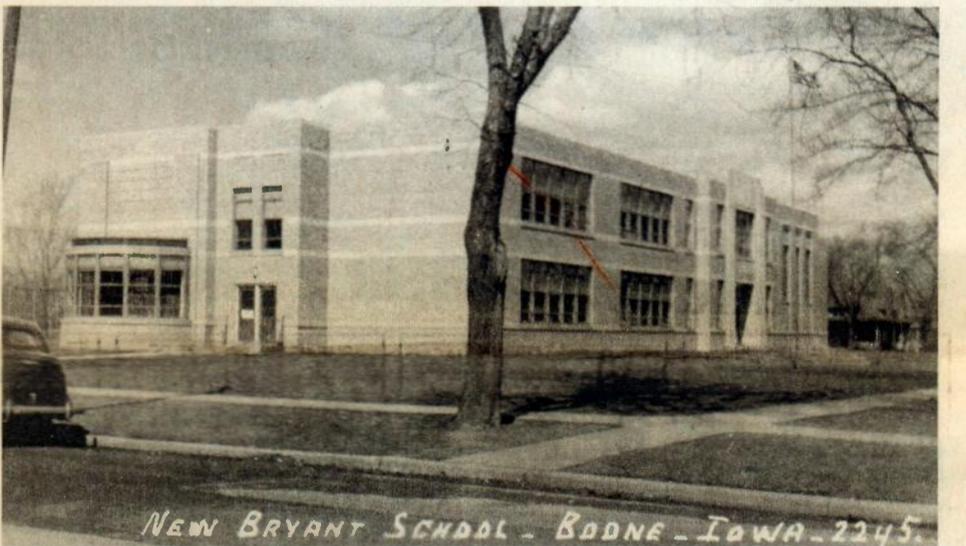


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It has been the thought and desire of the School Board to give to the pupils of the City of Boone, Iowa, the best there is in school facilities at this time.

It is their hope that when this structure has served its usefulness and a new

building is to be erected that the advance in education during the period of the life of this building will be commensurate with the advance during the period of the existence of the building which has just recently been demolished.

Yours very truly  
Board of Education  
By L. R. Johnson, Secretary



**Bryant Teachers and Staff - December 1938**

**Back Row: L to R: Dora Pence, Mable Gary, Ruth Watts**

**Front Row: L to R: Bertha Johnson, Maye O'Donnell, Ireka Kreiger, Mrs Thomas (secretary or clerk), Clyde Reynolds (custodian)**

# BCHS program to focus on Bryant, Lowell time capsules

Staff Reports  
Boone News-Republican

The Boone County Historical Society's monthly heritage program will focus on the contents of the time capsules and other items from Bryant and Lowell Schools now in the society's collection. The program will begin at 7 p.m. August 25 at the Boone County Historical Center, 602 Story Street.

Charles W. Irwin, Executive Director of the Historical Society, will discuss the artifacts recovered from the two schools. A brief PowerPoint program on the history of the two schools, prepared by the Society's editor Suzanne Caswell, will precede Irwin's discussion.

"In 1939 when the cornerstones of Bryant and

BCHS *see page 4*

## BCHS: Those interested in time capsule content should attend program this Thursday

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Lowell Schools were laid, time capsules containing photographs, newspapers and other relevant items were placed within them," Irwin said. "In 1990 the time capsules were opened in honor of the schools' 50th anniversaries, and additional items were placed within them before they were resealed and put back into the cornerstones. The

Historical Society is fortunate in receiving both the time capsules and other materials from the two schools when they closed. They represent an important part of Boone's educational history."

This will also allow residents the chance to see the relics up close and in person after remaining in the ground for more than 70 years, although briefly opened in 1990.

"We have received many requests from Boone citizens asking to see the contents of the cornerstones," Irwin said. "For that reason we are pleased to allow residents and former students to view the contents of the time capsules as well as the other items from the two schools on this occasion."

For information about the program contact Charles W. Irwin at (515) 432-1907.