



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MCFARLAND SCHOOLS

The McFarland Schools are located in Mineola, Wood County, Texas. The school system comprises two units. The McFarland High School and the McFarland Elementary School. The McFarland School was organized in 1880 in accordance with the "community system" under the leadership of Professor R. M. Jones together with the citizens of the community. In 1889 Professor O. C. Vessay was elected principal and served until 1900; Professor J. L. Brooks served as principal for four years; Professor W. M. Baty served as principal for four years; Professor H. R. Jones served for twenty-four years; Professor J. M. Henry served seven years; Professor E. H. Jones served for three and a half years; Miss Irene Potts served for a half year; Professor I. W. Whitmore was elected as principal in 1944 and has served until the present time.

The school has grown from a two teacher, two room box building to the plant described below. The McFarland school unit is composed of three buildings; one administration building which contains five classrooms, the general homemaking department, the seventh and eighth grade department and the Principal's Office. The high school building dominates the center of the campus. The primary building houses the first through the sixth grade. The McFarland Elementary School is a four room building. The gymnasium-auditorium houses the library and cafeteria.

The schools have an enrollment of 254 students and is staffed by ten teachers, one of which is the principal of the school.

The McFarland School has sponsored the Boy Scout Troop Number 478 for the past five years.

The Gentlemen's Club and the Girls Reserve Club were organized during the school term 1950-1951. Both organizations are attempting to help solve the social problems that may exist among the boys and girls.

The aim of the present faculty of the McFarland Schools is to show that an adequate public relations program will develop or bring about a better understanding of relationships existing between parents, teachers, and pupils.

