

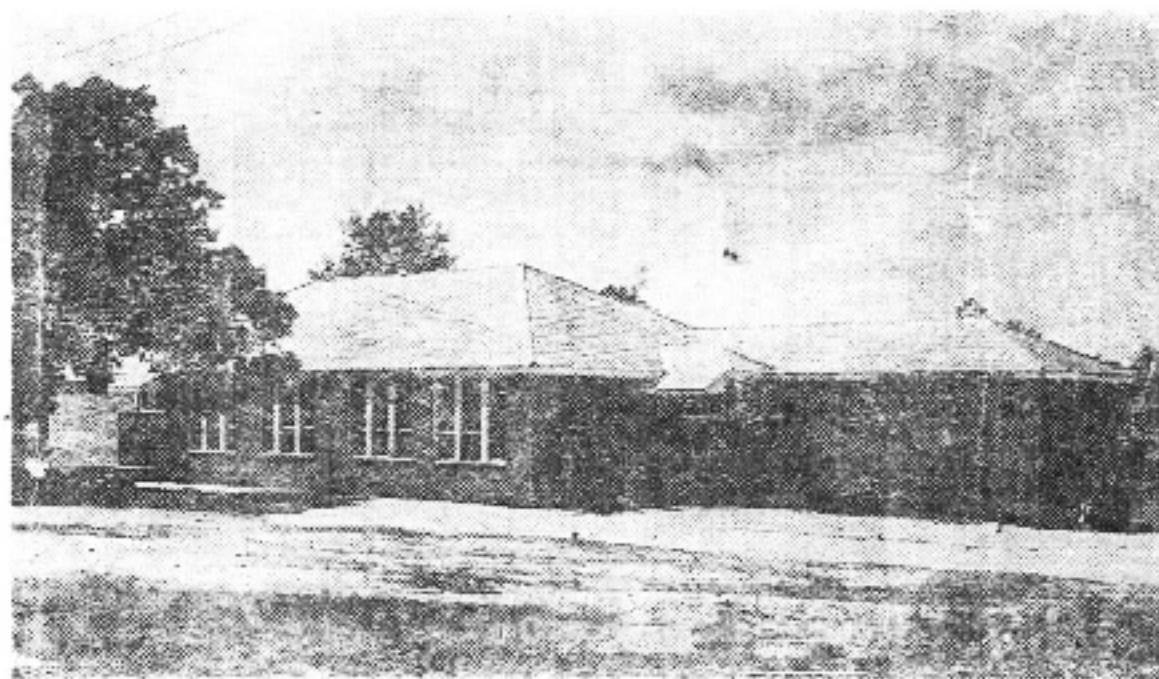
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The Winn Training School
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF WINN TRAINING SCHOOL

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In the year 1925 the writer entered what is now Winn Training School as an assistant teacher under the leadership of Mr. A. C. Peters. At that time the institution, just making its beginnings, consisted of only one frame building of four classrooms, there being no water supply and lights.

The following year, under the principalship of Maria H. Lewis, the school was fortunate enough to secure electric lights along with a well for its water supply.

The school underwent all the assorted problems of an institution of its kind, and yet project was added to project and at the end of each session some new landmark stood to leave its lasting shadow on the horizon. As time passed, the school was fortunate enough to acquire another building consisting of four classrooms and an auditorium. Mr. A. L. Hill was principal during this time.

A quick birdseye view of the school under the leadership of Principal Zuma E. Bell 1929-33 reveals that there were two nice frame buildings and a progressive school program. An awakening occurred in athletics and cultural activities. Mr. Bell, with the assistance of the faculty and students, put on a very effective program of beautifying the school grounds. Everyone put his shoulder to the wheel and worked as one big happy family. The first high school class graduated under the administration of Prof. Bell.

Under the administration of Mr. J. A. Simpson, 1933-43, was added another building, of brick construction, consisting of seven classrooms and a principal's office. A greater emphasis was placed on the state curriculum and increased skill was exhibited by our students on athletic playing fields, especially in basketball. Winnfield teams won the district trophy in the Southern University rally in 1940 and were second place in the entire state in the same year. They were district champions again in 1942.

The next Principal, Benny E. Bailey, 1943-44, initiated the first successful agricultural program at the school and also continued the program of beautifying the campus.

Principal Louis M. Long began the Hot Lunch Program at Winn Training School. The school acquired its first hot water facilities along with an electric stove and refrigerator for the home economics department.

The opening of the 1947-48 session found J. Andrew Gaulden at the helm of Winn Training School. Long a noted figure in educational circles in Louisiana, having served as instructor in English at Grambling College, as principal of schools in Abbeville and Shreveport, La., as a member of the Governor's Commission on the Improvement of Negro Education, Mr. Gaulden brought to the institution and the community a spirit of progress and service. As a consequence much has been accomplished under his leadership. Besides the formal and internal organization and management of the school, the institution has been fortunate enough to acquire a motion picture projector and other visual education equipment; a farm tractor which has been used to place the entire school farm under cultivation; a poultry house and farm now consisting of 200 fowl; a fully-equipped football and basketball team; a mimeograph machine and other office and instructional equipment.

There stand on the campus now three buildings manned by a faculty of fifteen. The peak enrollment during the current session was 582. Increased emphasis is being given to church and community service on the part of both students and teachers. Plans are in effect to maintain a year-round athletic and recreation program for the benefit of the youth of the community. As this is written additional equipment is being secured for the vocational agriculture department and preparation being made to offer full-fledged courses in the field.

All bids fair for a brighter future for Winn Training School.

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