

HISTORY OF ISAAC SCHOOL
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1878-- In the year 1867 Phoenix was just a small town of about 4,000 people. It was decided there was need for another school, so District #5 was created. It was named Isaac after a pioneer family that had settled here. That first school was built about ½ mile west of the present site. The first trustees were R.J. Cartwright and Samuel Franklin. The average daily attendance 1880 was 12.95. In 1881 the A.D.A. was only 10. The trustees in 1881 were Wm. Isaac, S. Franklin and R.J. Cartwright.

1890-- In the early 1890's a school was built at the present site of Isaac School. It consisted of only 2 rooms, which are now rooms 23 and 24 in our present plant. These two rooms housed all eight grades. The old school ½ mile west of here was sold and moved.

1904-- In the year 1904 there were 39 children enrolled in school, 17 boys and 22 girls. School was maintained 7 months that year. The school was well supplied with furniture and apparatus. The teacher's name was Hattie M. Green and her salary was \$65.00 per month.

1912-- In 1912 the Isaac Women's Club was formed. First President was Graham R. Acuff. Included among the past presidents are Mrs. Bolin (1926-27) whose sone, Wesley, is now Arizona's Secretary of State; Mrs. Sutton (1931-32), Mrs. Butler (1933-34); Mrs. Pugh (1954-55); Mrs. Stewart (1959-60).

1915-- In 1915 two more classrooms were built on to the school making it now a building of 4 rooms.

1925-- In 1925 they added two more rooms to be used for a kitchen and auditorium. These two rooms are now used as our library and principal's office. 1925 was also the year Mr. J.B. Sutton came to Isaac School as principal, teacher, janitor, coach and all around handy man. He also taught 6th, 7th, and 8th grades full time. That year there were 66 children enrolled the first day. They had 4 teachers including Mr. Sutton. Another thing of interest that happened in 1925 was that some modernizing was done. Running water, electricity and inside rest rooms were put in.

1928-- Boy Scout Troop 12 began in 1928 and it is still in existence in Isaac School. Mr. Sutton was Scoutmaster for 10 years. Being Boy Scouts in those days was a great thing and close to 98% of school enrollment belonged to Troop 12.

1929-- 1929 was the year they remodeled the original building into what we have today, and added three more rooms that are our present rooms 25-26-27. Also, the same year a frame lunch room was built. They purchased the District's first school bus in 1929 and the enrollment that year was 180 children. There were 6 teachers besides Mr. Sutton who was still principal and teacher.

1932-- Isaac District had much to be proud of in the year 1932 for the teachers of Isaac School had the States Champion Basketball team. The Basketball team was in Class C league since Isaac School had less than 8 teachers. Class B league consists of school having 8 to 11 teachers and a Class A league consists of a school having 12 or more teachers. All five members of 1932 Basketball team are still living.

1934-- Miss McCune came to Isaac School in 1934 and became principal in 1952.

1937-- In the year 1937 the W.P.A. built the present Auditorium and the building we call Leisure Lodge. That year found approximately 250 pupils enrolled.

1942-- In 1942 Mr. Zito came to Isaac School as a 7th grade teacher. He taught until 1944 when he joined the infantry and was gone until 1946. He returned to teaching in Isaac School after his discharge and taught 4-5-6-7-8 grades, also, Physical Ed., Shop and Art.

1943-- In 1943 the Federal Government built a cafeteria, shop and 16 classrooms. A larger plant was needed because of the influx of children in the District from the war-time project known as Alzona Park. That year we had 900 pupils enrolled from the District and only one school.

1944-- In 1944 the Federal Government added 6 more classrooms to the main hall.

1946-- 1946 the present Home Ec. Department was built on bond money. That same year Isaac District bought from the Federal Government the building on 35th Ave. which is now a Baptist Day Center. It had previously been used as a nursery school during World War II. This building was used as four classrooms for primary grades. This was called LaOtra School which means the other school. Until this time Mr. Sutton was principal of Isaac School but with the acquisition of another school he became Superintendent.

1947-- In 1947 the Isaac Men's Club build Isaac Stadium and put in light. 1947 was also the year Mr. Bowen joined the teaching staff at Isaac School. He taught both 7th and 8th grade science and math. Rooms 41-42-43-44 and the music plant in this year of 1947.

1949-- In the spring of 1949 the original cafeteria burned down. The fire was discovered about 3 A.M. when a milkman was delivering milk. By the time firemen arrived the building had burnt to the ground. Cause of the fire was unknown. It was replaced the same year with insurance money.

1951-- In 1951 the Isaac School P.T.A. was formed. Mr. Ralph Babel was the first P.T.A. President.

1952-- By 1952 there had been a lot of sub-division building in Isaac District and student enrollment had increased to around 1800 pupils. J.B. Sutton School was opened in the fall of 1952. ½ million dollars of Federal money was used to build the plant of 30 classrooms, shop, home ec. and cafetorium. When Sutton opened they sold LaOtra School Building to the Baptist Church for \$1600, which was used to buy the 10 acra later to be used for Butler School. Miss McCune became principal of Isaac School this same year.

1954-- By 1954 the enrollment in the district had grown to approx. 2,400 pupils and Alta E. Butler was opened. Mr. Bowen was made principal of the new school. It was a school of 12 classrooms. In 1956 there was an addition of 8 more classrooms.

1957-- Mr. Zito was elected Assistant Supt. of Isaac Dist. and still retains this position. This year he will have completed 20 years of Dedicated Service to Isaac District. Mr. Bowen became principal of Isaac School this same year.

1958-- Coe School was opened in 1958, now making a total of 4 schools and a district enrollment of approx. 3,200 children.

1960-- In 1960 they added 10 rooms, a shop and Home Ec. to both Coe and Butler

1962-- In the past 84 years our school and district has grown from a small country school with 1 teacher and an A.D.A. of 7 to 19 children to our present enrollment

of 4,192 students and a teaching staff of 152 teachers in 4 plants with P.T. Coe on double session. There has been double sessions twice before in the district. In the year 1951-52 and a part year in 1947-48. Our school is something we all can be proud of.