

At about this time, the teachers in School One were as follows: Miss Spriggs taught first grade and had her room in our present library; the third grade teacher was Miss Harriet Squier who used our present kindergarten room; Miss Marion Egan, now principal of School 4, taught fifth grade; Miss Johns, and later Miss Crowley, were the sixth grade teachers; Miss Crowley and then Mrs. Dodd taught seventh grade; Miss Littell, who still lives in Scotch Plains, taught eighth grade. Mr. Townsend was the principal.

Grades six to eight were known as the Departmental Grades and the subjects were divided among the three teachers. Miss Crowley taught Arithmetic, Physiology, Spelling and Penmanship. Miss Littell taught History and Grammar. Miss Johns taught Reading and Geography. Mrs. Dodd later taught Reading and Grammar-English. Miss Lent taught Drawing to all of the grades.

There was a very good debating society. Every grade from the third on up had its own Spelling Bee. The two best spellers of each class met with the best spellers of the Union County Schools. Each class competed separately and in this way each child only spelled against children of his own age and grade.

The Grammar Grades gave a play once or twice a year. Until the new addition was built it was given in Room 14 as it was the largest. Miss Crowley directed the plays and Miss Littell directed the music. No assemblies were held.

The eighth grade had a classroom club with regular officers. They collected dues to help pay for their school pins. The school pins had S.P.G.S. and the graduation year on them. Graduation was held in the Baptist Church.

There were about three hundred pupils in the school at this time. During the following years the school population continued to grow and more teachers were added.

The Scotch Plains High School was completed in 1926 and the seventh and eighth grades were transferred to the new building. School One was now an elementary school and similar to our school today.