



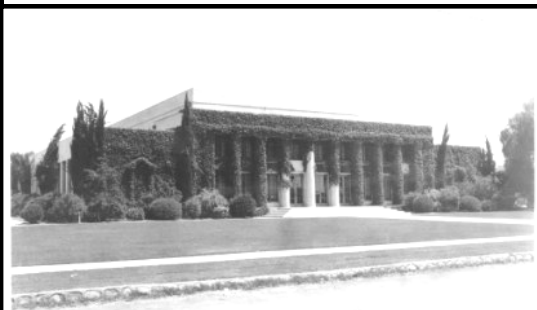
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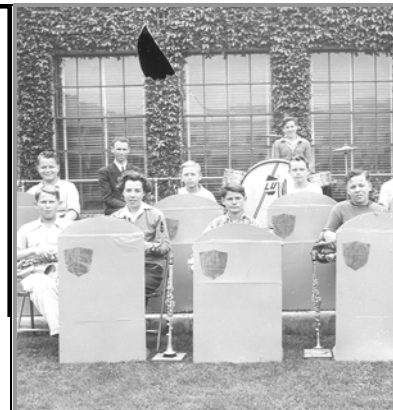
Ontario Junior High Renamed in Honor of Beloved Principal



Vina Francis Danks



Ontario Junior High School originally built in 1923 and renamed, Vina Danks, in 1935



Above right- An early, partial photo, of the Vina Danks Jr. High School student orchestra.

Below- A 1940's photo of Vina Danks students performing morning flag raising.

"Miss Danks' contribution to the school was not only in the things she did to beautify the grounds and buildings, but in the ideals and standards which she instilled in the hearts and minds of every boy and girl who came under her guidance. It was her loyalty, hard work, and her faith in youth that have made Ontario Jr. High School what it is today.

Excerpt from essay written by Margaret Wilson, student at Vina Danks Middle School, 1939.



SAN ANTONIO GRAMMAR SCHOOL, ONTARIO, CAL.

San Antonio Grammar School

Unfortunately burned to the ground in 1922

Did you know the proposed teacher annual salary schedule for the 1924-1925 school year approved by the Board was – **\$1,080** - Beginning salary for junior college graduates or those certified by examination.

\$1,690 – Maximum salary for a college graduate with a B.A. degree and six units of additional college work earned after six years of experience. The six units of credit could be earned in the following manner:

- Taking courses in recognized teacher training institution.
- By travel of such nature that the teacher's service to the school and community would be better.
- By research work or writing for educational journals.
- By rendering service to the community outside of the regular school work. (example-scout work, Woman's Clubs, playground activities, etc.)
- By developing new and improved methods or devices for teaching.

In our last issue we posted a photo submitted by Mary Rodriguez from Lehigh. It was Mary's mother in her 1918 classroom photo from Euclid School. I received an email a few days later from Mary D. Garcia from Del Norte. Her mother went to school with Mary's mother and is also in the photo, second row, third from back. She hadn't seen the picture in years so she wanted to let us know what a wonderful memory it sparked! Mary's inspiring and personal "memory" makes the "history" of our district even more authentic!

Thanks to Dwayne Palasek for compiling much of the history of OMSD while a graduate student at Cal State Fullerton, 1973. Also thanks to the Ontario City Library for sharing information found in the Model Colony Room and the Estate of Jerry Dubois. For more photos and interesting facts, visit our OMSD Home page and click on Did You Know? omsd.k12.ca.us

