

Early One Room School Houses

Blackburn School

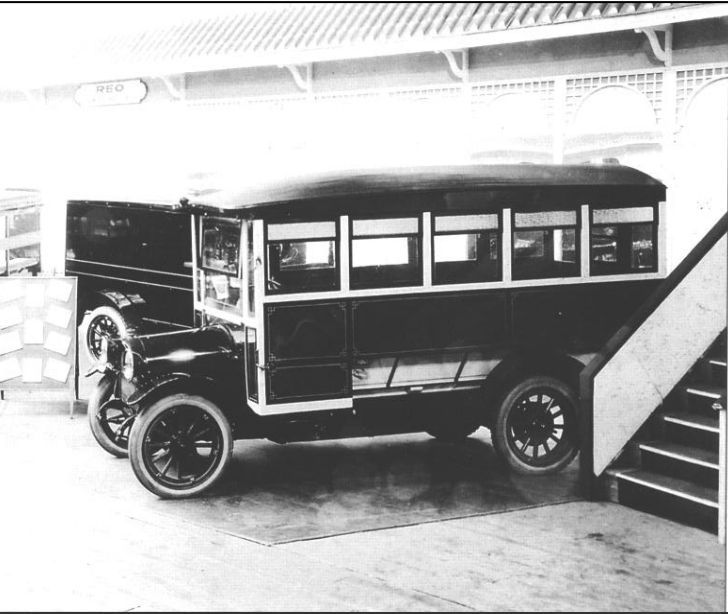
Fremont School



BLACKBURN SCHOOL-Located on the east side of Euclid between C & D Streets, Ontario

FREMONT SCHOOL- Located on Palo Verde & Fremont in Montclair

February 25, 1916 – a partial list of Board approved supplies from Cunningham, Curtis & Welch:
Spelling Blanks – 130 dozen; *Blotters* – 40 pounds; *Cactus Clips* – 8 dozen; *O.K. Fasteners* – 4 dozen; *Crayolas* – 3 gross; *Rubber Bands* – 2 pounds; *Newsprint* – 2,100 pounds, assorted sizes.



Did you know that on **December 7, 1917** the Board approved the purchase of the 1st district school bus? It was purchased for the sum of \$1,500 and it was a Reo ¾ ton Speed Wagon Model "F". Today's school buses cost a whopping \$160,000.

September, 1920-The following regulation was adopted: The school busses must come to a complete stop before "passing over any main crossing" and come to a complete stop before "passing over any train tracts" and the bus drivers will not take on any school children "unless a teacher is on the bus".

May 31, 1934 - The salary for a bus driver was set at \$21 per week for 52 weeks per year with a two week paid vacation.

In 1935, Shell Oil Company won the contract for supplying the district with gasoline at a price of 10.5 cents per gallon. *Oh the good old days!* Today's gasoline cost the district \$2.67.

THE WHEELS ON THE BUS GO 'ROUND AND AROUND 'ROUND AND AROUND . . . 'ROUND AND AROUND

▶ Total District Tax for the 1916-1917 school year was \$1.05. ▶ 1916, custodian average pay was, 21 cents per hour.
 ▶ March 1917, the Board raised teachers' minimum salary to \$630 a year, paid in nine monthly installments. ▶ Oct. 2, 1917, the Board agreed to pay half the rent on a piano for Fremont School. (provided the Mothers Club pays the balance)



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