

HISTORY

A number of years ago on a tract of land which had previously belonged to Jere Baxter, was erected a four room brick school building in which many leading citizens of Davidson County began their formal education.

As the attendance increased, a new building to house the grammar school students was added, and the original four room school-house was devoted entirely to the ninth and tenth grades, becoming a separate and distinct part, though still bearing the name of the illustrious old gentleman who once owned the site—in other words it was known as Jere Baxter Junior High School.

This nucleus was in reality adolescent ISAAC LITTON HIGH SCHOOL, for this little junior high continued to expand until it was fairly bursting out the walls of the small building.

The algebra teacher was forced to conduct classes in the hall; at lunch time the students marched in formation to the cafeteria in the grammar school building; the teachers stood like so many guards to see that no unnecessary noise floated upward to disturb the elementary pupils at their work.

The Board of Education, realizing the inadequacy of the facilities of this building for the many pupils to be accommodated, showed its sympathy by purchasing in the spring of 1929 from Richard Spotswood for the sum of ten thousand dollars, eleven and one-tenth acres of land which fronted the Gallatin Road. Thus was ISAAC LITTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL born into the Davidson County School system.

Since the building was not completed until late fall in 1930, the teachers and students conducted classes in the basement of the Inglewood Methodist Church where each had his particular corner, the arrangement being to that of an old fashioned Sunday School.

At last, on October 25, 1930, the great day arrived. The new ISAAC LITTON HIGH SCHOOL was formally opened with impressive ceremonies which were attended by all the prominent county authorities.

The school was most appropriately named in memory of Isaac Litton, grandfather of Judge Litton Hickman, who had been County Judge of Davidson County for many years. In the years which followed, this school grew in leaps and bounds. In the school world, it has made for itself a name of which to be proud.

During the World War II its boys, over five hundred in number, fought in both the European and Pacific conflicts of war. Thirty-one gold stars shine on its Service Flag to remind all that Litton too, made the supreme sacrifice.

Its name is familiar on the championship lists among forensic leagues, debating societies, football—basketball and band associations. The graduating lists of various northern and southern universities contain the names of former Litton students.

As a result of the efforts of a former principal, Grover C. Carney, Litton has for many years been a member of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

Litton High School has grown from one building on ten acres of ground to three buildings and a large stadium on twenty acres; from an enrollment of a little more than one hundred to one of eight hundred and fifty.

In 1939, a new gymnasium was erected south of the original structure. At the same time, the old gymnasium in the main building was converted into classrooms and the cafeteria was enlarged. A six room building containing locker space was constructed north of the main building in 1942. An additional six rooms were added in 1948, as the school continued to grow in student enrollment.

Litton Senior High's record has been one of progress. The Isaac Litton band traditionally has a good reputation in the marching field. This has won them the name of "THE MARCHING ONE HUNDRED PLUS," which is recognized throughout the United States.

