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## DISTRICT #9-YUTAN

The first schoolhouse was built in 1876, a two-room frame structure accomodating eight grades.

From 1892-1903 Mr. Joseph Mengel was Superintendent in Yutan. In 1903, he became Saunders County Superintendent.

About 1890 a third room was built on the grade school building, allowing room for ten grades.

In 1916 a new brick building which is still in use was built to house a twelve-grade school. The first High School graduates were Miss Frances Harmon of Mead; Mr. Paul Sievers (deceased) and Mr. Clarence Fuchser, of California.

During Roger Clough's term as superintendent, an exchange program was tried between Mead and Yutan. Mead students came to Yutan to take Industrial Arts and other subjects not offered in Mead. Yutan students went to Mead to take Home Economics and subjects not offered in Yutan. (1960-63)

In 1963 the Leshara School was consolidated with Yutan, but still kept their elementary school. In 1964 they closed their building and bussed all their students to Yutan.

The second semester of 1965-66 the kindergarten through sixth grades moved into a new elementary building, leaving the entire old building to grades seven through twelve. The same year a Remedial Reading program, under Federal Title I was started with Superintendent Carol Krause as administrator and Mrs. Harvey Mumm as teacher.

Yutan still had a girls' baskedtall team in 1924-27, when it was no longer permitted, so girls began playing volleyball. Baseball used to be a popular school sport but was dropped in 1954-55, for six-man football. This was changed to eleven-man football in 1975-76.

Boys' Track was organized in the 1960's; girls' track, about 1969, under Larry Blaser. Frog Capital Relays were directed by Don Peterson.

A School Lunch program was started in 1954.

The new high school was built in 1974-75, and students moved in February. The elementary school then expanded into the old structure.

The administrators at present are Superintendent Ronald Burns, 1971-76; H.S. Principal, C. R. Bruno, 1968-76; Elementary Principal, Mrs. Lois Wollen.

Secretaries are Mrs. Mary Lou Johnson, high school, and Mrs. Gilbert Speckman, elementary.

Custodians are Mr. Carlos Johnson and Mr. Leroy Drews at the high school and Mr. Leonard Ogden and Mr. Craig Guffey at the elementary.

Compared to 1950 when there were only three teachers in high school and three in grade school, there are now eleven teachers in grades K - 6 and twelve in high school. A speech therapist from the Educational Service Unit serves part time.

Cooks for the school are Mrs. Rose Hollst, Manager; Mrs. Lyle Kuhr, Mrs. Glen Miners and Mrs. John Miller.