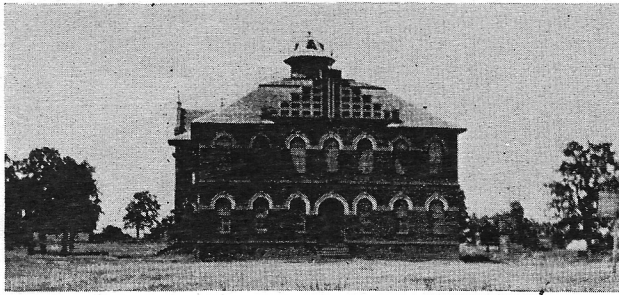


the late Zill Harlan of Marlin; Tom Burnett of Fort Worth; the late William Poindexter of Cleburne; and Judge Cox, John H. Stephens, and our own Oscar W. Gillispie, three who served in Congress from Texas.

The college was abandoned as such in 1887, and private schools were conducted coupled with the public school. In 1887-88 it was carried on by S. P. Render and D. C. Limbaugh. In 1888-89 a difference arose in the community, and the public school was conducted in the Church of Christ by Professor Sheppard; and Professor Render taught a private school in the old building. About this time, J. Dukes became owner of the school property and deeded it to the community. A new building was erected and

the school conducted as a public school until 1901, by the following: Prof. Lisle, D. McRae, J. D. Stroud, N. J. Clancy, Wm. Champion, Erwin Rankin, Geo. Ramsey.



In 1901, J. Henry Phillips organized the Mansfield Academy, at which time a brick building was constructed just southeast of the present building, and was owned by the Mansfield Academy Association, which was composed of stockholders in the community. The old building was used as a dormitory. This school was conducted by J. Henry Phillips, assisted by S. V. Carmack and others, until the Summer of 1909, when the district was organized into the Mansfield Independent School District.

The Mansfield High School was conducted in the building of the academy, which became the property of the district school by purchase. The first superintendent was Mr. R. D. Fowler. He was followed by V. A. Byrd, T. B. Sims, J. M. Lewis, T. E. Wentworth and the present superintendent, T. A. Howard, under whose superintendency, the new building was constructed, and the affiliation was increased to seventeen units.