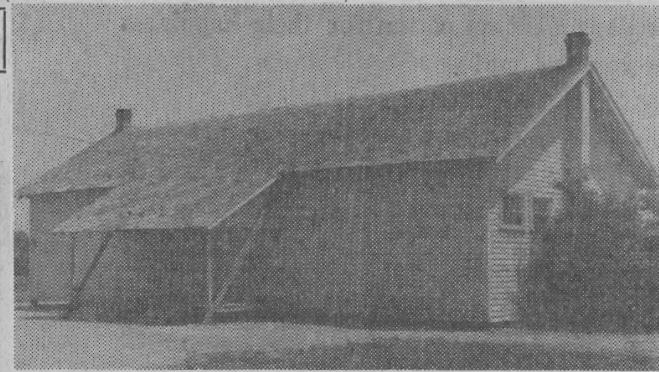
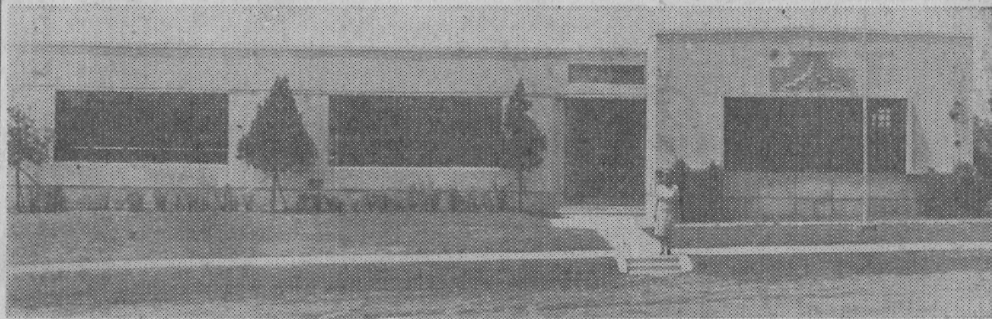


## New Building Replaces Oldest in County



Pictured above is the new \$36,000 Bayles elementary school and the little two-room white frame structure, said to be the oldest school in Dallas County, which it will replace. The new building, to be used starting in September, will serve the rapidly growing district around the intersection of Buckner Boulevard and East Pike. Mrs. Creta W. McVean, principal of the school, is shown above standing in front of the new building.

## BAYLES SCHOOL MARCHES ALONG WITH PROGRESS

### OLD-TIMERS HOLD CELEBRATION AS NEW BUILDING COMPLETED

Old residents of the rapidly developing Bayles community in the vicinity of Buckner Orphans' Home this week are reminiscent of their community's history but welcoming the march of progress.

Friday night they celebrated with a picnic the completion of a \$36,965 modern school building to supersede a little white two-room frame building in use for years in the county's oldest school district, which was formed about 1856.

June 7 the old building will be sold at auction at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and next fall Bayles pupils will go to school in the new six-room concrete and steel structure.

Picnic speakers Friday night recalled school day pranks of half a century ago—the time one old timer tied a cow in a room for teacher to find, and another time when they tried to run a teacher away.

Mrs. Willie Hobbs Ferguson, 81, who was a Bayles pupil sixty-one years ago, was awarded the prize for being the oldest ex-student at the picnic. Roger Crawford, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crawford, was named youngest pupil on hand.

#### Old Timers Present.

Other old timers present included: Mrs. Lennie Hobbs Alcorn, 68, also a student there sixty-one years ago; Mrs. Carrie McClannahan, about 54, who went to the school forty-five years ago; Miss Lizzie Rupard, 77, who went there half a century ago, and three sisters, Mrs. Flora Arnett Cumberland, Mrs. Arlene Gillespie and Mrs. Lena Honeycutt, who went to Bayles forty-five years ago.

County Commissioner Buck Frank was one of the speakers at the affair, which it was voted to repeat annually as an ex-students' reunion.

Mrs. Creta W. McVean is principal and Mrs. Joseph Gary the only other teacher. A new teacher will be added in the fall. On the school board are: J. J. Gann, president; F. A. Bynum, secretary, and Jesse Lemmons.