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corporate name

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Biography

Lodi's Salem School District was formed in May 1859, before the City of Lodi had come into existence. By the time developers had platted the city, Salem School was ready for its third schoolhouse, a substantial two-story building at the corner of School and Pine streets (1872). By 1907, when the District's name was officially changed to "Lodi School District" three schools formed the Salem District. During its later years, the old Salem School housed seventh and eighth graders only, and by 1938 the building was abandoned. After its closure, Salem students were transferred to Needham School which had been erected on Pleasant Street (1921) and was expanded to accommodate the Salem students in 1938. The Needham School was named for Clyde Needham, the first citizen of Lodi to be killed in World War I. Grades kindergarten through eight were taught at the school, which occupies a twelve acre site on Pleasant Street.

Scope and Content

The three scrapbooks which comprise this collection chronicle the final years of the old Salem School classes and the transfer of seventh and eighth grade pupils to the newly expanded Needham School. They were created and maintained by the Salem District Parent Teacher Association and contain information about the activities of that body as well as of the schools themselves (1935-1939).

BOX 1: SALEM/NEEDHAM SCHOOL SCRAPBOOKS

1.1: "Salem/Needham PTA publicity record," 1935-1936

1.2: "Salem News," 1935-1936 [probably clippings from regular column in a Lodi newspaper produced by Salem students; "written under supervision of C.W. Naas, teacher of journalism"]

1.3: "Scrap Book," 1938-1939 [begins with move to Needham School; incl. regular Lodi Times column: "Needham Highlights" clippings; materials arranged by subject: "Red Cross," "Music," "Assembly," "Science," etc.]