

Album of Yesteryear

New High School Building, Eaton, Ind.
Erected 1908.



When the new Eaton High School building was erected northeast of the town's business district in 1908, it represented an extension of a commitment to education that began some years before. It replaced an earlier two-story brick structure finished in 1885. Eaton was one of the earlier communities in Delaware County to have a graded (rather than a one-room) school, and numerous students who finished the eighth grade in Union Township country schools completed their high school education there. The structure was expanded in the years following. Although Union Township was lagging in 1906 in the number of consolidated school districts, the three-story brick school at

Eaton incorporated all grades. The final Eaton graduating class was in 1967; thereafter the Union, Niles, Delaware and Hamilton township schools, plus those of Albany, were consolidated into the Delaware Community School Corp. The building was razed in the mid-1970s; the site is now occupied by Eaton Elementary School, part of the Delaware Community Schools Corp. system. The photograph — apparently taken during construction — is from a postcard in the collection of Eaton barber William Simmons and was furnished to The Star by John Paul Jones, longtime United Methodist minister.