



1911 to 1934 - Edwin F. Miller

Edwin F. Miller, a scholar, a forceful speaker, an unusual teacher and a man of highest ideals and integrity. A Masters from Wooster University and special work at Cornell University. He was a teacher in the Canfield Normal School and a superintendent at Burton. He served as assistant principal then as principal at Rayen from 1911 until 1934. The following history was written by Miller, and appeared in the 1934 Rayen Annual:

"Rayen stood on strip of land fronted by Wood Street. The Residence, the home of the Rayen Principals until 1904, usually referred to as the "Parsonage," was located on the site now occupied by the Board of Education building, and was removed in 1909. From 1904 to 1909 the Residence was used for recitations and the famous boardwalk connected the Residence with the main building. During the year 1909-10 the McKinley grade school building, then just completed, was used as an annex for the freshman and sophomores living in the north part of town. But in the fall of 1910 all pupils were again collected in the old building.

"In the meantime, the Residence having been removed, it was necessary to conduct the school in very much restricted quarters, so half-day sessions were necessary and recitations were conducted in all parts of the building including the main study hall. Portions of the halls in the old building were enclosed and used for classrooms.

"The attic, known as the "Sky Parlor" was also used as a recitation room until 1909 when it was abandoned and used as the Record Office. Following the Collingwood fire of 1909, Rayen together with other school buildings throughout the state, was required to construct fire escapes, which were put up about the old building in 1909. The "Sky Parlor" was unable to have a fire escape attached and had to be abandoned.

"The excavation for the last addition to the building was begun in 1909, and was completed and occupied in November 1910. "The big study hall in the old building, seating 350 pupils, was the center of activity. The library was in the southeast corner of the study hall and in a small room adjoining. Classes were sent from the study hall by a hand bell on the desk and recalled from recitation rooms by bells rung from push buttons in the desk on the platform.

"Total enrollment was 737, the largest ever enrolled at the end of the first month up to that time. The population of Youngstown in 1910 was 79,000. Rayen had 25 teachers including Principal and Secretary.



1934 to 1939 - Francis F. Herr Francis F. Herr, was a member of the Rayen faculty since 1904. Mr. Herr was especially concerned with encouraging good scholarship and cooperation in the students. He worked to make the school a more pleasant place. He was a graduate of Western Reserve, taught at Lorain, Ohio, and also passed the bar exam. As assistant principal he taught journalism and supervised the Rayen Record.



1939 to 1956 - Frank W. Tear Mr. Frank Tear, a twenty-six year veteran at Rayen School, and a graduate of Oberlin College, became the ninth principal of Rayen School. He entered Rayen in 1913 at the old school as Student Advisor and taught English, Latin and Ancient History. After 23 years in the classroom he became assistant principal and then principal, retiring in 1956 after 43 years at Rayen. Mr. Tear was a mild-mannered man, loved and respected by all his students.



1956 to 1962 - Andrew Lindsay Mr. Lindsay, serving as assistant principal for many years, succeeded Tear as principal. He attended Oberlin College and later received his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. "Andy" was easy to talk to and always had time to talk to his students. He was a versatile athlete, a basketball and football official, director of parks and playgrounds at Struthers, and served as official in two state tournaments.



1962 to 1971 - Clark C White A Graduate of Ohio University, University of Pittsburgh and Westminster, Mr. White continued the fine leadership and Rayen continued to flourish.



1971 to 1974 - Emanuel Catsoules Mr. Catsoules was a graduate of The Rayen School and president of his senior class. He was very much a servant of the Youngstown community throughout his career. He served as Third Ward Councilman, Rayen teacher and Principal, Superintendent of Schools. He also served as a Rayen Trustee.



1974 to 1976 - John Maluso Mr. Maluso also served as principal at Chaney High School. He was held in high regard while at Chaney and served with distinction at Rayen.



1976 to 1977
Everett McCollum



1992 to 1998
Anthony Cassano



1977 to 1981
Raymond Brown



1998 to 2002
Claude Bently



1981 to 1982
Pat Sebastiano



2002 to 2007
Henrietta Williams



1982 to 1989
Salvatore Traficant

Mrs. Williams taught at Rayen prior to becoming Principal. Both parents were students at Rayen. She was the only female Principal.



1989 to 1992
Alex Murphy