

Fraser C. Small

Superintendent 1953- 1984. A huge contingency of today's Alums recognizes this man's name, as he holds the longest tenure of any administrator at Wright City R II school district. Mr. Small was a native of Kirkwood, Mo. and graduated from Northeast Missouri Teachers College (now Truman State) in Kirksville, Mo. He later received his master's degree in secondary education. Mr. Small was first a superintendent at the Frankford, Missouri school district for one year, then he accepted his position at Wright City in 1953, remaining here for the next 31 years, retiring after the 1984 school year: he represented the school in 4 different decades. When he started, he also taught social studies in addition to his duties as superintendent. With his long tenure in the district Mr. Small viewed many changes, including steady growth. This required additional space as time went on. First, he saw the construction of the new elementary school, which was added to the north side of the original school. The first year for classrooms in this building was 1962/1963. Then he saw the building of the new high school which became fully operational for high school during the 1972/1973 school year. During his time here, he saw the school size grow from approximately 231 total Grade 1-12 to a total of 339 for grades 7-12 (no information on K-6). For the many students that came through this school's curriculum during his tenure, to them, his name is probably synonymous with the school's name itself. After his retirement, he returned as a member of the school board for a few years.