

# SCHOOL BUILDING RAZED TO GROUND

Board Of Education and Farmers  
Work Like Beavers To  
Carry Out Plans.

INJUNCTION ASKED  
FOR, BUT IS DENIED

Bethel Township To Have Hand-  
some New High School When  
Next Term Opens.

When darkness gathers this evening, the greater-portion of the Olive Branch High School building at Forgy's Station in Bethel Township will have been leveled to the ground as the result of determined action on the part of the school board and interested farmers to erect a new building. Contracts for the new structure have been let, but opposition to the improvement by a few prominent farmers of the township, hindered the work with court proceedings.

The final efforts of the opposition to block the school board from carrying out their new building plans took place about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when John L. Zimmerman, attorney for the opposition, appeared before Judge Kunkle and asked for an injunction restraining the contractor and board from tearing down the old building. This Judge Kunkle denied on the grounds that the affair now rested with the board, itself.

It seems that the members of the board had invited about thirty-five farmers to report at the High School building Saturday at noon for the purpose of tearing the building down if the injunction was not granted. The farmers all reported at noon and patiently waited until 4 o'clock when Prosecutor Lawrence Laybourne, representing the board, telephoned from here that the injunction had been refused. The crowd of men then gave a hurrah, threw their hats into the air and started at once to take out the furnishings and store them in the stables at the schoolhouse. This was all completed by Saturday night.

Monday morning saw the same bunch of men working again like bea-

vers, tearing off the slate roof, taking out the windows, removing the doors, placing the library cases in safe places, preparatory to razing the brick walls this afternoon. The men were orderly in their work and took extra care in saving every portion of the old building that might be of service in the new. The slate roof was removed piece by piece and lowered to the ground with ropes. Much of it will be used in the new roof. The glass cases and blackboards were carefully removed and stored away in places where they will be protected until the new building is finished.

The members of the Board of Education who favor the new building, were present and directed the work. The contractor, Bert Hause, of Dayton, was also present and aided in the work. The board fears no further movements on the part of the opposition as the new building is now a necessity, since the old one has been torn down.

The new building will be a handsome structure when completed. The foundation will be constructed of various colored boulders on which will be a tier of cement blocks with brick veneer and tile roof. The center of the building will be arranged with an auditorium seating 450 persons. About the auditorium the recitation rooms will be arranged so that every room will open into the auditorium and will also have an opening to the outside. The entire building will be on a ground floor plan and will contain seven commodious rooms, three of which will be devoted to the high school, two to the elementary grades, an office room and the auditorium.

Among the men who have led the opposition are Samuel Detrick, J. A. Detrick and Frank Ross.