



Ashland High School's present building as it stood originally, in 1911. Since that time, side doors and a new wing have been added.

## Building Changes Throughout Years

During the summer of 1889, the first Ashland High School was organized. It was only the second high school in the state. Since that time, many building renovations have taken place, making Ashland High School's history a long and fascinating one.

The first high school classes were held in the upper part of the North School, which also served as grade school and junior high school. The high school classes were later moved to the Academy building, located on North Main.

Until the year 1911, the Washington Building served as the high school. The high school classes were allotted three recitation rooms, and an assembly room which seated 140 students.

In 1911, the first independent

Ashland High School was built, which was the basis for our present building. Since that time, the enrollment has almost doubled, and several new additions have been added.

In 1933, a new wing was added to the building. It consisted of the present rooms of Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lewis, the library, and the home economics room. Before this time, the library had been located in the back portion of the study hall, and the home economics room was located in the present art room.

In 1953, a new gymnasium was also added to Ashland High School, thus permitting the Ashland High School basketball team to play home games at their own school. Previously, all games were played at the old junior high or in the present cafeteria.

Several inside renovations have also been made. The current typing room, bookkeeping room, student body office and study hall were once one large assembly hall. The math rooms, 20A and 21B were once one large band room.

In this manner, the face of Ashland High School has changed throughout the years.

### ASHLAND RATES HIGH IN ACADEMIC HONORS

Ashland High School's history has been sparked by numerous academic achievements, such as state chemistry, debate, and typing championships.

In 1912, Ashland won the state debate championship. This was the first year of competitive debate in Ashland High. Nine years later, at an Oregon State College meet, Ashland was awarded first place in the state typing contest. This honor was also won in 1925 and 1926.

From 1925 to 1928, for four consecutive years, Ashland topped the state debating championship. This honor has also been won in more recent years.

A contest involving chemistry was won by Ashland High School science students in 1930.

## Editor's Note...

In order to encourage and further interest in the past of Ashland High School, this page is devoted entirely to a brief history of the school.

Upon this page, we have endeavored to inform the students of the present Ashland High School of some of the attitudes and environments of past AHS students.

We sincerely hope that you will find this as interesting as we did, when compiling it.

—K. S.



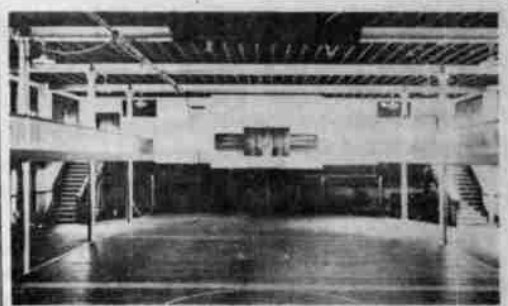
Dressed in a red and white ankle-length dress, this is the fashionable "cheer queen" of 1924.

## Boys Protest Against Fads

Boys! Have you ever been annoyed because of sack dresses, black leotards, and above-knee skirts? Don't be discouraged. You should have attended Ashland High School in 1924, when the male population really had something to complain about, for all of the girls were abandoning their beautiful, feminine tresses in favor of the new stylish "bobs." And complain they did. The following is an excerpt from the *Rogue News*, December 15, 1924, a formal protest against this dangerous fad:

"Bobbed hair is immoral! It is causing refined pupils to degrade themselves! At the rate which new heads are being cut, by the time our children are grandfathers, two-thirds of the population will have bobbed hair! Think of it! If the people could just put their minds on it, they could see what results it would bring to our country, and put a stop to it. It is up to you. Do you want your girl to have NO HAIR? Then see that a stop is put to this foolish fashion!"

Well, how about it boys?"



The Ashland High School gymnasium in 1922. It has since been transformed into the present cafeteria.

## Investigations Show Glorious Sport's Past

Ashland beats Medford 98-0! Don't believe it? It happened for the first and last time way back in 1899, and Ashland's first football team was plowing its way to a victory. So begins the first chapter in the story of Ashland High School's sports parade.

This is not the only glory in this story, however; throughout the years Ashland athletic teams have garnered numerous state and district championships.

For three consecutive years, 1912, 1914, and 1915, the Grizzlies captured the Rogue Valley Championship, and for this feat were awarded the Kentner Cup, which is displayed in the trophy case in the gymnasium.

Ashland has also been awarded several state championships. The first was obtained in 1921, when the Grizzlies won the state football championship. One year later, in 1922, Ashland gained top notch position in the state basketball tourna-

ment. Another state championship was not won until 1944, when the Ashland Grizzlies were once more ranked first in the state basketball tourney.

Through these years, Ashland has had the honor of placing many athletes upon the all-state basketball and football teams. Fourteen Ashland cagers have been named to all-state teams, and several others to the football teams. The most recent addition to the all-state football teams have been George Moses, in 1959, and Bob Voria, in 1960.

The Hayward elays, one of the most important of the state-wide track meets, have attracted many Ashland champions. The first Hayward Championship was won in 1947. Another first place followed in 1948. Ashland also placed first in 1950, 1952, and 1953.

## Did You Know?

That Ashland High School students in 1910 were amazed by a Model T Ford exhibited during a Ford-sponsored cross country tour?

Just before the turn of the century (when Ashland High was beating Medford) Ashland students were entertained by the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus?

When basketball was first played in Ashland, it was considered a sport for women?

The first graduating class of AHS had three members. The ceremony was held in the town opera house and each member held a class office.

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Girl — Jimmie is developing into quite a speed maniac.

Boy — Yes, he told his girlfriend that he was too slow for this world, and ever since, he has been making tracks for the next.

Lost and Found —

I have lost my mind. It can be identified because it is empty. Please return if found. Reward.

1st Girl — I have so much correspondence that the letters just keep rolling in.

2nd Girl — Huh, they must be circular letters.

Boy — Get off of my feet, please.

Girl — It is too far to walk.

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