

TYPEWRITING
Department



Typewriting Department

Typewriting was added to the elective subjects of Young Junior High School in the year 1928. From 1928-1930 Miss Julia Kimbrough was the teacher of this subject. Miss Margaret McCall succeeded her during her absence the first semester of 1930-31, after which both taught the second semester. In the year 1931-1932, Miss McCall held this position by herself. From 1932-1934 Miss McCall and Miss Fannie Mae Faulk were the instructors. During this last term, 1934-1935, Miss Faulk and Miss Mable Simms have assumed this position.

Our Typewriting Department has had many improvements since it was begun in 1928. It was started with fifteen machines and since then ten more have been added, five of which were added in 1934, making the total at present twenty-five.

During the second semester of 1935, the students have been practicing by a victrola. Records which are played help them write at an even and smooth rate of speed. There are three periods of typewriting every day with an average of twenty five pupils in each class.

Misses Sims, Goss and Faulk taught all classes during the 1935-1936 term, while Miss Faulk taught all classes during the 1936-1937 and 1937-1938 terms.

At the beginning of the second semester in **1938** two additional machines and tables were purchased to care for the large classes.

Beginning in 1941-1942 typewriting was offered only to Junior III's.

In 1944-1945 the machine borrowed from Senior High School in 1939 was returned, also 3 of our machines were loaned to the high school. Because of the government's requisitioning 5 machines belonging to the high school, this loan was necessary.

When in the fall of 1947-1948 term it was necessary to combine the typewriting into two classes, 3 additional typewriters were added to the department. All of these machines were Woodstock typewriters.

In order to meet the demand for typewriting, the number of typewriters was increased to 30 during the 1949-1950 term. Two of these machines were new Royal typewriters. Three new tables were purchased and 31 new chairs were added to the department.

At the beginning of school the next year, 1950-1951, 15 new Smith-Coronas were exchanged for an equal number of older Underwood typewriters, and a few months later 5 more of the old machines were exchanged for an equal number of new Underwoods.

To meet the increased demand for typewriting 1 additional machine was sent over from the superintendent's office and a new table was purchased. This brought the total number of machine to 31 in 1951-1952. Because of the change in the school system to move the ninth grade to Dothan High School at the beginning of the next school term, this marked the last year that typewriting was offered at Young Junior High School. Fannie Mae Faulk had served as instructor from 1933-1934 term until the removal of the department at the close of the 1951-1952 term.

The best of the typewriters were transferred to Senior High School commercial department. The 15 Smith-Coronas were sold and the remaining old-model Underwoods were stored together with the typewriting tables and chairs.