

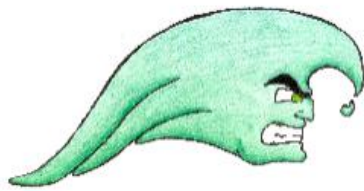


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The year before the Green Wave man was designed, this was used as a symbol for G.H.S.

1983 Chief

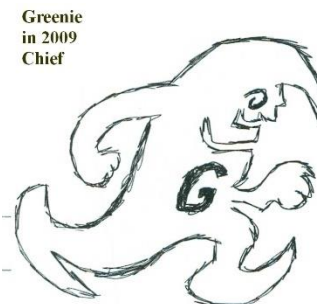


Chief Greenie Green Wave appeared in the 1967 Chief

Masked and Musical 2020  
Various Greenies



Greenie used in the 2002 Chief



Greenie in 2009 Chief

## Greenville's First Homecoming Queen Marilyn Kydd

By Dick Brown

The first ever Homecoming Queen at GHS, **Marilyn "Cookie" Stocker Kydd**, GHS 1950, passed away March 17, 2022, at age 89, at her home in Atwater, California. She always loved her hometown and was always popular here. Her husband, **Donald Kydd**, was not from Greenville and preceded her in death in 2011, but was buried in the Greenville Union Cemetery in 2011 before her death. He served in the U.S. Air Force.



Cookie was an executive secretary for the U.S. Air Force for 32 years, and was employed at Wright-Patterson AFB, Eglin AFB, FL, Norton AFB, CA, and Castle AFB, CA (Strategic Air Command). During her 25 years at Castle AFB, she was executive secretary to the 357<sup>th</sup> bomb squad commander and the 4017<sup>th</sup> combat crew training squadron where all combat crew members of the B-52 bomber and KC-135 tankers were trained. After the bomb squadron deactivated, she was executive secretary to the tanker squad commander. The KC-135s refueled the B-52s in mid-air. She loved her life in the Air Force with Don, a tail gunner on the bomber aircraft.

She had two children, **Shelley Lema** and **Jody Derry**, both of California, and is also survived by three grandchildren.

Marilyn was often in contact with friends back in Greenville. I talked with her on the phone about five or six years ago, when she was concerned about some California wildfires in the Yosemite National Park region. This was only about 50 miles east of her home in Atwater. As far as we ever knew, she was never threatened by these fires.

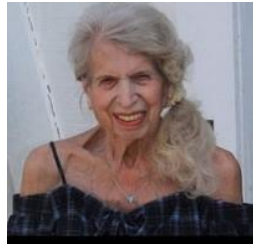
Marilyn was always a first-class person and a great supporter of the GHS Alumni Association. In high school she was a four-year Drum Major for the GHS Band. 1947-1950. The only other four-year Drum Major for the GHS Band was **Elaine Sellman**, from 1937-1940.



Drum Major Marilyn Stocker leads the GHS Band at parade, 1949



Marilyn Stocker, 1949-50  
First Homecoming Queen



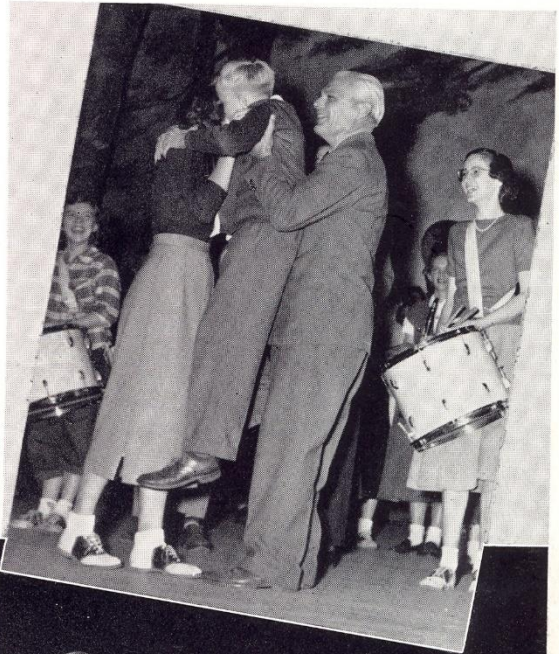
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**The First G.H.S.  
Homecoming,  
1949 - 50**

*Opposite*—Jerry Cassel kisses Homecoming Queen Marilyn Stoker during the band assembly.

*Left*—Refreshment stand at the stadium.

*Right*—Homecoming ceremonies



**Queen Marilyn Stoker**

Greenville High School's First Homecoming Queen in Fall, 1949, Marilyn "Cookie" Stoker Kydd, Class of '50, along with Homecoming Court member, Martha "Marty" Bowman Ebeling, Class of '50, at the Class of 1950's 65th Year Class Reunion, August 22, 2015

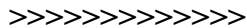


Two of the GHS all-time greatest Alumni, and from the Class of 1950:

**Marilyn "Cookie" Stoker Kydd**

and

**Martha "Marty" Bowman Ebeling**



They were two of our Alumni's best supporters and we will always miss them.

*Picture by Dick Brown at the 65<sup>th</sup> Year Class Reunion of the 1950 Class in 2015 at the Brethren Home (BRC).*

Book donated to the Alumni Association by **Margaret "Peg" Pilliod Birt**, GHS 1934, and **Tom Birt**, GHS 1976

*Miss Vivian Newport*, English teacher at GHS from 1927 to 1946, directed an historical pageant which was presented by the teachers and students of GHS in 1934. This printed program gave a history of the Greenville Schools, and this is a reprint of that history discussed 90 years ago.

To attempt to give an accurate historical sketch of the Greenville Public Schools from their humble beginning to the glorious present (1934) in a few brief paragraphs is a difficult task, and with a limited amount of time and original data at our disposal, we will present a few of the highlights of our city schools.

In 1815, an itinerant school master organized one of the first schools in this western outpost (of the U.S.A.). The first schoolhouse in the village of Greenville was a log structure erected about 1827 on the present site of the St. Mary's Church. A dissention arose among the original school board members, so that the next year (1828), the building was torn down and the logs moved to the location around the corner and is now occupied by 218 West Fourth Street, near the site of the Methodist Episcopal (M.E.) Church Parsonage. *Some original logs are visible in the basement of 218 West Fourth Street, and the upper newer current brick structure was built about 1900, replacing the earlier building.* From the records, it appears that it was not immediately rebuilt. There is a record, however, of the building of a brick school house on the site of the Parsonage. The land was deeded to the School Board as payment for a fine in an assault case. About the same time, another brick schoolhouse was built on the east side of Walnut Street between Third and Fourth Streets (1840s). Apparently two buildings were not needed at that time (and the Walnut Street school became the school that was used).



*Above:* 218 West Fourth Street (now), location of the school used from 1828 to 1840s (above left),

1840s brick-built school on Walnut Street was used from 1840s to 1867 (above middle).

Beehive (Studebaker) School was first of the one-room rural county schools, 1840s (above right)

*Beginning in the 1840s, one room schools were built in Darke County. The old Beehive School (Studebaker) brick structure just south of Greenville at the curve of Sweitzer Street was known to be the first school in Darke County of this type.*

Up to 1850, no attempt had been made to grade the schools so the next year the Board employed at a salary of \$400, **Ebenezer Bishop**, to grade the Greenville schools. The result was only a partial success, but due to the untiring efforts of **Superintendent Mays**, four grades were organized.

During the prosperous period following the Civil War (1865-67), agitation was renewed for a new school building and the organization of a high school. Accordingly, a three-story brick building was erected on the present site of the St. Clair Memorial Hall in 1867, and the high school organized the following year (1868). (see >>>>)

According to **Frazier E. Wilson**, GHS 1890, this marks the beginning of the modern era of Education in Greenville. In 1870, three teachers took care of all the high school work. The Board of Education called Mr. **J.T. Martz** to assume the superintendency in 1871. He accepted the position which he held until 1888. Under his beneficial leadership, the school grew steadily in efficiency and enrollment. New branches of study were introduced and a great deal of new equipment was added, thus benefitting both students and teachers.

During Mr. Martz's superintendency, the new large East School was built in 1884. (see right >>>>)

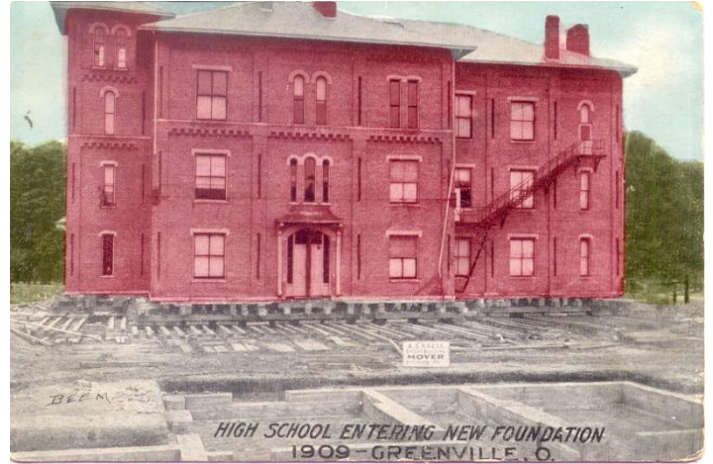
This served as the High School from 1884 to 1904. The West School became an elementary school after the East High School was built. In 1904, the West School was remodeled and the High School was moved back there because the Carnegie Library was constructed next door to this West School. This Library complemented the High School's education. This High (*old West*) School remained in use until the new High School building was built in 1924 (*at the corner of west Fifth St. and Central Ave.*) (see right >>>>).



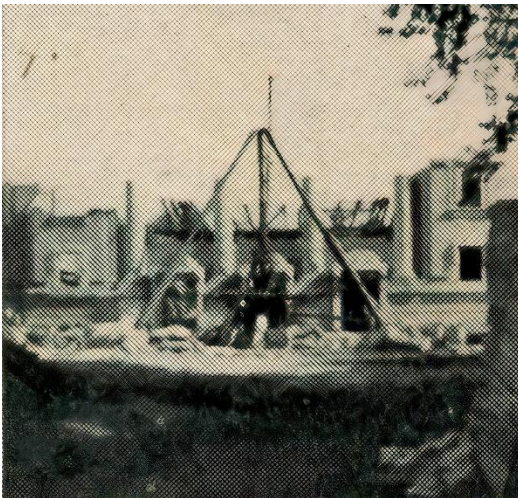
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The Old West School converted back into the High School in 1904 was moved to the location where the future 1924 High School building was built because the St. Clair Memorial Hall was to be constructed in the middle of the block next to the Library. They knew eventually the old West High School building would be torn down and the Memorial Hall would command the prime location on this block.

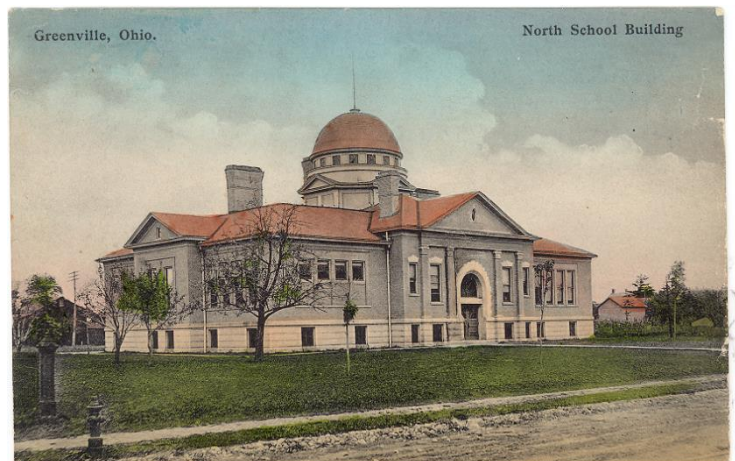
Moving the school in 1909 on wooden logs from the center of the block to the west end:



St. Clair Memorial Hall under construction in 1910 and 1911:

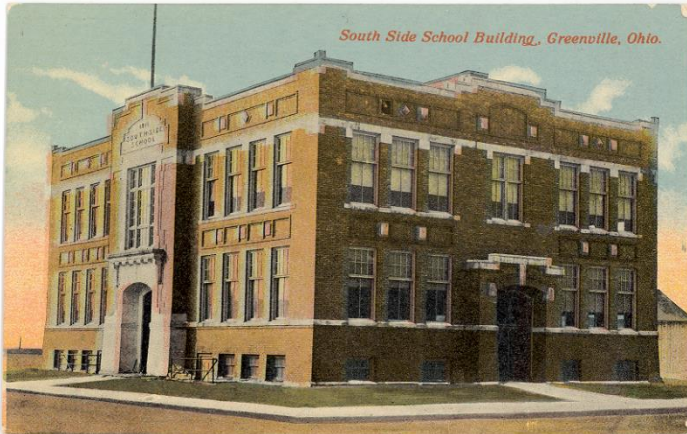


Under the pressure of increasing enrollments, further accommodations were felt to be necessary so plans were laid for a new grade building in the northern part of town. Thus, the fine North School building was erected in 1899, mainly through the efforts of Mr. **D.L. Gaskill**, who at that time was a member of the Board of Education. Mr. Gaskill

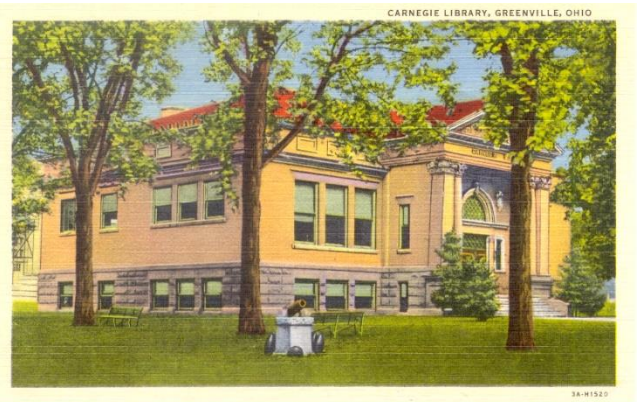


rendered Greenville another great service about this time, by making possible the Carnegie Library. The South School building was erected in 1911. In 1912, our beautiful Memorial Hall was made possible by the generosity of the late **Henry and Ella St. Clair**, and was dedicated in that year (1912).

The South School, built 1911 (below left) and the Memorial Hall dedication in 1912 (right):

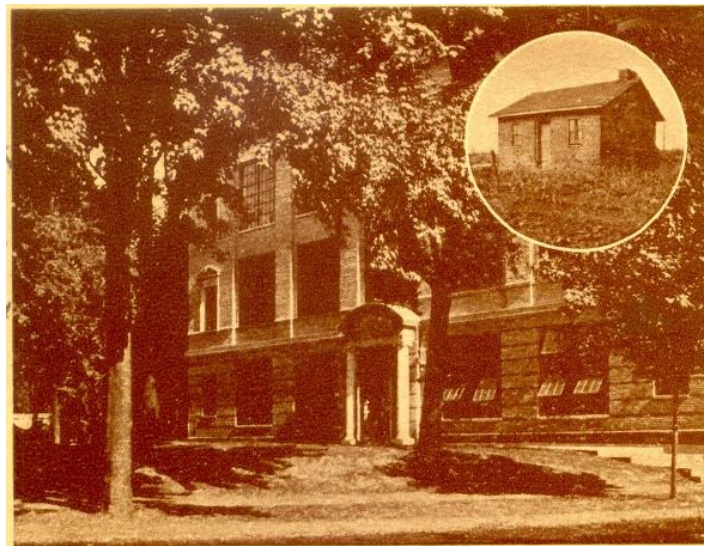


The first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century (1900s) marked a great development in our schools other than that of the buildings. In 1903-1905 the seventh and eighth grades were reorganized on the departmental plan. Special courses in Manual Training and Domestic Arts were introduced and Instrumental music became an added feature of the High School work. Commercial courses were also adopted. The High School was given a first-class rating among the High Schools of the State of Ohio.



Carnegie Library was built in 1903-4 (above)

In the fall of 1924, there was opened to the students of Greenville and vicinity, our new High School building. This building contains 31 classrooms, two large assembly rooms, four science laboratories, a cafeteria and a gymnasium. It is fully equipped with all necessary aids for both teachers and students. This building, together with the Memorial Hall and Library, leave little to be desired in the way of educational facilities and is the pride of all citizens of Greenville. (see >>>)



First School House in Darke County 1840

Main Entrance New High School Greenville, Ohio 1925

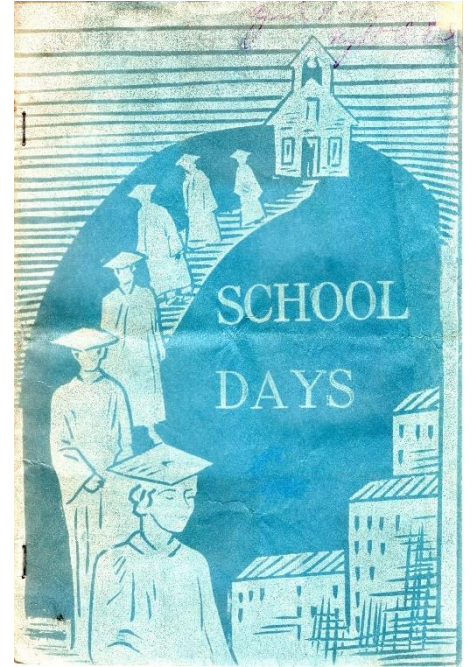
Building Data -  
Capacity - 1000 Students.  
Class Rooms - 31  
Gymnasium - 60 x 109 ft.  
Cafeteria - Capacity 200  
Cost of Building - \$400,000

In our own day, Greenville, 1935, the modern High School with its varied program planned to develop individual talent and to fit the student for living in a highly complicated social order.

Year and number of Greenville High School Graduates:

1873	10	1891	9	1909	39	1927	88
1874	0	1892	8	1910	35	1928	106
1875	3	1893	17	1911	42	1929	112
1876	4	1894	12	1912	40	1930	118
1877	8	1895	18	1913	55	1931	119
1878	6	1896	16	1914	55	1932	122
1879	0	1897	24	1915	51	1933	129
1880	8	1898	19	1916	70	1934	140
1881	6	1899	25	1917	61	1935	128
1882	12	1900	20	1918	65		
1883	2	1901	14	1919	91		
1884	4	1902	15	1920	81		
1885	8	1903	29	1921	83		
1886	7	1904	28	1922	72		
1887	14	1905	20	1923	105		
1888	13	1906	30	1924	114		
1889	4	1907	34	1925	108		
1890	6	1908	29	1926	97		

*This book was written  
in 1934-35 >>>>>*



**Greenville Schools Superintendents since 1869 (continued to the present):**

1862 – 1865 <b>Jacob T. Martz</b>	1993 – 1994 <b>Robert Durnell (interim)</b>
1865 – 1871 <b>Jesse L. Wilson</b>	1994 – 1998 <b>Bryan Moore</b>
1871 – 1888 <b>Jacob T. Martz</b>	1998 – 2005 <b>Mark Weedy</b>
1888 – 1895 <b>F. Gilman Cramer</b>	2005 – 2006 <b>Greg Taylor (interim)</b>
1895 – 1898 <b>G. L. Brumbaugh</b>	2006 – 2007 <b>John Abdella</b>
1898 - 1903 <b>E. M. Van Cleve</b>	2007 – 2012 <b>Susan Riegle</b>
1903 – 1905 <b>J. W. Swartz</b>	2012 - <b>Douglas Fries</b>
1905 – 1907 <b>W. S. Rowe</b>	
1907 – 1913 <b>James J. Martz</b>	
1913 – 1918 <b>Fred Kirkindall</b>	
1917 – 1925 <b>Minor McCool</b>	
1925 – 1929 <b>C. A. Waltz</b>	
1929 – 1951 <b>C. L. Bailey</b>	
1951 – 1958 <b>Robert Duncan</b>	
1958 – 1968 <b>Beryl Hensel</b>	
1968 – 1969 <b>Harold Potts (interim)</b>	
1969 – 1984 <b>Everett Potts</b>	
1984 – 1993 <b>Kenneth Peters</b>	



If you would still like to donate to the City of Greenville to help them to purchase new trees to replace the destroyed trees in the City Park and Greenville Union Cemetery, the City can always use your help. In the first six months, \$125,000 has been donated to the City for tree restoration and it continues. This application form of the information used to donate can be copied:



**"Adopt a Tree Program"  
Order Form**

**All donations will be tax deductible and payable to  
Y.O.L.O. Inc. of Darke County A 501c3 recipient**

<u>Donation Level.</u>	<u>Tree's to be planted in:</u>
Bronze Level \$150.00 ____	____ Park    ____ Grn Union Cemetery
Silver Level \$200.00 ____	____ Park    ____ Grn Union Cemetery
Gold Level \$250.00 ____	____ Park    ____ Grn Union Cemetery
Platinum Level \$500.00 ____	____ Park    ____ Grn Union Cemetery

Trees will be purchased in bulk by the City of Greenville and the types of trees will be determined by a professional arborist. There will be no plaques placed at the trees but there will be a permanent donor plaque placed in the park with all the donors listed. Tree planting will begin in early fall.

I would like to make a monetary donation to be used for trees in the city park or cemetery.  
\_\_\_\_\$25.00    \_\_\_\_\$50.00    \_\_\_\_\$100.00    \_\_\_\_ Other Amount

Tree Donated by (Name, address, phone number and email):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Monetary donation for monument repair at Greenville Union Cemetery \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to: Y.O.L.O. of Darke County Inc.

Order Form and check can be mailed to: Zechar Bailey Funeral Home P.O. Box 337,  
1499 N. Broadway St., Greenville, OH 45331

If you have any questions, please Call Greg Zechar or Hallie Foureman at: 937-548-4141  
Email: [gregory.zechar@dignitymemorial.com](mailto:gregory.zechar@dignitymemorial.com) or [Hallie.foureman@dignitymemorial.com](mailto:Hallie.foureman@dignitymemorial.com)



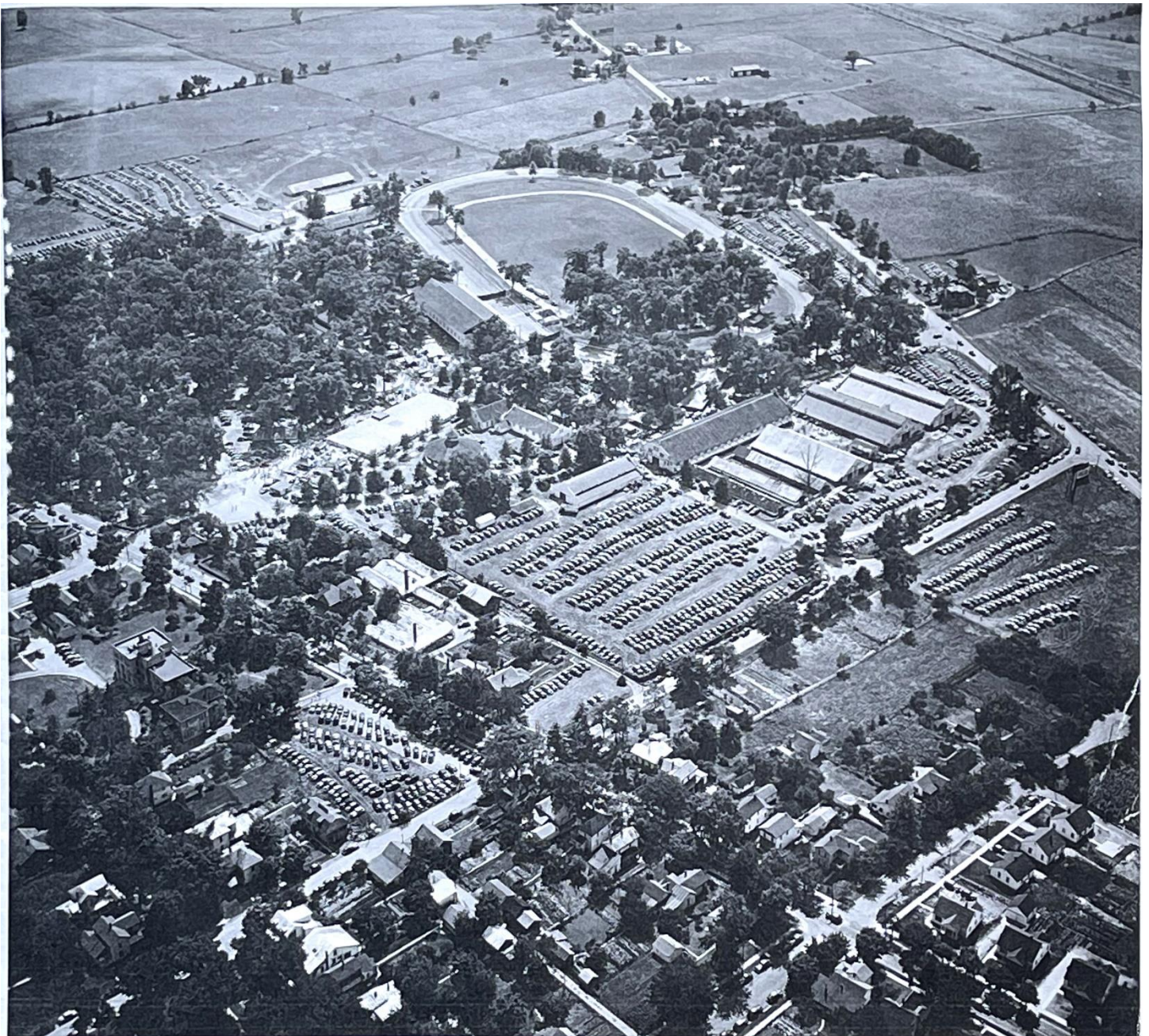
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This aerial photo of the **Darke County Fair** was taken in **1948**, and was donated by **David Plessinger** and the late **Alberta Hayes Plessinger**, GHS 1962.

Many details can be seen here. The Coliseum is not built above ground at that time but the basement room is in place (appears white concrete). The livestock barns were much smaller and confined to the northwest corner of the grounds. Much parking was done in the northeast quadrant and in the larger woods in the southeast corner. The hospital exists near the lower left with only a small addition added onto the older original home converted to the Wayne Hospital. The grandstand has been added onto. There are many older homes nearby the grounds and many of them have been bought up in recent years by the hospital for future expansions. The south end of the grounds had not been developed at that time.

*Orientation: looking to the southwest from the northeast.*



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The City of Greenville does such a good job beautifying downtown Greenville at Christmastime. This year was no different and the City employees did a great job again. Here are some photos taken this year:



This year's tree donated to the City was from **Kent Spille**, GHS 1976, and was installed by volunteers from several Local businesses, including Fitzwater Tree and Lawncare, J-Crane, West Branch Express, AES Ohio, and the Sure Shot Tap House on East Fifth Street. The Street Department was responsible for decorating the tree and the entire Downtown area. Greenville Mayor **Jeff Whittaker** commented, "The tree not only brings a lot of holiday spirit to the community, but so do the decorations up and down Broadway." He said, "So many people enjoy from all over west central Ohio and even northern Ohio come down here. It puts Greenville on the map."



The Annie Oakley Park and YOLO Park, located at the south end of Broadway.