



The work crew takes a break during the construction of the Jefferson Township Consolidated Elementary School in 1916. *Photo courtesy Carroll County Historical Society*



The school was boarded up in 1985 after it closed. *Photo courtesy Carroll County Historical Society*

# The ol' Yeoman School

**T**he old Yeoman School is now home of School-house Auctions, but it wasn't so long ago that it was still a school. The Carroll County school was in District No. 7 and was used as a school until 1984. Now those students attend Twin Lakes schools.

The land was owned by Josiah Cullum and he transferred it to the Jefferson School Township Corporation February 26, 1916. Construction of the Jefferson Township Consolidated Elementary School was started in 1916, during World War I. The first year it was used by students came in the fall of 1917. It succeeded the Yeoman Primary school, which was built in 1893, as the school for the township.

The school was used as an elementary school and once had eight grades. By the time the school closed, it contained only grades up to the sixth grade. It was owned by the Jefferson Township trustee.

Additions were made to the school starting in 1958, when more classrooms were added to the east side of the school. A gym was added to the back of the

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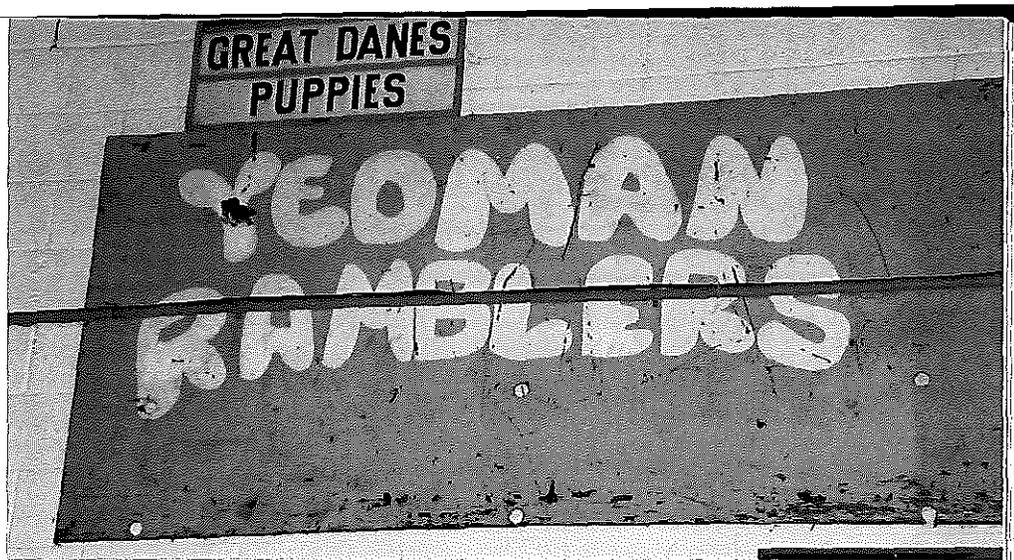
Catfish House restaurant in the old school building and it lasted for awhile.

In 1993, Jack Ward and Ronnie Nipple started a Yeoman alumni party. "Our first meeting was just our class with a few stragglers and was held in our 7th and 8th grade room," wrote Ward in an email.

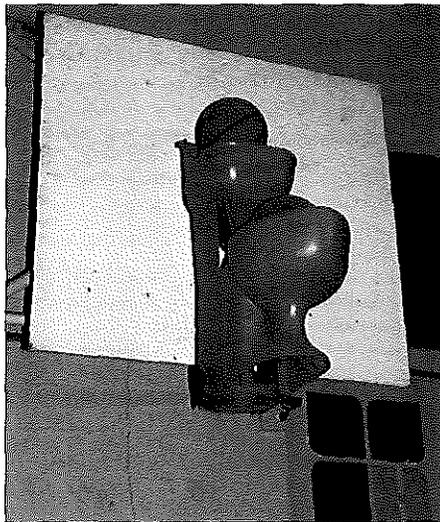
They started reaching out to more people and the reunion has been held every year since. The oldest alumnus who attended was 96 years old.

Pat Marley purchased the old school from the Kennedy family in 2001 and it was empty at the time. He converted the old gymnasium into the Schoolhouse Auctions. He turned the classrooms on the newer portion into five apartments, but he has since reduced that to three apartments. Then he took the upstairs of the school and converted into another living space for himself and his daughter. ☒

*Photos by W.C. Madden*



The sports teams were known as the Yeoman Ramblers and Pat Marley kept the sign for his auction hall in the old gymnasium.



The old basketball board is still there but replaced with different a decor instead of a net. It's a former jailhouse toilet holding the balls.



The last school class made up this T-Shirt to honor the school. Pat Marley has one in his Yeoman School collection.

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