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CLEARVIEW SCHOOL (built in 1923—known as Highland School) **4700 Broadway, Sheffield Township, Ohio**

In 1920 the residents of Sheffield Township living east of the Black River withdrew from the Township government, forming Sheffield Lake Village, but the schools remained under the jurisdiction of a single school board. In 1921 the voters supported a bond issue for \$180,000 to centralize education by building three new schools to replace the old ones. By 1923, Brookside, Highland [later Clearview], and Vincent Schools were opened for the lower grades (1 through 8) and students were transported by buses.

Clearview High School (2014)

Highland School was built on North Ridge Road at the western edge of the Township in 1923 to accommodate grades 4 through 8, while grades 1 through 3 attended Vincent School built the same year on North Ridge Road near the Lorain-Elyria interurban railway crossing. Highland School consisted of six classrooms, an

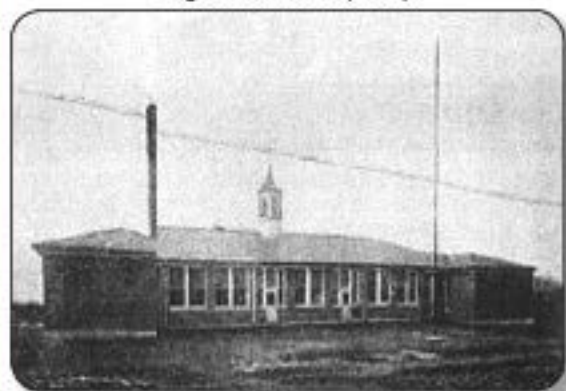


auditorium/gymnasium, office, and two restrooms. In 1927 six additional classrooms were added. In 1928 the school district split creating a new district named Clearview for Sheffield Township.

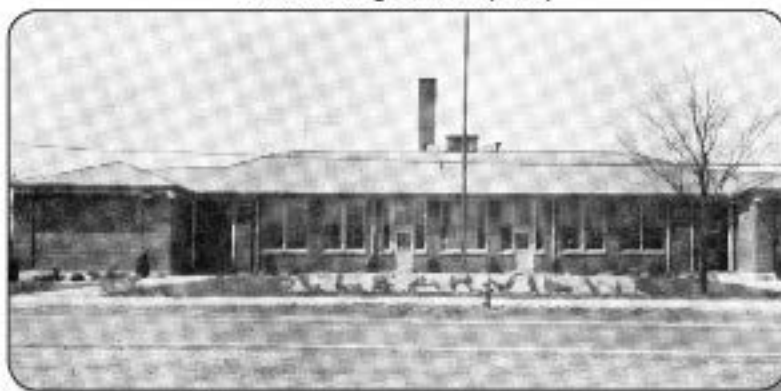
In 1930, the name was changed from Highland to Clearview to reflect the new school district. The same year the auditorium was remodeled to seat over 500 people and rooms were added for home economics, manual training, and mechanical drawing—doubling the size of the original school. A year later (1931) Clearview received a Class "A" high school charter and the first 11 seniors graduated with a high school diploma.

The football field (Tom Hoch Field) was built in 1937 and a new gymnasium, junior high school wing with nine rooms, cafeteria, music/band room, and offices were added in 1957. In 1961 a new science wing was constructed and in 1968 a new library, art room, and several classrooms were added. In May 1961, arsonists set a fire in the attic of the 1923 section of the school that caused major damage to the auditorium, classrooms, hallways, and roof of the old section of the building.

Highland School (1923)

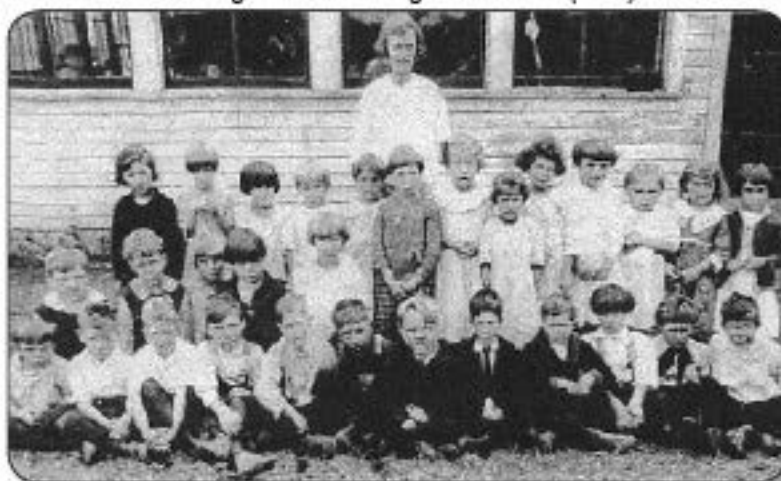


Clearview High School (1935)



The most recent renovations to the school were completed in 2004. The Ohio School Facility Commission granted \$23 million to the district to renovate Clearview High School and construct Durling Middle School adjacent to Clearview. The old sections of Clearview, built 1923-1940, were demolished to make way for new classrooms, an auditorium, music room, and band room. Clearview was transformed to a facility for grades 9 through 12 and junior high students were housed in the newly formed Durling

First grade class at Highland School (1923)



Middle School. In the later part of the twentieth century Clearview School District took steps to meet the needs of the growing "baby boom" population by adding facilities.

Notable alumni from Clearview include Charles J. Berry, Class of 1941, who was posthumously awarded the *Congressional Medal of Honor* after giving his life to save fellow Marines in the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. The bascule bridge over the Black River in downtown Lorain (East Erie Avenue) is named in Berry's honor. Dick Worden, Class of 1964, was captain of The Ohio State University's National Championship team (1968), coached by Woody Hayes.

Vincent Elementary School (2014)



Durling Middle School (2014)

