

# Alvarado Elementary School

## History of Alvarado Grammar / Elementary School From 1878 to 1958

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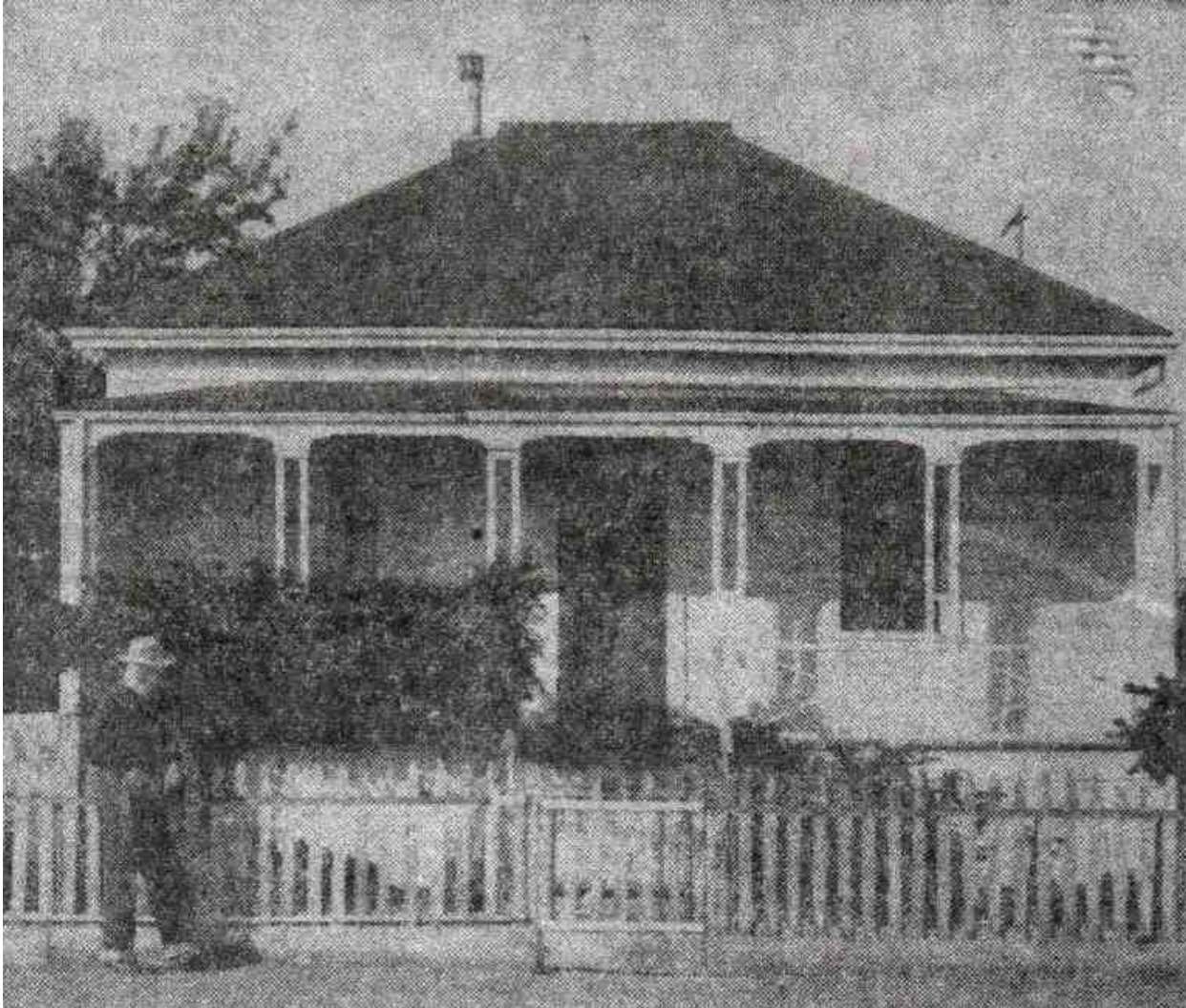
# Alvarado School District

- District organized to fund and manage school
- School Trustees elected by Alvarado residents
- Three Trustees:
  - President
  - Clerk / Secretary
  - Trustee
- District first reported by newspaper in 1874
- Covered area around Alvarado including farms

# Alvarado Grammar School

- First Public School started by the 1870's.
- Unclear exactly what buildings and how many were used as a school house
- About three buildings were used before a school house was built
- Three schools built - 1878, 1924, & 1958

# Early building used for School



4167 Horner Street (demolished in the 1970's)

# 1878 Schoolhouse

- First purpose-built School House
- Built near corner of Smith and Fredi Streets
- Two Stories
- 4 classrooms
- Three classes
  - Primary (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades)
  - Intermediate (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grades)
  - Upper (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

# 1878 School House



# Students from the 1880's



# Students & Principal Norris (1890's)

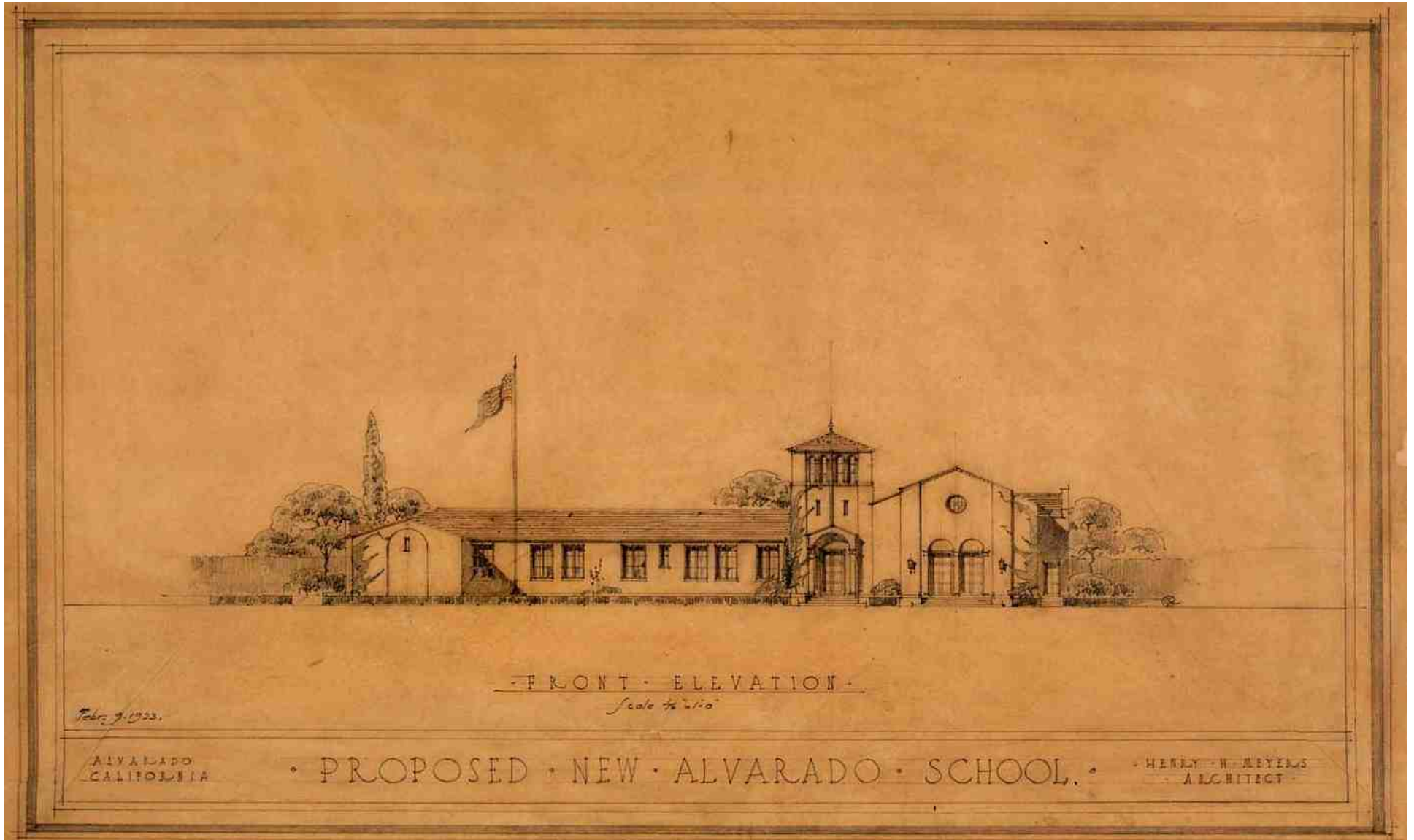




# 1924 School

- Designed by Henry H. Meyers
- Mission-Revival Style
  - Stucco and Spanish Tile
- Two wings- Six classrooms
- Cost - \$60,000.
- Built on the same school property
- Additional classrooms added in 1948
- Old schoolhouse resided in back of property and was eventually torn down

# 1924 School House



Feb. 7, 1923.

FRONT ELEVATION

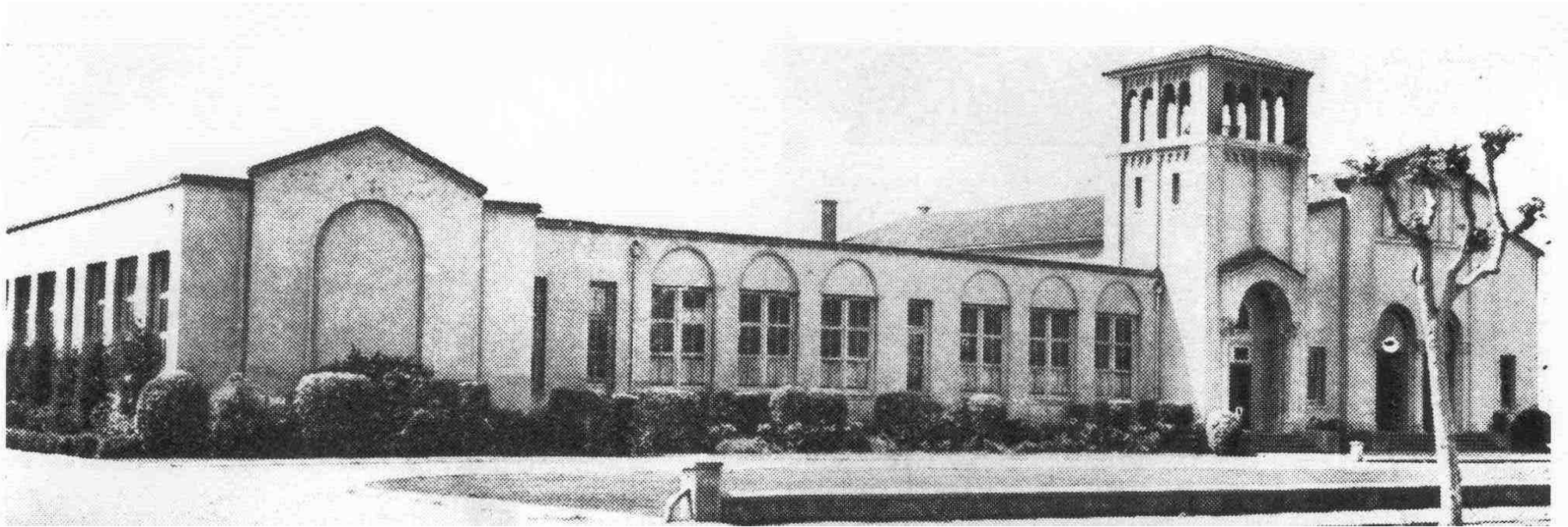
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ALVARADO  
CALIFORNIA

PROPOSED NEW ALVARADO SCHOOL.

HENRY H. MEYERS  
ARCHITECT

# School in 1948



# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - 1929



# Students - 1940



Alvarado Traffic Patrol won 1<sup>st</sup> place  
in competition held at Hayward High School - 1940



# Principal and Teachers - 1953



# 1958 School

- Thirteen classrooms in three wings
- Cafeteria/Auditorium
- Opened September 1958
- Cost \$450,000
- Leslie Maffey – Principal & Superintendent
- 1928 school torn down during construction
- Time capsule from 1928 school found
  - included items from the 1878 school



# Current Picture of School



**The End**