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Theodore N. Anderson Auditorium

On July 9 the Albion High School Class of 1963 at their 25th Reunion had the happy pleasure of announcing that the Albion Middle School Auditorium shall hereafter be known as the Theodore N. Anderson Auditorium. The class planning committee presented this idea to the Albion Board of Education in June when it was unanimously accepted on the condition that the 1963 class have the honor of announcing this tribute to Anderson. A bronze plaque has been ordered and will be unveiled in September during a special ceremony. Further details of this remain to be worked out by school officials.

Theodore N. Anderson was born March 24, 1903 and grew up on a farm in Yates County. He had seven brothers and three sisters. Only one of his siblings, a sister, 91, is still living. Anderson attended Penn Yan High School beginning in 1920 and graduated in the Class of 1924. He then enrolled in Alfred University in ceramic engineering but quit in his sophomore year because his mother had cancer and was needed on the family farm. Later he and a sister decided to enroll at Hobart. Anderson graduated from there in 1930 and later took graduate courses at the University of Rochester. His first teaching experience was in Bradford, where he earned a yearly salary of \$1,400. In September 1931 Mr. Bergerson hired him for \$1,500 a year to teach science and math at Albion High School. Here he was also the boy's counselor, manager of athletics and student council advisor. After December 1942 he became the attendance officer. Anderson became vice-principal of Albion High School in 1954 and principal in 1958. He retired in 1968 after serving the students of the Albion School System for 37 years.

During that time Anderson was also active in teacher's organizations serving as president of the NYS Teacher's Association in the Central Western Zone and later director on the state board of the NYS Teacher's Association.

In 1932 Anderson married Jean Turner, also from Yates County. She died in 1984. Their children are Richard Anderson of Brockport, Ted Anderson Jr. of Albion and Linda Anderson Pinc-



kney of Fishers, NY.

The Class of 1963 wished to honor Anderson because they fondly remember him as their high school principal. A class member read from an anecdotal record form, an observation report filled out about Anderson on Nov. 16, 1948 by Charles C. D'Amico who was then principal. D'Amico wrote as follows:

"Mr. Anderson cultivates a spirit of friendliness, is personally attractive and is fair in his dealings with others. He is a loyal worker, possess a sense of humor, exerts self-control and keeps his promises.

"He is punctual at all times, reads bulletins carefully and carries out instruction. He cooperates cheerfully with the administrators and colleagues. He assumes more than his full share of school duties and at all times shows a keen interest in school activities. He is prompt at faculty meetings and his reports are in on time. He is an active worker in committees.

"He is willing to give legitimate counsel or help to students. He maintains excellent order and is sympathetic and helpful and recognizes individual differences.

"Mr. Anderson is also active in community affairs."