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KNOWLES
PUBLIC SCHOOL
No. 1

City Council met and flew at



Just before 1910

*Mr. Man with beard
E.L. Meyer*

HISTORICAL RECORDS OF WINTER PARK
PHOTOGRAPHIC CENTRE
of
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

Knowles
Public School No. 1
Dedicated Feb. 11, 1890

527 Park Avenue, S. W. P. 5-4571

ASS.
SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY
FEB. 20, 1890 REPORTER

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FLORIDA VERTICAL FILE

Just school in WP
now WP Hotel

KNOWLES PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING
Corner E. Park and Canton Avenues

Chronological History of Winter Park by Claire Leavitt MacDowell. 1950, pp. 49, 114, ~~118~~

Knowles Public School, said to be the finest school in Orange County, was dedicated on February 11, 1890. It was named for F.B. Knowles, who had donated the site, and cost \$4100. It was a two-story frame building with two large classrooms. Miss E. Emma Dart was the Principal.

The public school met for the last time in the two classrooms on the second floor of Knowles Public School. Prof. J.A. Osteen was principal and there were five teachers and one hundred and fifty-six pupils. (1916)

Orlando Sentinel, March 31, 1961.

Proctors Buy Site On Canton

Purchase of the old Winter Park Hotel on Canton Ave. just west of the Park Ave. intersection for a price in the \$30,000 range was announced yesterday by Dick and Eve Proctor...

Future plans for the property are indefinite. "We won't do anything until 1962", Proctor said. "Mrs. (Nellie) Bull, manager, will continue to operate it as a hotel until next spring," he added.

The present hotel began life in 1890 as the Knowles Public School, a two-story structure with two large classrooms. The third story was added some time later after the building had first been moved and then returned and it became a hotel.

Orlando Evening Star, March 30, 1961

... City Commr. James Keezel remembers the old school, when he came here in 1911 and entered first grade. "There were about 40 students in all, grade students and high school," he remembers. The building, then, was on Park Avenue proper. ...

Later the school was moved - probably to the present city hall, which served as a school for awhile - and a printing outfit took over the building. The first Republican newspaper was printed there. Heavy cement slabs were poured to foot the presses.

The building was moved back, some time later, to its present position. The old tower which housed the school bell was torn down, a third story added, the building stuccoed and it began life as a hotel, with nine rooms (and a big fireplace) on the first floor, 13 bedrooms and a lounge on the second floor and nine bedrooms on the third floor.

Eve Proctor purchased the corner property where the school had once stood in 1950, and "When we started to build the Center, we found the old concrete slab that had footed those printing presses," Dick Proctor, her son, remembers. "We had to dynamite it out." ...

The old hotel, where rooms can be had for \$10 a week, season or summer, has stayed full this season, and will stay open during the summer.

Next season will be its last, and when the building comes down builders expect to find huge, seasoned, virgin pine timbers in its structure, the like of which doesn't grow in Florida any more.