



MARION "MAC" MCPHERSON **OV SUPERINTENDENT 1956 - 1984**

MANY PEOPLE CONSIDER "MAC" THE FATHER OF ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS. HIRED AS A TEACHER IN 1952, MAC QUICKLY ROSE TO PRINCIPAL AND THEN SUPERINTENDENT OF ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOL IN 1956. HOWEVER, MAC HAD A VISION OF THIS DISTRICT BECOMING MORE THAN JUST A SINGLE SCHOOL. BEGINNING SHORTLY AFTER BECOMING SUPERINTENDENT, MAC BEGAN TO WORK FOR CONSOLIDATION OF SEVERAL OF THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE AREA. THROUGH HIS EFFORTS, THE NEXT FEW YEARS SAW, DANGL, GUSTAFSON AND JOLMAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS JOINING TOGETHER AS A DISTRICT AND BEGIN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL. OVHS OPENED ITS DOORS IN SEPTEMBER OF 1961 AND HAD ITS FIRST GRADUATING CLASS IN 1963. ALWAYS AN EDUCATIONAL LEADER, MAC SOON PUSHED FOR THE DISTRICT TO CHANGE SOMETHING CALLED A MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCEPT, WITH OV OPENING THE FIRST IN THE AREA IN 1966. IN 1969, HE BROUGHT THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM INTO THE DISTRICT. FROM A FOOTBALL STADIUM BUILT WITH INNOVATIVE BERMED SEATING TO BUILDINGS OF A QUALITY THAT THEY ARE STILL BEING USED, MAC BELIEVED THAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS DISTRICT DESERVED THE BEST HE COULD PROVIDE. HE TRULY WAS "MR. ORCHARD VIEW"