

Kilbourn School

Location: West side of 27th Street, 1/2 mile north of Drexel Avenue

District: 9

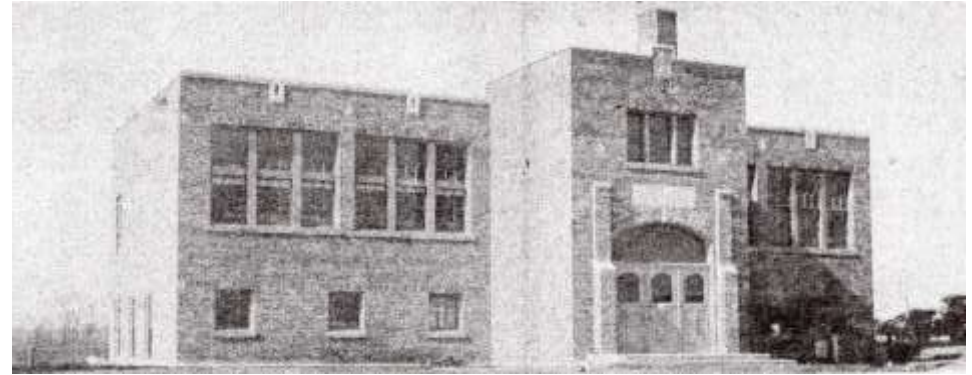
Built: 1934

Closed: 1981

Demolished: 2002

The first Kilbourn District 9 School was built in 1866 on the east side of 27th Street. A new building was constructed in 1889 on the west side of 27th Street. In 1934, the last school building was built a short distance from the second building as part of the federal Works Progress Administration. Additions were built in the 1950s. The school site is now part of the Northwestern Mutual Life office development. Most of the Northwest Mutual Life building is on the former 41 Twin Outdoor Theater site. The school was just north of the 41 Twin.

One Kilbourn teacher remembered, “When I came out here it was all farmland and Kilbourn was just in the beginning stage. I had a piano, desk and grades three, four and five. I taught this way for about 8 years.”



Kilbourn School about 1950



Kilbourn School site, now part of the Northwestern Mutual Franklin Campus