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Machado Elementary School

2011 was another good year for Coach Sabbah's Boys Water Polo Team, with a 10 and 4 record. Part of their success can be attributed to the excellent pool in the southwest corner of campus, which opened in 1963. Some of you old timers may remember that prior to the pool, Machado Elementary School was located on this corner.



In 1954 Principal E. Pearl Scharf gave this history of Machado Elementary School:

“Land for the school was a grant from Mrs. Calcelaria Machado for an elementary school, which was a one room school built in 1895. At this time two elementary schools served the entire bay area, the Sixth Street Grammar School of Santa Monica and the one room Machado School at 2490 Walgrove Avenue, Venice, California. In 1900 the one room was removed and replaced by a classroom, a hall and a belfry. In 1905 another room was added and in 1925 the present frame building was completed. In 1921 and 1922 the brick annex, facing Walgrove Avenue was built and in 1923 and 1924 the brick annex facing the High School was built.

“In September, 1945 there were 21 teachers and 8 half day sessions.

“In 1947 Beethoven and Short Avenue Schools were opened and Machado School was cut considerable in enrollment. The bungalows were removed but one had to be built again to take care of the growth of the school.

“In December, 1953 the Grand View Boulevard School made a decided cut into the Machado Elementary School leaving about half the enrollment. Yielding pupils and teachers to Grand View had advantages for Machado, in that it released rooms, making possible their use for the benefit of activities by the school and public without disturbing organized classrooms.

“It is the intention of the school board to in time, incorporate the present site of Machado as part of the Venice High School grounds and do away with the present

Machado School. This, however, has been the rumor since 1947 and the school still carries on.”