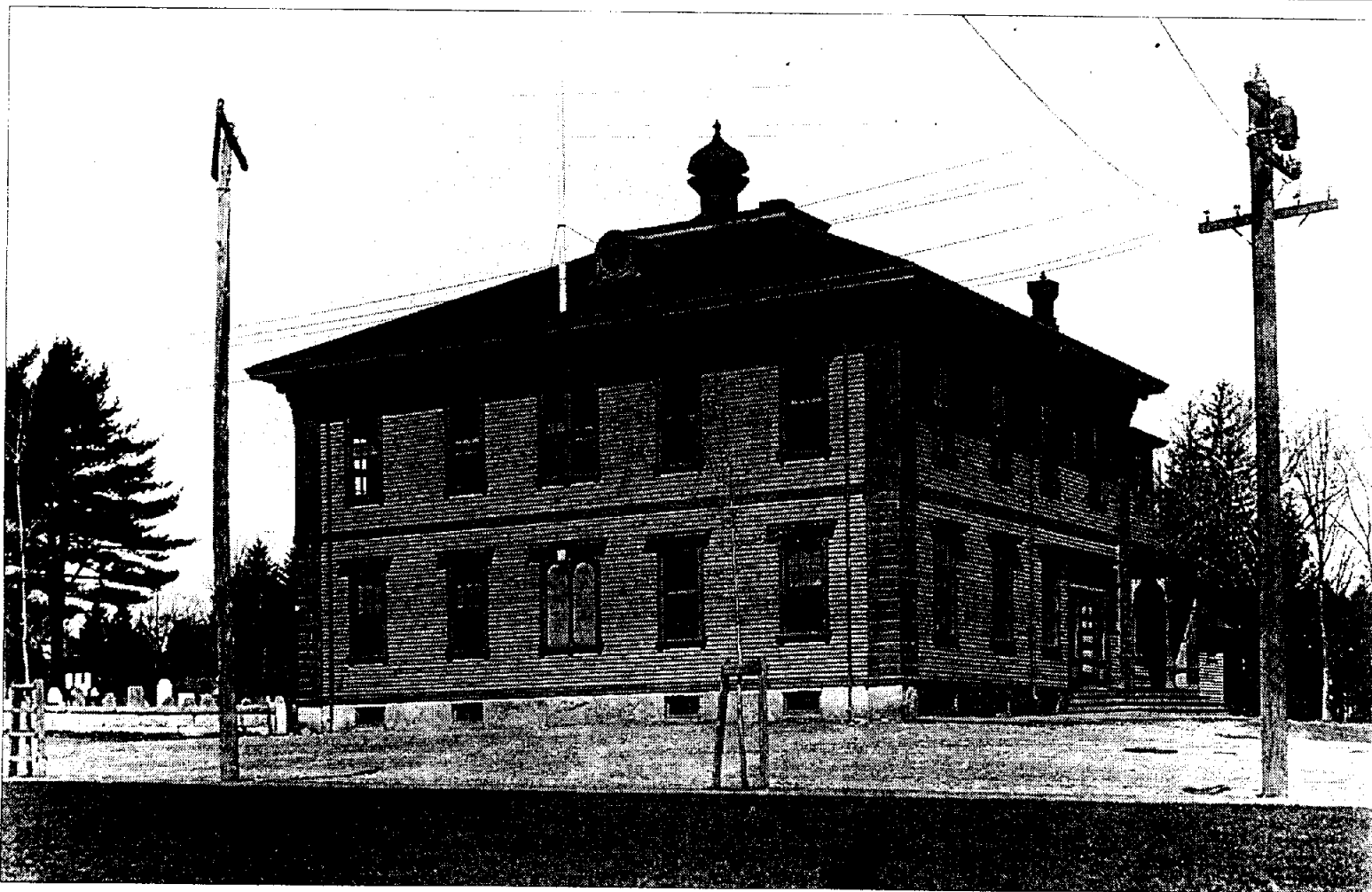


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The town's first high school was erected in 1867 across from the Common. The building provided for the first time separate classrooms for high school students apart from grammar school classes.

In 1867, eight students graduated from this high school. When a new high school was opened in 1906 on Sanborn Street, this building became the Center School for the lower grades. The public library was also housed in this building for a period of time and during World War II and the Civil Defense Headquarters was located here.

In 1957, this structure was demolished to make way for an educational wing for Old South Methodist Church. During the week pre-schoolers get their educational beginnings here. Many other functions for the community are conducted in this building.

— By Ed Palmer

