

# Local History Recalled As Building Changes Color

George Fox College's familiar pink building in the center of campus is changing. The historic 89 year old building, the oldest on campus, is getting a new coat of paint as another in a series of changes over the decades. Minthorn Hall will now be gold with brown trim.

The three-story wood building was constructed in 1886, one year after Friends Pacific Academy was founded in a southwest Newberg grain field. The alteration in color in an upkeep program is being carried out by student summer work crews. The change has caused college officials to check into the building's history.

According to the academy's 1885-86 catalog, plans were made to erect a "boarding hall" for the accommodation of pupils living at a distance from the school, "the need for such a building having been felt during the past year."

The building was moved to the present college site in northeast Newberg during the summer of 1892, one year after the college was founded. The building was rolled on logs and pulled by teams of horses.

Simply titled "Boarding Hall" for the first years of its existence, the dormitory was renamed Kanyon Hall after it was relocated. The building is near a wooded canyon on campus; why the name was spelled with a "K" is not known.

The building is described as "commodious" in the college's first catalog. With a new basement, the building included a din-

ing room and kitchen on the bottom floor, and 12 by 15 foot rooms for 16 women on the first floor. Twenty "gentlemen" were housed on the top floor.

During the early days, the rooms were furnished with beds and bedding, tables and chairs, wash stands and wash basins, pitchers, and lamps. After the first year, students had to furnish their own fuel and lights. Meals were provided at \$2 a week and the room at \$1 a week. Students had to be in their rooms studying at 8 each evening.

In 1914 Kanyon Hall became an all-girls dormitory when Hoover Hall, the only other original building, was converted into a boys dormitory. Kanyon Hall served as a girls dormitory for 48 years.

Several changes were made in the building during that time. Large dormers on the third floor were removed and the original west-side main entrance was changed to the south side where it still remains. The dining hall and kitchen were removed when another building was provided and more dormitory space was made available on the bottom floor.

In 1962, after 74 years, the building was given its first use other than as a dormitory. The basement and first floor were completely remodeled to provide a new home for the education and psychology departments, but the top floor remained a dormitory until 1969 when the last living quarters were converted into faculty offices.

Following the remodeling the building was renamed Minthorn Hall after Dr. Henry John Minthorn, first principal of Pacific Academy and the uncle of Herbert Hoover, with whom the future president lived while in Newberg.