

THE GEORGE J. AND MAUDE A. PETERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Mr. and Mrs. George J. Peterson were long-time residents of the Town of Gates. They were active in community affairs.

Both served, at different times, on local School Boards. Their four children attended Harding School on Spencerport Road.



At that time, neither Gates nor Chili had a high school. High school students went to Rochester and Spencerport, on public transportation, for their schooling.

Maude A. Peterson was a Trustee for the Gates School District #7 in the 1920s. During that time the two-story, brick building was built and dedicated in 1925 and the name, Warren G. Harding, was adopted. She died August 1, 1974.

George J. Peterson served on the Gates Board of Education in the 1950s when the Warren G. Harding School was, again, expanded. Adjacent property was acquired. A one-story building was added and dedicated in 1954. The two-room, wood-frame structure, built in 1916, was then torn down. During his tenure in 1955, the Gates Chili Central School District was formed. After feasibility studies were completed and approved, property was purchased and the Gates Chili High School campus was built off Wegman Road. It was dedicated on May 24, 1959.

Mr. Peterson died January 25, 1964.