

R. C. Waters

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Mr. Waters signed his name on some Oak Harbor diplomas as Ralph C. Waters, but most of the references to him in Oak Harbor school records and in the local newspapers referred to him as R. C. Waters. His middle name was virtually never seen, nor used by him, and letters from him usually were signed R. C. Waters. When a student at Oak Harbor addressed him, he was always referred to as “Mr. Waters” and not Superintendent Waters. It was not unusual for Mr. Waters to walk into a classroom, sit quietly at the back and observe the class. Most of the time he did not make any comments and left before the class was over. It was also not unusual for Mr. Waters to act as a substitute teacher, if the need arose. He was a very strict, all business, well-informed substitute teacher. Students did not fear him, but they respected him. (Historical source files & student observations of John Liske)

Ralph C. Waters was first employed by Oak Harbor Schools in January, 1919, replacing a teacher that had resigned. He was paid \$100.00 per month. By September, 1920 he was Principal of the High School. In January, 1921, he became Acting Superintendent and was named Superintendent by September, 1921. He was a teaching Superintendent. During the 1926 school year, he taught Geography and Advance Algebra. The elementary school in Oak Harbor, on East Ottawa Street, was named for Mr. Waters in a ceremony on May 21, 1961. Mr. Waters retired June 30, 1962 after 43 years with Oak Harbor Schools. -- (A History Of The Oak Harbor Public Schools & The Benton-Carroll-Salem School District -- George E. Thierwechter)

Under his picture in the 1920 Oak Harbor High School Year Book, Ralph C. Waters was listed as the High School Principal, as well as a Science & Mathematics teacher. He was a 1915 graduate of Medina High School and a 1919 Bachelor of Science in Education graduate from Ohio State University. He was a Science Instructor at Oak Harbor in 1919. During the 1919 - 1920 school year, besides teaching, he was the Oak Harbor High School Principal. – (1920 Oak Harbor High School Year Book – Printed by the 1920 Oak Harbor Senior Class)

Misc: Nickname – “Skeet” Waters

Caretaker at Bay Point, summers

Lived at 220 N. Church St. (SE corner of Church & Oak Streets)