

THE MARIOTT SCHOOL

The Mariott School was located on a dirt road that ran in front of the school, north and south and there was an irrigation ditch that ran along the west side of the road. There was also a wide concrete walk that ran from just over the ditch westward to the concrete steps in front of the school. Each side of the steps had a wide concrete shoulder that was high enough to sit on. I occasionally played Jacks with one of the girls whose name was Helen.

I've forgotten the names of almost all of the families that were nearest to the school. Right across the street were the Millards. One of the boys there was always taking air-cooled aircraft engines apart. On the north field, a man grew a celery crop each year. I think that the mother there was a grandmother. She would come over to the school on certain days to teach us "Religion Class".