

Forkner School

This school which is located at 7120 North Valentine Avenue opened its doors in September, 1980. It serves elementary age children living in the vicinity.

The school is named for “J. C.” Jesse Forkner, who developed and promoted the large tract of land northwest of Fresno. The land had belonged to the Bullard family which he purchased in 1912. With a group of capitalists, he had the area planted in Calimyrna figs and subdivided it into small acreage plots which were sold to Fresno suburbanites. He arranged to have the promoters of the development care for, harvest and market the figs produced on the subdivided plots.

This school was named for Forkner in September, 1979.

(Photographs from the Pop Laval Foundation)



J. C. Forkner, 3rd from left



Ford Tractors utilized to plant, grade and create irrigation canals