



## **A. M. Bruni Elementary School**

**A. M. Bruni Elementary School was originally called “First Ward School”, nick name was “La Escuela Ploma”. It started as a three room framed building and it was soon enlarged to a five room school in order to accommodate grades 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. The present building was first occupied in January 1928. The first principal or head teacher, as they were called at tht time, was Miss Sofia Salinas. Miss Salinas was succeeded by Mrs. M. Strain, Mrs. Wakefield, Miss Refugio Dias (Mrs. T. L. McCalib), Miss Esther Zardeneta, and Miss Olivia E. Garcia. The first supervisor was Mr. J. W. Lemoine and the first man teacher was Mr. Hazon Sorrell. Suuperintendents that so ably administrated this school plant facility were Mr. L. J. Christen, Mr. William P. Gallighan, Mr. J. W. Nixon and at the present time, Mr. Vidal M. Trevino.**

**Bruni School was named after a very prominent and philanthropic gentlemen, Mr. Antonio M. Bruni. He Contributed much to further education for our youth.**

**The school was refurbished in 1974. Two prefabricated buildings replaced an old frame annex. In August 2004 the new school was build with a new style.**