

Cultural History and Value of the Kohtla-Järve Schoolhouse

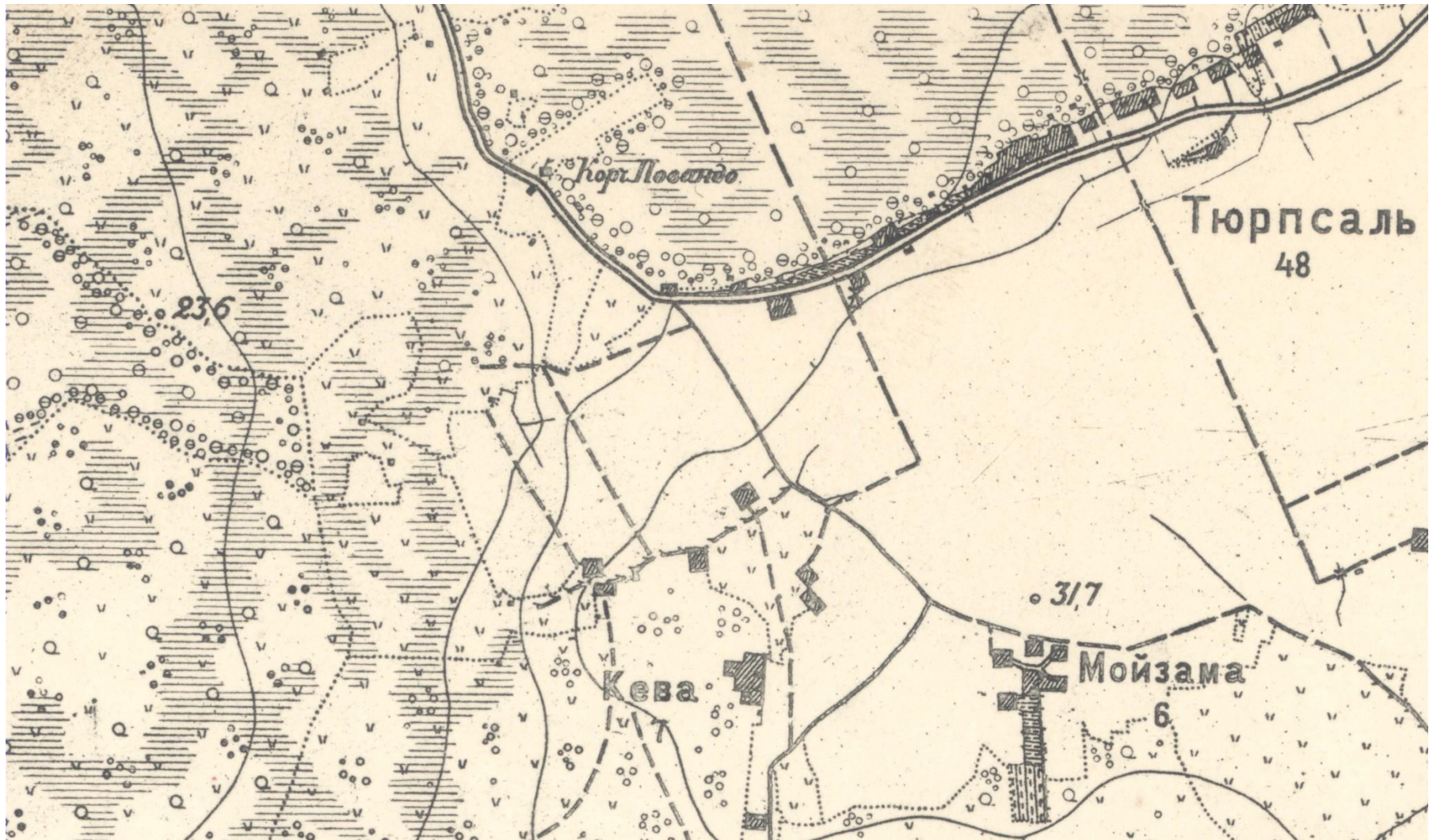
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The riches and misery of oil-shale energy in Ida-Virumaa

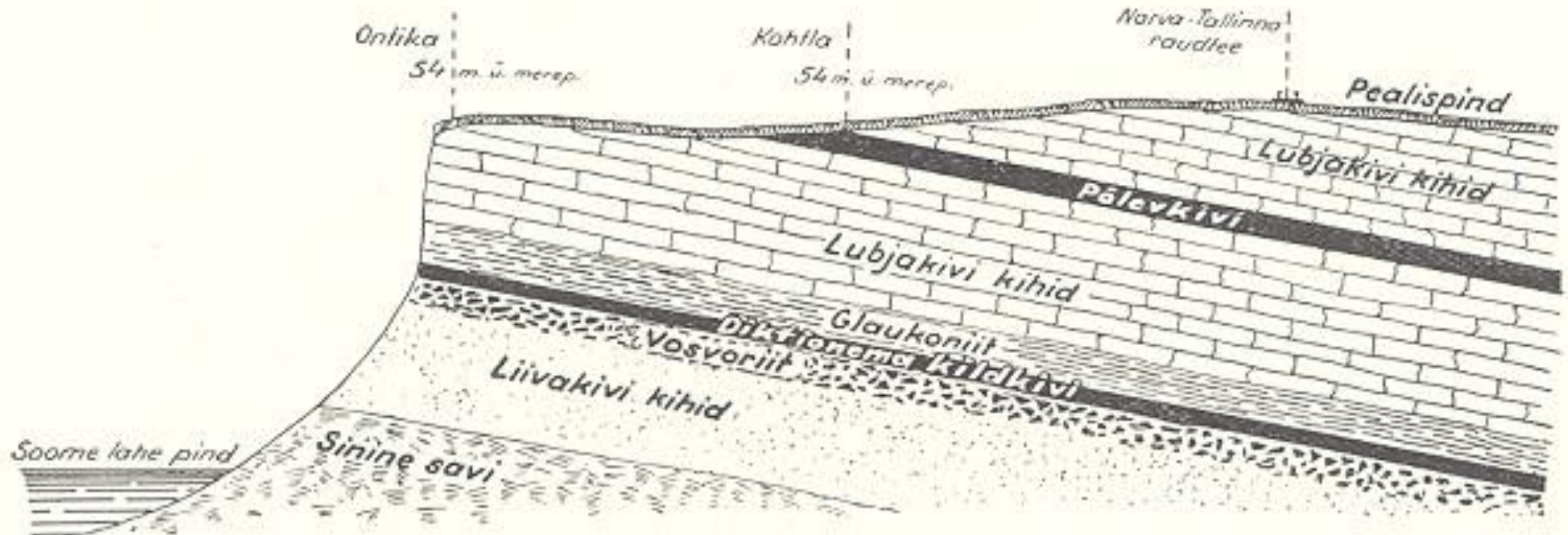
- **The town of Kohtla-Järve evolved on the territory of the villages Kohtla and Järve**
- **Fr. Schmidt named oil-shale „Kukersiit“ after the layer he found and described near the Kukruse manor in the 19th century**
- **Before World War I the St. Petersburg scientists studied oil-shale for its possible use as oil**
- **In 1916 mines were opened in Kukruse and Järve**
- **In 1919 the Estonian National Oil-Shale Industry continued extracting oil-shale in Kukruse, later also in Kohtla-Käva**

Map of village Järve (Türpsal) 1896.

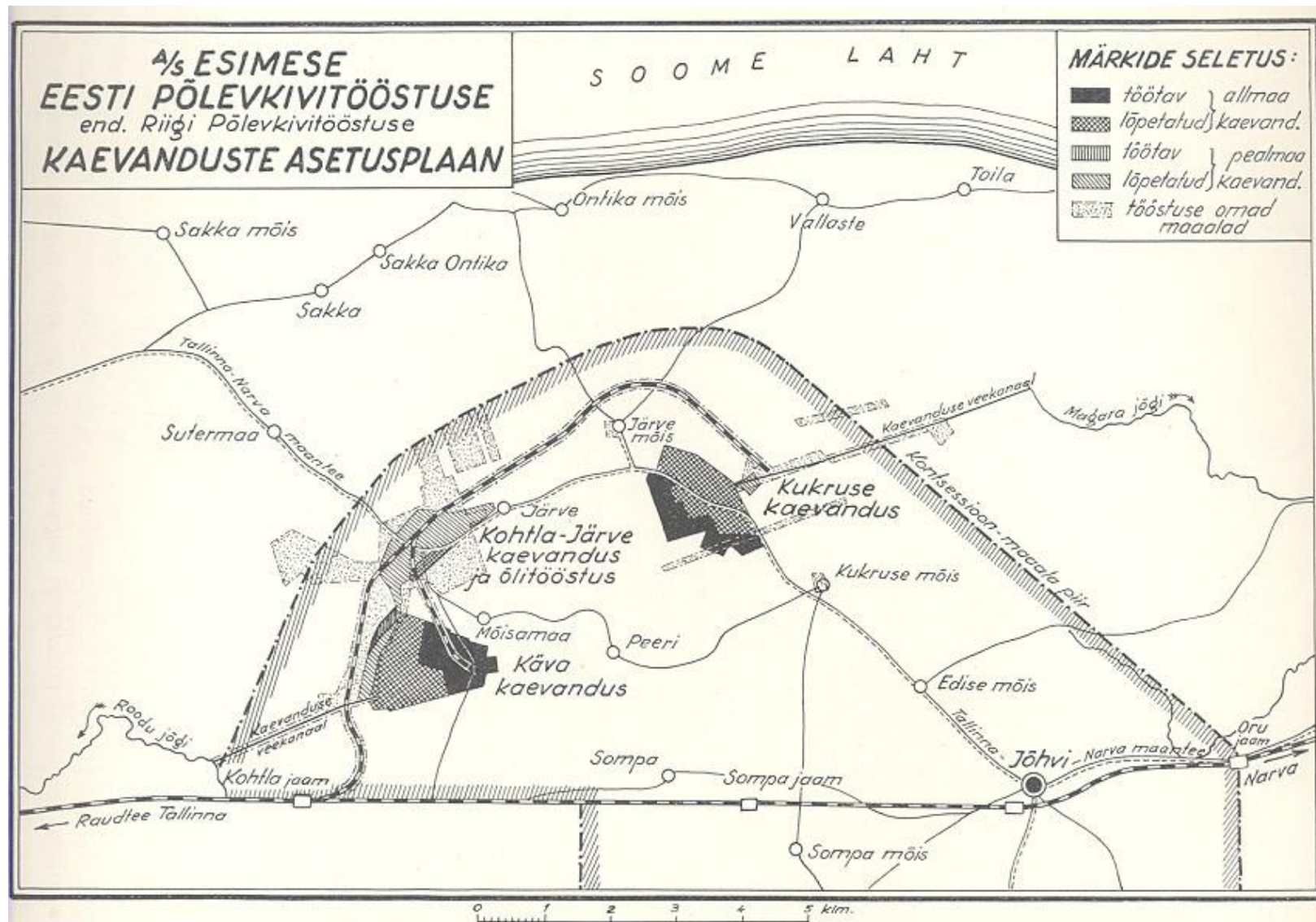


Oil-shale bed in Kohtla, Kukruse

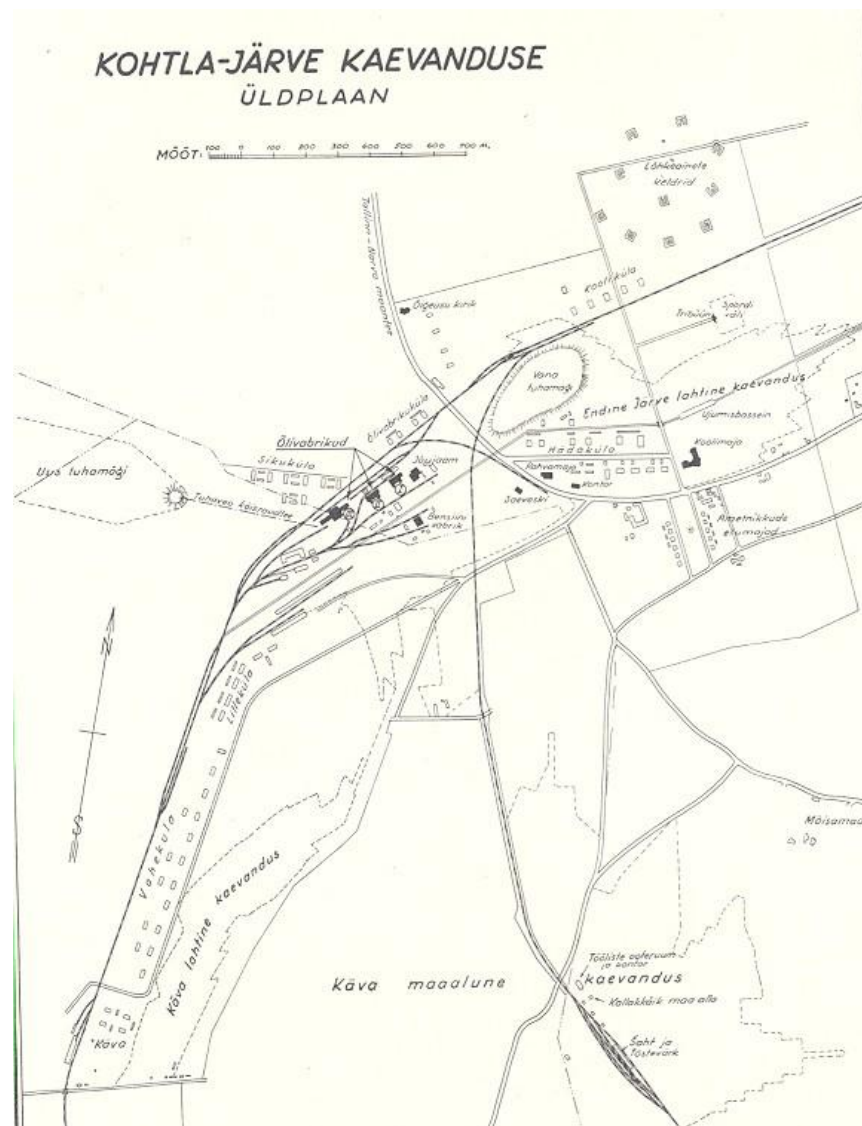
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First mines of Kohtla-Järve



Kohtla-Järve in 1938



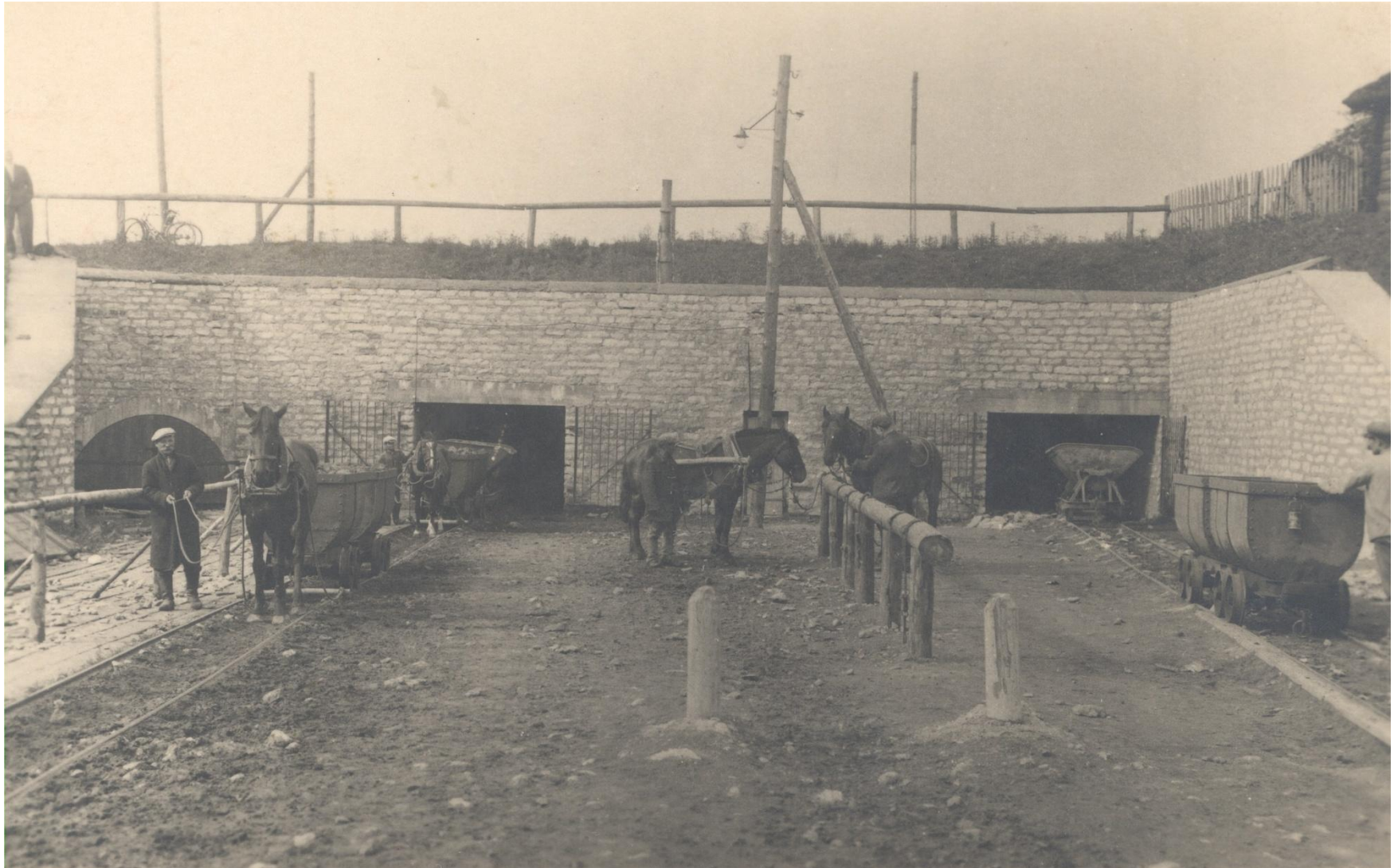
Mining oil-shale ca 1921



Mining ca 1935



Underground mine ca 1925



Miners ca 1930



Oil-shale is rich in oil. Oilmill ca 1935



Remainders of oil mill



A construction of new houses.

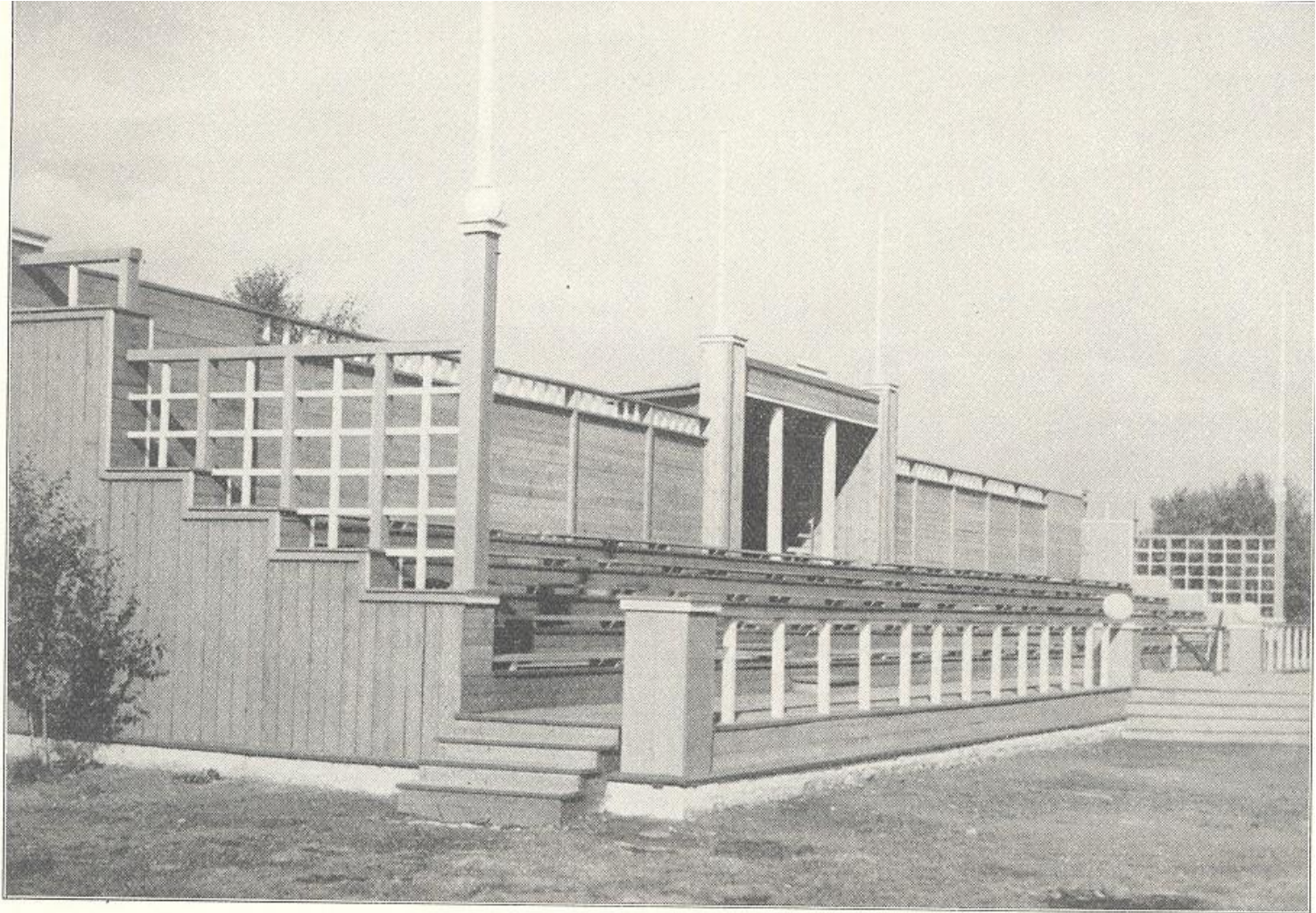


- **Industrial buildings, houses for public use and dwelling houses were constructed according to the plans of famous architect Anton Lembit Soans (1885 – 1966)**
- **Settlements emerged near the industry, electricity, sewage and heating were installed, roads and pavements were constructed, greenery was planted.**

Club of worker settlement ca 1930

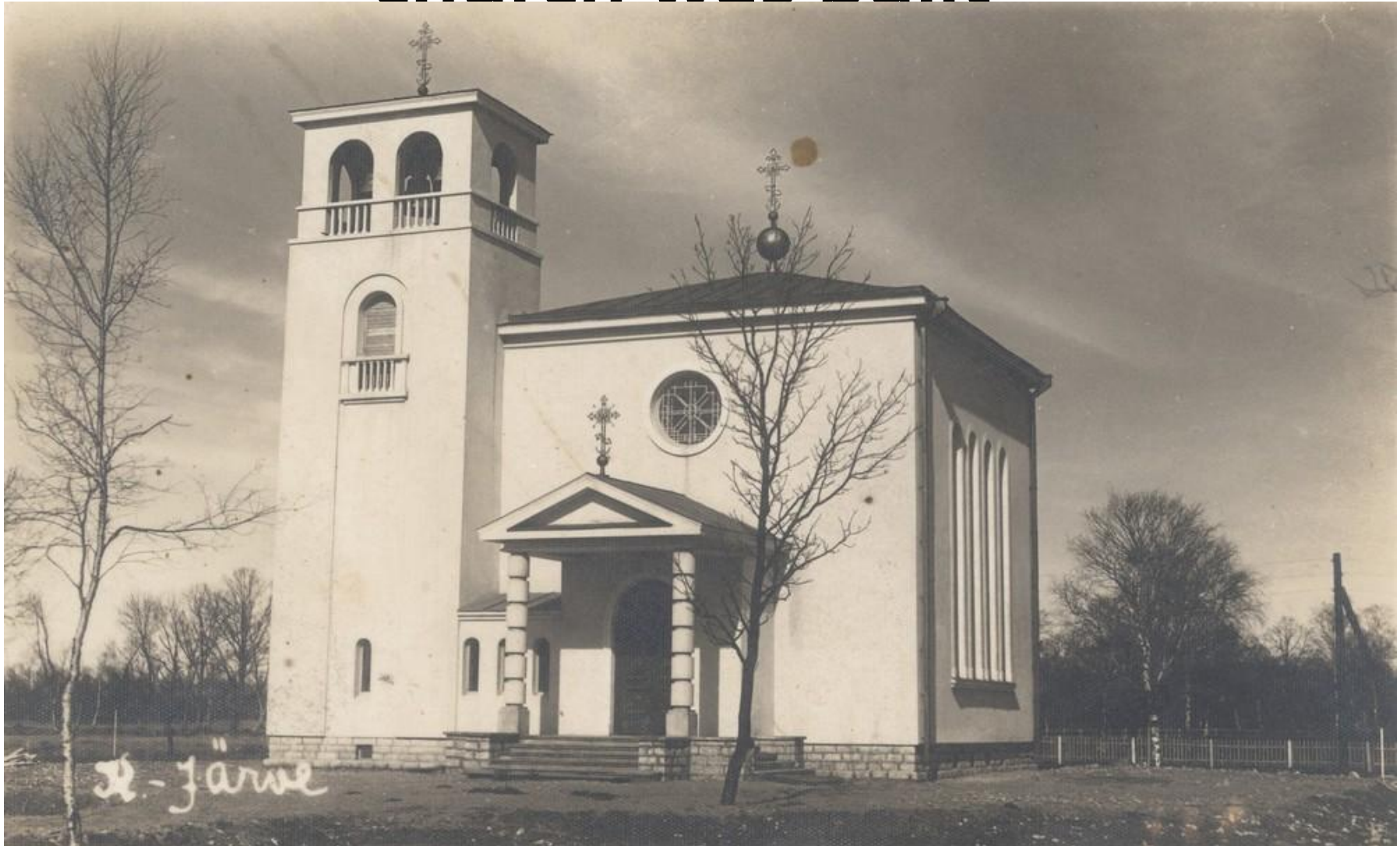


Sports field ca 1938



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In 1938 an apostolic Orthodox church was built



Dvelling houses of masters

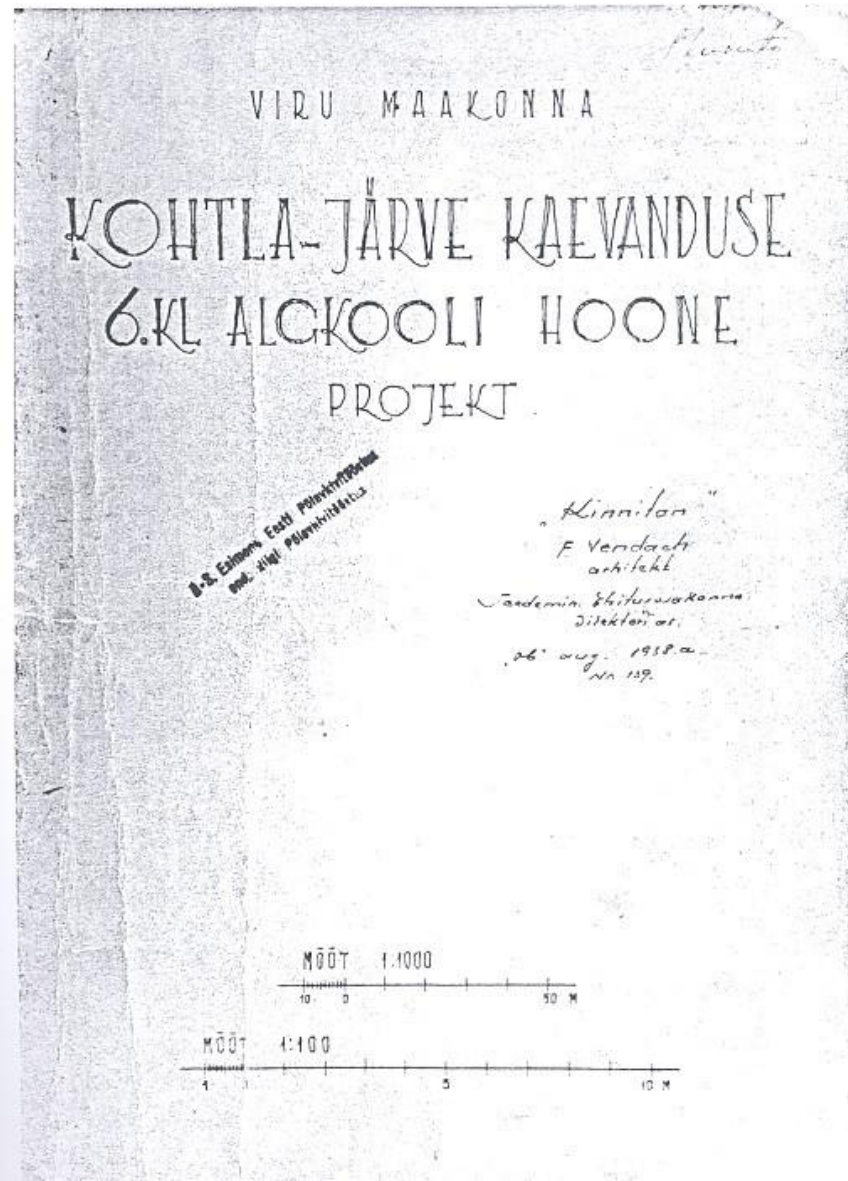


The managerial personnel of National Oil-Shale Industry

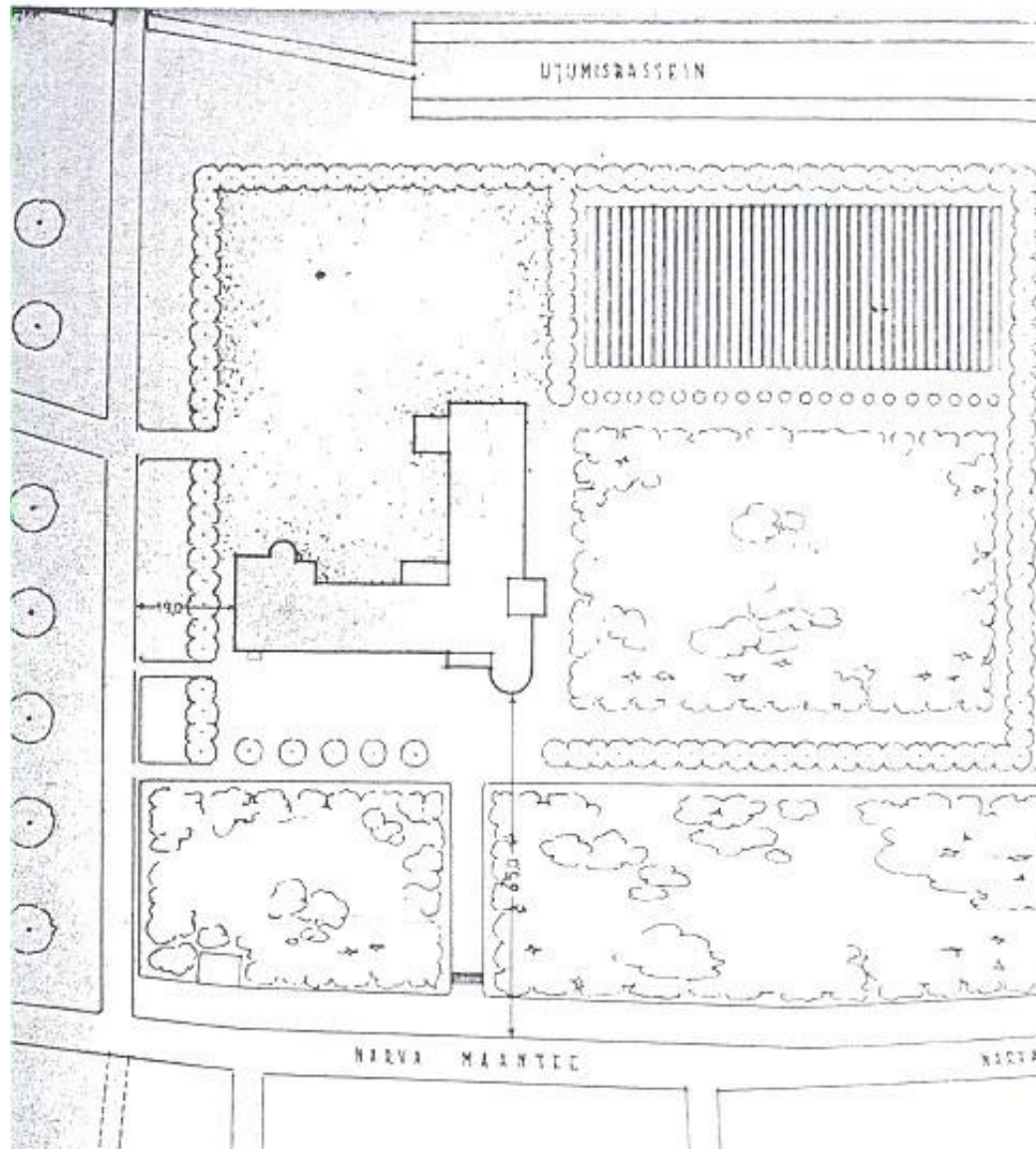


- Counterbalance to polluted environment
wanted management offer for children good
education

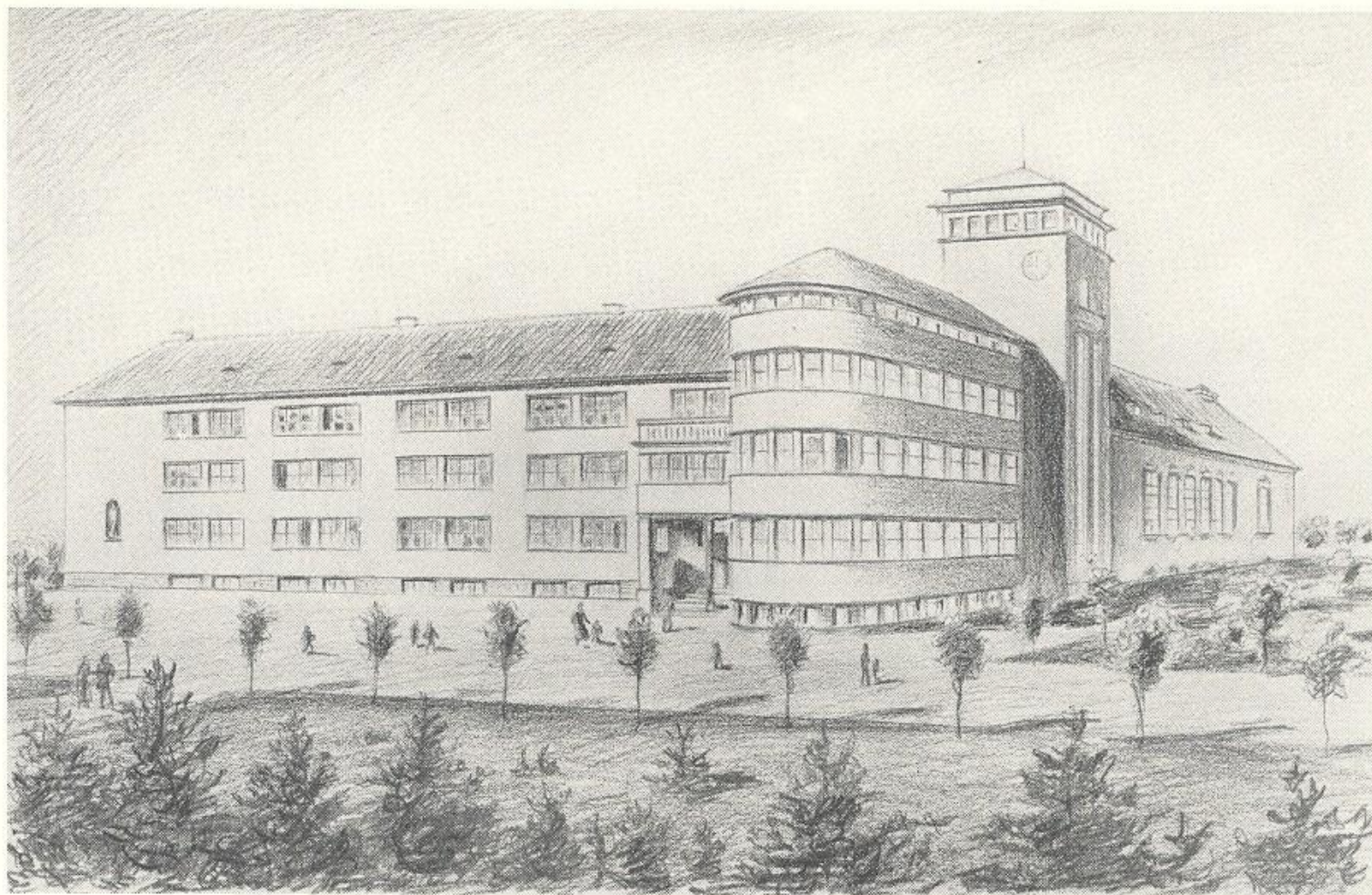
Project of schoolhouse



Situation of schoolhouse

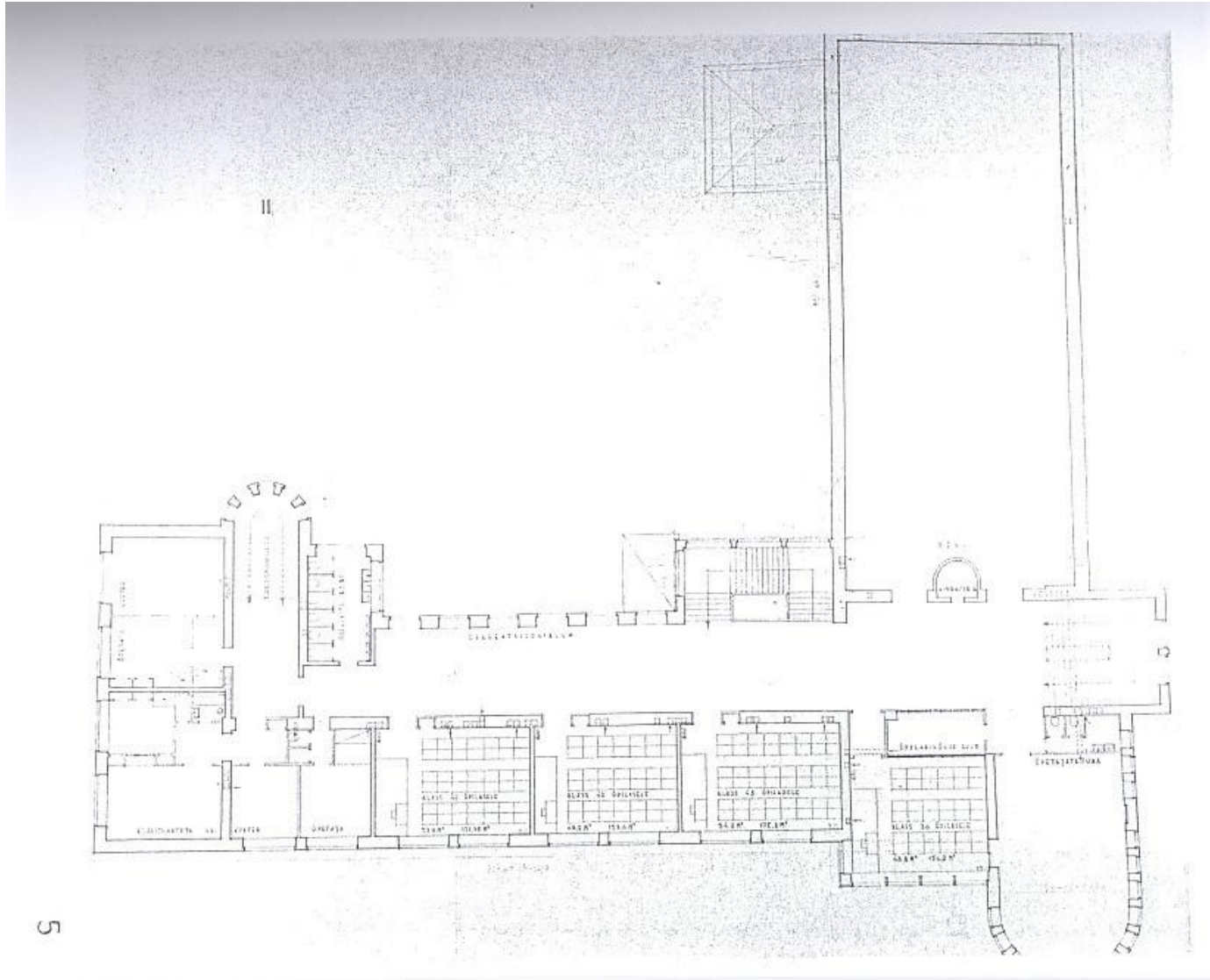


Project of School by A. Soans



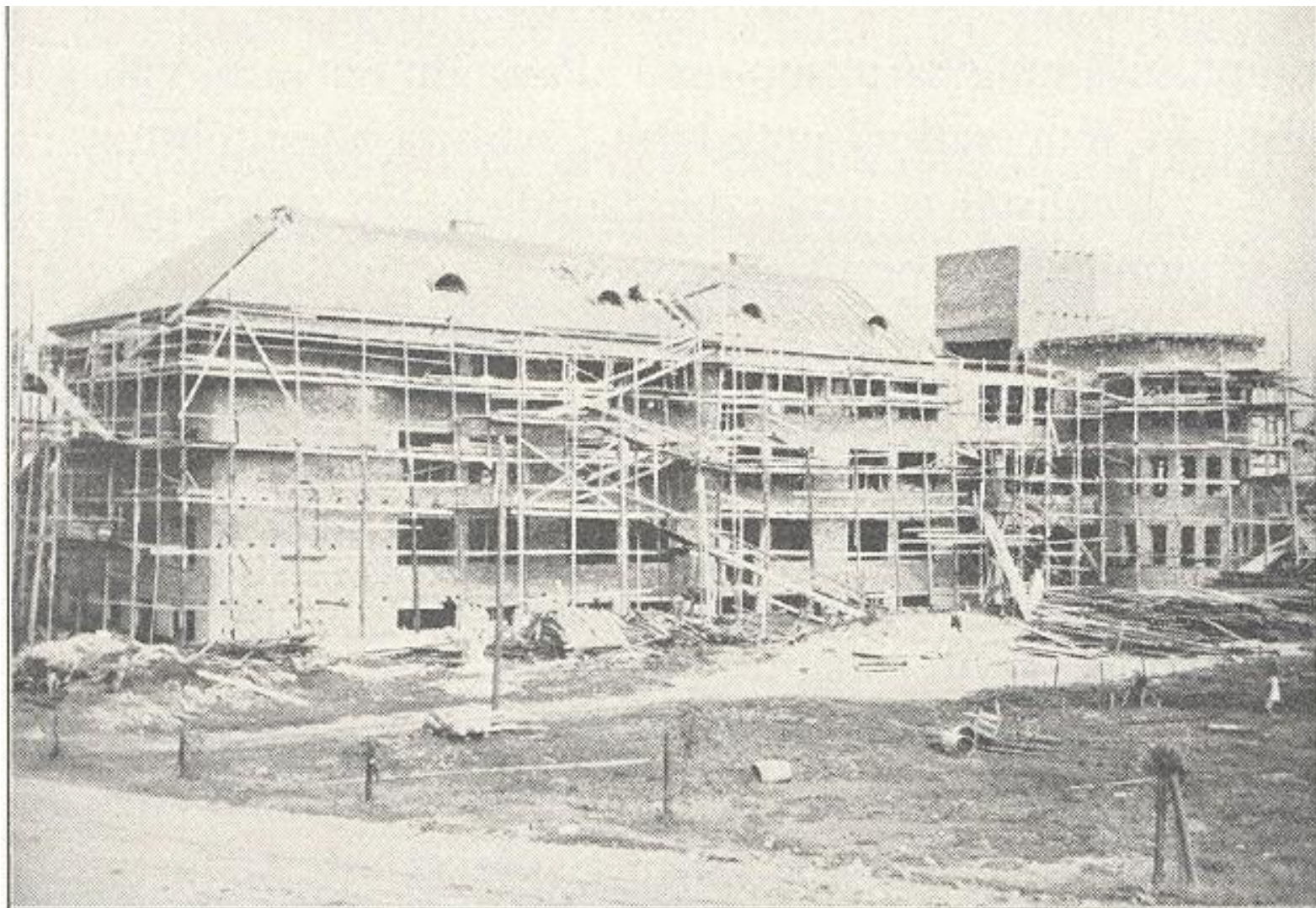
KOHTLA-JÄRVE KAEVANDUSE ALGKOO LIHOONE PROJEKT.

First floor of schoolhouse



- **In 1938 the construction of a modern primary school was begun. The functionalism style house was completed in summer 1939.**
- **It happened just before okupation of Estonia.**

Under construction in sept. 1938



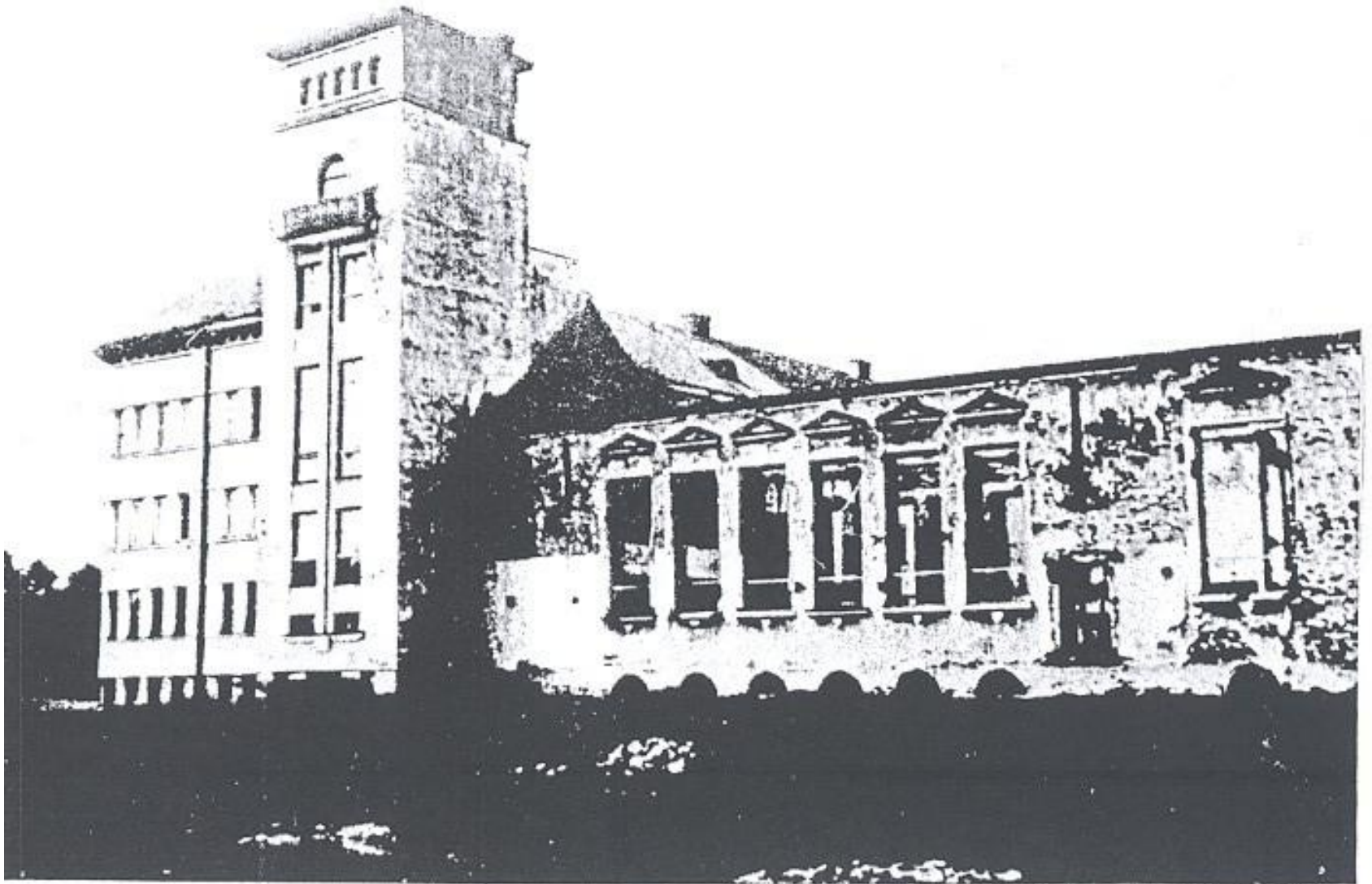
KOHTLA-JÄRVE KAEVANDUSE ALGKOOLIHOONE EHTUS

- **The house was impressive outside and inside**
- **On the facade side, there were 12 classrooms for 522 pupils, rooms for teachers and school staff, heating rooms in the basement, laundry room.**
- **A gym and hall are situated in the other wing, changing rooms in the basement**
- **The schoolhouse was heated with the residue gas of the oil factory.**
- **Near the school was swimming-pool**

Before the World War II



Schoolhouse after the war



Research work and special conditions are prepared before the project and restoration

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Schoolhouse in 2012















