

# **Cultural History and Value of the Kohtla-Järve Schoolhouse**

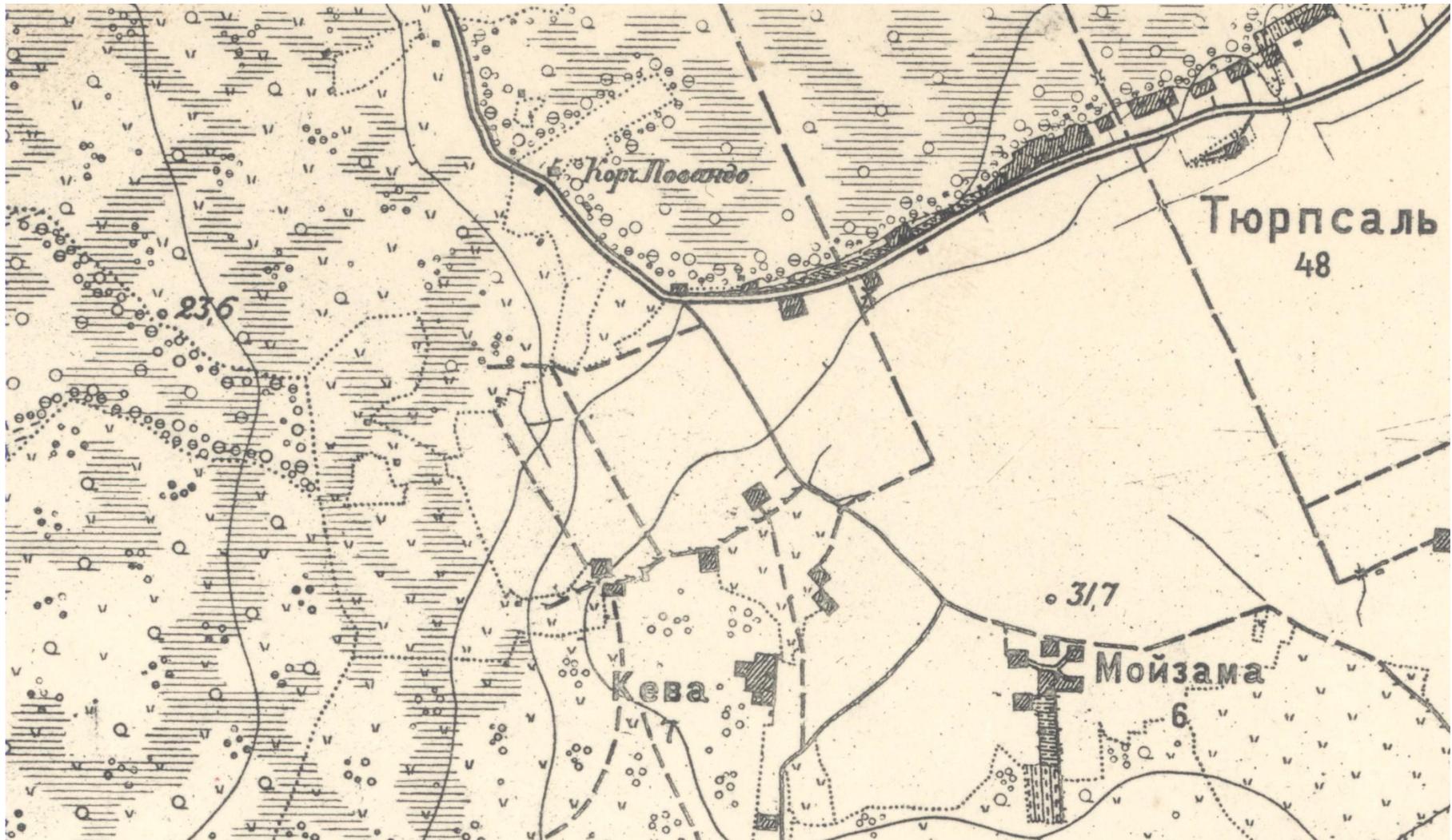
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# **The riches and misery of oil-shale energy in Ida-Virumaa**

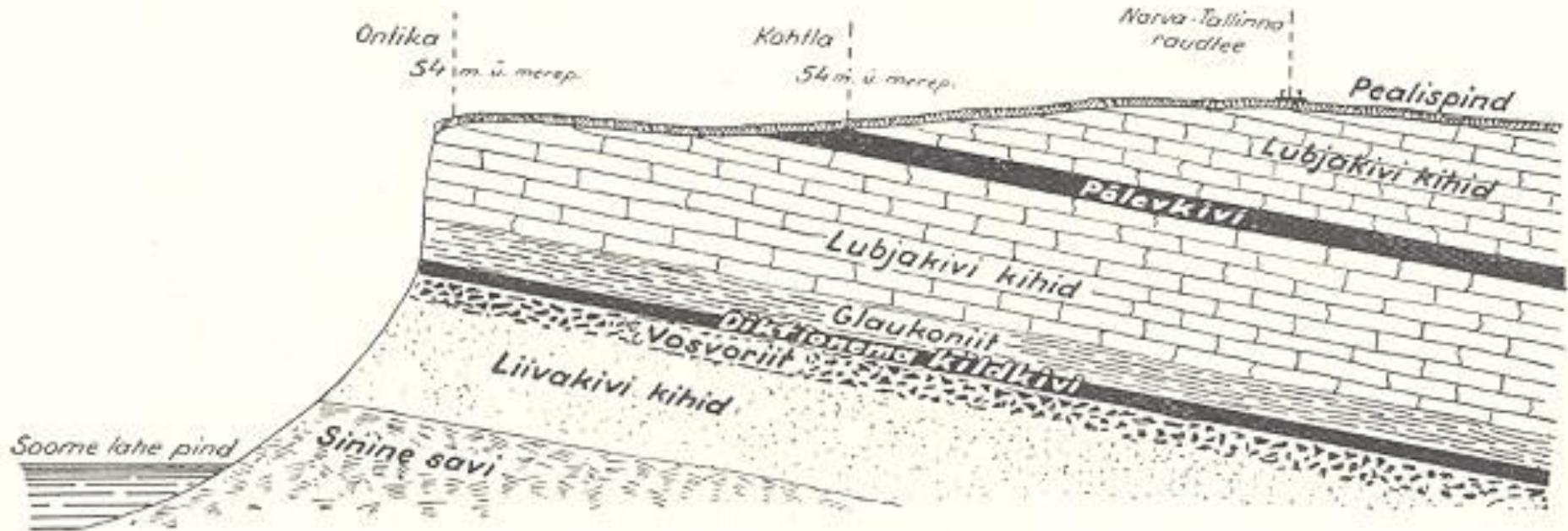
- **The town of Kohtla-Järve evolved on the territory of the villages Kohtla and Järve**
- **Fr. Schmidt named oil-shale „Kukersiit“ after the layer he found and described near the Kukruse manor in the 19th century**
- **Before World War I the St. Petersburg scientists studied oil-shale for its possible 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.

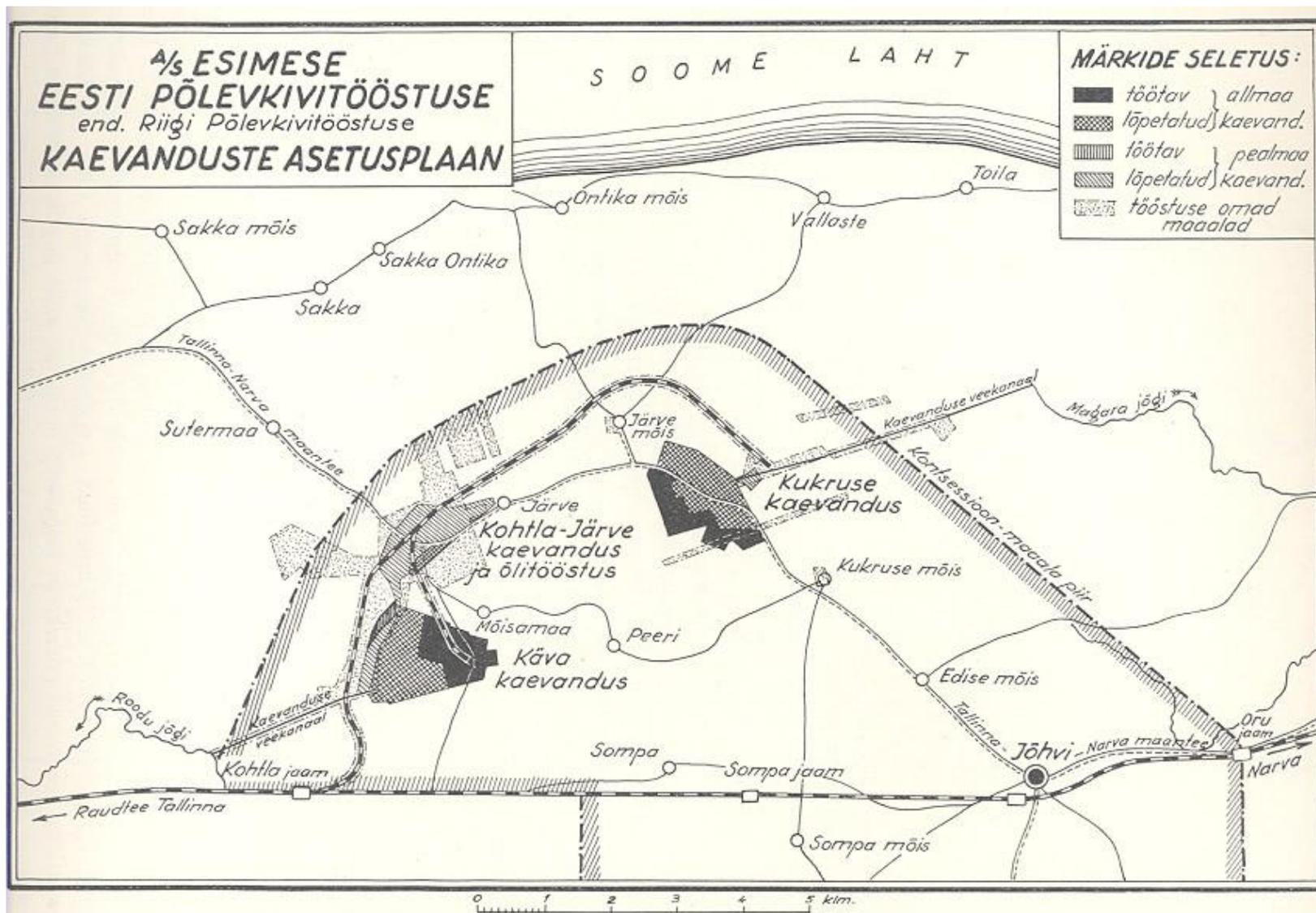


# Oil-shale bed in Kohtla, Kukruse

Põhja Eesti maakihide skemaatiline läbilõige NS sihis .



# First mines of Kohtla-Järve





# Mining oil-shale ca 1921



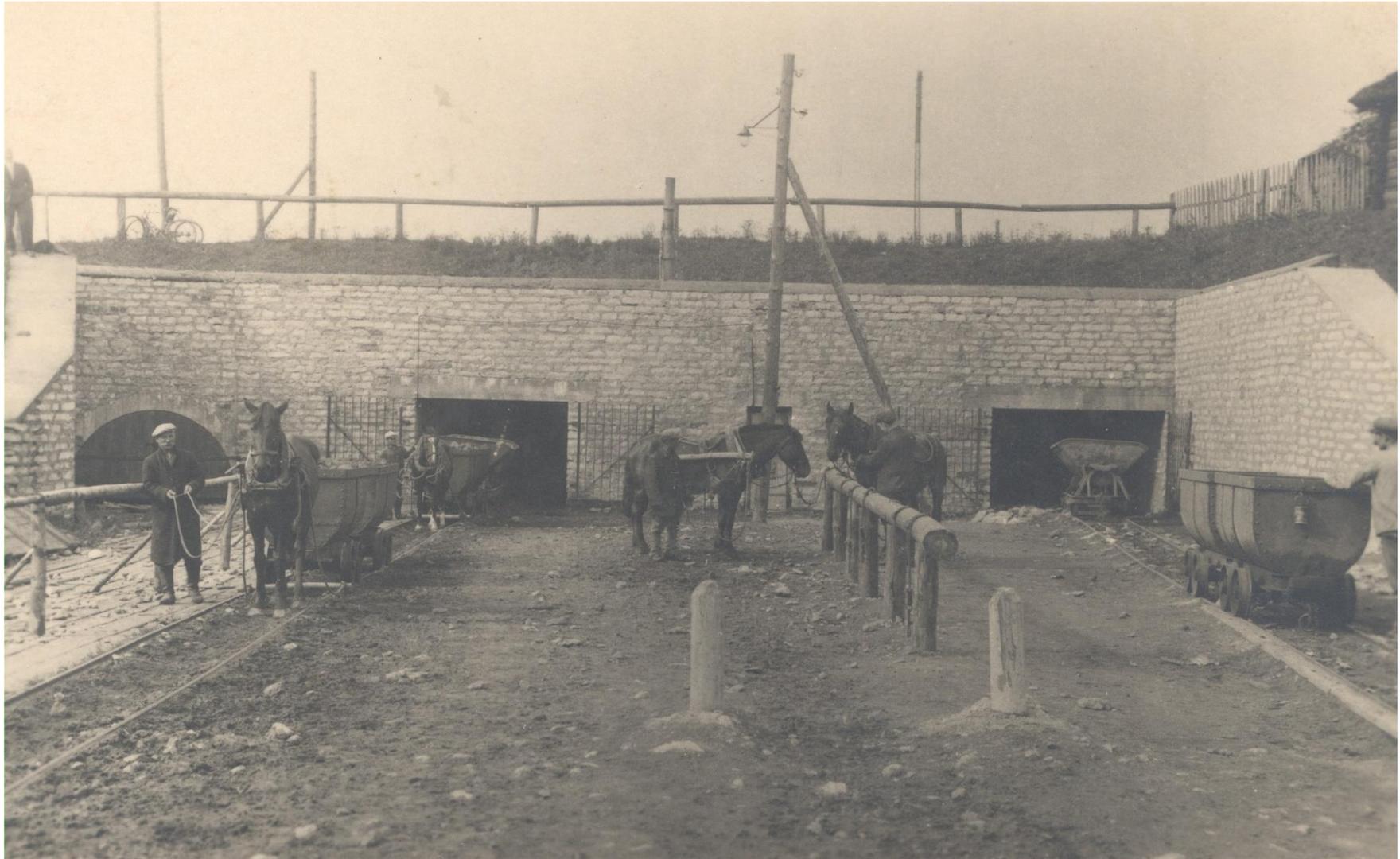
# Mining ca 1935



*Elevator.*

*H-Järvel.*

# 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.

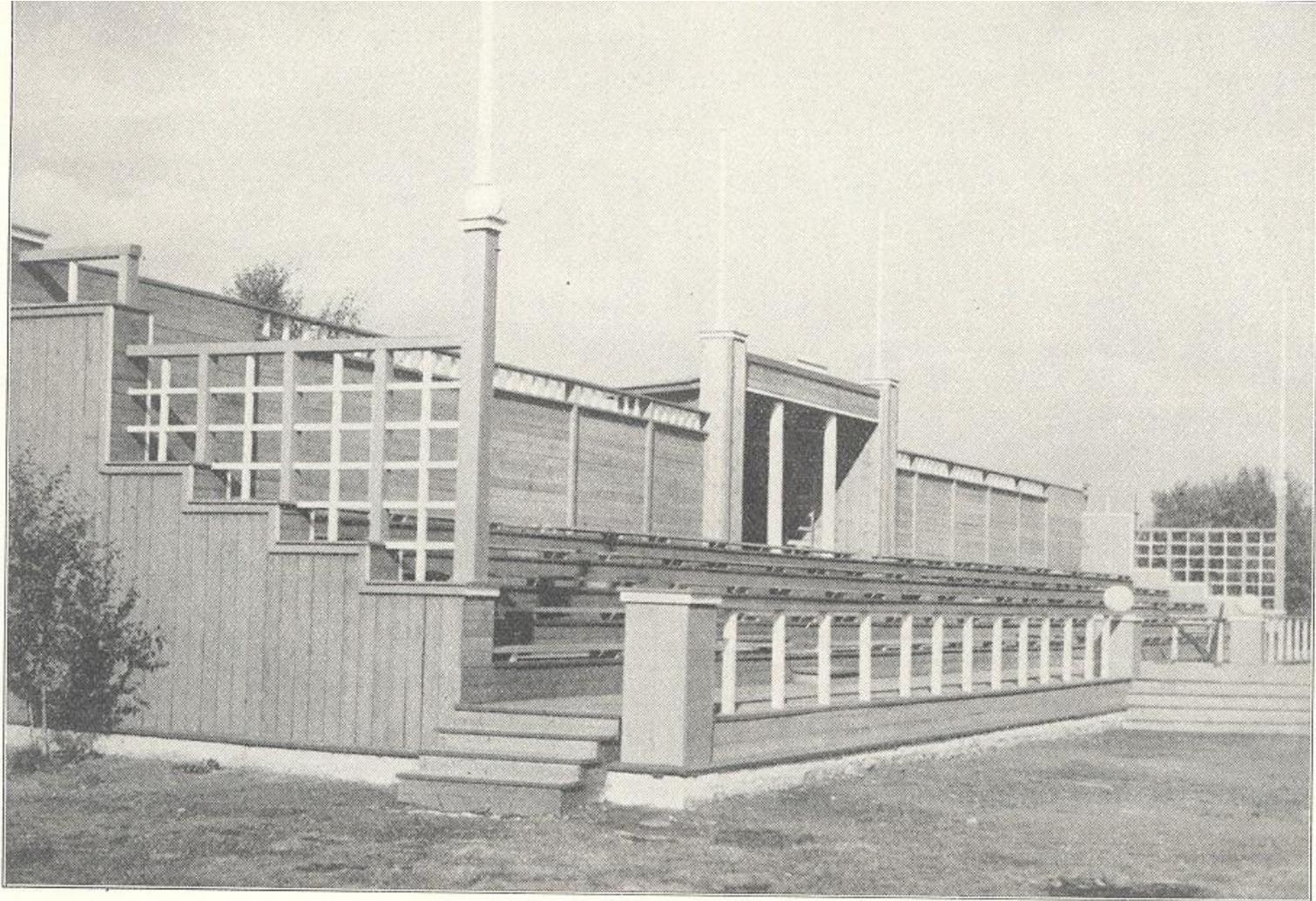


- **Industrial buildings, houses for public use and dwelling houses were constructed according to the plans of famous architect Anton Lendel Soans (1885 – 1966)**
- **Settlements emerged near the industry, electricity, sewage and heating were installed, roads and pavements were constructed, greenery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

# Club of worker settlement ca 1930

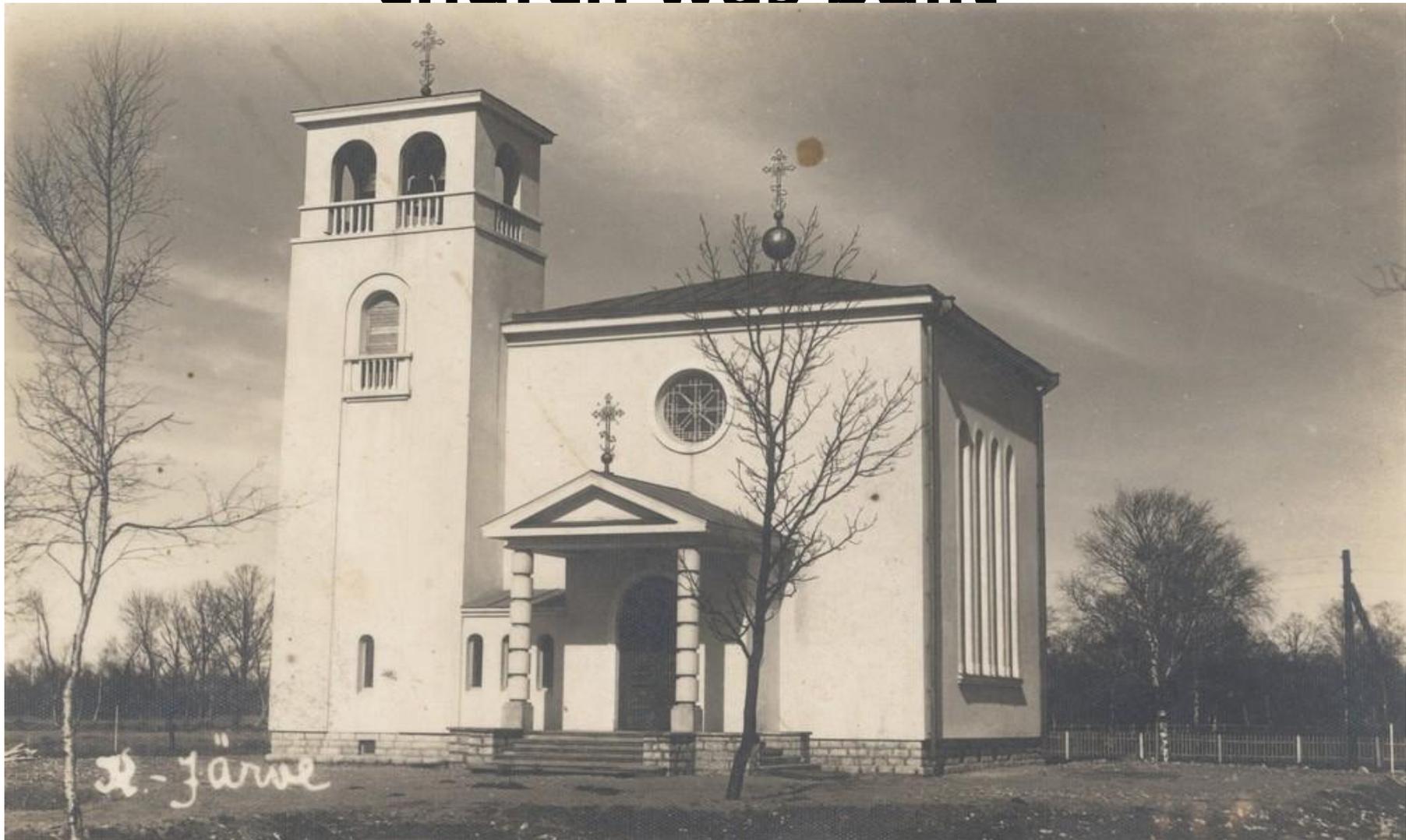


# Sports field ca 1938



*TRIBÜÜN-LAULULAVA KOHTLA-JÄRVE KAEVANDUSE SPORDIPLATSIL.*

# In 1938 an apostolic Orthodox church was built



# Dwelling houses of masters

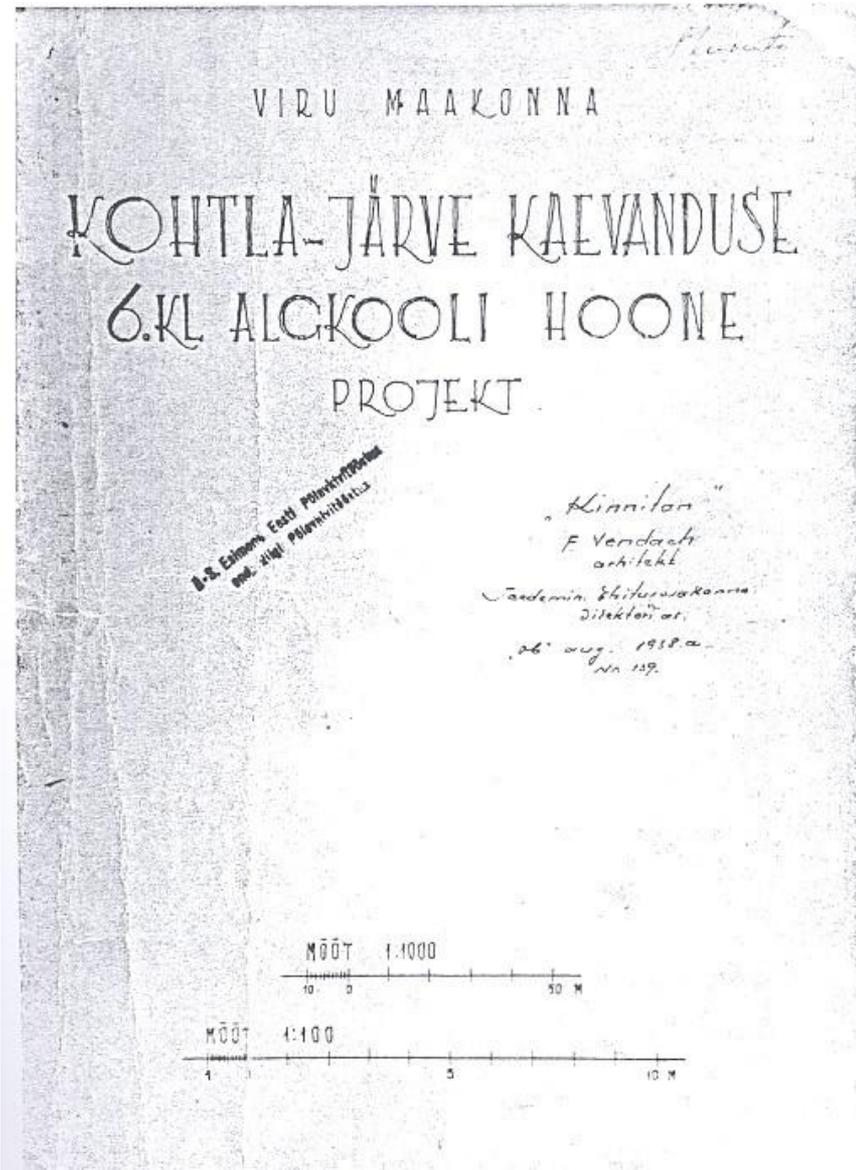


# The managerial personnel of National Oil-Shale Industry

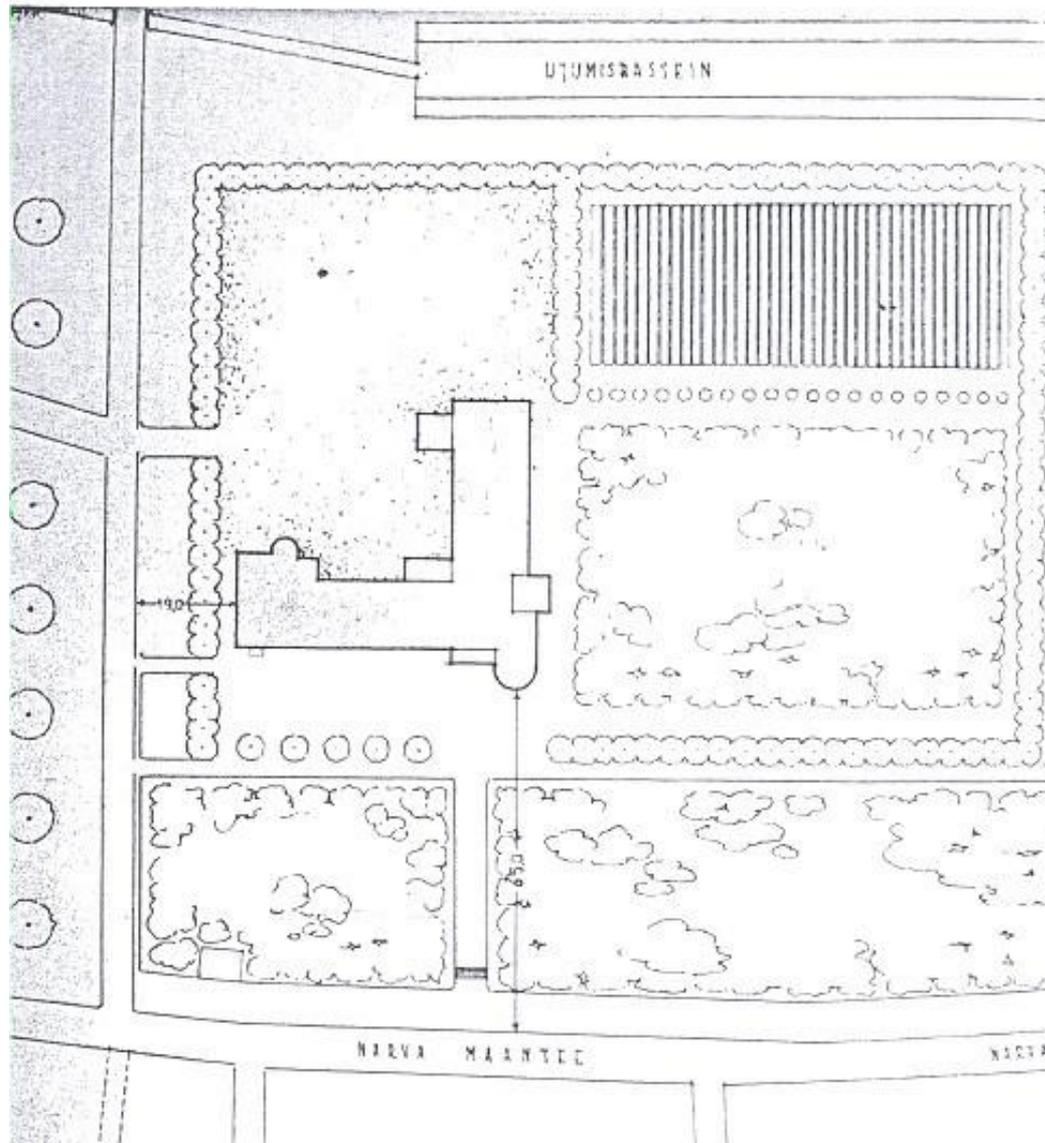


- Conterbalance to polluted environment  
wanted management offer for children good  
education

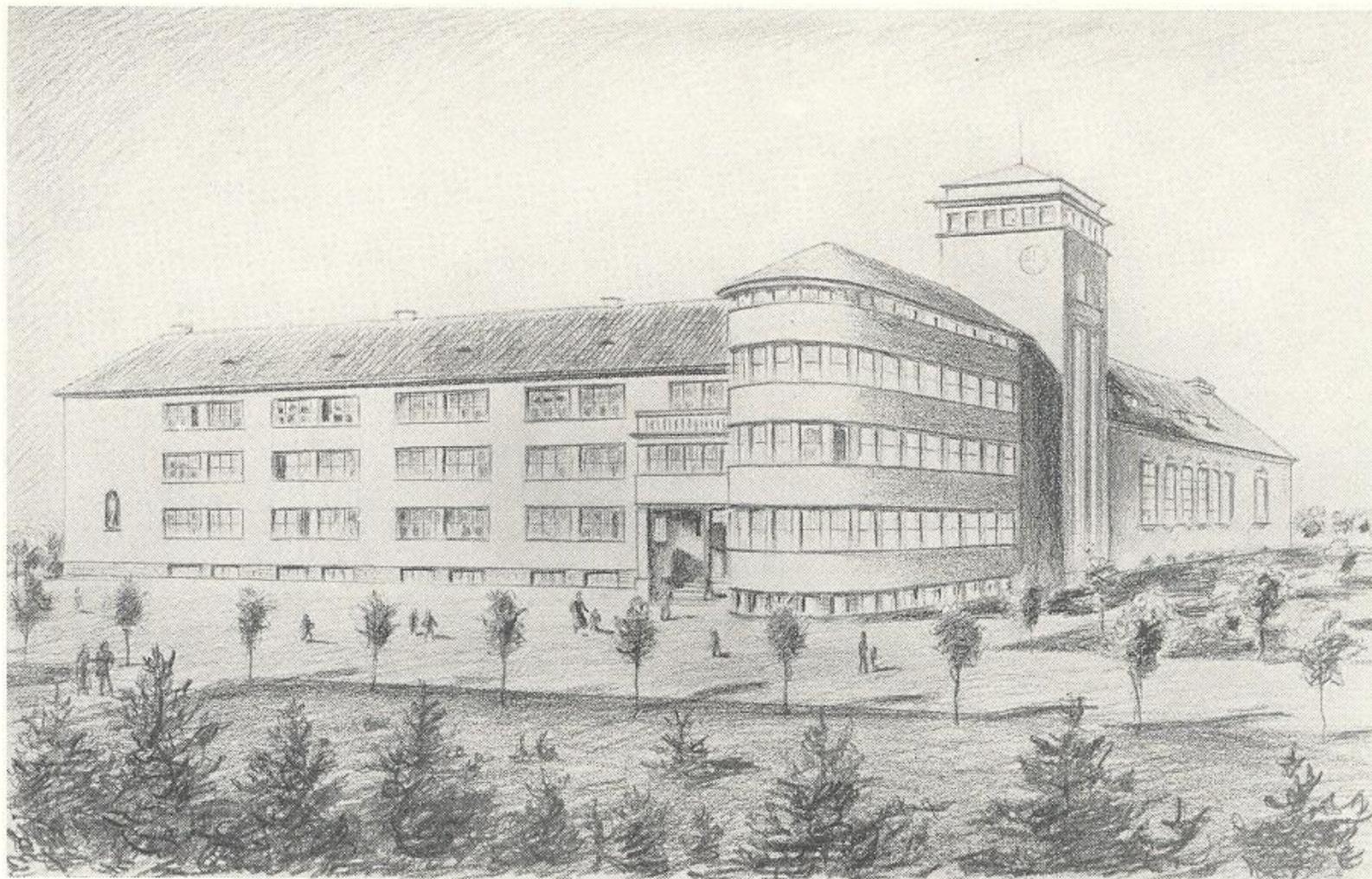
# Project of schoolhouse



# Situation of schoolhouse

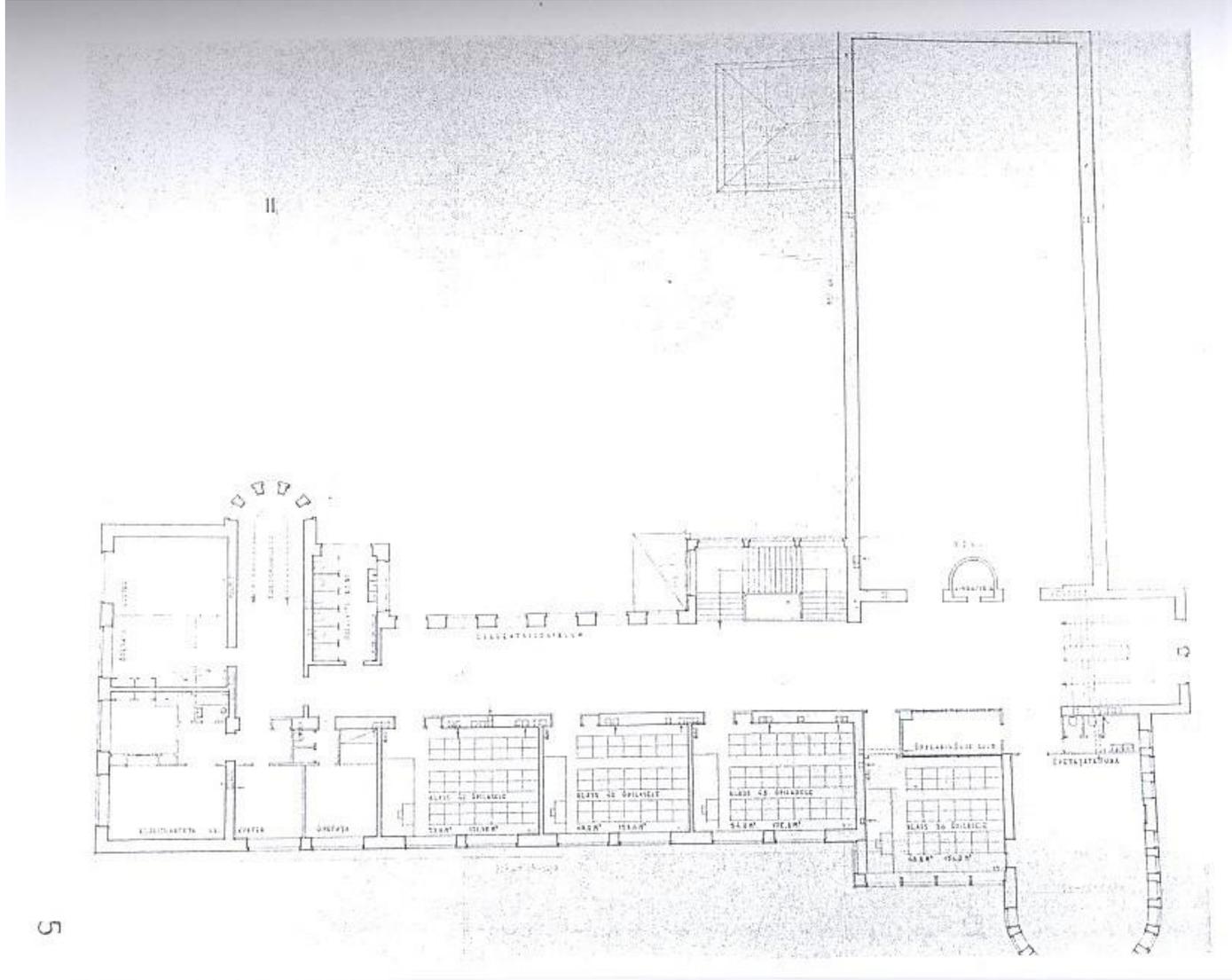


# Project of School by A. Soans



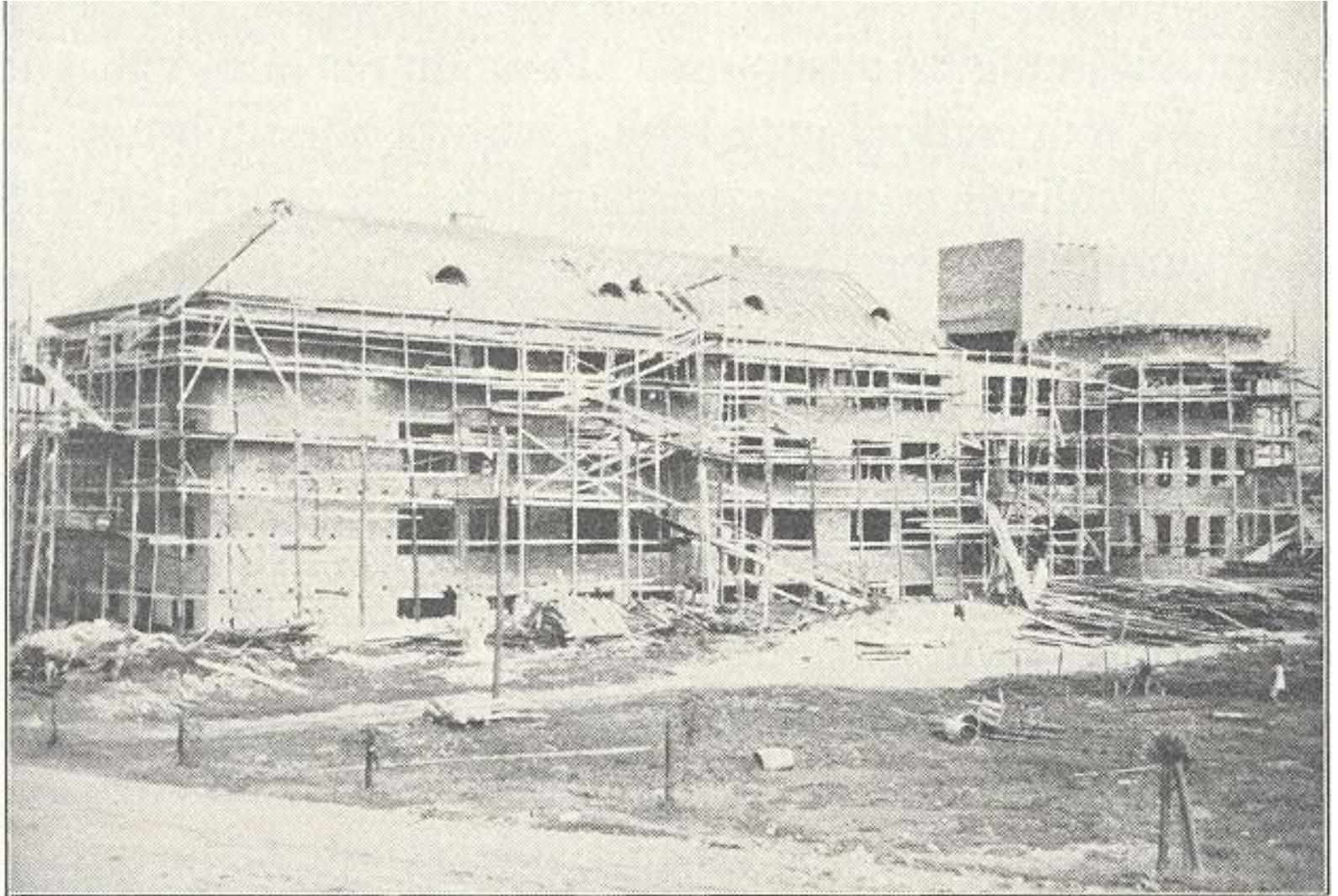
*KOHTLA-JÄRVE KAEVANDUSE ALGKOOIHOONE PROJEKT.*

# 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



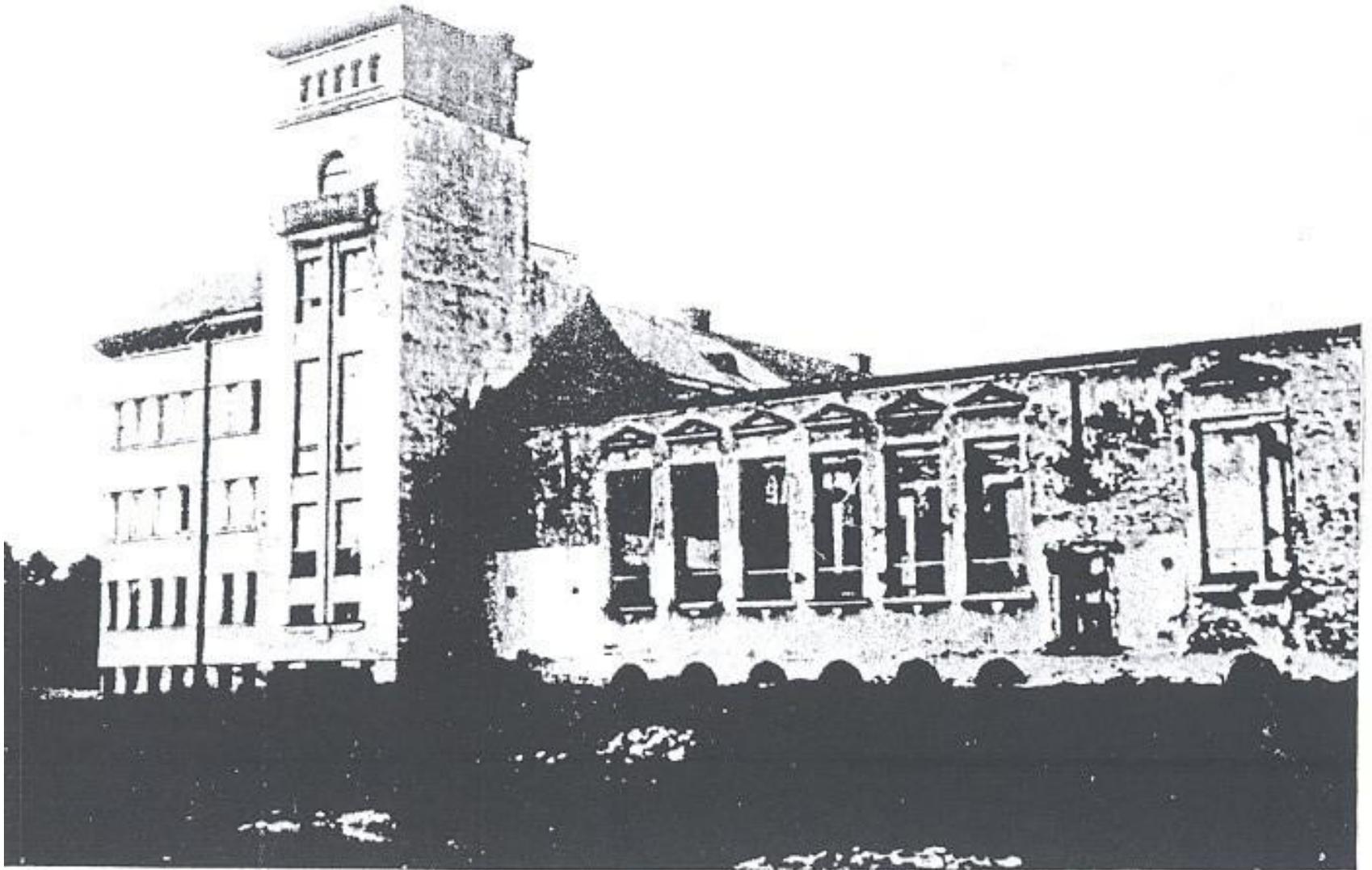
*KOHTLA-JÄRVE KAEVANDUSE ALGKOOIHOONE EHTUS*

- **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 a swimming-pool**

# Before the World War II



# Schoolhouse after the war



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

OMANIK	KOHTLA-JÄRVE LINNAVALITSUS
TELLIJA	KOHTLA-JÄRVE LINNAVALITSUS
OBJEKT	KOHTLA-JÄRVE KOOLIHOONE SPORDI 2, 1938 – 1939, 1953. A Reg nr 13886
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# Schoolhouse in 2012















