

Information on Amherst High School

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[Questions and answers specifically requested for the book. Questions were underlined in the original file so I'm guessing from memory.]

1. Name of School - **Amherst High School**
2. County and District Number -**Buffalo County Dist. #119**
3. Location - **East side of Amherst**
4. Years of operation - **1893 as a grade school; January, 1909 as a 10 grade school. Beginning in 1924 two more grades were added. (still open)**
5. School colors - **red and silver gray**
6. School Mascot - **Bronco**
7. School Song -
8. Year of first graduating class - 1911 from 10th grade; 1925 from 12th grade
Number in class - (in 1925) 12;
Names of members first graduating class - Fred Barth, Doyle Edwards, Mabel (Edwards) Robertson, Floyd Gardner, Maud (Harmony) Steinhauser, Frank Kenney, Martha (Marsh) Kenny, Steve Owen, Flossie Rumbeck, Neta (Schnoor) Plischke, Zelora Wenner, Irene (Wuehler) Owen
9. Year last class graduated - 1991
Number in class - 15
Names of members last graduating class -
10. Sports championships -
11. First school board members - **A. C. Losbough was the first principal**
12. Famous Graduates - Joyce (Curd) Curry, class of 1958, received a B S degree in Journalism at UN/L in 1962. She was employed by CBS-TV news department in Philadelphia, PA, and was also a writer and editor for UPI. Joyce was a political appointee to the State Department in the Reagan administration and since 1987 she has been working in the Bush Administration.
13. Buffalo County School District #119 was organized in 1893. A small church was purchased for use as the first school house. Herman Kapedsky was the director of that first school board.
In 1908 a new building was completed at a cost of \$4,200. In January 1909 the first 10th grade classes were held. Those wishing to graduate from high school would go either to Miller or to Kearney.
Things seemed to be going well in the district until March 17, 1928. That Saturday afternoon the farmers were coming into town with their cars and teams of horses to do their weekly shopping and visiting. Perhaps they talked about the minor crime wave taking place in the county but little did they know that the day before, guns and ammunition had been stolen in Gibbon from the Walker

Hardware Store, a car from a traveling salesman in Kearney, besides overalls and other items from the Hill Store in Riverdale.

Their afternoon was interrupted when the call rang out that the school building, recently constructed in the eastern part of the village, was on fire. Every able-bodied person hurried to the building to help but it was so engulfed in flames that only a Victrola and a small amount of school equipment was saved. All the school records were lost.

The National Bank of Amherst was robbed immediately after the school building was on fire. The fire had been started by the three bank robbers with the intention of drawing all persons to the fire while they robbed the bank. The bank was robbed but the men were caught several days later and served time in the penitentiary.