

The school at 40th and Market Streets officially opened for classes on September 3rd, 1929.

At that time grades 7 & 8 were named Shawnee Junior High School and grades 9, 10 and 11 were called Western High School for Girls.

There was no senior class (12th grade) that year.

The senior girls in the western district were allowed to remain and graduate from Louisville Girls High School.

Miss Anna Voegtle was the principal of the high school and Miss Natalie Woodruff the Junior High.

One secretary and two clerks made up the office staff.

About half way through the first year, Miss Voegtle had to resign because of illness and Miss Louise Kornfeld was made acting principal for the rest of the year.

When I first started as a clerk in September of 1929, my salary was \$55.00 a month, and was like that for the first year. Then the stock market crashed and starting in September of 1930 it was dropped to \$50.00 a month and remained at that until September of 1935. Then in September of 1935 it was raised to \$65.00 a month and remained that until I left.

In September, 1930, the name was changed to Shawnee High School, Junior and Senior divisions. Mr. Robert B. Clem came as Principal of the Senior Division and Miss Woodruff continued as Principal of the Junior Division.

At this time grades 7, 8 & 9 were Junior High and 10, 11 & 12 were Senior High.

The high school had not yet become co-ed.

When the boys finished the 9th grade, they went on to the boys school of their choice.

The girls remained at Shawnee.

The first graduation was held in the school auditorium in February of 1931.

The school year was divided into two semesters so there were two graduations each year, February and June.

Parkland Junior High opened in September, 1932. Miss Woodruff went there as Principal.

Mr. Clem was made Principal of the entire school. Miss Evelyn Wells became assistant principal of the Junior High grades and Miss Louise Kornfeld was made Dean of grades 10, 11 & 12.

From that time until I left in October of 1935, everything stayed the same.

The main entrance to the building faced Herman Street and could be reached by a driveway that could be entered at 39th and Herman Streets and 41st and Herman Streets.

On the first floor were the office, medical room, men and women teachers lounges, the boys' and girls' gyms, the print shop room and a woodwork shop were in the west wing and classrooms and the auditorium were in the east wing.

There were stairways at each end and at the center of the main hallway.

The cafeteria, a metal shop room, a woodwork shop room and the janitor's room were in the basement of the west wing.

The library and classrooms were on the second floor and just classrooms were on the third floor.

There was a switchboard in the office by which each individual room could be reached. One line could be opened to ring all of the rooms at the same time in case of an emergency or to give a general message.

There was an underground tunnel which housed all the pipes that carried the heat over the whole building. It was high enough for the average height person to walk through. You entered it in the boiler room which was in the west side of the building and came out of a door in back of the stage in the auditorium.

When the ground was purchased to build the school, there were three bungalow style houses on the east side of 40th Street just off of Market. They were left there just as they were and remained empty for about three years.

The number of students increased to the point where there were not enough classrooms in the main building. The first floor of each of these houses was made into a classroom and one room on the second floor of one was used. They were called Cottage A, B & C.

The ground between Herman and Larkwood Streets was used for gym classes and a playground.

The Student Council, which consisted of a representative from each homeroom, met once each week. They discussed various concerns of the students and the teachers and took back a report to their homerooms.

There was a senior high school paper called "The Lantern". It was published every two weeks by a staff of twelve girls and the head of the English Department. It was printed by a commercial printer and was sold in the homerooms for five cents a copy.

Any profit made after the cost of printing was used for various school projects.

Lockers lined the halls on all three floors. Keys were sold in the homeroom on the first day of school. They cost thirty cents, but twenty-five cents was refunded when the key was turned back at the end of the year.

The keys were tagged with the locker number because the locker number and the key number were not the same. The tags were discarded so that only the owner of the key knew to which locker it belonged.

A duplicate set was kept in the office along with a card file with the name of the student, the locker number and the key number.

Lost keys could be replaced for twenty-five cents. There was one master key which opened all of the lockers.

A walk-in vault was located in the main office where all permanent records, teachers' personnel records, office supplies, lunchroom money, etc. were kept.

A part of a small storage room on the first floor was used as a bookstore. It was open a half hour before school

everyday. General supplies such as pencils, erasers, tablets, notebooks, filler paper, typing paper, etc., were for sale.

There are several incidents that happened that caused a little bit of excitement.

One day about five minutes before the bell would ring for the Junior lunch period, the janitor came running into the office telling us to hold the bell because there was a bull in the school yard. We held the bell and got people to guard all the doors that opened out to the yard.

Mr. Clem gave a telephone message to all of the classrooms. All Junior high students were to go to the cafeteria to each lunch. No one was to go outside.

Senior high students were to go to their fourth period class.

The bull got loose when they were unloading a truckload of cattle at the Klarer Provision Company which was on Amy Avenue several blocks from the school.

The men chased him down into the school yard where they thought he would be easy to catch. They brought a truck and tried to drive him up a ramp onto the truck. No luck.

Finally they had to get a horse and rider to come from the stockyards to lasso him and get him back where he belonged.

Another time a grass fire mysteriously started on the playground close to the fence that ran along Larkwood Avenue. The janitors tried to stamp it out with brooms but it kept spreading. Mr. Clem was out of the building so Miss Wells called the fire department.

She told them there was no danger to the building so would they please not use their sirens on the way. She had hardly put up the phone when we heard fire engines coming from two different directions with the sirens blaring.

It took about five minutes to put out the fire, but we were on the phone for about an hour and a half assuring worried parents that the fire was not even close to the building.

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