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District #110 - Memphis

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The Memphis School, District #110 was formed in 1891. The land organized to form this district was formerly a part of Districts #3, #5 and #6. The same year the first school building, a one-room structure was erected just west of the present location. The members of the first school board selected Mr. Ed Cullen as the first school teacher and gave him a salary of $25.00 per month.

The old school building was the community entertainment center. Magic lantern shows were put on there in which they used a coal oil light with a magnifying glass to project pictures on a screen. Before the United Brethren Church was built, Sunday School was held in the school. Elections, debates, recitations and musical numbers were held for community entertainment. The Literary Society in Memphis at one time also met at the school.

As the village of Memphis grew, the need for a larger building arose. The building was moved to the present location and another room was added on the south in 1903. At that time the 9th grade was added. In 1910 there were 110 children attending the school and by 1919 the enrollment was so large that the overflow had to hold school sessions in Snell's Store. There were 5 teachers employed in that year.

Memphis was made a 10th grade school in 1916, the north room being used for the grade school and the south room for the high school. The high school grades were voted out in 1950; at that time the school to a one teacher school with classes being held in the south room.

In 1961 School District #32 contracted to send pupils to Memphis and the school again became a two-teacher school with grades K-4 occupying south room and grades 5-8 in the north room. As of 1964 District #41 dissolved and more students enrolled in Memphis.

Today Memphis has 28 students, 2 teachers and 1 teacher's aide.
Section 17, Township 13, Range 9
Clear Creek Precinct
Memphis

School Board - Jerry Newsham
Dave McReynolds

Teachers - Linda Carlson
Elaine Jung

Pupils
Tracy Fuller     Mary Jane McReynolds
Shelley McComb    Peter Schirmer
Leticia Martines  Paul Luetkenhaus
Leigh-Ann Newsham Ringo Popish
Scott Nicholson  Roxanne Beranek
Matt Campbell     Jim Hanson
Melissa McReynolds Debbie Jacobs
Anita Luetkenhaus  Alvin Luetkenhaus
Randy Williamson  Shari Washburn
Sandy Williamson  Greg Bahm
Mark Campbell     Shelli Frahm
Jeff Frahm        Russell Hanson
Roxy Eckhardt    Shelley Nietfeld
Steve Livers      Lucille Williamson