Fairview - Dist. #34

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY:

Humanities on the Frontier

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HISTORIC SITE FORM

State Arkansas
County Scottsbluff

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town)
two miles north and 2½ miles west of Mitchell, NE

Is this the original location? Yes, for this building although the
district had earlier schools.

Name of building & origin of name Fairview. Before the area was
so developed, one could see the North Platte River and the
Scottsbluff Monument from the school.

Name & number of the district Fairview 34

Date built 1920

Years in use Still in use.

Who built it? A contractor or the community? A contractor

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by
the community? Probably from a plan book.

Names of former teachers:
Irene McGowan (1907), Beatrice Gallup, Elsie J. Larsen, Elizabeth Cole,
Opal Bowen, Blanche Chuck, Ella A. Rubottom

Names of former students (family names only):
Stewart, Gompert, Kamann, Tucker, Plummer, Ball, Hrasky, Powell, Meredit
Kilstrup, Flock, Dillman, Kurtz, Schultz, Baumgardner, Chalupa,
Braucher, Coulson, Keebaugh, Fish, Withem, Morris, Parish, Garlow,
McCoy, Parker, Black, Straw, Thompson, Shirber, Wilson, Stiles, Soden

Name & address of person in charge of building:
Fredrick Kinghorn, President
School Dist. 34
Rt. 1, Mitchell, NE

Who is the owner? School District 34, Scottsbluff Co., NE

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Architectural Features:

Size of building: 45' x 48'

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) Thirty-one 4 pane

Number of doors (entrances): 2

Number of classrooms: 2

Bell tower or cupola: no

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): wood frame, concrete foundation

Type of roof: asphalt shingles

Outhouses: no

Playground Equipment: swings, merry-go-round, jungle gym, giant stride, BB court.

Color of building & trim: white with orange doors.

Coal shed or stable: shed converted into a basketball court

Teacherage: no

Flagpole: yes

Other architectural features:

There are arches covering each entrance. A small covered stairway leads to the basement from the east side of the building.

Anything left inside?

Building is fully furnished.

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember?

Recently the teachers and students entertained early graduates of the school at a reunion. Mrs. Lynn Scott, the present teacher, tells of early students remembering burning their names into the coal room door as they stoked the furnace in the morning. These names and initials can still be seen although the room is now a teacher work room.

Current condition & use:

Excellent condition and still used for school.

District records available: yes x no where stored: Scottsbluff Co. Supt. and the district has the 1906-1913 Register.

Black & white photo taken: yes x no

Old photos available: yes x no (Mrs. Lynn Scott has photos)

Does the building have any state or national historic designation? No.

Name & address of surveyor: Sandy Scofield, Chadron, NE date: 12/13/80