



Gymnasium Addition 1950



**Neché High School 1939 -2005
North Border Elementary School
Neché 2005-present**

Neché School District 55

In 1894 Neche School dist. 55 build, which later became, a four room grade school. Somewhere in there were accommodations for eight grades and a two year high school. The first high school class graduated three students in 1901. The next graduating class received their diplomas in 1905. It was 1911 before another group of students would achieve that honor.

In 1912 a creamery adjacent to the school closed up. Dist. 55 bought the building, renovated and added a wing. This became the four year Neche High School of the “Old Creamery,” as it was so fondly referred to for many years. A graduation class emerged from these halls every year until 1939.

In 1920 the school was graded a first class high school with vocational agriculture and home economics. Both of these were required courses, turning out cooks, carpenters, draftsmen, seamstresses, mechanics and bakers by the dozens. Some mole students thought they would sooner be studying electricity or plumbing instead of the correct way to clinch a nail or saw a board. There must have been some girls totally bored with cooking and balancing a meal and setting a table. Vo-Ag and Home Ec. dominated the curriculum of required courses for many years in these rural communities.

A new building was constructed in 1939 with all grades under one roof, and the Neche School District campus disappeared. In 1950 a gymnasium, built with all donated labor, was added.

(Reprinted from "Neché and the Mattress Salesman" by Purdy Horgan.)