

High School Student Pictures

...Nichols Public Schools...

Record of Attendance, Punctuality, Scholarship and Department of

Charles W. Elder
 Grade 10 Room 100 for the year beginning
Sept 2 1907 and ending 1908

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Avg
Department	85	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	90
Days Absent	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
No. Times Tardy	7	4	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attendance	17 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	20	19 1/2	19 1/2	13 1/2	
Plane Geometry										
Solid Geometry										
1st Year's Latin										
2nd Year's Latin	60	70		85	90	96	70	86	73	
Rhetoricals										
Vocal Music										
Arithmetic										
Botany										
Economics										
Literature	80	80		83	84	87	87			
Civics										
English composition										
Algebra	80	80		75						
Rhetoric										
Bookkeeping					96	93	93	90		
Physics										
General History	83	78		88	93	85	84	85	73	
Physical Geography										

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

1st *Mrs. J. B. Elder*
 2nd *Wm. J. B. Elder*
 3rd *Wm. J. B. Elder*
 4th *Wm. J. B. Elder*
 5th *Wm. J. B. Elder*
 6th *Wm. J. B. Elder*
 7th *Wm. J. B. Elder*
 8th
 9th *Mayme Spaulding Teacher*

To PARENTS:—The grades may be understood as follows: 95 to 100, excellent; 85 to 90, good; 75 to 85, fair; 75 or below, poor.

Principal

"Report Card" of Charles W. Elder for his Sophomore year (1907-08) at Nichols High School where he would complete what was then a three-year curriculum and graduate with the Class of 1909.

The Report Card was part of a large collection of Nichols school and town historical documents and photographs assembled by Charles' wife, Frances Kirchner Elder. Their granddaughter, Barbara Elder, is the source of the digitized copy of the Report Card.

Mayme Spaulding, who signed the Report Card as "Teacher" was then the only teacher at Nichols High School and had sole responsibility for teaching all subjects in what was then a 3-year curriculum. She was (by title and in the generic sense) the "Principal" teacher at Nichols High School for the two school years: 1908 and 1909.

In the years that Mayme Spaulding was "Principal," the total enrollment of all students in all three classes (9-10-11) was the equivalent of only one small classroom. Based solely on the number of graduates during the years 1908-1911 high school enrollment was something over 8 for 1908 and something over 15 for 1909. The teaching facility then was still the 40-foot square two-story wood frame building originally erected at the north end Nichols in the year 1872.

* Editor, NHS Digital Archives, 2018.0422



Nichols High School Students, Grades 9-10-11, May 1908

**BACK ROW: 1. Pheonie Lord 2. Charles W. Elder (1909) 3. William Heath (1908) 4. Elmer Ray Swickard
5. Amos Borgstadt 6. Clinton Brown. FRONT ROW: 1. Ruby Ripley (1909) 2. Marguerite Doran (1909)
3. Leona Hintz (1909) 4. Mary Alice Nash (1909) 5. Alma Felton (1909)
6. Florence McDonald (1909) 7. Mary Elder (1911).**

Photo Source: Barbara Elder



Entire Student Body Nichols High School (Grades 9-10-11) 1910-11 School Year

Back Row: 1. Ernest Umscheid (1911) – 2. Harolde Rummells (1911) – 3. Jay Craton (1911) – 4. Elsie Pike (Koop-1913) – 5. Marie Ryan (Borgstadt-1913) – 6. Zelpha Stephens (Farrier-1913) – 7. Lola Hummel (Hesser-1913) 8. Maude Smith (Mills-1911) – 9. Merle Colbert (Brown-1911) — Middle Row: 10. Margaret Umscheid (Gabel-1913) – 11. Vita Stephens (Sarver-1911) – 12. Elizabeth Doran (1913) – 13. Mary Elder (Waggoner-1911) – 14. Verda Shannon (Metcalf-1911) – 15. Verna Maleta Carl (Truax-1912) — Front Row Seated: 16. Clarence Metcalf (1913) – 17. _____ – 18. _____ – 19. _____ – 20. George Kirchner (1913) – 21. _____ – 22. Harry Shannon (1913) – 23. _____. Photo Source: Keith Mills



Student Body Nichols High School (Grades 9-10-11) 1912-13 School Year

Back Row: Alvina Kirchner (1914) - _____ - Alberta Metcalf (1915) – Vida Pratt (1915) - _____
Professor Smith Trump, Principal. Middle Row: Elsie Pike (1913) – Elizabeth Doran (1913) – Lola Hummel (1913) – Margaret Umscheid (1913) – Zelpha Stephens (1913) – Marie Ryan (1913). **Front Row:** Harry Shannon (1913) – Clarence Metcalf (1913) – George Kirchner (1913) – _____ – Clair Trautman (1914) – Charles Kirchner (1915). **Photo Source:** Mike Appleby



Student Body Nichols High School (Grades 9-10-11) 1914-15 School Year*

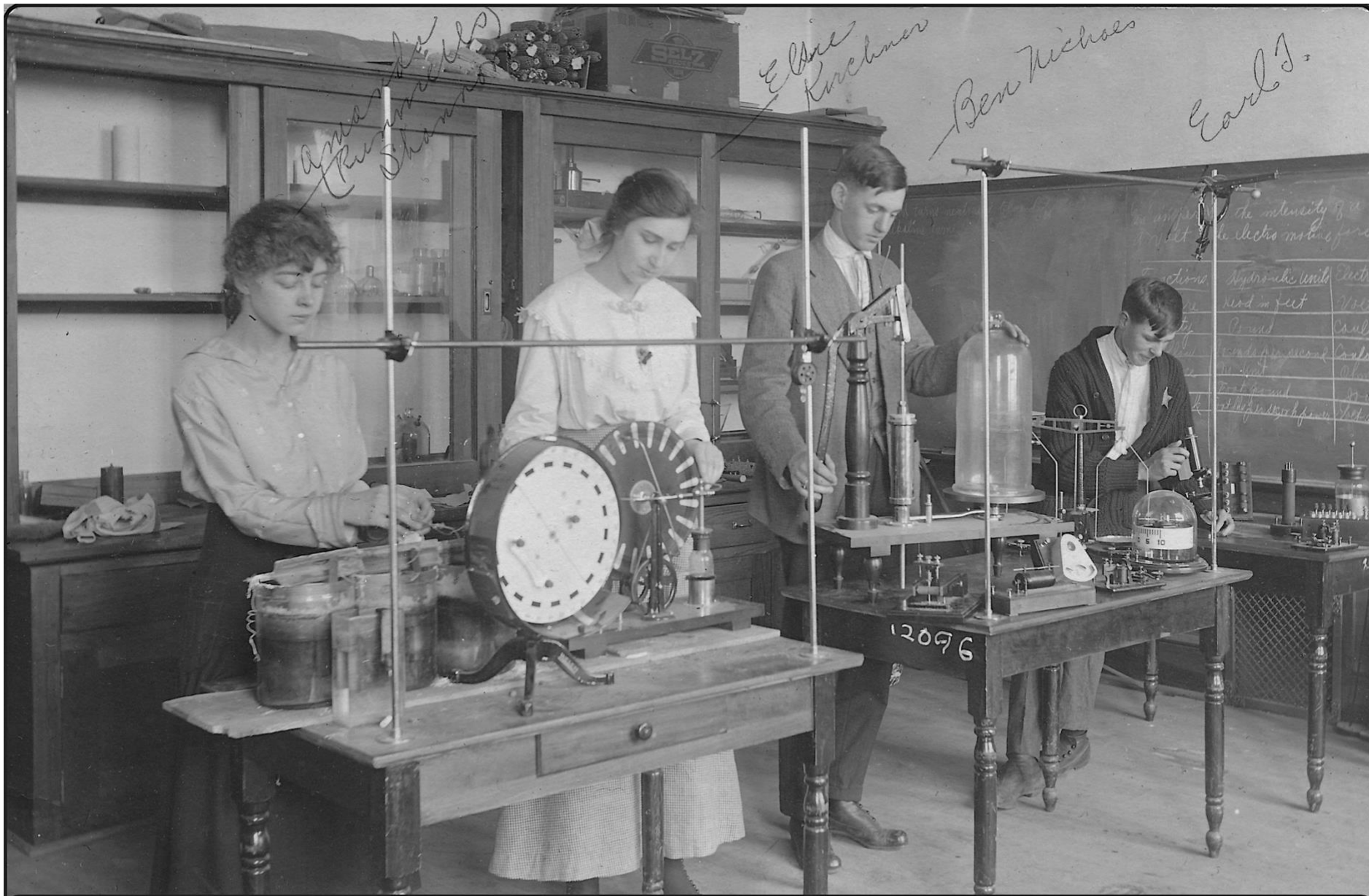
Back Row: ___ - Charles Kirchner (1915) – Vida Pratt (1915) – Benjamin Nichols (1916) – Melissa Smith (1917) Earl Trautman (1916) – Alberta Metcalf (1915) – Asst. Principal. **Middle Row:** ___ - ___ - Elsie Braun (1917) – Ila Olive Nash (1917) – Faye Hummel (1917)– Elsie Kirchner (1916) – Amanda Rummells (1916) – Fred Dawson, Principal. **Front Row:** ___ - ___.

*Photo back side of building was taken fall 1914 as north schoolhouse was destroyed by fire January 25, 1915.



Student Body Nichols High School (Grades 9-10-11) 1915-1916 School Year

Left to Right: 1. Erma Adams (Moser 1918) – 2. Mary Stephens (Croot 1918) – 3. Robert Nolan (1918) – 4. Mildred Hummel (Foster 1918) – 5. Luva Brown (TePoel 1918) – 6. Lloyd Shannon (1918) – 7. Ernest Kirchner (1918) – 8. Unknown – 9. Frank Mills (1918) – 10. Amanda Rummells (Shannon 1916) – 11 Benjamin Nichols (1916) – 12. Clementine Meyers (Baer 1918) – 13. Beulah Beshears, Asst. Principal – 14. Lorraine Smith (Kirchner 1918) – 15. Earl Trautman (1916) – 16. Fred Dawson, Principal – 17. Nellie Murphy (Davis 1918) – 18. Ila Nash (1917) – 19. Ethel Chown (Ellis 1918) – 20. Harold Dawson (1918) – 21. Elsie Kirchner (1916) – 22. Faye Hummel (Poole 1917) – 23. Melissa Smith (Emde 1917). **Photographer:** William Crozier, Riverside, Iowa. **Photo Source:** Charlene Nichols Hixon

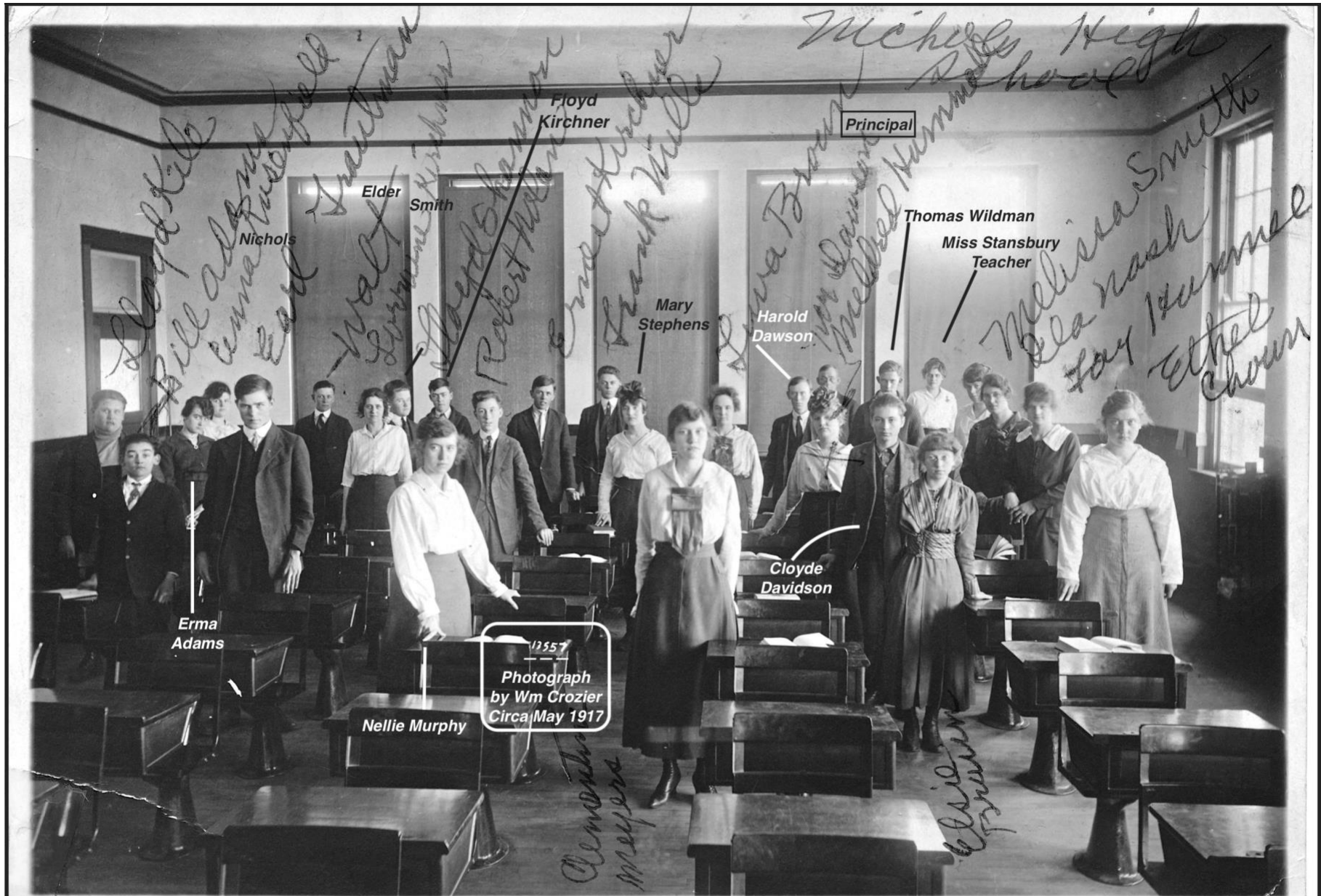


SCIENCE CLASS - NICHOLS HIGH SCHOOL - NICHOLS, IOWA

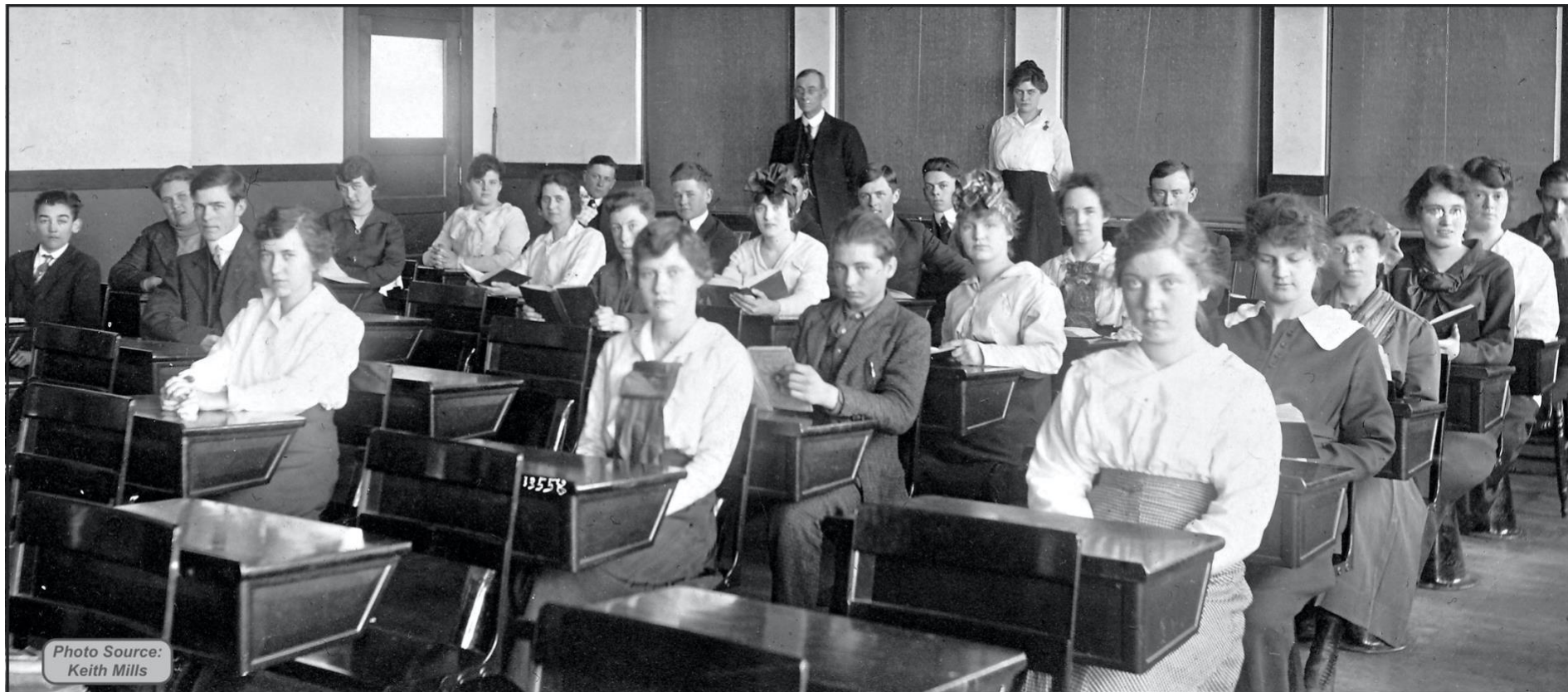
1915-1916 School Year - (Year of Graduation)

Students L to R: Ananda Rummels (1916) - Elsie Kirchner (1916) - Ben Nichols (1916) - Earl Trautman (1916)

Picture #12096 by Photographer W. N. Crozier, Riverside, Iowa — Source: Keith Mills Collection



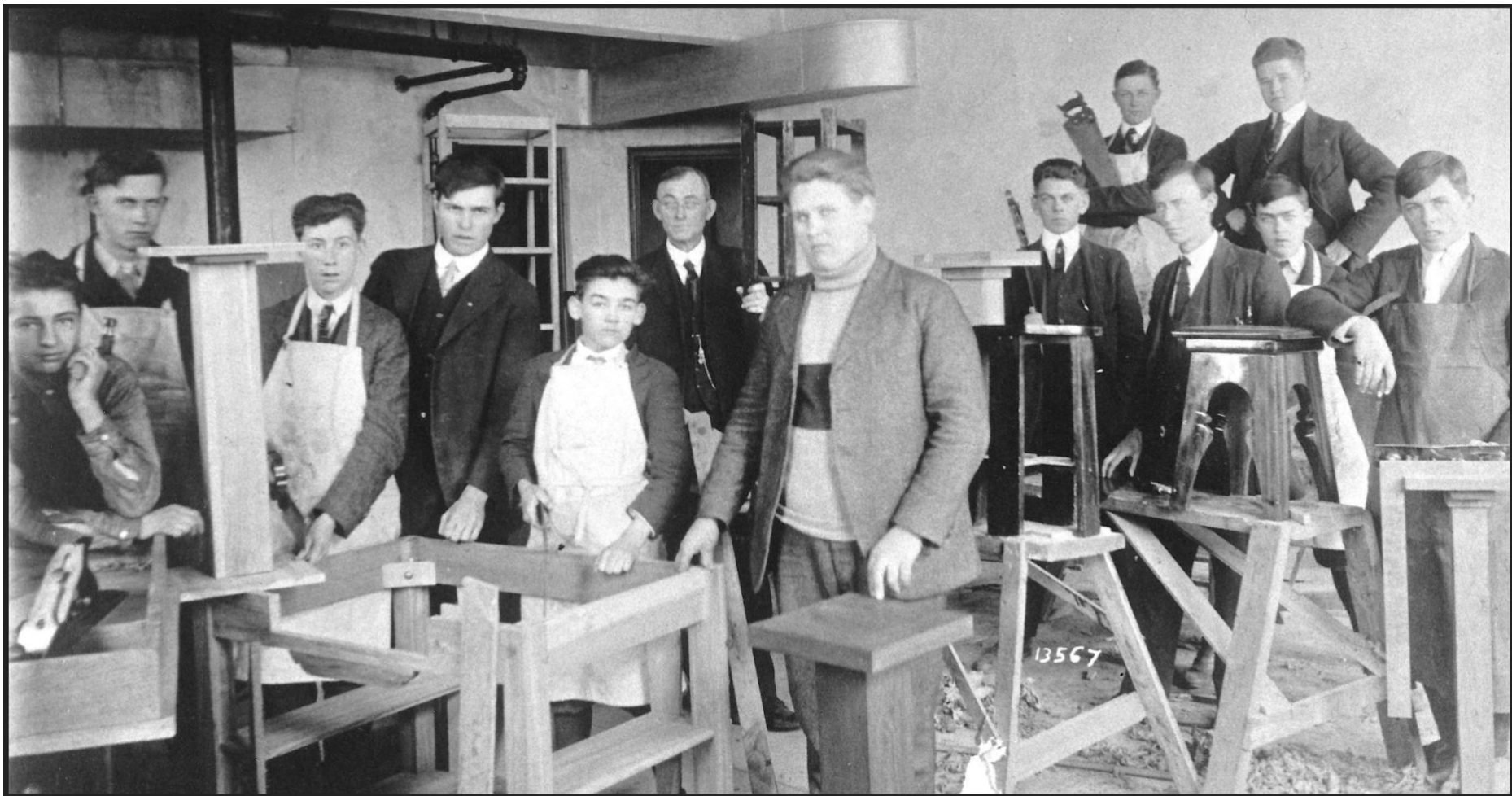
2020.0209 - Annotation by Don Smith: This photograph (#13557) was taken by William Crozier, commercial photographer, of Riverside IA. The source of this picture was Barbara Elder of Nichols IA. Barbara's grandmother, Clara Frances Kirchner Elder, added the identifying names written on the picture in cursive. The identifying names that are typed on the picture were added today by Don Smith. The picture includes all 25 students that will graduate in the classes of 1917, 1918 and 1919, except for one. The one missing student is Vera Dawson (class of 1919), daughter of Principal Fred Dawson and sister of Harold Dawson. The appearance of Earl Trautman in the picture is puzzling because he graduated the previous year in the 1916 class. All of these students graduated as 11th graders as NHS then offered only a 3-year curriculum. A 4-year curriculum was added in the 1925 school year so there was no graduating class in 1925. The 1926 class was the first 4-year curriculum class.



Nichols High School Students in Grades 9-10-11 in May, 1917

Names are from front to back by row from right to left. Year of graduation in parentheses

Row #1: Ethel Chown (Ellis 1918) – Faye Hummel (Poole 1917) – Elsie Braun (Knetsch 1917) – Ila Nash (1917) – Melissa Smith (Emde 1917) – Thomas Wildman (1919). **Row #2:** Clementine Meyers (Baer 1918) – Cloyde Davidson (1918) – Mildred Hummel (Foster 1918) – Luva Brown (TePoel 1918) – Harold Dawson (1918). **Row #3:** Nellie Murphy (Davis 1918) – Robert Nolan (1918) – Mary Stephens (Croot 1918) – Ernest Kirchner (1918) – Frank Mills (1918) – Miss Stansbury, Assistant Principal. **Row #4:** Earl Trautman (1916) – Lorraine Smith (Kirchner 1918) – Lloyd Shannon (1918) – Professor Dawson, Principal. **Row #5:** William Adams (1919) – Lloyd Kile (1919) – Erma Adams (Mosher 1918) – Anna Nichols (Rosenfield 1919) – Walter Elder (1919). **Photographer:** William Crozier, Riverside, Iowa **Photo Source:** Keith Mills



Nichols High School Manual Training Class, May, 1917

There were no boys in the 1917 graduating class. This picture includes all 11 boys who would graduate in 1918 and 1919 plus Earl Trautman who had graduated in 1916 but may be here assisting the faculty.

From Left to Right: Cloyde Davidson – Thomas Wildman – Robert Nolan – Earl Trautman – William Adams – Professor Fred Dawson – Lloyd Kile – Frank Mills – Walter Elder – Harold Dawson – Lloyd Shannon (above) – Floyd Kirchner – Ernest Kirchner.

Photographer: William Crozier, Riverside, Iowa Photo Source: Keith Mills



Nichols High School Home Economics Class, May, 1917
Year of Graduation in Parentheses

Left to Right: Mellisa Smith (1917) – Ida Nash (1917) – Faye Hummel (1917) – Teacher, Miss Stansbury
Anna Nichols (1919) – Erma Adams (1918) – Lorraine Smith (1918) – Elsie Braun (1917).

Photographer: William N. Crozier, Riverside, Iowa. **Photo Source:** Keith Mills

*Photo of Entire Student Body (K-11) & Faculty
in front of the new public school building
in May 1917 after the USA declared war on
Germany at 5 April 1917 as evidenced by
the American flags in the school windows.
Photographer: William Crozier of Riverside IA
Photo Source: Barbara Elder*

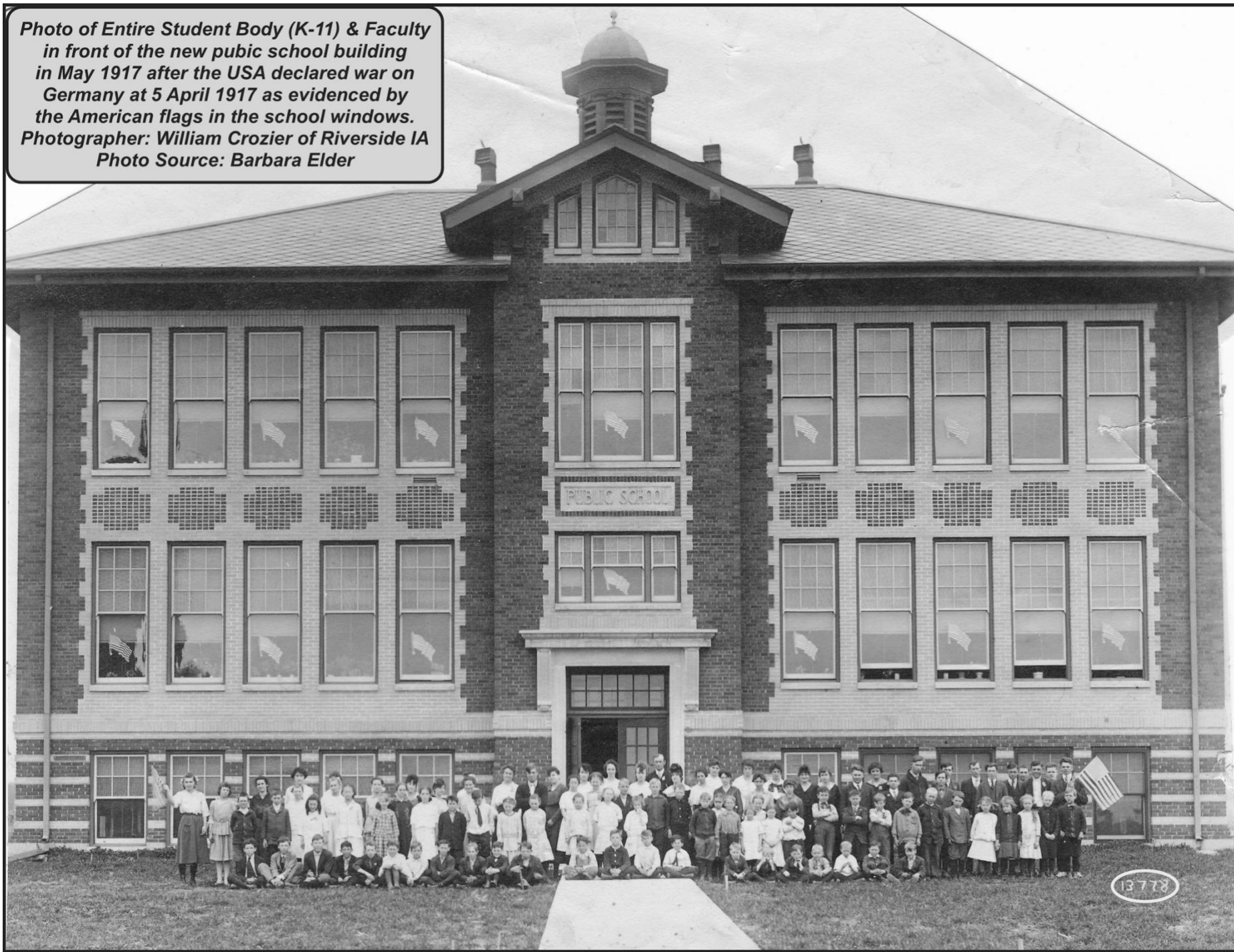




Photo Source:
Barbara Elder

Right of Center
 Faculty & Students
 photographed in
 May, 1917, in front
 of the new Nichols
 Public School
 Building.

1. Mayme Foley, Grade School Teacher - 2. Erma Adams (1918) - 3. Lena Geirse, GS Teacher - 4. Anna Nichols (1919) - 5. Wilma Kirchner, in 2nd Grade - 6. Vera Dawson (1919) - 7. Luva Brown (1918) - 8. Mildred Hummel (1918) - 9. Robert Chown, in 2nd Grade - 10. Fred Dawson, High School Superintendent - 11. Mary Stephens (1918) - 12. Lorraine Smith (1918) - 13. Miss Stanbury, HS Teacher - 14. Melissa Smith (1917) - 15. Ila Nash (1917) - 16. Elsie Braun (1917) - 17. Faye Hummel (1917) - 18. Clementine Meyers (1918) - 19. Lloyd Kile (1919) - 20. Verna Swain, GS Teacher - 21. William Adams (1919) - 22. Thomas Wildman (1919) - 23. Floyd Kirchner (1919) - 24. Harold Dawson (1918) - 25. Robert Nolan (1918) - 26. Walter Elder (1919) - 27. Lloyd Shannon (1918) - 28. Ernest Kirchner (1918) - Frank Mills (1918).



Boys in Ford Model T at Nichols High School May, 1917

Left to Right: William Adams (1919) – Frank Mills (1918) – Walter Elder (1919) - _____ -
 Cloyd Davidson (1918) – Thomas Wildman (1919) – Robert Nolan (1918) – Ernest Kirchner (1918)

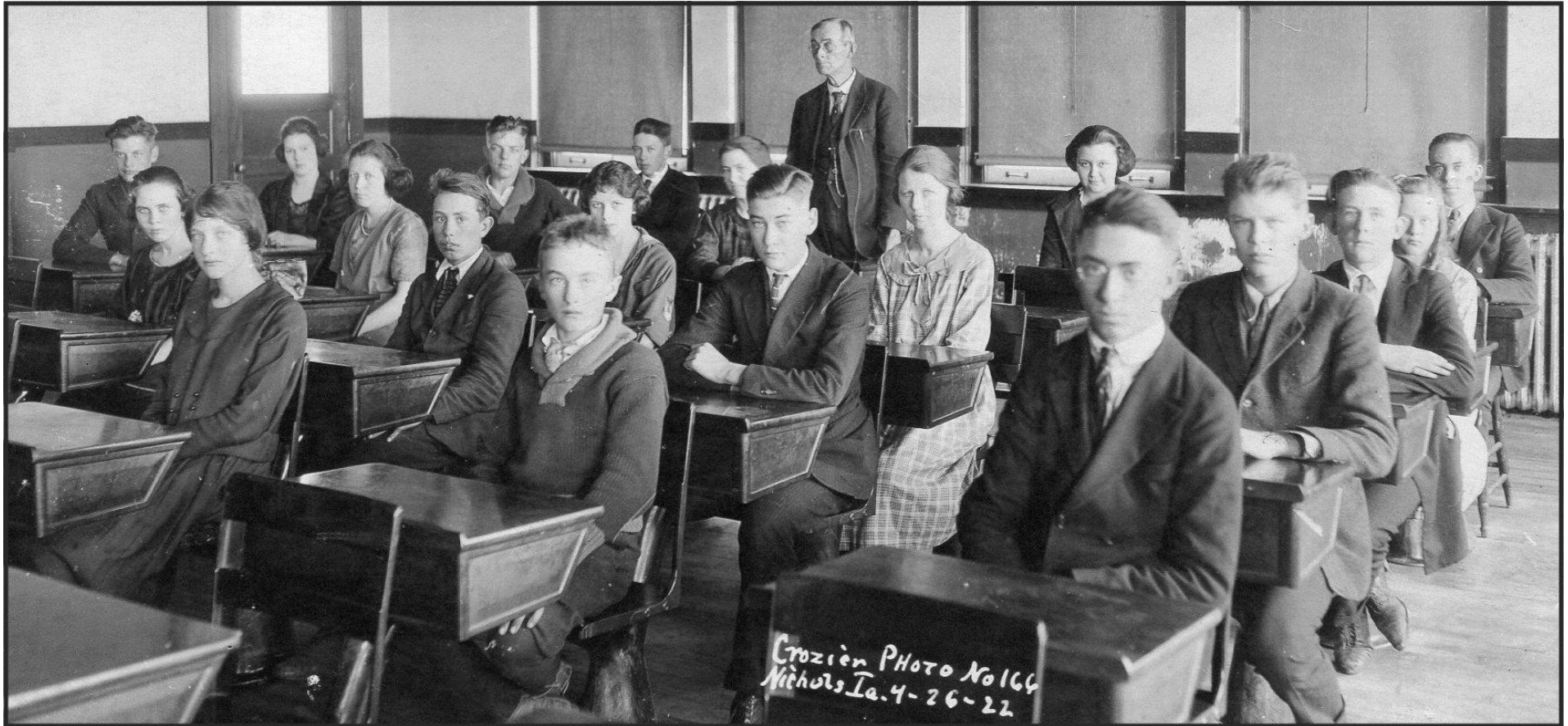
Photographer: William Crozier, Riverside, Iowa – **Photo Source:** Keith Mills



Girls in Ford Model T at Nichols High School May, 1917

Left to Right: Mary Stephens (1918) – Mildred Hummel (1918) – Erma Adams (1918)
Anna Nichols (1919) – Luva Brown (1918) – Lorraine Smith (1918)

Photographer: William Crozier – **Photo Source:** Keith Mills



Nichols High School Students (Grades 9-10-11) on April 26, 1922

Names are from front to back by row from right to left. Year of graduation is in parentheses.

Row #1: Lloyd Mills (1923) – George Day – Louis Chown – Annabelle Kirkpatrick (1924) – Drew MacDougall (1922). **Row #2:** William Kirkpatrick – William Kirchner – Rose Trautman (Mohnssen 1923) – Miss Wilma Kleist, Assistant Principal. **Row #3:** Elizabeth Kirkpatrick (Wilcox 1924) - _____ Twitty – Harriette James (Carson 1923) – Anna Tillard (1923) – Professor Fred Dawson, Principal. **Row #4:** Bernice Nash (Hadley 1924) Mesia Twitty – Harry Fox Jr. (1924) – Parley Mills. **Row #5:** Carrol Hanson (1926) – Miriam Richter (Banhagel 1924). **Absent:** Archie Braun (1922) – Harry Braun (1923) – Leona Kirchner (Doering 1923) – Frances Wieskamp (Lindle 1924). **Photographer:** William Crozier, Riverside, Iowa. **Source:** Ms. Jamie Fox, Granddaughter of Harry Fox Jr.



Nichols High School Student Body (Grades 9-10-11) 1924-25 School Year

Source: Nichols, Iowa Centennial Book 1884-1984, Page 55

BACK ROW L-R: Gladys Hintz (1926) – Bonita Lorber (1926) – Elmer Norris (1927) – Evelyn James (1926) – Marion Nash (1926) – Edna Rummells (1926) – William Quimby (1926) – Carroll Hanson (1926) ROW 2 L-R: Bob Metcalf – Frances Elder (1927) – Geneva Lorber (1927) – Jessie Christofferson (1926) – Marguerite Kirchner (1926) – Melba Main – Beula Nash (1927) – Helen Norris (1927) – Teacher, Ella Boland – Principal, Professor Gerbrecht. ROW 3 L-R: Robert Fox (1926) – Leland McClure (1927) – Howard Rummells – Ted McDougal – Burton Mills (1927) – James Kirchner (1929) – Cecil Hinz (1927) – Margaret Lorber (1927). FRONT ROW L-R: Vivian Lilaja – Helen Grimm – Beatrice Oostendorp – Bernice Hillyer (1928) – Ruth Tillard – Wilma Kirchner (1927) – Edward Wieskamp (1928).

Three Historical Markers at Nichols High School In the 1924-25 School Year

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FIRST EDITOR IN CHIEF
OF NICHOLITE IS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox have returned from Chicago to the H.M. Fox home.

The Nicholite regrets to report that Bob is now confined in bed with tuberculosis. The reports of the last few days encourage with the news that a noticeable improvement in his condition has been made.

Bob was the first editor the Nicholite ever had. This was in the year 1924-25 when the Nicholite was first started under Mr. Gerberich.

The staff extends its best wishes for Bob's recovery.

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Editor's Note

The column on the left was scanned from page 6 of the Nichols High School student newspaper, The Nicholite, published on May 12, 1936.

From 1915 to 1939, Harry M. Fox Sr. was the Nichols Station Agent for the Rock Island Railroad. He and his wife, Lenore had five children, four of whom graduated from Nichols High School: Harry Jr. (1924), Robert (1926), Lillian (1929) and Charles (1931).

Son Robert Fox, the first Editor of The Nicholite, in the 1924-25 school year, would die of tuberculosis on July 5, 1936, at the Oakdale Sanatorium at Iowa City, Iowa. He was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Morningside, Iowa, where he had lived before moving to Nichols.

The "Principal" teacher in Nichols High School for the 1924-25 school year was "Professor Gerbrecht" and that is the correct spelling. He would hold that position only for the 1925 school year but it was a school year for which there are three important historical markers: (1) The Nicholite commenced publication that year. (2)

On November 1, 1924, the NHS Alumni Association was organized with Professor Gerbrecht presiding as chairman of the organizational meeting in the high school. (3) NHS expanded its curriculum from three years to four years. The 1925 Junior class did not receive three-year diplomas; they attended for a fourth year as the first Senior class and received four-year diplomas in May, 1926.



**Robert Fox - 1926 Graduate
Nichols High School
Nichols, Iowa**



Nichols School Band Members – May 1936

Row 4 (L-R): 1.Kathryn Elder (Vaupel-1936) 2.John Loeb (1936) 3.Margaret Holdeman (Scoles-1936)
4.Jeanne Elder (Poelter-1937) 5.Hazel Heizer.

Row 3: 1.Miss Lorraine Balzer (Band Director) 2.Keith Vetter (1936) 3.Margaret Fox (Oostendorp-1939)
4.Madelyn Oostendorp (Ridenour-1937) 5.Loretta Borgstadt (Hollenbeck-1938) 6.Harold Elder.

Row 2: 1.Almon Hillyer (1940) 2.Robert Borgstadt (1940) 3.Marion Barnhart (1937) 4.Luetta Pike (Winfield-
1939) 5.La Vaughn Richter (1939) 6.Edna Earl (1936) 7.Vernon Carter 8.Jean Swickard (Crabtree).

Row 1: 1.Aubrey Deadlow 2.Alice Elder (Grable-1941) 3.Betty Elder (Bieri-1941) 4.Charlene Nichols (Hixon-
1941) 5.Doris Cozad 6.Ruth Cozad 7.Esther Cozad 8.Margaret Swickard 9.Lorna Nichols.

Photo Source: Randall Elder



Photo Source: Donald Smith

***Skip Day Trip to Chicago, Illinois, on April 27-30, 1950
By Junior and Senior Classes of Nichols High School***

Back Row L-R: Mark Smith, NHS Principal – Walter Juels – Victor Mills – Fred Chown – Eugene Salemink – Willard Salemink – Bruce Kirchner – Dean Curtis – Donald Grim – Andy White, Greyhound Bus Driver.

Front Row Standing L-R: Mrs. Mark (Peggy) Smith, Chaparone – Mary Knoll – Elaine Schmitt – Donna Stalkfleet – Vera Knoll – Mrs. Marilyn Snyder, NHS Teacher.

Crouched in Front L-R: Donald Kasper – Dale Brenneman – Arlen Fridley



***Willard Salemink and Donald Smith, April 28, 1950
Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, Illinois, on Skip Day Trip
of Junior and Senior Classes, Nichols High School — Photo Source: Donald Smith***