

THREE BUILDINGS CELEBRATING 70TH YEAR

Jesse Dunn Hall

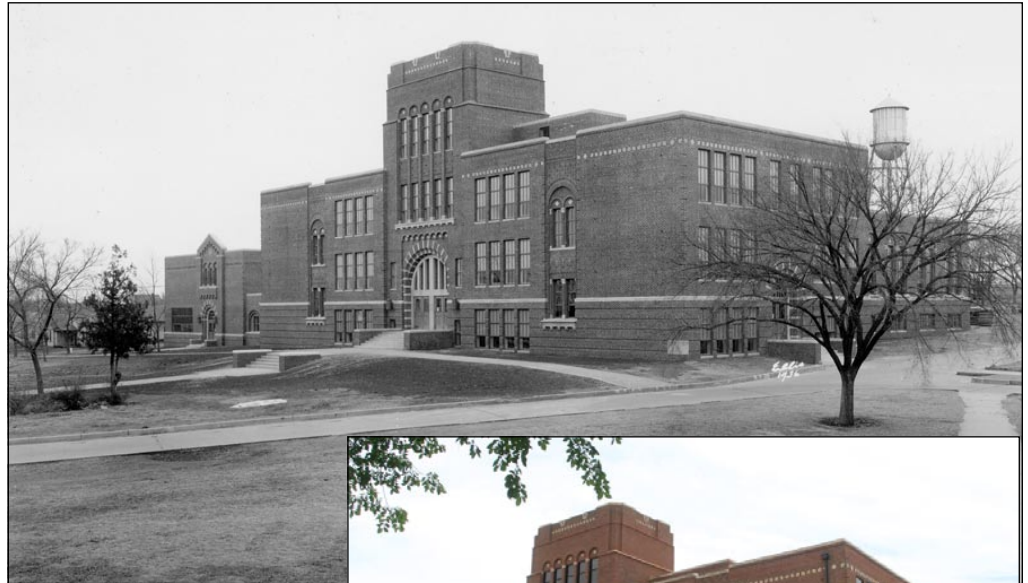
The Jesse Dunn Building or Jesse Dunn Hall as it was first known, the Science Annex – now Carter Hall, and the Horace Mann Hall – now the Joe J. Struckle Education Center, are celebrating their 70th year of existence, as all three were constructed as a joint project.

Jesse Dunn was occupied near the end of the 1936-37 school year. All three buildings were dedicated March 14, 1937, in ceremonies at which Eleanor Roosevelt spoke. The building replaced the original university structure, known as the Castle on the Hill, which burned March 1, 1935.

When the site for the new building was staked, it was to cover completely that of the burned-out Castle. It would be larger than any other building on any teachers' college campus in the state and would be comparable to any building at the University of Oklahoma.

The cost of the three projects at that time was \$545,000, of which \$300,000 was from a state appropriation and \$245,000 was from the federal government through the Public Works Administration. The latter was obtained only after considerable political maneuvering by the acting president, Sabin Percefull, and others. The architect of all three buildings was Jack Forsythe of Tulsa.

The Jesse Dunn Building was named to honor the memory of Jesse



Dunn, a pioneer attorney and judge who made the Run of 1893, homesteaded a farm just east of Alva and set up a law practice in town. He was elected to the newly organized State Supreme Court shortly after statehood in 1907 and in 1910 served as chief justice. He died July 27, 1926.

The building has undergone numerous remodeling to different extents. The president's office was even located in this building from 1957 to 1963. In a 1968 renovation, the Jesse Dunn Annex was built, along with a library addition, a maintenance building, the physical education center and other remodeling to Carter Hall and Jesse Dunn.

Exterior work in 1988 included replacing most of the windows and doors and pointing and cleaning

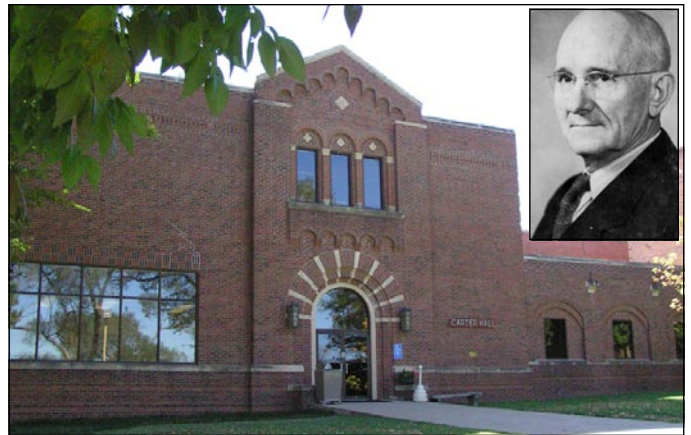
the brickwork, which cost \$71,500.

Science Annex/Carter Hall

Carter Hall was constructed in 1937 as the Science Annex in a joint project with the Jesse Dunn Building (with which it is connected by a hallway and series of classrooms) and the Horace Mann Building – today's Joe J. Struckle Education Center.

The building was named in 1953 in honor of Dr. T.C. Carter, long-time biology professor.

It was remodeled in 1964-65, primarily to house the mathematics department on the first floor after other science departments had been



moved to the newly constructed Science Building. Further remodeling was authorized in 1966 and done in 1967-68, mainly on the second floor to provide for the foreign language and the geology and geography departments.

An extensive remodeling of the entire interior was carried out in 1982, turning the building into facilities for the new division of nursing, which is still housed there today.

Other departments now utilize some of the classroom space, and an ITV classroom is located on the first floor.

Horace Mann Hall/

Joe J. Struckle Education Center

Horace Mann Hall – now the Joe J. Struckle Education Center -- was built in 1936-37 to house the training school of the education department and named in honor of the famed national education leader.

In 1946, the college and the city worked out an agreement whereby Horace Mann Hall became part of the city school system after an existing elementary school was condemned. Student teachers formerly working in the training school were assigned to Horace Mann and other Alva schools. This agreement continued until 1962 when the college reclaimed the building and converted it into the Education Center for the teacher education department.

Plans to convert the building



into the Education Center were devised by Dr. Silas Stamper and Dr. Milt Lehr. A scale model of the revamped building was created and renovations began.

Interior space on the first floor was reorganized to provide for an audio-visual communications center and a psychological center, in addition to classrooms and offices. The first floor was ready by January 1963, but the second floor remodel was delayed. It was finished in the summer of 1966.

Few changes were made in the building until a remodeling program was launched in March 1994. It was part of a \$2.8 million project that included the total renovation of Vinson Hall for academic purposes.

The Education Center was vacated and faculty relocated to temporary office space across campus, as were all classes. Windows that

had been closed in the 1962 remodel were opened and replaced. A second floor was added on the west over the area known at that time as EC6. This area originally had been a gymnasium in the Horace Mann Building and had been converted into a large lecture hall during the 1960s



remodeling

EC6, which is now EC109, was completely redone with elevated seating for larger classes and group meetings. In other areas, office suites were created. An elevator was installed, conference rooms were developed, and the entire décor was brightened.

The building was reoccupied in January 1995. It houses the Department of Education, as well as the Department of Psychology.

On Sept. 8, 2000, the building was dedicated as the Joe J. Struckle Education Center in honor of long-time university president Dr. Joe J. Struckle, who retired on June 30, 2000, after serving as president for 25 years.

