

**Collection name: Alpena High School Yearbook Collection**

**Collection number: AHSYC-1**

**Dates: 1907 to 2017**

**Quantity: 14 boxes, 5.7 linear feet of text**

**Provenance note: Donated by Alpena High school and other patrons**

**Biographical & Historical Information:**

Alpena's education history begins in 1858, when Mary L. Carter took on 9 students during the summer in a cooper shop. By 1859, the school moved to the second floor of the Miller Building on the corner of Water and Second Street, Alpena. The first school building was built in 1863, with construction finishing in 1864. Addison F. Fletcher becomes the school's director and a formal school district organizes into the Union School District in 1867. The Union School building was built on White Street in 1870, later on renamed Central School. By 1883, the first every class of graduates complete their requirements for a school degree, prompting the Alpena Board of Education to apply for diploma relations from University of Michigan. In the same year U of M accepts Alpena High School's request.

Central High School is built in 1891, at the cost of \$31,800. Originally, the school hosted 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, grades on the first floor. Athletic programs are thought to have started at the turn of the century around 1902 when *The Oracle* references photos of sports programs for the first time.

A new section is added to the school known as the *Dunbar Street* wing in 1920. This addition contained a Study Hall with enough space for 320 students, a stage, 4 classrooms, library and office for the nurse. By 1924, a gymnasium wing is added to the high school.

In September 1940, the school burns. The classes resume in the Memorial Hall, along with the Boys Club, Civic League, and the American Legion. The new school is built in 1942. Beginning in 1952, a Gymnasium wing, Science wing, Cafeteria, and Music wing are added to the new school building.

In 1963, a governmental committee is assigned with the project of planning the construction of a new high school to meet with the ever expanding needs of the population on the school system. And in 1967, the new high school is opened on 71-acres on the north side of Third Ave and Bagley Streets. The previous high school becomes a junior high school.

**Scope & Content:** yearbooks and newsletters of Alpena High School ranging from 1907 to 2017

**Access:** Open to research.

**Preferred Citation:** Alpena High School Yearbook Collection

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AHS Class of 1955 50th Reunion	2005
Thunder Bay Junior High Yearbook	1984
School Song Book (215 E. Dunbar St)	1916
Alpena Public Schools: Songs for Community Singing	1919

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