



***Dixie Heights High School,
final construction, Spring, 1936***

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

A site was first selected for Dixie Heights High School on Buttermilk Pike, but complications arose which caused this to be abandoned. A new site, located on the Dixie Highway, one mile north of Erlanger, was acquired.

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held December 2, 1936, the name "Franklin D. Roosevelt High School" was adopted. However, the Public Works Administration objected to the name, citing a ruling that no building erected under the provisions of the law should be named after a living person. Mrs. R. M. Lucas of Floral Avenue, South Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, suggested the name "Dixie Heights High School," and it was adopted by the Board on February 3, 1937.

The cornerstone for the building was laid in 1936. On September 6, 1937, the building was dedicated with appropriate exercises.

On September 13, 1937, Dixie Heights was opened for pupils. Four hundred eighty-six pupils were enrolled with a principal and fifteen teachers. The first faculty is listed below:

Principal	J. A. Caywood	Mathematics	Boyd Mahan
English	Ada Sebastian	Mathematics	Kenneth Marshall
English	Lois Lawson	Industrial Arts	R. H. Carter
English	George Reichler	Librarian	Alice Praither
History-Latin	Georgia Rouse	Coach-Phy. Ed. ...	Wm. Schwarberg
History	Louise Talbott	Commerce	W. E. Henrich
History	Shirley Spahr	Science	Anthony Hohnhorst
Home Economics	Flo Soden	Science	Dees Roberts

Since that first year "Dixie" has grown and developed.

Our athletic teams have made a good showing, and advances have been continually made in public speaking, music and other school activities. Best of all, the spirit has been wonderful from the beginning. Pupils from the various localities in the County seemed to merge into one group of Dixie Heights boosters. That spirit of friendliness and loyalty to the school has been an outstanding characteristic of Dixie Heights students down through the years.

Twelve hundred sixty-five boys and girls have received diplomas from Dixie Heights and twenty-six per cent of these have gone on to college. Out in the active field of life, lawyers, doctors, ministers, teachers, business men, farmers and housewives are proud of the fact that they are Dixie Heights graduates. The reputation of the school is known, not only in Kentucky, but throughout the Southland.

May we ever hold high the goals set in the early days and continue to add to the fame and luster of the "SCHOOL ON THE HILL."

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Kenton County Schools