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Dean of Women. She saw the school grow from its early years to a well-established four-year college.

5. CRITES HALL.

VBD: Beginning at the intersection of north-south half-section line of Section 20, Township 33 N, Range 48 W, with the corporation line of the City of Chadron, proceed south 200 feet, then east 50 feet to the building.

UTM: E663470 N4742580.

Acreage: less than one.

Brick wall material; rectangular plan; three stories and raised basement; flat roof; five-part front facade with slightly projecting center and end pavilions paired windows of six-over-six double-hung sash type; end pavilions with three-story fluted pilasters topped by palmettes; reticulated brickwork in the parapet; Art Deco windows, pilasters, chevron at parapet in the center pavilion; 1938; P.W.A. Art Deco; Gordon Shattuck, Grand Island, architect.

Crites Hall was the first dormitory built for men at Chadron. Today offices are housed on first floor and the residence hall is above. For a discussion of the architectural style, see above under #4 Edna Work Hall.

Edwin D. Crites (1884-1953) was a Chadron attorney who as a member of the State Normal Board from 1931 to 1953 contributed to the support of Chadron State College. Crites was part of the first generation raised in north-western Nebraska. Born in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, his family moved to the Chadron area in 1888 where his father worked in the land office and four years later, opened a law office. Crites was educated in Chadron and at the University of Nebraska, and was admitted to the bar in 1908. His entire career took place in Chadron. At various times he was in partnership with his father, his brother, and his nephew. From 1908-1918, he served as Dawes County Attorney. Crites also had many business and social associations in Chadron, and was instrumental in the organization and construction of Chadron Municipal Hospital. In 1931 he was appointed to the State Normal Board upon which he served for twenty-three years and as president for part of that time. His obituary described him as "one of Chadron's foremost business and professional men.

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