

MORRIS AND CLAIRE DETTER



Morris “Jud” and Claire Detter were associated with the Nickerson Schools and the Nickerson Community for more than fifty years. Jud coached and taught American History and Government for forty years, starting in 1929. Claire graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and was elected to the scholastic honorary Phi Kappa Phi at Kansas State in 1928. Claire was hired to teach home economics and physical education. She taught until she and Jud were married in April 1931. She substituted after that.

Jud coached all sports until the late forties; his basketball team won the state Class B championship in 1939. His football teams always ended the season with a winning record and were undefeated many years. He instilled, by example, the principles for fair play and good sportsmanship both on and off the court. He is a member of the Kansas Basketball Coach’s Hall of Fame and the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame.

Jud and Claire were active in the Alumni Association from its beginning; he was instrumental in starting the Alumni Scholarship program with the first scholarships awarded in 1969.

The Morris & Claire Detter Scholarship was established on June 4, 1983, by the Class of 1933 of RCHS (now Nickerson High School) and was first given in 1985.

Jud and Claire were active in the Nickerson United Methodist Church, and they cared deeply about the Nickerson community and particularly the Nickerson schools. Jud and Claire lived on a farm south of Nickerson where they raised their four children all of whom graduated from Nickerson High School. Some of their great grandchildren are students in the 309 Nickerson School District at the present time.