History of City of Amidon

The town of Amidon, named after Judge C.F. Amidon of Fargo, was established in 1913. At that time the town, with a population of 162 people, flourished with two banks, a hotel, two grocery stores, two newspapers, a blacksmith shop, a lumber yard, hardware store, theater, pool hall, bowling alley and ballroom, Ford agency with a garage, restaurant, barber shop, livery stable, and gas station. A Catholic Church was built in 1917. A community church later became the home of the courthouse when Amidon was named the county seat of Slope County before the construction of the present courthouse in the center of town. Later, the building was used as a Congregational and Presbyterian Church.

A school was built which at one time housed sixty students. Presently, a school still operates with far fewer students. A new Lutheran Church was built in 1963 which still maintains an active membership. The beautiful Catholic Church closed and later was moved to Badlands Ministries Bible Camp south of Medora where it now serves as a Chapel. The Presbyterian Church now houses the Prairie Senior citizens as a meeting center as well as the Amidon Community Cupboard food pantry.

Although many businesses have come and gone, an antique store and a campground still remain. The Little Missouri Grazing Association has a log building on the east side of Amidon. A new fire hall was built in the 1980s on the east side of town, and our post office still provides service for our community. Although we now only have thirty-three residents, we still remain a vibrant and active center of Slope County.
CITY OF AMIDON
NORTH DAKOTA

NORTH DAKOTA’S SMALLEST COUNTY SEAT

Celebrating 100 Years
1913 - 2013

Little Missouri Grazing Association

Entrance to Slope County Fairgrounds

Amidon Fire Hall

Amidon Country School

White Butte - Highest Point in North Dakota

Amidon 4-Hers Trip to Yellowstone

Former Amidon School - burned in 1939

Photo of School Days in 1930s

Amidon Rangers Baseball Team - early 1940s

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