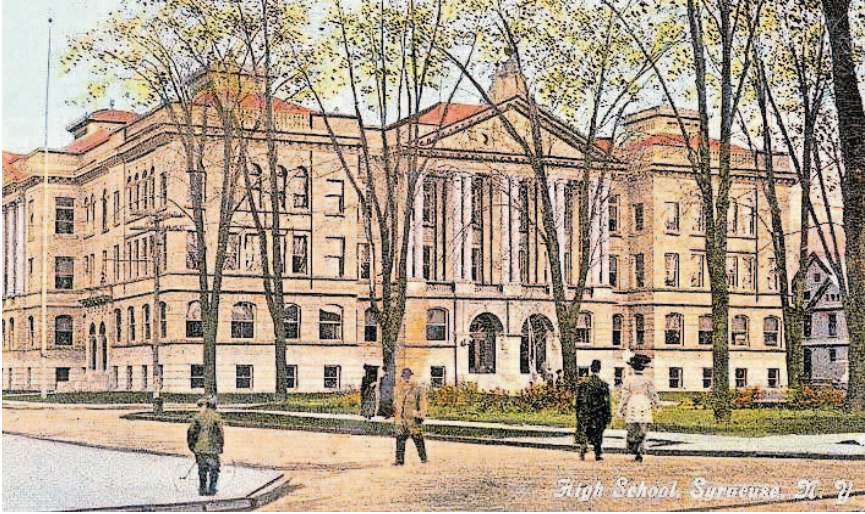


LOCAL HISTORY



A postcard depicting the old Syracuse High School. Provided image

115 years ago: In 1903, the second Syracuse High School building opened on Jan. 29 to replace the original built in 1867. Designed by the local architect Archimedes Russell, who would go on to found King + King Architects, it was intended to accommodate 1,500 students. Several small homes were purchased through condemnation near the area known as Billings Park to make way for the school. The total cost of the project was \$428,076 (approximately \$12 million today). The school operated under the name Syracuse Central High School from 1903 to 1960 and later as Syracuse Central Technical. In 1975, the school officially closed after the graduation of the senior class.

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