

## Fulton County Indiana Handbook

# SCHOOLS

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### PAW PAW SCHOOL [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

Located in Section 21, NW corner 1000W [SR-17] and 400N, on same road as church known as Pumpkin Head Church.

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[photo] Paw-Paw School in Aubbeenaubbee Township 1908-09. Also known as Small Pox, this school stood at the corner of 1000W and 400N on the north side of the road. Front Row: Ray Lewis, Walter Johnson, Geneva Van Kirk, Mabel Johnson, Esther McClain, Joe Shidaker, Everett Young, Ray Ginther, Joe Denny behind Bert Mahler, Esther Owen, Bertha Shidaker. Row 2, Oren Seeley, Walter McClain, S. O. Daugherty, Scott McClain, Omer Pickens, Rufus Shidaker, William Owen, Clyde Denny, Hazel Rerrick, L. C. Daugherty. Row 3: Mary Owen, Dessie Young, Lorraine Seeley, Leone Pickens, Mary Daugherty, Bertha McClain, Ola Shidaker. Row 4: Clarence Young, Ralph Daugherty, Ernest Pickens, Lorie Tharp, Rueben Daugherty, Howard Gillespie - teacher. (Photo from Bertha McClain Tash's scrapbook)

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[photo, cover] Paw Paw (also known as Small Pox) School in the fall of 1912. Everett Young pitches to batter William Owens, while Walter McClain serves as catcher. Out front to the right is Scott McClain. Walter Johnson stands in the doorway. Teacher (tall man in back row) is Omer Reichard. Row 1: Cecil Young, Bert Mahler, Gerald Feece, Everett Overmyer, Ray Ginther, Lucille Hammond, Mabel Seeley, Vera McClain, Grace McClain, Ethel Johnson, Lyvel Mahler, Florence Lewis, Ethel Overmyer. Row 2: Emmit McClain, teacher, Esther McClain, Mabel Johnson, Esther Owens, Geneva Van Kirk. (Photo: Mrs. Harold E. (Ethel Overmyer) Harding)

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Paw Paw School had an outbreak of small pox, and the school became known as Small Pox School.

Paw Paw school (section 21) stood at the [NE] corner of 1000W and 400N. . . It was named originally for the paw paws which were plentiful in the woods around the school. Then it was nicknamed Small Pox school in about 1900. Teachers were Mattie Stubbs 1891-2; Martha Cook; Solomon Shadel 1900; Wes Kaley; Paul Guise 1909; George Kaley 1910-11; Omer Reichard 1912-13 (he received \$44.20 a month to teach). Patrons included Jones, Plantz, Ginther, and Shidaker families. It was closed about 1918 and is now used as a barn on Fred Ditmire's farm.

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### MEMORIAL TO LEITERS FORD MUSEUM

Bertha McClain attended the Pawpaw School beginning in September 1906 as a student in the fifth grade. The teacher was Frank King. Succeeding teachers were Howard Dickie, 1907-

08; Howard Gillespie, 1908-09; and Martha Cook 1909-10. Bertha attended Leiters Ford High School, graduating in 1914.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 48, p. 29]

### **PERRY SCHOOL [#3]** [Liberty Township]

Located S side of 950S approximately 250E.

Built before 1876; abandoned between 1883 and 1907.

Another school same name, located N side of 950S approximately 250E.

Built between 1883 and 1907.

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[photo] Perry school 1918-19. Row 1: Emerson and Glen Ward, unknown. Row 2: Fern Miller, Dorothy Dague, Marie Cornell Crippen, Ruth Cornell Mean, Robert Ward, Charlie Werner. Row 3: Mildred Miller Stingley, Ida Ludwig Pownall, Mary Ward Smith, Mae Cornell Preble, Claude Cornell, George Books. (Photo: taken by teacher, Esther Green Tanner).

[FCHS Quarterly No. 22, p. 11]

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### **PERRY SCHOOL**

By Lois Wagoner:

The first Perry school, District No. 3, was built before 1876 on the south side of 950S, half way between 200E and 300E. The second schoolhouse was built after 1883 across the road.

Mrs. Creatie Ausman Emery gave me this information:

I attended Perry school from 1903 'till 1910. My first three years were spent in Reed school west of Fulton.

Teachers were Kerch Robbins 1903, Arthur Fry 1904, Grace Anglemeyer Bookwalter 1905, Elmer Reed 1906, Myrtle Morts Bevelheimer 1907-08 and Thomas Enyart 1909.

Pupils I remember were the Whybrew family, James, Frank, Chester and Grace Whybrew Zartman; Frances Heyde, Cora Brown Knauff, Luther Wylie, Argos and Ivy Brown, Carl Emery, Mabel Emery Vernon; Esther, Edna, Elizabeth and Paul Emery; Hazel and Ralph Edgerton, Ruth Krathwohl Sutton, Esther and Bernice Krathwohl, and Kenneth Miller.

Between 20 and 25 attended with all eight grades represented. We studied reading, writing, history, grammar, arithmetic and spelling.

I remember one day I was helping Mabel Emery with an arithmetic problem at the blackboard. I had my arm around her, so the teacher made us stand in the corner with our arms around each other.

Recollections by Mary Ward Smith:

I went to Perry school in 1914 to 1919. Teachers were Ray Bish, Beatrice Olmsted Hendershot, Truman Ward and Esther Green Tanner.

We used to play Dog and Deer in the snow and go ice skating on a pond. Charlie Warner always brought a hard-boiled egg for lunch, which he would crack on his head. One day the boys substituted a fresh egg, and they had a good laugh when it ran down his face. When we played tag George Books, a big boy, would grab me and hold me. It made me so mad.

Recollections by Esther Green Tanner, a teacher:

I graduated from Fulton High School in May 1918. I went to Indiana Central College at Indianapolis for 12 weeks course that summer. I received my permit to teach and my first school was Perry. Sept. 1918 I drove a horse and buggy about five miles and put the horse in the barn at Jim Whybrew's.

There were 14 pupils; four were in the 8th grade. That winter the flu epidemic was bad and school was closed for a while. The Ward children brought me a note from their mother one day asking me to stop at the house as she wanted to talk to me. I worried all day what I had done

or not done. When I stopped, she asked me to stay overnight with them some night. Henry Becker was county superintendent and he visited one afternoon.

Carol Baldwin Black writes that Joe Musselman bought the Perry school building and moved it to his farm. He used it to store hog feed. He would buy cookie crumbs and floor sweepings from a bakery for feed. When he got a load he would call the Baldwin children to come. They had a feast on cookie pieces and sometimes whole cookies and chunks of pure milk chocolate.

Mrs. Ross Baldwin has a picture of 15 or 16 pupils, one holding a basketball with Perry 1923 printed on it. That was probably the last year for school there, and the pupils were taken to Fulton.

The school stood on the Whybrew farm now owned by Ralph Swank.  
[FCHS Quarterly No. 22, pp 11-12]

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The schools in this township are all supplied with teachers. . . .Miss Leffel at the Perry district. . .  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, October 18, 1878]

Rev. R. J. Smith delivered a very impressive sermon, last Sunday evening, at Perry's school house.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 20, 1879]

### **PIN-HOOK SCHOOL** [ - - - - - ]

The Pin-Hook school is progressing finely. Miss Sarah Carter, teacher.  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, October 1, 1875]

M. S. Weills, who taught the north Pin-Hook school last winter, was elected to teach it again this winter. . . .  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, October 29, 1875]

### **PLEASANT GROVE ACADEMY** [Kewanna, Indiana]

Pleasant Grove Academy, at Kewanna, will open Monday, August 31, 1874, and continue twelve weeks - - - common branches and algebra. A normal class will be formed for the benefit of those who expect to teach. Good boarding can be had at reasonable prices. Rooms for self-boarding can be rented. An examination for teachers' license will be held in our school building, by the county superintendent, Oct. 31, 1874 . . . call and see us, and, or address S. M. Kitrick, Kewanna, Fulton county, Indiana. Dr. J. Q. Howell, H. Phillips, Dr. Thompson, Trustees.  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, August 6, 1874]

Pleasant Grove Academy at Kewanna will open Monday, August 31, and continue twelve weeks . . . call and see us, or address S. McKitrick, Kewanna, Fulton Co., Ind. Dr. J. Q. Howell, Hickman Phillips, Dr. Thompson, Trustees.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 8, 1874]

### **PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL [#12]** [Liberty Township]

Located SW corner of Meridian and 900S.  
Designated as School #8.  
Built between 1876 and 1883.

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[photo] Pleasant Hill school 1913. Row 1: Lyman Dawald, Harold Fry, Helen Fry, Cyrus Durbin, Anna Belle Durbin (Knepp), Ronald Shaw, Faye Durbin. Row 2: Opal Teel, Louise

Nellans, Walter Teal, Hubert Doud, Merl Durbin, Dessie Buchanan - teacher. (Photo: Dessie Buchana Rentschler).

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#### PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL

By Lois Wagoner and Shirley Willard:

Pleasant Hill one-room school was located on the south side of the road west of Andy Rentschler's house on the southwest corner of [900S] and 100E in Liberty Township. It was a wood building built between 1876 and 1883.

Teachers were Edward Doud 1903-05, Minnie Wagoner 1906-09, Angie Conn Enyart 1909-10, Ray Bish 1910-12, and Dessie Buchanan Rentschler 1912-13, which was the last year.

Charles Olmsted recalls the following pupils: Meda Overmeyer, Ethel Fry Rans, Ray Overmeyer, Ralph Goss, Rosie Heine, Blanche Cole, Hazen Miller, Archie Doud, Charles Olmsted, Roy Overmeyer, Beatrice Olmsted Hendershot, Ollie Miller, Loyd Smith, Anna Belcher, Clara Lowman, James Sparks, Clarence Phillips, Lena Merrit Hoover, Laura Phillips, Opal Durbin Sherrard.

Opal Durbin Sherrard started school at the age of six in Rossville, Ill. She took grades 2 and 3 in one year and entered fourth grade at the age of 8. Her teacher said this was the youngest pupil she had ever had in the fourth grade. In those days pupils could go as fast as they wanted and advanced to the next grade whenever they finished the books. Opal was kept home to avoid scarlet fever and her family moved to Indiana. In the fall of 1908 Opal entered fourth grade at Pleasant Hill school. Minnie Wagoner was her teacher 1908-09 and Angie Conn Enyart 1909-10. Ray Bish was her teacher in the eighth grade Opal took the eighth grade exams and was the third highest in the county. Mr. Bish tried to talk Opal's parents into sending her to high school, but at that time high school students were not allowed to ride the hack so it would mean walking or staying in a room in town (Fulton). So Opal and Rosie Heine took the eighth grade over again the next year. Mr. Bish taught them Latin, algebra, parsing (now called diagraming) of sentences, and many other high school subjects. Mrs. Heine wouldn't let Rosie go to high school because she thought the girl knew enough to get along.

The next year (1912) the trustee Edgar McCarter said that high school kids could ride the hacks if it was all right with the driver and if they paid (something like 50 cents a month) to ride.

Opal entered Fulton high in 1912 and stayed in a room with Crettie Ausmun (Emory) in the big white house of Mrs. John Hanson that stood on the corner south of where the new Fulton Medical Center is being built. (The Medical Center is being built on the south side of Ditmire-Zimmerman funeral home. Rickett's tin shop stood where the Medical Center is now.) Opal paid 50 cents a week for her room and provided her own food from the farm such as ham, eggs, and potatoes. She and Crettie often did the cooking, but Mrs. Hanson usually cooked the noon meal so they could eat and hurry back to school.

Dave Poorman was the first hack driver, then Willard Williams, later Elmer Eytcheson was the hack driver for many years. Opal's father, Amos Durbin, drove the hack for one year 1914-15 so Opal rode with him. The next year she stayed in town with Mrs. Hanson again and graduated in the spring of 1916 at the age of 16.

Opal became good at elocution in high school and gave programs for Teacher's Institute held upstairs at Fulton high school. She also did substitute teaching in the grade school downstairs. Teachers she met at the Teacher's Institute were Vernie Bowen, Verna Hazlett, Beatrice Olmsted, Ray Bish, Angie Conn, many others. Opal gave a program in October on James Whitcomb Riley's poems: "Little Thomas Tailholt", "I Was Born in Indiana", "New Year's Day at Willards", and of course, "Little Orphan Annie" with its famous line, "The goblins well get you if you don't watch out!" She can still recite some of the poems from memory nearly 60 years later.

Pleasant Hill was a wooden building. They carried water from the Andy Rentschler farm (John Myers lived there then) as the school had no well. There were trees back of the school and the children liked to play there. After it closed, Andy Rentschler bought the school, tore it down, and put a corn-drying bin there.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 22, pp 9-10]

## **PLUNK SCHOOL** [Liberty Township]

## **POLECAT/JUBILEE SCHOOL [#1]** [Union Township]

Located E side of 600W at approximately 150S.

Built before 1876; abandoned between 1883 and 1907.

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From the Herald.

The sale of the Pole Cat school building, and ground on which it stands, took place at Trustee Russell's office Saturday afternoon as advertised. The building was sold to Elias Miller for \$15.00 and the ground (1/2 acre) to Capt. Jackson for \$5.00.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 22, 1899]

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[photo] Pole Cat School 1895 last day of school. This one-room school was located on the John Hartman farm (later Ralph Johnston's farm, now Virgil Jana's), on the west side of 600W halfway between 100S and 200S. It was closed in 1898, replaced by Jubilee School. Front Row: Clyde Collins, Hugh Sparks, Vere Calvin's place (he did not like the photographer and left the group, left his hat on the ground), Arthur Collins, Frank Hudkins, John Hudkins, Lloyd Collins, Roscoe Collins, Jennie Engle. Row 2: Teacher - Mary Costello, William Barger, Glen Barger, Grace Slick, Exie Slick, Elra Hogan, Charley Engle, Lela Slick, George Collins or Jessie Felty, Homer Collins. Row 3: Lena Copeland or Martha Long, John Hilflicker, Peter Engle, Guy Barger, Frank Collins, Lewis Engle. Row 4: Stella Barger, Altha Hilflicker, Charles Collins, Ella Gohl, George Felder, Melissa Collins, Bert Gorsline. (Photo: Clyde Collins scrapbook)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 48, p. 66]

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Polecat School stood on the east side of 600W one-half mile south of the present Jubilee School. Polecat School was built before 1876 and was abandoned between 1883 and 1907, according to the atlases of those dates.

Jubilee School still stands on the northeast corner of 100S and 600W south of Cowles' gravel pit.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 44, pp 60-61]

Reuben Minton [has charge of] Barretts schoolhouse, or "Polecat".

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 6, 1873]

## **POLLEY SCHOOL [#2]** [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

Located in Section 14, N side 500N, at approximately 735W.

Also called Gamby.

Built before 1876; abandoned 1883 and 1907.

[photo] Polley School (building at right) in Aubbeenaubbee Township 1904. This one-room school was located on the north side of 500N halfway between 750W and 675W. This is the only known photo that exists of this school as it burned about 1905. It closed about 1900 and was moved a half mile north to the corner of 550N and 750W on the north side of the road. There it was used as a residence for the George Polley family, then Robert Yelton, later Charlie Coughenour's widow. Originally the school was located on Levi Gamby's farm and was also called Gamby's school. It was called Polley School because Oliver Cromwell Polley lived just east

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of the school. Teachers were Mary Shadle 1883, Frank Beery 1885, Bessie Curtis, Carrie Marbaugh 1890, Bertha Kline 1900. (Photo lent by Everett Murhling, copied by DeBruler Studio)  
[FCHS Quarterly No. 43, p. 37]

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Polley School was located on 500N halfway between 750W and 675W on the north side of the road. It closed before 1890 and was moved a half mile north to the corner of 550N and 750W on the north side of the road. There it was used as a residence for the George Polley family, then Robert Yelton, later Charlie Coughenour's widow. It burned probably between 1900 and 1905. Originally the school was located on Levi Gamby's farm, but it was called Polley School because Oliver Cromwell Polley lived just east of the school. Patrons included Polley, Smith, Barger, Murling, Crabbs, John Jacob Wagoner and Bess families. No one remembers any of the teachers as it was too long ago.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 17, p. 4]

## **PONTIOUS SCHOOL** [Henry Township]

## **POSSUM HOLLOW SCHOOL [#6]** [Newcastle Township]

Also called Barkman School.

Located three miles north of Athens.

Located SW corner of 650E and 300N.

Built before 1876; abandoned between 1876 and 1883.

Another school, same name, located NE corner of 650E and 300N.

Built between 1876 and 1883.

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[photo] Possum Hollow school built in 1894, pictured above in 1904-05. Row 1: Sam Shobe, Jim Hutchinson, Robert Russell, John Shobe, Carrie Zolman, Ella Emmons, Fred Russell, Vida Walburn, Willie Doukin, Kline Smith, Beulah Russell, Roy Rhodes, Agnes Rhodes, Effie Bussard, Scott Bowen, Eunice Barkman, Delta Barkman, Glen Russell, Mildred Rhodes, Orvan Heighway, Sumner Rhodes, Mina Barkman, Maggie Heighway, Washington Hamlet and Norman Emmons. Row 2: Perry Jefferies, Court Rhodes, Laversa (Dal) Smith, Martha Bowen, Mary Heighway, Sadie Kesler, Charley Heighway, Carrie Bussard, Leland Jefferies, Frank Emmons, Harley Walburn. (Photo: Beulah Russell Peterson)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 25, p. 3]

## POSSUM HOLLOW SCHOOL

By Herman Haines and Sandra Hartlerode

Possum Hollow school was first located on the southwest corner of 700E and 300N. The ground was donated by John Barkman with the promise that when the land was no longer used for a school it would go back to the farm, which it did. The frame schoolhouse was abandoned in 1894 when a new brick building was built on the northeast corner of the same intersection. The brick building was then abandoned about 1925 when the students from Lakeview and Possum Hollow were all taken to Talma where they had a three-year high school. Before the transfer to Talma, Lakeview and Possum Hollow schools were consolidated at Possum Hollow.

Teachers at Possum Hollow were Jerry Byers, John Haimbaugh, Tom Haimbaugh, Clyde Fish, George Deamer, Sr., Linnie Tippy, Dessa Thompson, Cleo Hatfield (1912-13), Zora Coplen, Loren Bryant, Elma Barr, Lena Barkman, Vance Fenstermaker, Harley Anderson (1916-17), Hobart Rogers, Boyd Peterson (1917-18), J. D. Finney (1920-22), Rudy Bybee, Blanche Bacon (1918-19), Marie Ewing (1919-20) and the last teacher, Cleo Teeter Nye (1922-24).

Mrs. Clarence Peterson (Beulah Russell) remembers that all students who lived within 1-1/2 miles of the school walked to and from the building and carried their dinners. Sometimes in

bad weather the parents would take the children to school by carriage, stopping along the way to get other pupils who lived enroute.

There was one teacher for all grades from chart class (now called kindergarden) through eighth grade. The older boys didn't start school until the corn was cribbed and the winter supply of wood was cut and they left school when spring work began. Because of the shortness of time spent in school many of them attended until they were 21 years old to finish the eight grades.

Mrs. Peterson also recalled, "The pump was located quite a distance from the schoolhouse which made fetching water in the wintertime an inconvenience. I don't recall the children in my family ever having overshoes and I remember that we got wet as we walked to school through the snow. Many times we would sit on block of wood and logs around the large stove in the middle of the room. I can remember that it became very cold in the schoolhouse at times. There was a square opening in the ceiling above the stove and much of the heat was lost.

"The boys usually played ball during recess time. Zolman's woods was located across the road from the schoolhouse. Sometimes some of the pupils would go there to play hide-the-stick or to gather thorn apples and beechnuts. Around Christmas the students would begin to talk of locking the teacher out if a treat wasn't given. As long as I was in school I can't remember a teacher being locked out. They always gave a treat," concluded Beulah Peterson.

Vance Fenstermaker taught at Possum Hollow in 1913-14. He adds the following comments. "The year I finished high school, 1913, the principal asked me if I would like to become a teacher as he thought I could get an assignment. I thought about it and decided to attend normal school. At that time a teacher was required to finish 12 weeks of normal school and pass a county examination. I attended the school at Winona Lake passed the exam and was assigned to Possum Hollow school that fall term (1913). I believe Frank Coplen was trustee at that time.

"My family lived on the county line road about eight miles from Possum Hollow, too far from home for it to be practical to travel each day, so I boarded with the Frank Mickey family (first house south of Bethlehem Baptist Church). My mother took me to Possum Hollow each Monday morning by horse and buggy and returned to fetch me on Friday night so I could be home on weekends. I had to sleep in the same bed with Porter Mickey, Frank's son. The boarding cost me 18 cents a meal; 54 cents a day with bed. That was considered a reasonable amount at the time. My pay was \$45 monthly; computed at 20 days per month, it came to \$2.25 per day. It was considered very good pay as a man shoveling gravel made only \$1.50 per day for 10 hours of work. (I did some shoveling myself for a while). I was able to save enough money that first year I taught to buy a horse and buggy of my own.

"As I remember the kids in those days were better behaved than kids of today. If they got into trouble and were punished at school they could expect to receive a second punishment when they got home to their parents. Parents expected their children to obey the schoolteacher and they usually obeyed, which was surprising as I was barely any older than some of the pupils that first year I taught at age 18.

"I had all eight grades to teach at Possum Hollow but the school only totaled 31 pupils that year. I remember that only two were graduated from eighth grade that year: Lucy Coplen and Fanny Krathwald. The kids played the usual games at recess; ball, blackman base, hide and seek. On the last day of school that year they surprised me with a huge picnic lunch. The people just started to arrive and they constructed a table by putting long planks across the tops of a couple of desks and then proceeded to fill the table with food. I was really surprised and we all had a good time that day. They wanted me to come back the next year but I thought I could get another school assignment closer to my home. I was able to get assigned to a school in Marshall County the next year, which was located just one mile from my family home. I remember Possum Hollow well and with fondness," Mr. Fenstermaker concluded.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 25, pp 3-5]

The Sunday school at Possum Hollow school house is getting along pretty well, with M. L. Kesler as superintendent.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 2, 1877]

Teachers:

	John Haimbaugh
1904-05:	Dessie Thompson
1915-16:	Harley Anderson
1923 (ca):	Cleo (Teeter) Nye

Martha Mathews married Lavoy Hoffman and lives in a new house where the old Possum Hollow one-room school was in Henry Township. [?]

[William Dudgeon Family, Malcolm Miller, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

## **PRAIRIE GROVE SCHOOL[#9]** [Union Township]

Located SW corner of 600W and 300S.

Built between 1876 and 1883.

[photo] Prairie Grove School 1908-09. Front Row: Freda Phebus, Frances Evans, Bessie Van Cleve, Aletha McCay, Lee Mullins. Row 2: Alice McCay, Hortie Finney, Florence McCay, Wilbie Evans, Leo Steinke. Row 3: Grace Collins, Verla Grandstaff, Myrtle Curtis, Jesse Van Cleve, Eldon Walters. Back Row: Pearl Mutchler (later Mrs. Milton Hiland) - teacher, Schuyler Grandstaff. (Photo: Pearl Hiland) Prairie Grove one-room school stood on the southwest corner of 300S and 600W about two miles east of Kewanna. It was across the road from the Prairie Grove Church.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 46, p.42]

[photo] Prairie Grove School 1916-17, located a mile and a half southeast of Kewanna. Front Row: Clifford Moore, Lawrence Holland, Catherine Herr, Francis Leap, Rannie Roberts, Richard Short. Row 2: Mabel Rankin, Vera McClain, Kathryn Moore, Merle Fall, Grace McClain, Geneva Fall. Back Row: Carl Steinke in front of Emmit McClain, Clara Raymond, Chloe Ewing - teacher, Paul Herr, Cyril Herr, Beulah Leap, Florence Steinke. (Photo: Chloe Ewing Johnson)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 49, p. 73]

[photo] Prairie Grove School 1922. Front Row: Grace Woods, Helen Hilflicker, Marion Lamb, Helen Woods, Loretta McLaughlin, probably McLaughlin or Starbuck girl, Esther Wharton, Isabel Mutchler, Dorothy Lamb Chizum, Lois Starbuck. Row 2: George Starbuck, Harlen Wharton, Bernice Lamb Falcon, James Woods, Lewis Woods, Wilma Starbuck, George Hilflicker, Josephine Mutchler, Hugh Woods, Lewis Starr - teacher. (Photo: Lorena Starr Sheridan Johnson)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 49, p. 80]

[photo] Teacher at Prairie Grove and Bruce Lake Schools. Lewis Starr poses by his first new car, a 1924 Ford Roadster. Buildings in background are on Main Street, Kewanna. (Photo: Lorena Starr Sheridan Johnson)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 44, p. 53]

[photo] Prairie Grove school on left and church on right. The church was built in 1925 and the school was built in 1875. (Photo: from a Christmas card belonging to Dorothy Chizum, sent to her from Ferd and Stella Grube.)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 49, p. 79]

[photo] Prairie Grove School 1927. Albert McLochlin Jr. is on the steps. His aunt, Gertrude McLochlin, was the teacher. This was taken at Christmas. Junior's father played Santa

Claus at the school that year. Junior was killed in the South Pacific in World War II. (Photo: A. C. McLochlin)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 44, p. 52]

[photo] This is the Model A Ford won by Gertrude McLochlin in 1928 by selling subscriptions to a Logansport newspaper. Here it is in front of the McLochlin home in Kewanna on the southeast corner of Logan and Elm streets. Gertrude McLochlin and Dorothy Smiley are posing by the door. The license is for 1931. (Photo: Gertrude McLochlin Holland)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 49, p. 75]

## PRAIRIE GROVE SCHOOL

By Shirley Willard

Ruth Pownall (Mrs. Loyd) Rouch stated that Prairie Grove School was started by her grandfather, Matthew Hale Walters, about 1870 and he taught the first year free. He taught at Dewey one-room school in Wayne Township, riding horseback to school. He quit teaching at Dewey in order to start Prairie Grove. His little daughters, Emma and Mary, would have had to go to Scotland School, and Walters considered that too far for them to walk. So he went around to the other parents and got them to donate money to start a school. He named it Prairie Grove for the grove of trees standing on the flat prairie. At first they held school in an existing building; later they built a school.

The 1876 atlas does not show Prairie Grove School, but the 1883 atlas does, so this indicates it was erected between 1876 and 1883. The school stood on the southwest corner of 600W and 300S.

Matthew's father, Rev. Henry Walters, organized the Prairie Grove Church in Polecat School in 1874 and the Blue Grass United Brethren Church in Feidner School in 1875. The church at Polecat moved south a mile and a half to Prairie Grove School and then built a church across the road from the school. (Polecat School closed when they built the new Jubilee School in 1898.)

Teachers up to 1921 were listed in Quarterly 44. Teachers from then until Prairie Grove closed: Nellie Reimenschneider 1920-23, Lewis Starr 1923-24, Herbert Montgomery 1924-25, Albert McLochlin 1925-26, Tom Reed 1926-27, and Gertrude McLochlin 1927-28. Prairie Grove School closed in the spring of 1928, and the pupils were bussed to Kewanna that fall.

The Prairie Grove schoolhouse was sold by public auction c. 1937, and Howard Mutchler bought it. He moved it a half mile south to his farm, put it up on cement blocks eight feet off the ground and used the school for a hay loft above a sheep shed. The old school was pushed off its cement block foundation by the big tornado April 3, 1974, but it was repaired and continued in use. After Howard's death the farm was sold to Dr. Kenneth Hoff, who had the old Prairie Grove school-shed torn down c. 1978-79.

Vachel Walters, Kewanna, attended school at Prairie Grove two terms: 1926-27 and 1927-28, being in the sixth and seventh grades. Thomas E. Reed was the teacher 1926-27, and Gertrude McLochlin was the teacher 1927-28. There was no roof on the porch at Prairie Grove by this time. Perhaps the whole school roof had leaked and been repaired and the porch roof was not deemed worth replacing so was removed.

In the spring of 1928 while teaching at Prairie Grove School, Gertrude McLochlin won a new Model A Ford car by selling subscriptions (at \$3 a year) to the Logansport *Morning Press*. She worked for about two months selling subscriptions after school. Her older brother, Albert McLochlin, substituted for her at Prairie Grove School sometimes so she could sell more. And her brother Leo helped her by selling about a hundred subscriptions. The new car was worth \$800 and that's how much she had to sell in subscriptions, at least. What a happy day when she got the new car, a brand new Model A that Ford had just designed to replace the Model T. She took her pupils for rides in the rumble seat. Vachel Walters still remembers the thrilling day when the teacher won a new car!

In 1928 a new high school and gymnasium was constructed in Kewanna. The remaining one-room schools in Union Township, except Bruce Lake Station, were consolidated into the

Kewanna School. The Bruce Lake Station School was closed in 1929, thus ending the era of one-room schools in Union Township, Fulton County, Indiana.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 49, pp 72-75]

### PRAIRIE GROVE SCHOOL

By Vera McClain Matthewman

Prairie Grove School was located on the southwest corner of two country roads (300S and 600W) south across the road from the Prairie Grove Church. The building was located in the eastern side of the school yard with entrance facing east. The school yard was large, level, and covered with grass with several large trees. There was ample space for baseball games and running games. We had no playground equipment. A driven well with a hand pump stood to the south of the entrance. The usual two small buildings were near the south line of the school yard west of the school house.

The building had three windows on each side (north and south). There was a small entry room. Along the east wall extending from the outside wall to the entry room wall on each side of the room was a shelf about five feet from the floor. This was for our dinner pails. Below the shelf were hooks for the coats and caps, overshoes (galashes) were set on the floor. At the front of the room (the entrance was known as the back of the room), the floor was raised about six inches for a space of about eight feet: the teacher's desk and chair occupied the center of this raised platform. A slate blackboard was across the front wall. There was an organ and one book case with three sections for the library books. A map rack hung above the blackboard.

A large stove stood near the middle of the room with the long stove pipe extending to the chimney on the front wall (west) of the building. This pipe was held in place by wires attached to the ceiling. There was also a circular lamp fixture extending from the ceiling that held four kerosene lamps. This fixture could be lowered and raised. It was seldom used during school hours but was invaluable for lighting during school functions at night, such as box socials, spelling bees and ciphering matches.

On each side of the stove were two rows of seats (nailed to the floor) of varying sizes - the small ones at the front. The inner rows of seats were double seats. There never was any mixing of the sexes in seating in the double seats. In fact one form of discipline was to make a boy and girl share a double seat.

A long recitation bench was placed just below the raised platform between the rows of seats. Pupils came to the front and sat on this bench plus any seats on the front desks as were needed for class recitation.

The enrollment while I attended the school was about 20. It varied a bit from year to year. Class size was one to five or six. For many classes a combination of grades was made such as spelling grades 4 and 5 or grades 7 and 8.

It was customary every Friday to have "exercises" from the last recess to the close of school. For exercises we chose sides with every pupil being chosen. There were ciphering matches, spell downs, reading contests, charades, map locations and scrambled words. Everything had an educational basis.

We had little need for physical education as we know it today. For recess-time activities we jumped the rope, had running races, jumping contests, even some marble playing. The younger girls sometimes brought their dolls and had a modified version of playing house.

Among the games we played were baseball - also a modified form called "cross out," "Blackman" "dare base," "red light," and hide and go seek.

There was wrestling for the boys and a bit of boxing if some boy received boxing gloves for Christmas. With the coming of snow we added the game of fox and geese.

The younger children played "the Farmer in the Dell", "Charlie over the Water", various forms of tag, "Mulberry Bush", and "Statue".

In inclement weather we often had singing, quiet games such as "fruit basket", "tic tac toe", or blackboard games. Sometimes the girls did crocheting or knitting.

In addition to socializing at a box social, the profit earned was used to buy baseballs, mitts, bats, jump ropes and some library books.

I shall always be grateful to Mrs. John Barnett, the Kewanna librarian, who supervised the construction of wooden boxes that would hold approximately 50 books - one for each rural school in the township. She selected the books for each box, each one being different, and had these boxes rotated each month among the schools. She did a wonderful job of selecting the books so as to include books for various grade levels and a variety of content such as fiction, science, adventure, travel, historical, and mystery. This was my doorway to the world beyond my community. When I read of foreign countries and their people, I vowed I'd see some of these when I grew up. Fortune has been good to me as I've realized my childhood promise to myself in traveling to many of the places I read about as an elementary pupil in a one-room school.

In 1915-16 the teacher was Aileen Wittenberg. Enrollment: Clara Raymond, Dessie Zimpleman, Ralph Falls, Merle Falls, Geneva Falls, Beulah Leap, Florence Steinke, Carl Steinke, Kathryn Moore, Clifford Moore, Cyril Herr, Paul Herr, Catherine Herr, Lawrence Holland, Mabel Rankin, Emmet McClain, Grace McClain and Vera McClain. I'm not sure I've named everyone.

In 1916-17 Albert McLochlin was the teacher. Pupils: Geneva Falls, Merle Falls, Florence Steinke, Carl Steinke, Beulah Leap, Frances Leap, Kathryn and Clifford Moore - part of the year, Cyril Herr, Paul Herr, Catherine Herr, Mabel Rankin, Lola Walters - part of the year, Herman Davis, Raymond Davis, Hazel Lamb, Berniece Lamb, Marion Wharton, Ruth Wharton, Richard Short - part of the year, Emmet McClain, Grace McClain, Vera McClain, and Lawrence Holland.

In 1917-18 Chloe Ewing (now Mrs. Alvin Johnson) was teacher. Pupils: Geneva Falls, Merle Falls, Carl Steinke, Beulah Leap, Frances Leap, Mabel Rankin, Herman Davis, Raymond Davis, Lawrence Holland, Hazel Lamb, Berniece Lamb, Marion Wharton, Ruth Wharton, Ranna Roberts, Emmet McClain, Grace McClain, and Vera McClain. Ralph Falls, Scott and Walter McClain attended from January to mid-March. Nellie Hendrickson Riemenschneider was the teacher (I believe) 1918-19 and maybe 1919-20. In 1920-21 Mildred Pownall Diveley was the teacher. She lives now in Grass Creek.

A. C. McLochlin adds the following. I will try to name the families that made up the Prairie Grove district: Samuel Lamb's children - Marion, Hazel and Berniece, Bob Falls - Merle (my janitor) and sister Ruth, Charles Steinke - one boy - Carl Steinke, Howard Mutchler - Gene, Vince Little - Bertha and Fred, Mr. Davis - Herman - another boy in the first grade - also Mrs. Davis' children - a boy Clifford and a girl Katherine of a different last name, Mr. Herr - Paul and Catherine.

Bert Gorsline was the trustee and I remember he said the pupils about ran the lady teacher out the year before, but I never had a bit of trouble. The building was wood and we had a wood-burning stove. There was a bullet hole in the wall just above the teacher's desk, which was put there by a pupil who shot at the teacher, but I don't remember who but I think it was Elmer Cook. Barkers also lived in the house nearby when I taught there. That is the winter of the big snow and I walked four miles for a week, then I bought a sleigh and drove it to school for four weeks (1918). I also taught at Bruce Lake Station in 1919-20. George Garman was the trustee and Thomas Berry the county superintendent. We had a baseball team and also a basketball team and we won 13 out of 15 games in both. I am glad to see somebody trying to get the records recorded for the future. The rest of the time I taught in Wayne Township.

Mrs. Frank Greer recalls that the old Prairie Grove schoolhouse was moved a half mile south by Howard Mutchler and converted into a sheep shed, where it is still standing. The Prairie Grove Church was torn down and a new church built about 1954 but the church was closed in 1966. Frank and Delia Greer bought the church in 1969 but it was destroyed by the big tornado Apr. 3, 1974. Greers built a new house on the church site in 1975 there they live now.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 44, pp 52-56]

#### SCHOOL DAYS AT PRAIRIE UNION, LUCERNE KEWANNA, SCOTLAND AND PRAIRIE GROVE

By Pearl Mutchler Hiland  
PRAIRIE GROVE

In the fall of 1907, my parents had moved to their farm in the Prairie Grove neighborhood and I was assigned to that school by Mr. John Gorsline. There I taught all eight grades. Three pupils were in the eighth who had to be prepared to pass the state examination for graduation. So their recitation time needed 20 minutes each subject, but not all subjects every day. My two little boys in the primer class received five minutes of my attention first thing in the morning, five minutes after first recess, and five minutes after noon recess. That was my attention for the day, except to give them some "busy work" on their own. But they learned to read, or so I thought. I discovered one little fellow was memorizing the sentences under each picture, but did not recognize the same *words* if under another picture. The first graders were Donald Anderson, and Leo Steinke. Other pupils were Schuyler Grandstaff, his sisters Verla and Mabel; Grace Collins; Myrtle, Chloe and Howard Curtis; Alice, Aletha and Florence McCay; Hortie Finney, Frieda Phebus; Lee Mullin; Bessie and Jesse Van Cleve, Eldon Walters; Frances and Welby Evans.

In FCHS Quarterly No. 44, Vera McClain Matthewman gave an accurate description of the building and ground in 1907 and 08 except a porch with roof had been added, also there was no well, no organ, but a library of about 20 books. Water was carried in a tin bucket from the house of a widow, Mrs Hipp (later she married Wm. Barker). Her property joined the school grounds on the west. The bucket sat on a chair with sawed off legs, so small children could use the tin dipper that hung on the wall.

This chair was used the few times I used corporeal punishment which was then expected of a teacher. Often children received a second whipping at home if he had one at school! I used a paddle - 18 inches long, the blade 12 inches and a nice round smooth handle of 6 inches. It was made for me by my fiance, Milt Hiland, of apple wood and finished beautifully. My foster brother and brother used it on me once and I can verify it did sting! I remember well one time I used it. Jesse Van Cleve was the only seventh grader and sort of a dreamer. His arithmetic assignment was two pages of written problems. He was to solve part of them on Monday, but didn't. Neither did he do them and a few more on Tuesday or Wednesday so I said, "Jesse, I want this whole list handed in Friday evening before you go home." Then I added and I'll never know why, "If you don't, I will use my paddle on you." Well, he handed me the paper and I glanced at all the right answers. But while the children were putting on their wraps I gave the problems a close look. The answers had nothing to do with the problems. He had copied them from the back of the book. I had him remain in his seat after the children had gone, and I sat on the desk and gave him a sermon on how wrong cheating was, the same as stealing, trying to fool me was like lying and was disrespectful of me. "Jesse, I said I'd paddle you so get the little chair and put it in the center aisle." He hesitated but did it, hesitated longer when I ordered him to lie on his stomach on the chair and I gave him five or six swats. If he had defied me, I don't know what I would have done for he was almost as tall as I. Later he became a minister and served churches in Illinois and was YMCA executive at Great Lakes Naval Station during the second World War. I'd like to think I had a bit of influence. I know he did not hold it against me for he came to see me after I was married and living in Kewanna.

The County Superintendent visited each school once a year to evaluate one's teaching on which a grade was received. Supt. Werner visited the Prairie Grove School and made only one suggestion. He noticed the children called me "Pearl." (Why not? I was their neighbor.) I explained to the pupils Mr. Werner thought calling me "Pearl" was too familiar. I thought "Miss Mutchler" too formal so we'd compromise and they should call me "Miss Pearl" which they did with a few lapses.

In those years married women were not hired as teachers. I think Indiana had no law against it but trustees would not hire them. I was engaged to Milton Hiland Jr., so my teaching in Union Township ended with the second year at Prairie Grove.

I enjoyed the children, the teaching and the institutes. Indiana had a system of what is now called "Continuing Education". All township teachers met one Saturday a month in the high

school study and work shop. For the latter a teacher would bring some of his pupils and demonstrate his method of teaching an assigned subject. I remember two of our study books - *The Bible as Literature*, and Van Dyke's *Essays in Application*. We were paid a day's wages, but attendance was mandatory. I think we all enjoyed the all-day sessions. The teachers in 1906-09 were Misses Blanch Baldwin, Jessie Rogers, Edna Talbott and Pearl Mutchler; the men were Elmer Cook, Clyde Henderson, Ray Cannon, Howard Conn and an older man from Delong - Mr. King.

There was a sort of kinship between the teachers of our own township as well as a rivalry between the other groups. There was one between Wayne and Union townships also. I do not remember whose idea was a debate on the subject of our study book that year, English government. Resolved: "England has a better form of government than the United States." Though Union Township had the unpopular side and the affirmative, always more difficult, I allowed Elmer Cook to persuade me that I'd be doing it for the glory of Union Township. I was the lone girl with seven men to debate, and we won at Grass Creek High School at an evening public meeting.

Twenty-two years later when our son Robert began his teaching career, I was able to give him some good advice, for I had learned a lot as well as the pupils. I am happy that at the age of 96, I am still learning and hope I always will.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 46, pp 41-44]

Don Wilson, Fulton, says he attended Prairie Grove School 1925-26 and that Herbert Montgomery was the teacher.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 45, Corrections, p. 51]

## **PRAIRIE UNION SCHOOL [#16]** [Henry Township]

Located NE corner 1075E and approximately 280S.

In 1874 Arnold and Sarah Cutshall sold one-fourth acre of land to Henry Township trustee for \$10 for the Prairie Union one-room school.

Built between 1876 and 1883.

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[photo] Prairie Union School about 1909. Front row: Gail Sausaman, Fred Snoke, Adie Sausaman, Theron Grogg, Cloyd Sriver, Dewey Snoke. Row 2: Grace Sausaman, Nondes Sriver, Marie Shriver, Nina Miller, Vera Arter, Estel Sriver, Chester Shriver, Walter Kreig. Row 3: Marie Whittenberger, Gladys Arter, Louisa Shriver, Miles Sausaman, Ross Snoke, Ralph Whittenberger. Row 4: Cordie Sausaman, Ferol King, Ruth Long, Daniel Slaybaugh - teacher, Edwin Sriver. (Photo: Ralph Whittenberger)

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[photo] Prairie Union School, 1911. Back Row: Frank Sausaman, Corda Sausaman, Ferol King, Edwin Sriver, Marie Whittenberger, Ruth Long, Daniel Slaybaugh - teacher, Grace Pontius, Miles Sausaman, Ralph Whittenberger. Middle Row: Louisa Shriver, Gladys Arter, Marie Shriver, Nondus Sriver, Nina Miller, Vera Arter, Odie Sausaman, Fred Snoke. Front Row: Chester Shriver, Ross Snoke, Dewey Snoke, Estel Sriver, Gail Sausaman, Therean Grogg, Walter Kreig.

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[photo] Prairie Union School 1920-21. Front row: Glen Ziebart - visitor, Bob Sriver, Garland Sriver - visitor, Ralph Davis. Row 2: Lester Davis, Harold Ziebart, Orville Sriver. Row 3: Forrest Grogg, Harry Sriver, Neva Cutshall was the teacher. The children have pussy willows in their hands. (Photo: Orville Sriver)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 43, p. 48]

District 16 - Prairie Union School

By Velma Bright

Prairie Union was located one mile west and one and one-half miles south of Akron. On July 14, 1874, Trustee E. A. Arnold of Henry Township purchased one-fourth acre of land from Arnold and Sarah Cutshall for ten dollars on which to build the Prairie Union School. However, the school building was not yet completed in 1876. School was in session there in 1920-21 for the last time. The building is still standing.

An earlier school once stood about one hundred rods west of this school. Ralph Whittenberger states that his grandfather said that the first election in Henry Township was held here.

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MEMORIES OF PRAIRIE UNION SCHOOL

By Ralph Whittenberger as told to Velma Bright

Prairie Union School was located one mile west and one-half mile south of Akron and was known as District 16 School.

I attended this school for eight years and my father before me attended Prairie Union. My grandfather always told me that the first election in Henry Township was held in this schoolhouse.

When the second schoolhouse was built, all of the work was donated except the actual building of the structure. The men of the community took their wagons and hauled the bricks to the site. The first school stood about 100 rods west of the second building which is still standing.

The families which made up the school community were those of Mason Grogg, Elmer Heltzel, Philip Arter, Isaac Sriver, Elias Shriver, Peter Miller, John Davis, Rueben Whittenberger, William Sausaman, Jacob Eshelman, Nathan Pontius, Aaron Cutshall, Philip Kreig and Jacob King. Many times when the children married they would settle in the same community or move in with the parents, thus, several generations of one family would attend the school. Other families would at times move into the community and their children would then attend the school. Some of the boys in the family wouldn't get to go to school until all the wood was cut for winter and the corn was husked so it would take them longer to get through school.

The teachers that I remember or know to have taught at Prairie Union are Miller Whittenberger, Dot Bowen, Earl Waite, Edith Stephy, Leah Platt, Gladys Dawson, Worthy Shewman, Dayton Swihart, William Shewman, Lola Judd, Daniel Slaybaugh, Lucretia Nye, Vern Miller, Pearl Kessling, Neva Cutshall, Seth Carpenter and Ruth Waechter.

When my father, Sam Whittenberger, attended Prairie Union, his brother Miller Whittenberger was his teacher. One day Miller gave Sam a whipping and this didn't set too well with Sam.

During the time that I was attending school, Worthy Shewman was the teacher and was getting along quite well. He then quit in the middle of the year to take a mail route. After that the teacher was more lax and we didn't have school about half of the time.

An older boy was always janitor. They would come early before the teacher arrived and loosen the stovepipes. Just about time for school to take up, the stovepipes would fall down and smoke them all out. School would have to be dismissed for the day.

The boys would sometimes ring the bell so hard that it would turn over and be upside down. It wouldn't ring in this position so the teacher would send them to a neighbor's home nearby to borrow a ladder. The boys would return with the ladder, climb into the belfry and wouldn't come down until school was dismissed.

When Daniel Slaybaugh was teacher, he had to straighten out some of the big boys. One day he shook one of them so hard it knocked the stovepipe down. The stove sat in front of the door and the stove pipe went to the back of the schoolhouse so there was a lot of stovepipe. It was quite a job to get it back in place so the school trustees would have to come in and get it fixed up. Usually there were two trustees for the school as I remember. If I remember correctly, Milo Cuthsall and George Whittenberger were the trustees.

When Daniel Slaybaugh was teacher, he would play with the children. One time Edwin Sriver and myself buried Dan in the snow. He buried my sock cap in the snow one time and it took me two days to find it.

On nice days Dan would ride a motorcycle to school. This was one of the first motorcycles in this community.

One of the highlights of the school year was the Christmas festivities. About Christmas time one of the bigger boys would bring a bobsled to school and we would all get to go and get the Christmas tree. One time that stands out in my mind was when we went about two miles north to Charley Harter's farm. He gave us a tree that year and it was a very large tree. All of the children made paper rings and strung popcorn and we decorated the tree. If there were any lights on the tree, it was lighted with candles.

Everyone brought money and a present was bought for the teacher. Most of the time the Christmas program was given in the afternoon. The parents would come and they would put a present under the tree for their child. The teacher always gave all of the children a treat.

Later when Ruth Waechter was teaching at Prairie Union and I was going to high school in Akron, she asked me to come to school and be Santa Claus at the Christmas party. I drove to Mason Grogg's and left my horses there, then walked over to the school. No one, not even my brother could recognize who was playing Santa. However, the teacher dismissed school too quickly after I left and I didn't have time enough to get back to Grogg's. The boys ran down the road and found me and took my mask off so they could see who was playing Santa Claus.

We didn't have any well at the school until about 1909 or 1910. Everyone wanted it to be his turn to go to William Arter's and get water. If it was your turn to go, you would put it off until school would take up; then you would get out of school for a little while.

In 1908 I was in fifth grade. Gladys Dawson was the teacher. I would take her horse to Bill Arter's and get it in the evening. I would sweep the schoolhouse every day after school and build the fires in the morning. I received five cents per day and was janitor all of that year.

We had box socials every year. They were money raising events as well as socials. One time we bought a second-hand organ for the school and another time some new bookcases were secured. When events were held at the school at night, kerosene lamps from the kitchens of the children's homes were borrowed and hung on the wall.

When Lucretia Nye was teacher she was dating Arthur Kuhn, whom she later married. Before the box social Bill Arter gave me some money so that I could bid against Arthur for Lucretia's basket. However, Jack Morris came and bid on the basket too. He paid \$16 for her basket and Arthur didn't get to eat with her because he didn't have that much money.

Another thing I remember is that the boys would go out into the cornfield and hide in the corn shocks and smoke cornsilk. The smoke would curl up from the shocks making it look like wigwams.

On cold days we would all sit on the chunks of wood around the stove to keep warm.

The last day of school was always a big day. All of the parents would come and if it was a nice day they would have a big dinner in the school yard. They always had a program and every year Roscoe Davis would recite "The Raggedy Raggedy Man."

I have two end-of-school souvenir booklets for Prairie Union School. The one for 1904 lists the following pupils: Ferol King, Ross Snoke, Ralph Whittenberger, Walter Kreig, Jesse Shriver, Walter Shriver, Gertrude Shriver, Miles Sausaman, Ray Sausaman, Ethel Templeton, Theresa Grogg, Abia Snoke, Rosco Davis, Chester Shriver, Corda Sausaman, Fay Shriver, Amy Davis, Hazel Whittenberger, Fay King, Ruth Long, Edwin Sriver, Willis Cutshall, Frank Sausaman, Clyde Davis, Harvey Davis, and James Personett. Leah Platt was the teacher, Milo Cutshall, director; B. F. Holloway, trustee.

Gladys Dawson was the teacher for 1908. Pupils: Eighth grade: Clyde Davis, Hazel Whittenberger, Amy Davis. Seventh grade: Theresa Grogg, Jesse Shriver. Sixth grade: Frank Sausaman. Fifth grade: Edwin Sriver, Alta Fay Shriver, Ralph Whittenberger. Fourth grade: Ruth Long, Chester Shriver. 3-A grade: Ferol King, Corda Sausaman, Marie Whittenberger. 3-B grade:

Gladys Arter, Louisa Shriver, Margaret Kline, Miles Sausaman, Estel Sriver, Cloid Sriver. First grade: Emmett Eshelman, Charles Eshelman, Theresa Grogg, Gail Sausaman, Vera Arter.

Albert Cook was Henry Township trustee and J. C. Werner was Fulton County School Superintendent in 1908.

The Akron *News* had the following notice in its "This Was News" column Nov. 6, 1975, for 60 years ago (1915): "A good time was experienced at the box supper at the Prairie Union school house last Friday evening. Nineteen dollars were received, for which the teacher, Seth Carpenter, and his pupils thank the public."

Editor's note: Prairie Union School was located two miles south of Akron on the northeast corner of 300S and 1075E.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 43, pp 46-50]

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The school house in district No. 16, Henry township, is all that could be desired. It is large and well arranged -- everything considered it is the best we have seen in the county . . . -E. Myers, County Sup't.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 30, 1876]

John Dickerhoff teaches at No. 16 and is giving general satisfaction. The same may be said of Mr. I. L. Shipley, who teaches at No. 5.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 20, 1877]

Seth Carpenter taught at Prairie Union one-room school southwest of Akron

Teachers: Leah Platt 1904.

Lester Davis Writes the following: "I started to school in 1915 at a small country school four miles southwest of Akron; namely, Prairie Union. It was discontinued four years later, then I went to Akron Grade School."

"Clyde "Doc" Davis attended Prairie Union School. He recalls his teachers even though it has been 75 to 80 years since he was under the tutelage of Dot Bowen, Leo Platt, William Shuman and Dr. Waittee." [-- Rochester *Sentinel*, Jan. 30, 1976]

[Davis & Wilhoit Families, Doshia A. Wilhoit Dearmin, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2 Willard]

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Teachers:

1896-97: Alice Dielman

1897-98: Earl Wait

1898-99: Dot Bowen

1899-00: Rose Anderson

1900-01: Dot Bowen

1901-02: [omitted]

1902-03: Edith Stephey

1903-04: Edith Stephey

1904-05: [not listed by schools]

1905-06: [not listed by schools]

1906-07: [omitted]

1907-08: Gladye Dawson

[FCHS Quarterly No. 41, pp 37-40]

PARTIAL LIST OF TEACHERS, DISTRICT 16, PRAIRIE UNION SCHOOL

Dot Bowen, Seth Carpenter, Neva Cutshall, Gladys Dawson, Pearl Kessling, Julia Larue, Vern Miller, Nyle Noyer, Lucretia Nye, Lea Platt, Willie Shewman, Worthy Shewman, Daniel Slaybaugh, Edith Stephy, Ruth Waechter, Earl Waite, Miller Whittenberger.

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## **PRAIRIE UNION SCHOOL [#14]** [Rochester Township]

Located SE corner Meridian Road and 150N.

Built before 1876.

### **SCHOOL DAYS AT PRAIRIE UNION, LUCERNE, KEWANNA, SCOTLAND and PRAIRIE GROVE**

By Pearl Mutchler Hiland

#### **PRAIRIE UNION SCHOOL**

My school days began in the fall of 1889 in Prairie Union School in Rochester Township. This one-room school was located on a north and south road two miles west of the Rochester city park, between 50N and state road 14, My three big cousins, DeForest (Forry), Ira and Mamie Mutchler were pupils and I begged to go too. I was not quite five years old, but my mother got the consent of the teacher, Miss Rhoda Delp (who later became the wife of Judge Harry Bernetha). I thought her just beautiful with her long black curls tied at the nape with a big ribbon bow.

I can still see the little school as it sat a way back off the road among a grove of trees. It stood on Meridian Road but faced north, rather than west toward the road. The big US-31 by-pass is on the old school site now.

Prairie Union was a wood frame building, painted white. The playground was between the schoolhouse and the road, so the school stood back a ways from the road with a large yard. There was a well for water, as my uncle Peter King Mutchler, was a well driver and it was with his children (my cousins named above) that I walked to school each day. I lived west on state road 14 and walked to the corner to meet my cousins coming north on Meridian Road. They lived in a big brick house which Peter Mutchler built before 1885. (Editor's note: this big brick house burned in 1965. The Donald Hutchens family lives there now and sells eggs and produce.) One time I was late and missed my cousins, so I cut through the field - some cattle chased me and really scared me. Remember I was not yet five years old.

Inside the school the seats faced south toward the blackboard. Coats were hung on hooks at the back of the room. The teacher's desk sat in the southwest corner and a big chart for teaching and alphabet and reading stood in the middle of the front of the room. This chart was very unusual for a one-room school.

I sat in a double seat with Mamie, who was 10 years old, and went to the front to recite from the big chart. It was secured to a metal standard and the leaves turned back over the top. The leaves were two feet by three feet. On the first page was the capital A and a small a and the picture of an apple. Under that was a sentence, "A is for apple" then a picture of a ball and "B is for ball", "C is for cat," etc. Other pupils were two Osborne teenage girls and a girl named Talley; these are the only ones I remember.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 46, p. 28]

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I remember John Felder, my sixth grade teacher at Prairie Union, but others I do not recall.

[Frederick Eherenman Family, Lloyd Eherenman, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

Notice to Builders. New School House, No. 14, Rochester twp (directly west of Rochester). I. Walker, Trustee, Rochester twp.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 6, 1863]

Notice. Proposals to build a school house in Rochester Twp., Dist. 14, will be received on Saturday, July 2d, 1864. C. H. Robbins, Trustee.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday June 24, 1864]

Maggie McBride is the name of the accomplished lady who successfully teaches about 30 scholars of different ages, at the Prairie Union school house, a short distance west from this place.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 27, 1871]

At a school meeting held last Saturday at the Prairie Union School House, about one mile and a half southwest of Rochester, Miss Henrietta Rebecca McBride was elected teacher. . [Rochester *Union-Spy*.

At the reorganization of the Sunday School at the Prairie Union School House, last Sabbath, Mrs. Mary E. Pyle was elected Superintendent.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 18, 1872]

The Prairie Union School, Miss H. R. McBride teacher, will close next Saturday.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, July 18, 1872]

The Sunday School at the Prairie Union Schol House has been discontinued on account of a lack of interest in its proceedings. This looks like progressing backwards.

--- At a spelling school held at the Prairie Union School House, last Friday night . . . Miss Sarah E. Lawrence won the laurels . . .

--- Ed. Horton is teaching . . . at the Prairie Union School House. Besides being a good teacher, there is a fund of good humor and pleasantry in Ed. that makes him a favorite with his scholars.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 19, 1872]

At a spelling school held at the Prairie Union School House, last Friday night, Miss Ada Merrick won the belt . . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, January 2, 1873]

The Ellsworth and Orr Schools pitted themselves against the Prairie Union school in a spelling match, last Tuesday night, but came off second best. Miss Sarah Lawrence, of the former school, was again declared the best speller.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, January 9, 1873]

The Literary Society at the Prairie Union school house was well attended last Saturday night.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, January 16, 1873]

The "Literary" at the Prairie Union school house last Saturday night was a magnificent failure.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, March 6, 1873]

The Prairie Union school, Edward Horton, teacher will close its session next Wednesday.

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[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, March 6, 1873]

The spring term of school commenced at Prairie Union school house on Monday last. Miss Sarah Lawrence is teaching. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 17, 1873]

Prairie Union School, over which Miss Sarah Lawrence presides as teacher, closes tomorrow . . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, July 17, 1873]

Prairie Union school house is to have a new floor, and will be replastered and otherwise fixed up. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, July 24, 1873]

Mr. J. Q. Henry has charge of the Prairie Union school.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 4, 1873]

Miss Ella Barb, of Rochester, is teaching the “young idea how to shoot” at Prairie Union school house west of town. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 15, 1875]

Miss Ella Barb, who has so acceptably filled the position of teacher at Prairie Union school house, will close her school next Saturday, 3d day of July, with literary exercises and a picnic dinner. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 26, 1875]

Prairie Union school house has long been celebrated for its big dinners and good cheer, and last Saturday was no exception to the rule. . . The occasion was the closing day of Miss Barb’s school. . . The following is the programme of the closing exercises: [names mentioned] Jessie McBride, Annie Onstott, Charlie Pyle, Lee Montgomery, Minnie Lawrence, Lela Osborn, Charlie Lawrence, Jane Lawrence, Sammie White, Lee Pyle, W. Merrick, Emma Onstott, Leney Lawrence, Susie Miller, Minnie Lawrence. . . the teacher, Miss Ella Barb. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 10, 1875]

The services of Miss Ella Barb, a very popular teacher, have been secured by the Priarie Union district, for the summer term.

[Around-About by Gate Keeper (J. N. Orr), Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, April 23, 1875]

Several persons will attend the closing exercises of Miss Ella Barb’s school, at Prairie Union, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, July 2, 1875]

The summer term of school taught by Miss Ella Kewney, at the saw mill, one mile south of town, closed last Friday with a grand dinner in the grove. The school of Ella Barb, at Prairie Union, closed last Saturday with like ceremonies.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, July 9, 1875]

Charley Plank will “teach the young ideas” where, when and how to shoot at the Saw Mill School; Curg. Rannells swings the birch at Mt. Zion; Ches. Chinn manipulates the rod away down in Wayne; Frank Dawson will “walk their chunk” at Prairie Union -- and Able Bowers will introduce the apple-eating system at Millark.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 25, 1876]

B. F. Dawson has been engaged to teach the Prairie Union school.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, October 27, 1876]

B. F. Dawson, teacher of Prairie Union school, will hold a spelling school next Wednesday evening.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, December 8, 1876]

Prairie Union school, Mr. B. F. Dawson teacher, will close Friday next.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 10, 1877]

There will be an election held at Prairie Union school house this afternoon for the purpose of selecting a teacher for the spring and summer term of school. Among the applicants for the school are Miss Dora Pyle, Miss Emma Onstott and Miss Olive Davis.

---A good many years ago Miss Maggie McClung, now Mrs. Jesse Shields, established the custom of giving a sumptuous dinner on the closing day at Prairie Union, as did Miss "Dot" Ernsperger, now Mrs. Bates, at the saw mill school house south of town. . . Our young friend, B. F. Dawson, was the teacher at Prairie Union during the past winter. . . . Programme: . . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 17, 1877]

The literary Society at Prairie Union will close next Friday night with an exhibition.

--- We understad that the Grange who have been holding their meetings at Prairie Union, are about to dispose of their "traps" and are talking of disbanding.

--- The election at Prairie Union school house last Saturday, held for the purpose of selecting a teacher for the spring and summer school, resulted in favor of Miss Emma Onstott by a majority of one vote.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 24, 1877]

School will commence at Prairie Union next Monday, Miss Emma Onstott, teacher.

--- The Sunday school at Prairie Union school house was reorganized last Sabbath with the following officers: Elijah Miller, Superintendent; Valentine Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent; A. McBride, Secretary; "Doc" Osborne, Librarian; Chas. H. Smith, Treasurer. . . . Mr. Miller was Superintendent of the same school last summer and gave general satisfaction.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 14, 1877]

Sidney R. Moon opened the prayer meeting at Prairie Union last Wednesday night. .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 26, 1877]

The following is the programme of the closing exercises of Prairie Union school, kindly furnished us by the teacher, Miss Emma Onstott. . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 14, 1877]

William Lane, of Rochester, is teaching Prairie Union Sunday school how to sing.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 18, 1877]

At a school meeting held a few nights ago, Joseph Ault, of Rochester, was chosen to teach the winter term of school at Prairie Union. He is a young man of much promise, is of studious habits and is a good scholar. . .

--- Through some dissatisfaction, Mr. Elijah Miller, who has for some time filled the position of Superintendent of the Prairie Union Sunday School, resigned his office last Sabbath. . . Mr. Charles Stradley of Rochester, has consented to take the superintendency. .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, October 20, 1877]

The school at Prairie Union is presided over by C. W. Montgomery.

[Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, December 15, 1877]

While playing base-ball at Prairie Union school house last Saturday, A. F. Bowers collided with another player and received a broken proboscis. . .

[Sprinkleburg Items, Rochester *Union Spy*, Friday, February 1, 1878]

Miss Emma Onstott [will teach a term of school] at Prairie school house. . .  
[Rochester *Union Spy*, Friday, April 12, 1878]

There will be a Sunday school concert given at Prairie Union school house two weeks from to-morrow night, Aug. 25th.

[Rochester *Republican*, Saturday, August 10, 1878]

B. F. Dawson is arranging for a grand Sunday school concert at Prairie Union, on the 25th.

[Rochester *Republican*, Saturday, August 17, 1878]

Prairie Union school, Miss Mary Sperry teacher, will close next Friday.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 28, 1879]

The Literary Society at Prairie Union is now in full blast. . .  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, January 10, 1879]

Teachers: Ruth Tracy Richardson, 1910-12

## **PRATT SCHOOL** [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

First schoolhouse in Aubbeenaubbee township erected on farm of Lewis PRATT. Located in the north part of the township, about a quarter of a mile west of where Hay's School was later constructed.

## **PRILL SCHOOL [#3]** [Henry Township]

Located NE corner of 700E and 150N.  
Built before 1876

[photo] Prill's School - October 19, 1910. Back row: Orville Smith, Roscoe Barnett, [ - - - ] Shively, Edwin Barnett, Colfax Rhodes, Robert Utter, Devon Shively, Walter Sriver, [ - - - ] Bryant, Russell Bryant; Second row: Chester Utter, Darwin Heeter, Lester Bryant, Gladys Rhodes, Ruth Bryant, Fred Rowe - teacher, Emma Utter, Unice Bryant, Dewey Zolman, Pearl Freels, Lena Bryant. First row: Lucile Heighway, Edith Bryant, Edith Mikesell, unknown, [ - - - ] Shireman, [ - - - ] Shireman, Selena Utter, unknown, Dean Barnett, Ralph Bryant.

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[photo] Prill School as it looked in the 1920's, probably while it was still being used for school. Notice the water pump in front. (Photo: Mrs. Norman Dickson)

[FCHS Quarterly, Vol. 9, February, 1973, No. 1, p. 26]

[photo] Prill School before Dewey Zolman began restoring it in 1971. Notice the windows are broken out and it has been used to store old boards, grain and farm equipment. Still the building was basically like it was years ago and Zolman decided it was possible to restore it "good as new."

[FCHS Quarterly No. 66, p. 111]

[photo] Prill School after being restored by Dewey Zolman, with the help of many others. The windows are replaced, blinds have been installed, a railing by the steps and a big dinner bell erected, and the outdoor privy is ready for business. Prill School became a museum in 1971 for the first Round Barn Festival.

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[photo] Prill School, Oct. 19, 1910. Front row: Lucille Heighway, Edith Bryant, Edith Mikesell, Belle Smith, Mary Shireman, Bertha Shireman, Selena Utter, Deverle Peterson, Dean Barnette, Ralph Bryant, Raymond Shively. Row 2: Chester Utter, Darwin Heeter, Lester Bryant, Gladys Rhodes, Ruth Bryant, Fred Rowe - teacher, Emma Utter, Eunice Bryant, Dewey Zolman, Pearl Freels, Lena Bryant. Back row: Orville Smith, Roscoe Barnett, Lester Shively, Edwin Barnett, Colfx Rhodes, Robert Utter, Devon Shively, Walter Sriver, Stella Bryant, Russel Bryant. (Photo: Mary Zolman)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 66, p. 114]

### PRILL SCHOOL

By Prill School Museum Association

Prill School was built in 1876 on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Prill. The school, which was District No. 3 in Henry Township was located northeast of Athens on the northeast corner of 700E and the Fort Wayne road. One teacher taught all eight grades. The students ranged in age from six to eighteen.

When the school opened there was no plumbing - water had to be carried in wooden buckets by the pupils from the John Prill residence. Later a well was drilled and two brick outhouses built, one for the girls and one for the boys.

The school was heated by a wood-burning stove. The wood was contracted from local farmers during the summer. The older boys were often called on to carry wood in and help fire the stove.

A water bucket, dipper and wash basin were kept at the back of the room and were used by everyone. However, the boys had a mirror and comb on one side of the room and the girls had one on the other side.

The children walked to school, sometimes as far as a mile and a half. They carried their lunch to school. Lunches were kept in the cloak room and during the winter their lunch would be frozen by noon.

The nearest high schools were in Rochester and Akron, about six miles either way. Some of the pupils were able to commute to high school by a milk train that stopped in Athens. As it was compulsory to attend school until age 16, some pupils had to remain in the eighth grade several years even though they passed because they were too young to quit and had no transportation into Rochester or Akron.

The curriculum at that time consisted of reading (The McGuffey Reader), spelling, writing, arithmetic, history, geography, physiology, and health. Games played by the children were Farmer in the Dell, Blind Man's Bluff, Drop the Handkerchief, and baseball. A nearby pond served as an ice skating rink during the winter. At Christmas the school was decorated with pine boughs and trees. The tree was decorated with strings of popcorn and cranberries. The students also made ornaments to hang on the tree. The teacher would treat the pupils with candy, apples and oranges. Usually there was a Christmas program held at the school and the parents were invited.

The last school year was 1924-25. Fred Rowe was the last teacher. Other teachers were Ernest Lamar, Emma Nicodemus, Charles Byer, Charles Daniels, Frank Dillman, Edith Heeter, Ray Hoover, Ethel Kuhn, Mary Krom, Estil Sheetz, Mrs. Arch Stinson, Jessie Bonnell, Julie Hoover, May Woods, Lee Marshall, Clyde Richardson, John Craig, Grace Fall, Joy Hammond, Lucille Heighway, Estil McIntyre, Lincoln Kuhn, Worthy Shewman, Nobby True, and Ray Miller.

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Entertainment at Prill School Museum Association meetings has been kept as close as possible to the type that prevailed when the school was in use. The programs have been recitations by former pupils, cake walks, spelling bees, puppet shows, skits by the children, harvest suppers, sing-alongs, Halloween parties Christmas parties, and patriotic programs.

At Christmas some of the adult members, accompanied by the children in the community, hunt and cut a tree. The school is then decorated as it was 50 years ago. A Christmas party is then held at the school. The public is always welcome at these events. The highlight of the party is a visit from Santa Claus with a bagful of treats for everyone.

A Junior Auxiliary was formed by the youngsters. They meet once a month at the homes of their members. The purpose of this group is to work with the adult group in restoring the school. The auxiliary has helped with painting, yard work, fund raising projects, entertainment at the association meetings. This group along with the adults goes Christmas Caroling each year at some of the local nursing homes, hospital and for shut-ins.

In 1972 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Welling and Miss Martha Lasher, graduate students from Indiana University at South Bend, as a project for graduate study used Prill School. The study is American Heritage on Education with an emphasis on the influence of one-room school. Slides were taken of the school grounds, and using two young girls as students, a school day was re-enacted. A voice recording on the activities of the day was made. The recording to be used in coordination with the slides was made by a retired school teacher who had taught in a one-room school.

During 1973 \$1,302.05 was spent for repair and upkeep of the Prill School building.

A popular place for student tours, pupils from Riddle and Columbia, Mexico and Leiters Ford schools have visited Prill School. Rochester High School photography class visits yearly for a picture-snapping session. Some of their photos have been displayed in art shows.

In March a kite flying contest is held. In August a corn cook has become an annual event. Corn is cooked in old iron and copper kettles on wood fires outdoors.

In 1975 these additions and repairs were made: school bell installed in front, flag pole in yard, wrought iron railing around stove and front steps, re-painted inside, also outside trim painted and repaired, another toilet installed, closets re-plastered, world globe and stand purchased at Rochester Middle School sale, chimney repaired, organ donated, lights in both toilets and closets, two fire extinguishers. Catherine Miert donated a slide projector and screen.

In 1976 Prill School celebrated its centennial. Activities of the afternoon were in keeping with the by-gone era of the one-room school. Mr. and Mrs. Don Van Duyne brought their horse and surrey and delighted young and old alike by giving rides. Don, who has been shoeing horses for 60 years, demonstrated his techniques by shoeing his horse and explaining as he worked. He is still using his father's and grandfather's blacksmith tools.

Ned Smith, who owns the land on which Prill stands, introduced his horse "Silky Sue". He discussed the harness and its functions. Craig Denny of Valparaiso rode the sulky and trotted the horse around the track showing the fine points of harness racing. "Silky Sue" has won several trophies and blankets.

Many antiques and collectables were on display, several owned by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Safford, others displayed by association members.

Mrs. Vada Quackenbush, local schoolteacher and president of the Prill Association, held a mock school session which was enjoyed by the many visitors.

A horse shoe pitching contest was held and the team of Doug and Denny Sweaney were the winners.

The event was attended by around 200 people. Bruce Hess and the Civil Defence directed parking.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 28, pp 33-36]

#### HISTORY OF PRILL SCHOOL

Prill School, now a restored one room schoolhouse, is located on the Old Fort Wayne Road and 700 East in Henry Township.

The land on which this historic structure was built in 1876 was formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Prill.

One teacher taught all eight grades and the ages of the pupils ranged from six to eighteen.

The school had no plumbing facilities and drinking water had to be carried in wooden buckets by the pupils from the John Prill residence. Later a well was drilled and two brick toilets were built.

A wood-burning stove was used to heat the school. Local farmers supplied the wood and some of the older students carried in the wood and fired the stove.

Every pupil used the same water bucket, dipper and wash basins which were placed at the back of the room.

However, the boys had a mirror and comb on one side of the room and the girls had one on the other side.

The children walked as far as a mile and a half to school, regardless of the weather. They carried their lunches in pails or lard buckets. These lunches were kept in the cloak room and during the winter the lunches would be frozen by noon.

The school curriculum consisted of reading (*The McGuffey Reader*), spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, history, geography, physiology and health. Daily oral recitations were routine. During recesses the children enjoyed such games as Farmer in the Dell, Blind Man's Bluff, Drop the Handkerchief and baseball. A pond nearby served as an ice skating rink during the winter. Many times a daring skater would have to be pulled from the pond after the ice had broken.

At Christmas time the entire school was fragrant with the aroma of pine. Pine bows and trees decorated the entire school. The tree was decorated with strings of popcorn and cranberries. Student-made ornaments were hung on the tree. The pupils' treats consisted of candy, apples and oranges. usually, there was a Christmas program held at the school and the parents were invited.

The last school year was 1924-25.

For many years the building was used for grain storage. In the spring of 1971 some former students had a vision of a reconstructed one-room rural school of the 19th century.

Fulton County's first annual Round Barn Festival was held July 16, 17, 18, 1971. One of the most popular stops of the county tour was the restored one-room Prill School. Visiting the school is like taking a step back in time.

Much work went into the reconstruction in 1971. The boarded windows gave way to plastic screen and blinds. The weed-choked lawn was cut, raked and trimmed. Maple trees, green and scarlet adorned the lawn. Inside an even greater change took place. Grain storage supports were removed and the walls and ceiling were replastered and painted. Some of the original desks, well-chewed by rodents and dulled with age, were brought down from the attic of the school. They were cleaned and returned to their original locations. Other seats were acquired to completely furnish the room. A pot-bellied stove with a safety railing is in the center of the room.

The Prill School Museum Association, twenty in number, was formed in the fall of 1971. The association has as its purpose the preservation of the 95-year-old building, a landmark of Fulton County's pioneer heritage.

The association, now registering over 300 families as members, has accomplished much toward the restoration and preservation of Prill School. The slate roof has been repaired, custom made windows have been installed and floor repairs have been made. The well was redrilled and a pump installed, dry wall was put in the closets, wainscoting was varnished and a hitching rack for horses has been installed in the yard. The association provided liability insurance, added electrical wiring, electrified the lanterns to meet safety standards for inside lighting and installed an outside security light. The labor and materials for many of these accomplishments were donated by dedicated and interested persons.

Since the Prill School was opened in 1971 to the public, many hundreds of visitors have registered from almost all of the fifty states.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 66, pp 115-118]

#### DISTRICT 3, PRILL'S SCHOOL

By Velma Bright

Prill's School, in existence in 1876, was located in the northwest corner of Henry Township. The last school year was 1923-24. This building is still standing.

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#### HISTORY OF PRILL SCHOOL

By Dewey Zolman, Pupil of Prill School

Mr. and Mrs. John Prill donated the ground for the Prill School to the county in the year 1876. In that year the school was built and named after the donors, Prill School-1876-District No. 2 [or 3?].

The school had an average of forty pupils per term. There were eight grades with one teacher for all grades. The school hours were from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We all walked to and from school - some from as far as a mile away. Students ranged in age from six to eighteen years.

We had no electricity and our heat was from an old box stove. It was about three and a half feet long with a hearth and door at one end. Our water was at the pump which was out in the school yard. There were two tin cups at the pump and we all drank from them. There were two brick toilets located on each side and to the rear of the school - the one on the east side for the girls and the west side for the boys. Inside the school as you came in the door to your right and left were two cloak rooms - one for girls and one for boys. There were shelves at the end of each room for our lunch buckets and strips nailed to the sides of the wall with nails in it to hang our hats and coats. On each outside cloakroom there were two small mirrors each with a tin comb case with a comb in each.

On the left wall as you go in, there is a list of the pupils that went to Prill School and on the right side are the original desks that are 95 years old. The desks had been stored in the attic since the school closed in 1927.

It might be interesting to note also that Fred Rowe, father of the late Dr. Howard Rowe of Rochester, taught several years here and also Clyde Richardson, brother of the late Dr. Charles Richardson.

School was for grades first to eighth and it was compulsory for children to go to school until they were sixteen, unless they had graduated before. In the winter the school was closed early sometimes due to darkness and sometimes the snow drifts were as high as the rail fences. Children's shoes were greased with tallow to make them as water-proof as possible. The children all wore long underwear and the girls wore long black stockings and plaid dresses over them. The boys wore overalls and shirts. The teacher kept the children in line with a slender whip for the boys - the girls were seldom punished this way. The old story of the pigtales in the ink-wells - this happened at Prill too.

We had one hour for lunch and a fifteen minute recess in the morning and afternoon. Children usually spent their time playing blind-man's bluff and such games as were popular then. They gathered beech-nuts in near-by woods at noon time or slid down straw stacks that stood across the road. In the winter, there was a pond near by to skate on.

We had a big school bell on a high post outside by the steps. Each morning, fifteen minutes before nine, the teacher would ring the bell for three or four minutes. That was a warning that we had just so much time to get to school or be tardy. On a clear day you could hear the bell as far as a mile away. Coats and lunch buckets were stored in the cloak rooms and at noon the children ate lunch at their desks. In the evening the children took turns passing out the coats and lunch buckets - a boy and a girl each evening.

The school was not as cold as one might think, as there was a good fire going in the center of the room in our iron stove. At this time I will mention how the fuel was obtained for the school. The trustees would advertise for bids to the farmers for so many cords of wood for the school and the farmer with the lowest prices got the job. They would cut it and haul it in the summer and cord it in a straight line from the fence back of the school to the road on the east side of the school. That much would last the winter. The teacher would usually carry the wood into the school.

At Christmas time the children would string cranberries and popcorn and hang foot after foot around the school in a decorative fashion. One time we had a big arch instead of a Christmas tree. It was made of evergreen limbs and we decorated it with the strings of popcorn and cranberries and a silver star that we made. We always had our Christmas entertainment on Friday afternoon and then we were dismissed for our Christmas vacation. Usually some of our parents would come to see our exercises.

School would begin in October, then end in April.

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The teacher was strict, lessons were long and there was little quarrelling or problems among the students.

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#### HISTORY OF PRILL SCHOOL

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Abe Bowers will teach at Millark, John Rouch at Prill's and John Davidson at Bloomingsburg.

[Rochester Union-Spy, Friday, November 3, 1876]

J. A. Rouch is engaged at No. 3 and is evidently doing a splendid work. . . The only thing we noticed in connection with this school worthy of criticism was the untidiness of the room.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 16, 1876]

Our first Township Institute was held at the Prill school house on last Saturday. . .

[Letter From Akron, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, December 27, 1878]

I attended Prills three years. Then they closed the school and bussed us to Athens, where we graduated from the eighth grade. In my first grades at Prills I had as teacher Mary Krom.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 54, p. 49]

#### Teachers:

1896-97: Jessie Bonnell

1897-98: J. W. Bonnell

1898-99: Estil Gast

1899-00: Charles A. Daniels

1900-01: Emma Nicodemus

1901-02: [omitted]

1902-03: Ray W. Hoover

1903-04: Ernest Lamar

1904-05: [not listed by school]

1905-06: [not listed by school]

1906-07: [omitted]

1907-08: Fred Rowe

Clyde Richardson

[FCHS Quarterly No. 41, pp 37-39]

#### PARTIAL LIST OF TEACHERS, DISTRICT 3, PRILL'S SCHOOL

Charles Byer, John Craig, Charles Daniels, Frank Dillman, Joy Hammond, Edith Heeter, Lucille Heighway, Ray Hoover, Ethel Kuhn, Lincoln Kuhn, Ernest Lamar, Lee Marshall, Emma Nicodemus, Clyde Richardson, Fred Rowe, Estil Sheetz, Worthy Shewman, Mrs. Arch Stinson, Nobby True.

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See Prill School Association

### **PRILL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION** [Henry Township]

Thelma Sanders Safford, historian.

DEWEY ZOLMAN

By Shirley Willard

In 1971 Dewey [Zolman] was instrumental in starting the Prill School Museum for the first Round Barn Festival. He did most of the restoration and acquiring of furniture for it. When they began planning the first Round Barn Festival, Dewey attended one of the committee meetings and offered to spearhead the renovation of Prill School. It had been used for grain storage and needed lots of work.

He wrote to all the Prill School alumni and asked them to donate money to help restore the old building. They donated over \$113. He contacted businesses and got them to donate paint (Bailey Hardware) and lumber (Spud McGee). Garret Ginn donated doors, and Amos Foor donated lumber and windows from an old house. He found 15 of the original desks in the attic of Prill School. Other desks were donated from other one-room schools. Dewey built the teacher's desk. He restored an organ, donated by Wenzel Wright. He got Prill School placed on the National Register of Historic Sites and Structures in 1979. He did research in the courthouse and discovered that the land for Prill School was purchased for \$30 by Henry Township and therefore did not revert back to the land owner, as it would have if the land had been donated by John Prill. Lawyers then concluded the Prill School was the property of Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation, as all Henry Township school property went into the consolidation. TVSC leased Prill School to the Prill School Museum Association. Up until that time the Association had leased the school and land from Ned Smith, assuming that it was part of his farm.

In 1980 Dewey made a list of the donated items in Prill School, so that the people who donated them would be remembered:

Claude Irwin - Piano case (in which organ is now).

Dorothy Bixler - eight window blinds.

Elizabeth Prill Lindsey - Pot-bellied stove.

Mentone School - 15 desks (transported by Chester Utter and Dewey Zolman).

Oliver Bryant - 48 star flag.

Don McIntire - mirrors.

Map case with five maps (original to Prill School).

Jerry Baker - globe.

Some Rochester people - large dictionary.

Harold Mattox - two comb cases to hang on wall by door.

Blackboards across north end of building were paid for with donations from former pupils of Prill School.

Library books were given by the public.

Bench made like original one by Dewey Zolman, also a granite bucket and dipper and tin wash pan to go with this bench placed by the door.

Pump given by Chester Utter and installed by him and D. Zolman.

Small mirror (like the original one remembered by pupils).

Straight chair to go with teacher's desk - Dewey Zolman.

Shelf for dictionary - Lena Bowen.

Stove pipe paid for with donated money.

After the Prill School Museum Association was organized, the following items were acquired:

Teacher's desk made by Dewey Zolman.

Ten desks.

Framed names of all pupils of Prill School, hung on west wall.

Eight lanterns, donated.

Two 8-foot long folding tables.

Bell given by Thelma Safford.

Mrs. Zolman knew Mr. Wright had an old pump organ in his garage. She called him and asked if he would sell the organ to her husband so he could see if he could restore it for Prill School. He said, "I won't sell it to you but I will give it to Prill School in me and my children's names if Mr. Zolman can fix it."

When the organ was donated, it was missing all the black keys, paint spilled on half of the ivory keys, music rack gone, half of the valves knocked down, bellows rotted out, sound board on each side gone. Dewey used parts of the organ given by Mr. Irwin and also found parts of the original organ in Prill School. It took him five weeks to restore the old organ but it plays beautifully and is still in use at Prill School today.

Prill School Museum is a memorial to Dewey Zolman and all the other people of his generation who attended and loved the one-room schools in Fulton County.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 66, pp 109-112]

## RESTORATION OF THE PRILL SCHOOL

In Fulton County

By Ann Kindig Sheetz

(South Bend *Tribune*, Michiana Sunday magazine, 1973)

"I sat here in the first grade and a girl sat across the aisle. We whispered back and forth all the time until the teacher picked me up and sat me down in the seat with the girl. We both cried until recess, but we never whispered again." This was Dewey Zolman, talking to a group of visitors at Prill School.

In the last two years more than 3,500 persons from 20 states have visited the restored one-room school northeast of Athens, about halfway between Akron and Rochester in Fulton County, Indiana.

Operated as a grade school in the Henry Township school district from 1876 until 1925, Prill School educated 540 students, ranging in ages from six to 21. After the school was closed, its students sent to either Akron or Athens, the building was converted for grain storage. A hole was cut in the roof and through the ceiling to permit access by grain elevators, and the windows were boarded. Where once Dewey Zolman and his friends had studied, rats and mice now played.

Prill's destiny seemed to be that of other one-room school houses in the area - to be used for storage until time and age took their toll and the building collapsed. No one considered restoring the old school until Zolman decided that a one-room school would complement Fulton County's Round Barn Festival, an annual event in which tours of farms on which round barns, instead of the traditional square or rectangular-type barns, have been erected. There are at least 17 of these unusual barns in that area.

Zolman interested Chester Utter, also a Prill alumnus, in the restoration project. Ned Smith, owner of the farm once occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Prill, donors of the land on which the school was built, gave his permission to proceed with the restoration.

Lacking funds and help, Zolman and Utter tackled the huge task alone. They began by moving 250 bushels of partially spoiled grain from the building. "If Dewey hadn't been so excited about the idea, I don't think we could have done it," Utter now recalls. Together, they patched the hole in the ceiling, restored cloak rooms and located the original desks, many of which had been stored in the attic. Generations of rats had gnawed at them and rust had taken its toll.

The whole building was filthy. Broken windows and gaping holes in the floor seemed to defy repair.

A few donations trickled in. This money was used to buy slate blackboards to replace the original ones. A pot-bellied stove was located. Zolman found comb cases and mirrors to hang outside each of the cloak rooms. He even located a dinner pail similar to the one he had carried to school.

Gradually the building began to gain a new lease on life. Round Barn Festival visitors, amazed at the amount of work that had been done, were fascinated with the stories Zolman told of school life before consolidations and dress code squabbles. It was an era of strict, often harsh, discipline.

"I remember a 17-year-old girl who sat in this seat," he said. "She was in the eighth grade. One day she fell asleep and the teacher struck her across the shoulders. She just got up, gathered her books and belongings and walked out. She never came back."

Youngsters had their day of attending a one-room school when Vada (Mrs. Charles) Quackenbush, a Rochester teacher, "instructed" a class of 18 students in special Saturday classes during the Round Barn Festival.

The restored school attracted so much interest that the Prill School Museum Assn. was formed. Now boasting a membership of 221, the non-profit organization has officers and a board of directors of which Utter is chairman, Zolman recently resigned from the board, and Mrs. Quackenbush has become president. She continues to conduct special school sessions for the barn festival. Her husband now is treasurer of the association.

Members conduct monthly meetings at the school. In the winter heat is provided by a faithful pot-bellied stove. Entertainment takes the form of spelling bees, taffy pulls, puppet shows and book reviews.

Not content with opening the building only for meetings and a few days during the Round Barn Festival, Association members last year maintained regular Sunday afternoon open houses.

No admission is charged. Members stage fish fries and other fund-making events to finance major repairs. The broken windows, first repaired with plastic coated wire, have since been replaced with glass. The slate roof has been repaired and electrified lanterns have been added inside the school, their wiring carefully concealed to preserve the turn-of-the-century coaloil look.

Association members recently completed their largest fund-raising campaign in order to finance reconstruction - with used bricks to preserve the authenticity of the building - of one corner of the school. Now supported with temporary props, that corner is a grim reminder of the aging process that destroyed other schools of the same era.

With an eye towards the third Round Barn Festival members are working hard not only to stay the aging process but also to continue to take visitors a step back in time with the nostalgic charm that is Prill School.

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See Prill School.

## **PUCKEY HUDDLE SCHOOL** [Rochester Township]

Located S side of Old Fort Wayne Road, at approximately 125N and 350E.

Built between 1883 and 1907. Now the George Thompson home on the Fort Wayne Road.

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[photo] Pucky Huddle one-room school was converted in a house by Samuel Horn. It still stands on the south side of the Fort Wayne Road and George Thompson lives there now. Horn added the porch on the side and other rooms were added to the back. (Photo: Mable Anderson)

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### **McKINLEY COMMUNITY ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS**

**PUCKY HUDDLE, WHITE WALNUT, BLACK WALNUT [sic], LITTLE EGYPT**

By Shirley Willard

Before McKinley School was built in 1901, there were four one-room schools serving the community northeast of Rochester.

Pucky Huddle School was located on the south side of the Fort Wayne Road about three-quarters of a mile east of Indiana 25. It was a wooden schoolhouse and was built after 1883 because it is not shown in the 1883 atlas. There do not seem to be any photos of it in existence, although Lillian Lavengood thought she used to have a photo of it. It was closed in 1901 when McKinley was opened. The school was converted into a house by Samuel Horn, who bought it from the trustee. He added a summer kitchen and root cellar on the south and two bedrooms on the east, and a porch on the west side of the building. The house faces north toward the road. When

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Horn died, it was sold to Steele Ewing. Ewing sold it to George Thompson in 1939. Thompson still lives there. He said that down through the years many former Pucky Huddle pupils stopped in to see the old school. Charlie and Newt Darr used to make hay with George and they would tell about walking across the fields on a path to the school from their house toward the north. Ezra Jones, George's mail carrier, said he used to teach there. Cora Pownall Finney, Helen Barkman's mother, was the last teacher at Pucky Huddle, 1900-01.

When George remodeled the house, he found that his living room had the blackboard across the south end. He still has some of the heavy slate he found. The teacher's platform was across the south end too. George closed off the north door, which had been the schoolhouse door.

Mabel Anderson, Race Street [Rochester, Indiana], is the granddaughter of Samuel Horn. She used to visit and stay with her grandparents in the summer. She had photos of the house when her grandparents lived there, but so far no photo of the school when it was used as a school has turned up.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 62-63, pp 73-75]

Teachers: Cora Pownall, 1901-02.

## **PUGH SCHOOL [#6]** [Wayne Township]

Located SW corner 800W and 850S.

Originally a log cabin, the first school in Wayne Township. It was a log cabin left by men who were surveying and cutting trees to build the Michigan Road in 1838. It was in the corner of M. E. "Dick" Wills farm on the northeast corner.

A newer school was built between 1883 and 1907.

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Wayne Tp. Teacher's Institute. School House, No. 6, Dec. 15, 1877. . .

[Rochester, Sentinel, Saturday, December 29, 1877]

Miss Mary Maud Murray, daughter of Archimulus and Hannah (Dively) Murray, was born Dec. 23, 1880. She attended and graduated from common school in 1899 from the Feidner one-room school, which was located on her parents' farm. During the summer of 1899, she went to Angola Normal School for eight weeks, was hired by trustee, R. O. Murray, and W. S. Gibbons, county superintendent. She lived two miles north of Liberty, her father taking her to and from Liberty via horse and buggy. She only taught one year at Liberty, 1899-1900, then taught two years at the Pugh school (1900-1902).

[FCHS Quarterly No. 52, p. 55]

## **RABBITS GLORY SCHOOL** [Allen Township, Miami Co]

One-room school northeast of Macy, Indiana.

## **REAMS SCHOOL** [Henry Township]

## **RED BRUSH SCHOOL [#9]** [Richland Township]

Located SW corner of 250E and 550N.

Built before 1876.

[photo] Red Brush school in 1911-12. Row 1: Ella Riddle, Jessie Wright, Ona Anderson. Row 2: Bertha Riddle, Charles Riddle, Mildred Eash, Carl Day, Helen Rush, teacher Hazel Rush. Row 3: Geneva Logan, Bessie Riddle, Ralph Arnold, Dora Caslow, Edna Wright. Edna lost all her hair and wore a bonnet all the time. She later married Ona Anderson's brother Harley but she never got her hair to grow back very good. (Hazel Rush Cessna's photo)

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### RED BRUSH SCHOOL

By Shirley Willard

Red Brush School was built before 1876 because it is on the map of Richland Township in the 1876 Atlas. It was located on the southwest corner of county roads 250E and 550N, about 2 miles east of Old US-31. Nobody knows where the name came from as there is no prevalence of red-colored bushes around now. It was a wood frame school with a wood-burning stove.

Hazel Rush taught at Red Brush 1911-12. There came a big snow that winter that snowed them in so some of the students could not get home. They had outdoor toilets, one for girls and one for boys. When the big snow came, Miss Rush sent a big boy, Ralph Arnold, to go with the little children to the door of the toilet so they would not get lost in the blizzard. She brought her sister Helen Rush and foster brother Carl Day to school with her each day. They could not get home and had to spend the night with parents of some pupils who lived near-by. Their father, Frank Rush, and a neighbor came the next day to take them home with a team of horses hitched to an old sled. He led Hazel's horse and buggy home.

Hazel Rush taught at Delong the next year. She married John Cessna Dec. 25, 1912, and had to quit teaching because they did not allow married women to teach in those days.

Ona Anderson Hedrick recalls the big snow too. She was a pupil at Red Brush that year and rode to school on Daniel Caslow's hack. The horse couldn't pull the hack through the snow at the foot of the hill south of Red Brush going home, so the kids got out to walk through. Ralph Arnold carried both Ella Riddle and Ona, one under each arm, across the drift of snow. Then they got back in the hack and got home safe.

Ona also remembers that she and Ella couldn't reach the shelf that held the dinner buckets at the back of the room, so they had to ask the bigger girls to get their lunch buckets down for them. The bigger girls weren't very enthusiastic about this "chore." The lunch buckets were round tin buckets with lids. In winter the children skated on the pond in a near-by field. In warm weather they climbed a tree back of the school and would swing down by bending the top.

Ona's brother, Harley Anderson, attended Red Brush and had teachers Charles Maple 1907-08 and Fred Umbaugh 1908-09. Harley later became a teacher at Pucky Huddle 1915-16 and Whippoorwill 1916-17.

Oswald Palmer attended Red Brush and had Jessie Dickey and Georgia Anderson before Charles Maple came. It is also thought that Allen Umbaugh and Billy Foster taught there.

Charles Riddle writes: "Much water has gone down the Tippecanoe River since I took up residency on its bank 75 years ago. But I well recall my first year of school with Charles Maple as teacher. He had eyes in the back of his head because we never got by with anything. On bad days as a passtime some of us played Pick or Poe with pins. With the ends covered we would say "Pick or Poe". If you missed, you gave one; if right, you received the pin. Cecil Palmer and I tried it during class period while the teacher was giving attention to another student with his back turned to us. But he caught us so we had to sit on his desk facing the rest of the pupils until recess.

"In those days the teacher taught all 8 grades, did janitoring and ran the entire school.

"I well remember Hazel Rush as a teacher. I'm not sure of the date of the big snow but it must have been about 1911. There were only two houses near the school. Some of us older ones made it home. By morning it was drifted so that there was no traffic or school for three days until roads were opened with man power and scoop shovels.

"My brother Ed Riddle (deceased in 1916) taught two terms at Red Brush in 1909 and 1910. Another brother George Riddle (deceased this past year) went to grade school at Red Brush and taught his first year in 1914 at Whippoorwill and 1916-18 at the new Tiosa school." He served in World War I in 1918. In 1919 he went to Columbia school in Rochester to teach arithmetic. He became principal of Lincoln School in 1924 and also taught arithmetic until 1949. The new elementary school at northwest side of Rochester built in 1957 was named Riddle school in his honor.

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Red Brush school closed in 1912 and was made into a residence by Alva Kale and is now being lived in by Ernest Hart. Walter Kale and his sisters (children of Alva Kale) were living in this house when they got the flu during the epidemic of 1918.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 20, pp 17-19]

A new school house is soon to be built at Surguy's cross roads, one-half mile north of Sturgeon.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 27, 1871]

Teachers: William Foster

## REED SCHOOL [#9] [Liberty Township]

Located NW corner 300W and 800S

Built before 1876; abandoned between 1883 and 1907.

[photo] Reed School, 3 miles west of Fulton, Feb. 24, 1905. Front row: Mary Dill - teacher, Emmor Reed, Clarence Reed, Dana Biggs, Norvanah Alber, Dewey Biggs, Evie House, Fanny Beatty, Agnes Hendrickson, Jennie Cooper, Florence Alber.

Row 2: Florence Lear, Ora Fisher, Mathew Beatty, Lydia Reed, Lulu Biggs, Della Cooper, Edna Miller, Fern Lear, Lee Reed, Roscoe Miller.

Row 3: Wesley Beatty, Bill Patton, Floyd Williams, Mable Pownall, Fred Fisher, Myrtle Pownall, Ethel Miller, Omar Cline or Myers, and Fern Biggs. (Photo donated to FCHS by Lydia Reed Rans Easterday)

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[photo] Written on the blackboard: Reed's school, No. 9, Nov. 24, 1905. Row 1: Mary Dill - teacher, Emmor Reed, Clarence Reed, Dana Biggs, Nowannah Alber, Dewey Biggs, Evie House, Fannie Beatty, Agnes Hendrickson, Jennie Cooper, Florence Alber. Row 2: Florence Ora Fisher, Wesley Beatty, Lydia Reed, Lulu Biggs, Della Cooper, Edna Miller, Fern Lear, Lee Reed, Roscoe Miller. Row 3: Matthew Beatty, Bill Paton, Floyd Williams, Mabel Pownall, Fred Fisher, Myrtle Pownall, Ethel Miller, Omer Myers, Fern Biggs. (Photo: Lydia Reed Easterday).

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[photo] Reed School 1908, teacher Thomas E. Reed standing in the door. Row 1: Georgie Cooper, Paul Julian, Glen Williams, Arthur Cooper, William Messinger, Doris Cooper, Ruby Pownall, Rose Spencer, Marie Aaron, Goldie Aaron, Clarence Reed, Howard Reed, Russell Cooper. Row 2: Emma Reed, Carmen Gibbs, Ivan Pownall, Roscoe Miller, Ruth M. Pownall, Agnes Hendrickson, Ora Fisher, Floyd Williams, Ruth E. Pownall, Eva House. Row 3: Jennie Cooper, Fern Lear, Delta Cooper, Ethel Miller, Mabel Pownall, Fred Fisher, Blanche Martin, Florence Lear, Lydia Reed, Eva Messinger, Edna Miller, Oma Williams (Photo: Thelma Reed Johnston).

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## REED SCHOOL

By Bertha Waltz

The Reed School (District No. 9) was a frame structure, located in Liberty Township southwest of Fulton on the northeast corner at what is now identified as county roads 800 south and 350 west; the Ralph Gunter residence. It must have been built about 1895. Before the school was built there, a cemetery for the community had been started. The few bodies buried were removed to what is known as the Reed Cemetery on road 114, between Fulton and Grass Creek.

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The old log cabin school, also called Reed School, was built in 1851, first in the Olive Branch Community west and north of that location approximately one-half mile. Lydia Reed Rans Easterday remembers that her father, Jim Reed, went to school there in 1873.

A story worth repeating was related by Mary Dill Garrity in 1956. It concerned her mother's sister, Sarah Jane (Sally) Walters, who taught in the old log cabin school. "Sally had left a book she prized on the last day of school. In her sleep she walked to the school building, went in, recovered the book then walked home one-half mile, went to bed, and did not waken until the mother saw muddy tracks on her clean kitchen floor. She went upstairs, awakened Sarah Jane. It was a night to remember; yet she was asleep, as she strolled through the mud." Sally was the mother of Charles and Lulu Cline Pownall, to be mentioned later.

The families settling in the Olive Branch community from Ohio in 1845 were the Van Blaricoms, Reeds, Pownalls, and Barkers, according to the church history going back to 1849. Presumably, those were the names of the first Reed School students. Later, came the Walters, Dills, Clines, Williams, Martins, Vanattas, Robinsons, Lears, Catons, Baileys, Albers, Biggs, Millers, Beaty (Beatty), Fishers.

Teachers down through the years whom we have knowledge of were Vachel Pownall, 1900-01, Anna Dill 1901-02, Frank Reed, Mary Dill 1904-05, Fanny Walters 1905-06, Charles Cline 1911-12, Gertrude Reed, Thomas E. Reed 1910-11, Minnie Reed, Dessie Robinson, Ray Stingley, Ruth Krathwohl 1915, Otto Reed, and Frank Graham.

As was the custom in most one-room schools, the teacher conducted opening exercises usually consisting of singing, physical exercises, and drills, possibly marching to warm the feet on cold mornings. Charles Cline is remembered as playing the organ for such singing. Otto Reed brought his small daughter to recite poetry.

The school was heated by a wood-burning stove; and toilets were the outdoor style. Drinking water was carried from the Adam Kline's farm several rods west of the school (now Aline Frederick farm) on the south side of the road. At first it was drunk from a tin cup directly from the bucket. Later an earthen jug held the water and each child had his or her own folding cup. Box socials were community social fare; also a means of raising money for library and song books. Box lunches were eaten on the creek bank west of the school in nice weather.

Recesses were mostly spent playing baseball, fox and goose, drop the handkerchief, andy andy over, and like games. Students were "kids" in those days, too. Some remember locking Tom Reed out of the building at Christmas time because he refused to treat them. He put a block on the chimney and went home, smoking the children out. His daughter, Thelma Reed Johnston, recalls that gypsies camped at the school grounds overnight. Reeds lived in a house directly north of the school and would walk to school down the ditch. Gypsy women would be hiding in the willows and would slip up behind them and try to pick their pockets. Mr. Reed made them walk in front of him so they could not get to his pockets. Several horse-drawn covered-wagon type vans of gypsies would be camped there. The gypsies wore ear rings, bracelets, bright colors, cloth wrapped around their heads. They spoke in broken English. The children were very afraid of the gypsies. In Mr. Walter's house west of the school, gypsies went in the house while the family was out and poured milk on the floor in order to soak their bread. Sometimes they had to call the sheriff to get the gypsies to move on.

The school was closed after the 1926 term. Children of that part of Liberty township were transported to school in Fulton. A motor-driven bus was used first that year. Otho Insley was the driver. The building was used for school bus body storage several years before being auctioned. It was bought by Walker Casper and torn down to build Gunter's house.

The last day of school was a celebration. Parents brought loaded picnic baskets and participated in the dinner with the teacher and students. The spirit remains. Each year former students and teachers gather at the Olive Branch Church for singing, reminiscing, prayers, and a good, old-time basket lunch.

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Spelling school at Reed's school house last Tuesday evening was a failure; rain and mud was the cause.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, February 12, 1874]

Miss Allie Weary teaches the Reid school, which is sufficient to insure its success. .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 27, 1877]

Our friend A. G. Murden was unanimously chosen to teach school at the Reid school house, district No. 9.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, November 28, 1878]

## REITER SCHOOL [Rochester Township]

Located on the South side of 200S at approximately 150W.

Closed in 1960.

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### REITER SCHOOL

C. V. Kindig and Sons, local contractors, were awarded the general building contract for the new Rochester township consolidated school to be located five miles southwest of Rochester on the John Gottschalk farm, where three acres of land were recently acquired by Trustee Marion Reiter, in whose offices bids were received Thursday afternoon for the contracts.

The bid offered by Kindig was for \$32,000, while the highest of the 10 other bidders reached \$47,000. Other local bidders for the general contract were John Shields and I. J. Waltz, Stephen Parcell and Milo Cutshall.

The plumbing contract was awarded to James J. Darrah for \$3,900 while the heating system contract went to the Lige Heating and Ventilating Co., of Auburn, for \$8,700. The Electric Wiring and Sales company, at Rochester, was awarded the lighting contract for \$986, making a total in all of \$42,676 for the building.

Contracts for the awarding of the fixtures, which with the price of the land, \$300, and the architects fee for the building are expected to bring the total cost to \$50,000, are to be let at a later date.

With the establishment of this school, Rochester township will have done away entirely with the small schools of the past. The new school alone does away with four schools, the Antioch, Orr, Screech Owl and Oak Grove schools.

There are in the neighborhood of 100 pupils for the new school, which has not yet been named. There are four class rooms, accomodating 40 pupils each, a domestic science room, a manual training room and a gymnasium, 38x58 feet.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Friday, April 4, 1924]

### LOCAL BANK AWARDED SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

The First National Bank of Rochester was the successful bidder on the \$56,000 bond issue for Rochester township's new consolidated school building to be erected this summer. The local bank's premium bid was \$1,417. . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 31, 1924]

### REITER SCHOOL IS FORMALLY OPENED

The Reiter consolidated school, located five miles southwest of this city on the John Werner road, was formally opened Monday. The building, which was constructed during the past year at a cost of \$50,000, was built by Contractor C. V. Kindig of this city. Freyermuth and Maurer of South Bend were the architects.

The school, which was named in honor of Trustee Marion Reiter, will supplant four one-room school houses -- Antioch, Oak Grove, Orr and Screech Owl. The new structure contains

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four class rooms, a manual training room, a domestic science room and a gymnasium. The building is modern in every respect, being equipped with electric lights, furnace and sanitary fixtures.

The building of the Reiter school completes a plan started some years ago by a former trustee of Rochester, that of a consolidated school in all four corners of the township to take the place of 21 one-room school houses. The others are the Woodrow in the southeast section, McKinley in the northeastern sector, and Burton in the northwest portion of the township.

The teachers at the Reiter school are John DuBois, Clifford Baggerly, Vern Carey and Alice Black.

[News-Sentinel, Monday, January 5, 1925]

### CROWD ATTENDS OPENING OF NEW REITER SCHOOL

Approximately 500 persons attended the formal dedication of the recently opened Reiter consolidated grade school, 5 miles southwest of Rochester, the fourth one for Rochester township, the erection of which completed a plan formed some time before for a school at each corner of the township.

McKinley, Woodrow and Burton, the other consolidated schools in the township were dismissed at noon so that teachers and pupils could attend the Reiter exercises. A community dinner was held at noon, at which two 20-foot tables and two 12-foot tables, besides numerous small tables, were laden with food.

#### Visitors Present

H. M. Sherwood, state superintendent of public instruction was unable to be present, but a representative of the state board spoke in his stead. Levi Leiter of South Bend, on the Rochester township advisory board, D. M. Whitcomb, former trustee of Henry township, and William McLaughlin, trustee of Wayne township, were among those present.

An interesting program was prepared on which Abe Bowers appeared in several impromptu readings. The Rochester high school orchestra played. The invocation was given by the Rev. McCormick of the Antioch church, "America" was sung by the congregation, and a recitation, "Our Flag," was given. Mable Gordon sang, room one a recitation and County Superintendent Berry, Trustee Reiter, and City Superintendent A. L. Whitmer spoke briefly.

The Reiter school has 87 pupils and four instructors. It was named after Trustee Reiter who showed much interest in getting the building built. It is located five miles southwest of Rochester, and absorbed four small schools, Antioch, Screech Owl, Oak Grove and Orr.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 7, 1925]

### HOT LUNCHES SERVED THE PUPILS AT REITER SCHOOL

Hot lunches, which are being served pupils of the Reiter school are proving to be most popular and other schools in the county are planning to start serving them it was learned today. Grass Creek schools will be the next to take up the project and it is expected that others will follow. The Reiter school has the distinction of being the first in Fulton County to serve hot lunches to its pupils.

John Braman, Rochester township trustee, explained that the luncheon project is sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association in cooperation with the U. S. Pure Food Administration. The government pays 9c of the cost of each lunch while the pupil pays 1c. The government requires that each child must drink one-half pint of milk which is pasteurized, daily and this is very carefully carried out. Mr. Braman says that there is no difficulty in enforcing this rule and that the majority of children would drink twice that much milk if it could be furnished.

#### Mothers Volunteer Aid

Mrs. Sue Carter is in charge of the kitchen and dining room and she is assisted each day by a PTA mother who volunteers her services. They serve 73 lunches at the noon hour, all with a well-balanced ration and all are "hot off the stove." The plates are well filled and each child takes his to a table in the domestic science rooms and enjoys the meal with his companions. The

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children pay for the meals once a week giving 75c to the cateress each Friday. The PTA furnishes a buyer for the food who looks after all these details in a business-like way.

Mr. Braman says the project has been very successful, that the children enjoy the warm food much more than the old-fashioned lunch. It has also done away with the task of mothers packing one or several lunch boxes each morning.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 15, 1945]

[photo] Reiter School cost \$50,000 to build in 1924 and was designed way ahead of its time. A school today would be built just the same way, almost exactly. This phot is from the Reiter Community Club scrapbook and shows a view of the gym on the left. The camera is facing northwest. The Reiter Community Club was started in 1929 and continues active today.

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[photo] Reiter School. (Photo: Fred Van Duyne)  
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[photo] The new Reiter School 1925-26. Identified in three sections divided by the cement slabs.

LEFT SECTION, Front row (sitting on ground): Lowell Swearer, Carl Stanley, Ronnie Walters, Fredrick Felty, Boyd Kersey. Row 2: Edith Barker, Norine Skidmore, Donald Werner, Katherine Richardson, Lester Gordon. Row 3: Clyde Thorndike, Floyd Bixler, Eva Souder, Albert Flora, Lucile Hoffman. Back row: Mabel Gordon, Lemon Whisman, Dorothy Bixler, Ruth Eber, Etta Wagoner, Harold Kline. Teachers: Esther Inquest - grades 1 and 2, Clifford Baggerly - grades 7 and 8 and principal.

MIDDLE SECTION in the entrance way, Front row: Elnora Showley, Russel Wagoner, Lewis Cleland, Devereaux Cessna, Iola Thorndike, Alice Tetzlaff, Ross Pickens, Eugene Nickles, Irene Kissinger or Evelon Zellers:, Margaret Wagoner. Row 2: Vernon Barker, Merle Blacketor, Ulrich Woodcox, Ernest Stanley, Dorothy Greer, Harlin Showley, Francis Blacketor, Mary Edington, George Cleland, Clurel Hunter. Row 3: Beatrice Cranmer, Ruth Tetzlaff, Forest Skidmore, Kline Blacketor, Jessie May Pickens, Belva Cleland, Arthur Gordon, Gadys Edington, Carl Thornsteson. Back row: Annabelle Woodcox, Porter Whisman, Lucile Funk, Vic Skidmore, Charles Werner, Helen Eber, Ruth Werner.

RIGHT SECTION in front of windows, Front row: Eldon Cessna, Joe Cleland, Raymond Blacketor, Bill Skidmore, Arthur Weber. Row 2: Bobby Wagoner, Ray Pickens, Chester Bixler, Matthew Zartman, Michael Zartman. Row 3: Margaret Weber, Frances Neff, Estella Bixler, Agnes Zartman, Marietta Kline, Marjory Braman. Back row: Maurice Bixler, Milo Ault, Melvin Hunter, Nettie Wagoner, Dorothy Pickens, Grace Souder. Teachers: Vera Carey - grades 3 and 4, Fred Van Duyne - grades 5 and 6. (Photo: Ruth and Alice Tetzlaff)

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[photo] Reiter School's first basketball team, January to April 1925. Front row: Porter Whisman, Frank Greer, Omer Stanley, Vic Skidmore. Back: Bud Braman Guy Ault, Clifford Babberly - coach and principal. (Photo: Marjory Braman Phillips)

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[photo] Reiter grades 3 and 4, 1925-26. Front row: Eldon Cessna, Arthur Weber, Carl Stanley, George Cleland, Edith Barker, Richard Crause, William Skidmore. Middle row: Matthew Zartman, Floyd Bixler, Marietta Kline, Lester Gordon, Frances Neff, Ray Pickens, Michael Zartman. Back row: Vera Carey - teacher, Marjory Braman, Albert Flora, Rollie Walters Agnes Zartman, Clurel Hunter, Estella Bixler. (Photo: Marjory Braman Phillips)

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[photo] Reiter Girls basketball team 1928-29. Front row: Grace Souder, Marjory Braman (Phillips), Dorothy Bailey (Phebus), Norine Skidmore (Bailey). Back row: Odessa Greer - coach, Lucile Hoffman, Margaret Weber (Toonire), Esther Herrell, Viola Eisenman, Dorothy Pickens, Eva Souder (Holloway). Their mothers made their uniforms so they weren't all exactly alike. The girls team rode on the team bus and took the place of the boys B team. They played against Argos, Woodrow, Richland Center, Burton, and the girl graduates each year. Burton and Reiter were fierce rivals. (Photo: Odessa Greer)

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[photo] Reiter School 1st and 2nd grade 1928-29, Odessa Greer - teacher. Back row: Bobby Cessna, Ova Huff, Frederick Wagoner, Edgar Herrell, Franklin Webb, William Huff, Junior Cooper. Front row: Louise Woodcox, Kathryn Kissinger, Wilma Alberta Friday, Betty Zellars, Norma Mae Kissinger, Marie Kathryn Richardson. (Photo: Odessa Greer)

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[photo] Reiter Girls basketball team 1930-31. Front row: Nina Faye Ysberg, Norine Skidmore, Marjory Braman, Evelyn Lewis, Evelyn Zellars. Back row: Estella Bixler, Lavonna Stretch, Catherine Reed, Eva Souder, Margaret Wagoner. Coach - Carol Biddinger. (Photo: Marjory Braman Phillips)

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[photo] Reiter School, 1933. (Photo donated to FCHS by John and Mary Hiatt.)

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[photo] Reiter's basketball team 1934-35 won 11, lost 6. Front row: John Jones, Jimmy Tobey, John Hays, Edgar Herrell, Fred Wagoner. Back Row: Bob Cessna, Paul Walters, Dick Tobey, Fred Zellars. Coach - John Hiatt. (Photo donated to FCHS by John and Mary Hiatt)

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[photo] Reiter 7th and 8th grades, 1931-32. Front row: Evelyn Zellars, Phyllis Mitchell, Norine Skidmore, Prewit Ewen, Louis Stretch, Raymond Blacketor, Billie DuBois, Ralph Curtis, Chester Burnett. Row 2: Margaret Wagoner, Eva Souder, Ruby Adams, Raymond Walters, Arthur Weber, Chester Bixler, Billie Gilliland, Raymond Enyart, John Bigler, Joe Cleland. Back row: Ross Pickens, Donald Werner, Wilson Enyart, Raymond Herrel, Virgil Parker, George Cleland, Lonnie Ewen, Fred Van Duyne - coach and principal and teacher of 7th and 8th grades, Devane Ballenger. (Photo: Fred Van Duyne)

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[photo] Reiter School 1939-40, grades 1-8. Front row: Pierce boy, Charles Denton, Charles Helt, Billy Laymon, unknown, Jim Gohn, Dale Bryant, David Wagoner. Row 2: Richard Laymon, Dickie Greer, Robert Gagnon, Jim Henriott, Fred McGlothlin, Carl Grube, unknown, Robert Hartman, Harvey Funk, Don Helt. Row 3: Shirley Hartman, Betty Burns, Belva Burns, Betty Grube, Ruth Bechtol, Donna Pickens, Dorothy Grube, Ann Cessna, Joretta Ranz, Isabelle Funk, Barbara Bechtol, Phyllis Neff, Thelma Howard, Betty Howard. Row 4: Carl Howard, Doris Bechtol, Marjorie Denton, Joan Burns, Doris Pierce, Alma Funk, Joanne Miller, Betty Woodcox, Bertha McGlothlin, Miloa Ault, Shelly Baker, Joyce McGlothlin, Harley Ault. Row 5: Fred Van Duyne - teacher of 7th and 8th and principal, Gene Pickens, Harry Webb, Walter Grube, Gerald Neff, Rex Grube, Floyd Stahler, Howard Burns, Gene Bryant, Russel Gohn, Bobby Helt, Eva Nellans- teacher of grades 1, 2, 3. Row 6: Florence Moore - teacher of grades 4, 5, 6; Ella McGlothlin, Beverly Burns, Virginia Best, Maxine Enyart, Bonnie Stretch, Catherine Henriott,

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Janice Bechtol, Lois Baker, Belva Burns. Back row: John Helt, Harvey Nickell, Harold Burns, Max Grube, Paul Henriott, Carl Westwood, Harley Denton, Bill Cessna, Tom Westwood - janitor. (Photo: Fred Van Duyne)

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[photo] Reiter Basketball team 1941-42. Left to right: Gene Pickens, Jim Henriott, Gerald Neff, Walter Grube, Lester Holloway, Carl Grube, Russell Gohn. Coach - Fred Van Duyne.

(Photo: Fred Van Duyne)

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[photo] Reiter School lunch room 1946-47. Susie Carter, cook and manager, is in the foreground dipping out food. (Photo: F. Van Duyne)

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[photo] Reiter School 1946-47, grades 1-8. Front row: Lyle Gohn, Alan Craig, Jim Bick, Doyne Wheadon, Philip Ginther, Bobby Wagoner, Byron Thomas, Larry Cripe, William Hatt, Harold Howard, Gene Pierce, Fred Ginther, Richard Allen, Eldon Gube, Roger Neff, Eldon Gohn, Bernard Holloway, Billie Korbe. Row 2: Joyce Thorrrington, Donna Sue Hall, Etta Brown, Nancy Hall, Janet Gohn, Sandra Shriver, Patricia Cripe, Diana Wagoner, Juanita Thomas, Carolyn Showley, Martha Funk, Donna Townsend, Laura Curtis, S. E. Hall, Bill Hall, Gresham Bearss, Marlory Siegman. Row 3: Bobbie Greer, Larry Osborn, Larry Ault, Arthur Funk, Calal Ann Deterich, Janice Wagoner, Marilyn Osborn, Laura Rhinehart, Sarah Eber, Janice Bearss, Charles Greer, Norma Townsend, Eileen Thomas, David Wagoner, Susie Carter - cook. Row 4: Mrs. Edith Bailey - teacher of 3-4-5, Mrs. Naomi Whitcomb - teacher of 1-2-3, Paul Howard, Dale Felts, Joan Showley, Shirley Bowen, Marlen Hanger, Patsy Wagoner, Gerald Holloway, Jack Bick, Betty Lou Howard, Gene Woodcox, Marvin Holloway, Richard Siegman. Back row: Fred Van Duyne - teacher of 7-8 and principal, Allen Grube, Richard Carlson, Charles Siegman, Jimmy Thorrrington, Elsie Mathias, Doris Neff, Carolyn Smith, Betty Hall, Betty Grube, Alma Rhinehart, Isabelle Funk, Louis Zellers, Duke Carter - cook. (Photo: Fred Van Duyne)

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[photo] Reiter had the Champion team of Fulton County 1930-31; they won 15 and lost only 2. Seated: John Bigler, Lindsay Ewen, Bill Skidmore, Raymond Walters, Carl Stanley. Back row: Lonnie Ewen, George Cleland, Clurel Hunter, Seth Carpenter - coach and principal. (Photo: Lindsay Ewen)

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[photo] Winners of the 4-Way Tourney 1954-55. Reiter beat Rochester 24-21, then Reiter beat Bremen 43-16. Front row: Karen Craig, Karen Dooley, Nancy Ewen, Ginny Swisher. Row 2: Nils Musselman, Carl Edington, Richard Wagoner, Phil Zellers, Roger Wagoner, Jim Vigar. Back row: Phil Eber, Larry McConkey, Richard McLochlin, Eddie Fansler, John Skidmore, Fred Van Duyne - coach. (Photo: F. Van Duyne)

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[photo] Reiter basketball team 1949-50 won 18 and lost only 1 game. Seated: David Upp, Allen Grube, Joe Kirk, Tom Rose. Standing: Joan Showley, Janice Bearss, Ellen Werner, Harold Howard, Carl Howard, Bernie Holloway, Billie Korbe, S. E. Hall, Bud Bearss. Coach - Fred Van Duyne. (Photo: F. Van Duyne)

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[photo] Reiter grades 7-8 1953-54. Seated: Byron Thomas, James Carpenter, Ray House, Jim Bick, Bill Duncan, DeVarrel Koger, Gene Pierce, Charles Barron. Row 2: Fred Van Duyne - teacher and principal, Noelle Musselman, Sandra Van Lue, Marilyn Leaky, Wanda Hopkins, Paula

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Rockwell, Donna Drudge, Betty Ann Wagoner, Wilma Picklesimer, Diana Wagoner. Row 3: Bill Babcock, George Vorac, Jim Carlson, John Skidmore, Nancy Ewen, June Enyart, Patty Showley, Larry Cripe, Phil Eber, Joe Leaky. Back row: Lyle Gohn, Phil Zellers, Doug Coursey, James Blackwell, Eddie Fansler, Robert Warner, Richard McLochlin, Steve Striggle, Robert Wagoner. (Photo: F. Van Duyne)

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In 1924 it was decided to consolidate Antioch and three other one-room schools: Screech Owl, Orr, and Oak Grove, and build a new school house, Reiter.

I was in the seventh grade at Antioch when we went into the new Reiter School in January of 1925. We were all thrilled and excited to go to a brand new school. It seemed so big with four classrooms and a gym. The classrooms were on the north side and the gym on the south. There was also a domestic science room on the west and a manual training room on the east for the seventh and eighth graders. I don't remember using the domestic science room in my seventh grade, but we had sewing when I was in the eighth. There was a stage on the south side of the gym, and inside toilets on the north side of the gym which could be entered from the hall or from the gym. It was marvelous. There was no hot lunch program yet; that came later after I graduated.

That first year at Reiter was the first time we had school hacks. Dave Carey, father of Vida and Vera Carey, was my bus driver. The Antioch teacher, Clifford Baggerley, became the first principal at Reiter and taught 7th and 8th grades. John DuBois taught 5th and 6th, Vera Carey taught 3rd and 4th, while Alice Black taught first and second.

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### REITER SCHOOL 1924-1960

By Odessa Greer

The last consolidated school built in Rochester Township was Reiter. It stood on road 200 South on the south side of the road about halfway between 125 West and 200 West in the southwest part of the township. Jim McKinney, a bachelor in the community, opposed the building of Reiter, saying there would never be enough kids to fill it.

It was named for Marion Reiter, who was trustee of Rochester Township from 1919-1926.

C. V. Kindig and Sons, who built many round barns, were the builders. It was a one-story brick building containing six classrooms, an office, and a gym with a stage. The furnace room was under the stage. Reiter had its own light plant for a number of years. A gasoline engine produced electricity stored in batteries. Before a basketball game was over, they usually had to start the engine because the lights were getting low. The water pump was a gasoline engine and it couldn't keep the water pressure up when the kids all used the restrooms. In the 1930's Northern Indiana Power (now Public Service Indiana) built a line from 11th Street road south, providing electricity for all farms it passed.

Reiter School took the place of four one-room schools: Orr, Oak Grove, Antioch and Screech Owl. In January of 1925 pupils and teachers of these four schools moved into their new school building, Reiter.

The first teachers were Alice Black from Orr School, grades one and two; Vera Carey Pendleton from Screech Owl, grades three and four; John DuBois from Oak Grove, grades five and six; and Clifford Baggerley from Antioch School, grades seven and eight and principal.

At the time Reiter was built, it was necessary to fill in quite a large hole in the front yard. When that first spring came, the ground was soft especially that over the filled hole. Norine Skidmore (Bailey) dashed toward the front door of the school by the shortest route which was across the filled hole. Screams filled the air as Norine sank almost to her knees in the soft ground. Big brother Vic Skidmore rescued her.

Reiter had a basketball team. The community was very proud of their team. A girls team was organized in 1928. Mothers made their first suits. Odessa Greer was first coach. She also taught cooking and Carol Biddinger taught sewing.

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Seth Carpenter, principal 1927-31 wrote: "At Reiter we did nore than play basketball. We started Visual Education by renting slides from Indiana University. Since Reiter was a farming community, our agriculture class tested seed corn each year for the farmers.

"Each spring the four Rochester Township schools (Reiter, Burton, Woodrow, and McKinley) held a track and field meet. John Bigler set a record in the pole vault and Lewis Cleland set a record in the broad jump. The Reiter girls had a good basketball team. The boys had a good basketball team. They had a good baseball team also."

(Editor's note: While Carpenter was principal, a building was built behind Reiter School to store bus bodies in summer so the bus drivers could use the trucks. This building was half of the barn that stood behind Burton School. It was a red barn with an A-shaped roof and held all four buses. It was located in the southeast corner of the schoolyard. Later the Reiter Conservation Club stored pheasant cages in the barn. The club got pheasant chicks and local farmers raised them.)

The *Reiter Student* was a school newspaper published by the 8th grade class once a month during the school year. The price was 2 cents a copy. It was published from Nov. 28, 1929, until Feb. 1933. I have most of the issues and plan to place them in the FCHS museum. The first editor was Lemon Whisman. Other editors were Viola Eisenman, Marjorie Braman (Phillips), Norine Skidmore (Bailey) and Phyllis Mitchell.

Some news items from The *Reiter Student* follow: "A Township spelling match was held March 29, 1929. County Superintendent Mr. Roy Jones presented books to all the winners. Those at Reiter were Albert Flora, 7th grade, and Grace Souder, 8th grade."

"Circus held December 1929. We made \$75.10. We paid off all our debt including the basketball suits for the boys. We have \$27 left for the school treasury."

September 1929. "Playground equipment was put up by the big boys and the teacher. Now we are enjoying some fast slides and rides on our big slide and on our ocean wave."

October 1929. "We have a music instructor for the township, Mr. Ernest Fisher."

"Last year we won the attendance cup given by Mr. William Foster, our trustee, to the school in the township with the highest percent of attendance."

"We made enough money at our 1930 circus to have a new paper cutter and printing outfit. Ticket sales were \$86.75."

January 1931. "We have had several cases of smallpox in the community but all are back in school now."

"Our trustee has supplied us with some very much needed maps. These maps put our school in first class condition in this department."

1932 and 32. "Spelling and CIPHERING match at Burton. The Township Orchestra played at the Spelling and CIPHERING match."

November 1930. "The girls have new basketball suits of Romper Style and cardinal in color with white letters and numbers."

"Rating of Reiter School for 1931 and 32 is a continuous commission. The inspector remarked that good attention was being given to the special subjects and that the active P.T.A. was an asset to the school."

At P.T.A. meeting January 1933, Miss Rena Wright of Rochester gave a book review on a new book called "Only Yesterday."

"We sure welcome the soup served to us on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

"Mr. Bert Meyers, school trustee, has purchased a new cabinet for our Domestic Science room and a new Excelscope for use with our school paper. We appreciate this new equipment very much."

"The big snow of December 1929 (just two days before Christmas vacation) will be remembered a long time. Some of us rode horses, others on bob sleds and in wagons. Many of us didn't get home until the next day after staying all night with friends or neighbors.

The Big Snow Storm - Dec. 1929

"We have some stories from pupils, one from each hack (bus), about how they got home when we had the big snow storm.

"From Cessna's Hack by Eldon Cessna:

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"When the high school hack got to Reiter, our hack started home. We got on the road and then we got stuck in a snowdrift right in front of the school house. They had to do a little shoveling to get out of the snow but finally did. We didn't have any more trouble until we got about a mile from the school house. Then our hack stopped and we couldn't get it started. The driver and Guy Ault, who was along, walked on to Cleland's and brought a team of horses back with them. Mr. Cleland was with them. The team pulled the hack to Clelands' where we stayed all night. When we got there we all got warm and then supper was ready.

"A great number of people called up about their children. Kline Blacketor tried to come down that night for his children. He got as far as Woodcox's where they put four horses on the wagon, but when they got about a quarter of a mile from Cleland's, they couldn't go any farther, so they unhitched the horses and went home.

"Then it was time to go to bed. Most of us got to sleep on a bed but some didn't. The boys who did, had to sleep crossways of the beds. We didn't go to bed very early but we got up about 3:30 a.m. After part of us had breakfast, Clurel, Joe, George, Taylor and I went out and did the chores.

"About 9:30 Mr. Woodcox and a couple of boys came in a wagon. They took the Zartman, Pieratt and Woodcox children home.

"About 10 o'clock Mr. Blacketor came on horseback leading another horse and took his children home. A half hour later Melvin Hunter came on horseback, leading another horse which Clurel rode home.

"That left the Smythe children, the Webb children and my sister and I. Mr. Webb came over on the tractor and broke a track for us to go home. We got to our house where Webbs got out and went home, but my sister and I decided to go on to the Smythe's. We got about half way there when we had to stop on account of a big snow drift. My father walked to their place by cutting through the fields. When he got there he got a horse and brought it back for the Smythe children to ride home. They got home all right and then we turned around and after some shoveling we got home all right.

"From Zegafuse Hack by Viola Eisenman:

"When we left the school house we got stuck before we got to Ott Cessna's. Those who returned to the school house were Ruth and Evelyn Westwood, Marjorie Braman, Margaret Wagoner and I.

"Mr. Bailey and Mrs. DuBois had a wagon and took Frederick Wagoner, Don, Dean, Dale, Ruth and John Smiley, Raymond Walters, Billie DuBois, Catherine and Charles Keesey, Arthur Weber, Nina Faye Ysberg, Donald Werner and Dorothy Bailey.

"Mr. DuBois took the Smiley children and Raymond Walters home with him and Frederick Wagoner went with Mr. Bailey. All of the others were taken home.

"Of those that went to the school house, Ruth and Evelyn Westwood and I were taken to Skidmore's to stay the night. My father came after us the next day.

"That night Marjorie Braman and Margaret Wagoner had to ride a pony from the school house and stay all night at Werner's.

"From Pickens Hack by Ray Pickens:

"The hack left the school house about 2:30. We got Norine and Bill Skidmore home all right. When we got about a mile from the school house we got stuck in a snow drift. We got a team and pulled the hack to Ziem's. We all got out and warmed and while we were there Mr. Paschall and Mr. Simonin came in search of us.

"We got in the wagon and went to Greer's. It was about five o'clock when we got there. Albert Flora and Rollie Walters went on home and the rest of us stayed there. About 6:30 Mr. Bigler, Mr. Denton, Mr. Clark came to Greer's in a wagon. They took John, Tom and Bobby Bigler, Elnora Showley, Evelyn, Fred and Betty Zellars and Marie Richardson to Zellars where they left all but the Bibler children who went home. Mr. Richardson and Mr. Showley came and got Marie and Elnora.

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"Forrest and Donald Roberts, Ross Pickens and myself stayed at Greer's that night where we were very welcome. The next morning about ten o'clock Mr. Charters, Mr. Pickens and Mr. Richardson came after the rest of us in a wagon.

"Mr. Barker came after Edith at the school house in the afternoon and got home all right.

"From the Neff Hack by Lester Gordon:

"Our hack did not get very far from the school house when it got stuck and the children walked back to the school and were going to stay at the school house all night.

"John Souder, Willa and Martha Stretch were taken to Skidmore's where they stayed all night. Mr. Ewen brought horses for Pruitt, Lonnie and Lindsey to ride home. Paul Rice's brother came after him on a horse.

"Mr. Herrell, Mr. Friday and Mr. Gordon came in a sled after Dick and Jimmy Tobey, Edgar and Raymond Herrell, Alberta Friday and myself.

"Lewis and LaVonne Stretch and Eva Souder had to ride a horse from the school house and stayed at Werner's and Ysberg's that first night and got home the next day."

March 1930. "Visitors at Reiter were Miss Garrett, attendance officer; Mr. E. L. Powell county superintendent; and Miss Kugle, county nurse."

"Plans are being made for our Annual Agriculture Exhibit. Any Reiter student may enter as many classes as he wishes to compete in. Besides money prizes, ribbons will also be given to the winners. There will be 20 classes. Prizes: first \$1, second 50 cents, third 25 cents."

In 1928 a group of 31 mothers formed a Mother's Club. They held an exchange and food sale in Rochester and made \$25.47. They planned to use the money to serve some kind of warm food, probably soup, to Reiter pupils during cold months.

The club soon changed its name to Reiter Community Club. Sometime later the members were responsible for the soup served on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the four cold months of winter.

They continued to do other things for the school also, such as getting a piano bench and making money for prizes for the agriculture exhibits. One time they made a quilt for the P.T.A. to raffle off. Another thing they did was entertain the basketball teams at the close of the season.

When the seating space in the gym became inadequate, the Reiter Community Club helped again. The trustee and men of the community decided that a balcony across the north side and bleachers for the stage would increase the seating space to meet present needs. A Carpenter was hired and some men of the community volunteered their help. The Reiter Community Club made the money to pay the carpenter.

The Reiter Community Club continued to do things for the school until it was consolidated with Rochester Community Schools in 1960. The club is still in existence today.

Some of the early "hack" or bus drivers were John Cessna, M. F. Whisman, W. C. Pickens, and Dave Carey. Later bus drivers were John Braman, Jack Charters, Albert Skidmore, Vic Skidmore, Francis Zegafuse, and Clyde Neff.

Eric Ysburg was the first caretaker or janitor.

Trustees other than Mr Reiter were William Foster 1927-30, Bert Myers, 1931-34, Alf Carter 1935-42 (a fire on Feb 5, 1936 destroyed township records in Alf Carter's Book Store at 812 Main Street), John Braman 1943-50, Kenneth Taylor 1951-54, and Henry Skidmore 1955-62.

Elections were held on whether to consolidate city and township schools during both Taylor's and Skidmore's terms. The consolidation was defeated both times. Because trustees and advisory board and school board had the power to consolidate and form a new corporation, pressure was brought on them by State Schoolhouse Planning Commission to go ahead and consolidate. Burton School was closed in 1957, Woodrow School in 1959, and Reiter in 1960.

When Burton was closed, some of the children went to Reiter and some went to Rochester city schools. When Woodrow closed, many of them went to Reiter and the four Woodrow teachers went to Reiter to teach: David Boyd, Jane Kemper, Esther Thrush and Hazel Chaney. Reiter had only grades 1-6 in 1958-60.

William Biddinger wrote in *Fulton County Folks* Vol. 2: "Commuting to Manchester College, I graduated in 1960 and began my teaching career at Reiter School that fall. Reiter was in

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the process of being consolidated with Riddle School in Rochester and we only had the 5th and 6th grades there at that time. The children enjoyed a very unusual privilege for two months - lots of space for a few kids. In October the addition to Riddle School was completed. We closed the doors at Reiter for the last time, loaded the children on the bus and joined the staff and students at Riddle. The students were thrilled at the welcome the people had prepared for us at Riddle, but it wasn't long until these country kids were yearning for the country school."

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Since Riddle School addition was not finished in time for Reiter pupils to move in when school started in September, they continued until Oct. 26, 1960 at Reiter. On that day they loaded on buses and closed Reiter School forever.

Reiter School was sold to Horace Isbel in 1964 for \$3,500. The Isbels tore the school building down during the next five or six years, built a garage of some of the materials, sold some bricks and still have a lot of bricks. Some of the materials were buried in a hole including the cement sign "Reiter School" which was above the door. Isbels live there now, their mobile home and two built-on rooms standing in front of the former school site.

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## REITER SCHOOL 1931-1939

By John and Mary (Launer) Hiatt

Our connections with Reiter began when Mary Launer started teaching there in 1931 and ended with my resignation in 1939 to go into business.

Another man's bad luck was my good fortune. Fred Van Duyne's illness kept him from coming back to school for the second semester. I was offered the job of principal and I accepted it. The first day on duty was Jan. 2 1933, and how well I remember it. I knew one pupil and had met one teacher. At noon a lady entered the room carrying a tray of cups filled with soup and set one down on my desk, introduced herself and told me that I was the first one to get a free cup of soup. The soup program began in 1933 and was continued for years, until a hot lunch program was established with paid and volunteer cooks. Poor families thus received better food than they otherwise would have gotten. Each fall it was quite a sight to see the women of the school area come to the school and can vegetables for the winter supply.

Another well-remembered thing happened that night. We had a basketball game at Richland Center. Three bus loads of fans showed up and really cheered us to victory.

P.T.A. meetings were community affairs coming on the third Wednesday night of every school month. Just about everybody in the Reiter area attended. They accomplished many good things for the school. Among them: sent all seventh and eighth graders to the State Fair and on alternate years to the Brookfield Zoo, sponsored home talent shows, sponsored the agriculture exhibit and supplied the school with athletic equipment.

There was a bright-eyed smiling first grade girl that carried around with her a note pad and a well-sharpened pencil. She drew many pictures that seemed to tell stories. As she grew her talents became many. While she was attending Indiana University just about everybody in the United States heard her name. She became first runner-up in the Miss America Contest in 1951. Her name was Carol Mitchell.

Basketball was a very important part of Reiter. Reiter usually won their games, but win or lose, the fans stayed very loyal. Back to my first week at Reiter, I mentioned the first game which was on Tuesday night. On Thursday we were to play at Argos. We had some large boys and one who could always be depended on to get the top off the center. We learned just one tip off play and worked it many times at Argos. Argos got the first three points and then Reiter ran up 65

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straight points in the first three quarters. Considering six-minute quarters, the boys had done well. Reiter was the Fulton County champion in 1935. Boys graduating from Reiter went to Rochester High School and many of them made the team. Sometimes unusual things happened at ball games. One night a dark-complected chubby young man showed up and asked if he could help referee that night. After consulting the opposing coach it was agreed to let him help. He ran up and down the floor blowing his whistle very loudly as the occasion demanded. The game soon became one sided and a bit boring. I decided to do something about the situation and began coaching from the sidelines and questioning the new referee's decisions which was against the rules. He blew his whistle extra loud, pointed at me and called, "Technical Foul" which I deserved. I asked him, "What for?" His answer was, "I don't know but you deserved it." Another time probably in 1936, we had a boy who was able to get the ball off the backboards and make long passes down the floor to his teammates but the ball didn't always hit the mark. He would swing his arm around to the side like a boxer using a "Haymaker". I often reminded him of it in practice and warned him that it might be embarrassing sometime if the ball went into the crowd. Sure enough it happened, and was more embarrassing since the ball went flying right over my head. His face got very red, everybody laughed but I never saw him throw another "Haymaker".

Our classroom doors had several small glass panes in them. One morning when I passed our room, I noticed a 2 x 4 board across the inside of the door and a heavy rope attached to it and the door knob, thus keeping everybody out. Rather than trying to open the door it was better to play a waiting game. By the process of elimination it was apparent that three larger boys must be inside the room. Without going to the room at school time, we went to the gym and began playing. After about 15 minutes of missing fun in the gym, the boys opened the door and came rushing into the gym to join us. It was too late; play time just ended.

Bill Tyler and Tom Westwood were our janitors. In cold weather Tom would come to school and start heavy firing of the furnace to have things warm by eight o'clock. Tom's children would bring him a two quart can of hot coffee when they came on the bus. The bus drivers would loaf around the furnace room. One day they approached me and asked me to get Tom out of the furnace room while they drank some of his coffee and then replaced it with hot water. This went on for several days and they drank more from the can of coffee. Tom became disgusted with his coffee and complained to his wife and even to his grocer about how little flavor was in his coffee. It was a long time before Tom found out about the prank pulled on him.

Bus drivers we recall were John Cessna, Francis Zegafuse, Stacy Tobey, Albert Skidmore, John Braman and Clyde Neff.

When we were married, the P.T.A. gave us a Telechron clock; when we started housekeeping it was a food shower; when our twins were born they gave us baby sweaters; and when I resigned it was a large tablecloth and napkins. These gifts have been very appreciated. With the exception of a new cord no other repairs have been made to the clock in the past 40 years.

No school is better than the people of its community. Reiter had many very good citizens, therefore a good school community. It was a privilege to have been a teacher at Reiter.

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## REITER SCHOOL

By Fred Van Duyne

Reiter School was so located because it was near the center point of the four schools it replaced. Several locations for the new school were suggested by the school board trustee, and patrons of the new school community. Finally all locations were listed and the people of the community scratched what they considered undesirable sites. The location decided upon was at the cross-roads near the Werner Carlson (presently Francis Carlson) farm.

Upon testing the types of soil, depth, etc., this location also was eliminated. A small gravel pit was located approximately 1/4 mile east of that cross-road on the south side of the road. Soil tests made this location favorable for building construction. Only a few knew of the selected location until the morning that construction work really started.

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The first thing after construction of the building was the improvement of the township roads. It wasn't long, however, until the county took over the roads and further improvement was made.

The school was a large one-floor brick building, trimmed with Bedford limestone. Two steps up took you to the main corridor of the classroom level; six steps down took you to the boiler room, furnace level. Four large classrooms, each with floor area and ceiling high sufficient to accommodate 40 pupils according to state regulations, were located on the north side of the building, with an outside entrance way in the center. Entrance ways were also at the west and east corridors and also to the stage and boiler room. A large home economics room was to the west and the industrial arts room to the east. Later some of these rooms were changed around. On the south side of the main corridor were the two rest rooms with the office between them, which was directly in line with the front entrance, then to the south was a standard size junior high basketball floor; adjoining the gymnasium was the stage and storage space the full length of the gym. Underneath the stage and side rooms was the boiler room far away from the classrooms.

A Johnson air-ventilation system was installed when the building was constructed. No doubt the architectural plans and construction work of this building were years ahead of its time. The majority felt that slightly over 35 years of use was a short duration for such a structure.

The greatest improvement in the school was when the Public Service constructed a power line to provide electricity to certain farmers southwest of Rochester and this also included Reiter School. What a change that was from the old Delco light system and the gasoline engine to pump water. Then too, the change over from burning old Indiana block coal to the stoker system for the furnace was a blessing to the janitor.

The building became the center of activity for the community and other outside organizations. The janitor's life was a busy one, as the school building was made available for the Community Club, Conservation Club, Boys and Girls 4-H Clubs, County Rural Youth meetings, County and Township Farm Bureau monthly meetings, boys with their independent basketball teams and many others.

Following the fire which burned out the Circus quarters in Rochester many of the aerial acts were perfected in the Reiter gym by the performers as the big "I" beams which were exposed in the gym made the set-up of their equipment easy. Needless to say, the performers put on a free show to the Reiter students before they left on their summer tour.

Dedication Day of the Reiter School was a happy occasion for the community. Marion Reiter, trustee, closed the other schools of the township, McKinley, Burton and Woodrow and the two remaining one-room schools, Mt. Zion and Sprinkleberg, so all teachers could attend.

Talks were given by the architect, the builder Mr. Kindig, the trustee Marion Reiter, and school board members Bill Ross and Bill Keim. It was the beginning of many happy observances.

The school always held a continuous first grade rating commission with the state.

Enrollment at one time, dropped to 55 with only ten students in grades 7th and 8th, during the 1940-41 term. There were only three teachers then.

The two remaining one-room schools were soon closed with Mt. Zion students attending Woodrow and Sprinkleberg students going to McKinley. McKinley School was condemned during the summer of 1931 and the student body transferred to Rochester. Rochester Schools became crowded so all students on the north side of the lake and along state road 14 east were sent to Reiter. It was at this time that enrollment reached 140 students. Even the stage had to be used part time as a class room.

When the policy of hauling high school students was adopted the school day became somewhat longer. Children would arrive at school as early as 7:45 - necessary because the high school students had to arrive at high school on time and several stops were made on the way. Dismissal didn't come until 3:55 or later, just whenever the high school bus arrived.

A full-time music teacher was first employed in 1928. He served all four township grade schools, teaching music in each class room and instrumental to those who so desired in the upper grades. He organized a school band in each school and a joint Township Band for special occasions. The first music teacher was Ernest Fisher; others through the years were Mrs. Onis

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Hartman, Bertha Cole, Audrey Kassabaum, Ida Kathryn (Moore) Burwell, Margaret (Myers) Connell, Gertrude Klingaman, Carl Daugherty, Mildred Van Lue, Wilma (Byfield) Murphy, Esther (Shaffer) Lyle, Edith Carlson, Mary Ginn and Donna Dawald.

Reiter School was fortunate in always having good janitors who were congenial, cooperative and took pride in their work. They all seemingly, enjoyed the noise, confusion and laughter of the younger generation. Not only was the janitor always busy, but his wife was usually on the job, doing a lot of work always willingly without any pay. The janitor was also "handyman" for the farmers of the community and chief mechanic for those with stalled cars in the winter. He was also always taxi driver when a sick child had to go home.

The first janitor was Eric "Mike" Ysberg; others were his brother-in-law, Bill Tyler, Tom Westwood, Cecil Pickens and Ruth, Francis Zegafuse and Nellie.

The youngsters are Reiter always fared well at Christmas time with treats from the teachers, janitor, P.T.A., bus drivers and we must not forget, Harry Current, who was always at the door with his baskets of big apples to pass out as they went to the bus.

Reiter was proud of its Parent-Teachers Association and Community Club. Not only did parents and teachers meet to discuss school problems, but also nearly everyone in the community attended. One meeting seemed most outstanding to me. The gymnasium and balcony were taxed to capacity to hear the lecture of Dr. John Holland, WLS Radio lecturer from Chicago and also author of a column in the *Pairie Farmer* magazine. John and Carrie McKinney made most gracious hosts for this occasion.

P.T.A. meetings didn't always turn out as planned. At one Christmas time, Santa Clause got stuck in a snow drift 1-1/4 miles east and never did appear.

On another occasion, on Oct. 18, 1949, the seventh and eighth grades, under the supervision of Mrs. Carlson, presented a mock wedding. All went well until the honored couple was called forward to receive the beautiful silver sugar and creamer set. Fred came forward, but Mildred was absent. Mildred who rarely missed a school activity had remained at home to entertain a club meeting. She, to, appreciated the thoughtfulness and nice gift.

Many people were recognized and honored throughout the years. At a gathering in May of 1959, Fred and Mildred Van Dyne were presented with a beautiful writing desk, matching chair, table lamp and pen set. Incidentally Fred also received a "fancy fishing tackle outfit".

Three meetings were of special significance during the school year: September meeting - when the Reiter 4H Boys and Girls Clubs had charge of the program, November - Agricultural Exhibit Night, and March - Athletic Banquet and Recognition Night

The Agricultural Exhibit Night always brought forth a great deal of interest with anyone enrolled in Reiter School bringing all kinds of vegetables, small grains, flowers and even hay for exhibit. The judging was usually done by the Fulton County Agent and Whit Gast from Akron. The judging was done after school and had to be completed before the doors opened in the evening. Mrs. John Werner usually provided lunch for the judges, the principal and Mr. Werner during the judging.

The judges usually served as speakers of the evening discussing the exhibits and giving the young exhibitors many good pointers on selection and preparation of their exhibits. Then the principal presented the cash awards and ribbons to the winners - all sponsored by the P.T.A. and Community Club.

The Athletic Banquet was a carry-in provided by all mothers of the community. Recognition was given to various teams and individuals with a resume of records, etc. Usually the speaker was the high school principal or coach. Sometimes for a change a magician would be scheduled for entertainment.

The P.T.A. sponsored and chaperoned the annual seventh and eighth grade trips. One year the group would attend the State Fair for a day - the next year a trip to Chicago to Brookfield Zoo, Field Museum and other places of interest.

The P.T.A. and Reiter Mothers Club (later - Community Club) sponsored and financed the Hot Soup Project starting in 1933 and later the Hot Lunch Program. Just before frosts and while sweet corn was still available, on an appointed day women would come to school early

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prepared to work. The men would carry into the kitchen kettles, pans, tubs, boilers and other equipment. Soon they were busy preparing sweet corn, cabbage, tomatoes lima beans, green beans, carrots and any other vegetable available for canning - all donated. Tubs and tubs of mixed vegetables were prepared and packed into 1/2 gallon glass cans. By noon or soon after the cooks and wash boilers were filled with cans and the processing of the vegetables was under way. It lasted far into the night until all cans were processed, cooled and stored in a nice cool, dark place underneath the office. This was the ground work for the Hot Soup which would be served to every student and teacher at Reiter all winter long at no charge at all. You had to be an observer to appreciate the cooperation, good will and fellowship which radiated and was all a part of that day.

Then on Tuesday and Thursday all winter long, two or three ladies would arrive, bringing with them the proper kind and amount of beef to prepare the hot soup. The janitor always had the 1/2 gallon cans of mixed vegetables ready for them. The P.T.A. and Community Club financed the purchase of beef and also crackers. The mothers and others needed no "thank you". It was sufficient for them to just see how heartily those boys and girls consumed that hot soup along with their cold lunch..

Then came the Hot Lunch Program - Cecile Carruthers, working out of the County Extension Office, met with a group and considered the Hot Lunch Program. She had selected Reiter School because of the success it had with the Hot Soup Project. A trip was made to Gilead in Miami County to see how their program worked and then a trip to the office in Indianapolis for further information by the committee. Reiter soon was in the Hot Lunch Program - the first school in Fulton County.

The P.T.A. borrowed money at the bank for supplies, equipment and materials to make tables. The men responded by coming in at night and constructing the tables.

Another stove, large freezer and a refrigerator were purchased. Reiter, for a long time had 100% participation by the student body.

Changes came rapidly, the glass bottles of milk were delivered by Gordon Graham in an open pick-up truck. Only a cardboard cap covered the bottle. Many times the bottles would have mud on them. This made extra work for the cooks. Soon he covered the trays of milk with a canvas for delivery. The next year plastic wrapping covered the top of the bottle as well as the cardboard cap. Next change came, before too long, the introduction of 1/2 pint cartons - then came pasteurized milk for the first time and many had to become accustomed to a different taste. Thursday was always chocolate milk day and Friday ice cream day. One of the favorite meals was ham and beans with home made cornbread. There was plenty of butter for the cornbread. Seconds were always available to anyone who so desired at any meal.

One morning John Werner stopped at school. He had the field across the road in front of the school building in sweet corn for the canning factory. He said, "Sweet corn is ready; let the boys get all you need for the lunch program tomorrow." Of course, the next morning the boys got the corn and helped the cooks get it ready. The menu, naturally, was changed for that day. A lot of "roasting ears", with plenty of free government butter, was consumed by the student body and teachers as well.

Special meals were prepared at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Cooks, and they were all good, through the years were: Mrs. Stretch and Marilyn, Ruth Pickens, and "Duke" and Susie Carter.

Another P.T.A.-sponsored project was the Fall Festival. How the men and women would respond in the afternoon to set up booths and prepare for the evening. With as many as 30 cakes for the cake walks as the finale of the evening, you had a variety of entertainment. The men managed the booths, the ladies the eats and cold drink stand.

Every room in the building was in use, even the stage with a bowling alley. You could win a fish bowl including gold fish if you could knock down the milk bottles. You could have your fortune told or you could go to the "Fun House". Novelties of all kinds from stuffed monkeys to balloons were available at Prewitt Ewen's Novelty Stand, even to bags of confetti. You could even ring a duck in the water tank or you could play Bingo under the supervision of the Bests and

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Pickenses. The "Ring a Duck" tank gave way, later, to the "Dunking Tank". The cotton candy and pop corn machines operated at nearly full capacity all evening long.

Little wonder, everyone had a good time, as I observed one father, one year, as he entered the gym, hand his youngsters a ten dollar bill and say, "Have fun, spend all of it."

Needless to say the Fall Festival was really a money maker, but most of all what a spirit of good will, cooperation and harmony permeated from all around.

Reiter had a school paper - "*The Reiter Student*". It originated with the eighth grade English class when Seth Carpenter was principal. It was continued for several years after he left. The paper was printed monthly and copies were run off at school on a mimeograph with the "School Paper Staff" doing the folding. It was the source of information for school activities - P.T.A., Reiter Conservation Club meetings, 4-H Club meetings, Rural Youth meetings and others.

"Fun Night" was always something that all looked forward to. Following the basketball season one last night of basketball and other activities was enjoyed. Basketball games between the first and second grades, the third and fourth, the fifth and sixth playing the seventh, the girls playing the home high school girls the eighth grade boys playing their Dads and finally the big boys of the community choosing teams and playing each other. Incidentally, some outsiders would appear on that night.

Prior to the basketball games, the boys and girls physical education classes would put on demonstrations, stunts and relay contests. Then came the basketball and anytime you had enough of it you could go home - if you could get the rest of your family to go too.

Reiter was always proud of its sports records in basketball, baseball and track. Suffice to say they usually won more than they lost. Quite a rivalry existed with Burton, Richland Center and Woodrow. To win those games meant a successful season. Home and away games were usually scheduled.

Basketball interest was at such a high pitch in the first years of Reiter that the bus drivers would make their regular routes in the evenings to pick up patrons and fans and return them home after the games.

A happy but unusual experience was carried on with Argos. The host team would provide sandwiches, cookies and "pop", as it was called then, and entertained the visiting team after the game. New friends were made and fun was enjoyed by all. Dean Mow was principal and coach at Argos at that time.

It was an exciting night the first time the new electric score board was put in operation. It was usually a run, to see who was going to operate it during the game, between Cecil Pickens, Lindsay Ewen and Earl Fansler.

At least one certified referee was used to officiate the games. Officials used were Ned Hart, Cecil Fenstermaker, "Spud" Eaton, Fred Zellers, Dale Douglass and Tom Winks.

Some of the outstanding basketball names familiar to Reiter, as well as Rochester High School fans were: Bick, Bigler, Braman, Carlson, Cessna, Cleland, Craig, Denton, Fansler, Gordon, Grube, Helt, Henriott, Holloway, Howard, McConkey, Parker, Rockwell, Rose, Skidmore, Smiley, Weber, Whisman, Zellers.

No doubt, the agriculture classes remember in the 1940's when they went to the Corn Husking Contests on the M. E. Zellers farm and also the year they rode the special train which stopped in Rochester to attend the International Harvester Show at Soldiers Field, Chicago.

During the first years of the school a good sized flock of prairie chickens would come out of the surrounding corn field and feed on the west side of the school yard.

An exciting incident happened one afternoon just before school dismissed. A terrible noise and roar was heard just overhead, then again and again - an airplane was flying very low and buzzing the building. It wasn't but a few minutes until we knew who the pilot was. It never happened again.

Another airplane incident had happened in October, 1932, which in later years had a tragic ending. During the last recess of the day, a plane passed over, circled several times and finally landed in the 60-acre field in front of the Gresham Bearss home. When classes resumed after recess two boys did not appear, Billie Gilliland (son of Mrs. John Inman) and Ralph Curtis.

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Upon inquiry it was learned that they had sneaked away and gone over to the airplane. They did not return to school for the school bus but went on home. The next morning at a little conference in the office they were given their choice of working so many arithmetic problems or taking so many smacks. Ralph took the former; Billie took the latter.

Not too many years later, in World War II, while piloting a plane "over the Hump" in China, loaded with war supplies, Billie's plane lost contact with the Home Base; the plane never returned.

For many years "Home Talent" and Minstrel Shows were presented by the adults. Talent was discovered that no one ever knew existed. Edith Carlson usually served as director of the Minstrel Shows.

Yes, there were a lot of extra-curricular activities, but there was also a lot of hard work done in the class room. Reiter usually had its share on the high school honor roll.

Bus drivers that I recall were: M. F. Whisman, Jack Charters, John Cessna, John Braman, Dave Carey, W. C. Pickens, Stace Tobey, Francis Zegafuse, Albert Skidmore, Vic Skidmore, O. C. Howard, Clyde Neff, Lloyd Craig, Kenny Hall, Joe Baker, Ted Merley and Vern Noyes.

Principals were: Clifford Baggerly, 1924-29; Seth Carpenter, 1929-31; John Hiatt, 1933-39; Fred Van Duyn, 1931-33 and 1939-57; and E. L. Mitchell, 1957-59.

Teachers that I recall were: Esther Enquest, Alice Black, Mary (Launer) Hiatt, Edgar Baney, Vera Carey, Rolland Meiser, Edith Brown, Annabelle Burkett, John DuBois, Dorothy Smiley, Carol Biddinger, Mary Tobey, Mary Jane [Hood] Van Duyn, Florence Moore, Eva Nellans, Ida Kathryn Moore Burwell, Lloyd Swick, Maleta Snyder, Odessa Greer, Ruth Keebler, Estella Clemans, Mabel Gaumer, Alice Hendrickson, June Robinson, Maude Sturken, Edith Bailey, Jane Kemper, Esther Thrush, David Boyd, Florence Schaefer, Helen Shadel, Naomi Whitcomb, Dora Jane Riley, Bertha Cole, Bertha Lynn, Martha Hoge, Olive Julian, Alberta Davis, Hazel Chaney, Bernice Watson, Rex Friedline, Margaret Myers, Isabelle Grove, Gladys Whittkamper and Mrs. Floyd [Dorothy] Kindig.

Many familiar faces are missing, but there are certain family names, which will always be associated with the Reiter community, such as: Adams, Ault, Bearss, Braman, Carlson, Cessna, Charters, Cripe, Denton, Eber, Ewen, Fear, Gohn, Gordon, Greer, Grube, Hall, Henriott, Hunter, Kern, McKinney, McLochlin, Mitchell, Neff, Pickens, Ranz, Showley, Skidmore, Smiley, Stahler, Stretch, Tobey, Wagoner, Walters, Weber, Warner, Werner, Wheadon, Zartman, Zegafuse and Zellers.

The Community Club remains with only a few of the oldest left. The recent passing of Gresham Bearss, leaves only Ralph Weber, a patriarch of the community who still lives on his farm, to bear witness of life in a prosperous and exciting community.

Not only did the ladies assume a lot of responsibility at school, but the men did too. They came in at night and constructed the balcony along the north wall of the gym and also built the stage. The state fire marshal recommended that they both be torn down, but after some persuasive arguments they relented and balcony and stage remained to the end.

Two big boys were made responsible for the display of the flag each day. They considered it an honor. They were taught how to carry the flag, place it on the flag pole, when to fly it at halfmast, how to fold it, etc. They enjoyed too, the privilege of going out five minutes before school dismissal to bring the flag in. Only a few drops of rain had to fall during the day when they would hurry out to get the flag.

Also one eighth grade girl was designated to answer the telephone in the office. She would become so efficient that when the County Superintendent made his regular visits, he would sometimes ask to see the young lady who answered the telephone.

The playground was planned in this way - little folks, south of the building; intermediate ball diamond in front at the flag pole; big girls ball diamond southwest corner and big boys ball diamond to the northwest. The principal was always out with the big boys and one lady teacher was requested to be on the playground daily with the rest. The lady teachers alternated.

Chapel Services were held monthly on a Friday morning. The Rochester Ministerial Association would set up a schedule and a minister would come from one of six Rochester

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churches. This was carried out throughout the township. He would usually have a devotional period presenting an object lesson. All would gather in the gymnasium and sit on the bleachers for the service. It was a worth while period as the minister could present a message and make impressions that the teacher could not. How proud this student or that student would be when he or she could get up before the whole school and introduce the speaker and say, "This is my minister, where I go to church and Sunday School."

When Billie Foster was trustee, he originated the idea of a Township Track and Field Meet. About two weeks before school dismissal for summer the meet was held at the city park with all four township schools - Burton, McKinley, Reiter and Woodrow participating.

They gathered soon after dinner from all schools with all grades taking part in relays, races, rope skipping, games and all track and field events. McKinley was usually the favorite, since they had no gym and practiced during the winter and early spring while the others were still playing basketball.

One near tragedy occurred when Mr. Foster thought it would be exciting to have a Bus Drivers 100 yard Dash. This was the last event. As they neared the finish line John Cessna fell and everyone was scared. That was the end of 100 yard dashes for men 35-55 years old.

What a sight it was when 16 township buses loaded with tired and excited children made their way around the 1/2 mile race track as they started for home.

Needless to say a great many spectators - dads, mothers, grandparents and friends were on hand to offer an encouraging word to all the contestants.

Rivalry - yes - but friendly rivalry - a lot of pleasant experiences and a lot of friendships made and renewed.

Also Spelling and Ciphering Matches were held between the schools during the winter and one Joint Parent-Teachers Meeting was held each year.

During the last week of school a Joint Commencement Exercise was always held in the Whitmer Gym for the six schools, Columbia and Lincoln of Rochester, Burton, McKinley Reiter and Woodrow. The speaker was usually a Rochester minister with the grade school principals alternating by years as leaders. The diplomas were then presented by the various grade school principals.

Later when Columbia and Lincoln 7th and 8th became Middle School, the commencement was held at Burton with Burton, Reiter and Woodrow. (McKinley had been absorbed by Rochester).

Last Day of School was always a "Big Dinner" Day at noon followed by the school program. In later years the school program was given on the last Parent-Teachers Night.

A lot of guests would usually appear on "last day" for dinner and most of the afternoon would hold forth a lot of good fellowship and maybe a baseball game.

Trustees during the "Days of Reiter" were - Marion Reiter (1924), Billie Foster, Bert Myers, Alf Carter, John Braman, Kenny Taylor, Henry Skidmore, Robert Keim, Arthur Weaver and Bob Gottschalk.

### SCHOOL OFFICIALS STUDY REITER HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

[Newspaper clipping: Rochester News-Sentinel, not dated]

"Approximately 40 state and county officials met at Reiter today to study the grade school's hot lunch program and to compare notes on operating techniques.

"The lunch workshop, the first ever held in Fulton County, was sponsored by the State Department of Public Instruction.

"The program got underway at 10:45 o'clock this morning with cooks from other county schools, principals, trustees and others being registered. They reviewed the lunch line at 11:15 a.m. and lunch for guests was served at noon.

"Three speeches followed the luncheon. Miss Margaret Dunham, of the State Board of Health, spoke to the group on 'Type A' lunch; 'Nutrition and Food Needs'.

"She was followed by a 30-minute speech concerning the distribution and utilization of surplus commodities given by Richard Schweitzer, of the State Department of Public Welfare, and

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R. G. Culhan, of the State Department of Public Instruction addressed the group on records and reports. Following the speeches, the group compared operation notes and lecturers answered questions from the audience.

'Hosts for the affair were Reiter School Principal, Fred Van Duyne, County Superintendent of Schools, S. Earl Rouch and cooks Mr. and Mrs. Estil Carter.

"The Reiter hot lunch program serves almost 98% of the enrollment of students, 141 out of 144 students eating lunch there. Cooks "Duke" and Susie Carter are both experienced restaurant managers. Low cost for individual pupils is brought about partially through the federal surplus commodity and subsidization program.

"At present food is served in two separate rooms with specially-prepared meals waiting for them as they come from class. Because of lack of space, part of the student body picks up their plates and eats in a nearby room.

"The charge was 15 cents a meal with seconds if desired. Some meals were served free as required by federal regulations."

### EXCERPTS FROM THE *REITER STUDENT*

September 16, 1929

More Seating Room -- We would like to have our gym arranged so that we could take care of large crowds at basketball games. We expect to have good games this year and need more seats. We would appreciate the help of our trustee and the patrons of Reiter School in this matter.

Who's Who at Reiter School: Seth Carpenter 7-8 Prin., Alice Hendrickson 5-6, Carol Biddinger 3-4, Odessa Greer 1-2. Eric Ysberg - caretaker. John Cessna, W. C. Pickens, M. F. Whisman, Dave, Carey - bus drivers.

**October 16, 1929**

The Gym - Mr. Foster was at our school this week and was making plans to increase the seating capacity of the gym, which all of us would appreciate very much.

**February 14, 1930**

The New Seats - We sure appreciate the new seats in the gym. Everybody seems to be fond of the balcony because it is filled first. We got the new seats through the co-operation of Mr. Foster, Trustee, the patrons and friends of Reiter School and the Community Club. The men from Reiter showed their interest in doing the work. There was one carpenter hired and the Community Club took charge of an independent basketball game and made enough money to pay the bills. Everyone at Reiter wants to express his thanks. We are sure everybody is satisfied. That increases our seating capacity another 200.

**Oct. 4, 1929**

McKinley won the Township Track Meet this fall, which was the most interesting one yet. The boys half-mile relay was the most exciting event. Reiter led Burton nearly all the way, but both boys stopped before the end, because of the crowd, which caused much excitement. Finally the Burton boy crossed the finish line first.

The Meet included Grades 1-2-3-4 and 5 in the Junior Meet and Grades 6-7-8 in the Senior Meet.

McKinley won the Junior Meet - no scores given.

Senior Meet scores:

McKinley 76; Reiter 46; Burton 36; Woodrow 20.

Participants - McKinley - Girls: Nixon, VanLue, Carr; Boys: Bick, Davidson, Barkman.

Reiter - Girls: Bailey; Boys: Cleland, Smiley, Bigler.

Burton - Girls: Cooper, Foster; Boys: Jones, Good, Taylor.

Woodrow - Girls: Brown, Tobey.

**April 15, 1929**

Improvements: Part of the hack barns at Burton have been torn down and brought to Reiter. The hack drivers, janitors and several other men of the community tore it down and brought it over in trucks. It is being built now.

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The playground equipment is to be put up by the same men.

Ivy vines have been planted around the school building, which will make the building more beautiful.

Mr. Phillips, Prin. Rochester High School, visited Reiter last Wednesday. He gave a short talk and then gave out cards to enroll for high school next fall. He also gave us a list of subjects to take. The following pupils are eligible to graduate: Robert Wagoner, Etta Wagoner, Esther Herrell, Margaret Weber, Dorothy Pickens, Lucille Hoffman, Robert Smiley, Grace Souder, Lemon Whisman, Howard Ewen.

Music Instructor for Township this Year: Rochester Township has a Music Instructor this year, Mr. Ernest Fisher, who will alternate in the four schools and also organize an orchestra.

Mayme Hobbs Wins Spelling Contest for Woodrow: Mayme Hobbs of Woodrow School won the Township Spelling Contest held at Reiter on March 29, 1929. Albert Flora of Reiter missed the word "salad" when Woodrow still had two contestants and Burton one.

The pronouncers and judges were: Co Supt. Roy Jones; Columbia School Principal K. V. Jones; and Co. Agent Harry Rosenbury.

Roy Jones presented the award books to the best spellers. Those receiving books were: Helen Sausaman and Mayme Hobbs - Woodrow; Selena Rhodes and Paul Ducker - McKinley; Marjorie Vanata and Edith Singer - Burton; Albert Flora and Grace Souder - Reiter.

Other contestants were: Woodrow: Myra Alspach, Helen Carrithers, Mary Frances Sturken, Mildred Craig, John Keim, Ethel Blacketer; McKinley: Nina Rhodes, Ruth Rush, Andrew Bick, Geneva Fitzell, Harry Fitzell, Ferne Drudge; Burton: Madge Gaumer, Catherine Foster, Florence Moore, Gail Moore, Zana Steininger, Hugh Taylor; Reiter: Lester Gordon, Edith Barker, Margaret Weber, Robert Smiley and Eldon Cessna.

Records of Reiter Basketball 1928-29:

Reiter 14 - R. Center 10	Reiter 18 - Kewanna 13
Reiter 31 - Burton 2	Reiter 26 - Grass Creek 6
Reiter 33 - R. Center 10	Reiter 19 - Kewanna 16
Reiter 40 - Burton 3	Reiter 56 - Grass Creek 9
Reiter 41 - Argos 25	Reiter 33 - Argos 13
Reiter 19 - graduates 8	

## November 24, 1930

The *Reiter Student* Staff:

Editor-in-Chief	Marjory Braman
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Calendar	Irene Pieratt
Holidays	Estella Bixler
Club News	LaVonne Stretch
Advertisements	Matthew Zartman

Reiter Beats McKinley 22-5:

On October 31 we played McKinley on their outside diamond. It snowed part of the time, but we did not mind.

Summary: Reiter - Walters, Skidmore 6, G. Cleland 14, L. Ewen, Stanley, DuBois, Bigler, Smiley 2, Hunter, J. Cleland, Zartman, Blacketer, Lonnie Ewen. McKinley - Barkman 3, Kochenderfer, Parker 2, Davidson, Spurlock, Carr.

## January 15, 1930

This monthly *Student* contained stories of "How they got home on the day of the Big Snow Storm". They left school about 2:30. Some parents came to school after their children - some walked - some on horseback - some big wagons - some didn't get home.

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Details in stories by pupils on various buses -- Mr. Cessna bus - Eldon Cessna; Mr. Neff bus - Lester Gordon; Mr. Zegafuse bus - Viola Eisenman; Mr. Pickens bus - Ray Pickens.

Orchestra Meets on January 10, 1930.

Last Friday afternoon the orchestras from the four schools met at Reiter under the direction of Music Instructor - Mr. Fisher.

There are 57 members: Burton 13; McKinley 14; Reiter 15; Woodrow 15.

Each school played three selections and then all played together. Also some special numbers were presented. Another joint meeting will be held in the spring.

### January 2, 1930

(Taken from *Burton Echos* school paper)

"Our New Gym.

"They let us in our new gym at noon today - Nov. 20, 1929 -- for the first time. The goals did not come until last Saturday so we did not have a chance to practice much. The Bridge Factory made the goals and put them up last Thursday night."

Honor Roll for November:

Room one -	First Grade: Dale Smiley, Bobby Bigler. Second Grade: Franklin Webb, Martha Stretch, Louise Woodcox.
Room two -	Third: Evelyn Westwood, Betty Zellers, Marie Richardson Fourth: Carl Gordon, Nina Fay Ysberg, Ruth Smiley.
Room three -	not listed.
Room four -	Seventh: Marjory Braman, William Skidmore. Eighth: Eldon Cessna, Lester Gordon, Edward Smelser.

### February 14, 1930

Mr. Fisher, our MusicTeacher, has organized a Harmonica Club. We have had three lessons and we like to practice very much. There are 20 members, Lester Gordon, Ross Pickens, Joe Cleland, Raymond Herrell, Evelyn Zellers, Glen Cleland, Edgar Herrell, Tommy Bigler, Nina Faye Ysberg, Jim Tobey, Ruth Smiley, Dean Smiley, Don Smiley, Marie Richardson, Betty Zellers, Matther Zartman, Agnes Zartman, Irene Pieratt and George Cleland.

### March 17, 1930

Ad in *Student*:

Mr. Farmer - have your seed corn tested at Reiter School. We test it free of charge for you. See us about it. Make a date to bring your seed corn to school. It is dangerous to plant untested seed corn this year. Bring it to us.

Summary of Basketball Games 1939-30

#### FIRST TEAM

Reiter 36 - Graduates 4	Reiter 24 - Burton 5
Reiter 21 - Argos 4	Reiter 20 - Fulton 23
Reiter 40 - Richland Center 3	Reiter 19 - Beaver Dam 12
Reiter 24 - Rochester 10	Reiter 65 - Grass Creek 5
Reiter 45 - Burton 7	Reiter 26 - Rochester 13
Reiter 24- Talma 10	Reiter 35 - Talma 16
Reiter 41 - Richland Center 11	Reiter 18 - Fulton 21
Reiter 54 - Argos 5	Won 13 Lost 2

#### SECOND TEAM

Reiter 12 - Richland Center 8	Reiter 24 - Burton 5
Reiter 8 - Rochester 11	Reiter 27 - RHS Girls 11
Reiter 18 - Burton 5	Reiter 10 - Rochester 27
Reiter 12 - Talma 1	Won 5 Lost 3
Reiter 7 - Richland Center 8	

#### GIRLS

Reiter 6 - Graduates 35	Reiter 8 - Burton 6
Reiter 16 - Argos 12	Reiter 18 - Richland Center 8
Reiter 24 - Richland Center 0	Reiter 10 - Argos 13

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Reiter 40 - Burton 0  
Reiter 5 - Graduates 26

Won 5 Lost 3

### School to Close Saturday April 19

We are having school on several Saturdays to make up for time we lost during the Snow Storm.

### February 27, 1931

Honor Roll:

ROOM ONE: Dale Smiley, Fred Zellers, Bobby Bigler.

ROOM TWO: Franklin Webb, Martha Stretch, Betty Zellers, Marie Richardson.

ROOM THREE: Carl Gordon, Ruth Smiley, Nina Ysberg, Evelyn Zellers, Margaret Wagoner, Donald Werner and Mabel Craig.

ROOM FOUR: Norine Skidmore, John Bigler, Marjory Braman, William Skidmore.

See Aaron Slick at Reiter March 11.

Buy your Garden Seeds from the School.

### County Tourney January 31, 1931

The Fulton County Grade School Tournament was held in Whitmer Gym on January 31, 1931. A good sized and enthusiastic crowd attended the tournament. The total receipts were \$142.45. Reiter was given the new basketball for winning the championship.

Fans and players got meals at the United Brethren Church Basement - meal 35 cents.

Burton School had the concessions at the games. The privilege was let to the highest bidder.

Devane Felts and Cecil Fenstermaker were the referees.

Game 1 Woodrow

McKinley

McKinley

Reiter

Game 2 Reiter

Reiter

Akron

Game 3 Rochester

Rochester

R. Center

Reiter  
champion

Talma

Game 4 Talma

Talma

Burton

Fulton, Kewanna, Grass Creek and Leiters Ford did not participate.

[for further, see FCHS Quarterly No. 47, p.38]

Coming as a result of the McKinley-Reiter Game was the first replay game played at the Historical Society grounds on the final evening of the Fulton County Round barn Festival by the "Has Beens" of the original game 44 years later, July 13, 1975. [for further, see FCHS Quarterly No. 22, pp 29-31]

### April 21, 1931

School to close April 22 with Community Dinner and Program. [program. . . .]

### Orchestra Meet.

The Rochester Township Orchestra Meet was held at Reiter, Friday, April 17th.

Those present were: Burton - Esther Foster, Eileen McQuiston, Mary Alice Leeds, Ida Moore, Ruby Henderson, Leona Good, Cecil Hudkins, Tom Miller and George Carr.

Woodrow - Lucille Wilson, Edna Tobey, Ivan Michaels, Vaughn Hinesley, Ralph Madary and Robert Brown.

McKinley - Josephine Thompson, Byron Carr, Alvada Bick, Robert Davidson, Marjorie Tomb, Cecil Moore, Earl Barkman and Kathryn Van Lue.

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Reiter - Paul Rice, John Smiley, Norine Skidmore, John Bigler, Margaret Wagoner, Estella Bixler, Donald Werner, Chester Bixler and Floyd Bixler.

First place was won by Burton - 40 points out of a possible 56 points; second - Woodrow 24-1/2 points out of a possible 40; third - McKinley 33-1/2 points out of a possible 50; fourth - Reiter 36 points out of a possible 56.

### Burton Wins Attendance Cup

Burton won the attendance Cup for 1930-31 with an average daily attendance of 97.73%. Reiter was second - average daily attendance 96.92%. Woodrow was third - average daily attendance 96.39%. McKinley was fourth - average daily attendance 94.46%.

### McKinley and Reiter Win Track Meets

The Rochester township Track & Field Meet was held at City Park on April 16.

SENIOR MEET Grades 6-7-8	JUNIOR MEET Grades 1-2-3-4-5
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1st McKinley 43-1/3	Reiter 40-1/2
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2nd Reiter 17-1/3	McKinley 29-1/2
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3rd Burton 10	Burton 26
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4th Woodrow 2	Woodrow 12
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The Junior Match was hotly contested; no winner was determined until the last event - horse shoe pitching. A large crowd was in attendance.

### 4-Way Tourney at Rochester

In January of 1955 Reiter was invited to participate in the 4-Way Tourney at Rochester. The Rochester basketball coach suggested Reiter as a "fill-in" after Knox had cancelled out only two days before the tournament. Consequently Reiter was the "dark horse" of the tourney.

The results were as follows: Bremen defeated Bourbon in the first game of the morning. Reiter defeated Rochester by three points in the second game - which was considered an upset. In the final game Reiter had no trouble defeating Bremen - more than doubling the score to win the Championship.

Score of Games 1950-51 Schedule:

Reiter 26 - Grass Creek 25	Reiter 34 - R. Center 24
Reiter 43 - Woodrow 23	Reiter 48 - Burton 34
Reiter 26 - Burton 23	Reiter 33 - Kewanna 24
Reiter 34 - Macy 13	Reiter 27 - L. Ford 30
Reiter 26 - Rochester 25	Reiter 40 - Akron 35
Reiter 25 - Woodrow 7	Reiter 22 - Akron 35
Reiter 20 - Kewanna 23	Reiter 21 - Talma 24
Reiter 38 - Talma 22	Reiter 38 - Grass Creek 24
Reiter 45 - Leifers Ford 30	Reiter 33 - Kewanna 35 O.T.
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There was an activity among the adults, which must be mentioned further. Often during the winter months they would get together, select a play, choose a cast, all local people of the community, prepare and present it to the public when perfected.

A director would be elected, always someone of the community.

Sometimes, for variation, the men would put on a "home talent" Minstrel Show. Needless to say they played to a full capacity crowd the night of presentation.

These activities, along with the P.T.A., the Men's Conservation Club, the Women's Community Club, the Rural Youth organization and the Boys and Girls 4H Clubs did much to generate an atmosphere of friendliness, cooperation and goodwill in a closely knitted community.

And now, no lights shine in the school house windows at night, because there is no building there. No visible landmark is there to bear witness to so many happy memories, which were nurtured on that spot.

But that is the price that we pay for progress as TIME marches on.

[Fred Van Duyne taught at Mt. Zion school in 1921, Sprinkleberg (one-room school near Elks golf course) 1921-25, Reiter School 1925-27, principal of McKinley School 1927-31, principal of Reiter 1931-33 and 1939-57 (six years ill with tuberculosis 1933-39), and Fulton Elementary School 1957-64, making a total

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of 37 years teaching in Fulton County. Mr. Van Duyne also wrote *History of Mt. Zion*, which was published in the FCHS Quarterly in June 1972, and the *Van Duyne-Shelton Families*, which was printed in *Fulton County Folks* vol. 2.]

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1924-25: Clifford Baggerly 7, 8; John Dubois 5 6; Vera Carey Pendleton 3, 4; Alice Black 1, 2.

1925-26: Clifford Baggerly 7, 8; Fred Van Duyne 5, 6; Esther Enquist 3, 4; Alice Black 1, 2.

1926-27: Clifford Baggerly 7, 8; Fred Van Duyne 5, 6; Esther Enquist 3, 4; Vera Carey Pendleton 1, 2.

1927-28: Seth Carpenter 7, 7; Annabelle Burkett Keel 5, 6; June Robinson Carpenter 3, 4; Mabel Kelly Gaumer 1, 2.

1928-29: Seth Carpenter 7, 8; Alice Hendrickson 5, 6; Carol Biddinger 3, 4; Odessa Greer 1, 2.

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1929-30: Enrol (1-8) 80. 8 mos. Seth Carpenter, 7, 8; Alice Hendrickson, 5, 6; Carol Biddinger, 3, 4; Odessa Greer, 1, 2.

1930-31: (Com. 1-8) 84. Seth Carpenter 7, 8; Carol Biddinger, 5, 6; Mrs. June Carpenter, 3 4; Odessa Greer, 1, 2; E. F. Fisher, Twp. Music Supervisor.

1931-32: (Cont. Com. (1-8) 83. Prin. Fred Van Duyne, 7-8; Carol Biddinger, 5-6; Maude Sturken 3-4; Mary Launer, 1-2; E. F. Fisher, Music Supervisor.

1932-33: Cont. Com. 1-8, 84. Prin. Fred Van Duyne, 7-8 first semester - John Hiatt 7-8 second semester; Mary Tobey, 5-6; Dorothy Smiley, 3-4; Mary Launer, 1-2; Ernest Fisher, Twp. Mu. Supr.

1933-34: Cont. Com. 1-8, 63. Prin. Norman J. Hiatt, 7-8; Mary Tobey, 5-6; Dorothy Smiley, 3-4; Mary Launer, 1-2; Ernest Fisher, Twp. Mu. Supr.; Martha Hoge, Twp., H.E. Supr.

1934-35: Cont. Com. 1-8, 73. Prin. Norman J. Hiatt, 7-8; Rolland Meiser, 5-6; Mary Tobey, 3-4; Dorothy Smiley, 1-2; Bertha Cole, Twp. Mu., H.E. Supv.

1935-36: Cont. Com. 1-8, 67. Prin. Norman J. Hiatt, 7-8; Rolland Meiser, 5-6; Mary Tobey, 3-4; Edith Brown, 1-2; Bertha Cole, Twp. Mu., H.E. Supv.

1936-37: Cont. Com. 1-8. 85. Prin. J. N. Hiatt, 7-8; Rolland Meiser, 4-6; Edith Brown, 1-3.

1937-38: Cont. Com. 1-8. 87. Prin. J. N. Hiatt, 7-8; Edgar J. Baney, 4-6; Dora Jane Riley, 1-3.

1938-39: Cont. Com. 1-8. 71. Prin. J. N. Hiatt, 7-8; Florence Moore, 4-6; Eva Louise Nellans, 1-3; Audrey Kassebaum, H. Ec., Mu., Orch.

1939-40: Cont. Com. 1-8. 69. Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 7-8; Florence Moore, 4-6; Eva Louise Nellans, 1-3; Ida Kathryn Moore, H. Ec., Mu.

1940-41: Cont. Com. 1-8. 59. Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 7-8; Bertha Lynn, 4-6; Ida Kathryn Moore, 1-3; Gertrude Klingaman, Mu.

1941-42: Cont. Com. 1-8. 65. Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 7-8; Bertha Lynn, 4-6; Ida Kathryn Moore, 1-3; Gertrude M. Klingaman, Mu.

1942-43: Cont. Com. 1-8, 67. Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 7-8; Bertha Lynn, 4-6; Naomi Whitcomb, 1-3; Gertrude Klingaman, Mu.

1943-44: Fred Van Duyne 7-8; Melita Snyder 4-6; Naomi Whitcomb 1-d.

1944-45: Cont. Com. 1-8, 57. Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 7-8; Melita Snyder, 4-6; Naomi Whitcomb, 103; Edith M. Carlson, Mu.

1945-46: Fred Van Duyne 7-8; Edith W. Bailey 4-6; Naomi Whitcomb 1-3.

1946-47: Cont. Com. 1-8, 72 Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 7-8; Edith W. Bailey, 4-6; Naomi Whitcomb, 1-2.

1947-48: Fred Van Duyne 7-8; Edith W. Bailey 4-6; Naomi Whitcomb 1-3.

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1948-49: Cont. Com. 18, 130. Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 78; Melita K. Snyder, 56; Edith W. Bailey, 3-4; Naomi Whitcomb, 1-2; Esther S. Lyle, Mu., B.

1949-50: Cont. Com. 18, 138. Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 78; Melita K. Snyder, 56; Edith W. Bailey, 3-4; Mary Jane Van Duyne, 2; Naomi Whitcomb, 1; Edith M. Carlson, Mu.

1950-51: Cont. Com. 18. Enrol. (1-6) 129, (7-8) 29. Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 78; Melita K. Snyder, 56; Estella Clemans, 3-4; Mary Jane Van Duyne, 2; Naomi Whitcomb, 1; Edith M. Carlson, Mu.

1951-52: Cont. 18. Enrol. (1-6) 120, (7-8) 28. Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 78; Melita K. Snyder, 56; Alberta Davis, 34; Mary Jane Van Duyne, 2; Naomi Cook Whitcomb, 1; Edith Carlson, Mu.

1952-53: Fred Van Duyne 78; Lloyd Swick 56; Melita Snyder 34; Mabel Gaumer 2; Naomi Whitcomb 1.

1953-54: Cont. 18. Enrol. (1-6) 116, (7-8) 36. Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 78; Loyd Swick, 56; Melita K. Snyder, 4; Mable Gaumer, 23; Naomi Cook Whitcomb, 1. Carl Doherty, Mu., B.

1954-55: Fred Van Duyne 78; Helen Shadel 56; Melita Snyder 34; Bernice Watson 2; Naomi Whitcomb 1.

1955-56: Cont. Com. 1-8. Enrol. (1-6) 104, (7-8) 34. Prin. Fred K. Van Duyne, 78; Ruth Keebler, 56; Melita Snyder, 34; Olive Julian, 2; Naomi Cook Whitcomb, 1; Donna Lee Dawald, Mu., B.

1956-57: Fred Van Duyne 78; Ruth Keebler 56; Melita Snyder 34; Florence Schaefer 2; Naomi Whitcomb 1.

1957-58: Cont. Com. 1-8. Enrol. (1-6) 77, (7-8) 12. Prin. L. E. Mitchell, 78; Rex L. Freidline, 5-6; Isabelle Grove, 3-4; Gladys Wittkemper, 1-2; Donna Lee Dawald, Mu., B.

1958-59: 7 & 8 went to Rochester. E. L. Mitchell 56; Dorothy Kindig 34; Marleah Thompson 1-2.

[NOTE: Woodrow School closed in 1959 and the Woodrow teachers went to Reiter 1959-60]

1959-60: Cont. 16. Enrol. (1-6) 113. Prin. David Boyd, 56; Hazel Chaney, 1; Esther Thrush, 4; Jane Kemper, 5-6.

1960 fall: Bill Biddinger 6; Jane Kemper 5; Esther Thrush Special Education.

[F.C.H.S. files]

Teachers: Carmen Palmer 1916-18; Seth Carpenter taught at Reiter 1927-31. Mrs. Seth [June Lela Robinson] Carpenter taught at Reiter 1927-28 and 1930-31; Mary Jane Hood Van Duyne, 2nd grade, 1949-52; Fred Van Duyne, 1925-27 and 7th & 8th and principal 1931-33, out with tuberculosis 1933-39, taught again 1939-57

See McKinley School.

## **RICHLAND CENTER SCHOOL** [Richland Township]

Located SE corner of 150W and 700N.

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[photo] Richland Center School 1903 and Charles Pendleton, Richland Township Trustee who built the new school. Pendleton Bridge is named for him. (Photo: Bailey Hardware)

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[photo] Richland Center high school built in 1903. Picture is school in 1904. (Spring) First horse and buggy to far left is Mike Burkett and Charley Maple, next is Rev. Clyde R. Walters and Guy Babcock. Others are Lawrence Hackett, Riddle boys, Dickey boys, Err Biddinger, Milo

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Winn. Forst horse and buggy in doorway is Talmage Dillon. Last horse and buggy to far right are Charley and Florence Meiser. The long school hack is Clint Alderfer.

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[photo] This is one of the oldest paperback photographs known in Richland Township. This is the Richland Center School as it existed before the brick model was built in 1904. No exact date has been placed on the picture for lack of a positive identification of anyone in the picture. The dress of the people in the picture suggest fashions of the early 1880's as they closely resemble the fashions worn in the 1883 Atlas of Fulton county. (Picture compliments of Mrs. Gresham Lough.)

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[photo] Richland Center High School, 1918. Back row, lr: Dewey Dudgeon, Bessie Overmyer, Zella Conrad, Dale Fletcher, Roy Kestner, Ed Eash, Dollie Kesler, Blanch Wynn, Doris Palmer, Hazel O'Neal, Zella Sturgeon, Dee Fults, Otto Beehler. Third row: Raymond Brugh, Ethel Foster, Vera Carey, Geneive Jackson, Lavone Kindig, Maine Overmyer, Mary McPherson, Marie Barnhart, Lannie Beck, Vida Carey, Fern Ritter, Mable Roher, Robert Reed. Second row: Clara Mae Robbins - teacher, Mildred Wright, Fred Swihart, Mildred Miller, Russell Fisher, Clitas Batz, Hazel Gaby, Cecil Palmer, Ruth Newcomb, Ray Hubbard, Charles Maple - teacher. First row: Cleo Wynn, Eva Hubbard, Mildred Eash, Alpha Overmyer, Emil McPherson, Charles Foster, Oren Leedy, Raymond Fisher, Lester Cooper, Dee Hiatt.

[FCHS Quarterly, Vol. 8, September, 1972, No. 3, p. 26]

[photo] Richland Center's 1950 basketball team posed for this official semi-final photo. Front row (left to right): Bob Goodman, Dick Alber, Geroge Halterman, Dave Kanouse, Larry Kanouse. Back row: Gerald West, Maurice O'Dell, Ed Mercer, Bob Overmyer, Dick Gelbaugh, Dick Dawson. Members of this team played members of the Leiters Ford team of 1950 in a basketball game as the closing event of the Round Barn Festival. A rematch is scheduled for Oct. 22 in the Aubbee gym at 8 p.m. to raise money to repair the Leiters Ford depot museum. (Photo provided by Paul Rockwell, Richland Center coach.)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 29, p. 9]

[photo] Richland Center 1950 Wildcats Oct. 22, 1977: George Halterman, Dick Gelbaugh Bob Overmyer, Larry Kanouse, and Dave Kanouse. (Photo by Allen Willard)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 30, p. 5]

[photo] Shirley Willard interviews Paul Rockwell, Richland Center 1950 coach. When asked what his advice would be to a young man wanting to coach basketball today, Rocky said, "Don't." (Photo by Allen Willard)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 30, p. 5]

[photo] Action during the Oct. 22, 1977, rematch between Richland Center in white shirts and Leiters Ford in black shirts. From left: Richard Crull, Dick Gelbaugh, Harry Hoover and Dan DeWitt jumping for the ball, Bob James, Ralph Stayton. (Photo by Allen Willard)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 30, p. 6]

[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1953-54. Left to right, front row: Clem Williams, Marvin Sanders, Pat Hiatt, Milton Kistler, Dan DeWitt. Back row: Lyman Cooper, Dale Foor, Phillip Mow, Monty Lough, Jack Town, Maxe Dunlap, Don Hawk.

[Richland Center High School Alumni Directory Annual Update)

[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1954-55. Left to Right, front row: Lyman Cooper, Phil Mow, Dan DeWitt, Dale Foor, Marvin Sanders. Back row: Richard Waltz, Ollie Garrison, Harold Young, Dick Partridge, John Kuhn, Jim Walters.

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[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1955-56. [no names]  
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[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1956-57. Front row: Overmyer, Foor, Campbell, Lewis, J. Walters, Kistler. Back row: Burnett, R. Walters, Stockberger, Keele, Burkett. Coach Kistler.

[Richland Center High School Alumni Directory Annual Update)

[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1957-58. Left to right, first row: Mark Kistler, Jim Campbell and Jay Wilson; second row: Larry Burnett, Ron Keele, Ron Walters and Don Foor; third row: Coach Delbert Kistler, Dean Stockberger, Jim Kerr and Wayne Haney.

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[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1958-59. Left to right, front row: Wayne Haney, Jim Kerr, Del Stockberger, Ron Walters and Don Foor. Second row: Ed Norris, Larry Alber, Jim Keele, Ron Keele and Larry Burnett. Third row: Coach Fritz Morgan, Tom Leavell, Dave Evans and Student Manager Paul Erdman.

[Richland Center High School Alumni Directory Annual Update)

[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1959-60. First row, left to right: Philip Alber, Ed Norris, David Evans, Jim Kerr, Larry Sanders. Second row, left to right: Jim Keele, Lloyd Cook, John Keele, Wayne Haney, Larry Alber. Student managers (not shown): Mike Partridge, Paul Myers, Jim Alderfer.

[Richland Center High School Alumni Directory Annual Update)

[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1960-61. Front Row, Left to right: Phil Alber, Larry Sanders, Dave Evans, John Keele, Bill Lewis. Back Row, left to right: Loyd Cook, John Dudgeon, Hugh Lewis, Jim Alderfer, Jerry Lewis. (Not shown) Hugh Ressler, Coach; Student Managers: Bruce Hess, Kenny Kesler, and Mike Partridge.

[Richland Center High School Alumni Directory Annual Update)

[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1961-62. Standing, left to right: Philip Hiatt, Jerry Lewis, Kip Kistler, Gary Nellans, David Burkett, Hugh Lewis, John Keele, Phillip Alber, Gene Hiatt, and Walter Talbott. Student Managers: Bruce Hess and Kenneth Kesler.

[Richland Center High School Alumni Directory Annual Update)

[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1962-63. Front row: Hugh Lewis, David Burkett and Hugh Ressler, Coach. Back row: Left to right: Steve Norris, Ray Brockey, Kip Kistler, Noel Kamp, Larry Kuhn, Myron Foor, Bob Hisey, Richard Keele and Kenny Kesler, student manager.

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[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1963-64. Front row: Charles Wilson, Noel Kamp, Kip Kistler, Steve Norris, and Max Lytle. Back row: Keith Boyd, manager, Ray Brockey, Myron Foor, Maynard Norris, Mick Evans, Bob Hisey, Mick Walters and Hugh Ressler, coach.

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[photo] Richland Center Basketball Team of 1964-65. Kneeling, Charles Parsons, Steve Norris. Front row: Mickie Baker, Max Lytle, John Pratt, Noel Kamp. Back row: Dale Overmyer, Charles Wilson, Mike Keele, Carl Overmyer.

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REV. CLYDE WALTERS WRITES

I grew up in Richland Township. I graduated from grade school at Richland Center 1903 teacher - Charley Emmons. In the fall of 1903 I started high school in the County Line grade school building, located on the northeast corner of the Nellans farm, then owned by Jacob Zerby. It was across the road from Garver farm. We drove with horse and buggy to school, put our horses in Garver's barn.

In the fall of 1904 the high school building was ready for grades on the first floor, taught by Billy Foster. Charley Emmons was the high school teacher occupying the second floor.

The old school building was moved across the corner and became the Martindale-Pendleton grocery store and post office. I believe Charley Pendleton was trustee at this time and Sherman Gibbons was county school superintendent.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 20, p 12]

Wilma Mow Foltz discovered that her great-grandfather O'Blenis donated the land for Richland Center school. April 4, 1859, Daniel and Catherine O'Blenis deeded the land for Richland Center school to the township trustees, David Mow, Benjamin C. Wilson, and William Sturgeon. The deed describes the land as follows: "one-half of land in northwest quarter of northwest quarter of Section #23 in Township N 31 north of Range 2 East containing 44 acres for sume of \$1, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged for a schoolhouse lot and is conveyed only so long as the same shall be used and occupied by the several authorities of said township of Richland as a public house lot."

[FCHS Quarterly No. 20, p. 17]

MORE ON WHIPPOORWILL AND TIOSA SCHOOLS

Dennis Foor recalls that in 1916 Sand Hill, Red Brush and Tiosa one-room schools all consolidated into a new Tiosa School on a five acre lot. This was such a big playground that the kids playing in the northwest corner could not hear the bell but would see the other children going in the school and thus knew the bell had rung. The bell was a large brass round alarm bell about 12 inches diameter. It was struck by a metal arm that hit the outside of the bell and would go "clack clack clack." The bell was in the hallway by the drinking fountain. There was a pile of rails on the northwest corner of the school yard and the kids would build a house of them and cover it with grass.

Dennis attended Sand Hill School and was sent to Tiosa after the consolidation. Several people opposed building the new school at Tiosa. Parlee Foor (Dennis' father), Orville Miller, John Beck and others went to Indianapolis to try to get the new school built closer to Sand Hill where they wanted the new school. Still others wanted to keep the old Tiosa School, such as Harrison Wynn and Dr. L. C. Meek.

In the fall of 1923 pupils from Germany School and all those living west of 50W (west of Sand Hill) went to Whippoorwill School. So Dennis was consolidated into a different school again. He only attended old Whippoorwill School three months and the new Whippoorwill School opened Dec. 1, 1923, so he went to yet another school. The new Whippoorwill School cost \$20,000 to build but was used only seven years.

Why was a new Whippoorwill School built and used for only seven years? There were several prominent and influential people who wanted a new school at Whippoorwill, including Bill Miller, Harry Overmyer, and Chancey Hiatt. The trustee, Howard Reed, wanted to wait a couple of years and put all the children in Richland Center School. Several people opposed building a new Whippoorwill School. But those who wanted a new school won out and the new Whippoorwill was built.

Dennis remembers attending a meeting at the new Whippoorwill School around 1930 in which Richland Township trustee, Oscar Scott, pointed out the defects of the school, though it was only a seven-year-old building. There was mortar coming out from between the bricks. It was said

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that this was the fault of the architect who insisted that they use the mortar that had sat and dried out over noon hour instead of making a new batch. And the flat roof leaked because the drain holes had filled with leaves and then formed a lake on the roof and froze and pushed the roof away from the wall and split the roof. J. Howard Reed, the trustee who had built the school, had Dave Beehler the janitor clean the leaves out. But the new trustee, Oscar Scott, hired a new janitor, George Morris, and he did not clean out the leaves so the roof began to leak.

In 1926 the Richland Township trustee moved the Whippoorwill and Tiosa 7th and 8th grades to Richland Center School. Their desks were moved too. Dead Man's College was closed then too. That was the first year that high school students were allowed to ride the school buses. Chancey Hiatt and Bill Miller were the bus drivers for Whippoorwill, while Jess Waltz and Frank Ball drove buses for Tiosa area.

Thus Dennis Foor was consolidated out of three schools. He attended Sand Hill for one year, then went to Tiosa six years 1917-23, then attended old Whippoorwill three months, then new Whippoorwill the rest of the year, then went to Richland Center High School.

When they remodeled Richland Center School in 1923, the bell was removed from the tower. The bell was a huge "dinner bell" with a clapper inside. It was so heavy it would take three or four men to move it. It was placed outside the janitor's room above the entrance. Some high school boys stole it and buried it in a field, where it lay until it was plowed up by Charlie Morgan. His plow caught the edge of the bell and it ruined his plow.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 51, pp 40-42]

Originally called County Line School.

School built before 1876.

The Tiosa High School was moved to the County Line School in 1904, and the name was changed to Richland Center High School, and completed in 1905, graduating its first class in 1906. It was a three-year high school. Harry E. Biddinger was the first principal in 1905 in the new building.

School closed. Part of building still standing, now occupied by Richland Center I.O.O.F. lodge.

Some of the teachers were Dewey Dudgeon, Charles Maple, Harry E. Biddinger, John Plaster, Duard Conrad and wife Alice Conrad, Dale Harbaugh, Mrs. Margaret Mulligan, Mr. T. J. Crownover, Clara May Robbins, Mr. Shepherd, and Mildred Nafe.

When the gym at Center was built, it left just one county school without a gym, Grass Creek. Center would go there to play basketball outside on a dirt floor with the game being in the afternoon.

The girls basketball team was organized soon after the gym was built. They would have three games a night, the girls and the A and B boy's teams. Some of the girls were Edna McGriff, Pauline Hubbard, Marjorie Stockberger, Irene Sander, Eleanor Overmeyer, Mildred Rogers, Evadean Halterman, Edith and Bernice Walters of the 1925 girls team.

The school hack which I rode in was pulled by two horses or mules and was owned by William Burkett. It had a stove underneath with the stovepipe upon one side. It burned coal, cobs or wood. It would be a five or six mile drive each way with only the grade school children getting to ride. Lee Mow was also a hack driver. In later years the Model T Ford truck came into use and the high school students could ride. Herman Weir and Walter Burkett drove Model T Fords. The Tiosa and Whippoorwill school students came to Richland Center in 1933. The Tiosa bus drivers were Vern Scott and Harry Osborne. Clinton Alderfer drove a hack from Whippoorwill. The drivers from the western part of Richland Township were Frank Ritter and Arley Dudgeon. Some of the janitors at Richland Center were Harry Felts, Delbert Stockberger, Frank Ritter and Arley Dudgeon.

[Richland Center School, Biddinger Family, *Fulton Co Folks Vol. 1*, Willard]

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We rode the hack to school at Richland Center. Some of the hack drivers were Frank Ritter, Oliver Fisher and Bert Bunn. There were no windows in the hack except at the back. If one lived within two miles, he always walked to school.

Some of the teachers in grade school were Gladys Babcock Maple, Lea Fish, Marie Turner, William Overmyer, Herbert Foster and Milo Winn. Some of the teachers I recall in high school were Mildred Nafe Wakefield, Frank Shipley and Ruth Shipley, and a Miss Jones.

Henry Burkett Family, Bessie Burkett Good, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard.

Lloyd Beehler taught a total of 41 years, 35 of those years at Richland Center in the same 5th and 6th grade room, then six years in the Rochester Middle School until his retirement in 1973.

[Louis J. Beehler, William Amel Sausaman, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

Lucille (Mrs. Clyde) Beehler taught home economics and commerce at Richland Center 1945-46 and 1951-56. Lloyd Beehler taught grades five and six at Richland Center 1935-1964, was acting principal at Richland Center 1964-67 while the school had only grades one through six, and then taught at Rochester Middle School until his retirement in 1973.

The Center school opened the 1st of December with David Mackey as teacher.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 11, 1873]

Teachers: William Foster; Dewey Dudgeon was principal 1932-35, and returned after his father's death Oct. 2, 1950, as a teacher; Russell Walters, principal 1941-42, and 1955-59; Mildred Nafe, 1918-20; Mary Louisa Nafe Mullican, 1928-29; Mildred J. Corn Nellans; Charles Bernhardt; Robert Cox; Mildred Nellans; Roland Stellhorn; Hugh Ressler; Frances Bright; Ruth Stellhorn; Ellis Powell

Bus drivers: William C. Miller; Cliff McGee; Walter Burkett; Chauncey Hiatt; Harry Halterman; Frank Ritter, Oliver Fisher; Bert Bunn.

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The debating society at Center will meet on Friday evening, March 7 . . .

[Richland Locals, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, February 27, 1873]

L. Lewellyn McClure got the job of building Center and Eidson school houses - Center at \$980, and Eidson at \$650. Worley got the Whippoorwill at \$680.

-- Miss Maggie Miller has had no trouble with her school since she put a tin ear on some of the boys. She is well liked by all, both as a teacher and a lady. [QUERY: is Richland Center School the correct school? - WCT]

[Richland Locals, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, May 29, 1873]

Spelling at Center went off quietly. Mary Newcomb was the one that took her seat last. Miss Newcob is twelve years of age, or thereabouts. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, January 15, 1874]

Miss Maggie Oneth is engaged in teaching the Center school. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, October 2, 1875]

On next Saturday the citizens of Richland township will meet at Center school house for the purpose of organizing an anti-horse thief company. The number of horses now being stolen all over the country makes it an absolute necessity for the people to organize for protection.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 3, 1876]

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Center School House, Richland Tp., Dec. 23, 1876. The institute was called to order . . . by the Trustee, Wm. Newcomb; J. L. Martindale was chosen Secretary and C. S. Knott appointed critic . . . [names mentioned]: E. T. Henderson, E. C. Martindale, W. H. Riley. . . [Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 6, 1877]

Mr. E. T. Henderson at Center. . . .  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 20, 1877]

Mr. Martindale, the able teacher at the Center school is giving satisfaction.  
[Rochester, *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 2, 1878]

### RICHLAND CENTER TEACHERS

1897-98: Prin. Arthur Deemer  
1903-04: Chas. Emmons, P.; Milo Mehling, Asst.  
1906: Louise Cummings, 1-2-3.  
1913: 7-8 before 1913  
1915-16: Chas. G. Maple, Prin., Math., Sc., Latin, 3; Clara Mae Robbins, Eng., Hist.; Milo Wynn, Ind. Arts; Fern Zerbe, Supervisor, Dom. Sc.  
1916-18: Carmen Palmer Kath, 1-2-3  
1917-19: Vida Carey Nichols, 1-2-3  
1917-18: E. D. Gordon, Prin.; Mae Robbins; Herbert Foster, Supervisor, Man. Train.  
1918-19: T. J. Crownover, Prin., Eng. Hist, Ag.; 3, Mildred Nafe, Latin, French, Eng., Dom. Sc.; Milo Wynn, Man. Train.  
1922-23: Ruth Newcomb Overmyer Walters, 1-2-3.  
1923-24: Annabelle Viers, 1-2-3.  
1924-25: Bessie Burkett Good 1-2-3.  
1926-27: Yetta Entsminger, grade 5.  
1928-29: Clifford Koch, 7-8.  
1929-30: Donald Kanouse 7-8.  
1929-30: Enrol. (1-8) 175, (9-12) 49. 8 mos. Prin. Duard Conrad, Hist. Agri.; Alice Conrad., H. E., Eng., Phys. Ed.; Dale Harbaugh, Latin, Sc., Phys. Ed; Margaret Mullican, Math., Eng.; Clifford Koch, 7-8; Mildred Koblentz, 4, 5, 6; Evadean Halterman, 1, 2, 3.  
1930-31: (Comb. 8-4) (1-8) 88, (9-12) 54. Prin. Dale Harbaugh, Sc., Lat, Phys. Ed.; Flossie Moody, Math., Music; Martha Hensley H.E., Eng.; Marion Ginke, Hist., Agri., Coach; W. Everett Juillerat, 7,8; Mildred Koblentz, 4, 5, 6.  
1931-32: (8-4) Cont. Com. 1-12. (1-8) ??, (9-12) 55. Prin. Dale Harbaugh, Sc. Lat., Phys. Ed.; Flossie Moody, Math, Music; Ruth Stine, Eng., H.E., Phys. Ed.; Marion Linke, Coach, Hist., Agri.; W. Everett Juillerat, 7, 8; Thelma Sanders, 4-6, Zulah B. Long 1-3.  
1932-33: (8-4) Cont. Com. 1-12. (1-8) 160, (9-12) 59. Prin. Dewey Dudgeon, Sci., Math.; Ora E. Lemert, Eng., Math., Soc. St., Paul Rockwell, Phy. Ed., Soc. St., Lat.; Ruth Ober, H.E., Mu., Lat; Everett Juillerat, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Nellie Newhouse, 3-4; Mary Lenore Smith, 1-2.  
1933-34: (8-4), Cont. Com. 1-12. (1-8) 164, (9-12) 56. Prin. Dewey Dudgeon, Math., Sci., Ag.; Ora E. Lemert, Eng., Math., Com.; Ruth Ober, Latin, H.E., Mu.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., Phy. Ed., H.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Nellie Newhouse, 3-4; Lenora Smith, 1-2  
1934-35: (8-4) Cont. Com. 1-12. (1-8) 169, (9-12) 65. Prin. Dewey Dudgeon, Math., Sci., Ag.; Ora E. Lemert, Eng., Math., Com.; Ruth Ober, Lat., H.E., Mu.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., Phy. Ed., H.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Nellie Newhouse, 3-4; Lenora Smith, 1-2.  
1935-36: (8-4). Cont. Com. 1-12. (1-8) 159, (9-12) 69. Prin. Floyd E. White, Math., Sci., Ag.; Ora E. Lemert, Eng., Math.; Ruth Ober, Lat., H.E., Mu.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., Phy. Ed., Sci., H.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Marjorie Hiatt, 3-4; Margaret E. Halterman, 1-2.

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1936-37: (8-4). Cont. Com. 112. (1-8) 149, (9-12) 70. Prin. Floyd E. White, Sci., Math., Ag.; Mildred Janette Corn, Eng., Math., Phy. Ed.; Ruth M. Ober, Lat., H.E., Mu.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., Sci., Phy. Ed.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Marjorie Hiatt, 3-4; Margaret E. Haltrman, 1-2.

1937-38: (8-4). Cont. Com. 112. (1-8) 150, (9-12) 70. Prin. Elmer E. Beadles, Sci., Ag., Math.; Grace E. Martin, Eng., H. Ec., Mu, Orch.; Mildred Corn Nellans, Eng., Lat., Math., Phys Ed.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., Sci., Phys Ed.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Marjorie Hiatt, 3-4; Margaret E. Halterman, 1-2.

1938-39: (8-4) Com. 112. (1-8) 162, (9-12) 66. Prin. Elmer E. Beadles, Math., Sci., Ag., Grace E. Martin, Eng., H. Ec., Mu., Orch.; Helen Parker, Com., Lat., Eng.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St, Sci., Phys. Ed.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Marjorie Hiatt, 3-4; Margaret E. Halterman, 1-2.

1939-40: (8-4) Com. 1-12 (1-8) 145, (9-12) 70. Prin. Elmer E. Beadles, Math., Ag.; Grace E. Martin, Eng., H. Ec, Mu., Orch.; Helen L. Parker, Eng., Com., Lat.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., Sci., H., Phys. Ed.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd L. Beehler, 5-6; Virginia Riley, 3-4; Margaret E. Halterman, 1-2.

1940-41: (8-4) Com. 112 (1-8) 142, (9-12) 68. Prin. Elmer E. Beadles, Math., Sci., Ag.; Grace E. Martin, Eng., H. Ec., Mu., Orch.; Helen E. Parker, Com., Eng., Lat.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., Sci., Phys. Ed.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Virginia Riley, 3-4; Margaret E. Halterman, 1-2.

1941-42: (8-4) Com. 112. (1-8) 139, (9-12) 70. Prin. Russell D. Walters, Sci., Ind. A.; John Dickey, Soc. St., Math., Sci.; Dorcas M. Showalter, Com., H. Ec., H., S.; Harriett Wilkins, Eng., Mu., B.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Evelyn Mow Cox, 3-4; Margaret E. Newman, 1-2.

1942-43: (8-4) Com. 112. (1-8) 140, (9-12) 71. Prin. John R. Wagoner, Com., Soc. St.; Gwendolyn Anderson, Eng., Soc. St.; Frances Nellans, H. Ec., Sci., Mu.; Ellis C. Powell, Ind. A., Math., Sci.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Virginia L. Rose, 3-4; Margaret E. Newman, 1-2.

1944-45: (8-4). Com. 112. (1-8) 155, (9-12) 72. Prin. Ellis C. Powell, Math., Ind. A.; Lucille Z. Flaugh, Com., H. Ec.; Paul Rogers, Soc. St., Sci., P.E.; Mary Jane Weathers, Eng., Mu., B., Art; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd L. Beehler, 5-6; Virginia Rose, 3-4; Margaret E. Newman, 1-2.

1946-47: (8-4). Com. 112. (1-8) 137, (9-12) 61. Prin. Ellis C. Powell, Math., Ind. A., Lucile Beehler, Com., H. Ec.; Mary Alice Harris, Eng., Sci., Soc. St.; Kenneth R. Overstreet, Soc. St., P.E.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Wreatha Swanson, 3-4; Margaret E. Newman, 1-2.

1948-49: (8-4) Com. 112. 198. Prin. Ellis C. Powell, Math., Ind. A.; Mary A. Harris, Eng., Soc. St., Sci.; Dixie Lattimer, Com., H. Ec.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., P.E.; John M. Crabbs, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 15-6; Ruth Bowen, 3-4; Margaret E. Newman, 1-2.

1949-50: Cert. 112. (1-6) 102 (7-8) 40, (9-12) 62. Prin. E. E. Beadles, Math., Ag.; Mary A. Harris, Eng., Sci.; James Osmun, Mu., B.; Ruth Paul, Com., H. Ec., P.E.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., P.E., Sci.; John M. Crabbs, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Treva Klein, 3-4; Margaret E. Newman, 1-2.

1940-51: Cert. 112. Enrol. (1-6) 118 (7-8) 35, (9-12) 74. Prin. E. E. Beadles, Math.; Mary A. Harris, Eng., Sci.; Dorothy Lynch, Com., P.E.; James Osmun, Mu., B.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., P.E., H.S.; John M. Crabbs, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Treva Klein, 3-4; Margaret E. Newman, 1-2.

1951-52: Cert. 112. Enrol. (1-6) 126, (7-8) 27, (9-12) 77. Prin. D. G. Dudgeon, Math., Ag.; Frances Baxter, Com., Math., P.E.; Lucile Beehler, H. Ec.; James K. Greiner, Mu., B.; Mary Alice Harris, Eng., Sci.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., H.S., P.E.; John Crabbs, 7-8; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Edith Grosvenor, 3-4; Trave Klein, 2-3; Margaret E. Newman, 1.

1953-54: Cert. 112. Enrol. (1-6) 136, (7-8) 38, (9-12) 70. Prin. D. G. Dudgeon, Math.; Lucille, Beehler, Eng., H. Ec.; Charles W. Bernhart, Soc. St., Ind. A.; John M. Crabbs, Eng., Sci.,

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Math., P.E.; Glen D. Law, Com., Soc. St., Math; Mario Lombardo, Mu., B.; Mildred Nellans, Eng., Lat., P.E.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., Sci., H.S., P. E.; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Mary Match, 4-5; Treva Klein, 2-3; Margaret E. Newman, 1-2.

1955-56: Cert. 112. Enrol. (1-6) 128, (7-8) 53, (9-12) 60. Prin. D. G. Dudgeon Math.; Lucille Beehler, H. Ec.; Charles W. Bernhardt, Soc. St., Ind. A.; John M. Crabbs, Eng., Math. P.E.; Glen D. Law, Com., Soc. St., Math.; Mildred Nellans, Eng., Lang., P.E.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St., Sci., P.E., H.S.; Ronald Stellhorn, Mu., B.; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Mary Hatch, 4-5; Virginia Law, 2-3; Margaret E. Newman, 1-2.

1957-58: Cert. 112. Enrol. (1-6) 111, (7-8) 43, (9-12) 75. Prin. D. G. Dudgeon, Math., Sci.; Charles W. Bernhardt, Soc. St., Ind. A.; Frances Bright, H. Ec.; Delbert Kistler, Math., H.S. P.E.; Frederic Lee Morgan, Bus., Chem., P.E.; Mildred J. Nellans, Eng., Lat., P.E.; E. Wayne Speicher, Eng., Soc. St.; Roland Stellhorn, B.; Ruth Ann Stellhorn, Mu., Lloyd L. Beehler, 5-6; Mary M. Hatch, 4-5; Bonnie Kistler, 2-3; Margaret E. Newman.

1959-60: Cert. 112. Enrol. (1-6) 100, (7-8) 40, (9-12) 78. Prin. D. G. Dudgeon, Sci. H., Charles W. Bernhardt, Soc. St., Ind. A.; Frances Bright, H. Ec.; Robert Cox, Chem., Math, Biol.; Hugh Ressler, Com., P.E., Dr. Ed., Mildred Nellans, Eng., Lat.; Roland Stellhorn 7-8, B., Soc. St.; Ruth Ann Stellhorn, 78, Mu., P.E., Eng.; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Florence Rupley 3-5; Margaret E. Newman, 1-2.

1961-62: Cert. 112. Enrol. (1-6) 107, (7-8) 28, (9-12) 67. Prin. D. G. Dudgeon, Sci., Math.; Robert Cox, Chem., Math., Biol.; Hugh Ressler, Comm., P.E., Dr. Ed.; Frances Bright, H. Ec., Eng.; Mildred Nellans, Eng., Arith; Catherine Ressler, Soc. St., P.E.; Raymond Stokes, Band, Chorus, Mu.; Henry Stephan, Ind. A., H., P.E.; Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Mary Hatch, 4-6; Vera Conn, 2-3; Margaret E. Newman, 1.

1963-64: Cert. 112. Enrol. (1-6) 112, (7-8) 30, (9-12) 57. Prin. Charles Bernhardt, Soc. St., Ruth Ann Blacker, Band, Chorus, Mu.; Frances Bright, H. Ec., Eng.; Thomas Brovont, Ind. A., P.E.; Robert Cox, Chem., Math., Biol.; Milton Kistler, Eng., Soc. St., Asst. Coarh Guid.; Mildred Nellans, Eng., Arith.; Hugh Ressler, Comm., P.E., Coach; Loyd Beehler, 5-6; Donna Kuehl, 3-4; Isabelle Grove, 2-3; Margaret E. Newman, 1.

1965-66: Cert. Kdg.-6. Enrol (Kdg.) 32 (1-6) 123. Prin. Lloyd Beehler, 5-6; Margaret Newman, 1-2; Martha Neff, 2-3; Janice McDugle, 4-5; Jacqueline Milbour, Kdg.

(F.C.H.S. files]

## RICHLAND CENTER ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Following is the directory of the Richland Center High School Alumni members. First is the name of the graduate; second: if married to whom; third: address; and fourth: occupation.

### 1902

ANDERSON, Raymond - 537 Commerce St., Hawkinsville, Ga.

BIDDINGER, Harry - Thelma Leon, 38 Wyoming Ave., Billings, Montana, Retired.

CARITHERS Albert - Altha Wilson, Argos, Ind., Farmer & Carpenter.

KENLEY, Metta - Cummings, 805 Calhoun St., Houston, Texas, Housewife.

MEHLING, Milo - Effie Overmyer, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.

MOW, Clarence - Deceased.

PALMER, Salene - Oscar Scott, 322 W. 8th St., Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

SMITH, Otto - Nellie Bryant, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.

WRIGHT, Faye - 1025 Madison St., Rochester, Ind., Secretary.

### 1903

GORDON, Faye - Smith, Granger, Ind., Housewife.

PACKER, Gertrude - Guy Stevens, 428 So. Main St., Culver, Ind., Practical Nurse.

WRIGHT, Lefa - 1025 Madison St., Rochester, Ind.

### 1904

BIDDINGER, Err - Estella Walters, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.

DICKEY, Howard - No information.

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DICKEY, Jesse - No information  
WYNN, Milo - Deceased.

### **1906**

BABCOCK, Guy - Waterman, Illinois.  
MAPLE, Charles - Waterman, Illinois.  
MEISER, Charles - Etta Overmyer, R. No. 1, Rocheter, Ind., Farmer.  
MOORE, Edgar - Deceased.  
OSBORN, Harry - Edna Mechling, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
OVERMYER, Etta - Meiser, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
WALTERS, Clyde - Box 103, Lakeville, Ind., Minister.  
WEIR, Harold - Anna Kerler, R. No. 3, Rochester, Indiana, Farmer.

### **1907**

BABCOCK, Gladys - Maple, Waterman, Ill.  
BEEHLER, Lee - Elvira Lillibridge, 932 W. Main, Logansport, Ind., Electrical Service.  
BIDDINGER, Albert - Susie May Foltz, 130 Jefferson St., Rochester, Ind., Barber.  
DICKEY, Orville - No information.  
DILLON, Talmage - Alice Anderson, 707 Lafayette, Valparaiso, Ind., Insurance Agent.  
MEISER, Florence - [Francis Ginther].  
MORGAN, Maude - No information  
RIDDLE, Edd - Deceased.

### **1908**

EMMONS, Etta - George Haldy, Van Hotel, Princeton, Ind., Hotel Owner.  
FRY, Myrtle - Earl Blye, Visilia, Calif.  
WYNN, Arlie - 707 N. Park Ave., Warsaw, Ind., Secretary.  
RIDDLE, Earl - Besse Whitmore, 186 Spring St., Johnstown, Pa., Minister.

### **1909**

BABCOCK, Otto - Sophie Lamb, Box 254, Waterman, Ill., Retired.  
OVERMYER, Harry - Grace Myers, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
STAUFFER, C. O. - Married, 123 Strathmon St., Mishawaka, Ind., Branch Manager Home Furnace Co.

### **1910**

WALLACE, Madge - Charles Myers, 1215 Jefferson, Rochester, Ind., Cashier & Sec., Times Theatre.

### **1911**

FOSTER, Ora - Deceased  
MOW, Dean - Gethel Rogers, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Trustee Richland Twp., and Farmer.  
RALSTON, Guy - 272 W. 5th St., Peru, Ind.

### **1912**

BABCOCK, Dean - Waterman Illinois.  
EMMONS, Aubra - Deceased.  
FOOR, Osa - Deceased.  
PALMER, Carmen - Otto Kath, 2111 N. Sunset, Phoenix, Arizona Housewife.  
WARNER, Emil - 918 20th St., South Bend, Ind.

### **[No Class in 1913]**

### **1914**

FOSTER, Herbert - Beda Vantilbury, 422 Fairmount, Mishawaka, Ind., Cost Accountant.  
OVERMYER, William - Grace Johnson, Laketon, Ind., Grain Elevator.  
RIDDLE, George - Jessie Long, 329 W. 7th St., Rochester, Ind., School Principal.

### **1915**

ANDERSON, Harley - Martha Bauer, 402 E. Woodside, South Bend, Ind., Machinist.  
BOWEN, Vernie - Pearl Wright, Leiters Ford, Indiana, Teacher.  
BURKETT, Esther - Leo Mow, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
COOPER, Harley - Rochester, Ind., Farmer.

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CONAWAY, Bertha - A. C. Kelly, 554 Hoke Ave., Frankfort, Ind., Housewife.  
MARSHALL, Claude - Deceased.

### **1916**

BEEHLER, Earl - Margaret Yeakley, 417 Brown, Logansport, Ind., Supervisor of Accounting.  
CLYMER, Claude - Deceased.  
FOSTER, Ruth - Branstrator, 1007 Woodlawn Ave., Waukegan, Ill., Housewife.  
FULTZ, Rhea - Kenneth Thompson, R. No. 1, Rochester, Indiana, Housewife.  
MARSHALL, Lee - Florence Edgington, 513 E. Calvert, South Bend, Ind., Gas Man for  
N.I.P.S.Co.  
MEEK, Dorothy - Savage - Deceased.  
MOW, Dewey - Eda Wiseman, 704 N. Sycamore, North Manchester, Ind., Freight Agent for  
Penn. R. R. at Roann.  
STURGEON, Orland - Frances Krathwohl, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind. Truck Driver.  
SWIHART, Melvin - Grace Mourey, 807 W. Walnut, Kokomo, Ind., School Supt., Kokomo,  
Indiana.

### **1917**

BEEHLER, Otto - Bessie Overmyer, Decatur, Ind.  
FLETCHER, Dale - Deceased  
FULTZ, Dee - Rochester, Ind., Boston Store.  
KESTNER, Roy - Florence Mullican, 148 E. Paris St., South Bend, Ind., Electrician at  
Studebakers.  
REED, Robert - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
WYNN, Bertha - Lloyd Fletcher, 707 N. Park Ave., Warsaw, Ind., Housewife.

### **1918**

CARY, Vida - Rochester, Ind., Kroger Store.  
CLEVINGER, Edith - No information.  
EASH, Ed - Deceased.  
FOSTER, Ethel - Leroy Kirkpatrick, Rochester Ind., Teacher.  
KERLER, Dollie - Mow, Moses Lake, Box 31, Washington.  
McPHERON, Mary - Armen Warnock, Converse, Ind., Housewife.  
OVERMYER, Bessie - Otto Beehler, Decatur, Indiana.  
O'NEIL, Hazel - Howard Overmyer, Leiters Ford, Ind., Lunch Room Operator.  
PALMER, Cecil - Fern McFeely, 7162 Kuhl Drive, Bell Gardens, Calif., Malt Worker.  
STURGEON, Zella - Reish, Caledonia, Ohio, Housewife.  
SWIHART, Fred - Deceased.

### **1919**

BARNHART, Marie - N. M. Alber, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
CONRAD, Zella - Robert Drudge, Akron, Ind., Housewife.  
EASH, Mildred - Jones, Deceased.  
HUBBARD, Eva - Dr. Middleton, Argos, Ind., Housewife.  
WYNN, Cleo - June Smith, Culver, Ind., Engineer.

### **1920**

CAREY, Vera - Arthur Pendleton, R. No. 5, Plymouth, Ind., Housewife.  
FOSTER, Charles - Deceased.  
JACKSON, Geneive - Howard Weir, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
LEEDY, Oren - Geneva Baldwin, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
MILLER, Mildred - 1624 Sunnymeade Ave., South Bend, Ind.  
MILLER Ruth - Ralph Elliott, 3650 N. Hermitage, Chicago, Ill., Housewife.  
NEWCOMB, Ruth - Alpha Overmyer, R. No. 3, Argos, Ind., Housewife.  
PALMER, Doris - Orville Long, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
WRIGHT, Mildred - Vanatta - Deceased.

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### **1921**

BURKETT, Walter - Mildred Haggerty, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
BURKETT, Ledolia - Earl Ridout, 3712 E. New York St., Indianapolis, Ind. Housewife.  
MOW, Helen - Whitledge, 1258 N. Wells St., Chicago, Ill.  
RINKER, Bessie - Chester Weimer, 12825 Dixie Drive, Detroit 23, Mich., Housewife, Teacher.  
WALTERS, Robert - Ethel Rhodes, R. No. 13, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.

### **1922**

BRINEY, Mary - Rochester, Ind.  
BUNN, Frances - Donald Hendrickson, 39 N. Webster Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., Housewife.  
DUDGEON Arlie - Ellen Boots, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Carpenter.  
FOSTER, Mabel - John Drew, Carpito, Venezuela, South America, Housewife.  
HASSENPLUG, Mabel - Stanley Brown, 213 Shalley Dr., Plymouth, Ind., Housewife.  
ROGERS, Crystal - Phillips, Argos, Ind., Housewife.  
SHERTZ, Irma - Charles Riddle, R. No. 3, Argos, Indiana, Housewife.  
WRIGHT, Mabel - Ray Hahn, 903 - 170 St., Hammond, Ind., Housewife.

### **1923**

BOTT, Freda - Wilbert Irvine, 3140 W. Haven Park, El Monte, Calif., Housewife.  
BURKETT, Bessie - Dell Good, Leiters Ford, Ind., Housewife.  
HIATT, Florence - L. W. Kenyon, P. O. Box 89, 871 S. Logan, Littleton, Ohio, Accountant.  
OVERMYER, Hazel - Lyman Morris, Culver, Ind., Housewife.  
ROHRER - Glenn - Roy Coplen Carmel, Ind., Housewife.  
SHEETZ, Carl - Argos, Ind., Dealing in Electric Appliances.  
WOLFORD, Fay - Lowell Fishburn, 502 Ash Ave., Littleton, Colo., Housewife.

### **[No Classes in 1924 and 1925]**

### **1926**

HALTERMAN Evadean - Harold Deardorff, Roann, Ind., Housewife.  
HASSENPLUG, Obed - Dorothy Erainaker, 430 S. Asbin, Arzusa, Calif., Grocery Store Clerk.  
HIATT, John - Mary Launer, 1500 S. Main, Rochester, Ind., Monument Retailer.  
KANOUSE, Donald - Mary Ruth Meek, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Painter.  
MEEK, Mary Ruth - Donald Kanouse, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
MILLER, Albert - 1304 N. Jackson St., Muncie, Ind.  
OVERMYER, Nelson - Olene Brodt, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Factory Worker.  
ROGERS, Mildred - Calfin Kuhn, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
SANDERS, Lloyd - Montague, Mich.  
SHEETS, Donna - Gerald Martin, Box 262, R. R. No. 18, Indianapolis, Ind.  
STOCKBERGER, Kenneth - Anna J. Wallace, Argos, Ind.  
WALTERS, Edith - Pat Overmyer, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

### **1927**

BEEHLER, Ruby - Peter Nemeth, Box 209, R. No. 5, Laurel Rd., South Bend, Ind., Bookkeeper.  
FISHER, Ruth - Clark, 47 Yarmouth, Pittsfield, Mass.  
OVERMYER, Arthur - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
STOCKBERGER, Marjorie - Oren Conrad, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
STRONG, Byron - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Store Manager.

### **1928**

BRINEY, Paul - Rochester, Ind.  
BURKETT, Ralph - Frances Rhodes, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
FOOR, Dennis - Mary Barker, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
GRAVES, Leroy - Opal Miller, 119 E. Brick Rd., South Bend, Ind. Assoc. Prof., Civil Engineering, N. D.  
HIATT, Clarence - Charlotte McMillen, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
McGRIFF, Irene - Harold Walters, Akron, Ind., Housewife.  
MOW, Herschel - Bernice Walters, 1845 N. 15th St., Lafayette, Ind., Indiana State Police.  
OVERMYER, Eddie - Muriel Champ, R. No. 1, Leesburg, Ind., Supt. Epworth Forest.

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RHOADES, Beecher - Lucerne, Ind., Farmer.  
RHOADES, Dean - Tippecanoe, Ind., Farmer.  
SANDERS, Irene - Clifford McGee, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
WALTERS, Bernice - Herschel Mow, 1845 N. 15th St., Lafayette, Ind., Housewife.

### **1929**

BEEHLER, Llyd - Florence Overmkyer, R. No. 3, Argos, Ind., Teacher.  
CURRY, Juanite - Lewis Carswell, R. No. 2, Endicott, New York, Housewife.  
FLETCHER, Ruth - Arthur Durkes, R. No. 1, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
HASSENPLUG, Aleta - LaVerne Beach, 823 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Minister's wife.  
KUHN, Gladys - Jones, 1289 N. Cornwell St., Fling, Mich.  
LEEDY, Margaret - Leslie Andrews, Chicago, Ill., Housewife.  
NEWCOMB, Ruby - Rex Halterman, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
STONE, Adra - Paul Keel, Roann, Ind., Housewife.  
WALTERS, Russell - Bonnie Duffey, Fulton, Ind., Principal High School.

### **1930**

BATZ, Lorene - Raymond Hunter, R. No. 2, Edwardsburg, Mich., Housewife.  
BEEHLER, Lester - R. No. 3 Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
FISHER, Ethel - John Fisher, 910 Wood St., Valparaiso, Ind., Housewife.  
FLETCHER, June - Edward Polley, R. No. 1, Macy, Ind., Housewife.  
HALTERMAN, Margaret - Reardon Newman, 130 E. 5th St., Rochester, Ind., Teacher.  
HARRIS, Francis - 521 S. 3rd St., Logansport, Ind.  
LEWIS Robert - Catherine Osborn, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
McPHERON, Harry - Hope Titz, R. No. 2, Tippecanoe, Ind., Farmer.  
MECHLING, Thelma - Dean Kanouse, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
POLLEY, Edward - June Fletcher, R. No. 1, Macy, Ind., Farmer.  
SISSEL, Joe - Kathryn Feece, Rochester, Ind.  
TOWN, Demoine - Irene Briney, R. No. 3, Argos, Ind., Farmer.

### **1931**

HALTERMAN, Mary - Arnie Fry, R. No. 1, Monticello, Ind., Housewife.  
McGRIFF, Lois - Ermal McKee, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
McPHERON, Edwin - Jean Allen, Bloomington, Ind., Prof., Ind. University.  
MORGAN, Charles - Lura Warner, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
ROHRER, Vera - Paul Partridge, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

### **1932**

BEEHLER, Floyd - Alice Kerr, Culver, Ind., Farmer.  
BRINEY, Lorene - Don Morgan, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
COOK, Eldrith - Eloise Mow, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer & Studebakers.  
COOL, Elmer - Ruth Mow, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
FISHER, Albert - Muriel Peebles, 658 Shannon St., Mobile, Ala., Captain Army.  
KALE, Charles - 1540 E. Jefferson Blvd., Mishawaka, Ind.  
MOW, Eloise - Eldrith Cook, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
OVERMYER, Robert - Dorothy Roudebush, R. No. 2, North Liberty, Ind., Bank Cashier.  
ROSE, Murphy - Betty Towne, N. Main St., Rochester, Ind.  
WALTERS, Ernest - Dorothy Batchelor, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.

### **1933**

ANDERSON, Marcille - Eli Nan, 2400 S. St. S.E., Washington 20, D.C.  
BERKHEISER, Velma - Theodore Stickler, 208 S. Michigan St., Argos, Ind., Housewife.  
FLETCHER, Erma - Donald O'Dell, R. R., Argos, Ind., Housewife.  
HIATT, Marjorie - Nelson Mosher, 918 Belleville Ave., South Bend, Ind., Housewife.  
LEWIS, Joe - Beatrice Briney, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Electrical Contractor & Farmer.  
MATTHEWS, Ernest - Elkhart, Ind., Studebakers.  
McNEIL, Donald - John Camblin, Post Office Sniders Trailer Court, Indio Calif.  
NORRIS, Wendell - Helen Parker, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.

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OVERMYER, Arlene - Dubois, Orlando, Fla.  
SANDERS, Irvin - Josephine Utter, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
STRONG, Winifred - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind.

### **1934**

ABERNATHY, Ruth - no information.  
ALDERFER, Mabel - Dean Army, 178 S. Southland Ave., South Bend, Ind., Housewife.  
COOK, Edith - Edgar Haney, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
DILLMAN, Jesse - Ann Rapp, W. 3rd St., Rochester, Ind., Beall Tire Shop.  
HALTERMAN, Harrison - Eileen Waltz, 218 W. 4th St., Rochester, Ind., Merchant.  
OSBORN, Catherine - Robert Lewis, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
OVERMYER, Ernest - Margaret Imhoof, 252 Jackson Circle, Ft. Lee, Va., Soldier.  
SCOTT, Basil - Martha Lewis, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer  
SMITH, James - Rochester, Ind., Attorney for State Inheritance Tax.  
STICKLER, Theodore - Velma Berkheiser, 208 S. Mich., Argos, Ind., Supt. of Light and Water Works.  
WARNER, Lura - Charles Morgan, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
ZUMBAUGH, Herschel - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind.

### **1935**

BARKMAN, Merriem - 1111 E. Broadway, So Bend, Ind., Indiana Bell Telephone Co.  
BASS, Harold - Moody Texas.  
BEEHLER, Leonard - Mary Wagoner, Kewanna, Ind., Farmer.  
BORDEN, Charles - Meleta Barkman, R. No. 2, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
LEWIS, Richard - Rose Herschberger, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Carpenter.  
MOW, Jane - Paul Barts, 305 N. Main St., Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
MOW, Ruth - Elmer Cook, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
NEWHOUSE, Virginia - Ward Redinger, Argos, Ind., Housewife.  
PALMER, Jane - Chapman, 510 W. Marion St., Mishawaka, Ind.  
REID, Rita - Breahurst, 943 W. 64th St., Chicago, Ill.  
RITENOUR, Mildred - Cecil Davis, Leiters Ford, Ind., Housewife.  
STOCKBERGER, Harold - Lucy, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Truck Driver.  
TOWNE, Herschel - Eagleberger, Argos, Ind., School Teacher.  
TOWNE, Mildred - Ned Smith, Akron, Ind.

### **1936**

BARKMAN, Esther - Marion Buck, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
BATZ, Robert - 853 S. Clinton St., South Bend, Ind.  
BENEDICT, Clinton - Eva Nellans, Argos, Ind., Clerk - Bendix.  
BRINEY, Beatrice - Joe Lewis, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
CRABBS, John - Bernice Biddinger, 421 W. 7th St., Rochester, Ind., Teacher.  
DILLMAN, Doris - Harold Duff, R. No. 1, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
LEFFERT, Leon - Jeanette McGriff, Argos, Ind., Farmer.  
NELLANS, Dee - Mildred Corn, R. No. 3, Argos, Ind., Farmer.  
NELLANS, Eva - Clinton Benedict, 330 W. Walnut St., Argos Ind., Housewife.  
SANDERS, Delta - Brockey, 728 Cleveland Ave., South Bend, Ind.  
SIMPSON, Shirley - Herman Barkman, 1221 Okema St., Elkhart, Ind., Housewife.  
SMITH, Nellie Mae - Hooker, 4693 Millerville Rd., Indianapolis, Ind.  
STEININGER, Kenneth - Phyllis Butler, 14309 S. Waverly, Midlothian, Ill.  
STONE, Arthur - Married, 622 N. Sherwood Ave., Clarksville, Ind.  
ZUMBAUGH, Margaret - Edward Mow, R. No 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

### **1937**

BERKHEISER, Devoe - Hildegard, Argos, Ind.  
BOWEN, John, Akron, Ind., Farmer.  
CALVERT, William - Marjorie Carithers, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind.

## **Ri**

HALTERMAN, Josephine - Lewis Mason, 2349 N. LaSalle St., Indianapolis, Ind.  
LANTZ, Franklin - Ethel Hisey, 4618 E. Burns St., Tucson, Ariz., Sales Supt. for Rainbo Bread.  
LEEDY, Donald - Imogene Anderson, 3117 165th, Hammond, Ind., Electronic Tech.  
MOW, Charles - Mary Jo Thompson, 2000 Frances Ave., Elkhart, Ind., Principal Lincoln School.  
MOW, Edward - Margaret Zumbaugh, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.  
NELLANS, Frances - Richard Bright, R. No. 3, Argos, Ind., Housewife.  
OVERMYER, Richard - Married, Monterey, Ind.  
POLLEY, Richard - Betty Perry, 1538 E. Third St., Mishawaka, Ind., Mishawaka City Fireman.  
SCOTT, Paul - Marietta Green, 2026 W. 27th Pl., Phoenix, Ariz., Factory worker.  
STICKLER, Margaret - Hugh E. Steininger, Box 615, R. No. 4, South Bend, Ind., Ceramic Artist.  
WALTZ, Eileen - Harrison Halterman, 218 W. 4th St., Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

### **1938**

BARKER, Robert - 9401 McVicker Ave., Oaklawn, Ill.  
BASS, Jessie - McCormick, R. No. 6, Crawfordsville, Ind.  
BECK, John - Audrie Vickery, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.  
BIDDINGER, Bernice - John Crabbs, 421 W. 7th St., Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
CARSWELL, Lewis - Juanite Curry Palmer, R. No. 2, Endicott, N. Y., Seminary Student.  
CHAPMAN, Darrell - Charlotte Murfitt, Brook, Ind., Farmer.  
GRAHAM, Harriet - Helms, no more information.  
OVERMYER, Helen - Josoeeph Cumings, Rochester, Ind., Auditor's Office.  
REED, Jr., Robert - married, Calif., Doctor.  
REID, Geraldine - Blatz, 5921 S. Morgan St., Chicago 21, Ill.  
SIMMERMAN, Glen - 1925 A. W. McKinley, Milwaukee, Wisc.  
SMITH, Edith - Lilby, 1218 W. 8th St., Mishawaka, Ind., Box 165.  
WALTERS Elmer - married, 1505 Alma, So. Bend, Ind., Salesman for Hoover Vacuum Cleaner Co.

### **1939**

ANDERSON, Donald - 40 Vine St., Dayton, O.  
ANDERSON, Imogene - Donald Leedy, 3116 - 165th, Hammond, Ind., Housewife.  
BAIR, Mary Louise - 135 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.  
BATZ, Max - 1219 Whiteman Court, South Bend, Ind.  
BIDDINGER, William - Rosalie Carpenter, Akron, Ind., Farmer.  
HIATT, Lulu - Orie Pitchford, 1811 Roxella St., Houston 16, Texas, Housewife.  
McNEIL, Royal - Ethel DeMont, Catalpa Ave., R. No. 2, Mishawaka, Ind.  
MILLER, Harold - Betty Anderson, Rochester, Ind., Salesman.  
MOW, Helen - Roy McGriff, 120 W. 5th St., Rochester, Ind., Stenographer.  
MOW, Wilma - Chester Burnett, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
NORRIS, James - Deceased.  
OVERMYER, Paul - Norma Wood, 397 S. Calhoun Ave., Aurora, Ill., Yardman in Grain Co.  
PALMER, Norene - Thomas Billisitz, 312 W. Brick Rd., South Bend, Ind., Housewife.  
SMITH, Joe - married, W. 3rd St., Rochester, Ind., Insurance Salesman, School teacher.

### **1940**

BARKMAN, Ruth - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind.  
BRINEY Harold - married, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
CAMPBELL, Barbara - Endress, 517 Rush St., South Bend, Ind.  
CAUFFMAN, Russell - Marjorie Alber, R.R. No. 2, New Carlisle, Ind., Cutter in Plastics.  
DIXON, Dorothy - no information.  
HITTLE, Gerald - Mary Smith, Rochester, Ind., Sales Mgr., Ford Dealership.  
MILLER, Ruth - Arthur Zentz, Argos, Ind., Housewife.  
MOW, Geraldine - George Koontz, R. No. 1, Montpelier, Ind.  
OVERMYER, Donald - Marjorie Hatten, 603 Clement St., LaPorte, Ind., Ass't to Production Manager.

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PALMER, Norman - 1517 Empire St., Fairfield, Calif., Soldier.  
SIMPSON, Betty - John A. Fay, 5053 Fauntleroy Ave., Seattle, Washington, Housewife.  
STURGEON, Jane - Houston, Texas, Private Secretary.  
SWIHART, William - Janice Walters, 1817 S 10th St., Elkhart, Ind., Yard Conductor, New York Central R. R.  
UMBAUGH, Hugh - Julia Hanes, Argos, Ind., Farmer.

### **1941**

ALBER, Marjorie - Russell Cauffman, R. No. 2, New Carlisle, Ind., Housewife.  
COOK, Kenneth - Martha Urbin, Kewanna, Ind., Bookkeeper.  
CRABBS, Leo - Beverly Lepley, North Liberty, Ind., Teacher.  
CRABBS, Paul - Deloris Rupert, 150 E. Brick Road, South Bend, Ind.  
DeMont, Richard - Evelyn Overmyer, 1664 Stone Lake Dr., LaPorte, Ind.  
LANTZ, Everett - R. No. 1, Rochester, Ind.  
NORRIS, Betty - Robert Miller, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
OVERMYER, Dora Mae - Amberg Mishawaka, Ind., Housewife.  
OVERMYER, Gerald - Mary Sturgeon, Navy Air Force.  
OVERMYER, Jr., Harry - Mary Girer, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
ROMAN, Margaret - Jacob Miller, Park St., Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
SHEETS, Josephine - Berham, W. Jefferson St., Plymouth, Ind.  
STEININGER, Ida Mae - Steve Huggy, 7030 S. Green St., Chicago, Ill.  
SIMPSON, Neil, Box 25, Omak, Washington.  
STONE, Ellsworth - Catherine Freehauf, Box 180, R. No. 2., Bremen, Ind., Farmer.  
WALTERS, Anna - Tony DeMarco, R. No. 2., Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
WEIR, Ronald - Mary Miller, 1337 College Ave., Huntington, Ind.

### **1942**

AULT, Olive - McVay, Knox, Ind.  
COOPER, Raymond - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
DEMONT, Ethel - Royal McNeil, R. No. 2, Catalpa Ave, Mishawaka, Ind.  
GIBBONS, Harold - Marjorie Waltz, Rochester, Ind.  
GIBBONS, Kathryn - Harold Hatten, 521 S. Main St., Culver, Ind., Housewife.  
HITTLE, Wayne - Ida Young, Rochester, Ind.  
MOW, Josephine - Robert Kindig, 2005 Lane Ave., Elkhart, Ind., Housewife.  
OVERMYER, Jean - Carl Shaffer, R. No. 4, Plymouth, Ind., Housewife.  
PALMER, Lois - Bob Burns, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
PFEIFFER, Betty - L. M. Thornburg, Box 109, Walkerton, Ind., Housewife.  
SHAUER, Arthur - Married, Argos, Ind.  
TOWNE, Betty - Murphy Rose, N. Main, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

### **1943**

CRABBS, Maxine - James Scott, 2622 Normandy Dr., Mishawaka, Ind., Housewife.  
GRAHAM Bob - Erma Jean Overmyer, Rochester, Ind.  
HITTLE, Raymond - Married, Bunker Hill, Ind.  
MOW, Bill - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.  
MOW, Bob - Virginia Goss, R. No. 2, Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.  
NORRIS, Manford - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Student Manchester College.  
O'DELL, Bill - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Disabled Veteran.  
OVERMYER, Erma Jean - Bob Graham, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
OVERMYER, Evelyn, Richard DeMont, 501 Jefferson St., LaPorte, Ind., Housewife.  
ROMAN, Mary Ann - Thomas Stanford, Mentone, Ind., Housewife.  
SHIVELY, Nina - Fred Hubbard, 117 W. 2nd St., Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
SIMPSON, Barbara - Roy F. Davidson, Jr., 398 McCleary, Washington, Housewife.  
STURGEON, Mary - Gerald Overmyer, Housewife.  
UMBAUGH, Donald - Marjorie Scott, Argos, Ind., Farmer.

### **1944**

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BARKER, Mary - Dennie Foor, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
BIDDINGER, Bety - George Rouch, R. No. 2, Kewanna, Ind., Housewife.  
BURKETT, Dick - Margaret Clay, R. No. 3 Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.  
CAMPBELL, Jane - Ken Buckles, Bell, Calif., Housewife.  
CLAY, Margaret - Dick Burkett, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
GABY, Waldo - Donnabelle Mast, 755 W. Market St, nappanee, Ind., Mechanic.  
KALE, Robert - Mary Louise Green, Plymouth, Ind.  
LESSING, Calvin - Marjorie Kruzan, Geneva, Ind., Teacher.  
PARSON, John - Columbia, Mo.  
ROCKHILL, LaVerne - Carnell, 2710 Milburn Blvd., Mishawaka, Ind.  
SCHWENK, Glen - Soldier.  
SCOTT, Marjorie - Donald Umbaugh, Argos Ind., Housewife

### **1945**

ALBER, Addison - Juanite Markley, 662 N. Wash., Changler, Ariz., Residential Salesman.  
BAIR, Richard - Jeannette Schlunz, 8821 N. W. 7th Ave., Miami Fla., Marine.  
BAKER, Eugene - Mary Ruth Kuhn, Rochester, Ind.  
BEEHLER, Mayzanna - Dale Peterson, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
CRUNDWELL, Robert - 7434 Madison Ave., Hammond, Ind.  
GIBBONS, Roy - Nancy Mow, Rochester, Ind., Construction worker.  
HITTLE, John - Margaret Ault, Leiters Ford, Ind., Tank Wagon Driver - Farm Bureau.  
LEEDY, Eldon - Married, Rochester, Ind.  
OVERMYER, Joan - Rochester, Ind.  
PALMER, Esther - Dale Walsh, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
RIDDLE, Dorcas - Fredrick Van Duyne, R. No. 3, Argos, Ind., Housewife.  
RIDDLE, Charles Lee - Lola Pierce, R. No. 3, Argos, Ind., Farmer.  
ZARTMAN, Dorothy - Deceased.

### **1946**

BIDDINGER, Willodena - John Hoesel, Kewanna, Ind., Housewife.  
BITTERLING, Kenneth - Bernice Rookstool, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
CALAHAN, Bernadine - Kewanna, Ind., Topps Mfg. Co.  
CLAY, Max - Joyce Bros, Rochester, Ind., Boston Store.  
DeMONT, Clarabelle - John Kistler, 716 W. Jefferson St., Mishawaka, Ind., Box 57, Housewife.  
FIFE, Charleen - R. No. 3, Argos, Ind., Indiana Metal Products Corp.  
FISHER, Gene - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Truck Driver for Bakery.  
MILLER, Edna - Lessar, 1715 E. Market St., San Diego, Calif.  
ROOKSTOOL, Berniece - Kenneth Bitterling, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
WALTZ, Irene - Adrion Conover, 4322 Columbia Ave., Hammond, Ind., Housewife.

### **1947**

BRINEY, Geraldine - Brown, Macy, Ind., Housewife.  
CAMPBELL, Joan - Jim Miller, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
CONRAD, Helen - Clyde Bick, 512 Pine St., Morris, Ill., Housewife.  
DeWITT, Clyde - Marion Payne, R. No. 5, Plymouth, Ind.  
EVANS, Gerald - Juanita Rose, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Studebakers.  
EVANS, Robert - Norma Bitterling, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.  
GIBBONS, Robert - in Air Force.  
HITTLE, Alice - Albert Shorts Rochester Ind., Housewife.  
KALE, Florence - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Boston Store.  
KUHN, Don - Wanda in Marines.  
LEEDY, Irene - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Clerk-typist.  
LESSING, Richard - in Navy  
PALMER, James - Deceased.  
SCHWENK, George - Liale Wolford, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.  
WALTZ, Betty - Apt. No. 4, 713 Main, Rochester, Ind., Public Service Company of Indiana.

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WARNER, Keith - Barbara Shumaker in Army Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Caroline.

### **1948**

ALBER, Wayne - U. S. Navy.

BARKER, Edith - P. A. Harper, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

BURKETT, Don - Jackie Couse, in Air Force.

BROWN, Dorothy - Bixler, Athens, Ind., Housewife & Topps Mfg. Co.

BITTERLING, Norma - Robert Evans, R. No. 13, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

DeWITT, Edgar - Imogene Hartle, Leiters Ford, Ind., Factory Worker.

GELBAUGH, Annabell - Glenn Hart, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

GIBBONS, Eugene - In U. S. Navy.

HITTLE, Alta - Rock, R. No. 1, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

McGEE, Charles - In U. S. Army.

REED, Virginia - 7-2 N. Carol Ave., Michigan City, Ind.

WOLFORD, Liale - George Schwenk, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

### **1949**

BUNN, Donna Mae - Don Hart, Housewife.

BUTLER, Phyllis - Kenneth Steininger, 14309 S. Waverly Ave., Midlothian, Ill., Housewife.

CAMPBELL, Fred - Deceased.

CAMPBELL, Ruth - Office Work, South Bend, Ind

CRABBS, Lois - Richard Crull, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

EVANS, Gene - Air Force, HQ. Sq. Section A.F.F.T.C. Edwards Ariforce Base, Edwards, Calif.

LESSING, Robert - R. No. E., Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.

McKEE, Marcella - Office employee, Bendix Home Appliance, South Bend, Ind.

OVERMYER, Virginia - Office work, Kingsbury, LaPorte, Ind.

PALMER, Floyd - in Air force.

SCOTT, Rosemary - John DePue, R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

SMITH, LeRoy - in Air Force.

### **1950**

ALBER, Richard - Shirley Clay, in U. S. Navy.

DAWSON, Richard - in Air Force.

GOODMAN, Robert - in U. S. Navy.

HALTERMAN, George - Det. 14 T'try D, 33rd Gun Bn., Fort Bliss, Texas.

KANOUSE, David - U. S. Navy.

OVERMYER, Robert - Phyllis Smith, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.

SCHWENK, Gertrude - Sister at Holy Cross St. Mary's, South Bend, Ind.

WALTERS, Kathryn - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Clerk-typist.

WEST, Gerald - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmer.

### **1951**

CLAY, Shirley - Richard Alber, Housewife.

CAMPBELL, Tom - Rochester, Ind.

FISHER, Roy - U. S. Army.

GELBAUGH, Richard - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.

HALTERMAN, Sue - Robert Tillman, File clerk.

HOLLAND, Mary - Tom Hart, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.

KANOUSE, Larry - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind.

KUHN, Jean - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmers and Merchants Bank.

MERCER, Edwin, R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Rochester Telephone Co.

OVERMYER, Marvin - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Student Purdue University.

WILLIAMS, Carl - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.

WOLFORD, Roy - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.

### **1952**

BURKETT, Maryanna - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Student Purdue University.

BUTLER Marjorie - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Topps Mfg. Co.

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CALVERT, Mary - Ivan Rock, Rochester, Ind., Housewife.  
DeMONTE, Robert - LaPorte, Ind.  
DeREITER, Orien - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind, Factory worker.  
EADS, Bill - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.  
EVANS, Larry - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Barber.  
HAWK, Robert - Esther Waltz, R. No. 2, Rochester, Ind.  
HITTLE, James - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Service Station Attendant.  
LOUGH, Betty - R. No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Farmers & Merchants Bank.  
O'DELL, Maurice - R. No. 5, Rochester, Ind., Factory worker.  
WALTERS, Bill - R No. 3, Rochester, Ind., Student Manchester College.  
WALTZ, Esther - Bob Hawk, R. No. 2, Rochester, Ind., News-Sentinel.  
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### **1953**

BUTLER, Donna - Ralph Garver, 2102 Vance Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn., Housewife.  
CAMPBELL, Mike - R.R. 3, Rochester, Ind.  
CHAPMAN, Clara - Allan Kitson, Rochester, Ind., Shultz Bros. Dime Store.  
CONRAD, Howard - Student, Hanover College.  
DeWitt, Anita - Raymond Cooper, 3010 W. Lincoln St., Phoenix, Arizona  
EADS, Barbara - R.R. 3, Rochester Ind., Farmers & Merchants Bank.  
HALTERMAN, Ned - R R. 5, Rochester, Ind.  
HIBNER, Dan - Student, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.  
HOUNSHELL, Dee - Rochester, Ind., Armour Creameries.  
KISTLER, Susie - R. R. 3, Rochester, Ind. Topps Mfg. Co.  
McKEE, Larry - R. R. 5, Rochester, Ind.  
MORGAN, Fritz - Student, Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind.  
O'BLENIS - R. R. 3, Rochester Ind.  
O'DELL, Richard - R.R. 5, Rochester, Ind. Forest Farms Products, Bob Moore.  
RIETVELD, Warren, - South Bend, Ind., Filling Station Attendant.  
STILWELL, Harry - Remidgi, Minnisota.  
SUTTON, Grace - R. R. 5, Rochester, Ind., Gast Furniture Center.  
SWANSON, Tom - Student Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

### **1954**

COOK, Anne  
DAWSON, Marcia  
DUNLAP, Maxe  
FIFE, Sandra  
HART, Dale  
HAWK, Don  
HIATT, Everett  
HOLLAND, Jean  
KISTLER, Milton  
KUHN, Esther  
LOUGH, Monty  
LOUGH, Patsy  
MYERS, Marilyn  
RYNEARSON, Betty  
SHOEMAKER, Don  
STILWELL, Mervin  
TOWN, Jack  
WILLIAMS, Clem

### **1955**

CAMPBELL, Mary Ann  
COOPER, Lyman Ora

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DeWITT, Daniel Virgil  
FIFE, Dee L.  
HIBNER, Donald Ray  
KUHN, John Edward  
McGEE, Aletha Marie  
McGRIFF, John Dee  
MINARIK, Ella Antonia  
MORGAN, Sonja Lu  
RIDDLE, Norita Marie  
RYNEARSON, Paul  
STEININGER, Kenneth Leroy  
STILWELL, Raymond David  
TOWNE, Donna Jean  
WALTERS, Eddie Joe  
WALTZ, Richard Lee  
YOUNG, Harold

## 1956

DAWSON, Darlene Carol  
FOOR, Dale Eugene  
GARRISON, Ollie  
MOORE, Cecil Voris  
MOW, Phillip Lee  
OVERMEYER Myron Ralph  
PARTRIDGE, Richard Francis  
PONTIUS, Bertha Lou  
RANSTEAD, Richard Lee  
SANDERS, Marvin Jay

## 1957

BURKETT, Jerry Lee  
CARRICO, Lawrence Eugene  
COOK, Janet Sue  
DAWSON, Carolyn Sue  
DRAPER, Adele Beth  
GROGG, Melinda Jane  
HAWK, Carol Beth  
HOLLAND, Margaret Ann  
KANOUSE, Carolyn Jean  
KANOUSE, Marilyn Joan  
KESLER, Barbara Jean  
LEWIS, Edward Joe  
LINN, Shirley Louise  
OVERMYER, James Lee  
SAINE, Patsy Joan  
TOWN, Janet Ellen  
WALTERS, Jimmie Lee

## 1958

CAMPBELL, Jim  
COOK, Helen  
CUSICK, Dyann  
ERDMAN, Linda  
HALTERMAN, Judy  
HIATT, Kathryn  
KISTLER Mark

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LEWIS, Jim  
LONG, Margaret  
RANSTEAD Carolyn  
RYNEARSON, Francis  
STOCKBERGER, Joyce  
WILSON, Jay

**1959**

BEEHLER, Beverly Lou  
BURNETT, Larry Lee  
DAVIDSON, Marie Ann  
ERDMANN, Paul Reid  
FOOR, Donald Lee  
HANEY, Louedva Loraine  
KEELE, Ronald Charles  
HART, Barbara Joanne  
HIBNER, Carol Rose  
KESLER, James Edward  
RUSSELL, Barbara Ann  
FRANKLIN, Dean  
STOCKBERGER, Delbert John  
SANDERS, Connie Jo  
THIEM, Judith Darlene  
WALTERS, Ronnie Earl

**1960**

ALBER, Larry  
BECK, Terri  
BURNETT, Carole  
CARRICO, Xavier  
CONRAD, Bonnie  
DAMRON, Dottie  
HANEY, Wayne  
HISEY, Beaverly  
HOLLAND, Rosalee  
KEELE, Jim  
KERR, Jim  
KLINE, Jim  
LEAVELL, Tom  
LEWIS, Sharon  
MOW, Sheri  
MYERS, Paul  
NELLANS, Bob  
NORRIS, Edward  
RYNEARSON, Larry  
TALBOTT, Eve

**1961**

ALDERFER, Jim  
ALDERFER, Sara  
BROCKEY, Carol  
COOK, Loyd  
DAVIDSON, Dick  
DUDGEON, Mike  
EVANS, Dave  
GOODMAN, Vernon

**Ri**

HART, Jane  
HIBNER, Bob  
HOLLAND, Linda  
LEWIS, Bill  
NORRIS, Dave  
OVERMYER, Clair  
PARTRIDGE, Mike  
PFEIFFER, Lewis  
RANSTEAD Marilyn  
STEININGER, Richard  
STOCKBERGER, Mary

**1962**

ALBER, Phillip S.  
CARRICO, Bethany A. R.  
DAMRON, Lottie  
HESS, Bruce  
HIATT, Nelson Gene  
HIATT, Philip L.  
HISEY, Larry  
KEELE, John  
KERR, Judith L.  
LEWIS, Jerry E.  
MORGAN, Patricia Sue  
NELLANS, Gary Dee  
TALBOTT, Walter  
TOWN, Juanita Irene  
YOUNG, Judy

**1963**

BEEHLER, Jane Ann  
BOYD, Kenneth  
BURKETT, David  
BYERLINE, John  
DRAPER, Jolinda  
KEELE, Richard  
KUHN, Larry  
LEWIS, Hough Bryon  
LOUGH, Marilyn Diane  
MOORE, Terry Jane  
MORONI, Marcella  
NELLANS, Betty Ann  
PARSONS, David Michael  
SUDDITH, Robert Louis  
SUDDITH, Roberta Lucille  
SUTTON, John Forest

**1964**

BOYD, Keith Warren  
BROCKEY, Ray Norman  
BROWN, Joan Catherine  
DILLMAN, Johnny Joe  
EVANS, Charles Michael  
FOOR, Myron Earl  
HAWK, Terry Lynn  
HISEY, Robert Lee

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KESLER, Kenneth Lee  
KISTLER, Maurice Kip  
LINN, Janice Marie  
MINARIK, Steve Walter  
MORGAN, Marcia Kay  
NORRIS, Maynard Ray  
OVERMYER, Sharon Ann  
PETERSON, Marlene Ann  
SPEAR, Denise Raye  
TOWN, Judith Diane  
WALTERS, Mickie Lee  
WEAKMAN, June Marie

1965

### The Last Graduating Class at Richland Center

BILTZ, Terry Wayne  
BRIGHT, Steven Richard  
COOPER, Judy Ann  
HARRISON, Deborah Kay  
HIBNER, Cheryl Lynn  
KAMP, Noel Dewayne  
KEELE, Alan Micheal  
KLINE, Linda Kay  
LYTLE, Max  
OVERMYER, Carl William  
PARSONS Phyllis Doreen  
STRONG, Karn Sue  
WILSON, Charles Devon

{Richland Center High School Alumni Directory Annual Update)

## RICHLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

[photo] Richland Township 8th grade graduating class of 1920. Front row: Evadean Leedy, Effie Borden Suddith, Clara Beehler Overmyer, Thelma Miller Richards, Medrith Wright, Lucille Fisher. Row 2: Gilford Towns, James Palmer, John Drew, Clarence Fletcher, Donald Tharp, Floyd Batz. Row 3: Harold Walters, Leo Beehler, Darsey Wright, Chris Halterman, Clifford Sult, Eldon Ault. (Photo donated bo FCHS by Clarence Fletcher)

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Richland Township Institute. Held in District No. 9, on Saturday 12th. . . [names mentioned] Supt. Myers, Trustee Newcomb, J. Martindale, C. Chinn, Mr. Newton, A. F. Bowers, Wm. Dillon, S. R. Moon, E. T. Henderson, William Newcomb, Ches. Chinn.

[Rochester, *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 12, 1878]

Miss Ella Barb is teaching a No. 1 school, at the new school house on H. Ferry's farm.

[Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, January 12, 1878]

Ches. Chinn, the ex-Deputy postmaster will "teach" the big girls and small boys in a Richland Township school house, somewhere near Center.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 30, 1878]

We learn . . . that Ches. Chinn, who is engaged in Richland Township, is conducting his school in a masterly manner, and is giving general satisfaction.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 21, 1878]

# RICHLAND TOWNSHIP 1833-1933

by Bruce Hess  
Education

The educational history of Richland Township starts in the winter of 1836-37, when David Shore, son of Michael Shore, gave instruction to those able to reach his home on the Michigan Road. From that small beginning, a log schoolhouse was built on the Abail Bush farm in 1837. This building would continue to be used for a number of years. When the next school term began in the winter of 1838, the school was host to at least 31 students between the ages of 5-21. Soon after the formation of Newcastle Township in 1839, a log school was constructed on the eastern side of Richland Township so the students in that area would not need to cross township lines to attend school. By the end of that decade (1840), the two schools were serving 43 students. In 1842 a schoolhouse was built west of the Michigan Road and was called "Cross Roads Schoolhouse," so named for its location at two intersecting roads. Fragments of old school records reflect the growth of population in the township. In 1845 the school attendance had almost doubled from the number five years before, then being a total of 70 students.

To pay for an education, an agreement of remuneration was worked out with the teacher. The story of one of these agreements has been preserved concerning George Perschbacher and his teacher David Shore. John Perschbacher, George's father, was short of funds at the time George wished to start his education. George displayed his future skill as a businessman by making an agreement with David Shore. The agreement was that for the sum of \$2.50, George would sell Mr. Shore a "fine hat . . . that was of little use in the woods." The offer was made on the basis that Shore was running for the office of Sheriff of Fulton County at the time, and George believed that a candidate should have a campaign hat. George Perschbacher was given thirty days schooling for the sale of the hat, even though David Shore lost the election.

Educations were made more available when the sale of public lands in each school section created a school fund to help meet the costs of building or repairing schools and employing teachers. The funds often ran out before the expiration of the school term and donations were taken among the township residents to meet the emergency. This local method of providing funds ended with the enactment of the 1851 Revised Constitution of Indiana. This provided through taxation, a dependable source of funds to maintain regular school terms and provide a solid base for expansion.

Before the advent of the State funds, the log schoolhouses were small and the curriculum uncertain. The early buildings varied from 12 by 18-20 feet, and were heated by a fireplace. The study habits were directed by what books were available. In addition the the "3 R's," geography, spelling, and sometimes grammar, were taught. Teachers often gave instruction with the minimum of qualifications. George Perschbacher, whose story was told earlier, taught school for several terms on his limited education. Becoming aware of his limitations in the teaching field, he left the profession and the township to pursue a highly successful career in farming and business. Examinations to teach were given by the County Auditor and depending on his schedule, the degree of testing varied. There were occasions when permits to teach were granted on the qualifications of good penmanship. The creation of a County School Superintendent required a more substantial background for the permission to teach.

Over the years, more subjects were added, giving the student a more substantial background in his educational endeavors. A great majority of the teachers in the township came from within the township. Many of these teachers were men; there were lady schoolteachers, but they were of exceptional character. The reason why lady teachers were unusual in the early school was because of the student population. In the winter months when there was little farming to do, many of the older boys would attend school to occupy their time. Much of the time spent there was in making life difficult for the women teachers. The teacher who did not establish order "with an iron hand," often did not last in the profession for any length of time. Not only did teachers face static but also the trustee. As an attempt to make an election issue out of improvements in the school administration, the editor of the Democratic Rochester *Sentinel* accused the Richland

Township Trustee of a “crawfish” issue. The fomentative 1880 editorial stemmed over Trustee Dillon’s “wanting to consolidate the summer and winter schools into one term.”

Over the years new schools were built and older ones renovated. By the year of 1883 there were nine frame schools in the township. The names of these schools were Bidwell, Dead Man’s College, Mount Nebo, Red Brush, Richland Center, Tiosa, Sand Hill, South Germany, and Whippoorwill. In 1889, County Line School was built, making a total of ten frame schools. These schools arrived at their names through a number of reasons. Bidwell School was named either for a trustee of the township, or the person who donated the land upon which the building sat. County Line was named for its proximity to the Fulton-Marshall county line. Dead Man’s College was so named from the legend of a man being killed and buried on the spot where the school was later built. In due course other graves were located near the school. To the delight of the schoolboys, several of the headstones were loose and subsequently used as bases when the boys were playing baseball. For some reason a hole was left in the foundation wall of the school. One of the more mischievous students attached a cowbell to one of the floor beams and ran a wire to his desk. To harass the teacher, the wire would be pulled and the explanation would be that the noise was from the spirit of the person buried beneath the school. Mount Nebo derived its name from the hill nearby, said to be one of the higher elevations in this portion of Indiana. The history of how Red Brush was named is a mystery, but if not for the local vegetation someone certainly possessed a fertile imagination. Richland Center comes from the store, blacksmith shop, and church that were in the vicinity of the intersection by that name. Tiosa School bore the name of the town that it sat on the outskirts of. Sand Hill school was also named for the hill that it sat upon. South Germany or Germany School was located in the southern portion of the German-speaking section of the township. Whippoorwill School was so named for the bird of that name which lit upon the framework of the partially completed school and sang to the men who were assembled there, shortly after they had completed that day’s labors.

At the time of this writing, two of the mentioned schools are at their original sites and resemble the original forms. They are Dead Man’s College and Richland Center. Bidwell was moved and converted into a home. County Line and Red Brush were converted into houses after they had fulfilled their use as schools. Sand Hill was torn down and the lumber used to build a restaurant and small poultry house. Tiosa School was dismantled to build a locker plant. Whippoorwill was also taken apart and was sold to private individuals for the useable material. The others, Mount Nebo and South Germany, have disappeared without recall. As transportation facilities began to appear, schools that were placed within walking distance of the students began to close. The first to close were Bidwell, Mt. Nebo, and Sand Hill in 1905. In 1914 County Line School ceased operation. 1922 marked the closing of South Germany’s door; two years later Red Brush closed. So ended the operation of the township’s wooden frame schools. By 1926, Dead Man’s College was the first brick building to stop being a school and to later become a grain storage building. In 1933 the cutting off point of this history, Tiosa and Whippoorwill closed and Richland Center assumed the educational responsibilities of the township’s 252 students.

The business of transporting students in the township had its beginning when a mother of a crippled boy drove her son to school. Along the way, she would offer rides to the other students she would meet. Before this start, “it was everyone for himself.” School hacks (canvas-covered wagons) were first used to take the students that lived more than two miles from a school. Students that lived within two miles of a school were required to walk or secure other means of conveyance, as horses or bicycles. The school hacks had two wood burning heaters. The students riding on them were asked to bring a piece of wood to keep the fire going. The fires were guaranteed to keep only the lunches from freezing. These hacks had wooden benches for seats and were arranged lengthwise with the passengers facing each other. With the narrow wheels and a full load, the hacks easily got stuck. To traverse a ten mile route, the drivers figured on taking two hours. This time segment included waiting on late students for no more than three minutes. The horse-drawn hacks were phased out in favor of motor buses when Richland Center became the only school in the township in 1933.

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Richland Center School since its earliest recorded instance has always sat on the southeast corner of the intersection of the Richland Center community. Before the present brick structure was built, a frame structure which the former replaced was purchased by Charles Pendleton, local store owner and township trustee. The wooden building was moved to the northwest corner of the intersection as a replacement for the old store building which was no longer useable.

The brick school when completed in early 1904 was an impressive structure having a high steepled bell tower, a balcony, and arched entranceway. On Arbor day 1904, several young maple trees were planted to provide future shade for the new school. The school operated as a consolidated grade and high school offering 11 grades. The last grade if desired, was taken at Rochester College or other nearby college. The first graduating class from the new school building numbered nine students, who completed their studies in April 1904. Scholastic progress came quickly and by 1916 all 12 grades were being offered to all qualified students in the township.

In 1917, to keep in step with the township's sporting interests, a wooden gym was built. This replaced an outside basketball court which was at times rendered useable by scattering sawdust from Dave Fry's sawmill. Using lumber donated by local citizens, the gym was located near the southeast corner of the school building. The building was described as resembling "a large barn." Insulation was tarpaper, lighting was by gaslight, and two small stoves located at the corners of the building provided some heat. To reach the gym, players came from the dressing rooms in the school building then crossed outside to reach the gym. No doubt the basketball games and spectator participation was quite active in order to compensate for the meager heating facilities. The gym served its purpose 'till a more substantial structure was built in later years. During the mid twenties, the school building lost some of the style with which it started. The steeple was replaced with a flat roof, for fear the weight of the large bell might cause the timbers to collapse. The second story balcony was replaced with windows and brick. The massive arched entranceway was filled in, leaving a double-door entrance.

When Richland Center became the only township school in 1933, eight motor buses were used to transport 252 students over a total of 204 route miles, no ride lasting over an hour. To accommodate the students, 13 classrooms were utilized.

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## RIDDLE SCHOOL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located on SW corner of Third and Clay streets.

Built to replace Lincoln School which was discontinued.

Named in honor of George M. Riddle who taught at and was principal of Lincoln School 1923-57. He then was principal of Riddle School 1957-66.

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1957-58: New School. Kdg.-6. Enrol (Kdg) 41, (1-6) 376. Prin. George M. Riddle; Mary Bowen, 1; Mary Elizabeth Lukens, 1; Odessa Greer, 2; Esther Jane Means, 2; Mary Louise Goodner, 3; Bernice Eash, 3; Mable Gaumer, 4; Narcissus Sowers, 4; Nadine Sriver, 5; Scott Savage, 5; Hubert Latham, 6; Irene Paltz, 6; Edith Thomson Mu.; Sandra Dillman, Kdg.; Audrey Myers Art.

1958-59: George Riddle, Prin.; Mary Bowen, 1; Mary Lukens, 1; Odessa Greer, 2; Esther Jane Means, 2; Bernice Eash, 3; Mary Goodner, 3; Mable Gaumer, 4; Narcissus Sowers, 4; Scott Savage, 5; Nadine Sriver, 5; Irene Paltz, 6; Hubert Latham, 6; Edith Thomson Music; Sondra Goble, Kdg.; Marion Rieger, Phys. Ed.; Audry Myers, Art.

1959-60: Unc. K6. New School. Enrol (Kdg) 62, 1(1-6) 451. Prin. George M. Riddle; Secy. Mary Helen Ault; Mary Bowen, 1; Mary Elizabeth Lukens, 1; Odessa Greer, 2; Esther Jane Means, 2; Mary Louise Goodner, 3; Bernice Eash, 3; Mable Gaumer, 4; Narcissus Sowers, 4; Nadine Sriver, 5; Scott Savage, 5; Hubert Lathan, 6; Irene Paltz, 6; Ida Kathryn Burwell, Kdg.

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1960-61: George Riddle, Prin.; Mary Bowen, 1; Hazel Chaney, 1; Vada Barts, 1; Mary Lukens, 1; Odessa Greer, 2; Esther Means, 2; Bernice Eash, 3; Mary Goodner, 3; Mable Gaumer, 4; Narcissus Sowers, 4; Jane Kemper, 5; Scott Savage, 5; Nadine Sriver, 5; Irene Paltz, 6; Gladys Brandt, 6; Wm. Biddinger, 6; Ida Kathryn Burwell, Kdg.; Mary Helen Ault, Secy., Carol Shigley, Music; Kay Harvey, Psy. Gd.; Esther Thrush, Sp. Ed.; Don Kumler, Custodian.

1961-62: Enrol. (Kdg.) 78, (1-6) 466, (Sp. Ed.) 21. Prin. George Riddle; Mary Helen Ault Secy.; Vada Barts, 1; William Biddinger 6; Mary Bowen, 1; Gladys Brandt, 5-6; Ida Kathryn Burwell, Kdg.; Hazel Chaney, 2; Bernice Eash, 3; Mable Gaumer, 4; Mary Goodner, 3; Odessa Greer, 2; Mary Lukens, 1; Esther Means, 2; Irene Paltz, 5-6; Scott Savage, 5-6; Narcissus Sowers, 4; Nadine Sriver, 5.

1962-63: Geo. M. Riddle, Prin.; Mary Helen Ault, Sec.; Ida K. Burwell, Kdg.; Linda Barkman, 1; Vada Barts, 1; Dorothy Jean Richter, 1; Mary Bowen, 1; Odessa Greer, 2; Linda Louderback, 2; Esther Jean Means, 2; Bernice Eash, 3; Mary Goodner, 3; Esther Thrush, 3; Mable Gaumer, 4; Narcissus Sowers, 4; Gladys Brandt, 5, Sc., Health; Nadine Sriver, 5; Wm. Biddinger, 6; Irene Paltz, 6; Scott Savage, 5-6; Marcella Boswell, Speech, Hg.; Robt. Bowen, Spec. Ed.; Marie Farnsworth, Sp. Ed.; Kay Horn, Phys. Ed.; Kathleen Latier, Art; Edw. Niles, Music (left Sept 28, 1962); Don Kumler, Custodian; Robt. Harbett, Helper; Mary Briney, Matron.

1963-64: Cont. Enr. (Kdg.) 82, (1-6) 501, (Sp. Ed.) 21. Prin. George Riddle; Mary Helen Ault Secy., Mary Bowen, 1; Vada Barts, 1; Dorothy Richter, 1; Esther Means, 2; Odessa Greer, 2; Lana Louderback, 2; Pauline Scholer, 2; Mary Goodner, 3; Esther Thrush, 3; Bernice Eash, 3; Narcissus Sowers 4; Mable Gaumer, 4; Nadine Sriver, 5; Scott Savage, 5; Gladys Brandt, 5; William Biddinger, 6; Irene Paltz, 6; Ida Kathryn Burwell, Kdg.

1964-65: Geo. M. Riddle, Prin.; Mary Helen Ault, Sec.; Ida K. Burwell, Kdg.; Linda Barkman, 1; Vada Barts, 1; Dorothy Jean Richter, 1; Mary Bowen, 1; Odessa Greer, 2; Linda Louderback, 2; Esther Jean Means, 2; Bernice Eash, 3; Mary Goodner, 3; Esther Thrush, 3; Mable Gaumer, 4; Narcissus Sowers, 4; Edna Davisson, 4; Gladys Brandt, 5, Sc., Health; Nadine Sriver, 5; Wm. Biddinger, 6; Irene Paltz, 6; Scott Savage, 5-6; Marcella Boswell, Speech & Hg.; Robt. Bowen, Spec. Ed.; Marie Farnsworth, Spec. Ed.; Kay Horn, Phys. Ed.; Kathleen Latier, Art.; Linda Greuf, Elem Music; Don Kumler, Custodian; Mary Briney, Matron.

1965-66: First Class Kdg-6. Enrol. (Kdg.) 75, (1-6) 529, (Sp. Ed) 15. Prin. George Riddle; Mary Helen Ault, Secy.; Mary Bowen, 1; Vada Barts 1; Dorothy Richter, 1; Esther Means, 2; Odessa Greer, 2; Evelyn Cox, 2; Mary Goodner, 2; Esther Thrush, 3; Bernice Eash, 3; Narcissus Sowers, 4; Mable Gaumer, 4; Edna Davisson, 4; Nadine Sriver, 5; W. Scott Savage, 5; Gladys Brandt, 5; William Biddinger, 6; Irene Paltz, 6; Russel Walters 6; Ida Kathryn Burwell, Kdg.

[F.C.H.S. files]

Teachers: Mary Lukens grade 1, 1962-81; Russell Walters, 6th grade, 1965-66, and principal, 1966-78; Cheryl Hibner Bright; Carol Ann Powell Hurst, art, grades 1, 2 and 3

## ROCHESTER COLLEGE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hutton, J. T.

See: Rochester Normal University

See: Rochester High School Basketball

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### NORMAL SCHOOL OFFER

The proposed Normal University for Rochester is growing more promising for the city and county every day. The Mackey farm, of thirty-five acres, in the Southeast part of the city has been purchased by Dr. W. S. Shafer and he makes the following proposal to build a fifteen thousand dollar college building and equip it with library and laboratory.

It being the wish of many of the citizens of Rochester, Indiana, as expressed at various meetings, to establish a College at said town, and desiring to respond to that wish, and fully

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believing in the enterprise of the Citizens of Fulton County, and the future of Rochester, I purchased thirty-four and fifty-two hundredths acres of land of Horace Mackey, which lies at the South end of town, but within the corporate limits thereof. The sole purpose of the purchase being to put on foot a practical plan by which said College may be established. I now propose to the Citizens of said County, the following:

First. That the four and fifty-two hundredths acres be reserved as grounds for the College.

Second. The remaining thirty acres be platted into one hundred and fifty lots, that responsible parties subscribe for them at Two Hundred dollars per lot, to be paid for, one-half, March 1, 1895, and the remainder, September 1, 1895, or on the completion of the building, and the furnishing of the equipment herein after mentioned.

There is upon said ground to be platted a dwelling house and barn, and other buildings connected therewith, worth not less than One Thousand Dollars. Now upon the completion of the subscription, I will have said thirty acres properly platted, and recorded at my expense, with streets and alleys properly located therein, and all lots numbered. That upon the completion and recording of said plat, the subscribers for the lots, shall determine in their own way, the manner of selecting lots, except that the purchaser getting the lot on which said buildings are located, shall be entitled to said buildings.

Third. I agree that upon said lots being subscribed for as above stipulated, to commence at once preparing for the erection of a College Building on said four and fifty-two hundredths acres tract, to cost not less than Fifteen thousand dollars, and will commence its building at the earliest opportune time in the spring of 1895, and push it to completion as speedily as practicable, and have it ready for opening in the fall of 1895. And in addition, on its completion, to furnish the same, and place therein a College Library to cost not less than three thousand dollars, and a Laboratory, at a cost of not less than two thousand dollars, and on its completion, and after its equipment as above stipulated, to turn the same over to a Board of Trustees or managers, to consist of competent and worthy businessmen and educators, who shall direct its policy and manage its affairs for a period of five years. Said board to be composed of seven, and to be residents and citizens of Fulton County. They to hold the same free from any rent or taxes for said period, and put forth every reasonable effort to build up the institution during said period.

The aim of the institution will be no common-place standing in the educational circles of the country. The faculty will be selected from the very best colleges of the country and the following courses will be established: preparatory teachers common English, teachers professional, commercial, musical both vocal and instrumental, and scientific and classical. Special attention will be given to the pedagogical work to be done in the Model Training School course, in which a specialist will take public school pupils of any grade and give them practical training for the teachers profession. The management proposes to make the school one which will merit an attendance of a thousand students and the necessary effort will be made to get them here. Now let Rochester take hold in earnest.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 7, 1894]

## JUST AS YOU LIKE IT

The normal college enterprise is moving right along. Dr. Shafer's first proposal met with some opposition from enterprisers who seldom enterprise and so he revised it and makes it broad enough that if Rochester does not help to build the College she doesn't want it. In his second proposition he says:

There seems to be a disposition on the part of some individuals to oppose the college enterprise upon the ground of a pecuniary gain upon my part. To all such objections I wish to offer a few explanations, not that I am anxious for the citizens to accept my proposition any more than to see the college a success. My first conception of the plan was that there was sufficient in it to insure me against any loss whatever, which my business man would look after, but the more careful consideration of the proposition is that I am taking a great risk, more so than I now court, save as I said before, the success of the college. When we first began to consider the enterprise it seemed there was no one who could suggest a tangible plan to operate upon, consequently I

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undertook to develop the same through plans which might prove successful. Now to the proposition.

1st. We have a purchase price of \$6,000; 2d. Erection price, \$15,000; 3d, Equipment price \$5,000, Total, \$26,000.

Now the selling price of 150 lots is \$30,000. This leaves a balance of \$4,000.

Then we have the platting of property, grading, excavating, and general preparation of grounds which any person who knows anything of said work, will consume at least another \$1,500 or \$2,000. Then we have \$2,000 left for the equipments of said buildings, which consists of the furniture, blackboards, &c., which are too numerous to mention. But all you have to do is to consider what a school equipment consists of. Now the very lowest estimate which I can place upon said furnishings is \$3,500, which put us in debt over the selling price of the lots \$1,000 or \$1,500. For the maintaining of said buildings which consists of taxes, insurance, all repairs, which will be many, it is not necessary for me to try to estimate. Go to our school board and find out what it costs for maintaining of our school property, and you have a disinterested estimate. And the maintenance of college property is greatly more which I could explain, but do not consider it necessary.

All of this I propose, besides insuring all risks and spending my time, which is of vastly more importance in a pecuniary way than giving it to the enterprise.

The pecuniary side of it to me is this which I will gladly propose and will be more than willing to accept. Let the citizens execute to me a sufficient indemnifying bond against all risks, repay me the money expended for all over the \$30,000, pay me something for my time spent in the work, and at the end of five years I will gladly turn the building over to any person or body of men you may name.

This is fair enough for the most exacting. The Doctor proposes to build, equip and run the college for five years if those interested will indemnify him for the outlay he makes, or he agrees to take all chances and shoulder the institution alone if the people will buy the lots at the very reasonable price of two hundred dollars each.

The subscription papers are ready for circulation, the ground is being platted to show just how it will be located and thirty-seven lots have already been taken by voluntary subscribers.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 14, 1894]

## THAT COLLEGE OFFER

Now that the holiday busy season is over what are we going to do about that Normal University? It has been at a standstill for two weeks because everybody has been busy and now is the time to do something and the way to do something is to put your shoulder to the wheel and push.

In his contract with lot buyers Dr. Shafer sets out the following liberal conditions:

1st. Four acres of said land, as shown upon a preliminary plat thereof, now in my office in Rochester, shall be reserved as college grounds and on which the building will be erected. The remaining land will be platted into one hundred and fifty lots with streets and alleys as shown on said preliminary plat.

2nd. I ask that responsible persons subscribe for all of said lots - one hundred and fifty - at two hundred dollars per lot, to be paid for, one-half March 1st, 1895, and the remainder November 1st, 1895, or upon the completion of the College as hereinafter provided.

3rd. When all the lots shall have been taken by subscription, I will at my own expense cause a final survey to be made, a plat to be made, lots properly numbered and the plat recorded as required by law.

4th. The subscribers may then determine in their own way the manner of selecting lots, provided, that, it is understood in subscribing, that the purchaser, or purchasers, who may in such division get the lot or lots on which the buildings now on said ground may stand, the value of which is estimated at one thousand dollars, shall be entitled to possession of the same.

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5th. I agree that upon full payment being made, as required herein, for any lot or lots, I will execute, or cause to be executed to the person entitled thereto, a warranty deed, conveying a perfect title to such lot or lots free from all incumbrance.

6th. All payments on said lots shall be made at the Rochester Bank or the Citizens' State Bank of Rochester, Indiana, a receipt therefor to be given by the cashier of the bank where the payment shall be made, such receipt or receipts, when full payment shall have been made, shall entitle the holder thereof or his legal representatives, to a deed as herein provided.

7th. A committee of five persons consisting of W. J. Leiter, Jonathan Dawson, Dr. V. Gould, J. E. Beyer and Daniel Agnew, shall have exclusive control of the payments to me of money so deposited in the banks as purchase money on lots, and the money shall be paid to me only on the order of said committee.

If at any time, for any reason, any one of the above named committee shall fail or decline to serve, the remaining members shall select another person who shall be a lot owner to fill the vacancy.

8th. It is expressly agreed and understood, and is a part of this contract that the college shall be non-sectarian.

9th. I agree that upon said lots being subscribed for, as above stipulated, to commence at once, preparation for the erection of a College building on said four acre tract, to cost no less than fifteen thousand dollars, and will commence its building at the earliest opportune time in the Spring of 1895, and push it to completion as speedily as practicable, and have it in readiness for opening in the fall of 1896. And in addition, on its completion, to furnish the same and place therein a College library to cost not less than three thousand dollars, and a laboratory at a cost not less than two thousand dollars, and on its completion, and after its equipment as above stipulated, to turn the same over to a Board of Trustees, or managers to consist of competent and worthy business men and educators, who shall direct its policy and manage its affairs for a period of five years. Said Board to be composed of seven, and to be residents and citizens of Fulton County, Indiana. They to hold the same free from any rent, taxes, insurance or repairs which I agree to pay for said period. Said Board must put forth every effort reasonable to build up the institution during the time which it may be under its control.

Rochester, Ind., Dec. 17th, '94.

Winfield Shafer.

The proposal fully explains itself and there is now an opportunity to build the college or to let it pass as another one of Rochester's "foot slipped" efforts to progress in an attractive and profitable way. The lots are well worth the price asked for them and if the college is built it must be done through the liberality of our property owners and neighboring farmers to take hold and help by buying one or more of the lots.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 4, 1895]

## THE NORMAL IS GROWING

New pupils are being enrolled every day in the business department of the Rochester Normal University, and the work done is of a very satisfactory kind. Classes have been organized in shorthand, book keeping, commercial arithmetic, language and commercial law.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 11, 1895]

## COLLEGE MASS MEETING

Large bills distributed about town and country announce a Normal College Mass Meeting for tomorrow afternoon at the Armory Hall, at 1:30 o'clock, when final action will be taken on the question whether or not Rochester and vicinity wants the College. Prof Banta, of Valparaiso Normal, will be present and explain the benefits of a Normal University to town and country. Other speakers will also deliver addresses. Farmers and business men are especially invited to come out to this meeting and manifest their interest in the welfare of Rochester.

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The SENTINEL insists that there ought to be a more active interest in this important proposition for a Normal College. The best talent in the country stands ready to take hold of the institution and make it a success from the very start. A neighboring college offers to come here and combine with us and one of the managers of the institution will be here this afternoon and tomorrow to confer with the promoters of the enterprise. Prof. Krebel, of North Manchester, who represents a million dollar endowment proposition will also be here to make a proposition.

Let farmers and business men turn out an enthusiastic crowd. They ought to do it in justice to their own interests.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 8, 1895]

### ONE MILLION DOLLARS

A dozen representative business men met at Shafer & Rannells office Friday, to hear a proposition of a million dollar endowment for the proposed Normal University. The colossal proportions of the gift made it an interesting story and the earnestness and eloquence of the representative of the endowment added a wealth of captivation.

Prof. Kreibel, of North Manchester, was the gentleman who had the story and the money at his command but the name of the philanthropist who is to furnish the cash is withheld for the reason that the publicity of his name would subject him to the annoyance of beggars for every benevolent or charitable enterprise in the land. At least this was the reason given by the Professor and that was all right.

The plan of endowment, however, is constructed on a very uncertain foundation. The proposition embraces an obligation to build and equip some very expensive college buildings before any part of the endowment is available. Then an offer will be made to furnish free scholarships to young men or women who will canvass their county and secure a certain number of students for the University, the tuition and school expenses of the solicitors to be paid from the million dollar endowment.

So far the proposition was reasonable but it here developed that there was no means of fastening this endowment and it might leave the county institution to take care of itself at any moment.

In addition to this million dollar donation the Professor has a two hundred thousand dollar endowment at his disposal to encourage an Arnold Tompkin's school of pedagogy in connection with the University, and another twenty-five thousand to endow a library. None of these are in a form that their true inwardness may be investigated and all are void of any provision which will fasten them anywhere.

However, the Professor gives private assurance that these endowments may be permanently secured and when he gives positive assurance of that Rochester can well afford to investigate the stability of his proposition.

### The College Mass Meeting

The court room was filled with friends of the proposed Normal University Saturday afternoon, when Hon. M. L. Essick was called to preside with P. H. Grelle, Secretary. The object of the meeting was briefly stated by Dr. Shafer and then Prof. Banta, of Valparaiso, addressed the meeting on the benefits of a good college to a town and its community. He explained how the thousands of dollars are poured into the marts of trade in Valparaiso and other college towns every week, the educational advantages to town and county of a college in their midst, and the social comforts of having the most cultured entertainments of the country visit your town, and the elevating influences of ambitious young students in your community.

Prof. Banta's talk was heartily applauded and then Mr. Essick took the floor and delivered a ringing address on the moral, social and financial duty of Rochester in promoting the college enterprise. He was followed by Attorney George W. Holman, George Fish and several others when the subscription paper was presented and fourteen new names were added to the list.

Since Saturday nineteen more lots have been sold and if the enthusiasm keeps up a few weeks longer we will get the college sure.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 15, 1895]

### ONLY TWELVE MORE LOTS

The Normal University promoters are very much encouraged this week, and yet they have but one week more to raise the necessary number of lot subscribers and after all this hard work the college may fail. They have now secured subscriptions for the College lots within twelve of the required number but the very men who could well afford to help secure the college are holding back to let somebody else do it until it is possible that the worthy undertaking may fail just as success is within easy reach of those who could take hold and help just a little.

All winter long a half dozen enterprising citizens have planned and coaxed and figured with men to get them to help secure an institution which everybody concedes will be a great help for Rochester and vicinity. Public and committee meetings have been held week after week and the liberality of the terms of founding the school has been broadened until there can be no possible objection to the terms proposed, and the only remaining obstacle is the committee's inability to sell twelve more lots.

Will the business men and property owners of Rochester allow such a desirable enterprise to fail for want of a dozen subscriptions for lots which will be worth their face value when the college buildings are ready for occupancy? It will be another mistake for the future welfare of our city if they do.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 22, 1895]

### UP GOES THE COLLEGE

The Normal University is now assured for Rochester. All of the one hundred and fifty lots have not yet been subscribed but so nearly all have been taken that the few others are guaranteed sold to men who have been holding back to see the enterprise well backed by the people before taking hold.

The college building will be located on the Mackey farm in the southeast part of the city. It will be a two story and basement structure, built of brick and stone, and will cost, ready for occupancy, from \$15,000 to \$20,000. In addition to this the library and laboratory will cost eight or ten thousand dollars, and all of the modern conveniences will be arranged to make it a "right up to date" educational institution.

Plans and specifications will be adopted at a meeting of the committee next Monday evening, and bids will then be received for the construction of the building which will be hurried along so that it may be completed in time for the opening of the regular fall term in September.

A summer Normal beginning in June will be initiatory to the regular opening which will occur the first Monday in September. The school year will be divided into five terms of ten weeks each, and it is confidently believed that there will be a reasonably good attendance from the first. None but first class teachers will be employed, because the projectors of the enterprise realize fully that merit alone will win in the school field in these days of close competition.

With a first class library and two thoroughly equipped laboratories for the best work in biology, physics and chemistry, with a course of study adapted to the needs of every student from the district school graduate to the teachers in every department of instruction, with a first rate commercial college, and a musical department that shall be second to none, it does not require an enthusiast to see success for our educational venture.

It now remains for every citizen of Rochester and Fulton county to immediately become an agent for the school, and soon all will be proud of our educational advantages. Talk about it, write about it to your distant friends, and thus help to make it a success from the beginning.

[Rochester Sentine, Friday, April 5, 1895]

### CORNER STONE LAYING

The first public exercises at our new Normal University will be an honorary event - the formal laying of the corner stone. Next Thursday afternoon, June 27th, is the date fixed and the ceremonies proper will be performed by by Masonic Fraternity.

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At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the civic and military societies of the city will fall in line on Main street and the Citizens and Masonic bands will escort the procession to the college site in the southeast part of the city. Here the corner stone, containing simply a charter of the institution, will be formally laid by Grand Master Ed. O'Rourke, after which the audience will adjourn to the grove, adjoining, for the literary and musical exercises. A grand chorus of fifty voices under direction of Prof. Wm. Rannells, with organ and orchestra accompaniment, will furnish the music and there will be addresses by Mr. Thayer, President Parsons, of the State Normal School, Prof. Smart, of Purdue University, and other well known speakers.

In the evening there will be a grand benefit concert given at the Academy of Music and Rochester and vicinity is earnestly requested to turn out and assist in making the demonstration a grand forerunner of the enthusiasm which will push the University into meritorious prominence right from the beginning.

### What of the Normal University?

Our new Normal College will open for regular work September 10, 1895, and it is time our local public should know something more of the objects, aims and hopes of its promoters. The institution will emphasize the professional training of teachers and will do work that shall run parallel to that done at the State Normal School. The latest and best work in pedagogy and psychology made efficient by actual study of the child both in and out of the class room, will characterize the course. The instructors will be those who have had years of experience in the school room and know the difference between theory and practice. The time has come when the demand for trained teachers is greater than the supply. This demand the Rochester Normal College hopes to assist in supplying and to that end has arranged a course of study and training second to none in the state. It is believed that teachers from this department of our school will find places awaiting them in the best towns and cities in the land, as well as in the best district systems. The general course of study will embrace a preparatory course exactly adapted to the wants of those who have completed the course in the district schools, a scientific, a literary and a classic course corresponding to the usual College and University work.

Next week the scientific and literary departments will receive some notice, this to be followed by something of detail as to other departments of the school.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 21, 1895]

### IMPOSING CEREMONIES THE CORNER-STONE OF THE NEW NORMAL UNIVERSITY IS FORMALLY LAID

The first public step in the direction of success for the Rochester Normal University was taken yesterday by the presence of two thousand people at the formal corner-stone laying. It was a glorious day for Rochester and a joy forever for Dr. Shafer the tireless and determined promoter of the college undertaking.

Early in the day the sidewalks presented a busy scene and when the procession of military and civic societies formed at one o'clock, fully three hundred Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Militiamen were in line. Both of the Rochester Bands were out and the procession, when ready to move was the most elaborate and beautiful display of uniformed men ever seen in the city. The whole plumes of the Knights Templar were especially conspicuous and they contrasted beautifully with the purple plumes of the Patriarchs Militant and the red plumes of the Knights. In addition there were long lines of subordinate lodge men and Co. B of the State Militia led the way to the college site in the southeast part of the city, familiarly known as the Mackey farm. Here the Corner Stone was officially laid by Grand Master O'Rourke, of the F. and A. M., after which the great gathering adjourned to the grove near by for the musical and oratorical exercises. Prof. Rannells' chorus of fifty voices sang two beautiful selections with delightful effect and addresses were delivered by Judge O'Rourke, of Ft. Wayne, Hon. H.G. Thayer, of Plymouth, and Hon. M. L. Essick, of this city. Each eloquently eulogized the enterprise of the promoters of the splendid undertaking and Rochester beauty, hospitality, morality and generosity, were not omitted by the speakers and Profs. Banta and Suman were encouraged by

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numerous references to their ability as educators and the bright prospects of the institution they are about to assume the management of.

Of the visiting Masons present about seventy came from Huntington, twenty-five from Macy, twenty-five from Roann, thirty-five from Plymouth, twenty-five from Blooingsburg, fifteen from Kewanna, fifteen from Mentone, ten from Argos and fifteen from Akron. John R. Stallard was Marshal of the day and every feature of the occasion was a splendid success.

### The Building

The building is to be a three story brick and stone structure of modern architectural beauty, with special designed basement and floor plans, suited to the requirements of such institutions. The basement is a 10 ft. story, extending five feet above the grade line and including the entire area of building, walled with solid masonry of Indiana Blue Lime Stone and cement the full height of story. This floor is provided with separate inside and outside stairways for both ladies and gentlemen. This floor space, while largely devoted to the Kruse & Dewenter's elaborate warm air heating, requiring four mammoth furnaces, and sanitary dry closets, has the following accommodations: Janitors quarters of five rooms, parlor, sitting room, kitchen and two bed rooms, a chemical laboratory, 24x38 feet; ladies exercise room, 19x22 feet; gent's exercise room, 40x48 feet; dust proof, full room, 18x19 feet; and fresh air supplies, corridors and toilet rooms.

The upper structure of brick with Bedford Buff stone trimmings, interior or partition walls built solid of brick. The height of stories as follows First floor, 13 feet in clear. Second story, 12 feet in clear. Third story, 16 feet with arched ceiling. The accommodations of the different floors are: For first floor, two vestibules entered on a level with ground, with wide, easy flight of 9 steps up to commodious hall of first floor on which is located the private office, 12x15 feet, general office, 13x15 feet, library, 23x25 class room, 20x22 and Chapel with elevated stage and dressing rooms, and a seating capacity for 600 people. On this floor are located conveniences of grates, registers, toilet rooms, emergency exits, etc.

The second floor is reached by broad stairways of short flights with landings. On this floor is a roomy cross hall commanding every apartment. The accommodations of this floor consist of class room, 21x24 feet; class room, 15x25 feet; class room, 26x22 feet; class room, 36x40 feet; class room, 21x40 feet; and physical laboratory, 21x40 feet; toilet rooms; and open balcony.

Conveniently located is a 5 foot stairway to 15x40 hall on 3d floor, off of which, on either side, open the two large society halls, 35x40 feet. Near the landing of stairs is the entrance to floored attic of two story portion of building, opening off of which is the 15 ft, curcular observatory in 3d floor of tower. From this room runs a spiral stair to 25x50 feet open observatory located on main deck of roof, which, being at a height of over 50 feet from base of building, commands a view of the campus, city and surrounding country, unequaled from any other point of observation. Every part of the building is abundantly lighted and the roof substantially covered with best slating, the entire inside to be finished in natural red oak, and with the workmanship and material of the very best, both building and enterprise may well, and should command the admiration and encouragement of every citizen of the county. Joseph F. Ault is the architect and Joseph T. Hutton the builder and, as both are Rochester men of enthusiastic ambition, their workmanship on this structure, which is of so much public importance will receive the shrewdest skill of their talents.

### What the School Will Be

The Rochester Normal University will be a most thorough training and calssical institution. The Normal department will embrace a complete course in Pedagogies and Training school work. The promoters believe that there is a growing demand for trained teachers and will make great effort to assist in supplying this demand. Kindergarten culture and every department of school work including grade work in city school systems, school management, etc., will receive simple and special attention and the best system of instruction the country affords.

In the college of the Sciences great stress will be placed upon their practical application. Things here will have a deeper meaning than is commonly held where mere mental discipline is the end sought. Theories may be very beautiful to the mind, but that which can be utilized to speed

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the march of progress certainly is more gratifying to the learner. When the student is set to work to demonstrate the phenomena he has been conjecturing about, an entirely new world is revealed, and the useful side of his philosophizing dawns. Here the learner will be surrounded by a complete set of apparatus, such as few colleges equal, in fact, quite sufficient to make prominent the underlying principles of all the scientific studies. He will learn to do by doing, and the result will be a special fitness to deal intelligently with great problems. The equipment enables the school to give mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, civil engineering, pharmacy, etc., on the actual demonstrative plan. In the College of letters and literary studies, a large library of the best works published will be no small factor in developing the mind. Here in the midst of the best thoughts of the world's greatest thinkers, the student can not help imbibing a richness of thought and spiritual unity. A classical mind must needs be a great reader of such works as those that draw out the universal principle of a strong intellectual life. In this beautiful library then, will be found many eager minds catching inspiration that will electrify the daily work in the several departments. Stress can not be placed too heavily upon the study of the languages and their rich literatures. The ever swelling tide of civilization but demonstrates the fact that that life is best which emulates best the lives of men of great achievements in the social, political and intellectual world.

The business college, complete in its equipments, will not be slow in answering the demands for more competent business factors. Perhaps nearly all business calamities and financial deluges that sweep down the energies of a people are the results of incompetent men at the head of financial departments. Efficiency in this line can be had only by a broad knowledge of the science of business. This will comprehend more than a few weeks of college life, as thorough education is the foundation upon which we build practical business principles.

The musical department will fill a place in touch with the soul of all the other departments, and recognizing the refining influences of music, great care is being taken to establish one of the best institutions in this line in the land. As a good library and music is the life of any home, it is not strange that they will vitalize the University in this way; and to establish it so that all the departments drink the richness of music and literature.

While students will be permitted to take such studies as they may desire, all those who are candidates for graduation will need to pursue a prescribed course. Those who give evidence either by examination or by presenting these on certain subjects will be given due credit on the records of the school, and although the work may extend over a series of years, whenever a course of study shall have been properly completed, a diploma will be given. This arrangement will enable many who are compelled to teach or do other work during part of the year, to continue their study with a definite end in view. In the preparatory department, graduates from the district schools will be given such instructions as will enable them to go on with their studies without a break. Work exactly adapted to advancement is never harmful. Graduates from High Schools will be able to complete the Professional Course in teaching and training in one year.

A diploma from an accredited High School may admit the bearer either to the Professional, Scientific or Classic courses.

The institution is chartered and will therefore confer degrees upon those of its students who shall be entitled to receive them. The "university idea" simply means that each department will be a complete school within itself, but the work done will be so correlated as that credits from any one department will be recognized in any other department.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 28, 1895]

## NO HALT IN ROCHESTER

The council moved up another good, strong lap, Tuesday evening, and thereby a good street and solid sidewalks are to be constructed to the new college. The order embraces the building of sidewalks along both sides of Perry street, running east from Capt. Rader's residence, and the grading of College avenue, and building of sidewalks for the same from the east terminus of Perry to the college door. This will give a continuous brick or stone sidewalk from the college

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to the court house, and normal students will have a splendid thoroughfare between town and college.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 30, 1895]

### TWO HUNDRED ARE HERE

The spring term of the Rochester Normal University opened last week and the roll of attendants swelled like that of a hotel register in a convention date in the town. Pupils came swarming in from home and abroad until more than two hundred pupils are enrolled in the several departments and more are arriving every succeeding day.

"It looks like Valparaiso out at the College today," said Dr. Shafer very happily, Friday, as he returned from the College, "and this is but the beginning of the second half of the first year. If anybody has doubts about the favorable impression our school is creating a visit to the college will convince them that our work has already effected grand results and we have but just begun."

The condition of the school is on a firm footing, the course of instruction is as broad and thorough as that afforded by any institution of normal training and the continued good will and enthusiasm of Rochester will make the institution the pride and glory of Fulton county.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 10, 1896]

### FIRST COLLEGE YEAR

The first year of the Rochester Normal University is ended and the result is quite satisfactory to all concerned. Four pupils, whose scholarship entitled them to enter the senior year completed the course and received their diplomas Wednesday evening, in the presence of a large audience. They were Miss Della Hisey and Messrs. Clarence Rannells, Maurice Shelton and [Martin] Clay. The stage of College Hall was beautifully decorated and the class occupied seats thereon, flanked on either side by the faculty of the institution. Following was the program:

Invocation	Rev. Brooke
Selection	Williamson's Orchestra
Oration - "The Relation of a Commercial or Business Course on Daily Life"	Maurice Shelton
Vocal Solo	Lulu Miller
Oration - "Homes are the Hope of our Country"	Martin Clay
Selection	R. N. U. Glee Club
Oration - "Dreaming"	Clarence Rannells
Piano Solo	Edna Hall
Presentation of Class	Prof. Suman
Selection	Williamson's Orchestra
Benediction	Rev. Kenney

The members of the class delivered their orations without manuscript and they acquitted themselves with great credit to themselves and honor to the institution. The musical features were delightfully rendered and the speeches in class presentation and diploma gifts to Profs Banta and Suman, respectively, were eloquent and appropriate.

It was a proud event for the Rochester Normal University and it is the wish of every progressive and patriotic man and woman in the city and county that we may have many more of them.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 7, 1896]

### A COLLEGE YELL

An enthusiastic meeting of students and faculty was held last evening at the college for the purpose of adopting college colors and reorganizing the Athenia Literary society. Prof. G. L. Best and Miss Grace Lease acted as President and Secretary, respectively, for the evening and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Hugh Miller; Secretary, Miss Maud Myers; Critic, Miss Mabel Banta; Attorney, Chas. L. Hunley; Vice Pres., Miss Chloe

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Merchant; Treas., R. B. Miller; Chaplain, Frank Neff; Musical Director, Mrs. C. L. Hunley; Sergeant-at-arms, J. L. Best; Ushers, Ralph Miller and F. W. Hendrickson. Misses Mabel Banta and Glen Myers and Mr. Frank Neff were appointed as a committee for the drafting of a new constitution. Volunteer members were then called for and about twenty-five placed their names on the roll. Much interest was shown in the preliminary arrangements and if the opening session can be taken as indicative of future spirit in literary matters, the society is surely entering upon a prosperous winter campaign. Regular programs will be presented each Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

The subject of colors and yells was then taken up, gold and blue meeting with popular approval as suitable shades for the college emblem, and the same will be in evidence in the future in flags and decorations. The classic walls were then made to re-echo for several minutes with some forceful products from the boom of the yell maker, the following one seeming to meet the requirements fully:

R.N.U! Yip! Yip!

R.N.C! Euro!

Boomerang! Boomerang! Hoangho!

Eureka! Ah! Boom! Boom! Bah!

Rochester Normal! Rah! Rah! Rah!

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 11, 1899]

## THE COLLEGE TROUBLE

The difficulty between Joe Hefflefinger and the boys who stoned and egged his home has not yet been settled, and nothing will be done until Monday. Prof. Banta stated this morning that, although he feels confident college boys were the perpetrators of the stoning business, he has not been able to find out one of their names. The college management does not want any trouble brought in court, and Mr. Banta asked Mr. Hefflefinger, yesterday evening, upon what terms he would settle the difficulty immediately. The latter will be satisfied if the boys will make a public apology with their names attached through all the newspapers in which his name has appeared; pay whatever damages he decides has been done his name; and be expelled from the college. To what extent his name has been damaged Hefflefinger has not said. A refusal to comply with this ultimatum by Monday, Hefflefinger says will result in prosecution.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 20, 1901]

## LOCAL NEWS

The trial of the six college boys charged with riot will be called by Judge Troutman tomorrow at 10 o'clock, but will probably be continued till after the court term, as the attorneys are busily engaged there.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 3, 1901]

## LOCAL NEWS

Somebody sent a much exaggerated report of the trouble between the College boys and Joe Hefflefinger to the Chicago American, Saturday. It says: Six students of the Normal University in which horses will head the most unique procession ever seen in this or any other city today when they ride to the court room, followed by a band of twenty-five pieces and 800 college girls and boys for their trial on the charge of throwing eggs and stones at the house of Joseph Hefflefinger, suspected of putting tacks on the sidewalks to puncture bicycle tires.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 6, 1901]

## COLLEGE GROWTH

The Rochester Normal University is in the midst of the greatest success in its history. The enrollment for the present school year will pass the three hundred point, and of these, twenty-five will receive their graduation diplomas at the college commencement in August.

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And the faculty of the college is preparing for greater achievements next year. The new catalog, now in press, is to be one of the most attractive ever issued. It will contain list of instructors, course of study, names of all pupils, description of Rochester and vicinity, and be illustrated with numerous photogravures of views of classes, apparatus, the band, ball team, etc. etc.

The college never was as strong in faculty, attendance and general interest as now. The students are all gentlemanly and ladylike people and representatives of the best families in northern Indiana. Rochester is proud of the institution and is cheerfully helping to make it one of the most popular and useful in the state.

### New Paper to Start

The college management have decided to begin the publication of a quarterly in the interest of the college. It will be called the R. N. C. and will start with a circulation of 25000. It will be printed on the SENTINEL'S new Pony cylinder press, and the first edition will soon be issued. It will be printed on first class book paper and will be a cut page quarto of pleasing appearance.

The management is as follows: R. B. Miller, editor-in-chief; Jos. A. Myers, business manager; Hugh Miller, local editor; Miss Grace Lease, Alumni editor; Aaron Kline, athletic editor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 3, 1901]

### LOCAL NEWS

The University Extension society had a very profitable meeting at the Court House last night, and are making preparations for another interesting meeting at the same place next Tuesday evening.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 18, 1901]

### LOCAL NEWS

At the meeting of the University Association tomorrow evening, a well prepared paper will be read by P. M. Buchanan on Aristotle's Politics. Interesting questions in Political Science, such as the natural evolution of the State and an argument for slavery will be indulged in and anyone who feels interested will be welcome by the members. C. K. Bitters will lead in the discussion.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, September 23, 1901]

### LOCAL NEWS

The Philomatheon society will give an entertainment at the College, Friday evening, and the public is invited.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 31, 1901]

### LOCAL NEWS

The R. N. U. now has a foot ball eleven. Harry Knott is captain and coach and he is spending much time getting his men in trim for a game here Thanksgiving day. Kewanna or Tiosa will be the visiting team.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, November 21, 1901]

### LOCAL NEWS

The Athena Literary society will give an entertainment at the College, tomorrow evening. Miss Burkhart, the new instructor in elocution, will make her first appearance before a Rochester audience, in a reading. Program will begin at 7:30 and the public is invited.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, November 21, 1901]

### AN OPEN LETTER

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To the Public:

We close the eighth year of R.N.U. history on the 31st day of next July.

That we have labored under serious difficulties from the very inception of the enterprise need not be mentioned to the citizens of Rochester and Fulton county. We began in the midst of the greatest financial stringency in the history of our country. The sale of lots from the profit of which the College building was to be erected and equipped was sufficient, had the lot purchasers been able to take and pay for them according to contract. The sale amounted to some \$26,400, but the projectors realized less than \$18,000. With this great shortage debts were incurred at the very beginning which have constantly hindered the progress of the school. Furthermore, under these circumstances, the equipment was not what it ought to have been, and thus the efficiency of the school, at first, was not up to the high standard intended by its founders.

Owing also to the fact that our town government failed to give the water privileges promised, we were compelled to give up our department of Pharmacy thus losing a large number of students who came to us for that work. We have been greatly embarrassed also by a lack of boarding and rooming facilities in the vicinity of the College. Even with our limited attendance we meet much difficulty in finding acceptable rooms and board.

Other hindrances which I need not now mention, have harassed our efforts from time to time, but these are trivial compared with our inability, on account of lack of means, to bring properly before the public the merits of our school. We have labored most earnestly and honestly to build up a reputation for thoroughness and practicality in all our work and believe we have succeeded in doing so.

Notwithstanding our unusual hindrances -- smallpox scare and financial failures -- we have held to our course with a determination to merit success. From one point of view our school has been a success from the very beginning. We have prepared a large number of young people for intelligent, useful and happy living. Many of our graduates are filling good positions as teachers, principals and superintendents. Many are book keepers, stenographers or clerks. A large number are completing their courses of study at universities and colleges of higher grade. Many are in medical colleges and some in law schools. Many are in business for themselves, and so far as I know, not one has disappointed the high hopes of his friends.

While the attendance has not been as large as we believed it would be, there never has been a time within the eight years of its existence that the college has not had good classes of high grade students doing excellent work under first class instructions.

What we have at the present time will give a good notion of the possibilities for the future. Our total enrollment at the end of this year will be about 350. Our current enrollment for this term will be about 200. This summer term may be larger, but will likely be somewhat smaller. Our average term enrollment for the year will be nearly 150. This is an attendance fully equal to that of Wabash College, and since we are doing good work with first class students, we think it is fair to say that we are doing as much for the uplift of mankind as that most excellent institution is doing. We mention Wabash because the attendance there approximates the attendance of our school.

That institution being well endowed is able to move on without embarrassment and is a power for good in the land.

We will graduate from the various departments of our school this year a class of more than thirty young women and young men. Many of them have been with us three or more years. Others but one year; but all have taken some definite course of instruction. The best people of Rochester and of Fulton county have stood by us and helped us in every way they could, and to them we express our gratitude, and ask a continuance of their kindness while we pursue the battle that shall end in success for the school, credit to Fulton county and profit to Rochester. We now have in full operation Academic, Normal, Collegiate, Commercial, Stenographic, and Musical departments, and in all these departments we guarantee to do work as good as the best. The daily drill classes, free to all students, are Pedagogy, Physical Culture, Penmanship, Free Hand Drawing, Vocal Music, and Military Tactics (for young men). - - - W. H. BANTA.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 18, 1903]

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### NEW R. N. U. PLAN

As a result of the work of Prof. Banta of the R. N. U., during the past few days, a meeting of the representative citizens and taxpayers of Rochester township, living outside of Rochester, was held at the office of Holman & Stephenson this afternoon for the purpose of considering the adoption of the plan to utilize the Academic Department of the Rochester Normal University as the Rochester Township High School.

It is claimed that there are many advantages offered by this course that would be of great benefit to the township financially, and to the students in the educational sense. The department would be open free to graduates of the common schools of the township for forty-eight weeks in the year, so that those who could not attend during the winter could do so during the fall or summer, or both. Those wishing to do so could attend the entire forty-eight weeks without any cost to them for tuition.

This plan would save the township the outlay of building and equipping a high school, as the cost would be less than the hire of proper teachers for this grade of work.

The people are enthusiastic over the promises of the plan, and the meeting this afternoon was held to learn if there were any legal objections in the way of accomplishing these purposes. After finding that the law fully authorized the contemplated action it was decided to go farther with the matter, and solicit the influence of others in a petition to the trustee to adopt the plan for the coming year.

If the plan shall carry, Rochester students will secure a better provision for instruction than could otherwise be provided, and at a very much less cost to the taxpayers of the township. The college would also gain by reason of the additional income, which would go far toward placing this desirable institution where it should stand financially.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 16, 1903]

### A COLLEGE CHANGE

Negotiations were closed, Saturday evening, whereby Prof. Wm. F. Strong, of Dixon, (Ill.) College became a half owner with Prof. Banta, of a controlling interest in the stock of the Rochester Normal University and the new management will assume control about the first of May when Prof. Strong will move here. However the present course of study and instructors will continue through to the close of the College year, and then there will be a revision of catalog and many improvements made to the college equipment.

Prof. Strong, known to many people in the vicinity of Akron where he grew up as "Billy" Strong, has been connected with Dixon College for thirteen years and comes to Rochester ripe in successful college experience, and well equipped financially to make things go in enterprising and up-to-date methods. He is a music teacher and will have charge of the music department and also be the financial manager.

His coming however, will not change the township graduates Academic arrangement now in effect. That will continue right along and will be a great help in making the College a success as there are about seventy township graduates now taking the Academic course at the College and it is proving a most popular and successful plan for furnishing higher education for Rochester township pupils who have finished the common school course and want more education.

Prof. Banta is delighted with the new arrangement and declares that R.N.C. prospects were never so bright as today. And all of Rochester will rejoice with him for he has worked heroically to make the College a success in an educational way and a great help to Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 14, 1904]

### NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

With the coming of April, Friday, the new owners of the Rochester Normal University took possession and it is now started on the road of success if it ever was.

Upon taking possession the directors, Daniel Agnew, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Banta and W. M. Strong, met and selected Mr. Banta as president, and Mr. Strong as secretary and treasurer.

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The intentions of the directors is to keep the present efficient corps of teachers the remainder of this school year at least and possibly longer. They propose to push the R.N.U. and with the plans they now have laid out, cannot fail and become one of the greatest normal schools in the central states, upon which road, the efficient work of Mr. Banta, it has already made so much headway and established such a good foundation to build upon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 1, 1904]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Jos. S. Vogelgesang, of Canton, O., who is the new student in the musical department at the College, is organizing a band at the College. Already about fifteen boys, more than half of whom are now able to play more or less, have been secured and the first practice will be held the coming week. Mr. Vogelgesang is an expert cornetist and will direct the band.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 11, 1905]

### COLLEGE NEWS

The College Band is to be reorganized in the near future and will soon be able to furnish music.

Miss Delp the stenographer is absent today she having gone to an annual Church Homecoming held near Perrysburg.

The College base-ball team has a game with Macy at that place tomorrow.

The college has a challenge to play football, but we have no longhaired athletes and will be obliged to refuse.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 5, 1905]

### COLLEGE NEWS

The water-pipes are being laid to the College, and thus is realized one of the "pipe dreams" so long indulged. May many more of them become realities in the near future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 25, 1907]

### COLLEGE VICTORY

These are happy times for President Banta and his faculty of Rochester College. A letter from the State Board of Education received today says that Prof. Banta's petition to the Board that Rochester College be made a state accredited Normal for training teachers is granted on condition that \$1,200 worth of additional library, laboratory, and other equipment be put in and it is already being done. Nearly \$700 is already subscribed and Prof. Banta says if the citizens will not raise the balance he will do so himself, some way, and thus the success of the College will be assured.

This is a distinct victory for the College and an honor to its course of training. Our College will now be authorized to give teachers state accredited grades in A and B and C may be added by enlarging the course of study. This puts Rochester College the equal of Valparaiso, Marion and Danville as a teachers' training school and teachers will get the same grades here they can get at State Normal.

Now let some men of means build a dormitory and boarding place near the College and our school will soon be one of the most popular in the State.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 5, 1907]

### THE FIRST DEFEAT

#### Notre Dame All Collegians Beat the College Five in Fast Game

Basket ball fans in the city were considerably surprised last night when the fast College five went down to their first defeat at the hands of the All Collegians by a score of 30 to 25. The local five was "doped" to win although the visitors were known to be fast from the fact that they defeated the Wabash R. A. Monday night by a score of 20-17.

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The game was fast and well played. The college boys kept ahead until near the end of the first half when the visitors made two field goals and the half ended 17 to 15 in favor of Notre Dame. In the second half the locals were considerably weakened by the absence of Mow, the crack forward, but never-the-less put up a good game. The visitors were too much however and the game ended with them five points ahead. The College five played aggressive ball and reflected much credit upon Coach Manse. Clinginpeal threw a beautiful goal from deep center. Notre Dame used a style of play new to the home five and consequently had a decided advantage. The teams however were about evenly matched.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 25, 1907]

### OFFICIALLY RESIGNS

At the close of the last week, Prof. W. H. Banta, who has been connected with the Rochester College since its establishment in 1895, handed in his resignation to the board of control and retired from all active educational work. Since his sickness recently, Prof. Banta has not enjoyed the best of health and his physician has advised him to keep out of that kind of work and consequently he has been compelled to turn down several offers of a flattering nature.

Mr. Banta does not know at present what he will do. The remainder of the summer he will spend at his cottage, "The Oaks" on Round Island. It is to be hoped that Rochester will not lose such a valuable citizen.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 10, 1908]

### ROCHESTER COLLEGE PRAISED

Rochester College is a decided credit to this city in every respect, is the gist of the statements made by Dr. Bryan of Indiana university, who visited that institution Thursday.

Dr. Bryan, who is a noted educator, was very much pleased with the school in general, and asserted the fact that it was indeed refreshing to visit a school where the work is being done in such a complete and systematic manner. Dr. Bryan selected each teacher singly and gave short talks in which he praised their efforts and in the close told them they represented one of the best colleges in Indiana.

That Rochester College should receive such high praise from Dr. Bryan is a sure sign of its popularity.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 3, 1910]

### SALE OF COLLEGE BUILDING

Editor Sentinel -- Regarding the present status of Rochester College, which the Indiana Bank & Trust Company as trustee for bondholders bid in at sheriff's sale last Saturday.

The property will be held in trust for said bondholders for one year before further action will be had. The title will then be clear and unincumbered.

The court proceedings do not in the least affect the school work conducted by Prof. Herrington, and he says the prospect for a large attendance and successful school this year is, indeed, encouraging.

This statement is made to correct an erroneous impression that the sale of the building closes the school. DANIEL AGNEW, Trustee, Rochester College. Jan. 7, 1911.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 7, 1911]

[Adv] ROCHESTER COLLEGE Fall Term opens Sept 11. Courses: Reviews High School, Agriculture, Normal College, Music, Commercial. Phone or Address JOHN C. WERNER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 7, 1911]

### FATE OF COLLEGE STILL IN DOUBT

The proposition of making Rochester College a county agricultural school, which has been discussed at length during the past summer, has now reached a climax. Unless some decisive action is taken between this time and Monday, when the county commissioners meet, Rochester

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College will probably cease to be a "going concern" and the splendid building, which represents an investment of something like \$30,000, will become a playground for rats and mice.

Everybody admits that the idea of making a county school for agricultural and domestic science training is a good one. The plan has received the enthusiastic endorsement of President Stone and Prof. G. I. Christie of Purdue university, who not only promise the co-operation of Purdue, but predict a brilliant future for the school. Every individual who has been interviewed on the subject comments on the excellent opportunity offered. All that is lacking is someone to take the initiative and push the work to a successful finish.

The College building is in excellent repair as practically all of the money received in trust has been applied toward maintaining the building. New furnaces have been installed, and everything is in readiness to open the school without additional expense. The building can be bought for considerably less than the bonded indebtedness, which is less than \$7,000, many of the bondholders having generously agreed to donate a part of the money due them to the fund for the purchase of the building.

The Commercial club endorsed the plan and promised to raise a fund for the purchase of the building, but the Commercial club is a dead institution that couldn't raise a flag on the iron flagstaff in front of the court house. And so the matter hangs fire. One man, who has given the matter his time and attention, started out with a paper to see what could be done toward raising funds and secured five one hundred dollar subscriptions by calling on six men. Believing that he had done his share, he handed the subscription paper to another man, and further results have not been reported.

If Rochester College opens its doors to students this fall, it will open as a county school, President J. C. Werner having decided that it would be impossible to continue the school as an independent concern since the expiration of his contract with the township trustees, which has enabled the school to run as a township high school. It is up to public-spirited citizens generally to rally to the support of Mr. Werner and others who have used their best efforts toward the creation of a permanent educational institution, which has every promise of instantaneous and continued success. To make the plan go a sum around \$5,000 must be subscribed before Monday in order that the building and its equipment may be purchased and presented to the county. This done, the law compels the county commissioners to accept the gift and maintain the school as a county institution, with free tuition for all students residing within the county.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 1, 1912]

### STILL WORKING ON COLLEGE PLAN

The work of soliciting funds for the purchase of Rochester College is progressing nicely and will be pushed as rapidly during the next few days. Practically \$2,400 of the \$5,000 required to assure the success of the venture has already been subscribed and it is the hope of those who are working to bring about the desired end that the public spirited citizens of Rochester and Fulton county will not lose this opportunity of putting the college on a sound financial basis. -----

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 5, 1912]

### COUNTY REJECTS COLLEGE OFFER

Those who attended the special meeting of the county commissioners, of which the honorable board asked for more time to consider the acceptance of Rochester College from the hands of the public-spirited citizens of the county, were not in the least disappointed when, at the regular session today, the commissioners refused to accept the building, grounds and equipment as a gift. So well did those who have been interested in the matter know what to expect that not a single "booster" was present when the decision was placed on file.

It is stated that the decision is based on the assumption of the commissioners that the buildings, grounds and equipment is not worth the \$30,000 specified by law. Another contention of the commissioners is that the college, if accepted, may not be maintained as an agricultural college.

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It is more than likely that the commissioners acted according to their best judgment in rendering the decision made today, and no one has any criticism to offer at their action in this matter. However, those who have taken an active interest in raising the fund and trying to bring about the establishment of a county agricultural school do not hesitate to express their disgust at the method of procrastination employed by the board. The college proposition has been before the people of the county all summer; it has been discussed in the newspaper; the commissioners have had the matter thoroughly explained to them personally. Over 250 citizens representing every trade and calling and from every section of the county, signed a petition and contributed of their private means toward the purchase of the building. With all this agitation of the subject it is felt that the commissioners were in position to render their decision - favorable or unfavorable - at the special meeting rather than delay the matter until this time. The unnecessary delay in rendering a decision, which was apparent at the special meeting as it is now, is the cause of much unfavorable comment among those who have worked hard to bring about this very desirable school.

The matter is not ended by the action of the board of county commissioners. The law, according to the best legal talent, is mandatory on the matter of accepting the gift, and action will at once be taken to compel the board to accept the gift and provide for the maintenance of the school as required by law.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 5, 1912]

## SHORT NEWS

The bill which would allow the county commissioners to accept the appropriation to buy the Rochester College for an agricultural school has passed the house and the senate and is now in the hands of the governor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 10, 1913]

## TO ACCEPT ROCHESTER COLLEGE

According to the law signed by the governor, the county commissioners will be compelled to accept the Rochester College as a donation, the building to be used as an agricultural school. -----

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 18, 1913]

## PUBLIC MEETING AT COURT HOUSE

As a result of the meeting at the Christian Church Sunday afternoon when Rev. T. H. Adams, secretary of the Christian Woman's National Benevolent association, explained the need and purpose of a home for aged people in this city, a public meeting will be held at the court house this evening when ways and means of raising the necessary money will be considered.

The people at the meeting Sunday afternoon were much enthused over Mr. Adams' address and all are of the opinion that the proposition will be carried. Mr. Adams explained that \$1,500 will have to be spent to shape the college building for occupancy and after completed will accommodate 100 aged people and about 150 orphans.

The institution will be of some commercial benefit to the city as all of the food and clothing needed will be purchased here. The upkeep of the home will be met by the association which is located in St. Louis and Mr. Adams only asks the local people to assist in buying the building.

Orphans and destitute people from all over the union will be sent here, but those from this state and this county will be received first. Mr. Adams believes that he will have little trouble in closing the deal and will report the results of the meeting this evening to the organization headquarters in St. Louis.

The Christian Woman's National Benevolent Association has been in existence for 28 years and is well known for its work over the entire country.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 23, 1914]

## COLLEGE BUILDING WILL BE PURCHASED

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According to a telegram received this morning by Rev. F. Z. Burkett, the National Women's Benevolent Association have made arrangements to buy the college building here and will convert it into a home for orphans and aged people.

The telegram was sent by the secretary of the association and reports the result of a meeting held in St. Louis Monday evening. The president of the organization, Mrs. T. J. Ayres, will be in Rochester Saturday and will speak at the Christian church Sunday evening. Mrs. Ayres will tell about the purpose of their work.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 3, 1914]

### COLLEGE SELLS FOR \$5,000

A meeting will be held this afternoon (Monday), when an auxiliary branch of the Christian Woman's National Benevolent Association will be incorporated for purpose of taking complete charge of the local home for orphans and aged people. The trustees will be local men and will hold the deed for the college building. The home, when completed, will be free to all that are deserving regardless of nationality and creed.

Definite arrangements were made Sunday night at the Christian church when Mrs. T. J. Ayres, president of the national organization, delivered an address. She announced the action of the national trustees, who decided to buy the college building at a meeting held a week ago last Saturday. The structure which cost \$30,000 to build, will be sold for \$5,000. Mr. Adams, secretary of the organization, stated that they expect to spend \$3,500 more to repair the building and install a new heating plant. Local people will be expected to contribute at least \$3,000 toward the enterprise and it is thought that the amount will be easily raised. A cash deposit of \$1,000 was paid on the building today, of which \$500 was raised by local people and \$500 was sent here by the national organization.

T. H. Adams, national secretary, stated today that he was highly pleased with the treatment that has been given him by the men who own the college building and wanted the public to know that they never approached him with idea of selling the structure. He said that on his visit here last summer, he saw the building and made the remark to Rev. F. Z. Burkette that he wished his organization could get hold of it. When told that it was for sale, he then made up his mind to bring it before the trustees at St. Louis. The organization has 17 homes over the United States.

Mrs. Ayres left today for St. Louis and Mr. Adams left for Cincinnati, but he expects to come back here to help in the organization.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 9, 1914]

### MANY OFFER TO HELP NEW HOME

Rochester people have taken kindly to the proposition of converting the college building into a home for orphans and aged people and already many offers to help furnish the home have been received. Mrs. Cathern Capron, well known for her work in the Baptist church, Monday signified her intention of contributing \$100 toward furnishing one room at the new home.

The work of remodeling the building will begin shortly under the supervision of a local architect and it is hoped that it will be ready for occupancy by the middle of the summer. The new institution will be known as the Indiana Christian Women's Home for Orphans and Aged People.

Late Monday afternoon the following men were selected as trustees of the institution: B. F. Fretz, Daniel Agnew, L. E. Downey and A. J. Loughery of Edinburg. The officers will have charge of the home. Mrs. F. Z. Burkette presided; Tamer Baker, vice-president; Mrs. Flora Balzer, second vice-president; Mrs. Delbert Ewing, secretary; Mrs. Archie Brown, recording secretary; and Mrs. Thomas Shafer, treasurer. The following were appointed chairmen of the various committees: Ike Wile, finance; Mrs. A. J. Barrett, admission and nnnnnnn [not readable]; Mrs. Mark Wicks, supplies; Mrs. Sampson Clayton, home furnishings; Mrs. B. F. Fretz, wardrobe, and Rev. F. Z. Burkette, building repairs.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 10, 1914]

### FORMER ROCHESTER MAN COLLEGE HEAD

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The resignation of Dr. H. E. Thayer, president of the Fairmount college at Wichita, Kan., according to the Eagle, has resulted in a former Rochester man becoming head of the institution for a while. He is Arthur J. Hoare, formerly of Rochester college, well remembered here.

At a meeting of the trustees it was decided to place Dean Hoare in charge during the remainder of the term. Dean Hoare has been a teacher at the college for the past nine years and the fullest reliance is placed in him by the trustees.

It was announced that the selection of a successor to Dr. Thayer would not be made until next autumn, at which time the Congregational Educational society has promised its assistance in choosing a president.

"I believe that Fairmount college is only beginning its real growth and that its importance to Wichita as an educational institution will be doubled soon," said Dr. Thayer, who retires to go on a ranch. "The people of Wichita have appreciated the college and have responded loyally to our appeals for funds and I know they will have more reason to appreciate the school and the work it will do in the future."

It is not unreasonable to suppose that Dean Hoare may become the permanent head of the college.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 17, 1914]

### COLLEGE SALE ON THURSDAY

The Indiana Bank and Trust Co., as trustee for the owners of the Rochester college building, campus and surrounding lots, will offer for sale in parcels at public outcry, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, 16 lots of various sizes and the building, on a 3-1/2 acre campus.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 22, 1917]

### DR. H. O. SHAFER BUYS OLD COLLEGE CAMPUS AND BLDG.

The Rochester college building, campus and 17 surrounding lots were sold Thursday morning at public outcry by the Indiana Bank and Trust Co., trustees for the owners, for a sum reaching a total of \$1,132. This campus and building were sold to Dr. H. O. Shafer for \$600 and the highest price brot by one lot was \$110. Dr. Shafer thinks he can possibly sell the building for factory purposes. If not, he will have it torn down.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 24, 1917]

### OLD COLLEGE TO BE TORN DOWN

After experiencing many ups and downs for the last number of years the old college building, which stands at the southeastern edge of the city of Rochester, is to be torn down, the contract having been let by the owner, Dr. H. O. Shafer, to George Downs, a local wrecker.

Just what disposition will be made of the bricks and stone, as well as the large quantity of perfectly preserved, quarter-sawed oak contained in the building has not been announced by Dr. Shafer, but it is surmised they will be used in the erection of some building in this city, the plans of which have not been given out.

The dismanteling of this well known structure will end what for many years promised to be one of the growing institutions of the city. When first opened as the Rochester Normal University and later conducted as Rochester College, students flocked here from far and near but for some reason interest dwindled until it was a financial impossibility to longer carry on the educational work and the doors wre closed. Then vandals got in their work and the beautiful building of other days was a sorry sight with its many windows broken out and the walls defaced. It was in this condition when Dr. Shafer bought the building and later offered it to any factory that might care to locate in Rochester. Not meeting with any response in this direction the owner decided to tear the building down and save the material.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, November 13, 1919]

### ROCHESTER COLLEGE BUILDING IS SOLD

Workmen Saturday morning started to raze the old Rochester College building. The same was purchased late Thursday afternoon from Dr. Howard Shafer by Charles Robbins. He purchased the building because of his inability to get brick with which to build his garage. All brick that he has ordered has been held up because of the switchmen's strike and the walkout of the brick makers. The Rochester college was started and built about thirty years ago by Prof. Oram Banta, who was associated with Dr. Brown in the founding of Valparaiso University. The Rochester college, prospered for the first ten years of its existence but after that it led a rather checkered career and finally about ten years ago gave up the ghost.

Since that time the building has gradually gone to rack and ruin. Boy vandals have broken nearly all of the windows and generally damaged the building. Doctor Howard Shafer, whose father was the leader in founding the college had offered it to several factory owners, but none seemed interested enough to take it over.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 22, 1920]

### CORNER STONE BOX OF NORMAL SCHOOL HELD FALSE TEETH

False teeth! The butt of many a joke have come into their own, at last. A pair of them were found reposing in state in the corner stone box of the Rochester Normal College, when workmen broke the seal on the great granite block, in which the box has reposed since July 9, 1895, on Monday, July 5.

The false teeth are in good condition and enclosed in the box with them is a slip of paper which announces, "the artificial set of teeth herewith enclosed, by the kind permission of Mr. Joe Hutton - the builder of this beautiful structure - was manufactured by Dr. William Oakley Haines, Surgeon Dentist, of Rochester, Indiana."

The box in which the teeth and other articles were found is made of zinc and is nine and three-quarter inches long by four and one-quarter inches wide and three and three-quarter inches deep.

Among other things in the box were several spears of wheat, barley, and rye, all in a perfect state of preservation.

A copy of the Rochester Sentinel, Rochester Republican, articles of association of the Rochester Normal School, history of the school to the date of the laying of the corner stone, thirteenth annual report of the Public schools of Rochester, list of members of the Masonic orders of this city, and the by laws of the Masonic lodge.

The old newspapers are in a perfect state of preservation despite their 25 years of internment. While there are many familiar names in both papers, there are also the names of many persons who have long since died.

At that time the Sentinel was edited by H. A. Barnhart and the Republican by M. Bitters and Son.

Old H. C. of L. who strolled into the office about the time we started going over the paper was heard to chuckle in glee as we turned over pages and came to the market report.

"Look at it! Look at it!" he cried as he jumped about in glee, and the cause of merriment was the fact that in the days of the Rochester Normal College, eggs sold at ten cents per dozen and butter at ten cents per pound. Bacon and lard were quoted at eight cents per pound and chickens at 7 cents per pound.

Wheat was selling at 75 cents per bushel and corn had reached a high mark of 45 cents.

After a few more bursts of merriment, Old H. C. of L. left the room still dreaming on the old days when he was forced to get along with low prices and before his name became so common that newspapers used it without the formality of writing out the entire thing - High Cost of Living.

The list of teachers in the Rochester City schools in 1894, which was given in the report of the public schools for 1894 follows: Emma L. Butler, principal of the high school, Lida J. Meredith and Annette Keely, assistant principals. The teachers at the central building were: George R. Fish, Elith H. Bennett, Nelle Shoup, Lizzie Stanton, Belle Metsler, Mana McGraw and

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Alwilda Dillon. The teachers at the south building were Alice Stahl, Alva D. Groby, Hattie D. Gordon and Mae E. Downey.

The box and its contents will be on display in the Sentinel's office window.  
[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 7, 1920]

### STARTS POULTRY BUSINESS

Charles Taylor, who recently moved to this city from Kansas, has leased the site of the old Rochester College and will go into the chicken raising business on a large scale. During the past week he has built three large chicken houses with runs. Mr. Taylor has ordered 2,500 baby chicks. The poultry raiser intends to market his produce to Lake Manitou summer visitors.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 15, 1926]

### 240 PEOPLE ATTEND THE 1ST ROCHESTER COLLEGE REUNION

The first Rochester College reunion held at Colonial Hotel grounds, Lake Manitou, August 11th, 1929, was a decided success in every particular, with an attendance of about 240. A community dinner was served at 1:30, followed by a few informal speeches by former instructors and pupils. This was followed by a business session with Lester Carvey in charge, when it was decided to make this an annual reunion to be held at Colonial Hotel grounds, Lake Manitou, the next one to be the second Sunday in August, 1930.

The following officers were elected for next year:

Lester Carvey, Pres., Macy; Flo Delp, Secretary, Rochester; Anna Myers, Treasurer, Rochester.

Program Committee: Ray E. Myers, Rochester; Don O. Nafe, Kewanna; Mrs. May Hurst Fowler, Macy.

A collection was taken to defray expenses amounting to about \$25.00.

The following is a partial list of instructors and students present:

Miss Olive Gray, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hall, Lansing, Mich.; Mr and Mrs. H. S. Denison and two daughters, L'Anse, Mich.; Prof. W. F. Strong, Dixon, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Babcock, Waterman, Ill.; Ray C. Faulstich, Oak Park, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Adamson, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Iva Polley Hawkins, Warren, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Maple, Waterman, Ill.; Mrs. Homer F. Wilson, Aledo, Ill.; Mrs. Charlotte Mackey Palmer, Detroit, Mich.

Akron Ind.

H. L. Rogers, Earl Graham and mother, Mrs. Everett Graham, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Wildermuth, Mrs. Irene Helz-Haldeman, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Carr, Miss Minnie Hoffman.

Tiosa, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mathias, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Osborn and daughter.

Athens, Ind.

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Stinson, Miss Blanche Swihart.

Logansport, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Conrad.

South Bend, Ind.

Dr. and Mrs. Earl C. Berry, Miss Eva Gohn, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Knapp, Marjorie Stinson Koffel and husband, Miss Clara F. Burkett, Miss Clara Moonshower, Harry Hendrickson.

Macy, Ind.

Mrs. May Hurst-Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. John Savage, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Hurst and son, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Calaway, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sowers, Mr. and Mrs. John Bookwalter, Mr. and Mrs. Lester S. Carvey.

Mishawaka, Ind.

E. J. Robbins, Mrs. H. L. Stayton, Miss Minnie Cessna, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deardorff.

Culver, Ind.

Mrs. Mary Matthew Altman, Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Slonaker, Miss Clara Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beehler and son, Harry Percher.

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Kewanna, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Don O. Nafe and two daughters, Omer L. Reichard.  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shaffer.

Leiters Ford, Ind.

W. A. Hiatt, Charles Sales, Mrs. Leota Slonaker Young.

Peru, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Dingman, Judge Hurd J. Hurst.

Argos, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Crabbs.

Plymouth, Ind.

O. H. Lawrence, Estel Ginn.

S. J. Hurst, Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Lucas, North Judson

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Brooker, Monterey; Claude C. Garrison, Donaldson; Mort Smith,  
Marion.

Fulton, Ind.

Ray Babcock, Dr. B. R. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carvey, Converse; Fred Richardson, West Lafayette, Guy Thayer,  
LaPaz.

Rochester, Ind.

Ben L. Brandenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tobey and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Carruthers, Mrs. C. P. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Berrier and two daughters, Miss Ruth Pontious, C. J. Keebler, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Coplen and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Moore and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Alspaugh and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Smith, Mrs. Otis Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Shore and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Newell, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Foor, Miss Grace Foor, Fred Hanson, Roscoe T. Anderson, Belva T. Miller, Mrs. Farry Porter Tobey, Mr. and Mrs. John Cessna, Lola Timbers Moore and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Myers and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Err Biddinger, Earl H. Adams, Mrs. Murrel Ream, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tombaugh, G. H. Glen, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Shaffer, Mrs. Effie Brackett, Mrs. H. G. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Emmons, Elva Hutchinson, Bertha Musser, Mrs. Wm. Hudkins, Mrs. Emma brown, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. McMahan, Miss Anna Myer and Miss Flo Delp.

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## THE UNFULFILLED PROMISE OF ROCHESTER NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Considered Comment

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The story of Rochester Normal University and Rochester College that existed here from 1895 to 1912 is that of an enterprise nobly begun but meanly ended. Local citizens proved unwilling to preserve this asset for their future, a fault that haunts their descendants today for the cost it exacted from the city's progress.

Rochester Normal existed in an imposing Victorian three-story brick and stone building on four acres of the city's southeast edge. One may find its location today by driving south on College Avenue from 14th street. Where College ends, the building and its campus would have faced you, with woods behind. College Square Apartments occupy some of the ground now; 18th Street did not exist in 1895.

The story begins with a man whose perception of Rochester's destiny always was clear, direct and optimistic. Not only did he do much to create the university, but 10 years later he single-handedly established Woodlawn Hospital. He was Dr. Winfield Scott Shafer, a visionary of indefatigable optimism and energy.

While others debated the possibility of establishing a normal (teaching) university in Rochester, Dr. Shafer in 1894 immediately grasped its merit and took the lead to make it a reality. He purchased the 35-acre Horace Mackey farm, set aside the four acres for the campus and subdivided the rest into 150 lots, asking that supporters of the university buy them at \$200 each to provide \$30,000 for construction of the college. When the lots finally were sold, Dr. Shafer in just five months had the building erected, equipped and turned over to a board of trustees for management.

Private Normal schools such as this were springing up throughout Indiana in the late 19th century to satisfy an acute need for teachers in the state's district, or one-room schools. Fulton County had over 100 such schools at the time. Supplying teachers for these schools, then, was Rochester Normal's original purpose and it offered a one-year training course to high school graduates.

The university's curriculum, however, also provided studies in arts and sciences, in commercial business and in performing or teaching of music. Classes were held 48 weeks a year.

Students with no high school training also were accepted for a course that could earn a diploma in three rather than four years. As a result, in 1902 the university was commissioned as Rochester Township High School. That brought it welcome tax support. Within 10 years from its founding, the university was doing so well that many felt additional buildings soon would be needed. Enrollment reached a high of 379 in 1905.

However, public school education in Indiana had begun to change. One-room schools were being abolished and requirements for teacher training were raised. That caused a steady decline in the university's Normal enrollment, for its one-year teaching course could not meet those new requirements.

Evidently, no serious effort was made by administrators or trustees to increase the length and quality of the teaching curriculum and by 1906 the school had dropped "Normal" from its name and become Rochester College.

It then refocused its major purpose to educating high school students and within a few years high school pupils dominated the student body. Then in 1911 Rochester city and township agreed to build a joint high school to be occupied in 1913, a decision that would remove township tax money from the college. It was a death blow to Rochester College and at the end of the summer term in 1912, it closed its doors.

Later in 1912, an effort to resurrect the college for a different purpose met defeat from a public that apparently had lost confidence in the college's value to the city and county. It was proposed that a Fulton County Agricultural High School be established as provided by state law. But \$7,000 in local funds were required to make the school a reality and the last \$2,000 of this amount could not be raised. County Commissioners later refused to accept the building as a gift for that purpose, furthering dampening the drive for the needed funds.

Criticism a century later is easy, of course, yet it's still curious that the college no longer had the wide community support it once enjoyed. Similar normal colleges that began at the same time were able to hang on and now are thriving four-year institutions, such as Valparaiso University and Angola's Tri-State. Nobody here was willing to reprise the leadership of Dr. Shafer, who by then was deeply involved in operation of his hospital.

During the peak of its existence, Rochester Normal and College graduating classes numbered 45 to 52 members and in 16 years 422 students received diplomas.

RNU students mostly were from Fulton County, but other counties and even other states were represented in the student body. They were an active community force outside the classroom, with basketball, track and tennis teams, an orchestra and glee club, two literary societies and recitals by musical students. Like all college students, they could display some high jinks, too, such as the time a milk cow was taken to the third floor and left as a Halloween prank.

The institution maintained enthusiastic relations with the Rochester community through the University Association, whose 50 local members met monthly for discussions of history, literature and current events led by university faculty.

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Students developed a strong affection for the school that continued long after it closed. The Rochester College Alumni Association, a vigorous and loyal group, met regularly until 1974 when decreased numbers brought it to an end.

The abandoned college building stood for eight years, desolate and repeatedly defaced by vandals, until it was sold in 1920 to Charlie Robbins, who used its bricks to build his auto garage on Main Street. The garage four years later became the Char-Bell movie theatre, now the Times.

Robbins bought the building from Dr. Howard Shafer, son of the college founder and his successor as owner of Woodlawn Hospital. Howard Shafer bought it at auction in 1917, likely feeling a debt to his father who had died in 1916 to preserve the structure for some use. He was unable to find a buyer.

Today the college is remembered only at the southwest corner of the Courthouse Square with a historical marker. Under it is the college building's cornerstone that contains a line, nearly erased by time, which read: "Projected by W. S. Shafer, M.D." The testimonial deserves to be recorded again, for it was he who made it happen. Others let it fail.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 24, 2000]

## ROCHESTER COLLEGE BAND [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rannells, William W.

## ROCHESTER GRADED SCHOOL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hutton, J. T.

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Rochester Graded School. Will commence at the Odd Fellows Hall in Rochester on the Second Monday of April, 1860. . . L. D. Willard, Principal; Mattie V. Ernsperger, Assistant; Prof. Wm. Montgomery, Music Teacher.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 31, 1860]

Rochester Graded School. A graded School is expected to be opened in Rochester, September 16th, 1867. It will be under the charge of Mr. J. M. McAfee, as principal. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, September 5, 1867]

Rochester Graded School. Mr. James M. McAfee (again commencing) Rochester Graded School in the Rochester School building, commencing on Monday, March 23d. . . Rochester, Ind., Feb. 17th, 1868.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 20, 1868]

Spring Term of the Rochester Graded School will begin April 5th, 1869 . . . Miss Angie Moore, will take charge of the Intermediate and Mr. S. R. Moon, of the Primary . . . W. H. Banta, Principal.

[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, March 18, 1869]

Rochester Graded School. The Spring Term. . . begin April 5th, 1869, and continue eleven weeks. . . Miss Angie Moore will take charge of the Intermediate, and Mrs. S. R. Moon of the Primary . . . W. H. Banta, Principal.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, March 11, 1869]

School Report . . . of the Primary Department of the Rochester School for the month beginning Jan. 27th and ending Feb. 23rd. . . W. H. Banta, Teacher.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, March 18, 1869]

School Meeting. . . at the School House (in Rochester) . . . plan for furnishing additional school room. . .

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[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, May 27, 1869]

School Notice. The Fall Term of the Rochester Graded School will begin August 30, 1869, and continue eleven weeks . . . Intermediate, Miss Angie Moore. Intermediate, Mr. S. R. Moon. Primary, Miss Sallie Banta . . . W. H. Banta, Principal.

[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, August 12, 1869]

Select School. The fifth term of the Select School taught in the Mammoth Building will commence August 30th and continue eleven weeks. . . J. E. Hilton, Teacher.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, August 13, 1869]

Report of the Enrollment and Attendance at the Rochester Public School . . . W. H. Banta, Principal.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, February 18, 1870]

The Rochester School. The spring term of the Rochester Graded School will begin Monday, April 18th, 1870, and continue eleven weeks. Prof. C. T. Wood of Crown Point takes charge . . .

--- Miss J. E. Hilton will reopen school in one of the unoccupied rooms of the Public School Building, April 11th, 1870, and continue eleven weeks. . .

--- Prof. C. T. Wood is to be the successor of Prof. Banta as Principal of the Rochester School. He has been teaching at Crown Point for several years. . . Prof. Banta has accepted the chair of Natural Science in the Valparaiso M. & F. College. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, March 25, 1870]

Mr. W. H. Banta leaves us this week. He has accepted a position as Teacher in the Valparaiso College. . .

[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, March 31, 1870]

Rochester Graded School. . . arrangements with Prof. C. T. Wood, for a fall term . . . in the public school building, to commence August 29th, 1870. . . I. Walker, W. Sturgeon, N. L. Lord, Trustees. July 7th, 1870.

[Rochester *City Times*, Thursday, July 7, 1870]

Rochester Graded School. The undersigned School Board have made arrangements with Prof. C. T. Wood for a Fall Term of school, in the Public School building, to commence August 22d, 1870. . . I. Walker, W. Sturgeon, N. L. Lord, Trustees. Rochester, Ind., July 7, 1870.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, July 15, 1870]

Miss Lizzie Green has charge of the Primary Department of the Rochester Graded School under the management of Prof. Wood. Miss Green is spoken of as a competent teacher. With Mr. Moon as Assistant the Rochester High School will prove a success.

[Rochester *City Times*, Thursday, August 27, 1870]

The Rochester Graded School. The fall term . . . closed Friday, Nov. 4th. The school for the past six months has been under the supervision of Prof. C. T. Wood. . . examinations (by Prof. Wood and Mr. Craven) . . . A number of the students have already secured schools for the winter. Among this number are George W. Meredith, Geo. Wallace, B. F. Mechling, Frank Ausman, Bruce Surguy, Miss Lucy Smith and Mr. Townsend.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, November 11, 1870]

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The Rochester Graded School, Spring Term, will commence April 17th and close June 30th. . . Miss Lizzie Green, Primary; S. R. Moon, Intermediate; Lafe Bryan, Prin. R.G.S., Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 8, 1871]

Rochester Schools, Monthly Report for the month ending June 9, 1871.

Number of pupils enrolled, 116; average belonging, 107; percent of attendance on average belonging, 94.3; number of pupils not absent during the month, 68; not tardy 60; neither tardy nor absent 53. The regular monthly examination was conducted in writing. J. P. Nellans attained an average of 94 percent, on the common school branches, the highest given.

Respectfully submitted, Lafe Bryan.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 17, 1871]

Friday, of last week, being the last day of Sidney Moon's school, the closing exercises were enlivened by a merry picnic near the lake . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 15, 1871]

Rochester Graded Schools. The Fall term will begin August 28th and continue twelve weeks. . . L. Bryan, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 26, 1871]

Public School. The Rochester Graded School will commence its Winter Term on the first Monday in December . . . Principal, L. M. Bryan; Grammar School Department, Mr. C. P. Hinman and Miss S. E. Green; Intermediate, Miss Lena Taylor and Ella Barb; Primary, Miss Clara Walker and Miss A. Bacon.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, November 17, 1871]

Report of the Rochester Public School for the month ending Feb 2d, 1872: . . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, February 9, 1872]

Rochester Public Graded School . . . Spring Term will open April 8, 1872 [courses and fees set forth] L. M. Bryan, Superintendent, V. Gould, J. Dawson, Enoch Sturgeon, Trustees.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, March 15, 1872]

Rochester Public School. . . opening exercises. . . Prayer by Rev. W. Pattinson. . . Mr. Enoch Sturgeon briefly addressed the children . . . Mr. Bryan, Misses Hilton, Barb, Taylor, Walker and Bacon, constitute the corps of teachers.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 11, 1872]

Report of the Rochester Public School [statistics set forth] Lafe Bryan, Supt.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 18, 1872]

Rochester Public Graded School will open September 2, 1872 . . . Common School Course \$3.00 to \$6.00, High School Course \$8.00. L. M. Bryan, Superintendent. V. Gould, J. Dawson, Enoch Sturgeon, Trustees. Rochester, Ind. Aug. 15, 1872

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, August 15, 1872]

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Over 300 pupils are now attending the Rochester Public Graded School, this number embracing many from the country, who are here to take advantage of the admirable educational facilities now offered in our city. . . The school is free to all children who reside within the bounds of the corporation. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, September 12, 1872]

Our Public School commenced one week ago Monday, with Mr. Sickman as Principal and Miss Whittenberger as Assistant. Both have taught in the district before, earning reputations that have secured like positions subsequently.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 28, 1872]

Night School. We learn that Prof. Bryan proposes . . . to open a night school for . . clerks and mechanics. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, January 2, 1873]

School Reports [of Rochester Public School showing 472 enrolled, L. Bryan, Supt., and Akron Public School, showing 71 enrolled, E. H. Sickman, Alice Whittenberger, Teachers.]

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, February 13, 1873]

Rochester Public School Report for the second term of the year, including the months of December, January and February, 1873: [shows 405 enrolled] . . . L. Bryan, Supt.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, March 13, 1873]

School Difficulties. Attempt to Oust the Principal of the Rochester Public Graded School. . . . [very lengthy report of hearing before the School Examiner, in which Mr. Lafayette Bryan, Principal, was charged with incompetency and neglect of duty, the origin of the difficulty having been in the Sixth grade, presided over by Miss Jennie Hilton . . . names mentioned: Dr. Gould, Mr. Dawson, Enoch Sturgeon, Esq. Rees, Mr. Cowgill, J. S. Slick, Dr. Rowden.]

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 3, 1873]

At the statutory meeting of the Board of Corporation Trustees for the purpose of choosing three School Trustees, held on Thursday night last, Messrs. J. Dawson, Dr. Angus Brown and Isaiah Walker were elected . . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 10, 1873]

William W. Williams. . . of Granville, O., has been employed as Principal of the Rochester Public Graded School for the ensuing year. He taught two years in Winamac, Ind. . . [Rochester *Union-Spy*.

The following teachers have been selected by the Trustees for the Rochester Public School for the ensuing year, which opens September 1st, 1873: Principal, Mr. Wm. J. Williams; Sixth Grade, Mr. W. H. Sickman; Fifth, Miss S. E. Green; Fourth, Mr. Ed. Horton; Third, Miss Maggie Kelly; Second, Mrs. E. M. Pond; First, Miss Alice Barb. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, July 31, 1873]

Prof. Bryan and lady left Rochester last week, carrying with them the good wishes of many friends. Their present destination is Grand Island, Neb., where the wife's parents reside.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, August 7, 1873]

The total number of children of school age in Rochester, last year, was 635. Attended school, males, 249, females, 271; total, 520; but of this number thirty were foreign pupils. . The number, 145, who remained out of school may be easily accounted for as young mechanics,

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clerks, laborers and loafers, young ladies between the ages of 16 and 21, who seldom if ever attend minor schools, working girls, domestics, and those who expect to get married soon.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, August 21, 1873]

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Public Graded School will open September 1st [tuition listed]. . . Wm. J. Williams, Supt. N. L. Lord, A. Brown, J. Dawson, Trustees.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 30, 1873]

The Rochester Public Graded School opened last Monday with an enrollment of four hundred pupils. . .

--- The young men of Rochester are requested to meet at the School building on tomorrow, Friday evening, for the purpose of forming a Literary Society.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, September 4, 1873]

Prof. Williams is organizing a German class at the public school building.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, September 18, 1873]

Teachers' Institute. . . will be Monday, November 24, 1873, at the Rochester Graded School Building and continue in session five days, closing with an examination of teachers on Saturday, Nov. 29th. [names mentioned]: Prof. D. E. Williams, of Granville, Ohio, Prof. W. J. Williams, principal of the Rochester Graded Schools, W. D. Sickman, E. L. Yarlot, Principal of the Kewanna Graded School, F. M. Elliott, E. R. Herman.

--- On the evening of the 6th. . . ladies and gentlemen met at the school house. . . being the close of N. G. Hunter's writing school. . . Most improvement, Miss Hattie Reiter and John L. Henry. Best writing, Frank Montgomery.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 13, 1873]

Prof. Williams, of the Rochester Graded School, has recently been ordained minister, and will preach his first sermon at the M.E. Church tomorrow evening.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 20, 1873]

The exercises of the Excelsior Literary Society, in connection with the Rochester graded schools, on last Tuesday evening, were very interesting and creditable . . . The following is the list of officers: President, Ed. Chinn; Vice-President, O. D. Ross; Secretary, Millie Rannels; Critic, Ben. Gilman; Editor and Editress paper, Chess Chinn and Lida Samuels; Marshal, F. Gould.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, January 8, 1874]

W. H. Banta, formerly Principal of our Graded School, is Superintendent of a Sabbath School at Valparaiso.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 31, 1874]

Miss May Copeland done the alto beautifully at the Graded School exercises, last Friday.

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[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, March 5, 1874]

Close of Winter term of School. . . Supt. Williams . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, March 12, 1874]

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The following named persons have made application as teachers in the Rochester public school for the ensuing year: Misses Williams, Brown, Neal, Long, Stradley, Brackett, Sterner and Olney.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, May 28, 1874]

The following persons have been employed for the coming year in the Rochester Graded Schools: W. J. Williams, W. H. Sickman, Miss Williams, Miss Neal, Miss Kelly, Miss Barb. Three teachers are yet to be employed.

--- Miss S. E. Green, who has for the past four years been one of the faithful and efficient teachers in the Rochester Graded School, has concluded not to accept the position for another year. . . She goes this week to her home, near Fulton, for a short season of rest, after which her occupation may be resumed in some other quarter. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, June 11, 1874]

The corporation School Trustees have engaged the following persons as teachers of the Graded School for the present year: Principal, Prof. Williams; teacher of the first grade, Miss Alice Barb; third grade, Miss Maggie Kelly; fourth grade, Miss Neil; fifth grade, Miss Williams; Sixth grade, Mr. W. H. Sickman. No choice has yet been made of a teacher for the second grade.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 13, 1874]

Rochester Public Graded School.. . will open August 31st, and continue in session thirty-six weeks. . . With two additional rooms supplied with teachers of experience, the school will be less crowded. . . Wm. J. Williams, Principal. A. Brown, N. L. Lord, J. Dawson, Trustees.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, August 6, 1874]

Rochester Public Graded School will open August 31st, and continue in session thirty-six weeks . . . Board is much cheaper here than in larger cities, with the advantage of your children being near home . . . Wm. J. Williams, Principal. Trustees - A. Brown, N. L. Lord, J. Dawson.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 8, 1874]

Mrs. Louisa Jones, of near Mexico, formerly a teacher in the Rochester Graded School, who has been for several years one of our esteemed friends, attended the granger picnic last Thursday. Mrs. Jones, nee Miss Zimmerman, is a lady of culture and refinement, enjoying quite a reputation as a painter of portraits, having been employed as an instructor of the same in one of the best academies in the country.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, August 27, 1874]

The fall and winter terms of our city schools will open on Monday morning with a full corps of teachers. The new and handsome school house in the southeast part of town is fully completed and ready for occupancy. Miss Emma Sterner and Miss Lu. Long will take charge of the schools in that building. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 29, 1874]

Rochester Graded Schools, opening exercises, speeches, &c. Last Monday . . . The following are the grades and teachers: First, Miss Alice Barb, Second, Miss Mary Brown, Third, Miss Maggie Kelly, Fourth, Miss Neal, Fifth, Miss Bell Williams, Sixth, Mr. W. H. Sickman, High School, Prof. W. J. Williams.

At the new school building in the southeast part of town, First, Miss Louella Long, Second, Miss Emma Sterner.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, September 3, 1874]

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Non-Resident Students. We are under obligations to C. K. Bitters for the following names of students attending the High School Department of the Rochester Graded Schools, who are not citizens of Rochester: ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP - Frank Beery, A. L. Thurston, F. D. Haimbaugh, C. W. Montgomery, O. F. Montgomery, J. O. Stevens, Wm. McMahan, Edwin Mercer, Henry Ward, Bailey Brackett, Miss Belle McQuern, Dallas Edwards, Sidney Shelton. HENRY TOWNSHIP - C. K. Bitters, C. L. Whittenberger, John Dickerhoff, Losson Noyer, F. O. Strong, Frank Hoffman, John Rough. RICHLAND TOWNSHIP - E. C. Martindale. AUBBEENAUBBEE TOWNSHIP - Henry Myers. NEWCASTLE TOWNSHIP - J. W. Colvin, Albert Kessler, W. C. Barkman. UNION TOWNSHIP - Wm. Pugh, Albert Pugh, Miss Angie Showley. BOURBON, MARSHALL COUNTY, IND. - J. A. Sickman, John Cooper, Marquis Stonehill, Edwin Wood, Carl Cooper. CANTON, OHIO - F. L. Wagoner. OSCEOLA, IOWA - J. Q. Henry, Miss Laura Henry.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, September 10, 1874]

An organ has been purchased for the use of the Rochester Graded School. About one-half of the funds for its purchase was secured by subscription, the balance to be paid by the Trustees.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 19, 1874]

Miss Belle Mahala Williams will conduct a class exercise in fifth reader at the Teachers' Institute, next Monday morning. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 19, 1874]

Miss Maggie F. Neal, teacher of the fourth grade in the public school, lost her watch a couple of weeks ago, but found it shortly afterwards in the possession of two little boyd.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 26, 1874]

Rochester Public Graded School . . . winter term . . . began Monday morning of last week with an enrollment of nearly four hundred scholars . . . Prof. W. J. Williams, Mr. W. H. Sickman, 1st assistant, Misses Williams, Neal, Kelly, Brown and Barb, occupying positions as 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th assistants respectively . . . the south school taught by Misses Sterner and Long. . . December 15, 1874.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 18, 1874]

Miss Maggie F. Neal, teacher of the fourth grade in the public school, enjoyed the holidays at Lincoln, Miami county.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, January 8, 1875]

Miss Alice Barb has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to attend to her duties in the public schools.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, January 29, 1875]

W. J. Williams and Miss Belle Williams will to-day leave for Granville, Ohio; also J. Q. Henry for Osceola, Iowa, and F. L. Wagner for Stark county, Ohio.

[Kewanna items, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, June 11, 1875]

The teachers employed by the school board for the next term, commencing August 30th, are as follows: W. J. Williams, Principal; W. H. Sickman, assistant teacher high school; Miss Belle Williams, teacher 5th grade; J. Q. Henry, 4th grade; 3d and 2d grades not supplied; Miss Alice Barb, 1st grade. At the new school building: Miss Louella Long and Miss Emma Sterner.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, June 11, 1875]

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W. H. Sickman, a high school professor of this place, left for Bourbon last Thursday.  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, June 18, 1875]

The second and third grades in the Rochester public schools have now been supplied, the former by Miss Josie Sturgeon, and the latter by Miss Josie Davidson.  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, July 2, 1875]

Rochester Public Graded School, opens August 30, 1875, for a Term of Thirty-Six weeks . . . W. J. Williams, Principal. N. L. Lord, A. Brown, J. Dawson, Trustees.  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, August 20, 1875]

Miss Libbie Williams of Granville, Ohio, a sister of Miss Belle Williams, of this place, will occupy the latter's position in the public schools here next term.  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, December 3, 1875]

I was present with Mr. Jonas Myers at a union of the pupils of the Rochester Graded School, except those attending the South Ward School. . . I saw many of the pupils in attendance at school who have been teaching in the country during the past winter and many just entering a graded school for the first time. I herewith give the names of a few whom I noted particularly: J. O. Stevens, Frank Haimbaugh, Fitch Montgomery, Mr. Birch, C. S. Knott, E. Mercer, David Knott, Willie Loomis, John Davidson, Mr. Smith, Miss Ambrose, H. C. Martindale and others . . .  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 18, 1876]

Miss Williams' department of the graded school will give a very interesting entertainment at the Court House to-night.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 3, 1876]

The fall term of the Rochester Graded School closed yesterday. A public exhibition was given at the Centennial Hall last night by the pupils of the school. A vacation of two weeks will take place before the opening of the winter term.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 18, 1876]

High School Exhibition. The principal of the Rochester Graded Schools, Prof. Williams, and the teacher of the High School department, Mr. W. H. Sickman, assisted by a number of the pupils, gave a very pleasant and successful entertainment at the court house last Friday night. The court room was literally jammed. . .  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, June 8, 1876]

Miss Libbie and Belle Williams returned from their home at Granville, Ohio, last Monday. Libbie will take charge of the second grade in the Rochester schools, and Miss Belle will teach in Kewanna.  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, August 25, 1876]

Miss Mary Brown, teacher of 3d grade, Rochester public school, handed us the following names of young misses who are the best spellers in her room: Vina Blanchard, Carrie Scholder, Lucinda Tribbett, Tessie Clifford, Edie Copeland.  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, November 3, 1876]

Miss Mollie Brown, one of the teachers in the Rochester graded schools, went to LaPorte, Saturday, to visit her uncle, Rev. Hugh H. Brown, a brother to Dr. Brown, of this place. . .  
[Rochester, *Union-Spy*, Friday, February 9, 1877]

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Jonathan Dawson, one of the school trustees for Rochester, has furnished us the following. . . engaged to teach. . . for the year commencing September 3d: Principal, W. J. Williams. 6th Grade, W. H. Sickman. 5th, Miss Phebe Thompson. 4th, Miss Alice Barb. 3d, Miss Clara Sturgeon. 2d, Miss Josie Sturgeon. 1st, Miss Ollie Davis.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 14, 1877]

The Rochester Graded School opens August 27, 1877, for a term of thirty-six weeks. . . . Prof. W. J. Williams as Principal, and W. H. Sickman for the sixth grade, and competent teachers for all the grades. . . Enoch Sturgeon, N. L. Lord, J. Dawson, Trustees.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 11, 1877]

B. F. Dawson has quit the Rochester High School and gone to attend college at Ann Arbor, Michigan. . . .

[Rochester, *Union-Spy*, Friday, October 5, 1877]

Misses Retta and Metta Elliott were agreeably surprised last Friday evening by a large number of their school mates of the fifth grade and their teacher, Miss Thompson. . .

[Rochester, *Union-Spy*, Friday, December 14, 1877]

The average attendance at the Rochester public schools has increased 114 during the past four years. The present number enrolled is 450. This when compared with the whole number enumerated, which is about 650, indicates that here, as in other towns of the size of Rochester, many children are upon our streets who ought to be in school. . .

[Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, December 15, 1877]

Prof. Williams, of the Rochester schools, received a telegram early this week announcing the severe illness of his father at Granville, Ohio.

[Rochester, *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 9, 1878]

The first annual commencement of the Rochester high school took place at Opera Hall, last Friday evening. . . The quartettes by Misses Minnie Brackett, Carrie Shryock, and Messrs. T. M. Bitters and Geo. Edwards were well rendered and loudly applauded. The duette by Mrs. J. C. Spohn and Miss Dora Robbins, was grand and showed high musical culture. . . Misses Mary Mercer and Laura Copeland's duette, was heartily cheered. . .

We mention the name of each member of the class . . .

Edwin Colfax Mercer, who is a young gentleman of about 16 years of age, was born and raised in Fulton county. . . Ed. is the youngest of the class. . .

John Conant Keith was unavoidably absent. . . He is about 16 years of age, and is also a native of Fulton county. . . He is the son of Judge Keith. . .

Hugh Brown has lived here some ten years, is 19 years old. . .

John Brown Davidson is the son of the late Hon. Stephen Davidson, is 20 years old and lives about two miles east of Rochester . . .

Orbra F. Montgomery was born about 20 years ago on the sand hill overlooking the city, and where he yet lives. He is the superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school. . . He has, until within a few years past, worked hard for his parents on the farm. . .

Frank D. Haimbaugh. . . is from the country and is about 22 years of age. . .

[Rochester *Independent*, Wednesday, June 5, 1878]

Mr. Editor: We, the members of the class of 1878 desire to express through your columns our thanks to Mrs. J. C. Spohn, Misses Dora Robbins, Minnie Brackett, May Mercer, Annie Jackson, Laurie Copeland and Carrie Shryock, and Messrs. M. Bitters and Geo. Edwards, for the most excellent music furnished for our commencement. . . the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Holman in furnishing at their residence, refreshments for the members of the graduating class and

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their ladies, at the conclusion of the exercises. -E. C. Mercer, O. F. Montgomery, J. B. Davidson, F. D. Haimbaugh, Hugh Brown.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, June 7, 1878]

The first "Commencement Exercises" of any importance ever given before a Rochester audience was witnessed by nearly four hundred people at the Opera Hall on Friday night of last week. . .

[names mentioned]: Rev. F. M. Rule, Misses Minnie Brackett, Carrie Shryock and Messrs. Edwards and Biters, Colfax Mercer, John Brown Davidson, Mary Mercer, Laurie Copeland, O. F. Montgomery, John Conant Keith, Prof. Williams, Geo. Edwards, Frank D. Haimbaugh, Hugh Brown, Mrs. J. C. Spohn, Dora Robbins, Rev. A. B. Charpie. . .

In presenting the first diplomas to graduates of the Rochester High School, Prof. Williams made a brief but appropriate speech. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 8, 1878]

Prof. W. J. Williams, superintendent of the Rochester Graded Schools, and W. H. Sickman, Esq., principal of the High School, have been employed for another year . . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, June 14, 1878]

Prof. W. J. Williams and Miss Rosa Brackett will be united in marriage this evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cowgill.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, June 21, 1878]

The fall term of the Rochester Graded Schools will open next Monday. . . W. J. Williams, superintendent; W. H. Sickman, principal of High School; Miss Phebe Thompson, teacher of 5th grade; Miss Alice Barb, 4th grade; Miss Clara Sturgeon, 3d grade; Miss Lou Killen, 2d grade; Miss Ollie Davis, 1st grade. In the school building in South part of town, Miss Maggie Miller, 2d grade; Miss Lida Stradley, 1st grade. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, August 30, 1878]

Prof. Williams is wrestling with a stubborn case of billious fever. Young Hugh Brown is trying to fill his educational shoes at the school house, and is making a respectable effort.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 7, 1878]

School opened on Monday with an attendance of 450. Some forty students are from the country.

[Rochester *Republican*, Saturday, September 7, 1878]

Prof. Williams, the principal of the Rochester Graded schools, can read and speak five languages. He is the son of Welsh parents.

[Rochester *Union Spy*, Friday, March 15, 1878]

Prof. F. M. Grover has been conducting a grammar school at the school building during the past two weeks.

[Rochester *Union Spy*, Friday, April 5, 1878]

During the holiday vacation of Rochester Graded Schools several of the teachers took occasion to visit friends at a distance. Miss Clara Sturgeon spent a few days with relatives and

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friends at Pierceton; W. H. Sickman called on his venerable parents at Bourbon; Miss Thompson was off on a flying visit. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, January 10, 1879]

At a meeting of the Board of school trustees of Rochester, held this week, a selection of teachers for the ensuing year was made. With one exception, all the teachers employed last year were chosen, the exception being W. H. Sickman, next in rank to the Principal. Mr. Sickman has well and faithfully served in our schools for several years. . . As an instructor he is acknowledged to have but few superiors and had he devoted his entire attention to that branch of business he would doubtless have been retained, but being of a speculation turn of mind he was ever wont to turn an honest penny in speculation not connected with school matters. He did this to such an extent that he incurred the displeasure of some of the patrons of the school and perhaps their jealousies at his success . . . his conduct and character is beyond reproach. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 21, 1879]

W. H. Sickman has purchased a half interest in a hardware store at Warsaw and is going to settle down to business in that line of trade.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 12, 1879]

The Rochester Public Schools. . . teachers. . . Prof. Williams, principal; High School, J. H. Cammack; Fifth grade, Miss Phebe Thompson; Fourth grade, Alice Barb; Third grade, Clara Sturgeon; Second grade, North Building, Lon Killen; Second grade, South Building, Maggie Miller; First grade, North Building, Ollie Davis; First grade, South Building, Linda Stradley. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, August 15, 1879]

Prof. I. H. Cammack is on hand ready to take charge of the high school department of Rochester. He has taken quarters with Mrs. Shields, in the southeast portion of town.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 30, 1879]

Mr. C. Hoover is the father of a youthful lad who has been placed in the public school under the tutorship of Miss Clara Sturgeon. . . his teacher became impressed that for some childish violation of the rules of the school, he was deserving of a little chastisement, which she proceeded to administer . . . he was turned over to Prof. W. J. Williams . . . at his hands he received another flagellation, which, according to reports and the marks upon the boy's person, was brutal in the extreme. Eight days after the punishment is said to have been inflicted, the boy's body showed marks of severe punishment. . . the father. . . entered suit against the Prof. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, October 11, 1879]

Lafe M. Bryan, formerly principal of the Rochester schools, but now a resident of Grand Island, Neb., is here with his wife visiting their friends and acquaintances of the town and county. Mr. Bryan is engaged in the news, book and stationery trade at his western home and is well pleased with his location and trade.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, October 18, 1879]

## ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located NW corner 7th and Pontiac.

See: Rochester Joint High School; Rochester High School Band; Rochester High School Basketball

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[photo] First School House

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[Manitou Ripples, 1914, p. 28]

[photo] Central Building  
[Manitou Ripples, 1914, p. 28]

[photo] New Joint High School  
[Manitou Ripples, 1914, p. 29]

[photo] Gym in Joint High School  
[Manitou Ripples, 1914, pp 47 and 49]

[photo] RHS Camera Club in Nov. 1925. Front row: Jim Atkinson, Harold Darnell, Richard Crowder, John Shafer. Row 2: Frances Curtis, Mae Pierce, Helen Vawter (head down), Agnes O'Blenis, Donnabell Coakley. Back row: Louise Holman, Nila Ambler, Marjorie Downs, Martha Jill Sheets, Esther Thrush. (Photo: Frances Curtis Bond)  
[FCHS Quarterly No. 72, p. 107]

[photo] RHS girls basketball team 1926. Front row, from left: Nilah Norris, Ollivene Kumler, Audrey Lowe, Rebabelle McMahan, Nina Piper. Row 2: Elizabeth Norris, Isabel Haimbaugh, Lola Bick, Mae Pierce, Frances Curtis, and coach Mary Fugate. The girls would play curtain raisers for the boys' team games, even traveling to play in the out-of-town games. (Photo donated to FCHS by Mary Fugate Hardin in 1974)  
[FCHS Quarterly No. 72, p. 110]

[photo] Rochester Joint High School, later the Middle School, and finally the Community Center, soon to be razed. (Photo: The *Sentinel*)  
[FCHS Newsletter, March 11, 1992, p. 7]

## PEDAGOGUES AND PUPILS

By William H. Banta

In 1867 James McAfee was principal at Rochester Schools; William H. Banta - first assistant. School Board: Rev. N. L. Lord, William Sturgeon, Jonathan Dawson. This was a subscription school to last nine months. Enrollment: 300 pupils. Banta had 60 boys and girls in his room and taught them grammar geography, arithmetic, reading, writing and spelling.

In 1868 Banta became principal of Rochester Schools, in charge of the high school department. "I transferred a large number of those who had been with me the last year, and hence had more students than the seats would accommodate. We brought in chairs, benches, tables, and filled every available foot of floor space. I also remember that one P. O. Jones, now a lawyer at Plymouth, occupied my chair at my desk. The fact is I had no time to use the chair and felt that it ought to be occupied. The crowded condition made the work very difficult, and although the order was not as good as I have seen, it did very well, and the students made good progress."

Other teachers 1867-70: Christopher Fitzgerald, Angie Moore, Sydney Moon, Mollie Ewing, Emma Ford, Sallie J. Banta, George Tipton and others.

Banta introduced written examinations and extensive written work in preparation of lessons in Rochester. Banta took private lessons in Latin and geometry from Rev. Lord and German lessons from Mr. Richter. The great amount of writing required by him kept the boys and girls so busy that they had little time for anything else and most of the usual school mischief was eliminated. He called a "deportment roll" but while some of the responses were honest, the desire for a good report often overcame conscientious scruples. They made great use of the blackboards in mathematics. Map drawing was taught in geography according to the system introduced into

Indiana by a Mr. Apgar of New Jersey. This means of learning geography, while it may have been a step in advance of the old "singing method", was later carried to such an extreme as greatly to mar its usefulness. In history those getting highest grades were those having the best ability to memorize the text. The same could be said of the work in rhetoric. The lessons in spelling were both written and oral. Most of the analysis and parsing were written and the books carefully criticized. Banta worried that perhaps too much time was devoted to arithmetic and algebra, but affirmed that other branches were not neglected.

On Friday afternoons they had "Rhetoric Exercises." Many of the students were good declaimers and their compositions showed real literary talent.

Referring to the schools of 1867-70 Banta concluded, "Now it can be seen that our school was not disturbed by any of the fads and fancies of many of the schools of today, nor was it taught according to the best pedagogical methods, and hence the scholarship may not have been as broad as that gained in present day schools, but if the chief business of schools is to 'make men and women,' then the schools of 1867-70 will not suffer by any comparison with Rochester schools from that day to this." (1910)

[Excerpts from Marguerite Miller, Home Folks, Vol. II]

### THE NEW BUILDING

By Raymond C. Johnson

Principal of Rochester High School

In the calendar issued by the class of '12 was the picture of a common. In this annual there appears a picture of the same common, but upon it a magnificent new high school building. The first picture was labeled "Our Hopes." The latter might well be called "Realization."

For several years the school board has tried to perfect some plan for building a new high school. About a year ago the township signified a willingness to join with the city in the erection of a building. After considerable time had been spent in viewing school plants of other cities and in examining plans, Mr. Chas. E. Bacon, of Indianapolis (a former Rochester boy) was chosen as architect. After his plans were perfected bids were submitted and Mr. Stephen Parcel, the local builder, was awarded the contract. The building was begun about the first of July, 1912, and will be ready for occupancy September 1st, 1913.

The plans for the building and the building itself have elicited much favorable comment. Upon its completion Rochester will be as well equipped for school purposes as any city its size in the state.

The new building has two stories and a basement. The basement is about two and a half feet below the grade line and is so well lighted that it answers for school purposes practically as well as either of the other floors. In it are rooms for domestic science and manual training, a boiler room, the plenum chamber and toilet rooms for both sexes. The school boards recognized that the physical as well as the intellectual side of the child should receive training; the excellent gymnasium found in the basement is the result. This is equipped with locker rooms, shower baths, and a balcony that will seat about two hundred fifty spectators.

This first floor has six large class rooms, a large assembly room, two locker rooms, two toilet rooms and offices for the superintendent and principal. The assembly is large enough to seat three hundred pupils in single desks; in fact the entire building was planned for that number. The school boards are to be congratulated for anticipating future needs.

The second floor has three laboratories - Botany, Chemistry, and Physics, a science lecture room, two toilet rooms and two locker rooms.

There are two drinking fountains on each floor. The corridors are fireproof throughout. There are five entrances to the building -- four leading to the basement and one to the main floor.

The building is to be heated with steam from the Rochester Electric Light, Heat and Power Company's plant. The steam passes through coils over which cold air is drawn and forced to the rooms. The fan for this purpose is run by an electric motor. The heating and ventilating are regulated automatically. The building will be equipped with a vacuum cleaner. This is in accord with the modern idea of getting rid of the dust and dirt in a sanitary way. The call system will be

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regulated by a pneumatic clock with an automatic program attachment. The building is to be fitted with new furniture and when completed will be an educational plant of which Rochester city and township may well be proud.

It is being planned to have an art exhibit for the new building the latter part of September. This will give the public an opportunity to see many beautiful and inspiring pictures and to inspect this magnificent building at the same time.

Much credit is due the city school board -- Mr. True, Mr. Leonard and Mr. Copeland, the township trustee -- Mr. Wylie, and his advisory board, Mr. Kline, Mr. Matthias, and Mr. Rogers, for the time and effort given by them to make this much needed building a reality. Surely the high school students of the future will rise up to call them blessed.

[*Manitou Ripples*, 1913]

### EARLY MEMORIES OF NORTH AND SOUTH SCHOOLS

The new high school built on the northeast corner of 7th and Pontiac in 1912 had a gym under the present cafeteria. The west side of this gym had wood terraces or big wood steps used for bleachers. After a year (1913) wood bleachers were built on the east side, which made the floor smaller. There were only three feet out of bounds on the west side. At the same time they put up glass back boards back of the baskets on the north and south ends. This gym was converted into a shop class when the new Whitmer gym was built in 1920.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 35, pp 9-10]

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The public school under the direction of L. D. Willard, closes its winter term next Friday, with general exercises at the Odd Fellows Hall. . .

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 8, 1860]

Rochester High School will commence at the Odd Fellow's Hall, in Rochester on the Second Monday of April, 1860 . . . L. D. Willard, Principal, Miss M. Ernsperger, Assistant, Prof. Wm. Montgomery, Music Teacher.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 29, 1860]

Rochester School. We visited the Rochester High School on Friday last. [names mentioned]: Prof. O. Henderson, Principal, Miss Cornelia Strain, Miss Florence Heffley, Wm. Chamberlain, Miss Mollie Davis, Miss Meredith, Miss Dales . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, January 25, 1866]

The Winter School. Our winter free school is now in full blast, about 250 pupils in attendance. The Teachers are Mr McAfee, Principal; Mr. Bonty, Mr. Fitzgerald and Miss Mollie Ewing, Assistants . . .

[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, December 12, 1867]

School Report. . . . W. H. Banta, Teacher.

[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, February 11, 1869]

School Notice. The Trustee of Rochester Township desires it generally known that, instead of three months public school, as usual, the funds on hand are sufficient to keep the schools open for four months this year.

[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, September 9, 1869]

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Election of Teachers. The school meeting Monday evening chose the following teachers: Principal, W. H. Banta. 1st Assistant, Sidney Moon. 2d Assistant, (----) Tipton. 1st Intermediate, R. Wallace, Jr., 2d Intermediate, Ed. Horton. Primary, Miss Sallie Banta. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, October 1, 1869]

Several young ladies, pupils of Rochester Graded Schools, have set about procuring an organ for the high school room. A vigorous canvass is being made for funds, and many are the pocket books that wither under the sweet smiles and loving words of the fair solicitors.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, August 27, 1874]

Miss Ella Kewney, B. F. Dawson and Will Pugh form the graduating class of the Rochester high school.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, October 29, 1874]

Rev. N. L. Lord is an excellent Latin teacher, and conducts both classes at the High School.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 5, 1874]

The Rochester High School has made application to the State Board of Education to become commissioned.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 12, 1874]

W. H. Green, agent of the Higgin's Bent Wood School furniture Company, of Indianapolis, has supplied four buildings in Miami county with the Eccentric desk of that manufacture. He has also completed a contract with the Rochester corporation to furnish seventy desks for the High School department.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, July 23, 1875]

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## TEACHERS

J. F. Scull was supt. of Rochester City Schools 1882-1903, according to Centennial issue of the Rochester *News-Sentinel*, June 23, 1953

[FCHS Quarterly No. 46, Corrections, p. 25]

1896-97: James F. Scull, Supt.; Teachers: Lida J. Meredith, Latin; Annette Keely, Hist., Math.; Earnest E. Fry, Sc.

1897-98: John F. Scull, Supt.; Annetta Kelly, Asst.; Atta L. Dale, Asst.; E. E. Fry, Asst.; Hooker Brainard, Prin.

1898-99: James F. Scull, Supt.; D. P. Powers, Prin.; Annetta Keely, Asst.; Gertrude D. Forest Asst.; E. E. Fry, Asst.

1901-02: J. F. Scull, Supt.; D. T. Powers, H.S.P., Eng; M. R. Heinmiller, Sc.; Mark Schaaf, Latin; Annette Powers, Math & Hist.

1902-03: James F. Scull; D. T. Powers, H.S.P., Eng.; O. Johnson, Sc.; Marcus Schaaf, Latin; German; Annette Powers, Hist., Math.

1903-04: D. T. Powers, Supt.; O. A. Johnson, H.S.P., Sc.; Annette Powers, Math.; Hist.; Margaret Hines, Eng.; Mary B. Denny, Latin, Germ.;

1907-08: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Lucille Helm, Hist.; Rezin Reagan, Chem.; Evangeline Bankson, Music-Art; Marjorie Williams, Latin; Miss Reefsnider, Eng.; Miss Krewson, Math.

1908-09: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Lucille Helm, Hist.; Rezin Reagan, Chem; Claudice Stevenson, Music-Art; Marjorie Williams, Lat.; Miss Reefsnider, Eng.; Grace Magaw, Math.

1909-10: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Marjorie Williams, Lat.; Mr. Reagan, Chem.; Claudia Stevenson, Music-Art; Grace Magaw, Math.; Lucille Helm, Hist.; Lillian Bappert, Eng.

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1910-11: A. L. Whitmer, Supt., U. S. Hist.; Prin. Raymond C. Johnson, Sci.; Marjorie Williams, Lat.; Lucille Helm, German; Grace Magaw, Math.; Lillian Bappert, Eng.; Mable Gregory, Hist.; Claudia Stevenson, Music-Art.

1911-12: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Nora Lockridge, Lat.; Claudia Stevenson, Music-Art; R. C. Johnson, Math., Sci.; Lillian Bappert, Eng.; Abbie Henby, German; Miss O. E. Richards, Hist.; Hazel McDowell, Botany, Math.

1912-13: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Elizabeth Hanna, Lat.; Oron Richards, Debating Hist.; Hazel McDowell, Botany; R. C. Johnson, Sci.; Claudia Stevenson, Music-Art; Irene McMahan, Eng.; Grace Lloyd, Math.; Lillian Bappert, Eng.; Abbie Henby, German.

1913-14: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Lillian Bappert, Eng.; Grace Lloyd, Math.; Claudia Stevenson, Music; R. C. Johnson, Math., Sci.; O. L. Walter, Math., Sci.; Marie Thorpe, Latin; Elizabeth Sudhoff, German; Nellie Bradley, Commercial; Irene McMahan, Hist.; O. E. Richards, Debating, Hist., Eng.

1914-15: Lillian Bappert Eng.; A. L. Whitmer, Supt., Economics; Prin. R. C. Johnson, Algebra, Reading, Debating, Oratory; Irene McMahan, Hist., Civics; Lindley B. Perry, Manual Training; Nellie Bradley, Commercial; Marie Thorpe, Latin; Grace Lloyd, Math.; Emma Rausch, Eng.; Ort L. Walters, Sci., Ag.; Elizabeth Sudhoff, German; Flavilla Tracy, Music, Art; Anne S. Milligan, Dom. Science.

1915-16: A. L. Whitmer, Supt., Amer. Hist; R. C. Johnson, Math.; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; Harvey Chandler, Math.; Nellie Bradley, Commercial; Anne Milligan, Dom. Sci.; Mildred Pfeiffer, Eng.; Emma Rausch, Eng.; Marie Thorpe, Latin; Irene McMahan, History, Civics; Claudia Stevenson, Music, Art; Elizabeth Sudhoff, German; O. L. Walters, Sc.

1916-17: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; R. C. Johnson, Math.; Emma Rausch, Eng.; Marie Thorpe, Latin; Mildred Pfeiffer, Eng.; Mary Stacy, Hist.; Lillian Niemann, German; Anne Milligan, Dom. Sci.; Nelle Bradley, Commercial; Harvey Chandler, Math.; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; O. L. Walter, Sci., Ag.; Claudia Stevenson, Music, Art.

1917-18: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Harley Rogers (Jan. 1918), Commercial; Flavilla Tracy, Music, Art; Mary Stacy, Hist.; Emma Rausch, Eng.; Marie Thorpe, Latin; Lillian Niemann, German, Katherine Stevens, Eng.; Bertha Rogers, Home Ec.; Mable Marin, Hist., Eng.; Nelle Bradley, Commercial; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; Ort L. Walter, Sci., Ag.; R. C. Johnson, Prin., Coach, Math.

1918-19: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Thersa Wehr, Latin; Mary Stacey, Math.; Katherine Stevens Eng.; Harley Rogers, Commercial; R. C. Johnson, Prin., Coach; Flavilla Tracy, Music, Art; Elizabeth Haines, Hist.; Emma Rausch, English; Bertha Rogers, Home Ec.; Elizabeth Phelps, Math.; L. B. Perry Manual Training; Harry Miller, Sci.; Marie Thorpe, Sci.

1919-20: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Emma Rausch, Eng.; Prin. R. C. Johnson, Coach; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; Beulah Hole, Commercial; Verda Knox, Eng.; Harry Miller, Sci., Grace Small, Latin; Marie Thorpe, Eng.; Elizabeth Haines, Hist.; Elizabeth Phelps, Comm., Math.; Helen Hannah, Math.; Hazel Cushing, Home Ec.; Flavilla Tracy, Music, Art; Thersa Wehr, (1st sem.), Latin.

1920-21: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Rosella Stoner, Eng.; Eunice Ross, Hist.; Prin. Harry F. Miller, Sci.; Helen Hannah, Math.; Beulah Hole, Commercial; Irvin Barkman, Comm., Math.; Flavilla Tracy, Music, Art; Mark C. Wakefield, Coach; Elizabeth Haines, Hist.; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; Camilla Laws, Dom. Sci.; Verda Knox, Eng.; Marie Thorpe, Eng., Latin; Esther Hudson, French, Pub. Spk.

1921-22: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Camilla Laws, Dom. Sci.; Elizabeth Tilley, Eng.; Prin. Harry Miller, Sci.; Esther Hudson, French, Publ Spk.; Eunice Ross, Hist.; Edith Thomson, Music, Art; Fonzo Lawler, Coach, History 2nd; Baulah Hole, Commercial; Helen Hannah, Math.; Verda Knox, Eng.; Francis Clymer, Commercial; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; Beatrice Bonewitz, Latin; Mary Fugate, Chem., Math.; Harry Reget, Phy. Ed., 1st sem.

1922-23: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Prin. Harry Miller, Math.; Verda Knox, Eng.; Mary Fugate, Sci.; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; Helen Fraley, Latin; Imogene Zartman, Math. Physics;

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Fonzo Lawler, Coach, Phy. Ed.; Camilla Laws, Domestic Sci.; Beulah Hole, Commercial; Thelburn Engle, Comm., Math.'

Edith Thomson, Music; Elizabeth Flett, French, Eng., Bio.; Grace Cleveland, Art; Nellie Stipp, Hist.; Harriet Corey, Eng.

1923-24: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Beulah Hole, Commercial; Prin. L. V. Phillips, Civics; Elizabeth Flett, Sci., French Bible; Mary Fugate, Sci., Math.; Charles Ivey, Coach, Phy. Ed.; Camilla Laws, Dom. Sci.; Harriet Corey, Eng.; Fred W. Rankin, Math., Physics; Edith Thomson, Music; Grace Cleveland, Art; Nellie Stipp, Hist.; Margaret Austin, Eng.; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; Kathryn Kessler, Latin, Hist.; Dorothy Colson, Eng., Hist.

1924-25: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; L. V. Phillis, Prin., Civics, Economics; Elizabeth Flett, French Bible; Edith Thomson, Music; Grace Cleveland, Art; Edith Shank, Comm., Math.; Mary Fugate, Chem., Sc., Math.; Kathryn Kessler, Eng.; Fred Rankin, Physics, Sc., Math.; Mary V. Henry, Commercial; Mary Brass, Eng.; Lucille Kessler, Latin; Jeanne Swan, Dom. Sci.; Mildred Fultz, Hist.; Rena Wright, (Mid Term) Eng., Voc. Guid.; Charles Ivey, Coach.

1925-26: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; Prin. L. V. Phillips, Civics, Economics; Edith Thomson, Music; Grace Cleveland, Art; Edith Shanks, Bookkeeping, Math.; Mary Fugate, Chem., Math.; Mary V. Henry, Commercial; Mildred Fultz, Hist.; Ralph Powell, Coach; Grace Stauton, Eng.; Elizabeth Flett, Biology, French Bible; Lucille Kessler, Latin; Fred W. Rankin Math., Physics; Jeanne Swan, Dom. Sci.; Kathryn Kessler, Eng.; Rena Wright, Eng., Voc. Guid.

1926-27: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Ralph Powell, Phy. Training; Edith Thomson, Music; Elizabeth Flett; Bible, Biology; Victoria Mills, Latin; Grace Stauton, Eng.; Public Spk.; Rena Wright, Eng.' Geraldine McNaughton, Dom. Sci.; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; Prin. L. V. Phillips, Civics, Economics; Kathryn Kessler, Eng.; Mildred Fultz, Hist., Civics; Fred W. Rankin, Math., Physics; Maru Smith, Commercial; Edith Shank, Commercial; Margaret Bond, Chem., Math.; Loreen Wingerd, Art.

1927-28: Same as 1927 with Mr. Ralph E. Reynolds taking Miss Shanks place in Commercial and Math.

1928-29: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Prin. L. V. Phillips, Economics, Civics; L. B. Perry, Manual Training; Maru Smith, Commercial; Rena Wright, Eng., Hist.; Ralph Powell, Coach, Phy. Ed.; Victoria Mills, Latin; Edith Thomson, Music; Ollie Gardner, Eng., Pub. Spk.; Ralph E. Reynolds, Commercial, Math.; Meredith Pleasant, Chem., Math.; Helen White, Biology, Physiology; Fred Rankin, Physics, Math.; Ruth Mertz, Eng.; Dorothy Gessner, Home Ec.; Elma Miller, Art; Mildred Fultz, Hist.; Helen Taylor (died), Hist.

1929-30: A. L. Whitmer, Supt.; Prin. Fred W. Rankin, Math.; Meredith Pleasant (1st sem), Chem., Math.; Margaret Burgess, Chem., Math.; Paul Watson, Biology; Keith Stroup, Coach, Phy. Ed.; Ruth Adams, Home Ec.; Ollie Gardner, Eng., Pub. Spk.; Ann Elizabeth Wilcox, Commerce, Citizenship; Louise Bent Karn, Art; Gretchen Atkinson, Commerce; A. V. Purdue, Math., Physics; L. B. Perry Mech. Drawing, Shop; Victoria Mills, Latin; Mildred Fultz, Hist.; Rena Wright, Hist., Eng.; Ruth Mertz, Eng.; Edith Thomson, Music.

1930-31: Supt. A. L. Whitmer; Prin. Fred W. Rankin, Math.; Zelma Starr, Eng., Comm.; Miriam Lyst, Art; Evelyn Jones, Commercial; Sylvester A. Carvey, Band; Edith Thomson, Music; Victoria Mills, Latin; Ollie Gardner, Eng.; Paul Watson, Biology, Health; A. V. Purdue, Physics, Math.; L. B. Perry, Shop, Mech. Drawing; Ruth Adams, Dom. Sci., Orrel Little, Eng.; Margaret Burgess, Chem., Math.; Rena Wright, Hist., Eng.; Mildred Fultz, Hist.; Keith Stroup, Coach; Virginia E. Barger, Librarian.

1931-32: First Class Com. 912. 303. Supt. A. L. Whitmer; Prin. Fred W. Rankin, Math.; Mary Bushong, Chem., Math., Mildred Fultz, Hist.; Rena Wright, Hist, Eng.; Victoria Mills, Lat.; Orrel White, Eng.; Edythe Williams, Eng.; Evelyn Jones, Com.; Ruth Adams, H.E., Miriam Lyst, Art.; Edith Thomson Music; A. V. Purdue, Math.; Physics; Paul Watson, Biol.; L. B. Perry Ind. Arts; Keith Stroup, Phys, Ed., Coach.

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1932-33: First Class Com. 9-12. 312. Supt. A. L. Whitmer; Prin. Fred W. Rankin, Math.; Mary Bushong, Sci., Math.; Mildred Fultz, Soc. St.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng.; Victoria Mills, Lat.; Orrel White, Eng.; Edythe Williams, Eng.; Evelyn Jones, Com.; Ruth Adams, H.E.; Miriam Lyst, Art; Edith Thomson, Mu.; A. V. Purdue, Math., Sci.; Paul Watson, Sci.; L. B. Berry, Ind. A.; Clyde Lyle, Phy. Ed., Coach.

1933-34: Supt. A. L. Whitmer; First Class Com. 9-12, 312. Prin. Fred W. Rankin, Math.; Mary Bushong, Sci., Math., Mildred Fultz, Soc. St.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng.; Victoria Mills, Lat.; Orrel White, Eng.; Edythe Williams, Eng.; Evelyn Jones, Com.; Ruth Adams, H.E.; Edith Thomson, Mu.; A. V. Purdue, Math., Sci.; Paul Watson, Sci.; L. B. Perry Ind. A.; Clyde Lyle, Phy., Ed., Coach; A. F. Davis, B.

1934-35: Supt. A. L. Whitmer. First Class Com. 9-12, 312. Prin. Fred W. Rankin, Math., Mary Bushong, Sci., Math.; Mildred Fultz, Soc. St.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng.; Billy Brown, Lat.; Orrel Little, Eng.; Edythe Williams, Eng.; Evelyn Jones, Com.; Ruth Adams, H.E.; Edith Thomson, Mu.; A. V. Purdue, Math, Sci.; Paul Watson, Sci.; L. B. Perry, Ind. A., Clyde Lyle, Phy. Ed., Coach; A. F. Davis, B.

1935-36: Supt. A. L. Whitmer. First Class Com. 9-12, 312. Prin. Fred W. Rankin, Math.; Mary Bushong, Sci., Math.; Mildred Fultz, Soc. St.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Lat.; Orrel Little, Eng.; Edythe Williams, Eng.; Evelyn Jones, Com. Ruth Adams, H.E.; Edith Thomson, Mu.; A. V. Purdue, Math., Sci.; Paul Watson, Sci.; L. B. Perry, Ind. A.; Clyde Lyle, Phy. Ed., Coach; A. F. Davis, B.

1936-37: Supt. A. L. Whitmer. First Class Com. 9-12. 312. Prin. Fred W. Rankin, Math.; Mary Bushong, Sci., Math.; Mildred Fultz, Soc. St.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Lat.; Irene Smith, Eng., Phy. Ed.; Edythe Williams, Eng.; Phyllis Barrett, Com.; Dorothea Slater, Art.; Ruth Adams, H.E.; Edith Thomson, Mu.; A. V. Purdue, Math., Sci.; Paul Watson, Sci.; L. B. Perry, Ind. A.; Clyde Lyle, Phy. Ed., Coach; A. F. Davis, B.

1937-38: Supt. A. L. Whitmer. First Class Com. 9-12. 292. Prin. Fred W. Rankin, Math.; Mildred Fultz, Soc. St.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng.; Irene Smith, Eng., Phys. Ed.; Edythe Williams, Eng.; Mary Bushong, Sci., Math.; Phyllis Barrett, Com.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Lat., Eng.; Ruth Adams, H. Ec.; Catherine Immel, Art.; Paul Watson, Sci., H.; L. B. Perry, Ind. A.; A. V. Purdue, Sci., Math.; Albert Fiscus, B.; Clyde Lyle, Phys. Ed., Soc. St.; Edith Thompson, Mu.; Norma Jean Truax, Lib.

1938-39: Supt. A. L. Whitmer. First Class Com. 9-12. 311. Prin. A. V. Purdue, Math.; Mildred Fultz, Soc. St.; Rena Wright Soc. St., Eng.; Irene Smith, Eng., Phys. Ed.; Mary Marshall, Eng., Lib.; Mary Bushong, Sci., Math.; Phyllis Barret, Com., Dale Lichtenwalter, Lat., Eng.; Ruth Adams, H. Ec.; Marguerite Mitchell, Art.; Paul Watson, Sci., H.; L. B. Perry, Ind. A.; Orvan Van Lue, Eng., Math; Albert Fiscus, B.; Clyde Lyle, Phys. Ed., Soc. St.; Edith Thomson, Mu., Orch.; Norma Jean Truax, Lib., Clerk.

1939-40: Supt. F. W. Rankin. First Class Com. 9-12. 321. Prin. A. V. Purdue, Math.' Mildred Fultz, Soc. St.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng.; Wilda Hoopengardner, Eng., Phys. Ed.; Mary Marshall, Eng., Lib.; Mary Bushong, Sci., Math., Phyllis Barret, Com.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Lat., Eng.; Ruth Adams, IH. Ec.; Paul Watson, Sci. H.; L. B. Perry, Ind. A.; Orvan Van Lue, Eng., Math.; Clyde Lyle, Phys. Ed., Soc. St.; Ellamae Brown, Lib. Clerk.

1940-41: Supt. F. W. Rankin. Supervisors and Special Teachers: Elizabeth Ohlrogge, Art; Albert Fiscus, B.; Edith Thomson, Mu., Orch. -- First Class Com. 9-12. 314. Prin. A. V. Purdue, Math.; Mildred Fultz, Soc. St.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng.; Wilda Hoopengardner, Eng., Phys. Ed.; Mary Marshall, Eng., Lib.; Mary Bushong, Sci., Math.; Phyllis Barrett, Com.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Lat., Eng.; Ruth Adams, H. Ec.; Paul Watson, Sci., H.; L. B. Perry, Ind. A. Orvan Van Lue, Eng., Math.; Clyde Lyle, Phys. Ed., Soc. St.; Ellamae Brown, Lib., Clerk.

1941-42: Supt. Fred W. Rankin. Special Teachers: Albert Fiscus, B., Elizabeth Ohlrogge, Art; Edith Thomson, Orch., Mu. -- First Class Com. 9-12. 319. Prin. A. V. Purdue, Math.; Mildred Fultz, Soc. St.; Rena Wright, Soc. St, Eng; Wilda Hoopengardner, Eng., Phys. Ed.; Mary Marshall, Eng., Lib.; Mary Bushong, Sci., Math; Phyllis Barrett, Com.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Lat.,

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Eng.; Ruth Adams, H. Ec.; Paul Watson, Sci., H.; L. B. Perry, Ind. A.; Orvan Van Lue, Eng., Math.; Clyde Lyle, Phys. Ed., Soc. St.; Ellammae Holloway, Lib., Clerk.

1942-43: Supt. Fred W. Rankin. Special Teachers: Ronald Melton, B.; Elizabeth Ohlrogge, Art; Edith Thomson, Orch., Mu. -- First Class Com. 912, 272 Prin. A. V. Purdue, Math; Mildred Fultz, Soc. St.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng.; Bernice Foster, Eng., P.E.; Mary Marshall, Eng., Lib.; Mary Bushong, Sci., Math.; Phyllis Barrett, Com.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Lat., Eng.; Bonnie M. Swope, H. Ec.; Paul Watson, Sci., H.S.; L. B. Perry, Ind. A.; Orvan Van Lue, Eng., Math.; Clyde Lyle, P.E., Soc. St.; Frances Braman, Lib., Clerk.

1944-45: Supt. F. W. Rankin. Special Teachers: M. Edith Thomson, IMu., Ronald Melton, B.; Ione Kunz, Art.; Odessa Greer, Kdg. -- First Class Com. 912. 261. Prin. A. V. Purdue, Math.; Anna Botsford, Soc. St.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng.; Norma Fowler, Eng., P.E., Mary Marshall, Eng., Lib.; Harry Ray, P.E., Sci.; Kathryn Quinton Com.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Lat., Sp., Eng.; Dana Mae Johnson, H. Ec.; Paul Watson Sci., H.S., Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Math., Soc. St.; L. B. Perry, Ind. A., Orvan Van Lue, Eng., Math.; Frances Braman Secy., Clerk.

1946-47: Supt F. W. Rankin. Special Teachers: Mable Bevington, Art; Wendell Frederick, B.; Vera Purdue, Kdg.; Edith Thomson, Mu. -- First Class Com. 9012. Prin. A. V. Purdue, Math.; Arthur Alexander, Ind.; Elizabeth Brown, Eng.; LaRetha Leyman, P.E.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Eng., Lat; Sp., Clyde Lyle, kP.E., Soc. St.; Mary Marshall, Eng., Lib.; Kathryn Quinton, Com; Harry F. Ray, Math., Sci., Ag.; Blanche Stroup, H. Ec.; Orvan Van Lue, math.; Paul Watson, Sci., H.S.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng.

1948-49: Supt. F. W. Rankin. Special Teachers and Supervisots: Edith Thomson, Mu.; Orvan Van Lue, Math., Guid.; Paul Watson, Sci.; Rena Wright, Soc. St., Eng. First Class Com. 9-12, 316. Prin. A. V Purdue, Math.; Arthur Alexander, lInd. A.; Mable Bevington, Art.; Patricia Chase, Eng., Math., Rogene Busche, Eng., Speech; Dale Eizinger, Vet. Ag.; Wendell Frederick, B.; LaReatha Leyman, P.E., Com.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Eng., Lat., Sp.; Clyde Lyle, P.E., H.S; Mary Marshall, Eng., Lib.; Kathryn Quinton Com.; Harry Ray, Sci., Ag., Soc. St.; Mary Lee Shafer, H. Ec.

1949-50: Supt. E. S. Castor. Supervisors and Special Teachers: Mabel Bevington, Art; M. Edith Thomson, Mu.; Dale Eizinger, Vet. On-the-Farm Training; Wendell Frederick, B. -- First Class Com. 9-12, 323. Prin. O. V. Van Lue; Arthur Alexander, Ind. A.; Virginia Austin, Com.; Gladys Brandt, Voc H. Ec.; Patricia Chase, Eng., Math.; Wendell Frederick ,B.; Charles Hudson, Math., Sci.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Eng., Lat., Sp.; Mary Marshall, Eng., Lib.; Harry E. Ray, Ag. Soc. St., Sci.; Doris Rynearson, P.E., Com.; Charles Shumaker, P.E., H., Coach; Jacqueline Smith, Eng., Speech; Paul Watson, Sci., Dr. Ed.; Rena Wright, Soc. St.

1950-51: E. S. Castor, Supt. Supervisors: Ruth Beaty, Art; M. Edith Thomson, Mu. Special Teachers: Dale Eizinger, Vet. Ag.; William Hendrickson, B.; Mary Jane Jeffrey, Speech; Ruth Skidmore, Sp. Ed. -- First Class Com. 912. Enrol (9-12) 343. Prin. O. V. Van Lue; Arthur Alexander, Ind. A.; Virginia Austin, Com.; Gladys Brandt, Voc. H. Ec.; Patricia Chase, Eng., Math.; Glenn Hartman Voc. Ag.; William Hendrickson, B.; Charles Hudson, Math., Sci.; Mary Jane Jeffrey, Eng., Speech, Dram.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Eng., Lat., Sp.; Mary Marshall, Eng., Lib.; Claire McDonald, Com., P.E.; Harry E. Ray, Ag., Soc. St., Sci.; Charles Shumaker, P.E. H.; Paul Watson, Sci., Dr. Ed.; Rena Wright, Soc. St.

1951-52: E. S. Castor, Supt. Supervisor: Opal Hull, Art. Special Teachers: William Hendrickson, Mu., Edith Thomson, Mu.; Mary Jane Zellers, Speech, Hear; Ross M. Blunk, Coordinator; Dale Eizinger, Vet. Ag.; Ruth Skidmore, Sp. Ed. -- First Class 912. Enrol (9-12) 333. Prin. O. V. Van Lue; Virginia Austin, Bus. Ed., Dean of Girls; Charles Cale Hudson, Math., Sci., Dean of Boys; Ross M. Blunk, Ind. A., Coordinator; Mary Ellen Kalb, Bus. Ed., Eng.; Patricia Chase, Math., Eng.; Harry Ray, Sci., Soc. St.; Mary Marshall, Lib., Eng.; Paul Watson, Sci., Dr. Ed.; Rena Wright, Eng, Soc. St.; Charles Shumaker, Soc. St., P.E.; Opal Hull, Art.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Eng.; Span., Lat.; Mary Jane Zellers, Speech; William Hadley, Voc. Ag.; Edith Thomson, Mu.; William Hendrickson, B.; Gladys Brandt, Voc. H. Ec.; Eugene Tahlier, Ind. A.; Anna Neff, Eng., P.E.

1952-53: [changes noted in supplements] Supt. E. S. Castor.

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1953-54: Raymond S. Julian, Supt. Supervisor, Donna Hall, Art. Special Teachers: Edward Linderman, B., Edith Thomson, Mu.; Mary Jane Zellers, Speech, Hear.; Raymond Kestner, Coord.; Dale Eizinger, Vet. Ag.; Ruth Skidmore, Sp. Ed. -- First Class 9-12. Enrol. (9-12) 324. Prin. Harmon Baldwin; Lois Bailey, Voc. H. Ec.; Elizabeth Berkebile, Com., Dean of Girls; Willis Bowen Math., Sci.; Simon Deeb Voc. Ag., Dorcas Dice, Eng.; Franklin Fitch, Ind. A., Math.; Jane Fitch, P.E.; Donna Hall, Art; Raymond Kestner, Ind. A., Coord; Dale Lichtenwalter Eng., Span., Lat.; Edward Linderman, B.; Mary Marshall, Lib., Eng.; Robert Mathias, Soc. St., Dr. Ed.; Mary Ellen Overman, Com.; Harry Ray, Sci., Soc. St.; Edith Thomson Mu.; Edward Trexler, Soc. St., P.E.; Paul Watson, Sci., Soc. St., Dr. Ed.; Rena Wright, Eng., Soc. St.; Mary Jane Zellers, Speech.

1955-56: Raymond S. Julian, Supt. First Class 912. Enrol (8) 79 (9-12) 361. Prin. Harmon Baldwin; Anita Samuelson, Secy.; Lois Bailey, H. Ec.; Deverl Becker, Eng.; Elizabeth Berkebile, Com., Dean of Girls; Willis Bowen, Math., Sci.; Dale Eizinger, Vet. Instr.; Mary Darnell, Eng.; Frances Cunningham, Speech Correctionist; Simon Deeb, Voc. Ag.; Robert Heck, Soc. St., Coach; Dale Lichtenwalter, Eng., Span., Lat.; Carla Lucas, Com.; Robert McGinn, Soc. St., Dean of Boys; Carl McNulty, Dr. Ed., Coach; Robert Mathias, Dr. Ed., Soc. St.; Richard Molter B., Voc. Mu.; Audrey Myers, Art.; Herbert Pearson Ind. A.; Harry Ray, Soc. St., Chem.; Marian Rieger, P.E., Math.; Virginia Shelby, Lib.; Robert Shipman, Ind. A.; Delores Sibert, Eng.; Paul Watson, Biol., Sci.; Raymond Wolfe, Speech, Dram.; Rena Wright, Eng.

1956-57: [changes noted in supplements], Supt. Raymond Julian; Prin. John O. Reed.

1957-58: Raymond S. Julian, Supt. First Class 9-12. Enrol. (9-12) 437. Prin. John Reed; Anita Samuelson, Secy.; Waldo Adams, Engl; Elizabeth Berkebile, Com., Dean of Girls; Willis Bowen, Math., Phys.; Gladys Brandt Voc. H. Ec.; Henry Buchholz, Gen. Math.; Frances Busby, Math.; Simon Deeb, Voc. Ag.; Mary Ginn, Gen. Business; Tom Heery, World Hist., Dr. Tr.; Max Hungerford, D. O. Program, Ind. A.; Joan Hungerford, Com. (part time); Clifford Keihn Speech; Dale Lichtenwalter Span., Eng., Lat.; Jack Lowe, Dr. Tr., P.E., Coach; Carla Lucas, Com; Richard Molter, B, Voc. Mu; Audrey Myers, Art; Philip Parker, Lib; Harry Ray, Gov., Sociol.; Marion Rieger, Gen. Bus., Girls P.E.; Paul Rockwell, World Hist., Coach; William Schroer, Orientation, Dean of Boys; Gertrude Slack, Eng., Drama; Paul Watson, Biol.; Lucile Wicoff, Chem. Physiography; Rena Wright, Eng., Annual; Robert Lambert, Ind. A.

1959-60: John H. Davisson, Supt. Special Teachers: Norma Decius, Sp. Ed.; Jonell Folsom, Art; Edith Thomson, Elem. Mu.; Kay Harvey, Elem. P.E.; Suzanne Belcher, Speech, Hear, Ther. --First Class 9-12. Enrol. (9-12) 457. Prin. Loren Betz; Secy. Anita Samuelson; Waldo Adams, Eng., Dev. Read.; Mary Ave, Eng., Sp.; Elizabeth Berkebile, Typ., Dean of Girls; Willis Bowen, Alg., Geom.; Gladys Brandt, Voc. H. Ec.; Donald Brunn, Woodshop; Henry Buchholz, Alg. Phys., Math.; Simon Deeb, Voc. Ag.; Lois Hale, Eng., Asst. Lib.; Thomas Heery, Dr. Tr., Hist.; Max Hungerford, Shop, Rel. Tr.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Eng., Span., Lat.; Joan Hungerford, Com.; Jack Lowe, Dr. Ed., Soc. St.; Carla Lucas, Com.; Philip Parker, Lib., Asst. Prin.; Harry Ray, Soc. St.; Marion Rieger, Com., Math.; Paul Rockwell, Hist.; Eugene Saxe, Eng., Dram.; William Schroer, Soc. St., Dean of Boys; Oland Charles Summers, Band; Paul Watson, Biol.; Lucile Wicoff, Sci.; Rena Wright, Eng.

1961-62: John H. Davisson, Supt. Special Teachers: Marie Farnsworth, Sp. Ed.; Esther Thrush, Sp. Ed.; Adrien Witkowski, Art 7-12; Kathleen Latier, Art Kdg.-6; Edward Nils, Mu. 1-6; Mary Ginn, Voc. Mu. 7-12; Kay Harvey, Elem P.E. 18; Suzanne Belcher, Speech and Hear. Therapist. -- First Class 9-12. Enrol (9-12) 488. Prin. Loren Betz; Anita Samuelson, Secy.; Waldo Adams, Eng., Dev. Read.; Kent Beeler, Gen. Bus., Dr. Tr., Typ.; Elizabeth Berkebile, Typ., Dean of Girls; Naomi Betz, H. Ec.; Willis Bowen, Geom., Alg., Trig.; Don Brunn, Shop, Dr. Tr.; Simon Deeb, Voc. Ag.; John Howkinson, Shop; Joan Hungerford, Gen. Bus., Bkbp.; Max Hungerford, Shop, D.O.; Dale Lichtenwalter, Lat., Span.; Carla Lucas, Shorthand, Typ.; James Moody, Eng.; David Newell, Boys P.E., Geo., Coach; Marion Rieger, Girls P.E., Gen. Bus., Bus. Math., Bus. Law; Paul Rockwell, Hist., U.W., Coach; William Schroer, Psych., Dean of Boys; Joanna Smith, H. Ec.; Madeline Snoddy, Lib.; Joseph Springer, World Hist., Coach; Charles O. Summers, Band;

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Sharon Taylor Alg., Phys.; Martin Torgerson, Eng., Speech; Paul Watson, Biol.; Lucile Wicoff, Gen. Math., Chem.; Rena Wright, Eng.; William Yaney.

1963-64: John H. Davisson Supt. Special Teachers: Marie Farnsworth, Sp. Ed.; Robert Bowen, Sp. Ed.; Adrien Witkowski, Art 7-12; Kathleen Latier, Art, Kdg-6; Linda Greaf, Mu., 1-6; Mary Ginn, Vo. Mu., 712; Kay Harvey Elem. P.E. 18; Marcella Boswell, Speech, Hear. Therapist. -- First Class 912. Enrol. (9-12) 570. Prin. Loren Betz; Anita Samuelson, Secy.; Waldo Adams, Dev. Reading, Eng.; Elizabeth Berkebile, Typing, Gen. Math. and Dean of Girls; Naomi Betz, Girls P.E.; Willis Bowen, Geom., Math.; Donald Brunn, Drafting, Wood Shop; Gene Burns, Band; Claire Decker, Lib; Simon Deeb, Ag.; Marion Dyer, Eng.; John Howkinson, Wood Shop; Joan Hungerford, Comm.; Max Hungerford, Machine Shop, D.O.; Edward Kasamis, Psychology, P.E.; Ronald Kuehl, Math., Typing; Dale Lichtenwalter, Span., Lat.; Carla Lucas, Shorthand, Typing, Bus. Law; Mary Markell, H. Ec.; Stanley Musgrave, Phys., Sci., Alg.; Kenneth Pennington, Biol., Dr. Ed., P.E.; Paul Rockwell, U.S. Hist; Jack Schmeltz, Eng.; Donald Scholer, Alg. I & II, Chem.; William Schroer, Govt., Dean of Boys Joanna Smith, H. Ec.; Berniece Striggle, Eng., Fr.; Paul Watson, Biol.; Richard Welborn, Govt.; Lucille Wicoff, Chem., Alg. I, Rena Wright, Eng.; Paul Zartman U.S. Hist., Geo.

1965-66: John H. Davisson, Supt. Special Teachers: Marie Farnsworth, Sp. Ed.; Robert Bowen, Sp. Ed.; Kathleen Latier, Art, Kdg-8; Linda Greaf, Mu., 1-6; Mary Ginn, Vo. Mu., 7-12; Kay Harvey, Elem. P.E.; Marcella Boswell, Speech, Hear. Therapist; Gene Burns, Band, 612; Carol Ann Whittenberger, P.E., Kdg-6. -- First Class 912. Enrol. (9-12) 640. Prin. Loren Betz; Anita Samuelson Secy.; Juliet Traeger, Secy.; Camille Meiser, Secy., A V; Walto Adams, Lang. A; Elizabeth Berkebile, Typ., Math., Dean; Naomi Betz, P.E.; Willis Bowen Math.; Donald Brunn, Ind. A.; Carol Calloway, Lang. A.; Claire Decker, Lib., A V Dir.; John Decker, Soc. St.; Simon Deeb, Voc. Ag.; Robert Cox, Math. Sci.; Marion Dyer, Lang. A.; Terry Fox, Lang. A.; John Howkinson, Ind. A.; Joan Hungerford, Bus. Ed.; Max Hungerford, Ind. A., D.O.; Edward Kasamis Soc. St., Attd.; Ronald Kuehl, Bus. Ed.; Dale Lichtenwalter, For. Lang.; Ruth Lindhart H. Ec.; Carla Lucas, Bus. Ed.; Gary McMillen, Lang. A.; Mildred Nellans, Eng., Lib.; Stanley Musgrave, Sci., Math.; Robert Pedio, P.E., Sci., Coach; Kenneth Pennington, Sci.; Paul Rockwell, Soc. St.; Hugh Ressler, Bus. Ed.; Donald Scholer, Math.; William Schroer, Soc. St., Dean; Joanna Smith, H. Ec.; Berniece Striggle, Lang. A., Fr.; Paul Watson, Sci.; Lucile Wicoff, Sci.; Adrien Witkowski, Art; Rena Wright, Lang. A.; Paul Zartman, Soc. St.

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## Rochester High School Alumni

Wendell,

Here, in 5 takes, are the names of Rochester High School graduates as collected for our ZebFest 2000 special section.

Happy holidays to you and your family.

Sarah Wilson

The following is a list of Rochester High School graduates compiled from Manitou Ripples yearbooks, The Sentinel, Fulton County Historical Society and Rochester School Corp. files.

This list may not be perfect. Corrections may be directed to The Sentinel.

[NOTE: The following list of graduates was furnished by Sarah Wilson, Publisher, The Rochester Sentinel, from the Wednesday, June 7, 2000 issue for inclusion in the Fulton County Handbook, for which I express my sincere appreciation. - Wendell C. Tombaugh, December 15, 2000.]

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Hugh Brown, manufacturer, Battle Creek, Mich.  
John B. Davidson, lawyer, Ellensburg, Wash.  
Frank D. Haimbaugh, editor, Muncie, Ind.  
John C. Keith, architect, Welsley, Mass.  
Edward C. Mercer, farmer, Rochester, Ind.  
Orbra F. [Orbon Fitch] Montgomery, lawyer, Rochester, Ind.

**1879**

No class graduated.

**1880**

Charles W. Brackett, lumberman, Hegewisch, Ind.  
Calvin S. Knott  
William W. Mercer, hardware dealer, Seattle Wash.  
Maud Mow - Mrs. William Shoup, Chicago, Ill.  
A. D. Robbins, stockbuyer, Rochester, Ind.  
Charles M. Shoup

**1881**

Samuel Heilbrun, insurance, Kansas City, Mo.  
Louise Hickman - Mrs. Howard Miller, Maclaud, La.  
Henry Little  
Virgil S. Reiter, judge, Hammond, Ind.

**1882**

No class graduated

**1883**

No class graduated

**1884**

Anna Ingraham  
William S. Hector, surgeon, Chicago, Ill

**1885**

Samuel W. Goss, insurance, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Carrie Gould  
Charles Kirtland  
Nellie Wallace - Mrs. William Bell

**1886**

Lelia M. Copeland - Mrs. O. B. Smith, Rochester, Ind.  
L. Eleanor Scull, doctor, Hammond, Ind.

**1887**

Fred Hoffman, contractor, Rochester, Ind.  
J. Frank Holman, California, Mo.  
Theodore A. Parker - Mrs. Wed Gould, Fresno, Cal.  
Nellie Shoup - Mrs. Fred Hoffman, Rochester, Ind.

**1888**

Kittie Beecraft - Mrs. J. N. Rannells, Rochester, Ind.  
Charles W. Drake, doctor, Fort Worth, Texas  
Mary M. Kirtland, teacher, Marion, Ind.  
Lillian Mackey - Mrs. Levi Beeler, St. Lawrence, Kansas  
Emma Meyer - Mrs. J. A. Scull, Saulte St. Marie.  
Lizzie Stanton - Mrs. Frank Sterner, Rochester, Ind.

**1889**

Henry Davis, manufacturer mechanical supplies, Benton Harbor, Mich.  
Rhoda Delp - Mrs. H. Bernetha, Rochester, Ind.  
Lucius V. Gould

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Sue Good - Mrs. Elwood Thompson, Rochester, Ind.  
Effie McKee - Mrs. George Lee  
Carrie McKee - Mrs. John S. Miller

### **1890**

Mary D. Brown - Mrs. Levi Van Blaricom, Pueblo, Col.  
Nellie L. Fitzgerald - Mrs. Phil Barnett  
Emma L. Graeber - Mrs. Charles Long, Dallas Texas  
Isabel Metzler - Mrs. R. Graham, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thusnelda Peemoller, teacher, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Letta Shoup - Mrs. Sidney Hoover, Bristol, Tenn  
Rose Wile, Rochester Ind.

### **1891**

John H. Barkdoll  
Mae E. Downey - Mrs. Bert Corbett, Colorado Springs, Col.  
Edwin C. Downey, Logansport, Ind.  
Margaret S. Keith - Mrs. A. Richter

### **1892**

Jennie Leiter - Mrs. John Greenstreet, Lewisville Ind.  
Arthur M. Metzler, lawyer, Rochester, Ind.  
Cora Rannells, Los Angeles, Cal.  
Alice Emma Scull - Mrs. W. P. Upham, Dallas, Texas  
Daisy Smith - Mrs. J. M. Casebeer, Newport, Ind.  
Ellery Stockberger, Chicago, Ill.  
Minia Stockberger, Mrs. C. W. Williams

### **1893**

Charles Eiler, Flora, Ind.  
Bessie Emrick, New York, N.Y.  
Ida Fieser - Mrs. F. Bitters, Rochester, Ind.  
Minnie Foglesong - Mrs. S. N. Knoop, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Minnie Matthieson  
Congo Meyer, milliner, Rochester, Ind.  
Leone McClung - Mrs. Lucien Savage, Macy, Ind.  
Clyde O. Porter  
Clarence Rannells, civil engineer, Little Hocking, Ohio  
Milton G. Whittenberger, Tuttle, Ohio

### **1894**

Martin Myers, Wichita, Kansas  
Millie Lucile Holman - Mrs. Ralph Leonard, Rochester, Ind.  
Bess Holzman, New York City  
Glendolyn Myers - Mrs. Perry Heath, Rochester, Ind.  
Trude Downey - Mrs. Everett Strong, Akron, Ind.  
Margaret Welch  
Jesse Rouch  
Mitchell Baker, Chicago, Ill. [NOTE: also in 1895]

### **1895**

Archibald Brown, doctor, Rochester, Ind.  
Edith Ethel Cowgill - Mrs. Frank Bryant, Rochester, Ind.  
Edna C. Hall - Mrs. Carl Frain, Chicago, Ill  
Clayton Hoffman, farmer, Rochester, Ind.  
Allee Leininger  
Clara J. Montgomery - Mrs. Edward Murphy

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Mitchell Baker, Chicago, Ill [NOTE: also in 1894]  
Harry S. Mackey, doctor, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Edward E. Murphy, lawyer, Rochester, Ind.  
Gertrude Porter - Mrs. Edward Allen, Forest Grove, Oregon  
Harry O. Wallace, merchant, Rochester, Ind.  
Jetta Alexander - Mrs. Richard Sanger, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Elmer O. Kunz, doctor, McGregor, Texas  
Charles Cox, Mendota, Cal.  
Lanora Sidmore - Mrs. Frank Reunboldt, Tanawanda, N.Y.  
Jesse E. Rouch, Fulton, Ind.  
Grace Johnson - Mrs. Oscar Eugart Lafayette, Ind.  
Katherine Killen - Mrs. Charles Boots, N. Manchester, Ind.  
Marguerite Welch, San Francisco, Cal.  
Della Hisey - Mrs. Luther Shoemaker, Kewanna, Ind.  
Pearl DuBois - Mrs. Luther Doeniaker, Kewanna, Ind.  
Bertha B. Baker, Rochester, Ind.  
Florence G. DeMont - Mrs. Stevens  
Eva C. Young - Mrs. Adam Felker, Lebanon, Ind.  
Levy Williamson, editor, Nellsville, Wis.

## **1896**

Sidney A. Buehler, Battle Creek, Mich.  
Carl Frain, Chicago, Ill.  
Minnie Hill - Mrs. Roy Robbins, Mishawaka, Ind.  
Walter Jewell, mechanical engineer, Tanawanda, N.Y.  
Carl McClung, linterest in Neil Barnett Hotel, Logansport, Ind.  
Dot H. Miller - Mrs. Jerry Holland, Hackley, Wix.  
John Montgomery, teacher, Rolling Plains, Ind.  
Forey Mutchler, Chicago, Ill.

## **1897**

Ira David Goss, superintendent of schools, Crawfordsville, Ind.  
Estella King - Mrs. Harry Cross, Chicago, Ill.  
Herman Hochstedler, South Bend, Ind.  
Zona Leiter - Mrs. Ambrose Burget, Huntington, Ind.  
Ruth E. McClung - Mrs. Ernest Brown, Wanamaker, Ind.  
Ralph D. McClung, farmer, Rochester, Ind.  
John F. Metzler, Omaha, Nebraska  
Susan T. Schaaf - Mrs. Bennet Lowe, Brooke, Ind  
Marcus, Schaaf, state forester, Mich.  
Belva E. Stingley - Mrs. Guy Fish, South Bend, Ind.  
Arthur E. Stinson doctor, Athens, Ind.

## **1898**

O. Less Alspach, Ray, N. Dakota  
Myrtle J. Eilenberger - Mrs. Walter Jewell, Tanawanda, N.Y.  
Ida E. Elkins, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Myrtle M. Greene - Mrs. G. D. Miller, Wichita, Kansas  
Alice May Leiter, Rochester, Ind.  
Jessie G. Martindale  
Howard O. Shafer, surgeon, Chicago, Ill.  
Mary E. Stanton - Mrs. Howard Shafer, Chicago, Ill.  
Charles Black

## **1899**

Charles Alspach, Buford, N. Dakota  
Harry L. Brower, Rochester, Ind.

## **Ro**

Dora Crabbs  
Bessie Dawson - Mrs. Ira Hurst, Wagoners, Ind.  
Fred H. Dubois, Rochester, Ind.  
M. Lefevre, Dubois, Rochester, Ind.  
A. Hugh Elliot  
Dorothy F. Fromm - Mrs. I. N. Good, Rochester, Ind.  
Ira E. Hoffman, Chicago, Ill.  
Trella Harter, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Grace Marguerite Holman - Mrs. George Beech, Royal Oak, Mich.  
Albert H. King, lumber, Swift, Minn.  
Bertha Musser, bookkeeper, Rochester, Ind.  
Donald C. Plank, Wilmington, Del.  
Hermione H. Rees, Rochester, Ind.  
Fatinia B. Shelton - Mrs. Walter Bundy, Richmond, Ind.  
Ethel Sickman - Mrs. W. J. Noonan  
Guy E. Smith, traveling salesman, Peru, Ind.  
W. Frank Scull, leditor, Crown Point, Ind.

### **1900**

Milton Alspach, Rochester, Ind.  
Charles C. Brackett, wholesale grocer, Rochester, Ind.  
Wilhelmia M. Cornelius, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Lena R. Crabbs - Mrs. Fred Cook, Culver, Ind.  
Jessie L. Crosby, teacher, Mishawaka, Ind.  
Gail I. Elliot - Mrs. Ira Wert, Rochester, Ind.  
Emma King - Mrs. Mervin Hammel, Ottumwa, Iowa  
Wilson Montgomery, farmer, Rochester, Ind.  
Ada Rannells - Mrs. Roy Deniston, Rochester, Ind.  
Effie Shafer - Mrs. Charles Brackett, Rochester, Ind.  
May Stinson - Mrs. Loyd Millisor, Newark, Ohio  
Mary L. Wilder, Rochester, Ind.

### **1901**

Belle Ethel Baker - Mrs. Wilson Montgomery, Rochester, Ind.  
Ruth Elliot - Mrs. Carl Jessen, Kewanna, Ind.  
Maud Montgomery, University of Wisconsin  
Lealda Ethel Stem - Mrs. Lewis Berkhiser, Rochester, Ind.  
Henry B. Swartz, Ligonier, Ind.  
Roy W. Martindale

### **1902**

Rae Blacketor - Mrs. Ray Wildermuth, Wagoners, Ind.  
Grace Bryan, Franklin, Ind.  
Mina Levi - Mrs. Clyde Entsminger, Rochester, Ind.  
Belle McClure, California  
Anna Plank - Mrs. Frank Ensign, Boise City, Idaho  
Mabel Rees, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Edna Sheets, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Mary Hurst

### **1903**

Charles Burns, cashier, Bank of Indiana, Rochester, Ind.  
Elmer J. Crabbs, Chicago, Ill.  
Charles B. Crosby, bookkeeper, Mishawaka, Ind.  
Clark Cunningham  
Lon J. Hoffman  
Victor Mygrant, Portland, Ind.

## Ro

Robert Montgomery, Gary, Ind.  
Mae Osborn, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Lula VanDuyne - Mrs. Amos Burkett, Akron, Ind.

### 1904

Fred H. Ault, owner saw mill, Warroads, Minn  
Marie Campbell, Dayton Ohio  
Ruth Caple - Mrs. Antonio M. Delgad, Porto Rico  
Caroline S. Crosby, Mishawaka, Ind  
Paul S. Emrick, assistant prof. Civil Engineering, Lafayette, Ind.  
Della C. Miller, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
George T. Ross, bookstore, Rochester, Ind.  
Harold O. Ruh, Western Reserve Medical School, Cleveland, Ohio  
Lavina Search, Rochester, Ind.  
Earl Troutman, revenue servide, Hammond, Ind.  
Ora Trustlov - Mrs. Daniel Colgan, Colgan, N. Dakota  
Nellie Wise - Mrs. Fred Miller, Rochester, Ind.

### 1905

Roy Love, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Francis Edward Mercer, farmer, Rochester, Ind.  
Floyd E. Neff, University of Indiana  
Effa King - Mrs. Roy Adamson, Rochester, Ind.  
Charlotte Killen - Mrs. Floyd Mattice, Rochester, Ind.  
Beryl Meyer, Rochester, Ind  
Opha Belle Pletcher, University of Illinois  
Francis Margaret Montgomery, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Fay Studebaker, Kokomo, Ind.  
Grace Myrtle Stingly, assistant librarian, Rochester, Ind.  
Fern Stockberger, teacher, Rochester, Ind.

### 1906

Bernard Clayton, insurance agent, Joliet, Ill.  
Robert N. Ford, Mitchell auto works, Racine, Wis.  
Glen Louderback, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Carrie Kline, teacher, Delong, Ind.  
Clyde Wise, Logansport, Ind.  
Virgil C. Robbins, Colorado School of Mines  
Nora M. Hines, Kewanna, Ind.  
Margaret Stacy - Mrs. Atwell Siegfred, Rochester, Ind.  
P. Atwell Siegfred, clerk, Rochester, Ind.  
Estey J. Crim, Rochester, Ind.  
Carrie Shepherd - Mrs. Adam Ehereman, LaPorte, Ind.  
George H. Gift, pharmacist, Elkhart, Ind.  
Fred Rhodes, Cornell University  
Ethel M. Funk, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Grace Miles, St. Louis, Mo.  
Ada Leonard, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Fred Ruh

### 1907

Blythe Buchanan, post office, Rochester, Ind.  
Lola Eber., music instructor, Rochester, Ind.  
Bessie Lowry, South Bend, Ind.  
Erno Pletcher, Illinois University  
Dean L. Barnhart, Indiana University  
Bessie Willard - Mrs. Jessie Shelton, Rochester, Ind.

## Ro

Lenora Condon, bookkeeper, Rochester, Ind.  
Raymond Dawson  
Arthur Hendrickson, Rochester, Ind.  
Mary Baldwin - Mrs. Fred Richardson, Rochester, Ind.  
Lyman Gould, University of Chicago  
Lester Allman, business, Philadelphia Pa.  
Eugene Coplen, pharmacist, Rochester, Ind.  
Flavilla Tracy, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Abbye Wheadon, Rochester, Ind.  
Calvin Richter, Purdue  
Jeannette Levi, bookkeeper, Rochester, Ind.  
Fred Stevenson, University of Michigan  
Karl Rausch, Purdue University  
Clara Hoffman, , nurse, Chicago, Ill.  
Charles Bailey, Lola [ - - ], Bessie Ross, Fred Rhodes [?]

## 1908

### Class of January

Ada Southard, Clinton Tuttle, Mazie Wright, Lura Shore, Cornelia Moore, Edith Wagoner, Ruth Tracy, Mary F. Stacy

### Class of May

Porter Haimbaugh, Clara Allison, Bessie McIntire, Byron Goss, Charles C. Rees, Harry Buchanan, Irene Chestnut, Frances Elliott, Georgia Onstott, Florence Levi, Kenneth Veirs.

## 1909

Verna Esta Anderson, Guy Barr, Madge Elizabeth Bernetha, Mattie Brady, Walter Wolfe Caffyn, Ethel Elizabeth Condon, Eva Fern Crim, Hubert Harold Douglas, Theresa Louisa von Ehrenstein, Bertha Mae Ewing, Hugh Levi Foglesong, Harold Lee Hendrickson, Daniel Earl Karn, Helen Corinne Levi, Gleason Colonel Mackey, Anabelle Evangeline Marsh, Florence Elizabeth Meiser, Hubert Eldon Mogle, Lyle Jonathan Pletcher, Vernie Franklin Plough, Roy Harrison Proctor, Charles Edward Pyle, Emma Katherine Rausch, Alverta Maude Robbins, Bessie Adelle Ross, Lucy Berrill Ruh, Frank Walter Stevenson, William Harry Southard, Hubert Aladdin Suman, Nina Emeline Webster

## 1910

Horatio Stanley Agster, Edna Bitters, Ethel Lenora Black, Edith Bitters, Louise Condon, Mary Ann Dawson, Louis McLinn Hoover, Bess Elizabeth King, Geraldine Hull Kindig, Helen Mary Leonard, Arthur Louis Miller, Rosa Mae Miller, Harry Dean Newcomb, Margaret K. Plank, Elgie Gertrude Thomas, Bonnie Fern Wright

## 1911

Hugh Barnhart, Margaret Bailey, Anna Batt, Bernice Coplen, Anna Cornelius, Kathleen Davis, Ernest McIntyre, Brant McKee, Jessie McMahan, Cecilia Peters, Mildred Pfeiffer, Roscoe Pontius, Fern Pratt, Retha Pratt, Robert Shafer, Ruth Sheets, Percy Smith, Lyon Terry, Jessie Tingley, Oneida Williams

## 1912

Alvin Brandt  
George Brower, clerk, Rochester, Ind.  
Edna Condon  
Grace Dillon, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Harriett von Ehrenstein, Rochester, Ind.  
Marie Foglesong, Indiana University  
Rugh Grove, Normal, Terre Haute, Ind.  
Orville Moon  
Clarence Miller, Purdue

## Ro

Charles Nellans, Medical College, Chicago, Ill.  
Alida Newcomb, Rochester, Ind.  
Margaret Rees, nurse, Chicago, Ill.  
Clara May Robbins, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Dennis Stockberger, clerk, Rochester, Ind.  
Everett Stoner, clerk, Rochester, Ind.  
Grace Shelton, Rochester, Ind.  
Edna Taylor, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
Marie Turner, Rochester, Ind.  
Lucy True, Rochester, Ind.  
Ruth Whittenberger, teacher, Rochester, Ind.  
William Ward, surveyor, Rochester, Ind.  
Tom Ware, Meat Packing Co., Fresno, Cal.  
Ruth Wright, nurse, Chicago, Ill.  
Edwin Zook, printer, Rochester, Ind.

[NOTE: *Manitou Ripples* of 1913 listed as RHS Alumni Association]

### 1913

Byron Johnston, Tellie Coplen, Ruth McCarty, L. V. Louderback, Harold Hoover, Glendor Irvine, Anna Clayton, Julian Williams, Minnie Cessna, Belmont Suman, Ruth Wallace, J. Ralph Cline, Irene Holz, Raymond Kirkendall, Esther Grove, H. Lucius Pfeiffer, Mira Paramore, Carl Keel, Ruth Hughes, Merle Enoc, Howard Sterner, Loraine Seeley, Donald Ruh, Carrie Miller, John DuBois, Mildred Leiter, Margaret Stockberger, Rudolph Hudtwalker, Florence Gohn, Walter Miller, Mildred Bernetha, Harold Davisson, Iva Polley.

[In Memoriam]: "Orville Moon, January 21, 1893 - January 19, 1913, an industrious, conscientious, faithful student, whose cheerful disposition made him many friends."

### 1914

Josephine Davis, Alvin McKinley Masterson, Alice Marie Barkman, Pearl C. Richards, Genevieve Copeland Smith, Karl Reed Becker, Garrett Hasty Leverton, Carmen Palmer, Bessie Irene McKee, Naomi Genevere Grove, Fern Marie Mastellar, Paul Brown Norton, Osa Vern Foor, Hazel Leiter, Katherine Mae Kirkendall, Edyth Alma Kingery, Allee Belle Whittenberger, Aubra Milton Emmons, Herold Truslow Ross, Elsie Blanche Gelbaugh, Lara May Holz, Margaret Rose Bitters, Emil Warner, Edward Browne Schuler, Elva Ethel Snyder, Dean Edward Babcock

### 1915

Nellie Clayton, Stanley Carr, Eleonora Hanson, Imri Blackburn, Rosella Stoner, Devon L. Lichtenwalter, Alice McClurg, James McMahan, Robert P. Moore, Isabelle Carlton, Marcus H. Wright, Ruth Adamson, Murray McCarty, Marian Tatman, J. Bryan Walters, Louise Bailey, Paul Blacketer, Nettie Overmyer, Joe Castle, Maurine Bibler, Hubert Taylor, Mazie Davis, Ancil Thompson, Agnes Johnson, Myron Rees, Ailine Lowman, Glenn Stewart, Irene Chandler, John Black, Ruth Barr, Dean Mikesell, Vera G. Gohn, Guy Pontius, Zetha McCarter, Geo. N. DuBois, Bertha Bibler, Tom Black Olive Hardin

["Lest we Forget: Pearl Richards died November 13, 1914]

### 1916

Irvin Barkman, service AEF  
Clarance Chamberlain, Army, France  
Agnes McKee, Teacher, Rochester IN  
Dorothy Orr, Purdue University  
Grace True, Reporter, Rochester IN  
Clarke Arnold, Student, DePauw  
LeRoy Bacon, Service AEF  
George Buchanan, Student, Indiana University  
Grant Johnson, Navy, Wabash College  
Joe King, Bookkeeper, Rochester IN  
Kenneth King, Navy

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Lucius Miller, Navy  
Billy Mitchell, Bookkeeper  
Raymond Murphy  
Cyril Rhodes, Purdue University  
Fred Robbins, Naval Aviation, Rochester, IN  
Fred Robinson, Navy  
Ralphe Shelton, Service, Rochester IN  
La Verne Smiley, Farmer, Rochester IN  
Russell Stacy, Purdue University  
Earl Townsend, Farmer, Rochester, IN  
Mary Carruthers, Teacher, Rochester IN  
Ruth Copeland, Rochester IN  
Violet Hanna, Mrs. Harry Schwager, Chenoa IL  
Zelda Manning, Mrs. Ralphe Arnold, Rochester IN  
Helen Richardson, Mrs. E. Baker, Kokomo IN  
Leone Shelton, Student, Indiana University  
Louise Shelton, Stenographer, Rochester IN  
Faye Stetson, Mrs. Wilson Drudge, Rochester IN  
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## 1917

Madge Anderson, Stenographer, Rochester IN  
Ralphe Arnold, Bookkeeper, Rochester IN  
Mary Barkman  
John Barrett, Lumber Dealer, Rochester IN  
Vergal Becker, Farmer, Rochester IN  
Kathleen Berry, Teacher, Leiters Ford IN  
Glen Blackburn, Teacher, Rochester IN  
Jerome Chamberlain, Secretary, Rochester IN  
Maude Clayton, Teacher, Rochester IN  
Maurice Cole, Chicago IL  
Grace Ewing, Nurse, Indianapolis IN  
Mable Geyer, Mrs. R. B. Sweany, Peoria IL  
Louise Gibbons, Stenographer, Gary IN  
Dwight Green, Purdue University  
Edith Haimbaugh, Mrs. Glen Smiley  
Ayrton Howard, Jewelry business, Rochester IN  
Bernice King, Nurse, Ft. Wayne IN  
Alice Lowe, Teacher, Rochester IN  
Virgil Merriot, S.A.T.C., Purdue University  
Von Mikesell, Farmer, Rochester IN  
Mary Miller, Teacher, Loyal IN  
Myra Moon, Mrs. Elzie Blackburn, Rochester IN  
Russell Murphy, Farmer S.A.T.C., Rochester IN  
Edward Pfeiffer, Indiana University  
Bernice Ross, Whitetail MT  
Frank Shipley, Purdue University  
Elsie Winn, Mrs. Lee Mullen  
Marjorie Wrentmore, Teacher, Leiters Ford IN  
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## 1918

Retha Baker, Bookkeeper, Rochester IN  
Letha Bibler, Bookkeeper, Rochester IN  
Alma Cessna, Nurse, Ft. Wayne IN

## Ro

Edith Chestnutt, Stenographer, Rochester IN  
Martha Collins, Bookkeeper, Rochester IN  
Jeanette Downs, Post-graduate, Rochester IN  
Lola Felder, Alaska  
Ruth Hagan, Rochester IN  
Ethel Haimbaugh, Teacher, Mentone IN  
Nina Holeman, Earlham College  
Mildred Leonard, Rochester IN  
Evabelle Mercer, Mrs. Maurice Cole, Chicago IL  
Sylvia Miller, Stenographer, Washington DC  
Mildred Neerman, Teacher, Rochester IN  
Ruth Onstott, Rochester IN  
Edna Orr, Teacher  
Grace Quick, Stenographer, Rochester IN  
Pearl Ross, Stenographer, Rochester IN  
Hazel Smith, Teacher, Athens IN  
Marguerite Veirs, Purdue University  
Ethel Wagoner, Stenographer, Rochester IN  
Rena Wright, Teacher, Rochester IN  
Chas. Byerly, Chicago IL  
Dewey Dudgeon, Purdue University  
Guy Fields, Service, Rochester IN  
Harry Foglesong, Navy, Rochester IN  
Peter Hazlett, Student Dental College, Indianapolis IN  
Ernest Hendrickson, Electrician, Logansport IN  
Jonathan Hurst, Purdue University  
Charles Ivey, Earlham College  
Harry Karn, S.A.T.C., Rochester IN  
Clifford Koch, Farmer, Rochester IN  
Deo Lowden, Clerk, Lafayette IN  
Raymond Miller, Purdue University  
Fred Newby, Rochester IN  
Walter Perry S.A.T.C., Rochester IN  
Hermann Quinn, Gary IN  
Alfred Robbins, Purdue University  
Lester Rogers, Farmer, Rochester IN  
Harley Schmitt, Purdue University  
Dee Wallace, Grocery Clerk, Rochester IN  
Howard Wilson, Farmer, Rochester IN  
George Wylie, S.A.T.C., Syracuse, NY  
Robert Zellar, Farmer, Rochester IN  
Ruth Appleman

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## 1919

Alice Becker, George Coplen, Homer Kessler, Mary Burns, Mildred Fultz, Baker Kilmer, Omer King, Ada Kepler, Hugh Kirkendall, Florence Leiter, Leonard Newcomb, Mable Nafe, Mable Oliver, William Orr, Lucille Sheward, Robert Rannells, Max O. Shipley, Jewell Smiley, Helen Van Trump, Robert Shott, Marie Nafe, Grace Smith, Orville Whitmer, Hester Gribben, Gladys McKee, Maude Sheets, Marry Mathias, Mildred Sheets, Miriam Vawter, Willard Snyder, Herma Wolf, Lorene Moore, C'Dale Crabbs, Marie Ewing, Elliott Bailey, Hazel Hunneshagen, Dale Lichtenwaller, Harold Carruthers, Carmen MacIntyre, Velma Manning

[In Memorium:

This to the five of R. H. S.

## **Ro**

Who in this war all have gone "West":  
This to the five of R. H. S.  
Who in this hour gave all they possessed.

Let man not forget these brave five,  
Who in this hour of trial have died;  
But ever in ever in R. H. S.  
Remember the five who now are at rest.

Augusta Irvine  
Dean Mikesell  
Raymond Murphy  
John W. Black  
Verle Madary

### **1920**

Alden Kumler, Josephine Carlton, Sara Terry, Troba McVay, Buren Bybee, Katherine Leonard, Dennis Miller, Anna Blackburn, Martha Ball, Dessie Wolf, Allen Miller, Grace Fields, Bernice Eash, Ruth Clayton, George Leonard, Isabelle Farry, Clare Hower, Isabelle Koch, Margaretta Fristoe, Robert Smith, Elma Daggy, Harry Onstott, Mary Krom, Ruth Gibbons, Emerson Downs, Opal Manning, Thomas Lawrence, Helen Rush, Geneva Booker, Cecil Leiter, Lucy Oliver, Earl Holeman, Letta McMillan, Alida Miller, Milo Collins, Cecile Kelly, Albert Leiter, Bernice Eash, Jeanette Sowers, Fred Mitchell, Annabelle Veirs, Wilber Irvine

### **1921**

Winston Robbins, Maleta Paschall, Paul Mathias, Arthur Fieser, Mabel Brubaker, Herbert Hardin, Mabel Hendrickson, Emerson Nafe, Lawrence Babcock, Byron Murphy, Dorothy O'Brien, Harold Kochenderfer, Vera Gregson, Mary Heeter, William Downs, Dee Miller, Irene Easterday, Joe Schaaf, Ruth Downs, Charles Richardson, Alice Vawters, Lee Fugate, Ruth Peeples, Harry Rosborg, Glendon Shore, George Gregson, Lillian Schreyer, Robert Hoffman, Olive Hendrickson, Donald Brower, Perry Richardson, Ernest Johnson, Paul Winters, Raymond Gohn, Fred Van Duyne, Walter Smith, Mary Ruth Brown

### **1922**

Howard Pontious, Margaret Wilson, Katherine Perschbacher, Robert Allen, Marguerite Beatty, Roland Haimbaugh, Mary Swabey, Harry Nafe, Catherine McKee, George Mizer, Lepha Musselman, Medrith Perschbacher, Devane Felts, Edith Robbins, Lester Crabbs, Vernon Daggy, Hilda Kochenderfer, Emerson Zimmerman, Clifford Downs, Jeanette Noftsgar, LeRoy Madary, Winnifred Miller, Arnie Kindig, Helen Lowe, Cecil Jones, Pauline Moonshower, Robert Swinehart, Minnie Stockberger, Edith Teems, Irene Shott, Estel Rowles, Fern Taylor, Clyde Neff, Hazel Gohn, Don Nichols, Jessie Wright, Robert Murphy, Marjorie Metzler, Oren Mathias, Mildred Haggerty, Lois Fields, Eva McMahan

### **1923**

Margaret Carruthers, George Hurst, Esther Overmyer, Gurley Mae Chastain, Walter Morse, Margaret Bryant, Dean Stinson, Ruth Shuman, Annabelle Davis, Francis Carlton, Pauline Cook, Pauline Gordon, Miriam Miller, Victor Mikesell, Dean McMahan, Helen Finney, Byron Bailey, Ida Hays, Palmer Bussert, Helen Delp, Nina Zimmerman, Oris King, Free Love Newcomb, Ernest Wales, Evelyn Shonk, Alice Black, Harold King, Cleo Fugate, Howard Knicklebine, Helen Mathias, Helen Brown, Arthur Myers, Herbert Zimmerman, Robert Chamberlain, Helen Osborne, Jean Rannells, Joe Hendrickson, Almyrta Bligh, Page Leiter, Dorothy Conkle, Belva Shobe, John Fraley, Doshia Wilhoit, Ralph Terry, Leona Rinehart, Edna Brown, Milo Hoffman, Ruth Hoffman, Kermit Calloway, Zulah Barkman, Bessie Marriot, Roy Haggerty, Harlan Thompson, Donald Kumler

### **1924**

Myers Deems, Louise Metzler, Mary Carlton, Pauline Goss, Lowell Oliver, Orvan VanLue, Crystal Tipton, Edith Pierce, Leon Sheetz, Daurcy Wright, Effie Borden, Helen Fenstermacher, Luther Manning, Narcissus Sowers, Ruth Lichtenwalter, Donald Zegafuse, Marion Gohn, Marietta

## **Ro**

Taylor, Kathryn Hunneshagen, Steele Norris, Elding Clayburn, Arizona Hamlet, Wilma Smith, Richard Van Dien, Wyle G. Bonine, Mary Alice Hendrickson, Robert Walters, Ralph Jurgensmeyer, Margaret Neerman, Yetta Entsminger, Howard Carr, Franklin Smiley, Nondas Sheets, Frances Jones, Franklin Wagoner, Doris Cessna, Pauline Morgan, Ruth Beck, Russell Miller, Charles Jones, Mabel Kelly, Ruth Carruthers, James Perry, Coral Steffy, Hazel Marsh, Paul Meyers, Robert Pyle, Blanche Kennell, Marguerite Shott, David Deamer, Carl Batz, Eva Miller, Evadean Leedy

[In Memoriam: Hugh Murphy, Died March 1, 1924. A friend of everyone who knew him. He was a member of the Senior Class and his death is mourned by all his friends and classmates. Wilbur Teeter, Died March 5, 1924. As a member of the Freshman Class he won the respect and confidence of all who knew him and his tragic death was a bitter shock to the whole school.]

## **1925**

John Leonard, Wilnetta Shore, Helen Chamberlain, Edward Ravencroft, Marjorie Curtis, Margaret Sowers, Milton Whittenberger, Bernice Hagan, Irene Smith, Kenneth Kochenderfer, Mildred Tobey, Faye Sheets, Serena Gelbaugh, Russel Smiley, Martha Hood, Burnadetta Cline, Mildred Batz, Pauline Pontius, Mark Oliver, Kathryn Thornburg, Clarence Alexander, Elma Myers, Vada McCarter, Laurel Kenyon, Arnold Spurlock, Marjorie Biddinger, Dorothy Spohn, Ned Hart, Abe Krom, Maude Sturken, Mary Jane Bunn, Dale Felts, Howard Chamberlain, Helen Shuman, Fern Beehler, Carl Barnett, Denise Daggy, Eva Severns, Raymond Pontius, Henrietta Brubaker, Leora Crabbs, Harley McGee, Pauline McIntyre, Louise Morrett, John Ravencroft, Helen Moore, Mable Riddle, Charley McGee, Leah Downs, Opal Briney, Orlen Kepler, Mildred Manning, Joe Barnette, Pauline Bryant, Marie Kessler, Walker Arven, Linley Chamberlain, Fred Nicodemus, Barr Montgomery, George Gordon, Harold Goss, Harold Swartwood

[In Memoriam: Robert Mogle, Born May 27, 1908, Died July 18, 1924, Class of 1925; Helen Rynearson, Born March 9, 1905, Died October 29, 1924, Class of 1925]

## **1926**

James Atkinson, Marjorie Downs, Joe Arnold, Joe Shelton, Ralph Kirkendall, Mildred Thompson, Deverl Carr, Velma Fore, Ollivene Kumler, Dale Zimmerman, Mary Frances Waller, Forrest Wertz, Harriet Moore, Frances Whitney Curtis, Fred Miller, Anna Belle Burkett, Mary Long, Amelia Doyle, Dorothy Deniston, Elizabeth Stehle, Leon Babcock, George Bligh, Virginia Emma Barger, Harold Darnall, Annabel Noftsgar, Everett Lichtenwalter, Esther Thrush, Mildred Hearn, Marie Newell, Edith Hurst, Juanite Ambler, Wesley Mills, Ferman Mow, Mercedes Becker, Luther Keel, Donald Swartwood, Miriam Hetzner, Esther Zegafuse, Isabel Rans, Josephine Smith, Mary Newell, Lura Zimmerman, Agnes O'Brien, Lawrence Holland, Mabel Souder, Mildred Pauline Kale, Floyd Gaumer, George Foster, Jackson Brubaker, Nilah Norris, Mabel Whittenberger, Kenneth Piper, George Krom, Bernice Carr, Dorothy Smiley, Maybelle Mohler, Wilma Kochenderfer, Laura Anchorstrand, Howard Rowe, Joe Van Duyne, Virgil Kindig, Ruth Markley, Donnabelle Coakley

## **1927**

Clifford Sriver, Roy Fultz, Catherine Myers, Porter Sibert, Nila Ambler, Mary Margaret Wylie, George Foster, Madge Dillon, Thelma DuBois, Violet Heeter, Hugh Tobey, Ray Coplen, Bonneita Ream, Edith Henderson, Edgar L. House, Clifford Fields, Eunice Adams, Helen Miller, Telford Conrad, Allison Haimbaugh, Lavonna Bailey, Margaret Coon, Carl Parker, Clarence Carr, Annabelle Yike, Josephine Gordon, Joseph Horton, John Shafer, Stella Von Bailey, Elizabeth Norris, Lorraine Moore, Charles Sheridan, Richard Crowder, Lois Shobe, Forest Leiter, Ruth Kelley, Lora Sheets, Paul Rockwell, Robert L. Kenyon, Kathleen Mullican, Harold Karn, Nila Daggy, Howard Wertzberger, Mae Pierce, Genevieve E. Shobe, Barrett Irvine, Merle Blacketor, Jessie Rogers, Irene G. Fultz, Myron Berkheiser, Doc Miller, Martha Sheets, Lawrence Ketchmark, Beulah Shonk, Lola Bick, Clarence Wynn, Lawrence Delp, Opal Overmyer, Howard Swartwood, Grace Babcock, Elsie spohn, Virgil Miller, Viola Jones, Donald Sheets, Willodean Ball, Evangeline L. Holman

## **1928**

## **Ro**

Robert Richardson, Kathryn Atkinson, Rebelle McMahan, Lyman Burkett, William Bussert, Thelma Smith, Frances Bryant, Donald Terry, Alfred Sibert, Helen Ysberg, Helen Vawter, Lawrence Ketchmark, Richard Smith, Nina Piper, Louis Foster, Eleanor Mann, Isabel Goss, Howard Stoner, Henry Skidmore, Billie Brown, Maurine Jefferies, Cecil Fenstermaker, Paul Conkle, Ercel Powell, Miriam Kennel, Thelma Overmyer, Laura Foy, Arthur Sheets, Herbert Myers, Elnora Hudkins, Orville Severns, Aletha McVay, Audrey Lowe, Robert Krathwohl, Daniel Flynn, Lorene Drudge, Betty Carter, Donald Davis, Wilbur Powell, Mary Delp, Anna Baldwin, Victor Arven, Louise Rogers, Mary Jane Hood, Hubert Whittenberger, Isabel Haimbaugh, Lola Heeter, Ralph Conaway, Deverl Frye, Charleen Raymer, Marjorie Fretz, Hubert Shott, Herman Jones, Annabell Yike, John Bradley, Ward Wiley

## **1929**

Maurice Carruthers, Marvin Moonshower, Lenorabell Snyder, Nadine Adams, Wayne Bacon, Lyle Bailey, William Baldwin, Horatio Blacketor, Emery Bowman, Pauline Brown, Arthur Brubaker, Laura Campbell, Ruth Carr, Page Coplen, Zelma Crabill, Marjorie Dague, Zora Downey, Miriam Entsminger, Vera Feece, Morton Freese, Meriam Graeber, Frank Greer, Omer Haimbaugh, Howard Hayes, Curtner Heath, Paul Hoge, Harold Hoover, Marjorie Hoover, Cleon Kindig, Margaret Koch, Burdell Leiter, Emily Mann, Marjorie Manning, Katherine McCarter, Robert McMahan, Emeline Metzler, Arthur Mikesell, Helen Miller, Hiram Miller, Robert Miller, Lee Moore, Harry Newell, Elim Osborn, Henrietta Overmyer, Kathleen Raymer, Wayne Robertson, Zorah Ross, Thelma Sanders, Betty Shafer, Lucille Shaffer, Paul Shaffer, Irene Smith, Liston Smith, Martin Souder, Harold Spurlock, Byron Studebaker, Luther Walter, Hilda West, Clayton Whisman, Opal Williams, Ruby Williams, Marjorie Wilson, Mary Woodcox, Helen Wright, Orpha Yoder, Wilma Zimmerman

## **1930**

Mary Edna Ducker, Donald Pontius, Ethel Kersey, Kyle Thompson, Rachel Hoge, Edward Griebe, Frances Sibert, John Wilson, Claribel Myers, Harold Abbott, Medrith Brower, James Nixon, Donna Brooks, Francis Stoner, Bernice Casper, Chester Knicklebine, Josephine Belding, Roy Daggy, Martha Moonshower, Porter Whisman, Dorothy Greer, Ronald Powell, Martha Alice Brown, Francis Blacketor, Mary Tobey, Miriam Shobe, Russel Black, Gene Johnston, Bill Wertzberger, Clarice Moore, Gwendolyn Van Dien, Victor Hoover, Eva Rowe, Floyd Kindig, Helen Eber, Elizabeth Richter, Donald Rans, Grace Eash, Omer Coplen, Leah Keel, Margaret Foster, Alden Lichtenwalter, Lula Mae Morrett, Eugene Gelbaugh, Annabel Woodcox, Florence Overmyer, Bennie Daulton, Elsie Adams, Clem Piper, Elva Butler, Cecil Patterson, Belva Cleland, Howard Collins, Josephine Mutchler, Lee Moore, Mary Davis, Harold Newcomer, Mildred Russell

[In Memoriam, Billy Priest, A member of the class of 1933, Died November 15, 1929]

## **1931**

John Shipley, Ernest Bonine, Devereux Cessna, LeRoy Frobish, Dolores Karn, Marguerite Scheid, Harold Morrett, Mary Jane Alspach, Donald Miller, George Dague, Edna Nichols, Billy Deniston, Mary Ambler, James Coplen, Harold Cooper, Mary Alice Shonk, Robert Allen, Marguerite Walter, Oden J. Barger, Edith Alspach, William Morgan, Burnette Strong, Thomas Hunt, Mary Alice Vernon, Robert Stoner, Madge Carr, Vine Curtis, Mabel Curtis, Ancil Michael, Forest Skidmore, Dorothy Wilson, Robert Van Duyne, Ruth Conkle, Howard Henderson, Bernice Baldwin, Pauline Russell, Irene Sampsel, Ruth Wolfe, Eugene Kelley, Dorcas DuBois, Lois Gaumer, Forest Rans, Mary Rice, Luther Herbster, Guy Moore, Maleta Brubaker, Archie Marriott, Lois Zegafuse, Mildred Rouch, Kenneth Castleman, Merle Blacketor, Hubert Van Lue

## **1932**

Jimmy Brackett, Mildred Barkman, Marjorie Thompson, Cathryn Knickelbine, Hazel Brown, James Peterson, Dora Rowe, Robert W. Hartung, Richard V. Rogers, Marjorie Perry, Van Brown, Helen Sheridan, Helen Barkman, Alfred Nixon, Earl Bailey, Ruth Pletcher, Ferne Quinn, Opal Mann, Thomas Clark, Hannah Hood, Byron Fretz, Zetta DuBois, Ruth Eber, Florence Ducker, Juanita Lebo, Wendell Tombaugh, Ruth Spohn, Mary Zartman, Rolland Meiser, Rachel Conrad, Helen House, Deloy Kindig, Earl Osborn, Doris Page, Veryl Marie Adams, Byron Shore, Francis

## **Ro**

Raymer, Esther Lehman, Virginia Carruthers, Woodrow Rynearson, Carolyn Barr, Harlin Showley, Fern Bolinger, Mabel Gordon, Elizabeth Van Trump, Hugh Moore, Katherine Masters, Blanch Yeazel, Albertus Van Dien, Alice Delp, Helen R. Leiter, Watson Curtis, Howard Shireman, Hazel McCalla, Thelma C. Kester

### **1933**

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Hugh Blacketor, Kline Blacketor, Herbert Beck, Esther Beck, Dorothy Batchelor, Darwin Braman, Violet Bryant, Edwin Carithers, Clarabelle Carr, Herman Coplen, Maurice Coplen, Lloyd Craig, Patricia Davisson, Lloyd Dawson, Ben DuBois, Arthur Dickinson, Paul Ducker, Howard Ewen, Harry Fitzell, Catherine Foster, Richard Frill, Betty Ginther, John Keim, Pauline Kindig, Mable Kline, Geneva Klopfenstein, Louise Meader, Walter Meader, Marguerite Mitchell, Florence Moore, Hugh Moore, Robert Osborn, Wilma Pike, Annabelle Pontious Martha Quick, John Richardson, Donald Rouch, Lola Strong, Dola Taylor, Annabelle Walters, Margaret Weber, Virgil Whisman, Claretta Wolfe, Edgar Young and George Thompson.

### **1934**

James L. Allison, Myra Alspach, Maxine Ambler, Betty Bailey, Dorothy Bailey, Edgar Baney, Mabel Barkman, Pauline O. Barnhardt, Ethel Blacketor, Fred Brower, Devern Brubaker, Irene Brunson, Ruth Cannon, Helen Louise Carithers, Christine Carlson, Rosa Mary Worrell, Eldon Cessna, Lewis H. Cleland, Lela Davis, Rose Dickinson, Viola Eisenman, Lillian Fenstermaker, Joe Gilbert, Alice Gilliland, James Ginther, Lester Gordon, Louise Haggerty, George Haimbaugh, Lucille E. Hoffman, Hugh Holman, Jr., Lester J. Leman, James Mandleco, Wohrer Malaby, Gail Moore, Marjorie McClung, W. Carson McGuire, Frances Neff, Mabel Nixon, June Overmyer, Anna Ruth Piper, Mary Pyle, Myron C. Reed, Ralph Reddick, Rhea A. Rogers, Ellen Sanders, Helen Sausaman, Barbara Shafer, David Shafer, Elnora Showley, Marguerite Slonaker, Frank Smith, Mary Frances Sturken, Mary Anne Van Dien, Martha Van Trump, Bill Wagoner, Martha Walters, Mary Whittenberger

### **1935**

Claude Brubaker, Barbara Deniston, Jess Brown, Helen Dague, Mary Adams, Robert Babcock, Bert Bender, Marjory Braman, James Deardorff, Dean Ault, James Barnes, Alvada Bick, Jeanette Bryant, Jean Foster, Leona Good, Conde Holloway, Marietta Krieghbaum, Bettie Manchester, Emerson McMahan, Dick Heeter, Ralph Hudkins, Agnes Little, Bill McCall, George McMahan, Frances McMillen, Ernest Miller, Ernest Newman, George Osborn, Lewis Polk, Charlotte Miller, Eileen Mullican, Bill Nicholson, Pauline Osborn, Byron Quick, Avis Reddick, Fredrick Ruh, Robert Smiley, Cecil Taylor, John Vernon, Josephine Rowe, Bill Skidmore, James Snyder, Josephine Thompson, John Weigle

### **1936**

Max Bailey, Russel Parker, Warren Wise, June Ault, Betty Jane Baker, Edith Barker, Earl Barkman, Lester D. Beck, Margaret Becker, James Bowell, Evelyn Brubaker, Wilma Bryant, Byron F. Carr, George William Carr, Ida Katherine Carr, Herbert W. Clay, Joe E. Conaway, Donald Countryman, Barbara Darr, June Davis, Odessa Field, Eileen Garner, Joanne Ginther, Doris Harper, Maribelle Harter, George Haynes, Kathleen Heeter, Madelyn Herbster, Florence Lucille Irvine, Albert Jennens, Ruth Jennens, Chas. Kochenderfer, Eileen McQuiston, Keith L. Miller, Laurence Miller, Robert C. Miller, Margaret Nelson, Robert Pletcher, Donald Polk, Margaret Pyle, Donald J. Robertson, Robert Rose, Virginia Rose, Norine Skidmore, Doris Slonaker, Mary Jane Smith, Frederick Snyder, Omer Spohn, Elizabeth Swartz, Irene Townsend, Kathryn Van Lue, Audrey Weaver, Louise Willard, Russell Williams, Sara Jane Zimmerman, Esther Miller

### **1937**

Ruby Adams, James Ambler, Tom Baldwin, Deverl Becker, Catherin Bemenderfer, Jack Bigler, Bonnie Mae Blacketor, Bob Bradley, Marie Brock, Ellamae Brown, Joan Camblin, Emelyn Castle, Betty Conkle, Charles Coplen, Walter Dickinson, George Haynes, Kenneth Jagger,

## **Ro**

Frances Johnson, Evelyn Keeseey, Jean Kissinger, Dorothy Leman, Betty Meader, Ivan Michael, Margaret Miller, Ralph Miller, Phyllis Mitchell, Dorothy Moore, Ida Kathryn Moore, Vivian Moore, Bob Morris, Mildred Neeves, Forest Pike, Mary Pletcher, Joe Quick, Donna Rhoda, Robert Richards, Reuben Rynearson, John Smiley, James Smith, Bob Taylor, Stanley Teel, Norma Jean Truax, Donald Werner, James Williams, Evelyn Zellers

### **1938**

Frederick Eugene Gordon, Cecil Polk, Carl Gordon, Joe Ault, Elizabeth Adams, Joan Barr, Marguerite Bemenderfer, Naomi Bender, Georgia Belle Berrier, Bernice Blacketor, Clem Bowen, Jr., Dorothy Bryant, Marjorie Carithers, Marjorie Clay, Freda Cook, Wilbur Coon, Kathleen Coplen, Garry Daniels, Burl Eber, Dottie Estabrook, Agnes Fleming, Bill Gilliland, John C. Gray, Helen Haimbaugh, Eloise Hanks, Marilee Hatch, Gladys Herrell, Dale Jagger, Trenson Kline, Harold Knicklebine, Virginia Mahnke, Mary Mathias, Helen McDougale, Mary McDougale, Bill McKee, Eva McKee, Norman E. Meiser, Burk Boyd Miller, Howard Mosher, Doris May Newby, Mary Helen Nixon, Geraldine Park, Lorene Peterson, Ted L. Reed, Mary Frances Ross-Shannon, Philip Shafer, Helen Sloderbeck, Dean Smiley, Louis W. Stretch, Judy Sutherland, Mary Thrush, Edna Tobey, Anne Van Trump, Arthur Weaver, Jim Williams, Martha Wilson, Anita Zimmerman, James W. Zimmerman

### **1939**

James Smith, William Rusler, Richard Brackett, Wayne Daulton, Deloris Arven, Richard Baber, Betty Lou Barnette, David Barnhardt, Ruth Beaudoin, Frances Berrier, Mary Jane Bowers, Maxine Brown, Walter Brown, Natalie Burgett, Jay Carr, Glenn Cleland, Mary Elizabeth Clemens, Louise Clupper, Lou Jean Conover, Grace Conrad, Glen Daulton, Marcia Davis, Zanna Davisson, Robert De Bruler, Leo Dubois, Edward Floyd, Donald Hartung, George Dale Holloway, Margaret Imhoof, Mildred Alice Irvine, Jean Deverl Johnston, Richard Kesler, Eugene Koch, Richard Landon, Helen McCalla, Eugene McIntyre, Betty McKee, Arthur J. Miller, Jack Miller, Jake Miller, Annabelle Moore, Helen Moore, Joan Myers, Harriett Overmyer, Marcia Pontius, Virginia Quackenbush, Rosanna Ruh, Louise Sheets, Don Smiley, Ruth Smiley, Jane Smith, Richard Smith, Eddie Snyder, Gene Thompson, Jim Tobey, Helen Tucker, Dorothy Vernon, Helen Wilson, Mildred Ann Wylie, Donald Young, Betty Zellers, Lester Zeller

### **1940**

Charles Alspach, Nelson Anderson, Louise Ault, Imogene Baber, Lou Edith Baker, James Boyce, Warren Braman, Joanna Briney, Melvin Bryant, Dorothy May Brock, Jean Calvin, Kathleen Cann, Ruth Clifford, Genevere Elizabeth Cook, Virgil Darkwood, Virginia Delp, Frances Eshelman, Ida Fingerle, Catherine Fred, Firmer Glassley, Raymond Goss, Arletta Harper, Billa Hartung, Frederick Hoffman, Dale Johnston, Elizabeth Kent, Betty Jean King, Charles King, Robert Mathias, Mable McGrath, Wilmer McIntire, Charlotte Medaris, Jean Miller, Betty Murray, Mary Jane Osborn, Lucyanna Peterson, Mary Louise Polk, Mary Reddick, Ted Riley, Bill Ritchie, Francis Rogers, Marvin Rose, Betty Sherrard, Mary Virginia Shore, Richard Smith, Martha Jean Stretch, Annabelle Taylor, Mary Eunice Taylor, John Taylor, Betty Thrush, Arthur Thomas Updike, Frederick Van Dien, Willetta Van Lue, Dee Wallace, Jean Wilson, Betty Yike, James Yike

### **1941**

Deverle Abbott, Keith Barts, Fred Bemenderfer, Charles Robert Bigler, Lawrence Brown, Betty Carr, Westel Carr, Bob Cessna, Deloise Cunningham, Kathleen LaVonne Emmons, Emerson Enyart, Kenneth A. Enyart, Marjorie Ann Fenstermaker, Kathleen J. Fore, DeVon H. Graham, Margaret Gregory, Dixie Louise Harvey, Charles L. Killion, Marietta Kindig, Pat Krieghbaum, Bette Miller, Edward Miller, Joanne Miller, Dale Milliser, Harold Moore, Jean Neighbor, Barbara Newell, Jack K. Overmyer, Harvey Palmer, John Richards, Harry Rush, Richard E. Sherbondy, Frederick Dale Smiley, Don Stout, Martha Jean Smith, John D. Taylor, Vivian Thrush, Helen J. Werner, John Wise, Lionel W. Young, Fred Zellers

### **1942**

Joanna Ault, Bonita Babcock, Clyde E. Bick, Richard Booher, Charles Boyce, Calvin Braman, Lou Jean Briggs, Grace Brown, Jean Brubaker, Charles Burget, Frank Carrithers, Dean Carr, Betty

## **Ro**

Castle, Donna Castleman, Ildia Cook, Shirley Cooper, Art Craig, Bill Daggy, Martha Day, George Deardorff, Jean Emmons, Harold Emmons, Betty Evans, Pearl Fancil, Leo Feece, Lucy Gilbert, Jean Gohn, Virginia Graham, Arphelia Ann Hamlett, Ilo Helt, Marjorie Hight, Hugh Hunneshagen, Betty Jennens, Mary Kindig, Olive Jane Koomler, Mary Lamb, Dustin G. Loman, Helen Maglecic, Ward McCarty, Frances McGuire, Donnabelle Mikesell, Martha Miller, Billy Myers, Dean Neher, Bob Neighbor, Dick Newell, Harold Jan Nightlinger, Selena Peterson, Marcele Reddick, Betty Reed, Bob Ross-Shannon, Jim Shelton, Weldon Sherrard, DeVon Shuman, Hadden Stewart, Art Swango, Milton Thacker, Dick Tobey, Bill Willard, Margery Wilson, Ida Young, Dick Young, Robert Zeller

### **1943**

Maxine Bailey, June Barts, Elwyn Becker, Bob Bennett, Carolyn Bowers, Robert Brown, Ellen Bunnell, Bob Burns, Joseph Callahan, Harriett Carr, Carolyn Coplen, Virginia Denton, Tom DuBois, Lois Herendeen, Marjorie Hoffman, Harriett Hogue, Doyne Hoover, Jack Killion, Malcolm Kestner, Dick King, Bill Kriegbaum, June Mathias, Jean McDougale, Mary E. Moore, Bill Myers, Mary Lou Newcomb, Don Potter, Janis Reed, Wanda Remy, Kathryn Rogers, Marjorie Rynearson, Maurice Sadowsky, Dick Sanders, Joe Sparks, Joe Stansbury, Max Teeter, Russell Thompson, Bill Tippy, Evelyn Van Duyne, Bob Wagnor, Walter Weber, Alice Jean Zimmerman

### **1944**

Billie Adamson, Peggy Frances Ball, Gale Frederick Barter, Frances Bringham, Robert Brown, Paul J. Burns, Dorothy Carr, James E. Carruthers, William Cessna, Evelene Cook, Francis Coplen, John Davis, Harley R. Denton, Virginia Louise Dovichi, Bill Downs, Lola Ekblaw, John Flora, Jr., Lois Gordon, Plyllis Ann Graham, Naomi J. Hight, Robert E. Jackson, Richard E. Kindig, Robert McKelvey, Kathryn Lynch, Robert Merkert, Frederick Mitchell, Mary Katherine Moore, Arnold Murray, Willis Nickell, Mary Louise Norris, Patricia Potter, Don Reed, Betty Russell, Francis Sanders, Geraldine J. Schafer, Virginia Schindler, Eldon Shultz, Walter Donovan Smith, Jane Anne Smith, Charles Spohn, Jr., William Stephen, Bonnie Lee Stretch, Mae Van Duyne, Margaret Wilhoit, Jo Ann Wright, Betty Maxine Zartman, Nedra Zimmerman, Annabelle Zolman

### **1945**

Tom Aylesworth, Ethel Baker, Mary Kathryn Beck, Jordon Blumenthal, James Bowers, Paul Zartman, Frances Castleman, Bob Caywood, Dick Clary, Vernice Craig, Velma Dague, Robert Deardorff, John Fultz, Duane Gohn, John Helt, Catherine Henriott, Roberta Hunneshagen, Bill Huxley, Rose Mary Huxley, Suzanne Kaye, Fred Keim, Jack Kern, Genevieve Kestner, Helen Kindig, Betty Leckrone, Maxine Masters, Muriel Mathias, Kathleen McDougale, Joan Miller, Bob Murphy, Wanetta Neher, Joanne Newcomb, Engrid Peterson, Carlyn Read, Duane Remy, Richard Rogers, Dick Ross, Bill Schroer, Nancy Scull, Sally Shafer, Eldon Shepherd, Jane Sisson, Betty Snyder, Camille Thompson, Frederick Van Duyne, Randall Westwood, Jim Willard, Donna Zolman

### **1946**

Mary Abbott, Jessie Alderfer, Rosemary Ault, Francis Babcock, Parke Baxter, Frances Bearss, June Becker, Dick Berry, Virginia Best, Evelyn Bick, Robert Bilyew, Gene Bryant, Catherine Carruthers, Virginia Cleland, Corinne Cox, Robert E. Delp, Wilma Dittmer, Richard Downs, Wallace Ewer, Kathryn Felix, Alberta Glassley, Robert Gohn, Melvin Hays, Patricia Hoffman, Pearly Johnson, Franklin Lindley, Jolene Messman, Charles B. Miller, John Max Miller, Richard Miller, Phyllis Newcomb, Marjorie Newman, Jack Pickens, Suzanne Rankin, Elnora Rouch, Robert Rouch, John Sheetz, Louise Smith, Georgia Ann Snyder, Mary Jo Sowers, Janis Thacker, Jack Tippy, Bill Wagoner, Harold Wright, Luanne Zimmerman

### **1947**

Claude Atkinson, Fred Baker, Ramona Caywood, Richard Cook, Willidean Cumberland, Eileen Enyart, John Eshelman, Lois Baker, Bob Bergman, Robert Clemans, Charles Conover, Gloria Ensign, Jean Eshelman, Georgia Fenstermaker, Virginia Goss, Charles Helt, Russell Heyde, Nancy Kumler, Patty Leckrone, Kenneth Melton, Ralph Miller, Arlen Hammond, James Henriott, Dora Anne Keim, Lois Lang, Tad Louderback, Claretta Mikels, Robert Moore, Anna Neff, John

## **Ro**

Nelson, Jack Sayger, Bill Smith, Janice Spohn, Juanita Thompson, Katherine Townsend, Gerald Neff, Ted Olsen, Barbara Smiley, James Spencer, Virginia Stewart, Dean Timbers, Jean Van Lue, James Watson, Orville Weiske, Fred Wideman, Winsell Zartman, Janice Weller, Wayne Wilson, Betty Woodcox

### **1948**

Patricia Ann Abell, Joe Barts, Peggy Betcher, Manford Alber, Wendell Bearss, Betty Bowman, Marijo Alexander, Don Beattie, Glen Bryant, Frank Ascensio, Ned Bemenderfer, Belva Burns, Norma Bussert, Barbara Cleland, Ted C. Davis, Kermit H. Calloway, Bob Clevenger, Irma Denton, Otto Carothers, Byron Conrad, Marjorie Denton, Dick Clay, Gerald Damas, Lois Eastlund, Carl Enyart, Gordon Hedges, Francis Jones, Lois Gilger, Marily Hunneshagen, Patty Keel, Mae Ginther, Lynn Iler, Jack King, Carl Grube, Barbara Jarrette, Howard Lease, Gordon Lebo, Charles N. Miller, Nancy Newell, Patricia Ann McCalla, Janice Miller, Jerry Oliver, Joy McConkey, Donna Carol Mitchell, Dean Perdue, Albert Melton, Maxine Mueller, Lola Pierce, Susan Richardson, Rosanna Ross, Joan Schafer, Ruby Robeson, Don Roy, Jack W. Schindler, Charles Rogers, James Rudd, Louis Schroer, Dick Rosenbury, Wilson Sadowsky, Patricia Servis, Phyllis Jean Shultz, Jeanne Spohn, Mary Virginia Tabler, Albert Smith, Marjorie Steininger, Dave Taylor, Glen Southerton, Bob Stocking, Marilyn Taylor, John Sparks, Ola Stubblefield, Jack Thompson, Anna Marie Upp, John D. Van Lue, Peggy Voorhees, Bob Wilkinson, Dorney Willard, Earl Wayne Wilson, Jim Zeller

### **1949**

Mary Alber, Waldo Baker, Gloria Barter, Gloria Baxter, Lorna Breseke, Alice Bringham, Joan Burns, Marilyn Bussert, Ralph Calvert, Martha Cantwell, John Carlson, Hilda Carr, Bonnie Castleman, Anna Cessna, Mary Ellen Church, Cleta Cloud, Phyllis Collins, Bob Daake, Mary Dague, Jerry Day, James Durkes, Harland Ehlinger, Kenneth Felts, Ann Foster, Rosemary Gohn, Patsy Good, Dick Greer, Bob Helt, Jacqueline Hinkle, Bill Hoffman, Bob Holmes, Martha Hopper, Carl Howard, Burton Jones, Charles Jones, Harvey Keim, Mickey Jo Mathias, Yvonne McMurray, Suzanne Mitchell, Mildred Miller, Mary Ann Mullen, Marlene Murphy, Bill Musick, Alvena O'Brien, Mary Lou O'Connell, Jack Oliver, Edna Perdue, Gene Pickens, Ward Polley, Bill Ray, Gene Reno, Donald Rock, Virginia Sanders, Florence Schroeder, Charlene Sheetz, Jim Smith, Robert Smith, Bertha Souther, Jim Bob Stewart, Beverly Styck, Bonnie Summers, Virgil Sutton, Frances Taylor, Joan Ilene Thomas, Don Van Horn, Betty Jo Vernon, Irene Weiske, Marjorie Wideman, Fred Wood, George Wright, John Yike, Jack Zartman, Mary Zimmerman

### **1950**

Victor Arven, George Babarik, Shelley Isabell Baker, Ray Booher, Spearl Bradley, Jacquelyn Lou Brown, Barbara Ann Carlson, Bill Dague, Dick Davidson, Doyt D. Davies, Charles Denton, Diane J. Elin, Joan Ewing, Dorothy Fay Grube, Velma Jean Hahne, Mary Lou Herrell, Jay Allen Heyde, Bob Hill, Joe L. Hixon, Donna Jeanne Jarrette, Jeannie Johnson, Catherine Kirkpatrick, Geraldine Joan Knauff, Ann Kumler, William D. Marshall, Keith Mathias, Marcia McGee, Monna Jo McKinney, Gerald Thomas Melton, Peyton Ronald Morris, Maralyn Lee Myers, Phyllis Neff, Marcia Newcomb, Warren Nickell, Jr., Edward Ogle, Phyllis Onstott, Alta Perry, Donna Pickens, Robert Popovich, Douglas Powell, Kenneth Eugene Reddick, James Rhinehart, Jack L. Robinson, Devon Lee Showley, Glen Shriver, Esther Slonaker, Martha Jane Smiley, James O. Smith, Robert M. Smith, Richard Sowers, John Russell Stewart, Roy D. Swartz, Roberta Faye Thompson, Joyce Timbers, Wava Yvonne Watson, Denny Wertzberger, Edith Woodcox, Victor Zartman

### **1951**

Lois Glenn Alderfer, Ramon Ascencio, Ruth Marilyn Azbell, Martha Baldwin, Sarah Ann Barts, Marilyn Bayles, Helen Beck, Jack Beery, Lalla Jane Boswell, Merlene Bradley, Minnie Jean Bradley, Laurel Burnham, Don Cantwell, Phil Carr, Mary Lou Cloud, Bill Conover, Mell Copen, Chaume Crabbs, Edwin Crissinger, Lavon Crissinger, Darwin DeLand, James Denton, Eugene DeWeese, William B. Enyart, Catherine Ewing, Isabelle Funk, Larry Lee Goss, Bonnie Lou Grove, Betty Mae Grube, Allison Haimbaugh, George Hess, James Wallace Hyde, Marvin Holloway, Phyllis Holloway, Barbara Hopper, George Hudkins, Carolyn Jackson, Rozella Rebecca Johnson, Anita June Keith, Omer Kindig, Jean Kofford, Nancy Long, Bebe Sue Mattix,

## **Ro**

June McCall, Marguerette McMurray, Sue Ann Mikels, Janet Miller, Bob Mills, Robert Weir Mitchell, Joan Theresa Mullen, Eunice Rita Neusus, Tony Newell, Bill O'Blenis, Florence Onstott, Virginia Lee Reed, Alma Rhinehart, Barbara Louise Rogers, Jack Romig, Bob Rosenbury, Wendell D. Sanders, Max Shultz, Jack Lee Smiley, Carol Smith, Joyce Snyder, Jean Ann Spencer, Phyllis Taylor, Mary Jo Thompson, John Tippy, Wade Tucker, David Wagoner, Carlyn Jean Yike

### **1952**

Gordon Allewelt, Paul Arven, Paul Eugene Baker, Kenneth Bathrick, Richard Belcher, Mary Lou Berger, Joetta Lee Blackwood, Joyce Bowen, Harland Junior Bowyer, Mary Jane Bradley, Donald K. Breseke, Joyce Ann Burkett, Dick L. Carlson, John Edward Collins, William H. Collins, Jr., Dorla Cumberland, Ann Cumberland, David Daulton, Harold Leroy Dawson, Janice Marie Durkes, Leta Eiler, John Robert Ensign, Don Fenstermaker, Mary Ellen Foster, Marilyn Henderson, Larry Tad Henderson, Don Herendeen, Nancy Hopper, Jane Iler, Jackie Sue Johnson, LaMar Johnson, Betty Kelley, Mary Kindig, Alan Lynn Kirkendall, Thomas Allen Klapp, Donald D. Kochenderfer, Jean Ann Krathwohl, Neal L. Lindeman, Randy Masterson, Elsie Mae Mathias, John E. McIntire, Phillip Eugene Melton, Ann Metzler, Doris Lynette Neff, Ed Newcomb, David B. Onstott, Arlene Veryl Perry, Carole June Reuter, Shirley Ann Robson, Betty Shafer, Jerry Dean Smith, Tom Smith, Mary Ellen Stewart, Dean Stinson, Marcia Suddith, Eileen Thomas, Carlene Anne Thompson, Robert Tobey, Marilyn Van Duyne, Bill Van Lue, Merlyn Earl Wagoner, Sandra Ann Watson, Robert Jerome Whitcomb, Paul D. Wideman, Marlene Joan Willard, Patsy Willard, Gene Woodcox, Phil Yeakley, Elizabeth Zeller, Louis Earl Zellers, Wayne Zumbaugh

### **1953**

Robert Roy Beall, Joe Richardson, Karen Ann Westwood, Rob Eiler, Dixie Alderfer, Mary Jo Alexander, Jerry Baker, Philip Baker, Alice Barts, Keith Bathrick, John David Bayles, Dale Berkebile, Jack Bick, Dolores M. Biggs, Norman Blackwood, Norma Jane Bowyer, Bill Brown, Jack Brubaker, Dale Clay, Russell Clinton, Earline Cloud, Ruth Ellen Conn, Charone Crabbs, Darlene Cumberland, Colette DuBois, Lon August Duguay, Sarah Eber, Dan Enyart, Joan Elizabeth Farr, Eileen Friedrich, Harriett Ann Fultz, Bill Gordon, Bill Hayes, Nancy Henrick, Barbara Holloway, Jack Holloway, Dortha Ruth Hopper, Nelson D. Hunter, Peggy Joyce Johnson, Kay Donna Karns, Nicholas N. Keel, Nance Keim, John McCarty, Myra McEvoy, Nancy Adele McFall, James B. Putterbaugh, Morris L. Ridenour, Anna Marie Rock, Bill Rogers, Doris Ann Rose, John Lindley Ross, Nancy Lee Rowe, Don Smith, Mary Lou Stewart, Sharon Taylor, Dale W. Thomas, Joan Lee Thompson, James Thorrington, Shirley Ann Thrush, Clair Timbers, Phyllis Van Lue, Patricia Ellen Wagoner, James H. Wertzberger, Nancy Ann Whittenberger

### **1954**

Richard Arven, Ronald Baillieul, Donnis Ballinger, Dick Barts, Lincoln H. Bayles, Ruth Miriam Beall, Janis Ann Bearss, Lawrence Dale Becker, Robert Jerome Berns, Robert D. Biggs, Carolyn Lee Burkett, Lova Burns, Carolyn Lee Castleman, Dale Castleman, Lorene Clay, Judie Daniels, Robert Darling, Robert Davis, William Lee Duguay, Ronald Durkes, Norma Jean Enyart, Allen Grube, Jane Ann Haskett, Bill Hayes, Phillip Hays, Alan Heeter, Donald Ray Helt, Everett Henderson, Tom Herendeen, Jerrold W. Hermann, Dora Mae Hess, Charlotte Hiatt, William L. Hiatt, John J. Hill, Paul Howard, Bob Howard, Harry J. Howell, Jerry Hudkins, Shirley Jernigan, Margaret Rose Johnson, Jacquelyn Jeanne Keim, Linda Lou King, Carol Sue Kirkpatrick, Peggy Anne Lichtenwalter, Lyndia Lou Louderback, Carl James Lowe, Patsy McCall, Shirley A. McFall, Gary Lee McMillen, Carole Miller, C. Raymond Miller, David Lee Mills, Elaine Mitchell, Connie Diane Newell, Bill Oatess, Phoebe Jo Onstott, Kay Patterson, Alton L. Perry, Donald Lynn Rans, Thomas Allen Ravencroft, Shirley Richardson, Eldon Rogers, Tom Rose, Mary Suzanne Sanders, Cynthia Rae Sawyer, Robert Eugene Schroer, Mary Steininger, Janet Elaine Sullivan, Robert Joe Thompson, Jim Thorrington, Donald Tomlinson, Judie Trout, David Lee Upp, Shirley Wagoner, Sara Jane Whittenberger, Glenda Wilson, Tom Winks, Bob Winterrowd, William Edward Zimmerman, Karen Zimmerman, S. E. Hall.

### **1955**

## **Ro**

Carol Sue Arven, Ethel Ann Babarik, Joyce Loretta Bailey, Gresham Bearss, Jane Ann Berkebile, Kenneth Lee Blackburn, James D. Bonine, Carol Calvert, Jack Cessna, Dorothy Clark, Bernice Darling, Rose Ellen Eckelbarger, Elsie Eileen Eiler, Susan Ann Felts, Dick Fletcher, Joan Ginn, Eldon Lee Gohn, Bill Hall, Dianna Hall, Beverly Jean Harvell, William E. Haworth, Bill Dale House, Bernie Holloway, John Holloway, Donald Jackson, Kirk R. King, David Krathwohl, Elaine Mary Lange, Jim Lease, Sharon Lynne Leiter, Raymond Macy, Eugene Maddock, Jack Mattice, Larry McCall, Judith Dianne Miller, Carolyn Joan Milliser, James J. Moore, William M. Myers, Clair Andy Noftsgger, Shirley Ann Ogle, Dick Pattee, Marilyn Lee Perschbacher, Jaren Sue Powell, Eva Marie Reffett, Dorothy Ellen Ridenour, Margaret Rock, Jeanine Lee Sampsel, David Kent Sausaman, Jo Ann Showley, Richard M. Stewart, Phyllis Swanson, Denny Taylor, Robert Teel, Donna Thompson, Sue Thompson, Jim Upp, Janice Lorene Wagoner, Edward A. Waltz, Ellen Jo Warner, Patricia Ann Warran, William P. Warren, Mary Ann Whitcomb, David R. Yeakley, Carol Jean Zent, Jack Zimmerman

## **1956**

Donald Abbott, David W. Alspach, Madelyn Anderson, Ardith L. Bathrick, George Tillman Bayles, Carol Ann Berns, James L. Bowen, Lyndia Kay Campbell, Mona Dean Carpenter, Jeanette Chapman, Carol Coplen, Alan C. Craig, Patricia Cripe, Virginia Louise Cronin, June Ann Denton, Patsy Olive Fansler, Mary Jean Fryer, William Gates, Carolyn Jane Gaumer, Carrie Ann Ginn, Marilyn Joyce Gluck, Nancy Greathouse, Anne Hart, Deverl Hill, Janith Kay Hinkle, Nancy Elizabeth Holmes, Marcia Kay Hunneshagen, William Dow Kindig, Wayne Kochenderfer, Carlos Lasater, Betty Kay Leavell, Donna Irene Lebo, Joyce Ann Lowe, John Dale May, Dan McEvoy, Janice Louise McLean, Sandra A. Miller, J. Kent Mills, Robert Newcomer, Stephen Douglas Onstott, Lowell Porter, Milford Putterbaugh, Virgil L. Richter, Gwen Marie Riggs, Joyce Elaine Rogers, Nancy Sue Rose, James Saltsgiver, Barney Joe Sanderson, William Earl Sayger, Norma Jean Shaffer, Carolyn Susan Showley, Raymond Smith, Loy Sriver, John Thompson, Patricia Louise Thompson, Jane Ann Tobey, Sarah Ellen Trout, June Van Dusen, David D. Warner, Tobey Warner, Steven J. Whittenberger, Loren A. Wilson, Teressa Ann Wilson, Larry Lee Wood, Malcolm Young

## **1957**

Doris Ann Abbott, Richard Allen, Joan Maxine Alspach, Ira E. Baker, Penelope Ann Ball, Sharon Ballinger, Richard "Dick" Bauer, Charles Lee Beatty, David T. Berns, John Wesley Blackburn, Janice Sue Books, Joyce Ann Brown, Marilyn Butler, Sondra Cattin, David Churchill, Robert Gene Curtis, Phillip Michael Daulton, Howard Allen DuBois, Ruby Faye Edington, Emma Jean Feece, Robert Fletcher, Judith Ann Fouts, Robert Roscoe Fraser, Martha Jane Funk, Stanley Jay Gerrick, Gene Grogg, Donnasu Hall, Shirley Ann Hammond, Robert M. Haworth, Robert Hoffman, Dorcia Hood, Norma Jay Jones, Fonda Kay Julian, Donna June Keim, David A. Kindig, Patty Lou Lowe, Georgia Masterson, Judith Ann Morgan, Patrica Mae Murray, Nikki Musselman, Roger Neff, Betty Lou Parker, Richard Lee Piper, Bonnie Sue Reed, Paul E. Reuter, Keith Saltsgiver, Douglas Sampsel, John Wesley Sawyer, John Timothy Scott, Robert Shafer, Annette Sharpe, Tony Rex Shutlz, Lu Anne Shurte, Larry Gale Shriver, Merlene Kathryn Simonin, Thomas Sissel, Olive Ann Smiley, Donald Steininger, Ronald Steininger, Patrica "Tish" Swanson, Donna Lou Thomas, Juanita Mae Thomas, Dorothy Irene Tomlinson, Carol Sue Wilson, Lois Ellen Wood, Erma Helene Zartman, Raymond Dale Zellers, Mark M. Zimmerman

## **1958**

Joyce Elaine Anderson, Allan A. Baillieul, William Doyle Baker, Gail Frances Baldwin, Dennis Earl Barkman, Joseph Russell Bayles, Beverly Sue Becraft, Ruth Elizabeth Berkebile, James Dean Bick, Brent Larry Blacketor, Curtis Cole Burkhart, Robert Richard Butt, Barry Lee Conrad, Phillip Lee Coplen, Douglas W. Coursey, Donald L. Crabill, Larry Franklin Cripe, Wayne Thomas Daniels, Judith Kay Davis, Julia Kay Denton, Thomas David DuBois, Connie Jean Eastburg, Dick Edwards, Lowell Gene Fincher, Joseph B. Foster, Nancy Jean Fouts, Lyle Alan Gohn, Ellen Ann Goodrich, Nancy Susan Hall, Jerry Lee Henderson, Betty Kay Hill, Jack Hill, Wilma Lisa Hill, Carol Evalena Hisey, Anna Katherine Hoagland, Betty Jean Hoffman, Gloria Jean Hotler, Raymond Dorwin House, Harold Dean Howard, Richard Lynn Jackson, Patricia May Kern,

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Charles Alexander Kindig, Ralph Dennis Kirkendall, Patricia Ann Kline, Larry Grant Knauff, Jerry Lee, Mary Louise Long, Harry Joseph Macy, Robert R. Mason, Robert L. Miller, Joe Foster Moore, Sharma Jean Morrison, Noelle Glenn Musselman, Rebecca Ann Newell, Linda Ann Nix, Patricia Sue Partridge, Larry Jay Pattee, Neil Price Patterson, Larry Pierce, Larry E. Polley, Carol Ann Powell, Timothy Anderson Ravencroft, Marsha Ann Renfroe, Rebecca Ann Robertson, Judith Ann

Rosenbury, L. Dale Rudd, Barbra Jean Sanderson, Judy Ann Shonk, Madonna Louise Silberman, Carl Mark Smith, Sandra Kay Smith, Elizabeth Ann Sroufe, Leo Ernest Steffey, Loretta Sue Steininger, David L. Thompson, Patricia Irene Thompson, Phillip Edward Thompson, Janice Kay Van Dalsen, Marvin Leroy VanLue, Rebecca Sue VanLue, Sandra Kay VanLue, Diana Marie Wagoner, Robert Jackson Wagoner, Sue Ann Walker, Robert Lee Warner, Wanda Raye Warren, Barbara Jean Werner, Sandra Sue Whittenberger, Patricia Ann Zimmerman

### 1959

Wanda Mae Alderfer, Carol Ann Baker, Reba C. Bailey, Robert M. Bailey, Gerry Ann Basham, Arlene Carol Bathrick, Virginia Marie Berns, Carol Jane Bilyew, Janet Ruth Bilyew, Janet Ruth Bilyew, Virgil J. Black, Yvetta Ann Blue, Stephen L. Brown, Elizabeth Mae Castleman, Donnetta Helen Chapman, James Cheesman, Earl (Bud) Cloud, Marie Annette Crites, Myron Dean Day, Bill Duncan, Philip T. Eber, Ted Joe Edwards, June Marie Enyart, Nancy Lee Ewen, Edward Joe Fansler, James Morton Fraser, Rhoda Ann Gates, Merrill Dean Gerrich, Patricia Lou Gordon, William Roy Gray, James W. Green, Barbara Joy Halstead, Bruce David Hermann, Jo Ann Hickman, Junior Dale Hisey, Eileen Howard, Berne Lee Jones, Jaes Earl Jones, Nancy Keyser, Jerry Joe Knauff, James Roger Loebig, Linda Lou Lukens, Jane Ellen May, Richard Allen McLochlin, Bill Doyne McMillen, Karen Sue Metzger, George Mollencupp, Cleta Marie Murray, Karl Eugene Newcomb, Cecil Dean Nickell, Ruth Ellen Oliver, Amy Louise Onstott, Mary Louise Phillips, Donald Lewis Polk, Sharon Kay Polk, Beth Charlene Richardson, Susan Robbins, Paula Rockwell, Genn I. Rude, Gloria Jean Rynearson, Anita Savage, David Lynn Sayger, Patricia Rae Sayger, Lewis Wendell Scott, Patricia Lou Showley, Barbara Jean Sissel, John Albert Skidmore, Thomas R. Skidmore, Elaine Ann Smith, Terry Wayne Smith, Dave Snyder, Jack Lee Townsend, Betty Ann Wagoner, Judith Anne Wagoner, Stuart Wagoner, Robert L. Walburn, John Walker, Wanda Kay Willard, Brian Devon Winters, Roberta Lee Woods, Phillip Lee Zellers, Richard E. Zimmerman

[In Memoriam: Steven David Striggle, December 26, 1941 - April 20, 1958, A member of the class of 1959]

### 1960

Susan L. Allison, Michael Leroy Atkinson, Dennis Dale Ault, David Bailey, Fayejo Baker, Michael Edward Beattie, Richard Lynn Bennett, Nancy Sue Berkheiser, Don Bilyew, Harriet Ellen Bonine, Rebecca Joann Boswell, Leroy Bowen, Sharon Annette Bowen, Patricia Lee Bradley, Carol Diane Brown, Linda Kay Brubaker, Dixie Diane Burkhart, Linda Lou Butt, Joan Carol Carpenter, Francis Eugene Cave, Walter Lee Chapman, Patricia Ann Churchill, Ronald J. Clary, Ronald E Collins, Sue Copen, Jerry Copper, Karen Ann Craig, Claudia Deeds, Carol Dillard, Patricia Ellen DuBois, Philip M. DuBois, Carolyn Jeanette Eisenman, Sharon Elliott, Patricia Ann Felke, Karen Ferguson, Maureen K. Gallagher, Frederick Lee Gamble, Anita Marie Gilliland, Mary Lela Greathouse, John R. Gutknecht, Robert O. Hartman, Dennis Dale Hayden, Shirley Ann Henderson, Bonnie Hill, Arthur L. Hoffman, Sharon Sue Holt, Vernellee Howard, Linda Hunter, Steve Hurst, Ann Iler, Carol May Jones, Pamela Jean Jones, Donna Von Keel, Beverly Ann Keyser, Judy K. Knapp, Clair E. Lasater, Jay Kenneth Lee, Jay Walter McCall, Larry Lee McConkey, Lawrence Francis McCourt, Dennis C. McNeil, Michael D. Mikels, Alan Miller, Sharon Lee Miller, Terra Lee Mollencupp, James E. Mooney, Sue Morgan, Dorothy May Morrison, Nils Thomas Musselman, David Patrick Nix, Robert Lowell Norman, Ronald L. Oatney, Paul Andrew Onstott, John H. Packard, Bonita Kay Partridge, Mary Nelle Powers, Mike Quick, Sandra Jean Richards, Karon Sue Ringle, Karen Louise Rosenow, Paul Norbert Schroeder, Robert V. Sennett, Richard Allen Shirley, Hugh Silberman, William Curtis Slonaker, Sally Lou Smiley, Marilyn Cecelia Smith, Judith Ann Steininger, Louise Elaine Sweany, Timothy R.

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Thompson, Judy Lynn Vernon, Jimmy Lee Vigar, Richard George Wagoner, Roger William Wagoner, Barbara Ann Wallace, Don Walls, Lonny Delano Walters, Thelma Ann Wildermuth, Larry Jay Wilkes, David Leroy Wilson, Roberta Lillian Wilson, Wanda Sue Zartman

### **1961**

Bonnie Sue Ashley, Darle Gene Azbell, Beverly Ann Bellinger, Janis Lee Barkman, Larry Lester Beck, Rebecca Dare Blue, Nancy Gay Breseke, Susan Kay Brouyette, Grace Marie Brown, David Lee Brumfield, Larry Joe Calhoun, David A. Cessna, James Lowell Collins, Jr., James Eugene Coplen, William Arthur Cordell, Carole Sue Crabill, Gerald William Decius, Donald Wayne DuBois, James Robert Ewen, James Edward Felke, Diana Jane Foley, John Gamble, Betty Anne Gray, Larry Gene Green, Bela Lee Heinzmann, Bondi Lynn Heinzmann, Barbara Carol Hines, Sharon Rose Hoffman, Kenton James Hoover, Blanche Kay Hopper, Phyllis Lorraine Howdeshell, John Phillip Hudkins, Donald M. Jones, Mark A. Jones, Lois Carol Kelley, Paul R. Kelly, Sara Ellen Kirkendall, Phillip Alden Knapp, Beverly Jean Kochenderfer, John Robert Krathwohl, Gladys Noreen Lowery, Edith Lorene Mayhew, Kathleen Gertrude McCourt, Michael Gene McIntyre, George A. McKee, Francois Messin, Linda Kay Mitchell, John Robert Moore, Randall Lee Mow, Samuel K. Newman, Beverly Joy Nichols, Sharon Sue O'Connell, Carl Robert Overmyer, Doris Ann Parker, Thomas Eugene Parkhurst, James Milton Pennell, Kenneth Eugene Phillips, Carol Sue Pierce, Anita Catherine Powell, Stephen James Rans, Ellen Elaine Reese, Shirley Ann Reese, Harry Edward Rockwell, Carl Eugene Rose, Lee Ann Therese Rowe, Mary Margaret Sadowsky, Judith Jean Samuelson, Argyle Dee Savage, Dale W. Schroeder, Emerson Eugene Scott, Stephen Roy Sheetz, Thomas Bernard Shirley, Ronald Gene Shriver, Stephen Ray Shriver, Donald Eugene Shultz, Linda Lee Shuman, Steven Ann Smith, Joe D. Slaybaugh, James Harold Snyder, Karen Lee Summers, Joyce Swanson, David Tabler, Alyn Cozetta Teel, Jane Dea Thompson, Linda Ann Thompson, Carol Ann Townsend, Russell Lynn Voorhees, Bonnie Jo Wagoner, Connie Sue Wagoner, Patsy Ann Waltz, Charles Richard Wendler, Hubert Eugene Wetzel, Diane Kay Wilkes, Ina Gene Williams, Albert Marie Yeazel, Nancy Zeller, Ronald Eugene Zent, Rick J. Zimmerman

### **1962**

William David Agle, Ronald Mark Alber, Janice Lee Allen, Susan Allen, Mary Jane Anderson, Harold Earl Bailey, John Thane Bartlett, William Blaine Basham, Karen Janice Bathrick, David Steven Blue, Lewis Frederick Bohm, Joyce Priscilla Bowen, Linda Kay Bradley, Robert Michael Brandt, Sallie Irene Brouyette, Ann Gilbert Burton, Carol Calhoun, Jerry Lee Carlson, Olin Gail Castleman, Loyd Wesley Castleman, Carol Cave, Barbara Chambers, David Phillip Christman, Beverly Crabbs, Sharon Kay Crabill, Jack Allen Daulton, John Davisson, Pamela Matilda DeBruler, Linda Grace Ewen, Lindsey Glenn Ewen II, Janice Kay Flynn, Nikki Lynne Foster, Willard Earl Gaerte, Thomas N. Gallagher, Oscar William Gerrich, Carolyn Louise Glaze, Joyce Beth Gluck, Jeri Rae Grossman, James O. Hartzler, Thomas Lee Haworth, John Michael Hatch, Connie Jean Henderson, Julia Chase Herkless, Carolyn Sue Horn, David W. Hunter, Edwin Irvine Jefferies, William Joseph Jernigan, Lavon Dorothea Johnson, Shirley Catherine Kern, Larry John Keyser, Janet Mae King, David Louis Kline, Kaleen Sue Krom, Nancy Sue Livesay, Doris Darlene Lowery, Margaret L. Macy, Robert Dean Macy, Mary Ellen McClintic, Michael Carson McGuire, Patricia Jean McLochlin, Donald Gene Metzger, Cheryl Miller, James W. Miller, Thomas Dean Miller, Loretta Lynne Mowrer, Marilyn Mae Myers, Priscilla Jean Norman, Susan Jane Onstott, Charlene Powers, Sue Anne Quick, Cheryl Lynn Ranz, Susan Beth Rauschke, Cletus Ray Rigney, Jim Dean Rude, Larry Lin Sanders, Thomas H. Sawyer, Veril Wayne Scott, Daniel Dean Severns, Kent D. Sheetz, Riley Keith Shirley, Judith Ann Skidmore, Robert Joseph Smith, Jack Randolph Sparks, Mark J. Sroufe, Susan Jill Striggle, Mary Jane Thompson, Gloria Jean Towne, Patricia Ann Ullery, Robert Eugene VanLue, Nancy Lee Walker, Clifton Glen Wallace, Cynthia Ellyn Ward, Hallie Marie Weber

### **1963**

Timothy Anderson, Thomas Michael Atkinson, Ronald Lee Bailey, Susan Louise Bailey, James J. Barger, Shirley Ann Barker, Carol Ann Bartleman, Kathleen Ann Beck, Mickey Eugene Belcher, Mary Louise Berkebile, Mary Kay Bowell, Joseph Randall Brugh, Susan Lynne Brown, Donna

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Jean Buckingham, Sandra Jean Champ, Larry Gene Chapel, Judy K. Cheesman, Donald G. Copper, Jerry Ray Crabbs, Larry Jay Crabbs, Linda Crissinger, James L. Croussore, Nancy Carol Crown, Judith Ann Cullivan, Danny Daniels, Philip T. Deamer, Stephanie Lynn Downs, William Lynn Durkes, Loretta Lee Eber, Gene Fancil, Bruce Earl Fansler, Nancy Jean Foley, Ann Gady, Terrill Lynn Garner, John Kelly Gaumer, William L. Gothan, Danny Steve Grogg, Ralph Carl Gutknecht, Reeford Frank Hall, William H. Hammel, Barbara Lee Harvey, Richard Keith Helm, Diane Marilyn Hermann, Diana Christine Hisey, Harold Howard, Joe Hudkins, Wanda Jean Hunter, Etsuko Ishizuka, Dean Ann Jacobs, Lavada Sue Johnson, Lonnie Joe Johnson, Margaret Janet Kelly, Nancy Jean Kelly, Michael A. Kettinger, George W. Krom III, Philip Edward Kucinski, Don Leavell, Wayne R. Mattice, Nancy Sue Miller, Ann Louise Morrett, Larry Murfitt, Patricia Ann Neil, Cindy Donna Newman, Leroy Norman, Junior Rue Oliver, George R. Packard, David E. Pattee, Janet Sue Piper, Judith L. Powell, Robert Carl Quick, Richard Roe, Joyce Jane Samuelson, Louis Scott Savage, Terrance Lee Severns, Steven Clay Skidmore, Dale Sommers, Michael Larry Sullivan, Donna Jean Teeter, William Alan Thompson, Thomas Jay Tobey, Richard Van Dalsen, Vicki K. Vernon, Linda Lee Wade, Rosalie Wagoner, Joyce Helen Walburn, Kathryn Sarita Willard, Connie Lou Wilson, Michael H. Wink, Ronald James Winterrowd

### 1964

Brooks Baldwin, Rebecca Jane Baldwin, Jerry W. Beard, Dennis Billings, Dawayne Bowen, Jackie Sue Bowen, John Bradley, Bob Brash, Guy Paul Brouette, Darlene Bunnell, Sharon Elaine Burkett, Linda Kay Burton, Evelyn M. Butler, Barbara Ann Butts, Alan Calvert, Chera Lynne Chamberlain, Ken Cochran, Mary Ellen Collins, Jack Edward Conaway, Harry Richard Couse, Martha Ann Cox, Judy Crabill, Joanne Louise Cross, Patricia Karen Crown, Marvin DuBois, Nelda Ann Enyart, Sharon Kay Enyart, Jillane Farthing, Paulette Marie Felke, Rick Fouts, Ronald B. Geib, Jr., Lorraine B. Glentzer, Mary Jane Groover, Jack Hayden, Vonnie Henderson, Sandra Lou Hermann, Patricia Lou Hill, Ann Leigh Hodel, Judith Marie Hoge, Larry Hوجلund, Kay Marie Hunter, Jean Frances Jacob, Jack Keesey, Trudy Ann Kennedy, Sharron Kindig, Stanley Don Knauff, Dennis Koch, Mart Kochenderfer, Edward C. Komm, Jr., Barbara Ann Kurz, Mary L. Layne, Elizabeth Sue Long, Judith Irene Long, Brenda Loyd, Nancy Louise Lyons, Janet Elaine Madlem, Jim Mathias, Michele Anne Mattix, Annetta Ann Mayhew, Jack Mikesell, Wade L. Mikesell, Jim Miller, Linda Kae Miller, Ronnie Miller, Tona Miller, Rosa Jane Minglin, Chuck Morgan, Martha Marie Mowrer, Tom Mutchler, Linda Marie Neher, Sandra Lynne Newcomer, Helen Irene Onstott, Richard L. Overmyer, Sharyn Kaye Robison, Pamela Sue Rusler, Barry Sanderson, Kitty Lane Sayger, Michael Allen Sayger, Jerry B. Schleiger, Connie Sue Shaffer, Robert Shaffer, Judith Kay Shambarger, Ronald Bruce Shearer, Otto Eugene Sherbondy, Ron Simons, Kay Skidmore, Jane Ann Smith, Jane A. Stephen, Lynda Kay Summers, Charlene Ann Tamlin, Russell Taylor, Cynthia Carol Teel, William Albert Thomas, Helen Lorraine Thompson, Mike Thompson, Virginia Ellen Thompson, James Duane Towne, Roberta Traeger, Bobbie Jean Truitt, Sally Lynn Vandermark, Bonnie Jean Vigar, Ronnie Werner, James W. White, Veslemoy Wiese, Martie Williams, Thomas Glenn Wilson, Jayne Ann Wisley, Patricia Anne Young, John Zeiger

[A member of the class of 1964: Carol Jean Smith, 1946-1962]

### 1965

Carolyn Kaye Alderfer, Alessandro Armitano, Richard Paul Bailey, Becka Baldwin, Michael Lee Ballee, James Arthur Ballinger, David Lyle Barkman, Gordon Ronald Bathrick, Barbara Jean Becker, William H. Betz, Dale Richard Biggs, David Alan Biggs, Diane Kay Boardman, William Lee Braman, Gregory Edward Brash, Elizabeth Ellen Brown, Martha Lorraine Butcher, Ira James Calhoun, Janice Mary Cardona, Dennis Edward Carlson, Jo Michele Chamberlain, Terry Cleon Conwell, Steven Ray Coplen, William Douglas Coplen, Leslie George Cordell, Phyllis May Cox, Deanna Kay Crabbs, Susan Joan Craig, Lonnie Wayne Cripe, James Earl Cross, Richard Wesley Cross, Mary Jo Dalke, Stephen Burt Downs, Jackie Lee Eisenman, Sherry Ann Enyart, William Preston Ewen, Ross Allen Fear, Virgil Eugene Ford, Mary Kathleen Fred, Delon Howard Furnivall, Richard Elmer Gady, Patricia Gallagher, Gail Jeanette Garner, Jon Melvin Hammel, Larry Daryl Hammer, Julia Ann Hathaway, Sharon Kay Hill, Jeff Dale Holloway, Sheila Sue

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Hooker, Larry Joe Howdeshell, Patsy Lee Hunter, Jack Wayne Jacobs, Ronald Leroy Jana, Lloyd Ernest Jeffries, Jerry Lee Jones, Richard C. Karn, William Robert Kern, Carol Jean King, William Henry King, Mary Martha Kirkendall, Michael Lynn Lantz, William Dean Lebo, Teresa Mary Lemler, Robert Joseph Loebig, Paul Barrett Marsh, Thomas John Marquart, Dennis Arthur Mathias, Thomas Loren Mattix, Connie Belle McCalla, Judy Nadine McCalla, Linda Louise McGurk, William Thomas McKee, Gregory Alan Miller, Marcia Diane Miller, Merry Elizabeth Miller, Anna Lou Mills, Cynthia Laverne Minarik, Stuart Ray Mutchler, Cheryl Ann Newman, James Dale Nixon, Donna Jean Norris, Doris Ann Norris, Terry Louise Notz, Randena Sue Pfeiffer, Patrick David Quick, Janet Gail Reser, Daly Lynn Rhodes, Cary Dalton Riggs, Calvin Richard Ringle, Tim Robertson, Robert Eugene Roe, Roger Rex Rouch, Patrik Heeter Rowe, Robert Lee Rudd, Gary Robert Saltsgiver, Phillip Karr Samuelson, Dennis Renae Scholl, Kathryn Marie Schroeder, Janet Sue Schwenk, Linda Lu Severns, Lloyd Shelton Shepherd, Terry Simons, Linda Rae Simpson, Beth Christina Smiley, Jerry A. Smiley, Terry Lynn Smiley, Ronald Alan Smith, Viola Marie Smith, William Dale Smith, Laura Lee Snyder, Gaynell Sparks, Merl Edward Shriver, Howard Lynn Summers, Wilma June Sweet, Terrence Bryan Taylor, William Dean Teeter, Peter William Terpstra, Cathy Ann Tharp, David Scott Thompson, Michael Allen Thompson, Linda Sue Thomas, Steven Gene Thompson, Glenn Robert Tobey, Larry Gene Townsend, Allan Lee Vandalsen, Carol Sue Watrous, Dennis Dean Wilson, Jane Kathryn Young, Joyce Ann Zeller, Gladys Jane Ziegler, William Richard Ziesenhene

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## 1966

Janet Abbott, Vera May Allen, Linda Allison, Paul Anness, Tom Arnett, David Ault, Mary Bailey, Kenton Ballenger, Krystal Ballenger, Philip Barts, Judy Beck, Catherine Biddinger, Rosalie Bonin, William Border, Stephen Bridge, James Brockey, Gerald Brown, Walter Brown, Jim Brugh, Bonnie Cave, Max Clay

II, Philip Collins, Tamra Conaway, Daniel Cox, Dianne Daniels, Cindy DuDois, Brad Eizinger, Lynn Fear, Patricia Flynn, Suzanne Forney, Richard Gerald, Beverly Ginther, Diana Ginther, Duane Grimes, Jo Ann Gutknecht, Terry Hammer, Ellen Harts, Karen Hathaway, John Haworth, Steve Heishman, Arthur Helm, Debbie Henning, Ronald Herrell, Barbara Hess, Linda Hill, Thomas

Hintzke, Mary Beth Hodel, James Hoglund, Lance Hoppes, Sammy Howard, Steven Hunter, Joseph Jacob, James Jarrette, Steven Johnson, Harry Jones, Howard Jones, Carol Keim, Clark Keller, Sally Kennedy, Philip Kindig, Cheryl Koch, Cheryl Lantz, Edy Lerche, Roger Lloyd, Connie Lowery, Linda Marsh, Maurine

Masterson, Bruce Mattice, Carol McGlothlin, Phyllis McGurk, Linda Metzler, Bill Miller II, Diana Miller, Richard Miller, John Milliser, Kerry Mitchell, Carol Molinaro, Carol Mollencupp, Jack Moore, Nancy Morrett, Jim Mutchler, Stephen Neff, Betty Neil, Linda Nellans, Phillip Newcomer, Stephen Norris, Elizabeth O'Brien, Walter Oliver, C. Richard Oren, Marvin Peterson, John Quick, Charles Redinger, Michael Reed, Colleen Rhodes, Peggy Rhodes, Teresa Rockwell, Gary Roe, Patricia Rouch, Dina Rowe, Roy Rudd, Carolyn Sanders, Jim Sayger, Kenneth Scott, Steve Shaffer, Steve Shambarger, Anita Shirley, Joseph Shirley, Nancy Shively, Todd Schultz, Linda Sink, Richard Slaybaugh, Sammy Stephen, Michaelle Stewart, William Street Jr. Steven Stutzman, Mel Swango, Connie Swick, Steven Thomas, Paul Townsend, Cathy Van Lue, James Wagoner, Rebecca Walter, William Weakman, Diane Welty, Steven Weltzin, Susan Westwood, John Wicoff, Mary Williams, Elaine Zabst.

## 1967

Ralph Bailey, Mickey Baker, Kenneth Basham, Carolyn Bathrick, Marilyn Bathrick, Jeffery Beattie, Mary Beth Becker, Phil Bickle, Margaret Biddinger, Judi Binney, Virginia Bitterling, Sue Bowell, Cheryl Bowen, Sherry Bowen, Kent Boyd, Richard Brash, Cathy Brubaker, Kathleen Burton, Joann Butler, Judith Cardona, Robert Carpenter, James Carr, Janet Carroll, Vicki Caywood, Linda Cleland, Cecil Cochran, James Conley, Angela Conwell, Randall Coplen,

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Charlene Cripe, Kathy Cumberland, Janet Cunningham, Sharon Eikenberry, Linda Enyart, Joyce Eshelman, Robert Foellinger, Rebecca Fred, Michael Gallagher, Jay Garver, Victoria Gates, Lorina Geib, Jim Gilliland, Leonard Ginn, David Gottschalk, Dean Grandstaff, Timothy Grosvenor, Morgan Grube, Ted Halterman, Laura Hathaway, Mark Hayden, Rosemary Heisler, Dan Helt, Janet Hildebrand, Gloria Holloway, Barbara Hoover, Beverly Jana, Rebecca Jewett, Dewey Jones, Laura Jones, Flo Jordan, Linda Kamp, Linda Keel, Barbara Kelley, Carol Knapp, Keith Kurz, Jo Ann Layne, Vicki Leap, Thomas Long, Steven Marley, Paula Mathias, Sharon Mattix, Marvin Mayhew, Eddie McCullough, James McGuire, Betty McGurk, David Meiser, Melinda Merkert, Mary Merrill, Dennis Mikesell, Donald Miller, Richard Minglin, Sharon Moore, Karen Morgan, Peggy Newell, Douglas Niester, Marianne Nixon, Jane Norris, James Onstott, Laura Overmyer, Charles Parsons, Glenda Perdue, Linda Perdue, Sue Phebus, Teresa Potente, Charles Powers, Michael Pownall, John Pratt, John Pugh, Carol Rakestraw, Stephanie Rhodes, Mary Ann Riggs, James Robison, Joyce Roe, Sandra Rogers, Paul Sayger, Steve Scholl, Carol Schwandt, Sue Sedlacek, Beth Sherbondy, James Showley, Jefferey Shriver, Douglas Shrum, Roger Sixbey, Carol Sparks, Glen Squires Jr., Linda Starkey, Mary Stratton, Elizabeth Strong, Betty Sutton, John Sweany, Tina Teach, Martha Thompson, Janice Thousand, Donald Trigg, Ann Turner, Larry Umberger, Melanie Wagoner, Mike Wagoner, Bruce Wakeland, David Walker, Mary Lou Walker, Susan Walter, Patricia Walters, John Werner, Evelyn Westwood, Anne Wicoff, Janie Williams, Betty Wilson, Garry Winterrowd, Jerry Wynn, Terry Wynn, Richard Young Jr., Dianne Ziegler, Gilda Zoppe.

## **1968**

Diane Alderfer, Kathleen Bair, Beth Baldwin, Kathleen Beattie, Robert Beck, Susan Betz, Mary Ellen Bonin, Ron Bowers, Barbara Bradley, Philip Braman, Frederick Brouette, Catherine Brown, Ronnie Brown, Ann Brubaker, James Carroll, Dennis Cave, Darla Clary, James Clary, Richard Cochran, Nancy Cripe, Linda DeBruler, Jayne Deeb, John Deering, Marianne Deniston, Cathy Enyart, Dennis Foor, Linda Ford, Rebecca Forney, Gretchen Garber, Robert Geier, Larry Gerald, Jerry Ginther, Randy Gow, Steven Grandstaff, Deanna Grimes, Denny Guyer, Kathleen Harbett, Terry Harrison, Steven Herkless, Marcia Hermann, Janet Hintzke, Shirley Hisey, Rick Hoffman, Sharon Holloway, Ronda Hood, Robert Howard, Sarah Howard, Barbara Hunter, Linda Hurtt, Terry Jones, Jean Karn, John Karn, Larry Keel, Linda Keele, Mary Jo Kline, Glenda Knauff, Lorna Lowery, Sharon Marquart, Karen Marsh, Murro Martens, Mike Mattice, Patricia White, Frances McGuire, Michael Meiser, John Merkert, Janine Miller, Jim Miller, Larry Miller, Michele Miller, Tom Miller, Deborah Morris, Peggy Mull, Prudence Mummert, Gary Newland, Ernest Newman, Patricia O'Brien, John Oden, Patricia Oliver, Dale Overmyer, Nancy Parker, Diane Partridge, Thomas Perdue III, Deborah Phillips, David Pike, Wisan Pongwichitr, John Powell, Jane Ranstead, Steve Reisman, Diane Reser, Karen Rhoads, Sandra Rhodes, Kenneth Roe, William Roe, Larry Rudd, Jane Ryneanson, Patricia Sadler, Bradley Sanderson, Linda Sayger, Hans Schwarz, George Schwenk, Linda Schwenk, Sheryl Shaffer, Gregory Shepherd, Mary Beth Shuman, Cheryl Silberman, David Simonin, Roy Simpson, Travis Skidmore, Julianne Snyder, Jean Squires, Dianne Stumpff, Judd Summers, Vicki Swank, Denny Sweany, Jim Teeter, Patricia Terpstra, Lowell Thousand, Jill Tippy, Rita Tobey, Nancy Toomire, Phillip Trout, Nick Vojtasek, Allen Wade, Beverly Wagoner, Gregory Wagoner, Nancy Wagoner, Thomas Wagoner, Randal Weltzin, Georgina Werner, Sue Whetstone, Patti Wynn, Donald Zeller, James Ziegler.

## **1969**

Jeffrey Adams, Marsha Adley, Jane Allen, Jan Allison, David Baldwin, Melissa Baltes, Jim Barbour, Karen Barkman, Janet Barnett, Mark Beattie, Stanley Beecher, Francine Beck, Steve Bennett, Allen Bickle, Paul Bonin, Karl Boyd, Joan Bradley, Judy Braman, Nancy Bridge, Michael Briney, Cheryl Brown, Jeffrey Brubaker, James Brubaker, Penni Bryant, Pamela Butcher, Shirley Butcher, Christina Carr, Michael Carr, Rick Caskey, Terry Cave, Cathie Cessna, Cynthia Clark, John Cleland, David Clinger, Joellen Conaway, Dennis Conley, Don Copen, Patricia Copen, Linda Cox, Sally Crabill, Joe Cunningham, Sue Damron, Christine Daulton, Constance Deeb,

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Deborah Deering, John Delp, Michael Deniston, Theodore Denton, Michelle Dibble, Chuck Dill, Dianna Dittman, Patricia Durkes, Richard Eads, Beckie Elliott, Sherry Evans, Joe Federer, John Figlio, Merlyn Fish, Dianne Fogelsanger, Vicki Fulton, Joyce Gilliland, Daniel Ginther, David Ginther, Faye Gochenour, Steven Gottschalk, Thomas Grosvenor, Connie Grube, Edward Hart, Gary Heishman, David Helt, Ed Henning, Christine Herrell, Michael Herrell, Joseph Holloway, Rebecca Holt, Ruby Howard, Sharon Isbell, Steve Jacob, Wayne Jana, Mike Jernigan, Douglas Jump, Jeffery Kamp, Vicki Keyser, James Kohlun, Barbara Krom, Karen Kurapka, Kay Lantz, David Lloyd, Gary Madlem, Willard Mahoney, Elizabeth Marsh, Anne Mathews, Patricia Mathis, Sandra McCalla, Linda McCullough, Christine Miller, Selena Mutchler, Steve Moore, Judith Minarik, Linda Nuff, Judy Nicholson, Michael Nixon, Byron Norris, David Norris, Carol Ogle, Becky Overmyer, Elizabeth Overmyer, Shawnee Overmyer, Rhonda Palmer, Gary Partridge, Gail Patterson, Michael Perdue, Geraldine Peterson, Jim Powell, Timothy Quick, Lynne Rakestraw, Mary Reisman, Marcia Rhodes, Stephen Rhodes, Daniel Riley, Tim Roe, James Rogers, Mari Rogers, Russell Rogers, Nick Rudd, Jeff Sanderson, Kathy Schnitz, Gary Scholz, Gilbert Schwenk, Sandi Sedlacek, Sonia De Senna, Beth Shepherd, Sara Shireman, David Shore, Crystal Shrum, Martin Smith, Constance Snyder, Earl Steininger, Roger Stephen, Marynelle Stewart, Leta Stutzman, Steve Summers, Patricia Sutton, Carol Szymczak, Russell Teach, Sandra Timbers, Patty Towne, Sharon Truitt, Wayne Wagoner, Elizabeth Walsh, James Christopher Walton, Kay Watrous, Laurie Wilson, Susan Winters, Miriam Wise, Kenneth Cole Zartman.

## 1970

Elaina Alber, Charles Alderfer, Gerry Arnold, Deborah Ault, Sonja Baker, Charles Bailey, Gloria Bartleman, David Barts, Gail Bathrick, Steve Beecher, Elizabeth Bemenderfer, Don Betz, Rosalie Bilyew, Joy Bitterling, Janet Boardman, John Bowers, Gene Brandenburg, Joan Bright, Hal Brooks, Bill Burkett, Randy Burkett, Susanne Burwell, Fred Carr, Denny Carroll, Earl Clark, Janet Clark, Ron Clark, Susan Clark, Judy Clemens, David Cox, Mike Croussore, Debsie Daniels, Rhonda DeMien, Michael DuBois, Jim Eikenbury, Timothy Eizinger, Stephen Fellers, David Foellinger, Shari Foster, Sherry Fromme, Donalee Frounfelter, Ronna Fulton, Stephen Furnivall, Terry Gates, Mark Gentry, Robert Green, Deborah Godbee, Stan Grove, Mike Grube, Kathy Hall, Juanita Kay Hall, Debbie Harper, Jerry Harrison, Debby Hart, Edward Hartmann, Kristine Hermann, Joyce Hildebrand, Debbi Hittle, Brenda Holcomb, Layne Hood, Vicki Hubbard, Richard Hudkins, Carl Johnson, Deborah Johnson, Saara Anneli Juutilainen, Beth Kale, Neil Kamp, Jerry Keel, Franklin Keitzer, Mike Kenny, Noreen Kenny, Mel Kern, Jo Ellen King, Kathy Krisher, Cindy Kronberg, Ron Large, Donald Long, Bill Lowe, Robert Lowe, Evelyn Lowery, Judy Madlem, Marilee Martens, Ronald Mathias, Chuck Mathews, Barbara Mattix, Mark McGurk, Cathleen Miller, Eileen Miller, Kathy Miller, Terry Miller, Vicki Morris, Marvin Murphy, Margaret Newcomer, Sue Newell, Debbie Nissen, Pat Notz, Colleen O'Brien, Rhea Palmer, Diana Parker, Rita Paulus, Jacquie Pownall, Phil Pugh, Marcia Quick, Eldon Redinger, Larry Reese, Daniel Rhoads, Dan Richards, Charles Richter, Kristine Rietveld, Joanna Rockwell, Sharon Roe, Debra Rose, Martha Roush, Steven Seidner, Gale Shepherd, John Shirley, Judy Simpson, Steve Sims, Corinne Smiley, Gary Smith, Robert Smith, Thomas Smith, Darlene Sparks, Peggy Stumpff, Becky Sundine, Robert Sutton, Becky Sweet, Mary Tabler, Judy Teeter, Connie Jo Thompson, Maryanna Thousand, Nick Torrence, Denny Tyler, Michael Vojtasek, Dale Wagoner, Mark Wagoner, Robert Wagoner, Charles Wallace, Brenda Wallleske, Jerome West, Greg Williams, Joe Williams, Lynn Worth, Ronald Zartman, Tom Zeiger.

## 1971

Mickey Abair, Mary Anne Adley, Chuck Allen, John Allison, Barbara Arnett, James Arnett, Joe Arnett, Bob Bair, Robert Baker, Doug Baxter, Patricia Bearss, Allen Beck, Cathy Beery, Linda Bowers, Patty Braman, Terri Brewer, Dave Buckingham, Debbie Burch, Kathy Butcher, Kent Carlson, Patty Carr, Christie Cessna, Ken Clinger, Tom Conley, Susan Crill, Nancy Cunningham, Rodney Damron, Jill Daulton, Denny Deeb, Tom Denton, Mark Dibble, John Dickerson, Ron Dickerson, Jay Elliott, Bruce Figert, Rick Figlio, Ed Foor, Peggy Frettinger, Mike Furnivall, Joe Gady, Jenny Garber, Gary Garver, Phyllis Gatliff, Vicki Gentry, Devon Gibbons, Debby Grosvenor, Wayne Grube, Melinda Hayden, Cheryl Hiatt, Jane Holloway, Randy Holloway, Barth

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Hooker, Debbie Hopper, Jim Hudkins, Robert Hudkins, Steve Hunter, David Isbell, Doug Johnson, Chuck Jones, Allen Jonushaitis, Mary Keitzer, Sharon Kern, Dave King, Janet Krisher, Pam Leavell, Noel Lim, Sheri Lloyd, Theresa Logue, Carol McCullough, John McKee, Phil Miller, Teresa Miller, Barb Mull, Kitti Nocholson, Doreen Norris, Debra Ogle, Maxine Oliver, Sarah Overmyer, Jim Pemberton, Paul Pemberton, Mel Perdue, Betty Pontius, Pat Pritchett, Kathy Rodefeld, Letty Roe, Richard Rogers, Kathy Russler, Jo Saltsgiver, Hugh Sanders, Ken Schaffner, Rod Schnitz, Debbie Schwenk, Vince Sheetz, Darlene Shepherd, Debbie Sherrard, Paul Shirley, Suzanne Silberman, Priscilla Simpson, Rae Ann Smiley, Glendon Smith, Janet Smith, Linda Smith, Steve Smith, Diane Spencer, Saralie Stephen, Beth Stocking, Rick Stutzman, Connie Sutton, Steve Swango, Jo Ann Swank, Robin Thiem, Kim Tippy, Melody Towne, Jaci Traeger, Caroline Turner, Roger Vigar, Bill Walsh, Charles Walters, Kathy Warmbrod, Kathy Warner, Steve Westfall, Laura Wilson, Tina Zartman, Cathy Zimmerman, Kim Zimmerman, Roger Zimmerman.

## **1972**

Debbie J. Anderson, Debbie L. Anderson, Trillia Azbell, Ellen Bair, Brad Baker, Susie Barnett, Bob Becht, Todd Bemenderfer, Mike Bennett, David Betz, Ruth Ann Bowers, David Brandenburg, Carol Brown, David Brown, Debbie Brown, Rick Brown, Jan Bryant, Wendy Bunn, Pat Burkett, Bev Carr, Linda Carr, Ron Clark, Steve Coleman, Greg Cook, Diane Cunningham, Marvin Davis, Holly Dawald, Laurie Dawald, Dennis Dell, Barb DeTurk, Melinda Dibble, Linda Durkes, Ted Eller, Gary Enyart, Karen Evans, Dave Fall, Don Fenstermaker, Barb Fish, Pat Frettinger, Randy Furnivall, Jeff Gaumer, Mike Gibbons, Dick Gottschalk, Ron Green, Sheryll Green, Jan Grube, Mark Grube, Debbie Hamilton, Ralph Hart, Rick Hart, Glenn Hedrick, Kenny Heishman, Helen Henderson, Vern Hibner, Pam Hitttle, Patti Hoffman, Sheila Holloway, Jeanne Howell, Linda Howell, Jim Hubbard, Melva Hunter, Ken Jackson, Alan Johnson, Denise Johnson, Marianne Johnson, Janelle Jones, Dick Jones, Mark Jump, Sharon Kale, Marsha Keel, Linda King, Linda Klingenberg, Deborah Krisher, Kevin Langley, Mike Lebo, Bruce Lloyd, Barbra Lowery, Lincoln Lukens, Barb Mahoney, Steve Mahoney, Mark Martens, Jim Mathews, Mike McGowen, Melissa Merkert, Charles Miller, Cindy Miller, Terri Miller, Tim Mills, Ron Moore, Rick Mull, Cathie Newcomb, Ronnie Newcomer, Cheryl Niederer, Elaine Nusbaum, Tim O'Brien, Jim O'Brien, Marty Olinger, Kay Overmyer, Ricky Overmyer, Steve Overmyer, Joe Palat, Bill Parker, Luann Patterson, Mary Sue Paxton, Frank Pickens, Buddy Pollock, Tere Pownall, Paul Rakestraw, Connie Ratsimba, Michelle Ray, Bob Reed, Michael Reno, Deanna Rensberger, Tracey Richter, Ronnie Riddle, Doug Roe, Carla Rush, Sarah Sayger, Sandy Schoen, Mary Beth Schroeder, Becky Seidner, Cyndy Seiwert, Gary Severns, Juleen Shaffer, Rex Shepherd, Linda Shewman, Connie Simonin, Ron Simpson, Tom Smith, Jim Snyder, Larry Sparks, Susan Stallard, Sparkle Stiller, Bob Swope, Peggy Tharp, Edie Thompson, Roger Thompson, Nancy Thousand, Holly Tucker, Barry Turner, Mark Tyler, Miguel Obando Vallejos, Larry Wagoner, Phil Wagoner, Rick Walford, Mike Walsh, Tony Walter, Betty Walters, Mike Warmbrod, Larry West, Jill Westwood, Dave Wise, Mike Wisely, Tim Youngstrom, David Zartman.

## **1973**

Paul Ainlay, Pam Alber, Rodney Allen, Karen Anderson, Cindy Ault, Karen Bailey, Tedd Baldwin, Monty Barts, Lee Ann Baxter, Susan Beecher, Debbie Bick, Carol Boardman, Karen Boardman, Robert Bowell, Laura Bowers, Glen Bradley, Janet Brooks, Nancy Brown, Kathi Brunn, Debbie Bryant, Tim Bunn, Liz Cardona, Diane Carroll, Larry Cheesman, Dan Cibock, Gary Clevenger, Sharon Cloud, Gary Cooper, Dianna Dawson, Debe Deeb, Matt Deering, Dave Delp, Mary Alice Delworth, Terry Denton, Karen Douglas, Betty Durham, Sandy Durkes, Denise Dyer, Deb Easterday, Jim Eshelman, Brian Figert, Becky Freyberg, Larry Freyberg, Alan Fulton, Jennie Gates, Don Gibbons, Carolyn Gochenour, Bob Goodman, Rick Greer, Debby Grimes, Regina Grube, Lynn Halterman, Mike Halterman, Jeannine Harper, Jim Hart, Mike Hartman, Phyllis Heisler, Brad Hermann, Gary Hiatt, Gary Hisey, Russell Hisey, Karen Hungerford, Corky Jones, Elaine Kamp, Kris Kanouse, Sandy Keele, Susan King, Roxann Lewis, Pat Lowe, Anna Maibauer, Rick Markley, Mike Martin, Jane Mathews, Jody McClure, Melody McCray, Jeff Miller, Kris Miller, Debbie Moore, Lois Mowrer, Debby Murphy, Chris Newell, Jo Ann Nichols,

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Bill Nicholson, Pat Nichlaus, Dan Norris, Rick Notz, Sandra Ogle, Mark Olinger, Jenny Overmyer, Ricky Overmyer, Brent Paulus, Deana Perdue, Sture Perrson, Steven Petersen, Richard Pike, Mike Pritchett, Melody Ray, Vicki Reeser, Pat Richards, Teddy Richard, Doug Riddle, Mary Sue Roe, Roger Rose, Barbara Sayger, Mike Schnitz, David Scott, Richard Seiwert, Vicki Shafer, Chris Shaffer, Vickie Sherrard, Debbie Showley, Jeff Sisti, Barb Smith, Holly Smith, Lael Smith, Jim Squires, Richard Stallard, Vince Stewart, David Stratton, Cynthia Strong, Dennis Strong, Patty Stumpff, Randy Stutzman, Randy Sutton, Dawn Thompson, Mark Timbers, Harry Towne, Cindy Tribby, Dianne Vojtasek, Jack Vrana, Jill Vrana, Lynda Wagoner, Debby Ward, Carolyn Warmbrod, Dan Weaver, Tonia Weller, Jim Werner, Rex White, Rhonda Wilson, Jeff Winterrowd, Robin Winterrowd, Debbie Wynn, Terri Youngstrom, Swany Zacarias, Mike Zent, Joan Dennis, Lana Duncan, Gordon Easterday, Douglas Kline, Roberta Saner, Tim Smith, Jim Swank, Mike Wagenknecht.

## **1974**

Barry Rose, Mary LeSueur, Rusty Markley, Tim Richter, Mila Azbell, John Jones, Ann Jordan, Larry Callahan, Myron King, Sandy Bailey, Robert Schauer, Connie Scherbing, Dale Bradley, Diane Shirley, Terri Ogle, Bob Eiler, Kay Eller, Stacy Hartman, Rick Alber, Danny Bunn, Lisa O'Brien, Janet Davis, Kathy Martin, Don Whitcher, Janet Hoffman, Gail McGuffey, Pat Ziegler, Paul Johnson, Marc Calvert, Carla Waldron, Dick Eggers, Walker Conley, Larry Fish, Debbie Caywood, Susan Maibauer, Vickie Rogers, Rick Kramer, Tom Williams, Jeff Warner, Jeri Good, Lisa Thomas, Keith Keim, Mike Brindle, Ruth Collins, Dean Groves, Jeff Schnitz, Cindy Kinsel, Shirley Coleman, Cathy Bickle, Martine Caskey Jones, Mike Ray, Robin Syler, Connie Hunter, Kenny Anderson, Terry Partridge, Pam Knee, Robert Bryant, Tom MacLain, John Roe, Jorge Arguello, Martin Jonushaitus, John Reagan, Mark Smiley, Jan Mills, Paul Tobey, Glenn Howell, Kurt Van Steenburg, Kathy Sweet, Nancy Jones, Sheri McKee, Julie Zellers, Joe Bowers, Rick Jackson, Warren Tatter, Bob Ulerick, Steve Wonders, Debbie Wagoner, Ron Sutton, Dave Fulton, Tom Bonin, Pam Davis, Tom Schwenk, Marilyn Zartman, Mark Flynn, Lisa Jennings, Pam Gordon, Larry Fear, Denise Daniels, Bill Morris, Carl Adley, Rob Berry, Kathy Johnson, Susanna Horban, Randy Green, Frank Kats, Greg Shireman, Cheri Dawald, Wynne Cook, Randy Alderfer, Mike Cover, Julie Rosenbury, Dave Daulton, Harold McCalla, Debbie Paxton, Susan Bearss, Brian Green, Denny Lebo, Jack Bridge, Bob Mills, Dave Gady, Rick Furnival, Laurel Lybarger, Dave Dittman, Janet Jones, Rick Baker, Neil Bemenderfer, Bruce Hartlerode, Carla Overmyer, Tim Miller, Doug Walker, Kathy Liskay, Darryl Thompson, Gayle Lego, Cindy Beattie, Ron Hisey, Tom Hurtt, Mike Icenburg, Jody Kelley, Don Logue, Scott Shelburne, Jeff Simonson, Melody Steininger, Shane Stephenson, Barbara Walsh, Wink Zartman, Scott Stocking, Kim Shearer, Richard Wagoner, Dana Mullady, Mike Overmyer, Neal Wakeland, Doug Holcomb, Tim McFarland, Chloann Mummert, Susan Rhodes, Joe Notz, Keri Wood.

## **1975**

John Arnett, Connie Arnold, Barb Bauman, Tom Bearss, Kathy Beattie, Sherry Beecher, Debbie Beehler, John Beery, Pam Biltz, Garry Bohm, Don Borden, Duane Border, Sue Bowers, Marianne Brindle, Kevin Brown, Alan Burch, Mike Burkett, John Carr, Veronica Carrico, Beth Chaney, Debra Chelf, Karen Sutton Clevenger, Merlinda Collins, Linda Conley, Debbie Crispen, Colleen Curran, Tab Daulton, Scott Davis, Cindy Dell, Janice Dennis, Cheryl Dixon, Kurt Douglass, Dave Duzenbury, Gary Easterday, Beth Eggers, Sue Eller, Doug Enyart, Rick Enyart, Dennis Eshelman, Lynn Evans, Pat Evans, Bob Ewing, Dave Fassett, Diane Fish, Dan Frettinger, Marvin Gilliland, Dave Glentzer, Teresa Goodman, Gary Gordon, Pat Green, Donna Grimes, Loretta Hammel, Kathy Harshman, Gretchen Hart, Mark Heishman, Ed Heyde, Melinda Heyde, Cathlene Hiatt, Lisa Hooker, Jerry Horban, Linda Isbell, Ilkka Jaakkola, Kathleen Jacob, Ann Johnson, Dewey Keller, Mike Kern, Alan Klingenburg, Jeff Lease, Kim Lewis, Beth Ludwig, Mekonnen Malaku, Serita Coplen Markley, Joyce Mathews, Steve Maughan, Jeri McClure, Skip McCray, Evelyn McGee, Dave McGowen, Ed Merkert, Mark Miller, Diana Mills, Barb Moore, Chris Morris, Diane Newell, Louis Ninios, Richard Norman, Terri O'Brien, Jim Oliver, Roger Partridge, Jamie Perry, Greg Peter, Pat Plath, Susie Polley, Peter Pownall, Cathy Prathafakis, John Pritchell, Dave Ranstead, Cathy Reese, Sandy Reichenbach, James Reno, Brian Reser, Kevin Reser, Dana

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Reynolds, Gary Rhodes, Rita Richard, Kim Richardson, Duane Riddle, Barney Riffle, Nancy Roe, Rachel Rose, Pat Rynearson, Ron Sayger, Bob Schoen, Debbie Schroer, Janet Seebauer, Sandy Seiwert, Mark Shafer, Tammy Shelburne, Dixie Shepherd, Jenny Shireman, Susie Sims, Mark Skersick, Ed Smith, Greg Smith, Lori Stephenson, Libby Stewart, Fred Sumpter, Dave Swango, Jack Swank, Mike Swank, Marcia Tabler, Cathy Thomas, Lee Ann Tobey, Mike Treglia, Cinda Tucker, Steve Utter, Tim Wagoner, Todd Wagoner, Jo Ann Waltz, Beth Wenrick, Mark Werner, Paula Wideman, Jeff Wilson, Kathleen Zeyen, Bob Carpenter, Judy Carr, Steve Cleaver, Dennis Fulton, Jim Guthrie, Ray Igelski, Dave Johnson, Jill Johnston, Jeff Powell, Tim Rhoads, Terry Smith, Debbie Steininger, Pam Walton, Wayne Warner, George White, Joe Zimmerman.

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Darla Anderson, Douglas Anderson, Constance Arinder, William Ault, Scott Bagley, Teresa Beck, Scott Beecher, Dorothy Beery, James Beery, JoEllen Bendall, Karen Betten, Charles Bivins, Julie Blackburn, Michael Bowers, Linda Brandenburg (Stutzman), Treina Bryant, Karen Burkett, Daniel Callahan, Roger Calvert, Stephen Carroll, Giuseppe Cavalli, Tamara Caywood, Caren Chambers, Barbara Chaney, Patricia Clark, Lois Clauson, Neal Cloud, Debra Collins, Pamela Coplen, Steve Coplen, Ruthann Croussore Kelly, Russell Davidson, James Dawson, Patricia Delworth, Tamara Denton, Duane DeWitt, William Dixon, Rodney Eiler, Janice Ellison, Jacklyn Eriks, Mark Figlio, Susan Frettinger, Gerald Freyberg, Darlene Geib, Jeffery Gelbaugh, Debra Gohn, David Goller, Patrick Goodman, Connie Gottschalk, Tim Graham, Rick Green, Kevin Gregory, Debra Groleau, Jerry Grube, Barbara Halterman, Donald Harper, Paula Harper, David Harshman, Stephen Hatfield, Debra Henderson, Beverly Hiatt, Vicki Hibner, Meri Higgins, Laura Hill, Mark Holloway, Angela Hoppes, Rhonda Howard, Mary Beth Howkinson, Rhonda Icenberg, Michael Jennings, Terese Jernigan, Candace Jones, Lynn Jordan, Britt King, Douglas King, James King, Mark Kinsel, Sharon Keating, Ann Klein, William Krisher, Linda Kronberg, Joan LeSueur, Julie LeSueur, Bill LeSueur, Thomas Long, Greg Lowe, Michael Ludwig, Janet MacLain, Kathy Markley, Michelle Martens, Sue Mathews, Deborah Maughan, Anne McCarter, Michael McGee, Danny Metzger, Deborah Miller, Lisa Miller, Daniel Mills, Jerry Mills, Marie Mork, Anne Morris, Ralph Murray, Kenton Newcomb, Rochelle Newell, Julie Newlin, Penny Nicodemus, Diana Nunley, Richard Ogle, Judy Overmyer, Bryan Owens, Lawrence Owens Jr., John Pemberton, Sarah Pemberton, Jayne Perry, Milton Pesak, Jonathan Powell, Michael Prathaftakis, Mark Rakestraw, Kimberly Rhodes, Hugh Richard, Richard Ritter, Dennis Rudd, Tina Schnitz, Kevin Scott, Paulo de Senno, Charles Shambarger, Frederick Shepherd, Brian Simonson, Jon Sisti, Marc Smiley, David Smith, Tamara Snipes, Ran St. Clair, Carol Stevens, Mark Stevens, Thomas Stumpff, Judson Sumpter, Catherine Taylor, Brenda Thomas, David Treglia, Michael Tyler, Valerie Tyler, Kenneth Wagenknecht, Brad Walter, Ricky Walters, Kathryn Waltz, Jeffery Ward, Melinda Warmbrod, Michael Weaver, Jeffrey Wentzel, Theresa Wilkinson, Lynn Williams, Kenneth Wilson, Charles Wynn, Bonnie Zehner, Alisa Zeller, Nancy Zellers, Kendra Zimmerman.

## 1977

Gene Arnold, Patricia Bailey, Susanne Bair, Teresa Barnette, Julie Beck, Cheryl Brewer, Gregory Brown, Tammie Brown, Janet Brubaker, Deborah Burge, Keri Callahan, Keith Carlson, Monica Carrico, James Clark, Thomas Clinger, Shirley Cloud, Julie Clupper, Ricky Coffman, Melodie Cohee, Darrell Collins (Rigney), Danny Conley, Perry Coplen, William Crabill, Theresa Cramer, Kevin Crispin, Willie Crump, Kevin Curran, Stephen Daulton, Julie Dawald (Pickens), Brent DeMein, Jean Dennis, Laurie Drenth, Timothy Durkes, Dona Duzan, Christina Duzenberg, Julie Eads, Marti Eckert, Karl Eggers, Katherine Eiler, Kim Enyart, Christina Evans, Scott Ewing, Susan Fellers, Bradley Figert, D.J. Frounfelter, Susan Furnival, Ernest Gates, Susan Gibbons, Tracy Glentzer, Jon Good, Valerie Gordon, Penny Grube, Brenda Halterman, Tami Halterman, Daniel Hartman, Stephan Hazlett, Glenn Heisler, Curt Henriott, Dorothy Hess, David Heyde, Tracey Heyde, James Higgins, Melana Higgins, Jay Hildebrand, Paula Ho, Jack Hoge, Mary Hoge, Brian Hooker, Danette Holloway (Hunter), Tina Holloway, Jeffrey Hoover, Blaise Horban, Franda Howard, Tommy Hunter, James Hurtt, Randy Hutchens, Carol Isbell, Karen Jackson, Marcia Jenkins, Catherine Jennings, Daniel Johnson, Janet Jones, Karen Jonushaitis, Glen Jordan, Rachel Jordan, Donn Kale, Thomas Keating, Brian Keeney, Nickie Klingenberg, Douglas Krisher,

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Jerry Kuhn, David Langley, Cindy Lewis, Alex Long, Shaunn Lybarger, Richard McClure, Jacqueline McKee, Tandra McKee, Suzie McKinney, Gregg Mahoney, Gregory Melton, Jay Mills, Michael Mills, Russell Moore, Karen Murray (Sumpter), Rickey Myers, Kathy Neff, Vernal Ness, Laura Newcomb, Kurt Newman, Margaret Newman, Jenny Nicodemus, Greta Niederer, Linda O'Dell, Richard O'Dell, Linda Ogle, Vicky Ogle, Jeffery Olinger, Kandy Overmyer, Laura Peter, Christine Paulik, Andrea Pickens, Corey Plath, Ryan Reasoner, Rebecca Reed, Yvonne Reeser (Floor), Kathryn Rensberger, Jacob Reynolds, Annette Rhodes, Nancy Richards, Charles Richardson, Lee Ann Richter, Denise Riddle, Sue Rock, Pamela Saine, Timothy Sayger, Kenneth Scherbing, Pamela Schnitz, Cynthia Schroer, Rusty Shelburne, Bret Simonson, Jean Smith, Robert Smith, Tonia Smith, David Steininger, Leland Sterry, Rita Stevens, Teresa Stout, Kathy Swango, Charles Tate, Brian Tatter, Sally Taylor, Kenneth Templeton, Rebecca Thomas, Judith Thompson, Karen Trausch, Theresa Ulerick, Betty Van Meter, Frank Vojtasek, Daniel Wakeland, Jeffrey Wallace, Todd Walters, Edward Waltz, Pamela Waltz, Tammy Warmbrod, Daniel Weaver, Matthew Weaver, Kathy Weller, James Wells, David Wentzel, Thomas Willard, Mark Wood, Briget Jean Yoder (Debbie Sue McGee), Scott Youngstrom, Mark Zeyen, Daniel Ziegler.

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Sharon Allred, Robert Andrews, Kimberly Bailey, Gary Baldwin, Lynn Barnette, Brenda Bathrick, Teresa Beattie, Dan Beck, Shirley Beecher, Jeffery Bilby, Jerry Bingle (Butler), Jill Bitterling, Douglas Blackburn, Julie Bohm, David Border, Pamela Bowers, Fred Brown, Garry Brown, Larry Brown, Gary Bryant, Denis Burton, Eric Brunn, Kevin Carlson, David Carr, Donna Chelf, Dan Chudzynski, Georgia Clark, Mike Clark, Ron Clauson, Deborah Clemans, Charlann Clevenger, Mike Cloud, Kenny Collins, Bob Cook, Donna Cooley, Dede DeBruler, Jay DeMein, Jennette Dennis, Beth Divine, Jill Draper, Kathy Draper, Linda Dunn, Robert Duzan, David Easterday, Tom Eggers, James Enyart, Lori Enyart, Keith Eskridge, Brenda Evans, Brent Evans, Donna Ewing, Tami Fansler, Debbie Fowler, Jill Fulton, Rhonda Galloway, Gene Gamble, Doug Garvison, Alan Gohn, Danny Grimes, Tammy Groleau, Carl Grube, James Hallam, Jerry Halterman, Sharon Harper, Kevin Helt, Desiree Henriott, Traci Hicks, Mark Hisey, Susie Hoffman, Dan Hood, Mary Horban, Nancy Horton, Mike Hurtt, John Ingram, Theresa Jackson, Janet James, Chuck Johnson, Julie Johnson, Margaret Judd, Rickey Kanouse, Jane Keim, David Kelley, Nathan Kimmel, Franklin King, Albert Kinsel, Brent Kramer, Kathy Kuhn, Nik Lee, Yvonne Lee, Carla Lowe, Pam Lowe, David McCarter, Margaret Mahoney, Emma Masteller, Rebecca Mathias, Ricky May, Karen Mehrley (Hutchens), Dawn Mikesell, Spencer Mills, Stephanie Mitchell, Lori Morgan, Richard Murphy, Rhonda Murray, Timothy Murray, Brett Myers, Debbie Myers (Cole Williams), Lori Newlin, Kevin Newman, Timothy Norman, Jackie Nunley, David O'Brien, Vonda Owens, Joseph Parham, Joe Paulik, Karen Perdue, Margot Polley, Phillip Prathaftakis, John Pryor, Tom Puckett, Joseph Ramos, Karen Ranstead, Robert Reemer, Deborah Reynolds, Charles Richard, Tammy Risner, David Roe, Susan Ryneanson, Timothy Schnitz, Douglas Scott, Randy Shambarger, Andrew Seiwert (Hintzke), Sherry Shafer, Tammy Shively, Jenny Shultz, Mike Simpson, Kathleen Sisinger, Jeannine Sisti, Jon Smiley, Kenneth Smith, Karry Smith, Kerry Smith, Sandy Smith, Michael Smith, Michael Sterry, Dawn Stewart, Michael Stockberger, Lisa Strong, Brent Thompson, Brian VandenBossche, Pamela Vaughn, Sandra Vedder, Walter Wallace, Chris Walley, Timothy Walters, Robin Warmbrod, Michael Ward, Michael Wenrick, Doyle Willard, Mark Wisely, Lori Wonders, Lance Young, David Zehner, Sallie Zeller.

### 1979

Kevin Adams, Cheryl Allman, David Andrews, Tommie Arnett, Barbara Ault, LaWanda Bailey, Gary Basham, Dawn Bathrick, Karl Beck, Paul Beecher, John Braman, Greg Brown, Mark Bryant, Gerry Burkett, Janet Calvert, Debora Carpenter, Gregory Carr, John Carr, Justin Carrico, Kimball Clay, James Clevenger, Teresa Collins, Linda Conley, Donald Cooley, Julie Cripe, Carey Daulton, Julie Davis, Michael Delworth, Daryl Lynn Dennis, Tracey Denton, Walt Dewitt, Donna Dittman, Jacqueline Downhour, Brenda Durkes, Dana Duzan, Brenda Eatmon, Tonya Enyart, James Evans, Brenda Fish, Deborah Fish, Teresa Fletcher, Robert Flook, Michael D. Foster, Elizabeth Fox, Terry Frederick, Michael Gelbaugh, Jayne Good, Christy Grogg, Tamara Guthrie,

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Joseph Halterman, Lisa Haworth, Donna Henderson, Karen Henderson, Connie Hendricks, Vince Herbst, David Hiatt, Tamara Hibner, Julie Hoffman, Christal Horn, Lisa Horn, Timothy Horn, Cynthia Hounshell, Mark Howkinson, Ranette Hunter, Patricia Hurtt, Stephen Icenberg, Brian Jennings, Darla Johnson, Joseph Jones, Terry Jordan, Theresa Judd, Lori Kamp (Ingram), Richard Kelley, Elizabeth Kerr, Lars King, James Knee, Bradley Lahman, Kathy Langley, Duane Large, Arik Lee, Shane Lehman, Terry Lett, Ginger Loper, Michael Lowe, Teresa Malott, Mark Melton, Tomi Melton, Brady Mills, Cristal Moore, Gretchen Murphy, Sandra McKee, Jeffery McLochlin, Michael McNutt, Michael Neff, Brian Nelson, Angela Newcomer, Kerry Newman, Philip Nicklaus, Valerie Northcutt, Deena O'Brien, Randall Ogle, Charles Pocock, John Prathaftakis, Charles Rathburn, Terri Reasoner, Steven Reed, Rosella Reeser, Carla Reid, Paula Reid, Roy Rensberger, Jeffery Rock, Hugh Rogers, Roger Rudd, Kevin Rush, Bonnie Rynearson, Lisa Savage, Steven Schoen, Pamela See, Thomas See, Denise Shanabarger, Brenda Shippy, Pamela Shimpson, Terri Simpson, Jerry Sisinger, Janelle Sisti, Jeffrey Smith, Patricia Smith, Robert Smith, Terry Smith, Edwina Smoker, Traci Snipes, Shawn Sriver, Deanna Stockberger, Allyson Stones, Roy Sutton, Cheryl Sweeney, Tracy Syler, Julie Tate, Tara Thompson, Stephen Treglia, Diane Tucker, Cheryl Tullis, Sherri Tullis, Jimmie Tyler, Randall Utter, Carl Van Meter, Theresa Vojtasek, Brenda Wagoner, Ken Wallace, Chad Walters, Jack Waltz, Thomas Weaver, Melissa Weible, Thomas White, Eric Williams, Todd Zartman, Vance Zehner, Janet Zellers, Scott Zeyen, Raymond Zimmerman.

## **1980**

Brian Abbott, Linda Allred, Ilah Rosemarie Applegate, Craig Armstrong, Karen Bagley, Karen Bailey, David Baillieul, Donald Baker, Gerald Beattie, Robert Berns, Tracy Bick, Kandi Bickle, Paula Bilby, Michael Bitterling, Craig Bowers, Jay Bowers, Cynthia Bradley, Sherri Braman, Jeffrey Brovont, Mark Brunn, Brenda Buell, Jeralyn Burkett (Brown), Bruce Burton, Rick Carpenter, Ronald Carr, Linda Clauson, Jeffrey Cloud, Bruce Conley, Richard Cowles, Peggy Dawald, Terry Downhour, Renee DuBois, Dena Dugan, Michael Duzenberg, Michael Easterday, Julie Eckert, Jill Eden, Ronald Edington, Dawn Enyart, Todd Fansler, Timothy Figlio, Pamela Foor (Hayes), Guy Fox, Laurie Gearhart, Angelina Good, Mickey Green, Roger Green, David Grogg, Suzanne Groleau, Kelly Harshman, Holly Hart, Barbara Heisler, Larry Helt, Beth Henderson, David Hendry, Eric Herbst, Kimberly Heyde, Thomas Foster Holloway, Thomas Paul Holloway, Lyle Hood, April Hoover, Robert Hoppes, Andrew Horban, Harold Howard, Jeffrey Hunter, Jerry Hunter, Lynda Ingram, Julie Jupin, Thomas Kale, Brad Kelly, Deborah Kerr, Inger King, Kathy Kirby, Joseph Koch, Randy Langley, Deborah Large, John Lawson, Matt Lembke, Gregory Lowe, Mary Maughan, Robert Martin, Thomas Mills, Jennifer Mitchell, Pamela Morgan, Christine Mow, John McCarter, James McEvoy, Patricia McGee, Rebecca McGee, Denice McIntyre, David Neil, Mark Pike, Donna Ogle, Randy Wayne Overmyer, Randy William Overmyer, Karen Paulik, Jeffrey Puckett, William Niederer, John Rakestraw, Richard Ranstead, Rhonda Rich (Roe), Joseph Richard, Edward Richardson, Kelly Riffle, Damita Ritter, Teresa Rodewald, Carey Rogers, Mike Rude, Cynthia Rynearson, Melissa Schrader, Connie See (Pittman), Michael Shafer, Kelly Shambarger, Susan Sheetz, Rodney Shelburne, Debra Shepherd, Debra Shippy, Danny Showley, Julie Shultz, Patricia Simpson, Kraig Smith, Susan Smith, Terry Smith, Chris Stephenson, Donna Stevenson (Brainerd), Jill Stewart, Ricky Sutton, Kimberly Sweet, Angelica Tate, Diane Tatter, Bradley Thomas, Barry Thompson, Kellie Thompson, Theresa Thompson, Alice Tyler, Audrey Tyler, Douglas Tyler, Jayne Tyler, Jay Vance, Kevin VandenBossche, Starr Walters, Kenneth Waltz, Robert Waltz, Kathleen Weaver, Jeffrey Weeks, Jodi Wentzel, Elizabeth White, Kelly Wilber, Stuart Youngstrom, Richard Zeiger, Cindy Zeller.

## **1981**

Kevin Abbott, Jerry Armstrong, Brett Arnett, Gregory Arven, Tammy Bailey, Beverly Baker, Sheila Barnett, Judith Bearss, Patricia Beecher, Daniel Belcher, David Benzing, Kellette Bick, Tresa Bowen, Cathy Bowers, Neal Bowers, Keith Brandenburg, Kimberly Briney, Julia Brovont, Eric Burch, Karen Calvert, Timothy Carnes, Greta Carr, Pamela Carr, Deborah Cecrle, Cathlene Chambers, Melinda Cheesman, John Coby, Susan Coleman, Carrie Collins, Marvin Collins, Lora Conley, Roberta Cowles, Alan Dague, Penny Davis, Timothy Delworth, Mona Dennis, James

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Downs, Keith Emerick, Angela Enyart, Jeffrey Ferrell, David Fox, Alissia Geller, Ronald Gentile, Christina Graham, Corey Green, Della Grossman (Conley), Bill Guthrie, Angela Halterman, Michael Hammel, Linda Hassenplug, Kevin Hazlett, Jean Helt, Diane Henderson, Cynthia Hendricks, Christopher Henning, Bernadette Henriott, Romy Henriott, Robert Heyde, Gerald Hibner, Jon Hill, April Hoffman, Monte Hoffman, Jeffrey Hoover, Jennifer Hoover, Angela Horban, Randy Howard, David Hunter, Linda James, Wendy Jennings, Daniel Jensen, Eric Johnson, Joanna Jordan, John Kelly, Karen Langley, Cheryl Lawson (Draper), Huey David Lawson, Tracey Leonard, Rhonda Lent (Wilkes), Patricia Lett (Carr), Tammy Lett (Conley), Traci Little, Tamera Loebig, Tariesa Loper, Sue Long, Peter Malott, Karrie Mathias (Junkins), Keith McClellan, John McLochlin, Jenny Mercer, Julie Miller, Karen Mills, Michael Mitchell, John Mooney, David Murphy, Tamara Murray, Lori Neff, Kerry Nelson (Riffle), Scott Newcomb, Brenda Newcomer, Loraine Newell, Brenda Nissen, Robert Nye, Stuart O'Dell, Rebecca Patterson (Shotts), Angela Pendley, Donna Peter, Susan Reed, Richard Rensberger, Richard Reynolds, Mark Richard, Mitchell Robbins, John Sawyer, Anne Schaller, Steven Sells, Tamra Shidler, Jay Simonson, Lisa Sisinger, Trevor Skarbek, Kevin Smith, Susan Smith, Todd Smith, Eric Smoker, Christal Spencer, Marvin Stamm, Sally Stephen, Elizabeth Stockberger, Mark Sult, Rena Sweet, Samuel Taylor, Tamara Thompson, Jack Townsend, Brenda Tullis, Robin Turner, Joseph Tyler, Mara Vaughn, Kathie Wallace, Debra Walley, Brenda Walters (Polley) Melody Waltz, Lori Weber, Scott Winks, John Wisely, Kevin Wolford, Nancy Wonders, Shawn Young (Dibble), Eric Zimmerman.

## 1982

Lora Arven, Tracie Baillieul, Caryl Baker, Terry Baldwin, Mark Barnhart, Andrea Bell, Dianne Bergh, Julie Berns, Jeffery Bitterling, Kenneth Blackburn, Lisa Bode, Barbara Brady, Mark Brindle, Todd Bryant, Ellen Marie Bradley (Burge), Roger Burton, Joseph Buttrum, Trinity Carrico, Debra Castleman, Timothy Cheek, Sandra Cleaver, Sonda Cloud (Swartz), Christine Collins, Brian Conley, Timothy Coplen, Claudia Crabill, Jennifer Cramer, Linda Cripe, Carin Crispen, Jolinda Davison, Melinda Davis, Wendy Davis, Penny DeWitt, Patrick Duzenbery, Jennifer Eckert, Christina Edington, Michael Eskridge, Nancy Fairchild, Troy Fansler, Darrin Fenstermacher, Michael Gearhart, Lee Ann Gerrich, Jeffery Good, Michael Good, Curtis Graham, Renda Green, William Griffith, Marcia Grogg, Darlene Hartman (Quirk), Lora Haworth, Michael Hendrickson, Jerry Heckathorn, Andrew Heyward, Debra Hisey, Jennifer Ho, Marijane Hoffman, Susan Holse, Aaron Hoover, Debra Hounshell, Penny Hounshell, Kevan Howard, John Hudkins, Barbara Hunter, Denise Ingram, Brad Jenkins, Julie Johnson, Lori Johnson, Steve Johnson, Beverly Jones David Junkin, Mary Kelly, Mark Kern, John King, Sherry Knight, Russell Koebecke, Darla Kroft, Karen Kronberg, Barry Lahman, Robert Langley, Anthony Lawson, Deana Lehman, Robert Lembke, Bobbie Lewis, Melissa Loebig, Matthew Loper, Lonnie Manns, James Marrs, Toney May, Steve McKinney, Daniel Melton, Mitzi Melton, Shawn Mesecar, Richard Miller, Joe Murray, Lance Musgrave, Raynee Myers, Pamela Neighbor, Dana Noonon, John Patterson, Jeffery Pocock, Lee Ann Polley, Julie Puckett, Jessica Ramos, Tammy Ricke, Richard Ritter, Joseph Rock, David Roe, Thomas Rude, Jonathan Rupert, Meredith Savage, Robert Sawyer, Caroline Schaller, Sandra Scherbing, Paul Schrader, Laura Scobie, Julie See, Mark Shafer, Randy Shelburne, Brian Shippy, Michelle Shrader, Craig Simpson, Shelly Slone, Larry Smith, Kenneth Sparks, Letitia Sriver, Keith Stevens, Raymond Stockberger, Barbara Talbott, Jacob Tholl, Elizabeth Thomas, Brad Thompson, Daniel Thompson, Julie Tryon, Lisa Tullis, Diana Tyler, Richard Tyler, Brian Ulerick, Kendra Vance, Chris Vanata, Kisia Vaughn, Layne Wagoner, Rachelle Wagoner, Becky Walters, Rita Waltz, Gary West, Kimberly Wilburn, Bryan Wilkinson, Jill Williams, Julie Winterrowd, Alan Young, Stephen Zahn, Lisa Zeyen.

## 1983

Anthony Albregts, Dewey Armstrong, Gary Armstrong, Michelle Bailey, Mike Bailey, Barbara Bascom, Gregory Basham, Jeffrey Becker, David Bell, Monica Bella, Norman Benzing, David Biltz, Glen Bode, Sandra Bowen, Gary Bowers, Cheryl Bradley, Richard Brainerd, Thomas Butler, Robert Cannedy, Lori Cheesman, Mark Clark, David Clay, Jane Clevenger, Tina Clinger, Teresa Coleman, Harold Conley, Stephen Cook, Marcia Cripe, Karen Dague, Lana Davis, Brian

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Deeds, Kevin Denny, Debra Dugan, Mark Duncan, Michael Emerick, William Enyart, Karen Eshelman, Frank Ewing, Fred Ewing, William Fisher, Richard Fogelsanger, Patrick Foster, Stanley Franklin, John Galloway, Scott Gardner, Enid Goss, Jeffery Grube, June Gustafson, Bonnie Halterman, Kenneth Hammel, David Hawkey, Christina Helt, Susan Hendrickson, Lisa Hibner, Carol Hill, Tina Hoffman, David Holloway, Michele Holloway, Teresa Holloway, Giles Horban, Kristina Horn, Jeffery Howard, Sonya Howard, Jeffrey Hudkins, Laura Hudkins, Sheila Imel, Brian Johnson, Philip Jones, Marvin Jordan, Susan Junkin, Beth Kirby, Harold "JR" Kirby, Vincent Kirby, Lisa Kistler, Ralph Kovel, Kimberly Krick, Ronald Kuehl, Todd Kuhn, Susan Langley, Timothy Latta, Diane Large, Lisa Leja, Bryan Lewis, Melinda Loughman, Jeffery Lowe, Lorri Ludwig, Lisa Malott, Michael Marrs, Misti McCall, Kevin McCray, Candy McGlothlin, Donna McVay, Luann Mercer, Michael Mesecar, Anthony Milliman, Jeffery Mooney, Paula Morgan, Shirley Morris, Gregory Mow, Jacquie Murphy, Craig Newgent, Julie Ogle, Stephanie Oliver, John Paulik, Martha Payne, Candi Pennell, Nelson Quier, James Rans, Nancy Reasoner, Sherry Reynolds, Ruth Richard, Tina Ricke, Steve Riegle, Luanne Robbins, Robby Rodewald, Christopher Ruckman, James Rudd, Carl Rude, Lori Salts, Virginia Scharnhorst, Lori Schwenk, Jacqueline Sells, Joan Seiler, Brenda Scott, Maryrose Shafer (Carmack, Border), Tina Shafer, Kendra Shambarger, Ann Shaw, Barney Shelburne, John Shen, Jodie Simpson, Jacqueline Smith (Scott), John Smith, Julie Smith, Karen Smith, Bettina Sommers, Kimberly Spencer, Wayne Stout, Cal Sundine, Michael Sweeney, Warren Scott Talbott, Lisa Teel, Ricky Thompson, Todd Thompson, Linc Townsend, Russell Triplett, Troy Tyler, Rick Utter, Todd Vanderwall, Natalie Walters, John Weaver, Scot Weeks, Steve Williams, Timothy Wilson, Wendy Wilson, Robert Winks, Jennifer Winterrowd, Michael Yeargin, Mark Zech, Jeffery Zent, John Zimmerman, Rick Zimmerman, Thomas Zimmerman.

## 1984

Carla Anderson, Amy Arms, Pamela Bailey, Jennifer Bair, Jimmy Baldwin, Julie Bascom, Donna Beattie (Rutledge), Jennifer Beck, Cynthia Belcher, Greg Benzing, Kristin Bick, Dawn Bingle (Flynn), Brian Boldry, Anthony Boyd, Douglas Brovont, Polly Bruck, Jeffrey Bryant, Jay Burkett, Craig Burton, Kimberly Carrico, Xena Carrico, Kurt Castleman, Pamela Cloud, Julie Cohagen, Eric Cohee, Tammy Cole, Becky Conley, Louise Conley (Angel), Melissa Conwell, Thomas Coursey, Julie Creviston, Ellen Crispen, Angela Crow, C'Dale Daulton, Patrick Decker, John Delworth, Elizabeth DeWitt, Jamie Downhour, Brett DuBois, Jill Eisenman, Jill Eurit, Cara Fritts, Joseph Gaerte, Robert Gardner, Jason Garver, Caitlin Gregory, Beth Goss (Creamer), Gary Grube, Bret Hake (Coonfare), Annette Hartman (Quirk), Tim Hayden, Lisa Hazlett, David Heisler, Angela Hisey, Letitia Holloway, Stewart Hoover, Lori Hunter, Matthew Irvin, David Johnson, Deanne Johnson, Erron Kelly, Kevin Kesler, Bret Koebeke, Teresa Kroft, James Loebig, Karen Louderback, Douglas Luhnnow, Craig Mason, Jeffrey May, James Maynard, Joseph McCarter, Julie McIntire, Andrea McLochlin, Mark Miller (Ousley), Cheri Morris, William David Murhling, Shelley Musgrave, Deborah Norman, Kimberly Oden, Kelly Olczak, Dodi Pampel, Tony Pendley, Jill Peterson, Tambda Pfeiffer, William Pickens, Eric Piper, Trina Ray, Jacob Riffle, Jamie Roe, Jerri Rosenbury, Kevin Rynearson, Leslie Salts, Eileen Schaller, Bruce Scott, Robert Shafer, Mark Shambarger, Mary Shaw, Ryan Showley, Daniel Simpson, Randy Stahl, Brian Stockberger, Brian Sult, Tomi Syler, Pamela Tabler, Rodney Talbott, David Timmons, Debora Ulery, Kevin Vedder, Jennifer Wagoner, Bradley Walley, Judy Wappenstein, Joseph Werner, Zorina Winterrowd, Monica Zahn, Ann Zimmerman, Pam Zimmerman, Scott Zent.

## 1985

Lorie Adams, Tracy Anderson, Anna Arms, Leslee Bailey, Robert Baillieul, Christopher Barnett, Henry Baugh, Angela Benzing, Megan Bingman, Gregory Bitterling, Brenda Bowyer, Debora Bradway, Christopher Brown, Stephanie Brown, Allee Calhoun, Lisa Calhoun, Pamela Campbell, Frederick Carpenter, Melinda Clinger, Paul Coffman, Michael Cohagen, Theresa Cohagen, Andrew Coleman, Teresa Collins, Hope Conrad, Dawn Copen, Robert Cripe, Elizabeth Downs, Julie Druley, Katherine Easterday, Robert Eatmon, Keith Ellison, Brian Eshelman, Leticia Fernandez, Douglas Ferrell, John Fisher, Thomas France, Travis Garcia, Melissa Gardner, Glenn Goss, Kenneth Graham, Donna Groleau, Scott Hancock, Timothy Hartzler, Julie Hassenplug, Eric

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Hazlett, Jimmy Hedrick, Michelle Heinzmann, Christine Herbst, Megan Hermann, Kelly Hiatt, Lori Hill, Robert Hoffman, Tiffany Hoffman, Andrew Holland, Anthony Scott Holland, Autumn Hoover, Susan Hurtt, Michael Ingram, Ricky Jackson, Garrett Jacobs, Jay Jenkins, Dean Johnson, Patricia Jones, Robert Kamp, Alan Kelley, Scott Kistler, Susan Kuehl, Mark Leonard, Jennifer Lewis, Vinicia Lipowski, Kimberly Loebig, Robert Mahoney, Kevin McClellan, Lisa Mitchell, Timothy Moore, Kevin Morrow, Kristine Murphy, Austin Mutchler, Jon Myers, Tracey Neag, Alan Neighbor, Alejandro Ojeda-Nonzioli, Steven Olczak, Jeffrey Paulik, Jacqueline Pea, Dawn Peters, Matthew Peterson, Wayne Pfeiffer, Todd Pocock, Kevin Pugh, Natalie Quick, Betty Quier, Deborah Reitz, Melinda Richardson, Tracy Riegle, Jamie Rock, Robert Rogers, Van Ruckman, Floro Rudd, Robin Rudd, Pauletta Rupert, Brian Sayger, Daniel Sayger, Jeffrey See, Cynthia Sells, Rodney Shambarger, Sunday Sheeks, Stacy Shephard, Lisa Shrader, Arthur Shidler, Jeffery Shriver, Tracy Skarbeck, Gregory Smith, Angela Smoker, Craig Stevens, Kathleen Stockberger, Todd Stout, Maureen Sweeney, Robert Brian Sweany, Tammy Townsend, Thomas Tryon, Rodney Ulery, Tresha Utter, Larry VanLue, James Voss, Angela Warner, Rhonda Wegner, Kim Williams, Tom Williams, Rebecca Wilson, Julie Wirtz, Michele Wisenberg, Keith Wolford, Roger Young.

### 1986

Todd Abbott, Stacey Armstrong, Terry Belcher, Nancy Bickel, Daniel Blanchard, Lois Boroff, Troy Boyd, Joseph Butler, Deborah Calhoun, Carmen Castleman, Christine Chapman, Michael Clemans, Christine Cevenger (Sriver), Ronald Coleman, Traci Collins, Kevin Conley, Joanna Conover, Rozalyn Costello, Ryan Curtis, Tracy Deeds, Lynette Dehnart, Kent Denny, Chris Drudge, Bobbie Jo Duncan, Donald Eatmon, Brian Eber, Robert Edington, Judy Eisenman, Randy Fairchild, Laura Fritts, Sherman Garringer, Kevin Gentile, Peggy Hammel, Melissa Hassenplug, John Hedrick, Brent Hisey, Joachim Hoffman, Greg Holloway, Stephen Horban, Robert Horn, Charmon Howard, Gregory Howdeshell, Cathi Hudkins, Josine Huffman, Richard Imel, Ronald Imel, Susan Jackson, Christopher Jennings, Misty Johnson, Ann Jones, Corey Kelly, Blake Kesler, Scott King, Sharon King, Angela Kline (Hively), Anthony Latta, Joseph Leja, Nancy Lembke, Crysta Lemmon (Perez), Amy Louderback, George (Joe) Loughman, William McBride, Kathleen McClellan, Shawn McIntyre, Jamie McKinney, Brian Merchant, Joseph Meyers, Marlo Mitchell, Johnny Morris, Lauria Morrison, Mary Mulvaney, William Mulvaney, Kevin Nelson, Tracey Nixon, Cheryl Pence, Julie Peterson, Elizabeth Pinder (Kersey), Kimberly Plantz, Stephanie Pocock, Jack Price, Lisa Purlee, Suzanne Reitz, Sevilla Rhoades, Michele Rhodes, Edward Richard, Jamie Richards (Barry), Shellie Riggs, Tracy Ringle, Jerome Rock, James Roe, Claudia Russell, Timothy Salts, Mark Sauberlich, Klise Savage, Allen Sayger, John Schaller, Tamora Scobie, Shawn Shambarger, Mindy Shelburne, Misty Shelburne, Candace Shippy, Christine Shriver, Kevin Shultz, Christopher Smith (Shriver), Christine Sneesby, Terry Snook, Caroline Sriver (Freels), Virgil Edgar Stanley, Tracy Stockberger, Virgil Sumpter, Rick Timmons, Amy Trausch, Peter Trausch, Melissa Triplett, Jamie Ullery, Jeanie Waggoner, Laura Wagoner, Renee Walker, Richard Wappenstein, Andi Wilson, Tad Wilson, Karen Wolford, Jonathon Wootten, Daniel Wyman.

### 1987

Karen Arven, Christina Baker, Ronney Baldwin, Sherry Barnhart, Randall Bascom, Carmen Bathrick, Todd Beehler, Michael Behrens, Nancy Belcher, Kevin Beliles, Kymberly Bick, Roy Bickel, Douglas Biggs, Amy Blickenstaff, Teresa Boldry (Pryor), Lori Border, James Bowyer, Albert Bozzo, Brian Bright, Matthew Bryant, James Calhoun, Gary Calvert, Shawn Campbell, Stephen Cannedy, Shawn Carlson, Cynthia Carrico, Raymond Coffman, Faith Conrad, Amy Daulton, Jeanette Davis, Roseanna Del Rosario, Michelle DeWitt, Christopher Dodge, Shelly Durkes, Jeanette Ellison, Michael Evans, Ray Fenstermacher, Richard Fox, Michele France, Traci Galloway, Denise Gerrich, Bryan Green, Sherrie Hancock, Rebecca Hartisch, Barry Hiatt, Melissa Hoff, Melissa Hoffman, Johna Hogan, Christopher Holbrook, Chad Holloway, Craig Holloway, Adam Hoover, Adam Howard, Suzette Imel (Zimmerman), Michael Jackson, Jenni Jenkins, Deanna Johnson, Roger Johnson, Anthony Jones, Tina Kamp, Kristine Keefer, Robert King, Dennis Koch, Katherine Laird, Carl Landskron, Camara Leap, Andrianne Lehr Lemar, Chad Lewis, Jeffrey Lewis, Robert Loebig, Brent Long, Laura Louderback, Christine Luhnnow, Laurie

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Marks, John Marrs, Patrick Mesecar, Colleen McMillen, Troy Mikesell, Leslie Miller, Melissa Miller (Beeson, Bagley), Stephen Moore, Teresa Morgan (Alley), Jo Ellen Morrow, Gary Mow, Amy Murhling, Matthew Nard, Sherri Newcomer, Patrick Noonan, Wendy North, Karen O'Brien (Lolmaugh, Fisher), Elizabeth Oren, Jean Orisich, Diane Ousley, Bernard Pautsch, Daniel Peter, Jennifer Piper, Warren Edwin Pfeiffer, Lorilee Quinlan, Richelle Reffitt (Miller), Michael Ringle, Becky

Rooney, Amanda Sandos, Jacqueline Schaller, Michael Schwarte, Daniel Shafer, Howard Shaw, Daniel Shriver, Douglas Simons, Christopher Smith, Craig Smith, Arden Sneesby, Scott Sommers, Jeffrey Stafford, Kevin Stahl, Joseph Stanley, John Stockberger, Heather Stout, Stephen Summers, Jeffrey Sutton, James Teel, Shelly Thompson, Brian Townsend, Ginger Tullis, Lesley Vanata, Annette Vanspeybroeck, Amy Walley, Stephanie Warner, David Wegner, Scott Werner, Tammy Williams, Michelle Wilson, Michael Woodcox, Julia Wootten, Shannon Zartman.

### 1988

Rick Abbott, Jamie Arnett, Steven Arven, Jill Bahney, Byron Robert Bailey, Steven Bailey, Melody Behrens, Andrea Belcher, Rodney Bickle, Gregory Biggs, Mary Bilby, Michael Bisch, Christopher Blanchard, Michael Blickenstaff, Scot Bode, Brett Bohm, Daniel Boyd, Stacy Bradley, Penny Bramble, Mechele Brechbiel, Jennifer Brown, Sherilyn Brown, Derek Bruck, Steven Bryant, Barbara Butler, David Castleman, James Chapman, Arden Clemans, Kimberly Collins, Leonard Conley, Kristina Cripe, Dana Davis, Glen Davis (Virgo), Deborah Del Rosario, Kelly Easterday, Rebecca Edington, Jennifer Eisenman, Tanya Eurit, William Fant, Charles Scott Faricelli, Katherine Fenstermacher, Mary Fisher, Christopher Fernandez del Riego (Petersen), Corey Gerald, Brian Goss, Kimberly Haimbaugh, Brad Hartz, Anne Marie Haworth, Jennifer Haworth, Wendy Hays, Kevin Herbst, Gwyn Heyde, Stephen Hiatt, Christopher Holloway, Stacey Huppert, Lisa Jana, Candy Jernigan, Frank Johnson, Eric Kimmel, David Kistler, Kristina Krom, Brian Kuhn, Carma Kuhn, Mindy Lahman, Amy Lauth, Christopher Mappin, Dennis Mathias, James McAllister, Shannon McLochlin, Theodore Meade, Traci Miller, Jonathon Mitchell, Karrie Moore, Andrew Nard, Lisa Nelson, Arthur Noel, Kimberly Ogle, Michael Pautsch, Christine Perdue, Daryl Peters, Elaine Peterson, Jody Pfeiffer, Joseph Quick, Leif Raderstorf, Jane Richard, Stephen Ritter, Sandra Rock, John See, Andrew Short, Deanna Showley, Donald Shriver, Troy Shriver, Marvin Siders, Marcus Smith, Evelyn Sneesby, Rachel Stephen, Tonya Swanson, Theresa Sweany, Scott Swick, Derrick Thomas, Brian Thompson, Vicki Trier, Douglas Vance, Richard VandenBossche, Duane Vanlue, Timothy Walker, Denise Wegner, Darren Wetzell, David Willard, Michele Williams, Traci Wilson, Stacey Winterrowd, Keli Wood, Melvin Bruce Woodcox.

### 1989

Todd Adair, Jeffrey Agnew, Traci Alber, Andrew Baker, Chad Baxter, Nicole Beach, Karie Beaird, Troy Beehler, Robert Blackburn, Kelli Border, Douglas Bower, Rachel Brady, Todd Brooks, Keri Burris, Jennifer Calvert, Jessica Campbell, Lisa Carr, Alison Carrico, Angela Castleman, Tracey Clark, Myron David Cohagan II, Wendy Coleman, Jeffrey Conley, Kevin Conway, Marcus Courtney, Kevin Crall, Chad Cumberland, Terrence Dain, Seth Damas, Benjamin Daulton, Kelli DeMarco, Bryan DeWitt, Rebecca DeWitt, Cori Drudge, Craig Durkes, Brenda Eber, Chantel Ehlinger, Ginger Emerick, Janet Enyart, Connie Fox, Lori Fry, Robert Gast, Brian Gerald, Michelle Grube, Ami Hall, Michele Hamelman, Michael Hartz, Burnice Hayes III, Vicki Hays, Dustin Heishman, Jerrilyn Hermann, Tim Hisey, Elizabeth Horn, Jodi Hounshell, John Houser, Scot Howdeshell, Douglas Howe, Rebecca Howell, Richard Howell, Joann Hoyt, Todd Hudkins, Mary Ingram, Manitou Jefferies, Kimberley Johnson, Larry Jolley, Kristine Jones, Thomas Justice, Charlie Jutterstrom, Amy Kistler, Nickey Klinefelter, Chera Koebecke, Charles Kumler, Connie Landskron, Michelle Leavell, Carolyn Leja, Misty Lytle, Mike Martin, Gwen McAllister, Robin McBride, Matthew McCall, Jean McFarland, Wendy McGlothlin, Bradley McMillen, Scott Miller, Naomi Moore, Christopher Murray, Craig Musgrave, Alison Mutchler, Steve Nellans, Jason Nixon, Clifford Ogle, Elizabeth Olczak, Jessica Onstott, Patrick Overmyer, Sharyn Parko, Rhonda Perez, William Pfeiffer, Mary Pinder, Tracy Potter, Harold Pugh, Kristie Quinlan, James Redinger, Michelle Ringle, Stephanie Ringle, Edward Robson, Sindi Rock, Steve Ruckman, Laura Rudd, Charles Rude, Christy Sawyer, Todd Scobie, Steven Craig Shambarger,

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Kathleen Shriver, Rebecca Slisher, Anthony Smith, Julie Smith, Nathan Smoker, Joseph Spence, Sarah Sroufe, Elizabeth Stanley, Richard Stokes, David Stowasser Jr., Shelly Swick, Scott Tate, Leanne Thompson, Myrna Thompson, Cheri Trier, Jerry Upp, Scott VanLue, Katherine Vedder, Carla Walker, Valerie Weakman, Kimberly Westwood, Christina Wilkins, Brett Williams, Thomas Wilson, Carmen Wise, James Zellers.

### 1990

Danny Amich, Wendy Armstrong, Kerry Bathrick, Shonda Bean, Earl Allen Beattie, Dora Beck, Debra Belcher, Brooke Beliles, Holly Bellows, Christopher Bickle, Mark Bisch, James Boyd, Lori Bramble, Andrea Brash, Jennifer Burke, Jason Calvert, Nelson Carlson, Andrea Carr, Cassandra Carroll, Larry Cave, Michael Clinger, Cynthia Collins, Sandra Collins, Rita Cooley, Timothy Corn, Troy Cowles, Shannon Cox, Larry Cripe, Naomi Day, Amy DuBois, Jerry Eckrote Jr., Tammy Ellis, J. Garrett Ewen, Hope Faricelli, Chris Felke, Michele Felke, Scott Figert, Kristie Forney, Michelle Ginther, Chris Grimes, Shawn Grube, Rosetta Haimbaugh, Lee Ann Hartman, Teresa Hartman, Charlotte Heiden, Trish Heishman, Michael Herrell Jr., Michael Hiatt, Chrystal Holloway, Christopher Hooks, Angie Howard, Kari Huppert, Jhanna Jefferies, Kelly Jenkins, Deana Johnson, Dustin Johnson, Robin Johnson, Steven Johnson, Sharon Jolley, Michelle Justice, Thomas Keele, Thomas Kelly, Kimberly Kesler, Shelly Kiggins, Kristin Klobucher, Stacy Krohn, Kimberly Krom, Jeff Kuhn, Amanda Latta, Chad Leap, Jason Long, Wendy McMillen, Timothy Merchant, Angel Miller, Rick Miller Jr., Donna Milliser, William Morgan, Christopher Morton, Doug Neighbor, Kevin Ogle, Dustin Overmyer, Shannon Overmyer, Elizabeth Pea, Alison Pfeiffer, Jennifer Price, Jon Puckett, Brian Pursifull, Dan Rans, Tonya Rans, William Reynolds, Tina Rodman, Donald Rogers, Kasandra Ruble, Kevin Sawyer, Scott Sayger, Wendi Sayger, Lester Scaife, Paul Schaeffner, Jeffrey Schaller, Andrea Schwarte, Stefanie Sellers, Dennis Smith, Julia Stafford, Darek Stump, Kristina Sutton, Joseph Swango, Carleen Terry, Ronald Towne, Amy Townsend, Chris Trigg, James Vires Jr., James Wagoner, Richard Wagoner, Thomas Wagoner, Timothy Walker, R. Perry Walters, Jenny Weissinger, Jaime Wertz, Kori Wertz, Angela Westwood, James Wheadon, Amy Whirledge, Erica Wilber, Marsha Wilder, Valerie Willard, Michael Williams, Michael Wisenberg, Travis Woodcox, Kindra Wright.

### 1991

Laura Absi, Nathan Alber, Paul Alber, Angela Altic, Mary Archer, Susan Arven, Misti Baldwin, Laura Ballinger, Stacy Barkman, Jennifer Beach, Robert Beattie, Christopher Beck, Kimberly Bilby, Kassandra Bohm, Lisa Bowman, Anthony Bradway, Darrell Bright, Tobi Briney-Ogle, Ryan Browning, Paul Carpenter, Carey Carr, Brian Cave, Dawnae Christensen, Jonathan Clark, Jennifer Clevenger, Brandon Conley, Russell Conley, Mark Copeland, Robert Dell, Deke DeMarco, James Downhour II, Casey DuBois, Billy Ellis, Lawrence Eschbach, Diane Evans, Steven Fox Jr., Greg Freant, Lisa Fry, Nela Garver, Shan Renee Geller, Arthur Good, Brandi Grogg, Jason Grube, Paula Hartisch, Edward Hassenplug, Christina Hill, Heather Holloway, Adam Horoho, Todd Howdeshell, Melanie Hubbard, Jason Hunter, Lisa Jackson, Laurie Jana, Shawn Jolley, James Keefer, Jennifer Kelley, Crystal Kelly, Kimberly Kirby, Sean Kresge, Virginia Kuyoth, Ryan Lehman, Kerrie Lauth, JoAnn Leia, Ty Lewis, William Livingston III, Max Lytle II, Steven Mahoney Jr., Keith Mason, Jimmy McGlothlin, Shelly McGlothlin, Keith McGriff, Shanon Mitchell, Elizabeth Moore, Charles Mott Jr., Amy Newman, Laurie Parko, Barbara Pearson, David Perdue, Robert Plantz, Lori Reed, Shane Reffett, Karen Reitz, Todd Rhymer, Ryan Riggle, Rex Robison, Jesper Roland, Tracy Rottmiller, Ann Sawyer, Dawndalyn Shelpman, Katina Shidler, Lisa Shidler, Jennifer Shrader, Bradley Smith, Cory Smith, Gary Smith, Trevor Smith, John Stevens, Patricia Stockberger, Joseph Stocking, Kaci Stump, Robert Styles Jr., Matt Sutton, Donald Thompson, Brenda Ulery, Kirt Weakman, Lance Wetzel, Wendy Williams, Randall Wynn.

### 1992

Rhonda Abrams, Trula Amich, Victoria Bailey, Rodger Baker, Joshua Baxter, Jeanette Beaird, Kimberly Bingle, Todd Bode, Staci Boldry, Mark Bond, Tami Bradley, Michelle Brash, Julie Brown, Michael Brown, Richard Brown, Todd Brown, Mendi Carroll, Donald Castleman, Jerry Clinger, James Coleman, Yvonne Cook, Kimberlie Cowles, Daniel Cyrus, Jason Denton, Amy

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Dulin, Jeffery Eckrote, Aimee Eschbach, Matthew Fisher, Frank Fugate, Lara Alvarez, Christopher Gardner, Carl Grubbs, Heather Hack, Nikki Hall, Aimee Hammer, Tammie Hart, Angela Hartmann, Mark Hayden, Brandon Heishman, Shari Helt, Scott Harrell, Miriam Hiatt, Matthew Hoover, Courtney Houin, Jason Hounshell, Michael Houser, Ty Howard, Lisa Hoyt, Stephen Jackson, Chad Jernigan, Alfred Johnson, Jason Kesler, Regina Keyser, Cassandra Knauff, Cynthia Koontz, Parry Leavell, Tony Leininger, Scott Mappin, Melissa Markley, Ehler Martin Jr., John Martin, James Melton, Terry Metheny, Angie Meyer, Donald Meyer, Carl Miller III, Melinda Moore, Robert Morton, Eric Murphy, Stacey Newman, Kirsta O'Hern, Douglas Oliver, Christine Overmyer, Nicole Parker, Daniel Pease, David Pease, Daniel Perez, Douglas Pomeroy Jr., Martin Prater, Gail Price, Jacquelin Randall, Jessica Randall, Krista Riegle, Timothy Ritter, Tracy Robinson, Denise Robson, Stacey Rogers, Tamara Rutledge, Joseph Schaller, Shawn Schmal, Anthony Shaffer, Michael Shaffer, Katina Shidler, Douglas Showley, Elizabeth Shriver, Teresa Shriver, Lora Smith, Carey Spaulding, Randall Spaulding, Bobbie Stahl, Tracy Stokes, Jason Swango, Darla Towne, Faith Townsend, Jill Tucker, Eika Umeki, Cyle Wagoner, William Weissinger, Donna Wetzel, Lonnie White, Paul Wilder, Michael Woods, Robert Woods, Jeffery Zellers.

## **1993**

Frederic Absi, Jason Amich, James Apt, James Arnett, Cheri Bailey, Scott Barkman, Dempsey Bean, Andrea Beattie, Robin Beck, Traci Beehler, Phillip Bowers, Marcy Bradley, Cheryl Bretzinger, Anthony Briney, Daniel Brubaker Sr., Jeremiah Brzozowski, Kathryn Burke, Angela Buskirk, Robert Calhoun, Tara Calhoun, Enio Cantarelli Jr., Robert Clemens III, Roger Clevenger, Gretchen Conley, Michael Copeland, Lori Curtis, Raquel da Costa, Shannon Davis, Catherine Dluzak, Michelle Dosenberry, Justin Downs, Jennifer Elliott, Melissa Ellis, Douglas Fant, Bradley Fellers, Shannon Ginther, Brian Goodman, Shoda Green, Dawn Gregory, Anjanette Grosvenor, Carl Grubbs, Shannon Grube, Gregory Hamilton, Jennifer Harper, Jason Harrison, Darci Heishman, Matthew Hennon, Jennifer Hoffman, Christopher Hogle, Jason Holloway, Cheryl Howe, Sara Hudkins, Johnson, Andrea Jones, Michael Justice, Daniela Kerr, Daniel Kesner, John Kimmel, Cynthia Kline, Mandie Langley, Heather Little, Naomi Livingston, Elizabeth Mata, Dustin Mathias, Tracey McKee, Jason McMillen, Matthew Meiser, Christopher Miller, Justin Miller, Karen Miller, Trina Miller, Kimberly Mooney, Tiffany Moore, Toby Mosley, Joe Oliver III, Carrie Onstott, Joellyn Peter, Laura Phillips, Lauri Pitcock, Stephanie Powell, Jason Reed, Theodore Richard, Christi Sayger, Matthew Sayger, Andrew Schleiger, Jason Skinner, Lyndee Smith, Tina Thorn, Ian Ton, Regen Ton, April Troutman, Mark Vanspeybroeck, John Wegner, Melissa Williams, Melody Winter, Cory Zartman, Zannie Zartman.

## **1994**

Amy Agnew, Heather Allen, Daniel Bailey, Christopher Bair, Jarrod Ball, Tanya Banic, Glenn Barnes, Jeffrey Behrens, Ross Bowers, Stacy Bradway, Corey Brandenburg, Ryan Breidinger, Sarah Bretzinger, Ryan Clevenger, Sean Cochran, Amy Coffing, Libby Coleman, Angel Collings, Daniel Coplen, Shannon Cumberland, Christopher Duncan, Nesha Fear, Bruce Freant, Rebecca Frushour, Melissa Frushour, Toby Galloway, Steven Gilliland, Bobbi Goss, Jasmine Gross, Eric Halfast, Eric Hammel, Larry Hammer II, Melissa Hennon, Heather Herrell, Kristen Hoehne, Noah Hogan, Benjamin Hoover, Mark Hott, Holly Hounshell, Michele Howton, Damon Hummel, Megan Hunter, Joshua Isbell, Kimberlee Jones, Rebecca Kelley, James Kelly, Alonda Kiggins, Nicole Kiggins, Dawn Kimmel, Eric Koontz, George Krom IV, Michael Lease, Oliver Liebig, Rod Marks, Kimberly McFarland, David Meade, Douglas Meade, Angela Miller, Tara Jane Miller, Tara Lynn Miller, Jamie Mitchell, Amy Mooneyhan, Jamie Musselman, Renee Mutchler, Stephen Offutt, Melinda Pace, Charla Pocock, Eric Pratt, Ravishankar Rajendran, Shawn Rensberger, Rebecca Rich, Renee Riggle, David Rigney, Mark Sayger, Virginia Schakel, Scott Schultz, Kara Showley, Aaron Sims, Shane Smith, Kristie Spaulding, Stacey Spencer, Erin Sroufe, Shannon Stockberger, Christopher Stokes, Brett Stowasser, Jason Stump, Misty Styles, Drew Swango, Alicia Taylor, Molly Terrell, Chad Thomas, Emily Vititoe, Candy Wade, Jennifer Wade, Jami Wagoner, Stacy Wagoner, Danny Winter, Patrick Zeider, Adam Zimmerman, Adam Zink.

## **1995**

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Elliott Allen, Angel Andrews, Mark Bailey, Scott Baillieul, Scott Baldwin, Britin Beaulieu, Jason Beck, John Beck, Bill Beliles, Andy Bower, Stephanie Bright, Ben Brzozowski, Jessie Burkett, Amy Burns, Ryan Calhoun, Kendra Carlson, Chad Carpenter, Charles Cave, Katrina Chilcutt, Heather Christensen, David Clark, Jason Coleman, Cathy Conley, Shawn Davidson, Kelley Davis, Lori DeWitt, Emily Dluzak, Joshua Drach, Rachel Drach, Amanda Dulin, Rachelle Eaton, Janet Eley, Sarah Eller, Katherine Eschbach, Jennifer Fisher, Jeffery Frolick, Tara Frolick, Amber Fulton, Michael Garringer, Sean Garrison, Gregory Gentry, Jennifer Good, Emily Gottschalk, Eric Green, Kari Grosvenor, Becky Guzzo, Tyler Harrison, David Hartman, Sara Heins, Jamie Hill, Lee Holloway, Mark Holloway, Tracy Holloway, Heather Hook, Samantha Horn, Jamie Howton, Cindy Hoyt, Joseph Hozey, Melisa Huppert, Kent Jones, Bill Keele, Carrie Kelly, Jeremy Kelly, Stacey Kesler, Laura Koebecke, Angela Luhnnow, Jenny Maple, Matt Mappin, Jaime Mathias, Sheila McMillen, Jamie Miller, Amy Milliser, Daryl Minix, Matt Moore, Natalie Moore, Timothy Mott, Jeni Oliver, Byron Osborn, Carrie Parker, Beverly Perez, Jim Pomeroy, Lesley Price, Debbie Queen, Ashley Reichard, Jennifer Rodriguez, Tonda Roe, Jack Rudd, Keri Sayger, Jesseca Schlosser, Misty Shaffer, Ben Shambarger, Faith Sheldon, Andrew Shotts, Sam Shriver, Tim Smith, Amanda Spaulding, Mikel Sriver, Dexter Sumpter, Jennifer Swick, Shaun Taylor, Christopher Thompson, Jennifer Todd, Adam Troutman, John Tyler, Steven Vigar, Cory Wagoner, Kimberly Wagoner, Janeen Webb, Amy Wideman, Jennifer Wilkinson, Steve Wilkinson, Michelle Wreglesworth, Julie Zellers.

## **1996**

Nancy Abbott, Amatul Ahmad, Christopher Arnett, Matthew Bair, Jason Baker, Joclyn Barnett, Amber Basham, Jason Beliles, Kari Bilby, Ike David Birdwell, Joseph Bowers, Amanda Brash, Amy Bretzinger, Heather Briney, Stefhanie Bugno, Andrea Burkett, Brandi Burns, Rebecca Buskirk, Dustin Calhoun, Shawn Carpenter, Heather Carr, Jennifer Coble, Stacey Cole, Brandy Collins, Melissa Courtney, Stacy Cumberland, Matthew Deeds, Patricia Denton, Stephen Duckett, Stephanie Eastwood, Gwendolyn Elliott, Brenda Evers, Dustin Ewing, Carrie Fant, Heather Figert, Charity Franz, Jason Furnivall, Andrew Gardner, Charles Gault, Shannon Good, Leslie Gottschalk, Jason Grube, Jill Hankee, Mathew Hardesty, Rebecca Harrison, Gretchen Hayden, Justin Heit, Brooke Holloway, Nicholas Hornstein, Joshua Hozey, Allison Jacobs, Kenneth Jansing Jr., Thomas Johnson, Aaron Jones, Nicholle Kamp, Thomas Kelly, Michael Kiggins, Stephen King, Ryan Kirby, Corey Kline, Keith Kochenderfer, Kyle Krathwohl, Wade Langley, Kimberly Lawson, Mark McCall, Heather McFarland, Fred McGlothlin Jr., Brandon McGriff, Jason McKee, Amy Meredith, Andrew Miller, Jennifer Miller, Matthew Miller, Kimberly Mooneyhan, Broderick Moore, Nathan Mueller, Marcelle Murphy, Travis Mutchler, Lincoln Osborn, Marjorie Osborn, David Overmyer, Amber Pesak, Traci Powell, Alicia Powers, Patricia Pursifull, Dawn Ritchie, Steven Ritchie, Jennifer Roberts, Stacie Sain, Stefhanie Sain, Gina Sapp, Sarah Schrader, Timothy See Jr., Heath Simons, Brett Sims, Mimi Siyousack, Chad Smith, Jacob Smith, Benjamin Snyder, Mikel Sriver, Crystal LaCosta Stone, Jaime Swango, Jeremy Swango, Grant Terrell, Brandon Terrone, Kyle Umbarger, Angela VanderVinne, Kylie Wagers, Samuel Weissinger, Dawn Wetzell, Lesley Whirlledge, Jack Winegardner Jr., Crystal Winter, Alisha Woodcox, Jare Woods, Matthew Woods, Jodi Wynn, Timothy Wynn, Jennifer Yochum, Jane Zellers.

## **1997**

Lydia Absi, Meranda Allen, Brian Apt, Christopher Araman, Shannon Atkins, Shawna Baldwin, Chad Balser, Gretchen Barts, Felicia Besse, Jeremy Bilby, Bryan Bond, Ryan Bond, Leeann Bradway, Alicia Brown, Anthony Byerline, Daniel Christman V, Christina Clark, Misty Conley, Brent Conrad, Nathan Crall, Amanda Cripe, Deadra Crowel, Ryan Cunningham, Kyle Damron, Timothy Dehnart, Darla DeMarco, Jennifer Denton, Thomas DuBois, Jennifer Duncan, Scott Eikenberry, Jayson Elliott, Cory Fellers, Kimberly Gardner, Chad Garrison, Jedediah Garrison, Darcy Glinge, Sarah Gordon, Fritz Haack, Ryan Hartwell, Jason Hattery, Kandi Hektor, Justin Helt, Chad Hisey, Casey Horoho, Christina Hott, Heidi Howard, Lisa Hubbard, Kenneth Hurst, Jonathan Isbell, Jose Jimenez Jr., Kelby Jones, Ray Jurado, Stephanie Kesner, Elizabeth

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Kinninger, James LaFrance, Bradley Lease, Tera Lewis, Nathaniel Long, Dana Lowe, Anthoni Marks, David Masterson, Michael McFarland, Herman Medina Jr., Travis Mehring, Michael Meiser, Jennifer Mollencupp, Laura Mosley, Eric Muse, Titus Mutchler, Jennifer Newcomer, Bobbie Nicholson, Nicole O'Dell, Jack Oldroyd, Amy Olinger, Angela Overmyer, Melissa Overmyer, Devan Penn, Amanda Phillips, Rodger Pittman, Kelly Plantz, April Powers, Christina Pratt, Kristen Price, Ryan Ritchie, Paul Rosswurm, Sheri Rottmiller, Johnathon Rucker, Diana Ruttschaw, Michael Sellers, Devon Showley, David Shriver, Deby Skidmore, Joshua Smith, Michael Smith, Harold Stockberger, Regina Sutton, Dan Swanson, Brooke Taylor, Nathan Terrone, Corey Thomas, Nicholas Thompson, Jan Tigges, Joshua Ton, Eric Tripp, Corey Tyler, Gregory Wade, Joshua Wagoner, Lindsay Wagoner, Jennifer Wakeland, Jodee Wilburn, Joshua Wilkins, Aisha Williams, Nicholas Williams, Kelly Winegardner, Jeremy Zeiger, Rachel Zeiger.

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Patrick Allen, Lannette Armstrong, Jason Arnett, Stephanie Bailey, Brad Ball, Melinda Bartlett, Amber Beck, Amy Beck, Crystal Birden, April Blomquist, Todd Bowen, Gretchen Boyer, Amanda Bradley, Justin Bradley, Jamie Bretzinger, Jennifer Bright, Theodore Brown, Danielle Browning, Ben Brubaker, Brooke Bryant, Kyle Calvert, Kristen Carlson, Shanna Carlson, Donna Cave, Jason Clinger, Gwyndyn Cloud, Nathan Coleman, Allison Conley, David Crowel, Elizabeth Dale, Lesley Davis, Nicole Davis, Nicole Denney, Harriett Dluzak, Nathan Drach, Joshua Durkes, Kent Easterday, Amy Eizinger, Eric Elliott, Brandon Evers, Joshua Faris, Kirk Fischer, Paul Fisher, William Frounfelter, Thomas Fulton, Daniel Funk, Ashley Furnivall, Brenda Gaerte, Jeralyn Gault, Erica Ginther, Jami Goodman, Evan Gottschalk, Trevor Grosvenor, Heather Gustafson, Leslie Gustafson, Tonya Hall, Andrea Hamblin, Toni Harley, Stephen Heinzmann, Stacey Heishman, Travis Heishman, Ryan Helt, Bret Henderson, Danielle Hoffman, Derrick Holloway, Jace Hoppes, Matthew Horn, Michelle Hornstein, Jared Hozey, Darren Hunt, Nathan Hunter, Eric Jana, Brian Jimenez, Ryan Johnson, Amber Kale, Andrea Kamp, Charlene Kline, Nicole Konopasek, Ivy Krom, Shaun Kruse, Julie Martin, Carmen Mathias, Allison May, Sarah Mays, Sherry McConnell, Veronica McNutt, Brooke Mikesell, Thomas Miller, Kathleen Morton, Eric Murphy, Dustin Musselman, Andrea Mutchler, Brandon Nelson, Travis Nolen, Joshua Ogle, Joshua Overmyer, Robin Peltz, Joshua Pike, Trent Powell, Richard Prater, Pamela Pratt, Melissa Puckett, Travis Pugh, Kevin Redford, Terria Reffitt, Jenny Robowski, Amy Roe, Nathan Rosswurm, Jeremy Rudd, Brandy Saine, Jordan Schlosser, Eric Schoff, Brian Sheets, Nicholas Skinner, Jennifer Smiley, Adele Smith, Jamie Smith, Trevor Smith, Emily Snyder, Erika Stiles, Kevin Swafford, Jeremy Swank, Derek Tatter, Joshua Tyler, Tammy Ulery, Angela Wagoner, Bethany Wagoner, Kaara Walker, Nicole Waltz, Betsy Weissinger, Paul Wheadon, Rhonda Wiegand, Alicia Williams, Corey Wilson, Seth Wilson, Melinda Yates, Melissa Yates.

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Courtney Allen, Bruce Armstrong, Nicole Barnes, Erin Beaulieu, Jessica Border, Crystal Borys, Mark Brash, Thomas Brash, Jami Briney, Shannon Brock, Jayme Brooks, Stephen Brown, Travis Bryant, Heather Bugno, Rachelle Burke, Amanda Burkett, Joseph Burkett, Amanda Burns, Corey Calvert, Stacey Carvey, Melissa Castellano, James Clark III, Donna Cloud, Ryan Cloud, Melissa Cole, Dustin Conley, Andrea Cook, Michael Coplen, Joshua Crispen, Lizza Dauenhauer-Pendley, Erin Dittman, Daniel Douglass, Matthew Duncan, Andrew Eller, Steffany Enderle, Justin Estes, Kathryn Faris, Lori Fellers, Tracy Fox, Dustin Friend, Jennifer Fritz, Stuart Fulton, Aaron A. Gates, Melissa Gilliland, Cassie Goodman, Nicholas Groenleer, Alicia Halfast, Mona Hall, Jon Hartsock, Trevor Heishman, Michael Hicks, Mandy Hood, Travis Huffman, Cristina Jurado, Susy Jurado, Phillip Kelly, Nicole Kline, Melissa LaFerney, Tabatha Lahman, Stephanie Lewis, Buddy Lowe, Mathew Markley, Melissa Martin, Tina McGaughey, Jeremy McKee, Matthew McKee, Sarah McKinney, Billy Medina, Luke Middleton, Jessie Miller, Joseph Miller, Justin Mooneyhan, Craig Moore, Misty Moore, Erin Moschell, Matthew Murray, Lisa Musselman, Christian Nicholson, Crystal Norman, Greta Notz, Aaron Ogle, Cassidy Ogle, Grace Overmyer, Nathaniel Pace, Tai Patterson, Christopher Phillips, Amanda Ramsey, Brandon Rans, Staci Ranstead, Alan

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Reese, Richard Rensberger, Kristy Richard, Melanie Roberts, Stephanie Rodriguez, Timothy Roe, Joshua Rude, Leah Sawyer, Kyle Schnitz, Kristy Sheets, Casey Shively, Crystal Sipe, Daniel Sirken, Sarah Slisher, Kristen Smiley, Tiffany Smith, Sarah Steinmeyer, Robert Sutton, Timothy Tate, Lisa Thompson, Malissa Thorn, Hollie Tobin, Dirk Ton, Alissa Troutman, Craig Tyler, Andrew VanderVenne, Amy Van Duyn, Rita Vigar, Mandy Vogel, Carrie Wagoner, Nicole Wakeland, Ashley Warner, Oliver Wells, Scott Wilburn, Amy Wilson, Luke Wilson, Weston Wilson, Heather Yeazel, Cory Zent, Stacey Zent, Erik Zink.

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Myra Absi, Nila Ahmad, Lanty Armstrong, James Atkins, Brian Bauman, Deric Beck, Hermon Beliles, Rachel Berryman, Brandi Blackburn, Nicholas Bowers, Michael Brash, Stephen Bretzinger, Adam Brown, Derek Brown, Nicholas Brown, Priscilla Brown, Kimberly Brubaker, Dustin Burkett, Roscoe Burkett, Stacie Burkett, Amy Callahan, Robert Cameron, Brooke Carlson, Brenda Christman, Kevin Clark, Patrick Clevenger, Corey Conley, Jeremy Conley, Belinda Conrad, Clinton DeWitt, Lisa Donahue, Amanda Dreibelbis, Robert Dugan, Adam Enyart, James Erdman, Jennifer Evers, Alisha Ewing, Jared Figlio, Jason Fincher, Blane Fischer, Don Fishburn, James Fisher, Amanda Foor, David Fox, Kyle Freant, Tara Gehring, Austin Gibbons, Brandie Grimm, Clinton Grossnickle, Jeremy Grube, Ashley Gundrum, Candace Hack, Kristin Hall, Autumn Harlow, Jayme Hartzler, Amy Helt, Amanda Henriott, Misti Hildebrand, Erica Hizo, Andrea Hoehne, Dustin Hook, Kyle Hoover, Travis Horn, Allison Horoho, Bartholomew Hott, Terese Hott, Jeremy Housouer, Ashley Howdeshell, Rebecca Hudkins, Matthew Hunter, Marcos Irizarry, Scott Jana, Justin Jenkins, Glenn Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Justin Jordan, Kira Jump, Emily Kamp, Molly Kepler, Kyle Kimmel, Rebecca Kline, Lindsey Kozubik, Geoffrey Kruse, Eddie Lawson, Nikole Lawson, Stacey Lease, Corey Lebo, Nicole Lee, Brian Lett, Richard Lucker, Elisabeth Marshall, Dustin May, Anna McFarland, Josie McGrew, Lindsey McIntire, Kyle McKinney, John McQueary Jr., Amy Meiser, Justin Miller, Sarah Miller, Tia Miller, Andrea Milliser, John Mollencupp, Adam Montel, Jonathan Mueller, Erin Mulholland, Kami Newcomer, Blake Newton, Pamela Nicklaus, Philip Overmyer, Brandon Parker, James Pemberton, Brandi Pike, Jeffrey Powell, Trisha Powell, Robert Prater, Courtney Prathaftakis, Bridget Rans, Shane Reasoner, Dusten Roe, Michael Rogers Marie Rosswurm, Michael Rottmiller, Alejandra Sanchez, Kara Sayger, Rebecca Sayger, Patrick Schleiger, Adam Shidler, Dennis Siyousack, Catherine Skidmore, Kacie Skidmore, Sheila Spaulding, Katie Spencer, Jon Stamper, Kara Starkey, Ryan Steele, April Stiles, Morgan Stone, Matthew Straeter, Arica Sumpter, Justin Tammany, Jan Tolkien, Jared Tyler, Cynthia Vogel, Daniel Wagoner, Jeffrey Wagoner, Ricky Wilburn, Alan Wilson, Carmie Wood, Jodi Woods, Jade Ziegler.

[The above Rochester High School Graduates, from 1878 to and including 2000, were furnished by Sarah Overmyer, Publisher, The Rochester Sentinel, from the Wednesday, June 7, 2000 issue.]

## ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Schools - Rochester High School Athletic Field

### H. S. HAS AN ATHLETIC FIELD

Students of the Rochester high school are busy preparing their new athletic field which has been rented at the end of West Seventh street. This lot was selected over any others on account of its location, the school gymnasium with its shower baths and other equipment, being only two squares distant. The lot is also big enough to serve for several different purposes.

At present the students are constructing the baseball diamond and expect to have it completed by Saturday when they will meet the Huntington high school team. The diamond has already been scraped and the grass in the outfield cut. Several teams have been employed to fill in the holes and the ground will be ready for use by Wednesday evening.

If possible, arrangements may be completed in the spring so that a quarter mile running track and a place for field events will be built around the field. A grandstand may be built and the local school would then have one of the best athletic fields in this state for high schools.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 15, 1914]

## **ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND** [Rochester, Indiana]

Organized in 1930, S. A. Carvey, director.

Early members: Marguerite Scheid, Florence Ducker, Chester Knickelbine, Marjorie Thompson, Bill Deniston, Robert Hartung, Maurice Coplen, Kenneth Castleman, Herman Coplen, Oden Barger, Eugene Kelley, Bennie DuBois, LeRoy Frobish, Earl Osborn, Earl Bailey, John Keim, Lloyd Craig, Devern Brubaker, Robert Osborn and Robert Allen.

In 1938 the band had uniforms.

## **ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL** [Rochester, Indiana]

Basketball was beginning to attract attention over the state and there was already a local business men's league in Rochester composed of three teams which played a schedule through the winter. This gave some incentive to the RHS young students and in my freshman year we formed the school's first basketball team all on our own. Our mothers made the trunks and most of us wore our swimming suit jerseys. We bought our own shoes and stockings. My brother, who played on one of the city league teams, was our coach his senior year. We played several games with neighboring fives but the big contest of the year was with Rochester College which had the advantage of age and superior coaching by a faculty member, Prof. Vance, who had played the game at Colgate University. They usually, but not always, beat us.

It's probably unbelievable to the young generation of this day to learn about the halls in which we played. Here at home the league had already rented the Armory Hall which was upstairs on East 8th Street facing the court house.

They had placed one basket on the north wall and on the south above a wire fence which was erected on three sides with three-foot sideboards. Homemade bleachers were behind the west side of the fence. At the south end the canopy covering the stairway separated two spaces which were used for rest periods between halves. Heat was furnished the hall by two large drum woodburning stoves and they furnished sufficient warmth to the bleacher fans and to the players who gathered around to plan the second-period play. Fortunately the Tipton barbershop (now the Westwood barber shop) located in the basement of the Holman building had a single roomy shower bath and the adjoining room was where we dressed. In zero weather most of the local players wore bathrobes or sweaters to and from the hall but some did not. It is remarkable that not one case of pneumonia was ever reported. Both teams used the same shower facilities. Following each game the perspiring players had to run the quarter of a block despite the temperature, snow or rain. Some of the other places we played in those early years had only cold dressing rooms. The halls were mostly located over stores or in remodeled barns. Plymouth was more up to date as they held their contests in an abandoned theatre with posts that held up the balcony at the edge of the playing floor. In those days we usually were able to defeat the Plymouth high school team.

Crawfordsville and Lebanon had preceded us in adopting the game and their teams were well developed. I recall when we did play Lebanon in my senior year it took some doing to get there and return. First we took the Lake Erie and Western Railroad south out of Rochester to Denver; there we spent some time waiting for a train that carried us to Logansport. Another change landed us in Frankfort (the high school had no team at that time) where we made our final transfer to an interurban car which took us to our destination. The next day we journeyed by interurban to Indianapolis and then home on the good old LE&W. Once when we played at Argos we rode north by train, stayed overnight and came back the same route.

Since my parents were in Washington most of the winter my father thought I would be in better hands if I attended Notre Dame under the guidance of the first Father Cavanaugh and other strict priests. While there I played basketball on the Walsh Hall team where I became a friend of

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Knut Rockne. Weekends I would return to Rochester and played with the high school team. Since there was no state athletic association at that time and no rules covering this I actually played five years . . . something our old opponents never let me forget. Many years passed and in November, 1972, Mrs. Barnhart and I gave the high school sufficient funds (\$100,000) to construct a new football field [Barnhart Field] just east of the new high school. When the gridiron was dedicated at the first game of 1973 I was presented a high school jacket bearing the letter "R" and five service stripes. Naturally I value this highly.

[Hugh A. Barnhart, *Fulton Co. Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

Dean L. Barnhart served as coach of the first basketball team in 1907 and played on the school's first basketball team.

[Dean L. Barnhart, Hugh A. Barnhart, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

See William Schroer, *Z-Roots* (A History of Rochester Sports)

## ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENTS

### COMPLETING 120 YEARS OF R.H.S. COMMENCEMENTS

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

Having chosen how much to drink from the fountain of knowledge their home town citizens have provided them, a class of 133 seniors graduated from Rochester High School at commencement exercises last Friday evening. Awaiting them is a world they will find to be more indifferent to their success than the one they've inhabited here the past 12 years.

I've attended six of these events --- first as a senior, then as father and grandfather of seniors --- so in contemplating the coming of still another I began to wonder how long Rochester has been producing high school graduates.

Well, we've been at it 120 years and this was the 118th RHS commencement since 1878 when the first class graduated. They were six in number: Hugh Brown, John B. Davidson, Frank D. Haimbaugh, John C. Keith, Edward C. Mercer and Orbra F. Montgomery. All males, you note, but Maud Mow was among the five 1880 graduates and thereafter female graduates increased rapidly.

Three of those early years -- 1879-82-83 failed to produce graduates but by 1884 RHS was moving its classes toward graduation without interruption.

Rochester's educational processes did not begin in 1878, of course, and we are indebted to James F. Scull for the history of its start. Scull was superintendent of schools in 1887 when he researched a paper on the subject. Known respectfully hereabouts as Professor Scull, he directed development of schools from 1882 until 1902 and earned a statewide reputation for his leadership. He died at the age of 77 in 1913 while in retirement at his Burton neighborhood farm.

Rochester's first school appeared in 1834, two years before its official founding, at what now is a vacant lot just south of 1215 Madison Street. First Jacob Bozarth, then successively Ebenezer Ward, Mary Jane Ward and John Ward taught pupils in a tiny log cabin that was erected there.

The second school building came in 1838, northward on Main Street where the City Hall is being constructed. Other early school classes were held in various locations: at the first Courthouse, a small structure on the west side of the Courthouse Square where the Chamber of Commerce office is today; at the Presbyterian Church, still at Sixth and Jefferson streets, and in a small structure built near the southeast corner of Sixth and Pontiac Streets that later was removed for a residence.

These all were select schools, charging a fee, and it was not until 1852 that Rochester's first free public school appeared. It held forth for 10 years at the Odd Fellows Hall at the site of today's Grace Methodist Church, Seventh and Jefferson Streets. The first Rochester Public

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School, a two-story, four-room frame building, was erected in 1862 on the southeast corner of Sixth and Pontiac Streets, east of today's Arboretum. A four-room addition was added in 1869, by which time a graded school system was begun that led to the first high school graduation class.

By 1888 this school had been outgrown and the towering brick three-story Central School Building was completed across the street at today's Arboretum site. It came not a minute too soon, for the old school building went up in flames six weeks before Central was to be occupied.

Central's high school classes were conducted on its upper floor. That space soon proved inadequate, so in 1913 Rochester city and township joined tax bases to build a separate high school southeast of the Central site, at Pontiac and Seventh Streets. The Community Resource Center is there today.

When the new high school on Park Road was opened in 1965, the Pontiac Street building became a junior high and remained so until 1975 when it was declared obsolete for that purpose as well and the new Middle School was erected south of the High School.

Meanwhile, in the 1950s statewide consolidation of elementary schools was decreed and that movement in time brought city and township pupils into new elementary buildings, Riddle and Columbia, in 1957, phasing out scattered primary schools. These were Lincoln, which was the original Central structure; old Columbia, or South School, at 12th and Monroe Streets, now Jaycees Park, and Woodrow, Reiter and Burton in south, southwest and northwest township neighborhoods, respectively.

Richland Township's elementary and high school students joined the Rochester system in 1967 after its facilities had reached obsolescence.

"Thus far the work has gone. The workers die but the work goes on. May the Republic live forever."

And thus did Professor Scull conclude his survey of the local school history, with words as fitting today as they were 111 years ago. In truth, although each generation's educational needs are ever-changing; the community's responsibility of meeting them remains immutable.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 2, 1998]

## **ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL HI-Y CLUB** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **ORGANIZE HI-Y CLUB AT THE HIGH SCHOOL**

Though Rochester young men are unfortunate in not having a Y.M.C.A., the boys of the high school have taken steps to fill in with an organization which is very similar. Recently fourteen boys of the high school held a meeting and formed what is known as a Hi-Y club or junior Y.M.C.A. The organization is a national one and in many cities has proven a big thing for the young men. The aim of the club is to create and maintain a high standard of christian living throughout the school.

The local club is composed of the fourteen charter members out of which the following officers have been elected: president, Edward Ravencroft; vice-president, John Ravencroft; secretary, James Atkinson; treasurer, John Leonard; sergeant at arms, Loral Kenyon; faculty advisor, L. V. Phillips. The club membership has been limited to about thirty and new members can be taken in by suggesting the name of the boy wanted to the committee which will in turn look up the boy's personal record and make a favorable or unfavorable report whichever the case may be.

Meetings are being held every Monday night of each week at the high school. This club is one that should grow and become one of the most solidly founded organizations of Rochester as it has the best of the young men for its members and the highest of ideals as its aim.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, December 10, 1924]

## **ROCHESTER JOINT HIGH SCHOOL** [Rochester, Indiana]

Located NE corner 7th and Pontiac.

Built in 1912.

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Gymnasium in basement. Later converted into a shop room after Whitmer Gymnasium was constructed.

Pupils included those from Rochester Township and Rochester City.

Teachers: Harley Rogers, commerce, 1923.

Used as a Middle School a few years after the present high school was constructed.

See: Schools - Manitou Ripples

See: Schools - Rochester High School

See: Schools - Rochester Junior High School

See: Schools - Station R.H.S.

See: Schools - Whitmer Gym

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## REMINISCENCES

Bye and bye Rochester built a new high school (1912) with a small gynasium that for a number of years resounded to cries and shrieks of the male and female gender as Rochester's first high school basketball team won or lost an encounter. Rochester went basketball crazy and has almost never recovered from the epidemic. Still later, a new gymnasium (Whitmer - 1922) was finagled through the organization of a local stock company when tax dollars were not available. Now this structure is found inadequate and most any day a furore will be raised to build larger and better.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Thursday, July 30, 1959]

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## NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Rochester is to have a new High school building and it may be that work on laying the foundation may yet be started this summer.

The city school board has talked and figured over the proposition at many of their meetings and the matter has been sifted down to a pretty fine point, although several important features are still unsettled. It will be recalled that the site of the old Central school, which was destroyed by fire in 1881, is still retained by the city. In addition the lot adjoining to the south was purchased some time ago and the new building will be erected on the two lots. The structure will be built of brick and trimmed with stone, the exact style of architecture yet to be selected. There will be plenty of room to accommodate the growing demands and in addition there will be provided a finely equipped gymnasium and laboratory.

If the township and city High schools consolidate, the school will have a starting membership of about 250 and even if they don't the city will have 150 to 200 students. On this point hangs the starting time of the building and until it is settled there is no likelihood of work being commenced. If there is nothing done this year then, in all probability, work will commence in earnest next spring.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 12, 1911]

## BIG NEW \$40,000 SCHOOL BUILDING

The final step in the completing of plans for the building of a joint high school building by Rochester township and Rochester city was taken this afternoon, when the township advisory board, Trustee Robert Wiley and the members of the city school board met and signed the contract. The need of a building of this sort had been quite apparent for the past couple of years and the step just taken will be approved by the entire population of the township. At present there are about forty city high school students who are compelled to study at home for lack of room at the school and the situation has become quite alarming to the city school board. The city is unable to build because of lack of funds and therefore was anxious to join the township in the undertaking. When it comes to the need of a new building the township was also at a loss as to what to do, for according to Trustee Wiley the Rochester college, which is now being used as a

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township high school will no longer be fit for a school after this year unless extensive improvements are made, which is not likely.

The proposed new high school building will be located on the lot south of the U. B. church and will be used exclusively as a high school. As now contemplated the cost will be somewhere near \$40,000 and will be modern in every particular, with the addition of a manual training department and possibly gymnasium. Work will be started on the building as soon as the weather will permit and it is hoped it will be completed before the opening of school next fall.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 23, 1912]

### WIDE RANGE IN BIDDERS' FIGURES

Just who will get the contract for the new joint city and township high school building was not decided at the letting held in this city Friday afternoon. The three low bidders are C. W. Lee, Logansport; Stephen Parcel and William Cooper of this city, and it is more than likely that one of the three will be awarded the contract when the board meets in this city again on next Saturday. No decision was reached Friday as the board decided that it would be the part of wisdom to carefully consider the bids of the low bidders and investigate the reputation of the bidders on work of this class before finally awarding the contract.

Eleven bids were submitted on the building, exclusive of heating and plumbing, and were as follows:

C. W. Lee, Logansport	\$44,007
W. H. Cooper, Rochester	47,500
Stephen Parcel, Rochester	50,000
Kindig Bros., Bunker Hill	51,203
W. Everly, Plymouth	57,958
W. H. Shields, Plymouth	54,955
Berden Bros, Hamilton, Ohio	56,699
Van Hoy & Son, Logootee	57,700
Goodall & Son, Peru	57,779
W. M. Winship, Rushville	59,990
Jung-Claus, Indianapolis	62,350

The question of heating was considered and five bids, ranging from \$6,197 to \$6,566, were submitted on steam heating equipment and boilers. The boards then considered the proposition of the Rochester Electric Light, Heat & Power Company to furnish steam heat from their central plant at from \$900 to \$1,300 per year, the former being the minimum and the latter the maximum amount of the charge permitted under the agreement. By a vote of five to two the board accepted the proposition of the local electric light company. Under this arrangement no boilers will be required in the building and new bids will be asked for on the heating equipment without boilers. This will probably reduce the heating equipment bids from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Two bids were received on plumbing. One from P. A. Ritchey & Co., city, and the other from Carson & Payne, Indianapolis. Both bids were rejected and the board will re-advertise for bids on this class of work, believing that more competition will reduce the price of the work.

Between now and the meeting set for next Saturday members of the two boards will carefully consider the bids on file and also the character of work done by the bidders on other jobs which they have erected. A number of the bids specify reductions the bidder is willing to make in case different materials or a different class of work is substituted from those specified in the architect's plans. The board will examine these matters carefully and see if it is possible to reduce the cost of the building without sacrificing quality.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 15, 1912]

### STEPHEN PARCEL GOT CONTRACT

The Rochester city and Rochester township school boards held another meeting Saturday afternoon for the purpose of reconsidering the bids for the new joint high school building to be erected in this city. At a late hour in the afternoon the boards decided to let the contract to

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Stephen Parcel of this city on his bid of \$50,000. Contractor Lee of Logansport, who was the lowest bidder, was eliminated some time ago, and Saturday morning William Cooper of this city, whose bid was next lowest, withdrew, leaving the field open to Parcel.

Mr. Parcel stated this morning that the work of staking out the ground and excavation work would start Wednesday of this week and the work will be pushed to completion. According to the contract the building is to be enclosed by Dec. 1 and finished by June 1, 1913.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 1, 1912]

### **NEWS OF THE DAY**

The Eureka Plumbing Company was awarded the contract for the plumbing and gas fitting in the new high school building. Their bid was \$3,441.50 and Robbins & Ritchey's bid was \$3,567.50

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 5, 1912]

### **WORK ON NEW SCHOOL BUILDING**

The work on Rochester city and township's new high school building which is to be erected on the West Seventh street lot is going on in earnest, and, although there have been some slight drawbacks, a great deal of headway is being made. The excavation, which was a big job, was finished more than a week ago, and now the work of installing the cement foundation is under way. The original plans called for a brick foundation, but it was thought best to change to cement.

As one passes the school lot the eye is met with small mountains of gravel and bricks, which are to be employed in the building. Already about nine carloads of bricks, comprised of more than 100,000 bricks, are on the grounds and when the 1,500,000 are piled up there the lot will resemble a good sized brick yard.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 6, 1912]

### **MISTAKE OF ARCHITECT BACON**

The work on the Rochester city and township's new joint high school building has been at a standstill for the past two weeks and many Rochester people are blaming Contractor Steve Parcel for the delay, but he is entirely innocent according to the statement of one who ought to know. The reason of the stopping of the work is that the stone, which is to be used in the construction is cut into lengths that will not fit the specifications and it is impossible to use them. The brick work is finished as far as it is possible to go until the stone is placed in position and with the stone here of the wrong size, the work had to cease. According to Contractor Parcel the stone was ordered by Architect Bacon of Indianapolis and it is his fault that they are not of the required size. However, it is thought that the new stone, which has been ordered will be here the first of next week and then work will be resumed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 28, 1912]

### **WILL FOLLOW OUT NEW IDEA**

The Rochester Township High school building will be the first public building in this county to be erected without a corner stone. To take the place of the usual corner stone which contains records and other matters of historical interest, a bronze tablet will be placed in the large assembly room. The new idea is followed because it details less cost and trouble.

The school board have also decided to do away with the old custom of dedication, which is usually a formal affair, taking much time and which is perhaps unnecessary.

Contractor Steve Parcell is making good headway on the building, and has the roof very near completed. They hope to have the windows in within a short time, when the rooms will be ready to be plastered.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 21, 1913]

### **HIGH SCHOOL NOW NEAR COMPLETION**

The new joint high school building on the corner of Seventh and Pontiac streets has now approached far enough toward completion that an inspection of the structure, readily shows

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what it will be when finished, one of the finest and most modern in the state. Every possible convenience that finances on hand will permit, will be installed in the building. Especial attention has been paid to the lighting, as the many and large windows testify.

The assembly room is on the first floor and will contain 300 sanitary [sic], individual desks in place of the old double ones used heretofore. The first floor will also contain the principal's and superintendent's offices and six large class rooms. With these and the six class rooms on the second floor, it will no longer be necessary for a class to hold a recitation in the same room in which another class is studying. There will be a large lecture room on the second floor, which will be used for lectures, teachers meetings and probably class meetings.

### In the Basement

In the basement are the gymnasium and manual training rooms. The gymnasium will be furnished moderately at first, and additions to the equipment bought as they are needed. In connection with the gymnasium will be shower baths and boys' and girls' locker rooms. With the installing of manual training rooms a new line of work will be inaugurated, that of wood, and perhaps shop work. There are five of these rooms, all of which will probably not be needed at first.

### Plan Forge Room

Another room in the basement, which will not be furnished immediately, is called in the plans, a forge room. If it is found that interest enough will be taken in that line of work to justify the purchase of all equipment, that branch of manual training will be taught. Each floor and the basement contains two toilets and several drinking fountains.

Pine floors in the rooms are called for in the specifications, but it is not decided as yet what will be used. The floors of the halls will be of cement and tile. The walls will be painted a light green. The building will be heated throughout with steam from the city pipes.

### Work Stopped

Work has been stopped at the building at the present owing to the delay in the installation of the electrical wiring. An Indianapolis concern has the contract, and it is expected that they will send workmen here soon to do the work. The building complete will cost \$60,000.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 4, 1913]

## HIGH SCHOOL IS IN NEW COMBINE

The Wabash Valley High School Athletic and Oratorical association is the new organization of which Rochester high school is a member. Its opening meet will be held in Huntington, May 17, and will, as the name implies, have two features -- a field meet and oratorical contest. - - - - Besides Huntington, the schools of Bluffton and Wabash will also be represented. E. O. Maple, of Huntington, was elected president of the new organization and F. H. Croninger, of Bluffton, secretary of the board of directors. Principal O. J. Neighborn, of Wabash, and O. C. Johnson, of this city, will be the other directors. - - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 4, 1913]

## R.H.S. NEWS

By Arthur Copeland

The girls' Glee Club, numbering 12, under the direction of Miss Claudia Stevenson, gave a recital in the large assembly room of the high school Saturday morning, before the students and visitors. The girls sang three songs, which were well received by all. Those comprising the Glee club are: Alice Barkman, Ruth Copeland, Ruth McCarty, Ruth Brinkman, Isabelle Carlton, Louise Bailey, Irene Chandler, Olive Hardin, Esther Grove, Ruth Adamson, Genevieve Grove and Myra Paramore.

[Rochester Sentinel, - - - - - 1913 ?]

## TO START PRACTICE

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As soon as the art exhibit is over at the new high school building, work will be commenced upon the gymnasium so that basketball practice may be started as soon as possible. Guards will have to be put in for the windows and backstops for the goals. In all probability the first practice will be about Thursday and the first game will be on Thanksgiving.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 31, 1913]

### WILL REMODEL GYM AT H.S.

Within the next two weeks workmen will rebuild the gymnasium at the new high school building cutting down the west wall six or eight feet in order that spectators of the basket ball contests may see the entire floor without standing up.

At the present time people who attend the games are able to see only a small part of the game and those who sit in the back rows are hardly able to see any part of the floor. The wall was made too high, but the mistake can be remedied at a small expense. Bleacher seats will probably be installed and the west wall of the playing space cut down to a height of four feet. When finished the hall will be one of the best in the country.

The school board has not accepted the new building yet, but expect to soon. Several small places in the building have not been painted and when they are touched up everything will be complete. The heating system is giving good satisfaction.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 17, 1913]

### ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL TO LEAVE THE "BIG TEN"

It was announced here today by officials of Rochester high school that within a few days Rochester will send in its resignation from the North Central Conference, commonly known as "The Big Ten." This announcement did not come as a surprise to the majority of basketball fans here as it was talked that such action might be taken after this season.

It is the plans of the school officials to schedule games for future seasons with "natural" rivals of Rochester rather than go to far distant downs and bring them here at great expense. Also since the Zebras have not had teams in recent season of the class that they had in years gone by it is the intention of the scheduling officials to arrange games here and abroad with teams of its own class so players will have an even chance to score victories and give the fans more closely played games. Continual overwhelming defeats by the leading "Big Ten" teams such as Muncie, Anderson, Newcastle, Technical, Frankfort and others has not led to any "building up" process with the local squads nor has it helped the school morale. Finally bringing the far away teams has resulted in the smallest attendance on record during the past season and the cost has been more than the athletic treasury can stand.

### Never Fared Well

Rochester teams have never fared well in the big loop being found usually at the bottom of the league when the final standing was published and in this year only Kokomo stood between the Zebras and the cellar position. However this was not the only reason for the action as it was the general opinion locally that the local squad had little to gain by being in the conference whether it stood at the top or the bottom. - - - - -

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 22, 1932]

### R.H.S. TYPING TEAM WIN FIRST IN STATE MEET

Rochester High School won first place in the advanced typing division in the state commercial contest held Saturday in Muncie. For this honor the school will be awarded a beautiful plaque.

Members of the team placing first in advanced typing were: Misses Opal Mann, Helen Sheridan and Ruth Pletcher. Miss Opal Mann also placed second in the individual typing contest and Miss Helen Sheridan won third place. Between 75 and 100 students participated in each divisional contest.

The students were accompanied to Muncie by Miss Evelyn Jones, commercial teacher, Misses Waneta Lloyd and Marie Turner.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 2, 1932]

#### **CLYDE LYLE, PURDUE STAR, TO COACH HERE NEXT YEAR**

Official announcement was made here today by the Rochester School Board, that Clyde Lyle of Indianapolis, Indiana had been employed as coach of the basketball squad for next season and physical director of the public schools. Lyle will succeed Keith Stroup who has been coach for the past three years. While it had been rumored here for some time that a change would be made, nothing official was made public until today.

The members of the board stated that the change was being made not so much for the reason of any dissatisfaction with the work of Stroup but that they hoped to produce teams in Rochester that would rank with those of former days here. They stated they felt that Lyle, a member of a Big Ten Championship five at Purdue University and who was for four years under the tutelage of Coach Ward Lambert might instill the same system here to the advantage of the squad and players.

#### **Stroup Was Popular**

Coach Stroup in his time here has built up a fine morale in the schools and is very popular with the students and athletes all of whom regret seeing him leave. He came to Rochester after being a member of the state championship five at Frankfort High School. He did not play on a college team. In addition to his physical culture and basketball directing Stroup also coached the football and track squads both of which had fair records under his guidance.

Lyle for the past three years has been coach at Rossville (Raub) High School a small institution in the Central part of Indiana. In the words of Lambert, Purdue basketball coach, recognized as the leading hardwood mentor of the middle west, "Clyde Lyle, is one of the greatest masters of footwork and fundamentals that has ever played the net game and in addition has always been a keen student of every phase of the sport."

Lyle, a comparative midget, although handicapped by his lack of height and weight, more than made up for his physical handicaps while a member of Purdue teams through his exceptional cleverness, speed and foot work that was the despair of more than one guard.

#### **Lyle Played At Purdue**

The new Rochester mentor started his basketball career at Purdue in 1927 when he won a minor letter as a member of the squad that won 9 out of 12 Big Ten games to grab the runner-up honors in the conference chase. The next season, he broke into the regular lineup as forward and floor guard, and the Boilermakers forged ahead to the Big Ten championship, dropping only two conference games during the season. His senior year he again won a major letter as a member of the 1929 squad that came within an ace of grabbing the title again, but was forced to be content with the runner-up honors.

In addition to his basketball honors, Lyle was an outstanding member of Purdue baseball nines from 1927 to 1929 inclusive, winning major letters all three years as an infielder, shifting between second base and shortstop.

#### **Flash on The Floor**

Lyle's athletic career at Purdue was always characterized by his keenness and ability to analyze situations in a flash. His midget makeup was soon forgotten when he went into action, for his unfailing store of quick acting energy made him more than a match for any foe.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 31, 1932]

#### **LIVES OF EX-PRINCIPALS TOLD BY SUPERINTENDENT**

Where are the men who each have served as principal of Rochester High School during the last twenty-eight years? What are they doing at the present? What were their major subjects while teaching? From where did they graduate?

Mr. Rezin Reagan, graduate of Earlham college, was principal of Rochester High School for two years when Mr. A. L. Whitmer became superintendent. Mr. Reagan's major subject was science. He is now a physician in the West.

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Mr. R. C. Johnson, also a graduate of Earlham college, was principal of R.H.S. for ten years. Mathematics was his major subject. At the present he is a merchant in Rochester.

Mr. Harry Miller, graduate of Chicago University, presided over the high school for three years, and his major subject was science. At the present he is the principal of the Goshen Junior High School.

Mr. L. V. Phillips, graduate of Indiana University, filled the position of principal of R.H.S. for six years; history was his major subject. He is now the principal of Vincennes High School.

Our present head of the high school is Mr. F. W. Rankin, graduate of Hanover college. He has been here for seven years, his major subject is mathematics.

All these men have shown stability and progressiveness. They have had good personalities, and fine scholarship. All have emphasized clean living and good sportsmanship.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 5, 1936]

## ROCHESTER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL [Rochester, Indiana]

See Lincoln School

## ROCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL [Rochester, Indiana]

Johnny Edward Hill became principal of Rochester Middle School in the fall of 1976.

[Jacob Whittenberger Family, Velma Bright, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

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### TEACHERS

#### 1966-67

[This was the year the sixth grade was moved into the Junior High Building to avoid overcrowding in the elementary schools.]

Robert Burwell, Principal; Virginia Smith, Secretary; Deverl Becker, Math; Frances Bright, Home Ed.; Tom Brovont, Industrial Art; Marguerite Coplen, Language Arts; John Crabbs, Science; Dale Eizinger, Science & Agriculture; Ruth Ellison, Language Arts; Mary Elizabeth Gray, Maty; Milton Kistler, Social Studies, Guid.; Leonard Mc Intire, Social Studies; Mildred Nellans, Librarian; Marvin Overmyer, Social Studies; Wilodean Rakestraw, Science; Agnes Schael, Language Arts; John Vernon, Physical Education; Kay Horn, Physical Education; Kermit Biddinger, Asst Principal & Grade 6; Frances Baxter, Grade 6; William Biddinger, Grade 6; Irene Paltz, Grade 6; Alysia P. Preul, Grade 6; Sandra Sawyer, Grade 6 (until Dec. 1); Kathryn Drach, Grade 6; Roger McNett, Special Education; Calvin Crabill, Custodian; Allen Stephen, Custodian; Reardon Newman, Custodian.

#### 1967-68

Robert Burwell, Principal; Jane Trausch, Secretary; Deverl Becker, Math; Frances Bright, Home Ec.; Tom Brovone, Ind. Arts & Arts & Crafts; Marguerite Colen, Language Arts; John Crabbs, Science; Dale Eizinger, Science & Agriculture, Ruth Ellison, Language Arts, Mary Elizabeth Gray, Math, Milton Kistler, Social Studies & Guidance, Leonard McIntire, Social Studies; Mildred Nellans, Librarian; Wilodean Rakestraw, Science; Agnes Schael, Language Arts; Mason Stewart, Social Studies; John Vernon, Phys. Ed.; Kay Horn, Phys. Ed.; Mary Ginn, Vocal Music; Kermit Biddinger, Asst. Principal; Frances Baxter, Grade 6; Lloyd Beehler, Grade 6; Alysia Preul, Grade 6; Bill Worl, Grade 6; Roger McNett, Spec Ed.; Kathleen Latier, Art; Wayne Wildrick, Custodian; Arlie Dudgeon, Custodian; Larry May, Band; Catherine Drach, Grade 6.

#### 1968-69

Jack Stroup, Principal; Virginia Smith, Sec.; Cuma Becht, Social Studies & Guid; Deverl Becker, Math; Frances Bright, Home Ec.; Thomas Barker, Soc Studies; Tom Brovont, Ind Arts, Arts & Crafts; Marguerite Coplen, Language Arts & Math; Dale Eizinger, Science & Agriculture; Ruth Ellison, Language Arts; George Krom III, Phy Ed & Soc Stud; Kathleen Latier, Art; Mildred Nellans, Librarian; Kathleen Cessna, Library Clerk; Willodean Rakestraw, Science; Warren

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### **1969-70**

Jack Stroup, Principal; Virginia Smith, Sec.; Cuma Becht, Guidance; Don Kinsel, Reading Specialist; Thomas Barker, Soc. Studies; Deverl Becker, Math; Frances Bright, Home Ec & Lang Arts; Tom Brovont, Ind Arts - Arts & Cr; Daniel Custer, Soc Studies & Math; Dale Eizinger, Science; Ruth Ellison, Lang. Arts; Ilene Howard, English & Science; Kathleen Latier, Art; Tom Mattix, Math; Mildred Nellans, Librarian; Wilodean Rakestraw, Science; Agnes Schael, Lang Arts & Soc Stud; Mason Stewart, Soc Stud; Nicki Warner, Vocal Music; Darla Eiler, Teacher Aide; Evelyn Walker, Teacher aide; Kathleen Cessna, Library Clerk; Kermit Biddinger, Asst. Prin., Grade 6; Cheryl Barkman, Grade 6; Frances Baxter, Grade 6; Lloyd Beehler, Grade 6; Beth Custer, Grade 6; Catherine Drach, left Jan 1970, Dee Carvey, Grade 6; Roger McNett, Spec Ed; Kay Horn, Phys Ed; Larry May, Band; Wayne Wildrick, Custodian; Arlie Dudgeon, Custodian; Cal Crabill, Custodian - Whitmer.

### **1970-71**

Jack Stroup, Principal; Kermit Biddinger, Asst Prin , Soc Stud, Math; Virginia Smith, Sec; Cuma Becht, Guidance; Don Kinsel, Reading Specialist; Frances Baxter, Science & Lang Arts; Deverl Becker, Math; Lloyd Beehler, Math & Soc Studies; Frances Bright, Home Ec & Lang Arts; Tom Brovont, Ind Arts; Dee Carvey, Math & Soc Studies; Dale Eizinger, Science; Ruth Ellison, Lang. Arts; Barbara Frounfelter, Math & Science; Ilene Howard, Lang Arts & Science; Kathleen Latier, Art; Anna Kinsel, Lang Arts & Science; Larry Murfitt, Phy Ed & Health; James Nies, Math & Soc Studies; Mildred Nellans, Librarian; Marvin Overmyer, Social Studies; Wilodean Rakestraw, Science; Agnes Schael, Lang. Arts; Mason Stewart, Social Studies; Linda Weissert, Vocal Music; Lincoln Earhart, Special Ed; Larry May, Band; Mona Rodefild Phys Ed; Jane Halterman, Phy Ed Aide; Charlotte Mathews, Teacher Aide; Evelyn Walker, Teacher Aide; Kathleen Cessna, Library Clerk; Cal Crabill, Custodian; Herbert Myers, Custodian; Louise Sweaney, Matron.

### **1971-72**

Jack Stroup, Principal; Deverl Becker, Asst Prin & Math; Virginia Smith, Sec; Cuma Becht, Guidance; Don Kinsel, Reading Specialist; Frances Baxter, Science; Lloyd Beehler, Math; Frances Bright, Home Ec & Lang. Arts; Tom Brovont, Ind Arts; Dee Carvey, Soc Studies; Dale Eizinger, Science; Ruth Ellison, Lang. Arts; Barbara Frounfelter, Math; Ilene Howard, Science; Kay Horn, Lang Arts & Phy Ed; Anna Kinsel, Lang Arts; Kathleen Latier, Art; Marry Murfitt, Phy Ed; Mildred Nellans, Librarian; James Nies, Math & Soc Studies; Marvin Overmyer, Social Studies; Willodean Rakestraw, Science; Agnes Schael, Lang. Arts; Mason Stewart, Soc. Studies; Gary Tarr, Math; Linda Weissert, Vocal Music; Lincoln Earhart, Sp Ed; Charlotte Mathews Teacher Aide; Evelyn Walker, Teacher Aide; Ruth Davis, Library Clerk; Larry May, Band; Cal Crabill, Custodian; Herbert Myers, Custodian; Louise Sweaney, Matron.

### **1972-73**

Jack Stroup, Principal; Deverl Becker, Adm. Asst. & Math; Charlotte Mathews, Sec.; Cuma Becht, Guidance; Don Kinsel, Reading Specialist; Frances Baxter, Science; Lloyd Beehler, Math; Frances Bright, Home Ec.; Tom Brovong, Industrial Arts; Dee Carvey, Soc. Studies; Dale Eizinger, Science; Ruth Ellison, Lang Arts; Barbara Frounfelter, Math; Kay Horn, Lang. Arts & Phy Ed; Ilene Howard, Science; Anna Kinsel, Lang Arts; Kathleen Latier, Art; Larry Murfitt, Phy Ed; Mildred Nellans, Librarian; James Nies, Soc Studies; Marvin Overmyer, Soc Studies; Wilodean Rakestraw, Science; Charles Rathburn, Math; Gary Tarr, English; Linda Weissert, Vocal Music; Michael Whirledge, Soc Studies; David Apt, Special Ed; JoAnn Grogg, Teacher Aide; Evelyn Walker, Teacher Aide; Ruth Davis, Library Clerk; Robert Jones, Band; Louise Sweany, Matron; Charles Boardman, Custodian; Cal Crabill, Custodian.

### **1973-74**

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Jack Stroup, Principal; Deverl Becker, Adm. Asst.; Charlotte Mathews, Sec.; Frances Baxter, Science; Frances Bright, Home Ec; Tom Brovont, Industrial Arts; Dee Carvey, Social Studies; Dale Eizinger, Science; Ruth Ellison, Lang. Arts; Barbara Frounfelter, Math; Kay Horn, Lang Arts & Phy Ed; Cindy Houghton, Vocal Music; Ilene Howard, Science; Anna Kinsel, Lang. Arts; Don Kinsel, Reading Spec & Lang Arts; Kathleen Latier, Art; Mildred Nellans, Librarian; James Nies, Social Studies; Marvin Overmyer, Social Studies; Wilodean Rakestraw, Science; Charles Rathburn, Math; Gary Tarr, Lang Arts & Math, William Warnock, Phy Ed, Michael Whirledge, Social Studies; Judy Zent, Math, JoAnn Grogg, Teacher Aide; Evelyn Walker, Teacher Aide; Ruth Davis, Library Clerk; David Apt, Special Ed (employed-Joint Ser); Robert Jones, Band; Charles Boardman, Custodian; Cal Crabill, Custodian; Carolyn Largen, Matron.

[NOTE: This was the last classes in the old Joint High School Building, NE corner 7th & Pontiac, Rochester, Indiana.]

[FCHS files]

See Lincoln School.

## ROCHESTER NORMAL SCHOOL [Rochester, Indiana]

School Notice. Having made arrangements with the School Trustees of Rochester for the School Building . . . fall term beginning Sept. 7th and ending Nov. 11, 1868. A Normal Class will be organized for the benefit of those wishing to teach . . . W. H. Banta, Principal. Rochester, Aug. 12, 1868.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, August 27, 1868]

A normal school, for the special instruction of teachers, will open in Rochester on July 8th. . .

[Rochester *Independent*, Wednesday, April 10, 1878]

Normal school begins next Monday week.

[Rochester *Independent*, Wednesday, June 26, 1878]

The Normal School at this place, under the direction of Professors Williams and Sickman, opened last Monday. . . Prof. Myers, C.S., has begun a series of lectures on didactics. . . Miss Leonard of Peru, and graduate of the Oswego Normal school, has begun a series of lessons in map-drawing and object teaching. . .

[Rochester *Republican*, Saturday, July 13, 1878]

Yesterday afternoon was held the last session of the present term of the Rochester Normal School. No especial or unusual exercises were had, except a short and encouraging address by Dr. Moss, President of the Bloomington University. The term was of six weeks duration and was attended by about fifty pupils. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 10, 1878]

## ROCHESTER NORMAL UNIVERSITY [Rochester, Indiana]

Founded by Dr. Winfield Scott Shafer.

In 1895 he secured an option on a suitable site, divided it into lots, which he sold for \$200 each, the proceeds being used to build the \$30,000 university building.

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He entered into an agreement with Prof. George Suman and Prof. W. H. Banta for them to run the school for five years.

See: Rochester College

[photo] Rochester College, 1895-1912, was located on 18th Street and College Avenue (that's how the street got its name) on the south side of Rochester. F. A. Herrington was the president. Also known as Rochester Normal School (that means it trained teachers) and Rochester University, it was established by Dr. W. S. Shafer the same man who started Woodlawn Hospital. (Photo: Merrel Wagoner)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 67, p. 140]

[photo] This was a popular postcard view of Rochester College, showing the front (north) and west side of the building, 18th and College streets. The college stood at the end of and facing College Street.

The observatory is described as being on top but we don't know if that was up on the roof or if people looked out the windows on the 4th floor. Ferman Powell told of going out on the roof to see the first airplane fly over Rochester in 1911. (Donated to FCHS in 1974 by Mrs. Dale [Medrith Brower] Welty)

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 26]

[photo] Same view of the college but taken from a greater distance so it shows the wooded area back (south) of it. College students in front are pointing at the flagpole which has an extension making it taller. This may be the morning after Rochester High School kids put a fishing pole on top of the flag pole to hoist the high school banner higher than the college banner. (Photo donated to FCHS in 1987 by Ann Wooten, Green Oak Antiques)

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 26]

[photo - top] Rochester College Track Team 1909. Front row: M. Belt, R. Belt, Fred Crabs, Clarence Adamson, Talmadge Dillon. Back Row: Glen Belt, Ray Myers, Elmer Norris, Cleon Nafe, Adolph Richardson, [ - - - ] Ambler. (Photo donated to FCHS by Rochester College Alumni Assn.)

[photo - bottom] Rochester College junior class of 1911. Row 1: Ingrid Sara Cristina Hanson Smiley, 3. Elmer Norris, 4. Eula Ewing (Mrs. Dee Berrier), 7. Cleon Nafe, 8. Edna Cooper, 9. Eunice Barkman (Mrs. Charles Coplen. Back row: 4. Otto Babcock. (Photo donated to FCHS by Rochester College Alumni Association in 1972)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 67, p. 141]

[photo] Rochester College Glee Club. c. 1910 with Prof Davidson at left. Flo Delp, administrative secretary, is looking out the office window. (Photo donated to FCHS by Ann Burton of Green Oak Antiques in 1990)

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 27]

[photo] Sketch of Rochester Normal University showing the east side of the building. This sketch is on the front of a leaflet advertising the Business and musical training. The music teachers were E. J. Germann, Suman and Banta. Twenty lessons, two per week, were \$12.00, or ten lessons for \$6. Students could choose to be an artist, musician or a teacher.

The commercial department offered typing, shorthand and bookkeeping, taught by J. G. Flaherty. A term of ten weeks cost \$18.00.

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 27]

[photo] This pen and ink sketch of Rochester Normal University and interior view of the Commercial Department was done by A. C. Bruce, student in Pen Art Department, who graduated in 1901. It was reproduced in a leaflet advertising the Penmanship and Pen Art courses.

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J. L. Best was principal, and W. H. Banta president. (Donated to FCHS in 1979 by Helen Barkman)

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 28]

[photo] Floor plan of Rochester College, drawn by Shirley Willard from memories of Reba Moore Shore. The Rochester *Sentinel* Sept 20, 1895, described the college as follows:

“It is built of brick and Bedford limestone, and combines architectural beauty with solidity and ample capacity for a thousand students. The basement is occupied by furnaces, closets, ventilating apparatus and janitors quarters.

“The first floor is devoted to office room, library, class room and chapel of 600 seating capacity. The second floor consists of five large class rooms, a physical laboratory and toilet rooms.

“The third floor consists of a 15 x 40 foot hall off of which on either side are two society halls 35 x 40, and above all a grand observatory 60 feet from the ground from which commands a view of the campus, Lake Manitou, the city and surrounding country, unequaled from any other point of observation. Every part of the building is abundantly lighted, the roof is substantially covered with the best slating, and the entire inside finished in natural oak.”

Notice that the front half of the building is not as wide as the back half. Compare this to the photos and you see the offset where the front and back half join. The front door faced north. [FCHS Images No. 2, p. 29]

[photo] Report card of Florence Porcher, 1901. (Donated to FCHS in 1988 by Marshall County Historical Society)

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 30]

[photo] Commencement announcement for RNU 1901. Notice the seniors had a whole week of activities for commencement in July. (Donated to FCHS in 1980 by Mr. and Mrs. William Downs)

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 30]

[photo] Verd Barker's invitation card to be presented at door for a college reception at the Knights of Pythias Hall, which was located on the east side of Main Street by the Arlington Hotel. Barker attended RC 1900-01. (Donated to FCHS in 1985 by Elsie Barker Eskew)

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 31]

[photo] Rochester Normal University. This picture belonged to Cora Pownall Carithers Finney, who graduated in 1903. Cora and her sister Lillie Pownall Brubaker are the two ladies in the back row under the third window from left. Prof Banta is the older man with mustache seated in the middle of the front row. The three ladies with hats seated back of him are probably teachers at the college. (Donated to FCHS in 1979 by Cora's daughter Helen Barkman)

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[photo] (1) View in business department. (2) R. N. U. Glee Club. (3) R. N. U. Base Ball Club

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 35]

[photo] Pages from Rochester Normal University catalog 1900-01. (Donated to FCHS in 1985 by Verd Barker's daughter, Elsie Barker Eskew)

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 36]

[photo] Rochester College Basketball team 1910. Front row: unknown, Otto Babcock, Ray Myers. Middle row: Herman Pritz, Clarence Adason, Arthur Shore, Cleon Nafe, Elmer

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Norris. Back row: Ott Van Duyne, Don Nafe. (Donated to FCHS in 1972 by Rochester College Alumni Assn.)

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 38]

[photos] Prof. W. H. Banta, President Rochester College; Prof. W. F. Strong, Dean of Musical Conservatory; Mrs. W. F. Strong, Teacher of Piano and Harmony; Mr. Eric Lidholm, Teacher of Violin; Miss Kathryn Strong, Assistant Teacher of Piano.

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[photos] Class officers: Kathryn Strong, Pres, Evva King, Vice-Pres., Glendolyn Howell Barnhart, Secy., Adrian Manering, Treas.

Conservatory Quintet Club: W. F. Strong, First Violin, Delia Strong, Second violin, Mrs. W. F. Strong, Cello, Kathryn Strong, Piano.

Other photos: Harold Hendrickson, Laura Bevelhimer, Mildred Watson, Goldie Fouts, Annabel Marsh. [FCHS Images No. 2, p. 40]

[photos] Frankie D. Bowser, Alma Beebe, Rutha Mastellar, Claudie Stevenson, Rosie Marsh

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 41]

[photos] Edna Thomas, Rutha Plantz, Lillian Noon, Coda Plough.

Also: Rochester College Junior Class of 1911 shown in a classroom. Front row: 3rd from left is Hazel Rush Cessna, wearing white blouse under jumper. The 4th is Eula Ewing Berrier. Otto Babcock, 4th from right in back row. (Donated to FCHS in 1972 by Rochester College Alumni Assn.)

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 42]

[photo] Rochester College summer school in 1912, the last class there before the college closed. (Donated to FCHS in 1974 by Omer Reichard)

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 43]

[photos] Normal Bulletin, 1908 - photo of college and faculty: Professor W. H. Banta, F. A. Herrington, Mrs. Marion G. Graves, Mrs. Gertrude M. Wiltsee, G. C. Mance, Samuel Essick, Grace E. Leas, Miss Permelia Martin.

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 45]

[photos] Bradley M. Sims, Mrs. Bradley M. Sims, Basketball team.

[FCHS Images No. 2, p. 46]

[photo] 24th Annual Rochester College Reunion, July 5, 1953, was held at Ruth's Tea Room, 312 West 9th Street, Rochester, and attended by 60 former students. The president was V. L. Barker, Fulton. Mrs. Clarence Werner, owner of Ruth's Tea Room, served dinner for \$1.50 a plate. Mayor Robert Shafer gave a welcomig address. Mrs. Ray Myers played the piano for the group to sing "America." Miss Mona Moulton and her grandmother Flossie Enyart Bailey played two piano selections. Short talks were given by a numbber of old students who related many interesting and amusing incidents of the old days.

The only ones identified are Reba Shore 4th from left in front row, and Arthur Shore, 4th from left in back row (marked by arrow). The newspaper reported the following people attended: Mr. and Mrs. Amos Sanders, Mrs. Amy Walton, Akron; Mr. Errett Carvey, Converse; Miss Mona Moulton, Deedsville; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Aldridge, Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kent and Mrs. Myrtle Doud, Fulton; Dr. and Mrs. Harry S. Mackey, Indianapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Vause Polen, Mrs. Cora Pownall Finey, Kewanna; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lucas, Knox.

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Also Mrs. A. E. Conrad, Stanley Conrad, Mrs. John Kraft and granddaughter, Susan Rice, Logansport; Mr. and Mrs. John Bookwalter, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Savage, Macy; Mrs. Glynn Schricker, North Judson; Mr. and Mrs. Furel Burns, North Manchester; Attorney and Mrs. Hurd Hurst, Mrs. Lula Clark Petty, Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deardorff, Richmond; Mrs. Anna Jones Haimbaugh and Mrs. Edith Wolfe, South Bend.

Local graduates were Mr. and Mrs. Err Biddinger, Mrs. Lucile Leonard, Mrs. Zoa Shelton, Mrs. Edith Bryant, Mrs. Mary Shelton, Mrs. Charlotte Mackey Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Shore, Mrs. Maude M. Emmons, Miss Belle Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. McVay, Mr. and Mrs. George Felder, Mr. and Mrs. Dow Haimbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Gordon, Mrs. Flossie Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kennell, Flo Delp, Mrs. Rae Wildermuth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Myers, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Stinson, Miss Emily Von Ehrenstein, Mrs. Mary Clifton and Mrs. Grace Jones. (Photo donated to FCHS in 1981 by Reba Shore)

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[photo] The 45th and last Rochester College Reunion was held in 1974. The group posed for this photo and sent a postcard about the disbanding of the organization to all remaining members. Only a few have been identified: Hazel Rush Cessna is no. 7 in the front row, to the left of Reba Shore. Pearl Timbers Moore is 5th from right, according to her daughters Clarice Moore and Maxine Zerbe. Bert Kent and wife 2nd from left, 8, Reba Shore, 13, Mrs. Ralph Schwenk, 14, Agnes Haimbaugh, 15, Dr. Dow Haimbaugh. The picture has more people than the attendance listed on the postcard. (Donated to FCHS in 1985 by Juanita Eldred Paulus)

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[photo] Rochester College, William H. Banta, President, Rochester, Ind. Notice the mailbox, flagpole and stepping stones across College Ave. A kite is flying at right. (Photo: FCHS)

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[photo] R.N.U. Grads Gather - Dr. and Mrs. A. E. (Dick) Stinson (center) were the honored guests Sunday as some 90 alumni of the old Rochester Normal University gathered for their 27th annual reunion at the Izaak Walton League's clubhouse on the Tippecanoe river. Dr. Stinson, Indiana's "Doctor of the Year" in 1954, is 77 years old and attended RNU before graduating from medical school in 1903. Others in the picture, left to right, are Mrs. Dee Berrier, alumni secretary-treasurer, 1911 RNU graduate; Flo Delp, 91, longtime secretary at the college; Mrs. Dow Haimbaugh and Dr. Haimbaugh, 71 also a onetime RNU student. The college building was located in the southeast section of the city. (*News-Sentinel* Photo)

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[photo] Remembering (1958) - These 11 persons, all graduates of the former Rochester Normal University, were among the 50 who gathered at the Fulton County Conservation Clubhouse Sunday afternoon for the annual reunion of RNU students. The college, located in the southeast part of the city, operated until 1912. Front row, left to right, are Lula Clark Petty, Peru, class of 1903; Mary Harrison of Peru, 1902; Walter T. Meyer, Everett, Wash., 1902; Ray Woodcox, Rochester, 1906; Harry Mackey, Indianapolis, 1906; Clara McClary, South Bend, 1910; back row: A. B. Eherenman, LaPorte, 1899; Lucille Leonard, Rochester, 1899; Lee Beehler, Logansport, 1909; Charles Lucas, Knox, 1906; Mrs. Eula Berrier, Rochester, 1911. Reelected to another year as president of the alumni association was Mrs. A. E. Stinson of Athens, who is touring Europe at present. Estel Ginn was named vice president, Mrs. Ada Sherbondy secretary-treasurer. (*The News-Sentinel* Photo)

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[photo] Principals during the dedication of the cornerstone of Rochester college (first known as Rochester Normal University) and the historical marker about the college on the southwest corner of the Court house lawn Sunday are shown looking at the stone and marker.

They are, left to right, the Rev. Clyde Walters, Rochester College Alumni Association, president; Ernest Hiatt, Fulton County Historical Society president, and Mrs. Edna Burns, who presented the stone and marker to the Historical Society. (The *Sentinel* Photo)

Memorial dedicated to Rochester College July 12, 1970. This story was printed on the front page of the *Sentinel*.

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## ROCHESTER NORMAL UNIVERSITY 1895-1912

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On November 15, 1894, at a meeting of "numerous leading citizens" Professor George Suman outlined his plans for a normal university for Rochester, Indiana. It was agreed at this meeting to hold a public meeting the following Wednesday (November 21, 1894) at the Presbyterian Church. The November 16, 1894 edition of the Rochester *Sentinel* stated, "This is the most opportune moment for Rochester to wake up to the importance of injecting new life into our business channels and a healthy Normal University will be a long step in the direction of sensible and profitable enterprise."

The public meeting was well attended and by December 7, 1894, local physician, Dr. Winfield Shafer had developed a proposal for the funding of the college. Dr. Shafer proposed to purchase the thirty-five and fifty-two hundredths acre Horace Mackey farm in the southeast corner of the city. Four and fifty-two hundredths acres would be set aside for the college campus. The remaining acres were to be platted (at Dr. Shafer's expense) into one hundred-fifty lots that responsible patrons would subscribe for at \$200 per lot. The subscribers would decide in their own way who would get which lots and the \$30,000 proceeds would be used to erect a college building of a cost of not less than fifteen thousand dollars and to equip that building. The university was to establish courses in preparatory (high school), teachers' common English, teachers' professional, commercial, musical - both vocal and instrumental, and scientific and classical. The goal of the school was to emphasize the professional training of teachers, to do work that would run parallel to that done at the Indiana State Normal School. The school was to offer the latest and the best work in pedagogy and psychology with actual study of children in and out of the classroom. The demand for trained teachers was greater than the supply and the founders of Rochester Normal hoped to tap into that need.

In contrast to many other local issues, both local newspapers, the Rochester *Sentinel* and the Rochester *Weekly Republican*, seemed to be in favor of the establishment of the college. The *Sentinel* was extremely supportive of the endeavor and published several articles highlighting the benefits of the college to the city. The *Republican* seems to have been just as supportive. In an editorial published on December 20, 1894, the editor encouraged the citizens to put their names down for a lot. In the February 14, 1895, edition, the *Republican* states, "If we make the proposed [proposed] Normal University a grand success, Rochester will be greatly increased in wealth and population."

That there was some public opposition to the school was evidenced by an article in the December 14, 1894, edition of the *Sentinel*. Dr. Shafer responded to the criticism that his reasons for wanting the college were for a "pecuniary gain." He outlined the amount of money to be made from the sale of the lots and then asked the citizens of Rochester to consider the expense he had or would incur, including such things as platting the property, grading and excavating the grounds, in addition to building, furnishing and equipping the building. He admitted that if all went as

planned, the college was already in debt \$1,000 to \$1,500. Dr Shafer concluded his devese by saying:

The pecuniary side of it to me is this which I will gladly propose and will be more than willing to accept. Let the citizens execute to me a sufficient indemnifying bond against all risks, repay me the money expended over the \$30,000, pay me something for my time spent in the work and at the end of five years, I will gladly turn the building over to any person or body of men you many name.

The agreement between Dr. Shafer and the lot buyers outlined the dates that payment was due on the properties and information concerning the proposed college. Stipulation nine of the agreement stated that Dr. Shafer agreed to not only erect the building in the spring of 1895 and have it in readiness for the fall of 1895, but he also agreed to build a college library and laboratory, and to turn the completed college over to a "Board of Trustees which will consist of competent worthy businessmen." The lots were eventually assigned to the subscribers through a drawing at the courthouse. Two blindfolded boys, one drawing names and the other drawing numbers from hats, were responsible for the lot assignments.

On February 14, 1895, the *Sentinel* reported that a "Professor Kreibel" (their quotation marks) of North Manchester, representing an unnamed source was willing to offer a million dollars to the college fund. The plan called for the citizens to build and equip some very expensive college buildings before any part of the endowment would be available. Needless to say, this unnamed source of funding was never revealed, nor was his million dollar endowment ever added to the coffers of Rochester Normal.

Thursday, June 27, 1895, the cornerstone of the college building was laid, at the present location of College and Eighteenth Streets, with a large impressive ceremony which included parades, bands, and orators. Over 2,000 people attended the ceremonies. What appear to be the first drawings made available to the public along with detailed descriptions of the building's floor plans were published in the local papers. "The building is to be a three story brick and stone structure of modern architectural beauty. . ." The building was to include classrooms, janitors' quarters of five rooms, a chemical laboratory, ladies' exercise room (19 x 22'), gents' exercise room (40 x 48'), full [fuel?] room, corridors, and toilet rooms. There was also space set aside for offices, the library, and a chapel. The open observatory on the third floor of the tower was to command a view "unequaled from any other point of observation." The building was formally dedicated on November 29, 1895. The dedication was scheduled for the day after Thanksgiving to allow the students of the high school and district school to attend the ceremonies. There were fifty-one students enrolled at the school on the day of dedication.

The first president of the school was W. H. Banta. Professor Banta was not a total newcomer to the community when he moved to Rochester in 1895 to assume his duties as president of Rochester Normal. Professor Banta had taught in the Rochester Public Schools in the late 1860's and was made a principal while there. He resigned the principalship in 1870 and moved to Valparaiso where he became a member of the faculty of the Male and Female College of Valparaiso. He resigned that post in 1871 and was elected superintendent of Valparaiso schools. He held that position until 1894 when he resigned to assume his duties at Rochester Normal. In addition to Professor Banta, Professor George Suman, who had been a teacher for twenty years, thirteen of which he had been engaged in college and normal school management, was the other primary instructor for the institution.

The college from its inception targeted students both with and without high school diplomas. The admitting of students without high school diplomas was consistent with what other similar institutions were doing at this time. For example, the Indiana State Normal School in Terre Haute, which had been established in 1870, had 671 students enrolled in the spring term of 1890. Of these, only 129 students had obtained their high school diplomas. The preparatory department of Rochester Normal professed to offer the graduates of the common schools "work exactly suited to their needs." The high school courses could also be completed in three rather than four years because the school was in session forty-eight weeks a year.

Special drill work was available to the high school students in penmanship, drawing, oratory, debating, vocal music, and pedagogy. In the "Talk with the Graduates of the Common

Schools,” the college catalog emphasized that the educated farmer “lives better, brings up his family better, makes more money, does it more easily, and is happier, and more successful in every way, than is the one without an education.” The preparatory branch of the college was commissioned as Rochester Township High School between the years of 1902 and 1904. The commissioning of the high school allowed the previously nonendowed college to receive tax support for the institution. It also allowed all township students pursuing high school diplomas to attend the school without having to pay tuition.

Those who did have their high school diplomas upon enrolling at the college could pursue a variety of course work. One option the students had was a scientific course, consisting of such subjects as college algebra, Livy, (Roman Historian B.C. 49 - A.D. 17), science of rhetoric, physics, chemistry, political economy, and mineralogy. The classic course combined Greek, Latin, literature, and ethics along with the sciences. The professional teachers’ course could be completed by a high school graduate within one year and focused on topics such as trigonometry, Latin, psychology, elocution, science, and art of rhetoric, history of education, along with drills in special methods and training, practical pedagogy, child study, penmanship, and music.

The commercial department offered students courses even before the completion of the building. Those who enrolled in the commercial department paid their tuition differently than those enrolled in the high school, college, or normal school. These branches of the college charged \$10.00 per ten-week term and \$8.00 for the eight-week summer term. Those in the commercial department had the option of either paying these rates or of paying \$35.00 in advance for the entire business course and having an unlimited amount of time to complete that course. The business course consisted of a term of bookkeeping, business practice, commercial law, banking, commercial arithmetic, letter writing, English grammar, orthography, rhetoric, penmanship, drawing, and American literature. The course was considered a thirty-week course. In the business practice class (second term), students were required to have charge of an office where they would buy and sell merchandise at wholesale, resale, and on commission and make “every transaction possible in the business world.” In the third term students learned how to organize a bank according to the revised National Bank Act and to serve as a teller and cashier. In addition, they learned several other duties associated with running a bank. A stenography course which emphasized language, grammar, and mechanics as well as shorthand, dictation, and typing speed was also available to students through the commercial department.

The music department tuition rates were slightly higher than the other college rates. Music department rates were \$12.00 per ten-week term (instrument and voice), \$5.00 per ten week term harmony and teachers’ class. The eight-week summer term cost music students \$9.60. Those pursuing music degrees were able to focus on either performance or teaching specializations. The 1900-1901 catalog outlined the various musical compositions students were expected to master including such works as Bach’s 2d Inventions, Krause Op. 5, Gzerney’s Toccato in C Major, and various compositions by Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, Mendelssohn, Shubert, Liszt, and others.

The Normal School was the focus of the founders, however. In 1865 Indiana began the systematic licensing of teachers. Prior to the establishment of state licensing procedures, many teachers in the common schools did not have even high school training. The licensing procedure required that the prospective teacher write out answers to questions, which by 1899 would be distributed by the State Board of Education. The future teachers had the choice of whether the county or the state superintendent would give the exam. If the state superintendent gave the exam passing marks, the teacher could teach anywhere in the state. If the county superintendent did the grading, the teacher was licensed to teach at any school in the county. Teachers received their training in various ways. The State Teachers’ Association, which had been organized in 1854, promoted teacher training through Reading Circles. The Reading Circles operated by assigning teachers to read certain books throughout a school term and then gather with other teachers to discuss the various topics presented in those books. Another option was the township or county institute. When these institutes were first instated, teachers were encouraged to attend the one-day sessions or forfeit a day’s pay if they refused. As the institutes grew, teachers eventually were paid for attending them. The quality of teacher training presented at the institutes varied greatly. The

institutes eventually became one-week sessions in which educators from the various colleges and universities in the state would present information to the teachers of the district schools.

In addition, teachers in Indiana could take pedagogy courses at Indiana University or Purdue, or they could attend the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. Private normal schools also sprang up throughout the state to meet the demand for qualified teachers. The first private normal school in America was established in Concord, Vermont, in 1823. The purpose of the normal school was to raise teaching standards and to turn teaching into a profession.

Fulton County had over one hundred district schools in addition to the public city schools. Fulton County ranked second among the counties in the 1848 Free School Vote with 91.3 percent of those voting, voting in favor of free schools. Fulton County, however, faced the same dilemma many small rural counties still face - how to get the best qualified teachers to teach in those schools. The state had established the State Normal School in response to the lack of competent teachers, but there were still so few trained teachers available that small counties had to devise their own creative methods for training teachers. Small private normal schools sprang up all over Indiana in the 1870's and the 1890's in response to this need.

The quality of the education offered in the private normal schools varied widely. Some eventually became fully accredited four year institutions which are still in existence today such as Valparaiso University and Tri-State University. Others had an extremely brief existence. The quality of education offered at the private schools depended on those running the school. Every school was independent, and sometimes each department within the school was equally independent.

Rochester Normal from the beginning claimed to have been chartered by the state. All instructors were claimed to have had college and university training. The schools which were listed under faculty credentials included among others: Indiana University, Chicago University (several times), Regents' University of the State of New York, Earlham College, Colgate University of Hamilton, New York, DePauw University, and Northwestern University. The school offered two levels of teaching courses. The general teachers' course was open to the graduates of the common schools and offered a student work in methodology, general pedagogy, vocal music, drawing, and advanced work in psychology in addition to the academic (high school) course. This was a three-year program. The special professional teachers' course was open to high school graduates only and was a one year course designed "to give strength and symmetry to the preparation of those who have had a good High School course and desire to become teachers."

The bulletin for 1908 claims the college had acquired accreditation for Class A and Class B teaching certification and was currently working toward a Class C certification. The accreditations, which the State Board of Education assigned to the Indiana State Normal School, were also classified as A, B, and C. The A classification was a twelve-week course in which students had to take three credits, two of which were in strictly professional subjects. The Class B accreditation was a twenty-four-week course of six credits, four of which were taken in a professional subject, and the student could have no duplication of work. The C level accredited course was a three-year course that combined with two years of successful teaching entitled the holder to an Indiana State Life License. All three levels at the state school required a student to be a high school graduate upon entrance to the program. Were these the same accreditations that Rochester Normal was claiming to have? It seems unlikely. Were they accredited by a private agency, or even just their own board of trustees? It is difficult to determine from the records which have survived. One thing is certain, the language of the catalog does change from a school which is merely "chartered" to one which is "accredited."

Who were the students of Rochester College and what was a typical day like for them? What kinds of activities did the college offer them? A scanning of the class rolls published in the still existing catalogs and the graduates' list reveals that the college enrolled more female than male students. Sixty-two percent (175 students) of those enrolling in 1900-1901 were female, and thirty-eight percent (109) students were male. The majority of the students came from Fulton County, but several students did come from outlying counties, and there were even a few who traveled from other states. The class roll of 1900-1901 reflected 75 percent of the students were

from Fulton County, 22 percent were from other counties in Indiana, and 3 percent were from out-of-state. Most of those who were from out of state came from neighboring states but a few journeyed all the way from California. Those who came from outside the city could board with private families. The rates for "good" room and board with a private family were \$2.00 per week. At a private boarding house, the rate was \$1.50, and rooms without board were usually 50 cents per week. There was even an enterprising citizen who established a rooming house close to the college, but it never became a success because of a female student committed suicide in her room there.

Those who lived in the township had to devise their own transportation plans. Reba Moore Shore, a graduate of the class of 1910, tells of driving to the college with her brothers in a horse and buggy. It took them approximately one hour to make the four mile trip. Once they arrived in town, there was the problem of where to park the buggy. The Moores ultimately decided to rent a barn in town for their horses. In the summer months, Mrs. Shore said she would often ride her bicycle back and forth.

The school day started at 9 a.m., and the first order of the day was Chapel. The catalogs make it very clear that those students who were in or around the building were expected to attend Chapel. Students then attended classes with a short lunch break until approximately 4:00 p.m.

There was a wide range of additional activities available to the students. Those enrolled in the music department were expected to perform at various recitals throughout the term. In addition, there was an orchestra and a glee club. The two literary societies were the Athena Literary Society established on December 3, 1895, and the Philomathean which was established October 12, 1900. The purpose of the Athena was "to encourage a social feeling among the students, to give them an opportunity to become acquainted with debating and parliamentary rules, of becoming accustomed to appearing before audiences and above all to engender a love for true culture."

There were various sports teams at RNU to defend the school colors of light blue and yellow. The baseball team seems to have been one of the earliest teams established, but there was also basketball, track, and tennis. In the spring of 1901, the baseball team defeated the Peru High School team 31-6, then the northern Indiana Normal School team (Valparaiso) 11-8. On May 18, 1901, they played a "professional" team "purporting to be students of Bourbon College" and met their first defeat of the season. Having opponents from the high school as well as the college level, again reemphasizes the confusion which existed at this time between these two levels on the athletic field as well as the academic field.

The college newspaper, *R.N.U. Record*, was established in 1901, but there seems to be only one copy left in existence. Later copies of the college newspaper carry the name of the *College Echo* on the banner. In addition, there were various student activities scheduled throughout the year. Mrs. Reba Shore recounted meeting her future husband at Rochester Normal University.

They used to have two steps in the big auditorium and one night I had the numbers for the men and the numbers for the women and I'd go around to the men, and the men would pick out a number. So this man picked out a number, and I looked at it, and I picked out my number to match his, and that was my husband.

Upon graduation, large numbers of students did seem to stay within Fulton County. Over thirty of the official graduates taught locally, but many other local teachers took some courses or a complete summer normal at the college and then taught in the district schools. County Superintendent W. S. Gibbons was urging the teachers in the district schools to take advantage of the 1899 summer term at Rochester Normal. Several other graduates pursued the commercial course and became prominent Rochester businessmen. At least two county superintendents (J. C. Werner and Arthur Deamer) attended the college as well as local physicians Clyde Fish and A. E. Stinson. Dr. Bert Kent, Fulton veterinarian, and his twin sister, Myrtle Kent Doud, both graduated from the college as well. Future Rochester Mayor Ray Myers was a member of the last graduating class of 1911. Many of the women who graduated from the college taught a few years and then married usually ending their teaching careers. It was not considered acceptable for a married

woman to work outside her home at this time. "You were taking a job away from a man with a family."

The impact of the college on the community was immediate. A university association was developed and a constitution and bylaws adopted on November 18, 1896. The group met one Tuesday evening a month, and the program was usually a group of four speakers, all who had been assigned a specific subject and were to report on those topics. The topics discussed were usually a combination of history, literature, and current events. There were approximately fifty members from the community and the college throughout its existence. Other organizations also used the college building. The Y.M.C.A. entertainment on June 19, 1896, was held in the college auditorium/chapel. By 1897, a regular feature of both newspapers was the college news.

All, however, was not well. By May of 1899, the college seemed to be in the midst of its first major financial crisis. The school was still unendowed with any tax dollars at this time. The Rochester *Sentinel* on May 19, 1899, reported:

Profs. Banta and Suman are both enthusiastic and devoted school men, but neither ever gave much attention to extensive business affairs and while the educational features of the college have been generally satisfactory, the business affairs took care of themselves with the usual result that the book accounts of the institution became so great that there were lack of funds to do the advertising and supply the attractions necessary to draw the students which the financial welfare to the institution demanded.

The solution to the financial problem was that Frank Hoffman, a bridge and factory man, purchased Professor Suman's interest in the college, and Professor Suman left town to pursue his academic work elsewhere. Enoch Meyers, who was experienced as a teacher, county superintendent, and attorney, also purchased one-third interest in the college. Under the new structure, Professor Banta was to be in charge of the supervision of all branches of instruction, Mr. Meyers was to develop a law department, and Mr. Hoffman was to handle the business affairs. That the money was put to immediate educational use is evidenced by the fact that the university library grew by 134 volumes to 345 total volumes in 1899, and then nearly doubled in size with 300 additional volumes in 1900.

Under the new management the college was doing all that was promised and more. Many felt that within two to three years, additional buildings would be needed to accommodate all the students. With the commissioning of Rochester Township High School, the college began to receive tax money. By the 1905-1906 term the college was prospering. In 1905 enrollment topped 379 students. "Classes are reciting from 6:40 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with evening work along some educational lines nearly every evening." There was even a promotional brochure distributed in 1905 which cited testimony from several leading citizens including businessmen and a judge which lauded the college's contributions to the community and the quality of education the students received there.

After the peak enrollments of 1905-1906, the enrollment in the normal school began to decline steadily. As the enrollment in the normal declined the college dropped the word normal from its general promotional literature and began to refer to itself only as Rochester College. The college was still advertising the normal programs, but it did so in separate brochures. In 1908, Professor Banta retired from his post as college president. He moved to Arkansas to try to restore his failing health. He would have been sixty-two years old at the time. The "pure Ozark air" seems to have benefited him, because by 1911, he was the superintendent of Springdale Public Schools. He held that position until his death on May 28, 1916. The college was not quite ready to give up on the normal school as evidenced by the naming of the next president, F. A. Herrington. Herrington was the head of the normal school under President Banta. Herrington remained president of the institution through the 1911 term.

Enrollment in the normal school though continued to decline. Why? A possible reason was the changing face of public school education in Indiana and other Midwestern states at this time. No one knew in 1906, but education was on the eve of several major changes. Better transportation was making it possible for students to travel further for their schooling. Changes in state law were making it more and more difficult to maintain the one-room district school. By the summer of 1912, the year that Rochester Normal would finally close its doors, County

Superintendent H. L. Becker would be reporting that several district schools would be closing their doors permanently. In the June 7, 1912, edition of the *Sentinel*, Becker stated that two major changes in school law were responsible for these closings. One of the State Board of Education's rulings required that every certified and commissioned school must now employ at least one teacher with a college degree.

The teacher who was a high school graduate with only a term or more of normal training, the kind of teacher who typically graduated from Rochester Normal, was no longer the most desirable teaching candidate. The second law that had a direct impact on these teachers stated that schools in which daily attendance averaged fewer than twelve students must be abolished. Rochester Normal was created, in part, to meet the need for teachers in district schools. Without district schools, the college would either have to make drastic changes or close its doors.

The college began to focus on the high school programs. Enrollment in the high school rose slightly. By 1908, only seven of the fifty-three graduates were graduating from the normal department. The rest were all graduates of the high school and commercial departments. The 1909 commencement folder lists no degree designations, and the 1910 and 1911 folders list three graduates in the commercial department and thirty-nine graduates in the high school department. The college was graduating mostly high school students.

In 1911, the township and the city reached an agreement to build a new joint high school. A high school that both city and township students could attend without paying tuition. The diversion of tax money from the township high school, housed at the college, to the new joint high school caused the college to close because of lack of funds at the end of the summer term 1912.

The loss of tax dollars did not end the story of Rochester College. The president at the time of the college's close, J. C. Werner, had a proposal to turn the college into a countywide agricultural high school. According to the May 15, 1912 edition of the Rochester *Sentinel*, state school law had the following provisions:

Whenever any person or persons shall donate to any county of the state, any building or buildings together with the necessary grounds of the value of not less than 20,000 . . . for the purpose of maintaining a county high school, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners to accept such donation for the purposes herein.

The paper went on to state that the law provided for the election of trustees to run this school and the levying of an annual tax that would not exceed fifteen cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable property for the financial support of the school.

The next part of President Werner's plan called for some input from Purdue University. Professor Christie, the superintendent of the agricultural extension department, offered to come to Rochester to explain the benefit of the plan, and on June 21, 1912, he did just that. Professor Christie emphasized in his address that the dissatisfaction with country life often began when a city girl, wholly ignorant of the glory of farm life, taught in a one-room country school. This city teacher continually encouraged farm youngsters to study hard to escape the drudgery of farm life. The solution to the problem was to have teachers who understood and were in sympathy with life on the farm.

Approximately \$7,000 was needed to make President Werner's dream of a county high school a reality. Several of the citizens who held bonds on the college offered to forfeit those bonds to help the cause. That left a balance of \$5,000. Much of the rhetoric in the local papers at this time sounded very similar to the rhetoric of 1895 -- Now was the time for Rochester to act to do something positive for its future. Through subscriptions and pledges almost half of the money was raised, but that meant another \$2,000 had to be raised to seal the college's fate as an educational institution. The Commercial Club which had undertaken the project of raising the funds was soundly criticized in the *Sentinel*. "The Commercial Club endorsed the plan and promised to raise a fund for the purchase of the building, but the Commercial Club couldn't raise a flag on the iron flagstaff in front of the courthouse. The community support that the college had enjoyed throughout most of its existence was virtually gone. The college needed the community to provide it with financial support, and the community refused.

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At their August meeting the county commissioners were presented with affidavits showing that the value of the property exceeded \$26,000. They were also presented with the signatures of 250 citizens who supported the plan to turn the college into a county agricultural school. Several proponents of the plan also spoke at the meeting. The commissioners were not swayed by the affidavits, the signatures, or the speakers though, and they postponed making a decision on the acceptance of the "gift." At a special session of the commissioners reported in the September 5, 1912, *Sentinel* the commissioners finally voted to reject the gift of the building. The main reason they cited for the rejection was that the building, grounds, and equipment, was not worth the \$20,000 as specified by law. The plan appears to have been slightly ahead of its time. By 1913 a law was enacted in Indiana which required the teaching of agricultural, domestic, and industrial courses in both the state's elementary and secondary schools. By March 25, 1914, the *Sentinel* was reporting that agriculture was being added to the curriculum of the new joint high school under the direction of the agriculture department at Purdue.

The college building appeared to have stood idle until it was razed in 1923. There was an effort in 1914 to turn the building into the Indiana Christian Womans' [sic] Home for the Aged and Orphans. There were conflicting newspaper accounts of the transaction. The *Rochester Weekly Republican* of March 12, 1914, reported, "the College was sold this morning." The *Sentinel* of the same date reported that arrangements were made to sell the college this morning. The *Sentinel* reported that for the deal to be completed approximately \$3,000 was needed to be raised by community to contribute to the renovating of the building. The plan does not seem to have ever been implemented, and by 1923, the only part of the Rochester College building which was still intact was the cornerstone. The bricks from the building were used to convert Robbins' Chevrolet Agency into the Char-Bell Theater which eventually became the Times Theater.

The Rochester College Alumni Association had been organized in 1910, but it did not become active until 1929. The Alumni Association held yearly reunions until 1974 when it disbanded because of the age of the members. In addition to the yearly reunions there were two other major activities of the alumni association which should be mentioned. One was the designation of the College Memorial Fund and the second was the dedication of the college cornerstone as a historical landmark. At its 1959-1960 meeting, the association decided to designate the Rochester College Memorial Funds "that would be distributed to a needy college student as either a scholarship fund (direct gift) or a revolving fund (loan without interest if repaid within four years after graduation or withdrawal from college)." In addition they established a perpetuating fund for promotional, building, and maintenance expenses as directed by the alumni association. When the group disbanded in 1974, there was \$102.58 left in this fund. The money was given to the Fulton County Historical Society for the maintenance of the college cornerstone which had been designated as a historical landmark in 1970. The cornerstone now stands on the southwest corner of the Fulton County Courthouse lawn with a historical marker which outlines a brief history of the college. It is a permanent reminder of the college that was.

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## MEMORIES OF REBA MOORE SHORE

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The following are additional memories of Rochester College and Reba's life as a teacher in the one-room schoolhouses in Fulton County that were shared with the author when she was researching the college. The interview took place when Reba was 100 years and two months old in 1991.

When Rochester College was in existence, it was the host of several social events for the city. Perhaps more importantly though, it was also the hub of many social events for its students. A variety of social activities were offered to give the students ways to get to know each other. Reba Moore Shore relates that the most important thing to her about going to the college was the opportunity to meet her future husband. Reba relates that they used to have "two-steps" in the big auditorium. The students who attended these "two-steps" were given numbers which were to determine who their dance partners would be that evening. One evening Reba had the numbers for the men and the numbers for the women. She walked up to this man who picked out his

number, and she looked at it - something she was not supposed to do. She then picked out her number to match his. This was the beginning of their relationship.

In 1911, the two were engaged to be married. Reba says that A.B.'s father told him if he wanted to get married he had to have a job, so A. B. started the A. B. Shore Clothing Company. Finally, on one day in 1913, Reba, who was teaching at Sprinkleburg one-room school, east of Rochester, received a letter from A.B. In the letter, he indicated he was ready to end their two-year engagement. Reba recalled the letter said, "I rented a house, bought some furniture, and when school is out we're going to get married."

The college social calendar and Reba's quick thinking had led her to the altar.

When the college was in high gear, it was wonderful. It had a significant impact on the community through such things as the university association, and it also attracted new people to the community. Reba's husband's sister, Artella Shore, married a man from Kentland, Indiana, Harry Wilson, who was just one of many people who came to Rochester specifically for the college. The atmosphere of the college was very friendly, and the students played games and did practically everything together. The school term was seven months long, and the school day began at 9:00 a.m. with reading of scripture and prayers in the Chapel. Eventually the students themselves offered the prayer, and lateness was not tolerated. After prayers, lessons began. Reba remembered studying Latin with Miss Dane, and mathematics and history. The school day ended at 4:00 p.m.

The college was also well-known for teaching music and holding recitals for the students and the public. Students also had the option of enrolling in the commercial program, which was designed to prepare them to run a business. Arthur B. Shore enrolled in the commercial program after his father told him that if he wished to get married someday, he needed to have a job. After his graduation from the college, A.B. started the A. B. Shore Clothing Company.

The focus of the college, though, remained the normal programs which prepared individuals to teach in the one-room schools. Many of Reba's classmates taught in the area, and two of her brothers, her oldest brother, Fred, and another brother, Jim, also graduated from the college and taught in the area. There were many key differences between the normal course Reba completed and a teacher-training program today. One of the most important though was no practice teaching. Reba says that most of the students enrolled in the normal had graduated from a one-room school and knew all about them, so practice teaching was not considered necessary.

Reba took one term of normal the summer before she graduated, and an additional two terms of normal the summer she graduated. After completing the normal, Reba completed the required writing to receive a teacher's license. This written exam was given on the top floor of the old Lincoln School, present site of the public library [arboretum] grounds. The test was scored by the county superintendent and certified the test-taker to teach in any school in the county. Reba took the test at the same time as one of her classmates, a man, but she could not recall his name. She did remember, however, that he scored a 90 on the test while she received a 76.

After taking the test, Reba was not impressed with her own score, and she remembered asking the trustee, "Do I get a school?" His response was, "You get any school you want. You want the home school, you take it." The home school was the school closest to a teacher's home, and it was considered an honor to be assigned to one's home school.

Reba did not get the home school though, and she spent her first year teaching 1910-11 at School No. 6 located three miles west of Rochester and one mile north on Tippecanoe (Olson) Road. After her first year of teaching she moved to her home school, Sprinkleburg. Reba lived east of Rochester four miles on the Akron Road, which was also called Road 14. The red brick schoolhouse was south a half mile and west an additional half a mile from her home. Reba taught at Sprinkleburg two years until her marriage. Essentially, she was not allowed to teach after she was married. The prevailing thought was that if a woman was married, she did not need a job, and to have one took a job away from a man who had a family. Reba did not teach after 1913.

What about the promising young teacher who took his certification exam with Reba? He was assigned to the Burton School. His high score might have indicated that he would have been a good teacher, but the gentleman had difficulty getting to the school on time. When he

would arrive to start the school day, he would set back his watch and claim that he was on time. One of the students was able to get an old time piece to prove to the teacher that he was later. The tardiness continued, however, Reba says, "That man never got a school again."

The one-room schools at the time Reba quit teaching were beginning to be consolidated. The college's financial difficulties, at the same time as the demise of the one-room school, made its continued existence almost impossible. Reba attributes the failure of the college to the new joint high school, which took tax money from the college, and a lack of community support to keep the college going. She said that she did not think most of the community really cared whether the college continued or not towards the end of its existence.

The spirit of the college lived on for many years though through the University Alumni Association. The association held annual reunions, planned at Reba's home, for nearly 50 years. The Alumni Association disbanded in 1974 because of the age of the various graduates was making it difficult for them to continue meeting. As one of its last tasks, the Alumni Association placed the college's cornerstone on the courthouse lawn.

The one-room school and Rochester College are a part of the heritage of many of us who were born and grew up in Fulton County, including the author of this piece whose great-grandfather, Arthur Fry, attended normal and taught in a one-room school. Reba Moore Shore's memories of this time help many of us to more clearly understand what the day-to-day experiences of our ancestors were like.

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## MEMORIES OF ROCHESTER COLLEGE STUDENTS

Compiled by Shirley Willard

Rochester College students had a good time at the college at the edge of town. Down through the years several recorded their memories in FCHS or other publications.

Ferman Powell told his memories to Shirley Willard, and they were published in *Fulton County Folks* vol. 2 in 1981, pp 438-441.

Ferman grew up on his father's farm south of Mt. Zion. His father was Oliver M. Powell, famous for his race horses that set four world records in racing. Ferman recalled that he lived in Fulton County but walked south to attend Miami County schools because they were closer.

"I attended Hopewell one-room school a half mile south of Wagoner's Station, Miami County, which was a mile and a half walk twice a day. Then I attended Macy High School (three mile walk twice a day) and Rochester College. I didn't start to school until a couple of years older than other first graders because I was sickly and they thought I might go into TB. But I made a practice of running to school and got healthy. I would run the distance of three telephone poles, then walk for three, and so on. We had a Macy telephone even though we lived in Fulton County because we were on the county line road and the Macy wires were closer.

"I also liked to run on my dad's horse track on our farm. I ran for the track team of Rochester College and won several brown and gold ribbons (the school colors). I wanted to run the marathon (26 miles) and trained at the Rochester city park by running five miles every day. Every evening the grandstand would fill with people watching the college boys train. I got so I could run 20 miles, but never made the marathon. When you run a long time, your side hurts, but with continued practice you get a muscle that and the side stops hurting.

"To toughen my leg muscles for running, I would go up on my toes, up and down, 200 times. When my family went to visit my grandparents, Christian and Suzanne Smoker, they went in horse and carriage on the roads, but I ran through the fields and over fences and got there at the same time. It was six miles to their house, located one-half mile east of the Pleasant Hill Church about a quarter mile south of the county line.

"In 1911 the first airplane flew across the United States, and the Rochester College students were allowed to go up on the roof to look at it. A man named Rodgers was the pilot. He followed the railroad tracks, came through Akron and Rochester over the Erie. He was following a passenger train which had to go slow and stop and wait for the plane to catch up. The airplane

went only 100 miles a day. He made a forced landing in a corn field by Lafayette [?] and had to be pulled by horses.

"I attended Rochester College and was among those who climbed up to the roof to see the airplane. I was in the last graduating class of Rochester College when it closed in 1912. I remember the time some Halloween pranksters took a cow up on the third floor of the college. Tommy Blacketor was the janitor and had a mess to clean up. Rue Oliver was one of the students who helped get the cow down stairs. We never found out who did the dirty trick.

"When I was in Rochester College, a professional athlete walked through Fulton County on his way from New York to the West Coast. He followed the Erie Railroad through Akron and Rochester. Dr. Kelsey from Monterey, Ind., was a good hiker and announced that he would accompany the athlete on his walk across Fulton County. I saw them cross Main Street at the north edge of Rochester. The professional athlete looked to be 60 years old and walked like a machine, boldly swinging his arms as he strode, looking neither to the right nor left, but straight ahead. He didn't speak or acknowledge the crowds in any way. Dr. Kelsey had joined him in Akron and was lagging behind about 100 yards. The doctor wore out and dropped out of the walk when they got to Germany Station five miles west of Rochester. This was about 1910."

Mrs. Tommy Blacketor wrote to her daughter, Mrs. Rae Blacketor Wildermuth, shortly after her marriage, describing an exciting episode at the college. This was read at the Rochester College Alumni Reunion many years later.

"They were having a time at the College. You knew they raised a flag pole Monday. The College students put their pennant on top of the pole. Tuesday morning or Monday in the night time the Rochester High School (kids) tied their pennant to a fish pole, went up and hoisted it three or four feet higher than the College pennant, tied it to the flag pole and as they came down, greased the pole. But Jim Moore went up and took the High School pennant down and such cheering!

"This morning the R.C. students tacked the High School pennant fast to the floor right inside the Chapel door, and as they went in wiped their feet on it. That made the High School students mad and they are having a time.

"I know all about this because I went through all the excitement, with both sides. Jim made the trip up and down the pole, but it was a hard trip, but the best part of it was - the objectionable pennant was down."

In 1958 Darlene Cox wrote a paper about Rochester College for her high school English class. She interviewed some of the former R.C. students but does not name them in her report.

"There was a foreigner that came to Rochester and had no place convenient for his work and to live. After talking to Professor Hunley, the man found out that he could live in the tower above the college. The type of work he did was a happy coincidence also. He made violins and sold them to various people around Rochester.

"Every Friday night the college students presented some sort of entertainment or program. They had many different plays during a semester. Professor Hunley wrote all of the plays and the songs to go with them."

After Rochester College closed in the fall of 1912, many suggestions and schemes were advanced as to what to do with the building. On Oct. 9, 1913, the *Fulton County Sun* ran a story titled COLLEGE CASE SETTLED FOR GOOD. The college had been offered as a donation to the County Commissioners for use as a County High School. The same newspaper had another story right beside it: OUR HIGH SCHOOL OPENED. The new Rochester Joint High School opened in October because the building was not ready for school to start in September.

But it wasn't settled completely yet. Other news articles told of the building being offered to Purdue University for an agricultural school. The Rochester *Daily Republican* had as its headlining on Monday Mar. 9, 1914: Indiana Womans' Christian Home for Aged and Orphans is Assured and Local Organization Perfected this Afternoon. Even though a huge crowd had gathered at the Christian Church to hear the president of the Christian Women's National Benevolent Association on Sunday, thus prompting the headline, the deal fell through.

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The “college case” was not completely settled until the building was torn down in 1923. How sad that this beautiful building was used for fewer than two decades. We will never know how life would have been different in Rochester if the college had continued and grown.

But the college continued to live in the hearts of its graduates. They held reunions for many years, and every year at reunion time the local newspapers ran articles of their memories and a brief history of the college.

Howard E. Conn, New Castle, Ind., wrote a letter to the Rochester *News-Sentinel*, published Aug. 1, 1962, in which he tells of his Rochester College days:

Editor, The Sentinel:

The thing that inspires this dissertation is a copy of the Rochester *Sentinel* under date of July 12, carrying the account of the reunion of Rochester Normal University. I was unable to attend and do not know who to thank for their remembrance, due to the fact that I have not taken an unsupported step since 1945. Mrs. Conn, the former E. Fern Wells, has been confined to her bed following a cerebral hemorrhage in 1953. She is a graduate of Rochester Musical Conservatory, class of 1905, piano teacher's course.

If mistakes occur in this copy, excuse a man of 77 with blindness that precludes proofreading.

The *Sentinel* which I received was a pretty presentable newspaper, but don't forget that I knew The *Sentinel* when it was owned and published by Hugh's father, the late Henry A. Barnhart, and Albert W. Bitters was owner and publisher of The *Republican*. In politics, it was open warfare year around between them. So far as I can recall they got along in other things.

I was College reporter for The *Republican* during the year beginning in the fall of 1904. But if you'll agree to not tell it on me, I'll admit that I helped elect Hank to congress. Why? Because we were not long in Rochester before he was addressing we boys as though we were contemporaries and not just cubs.

Yes, I also knew Alex Ruh, Sol Allman, Guthrie the clothier, Burt Green, Dawson and Richter, Knobby True, A. H. Skinner, Charles Plank, the Wile brothers, Pete Buchanan and the whole tribe of McMahan's.

I also was present when the Rochester Citizens Military Band, prize winning band of Indiana led by Billy Reynolds, met Annias Baker (Anti-Cigarette Baker, as he soon was known) at the “Leave Early and Walk” railroad station on his return from the session of the Indiana General Assembly where he had exposed the attempt of the tobacco interest to bribe representatives to defeat an anti-cigarette bill.

I just wonder if that law still is on the statute books. If it is, public opinion has declared it unconstitutional. From the decisions of public opinion there is no appeal.

During that year, some fellow out near the lake went berserk, killed his wife, mother-in-law, sister-in-law and committed suicide. The morbid mob stood in line at Val Zimmerman's mortuary to view the bodies. Rev. O. B. Wells of the U.B. church, who was to become my father-in-law the next year, conducted the burials.

Ike (as he was familiarly known) Brown was in the employ of Helen Gould, the unmarried daughter of the Wall Street Goulds at a then-fancy stipend furthering the interests of the Audubon Society. He addressed the student body from the deck of a low-wheeled wagon in an orchard north and a little east of the college one morning. His favorite song was “Juanita,” we sang it for him. The Indiana Editorial Association held its annual meeting in the college chapel that year and I reported it to The *Republican* and and banqueted with them at the Columbia Hotel. Immediately preceding one of the evening sessions the Citizens Band accompanied Harry Shields, just home from somewhere, on the northwest corner of the college lawn, as he sang “In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree,” which just then was very popular.

Joe Voglegesang of Marion, O., was director of the college band in which Prof. A. J. Hoare played baritone, Jay Ginther trombone, Alger Norris alto and I had the honor of playing tuba.

One incident that will remain in my memory as long as it continues to function occurred as I finished reading a rejoinder to a paper the Philomathian Society had read at the previous

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meeting disparaging the Athena Society. Jimmy Banta, barely school age if that, sat on the front seat. As I left the stage I saw him clapping both his hands and his feet in perfect unison and laugh “fit to kill.” Had I seen him before I finished reading he probably would have stopped me cold. I haven’t yet figured out just exactly what a lad of that age knew about the merits of the paper. He was the young son of President W. H. Banta.

W. H. Banta and bright-eyed Flo Delp made the college office a nice place to go.

Shortly before the end of the year Prof. Banta, as he was familiarly known to us all, called me into his private office to inquire what I was going to do when the school year ended. I answered “go down and work on the farm, maybe help some of the neighbors until school starts.” He then asked me if I would take a reporting job. I replied that I would if it would pay my keep. He assured me that it would and that I was capable.

Then he informed me that without consulting me he had arranged for me to report the Darrow - Talbott - Worden disbarment case to the A to Z syndicate. Clarence Darrow was the later-nationally-known attorney of South Bend (later Chicago criminal lawyer) who in the 20s was the defense attorney in the Scopes anti-evolution trial at Dayton, Tenn. William Jennings Bryan was the prosecuting attorney in this trial. The disbarment case was postponed and before it came to trial I was teaching in Liberty township. But for this cruel quirk of fate old man Kaltenborn might have “found the place filled” before he got there.

One year of teaching in Liberty was followed by three in Union Township after which I took to the road as a traveling salesman until 1922 when I entered the gospel ministry. I still hold credentials in Whitewater Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA. Prof. Marbett and I are brothers of the cloth. He is somewhere in New York state. Of the eight children born to Fern and I, five still live. We have eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. All of the latter are on the West Coast with our three eldest grandsons and their wives - Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Though thwarted in becoming a correspondent I have written extensively for Midwest newspapers and other periodicals from coast to coast.

Memories, memories. How sweet they are as we near the end!

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## Students' Roll -- 1900--1901

COLLEGE	Bradley, Bruce, Marshall
DEPARTMENT:	
Anglemyer, Grace, Fulton	Bright, Maude, Fulton
Alspach, Milton, Fulton	
Adamson, Earl, Fulton	Beehler, Elbe, Fulton
Anderson, Georgia, Fulton	Bruce, A. C., Fulton
Arnold, Flora, Starke	Bailey, Ella, Fulton
	Bowers, Bessie, Fulton
Beyer, Earl, Fulton	Bainter, Claude, Fulton
Barker, Verdie, Fulton	Baker, Mitchell, Fulton
	Bailey, Estella, Fulton
Bevelheimer, Olca, Fulton	
	Bryant, Mottie, Fulton
Belt, Iva, Fulton	

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Barger, Guy, Fulton

Busenberg, Leslie, Fulton

Brugh, Harry, Fulton

Bowen, Dorothea, Fulton

Biddinger, Carl, Fulton

Berry, E. C., Fulton

Babcock, Clyde, Fulton

Bair, Eva, Fulton

Bish, Ray, Fulton

Bok, Henry A., Fulton

Biddinger, Frank, Fulton

Bennett, Frank, Fulton

Becker, Emma, Fulton

Bright, Addie, Kosciusko

Bolley, Mae, Wabash

Bowman, Jessie, Fulton

Collins, Claude, Starke

Cook, R. Stanley, Howard

Caple, Ruth, Fulton

Caple, John, Fulton

Crabbs, Will. T., Fulton

Crabill, Delno, Fulton

Clark, Lulu, Fulton

Calaway, Howard, Fulton

Campbell, Lucretia, Fulton

Cook, Martha, Fulton

Collins, Frank, Fulton

Cline, Chas., Fulton

Cline, Mrs. Chas., Fulton

Coplen, Alta, Marshall

Courter, Gussie, Fulton

Carson, O. H., Fulton

Cobb, Mary, Johnson

Calvin, Glen, Fulton

Cotton, Blanche, Fulton

Conn, Carrie E., Fulton

Cramer, Cynthia, Fulton

Dill, Mary, North Dacotah

Dill, Anna, North Dacotah

Durkes, Henry, Fulton

Dawson, Lillian, Fulton

DuBois, [ - - - ], Fulton

Ducker, Elzy, Fulton

Eldridge, Grant, Pulaski

Ehrenman, Bertha, Fulton

Emmons, C. E., Fulton

Eber, Margaret, Fulton

Fisher, Clarence, Jefferson, O.

Fish, Clyde, Fulton

Felder, Geo., Fulton

Farmer, Mrs. Carrie A., Pulaski

Frank, A. J., Marshall

Foor, Mabel, Miami

Gordon, Elmer, Fulton

Goss, Clara, Fulton

Guynn, Nellie, Fulton

Guynn, Daisy, Fulton

Gould, Geo., Fulton

Guise, A. P., Cass

Gorsline, J. C., Fulton

Gohl, W. H., Fulton

Guthrie, Mabel, Fulton

Gillespie, Una, Fulton

Green, Elsie, Miami

Henderson, Fred, Fulton

Huffman, Pearl, Fulton

Hoover, Ray, Fulton

Hendrickson, Harry, Fulton

Harter, Howard, Fulton

Hulse, Earl, Cook, Ill.

Hill, Mae, Marshall

Hoover, Edith, Fulton

Haimbaugh, J. B., Fulton

Holman, Grace M., Fulton

Huff, F. D., Fulton

Hall, Grace, Marshall

Hall, Nellie, Marshall

Hurst, Scot, Miami

Howell, F. R., Fulton

Hall, Lawrence, Marshall

Herd, Richard, Fulton

Hoffman, Maude, Fulton

Hoffman, Minnie, Fulton

Heath, Glena, White

Hudkins, D. B., Fulton

Henderson, Clyde, Fulton

Hiatt, C. E., Fulton

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Hays, Lizzie, Newton  
Hay, Verna, Fulton  
Judd, Lola, Kosciusko  
Jewell, Belle, Fulton  
Johnson, Florence, Fulton  
Johnson, May, Fulton  
Kline, Aaron, Fulton  
Kennell, Will, Fulton  
King, Grace, Fulton  
Kent, Samuel, Fulton  
King, Cathren, Miami  
Kaley, Daniel, Fulton  
Kershner, Kate, Marshall  
Keesey, Roy, Miami  
Lawrence, Oliver, Marshall  
Lough, Edith, Fulton  
Lindsey, Sylvia, Starke  
Lish, Chas. M., Starke  
Lizenby, Fanny, Pulaski  
Laudeman, E. O., Fulton  
Montgomery, Wilson,  
Fulton  
Miller, H. St. Elmo Fulton  
Michael, Joseph, Marion  
Mathias, Minnie, Fulton  
Moore, Ida, Fulton  
McMahan, Hugh  
Millisor, L. G., Fulton  
Myers, John G., Fulton  
Merchant, Miriam, Newton  
Miller, Ray, Fulton  
Murray, Vallie, Fulton  
McCrary, Chas., Marshall  
Montgomery, Omar, Fulton  
Meiser, Nellie, Fulton  
Morts, Myrtle, Fulton  
McNeff, Frank, Lake  
Meyer, Walter T., Miami  
Milliser, Stephen, Fulton  
Messersmith, Chas., Pulaski  
Mitchell, Annabelle, Fulton  
Martindale, Byron, Fulton  
Moore, Lessie, Fulton  
Myers, Maud, Fulton  
Moore, Fred H., Fulton  
Myers, Bert, Fulton  
Miller, Harley, Pulaski  
Miller, Orion, Fulton  
Neff, Addie, Fulton  
Nelson, Chas., Kosciusko  
Nelson, Electa, Kosciusko  
Nelson, Irving, Kosciusko  
Neff, Frank, Fulton

Norman, Mabel, Fulton  
Norris, William, Fulton  
Newell, Ray, Fulton  
Parcel, Ira, Fulton  
Perschbacher, Edith, Fulton  
Perschbacher, Ammon, Fulton  
Pence, Venarda, Fulton  
Porter, Vernon, Fulton  
Pownall, Cora, Fulton  
Pyle, Frank, Fulton  
Porcher, Eunice, Marshall  
Porcher, Florence, Marshall  
Parke, Flora, Newton  
Rouch, Fred, Fulton  
Richardson, Fred, Fulton  
Rhinesmith, Arthur, Fulton  
Rooney, Robt., Fulton  
Robbins, Elmer, Miami  
Robbins, F. E., Fulton  
Reed, Thos. E., Fulton  
Reiter, D. L., Fulton  
Rightly, Bertha, Marshall  
Robinson, Dessa, Fulton  
Stinson, Geneva, Fulton  
Sibert, Sue, Fulton  
Stinson, Ruby, Fulton  
Stinson, Stanley, Fulton  
Spaid, Grace, Fulton  
Slick, Ray, Fulton  
Slick, John, Fulton  
Stahl, Clinton, Fulton  
Smith, Elvy, Fulton  
Smith, Lee, Fulton  
Sissel, Chas. A., Fulton  
Shadel, Solomon, Fulton  
Smith, Bertha, Fulton  
Steffey, Ethel, Fulton  
Slonaker, Marie, Fulton  
Trickle, Samuel, Fulton  
Trickle, Pearl, Fulton  
Tippy, Lynne, Fulton  
Townsend, Carrie, Fulton  
Taylor, Harley, Marshall  
Thomas, L. T., Pulaski  
Thompson, Byron W., Fulton  
Tobey, George, Miami  
Uncapher, Perry, Starke  
Van Kirk, G. H., Fulton  
Vandegrift, Hugh, Fulton  
Vories, Delbert, Marshall  
Wiltshire, Lucy, Miami  
Wert, Harry, Carroll  
Wildermuth, Ray, Fulton

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Whittenberger, J. F., Fulton  
Wolfe, Frank, Marshall  
Wile Ida, Pulaski  
Wilson, Madge, Fulton  
Zimmerman, William,  
Miami

### DEPARTMENT OF ORATORY

Babcock, Clyde, Fulton  
Caffin, Walter, Fulton  
Huff, F. D., Marshall  
Killen, Charlotte, Fulton  
Mitchell, Annabelle, Fulton  
Ruh, Fred, Fulton  
Von Ehrenstein, E., Fulton

### COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

Agete, Ralph, Newton  
Bruce, A. C., Fulton  
Bowers, Bessie, Fulton  
Curtis, Grace, Lake  
Carson, O. H., Fulton  
Durkes, Henry, Fulton  
Dowd, Bert, Fulton  
Eldridge, Grant, Pulaski  
Frederick, Guy, Pulaski  
Grove, Maple, Fulton  
Gould, George, Fulton  
Hulse, Earl, Cook, Illinois  
Judd, Lola, Kosciusko  
Johnson, Jesse, Marshall  
Myers, John C., Fulton  
Millisor, L. G., Fulton  
Myers, Maude, Fulton  
Rooney, Robt., Fulton  
Stair, C. M., Marshall  
Swinehart, O. E., Fulton  
Spitler, Oron, Marshall  
Trimble, Mrs. Nona, Lake  
Von Ehrenstein, Leon,  
Fulton  
Wile, Lee, Fulton

### DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC Instrumental

Allman, Lester, Fulton  
Arnold, Flora, Starke  
Bowman, Jessie, Fulton  
Barrett, Fulton  
Baker, Bell, Fulton  
Brown, Mary H., Miami

Baily, Pink, Fulton  
Berrier, Jennie, Fulton  
Bolley, Mae, Wabash  
Busenberg, Fulton  
BEnnett, Frank, Fulton  
Bish, Ray, Fulton  
Bainter, Claude, Fulton  
Clifton, Mrs. Jennie, Fulton  
Carithers, Nellie, Fulton  
Cummins, Mae, Grandview, Tenn.  
Cline, Ghas., Fulton  
Cline, Mrs. Chas., Fulton  
Cline, Bartha, Fulton  
Cline Marie, Fulton  
Crosby, Jessie, Fulton  
Coplen, Ethel, Fulton  
Clark, Lulu, Fulton  
Dellinger, Mrs., Pulaski  
Delp, Flora, Fulton  
Enyart, Mrs. Minta, Fulton  
Gould, Lyman, Fulton  
Grove, Fannie, Fulton  
Guthrie, Mabel, Fulton  
Holman, Georgiana, Fulton  
Hendrickson, Mae, Fulton  
Haimbaugh, Kate, Fulton  
Hurst, May, Miami  
Hurst, Josie, Miami  
Haimbaugh, Porter, Fulton  
Jones, Mary, Fulton  
Johnson, May, Fulton  
Kaley, Daniel, Fulton  
Kershner, Kate, Marshall  
King, Grace, arshall  
Killen, Charlotte, Marshall  
King, Maude, Marshall  
Long, Lola, Fulton  
Levi, Mina, Fulton  
Lowry, Alice, Fulton  
Miller, Ray, Fulton  
Miller, Hugh, Fulton  
Michael, Pauline, Marion  
McClung, Ruth, Fulton  
McClung, Eva, Fulton  
Mathias, Minnie, Fulton  
Moore, Ida, Fulton  
Morhead, Della, Frances, O.  
Marshall, Grace, Johnson  
Morts, Myrtle, Johnson  
Neff, Addie, Fulton  
Ray, Newell, Fulton  
Overmeyer, Odessa, Fulton  
Parker, Theo., Fulton

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Porter, Vernon, Fulton  
Pownall, Cora, Fulton  
Ruh, Lucy, Fulton  
Rhinesmith, Laura, Fulton  
Richter, Ralph, Fulton  
Rightly, Bertha E., Marshall  
Shaffer, Effie, Fulton  
Slick, Ray, Fulton  
Sissel, Chas., Fulton  
Search, Lavina, Fulton  
Steinheiser, Hattie, Fulton  
Spencer, Gladys, Fulton  
Segrist, Weldon, Fulton  
Sampsel, Minnie, Miami  
Stevenson, Nellie, Fulton  
Stevenson, Claudia, Fulton  
Townsend, Carrie, Fulton  
Thomas, L. T., Pulaski  
Trout, Mrs. O. K., Fulton  
Taylor, Goldie, Fulton  
Thompson, Edna, Fulton  
Theobald, Clara, Miami  
Theobald, Martha, Miami  
Tracy, Mrs. Frank, Miami  
Thalman, Blanche, Fulton  
Vanblaricom, Nellie, Fulton  
Wilkinson, Bessie, Miami  
Wilson, Bell, Fulton

### Voice Culture

Berrier, Jennie, Fulton  
Bainter, Claud, Fulton  
Busenburg, Leslie, Fulton  
Bright, Addie, Kosciusko  
Bruce, Arthur, Fulton  
Carvey, Nina, Miami  
Clifton, Jennie, Fulton  
Cline, Chas., Fulton  
Cummins, Mae, Grandview,  
Tenn.  
Clark, Lulu, Fulton  
Crabs, W. T., Fulton  
Clyde, Fish, Fulton  
Gynn, Nellie, Fulton  
Guise, A. P., Cass  
Gordon, Elmer, Fulton  
Haimbaugh, Porter, Fulton  
Hoover, Edith, Fulton  
Hill, Mae, Marshall  
Jewell, Belle, Fulton  
Kline, Marie, Fulton  
Kent, Samuel, Fulton  
Miller, Hugh, Fulton

Moore, Ida, Fulton  
Marshall, Grace, Johnson  
Morehead, Della, Van Wert, O.  
Montgomery, Wilson, Fulton  
Mortz, Myrtle, Fulton  
Neff, Addie, Fulton  
Nelson, Chas., Kosciusko  
Parker, Theo., Fulton  
Rhineesmith, Laura, Fulton  
Stevenson, Claudia, Fulton  
Slick, Ray, Fulton  
Sissel, Chas., Fulton  
Trout, Mrs. O. K., Miami  
Trickle, Samuel, Fulton  
Whittenberger, F., Fulton  
Wolfe, Frank, Marshall

### Harmony and Pedagogy

Carithers, Nellie, Fulton  
Holman, Georgia, Fulton  
Haimbaugh, Kate, Fulton  
King, Maude, Fulton  
McClung, Eva, Miami  
McClung, Ruth, Fulton  
Morehead, Della, Van Wert, O.  
Shaffer, Effie, Fulton  
Sigrist, Weldon, LaGrange  
Vanblaricom, Nellie, Fulton

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Barret, Pearl, Fulton  
Carithers, Nellie, Fulton  
Cummins, Mae, Grandview, Tenn.  
Haimbaugh, Kate, Fulton  
McClung, Eva, Miami  
Miller, Ray, Fulton  
Morehead, Della, Van Wert, Ohio  
King, Grace, Fulton  
King, Maude, Fulton  
Vanblaricom, Nellie, Fulton

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## GRADUATES OF ROCHESTER COLLEGE

The following list of graduates was compiled from the handwritten notes of Flo Delp, longtime college secretary, and Reba Moore Shore, graduate of class of 1910 and longtime Alumni Association secretary and treasurer. Whenever possible, the list was verified through an additional source, and that source is indicated at the top of the list. When the information was available, the students' degree or diploma is also indicated. Those graduates who were involved with education within the county are designated by \*.

**CLASS OF 1896**

(verified through newspaper account)

Clay, ---  
Hisey, Della  
Rannells, Clarence  
Shelton, Maurice

**CLASS OF 1897**

The only record is a handwritten notebook which lists the same students graduating as the newspaper lists graduating in 1896.

**CLASS OF 1898**

Becker, L. H. (B.S.)  
Cline, Charles W.  
(Teacher)\*  
Gast, Estill A. (Teacher)  
Leas, Grace Elma (Teacher)  
Miller, Orion M. (Teacher)  
Pocock, Grace Ellen  
(Teacher)  
Slonaker, Clement (Teacher)  
Suman, Lulu G. (B.S.)  
Werner, John C. (Teacher)

**CLASS OF 1899**

(verified through Commencement folder)  
Cline, Charles (B.S.)  
Thrush, Mae (B.S. + Teacher)  
Leas, Grace E. (B.S.)  
Mackey, Harry (B.S.)  
Mackey, Lottie (Teacher)  
Rathburn, Roy (Teacher)  
Stinson, Eugene (B.S.)  
Wildermuth, Sylvia (Music)

**CLASS OF 1900**

Grove, Frank (Teacher)  
Hendrickson, Floyd W.  
(Teacher)

Langsdorf, Amelia (Music)  
Pocock, Retta (Teacher)

**CLASS OF 1901**

Agate Ralph (Commercial)  
Baker, Mitchell (B.S.)  
Bowers, Elizabeth (Commercial)  
Bruce, A. C. (Commercial)  
Cook, Stanley R. (Prof. Teacher)  
Curtis, Grace (Commercial)  
Durkes, Henry (Commercial)  
Eldridge, Grant E. (Commercial)  
Gordon, Elmer (Prof. Teacher)  
Gould, George B. (Commercial)  
Haimbaugh, Katherine (Music)  
Horton, Howard (High School)  
Holman, Grace M. (B.S.)  
Johnson, Florence (Teacher)  
Johnson, Jesse (Commercial)  
Judd, Lola (Prof. Teacher)  
McClung, Eva (Music)  
Merchant, Miriam (Teacher)  
Miller, Hugh (High School)  
Nelson, Electa (Teacher)  
Rooney, Robert (Commercial)  
Shafer, Effie (Music)  
Slick, John S. (Commercial)  
Spitler, Oron (Commercial)  
Swinehart, Ormond (Commercial)  
VanBlaricom, Nellie (Music)

**CLASS OF 1902**

(verified through Commencement folder)  
Agate, Ralph (Commercial)  
Beery, Earl (Teacher)  
Bruce, Arthur C. (Commercial)  
Dudgeon, Fred L. (Commercial)  
Durkes, Henry (Commercial)  
Guthrie, Maude (Commercial)  
Guthrie, Maybelle (Music)  
Hassenplug, Charles R. (Prof. Teacher)  
Hatch, May (High School)  
Holman, Georgianna E. (Music)  
Hoover, Charles Guy (High School)  
Hurst, Hurd J. (High School)

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Johnson, Florence (B.S.)  
King, Grace (Music)  
Kline, Aaron (B.S.)  
Lowry, Alice (Music)  
Luken, Adolph H.  
(Commercial)  
Martindale, Roy W. (B.S.)  
Miller, Hugh St. Elmo (B.S.)  
Miller, Hugh S. (Music)  
Miller, Rae (Prof. Teacher)  
Miller, Robert R.  
(Commercial)  
Millisor, Lloyd  
(Commercial)  
Montgomery, Maude (Prof.  
Teacher)  
Robbins, Elmer J. (Teacher)  
Shadel, Solomon J. (B.S.)  
Shields, Harry (Commercial)  
Stinson, May (Prof. Teacher)

### CLASS OF 1903

(verified through  
Commencement folder)  
Babcock, Clyde  
(Commercial)  
Babcock, Ray (Commercial)  
Barger, Guy (Prof. Teacher)  
Belt, Iva (Teacher)  
Blacketor, Rae (B.S.)  
Buchanan, Blanch (Teacher)  
Buehler, Sidney A.  
(Commercial)  
Busenburg, Leslie (Prof.  
Teacher)  
Carvey, Nina (Music  
Teacher)  
Conrad, Arthur (Teacher)  
Courter, Gussie (Prof.  
Teacher)  
Emmons, Chas. E. (Teacher)  
Fisher, Jeannette (Teacher)  
Forsythe, Ralph K. (Prof.  
Teacher)  
Gordon, Elmer (B.S.)  
Goss, Clara (Commercial)  
Haimbaugh, Kathryn (Music  
Classic)  
Henderson, Fred  
(Commercial)  
Hoover, G. G. (Music  
Teacher)  
Jewell, Ida (Commercial)

Kent, John (Teacher)  
Kent, Samuel (Teacher)  
Lowe, Ethel (Commercial)  
Luken, Adolph H. (Commercial)  
McCarter, Mary (Music Strings)  
Mahaffy, Ledah (Commercial)  
Mehling, Milo (Prof. Teacher)  
Millisor, Lloyd G. (Commercial)  
Newcomer, Frank (B.S.)  
Owens, Lola (Commercial)  
Pownall, Cora (Commercial)  
Rannells, Mabel (Commercial)  
Rouch, Fred L. (Prof. Teacher)  
Sayger, Dessa (Prof. Teacher)  
Shoemaker, Lena (Commercial)  
Shore, Ray (Commercial)  
Stinson, Geneva (Teacher)  
Stinson, Stanley (B.S.)  
Trout, Lyman (Commercial)  
Tyrrell, May (Commercial)  
Vandergrift, Hugh H. (B.S.)  
Wallace, Charles (Commercial)  
Weber, Lyman (Commercial)  
Wright, Faye (Commercial)  
Young, Bessie (Commercial)

### CLASS OF 1904

(verified through Commercial Folder0)  
Anderson, R. N.  
Belt, Iva  
Blacketor, Rae  
Bowen, Dorothy  
Butler, Irvin  
Clifton, Jennie\*  
Conn, Carrie  
Cox, Nellie  
Dittman, Emma  
Felder, Geo.  
Fosner, Roy  
Henderson, Henry  
Hoffman, Minnie  
Howe, Mamie  
Jeffry, Edith  
Lidholm, Eric  
Mathews, Mary  
Mitchell, Luther  
Montgomery, Robt.  
Morehead, Della  
Morrett, Faye  
Mow, Robert  
Muntzinger, Adolph  
Mygrant, Victor  
Poor, Edith

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Shonk, Vernetta E.  
Slonaker, Marie  
Smith, Frank E.  
Stevenson, Nellie\*  
Stinson, Edna\*  
Troutman, Earl  
Wand, Nettie M.  
West, Lela M.  
Wildermuth, Ray

### CLASS OF 1905

(verified through college catalog)

Anderson, Rose (Teacher)  
Bevelhimer, Olca (Teacher)  
Biddinger, Harry (B.S.)  
Bookwalter, Edith (High School)\*  
Bright, Althea (Commercial)  
Burch, Gail (Commercial)  
Butler, I. E. (B.A.)  
Caple, Ruth (B.S.)\*  
Collins, Homer (Commercial)  
Conrad, Arthur (B.S.)  
Eaglebarger, H. E. (High School)  
Erdhom, Eric  
Fike, Fergan (Commercial)  
Ginther, F. G. (High School)  
Giver, Gertrude (Music)  
Goodwin, Mabel L. (Piano)  
Guthrie, Maude (Commercial)  
Hall, Nellie (Commercial)  
Horne, Maryanne (Music)  
Howe, Mayme (Music)  
Hurst, Josephine (Music)  
Izzard, Effie (Commercial)  
Kaley, Wesley (High School)\*  
Kent, Myrtle (B.S. and Prof. Teacher)\*  
Lambert, Myrtle (Commercial)  
Latton, Horace (Music)  
Leininger, Ania  
Lidhouse, Eric (Music)  
McNall, R. A. (Music)  
Mathews, Mary (Commercial)  
Mygrant, Victor (B.S.)  
Overmyer, Odessa (Music)

Partridge, Merrit  
Patterson, Maude (Teacher)  
Rees, Mable\*  
Richardson, Clyde (High School)  
Richardson, Kline (High School)  
Rouch, Fred (Commercial)  
Search, Lavina (B.S.)  
Siebert, Mamie (Teacher)  
Shonk, Verna (Commercial)  
Smith, Amy (Music)  
Sparks, H. D. (Master of Accts)  
Sommers, Charles (High School)  
Stockberger, Fern (Music)  
Strong, Katharyn (Music)\*  
Vogelgesang, J. S. (Music)  
Wagoner, Hyluannia (Music)  
Wells, Iva (B.S.)  
Wolfe, Frank  
Wyke, Ester  
Zimmerman, Omer (High School)

### CLASS OF 1906

(verified through Commencement Folder)

Barnhart, Glendolin (Music Teacher)  
Barr, Earl (Commercial)  
Beebe, Elma (Music Teacher)  
Bevelheimer, Laura (Commercial)  
Biddinger, Err (High School)  
Bowser, Frankie (Piano)  
Carithers, Louise (Commercial)  
Carr, Lon (High School)  
Collins, Homer H. (B.A.)  
Coplen, Walter (Commercial)  
Crabill, C. D. (Commercial)  
Davidson, Bessie (Commercial)  
Early, Ora (Teacher)  
Fosner, Leroy (Science Course)  
Fouts, Goldie (Music Teacher)  
Hendrickson, Harold (Guitar)  
Hulse, Faye (Teacher)  
Hurst, James (High School)  
Kent, Bert (Teacher)\*  
King, Effa (Piano)  
Lidholms, Eric (Violin)  
Lower, A. V. (Commercial)  
McPherson, Nellie (Master of Accts.)  
Mannering, Adrian (Violin)  
Mannering, M. F. (Commercial)  
Marsh, Annabell (Music Teacher)  
Marsh, Roxie (Music Teacher)  
Mastellar, Retha (Music Teacher)  
Miller, Emma E. (Teacher)  
Miller, Roy (High School)

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Murphy, Elba (High School)  
Musser, Bertha  
(Commercial)  
Newcomer, Frank  
(Commercial)  
Noon, Lillian (Music  
Teacher)  
Ovewrmyer, Bessie (Piano)  
Plantz, Rutha (Piano)  
Plough, Coda (Music  
Teacher)  
Richardson, Fred L. (High  
School)  
Riner, Hugh (Commercial)  
Robinson, Lillian (High  
School)  
Shelton, Roy (High School)\*  
Shriver, Maud (Commercial)  
Stevenson, Claudia (Violin)\*  
Strong, Delia (Violin)  
Strong, Kathryn (Piano)  
Thomas, Edna (High  
School)  
Waite, Carrie M. (High  
School)  
Waite, Marietta H. (High  
School)  
Watson, Mildred (Music  
Teacher)  
Wildermuth, Marquerite  
(Commercial)  
Woodcox, Ray  
(Commercial)  
Zimmerman, William W.  
(Teacher)

### CLASS OF 1907

Aughinbaugh, Geo.  
(Commercial)  
Ault, Fern (High School)  
Bybee, Hal P. (High School)  
Bibler, Nora (Commercial)  
Carvey, Errett (High School)  
Coplen, Walter  
(Commercial)  
Davis, Harley (High School)  
Davis, Ruth (Commercial)  
Deardorff, K. Fred (High  
School)  
Foglesang, Fred  
(Commercial)  
Ginther, F. J. (High School)  
Harte, Ernest (Commercial)

Harter, Earl (Commercial)  
Hamlett, Nellie (Commercial)  
Heeter, Elva (Commercial)  
King, Catherin (Commercial)  
Kreig, Vera (Commercial)  
Lackey, Ethel (Commercial)  
Lewis, Ua (Commercial)  
Louderback, Glen (High School)  
McGraw, Nana (Teacher)\*  
Maple, Chas. (High School)  
Newcomer, Ralph (High School)  
Osborne, Edmund (Commercial)  
Pletcher, Opha (High School)  
Robinson, Henry (High School)  
Ross, Retha (Commercial)  
Rowe, Grace (Commercial)  
Rush, Lenora (Commercial)  
Smith, Russell H. (High School)  
Sommer, Corna (High School)  
Thayer, Guy (High School)  
Tombaugh, Goldie (High School)  
Tombaugh, Jesse L. (High School)  
Waller, Raymond (Commercial)

### CLASS OF 1908

Ambler, Frank (High School)  
Anderson, Roscoe (High School)  
Apple, Velma M. (Commercial)  
Belt, Charles A. (High School)  
Belt, Gail (High School)  
Bennett, Ethel (Commercial)  
Bookwalter, John (High School)  
Burkett, Clara (High School)  
Busenburg, Guy V. (Commercial)  
Bybee, Hal P. (Teacher)  
Carr, Ray (High School)  
DuBois, Henry (Teacher)  
DeBois, Koert (High School)  
Edington, Ray (Commercial)  
Essick, Samuel L. (Teacher)  
Fish, Clyde (High School)  
Foor, Earl (Commercial)  
Gatsrll [?], Iona (Commercial)  
Glick, Everett (High School)  
Gohn, Lloyd (High School)  
Hicks, Earl (High School)  
Hosurn, Harry L. (Commercial)  
Kent, John (High School)\*  
Logan, Maude (High School)  
Lucas, Charles E. (High School)\*  
McIntyre, Lulu (High School)  
Meiser, Chas. W. (High School)  
Miller, Della C. (Teacher)

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Moore, James (High School)  
Moore, Ray (Teacher)  
Mow, Ray B. (High School)  
Nafe, Don A. (High School)  
Orr, Henrietta (High School)  
Osborne, Harry M.  
(Commercial)  
Peters, Robert J. D.  
(Teacher)  
Poenix, Fay (High School)  
Rawnells, Harry M.  
(Commercial)  
Robinson, Henry (Teacher)  
Rohsabagh, Pearl F.  
(Commercial)  
Rorr, Elena (High School)  
Shore, Lusa B.  
(Commercial)  
Smith, Mort (High School)  
Smith, Russell H.  
(Commercial)  
Sowers, Earl (High School)  
Vandegrift, Quincy (High  
School)  
Van Duyne, Otto (High  
School)  
Van Kirk, Albert (High  
School)  
Von Ehrenstein, Emily V.  
(Commercial)  
Wagoner, Neta  
(Commercial)  
Wiltser, Grace E. (High  
School)  
Wright, Mazie (Commercial)  
Zeslie, Bessie N.  
(Commercial)  
Zimmerman, William  
(Teacher)

### CLASS OF 1909

(verified through  
commencement folder - no  
degree designations)

Babcock, Gladeys  
Beehler, Lee  
Biggs, Fern  
Carvey, Garnet  
Crabbs, Fred  
Dillion, Talmage  
Frye, Myrtle  
Johnson, Jessie E.  
Gaoat [?], Bessie

Hearst, Jud  
McLean, Donald  
Miller, Nellie  
Murphy, Pearl  
Nellans, Mary  
Nicodemus, Dessa  
Peters, Robert  
Richardson, Adolph  
Riddle, Edward\*  
Riddle, Earl  
Snowberger, Garnet\*  
Thornburg, H. O.  
Wynn, Arlie

### CLASS OF 1910

(verified through newspaper)  
Adamson, Clarence (High School)  
Belt, Glenn (High School)  
Belt, Merrill (High School)  
Belt, Rex (High School)  
Biggs, Lula (High School)  
Briggs, Marvin (High School)  
Butt, Ethel (High School)  
Camerer, Olive (High School)  
Cooper, Tessie (High School)  
DuBois, Ruth (High School)  
Emmons, Golda (High School)  
Ginn, Estel (High School)  
Hatfield, Iva (High School)  
Heeter, Edith (High School)  
Hurst, Blaine (High School)  
Moonshower, Clare (High School)  
Moore, Reba (High School)\*  
Myers, Anna (High School)  
Pontious, Ruth (High School)  
Porter, Hannabelle (Commercial)  
Shore, Arthur B. (Commercial)  
Sowers, Ross (High School)  
Van Duyne, Otto (High School)  
Ward, Edna (High School)  
Wilson, Helen (High School)

### CLASS OF 1911

(verified through Commencement folder)  
Babcock, Otto R. (High School)  
Barkman, Eunice (High School)  
Carvey, Lester (High School)  
Coplen, Herman (Commercial)  
Ewing, Eula (High School)  
Murphy, Lula (High School)  
Myers, Ray (High School)  
Nave, Cleon A. (High School)

Norris, Elmer (High School)  
Pritz, Herman (High School)  
Robinson, Don (High School)  
Rush, Hazel (High School)  
Savage, John C. (High School)  
Skinner, Carol (High School)  
Stauffer, Neal (High School)  
Stinson, Zeek (High School)  
Watson, Fern (High School)

**CLASS OF 1912**

(Editor's Note: Found in commencement program)

Conrad, Pearl  
Faulstich, Roy C.  
Gordon, Hayden  
Mow, Dean  
Neher, Medford D.  
Powell, Ferman  
Reichard, Omer E.  
Sheets, Ruth  
Shonk, Ralph  
Smiley, Glen.

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The cornerstone was laid in June, 1895, and the building was dedicated November 17, 1895.

The building was a three-story structure of brick and stone with a basement. On the first floor was a chapel, library, office and one recitation room. On the second floor were four recitation rooms, while the top floor was occupied by the business department and science room. The attic was used as a small gymnasium where the boys practiced basketball.

The name was popularized as Rochester College, and both names were printed on the annual catalog. Enrollment grew from 44 students to over 200. Tuition was \$10 a semester and \$8 for summer term. Near the school was a medium-sized house used as a home for students. Most of the pupils boarded in Rochester and paid \$2.50 or less per week for room and meals.

Rochester College became an accredited high school and also offered courses on the college level in such fields as music, commercial, penmanship, review, teachers, academic, scientific, and classical.

Students published a bi-weekly news booklet called "The College Echo," financed by local advertisers. The students also gave junior and senior plays.

Student organizations included the Athena Literary Society, Alpha Lyceum, Shakespeare Society, Canterbury Pilgrims, Chorus, Philomathean Society, as well as the athletic teams which played against other high schools.

Rochester Normal University had a topnotch staff and many people of a later era remembered professors Will H. Banta, F. A. Herrington, and M. L. Davidson, who also gave of his time to lead the then outstanding Rochester Citizens Band. Other names almost now forgotten were those of Everest Macy who taught agriculture, physics, chemistry and botany. Olive Gray was professor of psychology and methods, while Lucia Dains headed the courses in Latin and German. Nana McGraw acted as instructor of primary methods and reviews, and Professor Ben L. Brandenburg taught pianoforte and harmony.

Rochester University Association was organized December 4, 1895, for general study of world's history. It had about sixty members and held a banquet twice a year. They met each Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 10 o'clock and heard one to three papers. By 1907-09 the University Club, as it was popularly known, had changed their weekly program to include only one paper, with discussion led by another person.

Rochester College Alumni Association was organized in 1910, but did not meet annually until 1929.

Rochester Normal University filled a need. Small outlying towns had at the most only three years of high school, so the college attracted those who wished to complete their high school education. When those other schools became four-year high schools, Rochester Normal University fell upon hard times, and was closed in the summer of 1912.

[Dr. Shafer Family, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

A good furnished room for 50 cents a week and board for \$2.50 for seven days. So lists those items in a Rochester Normal University catalog of 1908-09. Fifty years later bed and board has been multiplied a half dozen times and even then its availability is most questionable.

Looking backward a half-century seems almost like yesterday but our old college, which provided an excellent curriculum, a bit of society life, a staff of excellent instructors and a fantastic low rate of tuition long since has gone the way of many dreams. Here was an institution that the community should have backed to the limit. Today it would have grown in the bounds of educational needs and the pride and joy of many grads who would have picked up their sheep skins through the years.

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A picture of Rochester Normal University on the first page of the 1908-09 catalog brings to mind many nostalgic memories of days and evenings spent in and about that educational institution. Many names of other instructors, names of many students remembered and entertainments, theatrical, musical, athletic come to mind's review.

Not even one brick, a foot of foundation or a marker of any kind remains at the college site south on 18th Street at the end of College Avenue. Nowadays when I drive toward Peru and Leiters Ford, it makes me heartsick to see formerly good brick school buildings going to ruin for want of some small bit of community promotion. Like Rochester's first, last and only college, these monuments to better living are doomed to extinction for want of some plan to use the structure to the benefit of present citizenship and to those who will regret their passing in the days to come.

[Earle A. Miller, Rochester *Sentinel*, Wednesday, May 21, 1962]

### NORTH MUD CREEK SCHOOL

By Jetta Marie Barkman, Healthwin Home, South Bend, Ind.

I never attended any other grade school [than North Mud Creek School] and after graduating, my brother and I entered our first year of high school at Rochester College. We drove a horse and buggy until the weather became too bad, and we stayed with Aunt Maggie Ewing. Marie and Joe still lived at home. This was the last year (1912) that the college was in session, so we had to go to Leiters Ford High, where we graduated.

I can't tell you much about Rochester College as I was only 12 years old when I went there and didn't spend the entire year; owing to circumstances, we had to quit the last three months. I do remember that there were at least two floors and we were on the second floor. I'm quite sure that the first, second, third and fourth grade pupils were all in one big room. I took mathematics, English, history and German. I've forgotten the teachers' names, but remember some of the names of pupils in first year. The ones that come to mind are Guy Pontius, Paul Blacketer, Herma Wentzel, Ralph Sheets, Ross Blacketer and myself. There may have been others that I have forgotten.

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The building was torn down in 1923.

The bricks were used to convert Robbins Chevrolet Agency into the Char-Bel Theatre, later known as the Times Theatre.

See Rochester High School Basketball.

## ROCHESTER SCHOOL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located SE corner 6th & Pontiac.

Frame building, used as a grade school.

Destroyed by fire.

The winter session of the Rochester Public school will commence on Monday next, in the basement story of the Odd Fellows Hall. L. D. Willard, Principal.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 3, 1859]

School Meeting. The citizens are requested to meet at the School Room in the Odd Fellows Hall, on Tuesday evening, next Jan 10th, 1860, at 6-1/2 o'clock p.m., at which time a plan

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and specification for a School House will be presented for the consideration of the citizens. Trustees.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 7, 1860]

To Builders. Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned up to Saturday, February 4th, 1860, for furnishing the materials and building a School House 36 by 48 feet and two stories high . . . D. R. Pershing, E. Rose, L. J. Brown, Trustees. Jan. 20, 1860.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 21, 1860]

We learn that our town Trustees, Messrs. Pershing, Rose and Brown, have contracted with Mr. Beeber, of this place, for the building of a School House, which has been much needed for years. The main building is to be 36 by 44 feet, and two stories high, which will accommodate about 350 pupils, with all necessary recitation rooms, &c. . . .

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 22, 1860]

The New School House we understand will be completed by the 1st of June, which will be an honor to the builder Mr. G. P. Beeber, and an ornament to our Town.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, April 4, 1861]

See Union School, Rochester City

We learn that on Saturday last, an election was held for teachers of our Public Schools for the ensuing free term. The result was the choice of Mr. Hazleton as Principal, and Misses Clouse, Ernsperger and Levesy as assistant teachers.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 13, 1862]

## ROCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD [Rochester, Indiana]

1898-99: Samuel Keeley, Pres., Jos. F. Ault, Sec., A. C. Copeland, Treas.

1901-02: Samuel Keeley, Pres., Jos. F. Ault, Sec., A. C. Copeland, Treas.

1902-03: Samuel Keeley, Pres., Chas. W. Caffyn, A. C. Copeland

1903-04: Omar B. Smith, Sec.

1904-05: A. C. Copeland, Pres., C. W. Caffyn, Sec., L. M. Brackett, Treas.,  
Copeland died Jan. 1905 - Rinaldo P. True, Pres.

1905: Rinaldo P. True, Pres., Lyman M. Brackett, Treas, Frank M. Sterner, Sec.

1906: Rinaldo P. True, Pres., Omar B. Smith, Treas., Clem V. Leonard, Sec.

1907: Rinaldo P. True, Pres., Omar B. Smith, Treas., Clem V. Leonard, Sec.

1908: Rinaldo P. True, Pres., Omar B. Smith, Treas., Clem V. Leonard, Sec.

1909: Clem V. Leonard, Pres., Omar B. Smith, Treas., Rinaldo P. True, Sec.

1910: Rinaldo P. True, Pres., Arthur P. Copeland, Treas., Clem V. Leonard,  
Sec.

1911: Rinaldo P. True, Pres., Arthur P. Copeland, Treas., Clem V. Leonard,  
Sec.

1912: Rinaldo P. True, Pres., Arthur P. Copeland, Treas., Clem V. Leonard,  
Sec.

1913-14: Clem V. Leonard, Pres., Arthur P. Copeland, Treas., Harry W. Wilson,  
Sec.

1914-15: Clem V. Leonard, Pres., A. P. Copeland, Treas. Harry W. Wilson, Sec.

1915-16: Clem V. Leonard, Pres., A. C. Copeland, Treas., Harry Wilson, Sec., L.  
B. Perry, Supervisor, Anna Milligan, Supervisor, Claudia  
Stevenson, Supervisor.

1917-18: Clem V. Leonard, A. C. Copeland, Harry W. Wilson, L. B. Perry,  
Supervisor, Bertha Rogers, Supervisor, Flavilla Trace, Supervisor.

1918-19: A. C. Copeland, Pres, Harry Wilson, Sec., Clem V. Leonard, Treas.

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- 1920: Harry W. Wilson, Pres., Clem V. Leonard Treas., Harley W. Taylor, Sec.  
1921: Harry W. Wilson, Pres., A. L. Deniston, Treas., Harley W. Taylor, Sec.  
1922: Harley W. Taylor, Pres., Frank McCarter, Treas., A. L. Deniston, Sec.  
1923: A. L. Deniston, Pres., Frank McCarter, Treas., E. C. Mercer, Sec.  
1924: Frank R. McCarter, Pres., A. L. Deniston, Treas., E. C. Mercer, Sec.  
1925: A. L. Deniston, Pres., Frank R. McCarter, Treas., E. C. Mercer, Sec.  
1926: Guy R. Barr, Pres. Frank R. McCarter, Treas., H. W. Taylor, Sec.  
1927: Frank R. McCarter, Pres., H. W. Taylor, Treas., Harry W. Wilson, Sec.  
1928: Harry W. Wilson, Pres., Frank R. McCarter, Treas., H. G. Miller, Sec.  
1929: Frank R. McCarter, Pres., Harry W. Wilson, Sec., Otto Carlson, Treas.  
1930-31: Edith Bryant, Treas., A. L. Whitmer, Pres.  
1931-32: Otto Carlson, Pres., Edith Bryant, Sec., Guy R. Barr, Treas.  
1932-33: Edith Bryant, Pres., Guy R. Barr, Sec., R. C. Johnson, Treas.  
1933-34: Guy R. Barr, Pres., R. C. Johnson, Sec., Lisle Kriehbaum, Treas.  
1934-35: R. C. Johnson, Pres., Lisle Kriehbaum, Sec., Mrs. Dee Robbins, Treas.  
1935-36: Lisle Kriehbaum, Pres., Mrs. Dee Robbins, Sec., Levi Moore, Treas.  
1936-37: Mrs. A. D. Robbins, Pres., Levi Moore, Sec., Dr. C. L. Richardson,  
Treas.  
1937-38: Levi P. Moore, Pres., Dr. C. L. Richardson, Sec., Mrs. A. D. Robbins,  
Treas.  
1938-39: Dr. C. L. Richardson, Pres., Mrs. A. D. Robbins, Sec., Lisle  
Kriehbaum, Treas  
1939-40: Mrs. A. D. Robbins, Pres., Lisle Kriehbaum, Sec., Dr. C. L.  
Richardson, Treas.  
1940-41: Lisle Kriehbaum, Pres., Dr. C. L. Richardson, Sec., Mrs. A. D.  
Robbins, Treas.  
1941-42: Dr. C. L. Richardson, Pres., Mrs. A. D. Robbins, Sec., Dr. Dale  
Berkebile, Treas.  
1942-43: Mrs. A. D. Robbins, Pres., Dr. Dale Berkebile, Sec.,  
Dr. C. L. Richardson, Treas.  
1943-44: Dr. Dale Berkebile, Pres., Mrs. Orbra Taylor, Treas., J. Murray McCarty,  
Sec.  
1944-45: J. Murray McCarty, Pres., Mrs. Orbra Taylor, Sec., Joseph Ewing, Treas.  
1945-46: Mrs. Orbra Taylor, Pres., J. Murray McCarty, Treas., Joseph L. Ewing,  
Sec.  
1946-47: Joseph Ewing, Pres., J. Murray McCarty, Sec., Mrs. Orbra Taylor, Treas.  
1947-48: J. Murray McCarty, Pres., Joseph Ewing, Treas., Mrs. Orbra Taylor, Sec.  
1948-49: Mrs. Orbra Taylor, Pres., Joe Ewing, Sec., Max Haworth, Treas.  
1949-50: Joseph Ewing, Pres., Max Haworth, Sec., Mrs. Orbra Taylor, Treas.  
1950-51: Max Haworth, Pres., Mrs. Orbra Taylor, Sec. Joseph Ewing, Treas., John  
Braman, Sec.  
1951-52: Mrs. Orbra Taylor, Pres., Joseph Ewing, Sec., Lyman Langford, Treas.  
1952-53: Joseph Ewing, Pres., Mrs. Ed. Boswell, Treas., Lyman Langford, Sec.  
1953-54: Edwin C. Boswell, Pres., Dr. Howard H. Rowe, Sec., Harold A. Karn,  
Treas.  
1955-56: Harold Karn, Pres., Dr. Howard Rowe, Sec., Mrs. Edwin C. Boswell,  
Treas.  
1956-57: Harold Karn, Pres., Rebabelle Boswell, Treas., Edgar Keebler, Sec.  
1957-58: Mrs. Edwin C. Boswell, Pres., Edgar G. Keebler, Treas., Gene Winks,  
Sec.  
1958-59: Edgar Keebler, Pres., Gene Winks, Treas., Clay Smith, Sec.  
1959-60: Henry Skidmore, Pres., Clay Smith, Sec., H. C. Herkless, Treas.  
1960-61: Henry Skidmore, Pres., H. C. Herkless, Treas., Clay Smith, Sec.

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- 1961-62: Clay Smith, Pres., H. G. Herkless, V. Pres., Harold Lease, Sec., Charles Helt, Treas, Henry Skidmore, Asst. Sec.
- 1962-63: H. C. Herkless, Pres., Henry Skidmore, Treas., Charles Helt, Sec., Clay Smith, Henry Skidmore until 1-1-63 then Robert Keim.
- 1963-64: H. J. Lease, Pres., Charles Helt, V.Pres., Robert Keim, Sec., Rebabelle Boswell, Treas., H. C. Herkless, Asst. Sec.
- 1964-65: Charles Helt, Pres., Robert Keim, Treas., Rebabelle Boswell, Sec., H. C. Herkless, Harold Lease.
- 1965-66: Robert Keim, Pres, Rebabelle Boswell, V. Pres., H. C. Herkless Sec., H. J. Lease, Treas, Charles Helt, Ernest Walters.
- 1966-67: Rebabelle Boswell, Pres., H. C. Herkless, V. Pres., Wendell Bearss, Sec., Ernest Walters until 1-1-67 then Eldrith Cook, Joe Quick, Robert Keim until 1-1-67 then Arthur Weaver.
- 1967-68: H. C. Herkless, Pres., Wendell Bearss, V. Pres., Joe Quick, Sec., Burke Miller, Eldrith Cook, Arthur Weaver.
- 1968-69: Wendell Bearss, Pres., Joe Quick, V. Pres., Eldrith Cook, Sec., Burke Miller, Arthur Weaver, H. C. Herkless.
- 1969-70: Joe Quick, Pres., Eldrith Cook, V. Pres., Arthur Weaver, Sec., Wendell Bearss, Burke Miller, Norbert Gallagher.
- 1970-71: Eldrith Cook, Pres., Arthur Weaver, V. Pres., Burke Miller, Sec., Wendell Bearss, Joe Quick, Norbert Gallagher.
- 1971-72: Burke Miller, Pres., Norbert Gallagher, V. Pres., Joe Quick, Sec., Wendell Bearss, George Schwenk, Robert Gottschalk
- 1972-73: Norbert Gallagher, Pres., George Schwenk, V. Pres., Robert Gottschalk, Sec., Burke Miller (killed) replacement Michael Quick, Wendell Bearss, Don Showley.
- 1973-74: George Schwenk, Pres., Robert Gottschalk, V. Pres., Wendell Bearss, Sec., Norbert Gallagher, Don Showley, Michael Quick.
- 1974-75: Robert Gottschalk, Pres until 1-1-75, Don Showley, V. Pres, became Pres. 1-1-75, Michael Quick, Sec., became V. Pres 1-1-75, Norbert Gallagher became Sec 1-1-75, George Schwenk, Parke Baxter, John W. Myers.
- 1975-76: Don Showley, Pres., Norbert Gallagher, V. Pres., George Schwenk, Sec., John W. Myers, Parke Baxter, Rex Sims.
- 1976-77: Norbert Gallagher, Pres., George Schwenk, V. Pres., Parke Baxter, Sec., John W. Myers, Rex Sims, Lillian Walters.
- 1977-78: George Schwenk, Pres., Parke Baxter, V. Pres., John W. Myers, Sec., Rex Sims, Lillian Walters, Dr. Larry Pampel.

[FCHS files]

## ROCHESTER SCHOOLS

### OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES

### THE HOPE OF OUR CITY!

Good schools are the foundation of substantial citizenship and Rochester has them. Strangers looking for locations are ever alert for school facilities and church privileges and it is the pride of our city to cater to these two advantages.

The first school in Rochester was conducted by Jacob Bozarth in 1834, in a cabin on the lot now occupied as a residence by Hon. M. L. Essick, the venerable Jesse Shields being one of his pupils. Ebenezer Ward and his son John were both teachers in the same cabin. In 1839-40 Hugh

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Miller taught a school in the upper room of a frame building which had been erected for a court house on the west side of Main street, opposite the public square.

In 1841 a single room school house was built near the location of the Central Building and was used as a school building for about ten years. Among the teachers in this building were a Mr. Simpson and a Mr. Gordon, the latter abandoning teaching as a profession and becoming a Presbyterian minister. This building, from the first, seems to have been inadequate to the needs of the growing town. The schools at this time enrolled about 200 pupils. These were housed in various rooms in the town, and many private schools were taught. Odd Fellows Hall, then located on the lot now occupied by Grace M. E. church, was, for a number of years, used for school rooms. In 1850 a more commodious building was erected, and ten years later an addition was built to this, making in all six school rooms, an office and a recitation room. In 1860 Rev. N. L. Lord became principal of the schools with Miss Jennie Hilton assistant. The schools were managed under various principals for a number of years till in 1867 we find George Schilling in charge. He was soon chosen County Examiner and was succeeded by James McAfee with W. H. Banta as assistant. Mr. Banta succeeded James McAfee as principal, and managed the schools for two years when he removed to Valparaiso. T. J. Wood was the next principal, managing the schools for one year, then Lafayette Bryan had charge for two years. Wm. J. Williams then became Superintendent of the schools, managing them for eight years. During his able administration the High school was established on a firm basis, the first class of six members graduating in 1878. During Supt. Williams' administration the schools again became too large for their accommodations and an additional building of two rooms was erected in the south part of town.

In 1881 Mr. Williams resigned the superintendency of the city schools to accept the county superintendency. In 1882 James F. Scull, the present incumbent, became superintendent, with A. E. Davidson as High School Principal. In 1883 two additional rooms were built to the South Building. But soon it was evident that the school facilities were insufficient to accommodate the increased number of pupils, nor were they up to date in furnishing and equipment. The project of building anew was agitated for a number of years, with many, as usual, opposing. In 1887, July 20, the corner stone of the Central School Building was laid and in the following February the old building burned down six weeks before the new one was ready for occupancy. The building ready for occupancy cost between \$23,000 and \$25,000. It contains ten school rooms, office and library. It is heated and ventilated by the Ruttan-Smead system, well lighted, and in every way convenient and up to date. This elegant building, by contrast, made more apparent the inconveniences of the South Building, and agitation at once began for a new building in the south part of town, but, for a long time no way was found by which the means could be had to warrant beginning the work of building. Early in 1894, William J. Leiter, President of the Board of Education, after long correspondence, was able to formulate a plan by which money was obtained with which to build the new South Building. In June of that year the old building was removed from its foundations and soon in its place rose the beautiful structure known as the South Building, a marvel of architectural beauty and grace and a model of internal convenience and comfort. The cost of the South Building was \$18,177.49.

A course of twelve years is provided for in the Rochester schools, distributed in departments, Primary, Intermediate, Grammar and High School. Thus a pupil entering the schools at six years of age, following the regular course, may graduate from the High School at the age of eighteen but many complete the course in less time. At a meeting of the State Board of Education, December 16, 1884, the Rochester High School was placed among the Commissioned High Schools and a certificate of graduation entitles the holder to admission, as Freshman, to the State University.

The present enrollment of pupils in all grades aggregates 809 and the teachers are Principal High school, Emma L. Butler, and Lida J. Meredith and Annetta Keely, assistants; Earnest E. Fry, Florence M. Fulton, Eva C. Beatty, Belle Metzler, Florence DeMott and Mrs. Alwilda Dillon. At the South Building, George R. Fish is Principal and associated with him are Alice Stahl, Esther Martin, Theo. A. Parker, Lena Morrison and Nana McGraw. The Board of

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Education is composed as follows: William J. Leiter, President; Joseph F. Ault, Secretary; Lyman M. Brackett, Treasurer; and James F. Scull, Superintendent of schools.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

### ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Rochester Township music teachers taught at all the township schools by teaching at each school one day a week and giving instrument lessons on a half day basis in each school.

1929-33: Ernest Fisher

1935-36: Bertha Cole

1936-37: Margaret Myers

1938-39: Audrey Kassalbaum

1939-40: Ida Moore Burwell

1940-43: Gertrude Clingaman

Carl Daugherty

Mrs Orvan Van Lue

1947-48: Wilma Byfield Murphy

1948-49: Esther Sheffer Lyle

1949-54: Edith Carlson

1954-55: Mary Ginn

1955-59: Donna Dawalt

[FCHS Quarterly No. 34, pp 30-31]

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The *Sentinel* announces that Rochester Township is to have three and one-half months public school this year. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, February 16, 1872]

### BURTON NEIGHBORHOOD ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS

By Shirley Willard

The 1876 atlas shows only three one-room schools in the northeast part of Rochester Township, which is commonly referred to today as the Burton neighborhood. This is west of the Michigan Road (Old US-31) and north of Indiana 14. The three schools were Burton (the one-room building, not the later consolidated four-room building), North Mud Creek, and Prairie Union. There were only three schools because a large part of this area was swamp or marsh and uninhabited. The marsh was several miles across and covered all or parts of Rochester Township sections 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29. In Union Township the swamp covered all or part of sections 6, 7, 11, 12, 18, and 19. So you see it was quite a large marsh and gave rise to the old saying that you could row in a boat from Rochester to Kewanna. The marsh completely covered the present state highway so if you wanted to drive or ride a horse from Rochester to Kewanna, you had to go around to the north on county road 200N or south to 300S.

The 1883 atlas shows five one-room schools in the Burton neighborhood: Ernsperger or Tippecanoe school, Wildermuth, Burton, North Mud Creek, and Prairie Union. Both Ernsperger and Wildermuth schools were on the Olson Road by the Tippecanoe River.

The 1907 atlas shows seven one-room schools in the Burton neighborhood: Ernsperger or Tippecanoe, Wildermuth, Burton, North Mud Creek, South Mud Creek, Prairie Union, and Oak Grove. Only the South Mud Creek School was in the marshy area, so the marsh had evidently been drained by ditches, and farmers had children needing a school. Oak Grove pupils were not included in Burton consolidated school in 1912, but continued to attend the one-room Oak Grove School until Reiter School was built in 1925. Oak Grove was on the north side of Indiana 14 between 200W and 300W.

Prairie Union School (district no. 14) stood under the present big dual highway New US-31 where it is crossed by county road 50N. It is not known when this school closed but

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apparently before 1912, as it is not mentioned as one of the schools closed when Burton consolidated school was built in 1912.

Burton one-room school (district no. 9) was a wood frame building located on the north side of 200N in the 1876 atlas. The 1883 atlas shows the school on the south side of the same road next to the Burton Church, between 200W and 300W. This was a brick school building apparently built between 1876 and 1883.

Ernsperger (district no. 5) was also known as Tippecanoe School. It was named for the Ernspergers who lived across the road. Since F. M. Ernsperger was township trustee 1893-94, people say it was named for him. But it was built before 1883 or it couldn't have appeared in the 1883 atlas. The farm across the road belonged to Ida A. Ernsperger, according to the 1883 atlas. The school was located on the northeast corner of the Olson road a quarter mile west of New US-31, where the Olson Road turns north toward the Tippecanoe River. Since it was so close to the river, the school was also called Tippecanoe School.

Wildermuth (district no. 6 or 17) was on the north side of the Olson Road across from 300W. In the 1907 atlas the farm south of the school was owned by Margaret and Daniel Wildermuth. Reba Shore, who taught there 1910-11, says this school was called the Tippecanoe School too.

North Mud Creek School (district no. 10) and South Mud Creek School (district no. 8) were about two miles apart. The north school was the older school as it appears in the 1876 atlas, but the south school does not appear until 1907 atlas, meaning it was built after 1883. North Mud Creek was located on the east side of 500W just south of the railroad. South Mud Creek was situated on the north side of 100N half way between 400S and 500S.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 61, pp 42-44]

## ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY CLUB [Rochester, Indiana]

Assigned topics for study and discussion.

## RUSH SCHOOL [Wayne Township]

Located NW corner of 400W and 800S.

Built between 1883 and 1907.

## RUSSELL SCHOOL [Union Township]

Located S side of Division [SR-14], approximately 800W.

Built before 1876.

[photo] Russell School. This one-room school was located where the Pinhook Grange now stands on state road 14 northeast of Kewanna. (Photo: Helen Anderson)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 45, p. 67]

[photo] Russell School 1902. Front Row: George Bixler, Murlen Zellers, Sylvia Metzger Gillespie, Hazel Metzger, Ella Stubbs Osborne, Irma Stanley, Emma Swango. Row 2: Jessie Baldwin (boy at left), Emma Shirm Wilson, Mable Garman Troutman Gillespie, Zora Neff Wilson, Verda Metzger, Bertha Stanley, Otto Bixler. Row 3: Carrow Garman, Russell Stanley, Vernon Stubbs, Dean Neff, Winnie Bixler, Omer Smith, Nathan Stanley, Viron Zellers. Row 4: Zora Stanley, Ida Shirm, Perry Garman, Harry Garman, Margaret Metzger Gillespie, Zella Neff, Bruce Smith, Frank Swango. Back Row (two standing): Roy Cannon - visiting teacher, Frank Collins - teacher. (Photo: Zora Neff Wilson)

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[photo] Russell School Graduating Class 1909. Front Row: Omer Smith, Roy Cannon - teacher, Viron Zellers, Oscar Masters. Row 2: Zora Neff (Mrs. Hugh Wilson), Emma Shirm

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(Wilson), Virda Metzger, Mabel Garman (Troutman Gillespie). This photo was taken by Elmer Smith, photographer at Bruce Lake Station. (Photo: Zora Neff Wilson)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 45, p. 69]

[photo] Russell School 1916-17. Front Row: Ray Overmyer, Ralph Baldwin, Anderson girl, Margaret Zellers, Charles Hott, Ralph Zellers. Row 2: Elba Hott, Estil Pickens, unknown, Dolly Master, Lucile Anderson, Edna Overmyer, Hugh Baldwin, Milo Hott. Row 3: Clarence Miller, Clyde Neff, Helen Osborne, Norma Master, Venus Engle, Grace Hott, Louisa Garman, Van Tuyl Gillespie - teacher. (Photo donated to FCHS by Helen Osborne Keller)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 45, p. 70]

[photo] Russell School 1923-24 stood where the Pinhook Grange stands today. Front row: Lucille Crabill (Byers), Theodore Myers, Helen Kissinger (Miller), Carl Heim, Vera Baldwin (Gibson), Ermal Crabill, Ruth Mullencup, Lester Masters, Helen Smith (Anderson), Lois Brooker (Crill), Esther Pickens (Books), Josephine Brooker (Talbot). Back row: Herman Pickens, Helen Pickens, Pete McClain, Marie Heim, Virdel Overmyer, Raymond Bowers, Guilford Bowers, Carl Overmyer, Chester Master, Bernice Baldwin (Zellers), Mildred Britton - teacher. (Photo: Helen Anderson)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 47, p. 79]

### RUSSELL, MUNGER AND BRUCE LAKE STATION

Early School Years (1921-28)

By Catherine Crabill Kough

Remembrances of my early school years in the Union Township one-room schools Russell, Munger and Bruce Lake Station. It is amazing how much one forgets; my sister, Lucile (Crabill) Byers helped me with this sketch.

Lucile attended the Bruce Lake Station School in her first year, but can't remember the teacher. Her second school year was at the Munger School. This school was located about six miles northeast of Kewanna next to the David Brooker farm. One year the students would attend the Munger School and the next year go to the Russell School. This I presume was to favor all the pupils in the area. Russell School was located on state road 14, where the Grange building is located and it was closer to Kewanna.

In her third year she attended the Russell School, and Mildred Britton was the teacher. They had a grand time making rag rugs, etc., until it was time for the final exams, when most of the pupils failed. One of the pupils that passed was Ruth Mollencup.

The ground in the schoolyard was rather sandy, and the pupils had a great time digging tunnels. This was halted by a visit from the trustee, who was horrified at their accomplishment. He was afraid it would cave in on them.

The next year was my first year attending school, which was the Munger School's turn. Miss Laura Hoover was the teacher. She drove a horse and buggy to school. When she arrived she would put the horse and buggy in a shed that was located near the school. The children had a great time climbing on top of this shed, usually against the teacher's wishes. There were about 30 pupils at the beginning of the year; by the end of the year there were five. Some of the older students quit and some moved elsewhere. She had no control over the older boys. To correct them she would get a piece of her harness. Lucile said she doubted she had any harness left by the end of the year. The five pupils at year's end were - third grade - Josephine Brooker and Lucile Crabill; second grade - Lois Brooker and Ermal Crabill; first grade - Catherine Crabill.

One form of entertainment was to wrap the rope from the flagpole around the pole, then swing from it. This I don't remember, but Lucile does and you can bet she was in the midst of the affair. She was very much a "Tom-boy". Mother used to say if she wanted Lucile, she would look in a tree.

When we attended Munger School, we walked a mile and a quarter in all kinds of weather. I don't remember of my father taking us to school. Some of the pupils who walked to

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school with us were Raymond Bowers; Helen and Irene Kissinger; Ruth and Paul Mollencup and Josephine Brooker. Sometimes we would meet the Myers boys, Theodore and Ray, at the corner. As the one living the farthest distance would pass by the next house, we would fall in step. We all carried our lunch boxes or brown paper sacks along with our books.

When I was in the second grade (1926) it was back to Russell School. I think this was the last year for this school. Gertrude McLochlin was the teacher. One occurrence that stands out in my mind is a visit from the lady from the health office. It might be because of a feeling of guilt when she made a fuss at my giving the correct answer to a question she asked. She asked the correct way to brush your teeth. I had peeked out of the corner of my eye and saw one of the older students motion up and down, so I did the same.

One of the most embarrassing moments was when the teacher caught me whispering to a boy; as punishment I had to sit with him.

There were always the social gatherings at the schools and were big events, especially for the pupils. There would be cake walks, programs and I remember the refreshment booths. These events were attended by the parents.

Lucile recalls an incident which occurred when she dropped her pencil. The girl across the aisle, trying to be helpful, started to pick it up at the same time Lucile did. The teacher thought they were fighting so she made them stand in front of the room and told them to fight. Since they were friends and weren't mad at each other, this was a real task. The teacher told them they had to stand there until they fought, so finally Lucile hauled off and gave the other girl a bloody nose. She felt so bad about this, she gave her the banana she had for lunch.

I suppose one remembers the bad experiences more vividly than the good ones. One very bad experience happened when I was in the second grade. The bus was a Model T car with side curtains (that Lucile had to hold shut with her hands) and no heater. One very cold day the teacher's car wouldn't start so the bus driver offered to push the car. Since she lived in Kewanna, they headed that way. We pushed her half way to Kewanna, and then had to turn around and make the route. By this time we were nearly frozen, and I can remember Lucile rolling on the floor and crying of the pain in her hands. Believe me, this was one time my mother was up in arms.

It was back to Munger School when I was in third grade with Herbert Montgomery as teacher. One incident that stands out in my mind was a girl coming to school with make-up on. She was made to stand in front of the room. She stood there for a few minutes, then out the door and walked five miles to her home.

In the fourth grade (Munger School) Ralph Wringer was the teacher. He was a great teacher and stayed with the Frank Hudkins family. It was a treat to have Mr. Wringer come to our house and spend the evening. The school had a large pot-bellied stove to heat the room. For a time the girls would bring foodstuff to cook their lunch on top of this stove. It worked for awhile until our lunch hour got over-extended and I think Mrs. David Brooker was imposed upon a bit from our borrowing pots, pans, etc.

We played the usual games children played at that time. One in particular Lucile remembered was called "The Prince Has Lost His Hat." I can't recall all the students attending the Russell and Munger schools, so please excuse if some are omitted. Bernice and Vera Baldwin; Marie and Carl Hines; Herman, Helen, Esther Pickens; Francis and Judd Hudkins; Ray and Theodore Myers; Nobeline Hott (maybe she was just visiting); Helen and Irene Kissinger; Josephine Brooker; Lois Brooker; Helen Smith; Frances Gillespie; Eral Crabill; Raymond Bowers; Ruth and Paul Mollencup; Lucile, Catherine and Betty Crabill.

The fifth grade I attended the Bruce Lake Station School with Ruth Lebo as teacher. She had a little trouble controlling some of the older boys. Leonard Garner was in the eighth grade, and one day he was writing on the blackboard and entertaining the rest of the pupils. Miss Lebo told him to take his seat. His desk wasn't fastened to the floor so he went back, picked up his desk, set it in front of the room and sat in it. (Leonard later became a professor in a university.) Burdette Garner was told to say the ABC's backwards, (why I don't know) so he just turned his back to the rest of the pupils and said his ABC's. The eighth grade students had to go to Rochester to take their exams to graduate. By the time Lucile graduated, this practice was discontinued.

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On the last day of school there was always a picnic and program, and the parents were invited. The mothers would attend with their well-filled lunch baskets. It was always a day to look forward to.

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### RUSSELL SCHOOL

By Zora Neff (Mrs. Hugh) Wilson and Shirley Willard

Russell School was located where the Pin Hook Grange Hall is at present, on state road 14 northeast of Kewanna.

Mr. J. P. Russell was the first trustee. It was a one-room building, heated with a stove in the center of the room. Besides teaching all eight grades the teacher was janitor. In winter drinking water was carried from the nearest neighbor, Sam Smith. All drank from one big dipper left in the bucket.

The last day of school was a memorable occasion. The students found out in the forenoon whether or not they would be promoted to a higher grade and at noon the parents came with well-filled baskets and a big dinner was enjoyed by all. Later there was a program and talks by some of the parents.

Dean Neff adds the following memories: I attended Wildermuth School on the Olson Road by the Tippecanoe River for my first grade when I was only five years old. I was sent to school at that young age to accompany my sister, Zella, who was a year and 10 months older than me. We walked one and a half miles to school. As we walked, other children would join as we passed their houses, so we all arrived at school together. Wildermuth School faced south toward the road, had no cloak rooms, only hooks on the walls for the coats. I don't remember the teacher or anything much about this school as that was long ago in 1897. (Editor's note: Wildermuth one-room was located a half mile east of the Germany Bridge.)

I attended Russell School for the next six years, but I recall the name of only one teacher, Arthur Troutman, 1905-06. He was my kind of teacher because I thought fooling around in school was a waste of time, and he let me skip a grade and get out of school sooner. Because I was the only pupil in the seventh grade, he conferred with my parents and decided that I was capable of handling eighth grade work, so put me in the eighth grade. But it turned out not to have been the wisest decision in the long run, as I missed learning about fractions and had difficulties with them for the rest of my life.

I recall Russell School very vividly. It had a cloak room for boys on one side and a cloak room for girls on the other side of the door, which faced north toward the road. The stove had a galvanized jacket around it to make it into a furnace which spread the heat better than a plain stove. This meant you could sit next to it and not get roasted on one side while freezing on the side away from the stove, the way it was in most one-room schools. There were cold air registers cut in the floor around the edge of the room. You could see the ground through them, and of course, bugs and mice could enter the school through them.

We played "shinny" which is called field hockey now. We made our own sticks, cut from trees, and made our own puck by winding string to make a ball. Some kids made a better ball by using a darning needle to stitch it so it wouldn't unwind. We had no baseball gloves so the catchers were always the toughest kids with the toughest hands. There was a pond on the north side of the road where we went skating in winter.

The teacher walked from Kewanna every day. It was customary to lock the teacher out of the school a few days before Christmas so he would be sure to give us a treat. We had box socials and other social events in the school.

One event I especially remember was my first phonograph. A man from Bruce Lake Station (I don't remember his name but I think he lived between Bruce Lake Station and Leiters Ford) bought the first phonograph in the community and offered to put on a program in the school so all could hear this new invention. Notes were sent home with all the pupils that this man would play his talking machine on Wednesday night. Admission was 10 cents a family and the school

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was packed. The phonograph played cylinder records. There were comedy, singing, and religious records. The school was well lighted with four lanterns with tin reflectors on each wall.

I can't remember the teacher's name but on Jan. 1, 1900 (yes, we had school on New Year's Day) the teacher gave a talk about the future and what the new century might mean. He said that some of us might live to see the year 2000 but my sister Zella and I are the only ones left. Of my graduating class of 1910 from Kewanna High School, there are four left: myself, Homer Vincent, Dola Garman, and Ana Wilson, but I am the only one from Russell School. I almost didn't get to graduate from Kewanna with my class in 1910 because of my chemistry grades in Miss Smith's class. But I talked to Prof. Arnold (a short, fat, jolly man) and told him if I wasn't going to graduate, I would just go home that day as my father needed me on the farm. But he said to continue coming to school as I was going to graduate all right. So I did. There were 12 in my graduating class and four were in attendance at the last Kewanna Alumni Banquet.

I loved trains and used to watch them out the window of the assembly hall in Kewanna High School. One time the engine and the car behind it de-railed. I stood up to look at it better, and the teacher, Miss Hoffman, said, "Dean, I think they can handle the train without your help." I said, "They will need a lot of help today because it just de-railed." All the students and teachers rushed to look out the windows. No one was hurt, but the train had de-railed just south of the tower where the Vandalia and C & O tracks crossed.

Another memory of this same time period: John Zegafuse (who had a round barn on state road 14 between Kewanna and Rochester) had the first tractor in the county. It was a Bull tractor with a gasoline engine. It had three wheels; there was only one wheel in front. It had steel tires with metal lugs. The first time I saw the tractor, John was trying to get it to run in the lane to his house. We were going down the road and stopped to see it.

Clyde Neff attended Russell School beginning in 1910. He remembers a lady teacher named Miss Fahl, whose father brought her from Grass Creek every day. Louise Gorsline (Collins) taught there 1915-16 and paid Clyde \$2 a week to do the janitor work. He saved all the checks until the end of school and cashed them all together. He would sweep the schoolroom after school, while the teacher graded papers. Then they walked to the crossroads together. She roomed east of the school, while Clyde lived north of the school.

There was a buggy shed on the east side of the school towards the girls outhouse. Teachers put their horse and buggy there during the day. There was a water pump half way between the school and the south fence.

Van Tuyl Gillespie was the teacher 1916-17.

When Clyde was in the seventh grade, the Masters boy put a shot gun shell in the stove and it blew down the stove pipes. Men would bring wagon loads of fire wood to the school, and the bigger boys would rack it by the fence. Then each day they would bring in enough wood to last the day, piling it inside the back door. The Masters boy was older, having flunked a couple of grades, and he took the shot out of a shot gun shell and stuffed it with newspaper. Then he put it in a knot hole in a piece of firewood. The other big boys saw him do it and they sat in anticipation all afternoon. Finally not long before school was over for the day the teacher put the loaded piece of fire wood in the stove. Sure enough, it blew with a big bang, and knocked down all the stove pipes, scattering soot and ashes. School was dismissed early. The next morning a man put the stove pipes back up and swept up, and they had school again as usual. But the guilty boy was never discovered or punished.

When Clyde was in the eighth grade, 1917-18, Russell School had and lost its teachers, one right after another. There were two or three lady teachers and Clyde does not remember why they left. But he wanted to graduate and go to high school and not waste time. So his mother took him to Bruce Lake Station School where Plaudia Enyart was the teacher. She kept a strict school. She brought her chair down to sit by the eighth graders to give them extra help so they would pass their exams and get into high school. Once the little Nutt boy whispered to his neighbor while Plaudia was helping the eighth grade, and she took a blackboard eraser in her left hand and threw it and popped him. He straightened right up and got to work.

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Zella Neff Smith recalls the following teachers at Russell School: Roy Cannon, Arthur Troutman, Clyde Henderson, and William Gorsline. It is also believed that the following taught there: Frank Collins, Blanche Baldwin, Harry Garman, Mildred Britton, 1923-24, and Gertrude McGlothlin 1924-25.

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### MEMORIES OF RUSSELL AND MUNGER SCHOOLS

By Helen Smith Anderson

Russell School District No. 12, was started around 1898 on land owned by my grandfather, Samuel Smith, located on State Road 14 just across the fence from the Pinhook Grange Hall. (Pinhook Grange did not exist then.) It was named for J. P. Russell, the Trustee of Union Township. My father, Oliver Smith, attended school there as well as my uncles.

Mildred Britton was my first grade teacher 1923-24. She boarded with my parents. I was always getting in trouble because I would tell the older children who her boyfriends were. She seemed to have several. She would keep me after school for telling. I remember the older kids marching around the room teasing her about them. I remember one incident when I had to go to the restroom, which was outside. I was crying because I was too bashful to ask to leave the room. I knew Ted Myers real well so I relayed the message to him and he asked if I could be excused.

Another time in the second grade I had to sit with Chauncey Sommers for whispering to him. I was very embarrassed and cried. My teacher was Gertrude McLochlin. "Miss Gertrude" we called her. That was the last year for Russell School, 1924-25. We then were bussed to Munger (now the home of Ben Fort). Gertrude McLochlin was the teacher again, 1925-26. My fourth year teacher was Herbert Montgomery, 1926-27. It was about his first year of teaching and the kids would walk about a mile down the road to a pond and skate around. We usually were late and would have to stay in at recess to make it up. I remember the first day of warm weather, the girls would roll their long johns up and their stockings down. Lois Brooker Crill was called over by her grandmother, who lived across the road, and made to roll them down again.

My fifth grade teacher was Ralph Winger, 1927-28. I remember he had a guitar and would sing and play folk songs. He also called Lois and me to the wood shed. I still can see the switch he was holding. We had been whispering. We were really scared but we squealed on Josephine Brooker and Lucille Crabill, so he let us off that time and called them out to the shed. They didn't get it either. He just gave us a good scare.

I remember having a box social. Josephine and I had a double box. We decorated it with crepe paper and had a little doll on top. It was filled with a lunch and sold to the highest bidder. I remember Merlin Zellers bought it. We had to eat with him but he was the father of one of the kids in school. We had hoped that one of the boys in school would buy it but they didn't have enough money. We also had a fish pond - you would get a prize on your hook. I still have a salt cellar I got.

Zella Neff Wilson has a souvenir booklet from Russell School dated 1898. S. A. Blessing was the teacher. Other school officers included W. S. Gibbons, County Supt.; J. P. Russell, trustee; Samuel Smith, director; C. O. Fish and William Parker, truant officers. The school term began Oct. 4, 1897, and ended Apr. 1, 1898. Scholars were listed: 8th year: Jessie Gorsline, Albert Smith. 7th year: none. 6th year: Agnes Gorsline, Charles Ware, Oliver Smith. 5th year: Sidney Bixler, Lottie Stubbs, Nora Bixler. 4th year: Alice Pickens, Maud Ware, Madie Schirm, Harry Green, Hugh Green. 3rd year: Myrtle Freel, Rue Green, Herman Ware, Maude Pickens, Grover Freel, Willie Pickens, Melvin Henderson, Sarah Swango. 2nd year: Willie Swango, Ida Schirm, Elsie Hott, Frank Bixler, Fried Walker, Dora Pickens, Alice Hott, Henry Bixler, Floyd Walker, Harry Garmon. First year: Vernie Stubbs, Elmer Hott, Frank Freel, Velmy Harris, Perry Garmon, May Green, Edith Harris, Tishie Swango, Elmer Ware, Isaac Swango, Susie Felty, Winnie Henderson, Jesse Felty, Frank Swango. Visitors that year were listed in the booklet too. Parental: M. F. Walker, Mrs. Matilda Schirm, Mrs. Alice Stubbs, Samuel Smith. Official: W. S. Gibbons, J. P. Russell, Samuel Smith, C. O. Fish, William Parker. Others: Miss Nettie Stubbs, Mrs. W. O. Lamborn, Miss Carrie Lamborn, Frank Hudkins.

### THE MONGER SCHOOL

Compiled By Benjamin Barrett Fort

Consolidation had been considered for sometime in Union Township between Monger School and the Russell School to favor all the pupils and the need in the township to support jointly only one school in the area. The Russell School was located on State Road 14 at 775 West where the Pinhook Grange Hall is presently located. It was agreed upon that area students one year would attend the Russell School and the next year the Monger School. In 1922-23 Monger School classes were discontinued and then students attended Russell School with Mildred Britton as the teacher. In 1923-24 the reverse took place with Mildred Britton the teacher at Monger School, and Russell School was not in session.

For the school year 1924-25 school was held in the area again at Russell School with Gertrude McLochlin the teacher. Teachers in the past sometimes had trouble with both students and parents but for this school year all found an equal. "Miss Gertrude," as she was known by her students, lived in Kewanna and drove to school in a Model T Ford. She had control in class and the community supported her disciplinary manner. Students prospered by her individual tutoring in an atmosphere conducive to learning. This was the last year for Russell School to have classes. In 1925-26 classes were reversed in the area at Monger School with again "Miss Gertrude" the teacher. Coming daily from Kewanna in her car, she acted as the hackman for the former Russell students attending school at Monger. She was paid 10 cents per day per pupil for transportation to school by the Union Township trustee. The daily student passenger load consisted of from six to eight pupils.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 49, pp 59-70]

### **SALINA SCHOOL** [Richland Township]

Miss Tena Pence, daughter of John Pence, Esq., was unanimously elected to teach a fall term of school at Salina, in Richland township. . .

[Rochester, *Union-Spy*, Friday, August 24, 1877]

### **SAND HILL SCHOOL** [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

Located in Section 26, NW corner 275N and 700W.

Built between 1883 and 1907.

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[photo] Sand Hill school in 1891 or 1894. The teacher, Howard Reed stands at the right. The pupils were, from left, Row 1: Jenny Glaze, Lena Miller, Edith Miller, Err Biddinger, Henry Overmyer, Eddy Brower, Harry Felty, Harry Biddinger, and Charles Dorland. Row 2: Bess Dorland, Jenny Hisey, Frank Glaze, Charles Miller, Ed Sissel, Emma Sissel, Lottie Hisey, Oscar McPherron, and Claude Cole. Row 3: Jay Trimble, Millie Dorland, Charles McPherron, Lester Gilbaugh, and Ray Gilbaugh. Row 4: Bertha Brower, Sarah Overmyer, Nora Wright, Josie Wright, and Charles Sissel. This photo belongs to Harry McPherron, R. 1, Argos. Over the years six McPherron children attended the school).

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[photo] Sand Hill School about 1907-08. Sitting on the steps: Dee Fultz, Harvey Miller, Clarence McPherron. Row 1: Mary McPherron, Ed Eash, Oral "Hap" Kindig, Millard Dickey, Lavonne Kindig, Emily McPherron, Kenneth Clark, Arnie "Dude" Kindig, Viola Camp, Lannie

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Beck, Ossie Palmer, and Mary Palmer. Row 2: Martha Miller, Hazel Dickey, Audrea Kindig, Pearl Ralston, Rea Fultz, Clarence Hisey, Thomas Beck, Dewey Dudgeon, Floyd Ralston Kenneth Thompson, and Jim Foor. Back Row: Charles Maple - teacher, Vada Camp, Lizzy Boggess, Ferman Foor, Jess Foor, Mildred Dickey, Rosie Hisey, Etta Beck, Ozzie Foor, Leo Thompson, Guy Ralston, Bill Miller, and Ralph Halterman. (Harry McPherron's photo).

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### SAND HILL SCHOOL

By Harry McPherron and Rev. Clyde Walters

On the farm of Michael Shore, in Richland township, his son David taught school and Sunday school in their house. A few years later Abel Bush bought land near by, five miles north of Rochester, at the crossroad. At the corner of this farm he built the first log schoolhouse. They had school here a few years, then the Sand Hill school was built one-half mile south at the next crossroad about 1842-43. Bert Dudgeon gave the land for the Sand Hill school, and it reverted back to the Dudgeon family when the school ceased to exist.

This old schoolhouse was owned by Thomas Beck and used as a dwelling, until Beck sold it to Charley Town in 1948. Town tore it down and moved it to the first house south of Bert Leedy's round barn (now Partridge's round barn). Town used it to build a porch.

The second Sand Hill school was built about 1880. It was a wooden frame building, on the southwest corner of the intersection of 550N and Old [US-31], about four and one-half miles north of Rochester. It had a wood and coal stove in the center of the room. The pump for the drinking water was on the east side of Michigan Road. The teacher and the eighth grade boys would carry the water across the road to the school and put it in a five gallon metal container which had a faucet at the bottom. All of the students drank from the same cup. No modern day plumbing, just outside toilets. The students furnished their own transportation, walking, many more than a mile. One teacher taught all eight grades, about 15 minutes for each class. He did the janitor work, sweeping the floor, building fires and carrying in the fuel, which was furnished by the trustee.

The games the children played were basketball (outside) for the seventh and eighth grades. The smaller children played blackman and other ball games with a string ball. In the winter time they played fox and goose, sliding down the hills near the school house. On stormy days they placed checkers and had spelling and ciphering bees, and played leap frog.

Some of the teachers were: Lydia Feiser, Howard Reed, Chalmer Trimble, 1907-08 Charlie Maple, 1908-09 Howard Dickey, 1909-10 Leo Beehler, 1910-11 Harold Weir, 1911-12 Edna Umbaugh, and 1912-16 Leo Beehler. Bill Waltz drove the hack 1908. The school was closed in about 1917-18. The building was torn down in 1928-29 by Oral "Hap" Kindig the round barn builder, and was moved to one mile north of Rochester. The lumber was used to build a little grocery and restaurant for Billy Cornell and Wife Elizabeth and father William. Cornell's Restaurant stood on [East side of] Old [US-31], the third house south of 200N, where Earl Quick lives now. Part of the lumber was also used to build a chicken house east of Clevenger's Alignment on 200N, but this structure is gone now.

I had read one time that this was the first consolidated school in Indiana, but I guess there is some dispute about this.

My first days of school were at South Germany summer school taught by Jenny Kiler from Tiosa, winter months taught by Charley Anderson. South Germany school was at the top of the hill and the school grounds went north to where the road goes west.

The old South Germany church was torn down and the material was used to build class rooms and the front entrance to Grand View church in the late 1920's.

Mike Walters lived a half mile south of Germany school where the road turns west and had a grocery store and at one time a post office. A half mile south at the next turn of the road in an earlier day was a grocery store and post office called Lick Skillet.

Sand Hill School (section 36) was located north of Leiters Ford on the west side of county road 700W at the end of 300N. It was named for the hill it stood on. Teachers were Frank Beery 1875, Solomon Shadel 1890-92, Carrie Greer, Robinson, Stella Bailey, Harry Brugh, Flavilla Tracy 1908-09, Florence Meiser 1911-12 and Ethel Leiter 1913-14. Patrons included Brugh, Sanns, Moon, White, and Bailey families. It was closed in 1914 and the building was sold to Pete Sanns in 1929 for \$50.00 when Omer Reichard was trustee. It was on the way home from Sand Hill that a 7 year old boy stabbed his cousin with his jack-knife. The cousin died but charges were never pressed because the child was so young.

Flavilla Tracy, now 85 years old and living in Franklin Indiana, Methodist Home and enjoying life immensely, writes: "Ada Southard Sherbondy and I taught in Aubbee township 1908-09. During pleasant autumn and spring weather we rode from Rochester to Leiters Ford on the old Milk Train - Erie Railroad. Ada taught southwest of Leiters Ford at BEAVER SCHOOL. I taught southeast of Leiters Ford at Sand Hill. Ada rode a wheel to her school. I walked back east along the railroad track, then took the road south to Sand Hill school. During cold winter weeks Ada lived in the home of Omer Reichard, then a school boy. I never met his parents. I lived in the home of my second cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bailey, and their daughter. Stella, as we called her, was then teaching the primary grades in Leiters Ford. Ada and I were back in Rochester each weekend. Ada was a fine friend."

[FCHS Quarterly No. 17, pp 4-5]

Sand Hill School was named for Jimmy Sands, who donated the land for the school so his children would not have to walk so far. The school reverted back to the farm after it closed, according to the abstract. Mrs. Carl Westwood says she and her husband Carl tore the schoolhouse down in about 1960 and kept the big bell, which she now wants to sell for \$500.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 59, Corrections p. 24]

Teachers: Flavilla Tracy, 1908-09; William Foster

## **SAND HILL SCHOOL** [Richland Township]

Located NE corner of Old US-31 and 550N.

Built before 1876.

In 1928 the schoolhouse was moved and made into a hen house by William Cornell.

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### **MORE ON WHIPPOORWILL AND TIOSA SCHOOLS**

Dennis Foor recalls that in 1916 Sand Hill, Red Brush and Tiosa one-room schools all consolidated into a new Tiosa School on a five acre lot. This was such a big playground that the kids playing in the northwest corner could not hear the bell but would see the other children going in the school and thus knew the bell had rung. The bell was a large brass round alarm bell about 12 inches diameter. It was struck by a metal arm that hit the outside of the bell and would go "clack clack clack." The bell was in the hallway by the drinking fountain. There was a pile of rails on the northwest corner of the school yard and the kids would build a house of them and cover it with grass.

Dennis attended Sand Hill School and was sent to Tiosa after the consolidation. Several people opposed building the new school at Tiosa. Parlee Foor (Dennis' father), Orville Miller, John Beck and others went to Indianapolis to try to get the new school built closer to Sand Hill where they wanted the new school. Still others wanted to keep the old Tiosa School, such as Harrison Wynn and Dr. L. C. Meek.

In the fall of 1923 pupils from Germany School and all those living west of 50W (west of Sand Hill) went to Whippoorwill School. So Dennis was consolidated into a different school again. He only attended old Whippoorwill School three months and the new Whippoorwill School

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opened Dec. 1, 1923, so he went to yet another school. The new Whippoorwill School cost \$20,000 to build but was used only seven years.

Why was a new Whippoorwill School built and used for only seven years? There were several prominent and influential people who wanted a new school at Whippoorwill, including Bill Miller, Harry Overmyer, and Chancey Hiatt. The trustee, Howard Reed, wanted to wait a couple of years and put all the children in Richland Center School. Several people opposed building a new Whippoorwill School. But those who wanted a new school won out and the new Whippoorwill was built.

Dennis remembers attending a meeting at the new Whippoorwill School around 1930 in which Richland Township trustee, Oscar Scott, pointed out the defects of the school, though it was only a seven-year-old building. There was mortar coming out from between the bricks. It was said that this was the fault of the architect who insisted that they use the mortar that had sat and dried out over noon hour instead of making a new batch. And the flat roof leaked because the drain holes had filled with leaves and then formed a lake on the roof and froze and pushed the roof away from the wall and split the roof. J. Howard Reed, the trustee who had built the school, had Dave Beehler the janitor clean the leaves out. But the new trustee, Oscar Scott, hired a new janitor, George Morris, and he did not clean out the leaves so the roof began to leak.

In 1926 the Richland Township trustee moved the Whippoorwill and Tiosa 7th and 8th grades to Richland Center School. Their desks were moved too. Dead Man's College was closed then too. That was the first year that high school students were allowed to ride the school buses. Chancey Hiatt and Bill Miller were the bus drivers for Whippoorwill, while Jess Waltz and Frank Ball drove buses for Tiosa area.

Thus Dennis Foor was consolidated out of three schools. He attended Sand Hill for one year, then went to Tiosa six years 1917-23, then attended old Whippoorwill three months, then new Whippoorwill the rest of the year, then went to Richland Center High School.

When they remodeled Richland Center School in 1923, the bell was removed from the tower. The bell was a huge "dinner bell" with a clapper inside. It was so heavy it would take three or four men to move it. It was placed outside the janitor's room above the entrance. Some high school boys stole it and buried it in a field, where it lay until it was plowed up by Charlie Morgan. His plow caught the edge of the bell and it ruined his plow.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 51, pp 40-42]

Builders Take Notice. I will receive bids until the 13th day of July next for the building of a school house, one and 1/4 miles north of the Tippecanoe forge on the Michigan road, on the old site known as the Sand Hill School House, in District No. 7, Fulton County, Indiana . . . Plans and specifications may be found at T. C. Shore's, Abel C. Hickman's and with the undersigned, in Richland Township . . . William Sturgeon, Trustee. June 27, 1861.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, June 27, 1861]

Mr. J. F. Robbins wields the scepter at the Sand Hill school.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 4, 1873]

The Sand Hill school opened the 1st of December with an enrollment of 35. The teacher, Jefferson Robbins, is exciting an interest in all.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 11, 1873]

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At the spelling at Sand Hill . . . Mr. James Dudgeon and William Wright both claim the honors of spelling them down. They are both pupils of the Sand Hill school.  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, January 8, 1874]

Mr. T. J. Robbins, the young man who just closed a successful term of school, at the Sand Hill school house, in Richland township, we are told will resume the study of medicine under Dr. A. H. Robbins of this place. . .  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, February 26, 1874]

Miss Ella Wilhelm is teaching our district school. . .  
--- Mr. C. Knott, accompanied by the Messrs. Ault and Ross, of Rochester, came over and assisted in organizing a Sabbath school at the Sand Hill school house. . .  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 12, 1877]

School opened last Monday morning with Miss Sweet as teacher.  
[Stringtown Gossip, Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 20, 1878]

The Debating Club has fizzled out.  
Under the supervision of S. Cavenger, Stringtown will have a singing school.  
[Stringtown Gossip, Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 29, 1878]

Sand Hill can boast of having the best school this winter, that has been taught here for a number of years. . .  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 22, 1879]

**SAND RIDGE SCHOOL** [Rochester Township]  
Teachers: F. M. Ernsperger; Rufus McClung

**SAW MILL SCHOOL [#8]** [Rochester Township]  
Located S of Rochester E side SR-25 at 100S.  
Also known as Ellsworth School.

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[photo] Sawmill School, District No. 8 was on Indiana 25 at north edge of County Poor Farm. Souvenir, Oct 2, '99 - April 21, 1900, given by Otto McMahan, teacher]  
[FCHS Quarterly No. 71, p. 21]  
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### SAWMILL SCHOOL By Shirley Willard

Sawmill School got its name from being next to the sawmill a mile south of Rochester on [SR-25]. The sawmill was built by Rueben and Calvin Van Trump before the Civil War and purchased by William Downs and wife Susan Brown Downs in 1866. The first school there was a wooden structure located on the west side of [SR-25] where the south edge of New US-31 crosses over now. It was probably built about 1850, but being in a low spot, it often was surrounded by

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water. So in about 1870 they built a brick schoolhouse on the rise north of the present highway garage on the east side of SR-25. It is shown as school no. 8 in the 1876 and 1883 atlases of Fulton County.

All of William Down's children went to Sawmill School between 1870 and 1890. Lilly Maude Daowns Lowe, Almeda Downs Blackburn, John Downs, James Downs, and Kenneth Downs. Other families whose children attended were Becrafts, George Black, Enoch Mow, Andrew Jackson Haimbaugh, and Jacob Stevens. Nellie Stevens, born in 1868, attended Sawmill and later married dentist James Leonard Babcock, who was mayor of Rochester 1934-38. At his death Nellie became Rochester's only lady mayor, serving to the end of her husband's term, Oct.-Dec. 1938. Estella Mitchell (Mrs. R. P. True) taught there. Bell Bernetha, sister of Judge [Harry] Bernetha, taught at Sawmill for a time before she became chief operator at Rochester Telephone 1896.

From Rochester *Sentinel*, Oct. 20, 1877: "Sidney Moon was engaged to teach the winter term of school at the Sawmill schoolhouse just south of town. Sid is a good practical teacher and an accomplished manipulator of the rod in dusting the boys' breeches."

Rochester *Union-Spy*, Feb. 28, 1879: "Ex-sheriff S. R. Moon, teacher of the sawmill School south of town, will celebrate the last day of school with a public dinner and a dramatic entertainment. 'Paddy Mile's Boy' is the play named, and prospects are that the entertainment will be highly entertaining. None but those invited will be expected to partake of the public dinner."

Sawmill School was closed and torn down around 1900. Otto McMahan taught at No. 8 or Sawmill School 1899-1900 and may have been the last teacher. James Downs took over the sawmill and paid tuition for his children, Warren Downs, Ruth Downs Richardson, Clifford Downs, Leah Downs Smiley, Marjorie Downs Fred, and Morton Downs to go to South School (later called Columbia) in Rochester.

The sawmill too has disappeared. . . . The sawmill closed in 1949 when James Downs died. . . .

[FCHS Quarterly No. 71, pp 20-21]

At the spelling school held at Ellsworth School House, on mile south of town, last week, John H. Pyle, teacher, Mrs. Wm. Downs proved to be the best speller . . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, January 2, 1873]

A. F. Bowers is master of the situation, at present, at the Saw Mill school house.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 4, 1873]

Ed. Horton will teach at the Sawmill school house this winter, south of town.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 5, 1874]

The Saw-mill school house is being fenced in. Every one in this township should be served the same way.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 19, 1874]

The second teachers' institute for those teachers west of the Michigan road, in this township, will be held at the Saw Mill school house, one and one-half miles south of Rochester, on next Saturday.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, January 22, 1875]

"The Ellsworth" is the name of a literary society that meets at the saw mill school house, one mile south of Rochester, every Friday evening. . . . William Walters is President.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, March 19, 1875]

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The summer term of school taught by Miss Ella Kewney, at the saw mill, one mile south of town, closed last Friday with a grand dinner in the grove. The school of Ella Barb, at Prairie Union, closed last Saturday with like ceremonies.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, July 9, 1875]

Miss Ella Kewney, who taught the summer term is now engaged teaching a fall term of school at the saw mill school house.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, October 15, 1875]

A Mr. Hoover from Ohio will train the young ideas at Union this winter, Abe Bowers will swing the birch at the Saw-mill school, Miss Maggie Blacketer will dust the jackets in the new district near Wm. Davidson's and John Davidson will "rule" the young Antiochers.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, December 3, 1875]

Charley Plank will "teach the young ideas" where, when and how to shoot at the Saw Mill School; Curg. Rannells swings the birch at Mt. Zion; Ches. Chinn manipulates the rod away down in Wayne; Frank Dawson will "walk their chunk" at Prairie Union -- and Able Bowers will introduce the apple-eating system at Millark.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 25, 1876]

The Sprinkleburg literary society meets on Tuesday night. Ellsworth, on Friday night. "Resolved that man hath immortality here on earth," is what engages the Mt. Zion debaters just now.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, March 3, 1876]

Chas. K. Plank has been engaged to teach school this winter at the Sawmill school house, south of town. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, October 27, 1876]

C. K. Plank has control of the Sawmill school, and if it is possible for a teacher to succeed in a large school with no apparatus and the scholars scantily supplied with books, and this in a house with scarcely seats enough to accommodate the pupils, then we would say that Mr. Plank is successful. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 10, 1877]

A good many years ago Miss Maggie McClung, now Mrs. Jesse Shields, established the custom of giving a sumptuous dinner on the closing day at Prairie Union, as did Miss "Dot" Ernsperger, now Mrs. Bates, at the saw mill school house south of town. . . Our young friend, B. F. Dawson, was the teacher at Prairie Union during the past winter. . . Programme: . . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 17, 1877]

Charley Plank says he has taught his first and last school. He does not believe he was cut out and trimmed for a rural teacher. Like "Nasby," he would rather be postmaster. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 24, 1877]

There is to be a Sunday school picnic held at the saw mill (Ellsworth) school house, in the near future.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 14, 1877]

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The Sunday school at Ellsworth school house, just south of town, was largely attended last Sabbath.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 28, 1877]

The new brick school house near the Poor House is fast approaching completion.

[Rochester, *Union-Spy*, Friday, October 5, 1877]

Sidney Moon has engaged to teach the winter term of school at the saw mill school house just south of town. Sid is a good practical teacher and an accomplished manipulator of a rod in dusting the boys' breeches.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, October 20, 1877]

S. R. Moon is teaching a good school in the new school house just south of town on the Michigan road. It is a new business for Sidney.

[Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, December 15, 1877]

The township institute will be held at the Saw Mill school house, one mile south of town, next Saturday.

[Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, December 22, 1877]

S. R. Moon's school at Downs saw mill, will hold their closing exercises next Saturday.

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[Rochester *Union Spy*, Friday, March 22, 1878]

Miss Lizzie Edminister [will teach a term of school] at Saw Mill school house. . .

[Rochester *Union Spy*, Friday, April 12, 1878]

The patrons of the Saw Mill school were lucky in securing the services of that excellent teacher, Mr. S. R. Moon. Sid. . . will organize and conduct a debating society at the school house. . . The first meeting will be held Friday evening, January 17th.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, January 17, 1879]

Sidney R. Moon's school at the saw mill, south of town closed yesterday with appropriate exercises pleasing to the children.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 15, 1879]

Sidney R. Moon has returned from his western trip and will teach the saw mill school just south of town this winter.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 8, 1879]

The Saw Mill School was so named because it was next to the sawmill. The first school was probably built about 1850, on the west side of SR-25 where the south edge of 31 by-pass crosses over now. The structure was wooden, and in a low place often surrounded by water. About 1870 a brick school was built on the east side of SR-25, on a rise just north of the Fulton County highway garage. The school site and other acreage is now owned by Dr. Joseph Downs Richardson, great-grandson of William Downs.

Sawmill School was closed and the building torn down before 1900. There were few children in the immediate neighborhood. The closest schools were Union and Ebenezer.

[Downs Family, Ruth Downs Richardson, *Fulton Co. Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

## SAYGER SCHOOL [#14] [Henry Township]

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Located NW corner of 900E and Division Road.

Built before 1876. \_\_\_\_\_

[photo] Sayger's School. Back Row: Vera Richter, Vernie Burns, Claude Burns, Willa Pearson, Mary Seifert, Orville Moore - teacher, Lucy Burns, Goldie Burns, Minnie Swartzlander, Vernon Kindig, Robert Burns. Front Row: Max Feece, Bina Swartzlander, Marion Burns, Sarah Burns, Blanche Swartzlander, Ruth Swartzlander, Clorice Nye, Louella Burns.

[FCHS Quarterly Vol. 6, August, 1969, No. 1, p. 17]

[photo] Saygers School 1920. Front row: Ross Keel, Ralph Funk, Ina Swartzlander, Howard Swartzlander, Marjorie Barr - visitor. Row 2: John Andrew Barr, Jewell Smiley - teacher, Donald Morris, Lester Burns. (Photo: Ina Swartzlander Hatfield)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 43, p. 51]

### DISTRICT 14 - SAYGER'S SCHOOL

By Velma Bright:

Sayger's School was located about two miles north and three miles west of Akron. On December 21, 1867 Henry Township purchased one-fourth acre of land from Moses and Polly Sayger for a sum of five dollars for the purpose of erecting a school. This school was still in use during the 1922-23 school year. As records are not available for the next year, it is not known whether school was held there or not. It was out of existence in the 1924-25 school year. The building is still standing.

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### SAYGER'S SCHOOL

By Ina Swartzlander Hatfield as told to Velma Bright

I attended Sayger's School for all but the 7th and 8th grades.

There was a pump outside the school and we all would pump water from the pump and drink from the same tin cup.

One year there were only seven pupils in the school and all were boys except me. My father went to the Trustee and told him that he wanted a lady teacher that year. Miss Jewell Smiley from Rochester taught that year. The boys would take her horse and put it up in Funk's barn. She drove over in a horse and buggy each day from Rochester.

I was usually a well-behaved student but one time I helped the boys put a mouse in the teacher's desk drawer. She was scared to death when she saw the mouse. That was one of my bad tricks. The teacher was Glenn Wilhoit. I was good the rest of the year.

We used to play "Andy Over," "Stink Base," and a lot of games. The teacher always played too. The teacher was always out at recess with the children.

There was a low place across the road where the water would stand and in the winter when it was frozen over, the Funk boys would skate on it. They were good skaters. The rest of us played on it without skates on our lunch hour.

We had a long stove with two lids on it. The pupils took turns putting wood in the stove. The teacher brought his or her lunch in a dinner pail with a bottle or tin of coffee. The teacher would always set the coffee on the stove and keep it hot until noon.

We had a big dictionary on a stand in the room. If you didn't want to study you would go up there and pretend you were looking up a word.

Math was my good subject so when I got my work done I could help the others who were younger than I. Of course, I really liked that.

We would have Christmas programs. The neighbors and parents came to the program. Some of the men came too. Pearl Kessler played the organ and Pearl, Evelyn Werner and I sang one time. At one program we gave "The Old Woman in the Shoe" and I was the old woman. I wore a dress that came down to my shoes and those that saw me said they would never have known me. We usually had a program on the last day of school too. One thing that stands out in my mind was that Miss Smiley took us in her car to Akron to the movie theater and we saw Mary Pickford. This was on the last day of school. This was really great. I was in the 5th grade.

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We would have box socials and cake walks. One time Ralph Funk received a box of candy for being the best speller in the school. I won a prize at one of the socials for having the nicest box there.

On or near the last day of school we would bring our little brothers and sisters to visit school.

We had outside toilets and it always seemed they were located at the coldest spots on the school ground. Of course, the boys were always throwing snowballs at the girls' toilet.

The teachers that I had were Ethel Kuhn, Pearl Kesling, Jewel Smiley, Bill More, Kenneth Oliver, Glenn Wilhoit and Helen Waite.

The Akron Library has a souvenir end-of-school booklet for Sayger's School, Sept. 30, 1907 - Apr. 3, 1908, when Leah Platt Bahney was the teacher. It lists school officers, Albert Cook, trustee; Charles Swartzlander, director; and John C. Werner, county supt. Pupils: Eva Burns, Gladys Kindig, Willa Pearson, Mabel Snider, Vernon Kindig, Sadie Shireman, Max Feece, Minnie Swartzlander, Bina Swartzlander, Lucy Burns, Gail Nye, Mary Siffert, Luella Burns, Oval McIntire, Byron Snider, Robert Burns, Clorice Nye, and Marion Burns.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 43 pp 50-52]

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It is only necessary to say of No. 14 that the school is organized, well governed and well taught . . . F. N. Richardson is the teacher.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 16, 1876]

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### Teachers:

1876-77: F. N. Richardson

1896-97: Alwilda Mae Woods

1897-98: Worthy Shewman

1898-99: Jerome Swihart

1899-00: J. C. Swihart

1900-01: Nellie Noyer

1901-02: [omitted]

1902-03: J. C. Swihart

1907-08: Leah Platt Bahney

Kenneth Oliver

[FCHS Quarterly No. 41, pp 37-39]

### PARTIAL LIST OF TEACHERS, DISTRICT 14, SAYGER'S SCHOOL

Homer Ball, Bertha Bryant, Gladys Dawson, Lillian Dawson, Ethel Higgins, Blanche Kesling, Pearl Kesling, Gladys Kindig, Cecil Kuhn, Ethel Kuhn, Nancy Jane Moore, Orville Moore, William Moore, Nellie Noyer, Nellie Onstott, Fannie Robbins, Jewell Smiley, Dayton Swihart, J. C. Swihart, Walter Swihart, Helen Waite.

[FCHS Quarterly Vol. 6, August, 1969, No. 1, p 23]

## **SCHOOL BELL** [Rochester Township]

The bell for the new Rochester township school building arrived today. It was made at Hillsboro, O., and the purchase price was \$50. The bell alone weighs 294 pounds and, with the attachments, weighs 450 pounds. The furnace for the building is expected at any time.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, November 25, 1901]

## **SCHOOL DOOR CANTEEN** [Rochester, Indiana]

Located NW corner of 7th and Jefferson [626 Jefferson], former K.K.K. lodge bldg.

See Robbins Residence.

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### **SELECT NAME FOR NEW YOUTH CENTER**

Mrs. A. C. Bradley, president of the Youth Canteen movement in Rochester, announced today that the name selected from the many submitted for the new recreation center is "School Door Canteen." Two high school girls entered the prize winning name and each will receive a six months membership to the youth center. The two entering the name "School Door Canteen" are Camille Thompson and Lola Lang, both currently enrolled in Rochester high school.

The committee to select a name met Sunday and drew all entries, definitely deciding on two which were submitted to the student council for final choice.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 8, 1944]

### **CANTEEN FORMAL OPENING TO BE HELD TUESDAY NIGHT**

The formal opening of Rochester's School Door Canteen, which is located in the old Robbins homestead, north of the Methodist church, will be held Tuesday evening, April 11th, from seven to ten o'clock. Rochester residents and business men are cordially invited to attend the opening.

After a few weeks of renovating and redecorating, the entire downstairs of this spacious old home has been made most liveable and presentable by the school youngsters themselves. The canteen will be open three nights per week and on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock. On Wednesday and Friday evenings the hours will be from 7 to 10, and on Saturday evening the rooms will be open from 7 to midnight.

Mrs. N. O. Nelson will be in charge of the canteen on the week-day evenings and Mrs. Ted Olsen will supervise the play and activity on Sunday afternoons, it was stated.

Included in the forms of recreation will be table tennis, various games and contests of skill, juke box dancing and soft drinks and candies will be available to the patrons.

The student council of the canteen is comprised of Fred Mitchell, chairman, Gene Humphrey, "Bill" Myers, Nedra Zimmerman and Jane Ann Smith.

Officers for the canteen during the coming year are: President, Mrs. A. C. Bradley; Directors, Bill Delaney, J. M. McCarty, A. V. Purdue, Mrs. L. V. Louderback, Ed Clay, and J. Van Fassen.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 10, 1944]

### **HOLDING CO. PURCHASES SCHOOL DOOR CANTEEN**

The recently-formed School Door Canteen Holding Co., Inc, announced the purchase of the School Door Canteen building and property from Martin W. Ivey, at a stockholders' meeting held at the canteen Thursday evening.

It was disclosed that today 351 shares, par value of \$10 each, had been taken by various business firms and individuals who are acting as sponsors for the canteen, which is located on the northwest corner of Jefferson and Seventh streets. More shares are available to anyone who wishes to assist in this worthy project and can be obtained at either of the local banks.

Officers Elected

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Following a meeting of the board of directors officers were elected as follows:

Mrs. A. C. Bradley, president; Orvan Van Lue, vice-president; Hubert Taylor, secretary and John Vernon, treasurer.

The board of directors is comprised of C. E. Gilger, Fred Fraser, Orvan Van Lue, Hubert Taylor, Mrs. Ray Myers and Mrs. A. C. Bradley.

Following the business meeting refreshments were served.

Several improvements are being planned for both the bilding and grounds, it was stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 27, 1945]

## SCHOOL EXAMINATION [Richland Township]

The Trustees of Richland Township [met] Saturday, the 5th inst.

Mr. Sturgeon called the meeting to order, and it was organized by the choice of Mr. Wilson as President, and Messrs, Blodgett and Ralstin as Vice Presidents. . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 12, 1859]

Richland Township, Feb. 22d, 1862. . . . at the Center School House and Mount Pleasant Church . . .

The exercises were opened by the following remarks from William Sturgeon, the present Trustee: . . . .

. . . . on motion of Morris Blodgett, William Sturgeon was called to the chair, and T. J. White, Secretary.

A committee of five was then appoointed by the chair, to report the further order of the day. The committee consisted of William McElfresh, Morris Blodgett, Peter P. Meredith, Moore Ralstin and John McElravy . . .

After dinner addresses by the Hon. Judge Miller, and Rev. N. L. Lord.

A private school being in attendance, on motion of J. E. Bonewitz, it was admitted to a seat in the examination . . .

. . . Four was then called and appeared upon the state, with John W. Blodgett, their teacher . . .

Number Five was then called . . . their accomplished teacher, Mr. J. E. Bonewitz . . .

. . . eighth . . . teacher Miss Rachel P. Meredith . . . address by Mary Davis . . .

The numbers being again called declamations were offered by R. N. Woodruff, Davis and Ralstin . . . Number eight . . . teacher, Miss R. P. Meredith . . .

After comments by Morris Blodgett and the chair, the meeting adjourned. William Sturgeon, Chairman. T. J. White, Sect.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 13, 1862]

## SCHOOL TORN DOWN [Fulton County]

### OLD SCHOOL HOUSE TORN DOWN -- WAS BUILT IN 1854

This week saw the passing of a historical landmark on the Anna KILER farm six miles northeast of Rochester when one of the original old, "one room" school houses, that was built before the Civil War was torn down. This school was built in the then standing forest and was made of logs and has withstood the ravages of time since it was erected in 1854.

Attention to the passing of the 75 year old landmark was brought to The News-Sentinel by Donald CARLSON, young son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. CARLSON of this city, who was visiting relatives in the community and witnessed the tearing down of the building. The boy in searching the premises for relics came upon newspapers which were tacked to the walls and ceiling to help keep out the cold winds from blowing through the cracks between the logs. The papers were yellow and stiff with age, one being the Cincinnati Messenger printed in 1854, and the other being a Rochester weekly printed in 1847, but the name could not be made out.

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Donald was particularly interested in the building as the log school was built on the farm of his great-great-grandfather Wright. His great-great-grandparents, George and Jane PERSCHBACHER, attended the school during their youthful days and later Mr. Perschbacher was the teacher there for several terms.

Some of the logs were found to be black walnut and in an excellent state of preservation. One old desk made of logs was also found and preserved. The school had a dirt floor and the windows which were few in number were very small.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 11, 1929]

## SCHOOLS CONDEMNED [Fulton County]

### TWO COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CONDEMNED BY WILLETTS

As the result of State Inspector Willetts' visit to this county, the two story frame building at Tiosa has been condemned. The school building at Sand Hill, a one room frame building was condemned 10 days ago.

The school building in the village of Tiosa is about 30 years old. It is not modern and in the opinion of the inspector it is unsanitary. A new building will have to be constructed. The building at Sand Hill has been constructed for years but is in a fair state of repair. A brick structure will be erected to take its place, probably during the coming summer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 14, 1915]

## SCHOOLS SOLD [Fulton County]

### FIVE BUILDINGS SOLD

Five dismantled school buildings, owned by the county, have been sold by Trustee M. C. Reiter. The buildings were located at Green Oak, Prairie Union, Ebenezer, Mud Sock and Toby.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 17, 1920]

### FOUR ONE ROOM SCHOOLS SOLD BY TRUSTEE FOSTER

Four of the remaining one room schools in Rochester township were sold Saturday afternoon by Trustee William Foster. The schools sold were the Orr, Oak Grove, Antioch and the Sprinkleberg. The Scrotch Owl school which was also advertised for sale was not bid in. Rather than have the same re-appraised Trustee Foster will wreck it and sell it for what he can get.

Abandoned schools under the law have to be appraised and cannot be sold at less than two-thirds of their appraised value, which included the land on which they stand or approximately a half acre in each instance. The Mt. Zion school is the only one room school left in the township and it will be sold next year. The pupils formerly taught in one room schools are receiving instructions in the four consolidated schools in the four corners of the township.

Ralph Weber purchased the Orr school, which was appraised for \$100, for \$75. Mrs. Conrad the Oak Grove school, which was appraised for \$200, for \$225. Tom McMahan the Antioch school, which was appraised for \$165, at \$110 and Mrs. Ora Stengle the Sprinkleberg school appraised at \$200 to wreck the buildings for \$134. The purchasers all plan to use the material thus derived in other structures.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 8, 1927]

## SCOTLAND SCHOOL [#6] [Union Township]

Located at E edge of Kewanna, S side of 250S at 850W.

Built before 1876

-Or- Located E side of 800W, at approximately 350S.

Built between 1876 and 1883.

-Or- Located approximately NE corner of 400S and 800W.

Built before 1876; abandoned between 1883 and 1907.

See: Leiter, Jeremiah

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### SCHOOL DAYS AT PRAIRIE UNION, LUCERNE, KEWANNA, SCOTLAND AND PRAIRIE GROVE

By Pearl Mutchler Hiland

Although a teacher's license could be had without more than high school if able to pass written tests given by the County Superintendent, I took 12 weeks normal school training. I received my first teacher's license, after a spring and summer course at Rochester College, from Mr. Arthur Deamer, Fulton County Superintendent.

The subjects were arithmetic, grammar, U. S. history, physiology, geography and reading; also a grade was given in writing, based on the neatness and legibility of the whole manuscript. Spelling or orthography, as it was called on the license, was based on a minus one for every misspelled word in the whole examination. These grades were averaged and added to the grade in pedagogy and personality given by the County Superintendent. These grades were averaged and multiplied by 2 (I think) which would be one's daily pay. Anyway, mine came out \$2.10. I remember thinking as I walked home from my first day - "Happy Day! I've earned \$2.10! It's a shame to take the money for something I like to do so well." Of course, there were other days when I felt I well earned the money. But \$2.00 would buy a lot of things in those days - 1906.

#### SCOTLAND SCHOOL

I was hired by John Gorsline, Union Township Trustee, to teach at the Scotland School, one mile east and one and a half miles south of Kewanna. The very nice group of children from good families were Alice and Florence McCay; Nellie, Walter, and Maggie McCoy; Lucille Polen; Howard and Nettie Hickie; Frank, Arthur and Edna Calvin; Bessie and Carl - stepchildren of Major Fuller.

An exciting thing - Nettie Hickie fainted but we had had a lesson in physiology the week before that told what to do. I laid her on the double front seat, her head hanging over the end, and told her brother to bring water from the bucket in the vestibule to wet her head and face. She soon revived but remained quiet for the rest of the day as there was no way to let her parents know.

There was one girl in the 8th grade and one in 2nd; no beginners and no 6th graders. Sometimes those in 3rd and 4th could be combined for part of their subjects.

The school building was on a plot of ground given by Mrs. Calvin's father - a Mr. Toner (not Al) on the west side of the road. There were trees and the usual toilets on the back of the plot, and not much playground. The boys sometimes climbed the fence to play ball in the field. Water was carried from Calvin's, the house nearest to the south. Walter McCoy was my janitor. He carried out the ashes from the big coal-and-wood-burning stove that sat in the middle of the room, swept the floor, carried in wood and kindling to make the fire in the morning. I paid him 50 cents a week and he was glad to get it.

My second teacher's license was issued by Mr. John C. Werner, County Superintendent. He was from Aubbeenaubbee Township, I think, or the community north of Bruce Lake. This license was for 12 months. There were 6 months, 24 and 36 month licenses with corresponding pay. Few six months licenses were issued by then (1906) but once school terms were only that long as boys were needed on the farms in fall and spring.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 46, pp 40-41]

#### SCOTLAND SCHOOL

By Edna Calvin Comer:

Scotland School, District No. 6, was located between the William Calvin's and Major Fuller's houses on the west side of county road 800W between 300S and 400S. This was a mile southeast of Kewanna.

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The building was made of wood and was built in 1902 or 1903. My first grade teacher was a woman, a Miss Harrington. Other teachers were Albie Patty, Edna Talbott, Pearl Mutchler, Maggie and Walter Lamborn.

The school was nice on the inside - with a big round oak stove used for heating. Often gypsies would stop and camp on the school grounds in the summertime. The school yard was quite large.

Games they played were ante over, different ball games, and tag.

Some pupils who attended the school there were the McCoy children: Walter, Floyd (Bud), Lela, Maggie and Nellie McCoy (Gordon); Hickles: Charles, Nettie, Simon and Howard; Polens: Bill, Clint, Lucille (Vause), Raleigh, and George; Slicks: Stella, Vida Slick McKinsey, Emma, Leslie and Jay; the Calvin children: Bertha, John, Frank, Perry, Arthur, and Edna.

A big dinner brought in by the different families and a program by the pupils was held at the end of the school term.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 46, p. 44]

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Samuel Barger [has charge of] Scotland.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 6, 1873]

## SCREECH OWL SCHOOL [#13] [Rochester Township]

Located W side of 375W 350S.

Built between 1883 and 1907.

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Della Miller went to Rochester College and got a teacher's license. She taught at Green Oak 1904-06 and at Union School south of Rochester 1906-08. . . . She came back home the next year and taught at Screech Owl one-room school west of Rochester for five years 1910-15.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 58, p. 28]

Teachers: Clara Hatfield, around 1886-88.

Cora Pownall, (Mrs. Finney), 1899-1900.

## SELECT SCHOOL [Rochester, Indiana]

J. Mackey, A. M., will commence the Spring Term of his Select School on Monday, March 7th. Teachers wishing to pursue their studies farther will do well to attend Mr. Mackey's school. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 26, 1859]

Miss C. E. Dinsmoor will open a Select School Monday Sept 5th next in Wallace's Hall.

Mr. L. D. Willard will open a Select School in this town at the Odd Fellows Hall on Monday, August 29, 1859.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 13, 1859]

School Notice. Mss Mattie V. Ernsperger will open a Select School on Monday September 5, 1859, in the room over I. W. Holeman's Drug Store . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 27, 1859]

Miss Fairbank opened a Select School in Wallace's Hall, on Monday last . . .

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Mrs. Gilbreth has opened a Select School for children in a room nearly opposite the *Mercury* office . . .

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, April 12, 1860]

Select School . . . Mill L. Fairbank will again open a select school in Wallace's Hall, on Monday, the 13th day of August, 1860. Rochester, July 27, 1860.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 4, 1860]

Select School. Miss L. Fairbank will open a Select School in Wallace's Hall in Rochester, on Monday, December 17th, 1860 . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 15, 1860]

Select School . . . in the Odd Fellows Hall in Rochester . . . N. L. Lord.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, December 20, 1860]

We spent an hour one day last week in the Select School taught by Miss Lakin, in the south part of the village. . . .

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, June 6, 1861]

Select School. Miss M. M. Lakin and Miss J. Tinsley will open a Select School on Wednesday, February 12, 1862, in the lower rooms of the Rochester Public School Buildings.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, January 30, 1862]

Select School . . . Miss Jennie Tinsley opens a select school next Monday. . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 22, 1862]

Miss Jennie M. Tinsley would respectfully announce . . . that she will open a Select School at the Public School Building, in Rochester, on Monday, September 8th, 1862 . . . Rochester, Aug 21, 1862.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 21, 1862]

Select School . . . Mrs. E. T. Grover. Rochester, August 20, 1863.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 20, 1863]

Select School. Miss C. E. Buesing will open a Select School in Dr. Mann's Building (over Fromm's Store) . . . Rochester, Aug. 27, 1863.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 27, 1863]

Our citizens will be pleased to learn that Mrs. E. F. Grover has decided to open a Select School on Monday next, at the Public School building . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 31, 1864]

Select School. Miss T. J. Barnett wishes to inform the citizens of Rochester that her school for small scholars commences Monday, August 29th, at the Union School House . . . Rochester, Aug 25th, 1864.

Select School. Mrs. E. F. Grover . . . will open a Select School at her residence near Odd Fellows' Hall, on Monday, Sept 12th, to continue 9 weeks . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 25, 1864]

Select School . . . E. C. Udall. Rochester, March 9th.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 9, 1865]

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Notice. . . I will open a select school at the school house in Rochester, on Monday, the 7th day of August, 1865. . . Geo. W. Schilling. July 13, 1865.  
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 13, 1865]

Select School. A second term of select school will be commenced by E. C. Udall, from Vermont, at the School House, in Rochester, on the 28th of August, 1865. . . This may certify that Miss E. C. Udall is an experienced teacher . . .  
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 27, 1865]

Select School. Mr. O. Henderson will open a select school on Monday March 12th in the school house . . .  
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 8, 1866]

Select School. Mrs. Irving will open a Select School in the primary department at the school house in Rochester . . .  
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 29, 1866]

Select School. I propose opening a select school in the School building in Rochester, March 27th 1867. . . Angie Moore.  
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 21, 1867]

Select School. Mrs. Irving. . . intends taking up a Select School in the building on Main street, opposite John Shore's Grocery Store, commencing Monday, April 15th 1867.  
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 4, 1867]

Select School. The fourth term of the School taught at the Mammoth Building will commence April 5th and continue eleven weeks . . . J. E. Hilton, Teacher.  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, March 18, 1869]

Select School. The 4th Term of the school taught in the Mammoth building, will commence April 5th, and continue eleven weeks . . . J. E. Hilton, Teacher.  
[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, March 25, 1869]

Select School. . . . The Fifth term of the Select School taught in the Mammoth Building will commence August 30th, and continue eleven weeks. . . J. E. Hilton, Teacher. Rochester, August 19.  
[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, August 12, 1869]

Miss J. E. Hilton will re-open school in one of the unoccupied rooms in the Public School building, April 11th, and continue eleven weeks . . .  
[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, March 24, 1870]

Mr. T. C. Wood, of Crown Point, takes charge of the schools for the summer. He comes recommended as a good teacher. The term will open on the 18th day of April.  
[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, March 31, 1870]

Prof. C. T. Wood, of Crown Point, this State, will open a select school in the Public School building in this place, on Sunday next. . .  
[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, April 14, 1870]

Select School . . . in the Union School Building, Rochester, commencing September next. . . E. L. Yarlott, a graduate of Defiance (O.) College. . .

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[Rochester *City Times*, Thursday, June 30, 1870]

Select School. . . Miss J. E. Hilton will re-open School August 29th, 1870, in Odd Fellows Hall. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, August 19, 1870]

Select School. Miss J. E. Hilton will re-open a Select School, August 29th, 1870, in the Odd Fellows Hall. . .

[Rochester *City Times*, Thursday, August 27, 1870]

W. H. Green Will organize a class in English Grammar, Monday evening, March 13th. . . at the school house in this place . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 11, 1871]

Miss Ella Rex teaches a class in vocal music, at the Seminary . . .

--- N. G. Hunter has organized a class in penmanship . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 9, 1871]

Frank Haimbaugh will commence a ten weeks term of select school at Kewanna next Monday. After that time he will act as Principal of the regular term at the same place. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 24, 1878]

### **SHADY DELL SCHOOL [#4]** [Wayne Township]

Located NE corner 1100W and 550S.

Built between 1876 and 1883.

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Miss Eva Baer, daughter of John U. and Sarah J. (Bockover) Baer, born in Kewanna in 1883, graduated from common school in 1900, went to Rochester College taking a six weeks course. She came to Liberty with one year of experience, after teaching one year at Shady Dell School. The school term of which she taught at Liberty for one year was from Sept. 30, 1901, to Mar. 21, 1902. She then taught four years, at the District No. 10, the Feidner School and two years at the Smally School (1904-1906), all one-room schools located in Wayne Township. She married Verdie Lee (V.L.) Barker on April 11, 1906, and discontinued teaching following their marriage.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 52, pp 56-57]

### **SHANGHAI SCHOOL** [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

See Mt. Hope School.

### **SHEETS SCHOOL** [Henry Township]

Also known as Fan School.

Located N side of 250S at approximately 760E.

Built before 1876; abandoned between 1876 and 1883.

School houses in the Sheets settlement are getting plenty. Three within a mile and a half of each other. That must be a good neighborhood for children.

[Akron and Vicinity, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, April 30, 1875]

Jacob Whittenberger, the school trustee of Henry township, has given notice that he will let the contract for the building of a new brick school-house in the Sheets neighborhood, on the 25th of this month. The building is to be one story, 24 by 32 feet.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, May 21, 1875]

## **SHELLBARK SCHOOL [#3]** [Newcastle Township]

Located NW corner 500E and 500N.

Built between 1876 and 1883.

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Marjorie Jones Bryant shared her recollections about Shellbark school: "I started to school in the Shellbark school in 1901 (I think) and just went until Spring when we moved from Grandpa Deamer's farm. The land for the school, so they told me, was off the Farry farm. Ora Alspach Caslow told me that Uncle George Deamer taught at Shellbark in 1898 and Maud King in 1899, then Mr. Byers, my first teacher. Some of the families that attended Shellbark were the Ellis children (Maggie, Clarence, Linas, Mary -- I believe there were more), Ora and Clint Alspach, Henry Alspach, Charles Farry. Before 1901 there were Hal Bybee, Maud Gordon, and I imagine, Frances Montgomery and the Walch children. Esther Deamer also started there."

It is believed that Shellbark closed the spring of 1907. Mr. Norvannah M. (Pete) Alber recalls that his family moved to Newcastle township that year and located just across the field from Shellbark schoolhouse. If it had been open, they would have attended there, but instead the students were carried by horsedrawn hack to Talma.

Alber remembers that the Shellbark schoolhouse was later moved to another location on the Farry farm to be used as a chicken house.

Shellbark school was located on the northwest corner of 500E and 500N. Shellbark was built between 1876 and 1883 as it was absent from the 1876 Atlas but listed in the 1883 Atlas.

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School District No. 3, New Castle Township Report [shows 37 enrolled] . . . "that we invite Mr. Shafer to teach for us next winter . . ."

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, March 13, 1873]

Miss Ella Barb will soon commence the winter term of school at the Shellbark school house.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 10, 1877]

Miss Lillie Haimbaugh will soon commence the spring term of school, at Shellbark school house.

[Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, March 23, 1878]

Miss Sarah Haimbaugh is teaching an extra good term of school at Shellbark school house, two miles west of this place.

[Bloomingsburg Items, Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, April 27, 1878]

Rev. Asa Bachelor, of Rochester, preached a splendid sermon at Shellbark school house one mile and a half southwest of this place, last Sabbath a week.

[Bloomingsburg Items, Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, June 8, 1878]

## **SUGAR GROVE SCHOOL** [Henry Township]

### **SIXTEEN SCHOOL** [-----]

Some of the winter schools in this section of the "moral vineyard" have been taken for the winter. Miss Waugh has the "16" school; Miss Huffman the Windfall, and Simon Bybee the Greenhill school. Your humble servant will teach the "young idea how to shoot," at the brick

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school house in District No. 7 just across the line in Marshall county. Jacob Martin who attended the Rochester high school this fall, I will teach at the Goodwin school house in the same county.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 15, 1879]

### **SLICK SCHOOL [#10]** [Union Township]

Also called Mt. Carmel School.

Located SW corner of 950W and 50S.

Built between 1876 and 1883; abandoned between 1883 and 1907.

### **SMALL POX SCHOOL** [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

See Paw Paw School

### **SMALLEY SCHOOL [#8]** [Wayne Township]

Located E side of 500W at 800S.

Built between 1883 and 1907.

Moved to Marshtown about 1913.

Burned 1921.

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R. W. Cox has charge at No. 8, and with the exception that the order was not quite as good as it might have been, the school was in good condition. Rufus instructs well.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 24, 1877]

Miss Eva Baer, daughter of John U. and Sarah J. (Bockover) Baer, born in Kewanna in 1883, graduated from common school in 1900, went to Rochester College taking a six weeks course. She came to Liberty with one year of experience, after teaching one year at Shady Dell School. The school term of which she taught at Liberty for one year was from Sept. 30, 1901, to Mar. 21, 1902. She then taught four years, at the District No. 10, the Feidner School and two years at the Smally School (1904-1906), all one-room schools located in Wayne Township. She married Verdie Lee (V.L.) Barker on April 11, 1906, and discontinued teaching following their marriage.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 52, pp 56-57]

Teachers: Willie Nickels

### **SMITH SCHOOL** [Pulaski County]

We understand that a Farmers' Grange has been organized at the Smith School House, three miles west of this place, and is already in successful running order. Some 30 or 40 persons have already joined, and their numbers are receiving daily accessions.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, September 18, 1873]

### **SOUTH GERMANY SCHOOL [#5]** [Richland Township]

Located corner of 200W and 500N, across from Grand View Evangelical Church.

Built in 1880.

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[photo] This picture of South Germany or No. 5 school was taken in 1894. Row 1, seated from left to right: Clem Miller, Omer Mow, Charley Rhinesmith, Lee O. Walters, Henry Altide, Clyde R. Walters. Row 2: Mary Easterday, Ola Wagoner, Eunice Easterday, Irvin Walters. Row 3: Della Wagoner, Esther Rhinesmith, Floyd Mow, Charley Altide. Teacher: Charley Anderson. (Rev. Clyde Walters' photo)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 20, p. 15]

[photo] Germany School in Richland Township 1907. Row 1: George Myers, Vernie Bowen (note the string to keep his new pocketwatch from getting lost), Walter Kale, Mary Kale, Virgil Gilcrist, Alpha Overmyer, Nellie Kale, Ralph Ault. Row 2: Herman Ault, Nellie Overmyer, Grace Hassenplug, Ray Bowen, Maine Overmyer, Dollie Kale, Howard Ault, Howard Overmyer, Alonzo Guise - teacher. Row 3: Ralph Overmyer, Grace Crum, Gladys Harpster, Nannie Easterday, Louis Anderson, William Overmyer. (Photo: Vernie Bowen)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 48, p. 4]

[photo] Germany School, 1908. Row 1: Alpha Overmyer, Byron Gilcrist, Byron Hassenplug, Clarence Kuhn, Ethel Babcock, Esther Wagoner, Irene Easterday. Row 2: Vernie Bowen, George Myers, Howard Overmyer, Virgil Gilcrist, Ray Wagoner, Nellie Kale, Mary Kale, Walter Kale. Row 3: Della Babcock, Alonzo Guise - teacher, Grace Babcock, Dollie Kale, Earl Carter, Don Wagoner, William Overmyer. (Photo: Vernie Bowen)

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### THE GERMAN COMMUNITY IN FULTON COUNTY

By Shirley Willard

A settlement of largely German people in the northwest part of Rochester Township and across the Tippecanoe River in Richland Township contained a number of schools, churches, and other sites named Germany. There was even a Germany Bridge and Germany Telephone Exchange, and of course, Germany Station on the Erie Railroad.

Germany School (District no. 5 in Richland Township) was called South Germany School by some. It was located on the corner of 500N and 400W on the west side of the road. Vernie Bowen wrote about it in FCHS Quarterly 48 and Rev. Clyde Walters wrote about it in Quarterly 20.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 61, p. 3]

### SOUTH GERMANY SCHOOL

By Rev. Clyde Walters:

This school was located two miles west from Grand View Church and Whippoorwill school house, just north of the T road and just preceeding the turn of the road west. It was on the west side of the road. The crumbled foundation now marks the location, which is now grown over. A 10-acre lake is now in the low ground just west of the school site. Most of the ground was farmed at that time except in a real wet season. An attempt was made to drain this area some years ago and since that time the low ground has sunk declaring a lake the year around.

Water was a precious item in those days at the school. It was carried from the Johnson farm west of the school.

Miss Jenny Kiler from Tiosa taught two summer terms of school (about two months in the summer). She boarded and roomed around among the school families. The school was entirely supported by the school families.

The larger boys within the community usually came to school in the winter months of December, January, and February, after the crops were harvested. Then they quit school in spring again to get the crops out. Some of these boys caused a problem, were hard to discipline. Very few of them finished seventh and eighth grades. Those who did would begin in the winter where they left off in the spring.

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In the beginning of the morning classes, teacher Charley Anderson always began the day with reading from the Bible some portion of Scripture and offering prayer.

Other teachers were Alonzo Guise, Clarence Mow, Harold Weir, Dell Kessler, Rea Fultz, Dean Mow, Otto Bueller, and Bessie Overmyer. South Germany school closed in 1922 and the children went to Richland Center.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 20, p. 14]

### REMINISCENCES OF FULTON COUNTY'S ONE-ROOM DISTRICT SCHOOLS:

Germany, District 11 and Dead Man's College

By Vernie Bowen

With great pride we can look back upon the one-room district school for the important role it has had in the civic, social and economic progress of our country. I count it a distinct privilege to have lived during a part of this unique epoch of community, state and national growth and to have been involved both as a pupil and as a teacher of the "one-room district school". Its origin dates back to the log school house which our forefathers attended during the pioneer days of our country. Soon after Indiana became a state, in the year 1816, the legislature, acting upon constitutional authority, took the initial steps in providing for the uniform system of education. Each township was divided into school districts and authorized to provide for an elementary school in one of them. As social, scientific, and industrial progress developed, there became a greater demand for an expanded school program. To meet this demand, it became necessary to consolidate school districts into larger units, staffed by teachers who had extended their education into new fields of learning. Thus began the gradual disappearing of the one-room schools.

Memory of my first experience with the "one-room district school" takes me back to the Pleasant Hill School in Perry Township of Miami County, Indiana. Here I, with three brothers and two sisters, all older than I, attended during my first two years of school (1903-05). Henry Berger was the teacher. The family moved in the spring of 1905 to a farm in Richland Township of Fulton County, Indiana.

#### GERMANY SCHOOL (1905-11)

That fall my three brothers and I enrolled in the district school known as Germany School in Richland Township. It was from this school that I, six years later, received my elementary diploma and became eligible to enter high school. It was my good fortune to have had during these six years, four very capable and understanding teachers. As I remember it, Clarence Mow was my third grade teacher (1905-06). Alonzo Guise was my teacher for the fourth and fifth grades (1906-08), Harold Weir for the sixth and seventh grades (1908-10), and Lee Beehler for the eighth grade (1910-11). The enrollment varied from 20 to 30 pupils whose ages ranged from six to sixteen. Occasionally there would be pupils under six and one or more over sixteen.

The Germany building was a frame structure of the average size and shape, built on a stone foundation, on the south side of approximately an acre lot. It was situated on the inside corner formed by a right angle bend in the road (500N and 400W). Its length extended from north to south, contained just one room, and had four windows on each of the east and west sides. The slate chalk boards, black boards as they were called, extended across the north end of the building and across a couple of the wall panels between the windows. A section of the floor about seven or eight feet wide across the north end of the building was about six inches above the rest of the floor. In the middle of this platform was the teacher's desk and chair. Some book shelves were attached to the wall above the east end. A folding map case was attached to the wall above the black board. The building was heated by a woodburning stove, located on a zinc-covered stove mat in the center of the room. There being no wood shed, the wood was corded along the fence south of the building. It was carried in, as needed, by the teacher and pupils. Other equipment, besides the stove with its slightly-bent poker lying beneath, consisted of shelves for lunch pails along the south wall on each side of the door, a few maps, a globe, a few books including a large dictionary, a couple of pictures on the wall above the blackboard, and the school desks. These were a combination type, seat and desk, all wood structure, and wide enough to accommodate two

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pupils. Usually only one pupil was assigned to a desk; only when the enrollment demanded was there more than one. The desks, varying in size, were arranged in two rows on each side of the room facing the blackboard. The one at the back of each row was a seat with no desk attached. At the front of the double row of seats on one side of the room was a long seat (no desk) which was often used to assemble a class for recitation.

The door, which was covered on the outside with flooring boards, was on the south end of the building. In front of the door was a plank porch deck with one step at the front and one at each end. During the fall of 1907 or 1908, a well was driven south of the steps. Until then water was carried in a pail from the nearest farm house, that of Albert Easterday, who lived about one-fourth of a mile from the school. This was done by the older pupils, who were always glad to do it, especially if they could do it on school time. The pail of water was kept on a bench by the entrance. Hanging on the wall above the bench were a couple of tin cups, a wash pan and a towel. Needless to say, the cups were used most.

Possibly the most distinguishing feature of the "one-room school building" was the school bell. The one on the Germany School, like the one on most of the one-room buildings, was housed in a cupola-like structure on top of the entrance end of the building. It was manipulated by a rope extending down through the ceiling. In the morning at about 8:30 the sound of this bell could be heard at a distance of more than a mile away, signaling the approaching time for school. The bell was rung again at 9:00, the time for school to start. It was also rung at the end of each recess and noon periods to call the children from the playground. The teacher usually rang the bell, but occasionally would grant permission for a pupil to do it.

The school ground was bounded on the east and north sides by a road and on the west and south by a field. The road really enlarged the area for play, especially for soft ball. This, when the weather permitted, was the game we enjoyed most, girls as well as boys. Usually those interested in playing were divided into two groups by two, usually boys, alternately choosing sides. However, sometimes no teams were chosen and each player was on his own. Starting in the field he would work his way up to the bat by advancing one position on each out. There were two in the batting position and the one making the out would go to the field. Most of us liked this arrangement, for we would have the chance to play each position and too, fewer players were needed. The ball was hard, made by winding the thread of a raveled sock around a small solid rubber ball, and then stitching it on the surface with cord or fish line. The bat was made from a straight tree limb or a second-growth sapling.

Most of the boys had sleds, all hand made, and when there was sufficient snow, spent most of the noon hour and recesses coasting on the hill in the road south of the building, and on the playground which sloped diagonally from the building to the northwest corner of the lot. The ride was lengthened by finishing on or along the road. To give the sleds increased acceleration we often watered the packed snow on the upper part of the slope. There was a pond in the field adjacent to the school ground where we often spent the noon hour skating and sliding on the ice. Inclement weather, which prevented outdoors activity, created problems, especially for the teacher. Twenty-five or thirty children, of varying ages, confined to a single school room for one hour, demanded some special planning for an organized group activity in which pupils in the varied age levels could and would participate. Blindfold tag, animal guessing, Blackboard games, spelling and ciphering contests were a few of the activities. The daily program was written on one of the blackboards at the side of the room. Reading, arithmetic and history were the forenoon subjects; grammar, geography, physiology, writing and spelling were the afternoon subjects. Subjects for the first, second and third grades were confined to reading twice a day, writing, spelling and arithmetic. With one teacher and this many subjects it was necessary to have short recitation periods. These varied from five to fifteen minutes, depending upon the subject and the number of pupils in the class, which varied from one to five or six. The day began with some form of opening exercise: singing, story telling and Bible quotations were the most usual forms. To save time and extend the recitation periods some class subjects alternated during the week. The writing period, the same time for all classes, was 10 to 15 minutes in length. The upper grades had

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practice books, called "Copy Books", but for the lower grades, the teacher placed on the blackboard the exercises and copies that they were to do.

I don't recall that any of my elementary teachers ever had any serious disciplinary problems. They followed regulations, but set few rules; however, they did insist on keeping busy and doing what was known to be right. Infractions from this were given immediate attention. It was not infrequent to see some pupil standing in front or in the corner of the room. Pupils also disliked losing their play period or recess or noon. Too, we realized that the old maxim of "Spare the rod and spoil the child" had not become obsolete. I do look back with great respect to all my elementary teachers for the good discipline that they maintained and for the respect for both people and property that they instilled in the minds of their pupils.

The school term began each year on the first Monday in September and lasted seven months with vacation days being Christmas to New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and the day after. If for any reason any other day was missed, the time was made up, either on Saturday or at the end of the school year. There were very few days that I missed during the six years that I attended Germany School and very few times that I did not walk the one and one-half miles to and from school. Occasionally when it was extremely cold and the snow was deep and drifted, my father would take us, my brothers and me, to school in the bob sled. He would pick up all the other children along the way and come after us in the evening.

The last day of school was always an enjoyable occasion, with a carry-in dinner at noon and a school program in the afternoon. Parents brought filled baskets of food; they really knew how to prepare those pumpkin and cherry pies. Tables were made by laying boards across the tops of the school desks. After the meal the tables were cleared and the parents, children and a few guests assembled to enjoy a program. The teacher tried to have every pupil involved in some way in the program. At the close of the program, parents were called upon to voice opinions in regard to the school term, as well as the activities of the day.

It was a rather well established custom for some of the parents, once a term, to invite the teacher to their homes for the night. This had some merit, for it did establish a good teacher-pupil-parent relationship, which helped solve a good many problems before they developed.

To enter high school it was necessary not only to have completed all eight grades of elementary school, but to pass an examination covering the subject matter studied. Such an examination was held in each township, usually at the high school building, soon after all of the schools were out. These examinations were supervised by the township trustee, high school principal, or someone appointed by the trustee. I remember distinctly the day that I took this examination. Nearly every teacher in Richand Township was there, for each had pupils taking it. The teacher's presence tended to make his pupils feel more confident and at ease. The manuscripts were graded by the county superintendent, who then was J. C. Werner. The results of the exam were mailed directly to the pupils taking it. I watched daily for the mail carrier, waiting anxiously for an announcement of my grades. It was a great thrill to know that I had passed the test and was then eligible to enter high school in the fall of 1911.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 48, pp 3-8]

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Otto Beehler taught at South Germany School before 1922, was principal at Whippoorwill, then principal at Tiosa 1928 while his wife Bessie taught fourth and fifth grades at Tiosa. Then Otto taught seventh grade at Columbia School in Rochester 1928-40 and grade six at Lincoln School in Rochester 1928-40 and grade six at Lincoln School 1940-43.

[Mary Rosella Beehler Reinhold, William Amel Sausaman, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard.]

## **SOUTH LIBERTY SCHOOL** [Liberty Township]

South Liberty Union School is again in a flourishing condition under the management of J. W. McDougal. . .

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[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, June 26, 1873]

Mr. M. Jakeway will teach the South Liberty school this winter.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 11, 1873]

The South Liberty school is in a flourishing condition. Mr. Jaqua knows how to teach a good school. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, January, 29, 1874]

### **SOUTH MUD CREEK SCHOOL** [Rochester Township]

Located NE side of 100N at approximately 450W.

Built between 1883 and 1907.

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[photo] South Mud Creek School, District no. 8, 1897. Front row: unknown, Mellie Woodcox Ysberg, 4 unknown, Ray Woodcox, unknown, Ruth Mathias Castleman, Ray Eddington. Row 2: teacher, Willie Kennel, Harl Woodcox, Mae Mathias Moore, Sam Woodcox, Phila Kennel, Pearl Trickle, Minnie Mathias Marsh. Back row: unknown, [ - - - - ] Crabill, Delno Crabill, 2 unknown, Charles Mathias. (Photo: Ida Burwell)

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[photo] Minnie Mathias and Ora Marsh's wedding picture June 24, 1906. Minnie taught at South Mud Creek School. She was born in 1881 and died in 1967. (Photo: Agatha Marsh)

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#### SOUTH MUD CREEK SCHOOL

South Mud Creek School, District no. 8, was a wood frame building on the north side of county road 100N half way between 400S and 500S. It was built between 1883 and 1907 because it appears in the 1907 atlas but not in the 1883 atlas.

Teachers were Effie King, Minnie Mathias (Mrs. Ora Marsh), Anna Glick, Frieda Gonce, Orville Moon, Wesley Mathias, Arthur Metzler, and Otto McMahan, who had a two-wheel cart and horse which he drove to school.

Ida Moore Burwell's mother, Mae Mathias, graduated from Rochester Normal University and taught at South Mud Creek School. Ida's uncle Earl Mathias took German at Rochester Normal University and did not have to study because his mother spoke German and the children all learned to converse in it at home.

Oren Mathias attended South Mud Creek School about 1907-09. He was too young to attend school in 1907 because he was only five years old, but his brother Harry would not stay at school but would run away and come home. So Oren attended school to accompany his brother. There was a young woman teacher one fall who could not handle the pupils; she quit after a couple of weeks. So the trustee hired Otto McMahan to come teach and he had ORDER! Otto got a Model-T Ford to drive to and from Germany (Burton) School.

There was a water pump in the yard. The school had a good-sized yard for the kids to play in. They played ball games, fox and goose, and blackman. They used to go sledding east of the school on a hill that sloped down to Mud Creek. With ice on the hill you could sled "pert near" the creek!

Oren's father, William Mathias, lived a quarter mile north of the school. Everybody walked to school.

Inside the school there was a shelf by the door for the lunch boxes and hooks for the coats. There was a platform for the teacher's desk. The blackboard of real slate was behind the teacher's desk. There were lanterns on the walls for meetings held there at night. There were two

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wood-burning stoves, one toward the front and one toward the back. A woodshed stood near the northwest corner of the school. And of course, two out-houses were in the back. The school had a bell on top.

On the last day of school the parents would carry in dinner and the pupils would give a program.

After the school was closed it was moved 80 rods west and then north up a lane 20 rods to Mason Gothrup's farm. There it became a home. Harry Darnell remodeled it in the 1950's by putting in a basement, adding a kitchen on the north, and putting partitions in it. Melvin Murphy owns it now. It is on the north side of 100N half way between 400W and 500W, back a long lane.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 61, pp 58-60]

## **SOUTH MUD LAKE SCHOOL** [Liberty Township]

See Lake School

## **SOUTH PIN HOOK DISTRICT** [ - - - - - ]

Miss Bessie Sweet, who taught two very successful terms of school in the south Pin-Hook district, is better qualifying herself for the profession by availing herself of the advantages of the Kewanna Normal.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, August 13, 1875]

## **SOUTH SCHOOL** [Rochester, Indiana]

See Columbia School.

## **SPELLING SCHOOLS** [Fulton County]

The Tidal Wave of Orthography Strikes Rochester. . . Two Spelling Matches at the Court House. . .

It struck Rochester on Friday evening, March 12th. . . The members of the Presbyterian church were the first to take active steps toward organizing a spelling class. . . [many names listed].

The spelling contest at the court house Monday evening, was also well attended. . . [many names listed]

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, March 19, 1875]

Spelling School No. 3 . . . last Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Rochester Lyceum. . . [many names listed]

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, March 26, 1875]

Spelling School No. 5. . . Saturday Night, March 28. . . Col. K. G. Shryock, umpire; Rev. R. D. Utter, pronouncer, Frank Ernsperger and Enoch Sturgeon, captains . . .

The following . . . have been chosen from the out townships to spell for the "belt:" [many names listed]

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, March 26, 1875]

Spelling School No. 5. . . at the court house last Saturday evening . . . Erpsperger's Class: . . .; Sturgeon's Class: . . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, April 2, 1875]

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Spelling School No. 4 . . . arranged by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, took place at the Court House, Friday evening, March 26th . . . Judge Keith, Umpire; Rev. F. M. Elliott, pronouncer; Rev. A. V. House and Col. Shryock, tallymen; W. J. Williams and T. J. McClary, captains. . . [many names listed]

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, April 2, 1875]

Spelling School No. 6 . . . at the public school building, Wednesday evening, March 31 . . . E. E. Cowgill, umpire; W. J. Williams, propounder; and Revs. F. M. Elliott and R. D. Utter, Judges. . . [many names listed]

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, April 9, 1875]

## **SPRINKLEBURG SCHOOL [#2]** [Rochester Township]

Located N side of 50S at approximately 450E.

Built between 1876 and 1883.

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[photo] Sprinkleburg School, District 23, Rochester Township 1920-21. Front row: Herbert Myers, Frances Sibert, Clarabelle Myers, Mary Edna Ducker, Florence Ducker, Berniece Bick, Vernice Brunson, Richard Rogers, Geraldine Nelson, Catherine Myers, Jessie Rogers, Alfreda Henning, Lee Becker, Porter Sibert. Back Row: Walter Becker, Luroy Bick, Lois Shobe, Elma Myers, Mable Shobe, Lola Bick, Estil Ginn - teacher. (Photo: Jessie Rogers Young)

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## SRINKLEBURG SCHOOL

By Jessie N. (Rogers) Young

Sprinkleburg School, District 23, was a one-room school that stood on the north side of county road 50 South, about midway between 400 East and 500 East in Rochester Township, Fulton County. I have been unable to find the exact date of its construction, but it was back before the turn of the century, possibly about 1885.

At night, sometime before I started to school, a storm hit the area and crushed the belfry and part of the roof, thus saving the students from injury. Until the building was repaired, the students went to Mt. Zion school, which was roughly two miles away; and, later they went to an improvised school in a house near Lake Manitou.

The school building was constructed from medium red bricks and had brown trim around the windows and doors. Heavy wire netting was attached securely over the windows to protect the glass from flying balls and stones. The entrances consisted of a double door with white panels at the front and a single one in the rear of the oblong structure. Across the interior front of the building were three small rooms; the middle one was the entrance area over which the belfry stood and in which the bell rope hung. On either side were cloakrooms -- one for the small children and the other for the older ones. Each cloakroom had a window that looked out upon the narrow dirt road that was about 50 feet from the building. In each cloakroom plain wooden shelves stood in one corner, and a small mirror hung on the wall. As each student arrived in the mornings he placed his lunch bucket on a shelf in his respective cloakroom, his coat and hat on a wall hook, and his overshoes on the floor, except when the weather was extremely cold. On those occasions, the lunch buckets were set along the wall near the stove in the schoolroom to keep the food from freezing; and the students brought their wraps in to warm them before they started to walk homeward.

There were entrances from each cloakroom into the schoolroom; and between those doors, the blackboard stretched its stately panels as though it had absorbed the knowledge of the three R's and held its mastery over the students. Over and above it was Old Glory with 48 stars,

and on either side were pictures for decoration that had been bought with the income from a box social.

Just below the blackboard and in the center of the area between the doors there was an almost-square platform on which the teacher's desk and chair and the wastebasket stood, and there was space on the other side of the desk for the students "to stand on the floor," when they misbehaved.

Between the venetian-blinded windows - four on each side of the room, blackboards on which permanent schedules were written added an authoritative atmosphere; for there was the program for each day of school - even including the recess and noon hour breaks.

To the rear and in the northeast corner of the room hung an L-shaped cupboard that served as the library. Inside, there were shelves that were filled with reference books; and there was room for one teacher's paddle. Next to this library and in front of the window in the rear end of the building there was a built-in dictionary shelf, and on it was a large volume of *Webster's Dictionary*. Whenever the students found unfamiliar words, they were required to make a list on a piece of paper and to look up their meanings.

Then a few feet from there, the Round Oak stove did its best to heat the schoolroom. The older boys carried in large chunks of wood from the barn-red woodhouse that stood just behind the school and just out from the rear door. The large chunks were piled along the back wall, and when it was extremely cold outside - and inside - the students placed these cut-up logs on end around the stove and sat on them while their classes recited. The other students doubled up in the seats that were nearest to the stove; and, often they wore their heavy coats to keep themselves a little warmer. In those days everyone wore long-sleeved and long-legged underwear and other extra clothing along with high-topped shoes and boots.

On the west wall and to the back of the room there was a series of maps of the continents of the world. Each one of the "leaves" in the map case was heavy and separated as leaves in a book. On stormy days the students had fun when someone called the names of cities or countries for them to find. Of course, everyone tried to locate the places before his peers could find them; it was just another challenge.

In the east and west walls next to the floor were register grates, the last remains of a heating system that did not prove successful. Some of them had shutters on the backs that kept out the cold and mice that came from under the building, but the others were like conductors of cold from the North and open gateways for the rodents.

That caused another hazard for some of the students who were afraid of mice, for the boys would torment them whenever they could. One boy put a dead mouse down a girl's neck, scaring her almost into hysterics when she realized what he had done.

From the west to the east side of the schoolroom, about six rows of desks and seats ran parallel with each other and faced the front of the room. The small units were on the west side and gradually became larger as they were placed side by side toward the east. All of the rows had a seat on the first desk, since each piece was a desk and a seat; and, putting one behind the other, these units made places for the students to sit and study. The teachers used these front seats in two ways - for class recitation and for punishment. It was just as painful "*to sit on the front seat*" as it was "*to stand on the floor.*"

Outside of the building to the back of the schoolyard and on the right and left of the woodshed were the outside toilets for the girls and boys, respectively. They were oldfashioned, barn-red, pit-type toilets; and when the regular roll of toilet paper was used there was none in reserve the students used paper from the wastebasket or catalogue paper from home, hiding a spare reserve in cracks and between the sheathing and the shingles of the roof.

The well was a few feet from the east side of the school building; and we pumped our drinking water from it, using the same tincup for all of us. In the winter the teacher heated snow in a bucket when it was necessary to thaw out the pump; for there were times when the water "was not let down" before leaving the school at night.

Around the building and scattered over the grounds were large trees, and a few of them are still standing. In that setting the old schoolhouse had a restful, beautiful aura that made one

cherish it as a part of himself. The playgrounds around the schoolhouse seemed to have a natural division. The large area east of the building was the "athletic area" where the boys played baseball and basketball, and the smaller areas served as places to play "Blackman;" "Tag;" "Motion;" "Run, Sheepy, Run;" and many other games for girls and small children.

As a rule along in October the school put on a box social with a cakewalk and a fish pond; and that brought in money with which something could be bought for everyone's enjoyment. Once the teacher bought framed pictures to decorate the walls and later he bought a phonograph and records.

Sprinkleburg was one of many one-room schools that were scattered over the countryside, and each one was identified by a name and a district number. One teacher taught all eight grades, acted as janitor, "refereed" the playground fights to maintain safety, patched up scratches, and solved the problems of discipline. The most common methods were using "applied action" with a whip or a paddle, making the offenders stay after school to write an assigned sentence numerous times to drive home the point in question, making the offender "sit on the front seat" or to "stand on the floor" at the front of the room.

In the beginning of my attendance at Sprinkleburg, the teachers had difficulties in getting to the school, as did the students. Some of them lived in Rochester or in distant areas too far to walk; and they either had to board and room in the neighborhood or to drive a horse and buggy - that is, until the Model T's helped out. One teacher rented a stall in a neighbor's barn that was near the school, and the boy from that family took care of the horse morning and night.

This young woman's horse was a former racer, and when it was hitched to the buggy it was plain to see that it still had plenty of speed. Some observers thought that it was "running away," as the saying went.

Some of the older students - both girls and boys - vied for the teacher's good will by carrying in wood, by tending the stove, and by sweeping the floor at recess. How much it changed the normal situation is not known, but the efforts were sometimes obvious.

In those days the beginning teachers were about four years older than the oldest students. A short summer course in a nearby college after their own graduation from high school was the only requirement for permission to teach the following fall. Naturally the students were constantly trying to see how far they could go and get by with their mischief, and finally it became a real problem. The women teachers were unable physically to handle the older boys who were bigger than they were, and gradually things got out of hand. Fights occurred often, windows were broken, some of the students were constantly taunted by their peers, and for them school was torture.

That, however, came to a screeching halt in 1919 when the school got its first-for-a-long-time man teacher. This young man had taught in a larger school before his services in the Navy during World War I, and his methods put the fear of the consequences into the minds of the offending students.

At the beginning, he outlined his plan of discipline, brought a paddle with a hole in it to school, promised to use it on anyone - a girl *or* a boy if that person disobeyed him, and set up a code of behavior that brought the student body into a well-behaved bunch of kids. As I recall, the paddle lay on the shelf all year without use.

Of course this teacher had a special ability in relating his experiences in the Navy. Besides having an impressive physique of his own, he told about the physical training techniques which made supermen out of his peers wherein they could snap a leather belt in two by putting it around their chests and taking deep breaths. Other stories about his experiences subdued the "problem kids" until they were afraid to dare him, for with all of the warnings they knew that they would lose. Besides, the beheld paddle was a real threat to the seats of their pants!

Following this teacher, a slightly older man who had several years' experience and a reputation for "keeping order" came to Sprinkleburg. His approach was different, but he was firm in his command and able to deliver the consequences if anyone disobeyed him. A few demonstrations kept things in good order after they learned their limit, and going to school was becoming an enjoyable experience for the taunted ones of former years.

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For the last two years of my grade schooling, another young man began his teaching career. He was almost as young as the older students, but he had a way of his own to handle the problems, as a rule without physical combat. Only once do I remember his use of switches to correct the ways of some *naughty* boys; otherwise, he made the students want to be good and congenial with each other. All was well, and I cried when school was out in the spring of 1923, for I realized that my grade-school days were over and that I faced a different type of school and another chapter in my life.

One of the most dreaded experiences for everyone, including the teachers, were the Red Cross nurse's unannounced visits. Upon her arrival, we knew that we were doomed to remove our shoes and to reveal the holes in our stockings and socks; and there was no fun in standing before our peers to undergo the routine height and weight taking, to have our eyes, ears, and tonsils examined, and to have our hair parted with toothpicks in a search for lice. Besides all of this, she made a decree that the windows should be down at the tops to give good ventilation even when it was *cold* outside and when we had enough trouble to be comfortable without open windows.

It so happened that this one particular nurse had several undesirable habits and attitudes, as far as the kids and the teacher were concerned; and we had been prompted to alert the teacher if any of us saw her sneak in in her Model T coupe.

I shall never forget the day when she did just that. Every hand went up, and fingersnapping filled the air. The Red Cross nurse had arrived! The windows were closed, and everyone was as snug as the proverbial bug in the rug.

The teacher's first thought was to get the windows down, but he did not realize that his stove-poked jerks on them would make telltale noises as they opened. By the time that the nurse entered the schoolroom with her equipment, the "fresh air" was chilling everyone into a shiver, but that was not all that was *cold*. She drew herself up to all of her "official dignity" and said, "Mr. ---, I want to *compliment* you on your *fresh-air* school." The ventilation had come too late, and we felt sorry for the teacher.

The school enrollment varied from 12 to 23 students while I attended there; sometimes, there were no students for some of the grades, or there was only one student for a whole grade. Families moved into and out of the area each year, for they were constantly renting or buying farms, as they became available. This situation and the fact that no pictures of the groups were taken during three terms of my eight years have made it impossible to remember the names of everyone who attended there, and I regret that I did not get a picture of one of my teachers.

I asked about the ones who had taught at Sprinkleburg previous to my attendance there. My sources of information are very limited and may not be correct, for there are so few people living who had contact with the school previous to my going there. Also, the memories of the ones to whom I talked are not as fresh as they were years ago. Clyde Bick Sr. is 90 years old and was a former student there in 1891. He and his wife are the sole survivors of the parents whose children went to that school when I did. Mr. Bick gave me the names of some of the early teachers, and they are: Stella Keel; the Sibert girls whose surviving relatives do not know which ones -- Irma, Leona, or Susan -- taught there; Doc Doublas; and Milton Whittenberger.

Mrs. Arthur Shore (Reba Moore) was a former student and teacher in the early part of the century; and she said that Ezra Jones was a teacher, also.

In 1913, my parents and I moved into the Sprinkleburg neighborhood; and my mother was acquainted with Fred Deardorff who was teaching at the school in 1913 or 1914. I was not old enough to go to school yet, but Mr. Deardorff invited me to the Christmas program and gave me some candy and an orange. His sister Ethel took me with her, and my "first day of school" was an exciting experience that I never forgot. I can see myself yet, as I tiptoed down the aisle to a seat, lest I make a disturbing sound. Yes, my mother had instructed me to be quite; and I did my best to obey.

After I started to school, teachers were the Misses Alice McClurg, 1915-16; Alta Sayger, 1916-18; Mildred Neerman, 1918-19; Ralph Hoffman, 1919-20; Estil Ginn, 1920-21; Fred Van Duyne, 1921-23; and Scott Savage 1923-26. This finished the list of teachers from approximately 1885 to 1926 when the old school was closed to open no more. Shortly after the

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closing, the building was razed; and the materials were hauled away for the construction of a house in another community.

Now, only a few trees mark the site, but those who went there know that Sprinkleburg, District 23, once stood, with all of its beauty and grandeur, in the midst of them. Even yet, it seems that a part of me still lingers at the spot where the old schoolhouse stood.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 46, pp 3-9]

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### SPRINKLEBURG SCHOOL TEACHERS

By Reba Moore Shore

Reba Moore Shore compiled the following list of teachers at Sprinkleburg School: Marion Fultz 1897-98, Ezra Jones, 1898-01, Stella King (later Mrs. Cross, Dr. Milo King's sister) 1901-02, Fred Richardson 1902-03, Stanley Stinson (cousin of Dr. Dean Stinson) 1905-06, Fred Deardorff 1906-07, James R. Moore 1907-10, Helen Levi 1910-11, Reba Moore (later Mrs. A. B. Shore, sister to James, Levi P. and Robert P. Moore) 1911-13, Fred Deardorff 1913-14.

Miss Josie Davidson's school closed last Wednesday. She taught the school in district number two, which now has an enumeration of 31 male and 21 female scholars. Her wages for teaching this number of children four months - \$50.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 22, 1871]

Miss Mabel McQuern is to "swing the birch" in the Sprinkleburg school.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 9, 1874]

Lime Brackett is to teach our winter school.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, October 29, 1874]

Miss Mabel McQuern taught A. F. Bowers' school last week while he was "courting."

[Sprinkleburg items, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, January 22, 1875]

Miss Jo Davidson is elected to teach our summer school. An application from Miss Ella Wilhelm came one day too late. Miss W. is a fine scholar, and has a splendid reputation as a teacher.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, March 26, 1875]

The Manitou Debating Society has been resurrected, and, on each successive Saturday night, our echoing hills and dales resound with the thunders of wind, wit and wisdom.

Last Saturday night Sprinkleburg elected a teacher for the winter school. There were five applicants for the position, each of whom had warm friends to battle for them, but, after considerable "wire-pulling," Miss Sarah McMahan proved to be the lucky man, receiving 14 of the 20 votes that were cast. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, November 5, 1875]

Sprinkleburg is organizing a literary society.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, February 4, 1876]

The Sprinkleburg literary society meets on Tuesday night. Ellsworth, on Friday night.

"Resolved that man hath immortality here on earth," is what engages the Mt. Zion debaters just now.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, March 3, 1876]

A large flake of plastering broke from the ceiling in the Sprinkleburg school-house, a few nights ago, and fell on Mrs. Newton McQuern and her young babe who happened to be sitting directly under it. The child luckily escaped injury, and the only result was a big scare and a Sunday-go-to-meeting bonnet knocked all to smash.

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[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, March 3, 1876]

Miss Ella Wilhelm, the teacher of the Sprinkleburg school, has been seriously ill for several ldays past and but faint hopes are entertained of her recovery. Miss Mabe McQuern has taken charge of her school.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, July 14, 1876]

Miss Ella Wilhelm is convalescent and intends to complete her term of school teaching which lacks one week of completion.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, July 29, 1876]

Miss Sarah McMahan will swing the birch in the Sprinkleburg school next winter.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, October 27, 1876]

There was quite a pleasant singing at Sprinkleburg school-house last Sunday evening. There will be another one next Sunday evening.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, November 31, 1876]

The brick work of the Sprinkleburg school-house is completed. The work reflects credit on the contractor.

[Rochester, *Union-Spy*, Friday, October 19, 1877]

Jennie Kofel teaches the summer school in Sprinkleburg. Mabel McQuern teaches the Home district.

[Rochester *Union Spy*, Friday, March 29, 1878]

Rev. S. F. Hershey has been engaged to preach at Sprinkleb'g school house. . .

Miss Mary Sperry will teach the Sprinkleburg school this winter, A. F. Bowers at Union, and Curg Rannells at Mt. Zion.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, November 15, 1878]

A few more vigorous prosecutions will teach boys and shallow-minded men that they cannot disturb public meetings without paying the penalties therefor. This week Bruce Moore had the pleasure of paying \$17.75 for his bad conduct at the Sprinkleburg Literary Society. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 15, 1879]

Teachers: Fred Van Duyne, 1921-25

## STANLEY SCHOOL [#11] [Liberty Township]

Located N side of 500S at approximately between 150W and 200W.

Built between 1876 and 1883.

[photo] An old fashioned schoolma'rm looked like this. This is Ella New, who taught at Frear's school, Reed's school and District No. 11 school. (Photo: Donna Williams.)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 21, p. 14]

[photo] District No. 11 school 1915-16. Row 1: Victoria Cunningham, Ila Sutton, Olive Baker, Kenny [Abbott], Harold Abbott. Row 2: Frank Sutton, Gerald Cunningham, Darwin Baker, Harry Sutton, Marcelle Cunningham, Carrie Easterday, Dorothy Cunningham. Row 3 Wayne Sutton, Arthur Abbott, Ed Easterday, Tom Abbott, Harry Vanice, Vernie Bowen - teacher (his first year). (Photo: Vernie Bowen)

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[FCHS Quarterly No. 21, p. 16, also FCHS Quarterly No. 48, p. 9]

[photo] District No. 11 school about 1887. Only four people have been identified. The third man from the left is Dora Collins. Back row: unknown, Betsy Mars Pepper, Minta Wildermuth Enyart, and Rinda Collins Oliver (born 1869). (Photo: Mrs. Ralph Shelton).

[FCHS Quarterly No. 21, p. 17]

[photo] 1949 reunion of District No. 11 school at French Severns' home brought together these former pupils. Row 1: unknown, Bertha Carter Willard, unknown, unknown, Minty Wildermuth Enyart, Elnora Fry Arven, Bertha Kochenderfer Clemons, Betsy Mars Pepper. Row 2: Omer Rouch, Wayne Sutton, Frank Sutton, Floyd Wildermuth, Donna Marsh Eytcheson, Gail Charles Brown, unknown, unknown, Lonnie Leavell, Garry Apt. Row 3: Herschel Clemons, G. Cunningham, Arthur Abbott, Eugene Gordon, John Gordon, Frank Gordon, William Abbott, Cecil Greene. (Photo: Eugene Gordon).

[FCHS Quarterly No. 21, p. 18]

### DISTRICT 11 SCHOOL

By Lois Wagoner and Shirley Willard

District No. 11 school was located on the north side of road 500S about two miles west of state road 25. It was built between 1876 and 1883, and was also known as the Stanley school because it was close to the Stanley home. It was a brick building.

Helen Willard Morris has the autograph book which belonged to her grandmother, Bartha Carter Willard, and was a birthday present Nov. 21, 1894. Bertha attended District 11 school and many of the autographs are by her schoolmates: F. J. Goss, Gireth Green, Pearl L. DeWeese, Norah Fry, Bertha Carson, Bertha Graham, John Chambers, Mona Staley, Maudie Taylor, Pearl Trickle, and two teachers: 1894 W. T. H. (probably Will Hanson) and 1895 Edwin Allen.

Edwin Allen wrote this autograph: "Oct. 9, 1895. Bertha, so live that each low descending sun find some worthy action done. Your teacher, Edwin Allen."

Autographs range from silly to religious. Nellie Shelton, Green Oak wrote: "Nov. 25, 1895. Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest and abide with you ever and forever. Amen."

An unsigned autograph: "Eye, ear and tongue; Guard well these busy three; for alas, they can unruly members be. I'll bet you \$4.73 you can't guess who wrote this. It's yer feller."

D. W. Tellers of Akron drew a pretty design of hearts centered by D.T. + B.C., June 14, 1897.

Stella (no last name given) wrote this cute poem June 6, 1895: "Remember me well in mind, That a jolly young man is hard to find, And if you find one jolly and gay, Hang to his coat tail night and day. If your hold would start to slip, Grab another and let it rip."

F. J. Goss wrote: "School House No. 11, Jan. 3, 1894. May your life be like arithmetic, pleasures added, sorrows subtracted, joys multiplied, and cares divided."

Some shy character who signed his initials W.S. wrote: "Oct. 20, 1895. Some girls are sweet, Some girls are bitter, Don't squeeze a girl, If her clothes don't fitter."

Noah Gottschalk wrote: "Nov. 8, 1895. A man of words, And not of deeds, Is like a garden, Full of weeds."

Mona Staley wrote: "Oct. 9, 1895 Long may you live, Happy may you be, Sitting on the wood cord, Drinking pepper tea." Across the corners of the page she wrote "Forget me not" and "Remember your schoolmate."

Gireth Green wrote: "Jan. 7, 1896. Dear Friend Bertha, I love you in my heart, I love you in my liver. If I had you in my mouth, I would spit you in the river. Compliments of your schoolmate."

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Gerreth Apt wrote: "When you get old and cannot see, Put on your specs and think of me."

Bessie Gregory wrote: "Feb. 8, 1895. The taller the tree, The thinner the bark, The prettier the girl, The harder to spark."

Elmer Rouch, Rochester, wrote: "Sept. 9, 1895. Friend Bertha, Crackers are dry and so is cheese. So is a kiss without a squeeze." And he signed his name "Mr. Elmer Rouch."

Other autographs were written by Miss Nellie Miller, Clara Townsend, A. E. Hoffman of Rochester, Mrs. Elisha Jones and Bertha's cousins Harold and Russell of Dayton, Ohio; John A. Calentine of Wagoner (RR station and post office north of Macy), W. E. and Sam and Doc and E H Trickle of Bearss (a post office near Reiter school in Rochester Township), Nellie Vanblaricom of Rochester, Sarah E. Shriver, Mary Carson of Fulton, F. Felts, Harry Knowland of Manchester, Tenn.; Dora Wines of Macy, Catherine and Mattie F. Newcomb of Green Oak, John Gracive, William and Mrs. Hartgrow of Green Oak, Ethel Martin of Rochester, Art Stevens of Bearss, cousin Carrie Carter from Gordon, Neb.; Wilson Orley of Sid Conger (another name for Sugar Grove, which had a school and post office south of Athens), Berton Apt, Hoddred Bonham of Fulton, Bessie Gregory of Fulton, Virgil Edminister, Grace McIntire of Bearss, Edward Stevens, Ella Eber, Effie Green, Charlie Nellans of Bearss, Ollie C. Aden, Dorothea Pontious, Maud Green of Fulton, Eugene Gordon, Lona Henderson, Mattie Chambers of Walnut, Ind.

Teachers at District 11 school were Betsy Mars Peppers, Ed Allen, John Kent, Elmer Hanson, Will Hanson, Edgar Rans, Ethel Martin Rish, Emma Van Buskirk, Mattie Chambers, Ella New, Mary Stevens, Mabel Easterday Reed, Thomas E. Reed, Ollie Trout, Vernie Bowen, and Gail Oliver Shelton. Mary Stevens taught her first year when she was only 16 years old.

Vernie Bowen, whose son is Governor of Indiana now, wrote in his Bowen Family story in *Fulton County Folks Vol. 1*: "I attended Valparaiso University the summer of 1915 and taught my first term of school the following winter (1915-16) at the one-room school known as District No. 11 in Liberty Township. I had 18 pupils and all eight grades. George Black was the trustee. I received \$2.25 per day plus 10 cents per day for doing my own janitor work. The length of the school year was seven months. I had room and board for \$2 per week of five days with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Staley, who lived just across the road from the school. Each Monday morning I either drove a horse and buggy or rode my bicycle the distance of 20 miles (from his parents' home in Richland Township). On cold mornings it was necessary to be there in time to warm the building with the old wood-burning stove by eight o'clock. This was a memorable year in my life. Teaching and meeting my own responsibilities presented many new challenges, which I must accept and dared not fail."

Pupils were Dorothy Bramblett Johnson, Albert Headley, Rosie Headley, Bertha Clemans, Al Trickle, Will Trickle, Doc Trickle, Ed Trickle, Pearl Trickle Essick, Sam Trickle, Ed Tetzlaff, Nora Fry Arven, Myrtle Fry Stetson, Vernie Fry Goodner, Ida Tetzlaff Kline, Mike Terrell, Mabel Mason Terrell, Donna Marsh Eytcheson, Ed Easterday, Fred Easterday, Paul Wheadon, Mary Wheadon Townson, Fanny Krathwohl Sturgeon, Pearl Krathwohl Graham, Ruth Krathwohl, Edith Thompson Wilson, Walter Weiss, Margaret Green Osgood, Cecil Green, Lillie Green, Girth Green, Effie Green, Eddie Ulch, Estella Zimbo Stevens.

Also Nona Reed Minter, Mary Carson, Bertha Carter Willard, Zelpha Stevens Petty, Stella Stevens, Art Leavell, Lon Leavell, Omer Rouch, Vuel Rouch, Nancy Jackson, Urbin Jackson, Otis Jackson, Luther Jackson, Clarence Jackson, Russel Trout, Murrel Trout, Victoria Cunningham, Gerald Cunningham, Marcelle Cunningham, Dorothy Cunningham, Illie Sutton Becker, Frank Sutton, Wayne Sutton, Harry Sutton, Jesse Sutton, Harry Vanice, Tom Abbott, Arthur Abbott, Harold Abbott, Carrie Easterday Siders, Oliver Baker, Darwin Baker, Ruth Marsh Leavell.

This is from a 1907 District No. 11 school souvenir belonging to Thelma Reed Johnston. Her father, Thomas E. Reed, was the teacher. Pupils were Minnie Reed, Russel Trout, Otis Jackson, Eddie Easterday - first year; Zilpha Reed, Edith Thompson, Ada Marsh, Luther Jackson - second year; Marion Marsh Jewel Olson - third year; Freddie Easterday, Alice Abbott,

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Carrie Olson, Floyd Marsh, Johnny Tyrell - fifth year; Clara Olson, Ruth Marsh - seventh year; William Abbott - eighth year.

At an auction held Dec. 27, 1926, C. D. Overmyer bought the old school building for \$51.

This report was taken from the memorabilia of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gordan and their daughter, Mrs. Donna Williams. A 1949 *Sentinel* story by Phillis Onstott tells of a reunion of pupils and teachers of old No. 11, which was held at French Severns' home on the Elmer Apt farm west of the school.

"Nothing occupies quite the same place in a person's heart as his memories of former school days. Proof of this was found in the reunion of old No. 11 school last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. French Severns. Over 100 people from all over the US. met to reminisce about the good old days.

"Following a basket dinner, the group settled down to discuss the events of the past years.

"The wrinkles and graying hair seemed to drop away with the tales of childhood escapades.

"Many of the older pupils remembered a merry-go-round that was made of logs floated for a mile down the nearby ditch. All the boys remembered how they locked or smoked the teachers out of the school house until they were promised a treat at Christmas. The teachers, although they protested loudly, really didn't mind this bit of horseplay on the part of the youngsters.

"Fights were a popular recreation of the recess hour. Many times the boys, and sometimes even a few girls would file back into the class room with torn clothing, missing teeth or swelling eyes. When they weren't scuffling, the energetic boys and girls built play houses in the nearby woods which were to last for the entire school year.

"The water bucket with its tin dipper occupied a prominent place on a wooden bench at the rear of the room. This was often times the meeting place of the restless for note passing or hurried conversations.

"Persuading the teacher to join the games called for great diplomacy. The larger boys would fill the woodbox, fire the stove and the girls straighten the room if the teacher promised to play Fox and Goose with them at recess.

"Four members of one class were still living in 1949, all over 80 years of age. Present were Mrs. Rinda Collins Oliver, Mrs. Minta Wildermouth Enyart of Fulton and Mrs. Mary Black of Rochester. Mrs. Jane Hoover was not able to attend. Teachers present were Mrs. Betsy Mars Pepper, past 80 years old, Mrs. Ethel Martin Bish, Mrs. Mable Easterday Reed of Fulton, William Hanson of Peru and Mrs. Gail Oliver Shelton of Rochester.

"Letters were read from former pupils in Washington, Missouri, Michigan, Illinois, Colorado and Indiana.

"Herschel Clemans of Hopeville, Ga., came the farthest distance, Gerald Cunningham of Ft. Wayne was the youngest pupil, and Mrs. Mary Black was the eldest present.

"Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. William J. Leiter, Flora; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Werner, Lon Leavell, Mrs. Zilpha Petty all of Peru; Frank and Wayne Sutton and families of Lucerne; Mrs. Estella Zimbardo, Mrs. May Perkins, Mrs. Hazel Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller all of South Bend; William Abbott and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Eytcheson, Mrs. Zilpha Poorman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed, all of Fulton; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Green of Gary; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of Macy; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cunningham of Ft. Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goss of Plymouth.

"Attending from Rochester were Mrs. Bertha Carter Willard, Mrs. Nellie Stevens Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gordon and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Rouch, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McCroskey, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Murden, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Baggerly, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wildermouth, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Trout, Mrs. Bertha Clemans, Dee Clemans and son, Mrs. Nona Reed Minter, Mrs. Vernie Fry

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Goodner, Mrs. Myrtle Fry Stetson, Gerry Apt, Ed Tetzlaff and Mr. and Mrs. French Severns and twin daughters.”

They continued holding reunions at the city park in Rochester. In 1949 Mrs. Clarence (Mabel Easterday) Reed was elected president with Mrs. Paul (Illie Sutton) Neff as secretary-treasurer.

In 1950, with 80 in attendance, they enjoyed a delicious dinner with Rev. Lyman Goss, from Clarkston, Washington, a former student, offering prayer.

In 1951, sixty were in attendance and enjoyed another wonderful day. William Abbott was elected president and Gerald Cunningham secretary-treasurer. 1951 saw the same officers presiding and about 50 in attendance.

1953. Wayne Sutton was elected president and Mrs. Clarence Reed secretary-treasurer. 1954. Darwin Baker was president, Lawrence Siders vice-president and Mrs. Marcelle Secrist, secretary-treasurer. 1955 the same officers were elected with 45 in attendance.

In 1956 there were 42 present. Vernie Bowen was elected president; Mrs. Mabel Reed vice-president and Mrs. Wayne Sutton secretary-treasurer.

Vernie Bowen recalls that something prevented his attending the reunion in 1957, and there were so few in attendance that the reunion was dropped.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 21, pp 13-19]

## REMINISCENCES OF FULTON COUNTY'S ONE-ROOM DISTRICT SCHOOLS

By Vernie Bowen

Up until the week before school started, in the fall of 1915, I had not been assured of a teaching position, county superintendent, Henry L. Becker, seemed to feel that there would be an opening somewhere in the county. He urged me to attend the week of County Teacher's Institute, which was held each year during the week prior to the beginning of school. This I did and was thankful for it, for on Wednesday of that week I received a telephone call from George Black, trustee of Liberty Township, stating that he needed a teacher for the District 11 School and would like an interview with me. On Saturday I drove, horse and buggy, to see Mr. Black at his home and signed my first contract to teach a seven month term at \$2.35 per day. I was to receive 10 cents per day extra for doing my own janitor work. Previous teachers at District 11 had stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stanley, who lived just across the road from the building. Mr. Black arranged with them for me to do the same. This I gladly accepted at \$2.50 per week (five days) for board and room. They were wonderful people. I enjoyed their hospitality and friendship very much.

The District 11 School building was a brick structure, built on the southeast corner of approximately one acre of ground, located on the north side of the east and west road (500S), three miles northwest of Fulton. Other than being made of brick, this building was quite similar in size and arrangement to the Germany building. A vestibule with a plank door enclosed the entrance. Stone slabs served as steps at the vestibule entrance. One of these slabs now serves as a front step to the Log Cabin Museum in Rochester. The building faced the highway and sat three or four rods back from it. The playground extended to the west. The toilets were back of the building. My father brought me to school the first day. With a horse and buggy, it was necessary to start early to make the 16 mile trip. We started at 4:30 in the morning and arrived at the building at about 7:30. Already there were two or three pupils waiting, eager to be the first to meet their new teacher. They also were hoping to get a choice of seats. Eighteen pupils enrolled that day. The accompanying picture shows 17. One was absent the day that the picture was taken. There were no pupils for the sixth grade. The enrollment in each of the other seven grades ranged from one to four. Learning from the teachers that I had while in the elementary school, I found it convenient to combine and alternate some classes. Too, my program or schedule of classes for the day was quite similar to that which my former teachers had used. One thing that, while a pupil, I did not recognize as being a problem was sharpening pencils. Pencil sharpeners then, especially in a one-room country school, were unknown. The only available tool for this job was a sharp knife. Some

of the older boys had pocket knives of their own and sharpened their own pencils. But for the girls and younger boys, I did it for them.

Providing the noon activity on cold and stormy days was another problem which required some special attention. Again, I profited by the experience of my elementary teachers, for I planned about the same indoor and outdoor activities, although I gave less attention to softball because of a small playground and fewer pupils. We did enjoy skating and sliding on the nearby pond. Staying so close to the school made it quite convenient in several ways. I could get the fire started in the wood-burning stove earlier in the morning and spend more time at the building preparing for the next day.

This being my first year teaching, I found it necessary to do a considerable amount of studying and lesson planning. Some lesson plans and outlines had to be written on the black board and there was no time during the day to do it. Erasers had to be dusted, black boards cleaned, and a supply of wood by the stove for the day, as well as a pail of fresh water, to start the day. It was no small concern for the small children, some five and six years old, to walk to and from school on cold, stormy days from home one-fourth to one and one-half miles away. One cold snowy morning a six-year-old girl came with her hands so cold they appeared to be frozen. I did not let her get near the stove until I had applied snow packs to her hands and warmed them slowly. No serious condition developed.

A few experiences, none of which became a disturbing problem remain in my memory and are related to this first year of teaching. One occurred the week before Christmas. That day I did not carry my lunch so went across the road to Mr. Stanley's to eat. When I returned, the pupils were all inside and had barred the door so that I could not get in. I knew that this was an annual custom here at #11, so was not much surprised. They said to get in I would have to promise to treat at Christmas. This I had planned to do, and in fact had already bought the treat and intended to keep it a surprise to them. After kidding them a while, I promised to try to persuade Santa to make a special delivery on Friday before Christmas. I am sure that I got as much kick out of this prank as they did. Another memorable experience was putting together a Christmas program which was attended and enjoyed by most of the parents. I, too, recall that the next morning after Halloween, when I came over to the building to open it for the day, I discovered that both toilets had been turned over with the floor-side down. I did not let this disturb me, for no damage had been done and this was a common Halloween prank in every rural community, and this time I was on the receiving end of the act.

The last day of school was another high point in my memory of the year teaching at #11. The parents provided a carry-in dinner which, they had hoped, but without success, to do as a surprise to me and to the pupils. Carry-ins and dinners on the last day of school then were common and expected as an appropriate event of the school term. This day was very much like those that I had experienced when a pupil at the Germany School. We, the pupils and I, were prepared to round out the day with a program consisting of recitations and a brief one-act play. The program was concluded with the customary remarks from some of the parents.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 48, pp 8-11]

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School is still in progress, but will close soon. The teacher, Will Clevenger, has been successful. . . .

[From Pin Hook, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, March 5, 1874]

A school meeting was held in this place, last Wednesday evening, for the purpose of selecting a teacher for the summer, and resulted in choice of Miss Lizzie Sweet.

[From Pin Hook, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 9, 1874]

Miss Mollie Brown, the accomplished young idea trainer in district eleven, adjourned her school last week *sine die*. Mumps in 'er throat.

[Pin Hook Points, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 23, 1874]

## STAYTON/STATON SCHOOL [#7] [Henry Township]

Located NE corner of SR-14 and 900E.

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[photo] Stayton School in the fall of 1910. Front row: Newton Johnson, Don Merley, Hugh Cloud, Nyle Merley. Row 2: unknown, unknown, Everett Johnson, four unknowns, Devon Nicodemus. Back row: Wilbur Harter, Ezra Bryant, Sarah Merley, Jessie Miller (later Mrs. Marvin Clemans) - teacher, Thelma Putman, Maggie Johnson, unknown. (Photo: Ralph Whittenberger)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 43, p. 59]

[photo] Stayton's School - About 1916. Back Row: Harold Kuhn, Mabel Keeseey, Martha Townsend, Margaret Smoker, Nola Clingerman - teacher, Marie Davis, Blanche Smoker, Estel Moore, Doris Keeseey. Front Row: Harold Utter, Arvin Putman, Edward Davis, Thelma Smoker, Wilbur Utter, Fred Keeseey.

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### DISTRICT 7 - STAYTON'S SCHOOL

By Velma Bright

On February 17, 1844, John and Mary Stayton gave sixty square rods of land located three miles west of Akron on State Road 14, on land presently owned by Henry Hartman, to Henry Township for District 7 School. This school was known as Stayton's School and the last year this school was used was 1919-20.

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### STAYTON'S SCHOOL

By Margaret Slaybaugh as told to Velma Bright

I attended Stayton's School for a couple of years. The school was located west of Akron on what is now State Road 14. The pump was in the school yard so we didn't have too far to carry the water. I was in a class by myself. Many times you were the only one in a certain class. My teachers were Blanche Kessling and Marjorie Rentmore. It was around 1917 and 1918 that I attended there.

One thing that I especially remember was that we made a playhouse out of old rails. We would go in the playhouse and close the rail door during recess; then when the bell would ring some of the children would have to open the door for us as we told them we couldn't get out.

We would open the windows in nice weather and stand in the window at recess, pretending it was a stage and putting on programs. We also played a lot of ball.

One thing that always remained in my mind is that a certain child cheated one time so the teacher made her go to the board and write HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY until the whole board was filled.

We also had box suppers to raise money for the school.

Some of the families were the Odie Keeseey family Arvid Putman, Edward Davis and our family (Charles Smoker).

Editor's Note: The Akron-Mentone *News* Jan. 10, 1980, had the following paragraph under its "This Was News" 60 years ago column: "The Staten school house, west of Akron, caught fire from the stove and burned to the ground. Rex Johnson and Orville Moore discovered the blaze as they were passing. They stopped and with the aid of Frank Merley, Trustee William Morrett and E. O. Strong, who were called, every effort was made to extinguish the blaze. The stove fell thru the floor and set the entire floor ablaze." (This was in Jan. 1920.)

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Our school commenced this week under the supervision of L. Noyer. Maggie Davis teaches at Staten and Billy Strong at Miller's school house.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 22, 1876]

Miss Clemans at No. 7 must contend against many difficulties. The house is old and very poorly furnished. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 20, 1877]

The Trustee is building a new brick school house on the site of the old Staten school house. The old one has been moved to one side to serve the purpose of a wood house. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 3, 1879]

Mr. Morris is teaching the Staten school this winter. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 13, 1879]

Sixty square rods of land for the school donated by John N. Stayton on February 17, 1844. Built before 1876, probably when the land was donated. It was a one-room building, probably built of unhewn logs. The seats were built of slabs, split from logs with pegs fastened in the slabs as legs. For windows, holes were cut in the rough wall, which were filled with rags in the winter. The doors were large and clumsy, moving on wooden hinges. The floor was puncheon and the room was heated by a wood stove. The patrons cut enough wood for the term of three months. This wood was usually corded back of the schoolhouse to be carried in by the teacher, who was also the janitor. At the time the school was started, Indians and deer abounded in the surrounding countryside. The roads were mere wagon trails. The path past the school was probably the largest in the neighborhood. Homes of the children were very scattered, some being two and three miles from the school.

Three district trustees were selected from the neighborhood to select a teacher who was paid with surplus products of farmers and hunters. Teachers were boarded by patrons in turns. The schools were subscription schools run by money the patrons donated. One of the first teachers at Stayton School was John Davis. At Christmas he treated the pupils to fried donuts and apples. This was quite a treat because of the scarcity of apples. The pupils and teacher furnished their own drinking water until after the next school building was built. Schools were not compulsory and often children stayed at home to help their parents.

In 1860 James Dawson was trustee, and by then schools were run by the township. He built the first frame building for Stayton's School, which was a vast improvement over the original.

In 1872 a brick building was built by Jacob Whittenberger, who was then trustee. The subjects studied were spelling, arithmetic, grammar, geography, writing and history. At the end of the term the teacher gave the pupils rewards of Merit Cards, which were report cards. Often school was closed when public funds ran out. Teachers were poorly paid, averaging \$15 per month for all grades.

In 1900 a new brick building was built. Around 1920 it burned from unknown causes, and very few items were saved. John Stayton had made provision that when the land was no longer used for school purposes, it would go back to the farm.

[Mrs. Robert McGriff and Mrs. Ralph Stayton, Stayton Family, *Fulton County Folks Vol. 1*, Willard]

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### Teachers:

1896-97: John Krieg

1897-98: Alwilda Mae Woods

1898-99: H. A. Bright

1899-00: Dot Bowen

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1900-01: [omitted]  
1901-02: [omitted]  
1902-03: Rose Anderson  
1903-04: Rose Anderson  
1904-05: [not listed by school]  
1905-06: [not listed by school]  
1906-07: [not listed by school]  
1907-08: Fay Studebaker  
[FCHS Quarterly No. 41, pp 37-39]

### PARTIAL LIST OF TEACHERS, DISTRICT 7, STAYTON'S SCHOOL

Rose Anderson, Dot Bowen, Nola Clingerman, Edna Glassford, Blanche Kesling, Julia Larue, Estel Perry, Mearle Potter, Fred Rowe, Sam Shesler.

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## STEVENS SCHOOL [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

The Steven's school house is supplied with window shutters, which are an adornment and protection.

[Leiter's Ford, Rochester, *Union-Spy*, Friday, November 2, 1877]

Leiter's Ford, Jan. 19, 1878. Institute convened at Steven's school house at ten o'clock a.m. . . . [names mentioned] J. G. Goucher, teacher of that place; Mr. Boyce; Wm. Moon; R. B. Minton; Mr. Ellis; J. C. Miller; Mr. Allen; S. J. Barger; R. B. Minton. . . Adjourned to meet at Hay's school house, 2nd Saturday in February.

[Rochester *Union Spy*, Friday, February 8, 1878]

## SUGAR GROVE SCHOOL [#6] - [Henry Township]

Located SE corner 800E and 250S.

Built between 1876 and 1883.

[photo] Sugar Grove, one of the one-room schools of Henry Township. (Photo: Akron Library)

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[photo] Sugar Grove School House.

[photo] Sugar Grove School - about 1910. Back Row: Louise Shriver, Mary Burns, Claude Johnson, Bill Riley, Edson Bowen, Worth Long, Hazel Johnson, Orville Moore - teacher. Middle Row: Roscoe Sowers, Percy Bowen, Blanche Laird, Fern Bowen, Goldie Smoker, Mabel Shriver, Marie Tracy, Leona Rickle, Jesse Burns, Earl Rickle. Front Row: Kinsman Bowen, Jesse Johnson, Dorothy Shriver, Margaret Smoker, Marie Shriver, Glen Wilhoit, Mina Shriver, Mildred Smoker, Nancy Bowen, Mary Maby, Blanche Smoker.

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[photo] Grade School basketball wasn't unheard of in 1920, as this photo from Sugar Grove School, located southwest of Akron, indicates. From left: Max Burch, Estil Moore, Charlees McCay, Myron VanLue, Verl Burns, Lawrence Kindig, Lester Sowers, Lester Kindig, and Seth Carpenter - coach and teacher of all eight grades. (Photo: Naoma Burns Calloway)

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[photo] Sugar Grove School 1924-25. Row 1: Deloise Keesey, Leon Kindig, Delford Bowen, James Shaffer, Byron Burch. Row 2: Ralph Maby, Ernest Smoker, Lewis Meredith, Estil

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Burch, Orville Churchill, Opal Smoker, George Maby, Bernice Kindig, Richard Moore, Freda Wilhoit. Row 3: Kenneth Moore, Harvey Burch, Ann Meredith, Freda Smoker, Parentha Kindig, Thelma Maby, Mary Moore, Don Keeseey, Vorse Burch, Joy Hammond - teacher. (Photo: Bernice Kindig Fenstermaker)

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[photo] Sugar Grove School 1927. Front row: Charles Beatty, Glen Powell, Leona Bowen, Mary Ruth Berger, Geneva McMan, June Coplen. Row 2: Kline Beatty, Ernest Smoker, Wayne Coplen, Charles Coplen, Delford Bowen, Boyd Powell. Back: Ruth Bowen - teacher. (Photo: Ruth Bowen)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 42, p. 45]

### DISTRICT 6 - FAN SCHOOL OR SUGAR GROVE SCHOOL

By Velma Bright

In 1842 Jerome and Ann Hoover sold lot No. 12 in the town of Troy to Henry Township for a sum of ten dollars for District 6 School. This was evidently the Fan School. The township Trustee at the time was John Gould. The town of Troy is not listed in any plat book of Fulton County but there were towns laid out in the early days which eventually went out of existence. A post office and a store are known to have been at this place. The Fan School was located about four and one-half miles west and two miles south of Akron. In 1876 the Fan School was still at this location. Leticia Reed, grandmother of Fern Bowen, was the last teacher at the Fan School and the first teacher at Sugar Grove.

In 1883 the school was located one-half mile east of the Fan School and was called Sugar Grove. This was the last one room school in the township to be closed. 1931-32 was the last school year. Evidently school was held longer in this district than any of the districts in the township besides Akron.

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At the close of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries in the southwestern part of Henry Township stood three fairly new, brick, large one-room schools: namely Millark, Antioch, and Sugar Grove. Sugar Grove was perhaps the best planned and constructed of the three. It had a beautiful stone wall as a foundation. It had a basement in which was a furnace and a pump. Antioch had a pump on the school grounds while Millark had no water supply on the school property.

Sugar Grove was located at the intersection of what is now county roads 800E and 250S on the southeast corner. Antioch was on road 700E half way between 250S and 150S. Millark was on county road 350S at the south end of 650E.

Each school was equipped with a belfry containing a bell, the ring of which could be heard throughout the community. Each school had a fairly large playground. Back of the school building on each side of the playground stood two wood buildings answering for rest rooms. The one on the right was for the girls and the one on the left was the boys'. On each side of the entrance to the school building was a cloakroom. The one on the right was the girls' and the one on the left was the boys'. Sugar Grove's and Antioch's cloakrooms had a window and were well lighted while Millark's were narrow and dark.

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### SUGAR GROVE SCHOOL

By Scott Johnson as told to Shirley Willard

Scott Johnson was born 1890 in the first house east of Athens or at his grandmother's across from Antioch school.

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The first Sugar Grove school was a brick building, length east and west 35 feet, width north and south 30 feet. It had five rows of seats east and west, wide enough for two pupils, seat folded up.

Teacher's desk and blackboard were on east wall, windows on south and north walls, door and road on west. The pot-bellied stove was in the middle. Teacher or pupils would put wood in the stove. Wood was furnished by the township trustee.

A knife was used for a pencil sharpener. Teacher's desk was in the middle of the front and the dictionary stand was in the northeast corner. The windows had roll-down blinds. Later they got second issue blinds, that rolled from the bottom or top and could be operated with cords and located anywhere on the window to keep sun-light from the pupils' eyes and still let in daylight.

There was a woods on the west and east sides of the school. The teacher would send a pupil out to cut a whip for him to whip a pupil with. If the pupil did not want his friend whipped badly, he would weaken the whip so it would break quickly.

The schoolyard had a ball diamond on the north side.

The first school was torn down about 1905-06, then a new brick school was built on the same site. It had a basement with a well and hand pump in the basement. The basement had stone walls. No indoor plumbing - they still used outhouses.

Jerome Johnson had the farm on which the school stood. He might have sold or donated or leased it for the school. For a long time Scott Johnson was informed that schools could not revert back to the farm but now they are all being claimed by the original farm as property.

Scott had to take 8th grade over twice because they would not give him advanced schooling at Sugar Grove. Then when they put him in 8th grade for the third time, Scott's father put him in Akron school. So Scott had Charles Daniels only a short while and then went to Akron. In 1906 at Akron Leslie Busenberg was Scott's teacher.

Scott Johnson donated two of his end-of-school souvenir booklets, 1904 and 1905, to the FCHS museum. The 1905 booklet for Sugar Grove or District No. 6 school lists Vernon Miller as teacher; A. Deamer, County Superintendent; A. Cook, trustee; N. Noftsgger, director; and Mr. Slick truant officer. Pupils: Grade VIII: Mary Noftsgger, Ethel Johnson, Ben Bacon, Roscoe Burkett, Scott Johnson, Laura Mossman, Ellis Riley. Grade VII: Blanch Riley, Leila Biggs, Stella Burns, May Bowen, Claude Putman. Grade VI: Rex Johnson, Dessa Rickel, Zina Mossman, Roscoe Mitchell, Samuel Burkett, Kitty Bowen. (No Grade V listed) Grade IV: Frank Goltry, Claude Johnson, Mary Burns, Hazel Shriver, Omer Shriver, Charley Bowen, Alice Young. Grade III: Willie Riley, Folen Putman, Percie Bowen, Charley Shriver, Mable Mossman. Grade II: Velda Putman, Daisy Mitchell, Maggie Goltry, Sarah Thompson. Grade I: Floyd Craig, Jesse Burns, Hazel Johnson, Mable Shriver, Leona Rickel.

The enrollment at Sugar Grove declined until it was discontinued in 1932 and the pupils taken to Akron school. Ruth Bowen was the teacher 1927-31. Enrollment in 1929-30 was only 13. In 1930-31 the enrollment was 15. In 1931-32 the enrollment was 20 and Phyllis Gaerte was the teacher. Sugar Grove was closed in 1932.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 42, pp 42-46]

## BALL, MILLARD, SUGAR GROVE AND HAUN SCHOOLS

By Loyd Swick

When I was 21 years old I first taught school at a log schoolhouse called Bunker located 40 miles north of Hannah, Wyoming. The next year I came back to Fulton County, Ind., to teach at Millark school 1924-25. I bought a new 1924 Ford Roadster for \$365 and drove it to Millark and to teach at Sugar Grove the next year 1925-26. Then I bought a new Chevy to drive to Haun school 1926-27. My salary was \$100 a month for eight months teaching.

When I taught at Sugar Grove, we played basketball against Millark, taught by a friend of mine, Frank Funk. When I taught at Haun, my team played against Sugar Grove. But these are the only one-room schools I know of that played basketball. We played outdoors with a backstop fastened to a pole.

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Sugar Grove was a bigger school in that it had a basement with a furnace, a water pump, and a place to play indoors. I told the children to each bring his own tin cup instead of all using the common cup.

Haun school had a hack, but Millark and Sugar Grove did not.  
[FCHS Quarterly No. 42, pp 41-42]

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Miss Reed is engaged on her fourth term at No. 6. . . The school at this place is large, but well governed. . .  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 30, 1876]

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1895-96: Nettie Runkle  
1896-97: Mrs. Runkle  
1897-98: Etta Runkle/Edna Shipley ?  
1898-99: Stella King/Arthur Rhinesmith ?  
1899-00: Edna Shipley/Fred Moore ?  
1900-01: J. W. Swihart/Harry Ginther ?  
1901-02: Jerome Swihart  
1902-03: Bertha Bryant, Principal/Lessie Moore (Mabe) ?  
1903-04: Ray Newell  
1904-05: Vern Miller  
1905-06: Charles Daniels  
1906-07: [omitted]  
1907-08: Harry Ginther  
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1929-30: Ruth Bowen, (1-8) 13.  
1930-31: Ruth Bowen. Com. (1-8) 15.  
1931-32: Temp. Phyllis Gaerte, Com. (1-8) 20.  
1932-33: Discontinued.  
[F.C.H.S. files; FCHS Quarterly No. 42, p. 44]

### PARTIAL LIST OF TEACHERS, DISTRICT 6, SUGAR GROVE SCHOOL

Dot Bowen, Ruth Bowen, Seth Carpenter, Frank Dillman, Phyllis Gaerte, Joy Hammond, Lessie Moore, Orville Moore, Ray Newell, Leticia Reed, Edgar Runkle, Ray Shelton, Edna Shipley, Jerome Swihart.  
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In 1932 it was the last one-room school in Fulton County to close.  
Teachers: Reece Augustus Oliver; Ray Issac Shelton, 1915-16

## SUMMIT SCHOOL [#11] [Henry Township]

Located SW corner 1500E and 300S.  
Named Summit School was named for the hill on which it was built.  
Built between 1876 and 1883; abandoned between 1883 and 1907.  
Another school, same name, Located NW corner 1500E and 300S.  
Built between 1883 and 1907.

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[photo: Summit School 1905-06. Front row: Thelma Krieg Ferree, Willie Kroft, Kenneth Oliver, Ida Sippy (later Mrs. Cecil Brooks, died in 1918), Robert Sippy (died in 1964). Row 2: Lola Bitters Judd - teacher, Amanda Kroft, Berdla Bammerlin, Valure Bammerlin, Docha Sippy (later Mrs. Ray Shewman). (Photo: Thelma Ferree)

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[photo] Summit School, 1914-15, Russell Shipley, Teacher. Back Row: Wilbur Kreamer, unknown, Marguerite Sippy, Mamie Smith, Ruth Kreamer, Edna Brown, Thelma Krieg, Anna Kroft, Russell Flohr, Albert Bammerlin, Willis Eber. Front Row: Unknown, Valentine Smith, unknown, Vernon Flohr, David Sippy, Charles Shipley, Robert Flohr, Ralph Rader, Robert Bammerlin, Rex Rader.

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### DISTRICT 11 - SUMMIT SCHOOL

By Velma Bright

Records show that Summit School, located two miles south and two and one-fourth miles east of Akron, was not in existence at this site in 1876. It was in existence in 1883 and held school for the last time in 1924-25. In 1898 a brick building was built replacing the frame structure. This building is still standing.

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### SUMMIT SCHOOL

By Treva Morris Klein

Summit School was named because it was on a hill, the highest point in the community. Some said it was the highest point between Chicago and Lima, Ohio, but this is doubtful. In the "History of Akron 1836-1936" by Ina Brundige, she has a different explanation, which is probably the correct one. A family living near this small lake named it Summit Lake. This family had lived in Summit County, Ohio, so they just began calling the Lake Summit. So since then the lake and school, which was near the lake, have been known as Summit Lake and Summit School.

(Editor's note: Summit School was located on the west side of 1500E at the corner of 300S. In the 1883 atlas it is on the south side of 300S but in the 1907 atlas it is on the north side of 300S. It is not shown at all in 1876 atlas so evidently it did not exist yet.)

The Summit School building, located in the southeast part of Henry Township. was not the simple oblong building of a one-room school. It was a larger building with a large vestibule, a belfry with the school bell, and a two-room basement with a furnace. There were two stairways that led to the basement rooms. The bell rope dangled over one of these stairs. The bell was rung at 8:00 and 8:30 a.m., then at noon and recess time. Once the boy who helped with the janitor work (Everett Shaffer) got to school before the teacher did; yes she walked too. So he and his brother, Kenneth, set the clock ahead so they could ring the 8 o'clock bell before the teacher got there. He still likes to tell this joke. There were hooks for the coats and a place for the water bucket in this part of the building.

The main room was rather spacious. There were blackboards on the north and west sides of the room. In the nothwest corner were large shelves for library books of which there were several. On the east side there were large windows and most of the south side was cupboards for the lunch buckets.

This brick building is still standing having been made into a dwelling. It was built in 1898 to replace a frame school building. For many years this frame building stood on the first farm west of the present building. The George Kinders used it as a dwelling, until they built a new house.

The games the pupils played were many. The outdoor games were Ante over, London Bridge, blackman, zippy (zipping a stick through the air), Hide and Seek, a ball game with two

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bases was "long town," and with four bases was "round town." In the winter Fox and Geese, sliding down a hill in the field across the road onto a frozen pond, and skating was enjoyed. In inclement weather games such as charades, Simon Says, Thumbs Up, etc., were played in the basement. Blackboard games such as Jack (tic tac toe - if nobody wins, then Jack wins), Going to London, and a dot game were played.

There were classes for all eight grades if there were pupils for them. Everyone walked to school, some as far as a mile and half or maybe farther. In stormy weather parents would bring to school their children and come and get them when it was time to dismiss. They used either a buggy, a sleigh or a bob sled.

Agustus Oliver taught at Summit in 1912-13. It was at this time that the Erie Railroad was double tracked. There were work crews that came along and did a lot of this work. So there were pupils of Italian descent who came to school. One name we remember was Romicone. There were girls Carrie and Rose and boys John and Loddy.

Some several years later Mr. Oliver went to the Phillippines to teach under an arrangement with the U.S. Government. He was gone many years. In fact he married and had a family there. Finally they all came back here to live. His widow is living a few miles from the Summit School.

Delno Whitcomb was trustee and Henry L. Becker was the county superintendent.

Mercie Coffin gave spelling awards at Christmas and at end of school 1913-14. They were pretty colored cards (8 x 10) with scenes of farm life.

Other teachers of our time were Roy Groninger, Frank Dillman, and Russell Shipley.

A minister of the Wesley Methodist denomination, Rev. Brown held Sunday School and church services for a period of several years, 1910-16, at the school house. Most of the people, parents and children attended these services.

Another community affair that comes to mind was a basket dinner on the last day of school. Parents and friends would come with well-filled baskets and tables of a sort were set up outdoors and a good time was had by all.

The last year of school here was in 1924-25. It was my first year of teaching. This was over 50 years ago. There were 15 pupils in grades one through four and one boy in grade seven. This boy helped with the janitor work especially the furnace. There was a pump organ that was used in the Christmas program. It was on an afternoon that several friends and parents came to enjoy the program at the 1924 Christmas time.

Success grades were issued to teachers back then. The grade was based on teaching power 45%, government 35%, and general characteristics 20%. Teaching power included preparation of lessons, skill in presentations and results obtained. Government meant discipline or control of pupils. General characteristics included personality, professional and community interests and citizenship.

Families that attended Summit School: William Bammerlin, Jacob Eber, Emory Ferree, Charles Flohr, John Kreamer, George Krieg, U S. Kraft, Chester Morris, Charles Rader, Lewis Shaffer, Jessee Shriver, Elec Wideman, Charles Gearhart, George Lukens, and Sherman Sippy.

The following notice was in the Akron News Jan. 1, 1970, referring to 60 years ago or 1910:

"Mr. Roy Groninger is teaching this winter at Summit, a school that had been vacated for 2 years. But population has shifted about until Roy is said to have the largest school in the township with an enrollment of 34 and a good average attendance. This is a case which produces some evidence that a public school once well located, should not be permanently abandoned, except only in rare cases. Hoosier population shifts about, a neighborhood may be without children one year but in a year or two be well supplied."

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## SUMMIT SCHOOL MEMORIES

By Ralph Rader

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My brother, Rex Rader, has related some interesting facts about Summit School which was located four and one-half miles south east of Akron. The brick building (1898) replaced a frame one which was across the road. My father, C. E. Rader, attended the frame building with George F. Kinder as his teacher in 1882. Our teacher was Russell Shipley in 1915, who taught four generations of my family.

My brother and I walked a mile to school, usually being joined by C. E. Flohr children: Russell, Vernon, Robert and Iva. There were no school hacks. One time our father came after us in the bobsled after a big snow storm. There was straw in the wagon box and horse blankets to cover us. All children going our way were taken also. Many times, when walking, disagreements arose which ended in fights. Usually, all was forgotten by the next morning.

The wood for the long iron stove was kept in the basement. Many times the stove was used to dry wet clothes when students broke through the ice or were engaged in snowball fights.

A small entrance room kept our wraps from the school room. The water bucket and dipper were also placed here. Everyone drank from the same dipper.

The school had grades from one to eight with about 25 in attendance. All eight grades were taught in one room by one teacher.

We had spelling bees and "ciphered" at the blackboard. There were pull-down maps for learning the location of other states and counties.

And always, a strong hickory "gad" was kept in plain sight as reminder of what would happen if you misbehaved. I have seen the teacher hit the floor with the "gad" rather than the pupil, but the results were most effective, especially if you were the culprit!

There was always something exciting happening, or it seemed exciting to us. One day a girl said she had taken poison. The teacher, Russell Shipley, took her to the nearest farm house, gave her milk to counteract the alleged poison, then took her home in his buggy. We enjoyed a long recess while this was happening. The girl got well.

The girls played most of the games played by the boys and they were good in all games.

We played a game called Zippy. A short stick about eight inches long, a forked stick two to three feet long and another stick two to three feet long were the playing equipment for this game. Any number may be on a team. A small hole is dug in the ground, which is the goal. The captain of each team, from a determined distance, throws the small stick toward the hole. The one coming nearest the hole gets his team to be first. The person at bat lays the small stick across the hole with the forked stick, flips the short stick to the team in the field. If the stick is caught, the batter is out. Three outs cause teams to change position. If the short stick is not caught, it is thrown toward the long stick, which is placed across the hole. If the long stick is hit, the distance from the hole to the short stick is measured by the long stick. Each length of the long stick is a point.

If the batter has not been put out, he throws the small stick up and tries to hit it with the long stick. If he misses he is out. If he hits it and it is not caught, it is thrown toward the batter and he tries to hit the short stick. If he misses or hits it behind the hole, he is out. If the stick is not caught, the distance between the short stick and the hole is measured for points.

If the batter is still batting he now places the short stick in the hole with one end sticking out. He hits the small stick on the end, and as it goes up in the air he tries to hit it again. If he misses, or the short stick is caught, he is out. If he hits the small stick and it is not caught, the distance from the small stick to the hole is measured for points. If he has not committed an out, he has batted his turn and the next team member takes his turn.

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### SUMMIT SCHOOL GAMES

By Rex Rader

In thinking back to the school activities at Summit, the first thing that comes to mind is the winter sport of sledding down the hill in the field south across the road from school. The marsh pond at the foot of the hill was another fun place. The activity here started with the "dares" on the first rubbery ice of late fall. These "dares" usually ended with cold, wet feet and legs. When the really cold weather came this pond was our main place for ice skating at every noontime.

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Outdoor games included "round town" ball, using any available ball, rubber or string. There were two other games which I have never heard about in any other area. The one game being "Zippy" which my brother Ralph plans to describe for you, and the other one is "Duck on Davy" that is played as follows:

Let us assume that 10 youngsters decide to play this game. Each one would find a rock (Duck) weighing around 1/2 pound. The "Davy" would be a large flat-top rock on the school yard. As I remember the order of the play was this --

1. Each person throws his rock (Duck) to get as close as possible to the large flat rock (Davy).
2. The person whose rock (Duck) is the farthest from the "Davy" is the "it" person.
3. The "it" person places his rock (Duck) on the large flat rock (Davy).
4. The remaining players stand at a line about 10 feet from the "Davy" and try to knock the "it" player's rock off the "Davy."
5. The players then try to pick up their "Ducks" and get back to the base line without being tagged by the "it" player. When the "it" player's "Duck" has been knocked off the "Davy," he cannot tag another player until he has placed his "Duck" back on the "Davy."
6. Any player tagged by the "it" player becomes the next "it" player.

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### MEMORIES OF SUMMIT, BALL AND BETHEL SCHOOLS

By Daisy Young Bucher as told to Velma Bright

I started to school when I was five years of age. I went to Summit School. There was a new boy who came to the school from Disko so the boys chased this boy out on the ice. They threw stones and broke the ice around him and he was stranded. This scared me about to death.

I attended the Akron schools after this first year.

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Billy Strong has been designated as teacher of the Summit School. Billy is young in years, but no doubt will give satisfaction, as he is a young man of good habits and a firm believer in progression.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 8, 1876]

A. C. Mayswingle teaches the Summit school, Henry Township. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 20, 1877]

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#### Teachers:

1896-97: George F. Kinder

1897-98: Edna Shipley

1898-99: Amy Shesler

1899-00: Amy Shesler

1900-01: Charles Daniels

1901-02: [omitted]

1902-03: Lola Judd

1903-04: Lola Judd

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### PARTIAL LIST OF TEACHERS, DISTRICT 11, SUMMIT SCHOOL

Webster Blasdel, Loyd Carpenter, Mercy Coffin, Charles Daniels, Frank Dillman, Roy Groninger, Lola Judd, Fay Morrett, Treva Morris (last teacher), Bessie Rader, Amy Shesler, Russell Shipley.

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## **TALMA HIGH SCHOOL** [Talma, Indiana]

### **TALMA SCHOOL BURNS DOWN; LOSS \$17,000**

The Talma high school building in Newcastle township, constructed in 1904 at a cost of \$15,000, burned to the ground Friday night. The conflagration was caused, it is thought, from the fire started late Friday evening in the vaults by the janitor.

The blaze was not discovered until eleven o'clock, when Fred Barr and Lowell Smith, returning from a basketball game at Mentone, saw the fire in the basement of the building. The lower part then was a mass of fire and nothing could be done to save the building as Talma only possesses one 15 gallon chemical tank. Soon after discovery several hundred people gathered to watch the flames which in an hour were leaping forth from every window. The entire interior work made of wood was soon consumed and the brick walls tumbled in with the exception of part of the south wall, which is still standing.

In 1904, \$10,000 was appropriated to construct a high school building, but later \$5,000 more was given to complete the work. The structure contained four large rooms besides a basement. Samuel Thompson, the janitor, thinks that the vaults must have been poorly constructed as they were supposed to hold fire without endangering the building. Two hundred and twenty-five students attended the school. Provision will be made soon for their accommodation.

Kessler and Miller, who carried insurance on the building, reported this (Saturday) morning that the township will recover \$9,000. They claim that the loss will aggregate \$17,000 because of the modern equipment which had been placed in the building within the last few years. Trustee Charles Jones said that a new building will be constructed shortly and until it is completed the old building and the lodge room in Talma will be fitted for school purposes.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915]

## **TALMA SCHOOL** [Newcastle Township]

Located NE edge of Talma on SE side of SR-25

Built in 1903, and burned down in 1915.

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[photo] Talma High School graduating class of 1914. Front row: Florence Alber, Lefa Grove, Cleo Byrer, Faye Bryant, Ruth Peterson, Marjorie Jones.

Back row: Ester Meredith, Hobart Rogers, Dessie Matthew, Harry Champ, Eva Gross.

This was in a box of pictures Ernest Hoover got from his aunt, Cleo Byrer Kallenback. (Photo: Ernest Hoover)

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[photo] Talma basketball team 1944-45 included (front row) Bob Green Devon Shipley, Harond Long, Kenneth Smiley, Clifford Morris, (back row) Robert Herendeen, Skip Jameson, Bob Long, Dick Notz, Dale Peterson, coach Kermit Biddinger.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 24, cover]

[photo] Talma's first schoolhouse is shown at right. Schuyler Tipton lived there after it was no longer a school, located on northwest corner of county road 600N. Kids playing on the car are L. V. Teeter on the left, Ted Hubbard behind the wheel, the rest unidentified. (Photo: Ralph Hatfield)

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[photo] Talma school before 1903, later the Baugher building. (Photo: Ralph Hatfield)

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[photo] John W. Irvine, driver of school hack to Talma, stands by his team, while Martha Townsend poses by the hack. The picture was taken by Maleta Kiler Snyder in front of her

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home on the east side of 350E a half mile south of 550N. Notice Maleta's shadow. (Photo: Agnes Harshman)

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[photo] Talma school built in 1903 is seen behind Lefa Grove in 1908 Model A belonging to Dr. S. R. Fish. (Photo: Ralph Hatfield)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 24, p. 14]

[photo] Talma school burned Nov. 1915, the night before Thanksgiving. Its location was the same as the new Newcastle Community Center. The arch had to be dynamited to clear away the rubble, but it had already pulled away from the building and the front door hadn't been used for several years. (Photo: Ralph Hatfield)

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[photo] Talma grade school Jan. 13, 1905. Row 1: Anna Jones - Teacher; Fred Barr, Gladys Coplen, Scott Nellans, Fern Deamer, Zelpha Emmons, Edna Alspach, Grace Byrer "Cottontail", Lefa Emmons. Row 2: Ralph Hatfield, Arthur Hatfield, Varl Dunlap, Oliver Mathews, Roy Mathews Rolla Feiser, Henry Alspach, Esther Deamer, Lannie Feiser, Bill Grass, Dessie Mathews. Row 3: Oscar Baker, Eva Kessler, Viola Stamer, Marguerite Helmick, Russell Kalmbacher, Edna Yantiss, Fawn Fore, Edith Haimbaugh, Faye Emmons, Eva Gross. (Photo: Edna Haimbaugh Carey)

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[photo] Talma high school - Jan. 13, 1905, is written on the blackboard. Row 1: Teacher Aaron Bowman (seated); Thorton Umbaugh, Edna Barr, Orah Grove, Fred Umbaugh, Willie Fore, Lloyd Eherenman. Row 2: Dallis Zolman, Iva Hatfield, Dean Kiger, Oliver Zolman, John Thompson, Rex Haimbaugh, Del Bybee, Scott Bowen, Golda Emmons, Vern Emmons. Row 3: Mary Nellens, Ching Coplen, Grace Partridge, William Dunkin, Elmer Ellis, Dessie Emmons, Earl Packer, Edna Haimbaugh (the girl with the highest pompadour in school). (Photo: Edna Haimbaugh Carey)

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[photo] Talma girl's basketball team 1912: Faye Bryant, Eva Kessler, Lefa Grove, Coach Agnes Sharp (now Mrs. Dow Haimbaugh), Lucile Haimbaugh, Alice McClurg. (Photo: Edna Carey)

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[photo] Talma Junior High Co. champions Jan. 18, 1954, defeated Kewanna at Whitmer gym by a score of 44-31. Row 1: Steve Coplen, Bob Horn, John Mathews, David Sperry holding trophy, Bob Deamer, Rick Holloway, Bill Rogers. Row 2: Kermit Biddinger - coach; Larry Mikesell, Jerry Busenberg, Dick Peterson, Chuck Coplen, Bill May, Jesse Rogers, Donald Jordan. (Photo: Mrs. Kermit Biddinger)

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[photo] The Talma basketball team of 1937 is pictured above, as shown in the *Talma Tales of Time* yearbook belonging to Maleta Borden. Row 1: Maurice Peterson, Herman Mathews, Carl Grass, Harold Myers, John Price, Earl Zimmerman - student manager. Row 2: Don Safford, Raymond Kalmbacher, Jim Good, Paul Boganwright, Don Gross, Don Onthank, Clarence "Dutch" Witham - coach, and Charles Rogers.

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[photo] Talma School in 1937. This building was destroyed by tornado Apr. 3, 1974.  
(Photo from 1937 yearbook belonging to Maleta Borden.)  
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The Kingman 1883 Atlas of Fulton County shows District School No. 7 to be located on lots 9 and 10 south in the village of Bloomingsburg. January 25, 1896, the name of Bloomingsburg was changed to "Talma".

According to Ralph Hatfield, a longtime resident of Talma, Talma's first school was located in a house on the northwest corner at county road 600N and state road 25 about three lots west of 25. Schuyler Tipton lived in the house after the school was no longer used; it was moved south and to the east side of 25 before Tipton made it into a house.

The next school was a two-story brick building located on lots 9 and 10, south side. Asa and Minerva Coplen had sold the lots to Conrad Haimbaugh, trustee of Newcastle Township, on July 8, 1874, to be used for a school site. This school was discontinued in 1903 because of lack of space to take care of all the pupils. It consisted of four rooms, large halls, a bell room and much wasted space. It housed grades 1 thru 8 and the first three years of high school. Grades 1 to 3 were on the first floor and the others were on the second floor. After discontinuance the building was bought by Henry Baugher for use as a blacksmith shop and buggy sales display on the first floor; the second floor being used by various organizations as a meeting hall. The building was later converted into a home by Lou Grove, probably in the 1940's and stands today as a stucco, one-story structure.

In 1903 a new school was built on Highway 25 just northeast of the former building. It was a large, two story structure with a high arch at the front entrance. Shortly after its construction, the building started to pull away from the arch and the front door could not be used for several years. The building was all but demolished by fire the night before Thanksgiving, November 1915, but the arch withstood the blaze and had to be dynamited away.

The next school building was not finished until 1917 so in the meantime classes were held in a garage building located next to Hatfield's, in the Methodist Church, and in two lodge halls located over the Hatfield grocery and the Earl Chapman Hardware. The high school classes were held above Chapman's grocery-hardware. Ralph Hatfield recalled that there was quite an intense debate about where the new Newcastle School building should be built. Some thought it should be on a location south of Talma, about the center of the Township. Finally it was decided to build on the same spot where the old brick building stood. The new school was also made of brick and was used and stood until the April 3, 1974 tornado. The lumber used in the gym floor and bang boards was donated by Hatfield and Lou Grove.

Ralph Hatfield also tells of school incidents he recalls: "A male teacher four or five years older than I wanted to date my older sister, Iva, but she would not date him so he took his spite out on me. I was having a hard time in school because of it. Anyway, I went to Dr. Bowman to learn algebra; he taught me more in five minutes than the teacher did in a year. The next day I won the algebra contest at the board and the teacher got mad and said that I had cheated. I went to Doc Bowman and we went to the trustee. Then the trustee, Doc, and I went to school. The trustee didn't even knock, but went in and bawled the teacher out. Doc said, "You weren't such a good student yourself, -----." Doc had been my teacher's teacher. The next year that teacher wasn't back. Then when I was a senior he came back to teach at the school and made my life miserable. He knocked into me on the basketball floor and that night 20 boys walked him home and invited him not to come back. Five years later he saw me on the street sidewalk, and walked over and twisted my cheek. I beat him up. The boys had to pull me off him. He twisted my cheek again so the boys let me go and I beat him some more.

"Some years later I was playing cards above the store with the telephone operator and the children came in and laid their books in the middle of the floor and announced that they had all been expelled. Lloyd Ehernman was principal at the time and he expelled all the kids in the school

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who had BB shot in their pockets because some of the pupils had gotten caught throwing BB shot at a teacher who wore thick glasses (Hobert Rogers).”

Hatfield also recalls that his Aunt Clara Dellinger was the first teacher in the state to get a pension. She taught at Prill School in 1900 and went to school herself every summer for six weeks at Terre Haute. Her father took her to Prill school neighborhood to board with someone either Sunday evenings or Monday mornings, and she lived there all week.

Mrs. Kermit (Allene) Biddinger offers the following information about Talma School. “The old gymnasium of the Talma School was in the basement of the building and water seepage made it necessary to have the wooden floor replaced occasionally. The walls were brick on three sides. A door in one corner of the floor entered the furnace room and a player would run through this with the least shove. The ceilings were low with obstructions of lights, plumbing and rafters. On the north side were cement bleachers that would accommodate 125 persons or so. The score-keepers were hoisted into a small cage on the opposite wall and used cards to denote the score. The showers were in an adjoining room and were sure to produce cold water - this was an added feature around 1925. The floor playing size was approximately 24 x 60 feet.

Many fine ballplayers are well remembered by their classmates and fans. During the years 1925-28 when Elmer Norris was principal and coach: Sid Dick, L. G. Alber, Devon “Spud” Eaton (deceased), Charles Green, Bill Coplen, Howard Tobey, Herman Barkman, Robert Messmore and Clarence Withan are among those who posed a threat to their opponents.

The 1929-30 team coached by Leon Kotterman had a varsity of nine seniors and one junior with a good season’s record. This was a class of 20 students, the largest to graduate up to that time. Players included Leroy Norris, Harold Utter, Howard McGown, Everett Busenburg, Palmer Warren, Aubrey Kelly, Everett Rathfon, Wayne Bernard, Alvin Fenney and Edward Miller.

New and larger gymnasiums were being built and by 1944 it was impossible to secure a coach with the facilities offered; also schools were refusing to play return games in the small, hazardous gyms. Attendance was growing and enthusiasm was great. David Swihart was trustee and he asked Kermit Biddinger, a resident in the township and in-law by marriage, if he would coach the boys one night a week. Mr. Biddinger was principal and coach of Burton School some 14 miles away. He consented but there were no funds appropriated for a salary so he furnished transportation and his service gratis. The team had good potential and the following year (1945) he resigned at Burton and came to Talma as coach and 7th and 8th grade teacher and remained until 1957.

It was necessary to schedule games away and only one game, 1944-45, with Macy was played on the home floor. Most times our return games were played on the opponent’s floor which gave to them a great advantage. The team had a fine record of wins and lost to Akron in the county tourney by a one-point overtime. The 1944-45 basketball schedule listed matches with Macy, Richland Center, Leiters Ford at Burton, Tippecanoe, Kewanna, Beaver Dam, Claypool, Fulton, Tyner and Akron.

After the ballgames meals were prepared by mothers or friends for players, yell leaders and others and served at the school. If games were played on Friday and Saturday, Mrs. Biddinger often took the basketball suits, sox and towels home and washed them, hung them in her basement to dry and pressed them for the next event. The coach used his car to pick up players who needed transportation, mileage was never reimbursed and a new car was needed quite often as a result of additional travel. Playing games away from home and paying rental left the athletic funds very low - with the expense of referees, equipment, etc.

(Mr. Biddinger was dedicated to the teaching profession for 42 years until his death in 1961 at which time he was assistant principal at Rochester Junior High School, held in Lincoln School.)

Mr. Biddinger coached until 1947 and then assumed the junior high athletic program. Ronald Mallot in 1947 coached the high school softball team to its first county championship, winning over Akron. Team members were Wayne Baker, Sonny Green, Robert Peterson, Raymond Shoemaker, Carlton Clemens, Arnold Snipes, Gene Stavedahl, Fred Richardson, Nolan

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Sigler, Lowell Long, Charles Waltz, Gene Overmeyer, John Lewis, Leonard Staldine, Byron Riffle, Robert Duzan, Eugene Riffle, Ivory Snipes, Kermit Zent, Lowell Hisey, Joe Shivley, James Garber, Joe Good, and Mickey Eaton. The team name was "Talma Hickories".

A new gymnasium was built in 1949 and dedicated January 15, 1950. A capacity crowd witnessed a ballgame between Talma and Richland Center, who won. Charles Green was trustee and Ronald Mallot was the coach. (Editor's note: The new gym cost \$64,000. John Pugh was the general contractor and Lewis Kline did the electrical work. During the 1956-57 school year, when Wayne Mikesell was township trustee a runway was built from the gymnasium building to the school.)

Activities boomed with more space and the athletic program with it. The music department under Mrs. Gilman (Edith) Carlson (deceased) produced a fine girls' chorus. The needs for the larger facility made one a little sad to think so many years were wasted in the opportunities afforded students.

In January 1954 the Talma Junior High had a joy of being county basketball champions under the coaching of Mr. Biddinger. Years before a championship was won with Omar Haimbaugh as coach. The game was played in Whitmer Gym; his father John Haimbaugh was township trustee and died (February 27, 1940) in the final minutes of the game with a heart attack.

"I am sure more championships were produced after this time until the school was destroyed by the tornado April 3, 1974," Mrs. Biddinger concluded.

In 1963 Talma and Akron of Fulton County, and Mentone, Burkett, Beaver Dam, and Atwood of Kosciusko County joined to form the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation. Grades 1 thru 5 were then held at Mentone, as were the high school classes. Grades 6, 7, and 8 were held in the Talma School building (built in 1917). The 1974 tornado forced the moving of these classes to Mentone also; scattering some of the lower grades into quarters in the Methodist Church in Mentone, the Mentone Youth League building, and the Mentone Fire Station to accommodate the extra classes formerly held in the Talma building. In January 1975 the new building for Tippecanoe Valley High School was opened and occupied. Grades 1 thru 8 attend Mentone and Akron.

Willis Bowen remembers that in 1926, when he began teaching at Talma, the high school was quite small, enrollment totaling only 48. Twenty-four of that enrollment were freshmen. There were only eight teachers on the entire staff. Bowen states, "There was no year book and no senior trip. Our extra-curricular activities were quite limited. We just taught school." He later decided to leave teaching at Talma to avoid being a coach. (Editor's note: Yearbooks called "Talma Treasures" were printed from 1937; the schoolpaper "Talma Tiger Tales" was usually monthly.)

Miss Flavilla Tracy contributed the following information about Talma School: "I taught grades 1, 2 and 3 at Talma. It was a brief period however. I finished the term for Anna Jones in the spring of 1908. There were 43 children. Since that time I have had thousands of school pupils.

"I will undertake to recall some of the names in this particular 1908 group - Malita Kiler (married Willard Snyder), Elizabeth Larry, Wonda Bowman (a nurse, I think her married name is Kinny), Isabelle Drudge (Mrs Peterson) and, I think, Isabell's cousin, Bernice Kessler, Tural Foor (married Everett Kessler), Blanche Barr (she had an older sister Edna and a brother Fred). There was Russell Kalmbacher and his little brother, and two cute little red-headed Surguy bosys who lived north of the river. Others were Ethel, Edith and DeVon Haimbaugh, Oscar Baker and Leah Kepler. There were Fieser children who lived south of Talma. They invited me out to supper one evening. Mrs. Fieser served such delicious home-canned peaches.

"Grades 4, 5 and 6 were taught by Clyde Fish. He married a Bosenberg girl and was later a doctor in South Bend. The school principal was Wesley Kaley. He taught grades 7 and 8.

"The Talma school building was a three-room structure. It burned some years later. I don't recall the names of the janitor and the hack drivers, but I do remember how hard I worked at dismissal to have every child in his wraps and ready to start home. Some of those little ankles

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were so weak and wobbly I feared I would never get all those heels settled in all those overshoes before the hack driver justly lost his patience.

“When the children became restless, as children often do, I would have them all stand. With each stationed by his particular desk, they would follow my leading in gymnastic exercises. I stressed the value of deep breathing. The children enjoyed this exercise game. Sometimes little Devon Haimbaugh would hold up his hand. When he had my attention and permission he would say, ‘LET’ S BREATHE!’

“Newcastle Township teachers had Saturday Institutes once a month. Since I was there such a short time I attended but one or two sessions. These sessions were the forerunners of the two-day institutes held each fall now. Aside for W. A. Kaley and Clyde Fish, the other teachers I remember attending institute at that time were Elma Barr (later the wife of Rev. Elmer Jones) and Rex Haimbaugh, brother of Dr. Dow Haimbaugh.

“Teaching at Talma was a pleasant experience. During the week I lived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sutherland. They were so very kind to me. She always spoke of me as ‘my girl’. Mr. Swonger was the Newcastle Township Trustee. For the perhaps 33 teaching days I received almost \$38.

“I taught only the one year in Talma and then one year in Aubbeenaubbee Township. John C. Werner was the County Schools Superintendent at that time. Following those two years I taught in Rochester, Delphi, Evansville and lastly 20 years in the music department of the South Bend school system.

“My wisely-chosen parents were Frank S. and Elmanda (Powell) Tracy. I had a younger sister, Ruth. Our first school teacher was our father and our first music (reed organ) teacher was our mother. These devoted parents decided they should locate where there were better educational advantages for their two children. Consequently they rented out their farm, four miles east of Macy and moved to Rochester in April, 1903. The city high school and Rochester College lured them there.

“The school year of 1903-04 my father continued as a county school teacher, this time in Fulton County. His trustee asked him to accept a school several miles from Rochester and explained it had a reputation for being a bit difficult. Regardless of weather the pupils always locked the teacher out at Christmas time and demanded promise of a treat.

“Father accepted the assignment. He chose to be prepared for their best behavior and bought a quantity of candy. Ruth and I helped him sort, wrap, and sack a nice treat for each pupil.

“A few days before the Christmas vacation my father sensed something was brewing. One noon after pupils and teacher had each eaten his box or bucket lunch the children went to the playground. As usual my father went to feed Dot, his faithful horse. When he started back to the school building, he noticed the children had suddenly decided to go inside. That is when he began to execute his premeditated plans. He stopped at the cord of wood to select a good strong stick. Upon reaching the door he found it locked. The pupils began to yell, ‘Treat! Treat!’ They continued the uproar. Suddenly all was quiet. Father explained, ‘Everyone stand back. I am going to knock this door in and I don’t want anyone to be hurt. Do you hear me?’ He heard them scamper. Having previously located a weak spot in the thin panel he struck. One lick did the trick. Father calmly told them to each go to his own seat. The remainder of that noon hour was spent studying - or pretending to study. The Tracys enjoyed candy many weeks!

“My sister, Ruth, and her husband, Dr. Kline M. Richardson (both deceased) each taught near Rochester. Ruth was at Prairie Union, west of the old fairgrounds and also had the primary room at consolidated McKinley School east of Rochester. When a young man, Dr. Richardson was principal of McKinley. That is where their romance started.

“Because so many in our family were Fulton County teachers, you will understand why I do have so very many memories. . . , Flavilla Tracy concluded her 11-page letter.

Allene Biddinger talked to Charles Good and submitted the following. Charles Good came to Talma in 1931 from Warren, Indiana, as a high school teacher of math, physics, manual arts, and sciences and taught until 1963 when the school was reorganized. His 32 year of teaching in one system is somewhat of a record.

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He was a graduate of Purdue University (1919) and taught five years at Warren. Lou Grove was Newcastle township trustee when he came to Talma. Housing was a problem so Mr. and Mrs. Charles Good and their two children (Jim, 5th grade and Rosalie, 5 years old) shared a double occupancy with the trustee's mother, Mrs. Simon (Lizzie) Grove, the first year. After Mrs. Grove's death, the Goods remained in the same location until the April 1974 tornado destroyed the house. Mr. Good now has a mobile home on the same spot. A son Joe was born in 1932.

Mrs. Good also was a teacher and taught business a couple years during the war. She is now deceased as is their son, Jim.

Mr. Good was famous for telling ghost stories and sometimes would have to escort the local kids home at night because of their fear. He remarked about several larger families and having taught most all their children and later their grandchildren! Jay long's six or seven, Ethel Smiley's five, Boganwright's six, Caslow's five, Dick Morris' five, Jack Holloway's four, Harley Mathews' four, Clarence Pfeiffer's four and many others.

Talma students made a tiger mascot on wheels and Linda Lukens engineered the painting and decoration.

In a small town melon patches are always a temptation. Charles Good recalls that one year an especially spunky neighbor boy plugged all his melons and turned them over so Mr. Good would not notice. Of course all the melons spoiled. The boy also shot at the cabbages with a BB gun and every time Mrs. Good would be preparing a cabbage for eating BB shot would fall out of them.

Principals during Charles Good's years at Talma School were Durward Conrad, Henry Delong, Mrs. Dessa Fultz, Sam Brewer, Walter Jones, Ronald Mallot and Lloyd Harrell.

Eva Starner Smith recalls skating on the Tippecanoe river was a passtime at recess for some of the older students.

E. H. Alber drove a hack for Talma for 15, maybe 18 years.

Elmer Zimmerman taught at Talma in 1897, when the town was still known as Bloomingsburg. In 1896 the town name was changed from Bloomingsburg to Talma.

Teachers at the Talma School before 1903 were Arthur Deamer, Dr. Aaron Bowman, Ida (Tippy) Scott, Cynthia Cramer Deamer, and Maud Montgomery.

Teachers at the Talma School from 1903 to 1915 were Anna Jones Haimbaugh (primary), Myrtle Morts Bevilheimer, Elmer Sullivan, W. A. Kaley, J. W. Byrer, Cleo Hatfield Teeter Nye, Ruth Jones Clymer, Dr. Dow Haimbaugh, Agnes Sharp Haimbaugh, Dr. Clyde Fish (8th grade), Lloyd Eherenman, Ed Riddle, Frances Elliott McMahan, Lena Barkman, Flavilla Tracy, Elma Barr Jones, Mary Nellans Bryant, Loren Bryant, Hobert Rogers, Don Garber, and Clara Mae Robbins. Dr. Aaron Bowman also taught high school 1904-05.

Hugh McMahan was teaching in Talma 1918 to 1919. In 1926 Willis Bowen was the high school principal. The high school teachers were Leon Kotterman, Edith Lind and Josephine Gorman. J. O. Wilson taught 7th and 8th grades. Melita Kiler taught 5th and 6th, Olive Colen taught 3rd and 4th, and Mary Norris taught 1st and 2nd grades in 1926. Other teachers at Talma after 1915 were Kermit Biddinger, Dutch Withan, Lena Barkman, Herman Barkman, Mrs. Floyd [Dorothy] Kindig, Walter Jones, Fred Safford, Deward Conrad, Mark Tucker, Lloyd Harrell, Bill Schroer, and Ron Malott. Charles Good taught at Talma from 1928 to 1968.

Vance Fenstermaker attended Talma High School 1909-1913. He recalls the hack carried the grade school pupils to school but the high school students usually drove a horse and buggy or rode horses to school. "There was a barn behind the schoolhouse and we were each assigned a stall there. I would drive my buggy straight into the barn as I reached school and unhitch the horse. We each carried a sack with hay, corn or oats in it and when lunchtime came we would go out and feed our horses. Then after school ended for the day, I just had to hitch up and head for home," said Fenstermaker.

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Our young friend F. L. Wagoner is teaching the Bloomingsburg school this winter. . .

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[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, December 24, 1875]

1902-03: Roy Jones; M. Montgomery, Asst.  
[F.C.H.S. files]

The new Newcastle Township school was completed in 1917. Gymnasium was added in 1940.

The last school building destroyed by tornado April 3, 1974.

The blooming and cozy appearance of Frank Wagoner's rural college at Bloomingsburg indicates a regular and daily attendance of "big girls" and harmony of the fair sex generally.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 20, 1876]

The school at Bloomingsburg is under the management of Mr. J. B. Davidson. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 23, 1876]

Mr. Wagoner, of Ohio, is our school-teacher. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, February 11, 1876]

Abe Bowers will teach at Millark, John Rouch at Prill's and John Davidson at Bloomingsburg.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, November 3, 1876]

School commenced on April 9th with Miss M. L. Nellans as teacher, and as this is her first school we hope that she may be instrumental in advancing her pupils in the paths of usefulness and knowledge.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 21, 1877]

The school at this place, Miss Mary L. Nellans teacher, closed last Friday.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 7, 1877]

N. J. Clymer is teaching singing in this place.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 8, 1877]

Wm. Windbigler has commenced to teach a two month's term of school in this place.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 29, 1877]

F. Montgomery has been selected teacher here this winter.

[Rochester, *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 1, 1877]

Our school has been in progress for one week and is doing well. F. Montgomery is teacher.

[Rochester, *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 8, 1877]

Frank Montgomery, our school teacher is on the sick list. We have a good school.

[Rochester, *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 5, 1878]

F. Montgomery is teaching a first-class school in this place.

[Bloomingsburg Items, Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, January 19, 1878]

Mr. Dover is starting up a singing school here.

[Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, February 9, 1878]

L. Shaffer's school closed last Friday. . .

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[Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, March 9, 1878]

Miss Clara Rowley [will teach a term of school] at Bloomingsburg. . .

[Rochester *Union Spy*, Friday, April 12, 1878]

I. Doren is teaching his second term of singing school at this place.

[Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, April 13, 1878]

Miss Clara E. Rowley is teaching the spring term of school at this place and is using her utmost endeavors to instruct the young and impress on their minds the value of education.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 18, 1878]

We hear that Miss Clara Rowley is giving the best of satisfaction with her school at Bloomingsburg, as is also Miss Allie Edwards, at Black Oak.

[Rochester *Independent*, Wednesday, May 22, 1878]

Miss Clara Rowley closed a very successful term of school at Bloomingsburg yesterday afternoon.

[Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, June 29, 1878]

Wm. Windbigler will teach the fall term of school at Bloomingsburg.

[Rochester *Republican*, Saturday, August 31, 1878]

Wm. Windbigler is teaching a subscription school here this fall.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 21, 1878]

We have not got any one to teach our winter school yet. Will some one apply for the place that is capable and willing to do his part? Bloomingsburg is not as hard a place as it once was. . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 16, 1878]

The school at this place is progressing finely. Mr. Goucher of Leiter's Ford is teaching... There was a Literary Society organized for the benefit of the school last week . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 14, 1878]

The Bloomingsburg Literary Society recently vetoed the "Flat" money theory.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, January 3, 1879]

The blind Hoover Bros. gave a concert at Bloomingsburg school house last week. They gave good satisfaction.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 15, 1879]

A Card. We would respectfully return thanks to the patrons of the school and citizens of Bloomingsburg generally, for general courtesies and kindness during the past winter. . . J. T. Coucher, Teacher.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 22, 1879]

Miss Minnie Stradley teaches at the Grove school; Miss Clary Orr at Sixteen; G. W. Tipton at Windfall or No. 9; a Miss Rowley at Barkman; Miss Emma Orr at Dover; Miss Blacketer is teaching the Bloomingsburg school.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 7, 1879]

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### TALMA HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

The first school was located in a house on the northwest corner at county road 600N and State Road 25. The next school was a two-story brick building located on lots 9 and 10, south side. In 1903 a new school was built on Highway 25, just northeast of the former building. The building was all but destroyed by fire the night before Thanksgiving, Nov. 1915. The new school was built on the same location and finished in 1917. The school was destroyed by the tornado on April 3, 1974.

1896-97: Prin. E. E. Zolman.

1897-98: E. E. Zolman.

1898-99: Prin. A. L. Bowman.

1901-02: Prin. Arthur Deamer.

1902-03: Prin. Ray Jones; M. Montgomery, Asst.

1903-04: Prin. Maud Montgomery; Clyde Fish, Asst.

1915-16: Lloyd B. Eherenmann, Prin., Math., Sc., 5; Edward Riddle, Eng., Lat.; Harry Long, Ind. Arts; Edna Umbaugh, Dom. Sc.

1917-18: L. B. Eherenmann, Prin., Physics, Hist.; Lester Laird, Math., Man. Tr.; Edna Umbaugh, Lat., Hist.; Velma Pletcher, Eng., Dom. Sc.

1918-19: Hugh McMahan, Prin., Man. Tr., Ag., Comm., Arith.; Eunice Ross, Hist., Botany; Edna Umbaugh, Lat., Math.; Rosella Stoner, Eng., Dom. Sc.

1929-30: Enrol. (1-8) 143, (9-12) 64. Prin. Leon Kotterman, Soc. Sc., Manual Tr; Mary Shively, Eng., Lat., Hist.; Chauncy Goodman, Math., Sc., Phys. Ed., Coach; Mildred Tobey, Eng., Sc., Phys. Ed.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Ernest Anderson, 5-6; Annabelle Mentzer, 3-4; M. Olive Coplen, 1-2.

1930-31: Enrol. (1-8) 156, (9-12) 61. Prin. Duard Conrad, Soc. Sc., Lat., Coach; Harry D. Keasey, Man. Tr.; Mary Shively, Eng., Lat.; Lois E. Purlee, H.E. Biol., Com., Arith.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Herman Barkman, 5-6; Alice Hendrickson, 3-4; Mildred Goodman, 1-2.

1931-32: Enrol. (1-8) 157, (9-12) 62. Prin. Duard Conrqad, Lat., Hist.; Charles J. Good, Sc., Math., Man. Tr.; Margaret Mace, Eng., H.E.; Mary McCord, Lat., Eng., Math.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Herman Barkman, 5-6; Evadean Halterman, 3-4; Ruth P. Gillam, 1-2.

1932-33: Enrol. (1-8) 144, (9-12) 71. Prin. Duard Conrad, Soc. St., Phy. Ed., Coach; Mary McCord, Eng., Math., Lat.; Martha Hoge, H.E., Eng., P.E.; Charles Good, Sci., Math., Ind. A.; Donald Kanouse, 7-8; Herman Barkman, 5-6; Evadean Halterman, 3-4; Ruth Gillam, 1-2.

1933-34: Enrol. (1-8) 153, (9-12) 70. Prin. Duard Conrad, Soc. St., Phy. Ed.; Isabell Farry, Eng., Soc. St., H.E., H.; Charles Good, Sci., Math., Ind.A.; Mary McCord, Eng., Lat., Math.; Clarence Witham, 7-8; Herman Barkman, 5-6; Evadean Halterman, 3-4; Ruth Gillam, 1-2.

1934-35: Enrol. (1-8) 146, (9-12) 62. Prin. Duard Conrad, Soc. St., Phy. Ed., Lat.; Alice Conrad, Eng., H.E., Soc St. H.; Charles Good, Sci., Math., Ind. A.; Dorothy Dow, Eng., Soc. St.; Clarence Witham, 7-8; Herman Barkman, 5-6; Evadean Halterman, 3-4; Ruth Gillam, 1-2.

1935-36: Enrol. (1-8) 126, (9-12) 62. Prin. H. E. DeLong, Soc. St., Lat.; Martha Hoge, Eng., H.E., Phy. Ed.; Charles Good, Sci., Math., Ind. A.; Omer Haimbaugh, Math., Sci.; Clarence A. Witham, 7-8, Phy. Ed.; Herman Barkman, 5-6; Thelma Sanders, 3-4; Ruth Gillam, 1-2.

1936-37: Enrol. (1-8) 121, (9-12) 60. Prin. H. E. DeLong, Soc. St., Lat.; Charles J. Good, Ind. A., Sci.; Omer L. Haimbaugh, Math., Sci.; Martha Hoge, Eng., HE., Phy. Ed.; Clarence Witham, Eng., Soc. St., Com., Phy. Ed.; Herman Barkman, 5-6; Thelma Sanders, 3-4; Charlene L. Safford, 1-2.

1937-38: Enrol. (1-8) 104, (9-12) 61. Prin. H. E. DeLong, Soc. St., Lat.; Chas. J. Good, Sci., Math., Soc. St.; Omer L. Haimbaugh, Sci., Math.; Martha Hoge, Eng., H. Ec., Phys. Ed.; Clarence A. Witham, Com. Eng., Soc. St., Phys. Ed.; Herman Barkman, 5-6; Thelma Sanders, 3-4; Charlene L. Safford, 1-2.

1938-39: Enrol. (1-8) 108, (9-12) 66. Prin. H. E. DeLong, Soc. St., Lat.; Charles J. Good, Math., Sci., Ind. A.; Omer Haimbaugh, Math., Sci.; Martha Hoge, Eng., H. Ec., Phys. Ed.;

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Clarence A. Witham, Com. Eng., Soc. St., Phys Ed.; Herman Barkman, 5-6; Thelma Sanders, 3-4; Charlene L. Safford, 1-2.

1939-40: Enrol. (1-8) 100, (9-12) 62. Prin. H. E. DeLong, Lat., Soc. St., Phys. Ed.; Chas. J. Good, Ind. A., Sci.; Omer L. Haimbaugh, Math., Sci.; Martha Hoge, Eng., H. Ec., Phys. Ed.; Glen D. Law, Com., Soc. St., Eng.; Herman Barkman, 5-6; Thelma Sanders, 3-4; Charlene L. Safford, 1-2.

1940-41: Enrol. (1-8) 87, (9-12) 61. Prin. Mack Tucker, Math.; Chas. J. Good, Ind. A., Sci.; Glen D. Law, Com., Soc. St.; J. Edwin Perkins, Eng., Soc. St., Phys. Ed.; Maxine Royer, H. Ec., Mu., Phys. Ed.; Herman Barkman, 6-7; Thelma Sanders, 3-5; Charlene L. Safford, 1-2.

1941-42: Enrol. (1-8) 89, (9-12) 49. Prin. Mack Tucker, Com.; Chas. J. Good, Sci., Ind. A., H.S.; Chas. J. Good, Sci., Ind. A., H.S.; C. O. Lemert, Eng., Math.; J. Edwin Perkins, Eng., Soc. St., Lat., Phys. Ed.; Lura Wiggins, Eng., H. Ec., Mu.; Ruth Keebler, 6-7; Carol Biddinger, 3-5; Charlene Safford, 1-2.

1942-43: Enrol (1-8) 80, (9-12) 42. Prin. Mack Tucker, Com.; Ermal Fishbaugh, Eng. Sp., Mu.; Dessa Fultz, Eng., H. Ec.; Charles J. Good, End. A., Sci., Math.; O. C. Lemert, Math., Soc. St., Eng.; Ruth Keebler, 6-7; Carol Biddinger, 3-5; Mary Lukens, 1-2.

1944-45: Enrol (1-8) 96, (9-12) 45. Prin. Dessa A. Fultz, Lat., H. Ec.; Edith W. Bailey, Eng., Soc. St.; Helen Baney, Com., Mu.; Chas. J. Good, Math., Sci., Ind. A.; Kermit Biddinger, 7-8, P.E.; Ruth E. Keebler, 5-6; Iola Nadine Sriver, 3-4; Mary E. Lukens, 1-2.

1946-47: Enrol. (1-8) 110, (9-12) 47. Prin. S. H. Brewer, Soc. St., P.E.; Dessa A. Fultz, Eng., H. Ec.; Charles J. Good, Math., Sci., Ind. A.; Ruby Good, Com., Patricia L. Parker, Mu., B.; Kermit Biddinger, 7-8; Nadine Sriver, 3-4; Mary E. Lukens, 1-2.

1948-49: Enrol. (1-12) 176. Prin. Walter Jones, Soc. St.; Dessa A. Fultz, Eng., H. Ec., Lat.; Charles J. Good, Math., Sci., Ind. A.; Ronald D. Malott, Com., P.E.; Charlotte Leakey, Mu., B.; Kermit Biddinger, 7-8; Ruth Keebler, 5-6; Nadine Sriver, 3-4; Mary Norris, 1-2.

1949-50: Enrol. (1-6) 102, (7-8) 29, (9-12) 52. Prin. Samuel H. Brewer, Soc. St., H.S.; Ralph L. Boling, Com., P.E.; Edith M. Carlson, Mu., B.; Dessa A. Fultz, Eng., H. Ec., Lat.; Charles J. Good, Math., Sci., Ind. A.; Kermit Biddinger, 7-8; Ruth Keebler, 5-6; Nadine Sriver, 3-4; Mary Norris, 1-2.

1950-51: Enrol. (1-6) 109, (7-8) 29, (9-12) 44. Prin. Samuel H. Brewer, Soc. St., H.S.; Ralph L. Boling, Com., P.E.; Edith M. Carlson, Mu., B.; Dessa A. Fultz, Eng., H. Ec.; Charles J. Good, Math., Sci., Ind. A.; Kermit Biddinger, 7-8; Ruth Keebler, 5-6; Nadine Sriver, 3-4; Mary Norris, 1-2.

1951-52: Enrol. (1-6) 114, (7-8) 30, (9-12) 55. Prin. Ronald D. Malott, Com.; Edith Carlson, Mu., B.; Dessa A. Fultz, Eng., Lat., H. Ec.; Charles J. Good, Math., Sci., Ind. A.; William Schroer, Soc. St., H. S., P.E.; Kermit Biddinger, 7-8; Ruth Keebler, 5-6; Vera A. Conn, 3-4; Mary E. Norris, 1-2.

1953-54: Enrol (1-6) 121, (7-8) 34, (9-12) 52. Prin Ronald D. Malott, Com.; Dessa A. Fultz, Eng., H. Ec.; Charles J. Good, Math., Sci., Ind. A.; William Schroer, Soc. St., P.E., H.S.; Edith M. Carlson, Mu., B.; Kermit Biddinger, 7-8; Ruth Keebler, 5-6; Vera A. Conn, 3-4; Lena Barkman, 2-3; Mary E. Norris, 1.

1955-56: Enrol. (1-6) 100, (7-8) 33, (9-12) 57. Prin. Ronald D Malott, Com.; Kermit Biddinger, Math., Soc. St., P.E., H.S.; Joyce Bresson, Eng., Sci., H. Ec., P.E.; Marjory Frederick, Eng., Mu., B.; Charles J. Good, Math., Sci., Ind. A.; Florence Hill, Eng., Lang.; William Schroer, Soc. St., P.E., H.S.; Clifford Koch, 5-6; Lena Barkman, 3-4; Mary E. Norris, 1-2.

1956-57: [changes noted in supplements] Prin. Lloyd Harrell.

1957-58: Enrol. (1-6) 85, (7-8) 49, (9-12) 63. Prin. Lloyd W. Harrell, Bus., Dr. Ed.; Joe A. Barnett, Soc. St., H. S., P.E.; Opal Carpenter, H. Ec., P.E.; Marjory Frederick, Math., Mu., B.; Charles J. Good, Math., Biol., Phys., Ind. A.; Doris Hindman, Soc. St., Eng. H.S.; Dorothy Kindig, Eng., Fr.; Clifford Koch, 5-6; Lena Barkman, 3-4; Mary E. Norris, 1-2.

1959-60: Enrol. (1-6) 79, (7-8) 29, (9-12) 71. Prin. W. Bruce Bland, Bus. Ed.; Opal Carpenter, H. Ec., P. E.; Marjory Frederick, Mu., Eng.; Charles J. Good, Math., Ind. A., Donald

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Lau, Eng., Bus. Ed.; Larry Sparks, Coach, P.E., Soc. St.; Wm. Snyder, Asst., Coach, P.E., Sci., Dr. Ed.; Gene Fisher, 5-6; Lena Barkman, 3-4; Mary E. Norris, 1-2.

1961-62: Enrol. (1-6) 91, (7-8) 22, (9-12) 69. Prin. W. Bruce Bland, Math.; Dean Day, Coach, P.E., Soc. St.; Marjory Frederick, Engl; Charles Good, Math., Ind. A.; Dana Hartong, Soc. St., Sci.; Nancy Hostetler, Comm.; Jane McIntire, H. Ec., P.E.; Catherine White, Mu.; Gene Fisher, 5-6; Lena Barkman, 3-4; Mary Norris, 1-2.

[F.C.H.S. files]

Teachers: Lloyd Eherenman was principal 1913-18; Louisa Medora McMahan; Mary Lukens taught grades 1 and 2, 1947-48 Edith Haimbaugh Smiley, 1918-19; Omer Haimbaugh, math and coach, 1935-40; Flavilla Tracy, temporary, spring of 1908; Clyde Fish, grades 4, 5, and 6, [1908 ?]; Ruth Whittenberger

Hack drivers: Boke Starner; Delmar Hudkins; George Entsminger.

[Frederick Eherenman Family, Lloyd Eherenman, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

See Bloomingsburg School #7; Kewanna School

## TALMA HIGH SCHOOL

### ALUMNI

#### 1903

Wilbur Cox, 1228 Columbus, Elkhart IN 46514

#### 1907

Grace Hisey

Edna Carey, 920 Wabash Ave., Rochester IN 46975

#### 1910

Omar Waltz

#### 1911

Leah Bass, Fort Worth TX 33011

Eda Waygandt, Box 96, Union Town OH 44685

#### 1913

Nora Brockey, Cardinal Nursing Home 1121 E LaSalle St., So Bend IN 46617  
c/o Farmers & Merchants Bank, Rochester IN

#### 1914

Eva Grass, 319 S. Center St., Apt 1, Plainfield IN 46168

Marjorie Bryant, c/o Wayne Smith R. 7 Box 501-C, Rochester IN 46975

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Rogers

#### 1915

Eloise Long, 1555 N. Main 217E, Frankfort IN 46041

Ralph Lewis

Vivian Umbaugh, c/o Don Umbaugh, 6859 20B Rd, Argos IN 46501

#### 1916

Donald Coplen, 4607 W 60 Terrace, Mission KS 66222

#### 1917

Ralph Jones, R. 2, Argos IN 46501

#### 1919

Eva Killian, Brewster Center 264 North Mohican St, Brewster OH 44613

Ruby White, 117 W. Catalpa Dr., Mishawaka IN 46544

#### 1920

Omar Cox, 626 Baldwin St., Elkhart IN 46514

Isabelle Peterson, R. 1 Co Rd 900E, Mentone IN 46539

Deceased

Tural Kessler

**Ta**

**1921**

Leo Long, 308 S. Broadway, Peru IN 46970  
Lena Barkman, 1569 Aztec Circle, Naperville IL 60540-1205  
Charles Essig, 1015 Pontiac St., Rochester IN 46975  
Howard T. Horn, 13706 G 98 Av, Sun City AZ 85315

**1922**

Bernice Zolman, 309 Arctura Ave. S., Clearwater FL 33515  
Audra Troyer, 15601 Montroe Ave., Cleveland OH 44111  
Virl Fore, 1511 Roosevelt Dr. Noblesville IN 46060  
Grace Chapman, 1836 E. Beardsley Ave., Elkhart IN 46514  
Maude Cox, 301 N. Morgan, Mentone IN 46539

**1923**

Vera Mathewman, 1822 Milburn Blvd., Mishawaka IN 46544  
Mary Pittman, 230 Stanley, Mishawaka IN 46544  
June Kalmbacher, Tippecanoe IN 46570  
Donald Jefferies, #26 Monestead, Decatur IN 46733  
Carl Batz, 5011 Grand Ave., Western Springs IL, 60558

**1924**

Ignota Lee, 64 Cherokee, Sebring FL 33870  
Donald Barkman, Green Croft Center, Apt. 705, 500 S. Main, Elkhart IN 46514

**1925**

Helen Brown, Box 115, Mentone IN 46539  
Mary Konneck, 4 Seasons Estates Lot 35, Rochester IN 46975  
Howard Tobey, 1201 Jefferson St., Rochester IN 46975

**1926**

Winfred Quigley, 2656 Fairway Ave. S., St. Petersburg FL 33712  
Robert Messmore, 2867 Westbrook Ave., Indianapolis IN 46241  
Laurence Jackson, 7148 Grand Ave., Hammond IN 46320  
Chloe Housour, 156 Locust Apt 109, Elkhart IN 46514  
Roy Dick, R. 5, Rochester IN 46975  
Dorothy Paig, Lawrenceburg IN 47205 [moved]  
Ernest Anderson, 1603 S. Maple St., Urbana IL 61801  
Harold Fenstermaker, 2638 N. Fair Oak Ave., Tucson AZ 85712

**1927**

Opal Kunce, 1529 Silver St., Elkhart IN 46514  
William Maxwell, 924 Lincoln Rd., Kokomo IN 46901  
L. G. Alber, R. 5 Box 102  
Rochester IN 46975  
Wilson Mercer, R. 7 Lake Manitou, Rochester IN 46975

**1928**

Homer Graffis, 1303 Westchester Dr., North Manchester IN 46962  
Artimus Coplen, R. 5 Box 437, Rochester IN 46975  
Dorothy Schrer, 2120 N. Bainbridge Center Rd, Caloma MI 49098  
Helen Murphy, 108 Murray St, Chila Vista CA 92010

**1929**

Reba Isley, R. 1 Box 254, Silver Lake IN 46982  
Edith Milkovith, 2225 Olmsted R., Kalamazoo MI 49001

**1930**

Hope Waldo, 8803 Madison Ave., Apt. 108 D Bldg 2, Indianapolis IN 46227  
Palmer Warren, 3429 Brentwood Ave., Indianapolis IN 46236  
Willard Cook, 502 Keller Ave., North Judson IN 46366  
Robert O'Neal, R. 1 19988 S. Hickory Rd., Argos IN 46501  
Carey Landis, R. 2 Box 135, Claypool IN 46510

## **Ta**

Aubrey Kelly, R.1 Old U.S. 31 S., Plymouth IN 46536 [moved]  
Leroy Norris, R. 1 Box 349, Mentone IN 46539  
Harold Utter, 204 N. Tucker, Mentone IN 46539  
Beulah LaCrosse, 1454 Longfellow, So. Bend IN 46615  
Thurle Alber, 428 W. 7th St., Rochester IN 46975  
Alvin Finney, 1512 Arrowhead Dr., Rochester IN 46975  
Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Hunter, R. 2, Rochester IN 46975  
Mr. & Mrs. Von Kochenderfer, 314 Westwood Lane, Rochester IN 46975  
Everett Rathfon, R. 2, Rochester IN 46975

## **1931**

Dale Cook, 212 Autumn Trail, Pt. Orange FL 32079  
Rosella Doran, 918 Park Dr., Lebanon IN 46502  
Mary Mowiser, 335 W. Church St., Argos IN 46501  
William Walters, R. 1, Mentone IN 46539  
Annabelle Cotner, 429 Mathews, Kendallville IN 46755  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Miller, R. 2 Box 69, Akron IN 46910  
Mr. & Mrs. Lavoy Hoffman, R. 2 Box 244 A, Rochester IN 46975  
John McGowen, 1829 Hudson St. Corpus Cristi TX 78416

## **1932**

Adraen Daran, Palum River Mobile Park R. 2 Box 1665 D-8, Naples FL 32079  
Alonzo Haimbaugh, Star R. 1 Box 270, Inverness FL 32650  
William Witham, 530 Main St., Dyer IN 46311  
Howard McGowen, 20639 Michigan Rd., Argos IN 46501  
Gerald Sullivan, R. 1, Argos IN 46501  
Lavers Utter, R. 2, Rochester IN 46975  
Doris Craig, R. 1, Yettersburg [Veedersburg ?] IN 47567  
Mary Engler, Box 62, Dayton IN 47941

## **1933**

Rev. Vonald Hoffman, 18 A Court M Laurel Broom, Bricktown NJ 08723  
Louise Caslow, 1020 Mozart St., Tell City IN 47586-1739  
Ruth Sedan, R.3 Box 180, Archbold OH 43502  
Louis Perkins, R.1, Mentone IN 46539  
Merle Wilson, Mentone IN 46539  
Walter Safford, R.2 Box 130, Akron IN 46910  
Levoy Partridge, 2600 High St. Rd, Logansport IN 46947  
Chloris Barkman, R.5 Box 536, Rochester IN 46975

## **1934**

Dorothy Bowmman, 301 Emery Dr., Daytona Beach FL 32018  
Velma Gardner, 7401 E. 19th Rd., Argos IN 46501  
Herbert Kubley, Argos IN 46501 [moved]  
Wilvin Teel, R.1 Box 96B, Milford IN 46542  
Dale Wagoner, PO Box, Akron IN 46910  
Charlene [Mrs. Earl] Bailey, R.5 Box 24, Rochester IN 46975  
Lorene Foor, R.5 Box 271, Rochester IN 46975  
Margaret Masters, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Keith Walburn, R.1 Box 357, Rochester IN 46975  
Tressa Eiler, 1555 N. Main St., c/o Wesley Manor, Frankfort IN 46041-1199  
Elton R. Nelson, R.3 Box 91, Milace Minn. 56353  
Harold Kubley, 308 Catherine St., Washingto IL 61571

## **1935**

Eli Partridge, 472 N. Harbor Dr., Indian Rock Beach FL 33535  
Vernon Towne, R.3 Box 281A, Zionsville IN 46077 [moved]

## **Ta**

Trella Kennedy, Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth IN 46563  
Marquerite Sperry, 19170 W. 6th. Rd., Plymouth IN 46563  
George Utter, 421 S. Walnut, Plymouth IN 46563  
Glendola Alber, 728 W. 7th Rochester IN 46975 [deceased]  
Dorothy [Mrs. Clarence] Horn, 1220 Washington St., Rochester IN 46975  
Elizabeth Rogers, 1310 Jackson Blvd., Rochester IN 46975 [moved]  
Gerald Miller, R.6 #5 Partridge Rd., Springfield IL 62707  
William Warren, 3441 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix AZ 85008  
Daniel Caslow, 14343 N.E. Siskiyou Crt., Portland OR 97230

### **1936**

Irene Caslow, 28 Lee Ave., Apr 101, Washington DC 20013 [moved]  
Harold Alspach, PO Box 31304, Temple Hills MD 20748-0304  
Harold Alspach, PO Box 31304, Temple Hills MD 20748-0304  
Francis Rogers, 3525 Mumper Rd., Springfield OH 45502-8630  
Faye Miller, 525 S. Main, Bourbon IN 46504 [moved]  
Arguil Sumpter, R.2, Plymouth IN 46563  
Margaret Southers, R.1 209 83 Elm Rd., Tippecanoe IN 46570  
Wilford Teel, \$.5 Box 208, Warsaw IN 46580  
Mr. & Mrs. Marion Leininger, R.2 Box 150, Akron IN 46910  
Byron Gordon, R.5 Box 517, Rochester IN 46975  
Ignota Vandergrift, Movable Ranch SP. 27 18250 N., Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix AZ 85032

### **1937**

Velma Horn, Mentone IN 46539  
Harold Myers, 10089 Charles St., Osceola IN 46561  
Florence Flory, R.2 58640 Peach Rd., So. Bend IN 46600  
Hazel Kercher, R.1, Roann IN 46974  
Maleta and Charles Borden, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Mary & Fred Oden, R.5, Rochester IN 46975  
Ruth Fisher, 69628 67th St., Hartford MI 49075  
Donald Onthank, R.3, Newton IA 50208

### **1938**

Jean Walburn, R.6 Box 963, Pensacola FL 32507  
John Caslow, 2200 NE 33rd Ave. Apt 17-D, Ft. Lauderdale FL 33305  
Fern Swihart, 202 W. Maple Argos IN 46501 [deceased]  
Helen Meyers, Mentone IN 46539  
Mary Pirka, 710 N. Mason, Mishawaka IN 46544  
Mark T. Virgil, 521 Napoleon Blvd., So. Bend IN 46600  
Doris Eshelman, R.1 Box 272, Rochester IN 46975  
Clovis Peterson, R.5, Rochester IN 46975  
Louise Roth, 427 Dountdess, Polas Verdes Est. CA 90274

### **1939**

Rosella Benefeil, 5650 Fall Creek Rd., Indianapolis IN 46220  
Mary Dinwoodie, 354 Green Acred Dr., Valparaiso IN 46383  
Elnora Craig, R.1, Mentone IN 46539  
Eva Smith, Mentone IN 46539  
Charles Rogers, PO Box 198, New Carlisle IN 46552-0198  
Raymond Kalmbacher, R.1, Rochester IN 46975 [moved]  
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Peterson, R.2, Rochester IN 46975

### **1940**

Mary Gray, 4701 Ballard Rd., Lot 111, Ft. Myers FL 33905  
Albert Safford, 6002 Ralston Ave., Indianapolis IN 46220-2354  
Kathryn Kubley, R.1, Argos IN 46501 [moved]  
Martha Johnson, Bourbon IN 46504

## **Ta**

Charles Alber, 267 Main, Rochester IN 46975  
Keith Hisey, R.5 Box 51, Rochester IN 46975  
Martha Jefferies, 1217 Lake Shore Dr, Rochester IN 46975 [moved]  
Bertha Johnson, R.5, Rochester IN 46975  
Frances & Ernest Miller R.4, Rochester IN 46975  
Robert Teeter, R.7 Box 401, Rochester IN 46975  
Vera Terry, R.1 Box 244, Tell City IN 47985

## **1941**

Orville Long, 6207 18th St E., Ellington FL 33532  
Richard Smiley, R.2, Argos IN 46501  
Dale Chapman, Ireland Rd. R.2, Mishawaka IN 46544  
Louise Ganshorn, 1547 Cove Place, Mishawaka IN 46544  
Helen Cox, R.1 6689 Old US 31, Plymouth IN 46563  
Herbert Myers, 10924 Lincoln Hwy, Plymouth IN 46563-9076  
Emil Grass, 108 S. Tuxedo Dr., So Bend IN 46614  
Eileen Bryant Kaley, 26073 Lake Wood Dr., So Bend IN 46628  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Meiser, R.5 Box 105, Rochester IN 46975  
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Mikesell, R.5 Box 209, Rochester IN 46975  
Merle Long, 212 W Riverside Dr #A-6, Jeffersonville IN 47130  
Betty Norris, 4135 N. 57th Way, Phoenix AZ 85000

## **1942**

James Rogers, R.1, Mentone IN 46539  
Rollie Surguy, 524 Nancy St., Warsaw IN 46580  
Robert Squires, 417 Dalgreen Ave., Ft. Wayne IN 46800 [moved]  
Gene Tippy, 2312 W LaFountain St., Kokomo IN 46901-1465  
Mr. & Mrs Maurice Coplen, R.2, Akron IN 46910  
Calvin Mikesell, R.5 Box 357, Rochester IN 46975  
Virginia Weidner, 404 W. 9th, Rochester IN 46975  
Joe Boganwright, 1301 Tripoli Trail, Grand Prairie TX 75050  
June Miller, 1119 N. 46th St., Phoenix AZ 85008

## **1943**

Mr. & Ms. Oliver Clayburn, 1253 Twp Rd 1536 R.1, Ashland OH 44805-9736  
Edward King, 1308 Madison, Rochester IN 46975  
Merle McGowen, R.5 Box 486, Rochester IN 46975  
Mary Jane & Alonzo McIntyre, 1302 Jackson St., Rochester IN 46975  
Lowell Pfeiffer, 04361 Winfeild Rd, Winfeild IL 60190

## **1944**

Dorothy McPherson, 130 Crestwood Lane, Lexington TN 38351  
Betty Hutchinson, R.2, Bourbon IN 46504  
Rosa Welch, 33105 Woodmont Dr., So Bend IN 46614  
Donn Nichols, 3725 Place Drive, Ft. Wayne IN 46806  
Wendell Grass, R.5 Box 170, Rochester IN 46975  
Sheldon Mikesel, R.5, Rochester IN 46975  
Elvira Reed, R.6, Rochester IN 46975  
Donna Neil, 400 N. Washington St., Brazil IN 47834 [moved]  
Harold K. Long, 44323 Hanford Apt 4, Plymouth MI 48170  
Frances Rosseau, 1412 S. Van Couver, Kennewick WA 99336

## **1945**

Mrs. Erie Bontager, 1717 Morton St., Elkhart IN 46514  
Betty Scott, R.1, Tippecanoe IN 46570  
Kenneth Smiley, 319 Michall St., Logansport IN 46947

## **Ta**

Betty DeMein, 518 W 5th St., Rochester IN 46975-1224  
Robert Green, 726 Wabash Rochester IN 46975  
Richard Notz, 1303 Madison, Rochester IN 46975  
Robert Long, Space 71, 1119 A 46th St., Phoenix AZ 85008 [moved]  
Bob Herendeen, 745 21st St., Santa Monica CA 90402  
Arthur D. Peterson, PO Box 60993, Sacramento CA 95860

### **1946**

Lois Everhart, 2946 Ashley St., Kingsport TN 37664 [moved]  
Donald Long, 633 BExford Dr., Perrysburg OH 43551  
Julia Faulkner, R.1, Bremen IN 46506  
Harold Long, R.2, Etna Green IN 46524  
Don Baker, R.1, Tippecanoe IN 46570  
Bonnie Shafer, 1621 Ranch Rd., Warsaw IN 46580  
Paul Ridenour, 4115 Fellows, So. Bend IN 46600  
Bonnie Brown, 1420 N McCann St., Kokomo IN 46901  
Mellvin Collins, 1407 Washington, Rochester IN 46975

### **1947**

Lillian Hutchins, Box 2197, 1100 S. Broadway Apt 107, Lantana FL 33460  
Lillian Porter, PO Box 237 Byrdston TN 38549-0237  
Von Perkins, 20680 Louise Lane, So Bend IN 47714  
Richard Duzenberg, Box 498, Akron IN 46910  
Carol & Virgil Cooper, R.5, Rochester IN 46975  
Claude Jameson, R.5 Box 182, Rochester IN 46975  
Franklin Long, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Don Snipes, R.5 Box 148, Rochester IN 46975  
Mary & Robert Kale, 515 W. 6th. St., Rochester IN 46975

### **1948**

Eugene Riffle, 4450 Cosner, Lake Station IN 46405  
Maxine Yoder, 29853 R.6 Riveira Dr., Elkhart IN 46542  
Juanita Evans, 8805 Huguenard Rd., Ft. Wayne IN 46818-9406  
Alma Lemerom, R.1 Box 245, Winamac IN 46969  
Arnold Snipes, R.4 Box 22, Rochester IN 46975  
Mickey Eaton, 5965 Chandler Dr., Rockford IL 61111  
Donna Walton, 2227 N. Northcrest, Peoria IL 61604  
Charlotte Massey, 28 Delgado Ln, Not Springs Ark 71909-3709  
Raymond Shoemaker, 25128 Carson St Apt L, Hemet CA 92343 [moved]  
Carlton Clemans, 9113 W. Ave. E-8, Lancaster CA 93534

### **1949**

Wayne Baker, Menton, IN 46539  
Leonard Staldine, 19335 Montross DR., South Bend, IN 46600  
Mary Sullivan, R.1, Denver, IN 46926  
Barbara Hunter, R.1, Roann, IN 46974  
Sue & Joe Barts, R.1, Rochester IN 46975  
Shirley McCreary, R.3 Box 394, Escanaba MI 49829  
Chuck Waltz, 211 W. Corona Rd., Tuscon AZ 85706

### **1950**

Marilyn Miller, 12835 SW 21st St., Miami FL 33175  
Wilma Outler, 1809 Edison St., Griffith IN 46319  
Jim Smiley, Argos IN 46501  
Marilyn Miller, Inwood St., Elkhart IN 46514 [dup of first name in list?]  
Joe Good, PO Box, Mentone IN 46539  
Fred Richardson, R.1, Tippecanoe IN 46570

## **Ta**

Charles F. Green, 1408 W. Tanager Dr., Warsaw IN 46580  
Carol Crawford, 19770 Gilmer St., So Bend IN 46614  
Joe Shivley, R.2, Akron IN 46910  
Betty Crissinger, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Bob Duzan, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Charlotte & Herman Mathews, R.1, Rochester IN 46975  
Donna & Jeff Olinger, R.1, Rochester IN 46975  
Linda Kurtz, 1115 Olive Branch L.N., San Jose CA 95120

### **1951**

Barbara Reese, 108 W. Liberty, Bourbon IN 46504  
Lowell Long, 640 N. Franklin, Mentone IN 46539  
Gene Stavedahl, Mentone IN 46539  
Carole Florian, R.4, Walkerton IN 46574  
Ivory Snipes, 6508 Goodrich Dr., Ft. Wayne IN 46808  
Lowell Hisey, R.5 Box 90, Rochester IN 46975  
Kerit Zent, R.2, Rochester IN 46975

### **1952**

Richard Utter, Mentone IN 46539  
Sarita Foegley, 52200 Lilac Rd., So Bend IN 46628-4014  
Robert Kramer, R.7, Rochester IN 46975  
Sidney Alber, R.5, Rochester IN 46975  
Carol Azbell, R.1, Scipio IN 47273  
Geneva Hildabrand, 426 Main St., Attica IN 47918 [moved]  
Joyce Morgan, R.4 Box 451, Marion IL 62959  
Roger Goodman, R.7 Box 218 Lanting Lane, Long View TX 75610  
Bertie Eisert, 5280 Scarsdale Circle North, Reno Nev 89509

### **1953**

Marilyn Phillips, 5365 Troy Urbana Rd, Casstown OH 45312  
Evelyn Walker, 19446 Ethan Allen Lane, Westfield IN 46047  
Juanita Utter, 17034 S. Michigan, Argos IN 46501  
Dean Cox, 626 Baldwin St., Elkhart IN 46514  
Joan Tharp, 59321 Mayflower Dr. So Bend IN 46619  
David Leininter, R.2 Walnut St., Akron IN 46910  
Lola & Harold Collins, 1216 Jackson Blvd., Rochester IN 46975  
Marilyn & George Halterman, R.1 Box 266, Rochester IN 46975  
Marion Holloway, R.5 Box 481, Rochester IN 46975  
Barbara Myer, 4504 Congress Dr., Midland MI 48640  
Dixie Mitchell, PO Box 24431, St. Paul MN 55124-0431  
Nancy Rarrick, 3524 Lakeside Dr., Rockwell TX 75087  
Shirley Overmyer, 3764 Central Park #13, Las Vegas NV 89109 [moved]

### **1954**

Phyllis Hall, 6433 Buttonwood Dr., Noblesville IN 46060  
Annabel Marshall, R.1, Mentone IN 46539  
Jim Meredith, Mentone IN 46539  
Sandra & Robert Daake, R.5 Box 183, Rochester IN 46975  
Bill Richardson, 7522 S. 10th St., Kalamazoo MI 49002

### **1955**

Nancy Ebersole, 7 W. McKendimen Rd, Vincentown NJ 08088  
Jeanette Neureuther, 4958 Tim Tam Trail, c/o J. Clementson, Blasdell NY 14219-2634  
Noran Wagoner, 20247 N. 31, Westfield IN 4674  
Harold Melton, 4920 N 1000 E, Brownsburg IN 46112-9702  
Carolyn Griffis, 105 W. Jackson St., Bourbon IN 46504

## **Ta**

Harold L. Smith, R.1 County Lane Estates, Knox IN 46534  
Sue Curtis, R.7 River Lawn Addn., Warsaw IN 46580  
Don Duzenberg, 803 E. Rochester St., Akron IN 46910 [moved]  
Marlene & Kenneth Bathrick, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Carol & Donald Feltis, R.5, Rochester IN 46975  
Kermit Grass, 1500 Mitchell Dr., Rochester IN 46975-2441  
Kay & Arnold Horn, R.5 Box 411, Rochester IN 46975  
Dale Ladson, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Norma & Larry Murray, 500 Clay St., Rochester IN 46975  
Patsy Utter, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Lyle Vandermark, R.2 Box 208, Rochester IN 46975  
Kenneth Grass, R.1, Twelve Mile IN 46988

## **1956**

Mable Paul, R.1, Grovertown IN 46531  
Fred Kindig, R.1, Mentone IN, 46539  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Stavedahl, R.1, Mentone IN 46539  
Albert Snipes, 510 W. Prairie St., Warsaw IN 46580-4426  
Martha Melvin, R.1, Columbia City IN 46725  
Janice & Phil Pratt, R.2 Box 243, Rochester IN 46975  
Sara Bunch, 68814 So.Shore Dr., Edwardsburg MI 49112

## **1957**

Jerry Duzan, R.3 Box 48, St. Augustine FL 32084  
Steve Coplen, 106 Estells Ct., Florence KY 41042  
Karen Fleck, Lakeland Hills, Reynoldsburg OH 43068  
Robert Jordan, 438 Kelly St., Hobart IN 46342  
David Busenburg, R.1, Mentone IN 46539  
Ronnie Jones, 1906 Rd 225 West, Warsaw IN 46580  
Monte Sriver, 19880 Yoder St., So. Bend IN 46614  
Deloris Feldman, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Nettie & Larry Fisher, R.5 Box 168, Rochester IN 46975  
Mitzie Savage, R.1, Rochester IN 46975  
Larry Simpson, R.5 Box 318, Rochester IN 46975  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Grass, R.1, Twelve Mile IN 46988  
Ted Stavedahl, 3330 Magnums Way, Redding CA 96003-1873

## **1958**

Loretta Miller, 944 Wisteria Buena Vista, Lakeville MA 02346  
Linda Fuller, 5331 Troy Rd., Springfield OH 75502  
Larry Mikesell, 6724 Waycross Dr., Ft. Wayne IN 46816  
Sharon Beaman, 1604 N. McCann, Kokomo IN 46901  
Charles Coplen, R.2, Akron IN 46910  
Jack Horn, R.2 Box 321, Akron IN 46910  
Mary Jo Wilson, Box 144, Fulton IN 46931  
Robert Deamer, R.6 Box 45 Shorewood Estates, Rochester IN 46975  
Patricia & Mark Kistler, 504 Fulton, Rochester IN 46975  
Bill Rogers, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Jesse Wagoner, 1025 Oak Lane, Algonquin IL 60102-2355  
Danny Wenger, 7971 S. Lamar St., Littleton CO 80123

## **1959**

Jerry Busenburg, R.2 Box 94, Shipshewana IN 46565  
Carolyn McElreath, R.2 c/o Howard Reed, Rochester IN 46975  
Doris & Robert Newcomer, R.1 Box 56, Rochester IN 46975  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Peterson, R.2, Rochester IN 46974

## **Ta**

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Peterson, R.4 Box 23, Rochester IN 46975  
Janet & Michael Weber, R.7, Rochester IN 46975  
Janalene Hopping 2805 Airway Rd, Dice Acre, Muncie IN 47304  
Shirley Wolf, 2643 Thunderbird Trail, Lambertville MI 48144  
Karen Danielsem, Star Route 4578, Spooner WI 54801  
Don Jurdan, 801 S. Harrison Apt 711, Olathe KS 66061  
John Mathews, 4707 Birdwell Lane, Bossier City LA 71110  
Eugene Scott, Shaclow Canyon Rd., Brea CA 92621

### **1960**

Catherine Keele, 7 Wisteria Lane, Hamilton Square NJ 08690  
Frances Griner, 4502 Rushing Rd., Lakeland FL 33805  
Mary Unzicker, Glaypool IN 46510  
Janet Ewing, 4.1 Box 245, Etna Green IN 46524  
Karen Guffey, 1024 E. Ft. Wayne St., Warsaw IN 46580  
Joan Kay, 230 S. Roosevelt, Warsaw IN 46580 [moved]  
Nancy Alt, R.9, Columbia City IN 46725  
Bernice Kline, 1024 Applewood Rd, Fort Wayne IN 46825-3706  
Jerry Finney, R.2, Akron IN 46910  
Dora Jones, R.2 Box 334A, Akron IN 46910  
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Gordon, R.5 Box 413, Rochester IN 46975  
Wally Pfeiffer, R.2 Box 342, Rochester IN 46975  
Kathryn Young, 1569 Aztec Circle, Naperville IL 60540

### **1961**

Nancy Derck, R.1 Box 4, Antwerp OH 45813  
Nancy Trump, R.1 Box 180 Tippecanoe IN 46570  
Charles Ellison, R.2, Akron IN 46910  
Donna & Richard Arven, R.5 Box 29, Rochester IN 46975  
Jerry Eaton, R.t Box 510, Rochester IN 46975  
Joyce & William Lewis, R.5 Box 259, Rochester IN 46975  
Mike Pfeiffer, R.6 Box 65, Rochester IN 46975  
Jeanette Shoemaker, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Jim Dick, 623 South 56th St., Omaha Neb. 68106

### **1962**

Kathy Leath, 101 Little John Court, Nitereill FL 32578  
David Coplen R.1 24279 CR.27E, Elkhart IN 46514  
Devon Rensberger, 254 W. Indiana Ave., Nappanee IN 46550  
Louise Grillum, R.6 Chapman Lake Park Warsaw IN 46580  
Dennis Miller, R.7, Warsaw IN 46580 [moved]  
Cheryl Rose, R.2, Warsaw IN 46580 [moved]  
Jon Smith, R.7, Warsaw IN 46580  
Gary Mikesell, 745 Hickory Lane, Berne IN 46711  
Sharon Sterk, Athens IN 46912  
Juanita Stinson, R.4 Kewanna IN 47939  
Ronald Bryant, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Ray Duzan, R.5, Rochester IN 46975  
Linda & James Erp, R.5 Box 423, Rochester IN 46975  
Linda Weaver, 913 E. Clover St., Rochester IN 46975  
Katherine Rus, 2309 Paradise Peak Cn, Baldwin MO 63011-1806  
Ershel Carlile, 1716 College, Rochester IN 46975

### **1963**

Haila Oneal, 567 Weber Rd., Greenfield IN 46140  
Kathleen Carter, Williams St., Argos IN 46501  
Dotti Mays, 1200 Egbert Ave., Goshen IN 46526

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Gary Harvey, 19130-1 Tarman St., New Paris IN 46533  
Don Craig, R.1, Mentone IN 46539  
Linda Gothan, R.1, Mentone IN 46539  
Karen Holloway, Box 101 E. Jackson St., Mentone IN 46539  
Janet Swanson, R.9 Box 301, Warsaw IN 46580  
Sharon Puterbaugh, 16 Jean Ave, Apt. B, Peru IN 46970  
Jim Barkman, Box 186-A, Rochester IN 46975  
Roy Calvert, 1314 Franklin St., Rochester IN 46975  
Mary Dittman, R.2, Rochester IN 46975 [moved]  
Judy Duncan R.5, Rochester IN 46975  
Jim Johnson, R.5, Rochester IN 46975  
Gene Koch, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Terry Leininger, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Barry Peterson, R.2, Rochester IN 46975  
Mr. & Mrs. Keith White, R.5 Box 506, Rochester IN 46975  
Alice Vining, 22 W 365 Hackberry Dr., Green Ellyn IL 60137  
[Talma High School Alumni Mailing List]

## TAYLOR SCHOOL [ - - - - ]

Quite a sensation was raised at the Taylor School house, two miles north of here, on last Sunday evening. Some of the boys who had been prosecuted for misconduct some two weeks before, concluded that they would have revenge, and some three or four went for Aaron Packer, and used him rather rough for a short time until assistance came. Prosecute them again and keep it up until they learn to behave.

[Bloomingsburg Crumbs, Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 19, 1879]

## TIOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL [Richland Township]

[photo] Tiosa School 1909. The teacher, Florence Meiser, is in the center of the back row by the window. Front row: unknown, Charlie Foster, Mildred Wright, Lelia Barnhart, Forrester Clymer, unknown, Alta Alderfer Hiatt, Marie Barnhart, Glenn Alderfer Hartman. Row 2: unknown, Vern Alderfer, Carl Alderfer, unknown, Roy Hubbard, Marie Wynn, Pearl Wright Bowen (mother of Gov. Otis Bowen), unknown - face hidden, Eva Hubbard, Ethel Foster. (Photo donated to FCHS by Eva Glenn Alderfer Hartman, South Bend.)

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[photo] Tiosa School grades 1-2-3 in 1918-19. Front Row: Margaret Halterman, Raymond Wynn, Dennis Foor, Helen Cook, Ray Metzger, Lee Metzger, Edward Miller, Floyd Kindig. Row 2: Martha Eash, Gladys Kale, Ralph Conaway, Allen Turner, Dean Rhodes, Opel Anderson, Omar Anderson, Edna Halterman. Back Row: Robert Lewis, Cleon Kindig, Helen Beck, Edna Beck, Edna Eash, Donald Miller, Charles Kindig, Ethel Foster - teacher. Reflected in the windows are the Tiosa Brethren Church (left) and Mrs. McNeely's house (right). (Photo: Dennis Foor)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 50, p. 76]

[photo] The second Tiosa school, grades 1-8, taken in 1922. The teachers are from left to right: Robert Long, Catherine Leonard Howard, Dean Mow, custodian Esra Leedy. Student identifications are as yet incomplete. (Photo from Rochester Museum).

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[photo] Tiosa School 7th & 8th grades, Apr. 10, 1924: Front: Joe Conaway (Ralph's little brother). Front row: Bernice Walter Cummins, Mable Kale, Edna Beck, Ralph Conaway, Donald Morgan, Martha Eash, Gladys Kale, Margaret Halterman Newman. Row 2: Robert Long -

teacher, Louise Baldwin, Russell Dunfee, Edna Eash, Robert Lewis, Helen Beck, Fred Smith. (Photo donated to FCHS by Phyllis Pearson)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 62-63, p. 26]

#### MORE ON WHIPPOORWILL AND TIOSA SCHOOLS

Dennis Foor recalls that in 1916 Sand Hill, Red Brush and Tiosa one-room schools all consolidated into a new Tiosa School on a five acre lot. This was such a big playground that the kids playing in the northwest corner could not hear the bell but would see the other children going in the school and thus knew the bell had rung. The bell was a large brass round alarm bell about 12 inches diameter. It was struck by a metal arm that hit the outside of the bell and would go “clack clack clack.” The bell was in the hallway by the drinking fountain. There was a pile of rails on the northwest corner of the school yard and the kids would build a house of them and cover it with grass.

Dennis attended Sand Hill School and was sent to Tiosa after the consolidation. Several people opposed building the new school at Tiosa. Parlee Foor (Dennis’ father), Orville Miller, John Beck and others went to Indianapolis to try to get the new school built closer to Sand Hill where they wanted the new school. Still others wanted to keep the old Tiosa School, such as Harrison Wynn and Dr. L. C. Meek.

In the fall of 1923 pupils from Germany School and all those living west of 50W (west of Sand Hill) went to Whippoorwill School. So Dennis was consolidated into a different school again. He only attended old Whippoorwill School three months and the new Whippoorwill School opened Dec. 1, 1923, so he went to yet another school. The new Whippoorwill School cost \$20,000 to build but was used only seven years.

Why was a new Whippoorwill School built and used for only seven years? There were several prominent and influential people who wanted a new school at Whippoorwill, including Bill Miller, Harry Overmyer, and Chancey Hiatt. The trustee, Howard Reed, wanted to wait a couple of years and put all the children in Richland Center School. Several people opposed building a new Whippoorwill School. But those who wanted a new school won out and the new Whippoorwill was built.

Dennis remembers attending a meeting at the new Whippoorwill School around 1930 in which Richland Township trustee, Oscar Scott, pointed out the defects of the school, though it was only a seven-year-old building. There was mortar coming out from between the bricks. It was said that this was the fault of the architect who insisted that they use the mortar that had sat and dried out over noon hour instead of making a new batch. And the flat roof leaked because the drain holes had filled with leaves and then formed a lake on the roof and froze and pushed the roof away from the wall and split the roof. J. Howard Reed, the trustee who had built the school, had Dave Beehler the janitor clean the leaves out. But the new trustee, Oscar Scott, hired a new janitor, George Morris, and he did not clean out the leaves so the roof began to leak.

In 1926 the Richland Township trustee moved the Whippoorwill and Tiosa 7th and 8th grades to Richland Center School. Their desks were moved too. Dead Man’s College was closed then too. That was the first year that high school students were allowed to ride the school buses. Chancey Hiatt and Bill Miller were the bus drivers for Whippoorwill, while Jess Waltz and Frank Ball drove buses for Tiosa area.

Thus Dennis Foor was consolidated out of three schools. He attended Sand Hill for one year, then went to Tiosa six years 1917-23, then attended old Whippoorwill three months, then new Whippoorwill the rest of the year, then went to Richland Center High School.

When they remodeled Richland Center School in 1923, the bell was removed from the tower. The bell was a huge “dinner bell” with a clapper inside. It was so heavy it would take three or four men to move it. It was placed outside the janitor’s room above the entrance. Some high school boys stole it and buried it in a field, where it lay until it was plowed up by Charlie Morgan. His plow caught the edge of the bell and it ruined his plow.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 51, pp 40-42]

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The young orators of this community are holding debates at the Tiosa school house.  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 25, 1873]

Rev. A. Miller, of the Dunkard faith preached an interesting sermon. . . at the Tiosa school house on last Sunday evening. . .  
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, February 19, 1874]

The Tiosa school is under the management of W. H. Riley, assisted by Miss Minnie Ball. . .

--- Teachers institute at Tiosa, Ind., Jan. 13, 1877. . . [names mentioned]: Supt. Myers, E. C. Martindale, Miss Minnie Ball, F. E. Zechiel, W. H. Riley, J. L. Martindale, Miss McMahan, E. T. Henderson, Mr. Carr, W. A. Dillon, C. S. Knott, J. W. Heffley.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 20, 1877]

Wm. Riley is teaching an excellent school at this place. As teacher, Riley is a success.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 3, 1877]

The Tiosa school, taught by Sarah McMahan, is far superior to that of the spring term.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 29, 1877]

Mr. Wm. Riley will teach the winter term of school here.  
[Tiosa News, Rochester, Sentinel, Saturday, November 17, 1877]

Joint Institute Richland and Newcastle Townships. Tiosa, March 8, 1879. . . . [names mentioned]: Trustee Dillon, of Rochester, Superintendent Myers, Mr. Gould, Miss McMahan, Mr. Bury, C. B. Pendleton, J. L. Martindale.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 15, 1879]

Miss Ella Barb's school closed this week . . .  
Miss Sallie McMahan has been chosen teacher for our winter term. She has taught here before and gets an unanimous vote.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, October 25, 1879]

1916-18: George Riddle  
1929-30: Enrol. (1-8) 48. 8 mos. Nellie Newhouse, 4, 5, 6; Mary Lenore Smith, 1, 2, 3.  
1930-31: (Com. 10-8) 40. Nellie Newhouse, 4, 5, 6; Mary Lenore Smith, 1, 2, 3.  
Cont. Com. (1-6) 26. Nellie Newhouse, 4-6; Mary Lenore Smith, 1-3.  
1931-32: Enrol. (1-6) 26. Nellie Newhouse, 4-6; Mary Lenore Smith, 1-3.  
1932-33: Discontinued.  
[F.C.H.S. files]

## **TIOSA HIGH SCHOOL** [Richland Township]

Located NW corner of 200E and 700N.

Built between 1876 and 1883. Closed in 1933

[photo] diploma of Otto Smith showing photo of class: The first senior class of Tiosa High School in 1902. Row 1: Otto Smith, Faye Wright, Milo Mechling (he later became a teacher at Tiosa, probably about 1904). Row 2: Albert Carrithers, Metta Kinley, Clarence Mow, Raymond Anderson, Salene Palmer, Harry Giddinger. The signatures at the botton are C. A. Pendleton - trustee, Orion M. Miller - principal, and W. S. Gibbons - county superintendent.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 20, pp 20-21]

[photo] Ona Anderson Hedrick had a new white dress with a white ribbon for a belt and white hightop shoes in 1917.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 20, p. 22]

[photo] Old Tiosa school in 1912. Retha Pratt was the teacher. Row 1: Daucy Wright, Don Alexander, Lloyd Mechling. Row 2: Ella Riddle, Grover Warren, Evadean Leedy, Orris King, Fay Wolford, Fred Barnhart, James Palmer. Row 3: Jessie Wright Mertens, Ona Anderson Hedrick, Medrith Wright, Mabel Foster, Mabel Wright, Hazel Sharp Andrews, Mary Ruth Meek, Retha Drew Osborne, Effie Borden Suddith. Row 4: Madge Alexander, Mabel Shelly Palmer, Lela Barnhart, Carrie Sharp, Elizabeth McClure Pheister, Freda Bott Irvine, Lala Baldwin Overmyer, Geneva Baldwin Leedy. (Ona Hedricks' photo)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 20, p. 24]

#### TIOSA SCHOOL

By Shirley Willard

The old wood frame school at Tiosa was built between 1876 and 1883. It was located on the northwest corner of county roads 200E and 700N, north of the town of Tiosa, where Bill Lewis lives now in a house he built.

The school had two rooms, one upstairs and one down. Grades 1 to 4 and the primer class were in the lower room, while grades 5 to 8 went upstairs. The upstairs was used for a high school until 1902, when they were transferred to Richland Center school.

Ona Anderson Hedrick remembers sliding down the banister and playing baseball with a board for a bat. There were outdoor toilets, of course. Commencement for eighth graders was held in the Tiosa Brethren Church. Ona had a new white dress with a white ribbon for a belt and white hightop shoes in 1917.

In 1910-11 some of the Sand Hill pupils were taken to Tiosa school on Henry Alderfer's hack. Oran Leedy was one of the pupils and says the Sand Hill kids went back to Sand Hill School the next year.

Tiosa teachers were Selena Palmer (Scott) 1910-12 primary grades, Hugh Guise 1910-11 upper grades, Retha Pratt 1912-13 and second half of 1914-15 primary, Ruth Whittenberger 1913-14 primary, Milo Winn 1912-13 upper grades, Billy Foster 1913-15 upper, Carmen Palmer 1914-15 primary. When Billy Foster was elected trustee of Richland Township in the fall of 1914, he promised Carmen Palmer he could make her the principal and teacher of the upper grades, so when he took office in January 1915, she moved upstairs. Retha Pratt came to finish the year as primary teacher. Billy's son Orie Foster was principal 1915-16 while Carmen Palmer went back downstairs to teach primary again; then she went to Richland Center to teach 1916-18. She came back to Tiosa to teach 1918-22. Carmen (Mrs. Otto Kath) says she graduated from Richland Center which offered only three years of high school, so she had to go to Rochester high school for the fourth year. Because Richland Center was not accredited, she had to go to Rochester an extra semester. Then she went to Valparaiso College for a summer course and became a teacher after passing the exam. That was all the education required to become a teacher at that time.

Ruth Foster taught the primary grades 1916-17. George Riddle was principal 1916-18, teaching the upper grades. He was principal when the school was moved into the new building at the end of 1916.

Tiosa's new brick school opened in January 1917. It had three rooms above ground level with an open stairway up to them. These were the class rooms for three teachers, one for grades 1-2-3, one for grades 4-5-6, and the principal who taught grades 7 and 8. In the basement were only two play rooms, one for boys and one for girls, though they sometimes played in the same rooms. There was also a furnace room and two restrooms. The school was located about three-quarters mile south of the old school and was across the street from the Tiosa Brethren Church. When it opened in January, the children had to walk on a board across the muddy yard to reach the school. George Riddle was the first principal at the new Tiosa school. Lee Beehler

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[taught] grades 4-5-6, Ruth Foster grades 1-2-3. Other teachers were Clara Mae Robbins 1918, Grace Mowrer, Ethel Foster, Clifford Koch. Dean Mow was principal and 7th and 8th 1918-22, Carmen Palmer Kath taught 4-5-6, and Ethel Foster taught 1-2-3 1918-19. Robert Long was principal 1922-23, Evadean Leedy 1-2-3 1926-28. Otto Beehler was principal 1928, and Otto's wife, Bessie Beehler, taught grades 4-5-6. Leo Beehler was principal 1929. Nellie Newhouse taught 4-5-6 1929-33.

The seventh and eighth grades and their desks were moved to Richland Center school in 1926. Grades 1 to 6 continued at Tiosa until 1933 when they too were transferred to Richland Center and the Tiosa school was closed. Eighth grade graduation was held at the Richland Center Methodist Church until the new gym was built in 1940. Neither the graduating eighth graders nor the seniors wore robes. The girls wore white dresses and the boys wore suits.

Frank Ball drove a horse-drawn hack to Tiosa. From about 1928-35 Harry Osborn drove a motor bus to Tiosa and Richland Center. Because he drove two routes, 5 or 6 kids waited at Tiosa school while he took the busload home, then came back for them and took them home. After the Tiosa seventh and eighth graders were transferred to Richland Center, Vernon Scott also drove a bus to Tiosa, where the big kids got on Osborn's bus to go to Richland Center.

Janitors at Tiosa were Jim Hubbard, later Ezra Leedy, and the last several years of Tiosa school's existence, Henry Overmyer.

Tiosa school playground included a teeter-totter. The kids played tag and other running games more than anything else. Tiosa did not have a ball team to play against other schools.

After closing in 1933, Tiosa school was torn down and the bricks were used to build Babcock's locker plant (now Babcock's Marina) at Lake Manitou. Jim Lewis built a house on the foundation of the school and still lives there. It is a coincidence that Catherine Osborn (Mrs. Robert Lewis) attended Tiosa school and her father drove the bus, and now her two sons live on the sites of the two Tiosa schools.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 20, pp 22-25]

**Corrections:** Richland Township held high school in Tiosa school, separated by a partition from the grade school. High school was on the east side of the partition and grade school on the west side. There was a recitation room on the south, according to Hazel Conaway.

The high school of 1902-93 was also held in Tiosa school, but there were only three seniors, all girls: Faye Gordon, Gertrude Packer (still living in Culver), and Lefa Wright, older sister of Rena Wright, who is known to many as a Rochester high school English teacher. Unlike the first graduating class, these girls did not receive a fancy pictorial diploma, just a piece of paper, really no diploma at all.

The next two years Richland Township high school was held at the County Line school, but it was called Richland Center High School. Rev. Clyde Walters writes: "Charley Emmons was the high school teacher. The new high school was in the process of construction at Richland Center, the grades of Richland Center being transported to Tiosa grade school, Grand View school, and Dead Man's College. Err Biddinger and Howard Dickey were the total senior class of 1904. Jesse Dickey, Milo Wynn, and Lawrence Hackett were the graduates of 1905.

"I Had my first year of Richland Center high school at County Line building. There were 18 of us in the first year of high school: nine girls and nine boys. Seven boys and one girl graduated in 1906 from that class of 18 beginners: Guy Babcock, Charles Maple, Charles Meiser, Edgar Moore, Harry Osborn, Etta Overmyer, myself, and Harold Weir. Our second year of high school was held in the new building at Richland Center. High school occupied the second floor and the grades were on the first floor."

[FCHS Quarterly No. 21, p. 38]

First graduating class of Tiosa High School, 1902: Otto Smith, Faye Wright, Milo Mechling, Albert Carrithers, Meta Kinley, Clarence Mow, Raymond Anderson, Selene Palmer, Harry Biddinger.

[Harry Everett Biddinger, Biddinger Family, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol 2, Willard]

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1896-97: F. M. Fultz.  
1897-98: Arthur Deamer.  
1898-99: Arthur Deamer.  
1901-02: O. M. Miller.

Otto Beehler taught at South Germany School before 1922, was principal at Whippoorwill, then principal at Tiosa 1928 while his wife Bessie taught fourth and fifth grades at Tiosa. Then Otto taught seventh grade at Columbia School in Rochester 1928-40 and grade six at Lincoln School in Rochester 1928-40 and grade six at Lincoln School 1940-43.

[Mary Rosella Beehler Reinhold, William Amel Sausaman, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard.]

Lee Beehler taught at Sand Hill one room school 1919-10 and 1912-16 in Richland Township, then was principal at Tiosa 1929.

Teachers: William Foster; Otto Beehler, principal 1928; Bessie Beehler, 4th & 5th grades; Lee Beehler, principal, 1929

### **TIOSA SCHOOL** [Tiosa, Indiana]

#### WOULD STOP SALE OF SCHOOL BUILDING

John B. Williams, of near Tiosa, Friday filed a petition in court to prevent William Foster, trustee of Richland township, from selling the old school building at Tiosa. When the township officials recently completed a new school, they decided to sell the old building, but Williams now claims that the structure belongs to him, asserting that it reverts back with the land. The land reverted back to the farm, when it was given up for school purposes. The building is probably worth \$400. The case will be decided in court.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 12, 1917]

### **TIPPECANOE SCHOOL** [Rochester Township]

See Ernsperger School

### **TIPTON SCHOOL** [Newcastle Township]

### **UNION SCHOOL** [Rochester, Indiana]

The Union School has been in session over two weeks. . . The Board of Instructors consists of Principal, N. L. Lord. Assistants Miss Carrie Dinsmore, Mrs. Mary P. Fuller and Miss Mary Lakin.

There are now in attendance about 180 pupils, and the number will doubtless reach 200 before the middle of the term.

[Rochester *Mercuty*, Thursday, November 6, 1861]

Union School. The spring term of this School will commence Monday, April 20 1863 . . . W. H. Hazelton Principal, Miss J. M. Tinsley, Intermediate Department. Miss Lucy B. Clouse, Primary Department. Rochester, March 5th, 1863

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 5, 1863]

Union School was located about 100 feet north of the corner of 150S and Wabash Road on the west side of the Wabash Road just north of US-31 By-pass south of Rochester. Union was probably built about 1870, was used as a school until 1918, and was torn down in 1964. A hole was dug and the bricks were shoved in and buried by Charlie Ogle with his Allis Chalmers tractor with a front end bucket.

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Lucy Blackburn wrote: "My father, the late William Blackburn, was born in 1870 and he received all of his schooling at Union. I Remember stories he used to tell about various happenings. I recall him telling how much difficulty they had in keeping a teacher, as many of the children, especially the older boys, were hard to control. He told how many they had in one year, and finally they got a young man by the name of Doc Douglas who was able to control the big kids. Later they had Alwilda Edwards, who proved to be a very good teacher. She was later married to Jud Dillon and after his death she married the late Henry Barnhart.

"I started to school there in 1901 and my first teacher was Lillian Mow (Mrs. Charles Sturken). Other teachers I recall were Bell Jewell (later Mrs. Fenstermaker) her sister Ida Jewell who later married Dr. F. C. Dielman, Faye Hultz (Mrs. Carl Van Trump) 1904, Edna Sheets, Charles Hower, Della Miller 1906-08, Ada Southard (Mrs. Otto Sherbondy) 1909-11, Marie Foglesong 1915 (?), Fern Wright (Mrs. Glen Hoss) 1912-13, and Fred Deardorff 1911-12.

"There was no bus or horse-drawn hack. Everyone walked to school and many of the teachers even walked from Rochester. If the weather was bad, the teachers often roomed with various people.

"They always had what they called a school director. This man would see that the school was clean for the fall opening, and that fuel and other supplies obtained. The one-room school was heated by a pot-belly stove in the middle of the room. My father and the late Bruce Lowe would take turns being director (no pay) for many years.

"One fond memory I have is the big dinner on the last day of school. All parents would come, bringing all kinds of good food, which would be placed on boards laid on top of the seats for tables. Following the dinner there would be a program given by the children, and report cards distributed. Usually school would be out the latter part of March."

Other teachers were Elva Snyder Wagoner 1915-16, Mazie Davis 1917.

[Unpublished article by Shirley Willard]

## UNION SCHOOL [#6] [Rochester Township]

The farmers in the neighborhood of Union School House on the Michigan Road are trying to establish a Grange; we believe it has proved a failure so far.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 15, 1873]

Union school will open on next Monday, with Miss Sallie McMahan as teacher, this being her seventeenth school, and her fifth term at Union; but we were reliably informed that she is going to leave off teaching this fall, and going to Sanantonio, Texas. . . . we cannot refrain from congratulating Mr. A. Ultz on securing such a prize.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 9, 1874]

A Mr. Hoover from Ohio will train the young ideas at Union this winter, Abe Bowers will swing the birch at the Saw-mill school, Miss Maggie Blacketer will dust the jackets in the new district near Wm. Davidson's and John Davidson will "rule" the young Antiochers.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, December 3, 1875]

On next Monday, the 16th, our friend W. E. Smith, better known as Joe Smith, will commence teaching the fall term of school at the Union school house, situated a short distance south-east of Rochester . . . He has taught some two terms heretofore. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, September 13, 1878]

Miss Mary Sperry will teach the Sprinkleburg school this winter, A. F. Bowers at Union, and Curg Rannells at Mt. Zion.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, November 15, 1878]

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The Rochester township Teachers' Institute, conducted by Trustee Cates, was held at Union school house on last Saturday. Almost every district was represented. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, January 17, 1879]

Della Miller went to Rochester College and got a teacher's license. She taught at Green Oak 1904-06 and at Union School south of Rochester 1906-08. . . . She came back home the next year and taught at Screech Owl one-room school west of Rochester for five years 1910-15.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 58, p. 28]

Teachers: Laura Virginia McMahan completed her schooling there, and later taught at the same school; Cora Pownall, 1898-99; Belle Jewell Fenstermacher in 1901; Lillian Mow Sturken in 1901

## UNION TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS [Union Township]

[photo] Union Township teachers about 1905. Front Row: Elmer Cook, Blanche Baldwin, Edna Talbott, Clyde Henderson. Row 2: John Gorsline, John Lisey, Floyd Leasure, Frank Collins, Roy E. Cannon, Earl Heimbürger, Albie Patty. (Photo donated to FCHS by Mildred Sparks Tomlinson)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 45, p.72]

[photo] Teachers of Union Township 1916-17. Front row: Dola Garman, Louise Gorseline (Collins), Chloe Ewing (Johnson), Dottie Reese. Middle row: Theresa Weir, Mrs. A. C. Wright, Beatrice Black (Felder), Rayne Miller, June Willoughby. Back row: Eldon Walters, Arthur Felder, Olvyn Troutman, A. C. Wright, Plaudia Enyeart, Van Tuyl Gillespie. (Photo: Robert Miller)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 48, p. 77]

The first school building in Union Township was built in 1840. It was a log cabin.

The township was divided into three school districts on July 25, 1840. District #1 was constructed on land donated by Stephen Bruce. In 1844 District #2 built their first school house on land donated by James A. Carter. Both buildings were made of hand-hewn logs.

### THE MONGER SCHOOL

Compiled by Benjamin Barrett Fort

Union Township is situated in the western part of Fulton County and contains an area of 42 square miles. On account of the level character of the land much of it was originally classed as swamp land and a large amount of artificial drainage has been necessary to save and render fertile and valuable thousands of acres of land.

Prior to the year 1837 the territory now constituting Union Township remained in the possession of the Indians and Chief Kewanna was one of the 30 Indian chiefs as frontiersmen in Union Township and no white man had come to invade their hunting grounds. Pioneers John Troutman, Michael Troutman, Thomas Barnett and Isaac Cannon purchased tracts of government land in this township in 1836 and brought their families in 1837 for permanent occupancy and to begin the labor of converting the land into farms. There were others who came immediately afterward to unite with them in this common cause.

For several years after the first white settlers came to Union Township their only roads were Indian trails. One of these (now State Road 17) branched off from the Michigan Road at a point about eight miles from north of Logansport and led in a northwesterly direction to the shores of Kewanna Lake, a favorite camping ground and trading post used by the early French and Indian traders. Located in the extreme northwestern part of the township this was the location where a treaty was signed with the Indians and Chief Kewanna in 1837 removing the Potawatomi Indians from the district. Now known as Lake Bruce, it received its name from the Stephen Bruce family that settled there in 1837 and made the first improvements.

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The early white settlers in Union Township were interested in education for their children. On July 25, 1840, trustees met and divided the township into school districts and shortly afterwards a log school house was erected by the citizens a mile west of the present site of Kewanna. District school trustees in 1840 were Joseph Clayton, James Maxey, and Mark Moore for District 1; Jacob Curtner, John Shoup and Stephen Bruce for District 2; Junior Lathrop, Greenup Troutman, and Joel H. Davis for District 3. (Quoted from Kingman's 1883 *Historical Atlas of Fulton County, Indiana*, pg. 54.) District Number One included the northeastern part of the township District Number Two the northwestern part of the township; District Number Three, and a short time later District Number Four, to include the south half of the township where the first school in District Number Three was erected in 1841 near Kewanna. In 1842 the first school in District Number Two was erected on land donated by Stephen Bruce near Lake Bruce. In 1844 the first schoolhouse in District Number One was erected on land presented to the township by James A. Carter at Bruce Lake Station.

By 1844 there were 166 pupils taught in Union Township in the different school districts. Township funds without a tuition fee were not sufficient to cover the expense of teaching but parents, because of the desire to educate their children, found a way.

The log school houses in the 1840's had slab seats, puncheon floors and six-foot fireplaces, for stoves and furnaces were not yet made for such purposes. The building had a shake roof, held on by weight poles. Union Township in Fulton County in the 1840's had considerable swamp land, and in this marsh was the home of thousands of muskrats, so on nice warm days, when the marsh was frozen, all the large pupils, boys and girls, would be out spearing rats. Therefore, when they came to school again it was in evidence we need spend no money for perfume.

In the 1840's the countryside in Union Township was heavily timbered with hickory, walnut, oak, ash, elm and other varieties. The walnut trees which were burned would today sell for more than the farms. Educational privileges were meager but promising. There was no need of truant officers to compel children to attend school. Children were glad to have the opportunity to go to school, but there was public money for only three months in a year. A well-qualified lady teacher would get 75 cents to \$1.50 per week, and board around with the pupils. Many of the children walked two or three miles to school, part of the way through the forest.

By 1851 there were now eight school districts in Union Township. Many of the log school houses had by now been remodeled into frame buildings as neat and comfortable school houses into which school was supposed to be conducted six months of the year. The revised Indiana State Constitution of 1851 laid a tax on all people to provide an education for the young boys and girls of the respective townships in all the counties in the state of Indiana.

The story of the development of the county school system is one of increasing progress from the earliest schools. Shortly after the dawn of the century prominent educators laid before the people of the rural communities the system of consolidated elementary schools which had been devised after careful study and experiment. The advantages of the consolidated school lay in the fact that not only could the best accommodations for the children be supplied but also more specialized teaching could be secured, making it unnecessary for one teacher to supervise the work of eight grades as was necessary under the small school systems.

By 1922 Union Township had undergone many changes. Kewanna by 1900 had witnessed its first high school graduating class at the local school constructed in 1891. By 1916 Kewanna school had deteriorated to such an extent a new school had to be constructed in 1917. According to the Kewanna *Herald* Sept. 20, 1918, some of the township schools had become obsolete and from four of the ten township schools, the children were being hauled to Kewanna to attend school. Those schools closed at that time were Ireland, Mt. Carmel, College Corner and Scotland. The township schools that hadn't consolidated by 1918 were Jubilee, Lake Bruce, Prairie Grove, Bruce Lake Station, Russell, and Monger.

Fulton County was fortunate to have as county superintendent of schools John C. Werner during the period when the era of consolidated schools dawned. During the years of his service as county superintendent of schools 1907-13 four consolidated schools were built in the

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county situated at Athens, Tiosa, Mount Olive, and the McKinley school at Rochester. They were added to the list of six comparatively new high schools at Akron, Grass Creek, Fulton, Kewanna, Leiters Ford and Richland Center already built in the county.

The rapid building of consolidated schools within such a relatively short period of years brought forth quite a bit of complaint from the taxpayers of the county. By 1918 the county superintendent of schools, Thomas T. Berry, was unable to secure the funds for any enlargement of the system on broad lines. He did, however, build the new Woodrow School in Rochester Township in 1917. Consolidation had been considered for sometime in Union Township between Monger School and the Russell School to favor all the pupils and the need in the township to support jointly only one school in the area. The Russell School was located on State Road 14 at 775 West where the Pinhook Grange Hall is presently located. It was agreed upon that area students one year would attend the Russell School and the next year the Monger School. In 1922-23 Monger School classes were discontinued and then students attended Russell School with Mildred Britton as the teacher. In 1923-24 the reverse took place with Mildred Britton the teacher at Monger School, and Russell School was not in session.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 49, pp 54-56 and pp 68-69]

### UNION TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Memories of Union Township schools continue in this issue.

According to the 1883 *Historical Atlas of Fulton County*, Union Township was divided into three school districts July 25, 1840, and shortly after the first log schoolhouse was erected a mile west of Kewanna. This would be about a half mile south of Ireland School on the Robert Miller farm.

District no. 1 included sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15; its trustees were James Maxey, Joseph Clayton, and Mark B. Moore. District no. 2 included sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18; its trustees were Jacob Curtner, John Shoup, and Stephen Bruce. District no. 3 included the southern half of the township; its trustees were Junia Lathrop, Greenup Troutman, and Joel H. Davis.

In 1841 District no. 4 was formed from a section of District no. 3, and a schoolhouse was erected in section 26. That would be about a mile east of Kewanna near the later Scotland School. The first schoolhouse in District no. 1 was erected in 1842 on land donated by Stephen Bruce. In 1844 a similar building was erected in District no. 2 on a lot donated by James A. Carter. (This school was at first known as the Carter School, later as Bruce Lake Station.) On Aug. 28, 1844, Vincent McCoy, treasurer of Union Township, reported that the township had received tuition of \$22.25 from the County Commissioners and \$12.81 from the Treasurer of Fulton County, and that there was due the township \$55.81 on sundry notes. In that year the total number of children attending school totaled 166, and the revenue being insufficient, the deficiency was made up by private parties.

The revised Indiana Constitution of 1851 provided tax support for schools and made the schools free to all. At that time Union Township was divided into eight school districts but unfortunately the atlas does not name these schools.

The 1876 *Indiana Atlas* shows seven schools in Union Township and while it does not give their names, we know they are Lake Bruce, Munger, Davis, College Corner, Ireland, Polecat, and Scotland. No doubt Kewanna had a school in town too but this is not shown in the 1876 atlas.

The 1883 *Historical Atlas of Fulton County* shows the same schools as the 1876 atlas plus four more: Bruce Lake Station, Prairie Grove, Mt. Carmel or Slick, and Kewanna or district no. 5 on the southwest corner of South and Toner streets. (South Street is two blocks south of Main Street.) That makes 11 schools in Union Township.

The 1907 *Fulton County Atlas* shows 12 schools in Union Township. Russell and Jubilee are new, while Slick or Mt. Carmel and Polecat are gone. It shows Kewanna School at the

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north side of town where it is now, but it also shows a one-room school at the west edge of Kewanna on the south side of the Main Street just west of the cemetery. As no one seems to remember a one-room school in this location, we wonder if perhaps this was an error. 1907 is not so long ago but what someone should remember.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 48, pp 65-67]

### UNION TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

There were 14 schools in Union Township: Bruce Lake, Bruce Lake Station, Munger, Jubilee, Polecat, Prairie Grove, Scotland, Davis, Russell, Slick or Mt. Carmel, Ireland, College Corner, Kewanna, and an unidentified school (District No. 6) on 800W about a mile south of Kewanna. Also, Greenland School was just across the road in Pulaski County, so children from Union Township attended it.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 44, p. 47]

### UNION TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

There were 14 schools in Union Township: Jubilee or Polecat - District No. 1, Bruce Lake Station or Carter - District No. 2, Ireland - District No. 3, College Corner - District No. 4, Scotland - District No. 6, Jackson or Davis - District No. 7, Monger or Munger - District No. 8, Prairie Grove - District No. 9, Slick or Mt. Carmel - District No. 10, Russell, Lake Bruce, Kewanna (which was District No. 5?) and an unidentified school east of Kewanna on the south side of 250S across from the T formed with the Tamarack Road.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 45, p. 59]

### 1921-22 UNION TWP. TEACHERS

Catherine Crabill Kough found the following article while researching in the microfilms of the Kewanna *Herald*, dated Sept. 9, 1921:

"Here is the official line-up of the schools of Kewanna and Union Township which opened Monday morning: Kewanna School - A. Carl Wright, principal; June Willoughby, assistant principal; Eleanor Murphy, instructor; Maude Conrad, music and domestic science; Vernie Bowen, manual training and 8th grade; Elmer Cook, 6-7; Jessie Teter, 4-5; Helen Gould, 2-3; Delilah Kingery, primary and first grade. Township schools: Thomas E. Reed, Jubilee; Nellie Hendrickson, Prairie Grove; Ruth Graham, Russell; Lora Hoover, Monger; Ella Koenig, Bruce Lake Station; Florence Steinke, Lake Bruce. Hack drivers: L. W. Wilkinson for Ireland vicinity; Tone Wilson for Slick vicinity; Henry Eiseman for College Corner route; Albert Bruce for Scotland route; Bud Rans for old Davis District, northeast. Charles Showley and Steven Fansler haul to Lake Bruce and Eli Woodcox hauls to Monger."

Nov. 14, 1921, Kewanna *Herald*: "Miss Florence Steinke, teacher at the Bruce Lake School announces that a Box and Pie Social will be given at that school Tuesday night, Nov. 15th."

[FCHS Quarterly No. 45, pp 59-60]

## VAN TRUMP'S SCHOOL [Rochester Township]

Debating Club at Van Trump's School House has been organized for weekly discussion during the winter.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 21, 1863]

## WAGONERS STATION SCHOOL [Miami County]

Also called Hopewell School

We attended Sabbath School at Wagoner's Station school house last Sabbath, and were much pleased to see how well it was conducted.

[Wagoner's Station Clippings, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 17, 1873]

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Our school opened this week with a good attendance, and under the skillful management of Miss Emma Robbins [who] has won for herself the approbation of most of the people in our district, having taught three terms of school here before. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 15, 1873]

We learn that Miss Robbins is opposed to the Singing Club holding their meetings in the school house, but we can hardly believe it, for we have entertained a very high opinion of her heretofore, and do not think she would be so selfish as to grumble about having to sweep the floor once a week when she gets \$2.40 per day for doing it. - J. Yost Wheatley.

[Wagoner's Station News, Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 29, 1873]

Miss Lida Stradley is going to be a school marm.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 29, 1873]

A school meeting was held at this place, and Frank Cunningham was elected to teach the term. He proposes to teach for \$1 per day, and also boards himself in the bargain. Pretty cheap.

The singing school was reorganized last Thursday evening. J. A. Wertz conductor.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, March 26, 1874]

Mr. Frank Cunningham is teaching the school at Hopewell. He is a pleasant, intelligent young man, well fitted for his position, and we predict for him a brilliant career. -J. Yost Wheatley.

[Wagoner's Station Chips, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, May 14, 1874]

G. D. Jameson is our school teacher. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, November 12, 1875]

## WALNUT SCHOOL [Marshall County]

A Miss Reynolds, of Plymouth, is the teacher elect of our public school for the spring and summer session.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, April 18, 1872]

## WALTON SCHOOL [Rochester Township]

Teachers: J. S. Rannells

## WAYNE SCHOOL [#9] [Wayne Township]

Located at NE corner of 600W and 725S.

Built between 1883 and 1907.

Persons who have an ear for music should attend the singing school at the Wayne school house, and hear Prof. Studebaker give instructions in vocal music.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, April 2, 1875]

The Wayne school is under the control of M. C. Cooper. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 10, 1877]

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Teachers: Willie Nickels; Sarah Ellen Julian.

### WAYNE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL [Wayne Township]

#### SCHOOL HOUSE BURNS

School house number four in Wayne township burned to the ground Sunday night. The loss will be over \$700. It was insured for \$400. The cause of the fire is unknown.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 17, 1914]

### WEBBER SCHOOL [ - - - - ]

There was no preaching at the M.E. Church on Sunday, the 9th inst. in consequence of the minister having to hold the regular quarterly meeting at the Webber School House, 9 miles north-west of here . . .

[Fulton Splinters, Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 22, 1875]

### WHIPPOORWILL SCHOOL [Richland Township]

Located at NE corner of 200W and 500N

Built between 1876 and 1883. Another source reports that it was built in 1880.

Still another source reports that it was built in 1916 by Milo Cutshall, contractor of Akron. [Jacob Cutshall Family, Marie Cutshall Hand, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

Closed in 1933.

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[photo] Whippoorwill School 1893, Teacher George Marshall. Back row 14: Frank Steininger, William O'Brien, Dave Beehler, John Marshall, Vern Alexander. Fifth row: Rose Hassenplug, Lydia O'Brien, Charles Mow, Milo Steininger, Jay Trimble. Fourth row: Emma Miller, Bertha Van, Martha Miller, Nettie McClure, Mollie Olds, Jet Alexander. Third row: Hattie McClure, Lydia Miller, Marie O'Brien, Hattie Alexander, May Briney, Charles O'Brien. Second row: Elbe Beehler, Elbe Hassenplug, Pearl Mac Alexander, Bert Mac Alexander, Bert Overmyer, Lola Steininger. First row: Lizzie Burkett, William C. Miller, Milo Meehling, Clarrie Alexander, Mamie Overmyer, Elbe Adamson.

[FCHS Quarterly Vol. 8, September 1972, No. 3, p. 27]

[photo] Whippoorwill School c. 1903. Back Row (numbers 1-8): Elmer Burkett, Clyde Easterday, Fred Armstrong, Lee Beehler, Arthur Dillon, Sarah O'Brien, Edna Beehler, May Zink. Middle Row (numbers 9-16): Mary Beehler, Floyd Easterday, Arlie Steininger, Dell Zink, Ethel Trimble, Bessie Beehler, Ethel Easterday, Clem O'Brien. Front Row (numbers 17-26): Clyde Beehler, Ida Beehler, Louise Armstrong, Katie Wynn, Marie Trimble (born in 1897), Carl Alderfer, Ray O'Brien, Willie Marshall, Lee Alderfer, Frank Marshall. Actually it looks line no. 1 - Elmer Burkett is in the middle row, and no. 9 - Mary Beehler is in the front row. Sarah O'Brien born in 1888, is the mother of Eloise Cook, who lent this photo.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 50, p. 63]

[photo] "Whippoorwill school March 1, 1905, C. L. Mow, teacher" is printed on the slate. Front Row: Clarence Mow - teacher, Fred Miller, Clyde Beehler, Kline O'Brien, (next 8 children are seated) Harvey Miller, Lee Marshall, Grace Herbick (Steininger), Dean O'Brien, Earl Beehler, Ruth Beehler (Nellans), Esther Beehler (Stone), Robert Reed, (last 2 boys are standing) Claude Easterday, William Wynn. Middle Row: Frank Marshall, Dean Mow, Lee Mow, Mary Beehler (Thompson), Ruth Ellis, Martha Miller, Clem O'Brien (behind), Ida Beehler (Utter), Claude Marshall (behind), Anna Kerler (Weir), William Miller, Katie Wynn (Personette). Back Row: Floyd Easterday, Bessie Beehler (Barkman), Minnie Miller, Ethel Easterday (Kindig), Willis

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Davis, and Clyde Mow. Built before 1883, this school closed in 1933 and the children went to Richland Center.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 50, p. 64]

[photo] Whippoorwill School Feb. 22, 1907. Front Row: (3 girls with slate): Sarah Marshall O'Dell, Alta Beehler Rouch holding slate, Madge Corbett Becker. Row 2: Kline O'Brien, Blanche Wynn Butler, Clara Munn Keesey, Ruth Beehler Nellans, unknown, Grace Herbick Steininger, Otto Beehler, Earl Beehler, Alva Fisher, Claude Easterday. Row 3: Bob Reed, Clyde Beehler, unknown, Anna Kerler Weir, Archi Krause, Esther Fox, Forrest Fisher, Lee Marshall, Esther Beehler Stone, Willie Wynn. Back Row: Clarence Mow - teacher, Lee Mow, Frank Marshall, Henry Krause, Ray O'Brien, Dean Mow, Claude Marshall, Clem O'Brien, Bessie Beehler Barkman, Katie Wynn, Louise Armstrong, Mary Beehler Thompson. (Photo: Alta Rouch)

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[photo] Whippoorwill School 1914 with Orie Foster, teacher. Front Row: Wilma Zink, Treva Fisher, Lloyd Sanders, Edith Alderfer, Albert Miller, Ruth Fultz Pierson, Edna McGriff DuBois, Walter McGriff, Fay Hiatt Van Scoik, Obed Hassenplug, Harley Rice, Max O'Brien, Ralph Alderfer, Lee Wynn. Row 2: Ethel Munn, Kline O'Brien, Thelma Miller Richards, Charles Zink, Carl Sanders, Opal Fisher Anderson, Georgia Munn Alderfer, Berniece Clark, Clara Beehler Overmyer, Mable Hassenplug, Dee Hiatt. Row 3: Dean O'Brien, Hazel Krause, Madge Corbett, Alice Wright O'Dell, Alta Alderfer Hiatt, Cleo Wynn, Orie Foster - teacher, Vern Alderfer. (Photo: Edith Alderfer Clevenger)

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[photo] Whippoorwill School 1915, with George Riddle as teacher. Front row (kneeling): 1. Lester Alderfer, 2. Donald Fisher, 3. Obed Hassenplug, 4. Max O'Brien, 5. Loyd Sanders, 6. Lovell "Pete" Calvert, 7. Lee Wynn, 8. Albert Miller, 9. Ralph Alderfer. Row 2: 10. Wilma Zink, 11. Ruth Fultz, 12. Treva Fisher, 13. Edith Alderfer, 14. Ethel Munn, 15. Harry Krause, 16. Fay Hiatt, 17. Robert Calvert, 18. Leo Beehler, 19. Lola Munn, 20. Rethal Beehler, 21. Alva Rice, 22. Georgia Munn (behind), 23. Helen Goss, 24. Hope Haney (in front in black), 25. Carl Sanders. Back row: George Riddle - teacher, 26. Margaret Goss, 27. Alice Wright, 28. Hazel Krause, 29. Paul Fisher, 30. Alta Alderfer, 31. Dee Hiatt, 32. Clara Beehler, 33. Mabel Hassenplug, 34. Glen Alderfer, 35. Thelma Miller, 36. Berniece Clark, 37. Opel Fisher, 38. Charles Zink, 39. Dean O'Brien. (Photo: Edith Alderfer Clevenger).

[FCHS Quarterly No. 53, p. 79]

[photo] Playing "Duck on Davey" at Whippoorwill School 1920. In front is Rethal Beehler Evans. Behind her from left are Lola Munn Smith, Aleta Ruth Hassenplug Beach, Fay Hiatt Van Scoik, Ruth Fultz Pierson, Irene Sanders McGee, Clara Beehler Overmyer, Edith Alderfer Clevenger, unknown partly visible, Lillie O'Dell Williams with her back to camera. (Photo taken by Alta Beehler Rouch)

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[photo] Whippoorwill School 1920 with Clarence Mow, teacher. Front Row: Clarence Hiatt, Lloyd Beehler, Lester Beehler, Lester Alderfer, Ervin Jay Sanders, Lovell "Pete" Calvert, Herschel "Bill" Mow. Row 2 (short row): Florence Alderfer, Fern Hiatt, Margaret Foster. Row 3: Robert Mow, Joe Sissel, Louis Foster, Irene Sanders, Bob Sissel, Fern Wynn, Thelma Mehling Kanouse, Eunice Parman. Row 4: Lloyd Sanders, Lola Munn, Charlotte Stickler, Weldon Sissel, "Jack" Ferman Mow, George Foster, Max O'Brien, Clarence Mow - teacher. Back Row: Dora Parman, Fay Hiatt, Rethal Beehler, Edith Alderfer, Ruth Fultz, Lee Wynn, Ralph Alderfer. (Photo: Clarence Hiatt)

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[photo] Playing "Drop the Handkerchief" at Whippoorwill School 1920-21, when Clarence Mow was teacher again. Going around the circle from left along front: Leo Beehler, Harry Krause, three unknown because back is turned to camera, Callie O'Dell, Fay Hiatt, Edith Alderfer, Clara Beehler, Rethal Beehler, Ruth Fultz, Lola Munn, Irene Sanders, Albert Miller, unknown, Ralph Alderfer, Obed Hassenplug, two unknowns, Joe Sissel, unknown part of head shown, back to Leo Beehler again. (Photo: Alta Rouch)

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[photo] School hack driven by Clara Fletcher 1920-21 to Whippoorwill. Front Row: Pete Calvert, Robert Sissel, Edward Polley, Joe Sissel, Bob Calvert, Herschel "Bill" Mow, Lola Munn. Back Row: Ferman Mow, Weldon Sissel, Ruth Fultz, Clara Fletcher - driver. (Photo taken by Gertrude Sissel, lent by Joe Sissel) The buckets sitting on either side of the steps are lunch pails big enough to hold lunch for a family of several children.

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[photo] Old Whippoorwill School after it was closed in 1923 and replaced by the new brick Whippoorwill School. Leaves obscure the belfry on top of the roof at the front. This photo was taken in 1937. (Photo: Esther Barkman Buck)

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[photo] The new Whippoorwill School, built 1923, was a two-room school with a full basement, furnace and running-water restrooms. (Photo by John Hiatt, teacher in 1928-29)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 51, p. 42]

[photo] Whippoorwill School 1923 with Bessie Burkett, teacher. Front Row: Jay Sanders, Clarence Hiatt, Samuel "Buster" Smith, Theodore Stickler, Harold Kistler, "Dee" DeForrest Kistler, Herbert Metzger, Melvin Parman, Sam Parman. Row 2: Floyd Beehler, Dean Rhodes, Lester and Lloyd Beehler - twins, Paul Metzger, Edward Polley, Joe Sissel, Dave Putnam. Row 3 (short row): Esther Barkman, Mable Alderfer Armeay, Sylvia Polley Myers, Fern Hiatt Barker, Jane Mow Barts. Row 4: Arvilla Polley Quackenbush, Theodora Stickler Woodcox (twin to Theodore), Virginia Parman (twin to Melvin), Merriem Barkman, Louise Nicodemus, Florence Alderfer, Lucille Nicodemus, Mary Putnam, Aleta Hassenplug, Emanuel Kistler. Row 5: Teacher - Bessie Burkett Good, Dennis Harold Foor, Thelma Mehling Kanouse, Fern Wynn Bryant, Irene Sanders McGee, Marjorie Putnam, Eunice Parman, Anna Parman. Back Row: Beecher Rhodes, Charlotte Stickler, Dora Parman, Lester Alderfer, Bonnie Smith, Robert Sissel, Herschel Mow. (Photo: Joe Sissel)

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[photo] Whippoorwill School 1926-27. Front Row: Richard Overmyer, Robert Batz, Theodore Stickler, Leon Leffert. Row 2: Mae Overmyer, Margaret Stickler, Arvilla Polley, Esther Barkman Buck, Marceille Anderson, Delta Sanders, Louetta Alderfer, Paul Overmyer. Row 3: Jay Sanders, Theodora Stickler, Bob Overmyer, Charles Gibson, Merriem Barkman, Cecil Kline, Herbert Metzger. Row 4: Samuel Smith, Floyd Beehler, Fern Hiatt, Annabell Sutton, Paul Metzger, Sylvia Polley, Florence Alderfer, Mable Alderfer, Lydia Barkman. Row 5: Joe Sissel, Edward Polley, Lester Beehler, Herschel Gibson, Thelma Mehling, Charlotte McMillian, Lorene Batz. Back Row: Bessie Overmyer Beehler - teacher, Dave Beehler - janitor, Mable Hassenplug - teacher. (Photo: Joe Sissel)

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[photo] Whippoorwill grades 1, 2, 3 in 1938. Front row: Max Batz, Normabelle Overmyer, Richard Smith, Harold Lloyd Miller, Helen Overmyer, Kathleen Rookstool, Imogene

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Anderson, Helen Mow, Robert Sixbey, Ruth Barkman. Row 2: Louetta Alderfer, Harry Sult, Ralph Bitterling, Paul Overmyer, Joel Weir, Margaret Stickler, Robert Reed, Richard Polley, Clara Mae Overmyer, Arden Beehler. Back row: Mabel Hassenplug - teacher, Lydia Barkman, Mondo Thompson, Richard Overmyer, Edward Lee Mow, Elnora Bitterling. (Photo: John Hiatt)

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[photo] Whippoorwill grades 4, 5, 6 in 1928. Front row: Wilbur Stone, Charles Gibson, Leon Leffert, Esther Barkman, Rena Harris, Delta Sanders, Frank Graves. Row 2: Mabel Alderfer, Nyla Stone, Mildred Waltz, Marceille Anderson, Florence Alderfer, Robert Batz. Row 3: Theodore Stickler, Francis Harris, Ervin Jay Sanders, Merriem Barkman, Theodora Stickler. Back row: Samuel Smith, George Morris - janitor, John N. Niatt - teacher. (Photo: John Hiatt)

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[photo] Whippoorwill School 1928-29. Front Row: Arden Beehler, Harry Sultz, Ralph Bitterling, Harold Miller, Max Batz, Richard Smith, Joel Weir, Paul Overmyer, Bob Sixbey. Row 2: Louetta Alderfer, Ruth Barkman, May and Fay Palmer - twins, Imogene Anderson Leedy, unknown girl, Geraldine Mow, Ruth Miller Zentz, Helen Mow McGriff. Row 3: Mable Hassenplug - teacher, Lydia Barkman, Delta Sanders, Clara May Overmyer, Margaret Stickler, Kathleen Rookstool, Normabelle Overmyer, Helen Overmyer, Leon Leffert, John Hiatt - teacher. Row 4: Berniece Thompson, Elnora Bitterling, Merriem Barkman, Theodora Stickler, Ed Mow, Richard Polley, Richard Overmyer. Back Row: Israel Smith, Mondo Thompson, Esther Barkman, Bob Batz, George Morris - janitor and his dog. (Photo: Esther Barkman Buck)

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[photo] Last year at Whippoorwill School, 1932-32, grades 1-6. In the fall the children were bussed to Richland Center School. Front row: William Mow, Robert Mow, Mansford Norris, Gus Habig, William Bass, Richard Sheetz, Dale Bitterling, Raymond Cooper, Wilbur Overmyer, Junior Overmyer, Everett Bass. Row 2: Harry Sult, Wilma Overmyer, Violet Bitterling, Bernice Hiatt, Betty Jane Norris, unknown, Josephine Mow, Kathryn Hiatt, unknown. Row 3: Max Batz (sitting on banister), Geraldine Mow, Ruth Miller, Normabelle Overmyer, James Norris, Helen Overmyer, Helen Mow, Louetta Alderfer, Imogene Anderson, Robert O'Dell (sitting on banister). Row 4: Lulu Wilnetta Hiatt, Paul Overmyer, Royal McNeil, Ruth Barkman, Harold Miller, Joel Weir, Arden Beehler. Row 5: Robert Reed, Jessie Bass, Louise Holman - teacher of grades 1-2-3, George Morris - janitor, Dollie Miller - teacher of grades 4-5-6, Ralph Bitterling. (Photo: Ruth Miller Zentz)

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## WHIPPOORWILL SCHOOL

Compiled by Shirley Willard

Whippoorwill school and church were named for a bird that sat on top of the school and sang to the men who were building it, so the story goes. Down through the years there have been three school buildings, all very near each other and succeeding each other. The first Whippoorwill School is found in the 1876 *Indiana Atlas*, located on the southeast corner of 500N and 200W. In the 1883 *Fulton County Atlas* we find Whippoorwill School on the northeast corner of the same intersection, so apparently there was a new school built (or possibly the map is wrong). The third Whippoorwill School was built about a quarter mile south, on the southwest corner of 450N and 200W. The first two were wooden buildings and the last one was of bricks.

Eloise Cook has a badly beat-up photo of Whippoorwill School c. 1900. The teacher is Howard Reed. Eloise's mother, Sarah O'Blenis, born 1888, is in the photo, and looks to be maybe 10 or 12 years old, so the picture may be 1898-1900.

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Esther Barkman Buck has her mother's 1902 diploma from Whippoorwill signed by Del Kessler, the teacher. Esther's mother was Esther Mehling, the daughter of Henry Mehling, and they lived just across the road from Whippoorwill School. In fact, the school was on her father's farm. Esther Mehling's school books are still in the possession of her daughter, Esther. Some of the books had autographs which are printed here because they are probably by her school mates and teachers.

"Remember me in Friendship, Remember me in Love, Remember me, dear Esther, Until we meet above - Muriel Trimble."

"Eyes were made to see, Cheeks were made to blush, Arms were made to incircle the waist, Lips were made to - oh hush! - G. W. Zink."

"If you see a frog up in a tree, Shoot him down and think of me. - L. G. Walker."

"Long may you live, Happy may you be, When you get married, Come and see me. - L. A. O'Brien."

"I'm drifting down life's river, In a little bark canoe, I hope you have a pleasant time, With room enough for two. - C.A.T."

"Strive to keep the golden rule and get your lesson well at School. - Faye Wright."

One of the school books has a label glued in the front that says: "This book has been well kept. Official Approval. School Economy. W. S. Gibbons, Co. Supt. 1901-02." The spelling book is dated Dec. 14, 1897, and the second reader is dated Mar. 12, 1895; these dates are handwritten in the front, probably by Esther Mehling.

The school's daily schedule is printed carefully in a child's handwriting: 9:40 exercise, 10:10 spelling, 10:45 reading, 11:00-11:10 recess, 11:25 arithmetic, 11:45 English, 12:00-12:30 noon, 12:45 hygiene and health, 1:00 geography, 1:15-1:30 recess, 1:30 art, 2:00 dismissed. That seems like a surprisingly short school day, which makes us wonder if the child was merely dreaming of what she wished the school's schedule was.

William C. Miller told about attending Whippoorwill School in his autobiography printed in *Fulton County Folks* vol. 2. George Marshall was the teacher in 1898 and a photo of him and his pupils is printed on page 374. Del Kessler was the teacher in 1901, and Alvin Hiatt taught there the next year. Both were good teachers who allowed Bill Miller to come back to school, even though he was 20 years old, to study at his own pace and complete the 7th and 8th grades. Bill's grandfather, Conrad Meehling, donated the land for the Whippoorwill School to be built in 1872 or 73. Bill drove a school bus for Richland Township 21 years, 1923-50. He first drove a bus for the Whippoorwill School, later for Richland Center.

Early hack drivers (horse and hack) included Lee Mow (a brother to schoolteacher Clarence Mow), Charlie Munn, Bert and Clara Fletcher (parents of Clarence Fletcher). Chancey Hiatt drove one of the first buses when they switched from horses to motorized bus. Bill Corbett was a hack driver from Mount Nebo area to Whippoorwill. He had to quit because he got consumption (TB).

Clarence Fletcher recalls early Whippoorwill teachers: Lee Marshall, Claude Marshall, and George Riddle 1916-17 [?]. Although his parents drove the school hack, Clarence had to walk because they lived only a half mile south of the school. The Fletchers and the Mows were close friends, so they named their son Clarence after Clarence Mow.

Irene Sanders as a little girl rode to Whippoorwill School with teacher Harley Anderson in his horse and buggy - or sleigh in winter. They would go across the fields over the snow instead of going by the road. And of course, to keep warm they covered up with a big buffalo robe. Irene won many spelling bees and recalls competing with the South Germany School. The South Germany kids walked over to Whippoorwill for spelling bees and contests in the afternoon. Later her husband, Clifford McGee, drove the school bus for Lee Mow to Richland Center.

Alta Beehler (Mrs. Dwight) Rouch attended Whippoorwill starting in 1907, when she had Clarence Mow as her first grade teacher. She also had Harold Weir and Orie Foster as teachers. Clarence Mow wrote in her autograph book: "Whippoorwill, Mar. 27, 1908. There is a place for my name in your album. Is there a place for my name in your heart? There's a place for us both in heaven, Where true friends never part. Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it every

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day, and at last we cannot break it. Youth is an opportunity to do Something and become Somebody.”

Howard Weir says his brother, Harold Weir, taught at Whippoorwill three or four different times. He also taught at Sand Hill, Shanghai by the Mt. Hope Church in Aubbeenaubbee Township, Germany, and Dead Man’s College. Their mother, Sarah Mow (Mrs. George Weir) taught at Whippoorwill 1886-87.

Clarence Hiatt attended both the old wooden Whippoorwill and the new brick Whippoorwill schools. He described the old wooden school as follows. It had a large stove at the middle of the rear part of the room. This stove had a sheet metal jacket eight inches away from the stove to help spread the heat. There was a well on the southeast corner of the school about 10 feet from the building. Water was brought in a bucket and the children all drank from a common dipper. There was a blackboard across the north end of the school room. A dais about eight feet wide was constructed across the north end of the room for the teacher’s desk. This dais was one step high. A dictionary on a stand and a book case stood on the west side of the room, also an open cabinet for the pupils’ dinner pails. There were five windows on both sides of the school. The seats were wooden and folded up. Some were double and some were single seats.

Inside games they played were marbles and mumblety peg, which made the floor at the west end of the dais all splintery from the knives. They also played tag. Outside they would slide down the hill a half mile to the east. By the hill there was a pond which they skated on. They also played “duck on rock” which resulted in smashed fingers as they each tried to place their little rock on the big rock. They played baseball with a homemade bat and ball, anti-over the schoolhouse (but they were hampered by the fence being too close to the building) and blackman.

They also played in the church yard of the Grand View Evangelical Church next door to the school.

There was a bell in a steeple on the south end of the school. The bell would turn over and stay upside down so a kid would have to climb up and turn it over. Of course, the kids liked to do this, so they turned it up on purpose.

There was an out-house to the north, with a partition between to separate boys from girls. One seat went clear across. The boys would poke the girls and make them yell. The pump was in front of the out-house.

Clarence Hiatt recalled his teachers as follows: Harley Anderson 1918-19, Orie Foster 1919-20, Clarence Mow 1920-21, Bessie Rinker 1921-23, Bessie Burkett 1923-24.

Clarence Mow was killed in an accident in the summer of 1921. He was 32 years old and had four children: Ferman, Herschel, Ophelia Jane (Barts), and Charles. His brothers were Clayton, Clyde, Dean, and Lee Mow.

Clarence Mow was quite a character and well remembered by all his pupils. He once got angry at a misbehaving girl and swung her around and her foot dented the stove jacket. He was a strict disciplinarian. He was also very fair, as he would advance pupils from one reader to the next and not hold them back. Clarence Mow taught at Bidwell School in Richland Township 1902-03, Whippoorwill 1904-05, Germany School 1905-06, Whippoorwill 1906-07. He went to Michigan and taught there for 10 years, about 1908-18. Upon his return he again taught at Whippoorwill.

Bob Mow is another former Whippoorwill pupil with fond memories of the old school. He recalled putting Thelma Mehling Kanouse’s hair in the ink well. He got a licking every week from Clarence Mow, the teacher. Clarence Mow was a cousin to Bob’s father, and he wanted it plain that he showed no partiality to relatives. He paddled with a board. Another time Bob put a pin in his shoe and jabbed Thelma in the rear as she sat in the seat ahead of him. Of course, he got another licking.

One time Clarence Mow brought in a cow horn and put it on the stove. At noon it was hot and had become jelly so he ate it. He told the kids it was good and offered them a bite but no one would taste it.

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Jay Sanders recalls having Clarence Mow for a teacher at Whippoorwill, too. Jay rode with Clarence Mow to school, riding in Clarence's lap as he drove his old touring car. Jay recalls that when your class had to recite, they went to one side to form a group.

Like all one-room schools, Whippoorwill had box socials, programs, and big last-day-of-school dinners which the whole community carried in. One program that Clarence Hiatt recalls was advertised as a bridal program, but it turned out to be a joke. When they raised the curtain, there hung a horse's bridle!

Ralph Alderfer ran traps on his way to attend Whippoorwill School. One morning he caught a skunk in his traps and got sprayed so he couldn't go in the school. He was janitor for the school when Bessie Rinker was the teacher. He lived a mile and a quarter northeast of the school and was the son of Clint and Nettie Alderfer. His sister Edith (Mrs. Walter Clevenger), recalls having Lee and Claude Marshall as teachers, both the same year as one substituted for the other. She remembers having Earl Beehler for a teacher because he nominated her for "prettiest girl" for the Box Social that year, but she doesn't know which year it was. Harold Weir, Orrie Foster 1914, and George Riddle 1917-18, were other teachers she had at Whippoorwill. Harley Anderson, the teacher 1918-19, had to go into the Army for World War I and left in April before school closed in the spring. They did not get another teacher so school closed early. Anderson gave each pupil a souvenir with his photo on it and a list of pupils attending Whippoorwill that year.

The old Whippoorwill School was condemned in 1922. A man from the State Department of Education brought the condemnation papers to the school and gave them to the teacher. As the teacher stood at the door with the condemnation papers, the students applauded. The man then nailed the papers to the door.

The old Whippoorwill School reverted to the Milo Mehling family as it was on their farm. Mary Beehler (Mrs. Henry) Mehling lived in the school 1924-27. Her son-in-law, Charles Barkman, put a partition from east to west across the school room so Grandma Mehling could live in the north half until she died in 1927. Then it had the windows boarded up and was used for storage of corn and oats and hay. Mr. Charles Barkman had it torn down in 1963 and the lumber stored in a barn where some of it was ruined by leaks. The good lumber was sold in the Barkman's sale. It was purchased by Arnold Van Lue, who used it to build a sheep shed at his farm near Gilead. A man named Biddinger got the wooden threshold from the old school, as he came one day and said his father had taught school there. (This was probably Russell Biddinger, whose father, Harry Biddinger, graduated from Tiosa in 1902 and was the first principal of Richland Center High School in 1905).

The new brick Whippoorwill School was built in 1923 and occupied by pupils the first of January 1924. It was built by Kindigs (the round barn builders) and because Clarence Fletcher lived nearby, he was hired to help build it as a young man.

Clarence Hiatt was in the 8th grade and remembers the move from the old school to the new. All they moved were the books; the desks all stayed in the old building as they had all new desks in the new school. The new Whippoorwill consolidated two one-room schools: Whippoorwill and South Germany, a school that was located less than two miles west of the new Whippoorwill. Sometimes known as Germany (rather than South Germany) this school was on the northeast corner of 400W and 500N, a mile north of the Tippecanoe River.

The first teachers at the new Whippoorwill School were Otto Beehler, who taught grades 5 to 8, and Bessie Burkett, grades 1 to 4. Beehler was the current teacher at Germany School and Burkett was the teacher at old Whippoorwill. They taught from Jan. 1 to the time school was out in the spring.

Other teachers at new Whippoorwill School included Otto Beehler grades 5-8 and Mabel Hassenplug grades 1-4 1924-25, Otto Beehler 5-8 and Mabel Hassenplug 1-4 1925-26 (7th and 8th grades of both Whippoorwill and Tiosa were transferred to Richland Center in the fall of 1926; their desks were moved too), Bessie Beehler (Otto's wife - they traded schools so he taught at Tiosa that year) 4-6 and Mabel Hassenplug 1-3 1926-27, John Norman Hiatt (his father substituted for him when John was sick) 4-6 and Mabel Hassenplug 1-3 1928-29, Dolly Miller (Mrs. Al Peconga) 4-6 and Zula Long 1-3 1929-30, Dolly Miller 4-6 and Zula Long 1-3 1930-31,

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Dolly Miller 46 and Louise Holman 1-3 1931-32. Thanks to Ruth and Esther (Barkman) Buck, who still have their report cards from Whippoorwill School to verify the list of teachers for the last five years. Ruth was in the 4th grade at Whippoorwill and then took 5th grade at Richland Center School, so she remembers for sure exactly what year Whippoorwill closed.

For 1930-31 . . . Whippoorwill [had] 34 [students]; 1931-32 . . . 45.

Whippoorwill School was closed in 1932 and the pupils bussed to Richland Center School. The Whippoorwill School was only nine years old and it seemed a terrible waste to several members of the community to close such a new school building. Three men, Milo Mehling, Chancey Hiatt, and Howard Reed - the Richland Township trustee, went to Indianapolis to the Dept. of Public Instruction to try to save Whippoorwill School. They presented their case and a petition signed by many Richland Township residents, but all to no avail. "They just laughed at us and said little schools have to go," the men reported when they got back home.

The only thing wrong with the new Whippoorwill School building was that the roof leaked in one spot. The shingles were blown up, causing the leak which could have easily been fixed. Nevertheless, this relatively new building, once the pride of the community it served, was torn down in 1938. The steps were taken to the new Loyal (or Burton) store owned by Boyd Henderson. Clifford McGee and Rex Moore tore Whippoorwill down and used the bricks to build a house east of Rochester on Indiana 14. It is located on the north side of the highway, a quarter mile east of the corner with 500E (also called Mt. Zion road). The stone of this house came from McKinley School, closed in 1931, and the bricks and hardwood floors came from Whippoorwill. Clifford McGee took the dated step from Whippoorwill sidewalk and put it in his own sidewalk to the house across the road from the school. Doug Lehman lives there now. The date carved in cement was 1923. This had been the last step of the sidewalk and was closest to the road at Whippoorwill School.

The new Whippoorwill School was not a one-room school but a consolidated two-room school. It consolidated the pupils from South Germany and the old Whippoorwill Schools. It was made of brick with a full basement and running-water rest rooms. On the south side of the basement was a large recreation room where there were basketball hoops attached to the walls. It had a 10-foot ceiling so it was like a small gym. Big last-day-of-school dinners were held there. On the north end were the furnace rooms. There were two furnaces to provide hot-water heat. Between the furnaces and the recreation room were the rest rooms, girls' on the west, boys' on the east. There was also a coal bin and a janitor's room. There were basement windows on each side of the front door - in fact there was only one door and that was toward the road.

On the ground level there were two class rooms, two cloak rooms, and two sets of stairs (one for boys and one for girls) leading down to the basement, as well as one stairway up the center to the classrooms. The classroom for grades 1 to 3 was on the east side and for 4 to 6 on the west. The classrooms had a blackboard on one wall only, so there was no more blackboard space than in the old school. And Clarence Hiatt thinks the new school did not have as many windows as the old school. There were windows on the west, north and east sides which lit the cloakrooms, but there were no windows on the south side, which was the back of the classrooms. All the seats were single seats - no more double seats like in the old school. There was twice as much room for playing outdoors. They planted maple trees in the school yard, one of which is still standing. The Germany school bell was moved and erected on a cement platform on the ground east of the door instead of in a bell tower as in the old Whippoorwill School. Near the bell there was a man-hole cover that led to the basement which was used for a coal chute.

Being a bigger school, they had a full-time janitor. David Beehler was the first janitor 1924-26. George Morris was the janitor 1927-30, coming in when they got a new trustee, Oscar Scott.

Ruth Barkman Buck has a collection of *The Crier*, a monthly newspaper mimeographed by Richland Township Schools 1930-32. This included news from Whippoorwill and Tiosa schools and the community, even some church news. The following is from *The Crier* Feb. 1932:

Whippoorwill 4-5-6

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"The first of February we started a 'Heart Spelling Contest' and a 'Barnyard Contest.' Any student receiving 100 in spelling got a heart; any student receiving 100 in any other subject got an animal to put into the barnyard. Royal McNeil received the most hearts in Spelling.

"We have been having a Good English Drive the past month and since everyone fears making a mistake in English we have found our students to be more quiet at noons and recesses. Wilnettea Hiatt has made 6 mistakes in English, the least that has been made; Ralph Bitterling made 227 mistakes.

"The Fourth Grade have completed drawing and painting four different groups of states, placing correctly the capitals, important cities, rivers and mountains.

"After drawing and painting an industrial map of South America 4 ft. long, 3 ft. wide, the Sixth Grade just completed pasting the products on it.

"The Sixth Grade completed the parts of speech last week. They are now having a review by using the First Grade flash cards."

Ruth Buck recalls the big snow of 1929 which caught many people away from home and unable to get home through the snowdrifts. Esther and Ruth and Miriam Barkman (sisters) were attending Whippoorwill School and couldn't get home, so they went to Elba Hassenplug's (father of teacher Mable Hassenplug) to spend the night. Hassenplugs lived east of Whippoorwill. Some pupils stayed at Steininger's, which was next door to Hassenplug's. Some walked across the fields to get home, but the roads were snowed full and no vehicle could get through. Lee Mow's school hack of kids was snowed in for three days and stayed at Hassenplug's. There were 10 kids on the hack, including Bob Reed, Ed and Dick Polley and Ed Mow.

Irene Sanders McGee recalls another big snow. She was working at the pickle factory in Rochester and caught a ride with Lee Mow, who delivered groceries for Perschbacher's Grocery. Lee loaded the bobsled and took groceries to Whippoorwill Corners and they got home about midnight.

Dennis Foor lived in the same house but went to four different schools when a boy in Richland Township. His home was on the Foor family farm located on 50W a half mile north of 450N. His parents were Parlee and Essie Foor. He had four older brothers: Osa, Ferman, Jesse, and Jim. Dennis first went to Sand Hill School 1916-17 for his first grade. Then he was transferred to Tiosa 1917-23, riding in buses driven by Roy Halterman, then George Holloway and son Harry (George had the contract but Harry did most of the driving), Frank Ball and his son Delmar.

When the new Whippoorwill School was built in 1923, kids near the border between the schools were transferred there. Dennis lived five miles from Tiosa but only 3 miles by road from Whippoorwill (only 1-1/2 miles across fields). Dennis rode the school bus driven by Chancey Hiatt to Whippoorwill for his 8th grade, and then entered Richland Center High School in the fall of 1924. Dennis had to provide his own transportation to school for his freshman and sophomore years, so he drove the family horse, Billy, and the buggy.

Richland Center School had two buggy sheds, one the regular barn which had a wide drive where students could park the buggies and drive the horses in beside them; the other a lean-to built onto it. The lean-to was a less desirable place to park because it held buggies only and you had to put it in by hand or unhitch and drive the horse around to the barn. There was room for only four buggies in the barn, so there was a daily race to see who would get there among the first four and get to park in the barn. Dennis was always among the first four not only so he could park in the buggy barn but also so he could play basketball for half an hour before school started.

Racing to school sometimes caused problems, such as the time Harry Overmyer was racing with a two-wheel cart and almost hit Howard Weir who was walking along the road. Osa and Ferman Foor had a horse that would balk if it was not the first to go out of the barn, so Osa would push Marie Tribble back so Ferman could hitch up and get old Dick out of the barn first.

The last two years Dennis attended school, he got to ride the school bus 1926-28. Up until then it was not customary for the townships to provide transportation for high school students. Howard Reed, Richland Township trustee, decided to haul high school students in the buses because of pressure put on him by parents, particularly Mrs. Clayton Fletcher. Ruth and June Fletcher's older brother had graduated and they had no buggy so they were going to go to

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Argos High School and live in town unless Reed allowed them to ride the bus. Aleta Ruth Hassenplug, Irene Sanders and Opal Miller needed transportation, too. Sanders' horse was mean and had reared up in the buggy shed and bent the axle on Riley Rhodes' buggy so Irene couldn't drive it to school. Trustee Reed thought and thought, and finally decided that the best solution was to let the high school kids ride the buses. They could ride to Whippoorwill and Tiosa and then be transported to Richland Center. Tiosa bus drivers were Frank Ball and Jesse Waltz while Whippoorwill drivers were Chancey Hiatt and Bill Miller. So in the fall of 1926 Reed transferred the 7th and 8th grades from Tiosa and Whippoorwill to Richland Center and set a new precedent of providing school bus transportation for high school students. When he went to a meeting of other township trustees later that fall, he really "caught fire" from all sides because other parents were saying if Richland Center high school kids could ride the buses at taxpayer expense, why couldn't the kids in other townships? Eventually this was what happened.

Germany School and Whippoorwill School were only a mile and a half apart on the same road. In 1923 the buildings were condemned. Howard Reed, trustee, wanted them to hold off for two years and he would bus them to Richland Center. But people insisted on a new school so the new Whippoorwill School was built in 1923. It was a brick two-room consolidated school with running water restrooms, furnace in the basement. But it was only used a few years and closed in 1932. The trustee in 1932, Oscar Scott, called a meeting and told the people that Whippoorwill was condemned because of bricks coming loose and falling from near the roof.

Richland Center School built a new gymnasium in 1916. Dennis Foor used to have a copy of *Country Gentleman* magazine issued in the 1930's that stated that this was the first gymnasium built on a country school in the whole U.S. It was a community project so as not to cost too much. A collection was taken up and many people contributed. Jerry Overmyer donated logs which Dave Fry sawed in his sawmill east of the school to be used for frame lumber. Charley Maple, principal, designed the gym, which was about 80 x 40 feet and built like a barn. It had bleachers along one side. High school students (like Dan Cook) helped build it by volunteering to work, as did many of the men of the community. In about 1930 when Jack Dudgeon was principal, a hole was cut in the east side of the gym and a stage and bleachers were added.

This gymnasium was torn down and replaced by the present gym before 1940. Clifford McGee and Rex Moore tore it down and sold the lumber to Dr. Dick Stinson to build a barn 2-1/4 miles north of Athens, which is still standing. McGee still has the big padlock and key and a basketball hoop from the gym. He uses the padlock on his gas tank.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 50, pp 61-79]

### WHIPOORWILL SCHOOL 1927-28 and 1928-29

By John Norman Hiatt, teacher

The Whippoorwill schoolhouse was erected in 1923 at the crossroads about 1-1/2 miles north of the Pendleton Bridge and about 3 miles west of the Michigan Road later called U.S. 31 and now better known as Old 31. It was on the southwest corner of 200W and 450N. The top story consisted of two class rooms, cloak rooms and a wide hallway. The lower floor had a playroom, two toilets, two coal furnaces a coal bin and the water pump. The playground though ample in size had very little playground equipment. The usual outdoor and playroom games were enjoyed. Bus drivers were Leo Mow and Wm. C. Miller. The janitor was George Morris, a favorite among the pupils. George often bought chewing gum from the huckster wagon and gave all the pupils a stick of it.

One very warm day the windows were all opened to admit cooler air. Leo Mow, a bus driver, stopped out along the road and told the janitor that a skeleton had just been found in the gravel pit south of the school and on the west side of the road. We overheard this and immediately went to look at the bones. Some pupils shuddered, some wanted to touch the skeleton, some didn't even want to look at it. This became a topic for the community to discuss but no one ever could figure out just whose bones they were.

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On another occasion we were taking a nature study trip into a nearby woods. Children, as usual, like to run, climb trees, etc. One discovered a grape vine in a large sassafras tree and ran ahead and shook the vine and was startled when a flying squirrel sailed out of it toward the group. It lit on the teacher's trouser leg, ran up to his shoulder and sailed off to a tree, then another tree, etc., until out of sight. This was the first time they ever saw a flying squirrel.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 51, pp 42-44]

### WHIPPOORWILL SCHOOL

By Lloyd Beehler

I can remember my father telling of attending a public meeting across the road where the Whippoorwill Church was located to decide whether to build a school for the children of that area. He was very amused at one father speaking in behalf of the new school who said, "Look at all the kids running around here and I notice there are good prospects for more."

My father told of visiting that new school several years later when my brother, Otto, was a student there. he said that his feet nearly froze from the air that came up through the flooring. The next day he visited the trustee to gripe about the situation. Soon after, during Christmas vacation a new floor was laid across the original floor boards, thus cutting down on the air drafts.

Heating was done with a huge wood stove surrounded by an iron jacket to keep those located near it from "roasting". I loved to be near it as you could "act up" without the teacher seeing you.

The teacher was paid 10 cents per day to do the janitor work: sweeping, firing the stove, bringing in wood, and cleaning. Boys often were awarded the privilege to bring in the wood. We enjoyed doing it if it were during school time.

Box socials were held during the year to make money for equipment, etc. Besides selling food boxes brought by the young ladies and bought by the young men, there were cake walks, and contests for the prettiest girl and laziest man.

Most of the pupils walked to school and I was one of them. There was one "hack" pulled by two horses that took those who lived farthest away. Our road would get real muddy in spring and the hack would get stuck. Bill Miller, the hack driver, used to pay me a dime a day if I would walk, so he wouldn't get stuck.

I have heard that Harold Weir and Billie Foster were teachers at the Whippoorwill School. My first teacher was Harley Anderson.

Since the teacher had eight grades to teach, I have always marveled that we learned anything. First and second grades were dismissed most of the afternoon to go out and play when weather permitted. No doubt the teacher wished for fair weather as badly as did the pupils.

I can remember our playing outside was curtailed for a while because one of us brought matches to school and set leaves on fire, nearly getting a standing field of corn on fire.

At noon, all 50 pupils in the school played either baseball, Dare Base, Skunk Base, and the most popular was Gould. To play Dare Base you had two groups, each with their own base, like a tree or post or other object, where they were safe if they touched the base. You had to get off your base and tag others before they could get back to their base; thus they were tagged and went over to your side. The object was to get everybody on one side, which would be the winner. It involved a lot of daring and arguing as kids would taunt each other, calling each other sissy if they stayed too close to base. Skunk Base was very much like Dare Base but they had a "skunk base" or prison to keep the ones who had been tagged. Gould was a similar game in that you had bases where each group was safe and could not be tagged, but there were five or six groups, each with a separate base. If a person was touched, he came to the side of the one who tagged him. If you ran three times around someone's base without getting tagged, all the kids on that base had to come to your side.

Ringin the bell was a prize for the best pupil in spelling, arithmetic, or conduct. Quite often the "lucky one" would pull the bell rope too hard, thus turning the bell over. Then one of the

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bigger boys had to go up through the cover boards, up thru the attic and return the bell to its rightful position.

Our enrollment was usually between 40 and 50 students. For several years that enrollment contained three sets of twins. They were the Stickler twins, Theodore and Theodore; the Parman twins, Melvin and Virginia; plus my brother Lester and myself.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 50, pp 79-81]

### MORE ON WHIPPOORWILL AND TIOSA SCHOOLS

Dennis Foor recalls that in 1916 Sand Hill, Red Brush and Tiosa one-room schools all consolidated into a new Tiosa School on a five acre lot. This was such a big playground that the kids playing in the northwest corner could not hear the bell but would see the other children going in the school and thus knew the bell had rung. The bell was a large brass round alarm bell about 12 inches diameter. It was struck by a metal arm that hit the outside of the bell and would go "clack clack clack." The bell was in the hallway by the drinking fountain. There was a pile of rails on the northwest corner of the school yard and the kids would build a house of them and cover it with grass.

Dennis attended Sand Hill School and was sent to Tiosa after the consolidation. Several people opposed building the new school at Tiosa. Parlee Foor (Dennis' father), Orville Miller, John Beck and others went to Indianapolis to try to get the new school built closer to Sand Hill where they wanted the new school. Still others wanted to keep the old Tiosa School, such as Harrison Wynn and Dr. L. C. Meek.

In the fall of 1923 pupils from Germany School and all those living west of 50W (west of Sand Hill) went to Whippoorwill School. So Dennis was consolidated into a different school again. He only attended old Whippoorwill School three months and the new Whippoorwill School opened Dec. 1, 1923, so he went to yet another school. The new Whippoorwill School cost \$20,000 to build but was used only seven years.

Why was a new Whippoorwill School built and used for only seven years? There were several prominent and influential people who wanted a new school at Whippoorwill, including Bill Miller, Harry Overmyer, and Chancey Hiatt. The trustee, Howard Reed, wanted to wait a couple of years and put all the children in Richland Center School. Several people opposed building a new Whippoorwill School. But those who wanted a new school won out and the new Whippoorwill was built.

Dennis remembers attending a meeting at the new Whippoorwill School around 1930 in which Richland Township trustee, Oscar Scott, pointed out the defects of the school, though it was only a seven-year-old building. There was mortar coming out from between the bricks. It was said that this was the fault of the architect who insisted that they use the mortar that had sat and dried out over noon hour instead of making a new batch. And the flat roof leaked because the drain holes had filled with leaves and then formed a lake on the roof and froze and pushed the roof away from the wall and split the roof. J. Howard Reed, the trustee who had built the school, had Dave Beehler the janitor clean the leaves out. But the new trustee, Oscar Scott, hired a new janitor, George Morris, and he did not clean out the leaves so the roof began to leak.

In 1926 the Richland Township trustee moved the Whippoorwill and Tiosa 7th and 8th grades to Richland Center School. Their desks were moved too. Dead Man's College was closed then too. That was the first year that high school students were allowed to ride the school buses. Chancey Hiatt and Bill Miller were the bus drivers for Whippoorwill, while Jess Waltz and Frank Ball drove buses for Tiosa area.

Thus Dennis Foor was consolidated out of three schools. He attended Sand Hill for one year, then went to Tiosa six years 1917-23, then attended old Whippoorwill three months, then new Whippoorwill the rest of the year, then went to Richland Center High School.

When they remodeled Richland Center School in 1923, the bell was removed from the tower. The bell was a huge "dinner bell" with a clapper inside. It was so heavy it would take three or four men to move it. It was placed outside the janitor's room above the entrance. Some high

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school boys stole it and buried it in a field, where it lay until it was plowed up by Charlie Morgan. His plow caught the edge of the bell and it ruined his plow.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 51, pp 40-42]

The common schools of the township have nearly all closed. The greater part have been highly successful. Germany and Whippoorwill closed with the plaudit from their patrons, "Well done, thou good and faithful servants."

--- J. L. Martindale's school closed at Whippoorwill on Friday last . . . a splendid dinner and a jolly time.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, February 27, 1873]

L. Lewellyn McClure got the job of building Center and Eidson school houses - Center at \$980, and Eidson at \$650. Worley got the Whippoorwill at \$680.

[Richland Locals, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, May 29, 1873]

The Whippoorwill school house will be completed and ready for school on Monday the 22d. Mr. Cavender is their teacher. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 25, 1873]

Sol Cavender is organizing a singing class at Whippoorwill.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, October 16, 1875]

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1888: George Marshall

1915-16: George Riddle.

1929-30: Enrol. (1-8) 44. 8 mos. Dollie Miller, 4, 5, 6.; Zulah Barkman Long, 1, 2, 3.

1930-31: (Com. 1-6) 34. Dollie Miller, 4, 5, 6; Zulah Barkman Long, 1, 2, 3.

1931-32: Cont. Com. (1-6) 45. Dollie Miller, 4-6; Louise Holman, 1-3.

1932-33: Discontinued.

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Otto Beehler taught at South Germany School before 1922, was principal at Whippoorwill, then principal at Tiosa 1928 while his wife Bessie taught fourth and fifth grades at Tiosa. Then Otto taught seventh grade at Columbia School in Rochester 1928-40 and grade six at Lincoln School in Rochester 1928-40 and grade six at Lincoln School 1940-43.

[Mary Rosella Beehler Reinhold, William Amel Sausaman, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard.]

Teachers: Otto Beehler; Bessie Beehler; George Marshall; Del Kessler; Alvin Hiatt; Louisa Medora McMahan; George Riddle, 1914; Harley Anderson 1916-17.

Bus drivers: William C. Miller; Cliff McGee; Walter Burkett; Chauncey Hiatt; Harry Halterman.

## WHITE OAK SCHOOL [#8] [Newcastle Township]

Located 550N and 600N at approximately 700E.

Built between 1876 and 1883; abandoned between 1883 and 1907.

Another school, same name, located W side of 675 at 600N.

Built between 1883 and 1907.

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WHITE OAK SCHOOL

By Sandra Hartlerode

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The former White Oak schoolhouse is located on the Delbert Hunter property on the southeast corner of county roads 675E and 600N in Newcastle township. Originally the schoolhouse was located further east on the property. It was built when the land was deeded to the Newcastle Township trustee January 8, 1874, and was used as a schoolhouse until 1893 when it was sold and moved to its present location. It was then converted into a dwelling. Since that time it has been remodeled and is used as a home. The present owners are Delbert and Geraldine Hunter.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 27, p. 24]

### WHITE OAK SCHOOL

by Geraldine Haimbaugh (Mrs. Delbert) Hunter

The records show that White Oak school was deeded by Alexander Barrett to the Trustee of Newcastle Township, January 8, 1874 (Deed record #1 page 358 on January 14, 1874). Description - Part of the northwest quarter of Section 17, Township 31 north, range 4 east. Beginning on west line of said section 70 rods from the northwest corner of said section, thence south 10 rods, thence east 8 rods, thence north 10 rods, thence west 8 rods to place of beginning. Note: This deed to be in force as long as said lot is used for school purposes and at the expiration of such time to revert back to the grantor.

Peter W. Busenburg asked for the school lot back September 29, 1910 as school had been abandoned. The 65 acres was then sold to William Deamer September 29, 1910.

The White Oak School, as it was named, was made of yellow poplar and was moved from its location to a new location behind Delbert and Jerry Hunter's present house. It was made into a 7-room dwelling and used until removed again about 40 rods west on the west side of 600N at 675E. The frame was still very good and has been resided and roofed and is still being used as a dwelling. The White Oak schoolhouse building has been used now 100 years and is still good and stands only about 60 rods from its original place. I lived with my folks (Agnes and Mac Haimbaugh) in the White Oak home from age one to three and a half years. Maude King Blue is the only teacher known to have taught at White Oak.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 25, pp 9-10]

White Oak school is getting along pretty well, so we hear.

[Bloomingsburg Items, Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 26, 1877]

The school at White Oak closed Wednesday, June 20th. The school was taught by W. H. H. Barkman.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 30, 1877]

The White Oak School was opened last Monday morning by Si. Bybee as teacher.

[Rochester, *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 8, 1877]

Miss Lina Waugh is teaching the summer term of school at White Oak.

J. Tipton is teaching singing at White [Oak] school house south-east of this place one and a half miles.

[Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, April 20, 1878]

The dramatic club will give an entertainment at White Oak this evening; free for all.

[Bloomingsburg Items, Rochester *Independent*, Saturday, April 27, 1878]

## WHITE WALNUT SCHOOL [#3] [Rochester Township]

Located NE corner of 500E and approximately 150N.

Built before 1876; abandoned between 1883 and 1907.

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### McKINLEY COMMUNITY ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS

Pucky Huddle, White Walnut, Black Walnut [sic], Little Egypt

By Shirley Willard

Before McKinley School was built in 1901, there were four one-room schools serving the community northeast of Rochester.

White Walnut, District No. 3, was located on the Fort Wayne Road too. It was built before 1876 (it appears in the 1876 atlas) on the northeast corner of 500E and the Fort Wayne Road. C. M. Gibbons was the teacher 1898-99. The school stood on a bend in the Fort Wayne Road west of Dr. Dean Stinson's house on the north side of the road. Marvin Van Lue, born 1895, attended this school for a half term in 1901. Fred Moore was the teacher. McKinley School had just been completed and he was transferred there, where Trella Harter was his teacher.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 62-63, pp 73-75]

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Elder Thompson, late of Kosciusko county, will preach at the White Walnut school house, on Saturday evening, Sept 24th, and Sunday morning, Sept 25th, at 11 o'clock.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, September 22, 1863]

Miss Dora Pyle has the school at White Walnut school house, three miles northwest of Rochester.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 28, 1877]

In our items last week we stated that the White Walnut school house was located three miles northwest of Rochester. It should have read northeast of Rochester. . .

--- Miss Dora Pyle has been chosen to teach the summer school at White Walnut school house, three miles northeast of Rochester. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 5, 1877]

White Walnut school, three and one-half miles east of Rochester, Miss Dora Pyle teacher, closes next Thursday.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 14, 1877]

## **WHITMER GYMNASIUM** [Rochester, Indiana]

Located SE corner of Sixth and Fulton Streets.

Demolished.

Presently used as Arboretum by Fulton County Public Library.

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Woodrow Wilson School . . . built . . . by C. V. Kindig and Sons, the family that built so many round barns, Reiter School and Whitmer Gym. . .

[FCHS Quarterly No. 34, p. 26]

Bye and bye Rochester built a new high school (1912) with a small gynasium that for a number of years resounded to cries and shrieks of the male and female gender as Rochester's first high school basketball team won or lost an encounter. Rochester went basketball crazy and has almost never recovered from the epidemic. Still later, a new gymnasium (Whitmer - 1922) was finagled through the organization of a local stock company when tax dollars were not available. Now this structure is found inadequate and most any day a furore will be raised to build larger and better.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Thursday, July 30, 1959]

## **WILDERMUTH SCHOOL** [Richland Township]

Located N side of 350N at 300W.

Built between 1876 and 1883.

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### **RUSSELL SCHOOL**

By Zora Neff (Mrs. Hugh) Wilson and Shirley Willard

Dean Neff adds the following memories: I attended Wildermuth School on the Olson Road by the Tippecanoe River for my first grade when I was only five years old. I was sent to school at that young age to accompany my sister, Zella, who was a year and 10 months older than me. We walked one and a half miles to school. As we walked, other children would join as we passed their houses, so we all arrived at school together. Wildermuth School faced south toward the road, had no cloak rooms, only hooks on the walls for the coats. I don't remember the teacher or anything much about this school as that was long ago in 1897. (Editor's note: Wildermuth one-room was located a half mile east of the Germany Bridge.)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 45, p. 66]

### **WILDERMUTH OR TIPPECANOE SCHOOL**

Wildermuth School, also called Tippecanoe because it was near the river, was on the north side of the River Road (now called Olson Road) across from 300W. This was a mile north of the Burton Church, about half way between the Pendleton Bridge and the Germany Bridge. It is shown in the 1883 and 1907 atlases and was officially the District no. 6 school.

The last three teachers are the only ones known: Margaret Stockberger 1909-10, Reba Moore Shore 1910-11, and Grace Dillon 1911-12. The school was closed when the new Burton consolidated school opened.

In the Moore Family history printed in *Fulton County Folks*, vol. 1, Reba Moore (Mrs. Arthur B.) Shore wrote: "After attending Rochester College for four years, I received my diploma in August 1910. I continued my education and became a teacher. During the winter of 1910-11, I taught at school no. 6 located along the Tippecanoe River just north of the Burton Church. Robert Wiley (should be spelled Wylie) was trustee and J. C. Werner was superintendent during 1910-11.

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The mode of travel at this time was by railroad so my brother Levi would take me to Athens on Monday morning to catch the early milk train on the Chicago and Erie Railroad. I would ride to Germany Station, the name of which was later changed to Pershing and then to Loyal. At the present time it is non-existent. I would walk to my school carrying my suitcase. During the week I roomed and boarded at the home of Clinton (should be Clayton) Hoffman, and then home again for the weekend."

Reba walked a half mile from the school to the Hoffman farm. She had a room to herself but no heat, so she would take her corset to bed with her so it would be warm when she put it on in the morning. Mary Mackey Hoffman was very good to Reba and was a good cook. Either she or Reba packed a lunch for her to take to school each day. The children all walked to school and carried their lunches too.

Once Glen Eshelman, an 8th grade pupil, met Reba at the depot and carried her suitcase for her. The train had both freight and passenger cars, but there was no heat so it was a cold ride in winter. Spurlocks owned the general store at Germany Station and sometimes Reba would stop there. The train would stop whenever necessary to pick up cans of milk from the farmers. Spurlocks owned the general store at Germany Station and sometimes Reba would stop in there.

The pupils played in the schoolyard. Sometimes they played with a ball and bat. Sometimes they played "Blackman." At Christmas Reba gave them a teat: a snack with an orange, peanuts, and hard candy. There were no box socials or any carry-in dinners. The pupils helped by carrying the firewood and cleaning the blackboard at recess.

One day a 4th grade girl, Doris Leiter, told her that she had a new baby brother. She asked Reba to write down all the names of boys she could think of. On the list Reba included Burdell, the middle name of her boyfriend and future husband, Arthur Burdell Shore. That is the name the mother chose for Stuart Burdell Leiter, born Jan. 9, 1911. He is still living in Rochester today. Other Leiter children who attended school that year were Page, Cecil, and Olive, the children of Eli and Florence Leiter.

Goldie and Gladys Garner were also pupils there that year. Gladys married Vernon Castleman and is the mother of Frances (Mrs. Parke Baxter) and Carolyn (Mrs. Nelson Hunter), Rochester.

Goldie moved to California and married Ellis Zahniser. See separate story about her [in FCHS Quarterly No. 61, pp 63-65]. Glen Eshelman was in the 8th grade and his step-brother, Clarence Calentine, was in the 7th grade.

One day Goldie Garner was naughty and had to stand by the teacher's desk for punishment. This disgraced her so she ran home at recess. In a little while she came back and said her father had spanked her and sent her back to school. That's the way discipline was in the old days: the parents backed the teachers.

Two of the older boys, Glen Eshelman and Clarence Calentine, were bad one day so the teacher expelled them. They cussed as they walked away down the road. That night Glen came to see Miss Moore; he apologized and asked her for a date. She said, "No, teachers do not date pupils." The other boy did not apologize but came back to school and behaved. Many years later when Miss Moore was Mrs. A. B. Shore and working in his clothing store in Rochester, Clarence came in and asked if they knew a Miss Moore who was the teacher at the old school by the river. Reba said yes, she was that teacher. He said it had bothered him all these years and he wanted to apologize.

Reba Shore recalls that this was a wood frame schoolhouse painted white. There is no photo of the school but Reba gave us a verbal picture as follows. There was a platform or 6 foot long box that served as the front step; it had no roof so you couldn't call it a porch. The school faced south so the door was on the south end of the building. There were windows along both sides but not on the ends. At the north end there was a platform for the teacher's desk and blackboard. A shelf of books served as their library. The desks were in rows, each desk attached to the seat in front of it. In the middle of the school stood the pot-bellied wood-burning stove, a Round Oak stove. The pupils were arranged by grade, with the little ones in front, middle grades (3-4-5) in the middle, and the bigger children (grades 6-7-8) in the back. Reba taught there only

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one year and she did not have many children in each grade. There was only one in the 8th grade, two or three in the 7th, etc.

The teacher rang a hand bell to call the children in from recess and to open school in the morning. To begin the day, they stood and said a prayer and pledge to the flag and sang popular songs of the day. The children did not want to be late and miss this as they enjoyed it very much. Reba says that's why she still believes in prayer in school.

There was a water pump on the east side of the school, and of course, two privies in back, one for boys and one for girls.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 61, pp 60-62]

## WIND FALL SCHOOL [Newcastle Township]

Located SE corner of 800E and 400N.

Built before 1876; abandoned between 1883 and 1907.

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Newcastle Township Institute, Bloomingsburg, Dec. 12, 1874. . . following teachers present: Miss Lou McMahan, Miss Sallie McMahan, Messrs. McClary, Bitters, Dillon, Haimbaugh and Montgomery. . . to meet at the Wind Fall School House, District No. 9, on Saturday, January 16, 1875.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 19, 1874]

W. H. H. Barkman has charge of School No. 9, Newcastle township . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 23, 1876]

Our school in District No. 9, conducted by Wm. McMahan, is moving along satisfactory to the householders. . .

[Items From Bigfoot, Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 3, 1877]

Miss Minnie Stradley teaches at the Grove school; Miss Clary Orr at Sixteen; G. W. Tipton at Windfall or No. 9; a Miss Rowley at Barkman; Miss Emma Orr at Dover; Miss Blacketer is teaching the Bloomingsburg school.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 7, 1879]

Some of the winter schools in this section of the "moral vineyard" have been taken for the winter. Miss Waugh has the "16" school; Miss Huffman the Windfall, and Simon Bybee the Greenhill school. Your humble servant will teach the "young idea how to shoot," at the brick school house in District No. 7 just across the line in Marshall county. Jacob Martin who attended the Rochester high school this fall, I will teach at the Goodwin school house in the same county.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 15, 1879]

## WOODROW SCHOOL [Rochester Township]

Located NE corner of Old US-31 and 300S

Built 1917.

No longer in existence.

### \$18,000 FOR NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

An \$18,000 bond sale for a centralized school building to be built on the Wm. Brubaker farm, a mile north of Green Oak, has been advertised by Twp. Trustee Wm. K. Stevenson, the bids to be received not later than February 3rd. The building will be erected some time during the coming summer and is to be completed by the opening of the 1917 fall term of school.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Thursday, January 11, 1917]

BIDS RECEIVED HERE ON NEW GREEN OAK SCHOOL

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Bids were received Friday afternoon by Township Trustee Wm. Stevenson and the Advisory board for the new township school building to be erected on the road one mile north of Green Oak. The bids on construction follow: C. V. Kindig \$14, 634, Wm. Cooper \$16,247, Milo Cutshall \$16,586, A. A. Gast and Son \$16, 917, A. L. Turner \$18,558 and States Construction Co., \$21,517. The bids for heating ran in the neighborhood of \$4,000 with A. C. Freese apparently the lowest bidder. The big contract went to Kindig.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 23, 1917]

### GREEN OAK SCHOOL CONTRACTS

Township Trustee, W. K. Stevenson, Tuesday closed a contract with C. V. Kindig to build the Green Oak school house for \$13,638 while Arthur Freese will install the heating and plumbing for \$4,608. The building is to be completed by September 1st.

It will contain four rooms and a basement and will be located one mile north of Green Oak on the Peru road. Mr. Stevenson had some trouble with the plumbing and heating contract and Mr. Freese did not furnish a bond until the last minute. John Troutman and C. V. Leonard went on his personal bond for the amount of the contract.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 4, 1917]

### NEAR RIOT OCCURS AT WOODROW

A near-riot occurred Tuesday night at Woodrow school, near Green Oak, on the Peru road, over a basketball game between the grade schools of Woodrow and Burton which resulted in a victory for the Burton boys by the score of 24 to 17. The teams had met several times before and the count on the number of games was nearly a tie, which caused much of the rivalry.

During the first half Russell Miller, son of county surveyor Clem Miller, who is a player on the Burton team, was being closely guarded by Hayward of the Woodrow team. Miller insisted that his opponent was holding him and it is said finally became angry and threw Hayward.

This incensed the janitor of the Woodrow school, Wm. Brubaker, who jumped onto the floor and it is reported hit the Miller boy who is 12 years old. At this Vernie Bowen, principal of the Burton school, went down the floor to "get" Brubaker, who saw him coming and "squared" for him. Finally after the principal of the Woodrow school, Verne Miller and the boy's father, Clem Miller, were all out on the floor and the matter was adjusted. The first half was then finished.

Between halves it is understood Brubaker sent representatives to Miller and asked him if he could not square it some way to keep it out of court, and Miller told them that if he would make an apology to the audience he would consider the matter closed as far as he was concerned. This Brubaker did. Now it is not known whether Bowen, principal of the Burton school, will file charges against Brubaker or not for hitting a minor, which is a very serious offense. Bowen had jurisdiction over the Miller boy at the time the game was played.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 3, 1920]

[photo] Bessie Platt in her Ford Roadster in Bloomington, Ill., 1914. She taught school there until she moved to Grass Creek in 1927. Later Miss Platt taught at Woodrow School. (Photo: Elsie Wharton Turner)

[FCHS Images No. 1, p. 69]

[photo] Vern Noyes stands by his bus in 1958. Noyes drove a bus to Woodrow School 1936-59. He drove a bus the longest of any Woodrow drivers and with no accidents. (Photo: Vern Noyes collection, given to FCHS)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 34, p. 31]

### WOODROW SCHOOL AND ITS ONE-ROOM PREDECESORS

By Shirley Willard

Woodrow School was officially named Woodrow Wilson School in honor of the President when it was built in 1917, but it was always called just Woodrow School. Woodrow was

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four miles south of Rochester on the northeast corner of Old US-31 and 300S. The foundation is still standing but the building has been gone for several years.

Woodrow was a consolidation of four one-room schools: Ebenezer, Union, School 16 or Mt. Tabor, and Green Oak. Two other one-room schools had existed in that area and been torn down before Woodrow was built: Mudsock and Sawmill.

Mt. Zion School closed in 1927 and its students went to Woodrow. Sprinkleburg also closed in 1927 and its students went to McKinley School, which closed in 1930, sending its students to Woodrow, Lincoln and Columbia grade schools. Thus Woodrow contained students from nine former schools.

[Unpublished article by Shirley Willard]

### WOODROW SCHOOL

By Shirley Ogle Willard, Woodrow Graduate of 1951

Woodrow School was a consolidation of 4 one-room schools: Ebenezer, Union, School 16 (also known as Mount Tabor), and Green Oak. Two other schools had existed in that area and been torn down before Woodrow was built: Mudsock (also called Elm Glen) and Sawmill.

Woodrow was built in 1917 by C. V. Kindig and Sons, who also built Whitmer Gymnasium in Rochester, Reiter School, and many round barns. The land was lent by William H. Brubaker. Woodrow is four miles south of Rochester on the northeast corner of Old US-31 and 300 South. It was named in honor of President Woodrow Wilson.

Mt. Zion School closed in 1927 and its students went to Woodrow. Sprinkleburg also closed in 1927 and its students went to McKinley School on the Fort Wayne Road, which closed in 1930, sending its students to Woodrow, Lincoln and Columbia Grade schools. Thus Woodrow contained students from nine schools.

Woodrow opened for the first time in January 1918. Dean Mikesell was the first principal at Woodrow; the next year he went to be a soldier in World War I and died of influenza. Mikesell taught grades 6, 7 and 8. Marie Turner taught grades 1 and 2, and Agnes McKee taught 3, 4 and 5. That year there were only three teachers; later there were four and in the 1950's there were sometimes five teachers, depending on enrollment.

The first bus drivers were Morton Ford, Boyd Hayward, Bill Ball and Pete Lowe. They drove horse hacks that seated 20 students and had three or four carbon heaters under the floor. The driver rode inside with the reins going through a slot in the front.

About 1920 they started to use motorized trucks with a bus body. They stored the bus bodies in a garage at Woodrow during the summer until 1936, when they started leaving them on year around.

Bill Brubaker was the first janitor from 1918 to 1924. Other janitors were George Overmyer 1925-32, Elmer Newcomb 1933-37, Harry Shafer 1938-39 and spring of 1952, John Ebersole 1940-51, Guy McMillen 1952-59, when the school closed in 1959. During its 42 years of operation, Woodrow had only six janitors.

The hot lunch program was started in 1946. Kids paid 15 cents a meal. Mary Sampsel and Mrs. John Ebersole were the first cooks, serving 100 children. At first one cook was hired and one mother volunteered. Later two cooks were hired. Other cooks were Delores Hudkins, Mrs. Arthur Durkes, Mrs. Florence Brubaker, Dorothy Chapman, Mrs. Bob Tharp, Donna Newcomb, Mrs. Richard Graves, Ruby Goodrich, and Elsie Widows.

Woodrow's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) was very active. For meetings they would open the doors between the class rooms on the north side, making one big room. Later they had meetings in the gym. Programs varied from band concerts to minstrel shows to movies. The PTA sponsored the hot lunch program.

For the Christmas program a stage was erected temporarily across the south end of the gym. Miss Platt's room gave a toy band concert. The seventh and eighth grades gave a play. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders sang songs or played music. In the early years Bill Ball played Santa Claus. In the 1940's and 1950's Charlie Ogle dressed in a red Santa suit, which fit his roly-poly figure perfectly.

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Athletics included softball, basketball, and track played against Burton, Reiter, Lincoln, Columbia, Talma, Richland Center, Kewanna, Grass Creek, Macy, and Fulton. No admission was charged at the games, which were always played on week nights, leaving weekends for the high school games.

The last day of school each spring meant a carry-in dinner and a program. Report cards and attendance certificates were given.

Eighth grade commencement was held in Rochester for the whole county until 1922. Then a township and city commencement was held at Whitmer gym 1926 to 1950. Girls always wore white dresses for commencement.

Woodrow was closed in 1959 and sold to Henry Hartman of Akron. Then he sold it to Marburger Packing Plant of Peru, which planned to convert the building into a meat packing plant. They gave up after digging down on the east side of the building because they discovered that the water pipes were under the gym floor and would freeze if a locker was installed. Jerry Hubuson of Syracuse bought it next. Finally in 1976 a demolition team from Kokomo bought it and tore it down.

The playground around Woodrow contained one and a half acre. In 1930 it contained four swings, one ocean wave (a merry-go-round that went up and down as well as round and round), one slide and three trees. There were two baseball diamonds, one on the north side and one on the east side of the school. The big diamond on the east side was used for competition between schools, and also for track practice.

Woodrow had four classrooms on the second floor and two offices, each up a tiny stairway, one on the south side and one on the west side. The office on the south side had a telephone and was used as sick room.

On the ground level there were two restrooms, the girls' on the south side and the boys' on the north side. Two large stairways led down to ground level on the south side and on the west side. Also on the ground level were a kitchen (originally home economics room) and a shop to teach seventh and eighth grade boys woodworking and mechanical drawing.

The gym was sunk below the ground level and had large cement steps to serve as bleachers. There were basketball goals on the north and south sides.

The name "Woodrow School 1917" was engraved above the door that faced highway 31. In its 42 years of operation, Woodrow graduated an estimated 840 eighth graders and probably had over 1,000 pupils. We will never forget dear old Woodrow and how we used to yell: "One, two, three, four, Who you gonna yell for? Woodrow, that's us."

[FCHS Quarterly, No. 34, pp 27-29]

### WOODROW SCHOOL - PART 2

By Shirley Willard

This is a continuation of the history of Woodrow Elementary School, which was published in FCHS Quarterly 34 in 1978.

The hot lunch program at Woodrow was started in 1946 by Mildred Van Duyne, who borrowed \$200 to start it. Up until then the pupils were treated to a hot meal one day a week or once or twice a semester, when mothers would get together and cook hot soup, bringing the vegetables from their own gardens. The pupils ate in their class rooms. But when the hot lunch program started, a room on the ground level was converted into the kitchen and lunch room.

Federal aid was six cents a meal per pupil plus commodities from surplus agricultural program. Kids paid 15 cents a meal. Mary (Mrs. Homer) Sampsel and Mary (Mrs. John) Ebersole were the first cooks. They served 100 kids. At first they hired one cook and one mother to help. Later they hired two full-time cooks.

Other cooks included: Mrs. Richard Graves 1949-51, Ruby (Mrs. Charlie) Goodrich 1950-51, Elsie (Mrs. Harry) Widows, Donna Newcomb - 1950, Delores Hudkins 1951-52, Mrs. Art Durkes 1953-58, Mrs. Florence Brubaker (or McMillen) 1951-55, Dorothy Chapman 1956-58, Mrs. Bob Tharp 1959.

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James "Doc" Newcomb furnished lumber and he and Ed Polley, Walter Garrick, Devane "Babe" Felts made tables.

The custom of making soup once in a while for the pupils began in 1921. At first they had a kerosene stove, and no hot water. The government paid only for white milk so some children brought their own cocoa to stir in it and set the cans in window sills.

Home economics and sewing were taught in the kitchen, beginning in 1927.

Principals at Woodrow were always men. Dean Mikesell was the first principal at Woodrow School in 1918, but he taught only half of the year. He went into the U. S. Army for World War I and died at Great Lakes Naval Base of influenza.

Vern Miller of Athens was the second principal, completing Mikesell's term and continuing on the next year 1918-20.

Ray Shelton became principal in the fall of 1920, but he taught only two weeks, and resigned during school closing diphtheria epidemic. Shelton took the job of mail carrier.

Orville Foor, of Macy, was principal 1920-1937, but he never had a teacher's license. There was a mix-up because a man with the same name had attended Manchester College and died.

Roland Meiser was principal 1937-39, Clifford Baggerly 1939-51, Kenneth Overstreet 1951-54, Scott Savage 1954-56, and Chauncey Oren 1957-59 when Woodrow was closed. Kenneth Overstreet was fired by Rochester Township Trustee, Taylor, for wanting to keep Woodrow and not consolidate with town schools.

For several years there was a school battle in Rochester Township. The country people wanted to keep their small schools: Woodrow, Reiter, and Burton. The consolidation issue was placed on the ballot three times and was voted town every time. But Indiana State Law gave the trustee the power to close the schools even though the majority of the people voted against it. So trustee Henry Skidmore closed the three country schools in 1959.

Rochestr built two new elementary schools, Columbia and Riddle. To make room for the "country" kids, a new addition was built at Riddle School but it wasn't ready in the fall of 1959, so Reiter continued until 1960. There was much bitterness over this forced consolidation. Some people did not speak to the Skidmores or any of their relatives for the next 10 years!

To keep the town schools from getting the equipment they had paid for, the local PTA hid the electric potato masher and mixer, etc. That way the community still had it for community get-togethers. For many years this equipment was kept at Opal Sherrard's house where they were handy for the Green Oak Club and the Home Circle Club.

[Unpublished article by Shirley Willard]

### WOODROW SCHOOL TEACHERS

Jan. - April 1918 Deam Mikesell 6-7-8, Agnes McKee 3-4-5, Marie Turner 1-2.

1918-19: Vern Miller 6-7-8, Agnes McKee 3-4-5, Marie Turner 1-2.

1919-20: Vern Miller 6-7-8, Bess McKee 3-4-5, Anna Myers 1-2.

1920-21: Ray Shelton, Orville Foor 6-7-8, Alice Lowe 3-4-5, Herma Wolf 1-2

1921-22: Orville Foor 6-7-8, Alice Lowe 3-4-5, Herma Wolf 1-2.

1922-23: Orville Foor 6-7-8, Alice Lowe 3-4-5, Vida Carey 1-2.

1923-24: Orville Foor 6-7-8, Mildred Robinson 3-4-5, Vida Carey 1-2.

1924-25: Orville Foor 6-7-8, Mildred Robinson 3-4-5, Agnes Shields 1-2.

1925-26: Orville Foor 6-7-8, Margaret Carruthers 3-4-5, Agnes Shields 1-2.

1926-27: Orville Foor 7-8, Agnes Shields 4-5-6, Maude Sturken 1-2-3.

1927-28: Orville Foor 7-8, Ruth Carruthers 5-6, Narcissus Sowers 3-4, AGnes Shields 1-2.

1928-29: Orville Foor 7-8, Ruth Carruthers 5-6, Nar Sowers 3-4, Agnes Shields 1-2.

1929-30: Enrol. (1-8) 164. 8 mos. Prin. Orville Foor, 7-8; Esther Thrush, 5-6; Narcissus Sowers, 3-4; Bessie Platt, 1-2.

1930-31: (Com. 1-8) 71. Prin. Orville Foor, 7, 8; Esther Thrush, 5, 6; Narcissus Sowers, 3, 4; Mrs. Paul Whitcomb, 1, 2.

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1931-32: Cont. Com. (1-8) 96. Prin. Orville Foor, 78; Esther Thrush, 56; Kermit Biddinger, 3-4; Bessie Platt, 1-2; E. F. Fisher Music Supervisor.

1932-33: Cont. Com. 18. 96. Prin. Orville Foor, 78; Yetta Entsminger, 56; Grace Eash, 3-4; Bessie Platt, 1-2.

1933-34: Cont. Com. 18. 104. Prin. Orville Foor, 78; Isabelle Rans, 5-6; Mary Jane Hood, 3-4; Bessie Platt, 1-2.

1934-35: Cont. Com. 1-8. 93. Prin. Orville Foor, 7-8; Isabelle Rans, 5-6; Helen Barkman, 3-4; Bessie Platt, 1-2.

1935-36: Cont. Com. 1-8. 105. Prin. Orville Foor, 7-8; Isabelle Rans, 5-6; Helen Barkman, 3-4; Bessie Platt, 1-2.

1936-37: Cont. Com. 1-8, 101. Prin. Orville Foor, 7-8; Isabelle Rans 5-6; Helen Barkman, 3-4; Bessie M. Platt, 1-2.

1937-38: Cont. Com. 18. 104. Prin. Rolland Meiser, 78; Isabelle Rans, 56; Helen Barkman, 3-4; Bessie Platt, 1-2.

1938-39: Cont. Com. 1-8 108. Prin. Rolland Meiser, 78; Isabelle Rans, 5-6; Sara Jane Zimmerman, 3-4; Bessie M. Platt, 1-2; Audrey Kassebau, H. Ec., Mu., Orch.

1939-40: Cont. Com. 1-8. 113. Prin. Clifford Baggerley, 7-8; Charles Mow, 5-6; Isabelle Rans 3-4; Bessie M. Platt, 1-3; Ida Kathryn Moore, H. Ec., Mu.

1940-41: Cont. Com. 1-8, 98. Prin. Clifford Baggerley, 7-8; Charles Mow, 5-6; Isabelle Rans, 3-4; Bessie M. Platt, 1-2; Gertrude Klingaman, Mu.

1941-42: Cont. Com. 18. 98. Prin. Clifford Baggerley 78; O'Neill York, 5-6; Isabelle Rans 3-4; Bessie M. Platt, 1-2; Gertrude M. Klingaman, Mu.

1942-43: Cont. Com. 1-8. 114. Prin. Clifford Baggerley, 7-8; Isabelle Rans, 5-6; Mabel Gaumer, 3-4; Bessie M. Platt, 1-2; Gertrude M. Klingaman, Mu.

1943-44: Clifford Baggerly 7-8, Isabel Rans 5-6, Esther Thrush 3-4, Bessie Platt 1-2.

1944-45: Cont. Com. 18, 119. Prin. Clifford Baggerley, 7-8; Jane Kemper, 5-6; Esther M. Thrush, 3-4; Bessie M. Platt, 1-2; Edith M. Carlson, Mu.

1945-46: Clifford Baggerly 7-8, Jane Kemper 5-6, Esther Thrush 3-4, Bessie Platt 1-2.

1946-47: Cont. Com. 18, 115. Prin. Clifford Baggerley, 78; Jane Kemper, 5-6; Esther Thrush, 3-4; Bessie M. Platt, 1-2.

1947-48: C. Baggerly 7-8, Jane Kemper first semester 5-6, Kenneth Overstreet second semester 5-6, Esther Thrush 3-4, Bessie Platt 1-2.

1948-49: Cont. Com. 1-8, 105. Prin. Clifford Baggerley, 78; Thelma Saffordd, 56; Esther M. Thrush, 3-4; Bessie M. Platt, 1-2; Esther S. Lyle, Mu., B.

1949-50: Cont. Com. 18, 128. Prin. Clifford Baggerley, 7-8; Jane Kemper, 5-6; Esther M. Thrush, 3-4; Bessie M. Platt, 1-2; Edith M. Carlson, Mu.

1950-51: Cont. Com. 18. Enrol. (1-6) 116 (7-8) 23. Prin. Clifford Baggerley, 7-8; Jane Kemper, 15-6; Esther M. Thrush, 3-4; Bessie M. Platt, 1-2; Edith M. Carlson, Mu.

1951-52: Cont. 18. Enrol. (1-6) 76, (7-8) 26. Prin. Kenneth Roy Overstreet, 7-8; Jane Kemper, 5-6; Esther Thrush, 3-4; Virginia B. Jackson, 1-2; Edith Carlson, Mu.

1952-53: Kenneth Overstreet 7-8, Jane Kemper 5-6, Esther Thrush 3-4, Virginia Jackson 1-2.

1953-54: Cont. 18. Enrol. (1-6) 114, (7-8) 26. Prin Kenneth R. Overstreet, 78; Jane Kemper, 5-6; Esther Thrush, 3-4; Mary J. Van Duyne, 2; Virginia B. Jackson, 1; Carl Doherty, Mu., B.

1954-55: Scott Savage 7-8, Jane Kemper 5-6, Esther Thrush 3-4, Florence Long 1-2.

1955-56: Cont. Com. 18. Enrol (1-6) 135, (7-8) 26. Prin. W. Scott Savage, 7-8; Jane Kemper, 5-6; Esther Thrush, 3-4; Isabelle Grove, 2-3; Florence Long, 1; Donna Lee Dawald, Mu., B.

1956-57: Scott Savage 7-8, Jane Kemper 5-6, Esther Thrush 3-4, Hazel Chaney 1-2.

1957-58: Cont. Com. 18 Enrol. (1-6) 87, (7-8) 12. Prin. Chauncey Oren, 68; Jane Kemper, 4-5; Esther Thrush, 2-3; Hazel Case Chaney 1-2; Donna Lee Dawald Mu. B.

1958-59: Chauncey Oren 7-8, Jane Kemper 5-6, Esther Thrush 3-4, Hazel Chaney 1-2.

WOODROW BUS DRIVERS

1918- Ed Tetzloff  
1918- Morton Ford  
1918 Boyd Hayward  
1918- Bill Ball - the first to get a motor truck in the 1920's.  
1918- Pete Lowe  
1918-20: Mrs. Milton Whittenberger took over Boyd Hayward's  
1920-24: Merley and Elma Dawson  
1919? Chauncey Nye  
----- Charlie Piper - substituted  
1928-31: Elmer Newcomb  
1931-32: Lee Shobe  
19??-31: Ovie Hobbs. His bus upset in Mt. Zion mill pond and sank to bottom in spring  
of 1929 or 1930. Bus was empty; no one hurt.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith  
Wilfred Guise  
1934-47: Ray Cook  
19??- 44: Bill Brubaker  
1936-47: Orville Gilliland  
1936-59: Vern Noyes - drove the longest and with no accidents.  
1940-55: Howard Tobey  
1944-59: Ira Baker  
1937-47: Devane "Babe" Felts  
1947-59: Charlie E. Ogle. Continued to drive bus until 1966 after Woodrow closed.  
1955-Christmas 1957: Calvin Braman  
1949-59: Howard Taylor. Continued to drive bus to new schools in town.  
Christmas 1957-1959: Jim Tobey.  
At first the buses were horse-drawn "hacks".  
During the 1930's they started bussing to the high school in Rochester. [motor buses]  
[FCHS Quarterly No. 34, p. 31]

Teachers: Alice Lowe Newcomb; Thelma Sanders Safford; Orville Foor; Ray Issac  
Shelton, 7th & 8th, fall of 1920 two weeks, closed for diphtheria epidemic, did not return; Mary  
Jane Hood Van Duyne, 1933-34 and 2nd grade, 1953-54

The nine of us [Seymour Blacketor children] enjoyed the unique experience of having  
Orville Foor teach us in our seventh and eighth grade years. Soon after, Mr. Foor retired from the  
teaching profession, but he never lost interest in us and followed our varied paths. Mr. Foor also  
coached the Woodrow basketball and baseball teams and all three of the boys, Merle, Otto, and  
Hugh Robert, played under his expert coaching. Woodrow also had a girls basketball team.  
Usually the girls played the first game and the boys the second. Ethel, Bonnie and Bernice played  
under the following coaches: Agnes Shields, Yetta Entsminger, and Narcissus Sowers.

[Horatio Seymour Blacketor, Ethel Blacketor and Norabelle Krom Bryant, *Fulton Co  
Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

I helped C. V. Kindig & Sons build Woodrow School in the summer of 1917.

Woodrow was actually Woodrow Wilson School in honor of President Woodrow  
Wilson, but only "Woodrow School" was put on the stone above the main entrance facing  
highway [Old US-31]. Woodrow replaced several one-room schools: Ebenezer, Green Oak,  
School 16 or Mount Tabor, Mudsock or Elm Glen, Union, Mt. Zion, Sprinkleburg, and also

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absorbed some of the pupils from McKinley School when it was closed in 1930. -- Ferman Powell.

[Thomas Powell Family, Maxine Heckathorn et al, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

## WRIGHT SCHOOL [Newcastle Township]

Located SW corner 550N and 350E.

Sometimes called the Gordon School (after the first teacher).

Hulings Miller, father of Cincinnatus Miller, (Joaquin Miller), "Poet of the Sierras," taught at this one-room school.

Mr. Miller had purchased his farm from a Mr. Culver in 1848, and re-sold it back to Mr. Culver in March, 1852, leaving Fulton County for California.

Built before 1876; abandoned between 1876 and 1883.

Teachers: Robert Gordon (first teacher); Hulings Miller; George Perschbacher 1857-61.

### OLD SCHOOL HOUSE TORN DOWN WAS BUILT IN 1854

This week saw the passing of a historical landmark on the Anna Kiler farm six miles northeast of Rochester when one of the original old, "one room," school houses, that was built before the Civil War was torn down. This school was built in the then standing forest and was made of logs and has withstood the ravages of time since it was erected in 1854.

Attention to the passing of the 75-year old landmark was brought to The News-Sentinel by Donald Carlson, young son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carlson of this city, who was visiting relatives in the community and witnessed the tearing down of the building. The boy in searching the premises for relics came upon newspapers which were tacked to the walls and ceiling to help keep out the cold winds from blowing through the cracks between the logs. The papers were yellow and stiff with age, one being the Cincinnati Messenger printed in 1854, and the other being a Rochester weekly printed in 1847, but the name could not be made out.

Donald was particularly interested in the building as the log school was built on the farm of his great-great-grandfather Wright. His great-great-grandparents, George and Jane Perschbacher attended the school during their youthful days and later Mr. Perschbacher was the teacher there for several terms.

Some of the logs were found to be black walnut and in an excellent state of preservation. One old desk made of logs was also found and preserved. The school had a dirt floor and the windows which were few in number were very small.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 11, 1929]

### THE WRIGHT SCHOOL By Waldo Adams

The school taught by Hulings Miller and attended by his son Cincinnatus H. (Joaquin) was known as the Wright school. Its location was determined with considerable accuracy because of its peculiar situation. A schoolmate stated it was located in the southeast quarter of Section 15, and the farm purchased by Miller was in the northwest quarter of Section 15.

The schoolhouse was described by the schoolmate as being located across the road from the farm residence but in the southeast quarter of land owned at the time by the Wrights. Since a public road also forms the boundary and central point between the two diagonal sections the school grounds can only be at a very definite spot.

No exact date can be determined for its erection. The closest estimate seems to center around the years 1840 to 1845. It is known that it was erected before the present Wright farmstead building, which were built in 1852.

The building was rectangular shaped and covered with sawed weather boards. It was not built of logs. It had no belfry or bells. The teacher probably had a hand bell which served the purpose of calling the pupils from play. No one could recall of a well being there. Water was probably carried from the farm homes nearby.

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Mrs. Bonine recalled that her father George Perschbacher moved the school building to the Wright farmstead, which he then owned and converted it into a storage for grain. It was originally floored, having joists and foundation stones beneath. It did not have puncheon floors.

She recalled the building, when used as a school, had a long wood-burning stove capable of burning the long lengths of wood cut in those days. The building was standing and used as a storage as late as 1930. Mrs. Bonine confirmed the original location as described earlier by Mrs. Swanger.

Mrs. Snyder, the present owner of the old Wright Farm, recalled that the second location of the building was somewhat in front of the farm home, much to her mother's annoyance. Mrs. Kiler was the daughter of Mr. Perschbacher and the mother of Mrs. Snyder.

The building was torn down in the 1930's and the materials were used to construct a garage which still stands near the Wright farm home. Ralh Hatfield of Talma recalls the old schoolhouse setting very near the old Wright home during the 1930's.

The Wright farm, now owned by Mrs. Snyder, presently is occupied by the Calvin Mikesell family. It is north of the Tippecanoe river from the Sheward bridge crossing. The Wright school was located at the Troad intersection north of the Mikesell residence which is the intersection of County Road 375E with 550N. The Hulings Miller homestead now is the Mrs. Lloyd Ritchey farm, north of the T-intersection.

[FCHS Quarterly, December 1964, pp 5-6]

### WRIGHT SCHOOL

By Shirley Willard

Wright one-room school was built in 1842 on the southwest corner of 375E and 550N. It was named for James Wright, who owned the farm on which the school stood (in the northwest corner of their farm.) The school was rectangular shaped and covered with sawed weather boards, according to Waldo Adams, who wrote about it in the first FCHS Quarterly (Joaquin Miller story 1964). Wright school is the school referred to in the Joaquin Miller historical marker by the bridge on state road 25 three miles southwest of Talma. It was not built of logs, had no belfry or bells. The teacher probably had a hand bell which served the purpose of calling thhe pupils from play. No well was dug there; water was probably carried from the farm homes nearby. The school had a long wood-burning stove capable of burning the long lengths of wood cut in those days. It had a wood floor with joists and foundation stones beneath. It did not have puncheon floors.

A famous poet attended Wright school as a boy. Cincinnatus Heiner (penname Joaquin) Miller attended Wright from 1848-52, and his father Hulings Miller was the teacher. The subjects studied by the pupils were the three R's with spelling and geography taught less frequently. Saturday night spelling bee's were common. Joaquin recalled that his brother, John D., was frequently a winner, but not Joaquin. Slates were in common use for practice exerives but quill pens and oak-gall ink were reserved for the writing exercises. The ability to make a writing pen out of a large feather was one of the requirements for a schoolmaster of those years. The quill pen used by Joaquin is said to be located in his museum home overlooking San Francisco Bay in Oakland, Calif. His double slate was given to a schoolmate, Lucinda Culver, when the Millers left to go West in 1852. She gave it to the Rochester high school library in later years. A fire which damaged the library in 1950 also destroyed the slate. It was a double slate with binding around the wooden frame and hinged so that the two writing survaces could be closed like a book.

George Perschbacher and Jane Wright were also classmates of Joaquin Miller. When the Millers arrived in Sacramento, California, in 1852, Joaquin wrote a letter to Jane Wright. George and Jane were married when they grew up. Many years later in about 1908 George Perschbacher and his second wife (Jane had died in 1887) visited Joaquin, then a famous poet in Oakland, Calif. This interview was reported in the Rochester *Republican* newspaper.

Wright school was closed before 1883 and the building moved by George Perschbacher to the Wright farmstead, which he then owned and converted into a storage for grain. It stood somewhat in front of the farm home, much to the annoyance of Perschbacher's daughter, Mrs. George (Anna) Kiler. From Kilers the ownership passed to their daughter, Mrs Willard (Malita)

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Snyder and to their son George Snyder. The building was torn down in the 1930's and the materials were used to construct a garage which still stands on the farm, where Calvin Mikesell lives now. His son Denny Mikesell recently bought the farm but Calvin still lives there.

When the school was torn down in the 1930's, a story appeared in the Rochester *Sentinel* about the boy Donald Carlson finding old newspapers dated 1847 and 1854 which were tacked to the walls and ceiling to help keep the cold winds from blowing through the cracks. Some of the logs were black walnut and in excellent state of preservation. One old desk made of logs was also found and preserved, according to the newspaper story. We have not been able to locate the desk so do not know if it still exists. The windows were few in number and very small. Donald Carlson was the great-great-grandson of George and Jane Perschbacher.

Robert Gordon was the first teacher at Wright school and it was therefore called Gordon by some people. The 1883 Historical Atlas of Fulton County says that the school was built on the John Culver farm but this refers to the man who lived on the farm in 1883, not the man who owned the farm when the school was built.

George Perschbacher taught at the Wright school for four terms approximately 1857-64. No one knows the names of any other teachers but the three mentioned here.

[FCHS Quarterly No. 24, pp 21-22]

## YALE SCHOOL [#5] [Newcastle Township]

Located SW corner of 800E and 500N.

Children from Big Foot attended.

Built between 1883 and 1907. One-room school.

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[photo] Yale school. (Photo: Mrs. Earl Zent)

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[photo] Paul Myers, Earl Coplen, Harold McIntyre, Bernard Rogers, Harvey Smith and Elma Bybee Zent strike mischievous poses in front of Yale school approximately 1915. (Photo: Bernard Rogers)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 24, p. 26]

[photo] This was the bus or hack that took children to Yale school, driven by Warren Ensminger. It was used to pick up children living over a mile from school. The rest of them walked to school, or if storming, the parents took them. . . sometimes. (Photo: Mrs. Earl Zent)

[FCHS Quarterly No. 24, p. 27]  
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## YALE SCHOOL SERVED THE BIGFOOT COMMUNITY

By Harry Long

Yale school, District No. 5, Newcastle township, was located a few rods west of the crossroads west of Sycamore cemetery. It was a brick, one room building with the usual large wood burning stove located in the center of the room.

When I started to school in 1901, the teacher was Jerry Byers of Talma. He had only 48 pupils scattered through all eight grades. Some of the pupils who were older than I were Walter and Zora Coplen, Mary and Maggie Laird, Bessie Tipton and LaVerda Anderson.

The other teachers I remember were Bert Myers, Dow Haimbaugh, Rex Haimbaugh, Loren Bryant and Lloyd Eherenman.

[FCHS Quarterly, December 1966, p. 9]

YALE SCHOOL

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By Dow Haimbaugh

Located one mile north of Bigfoot and two and a half miles north of Lakeview school, on the [SW] corner of 500N and 825E, Yale school provided for all grades. It was the largest district school in the township, built between 1883 and 1907. It replaced the first Yale schoolhouse which was built before 1876 on road 550N about one-fourth mile east of 825E. (Editor's note: The first schoolhouse was abandoned when the new one was built.)

Some of the patrons I remember were the Leard, Miller, Long, Coplen, Entsminger, Haimbaugh, Tipton, Rogers, Batz, Anderson, Busenburg, VanDorn, and King families.

We always had spelling school (contest); Leslie Leard and his sister were the winners the year I taught at Yale. We had school straight through holidays; no vacations except for Christmas Day, same as at Lakeview.

On one Friday afternoon a month we had entertainment, singing and memorized speeches. On the last day of the school year the mothers brought food for the noon meal and what a noon meal we did have!

We used slate pencils and slate boards. The pencils were very hard and never needed sharpening. You would clean your slate by spitting on it and wiping it off with your shirt sleeve or hanky. Lead pencils were sharpened with a knife.

Some of the other persons who taught at Yale were Jerry Byers 1901, Bert Myers, Rex Haimbaugh, Loren Bryant, and Lloyd Eherenman 1911, Marjorie Jones Bryant 1914. I, Dow Haimbaugh, taught there during the 1906-07 school year. I rode a horse or walked the 2-1/2 miles to school.

Leslie Leard went on to become a medical doctor and practiced in Kosciusko County. One time some men came into his office and wanted some facial changes made so they would not be recognized. He refused and they gave him an awful beating!

Hobart Rogers went on to become a medical doctor also and practiced in California.

Emory and Roy Anderson, who lived in Bigfoot, both were graduated from the McKilip's Veterinary College in Chicago. Emory practiced in Mentone and Roy in Rochester and Argos.

Mary Isabell Drudge Peterson recalls that her father attended school at Yale. Often one would provoke laughter from the local residents by announcing to a stranger that one was a graduate of Yale, meaning Yale of Newcastle township instead of the famous university as the stranger would assume. She also remembers that the school was heated by one stove in the center and how cold it got in the schoolroom during the winter. As a young woman, she taught at Yale in the years 1920-21 and 1921-22. "It was customary in those days for the teachers to play with the children during recess and lunch. We often played baseball and on nice days we would sometimes take our lunches to the nearby woods to eat. I was unable to teach after 1922 as I married Joe Peterson that year and as was the custom of the time, women were not hired to teach in the schools once they were married," stated Mrs. Peterson. That was the year, according to Mrs. Peterson that Yale school was closed and the students transferred to Talma.

Mrs. Earl Zent (Elma Bybee) attended school at Yale. She offers the following information. "My sister said Lloyd Eherenman taught the year before I started to school (1911). I was in the first grade in 1912 and the teachers at Yale during my eight years there were Zora Coplen 1912-13, Marjorie Jones Bryant 1913-14, Dessie Mathews 1914-15, Donald Coplen 1915-16, Ethel Haimbaugh Parker 1916-17, Martha Rhinehart (1/2 year) 1917, Estel Fish (1/2 year) 1918, Isabelle Drudge Peterson 1920-22.

Mrs. Earl Zent found the following article in her scrapbook. It is a newspaper clipping from the Rochester *Sentinel*, Voice of the People: "The Right Brand. Editor *Sentinel*: It is one thing to display patriotism from the lapel of your coat, but it is quite another to substantiate it from the trousers' pocket. It is one thing to proclaim our patriotism from the platform and it is another thing to let our dollars talk for us. One kind stirs us on the surface resulting in tears, cheers and spread-eagle oratory. The other stirs us deeply enough that our pocketbooks are moved resulting in sacrifice of time, money and talents.

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"I wish to call attention to the brand of patriotism found in a little red country school of Newcastle township. Five days of each week "Old Glory" waves from a flag staff standing near the building, reminding us that the free public school system of the U. S. has been won by sacrifices made under the flag and will be protected by the same kind of sacrifices if need be. But the patriotism of the pupils and teacher of Yale school does not end with the waving of flags. Within the last two weeks, as rural carrier, I have delivered to them twelve War Stamps and have given to the government \$49.50, the cost price of these twelve stamps. I don't know how many more Yale is going to buy, but I do know that already they have invested in the War an average per scholar of \$2.35. Of the 49.50 invested, 41.25 is the investment of the students, one lad, Truman Waltz, taking \$20.60 worth of stamps.

"Yale may never produce an all state athlete or an all night "Frat", but it is a pretty safe guess that they will produce some All-American citizens. This genuine brand of patriotism reflects credit on the community, the school, and its teacher, Don Coplen." The letter was signed by Rural Carrier No. One.

The following is quoted from Volume 3, Number 3, Fulton County Historical Society Quarterly dated December, 1966. It was contributed by Harry Long. "Yale School, District No. 5, Newcastle township, was located a few rods west of Sycamore cemetery. It was a brick one-room building with the usual large wood burning stove located in the center of the room.

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Teachers: Lloyd Eherenmen, 1910-12.; William Bertram (Bert) Myers, 1903-04-05;  
Ethel Haimbaugh Parker, 1919  
See First Yale School

## YELLOW CREEK SCHOOL [Newcastle Township]

Miss Emma L. Pyle will teach the summer term of school at Yellow Creek school house, in Newcastle township. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 28, 1877]

Yellow Creek school, taught by Miss Emma L. Pyle, will close next Friday.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 14, 1877]

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