

School Miscellanea

Compiled from:
The Burgettstown Enterprise
& Local Donations

Fort Vance Historical Society



BOYS. First row, left to right: Noga, Ron Michelucci, Erin Carlin, John Boni, Sam Michalski, Leslie Williams, Archie Orison. Second row: Shawn Geiger, George Galish, Mark Orison. Third row: Steven

Lorrin Medlin. Fourth row: Tim Endler. Fifth row: Shawn Arnold, Mrs. Snyder, Shawn Davis.

Return With Us Now To Those Thrilling Days Of Yesteryear....

Colonial Day was held this year in an authentic one room school-house at Meadowcroft Village. The day was spent learning about colonial schools, activities and the way of life during that period. The classes adhered as closely as possible to the content, methods of teaching and discipline significant of that time. At recess the children could be seen reviving games such as marbles, hopscotch and jumping rope.

Mrs. Carol Snyder, a fifth grade teacher at the Atlasburg School, encourages her students to wear clothing in the style which their ancestors in the 18th century would have considered the latest

fashion. It's knickers, suspenders and vests for the boys, with the girls as modest as colonial maidens in aprons and bonnets.

The "Colonial Day" theme fits in with the Social Studies unit in the fifth grade in the Burgettstown Area School System, where the students study U. S. Social Studies ranging from Indians to the present.

Mrs. Snyder has been having a "Colonial Day" for 12 years, and the idea grew from her interest in the educational system in early America. After research in libraries and with the help of historical societies, the unit was compiled.

In conjunction with "Colonial Day," projects centering around a theme of "Colonial America" were made by the children. The students combined their own ideas and creative talents for a remarkable display. Built in miniature were a Dutch house, colonial cradle, matchstick cabin, flag made of pine cones, liberty bell, hornbook, pillory, wagons, forts and log cabins. The domestic side of colonial life was not neglected. Turned in were quilts, homemade butter, crocheted items, a handmade picture frame, pillows and counted cross-stitch.

In addition to the individual projects, the children made their own wooden hornbooks -- primers on wood with a protective transparent covering -- to take to Meadowcroft with them.

Leo Carlin, father of Erin, donated the wood and his time in helping the class. He cut out all of the individual hornbooks and each child then finished his or her own hornbook to keep as a reminder of that trip backward into yesteryear!

Return With Us Now To Those Thrilling Days Of Yesteryear....

Colonial Day was held this year in an authentic one room schoolhouse at Meadowcroft Village. The day was spent learning about colonial schools, activities and the way of life during that period. The classes adhered as closely as possible to the content, methods of teaching and discipline significant of that time. At recess the children could be seen reviving games such as marbles, hopscotch and jumping rope.

Mrs. Carol Snyder, a fifth grade teacher at the Atlasburg School, encourages her students to wear clothing in the style which their ancestors in the 18th century would have considered the latest

fashion. It's knickers, suspenders and vests for the boys, with the girls as modest as colonial maidens in aprons and bonnets.

The "Colonial Day" theme fits in with the Social Studies unit in the fifth grade in the Burgettstown Area School System, where the students study U. S. Social Studies ranging from Indians to the present.

Mrs. Snyder has been having a "Colonial Day" for 12 years, and the idea grew from her interest in the educational system in early America. After research in libraries and with the help of historical societies, the unit was compiled.

In conjunction with "Colonial Day," projects centering around a theme of "Colonial America" were made by the children. The students combined their own ideas and creative talents for a remarkable display. Built in miniature were a Dutch house, colonial cradle, matchstick cabin, flag made of pine cones, liberty bell, hornbook, pillory, wagons, forts and log cabins. The domestic side of colonial life was not neglected. Turned in were quilts, homemade butter, crocheted items, a handmade picture frame, pillows and counted cross-stitch.

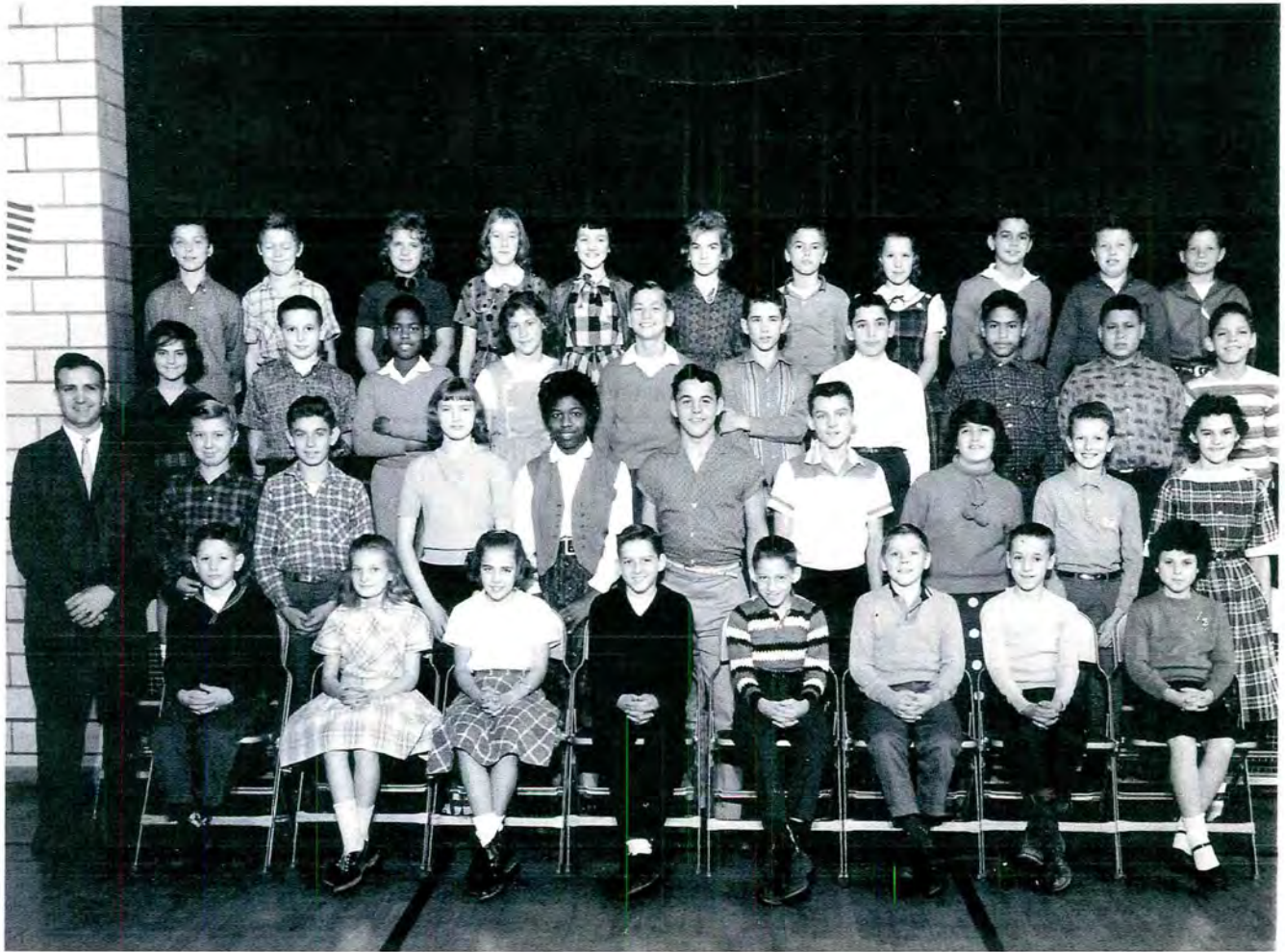
In addition to the individual projects, the children made their own wooden hornbooks -- primers on wood with a protective transparent covering -- to take to Meadowcroft with them.

Leo Carlin, father of Erin, donated the wood and his time in helping the class. He cut out all of the individual hornbooks and each child then finished his or her own hornbook to keep as a reminder of that trip backward into yesteryear!



GIRLS. First row, left to right: Tanya Williams, Rhonda Mika, Tracy Couch, Michele Daske, Anita Cooke, Melissa Grant. Second row: Sylvia Budash, Lori Latshaw, Christina Weigner, Shelby Niedzialkia. Third row: Angela Abbott, Melissa Fischer, Samantha Whalen. Fourth row: Lori Harshey, Mrs. Snyder, Kelli Kiger.

**Atlasburg 5th Grade Visits Meadowcroft Village (Pg. 2)
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1983 Edition**



Atlasburg Grade School
1961-1962 Grade 7

First Row, L-R: Mr. Astorina, Dave Boni, Barbara Watton, Barbara Takah, T. Bongiorno, Larry Couch, B. Steiminger, George Warrick, M. Thomas.

Second Row, L-R: Michael Kostry, B. Bittinger, Nancy Kaste, D. Lewis, C. Davidson, John Steiminger, Nicki Drazick, Greg Petricca, B. Yanovich.

Third Row, L-R: T. Latella, Donald Giacomelli, Linda Covington, Karen Vuksanovich, Ted Yaksic, Carl Pcsolinski, Jim Petricca, B. LaRue, T. Finley, J. Huggins.

Fourth Row, L-R: Frank Noga, B. Skidmore, Renee Warchol, B. Johnson, G. Malone, H. Yakovich, Arthur Wilkens, A. Gieger, Steve Ostop, George Galish, Leo Corrick.

Fort Vance Historical Society



Atlasburg Grade School-Grade 2 1956-1957

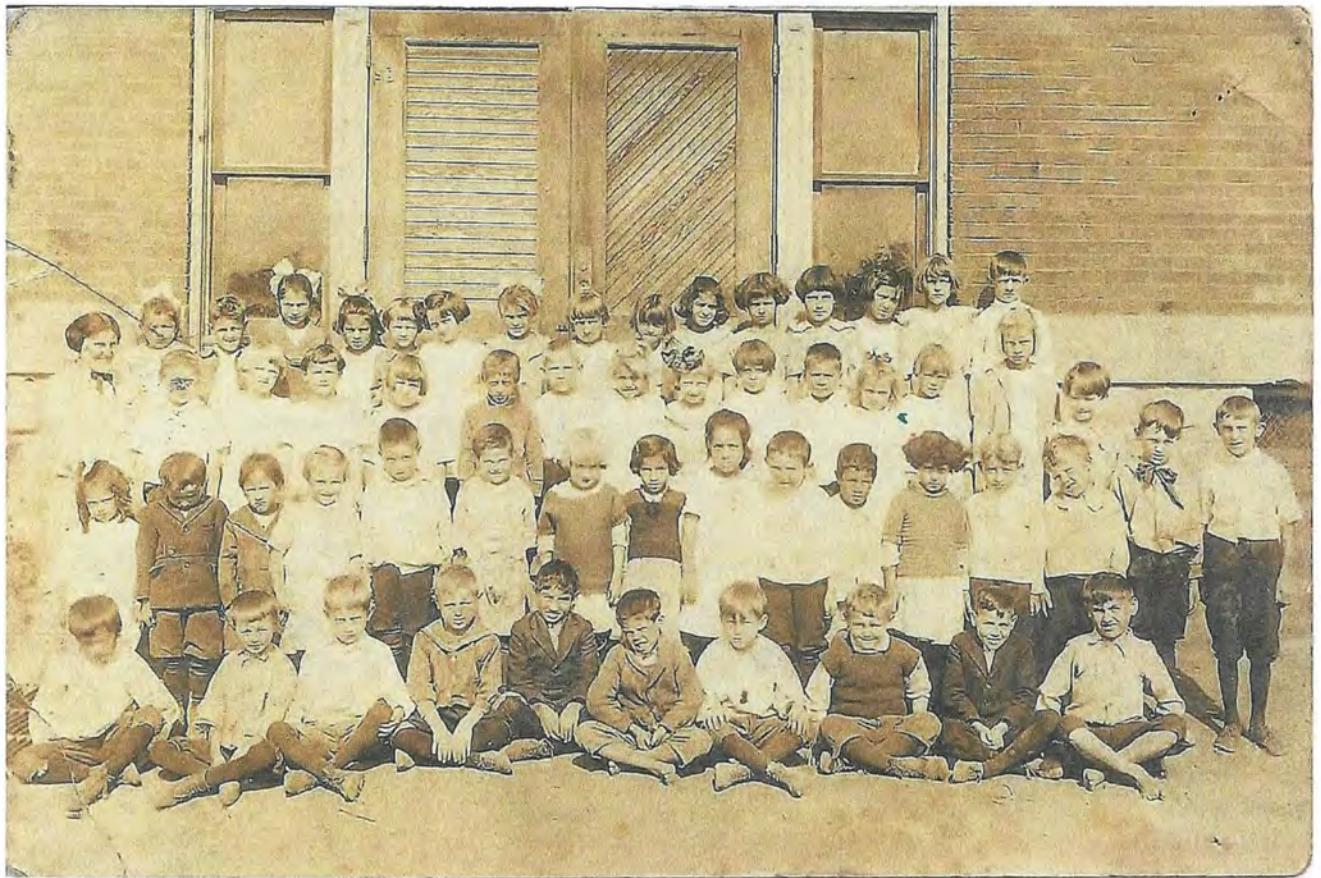
First Row, L-R: Adeline Geiger, Barbara Takah, David Boni, Randy Smith, Trudy Latella, Patty Trevena, Renee Warchol, David Greist, Robert Steiminger, George Galish, Frank Bongiorno.

Second Row, L-R: Billy LaRue, Frank Noga, James Petricca, Ted Yaksic, Gerald Petricca, Donna Lewis, Larry Verner, Michael Koestrich, Thomas Finley.

Third Row, L-R: Bobby Bailey, Steven Ostop, Betty Jo Johnson, Rose Urista, Donald Giacomelli, Nicki Drazick, Thelma Milocich, Louis Commington, Leo Corric.

Teacher: Miss Amistadi

Fort Vance Historical Society



Esther Miller. 1922-1923. Atlasburg 1st grade.
 1st Row L to R. - George Crumy - Alex Evenock
 George Boling - J. Frank Cempie
 Frank Glazie - Julius Franse - Clem Dunder
 William Beadling -
 2nd Row -
 Evelyn Whitmeyer - Ed Jones - Owen Brennan
 Annie Rankus - Rosie Cempie - Clara
 Mitchell - James Hill - John Cempie
 Wilma Gillin - Guy McQueen - Alex Felegy
 Edward Vance - Karbailey -
 3rd Row - Paul Ringey - Mary Matko
 Grace Marmagen - Loretta Marmagen
 - John Roman - Victoria Shupenka
 Myranna Burns - John Baran -
 Violet Melitkouske - Isabelle Zematis - Helen Boring
 4th Row -
 - Mrs. Hayes - Elmer Takah - Annie Stefura - Robert
 - Dorothy Melvin

MAY DAY DANCE HELD IN ATLASBURG



The Atlasburg P. T. A. held a May Day dance Saturday, May 1, highlighted by the crowning of a King and Queen.

Joan Churpak and Joseph Bateman, both of Atlasburg, were crowned as King and Queen.

**May Day Dance Held in Atlasburg School
Joan Churpak and Joseph Bateman, Crowned as Queen and King
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1965 Edition**

XMAS PROGRAM AT ATLASBURG

A large and appreciative audience attended the Christmas entertainment given by the Atlasburg Protestant Sunday School on Sunday evening, December 21. The following program was given:

Singing, Doxology; Prayer by Bessie Donehoo, superintendent of the Sunday School; Christmas Greetings, Elsie Bonner; Song by audience, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Wise Men's Gifts, William Mitchell; Exercise by three small girls, Marian Marteny, Carol Havelka and Mary Mitchell; Song by audience, "Joy To the World" Why I Love Christmas, Winifred Marteny; Gift of Love, Roberta Darko and Patty Bonner; Christmas Tree by Kenneth Marteny; Christmas, by Betty Loca; Song by audience, "The First Noel"; Christmas Jesus by Marie Bonner; The Love that Makes Christmas Day by Anna Mitchell; Song by audience, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"; Play in two scenes, "What is Christmas" by five girls, Irene Ringer, Betty Springer, Elizabeth Darko, Audrey Havelka and Carol Havelka; What Would You Say by Frank Bonner; Christmas Telephone by Betty Mitchell; Little Jack Horner, by Ray Bonner; Song by audience, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; The Truth of It by Walter Mitchell; God's Christmas Gift by Dewey Springer; Song by Ladies' Bible class, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; Closing sing, "Silent Night, Holy Night.

Gifts and candy were distributed during the fellowship hour. A pleasing surprise was the distribution of home-made filled cookies by Mrs. W. O. Johnston, a former teacher in the Sunday School.

John Lubon went to Atlasburg School about 1923 to 1936.

1st grade to 3rd

At that time, his name was John Lubonsky.

MAY DAY DANCE HELD IN ATLASBURG



The Atlasburg P. T. A. held a May Day dance Saturday, May 1, highlighted by the crowning of a King and Queen.

Joan Churpak and Joseph Bateman, both of Atlasburg, were crowned as King and Queen.

**May Day Dance Held in Atlasburg School
Joan Churpak and Joseph Bateman, Crowned as Queen and King
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1965 Edition**

Smith Township School Directors Work on Plans For Building of Addition to Atlasburg Building

Plans for the construction of an addition to the Atlasburg school will be continued, members of the Smith township school board agreed at a meeting of the board last Wednesday evening. Arthur Tennyson, architect, was advised to proceed at once with final blueprints.

The Harmon Creek school building was sold to the Tri-State Aviation Company for the sum of \$2,703. Other bidders were \$1,210. The board also agreed to sell lot number 139 in Langeloth to the Church of Christ for a sum of \$400. Other bidders were Edward Wilgocki, \$375, Gus Barbush, \$200 and Joseph Montequin, \$150.

Frank DeCook of Bulger, R. D. was awarded the bid to supply coal to the township schools at a rate of \$5.25 per ton for Bulger, Francis Mine, Langeloth, Atlasburg and Slovan schools and \$5.10 for Raccoon school. Mt. Pleasant Coal company bid at \$5.40 per ton and Union Coal company, which offered to supply only Atlasburg and Francis Mine, presented a bid of \$5.35 per ton.

The officers of the board were authorized to complete the purchase of the Chevrolet suburban through the Scott Service company.

Superintendent Harry Tennyson was instructed to investigate the possibilities of purchasing water tanks for use in township

Avella to hold ceremony today

Avella Area High School will hold commencement exercises for 40 graduating seniors at 7 p.m. today at the high school football field.

The district has named Jenna Campbell as valedictorian and Larry Ferguson as salutatorian of its Class of 2015.

Campbell, daughter of John and Melissa Campbell of Avella, will speak about "Look Forward." She received the U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award and the Washington Rotary Club academic scholarship.

She is president of the National Honor Society and president and founder of the high school drama club. She has been involved in the school play throughout high school.



Jenna Campbell, valedictorian **Larry Ferguson, salutatorian**

Avella Area High School

- 40 graduates
- May 28
- Avella Area gymnasium

She also is editor of the student newspaper and secretary of Students Against Destructive Decisions. She served on

the yearbook staff, debate team, Teen Outreach, academic team and Science Quiz Bowl. She also wrote for the *Observer-Reporter's* Flipside publication.

She plans to attend Pennsylvania State University and major in journalism.

Ferguson, son of Larry and Patti Ferguson of Avella, will speak about "Look Back." He received the Allegheny College Trustees Scholarship.

He is vice president of the National Honor Society, participated in the school play, drama club and school newspaper and was a member of the football team.

He is a volunteer with the Pittsburgh Marathon and plans to attend Allegheny College in Meadville.



Observer-Reporter photo

Hop Helps

Things were really looking up Tuesday, May 31, for students at the Avella Elementary Center, where the 114 students in the first three grades and three kindergartens raised \$3,363.86 in a hop for a leukemia fund-raising event. Three students, from left, Shannon Mader, Aaron Klem and Seth Peterson, held onto their sign and looked up as a state police helicopter lifted off from the school yard during a picnic at the school sponsored by the Avella American Legion Post. Shannon, a kindergarten student, raised \$171; Aaron, a transition class student, raised \$93.60; and Seth, a first-grader, raised \$104.

Avella Elementary Center Raised \$3,363.86 in Hop for Leukemia
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 8, 1988 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Avella High School to graduate 44 seniors

Avella High School will graduate 44 seniors at commencement exercises at 7 p.m. Friday at the Avella High School football field.

Zachary Kagle is the valedictorian and Jenna Laudermilt is the salutatorian.

Kagle is a son of Michael and Bobbi Kagle of Burgettstown.

He received the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship, the Washington County Conservation District Scholarship twice, the U.S Army Scholarship, the U.S. Air Force Scholarship, the American Legion Scholarship and Student of the Month.

Kagle was class president and president of the Science

Avella High School

When:
7 p.m. Friday
Where:
Football stadium
Graduates: 44



Kagle



Laudermilt

Club, a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Community Service Club and Peer Jury. He also participated in baseball, cross country and track. He was also on the Trinity varsity hockey team.

He will attend the U.S. Mer-

chant Marine Academy to pursue a degree in marine engineering.

Laudermilt is a daughter of Deborah Weese of Burgettstown and Gary Laudermilt of West Alexander.

She received the Black Fam-

ily Scholarship, the Legion Scholarship and the Challenge Program for Community Service and Excellence Award.

Laudermilt was president of the National Honor Society and the Community Service Club, vice president of Students Against Destructive Decisions, and was treasurer of the senior class, a member of the color guard in the marching band, a member of the Science Club, Peer Jury, Teen Outreach, yearbook staff and newspaper staff.

She will attend the California University of Pennsylvania for secondary education with a minor in special education.

Avella High School to graduate 44 Seniors
Observer-Reporter-June 2, 2016 Edition

Avella homecoming



Avella held its homecoming parade Oct. 16, followed by a bonfire and pep rally at Avella fire hall. The Eagles played Carmichaels in the homecoming football game Oct. 17, and a dance was held in the cafeteria Oct. 18. Members of the homecoming court were, first row, from left, Haley Kersey, Miranda Russell, Jade Georgetti, Brianne Morgan and Raquel Midler; and second row, Nick Kusich, Matthew Wander, Derek Allen, Brandon Miller and Santino Paris.

Avella Homecoming
Observer-Reporter-October 22, 2014 Edition

Avella homecoming



Avella Area Jr./Sr. High School will celebrate homecoming Friday. Members of the homecoming court are, from left, Haley Ammon, Ryan Comfort, Rebecca Brown, Cody Dobbin, Tyler Fraysier, Devin Champagne, Zachary Kagle, Olivia Kubacka, Luke Lloyd and Molly Smith. The king and queen will be announced at halftime of the football game against Wilkinsburg. The homecoming parade is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Avella Homecoming
Observer-Reporter-October 7, 2015 Edition



Sheryl Wright-Brown



Zach Zebrasky

Avella school district hires two principals

By **FRANCESCA SACCO**
Staff writer
fsacco@observer-reporter.com

Students and staff in Avella Area School District will see familiar faces in new roles when classes resume in September.

On April 15, at their regularly scheduled meeting, school board members hired two teachers, Sheryl Wright-Brown and Zach Zebrasky, to fill the vacant high school and elementary principal positions, respectively.

They begin their new roles July 1.

The positions opened earlier this year after a series of events. Superintendent Janell Logue-Belden left for the top job in Deer Lakes School District in January. Cyril Walther, now acting superintendent and high school principal, was hired in March to take over Logue-Belden's position. The district needed to fill Walther's position at the high school, and a search began. A short time later, Walther said elementary school principal Bobbi-Ann Barnes resigned.

"She resigned to move on to Deer Lakes," Walther said.

Walther said internal candidates were identified and interviewed. Wright-Brown and Zebrasky were a perfect fit, he said.

"They are invested in Avella and the community," he said. "Sheryl has been with the district for 16 years, and Zach about three and a half years. They are both very much Avella Eagles."

Wright-Brown, 42, a high school history teacher, former coach and current president of Avella's teachers union, said she looks forward to the opportunity. She does not anticipate any problems with the transition from teacher to administrator.

"I've worked in different administrative roles throughout my career," Wright-Brown said. "Plus, everybody is really supportive and really wonderful to work with."

She believes the high school is on a "good path," and has no immediate plans to make changes.

"I will set goals, increase student achievement," she said.

Wright-Brown started her career with Avella after graduating from Gannon University in 1995. She was hired at a salary of \$72,000.

Zebrasky, 28, a high school social studies and science teacher and coach, said he looks forward to learning about his new students and staff. During his first year, he plans to observe "how things work."

"I don't want to make any immediate changes. A year of reflections will give me an idea of where we need to go," Zebrasky said. "It will be a learning experience."

Zebrasky spent two years in Washington School District as a long-term substitute teacher before coming to Avella. He graduated from Washington & Jefferson College in 2009. He was hired at a salary of \$62,500.

**Avella School District Hires Two Principals
Observer-Reporter-April 30, 2015 Edition**

COMMUNISM CHARGE MADE BY SCHOOL MAN

of. B. F. Skillen of Avella Tells
Legionaires Religious Sect is
Opposed to Americanism

charge that Jehovah's Witnesses, religious sect, is fostered by Communists was made at Avella Monday B. F. Skillen, superintendent of Independence township schools, address at the observance of Justice Day, first in the history of the district.

"Jehovah's Witnesses is not a religious sect, but a Communistic organization," Superintendent Skillen said. He cited that lawyers of the American Civil Liberties Union, which is classed among the radical groups, always rush to the defense of persons in such controversies as the flag incident at Canonsburg, seeking publicity. He expressed the belief that the cult was fostered indirectly from Moscow.

Past Post Commander Dr. H. H. McBurney, who is vice commander of the third subdistrict of the 25th District of the American Legion, in a forceful address declared the soldier dead issue a challenge.

"They died for America," he said. "Let us live as patriots of peace, to keep our country free from appeals to violence, mob fanaticism, colored shirts and blind slogans that would destroy the foundation stones of liberty, justice, freedom and equality."

He reviewed the fine record of the American Legion and declared that it stands as a bulwark against foes of the nation. He held that the Constitution, with the liberties it granted individuals, must endure.

The program of the day was in charge of Leo Rosatti, also a past commander of the Avella Legion.

**Communism Charge Made by School
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 3, 1935 Edition**

Avella schools borrow \$2 million

State budget impasse prompts need for loan to make budget

By FRANCESCA SACCO
Staff writer
fsacco@observer-reporter.com

Avella Area School Board voted Wednesday to borrow \$2 million to allow the district to continue to operate in the absence of state funding.

Business manager Laura Shola said the district has only enough money in its general fund to operate through November. She said the loan will allow the district to operate until January. If

a budget is not passed before the new year, Shola said the district will be required to borrow additional funds.

"This is the first time we have had to do something like this," Shola said. "Last time the budget was late getting passed, the budget was adopted in October and we were OK."

Shola said it appears unlikely the state budget impasse will end in the near future, so the district "decided to get the ball rolling" for the loan.

Shola said the district is current on all bills except those pertaining to cyber and charter schools.

"The tuition can be deducted from subsidiaries," she said.

She said the district has not taken any measures to boycott the state's actions, but said the situation is extremely frustrating.

"The auditor general and the Department of Education have been checking in on our situation," Shola

said. "I called to let them know we were borrowing the money."

Avella isn't the only district in the county to borrow funds to continuing operating as Pennsylvania's state budget stalemate has dragged through four months.

Districts statewide are suffering, and The Associated Press reports that some districts are considering shutting down in an effort to get the state to release funds.

Avella School Borrow \$2 Million
Observer-Reporter-October 23, 2015 Edition

AVELLA SENIOR CLASS IS LARGEST IN HISTORY

High School of Neighboring Town
Will Award Diplomas
To 28 Graduates

The fifth annual commencement of Avella high school of Independence township will be held Wednesday evening, May 27th at 8:15 o'clock in the Brozier Theatre. Dr. Floyd Goodnight, president of Bethany college, will deliver the address to the graduates.

This year's class of 28 members is the largest the school has ever graduated. The high school was established in 1923, with classes being held in the old P. & W. school room. The next year the students moved to the new building on Avella Heights.

The Alumni association now has 57 members. The first class was graduated in 1927 and was composed of 13 members. The class of '28 had 10 members. The class of '29 had 21 members and the class of '30 13 members.

The valedictorian of this year's class is William Debelak and the salutatorian is Henrietta Bauduin.

The members of the class are: Nora Bonassi, Lucile Buxton, Herman Carl, Mary Carl, Donald Crowe, Mary DePaoli, Pauline Dolinar, Ada Eld, Mildred Ertle, Elizabeth Fedor, George Fillo, Olive Gianotto, Atla Irwin, Mildred Liggett, James Menely, Ruby Miller, Margaret Neiser, Margaret Perrin, Everett Prewett, Isabell Robison, Evelyn Smith, Helen Spencer, John Tranquil, Eugene Yoders, Michael Yerosko, Edith Brautigan.

Avella Senior Class is Largest in History
Fifth Annual Commencement-Class of 28
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 21, 1931 Edition

Lights, camera, action

Avella, Burgettstown spearhead public TV programming

By DAVID SINGER
Staff writer
dsinger@observer-reporter.com

New programming is coming in February to Hickory Cable subscribers as students from Avella and Burgettstown school districts are set to air various TV productions.

A contract was confirmed with the two districts last week, with Fort Cherry potentially joining the collaborative, according to Rick Walsh, the owner of Walsh Media, who coordinated the cable deal. He said programming, including archived student history projects of the region, will air on channel 1014, The Hometown Television Network, in high definition.

Burgettstown School District already is showing off "The Devils Do," a monthly 25-minute program highlighting activities, sports, clubs and even changes in the school lunch program. English and media teacher Matt Grove oversees the productions.

"These are prerecorded segments because they're so labor intensive, getting all these subject areas covered," said a former TV and print news reporter.

"What we're trying to relate to the kids is solid writing.



Brandon Williams lines up a camera for a green-screen shoot.

DAVID SINGER/
OBSERVER-REPORTER

You can have great cinematography skills, but if your story isn't good, it's going to fall flat," Grove said.

Burgettstown sophomore Brandon Williams jumped at the opportunity, joining seven other students in the applied communications media class since it started in 2013.

"We're in a YouTube world, so when I heard video editing, I wanted to get an idea of how these are produced with quality and care," said the 15-year-old.

"Media skills can be applied almost anywhere, and with me working on physical set designs as well, I think I'll be ready for

any type of media employment," Williams said.

The segment Williams produced highlighted school clubs, including the guitar club and Asian culture club.

"This is particularly a vital service for freshman students. Unless they're in an honor club, or something that funnels them

into another club, they're out of the loop," Grove said.

At Avella, technology and business teacher Jesse Saunders has been helping students crank out daily editions of "The Eagle Eye News," a five-minute news program about the district, since 2011.

Please see Action, Page B3

Action

Continued from Page B1

"We're hoping this public broadcast will impart on them a consistent urgency to meet deadlines, and to produce high-quality content under those deadlines," Saunders said.

"Local community events, like the Washington County Fair and homecoming parade, we'll do highlight packages of those, as well," he said.

For parents and history buffs, videos highlighting the region's people, places and events from the past 80 years also will be pulled out of the archives, Grove said. Burgettstown Junior Brian Antonetti produced one of the history profiles when he was a freshman.

"We've handed over a bunch of content for Hickory Cable to sift through to put in rotation. In addition to that and the monthly program, we'll be doing features as we go along, too," Grove said.

Whether it's a public



DAVID SINGER/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Brad McLaughlin, left, and Cole Mirich stand in the media studio at Burgettstown High School.

service announcement, or quarterback Brad McLaughlin recapping the football team's recently broken records - including his own record of 329 passing yards in a game - the projects are collaborations. A student may start in front of the camera, end up behind it, then edit and produce a classmate's assignment. The school districts are set to benefit from some of the advertising revenue on the channel, said Burgettstown Superintendent Dr. James Walsh, who is no relation to Rick Walsh.

"No big expectations of

revenue coming our way," James Walsh said.

"This is more about the opportunity it provides students, and to give them a bigger stage to show off the kind of work they're capable of," he added, explaining details of the contract are still being worked out.

Rick Walsh said he also was working on getting Mt. Pleasant Township and other nearby municipal government organizations to provide live broadcasts of their meetings.

Officials with Fort Cherry School District did not return calls for comment.

Avella teacher finalist for \$100,000 grant

By FRANCESCA SACCO
Staff writer
fsacco@observer-reporter.com

"Is this real?" Avella Area High School teacher Lori Lochran repeatedly asked as she held back tears.

Just moments before, Lochran learned she was one of 15 finalists for six \$100,000 grants provided by the Farmers Insurance Thank America's Teacher program.

With the help of students and her fellow teachers, Lochran was surprised with the announcement Friday during Avella's first pep rally of the year. She had no idea what was coming as the band played and cheerleaders flipped across the gym.

"We have a new homeroom activity now," Lochran said as she addressed the crowd. "Voting."

Winners for the Dream Big Teacher Challenge grant are based on online votes. There are five finalists in

the eastern part of the country, five in the central part and five in the western part. The two with the most votes in each part of the country are awarded the grants. Voting opens Oct. 1 and ends Oct. 31. The winners will be announced in December.

Lochran was entered into the challenge after being thanked by a member of the community on the program's website. Once a teacher is thanked, they are eligible to enter a proposal for the grant money. Lochran entered a proposal for a greenhouse and garden.

"Being a rural district, we wanted to introduce an agriculture program," Lochran said. "It is also perfect way to bring the community together."

If awarded the grant, Lochran said the greenhouse would be used in grades K-12. Produce from the garden

Please see Avella, Page A2



FRANCESCA SACCO/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Avella Area High School teacher Lori Lochran, right, hugs Farmers Insurance agent Monica Jones after learning she is a finalist for a \$100,000 grant.

Avella

Continued from Page One

would be used in the school's cafeteria and extra food item donated to the Avella food bank.

Lochran said she entered the proposal with no expectations. Because Avella is a small, rural district, tax revenue is small. She said a grant of this size would be an amazing opportunity for the district.

"Taking a chance is worth it for these guys," she said about her students.

Superintendent Cyril Walther encourages everyone with Internet access to vote. The website, www.thankamericasteachers.com, allows for one vote per person, per day.

"This has been a long-term goal for the district," Walther said of the greenhouse. "Lori is a dedicated teacher who is willing to do anything for her district."

**Avella School Teacher Finalist for \$100,000 Grant
Observer-Reporter-September 5, 2015 Edition**

Avella board to open renovation bids July 9

By Jim Dallara
Editor

Bids for the renovation project at Avella Area Junior-Senior High School will be opened at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 9.

Prior to last Tuesday's school board meeting, a 45-minute executive session with Apostolou Associates of Pittsburgh, architects for the project, was discussed to discuss contract language and other details associated with the renovation.

Cost estimates ranging between

\$2.5 million to \$3 million have been projected for the renovation work, which includes heating and ventilating, plumbing and electrical projects, roofing, windows, an elevator for handicapped access, lighting, doors and lockers. Construction of a multi-purpose instructional room is being considered.

Bids for removal of asbestos related to the renovation work will also be opened July 9.

The board took action to purchase playground equipment from Playtime at a cost of \$5,600 to the

district. Other costs will be borne by the Avella Elementary PTA. Volunteer work on installation of the equipment on a playground area located east of the basketball courts will begin early July 9.

By a 7-1 vote, Steve Arnold was named head football coach, with Paul Brinsky and William Schubenski as assistant coaches and Gary Rankin as junior high coach. Director Darla Myers dissented. Robert Anderson was not in attendance.

Elementary principal Louis F. Rodriguez reported population at

the elementary center for the coming school year will be 417, a total he said was "down a little" from the previous year. Rodriguez announced that kindergarten orientation will be held Aug. 7.

In other business, the board:

■ Employed Lori A. Lochran of Houston to fill the high school social studies teacher vacancy created by the death of Barry Kubincanek.

■ Authorized payment of \$2.50 to the tax collector by the school district for any resident opting to pay

the school tax in installments, as a one-time payment at the end of the collection period.

■ Named Mary Lee Fantoni and Cheryl Shalvis as census takers in Cross Creek and Independence townships, respectively.

■ Approved purchase of an IBM network computer lab for the high school education department at a cost of \$43,502. Chapter 2 federal funds in the amount of \$8,980 will be used toward this purchase.

■ Approved the 1992-93 Western Area Vocational School budget to-

taling \$2,232,865. The Avella district's share is \$89,400.

■ Changed the school board's contribution to the Avella Public Library Center from \$500 to \$1,000.

■ Accepted an agreement for use of the school district's modular building by Happy Face Day Care Center. Conditions include \$75 monthly rent, payment of utility bills by Happy Face and \$5 payment for each new child enrolled beginning Aug. 24.

Avella Area Jr-Sr. High School Renovations
The Enterprise-July 8, 1992 Edition

Avella Class of 47 Holds First Reunion

The class of 1947, Avella high school, held its first reunion in the Oval Room of the George Washington Hotel, Washington, Tuesday evening, July 3. This was the first time many of the former students had been together in the 15 years since graduation.

Dinner was served to 30 at 7 p.m., after which dancing was enjoyed. The reunion committee was Bernard Rush, Mercedes (Kowcheck) Vaira, Shirley (Coffey) Vallina, and Patty (Scouvert) Rush.

Prizes awarded were to those who travelled the farthest, Carl Spencer and wife, Nordico, of Atlantic City, N. J., and Al Carter and wife, Chicago. Mary Midler won for having the most children, (six), and Larry Brozier for being the only bachelor present. The one married the longest was Thelma (Dunkle) Hoit.

The next reunion will be held in five years at the Brozier Hall, Avella, with Larry Brozier, Mary (Kusic) Midler and Louise (Caparosso) Midler on the committee.

17 Graduates Attend Class Reunion

Seventeen of the thirty-one graduates of Avella high school, class of 1937, were present at the 25th reunion held Saturday, June 13, and spent the evening in happy reminiscence. Including husbands, wives, and former teachers, a total of 40 were present to enjoy the dinner served in the fire hall by the Firemen's Auxiliary.

The tables were decorated with vases of roses and lily-of-the-valley, the latter having been the class flower. Featured speaker was Max Zane, former teacher, now principal at Uniontown. His address covered thoughts of the many changes brought about in opportunities offered students today, as compared to those of 25 years ago.

Letters and telegrams were read from members of the class who were unable to be present. The one travelling the farthest was John Vadilka, Cleveland. Prizes were also awarded to Tony Zick, and Stella Cindrich, who tied for having the most children; and James Wiegmann for having the most hair after a period of 25 years. Dancing to Hi-Fi was enjoyed.

Reunion Held For Avella High Class

The class of 1941 of Avella high school held its first reunion in the fire hall Saturday, July 7, with 60 in attendance. Included were 27 former classmates out of the original 58. Four teachers were present, and the evening was spent in dancing and reminiscing.

Recognized were Kathryn Konecheck Thomson, Orlando, Fla. for having come the greatest distance; Edward Bardella, for having the youngest child, and Angeline Bogo Ondrich for having the oldest child. Tied for having the most children were James Doak and Jack Kotnik, with five each.

Tables were decorated in green and white, the class colors, and a large "41" was made from green flowers. The centerpiece, arranged by Larry Brozier, consisted of flowers and candles.

John Zuleba was Master of Ceremonies for the dinner which was served by the Firemen's Auxiliary. A program was enjoyed following the social hour. Pictures and Baccalaureate and commencement programs of 1941 were posted in the hall. Dancing to an orchestra climaxed the evening.

Avella Class of 1941 Reunion

Burgottstown Enterprise, July 12, 1962 Edition

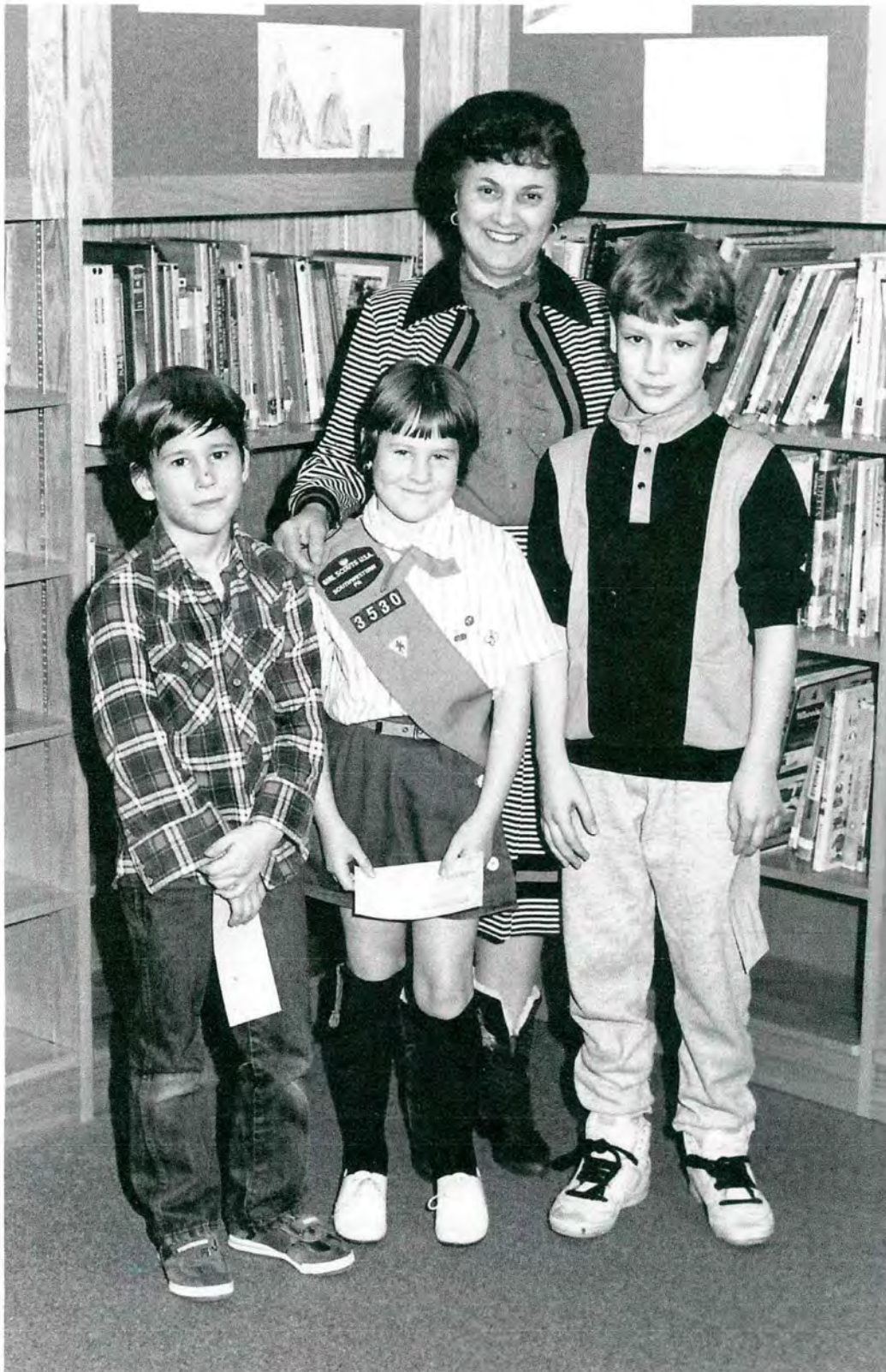
Avella Class of 1954



Avella High School Class of 1954 held its 60-year reunion Aug. 16 at Breezy Heights Tavern & Restaurant. Classmates who attended were, first row, from left, Jim Tranquill, Dorothy Dinch Bennett, Gloria Gordon Manni, Marie DiBacco Frank and Arlene Debelak Maidment; second row, Dolores Sporka Boggs, Lillian Campbell Wheeler, Dorothy Falleroni Durko, Noreen Brinsky Kubmeanek, Jim Chase and Mike Ferrari; and third row, Doc Jones, Dr. Ray Fioroni, Rudy Orisko, Dave Carl, Jim Buchanan and Bill Carl.

Avella Class of 1954

Observer-Reporter-October 12, 2014 Edition



Safety Coloring Contest
Mrs. Serafino Whitco with Travis Simons,
Rita Chase and Jesse Patrene
Avella Elementary School-Unknown Year

FRESHMAN CLASS.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Alfred Akey,	<i>Mendon, Mich.</i>
S. J. Beatty,	<i>Coal Bluff.</i>
James Black,	<i>Canonsburg.</i>
W. S. Bradley,†	<i>Burgettstown</i>
Augustine Breese,	<i>Ottawa, Ill.</i>
D. F. Brewer,	<i>Monroe, O.</i>
W. F. Brown,	<i>Canonsburg.</i>
Ebenezer Caldwell,	<i>Buena Vista.</i>
John S. Cooper,	<i>Philadelphia.</i>
Alfred Crawford,	<i>Canonsburg.</i>
Joseph Z. Culver,	<i>Pittsburgh.</i>
A. G. Dunn,	<i>Gallatin, Tenn.</i>
M. S. Elkin,	<i>Gallatin, Tenn.</i>
Martin F. Foster,	<i>Cincinnati, O.</i>
W. S. Foster,	<i>Bridgeville.</i>
A. D. Frierson,	<i>Columbia, Tenn.</i>
James G. Fulton,†	<i>East Liberty.</i>
T. C. Furst,	<i>Cedar Springs.</i>
A. S. Furst,	<i>Cedar Springs.</i>
S. A. Gaylor,†	<i>Vinton, Ia.</i>
Ed. R. Geary,	<i>Philadelphia.</i>
Geo. Curtis Gormley,	<i>Bucyrus, O.</i>
Andrew D. Gribble,†	<i>New Philadelphia.</i>
W. E. Hill,	<i>Liverpool, O.</i>
E. J. Howenstine,	<i>Bucyrus, O.</i>
James S. Hughes,	<i>Canonsburg.</i>
S. D. Jennings,	<i>Allegheny Co.</i>
J. B. Johnston,	<i>Canonsburg.</i>
Samuel S. Kerr,	<i>Hookstown.</i>

William S. Bradley
Jefferson College Freshman Class

BULGER CITIZENS OPPOSE CONSOLIDATION PLANS FOR SMITH TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Delegates Attack Transportation Facilities

Bulger citizens by opposing the consolidation of township schools at a regular meeting of the Smith Township School Board Tuesday evening, September 11, added fuel to the fire kindled by a Harmon Creek delegation two weeks ago.

Approximately 15 men of the Bulger vicinity protested the transportation of pupils from the Bulger school to Raccoon primarily on the grounds of the inadequacy of transportation facilities. Several individuals were concerned, however, with the possible depreciation of property if the entire Bulger school should eventually be consolidated with those in the district away from Bulger. Others voiced the old cry of, "What was good enough for us will do for our children."

The Smith Township Board, Supt. H. L. Tennyson and Solicitor Gourley, patiently explained the reasons for consolidation. Board member Marino insisted that the delegation consider the Board not as a group who had no concern for the wishes of the public, but as a body of individuals who were victims of state legislation.

The new law providing that appropriations be given on a 30 pupil basis necessitates consolidation, President McIntyre and other Board members maintained.

In relation to the present crisis, the problem of transportation was discussed at length. Bulger citizens contended that buses were over-crowded to the extent of being hazardous to the welfare of the students. Supt. Tennyson disclosed the fact that about 85 pupils were being transported between Burgettstown and Bulger, a few of that number being taken on to the Midway vicinity. Under the present contract with the transportation company two buses with a capacity of 48 individuals each are to operate in this district regularly. It was maintained that 85 pupils would not over-crowd buses able to transport 96 children. Two possible reasons for the over-crowded condition were suggested in the meeting. Pupils of the parochial school may be riding the buses reserved by contract to public school pupils, or passengers other than school children are being permitted to board them. An investigation of the bus situation was suggested.

In connection with the future consolidation program Bulger citizens sought an answer to the building sites of the future school buildings for the township. One board member suggested that it was probable the new buildings would be located in the Cherry Valley-Raccoon area and in the Slovan area. The sites, however, have not been determined by the Board at large. Some Bulger citizens voiced opposition to the suggestion.

After the delegation adjourned the Board agreed to investigate possible shelter for pupils who must wait for school buses.

A letter of appreciation for co-operation rendered by the Board and school administrators from Mrs. James Fitzpatrick, nee Miss Claire Astorina, recently resigned teacher in the district, was read by the secretary.

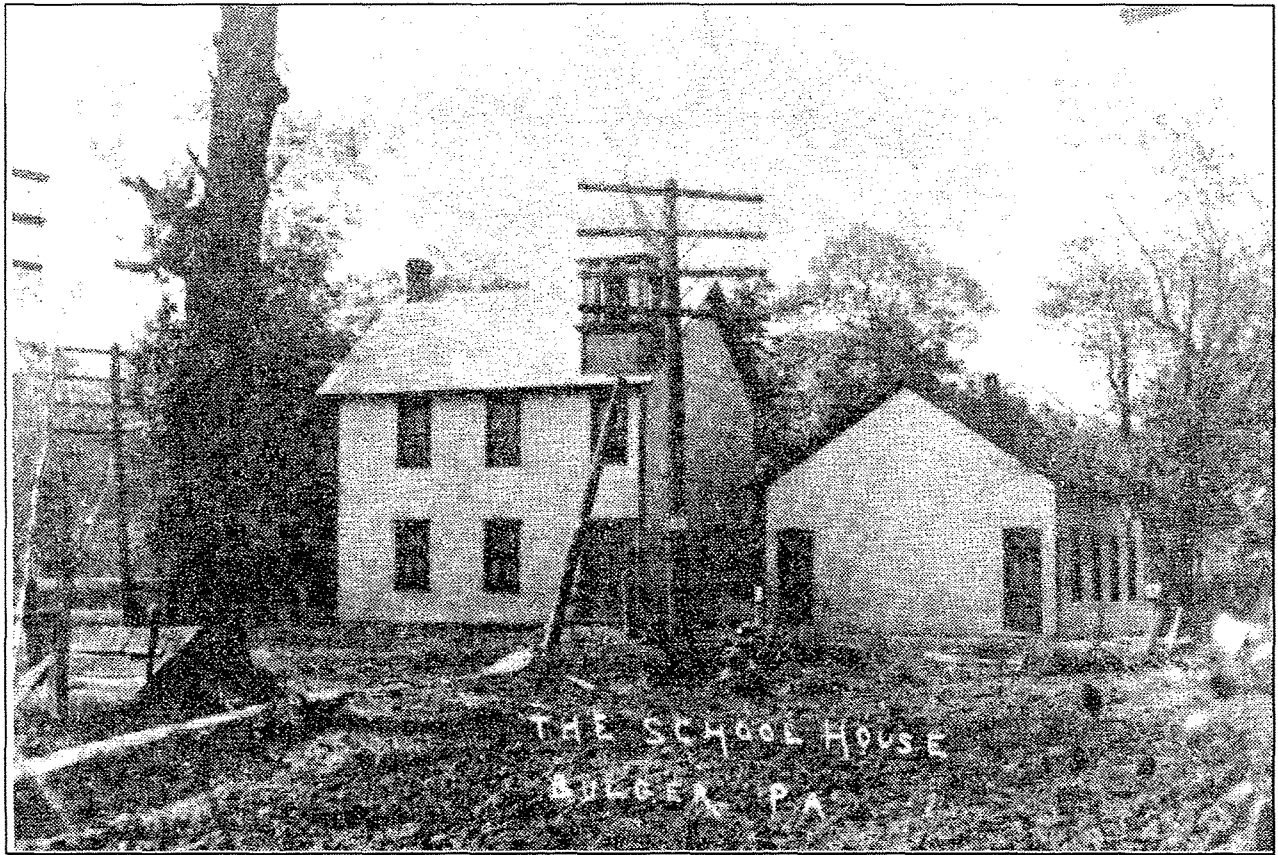


Bulger School-After Remodeling

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Bulger School-1921
Ann Evanovich Mullen, Teacher
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

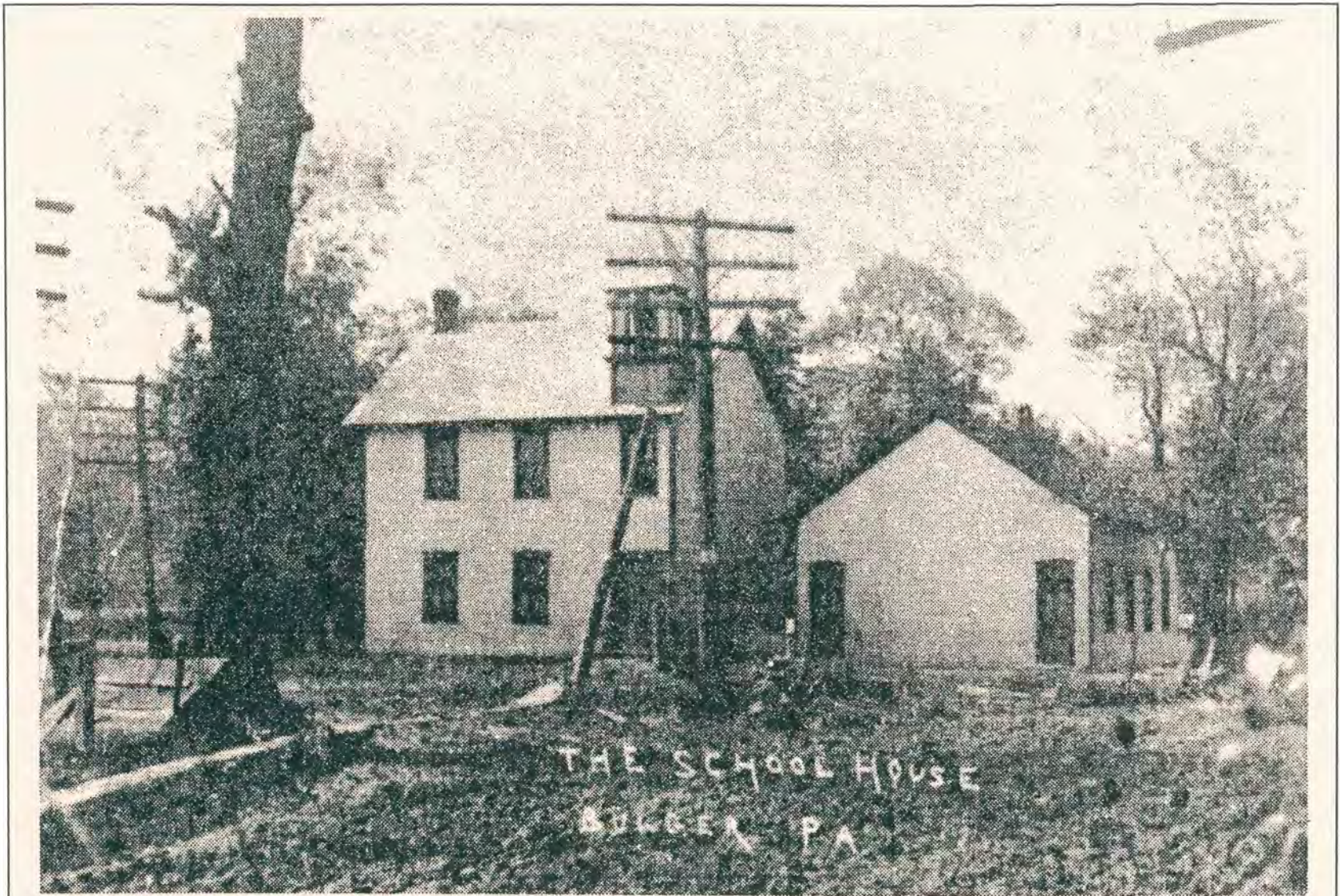


View before remodeling.



Bulger School

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Remember When?

This was the school house at Bulger many years ago. The big tree at the left of the school is where Meerdo's Service Station now stands. The photograph is the property of Stanley Bednarzik of Bulger.

Bulger School
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 31, 1989 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Reunion of the Bulger School, 1873-1902.

DR. A. L. RUSSELL, Pres. MRS. WM. DUGAN, Sec'y.

PROGRAMME.

(Every old student is requested to register at the entrance. All names will be read from the platform and thus old associates can be located. Provisions will be taken in charge by the committee. After you register just "cut yourself loose" until Professor later rings the bell, and then get in your seat promptly.)

Invocation... ..REV. MR. BOON.
 Address of Welcome... ..MISS KATE GEARY.
 Response... ..PROF. SLATER.
 Music.
 Oration, "Our Country Schools"... ..ATTORNEY OLLIE COOKE.
 Song by the Children... ..MISS GEARY'S ROOM.
 History of the School... ..PROF. WM. MELVIN.
 Call to Recitation... ..Conducted by PROF. SLATER.

DINNER.

Call to order... ..By the President.
 Post-Prandial Address... ..PROF. R. P. STEVENSON.
 Music.
 Flag Drill... ..MISS LYONS.
 Music.
 Oration, "Compulsory Education for the Mixed Masses"... ..
ATTORNEY JOHN M. RUSSELL.
 Miscellaneous speeches by various historic celebrities; reminiscences,
 etc., on call of President.
 Music.
 Adjournment.

COMMITTEES.

Registration and Reception	{ Miss Gertrude McFarland. Mr. J. M. Aiken. Mr. William Dugan. Mr. A. J. Russell.	
Financial	{ Miss Kate Geary. Miss Ellen Cummins. Miss Clara Smith. George McFarland. Wm. Smith. Willie Dugan.	Coffee { Mrs. D. W. Smith. Mrs. W. C. Aikens. Mrs. D. N. McFarland. Mrs. Loffert. Mrs. Wm. Winters. Mrs. Jas. Cummins.
Arrangement of Tables and Waiters	{ Mrs. Clem Conner. Mrs. John Simpson. Mrs. A. J. Russell. Miss Willa Cook. Mrs. W. T. Pedicord.	
	Entertainment, Construction of Tables, etc.	{ McFarland Bros. Ralph Cummins. John Cummins. Oscar Aikens.
Music	{ Mr. William Hoffman. Mr. Carson Bowser.	

THE RECORD is of special interest to people of this vicinity because it gives all the happenings of the week. Published at McDonald, Pa., at 75 cents a year.

High-class Job Printing at the RECORD Office.

Miss Emma M. Burgett,

Daughter of the late Boston G. Burgett, of Smith township, this county, taught an independent term the summer of 1871, in room No. 2, Union school building. She married Frank McCune, February 15, 1876. Mr. McCune is yard master for the P. C. C. & St. L. Railway Company, at Sheridan, Allegheny County, Pa.

Emma M. Burgett

Burgettstown School Report

ROOM.	TEACHER.	Average		Per Ct. Att.
		Attendance	Enrollment	
1	Minnie Simpson.....	60	56	96
2	Anna L. Pyle.....	42	38	96
3	Essa L. Scott.....	40	39	94
4	S. Eleanor McBride.....	35	33	97
5	Beulah B. Roney.....	34	32	95
6	G. R. Norris, Principal	24	23	97

HONOR ROLL

ROOM 1—Myra Pyle, Grace Watson, Margaret Andrews, Mildred Buxton, Letta Brockman, Nannie Beard, Pearl Boyd, Alice Hildgman, Margaret Malone, Ferna Malone, Elna Richey, Mary Scott, Izzetta Stephenson, Ethel Wolfe, Grace Wright, Willetta Ludwick, John Clark, Perry Miller, Russell Bole, Charles Linn, Walter Morrow, Kyle Purdy, Thomas Smith, Leroy Scott, Warren Tope, Alvin Vance, James Webster, Samuel McClurg, Edgar Keys, Robert Culley.

ROOM 2—James Shirey, Clarence Morrow, Ronald Miller, Harry Miller, Frank Buxton, George Shirey, Herbert Cramer, Harry McElhany, Charles Malone, Harry Furniss, Bennie Goldsboro, Frances Bole, Gracy McCurdy, Dorothy McCabe, Etta Boyd, Florence Glessner, Evelyn Clark, Gladys McCullough, Lauretta Scott, Leila Smith, Ruth Nichols.

ROOM 3—Clarence Wolfe, Floyd Leopold, Ralph Lee, Howard Brabson, Arliner Young, Gayla McClurg, Hazel Malone, Mary Conn, Willie Bare, Robert Russell, Ralph Hixson, Artie Wright, Jessie Blöse, Mildred Woodrow, Edna Lemley.

ROOM 4—Anna Cox, Lucille Culley, Nellie Duncan, Emily Glessner, May Belle Hanlin, Ellen Keys, Cora Todd, Leona Pettit, Lowry Bare, Clyde Boyd, Henry Conrad, James Simpson, Ernest Bell, Scott Todd.

ROOM 5—Harold Cox, Cecil Ferguson, Leonard Ewing, Clare Jackson, Ray Ferguson, Clem White, Roy Saxton, John Shannon, Mabel Todd, Anna Mary Lee, Emma Cox.

ROOM 6—Blanche Fullerton, Farnella Scott, Nellie Stevenson, Jennie Reed, Lillie Leith, Margaret Conrad, Mary Russell, Mary Woodrow, Clark Mackenzie, Ed Carlisle, Charles Smiley, Morrell Mackenzie, John Seabright, Kenneth Huber.

Burgettstown School Report-1909

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

School Board Begins Steps To Move Its Bus Garage

The Burgettstown Area School Board, at a special meeting Tuesday night, July 24, began steps to move its bus garage to a new site near the junior-senior high school.

The garage has been located for many years at the old high school property on Main Street in Burgettstown.

By a 6-2 vote, GRID Builders inc. of Zelienople was employed to draw specifications for a new pole type garage and secure all necessary state approvals.

The board also approved, by a similar vote, the removal of existing fuel tanks and pumps at the present site.

School board members Linda Gilson and Joseph Yadrick were opposed to both actions, and Edward DiNino was not in attendance.

Voting for approval were president James Drummond, J. William Hemphill, Floyd Thomas, Rose Ann Doak, Ronald Diaz and Donnie Grey.

A total cost estimate of \$220,000 was presented at the school board's July 16 meeting.

HIGH GRADUATE



James Byrd, son of Buford Byrd, of Langeloth, recently graduated from a technical school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, the fourth highest in a class of 84 students.

He is presently in an administrative position at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



Candor High School-1914
Built by Ed Taylor

First Row: John Neal, Olive Wilson, Louis Bertram, Edna Wilson, Sara Bamford, Greer Kerr, and Sara Moore. Second Row: Sam Matchett, Ida Culley, Ken Yolton, Unknown, Rollo Wyke, Eleanore Bailey, Unknown, Gwen Hibbs, Minnie Kehm, Teacher, _____ Moore.

Photo donated by Lucille Barthold

Fort Vance Historical Society

The Canonsburg school board fired a teacher and dismissed her brother and sister from classes in the latest move in the Canonsburg school's flag salute row. The board of school directors told the teacher, Grace Estep, 25, tutor of the second grade class, that Thursday was her last day in the school. The officials also informed Miss Estep's brother, Charles, 19, and her sister, Miriam, 17, both high school students, that they were dismissed from class if they refused to salute the flag on Thursday. Both refused. Another brother of Miss Estep's Murray, 13, and four other Canonsburg school children, have been turned over to the jurisdiction of the county juvenile court.



Cedar Grove School-September 14, 1914

First Row: _____ Smith, _____ Latsaw, Mike Kristoff, _____, Joe Sweder, and _____.

Second Row: Mel Matthews, Jules Delahaut, _____, _____, Gertrude Russell, Edith Clark, Beulah Wheeler, Lizzie Fash, Zoe Delahaut, Anna Fash. **Third Row:** _____, _____, Ethel Fryer, Annie Gordon, Bessie Pollock, _____, _____.

Fourth Row: Mickey Gordon, Joe Kristoff, Audley Smith, George Pollock, _____, Mike Kubovic, _____, Henry Emler, _____, Lou Emler, Helen Fash, and May Emler.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Cedar Grove School
September 1914

**WILL TRANSPORT
CHERRY VALLEY PUPILS
TO RACCOON SCHOOL**

Directors of Smith township schools at their regular August meeting voted to transport the children of the 4th to 8th grades from Cherry Valley to the Raccoon school this coming term. Grades 1 to 4 will be consolidated in one room, with one teacher at Cherry Valley school.

Miss Betty Sullivan, teacher in the Langeloth school was granted leave of absence until February 1, 1942 to attend school in California.

**Will Transport Cherry Valley Pupils to Raccoon School
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 21, 1941 Edition**



Cherry Valley School 1920-1921
Edith Karch (McCombs), Teacher

Fort Vance Historical Society

'Gallants' Made Paths in Snow But Roughnecks Pushed Lassies Into Drifts in Good Old Days, Woman Recalls

By MRS. B. A. BUBBETT.

We write of the sunbount regime in Coventry. Complexions in those days were preserved, not enameled, substantial clothing and stout shoes were the order of the day. The boys comprised two classes, the beaux, who tramped the snowdrifts making paths for the girls to walk safely home, and the bullies who washed the girls' faces with snow. To walk a slanting low high up to a narrow log with the greater part of the hand-rail gone and down another incline on the opposite side was the modus operandi of crossing Brush Run en route to school. The Sea of Galilee had no more quickly-changing moods than had Brush Run, an almost dry channel one day, then rain and melting snow from the hills on both sides and it became a raging torrent, sweeping great trees down stream. The writer fell off the foot log once, was swept down and lodged on top of the flood gate and there was higher learning at that time for Osgood's sixth reader, Mitchell's physical geography, Stoddard's arithmetic and algebra, and Burt's grammar were high up in the tree branches all the way to the mouth of Raccoon Creek.

We were very much in awe of the coming of the county superintendent. His coming at one time was an advantage to the writer. Having stood second in a long row comprising the advanced spelling class, the first place being held the greater part of the season by a young man who afterward became a college graduate. Not being hard-boiled—like so many of the younger set of the present day—he became somewhat nervous when the visitor came, misspelled Aaron, and had to go to the foot of the class, leaving your humble servant in undisputed possession of the head, not, however, by spelling the word as a boy afterwards did big A. little Arou.

We had many teachers, but to John McBride, of Bayington, must be given the credit of enduring us for the greater number of terms. He could see through the large book, or knew in some occult way that your concentration on the open page was not to study the les-

son, but to read the love letter previously slipped through an opening in the back of the desk, and he knew when your head was bent low over your desk that you were not meditating on the lesson, but surreptitiously eating an apple or cake. We never were permitted to hold up fingers, or toes, wave our arms, or exercise in any spectacular way during study hours, thus making the recreation periods all the more enjoyable. There was no dancing listed on the curriculum, but it was sometimes practiced to the accompaniment of a switch, but not often, as the tactful nature of our good teachers prevented many an outbreak by even the rougher pupils.

The teacher's sense of humor was often tested. We recall when one of our boys reading "Solomon's Choice," as printed in Osgood's Fourth Reader, read instead of "fatted fowl," fatted owl, but if the lesson of the Scriptures, i. e.—the good sense of choosing wisdom—was learned by the reader. The mistake of substituting a fowl that was not edible was negligible. Also, we recall a small girl's reading of the Scripture verse "Arise Peter slay and eat." The "e" in eat being somewhat erased, the girl read "Arise Peter slay the cat." But the crowing chain of errors was got off by one of our young men reading an address eulogizing soldiers, in which the following verse appears: "Our soils are consecrated by the blood of heroes." He rendered it in a loud voice, "Our souls are concentrated by the blood of horses." But the mistakes were not frequent. We won the victory over all the schools of Hanover Township in a contest featured by a Teachers' Institute. One hundred words selected from Webster's Dictionary by a committee were given orally to three pupils from each school. We were obliged to write them quickly. Coventry misspelled but one word. Florence advanced grade missed three words, and all the others missed many more words.

Former students whose names are worthy of special mention are Rev. Jesse Bruce, D. D., who ministered in the Presbyterian Church until called from the Church Mil-

litan to the Church Triumphant; George Duncan, who was called by death before finishing his seminary course; Joseph Burns, who was studying theology under Rev. William McElwee, D. D., preparatory to entering the seminary, when called to come up higher. Dr. McElwee's text in preaching the funeral sermon was 1st Kings, 8th chapter, 18th verse, "Thou didst well that it was in thine heart."

The honored ones living at the present time are Rev. Jesse Culley, D. D., member of the faculty of Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, and Rev. E. A. Culley, D. D., pastor of a Presbyterian Church. Of physicians we note Dr. Henry A. Burns, who saved the lives of many by his knowledge of medicine, and lost his life by his devotion to his patients, riding through inclement weather day and night to help some sufferer. Later students of Coventry we mention Rev. Wylie Fulton, of Princeton, New Jersey, Theological Seminary; Rev. James A. Bubbett, minister of the Christian Church, Greeley, Colorado; Dr. Harry Dennis, of Freeport; Edgar M. Burns, member of the faculty of Rutgers University, with as many letters to his name as President Roosevelt uses in codes, having got both his Master's and Doctor's degree. And we do not forget the great host of other teachers doing good work in high and grade schools all over this country.

Bravery and quick thinking characterized Coventry pupils. We recall the rescue of a very valuable team of horses. There were no telephones available. First intimation of the coming of the galloping steeds was the sound of their hoofs on the clay road. Only seconds elapsed before they were down the hill coming from Bayington, and rushing up the schoolhouse hill. But in that short time a line of the larger boys was formed at the crest of the hill. The boys were dragged under the flying hoofs, struck by the heavy wagon, but they held on until the panic-stricken animals were quieted.

The walls of Coventry schoolhouse resound no more with the noise of school children. The building of the William Penn Highway left the house high above the road, and the advent of the improved

road made it possible to abandon Coventry No. 1 and transport the children via bus to a centralized school in Florence. Those good old days had "a fly in the ointment," or rather a wheel in the mire. Bad roads were the bane of existence. The writer was constrained at one time to write "Mud Musings." A poet would sing of the joys of Spring.

Of the birds, or the leaping sea.
But a road—a road, a firm, smooth road

Would be more beautiful to me.
Ker slip! Ker slop! Over the rural route—

It is roof for poor Dobbin now—
An invitation comes. How can we attend?

And echo answers—how?
Ting-a-ling-ling, it's the telephone ring.

A friend is sick in bed,
Or whisper it low. A dearly loved one

Is numbered among the dead.
Then ker slip ker slop with many a stop.

Wadeth Dobbin and Gray,
We sit in the mud when the buggy breaks down.

Like "the wonderful one-horse shay."

Ding-dong, ding-dong, loud and strong

Pealeth the old church bell,
The pastor enters the sacred desk,
The gospel news to tell.

But he preaches to many an empty pew,

Country cousins at home must stay

And read Luke, 16th chapter, 26th verse

The whole livelong day.
Oh, we have paid tax enough

To turn the roads to stone,
But all the rainy season through.

We must stay at home and groan,
But now with the improving of

the missing link, the road between Frankfort and Murdockville joining all the roads in one complete chain, we may some day write an ode on the macadam. It will be a hard subject. We had got it so deeply into our minds, as they built

be kept as a souvenir so the future generations could see what a clay

roads to the North, South, East and West of us, that our road was to

road was like.

Reminiscences of Coventry School

By Mrs. B. A. Bubbett

We write of the Sunbonnet Regime in Coventry. Complexions in those days were preserved, not enamel. Substantial clothing and stout shoes were the order of the day. The boys comprised two classes—the beaux who tramped the snow drifts, making paths for the girls to walk safely home, and the bullies who washed the girl's faces with snow.

To walk a slanting log, high up to a narrow log with the greater part of the hand-rail gone, and down an incline on the opposite side was the Modus-operandi of crossing Brush Run enroute to school. The Sea of Galilee had no more quickly changing moods than had Brush Run, an almost dry channel normally, then rain and melting snow from the hills on both sides and it became a raging torrent, sweeping large trees down stream. The writer fell off the foot log once, was swept down and lodged on top of the flood-gate, and there was "higher learning" at that time, for Osgood's sixth reader, Mitchell's physical geography, Stoddard's arithmetic and Algebra and Burt's grammar were up in the tree branches all the way to the mouth of Raccoon Creek.

We were very much in awe of the County Superintendent, but his coming at one time was an advantage to the writer. Having stood second in a long row comprising the advanced spelling class—first place being held the greater part of the season by a young man who afterwards became a college graduate and not being hard-boiled, like so many of the present day, he became somewhat nervous when the visitor came, misspelled Aaron, and had to go to the foot of the class, leaving your humble servant in undisputed possession of the head, not however by spelling the word as a boy afterwards did: "Big A, little a, r-o-n."

We had many teachers, but to John McBride of Bavington must be given the credit of enduring us for the greater number of terms. He could see through a large book, or knew in some occult way that one's concentration on an open page was not to study the lesson, but to read a love letter previously slipped through an opening in the back of the desk. And he knew when one's head was bent low over a desk that one were not meditating on the lesson, but surreptitiously eating an apple or cake.

We never were permitted to hold up fingers or toes, wave our arms or exercise in any spectacular way during study hours, thus making the recreation periods all the more enjoyable. There was no dancing listed on the curriculum, but it was sometimes practiced to the accompaniment of a swatch, but not often. The tactful nature of our good teachers prevented many an outbreak by even the rougher pupils. The teacher's sense of humor was often tested. We recall one of the boys reading "Solomon's Choice," from Osgood's Fourth Reader, read instead of "fatted fowl," "fatted owl," but if the lesson of the Scriptures, i. e., the value of choosing wisdom, was learned by the boy, his mistake in substituting a fowl that was not edible was negligible.

Also we recall the small girl's reading of the Scripture verse, "Arise Peter, slay and eat," the "e" in "eat" being somewhat erased, the girl read "slay the cat."

But the crowning chain of errors was gotten off by a young man reading an address eulogizing soldiers, in which the following verse appears: "Our soils are consecrated by the

blood of heroes." He rendered it in a loud voice, "Our souls are concentrated by the blood of horses."

But mistakes were not frequent. We won the victory over all the schools of Hanover township in a contest featured by a Teachers' Institute. One hundred words selected from Webster's Dictionary were given orally to three pupils of each school. We were obliged to write them quickly. Coventry missed but one word. Florence advanced grade misspelled three words, and all the others missed many words.

Former students whose names are worthy of special mention are Rev. Jesse Bruce D. D., George Duncan, and Joseph Burns, all deceased.

The honored ones living at the present time are Rev. Jesse Culley, D. D., member of the faculty of the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, and Rev. E. A. Culley, pastor of a Presbyterian church. Of physicians we note Dr. Henry A. Burns who saved the lives of many by his knowledge of medicine and lost his life by his devotion to his patients. Later students of Coventry school we mention Rev. Wylie Fulton of Princeton Theological Seminary; Rev. James A. Bubbett, Minister of the Christian church, Greeley, Colorado; Dr. Harry Dennis, Freeport; Prof. Edgar M. Burns member of the faculty of Rutgers University, with as many letters to his name as President Roosevelt uses in codes.

Bravery and quick thinking characterized Coventry pupils. We recall the rescue of a very valuable team of horses. There were no telephones available. First intimation of the galloping steeds was the sound of their hoofs on the clay road. Only seconds elapsed before they were down the hill coming from Bavington, and rushing up the school house hill. But in that short time a line of the larger boys was formed at the crest of the hill. They were dragged under the flying hoofs and struck by the heavy wagon, but they held on until the panic-stricken animals were quieted.

The walls of Coventry school house resound no more with children's voices. The building of the Wm. Penn Highway left the school house high above the road, and the advent of the improved road made it possible to abandon Coventry No. 1 and transport the pupils via bus to a centralized school at Florence.

Those good old days had "a fly in the ointment," or rather a wheel in the mire. Bad roads were the bane of our existence. The writer was constrained at one time to write "Mud Musings."

A poet would sing of the joys of spring,

Of the birds, or the leaping sea
But a road, a road, a firm smooth road
Would be more enticing to me.
Ker slip! ker slop! over the rural route,

—It is "root" for poor Dobbin now—
An invitation comes, how can we attend?

And echo answers how?
Ting-a-ling-ling, it's the telephone ring
A friend is sick in bed,
Or-whisper it low—a dearly one
Is numbered among the dead.
Then ker-slip, ker-slop, with many a stop

Wadeth old Dobbin and Gray.
We sit in the mud when the buggy breaks down,

Like "the wonderful one horse shay"
Ding-dong, ding-dong, loud and strong
The pastor enters the sacred desk

(Please turn to page 8)

REMINISCENCE OF COVENTRY SCHOOL

(Continued from page 1)

The Gospel news to tell,
Pealeth the old church bell,
He preaches to many an empty pew
The country cousins at home must stay,

And read Luke sixteen, twenty six,
The whole live long day.

Oh! we have paid taxes enough
To turn the road to stone,
But all the rainy season through
We must sit at home and groan.

But now with the building of the "Missing Link," the road between Frankfort and Murdocksville, joining all the roads in one complete chain, we may someday write a ode on the macadam. It will be a hard subject. We had gotten it so firmly into our minds, as they built roads to the North, South, East, and West of us, that our road was to be kept as a souvenir, so coming generations could see what a clay road was like.

Reminiscences of Coventry School

By Mrs. B. A. Bubbett

Burgettstown Enterprise-April 10, 1935 Edition



GRADUATES OF THE former Cross Creek High School and Academy at the reunion were, first row, from left, Helen Vargo, Juliann Kalasky, Margaret Hines, Florence Lee, A.D. White, Mary Ross, Edna Griffith, Viola McCreary and Alice Zellars; second row, Lena Postlethwait, Ida Headley, John Tomcheck, Mildred Tomcheck, Helen Oliverio, Edith Jones, Dorothy Gunnell, Jane Anderson, Joe Carter and Steve Orenchuk.

Graduates of the former Cross Creek High School and Academy held a reunion at the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church Aug. 15, 1992, with 33 persons present.

Betty Gordon, Tom Kalasky and John Tomcheck were in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Gordon and Tom Kalasky served as registrars.

A dinner was served by women of the church, after which there was a brief meeting and door prizes were awarded.

Pictures were taken, and those attending enjoyed an afternoon of reminiscing and conversation.

Plans were made to hold another reunion next year.

Graduates of Cross Creek Schools Hold Reunion **The Enterprise-September 23, 1992 Edition**

Cross Creek Academy High School Alumni Association Reunion

The Alumni Association of the former Cross Creek Academy High School held their five-year reunion at the Cross Creek Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon, August 3.

Organized in 1952, the Association held a reunion that year and in 1954 dedicated a bronze marker at the site of the former Academy-High School building on grounds of the church at Cross Creek. The Cross Creek Academy was first established by Dr. John Stockton, pastor of the Cross Creek church, in 1828. This institution continued with some interruptions until 1896 when it was superseded by the Cross Creek Township High School, one of the earliest rural high schools in the state of Pennsylvania. The high school served the Cross Creek community until it was closed in 1929. The Alumni Association is composed of graduates, former teachers and students of the two institutions.

Officers who planned Saturday's reunion consisted of president, D. Curlis Forney; vice president, J. Leroy Lee; recording secretary, Elizabeth M. Ronyak; corresponding secretary, Viola D. McCreary; treasurer, Lena P. McConnell; and advisor, Alvin D. White.

The day's festivities began with registration at 2 p.m. Visiting and renewing of acquaintances and friendships occupied the time until 4 p.m., when the assemblage gathered in the church sanctuary for a program which had been prepared by the committee. Vice-president J. Leroy Lee presided during the program, which was opened with an organ-piano prelude by Mrs. Lois Conboy and Mrs. Wilda Vance, of the staff of the Cross Creek church choir. Rev. Thomas Conboy gave the invocation. The address of welcome was presented by Mrs. Mary White Welch of New Concord, Ohio, and Mrs. Mary Lyle Mari of Youngwood, and remarks and reminiscences by Dr. A. O. Hindman and Dr. H. J. Pelly and former students of the academy and high school. Greetings were read from a number of persons who could not be present at the reunion. A. D. White read the necrology report in which tribute was paid to deceased members.

During the business session, the following officers were named to serve for the next five year period: president, William Debelak, Avella; vice-president, Ellis Zellars, Cross Creek; recording secretary, Nellie V. Kharas, Cross Creek; corresponding secretary, Alice B. Zellars, Cross Creek; treasurer, Lena P. McConnell, Avella; and advisor, A. D. White, Hickory.

At 6 p.m., the group adjourned to the church dining room where a delicious ham dinner prepared by the Ladies Missionary Society of the church was served. Rev. Edward W. Welch of New Concord, O., said Grace. Following the dinner hour, the group continued the fellowship hour until a late hour when goodbyes were said and the crowd dispersed with the farewell remark, "See you in five years." It is planned to hold the next reunion at Cross Creek in August, 1962.

Members of the Association were present from Washington, Pa., Washington, D. C.; Detroit, Mich.; New Concord, Alliance and Hanoverton, Ohio; Greensburg and Youngwood, Pa. and from many points in the Tri-State area.

Seek to Save Academy.

Action, which it is hoped will lead to the preservation of the old Cross Creek Academy building was taken at a meeting of alumni and former students of the academy and high school held in the Community building at Cross Creek last Wednesday night. A committee was named to conduct a campaign for funds to restore the structure and also preserve it for future generations. Members of the committee are: Walter C. Lee, Cross Creek; Mrs. Clara Rea, Rea; Miss Bessie Donehoo, Cross Creek; Robert C. Cassidy, Burgettstown; Rev. Joseph Dunbar, Colerain, O.; Dr. A. O. Hindman, J. Leroy Lee, Burgettstown and A. D. White, Hickory.

**Seeking to Save Cross Creek Academy
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 8, 1935 Edition**



Cross Creek High School
1922-1923

First Row, L-R: Bill Strobe, Harry Meneely, Ellis Zellars, Harold Balmer, Bob Lee, and Kenneth Laughner. **Second Row, L-R:** Ruth Meneely, Ethel McKeag, Nellie Strobe, Gertrude Russell, Martha Kuhns, Margaret McNelly, and Ruth Dalmeyer (Dunbar). **Third Row, L-R:** Gertrude McKeag, Elsie Henderson, Bernice Allen, Anna Maskerina, Grace Kuhns, Betty Tucker, Edith Clark (Jones), Ruth Pettibon (LaPosta), and Alice Black (Zellars). **Fourth Row:** A.D. White, Teacher.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Cross Creek High School Picnic-About 1923

Seated, L-R: Anna Kachurik Leonard, Ethel McKeag, Gertrude McKeag, Margaret McNelly Kiefer, Ruth Pettibon LaPosta, Betty Tucker Miller, Nellie Vance Kharas- Teacher, Gladys Black Miller, Dorothy Dallmeyer McCreery, Edith Clark Jones, and Alice Black Zellars. **Standing, L-R:** Harry Meneely, Harold Balmer, Roy Meneely, Ellis Zellars, Kenneth Laughner, and Reverend D. L. Say-Teacher.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

35 GRADUATE AT CROSS CREEK SCHOOL

Cross Creek Township grade school held formal graduation exercises Thursday, May 31, for 35 eighth graders. The program began with a processional and a song of welcome by the class. James Adamson gave the salutatory address and Barbara Weinch and Donna Sebastian introduced class members, followed by the class song, and the class creed by Eileen Lee, class prophecy, Larry Deco, parting charge to the seventh grade by Carol Riggs, tribute to the eighth grade by Peggy Townsend, presentation of the key by Gary Rankin, acceptance of the key, Kenneth Bruner, and the valedictory address by John Czarnecki. The presentation of the Legion awards was next, followed by the presentation of certificates of promotion by A. D. White, supervising principal. The farewell song by the graduating class and recessional concluded the program. Members of the graduating class were: James Adamson, Gloria Bartanus, Virginia Lee Bell, Gerald Boyce, Kenneth Brandenburg, Harold Carter, Robert Cooke, John Cruny, Thomas Cruny, John Czarnecki, Larry Deco, Anthony Dunch, Eileen Lee, Frank McDaid, Betty Jane Midler, Fred Milantoni, David Patterson, Thomas Prevost, Wendell Pryor, Gary Rankin, Carol Riggs, Donna Sebastian, Ronald Strobe, Robert Townsend, Shirley Ward, Barbara Weinch, Carole Zebrasky, Thomas Zellars, Judy Zimmerman and Larry Zimmerman. Mrs. Dorothy Wilson is the eighth grade teacher.

Cross Creek Twp. Schools Ready For Opening, Sept. 4th.

The schools of Cross Creek Township will open Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Elementary pupils from the old Bushy Rock, Muddy Lane and Beech Knob Districts will be transported to the Cross Creek Village School in the D. M. Phillips bus. Those from the Nosco Hall and Willow Valley Districts will be transported to the Avella-Patterson Mills-Cedar Grove Schools in the John P. McNelly bus. Patrons will be notified by mail of the schedules of these buses.

There will be a change in the arrangements of grades in the Avella-Patterson Mills-Cedar Grove Schools. Grades 1, 2 and 3 will be at Cedar Grove with Mrs. Gladys McCormick, Mrs. Hazel Cooke and Mrs. Viola Johnson as the teachers. Grades 4 and 5 will be at Avella with Mrs. Mary Ross and Mrs. Lena McConnell as teachers. Grades 6, 7 and 8 will be at Patterson Mills with Miss Julia Krezanosky, Mrs. Helen Brownlee and Mrs. Dorothea Wilson as teachers. The McNelly bus will transport the pupils in the Avella-Patterson Mills-Cedar Grove areas and the High School pupils from Cedar Grove and Patterson Mills to Avella.

The teachers in the Cross Creek Village School will be Mrs. Hazel McNelly, Miss Alberta McBride and Mr. Harry Wilson.

High School pupils in the Muddy Lane, Beech Knob and Cross Creek areas will be transported to Mt. Pleasant Township High School at Hickory. This school opens on Monday, August 27. In the Nosco and Willow Valley areas High School pupils will be transported to Avella where the Independence Township High School will open Tuesday, Sept. 4.

**CROSS CREEK TEACHERS
ASSIGNED BY PRINC.**

Announcement is made by O. C. Mundell, supervising principal of the Cross Creek township schools, of the teaching staff for the coming school year. The schools will open Monday, August 31, and the pupils will be given a holiday on Labor Day. The assignments follow:

Avella — Grade 8, Genevieve Colwes; Grade 7, Jane Wilson; Grade 6, Elizabeth Murzyn; Grade 5, Jane Brown; Grades 3 and 4, Mary Balogh; Grade 2, Lena McConnell; Grade 1, Freeda Thompson.

Patterson Mills—Grades 5, 6, 7, 8, Harold Meighen; Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, Irene Myers.

Cedar Grove—Grades 7 and 8, Harry Wilson; Grades 5 and 6, Julia Krezanosky; Grades 3 and 4, Viola Johnson; Grades 1 and 2 Lavina Allen.

Cross Creek—Grades 5, 6, 7, 8, Alice Chapman; Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, Hazel McNelly.

Beech Knob — Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, Hazel Carter.

Muddy Lane — Grades 5, 6, 7, 8, Helen Brownlee.

Noscoe Hall — All grades, Edna Sheller.



Most likely, Dillo School-Unknown Year
Last row, second from the left, Verdie McCombs Neely

Courtesy of Fort Historical Society

Early Schools of Jefferson Township

Key facts about our schools

The schools of Jefferson Township were unique in that all of them were named for families residing in the vicinity of the school, and some of them, at least were located on land belonging to the families for which they were named. These schools were:

No. 1 Miller, stood on the old George Miller farm in the southern part of the township.

No. 2 Melvin, was on the old Melvin farm in the valley of Scott's Run southwest of Eldersville.

No. 3 Eldersville, was originally a one-room building but later graded school and now the site of Eldersville Grade School of the Burgettstown Area Schools.

No. 4 Cole, was located on a old farm of the Cole Family.

No. 5 Gardner, was on the Eldersville road one and one-half miles west of Eldersville.

No. 6 Lee, stood on the former Robert Lee farm between Eldersville and present Langeloth.

No. 7 Hanlin, was at Hanlin Station on the Panhandle Railroad both school and station named for the Hanlin family. The last of these schools to be closed on account of consolidation within the township was Cole School closed at the end of the 1929-1930 school term. Mrs. Ruth LaPosta, later a teacher at Eldersville school, taught in Cole School for that last term.

CLOSING EXERCISES

OF THE
Eldersville Public School,

Friday Even'g, March 9, '77.

PROGRAMME.

PRAYER.

MUSIC.....	Orchestra
SALUTATORY.....	R. C. SMITH
READING.....	The Three Lovers.....Carleton
	L. A. FERGUSON.
RECITATION.....	Charge of the Light Brigade.....Tennyson
	JOHN M. McCARRELL.
DIALOGUE.....	Who on Earth is He?.....Finn
MUSIC.....	Orchestra
RECITATION.....	Betsy and I are Out.....Carleton
	STEWART W. CRESS.
RECITATION.....	Curfew must not Ring To-night
	A. R. KIDD.
DIALOGUE.....	Getting a Photograph.
MUSIC.....	Orchestra
RECITATION.....	The Modern Cain.....Edwards
	NANNIE D. STEPHENSON.
RECITATION.....	The Smack in School.....Palmer
	WILL BOLES.
RECITATION.....	Dora.....Tennyson
	NANNIE J. MELVIN.
DIALOGUE.....	The Family not to be Patterned after
MUSIC.....	Orchestra
RECITATION.....	The Painter of Seville.....Wilson
	FLORRIE E. HANLIN.
RECITATION.....	The Boys.....Holmes
	J. W. BOLES.
RECITATION.....	The House Maid
	RATIE A. STEPHENSON.
DIALOGUE.....	Courtship under Difficulties.....Kirke
MUSIC.....	Orchestra
VALEDICTORY.....	MARY M. CRESS
MUSIC.....	Orchestra

BENEDICTION.

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P. M.

EXERCISES COMMENCE AT 7 P. M.

ADMISSION, 20 CENTS.

Spring Fling Held At Eldersville

The 12th annual Eldersville Elementary School Spring Fling was held on May 5 under the direction of Mrs. Kreszock, fifth grade teacher. The fifth grade students provided the decorations for the occasion. Dale Brown, Scott Rash and Shawn Strobe served as the stage crew. Following the program, refreshments were served by the Eldersville PTA.

The program opened with "Mountain Song" sung by Sarah and Vanessa Worley, followed by Lori Brown playing a piano medley. Jamie Harvey performed a dance to "How Will I Know;" Richard Ginosky sang "Somewhere Out There;" Stan Elich played "Snake Dance" and "Bells Are Ringing" on the piano; and Justin Kofford recited the poem "Nothing To Do."

"Scattering Raindrops" and "Fandango" were piano selections of Lisa Conklin; Vanessa Worley appeared again to dance to "Man in the Mirror;" Melissa Cecchini played "Home on the Range" on the organ; Nicole Brown recited three poems; and Jamie Harvey played "Morning Mood" on the piano.

Troy Elich and Chris Sprando played a medley of songs on the drums; Melissa Gavazzi played "Circus Song" on the piano, followed by a karate demonstration by Natalie Riggle. "Memories" was Kate Mavrich's choice for a piano piece. and Carie Hoberek. Rhonda Kinney. Denise Hays and Brandon Healey

teamed for a song and dance to "Have Mercy."

A piano piece, "Laddie Boy," was performed by Jodi King; Sarah Worley danced to "Bad;" and Anthony Caffardo sang "It's a Small World." Denis Hays played "Spider Dance" and "Lightly Row" on the piano, and Heather Bobyak and Wendy Choman danced to "La Bamba."

The last three numbers were performed by Tina Gavazzi, piano, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," Sonia Ryan and Ruth Ann Baker singing "I'm A Believer" and Allison McGaw, piano, "Hoe Down Square Dance."



Eldersville Grade School-Unknown Year

Eldersville Grads Meet Again

About 75 former students and teachers of the old Eldersville Normal School established 60 years ago, attended a reunion Saturday at McDonald where old friendships were renewed. Officers were elected and it was decided to hold another reunion June 20, 1941. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Kathryn Geary Wood, of McDonald; secretary, Sara Pettibon, of Midway and treasurer, Mrs. Anna Pyle Malone, of Sewickley.

Eldersville Normal School flourished from the year 1881 to 1914 when it was discontinued. The last teacher was Eliza Scott, now of Steubenville, a well known historian. Mr. Scott was present at the meeting Saturday and gave a short talk in which he stated that such events as reunions of this kind always brought forth many pleasant surprises such as he had on Saturday in meeting many of his former students and friends. "Eldersville Normal School still lives," he said, "its influence being felt all over the country as the students and teachers who attended there scattered to many distant points, even foreign lands."

Mrs. Adda Stevenson, president of the reunion committee, was in charge of the program and she was ably assisted by Mrs. Reva McCracken Saxton, Mrs. D. C. Brown and others.

Following the lunch, Mrs. Mayme Ferguson Weir sang several solos. Group singing from sons of Stephen Foster was directed by Mrs. Kathryn Woods.

Among the former teachers present Saturday were Attorney N. R. Criss, of Pittsburgh, now a member of the Pittsburgh School Board and also solicitor for the Pittsburgh district; Rev. J. C. Carpenter, now of Crafton, and Eliza Scott of Steubenville. A letter was read from Edna Fulton Wyeth, Clearwater, Fla., a former student.

Many former students present failed to register. Those registering follow: Edna E. McCracken, Burgettstown R.D. 2; Mrs. W. S. Lowry, Mrs. Bess Ringler Huffman, Wellsburg, R. D.; Mrs. Martha Sanders Fowler, Wellsburg; Martha McCorkle McClurg, Imperial; Ada Dowden McGregor, Washington; Mrs. Winifred McCleary Baker, Washington, R.D. 4; Nettie Snodgrass Baker, Clinton, R.D. 1; Myrtle Moore, McDonald; Mrs. Kathryn Geary Woods, McDonald; Laura L. Pettibon, Sara Pettibon, Midway; Mrs. Jessie Brown Vance, Independence; Mrs. Anna Sutherland Irwin and R. L. Irwin, Avella; Mrs. Nettie Cooper Brown, McDonald; Mrs. Dora Smith Bowers, Wilkinsburg; Mrs. Adda Stevenson McEwen, McDonald R. D.; Mrs. Effie Noah Welch, Slovan; Anna Pyle Malone, Sewickley; Mary McCarrell, Florence; Blanche Fullerton, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mrs. Rena McCracken Saxton, New Wilmington; Mrs. Flora Milligan, Sewickley; J. E. Campbell, Alwilda Campbell, Samuel S. Campbell, Avella; Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Criss, Pittsburgh; Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Carpenter, Crafton; Miss Mary M. Criss, Mrs. Hallie Criss Taylor, Eldersville; G. C. Melvin, Burgettstown; W. S. Pyle, Derry; Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Crafton; Mrs. Alice Wells Hawk, Carnegie; Mina Miller, Mrs. Georgianna McNary McMillan, Bridgeville; E. F. Westlake, W. P. Wilson, Washington. Among the guests registered who were interested in the normal school were W. N. Campbell, Haida Campbell, Corapolis; Sara Reed, West View; F. E. McClurg, Imperial; Miss Lizzie Murchland Mrs. Ardythe Trimmer, McDonald; Sara Bell Hanlin, Weirton; Helen Jane Ralston, Burgettstown; William Erb Mrs. James Weir, Mrs. Holley, Mrs. J. G. Scott, Mrs. Blanche Malone, no address.

Eldersville Grads Meet Again

Burgettstown Enterprise-June 26, 1941 Edition

Eldersville Normal School

30th Annual Session

May 10 to June 25

Assistant Teachers—George L.
Harris, principal Midway schools;
Louis Dussere, of Florence schools.

For particulars address ELZA
SCOTT, Hanlin Station, Pa.

**Eldersville Normal School-30th Annual Session
The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition**

School Union To Be Explained To Eldersville PTA

School directors of Jefferson township will attend the next meeting of Eldersville PTA in the school building Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. to explain and answer questions on the union district proposal of Jefferson, Hanover and Smith townships and Burgettstown Borough.

A Founder's Day program will be presented in the form of a parents' tableau with a candlelighting ceremony by group participation.

Each member is urged to attend this meeting. The hospitality committee is composed of: Mrs. Mike Mirich, Mrs. Robert Link, Mrs. Hughey Link, Mrs. Orlan Miller and Mrs. Steve Orenchuk.

**School Union to be Explained to Eldersville PTA
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 3, 1955**

The Eldersville Schools closed June 4 with the following students receiving diplomas: Isabel Fernandez, Evelyn Sullenberger, Rae McFarland, Peggy Davis, Jean Allen, Wilma Brown, Frances Sultie, Mary Lou Allen, Rose Sultie, Ruth Thompson, Mildred Luketich, Marian Long, Bertha Zdbef, Henry Holloway, Charles Long, Dan Orenchuck, Robert Noah, Joseph Rotellini, Edward Revay, Earnest LaPosta.

The Eighth Grade students presented their teacher, Mrs. Bertha Barnes, with several gifts.

—v—

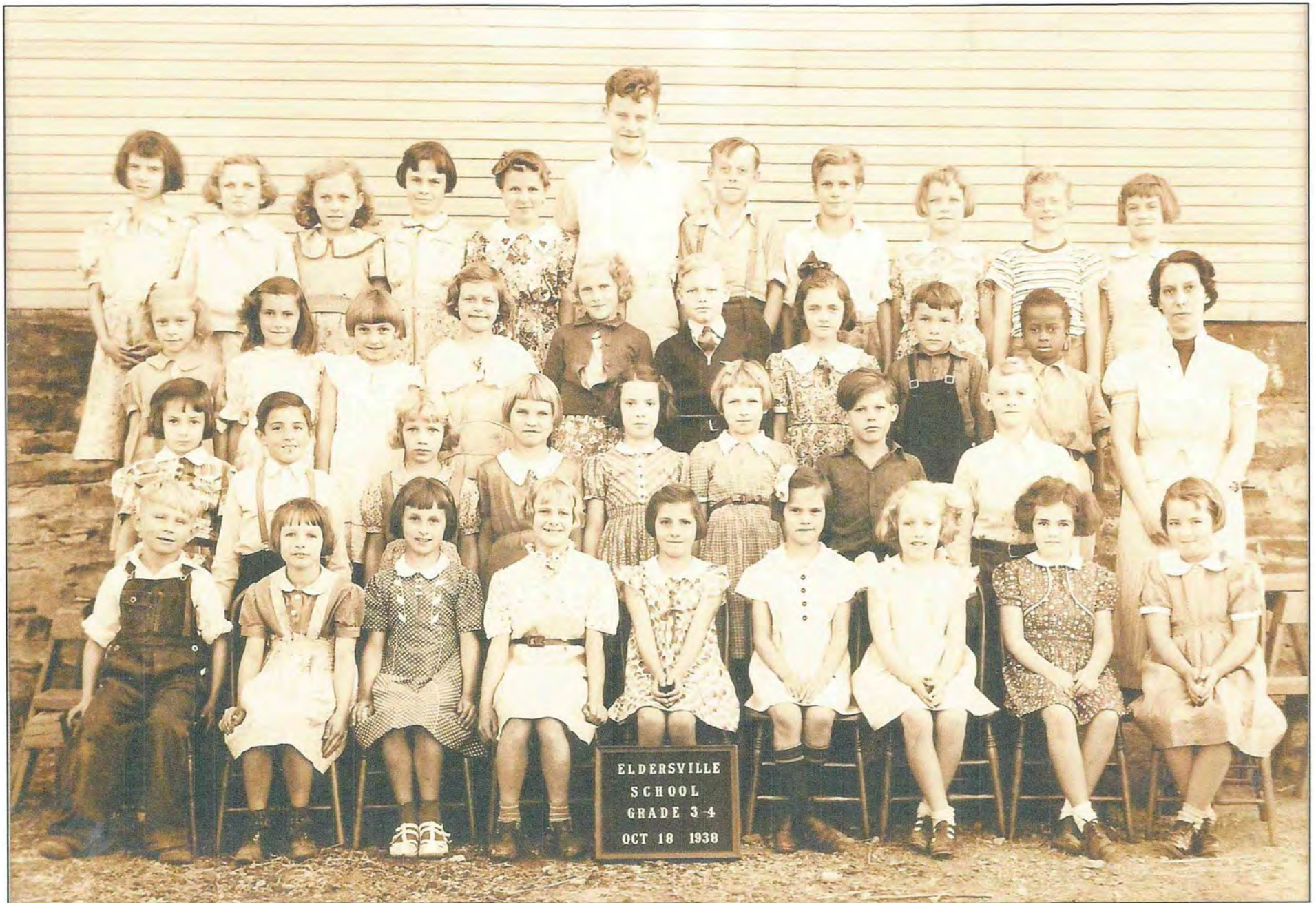
The Scholars of Our School.

[By request we publish an essay read at the closing exercises of the Eldersville public school, March 14th, 1883, by Miss Anna Stevenson, daughter C. M. Stevenson. Miss Kate Hanlin was the teacher during the term just closed.]

Here we have them, one and all,
Both big and little great and small.
The largest one we cannot miss—
His name is Mr. Elmer Criss
Then there are John, Bob and Harry,
They think they are old enough to marry,
Here Charlie comes with his sober face;
We seldom see him out of place.
There's Fred, a man that's small in stature,
But he makes it up with good nature.
Now, George and Henry are almost men
And Sammy Virtue's scarcely ten.
Here is another boy; though plainly seen
He commonly goes by the name of Gene.
There's Oscar, youngest of them all,
And Castner, George is very tall.
Charlie and Allen are always about,
And Ec. Tom and Ben are hearty and stout.
Why there's Dock Boles which we likened
to miss
As well as Bob and Nicky Criss.
Now, these are the boys I've numbered o'er,
You count for yourself; there is just a score.
Now, we have come to the girls
With their bangs, frizzes and spit-curls.
The first one now is Stevenson Kate;
She's tall, good-natured and sedate.
The time we fear is drawing near
When she from our school will disappear.
Here's Net and Susie, great for fun;
Oh, what will they do when school is done.
McCarrell Maud and Stevenson Moll—
Our school could not get along without them
at all.
There's Clara Love and Zula Bell
We know them both, yes, very well.
Now Harriett, she is tall and neat
And Euna Cosgrove's hard to beat.
There's Minnie Smith and Martin Bell,
Martin Dode and Murchland El,
Now, Etta Love is full of fun—
As bright and early as the sun.
Here comes Fannie Smith, with a hurrah
and hurra,
And Lillie is as mild as a summer day.
Ina and Bessie are both very small,
While Jen, Ag and Et are growing tall.
Here's Stevenson Doll and Hallie Criss, too.
Of the Crisses and Stevensons we have more
than a few.
Now, we have done and will say no more.
The girls just number twenty-four.

**Essay by Miss Anna Stevenson
Daughter of C.M. Stevenson**

Essay from Closing Exercise of Eldersville Public School-March 14, 1883



Eldersville School
Grade 3-4 October 18, 1938

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

16 To Be Promoted From Eldersville Elementary School

Monday morning, June 6, at 9:30 o'clock, commencement exercises for 16 students will be held in the Eldersville elementary school.

The program is as follows: processional; pledge to the flag; "Star Spangled Banner"; scripture reading by Erma Stricko; "Robe of Calvary" by the quartet: Lorraine Jackson, Rose Gallo, Calla Ann Kennedy and Carol LaPosta; welcome, Russell Link.

Class History, Lorraine Jackson and Rose Gallo; Class Prophecy, Martin McClain and Robert Davis; Class Will, Carol LaPosta and Patricia Orenchuk; song by the class, "Bless This House"; presentation of certificates of promotion, A. D. White, supervising principal; presentation of American Legion and Auxiliary awards; song, "The End of A Perfect Day", by the class; closing prayer, Rev. John Scott; recessional.



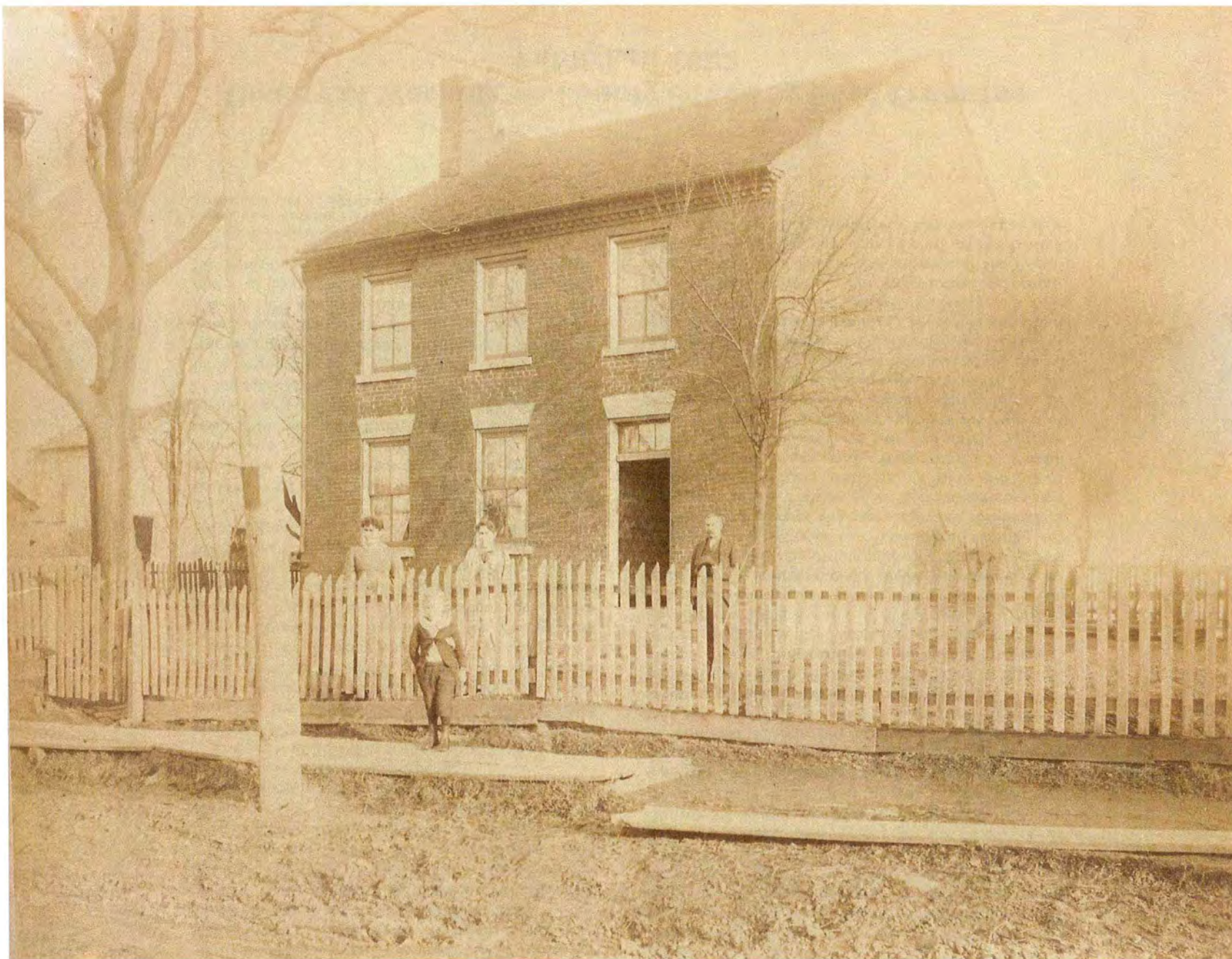
Eldersville Elementary Geography Bee-1994
Jonathan Brown and Amanda Mays



Eldersville Art Show Students-1994
Front Row: Elijah Wiegman and Matthew Tender
Second Row: Dara Drake and Leona Dubich

Lightning Damages School House.

Struck by lightning during a recent thunder storm, the older three-room school building at Eldersville was damaged to the extent of about \$1,000. The bolt struck the northwest chimney, tearing out the brick and plaster down to the basement. Six large windows on the northern side of the structure were entirely demolished, and bricks and other debris carried a considerable distance. The Jefferson township schools opened on Monday and the directors are making special efforts to have the building put in order as promptly as possible.



Florence Girls Academy
Located next to the Florence Presbyterian Church Cemetery
Florence, PA



Florence Girls Academy
Located next to the Florence Presbyterian Church Cemetery
Florence, PA

FLORENCE ACADEMY next claims attention. It was located in the village of Florence, formerly known as Briceland's Cross-Roads, in the northern part of Washington County. It was preceded, and perhaps suggested, by an excellent select school for young ladies, founded by the venerable Rev. Elisha McCurdy, pastor of the Presbyterian Church there, in 1832, and conducted for four or five years with fine success by Mrs. Rachel Lamdin, a lady of superior scholarship and tact as well as of devoted piety. The average number of pupils in that school was about thirty or forty, and its effect was very marked in the mental, moral, and religious culture of the young ladies of the neighborhood.

The spirit of liberal education, thus fostered, led to the establishment, in 1833, of the academy. Its first principal was Mr. Robert Fulton, a former student and teacher in Washington College, and a relative by marriage of Mr. McCurdy. After a brief experiment he erected an academy building in the village, on a site conveyed by the trustees of the Presbyterian Church. But the title proving defective he surrendered the property, upon remuneration, to the same trustees, and took possession of the building on Mr. McCurdy's farm, which until then had been occupied by Mrs. Lamdin's seminary. Mr. Fulton was the sole proprietor and head of the academy until 1839, three or four years subsequent to Mr. McCurdy's resignation of his charge because of advanced age, and his consequent removal to Allegheny City. Having meanwhile received a licensure to preach, he disposed of his interests at the end of six years to take charge of an academy and church at Ashland, Ohio, where he subsequently died. During most of these years he was very efficiently assisted in the instruction by Mr. James Sloan, a graduate of Jefferson College, of the class of 1830, who was afterwards both a teacher and pastor at Frankfort, and later still for many years the worthy and successful pastor of the Presbyterian

¹ An accurate list of the sons of this academy and that of West Alexander is not in the power of the writer, and therefore none is attempted. Very many of them are well known.

Church of Pigeon Creek, in the Presbytery of Washington. Dr. Sloan departed this life in 1871, in Monongahela City. For the last two years of his term Mr. Fulton had for his assistant his nephew and former pupil, Mr. Samuel Fulton, an alumnus of Washington College, of the class of 1836, who still survives, though lately compelled by broken health to resign his charge as pastor of the Great Valley Presbyterian Church, in Chester County, Pa.

Mr. Fulton's successor as principal was the Rev. William Burton, also pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Florence. Messrs. John Rierson, John Russell, John Kerr, and James G. Ralston successively acted as assistant teachers. Mr. Kerr, after much service in the gospel ministry, is still a respected member of the Presbytery of Blairsville, and Mr. Ralston rose to distinction as the founder and head of a prosperous female seminary at Norristown, Pa., having before his death worn the titles of D.D. and LL.D. Messrs. Joseph Sheets, John A. Smith, and George W. Miller quickly followed in their order as principals, all of them being alumni of Washington College, of the respective classes of 1839, 1840, and 1845. The last named was subsequently the very successful principal of the academy at Carmichael's, Pa., and is now a prominent member of the Washington County bar.

The palmy days of the academy were embraced in the period of Mr. Fulton, when there was an average attendance of seventy students. Within the fifteen years of its existence, many were trained in it who afterwards rose to more or less distinction. In the want of a catalogue, memory supplies the names of the Rev. Messrs. Alexander Swaney, D.D., James D. Mason, D.D., David R. Campbell, D.D., William M. Robinson, David P. Lowary, and others of the sacred calling; Prof. Cochran, of Oberlin College; Drs. Joseph Rodgers and Thomas M. C. Stockton, and John Fulton, John McCombs, Caleb J. McNulty, and William Johnson, attorneys. The last two acquired prominence in Ohio, the former as a member of the Legislature of that State, and also as clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and the latter as a member of Congress.

Florence School
1911-1912



1. Harold McDonnell 2. Sam McNinch 3. Roy Peterson? 4. Craig McWright 5. Unknown 6. Dwight Cook? 7. Harry Ewing
8. Mary Martin 9. Unknown 10. Elizabeth Fullerton *m. Hawn* 11. Gertrude Yolton *m. Tucker* 12. Florence Fulton
13. Eula Fullerton 14. Mable Fullerton *m. Arnold* 15. Wesley Cook McDonnell, Teacher (*Grace Cassidy's father*)
16. Sarah Lyons *m. Gloss* 17. Beulah Jackson *m. Cook* 18. Agnes Potts 19. Clifford "Banty" Work 20. Dean Saxton
21. ? Fulton (*brother to Florence*)

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Burgettstown and Slovan fire companies answered a call at the Florence school house on Wednesday, February 7, 1951, when high winds fanned a fire of undetermined origin and threatened for a time to demolish the building, one of the old landmarks at Florence.

The building, said to be more than 50 years old, was a three-story frame structure heated by pot-bellied stoves. It was believed that a spark from the chimney became imbedded in the siding and fanned into a live fire. Prompt action on the part of the fire companies saved the building and kept damage at a minimum.

Over 100 children and their teachers, Miss Elsie Andrews, Mrs. Thelma Fliton and Edith McCombs, evacuated the building quickly and no one was injured. Eight grades were taught in the classrooms in use.

The children had a three-day holiday after the fire, but the next week were transported to the Paris school for half-day classes.

At the time of the fire, the Hanover school board was awaiting approval from Harrisburg for a new elementary building.

**1951 Old Florence School Fire Recalled
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1965 Edition**

Fort Vance Historical Society



**Florence, PA
Hanover Twp.**

**School Term
1908-1909**

**Vena Cain
Teacher of "lower rooms" grades 1-5**

**Timothy Middaugh
Teacher of "upper rooms" grades 6-?**

Presented by Nellie Duncan Blaine

Institute at Florence

The teachers of Hanover township held an institute in the upper room of the Florence school building Friday and Saturday, February 12th and 13th. In spite of muddy roads and a dark, foggy night the seats of the school were filled and a few were standing. Seven of the township teachers were in attendance. They were Misses Nellie Boyce, Anna Palmer, Janet Denny and Bertha Burns and Messrs. W. C. McDonnell, Lawrence Bable and Louis Dussere.

The Friday evening session began about 8 p. m. Louis Dussere, the teacher of the Florence school was chosen chairman of the meeting. The program began with a song, "Old Black Joe" by five girls of the primary room at Florence. A selection entitled "Pigs is Pigs" was read by Louis Dussere. Recitations were given by the following: Frank Savage, who recited "The Wayward Son;" Leonard Savage, who recited "Jane Jones," both of whom were compelled to respond to encores, and Bertha Burns, who recited "Mrs. Tommy Atkins." A dialogue entitled "The First Shave" was acted by Charles Lyons, Waid Reed, Lora Fuller and Bertha Burns.

There were four talks by teachers — "Teaching of English" by Janet Denny; "Teaching Morals in the Schoolroom," by Anna M. Palmer; "The Advanced Pupil" by Louis Dussere, and a talk by W. C. McDonnell. Mr. McDonnell urged the teachers to hold more such meetings. He advanced the statement that the Hanover township schools were inferior to those in adjoining townships and stated that it was his belief that the teachers and the parents were largely to blame. He urged upon the parents to interest themselves more in the schools and to be sure of their ground before condemning a teacher.

The subjects, "Teaching of Reading" and "Ventilation in the Schoolroom," were then opened for general discussion. W. C. McDonnell, Bertha Burns, Blanche Fullerton, Leonard Savage, Dr. J. B. Irwin, E. O. Fullerton and Lawrence Bable responded. Mr. McDonnell stated that parents should read to pupils in their homes. The question was raised, "What if the parents are poor readers?" George Creighton promptly said: "Do the best you can." Mr. McDonnell assented to this, saying the occasions were numerous in the schoolroom in which the teachers must "do the best you can." Dr. Irwin asked the question, "What is a good reader?" Two answers were given. Mr. McDonnell said that a good reader was one who could get and give the thought from the printed page and Dr. Irwin added that his idea of a good reader was one that could render a selection just as the original speaker or writer would have done.

The Friday session adjourned about 10:30 to meet again at 9 o'clock the following morning.

At about 9:30 Saturday morning Miss Burns opened the second session of the institute by reading the 13th chapter of first Corinthians. The song "America" was then sung. Miss Burns, Miss Boyce and Miss Denny sang "The Keystone State" and received a generous round of applause.

The first talk was "Tardiness and Regular Attendance" by Nellie Boyce. Miss Boyce named the following causes for tardiness and irregular attendance: (1) Bad roads, which prevent children's reaching school on time or getting there at all. (2) Carelessness among the pupils. (3) Poor circumstances of the parents. The morning exercises should be made so interesting that the pupils will prefer going to school to staying at home.

The next talk "The Primary Child" was by Bertha Burns. She spoke of the need of keeping primary pupils busy. This busy work should not always be work for small children tire of work easily and they require a large amount of play. Teach the child to be obedient, she said, for it is easier to teach a primary child to obey than to teach an advanced pupil obedience. She spoke of the bad manners of some pupils, some of whom address old people by the first name; never think of saying "Thank you" for a favor; and rudely interrupt each other.

Lawrence Bable spoke next on the subject "Partiality in the Schoolroom." Partiality, said he, means an unreasonable favor or dislike. There are many favors shown children which are not unreasonable but necessary. If any favors are shown, it ought to be to the dullest pupils who have the most trouble to "get" a lesson and consequently need favors the most. Prizes are a great way to stir up disturbances in schoolrooms.

The subjects "The Dull Pupil" and "Whispering" were opened for general discussion and responded to by Bertha Burns, Lawrence Bable, Mrs. E. O. Fullerton and Louis Dussere. The watchword for a dull pupil should be patience, everlasting patience, said Mr. Bable. Of whispering, it was said that it should be forbidden in some cases but not always, but if forbidden the rule should be strictly adhered to.

A question box was then opened and two questions were offered. They were "How can I keep primary pupils together and give justice to each of them?" and "How can I persuade parents to visit the schools?" Neither question was answered with absolute satisfaction. The discussion of the first brought forth that it was practically impossible to keep a primary class together in a rural school. No specific answer was made to the second, a suggestion being made, however, that by speaking to parents personally

the teachers might prevail upon some to visit. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a. m.

Institute at Florence

The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition



Kindergarten students at Fort Cherry Elementary Center collected mittens, hats and gloves for the McDonald area food bank. The project was in place of a class grab bag, and 145 items were collected. Pictured are students Gavin Patterson, Greg Alrutz, Nikolas Massey, Myla Shepherd, Jillian Doman and Kyla Sundy.

**Fort Cherry Elementary Center
Observer-Reporter - January 4, 2014 Edition**

Fort Cherry teens win technology competition

By DAVID SINGER
Staff writer
dsinger@observer-reporter.com

HICKORY – Not many teens set out to patent an invention, but a five-member group of sophomores at Fort Cherry High School is doing just that after winning the first leg of the Pennsylvania Governor's STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Math) Competition.

They head to Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster May 27 to face off against the remaining contenders following their dual first-place wins in February – beating out seven other Intermediate Unit-affiliated schools in the Washington, Greene and Fayette region with their communications device, “The SticKey,” and winning the “on-the-spot” challenge.

“They had 30 minutes (for the on-the-spot challenge) to design and construct a paper airplane that would hold an egg and have it remain intact after launching it onto a target,” said curriculum director and adviser Trish Craig.

“The other teams were apparently inspired by existing model aircraft, whereas we went for a design that protected the egg the most in the back end of the plane,” said Shelbie Curtis, 16.

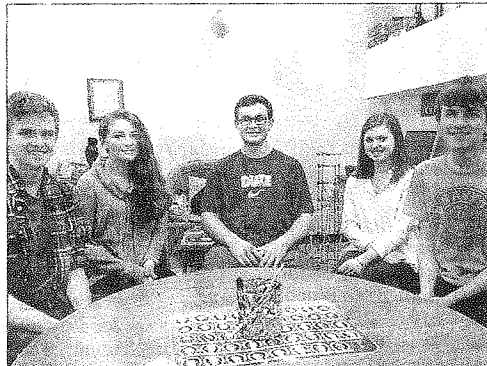
As for their communications device, the idea for the SticKey, which helps those with motor disabilities type using a joystick and screen, came as the team's primary coder thought about his grandfather.

“He had recently fallen and needed help typing and using digital devices,” said Connor Ehrgood, 16, “I wanted to help him.”

Two of the members, Emily Richard and Cameron Schaub, both 16, first heard of the competition through Craig and district gifted coordinator Jackie Newman.

“Emily and I saw the challenge of the governor's contest as a way to help people. We whittled away at so many ideas because they already had been done.

But Connor's idea, once he came on, it really clicked with us,” said Schaub, explaining



DAVID SINGER/OBSERVER-REPORTER

A five-student team at Fort Cherry is moving to the next stage of the Governor's STEM Competition. From left are sophomores Alec Rasel, Shelbie Curtis, Cameron Schaub, Emily Richard and Connor Ehrgood.

the two set out to recruit a “dream team” of coders and unconventional thinkers. Joining the group was 15-year-old Alec Rasel.

“My focus was to pitch it as a state-changing product; how it would help communities. It shifted as different elements changed with the product, but that's how we got here,” said Rasel.

Like good entrepreneurs, they didn't head into the competition without first testing their device. There were a couple of field trips.

“We've tried to make it as universally accessible as possible in terms of age range and disability. We first tested it with elementary school children to gauge hand size and peripheral ergonomics. ... The feedback we got from BirdBrain Technologies was important on how we got it to stabilize on a flat surface, using certain materials over others,” Richard said.

“One trip was to the Cameron Wellness Center, and a physical therapist there gave us feedback about problems in previous design phases. She gave us ideas on how to incorporate more uses into it – like not only using it as a communication device, but as a way of physical therapy in itself,” said Ehrgood.

In interviews, Ehrgood was cryptic about design features and what platforms the joystick can run on because the team is guarding its innovation through the patent process,

regardless of the outcome in May. But Ehrgood conceded that per the contest rules, “all the components could be found on Amazon.”

“As far as inputs are concerned, it's operating through USB ports right now,” Ehrgood said, “and all the software we've coded is open-source and available to anyone.”

The idea for SticKey when there are other “augmented communication” devices around, Ehrgood said, was that this product would be practically feasible for most users with various disabilities.

“Often when you have a disability of motor skills, speech is affected, so eye-tracking and speech software – and those require even more specialized hardware – that isn't as practical (as a joystick functioning as a keyboard),” he said.

“We're trying to eliminate the idea of adequateness in terms of communication,” Curtis said, “(and promote) that you can communicate with doctors, teachers and family and friends with this peripheral.”

The team was given a stipend of \$500 to produce its original prototype, which will be further refined using a prize of \$750.

At stake in May are \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships – and bragging rights to have won the second annual Pa. Governor's STEM Competition.

**Fort Cherry Teens Win Technology Competition
Observer-Reporter-March 8, 2016 Edition**

Keystone Degrees



Four members of the HG Parkinson FFA Chapter at Fort Cherry High School earned their Keystone Degrees at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. They were among more than 300 FFA members from across the state who received Keystone Degrees at the Pennsylvania FFA Mid-Winter Convention. Only high school seniors or graduates in their third year of membership are eligible to apply for the Keystone Degree. Candidates must have demonstrated leadership abilities and earned or productively invested at least \$1,000 and/or worked at least 300 hours in a supervised agricultural experience program. Russell Reading, state secretary of agriculture, far left, and Pedro Rivera, state secretary of education, far right, are shown with the Keystone Degree members, from left, Cody Rankin, Colton Lucas, Aaron Cowden and Michael Coyne. Rankin, son of Jason Rankin of Avella and Karen and Louis Ryan of Hickory, earned his degree with projects on market hogs and breeding hogs. Lucas, son of Dennis and Rhonda Lucas of Hickory, earned his degree with projects on his job at Quicksilver Golf Course and raising laying hens. Cowden, son of James and Debbie Cowden of Hickory, earned his degree with projects on his farm jobs and market hog. Coyne, son of Michael and Karen Coyne of Burgettstown, earned his degree with projects on market hogs, market lambs, market steers, market goats and breeding goats.

Keystone Degrees
Observer-Reporter-January 31, 2016 Edition

Fort Cherry holds vote over air-quality test proposals

By GIDEON BRADSHAW
Staff writer
gbradshaw@observer-reporter.com

Fort Cherry school board Monday put off voting on a proposal from Range Resources to test the air quality near district schools as the company builds its third gas well site nearby.

Drilling at the Yonker well site, about three quarters of a mile from the district complex, is slated to begin next month. In a letter to school officials dated Friday, Range Resources proposed conducting air-quality monitoring on the campus "during all phases of development beginning with drilling through the final completion of the wells. Moni-

toring equipment installed at an agreed-upon location on the property would measure wind speed and direction, volatile organic compounds and fine particulate matter."

The company told school officials it would pay for costs of the monitoring, and that third-party engineering firm AE-COM would conduct the work.

School officials wanted more details about how the driller would conduct the testing. The board voted 7-0 to table the proposal until the next monthly meeting.

Board member Christopher Lauff said Range's language was "very generic as far as what they're trying to do," and he wanted more information about the company's plans re-

garding how the tests would be conducted.

"They said they're going to be testing for volatile organic compounds - well, that's a list of compounds that's extremely long," Lauff said.

Following the meeting, Superintendent Jill Jacoby said, "I don't think we have any real specifics. I think that's what'll be coming in January."

The monthly meeting coincided with a chorus concert, and district parent Cathy Lodge, of Robinson Township, was the only citizen to address the board. Before the vote to table the proposal, she urged members to hold off on a decision in order to allow public input.

"Please be aware that it

is important that health be a part of the plan to monitor our air," she said. She suggested an environmental group like Southwestern Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project should be involved in the monitoring "to ensure that the air testing is not one-sided."

Range spokesman Matt Pitzarella said the district and state Department of Environmental Protection have previously conducted air-quality monitoring and found nearby natural gas operations to be safe.

"While the vast majority of residents and parents are supportive of this project we realize there are some who have concerns and we wish

to work hard to alleviate their concerns through science and data. Hopefully, we can provide them with the same level of confidence we have in our work," Pitzarella said in an email. "Previously the school had made a significant financial investment in a similar study, which in a peer-reviewed published report found that our work did not affect air quality or health, and rather than the district carry those costs again we are offering to do so at no cost to the school, which is also a valued lease holder."

Cardno ChemRisk, a for-profit consulting company, took air samples for the district during various periods between November 2011 and

January 2012 on school property and a nearby home after the first well had been drilled. A peer-reviewed study based on those samples found "the presence and operation of a hydraulic fracturing well pad in Washington County, PA, did not substantially affect local air concentrations of total and individual (volatile organic compounds)."

Southwestern Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project has criticized the study, pointing out among other concerns it used as thresholds the safe levels of some chemicals for adults instead of children, according to a letter from the advocacy group Environmental Integrity Project to district officials dated Monday.

Fort Cherry holds vote over air-quality Test Proposals
Observer-Reporter-December 7, 2016 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Fort Cherry homecoming court



Fort Cherry High School will celebrate homecoming Friday when the Rangers play North Catholic at 7:30 p.m. The queen will be crowned at halftime. The dance, "A Great Gatsby Evening," will be held Saturday at Celebrations in

Imperial. Members of the homecoming court are, front row, from left, Amelia Motte, Gabrielle Quinten, Alyssa Baker, Olivia Dunn and Tina Bellhy; and back row, Garrett Whalen, Anthony Panizza, Evan Alrutz, Phil Baker and Jesse McKean.

Fort Cherry Homecoming Court
Observer-Reporter-October 2, 2014 Edition

Fort Cherry homecoming court



Fort Cherry High School celebrated homecoming Friday night during the Rangers' football game against Northgate and Saturday with a formal dance at Fort Cherry Golf Club. Seniors on the homecoming court were, from left, Aaron

Cowden, Leah Rupinsky, Christian Novick, Diana Motte, Austin Wood, Alycia Lemmon, Brian Carnegie, Kacie Belsterling and Jake Schulz. Not pictured is Hannah Ogburn.

Fort Cherry Homecoming Court
Observer-Reporter-October 25, 2015 Edition



JACK GRAHAM/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Fort Cherry High School will celebrate homecoming Friday before the football game against Bethlehem-Center at Fort Cherry Stadium. Pregame ceremonies will begin at 6:45 p.m., and the queen will be crowned at halftime. The homecoming dance will be held Oct. 9 at Fort Cherry Golf Club. Members of the court and their escorts include, first row, from left, Jamie Lauderbaugh, Karlee Hoffman, Elysia Cecchetti and Felicia McQuillan; second row, Caitlin Thomas, Matt Miller, Jordan Alderson, Nick Baker, Chris Walker and Marisa Getty; and third row, Tom Reynolds and Ashton Mason.

Fort Cherry Homecoming Court
Observer-Reporter-September 21, 2004 Edition

Fort Cherry superintendent to retire

By EMILY PETSKO
Staff writer
epetsko@observer-reporter.com

Fort Cherry School District's superintendent will retire at the end of the school year after holding the position for 16 years.

The school board accepted Robert Dinnen's letter of retirement during a meeting Monday. His retirement goes into effect June 30 at the end of his current five-year contract.

Dinnen, 62, said he has spent "a long time doing wonderful things with wonderful students and wonderful staff" and is exploring a number of options after retiring from his position.

"I just thought it would be time to pass the torch to somebody else," he said, adding that he was happy to contribute to "creating a culture



COURTESY OF ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY

Dr. Robert Dinnen will retire from Fort Cherry School District at the end of the school year.

for student success" during his time with the district. He said he has seen Fort Cherry change and grow over the years.

"We've advanced the academic achievement of our students, instituted numerous professional development activities for our staff, created

a collaborative process with parents and moved technology to state of the art ... and went from \$20 million in debt to debt-free."

Business manager Paul Sroka said "it's been an enjoyable 12 years" working with Dinnen.

"Dr. Dinnen has been very

helpful to me in my professional development and mentored me in understanding school finance," Sroka said.

Dinnen said the board will likely begin accepting applications for superintendent within the next couple of months.

The board also accepted

the retirements of several teachers, including Rose Stempler, Carl Grinage, Linda Perkins, Claudia Diamond, Tom Diamond, Nancy Fowler Lescovitz and Mandi Gordon.

Board members also voted 6-3 to end a contract with longtime auditor Cypher & Cypher in Canonsburg. Board members Larry Heirendt, Cynthia Gaskill and James White cast the dissenting votes. Voting in favor were Tina Cottrill, Melinda Errett, Chris Lauff, Jodi McKay, Jeanine Miles and Joanne Wagner. A new auditor has not yet been approved.

The board also voted to move forward with plans for the construction of a running track by approving architect design specifications for track lighting at the football stadium.

Dr. Robert Dinnen , Superintendent to Retire
Washington Observer-Reporter-January 31, 2014 Edition



The Challenge Program Inc. recently distributed financial awards to underclassmen in the Fort Cherry School District for excelling in attendance, academic improvement, academic excellence, STEM and community service during the 2014-15 school year. The program partners with businesses to motivate high school students to excel and introduce them to career opportunities in their communities. Rockwater Energy Solutions was the sponsor of the program. Front row, from left, are sophomore Hannah Greene, academic improvement; junior Diana Motte, community service; sophomore Alyssa Ketter, community service; junior Shelby Krenn, academic excellence; and junior Alex Orenbaun, academic improvement; and back, Steve Volas of Rockwater Energy Solutions; sophomore Calvin Lodge, academic excellence; junior Adam Tomabene, STEM award; and sophomore Nicole Coffield, attendance. Not pictured are sophomore Ashley Schmidt, STEM award, and junior Nathan Klimas, attendance.

**Challenge Program, Inc-Fort Cherry School District
Observer-Reporter-January 9, 2016 Edition**

Fort Cherry to graduate 84

Fort Cherry High School will graduate 84 seniors at commencement exercises at 7 p.m. Friday at Jim Garry Stadium.

Matthew Luigi McDonald is the valedictorian and Alex Scott Freiberger is the salutatorian.

McDonald is the son of James and Shari McDonald of Hickory.

He received the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh Global Travel Scholarship that enabled him to travel to Botswana, Africa, the President's Education Award, Washington Finacial Scholarship, Range Resources Scholarship, Sprowls College Scholarship, the Vance Merit Scholarship from Westminster College and the Washington Rotary Club Scholarship.

McDonald was the president of Student Council, National Honor Society and Future Farmers of America, and senior class secretary. He is employed by Subway restaurant in Hickory. He will attend Westminster College to pursue a degree in public relations.

Freiberger is the son of William and Lara Freiberger of McDonald.



Matthew McDonald, valedictorian
Alex Scott Freiberger, salutatorian

Fort Cherry High School

- 84 graduates
- June 5
- Jim Garry Stadium

He received the President's Education Award, American Legion Award, Criminal Investigators Camp Investigative Strategy Award and AB Miller Scholarship from Waynesburg University.

Freiberger was a member of Student Council, Science Olympiad, Mock Trial, Academic League and the National Honor Society.

He will attend Waynesburg University to pursue a degree in forensic science and chemistry.

Project combines history, art



Above, from left, Fort Cherry sixth-graders Katie Nemecek and Abigail McCarty stand on the "Great Wall" students constructed from cardboard boxes as part of an installation art project on ancient China. At right, sixth-grade students at Fort Cherry Elementary School mimicked ancient Chinese artifacts by creating their own terra-cotta warriors in art class. Student "tour guides" show younger students an interactive game created as part of their annual class project.



STORY AND PHOTOS BY EMILY PETSKO
OBSERVER-REPORTER
epetsko@observer-reporter.com

Fort Cherry students transform school for 'The China Experience'

In just a few weeks, Fort Cherry Elementary Center was transformed to recreate a distant land in a bygone era.

A paper dragon snaked through the hallways and greeted students as they entered "The China Experience."

Students walked across a thrifter version of the Great Wall constructed from cardboard boxes and admired dozens of hand-crafted clay soldiers.

Students were the artists, historians and tour guides of this ancient Chinese journey.

For their class project, sixth graders created an installation art piece and displayed their knowledge by giving tours to younger students.

"It's kind of like a little field trip," social studies teacher Jim Brucker said.

Brucker said sixth-grade teachers coordinated this project for the past five years, and last year students created a medieval experience.

The project combined elements of history and art, but it also incorporated lessons on technology

"YOU BECOME A PIECE OF THE ARTWORK ... IT SURROUNDS YOU, AND YOU BECOME A PART OF IT. IT'S SCARY WHILE WE'RE BUILDING IT, BUT IT ALWAYS COMES TOGETHER."

FORT CHERRY ART TEACHER KIM HARVEY

and problem-solving.

Students enrolled in gifted classes learned how to link six iPads together to create a trivia game, and also created a computer game using a program called Scratch.

"It's a lot of 21st-century learning," said their teacher, Keara Welsh.

"It was a lot of organization, higher-level thinking, working as a team and a lot of problem solving."

Art teacher Kim Harvey helped students construct sculptures, designed to look like terra-cotta warriors, using clay and cardboard cones.

Sixth-grade student Katie Nemecek said she found it interesting that the clay warriors were believed to protect the Chinese emperor in his after-life.

"All the warriors were unique," she said.

The Great Wall was constructed by wrapping and decorating cardboard boxes, which Harvey picked up from Sam's Club every morning.

She said students spent countless hours working on their projects, often during homeroom and part of their lunch periods.

The sixth-grade class also took field trips to the Carnegie Museum of Art and the Mattress Factory Art Museum in Pittsburgh, where they were exposed to the concept of installation art.

"You become a piece of the artwork ... It surrounds you, and you become part of it," Harvey said.

She said she is always amazed students can pull off such a large project in a short period of time.

"It's scary while we're building it," Harvey said, "but it always comes together."



From left, Fort Cherry sixth-graders Katie Nemecek and gail McCarty stand underneath a large Chinese dragon that students constructed for a project called "The China Experience."

Frankfort Springs Academy Reunion Held at Grange Hall Well Attended; Academy's History Is Reviewed

About 80 former faculty members, students and friends were on hand for the 1961 reunion of the Frankfort Springs Academy staged at the Frankfort Springs Grange.

Arrangements for the reunion were made by Nina Strouss Anderson, Fred L. Hood, Zona Keifer, Eulalia Whitehill and Eunice Patton Wilcoxon.

A. D. Dungan and Fred L. Hood presided at the dinner meeting and invocation was given by the Rev. Dr. Frank C. Ramsey.

The program included:

Introduction of the Committee.

Song, Mrs. Frank C. Ramsey (Helen Yolton), leader.

History of Frankfort Springs Academy, Miss Anna M. Crouse.

Academies as Educational Institutions, Rev. Frank C. Ramsey, D.D.

My Day In Frankfort Springs Academy, Dr. James A. Bell.

Reminiscences, Alex M. Cross.

Comments or reminiscences from the group.

The program sparkled with wit and wisdom. Miss Mary Hood read a letter from Rev. H. B. Hutchman and Nina Strouss Anderson, one from Emma Bryte Pollock.

The Academy was founded in 1839 by Dr. James Sloan and Thomas Nicholson, the first superintendent of the Beaver County schools, to prepare male students for teaching, but its students could readily enter the junior classes of the best colleges of the day. It closed in 1847, but was reopened as a co-educational institution in 1871 to prepare its students in the languages, sciences and the useful arts. For a second time the school closed and the property was sold.

Public interest was again aroused and the building was rebought, furnished and the school opened April 17, 1895. The staff included: Principal J. Mont Travis, teachers, F. S. Springer, E. S. Breneman, W. L. Moore, and Miss Mamie Keifer. This faculty with exception of Miss Keifer was succeeded by George B. Lewis, principal; Miss Winnette Huss (Mrs. Ralph Cooley) Mrs. Lewis and Miss Anna Cowen, E. G. McKibbin and Miss Gertrude Thomas were in charge in 1897-1898. George E. Seville taught the fall term of 1898 and was succeeded

by R. W. Walker, whose sister, Miss Margaret S. Walker was his assistant.

Edwin G. Frazer was principal for two years, and resigned to do graduate work at State College. Later he was a member of the faculty of Carnegie Tech. Alvin Campbell and Chalmers Fulton were spring term teachers and Miss Bertha Graham taught music.

A. A. Knowlton, E. E. Bovee, E. H. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Fonner, Miss Nannie Ullom and Miss Garrett were at one time members of the faculty.

Again the Academy closed but was reopened in 1909 with H. B. Hutchman, principal, but he resigned to enter the Seminary. He was the successful pastor of several United Presbyterian Churches and is now retired and living in Minden, Neb. Rev. Hutchman was succeeded by James A. Bell who resigned to do graduate work at Harvard, and later became president of Southwestern University, Washington, D. C. Miss Anna M. Crouse was a spring term teacher in both administrations.

Ralph Cooley, Edwin G. Frazer, Ira F. Leeper, W. J. L. McCullough, Charles Anderson, Anna Coventry, Earl H. Frazer, Wylie Saxton, Guy Yolton, Roy Yolton, Isabelle Shannon, Laura Stevenson, Warren Saxton, Estella Cooley, Anna Crouse, Clarence R. Frazer, Alvin Campbell, Clarence Cooley, Charles Clutter, Alex. M. Cross, Edith Crouse, Chalmers Fulton, Armour Inglefield, Edna McCoy, Carl Rice, Ethel Arnold, Jennie Campbell,

Melvin Hood and Nelle Kerr were among those completing the college preparatory course and graduating.

Of these Earl H. Frazier, Estella Cooley Hall, Anna Crouse, Clarence R. Frazer, Alex. M. Cross, Edith Crouse Frazer and Edna McCoy Fisher are living and with exception of Clarence R. and Edith Crouse Frazer attended the reunion. Many others were prevented from graduating, either by untimely closing of the Academy, transfer to other schools or other reasons, but have made great contributions to the American way of life wherever they have lived.

True to the ideals and the public spirit of the group, a fund was set up for the repair and maintenance of the Soldiers monument which stands on the Academy grounds.

Attending were Samuel H. and Mrs. Attle, Earl H. and Mrs. Frazer, Mr. and Clifford Wilson, Hazel Frazer, Raymond P. and Bertha Burns McMillen, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hanlin, Mary M. Hood, Junius and Mrs. Strouss, Irene Kutchak, Robert and Alda Devitt Cain, W. M. and Lillie Kincaid Irwin, Orrin B. and Mrs. Stevenson, Sara Lyons Gloss, Elizabeth Andrews Henderson, Leonard Savage, Ralph and Beulah McKenzie, Anna M. Crouse, Leila McCausland, Dr. James A. Bell, David S. Wilcoxon, Alex. M. and Mrs. Cross, Estella Cooley Hall, Emogene Hall, Elva Eaton Thornburg, Lena Thornberg Carey, Charles and Edna McMillen Rice, Nora Ramsey, Agnes Ramsey, Dr. Frank C. and Helen Yolton Ramsey, Edna McCoy Fisher, Mary Logue Devitt, C. Clark Vance, Mrs. Larry Welte, Maye M. Miller, Daniel and Mae Shriver Johnson, Fred L. and Mrs. Hood, Bertha Andrews Wyke, M. Dean Fullerton, Fannie Cameron Hayward, Jennie Swearingen Savage, W. Vance and Mrs. Campbell, Roberta Anderson Campbell, James O. and Mrs. Young, Marie Morgan McCoy, Marguerite Morgan Wilson, Zona Keifer, Alva Tarr Wilcoxon, Nina Strouss Anderson, Mrs. Helen Scott, Mr. and Mrs. David Craig, Archie D. and Myrtle Crouse Dungan, Lee B. and Mrs. Dungan, Eulalie Whitehill, George P. and Zillah McCracken Hanlin, W. A. and Josephine Savage Tarr, W. Leonard and Mrs. McConnell.

The group accepted an invitation to attend the next Frankfort Springs High School reunion.

FRANKFORT SPRINGS ACADEMY

EDITED BY ANNA M. CROUSE

Frankfort Springs Academy had its beginning, May 1, 1834, when Dr. James Sloan and Thomas Nicholson entered an agreement to build and to conduct an academy for a period of eight years, and to share the expenses and the profits. Dr. Sloan was pastor of the Presbyterian Church and Mr. Nicholson was the first superintendent of the Beaver County Schools. Paden Moore later pastor of the Swan Indiana Presbyterian Church was a teacher. The Academy was open to male students, and its main objective was to prepare teachers, but its students could readily enter the junior class of the best colleges of the day. The scholastic and moral standards were high. Saturday was set aside as a day of prayer and conference by teachers and students alike. It was presented at the 1910 reunion by Thomas Bigger. Letters from the three surviving members, Warren S. Dungan, M. L. Miller and Dr. Reed were read by Archie D. Dungan.

In 1847 the Academy closed and the building became a private residence.

A second building was erected in 1871 at a cost of \$2,500. It was legally incorporated on October 1, 1871. Its objective was the education of young men and women in the languages, the useful arts, and sciences.

It numbered among its founders; J. J. Carothers, Samuel Bigger, Rev. A. O. Rochwell, Dr. W. M. McElwee, John Stevenson, James Morrison, John McCollough, H. B. McCreary, Thomas Nicholson, Rev. J. S. Purdy, Thomas Bigger, Robert Ramsey, William Frazer, William McCollough, Samuel Leeper and Henry Lance. The first seven composed the board of trustees. Mr. J. H. Veasey, principal; W. F. Purdy, assistant principal; Mrs. Veasey and Miss Inez Brenneman, teachers. Mr. Veasey left to enter the Seminary and Mr. Stewart became principal.

William McKirahan, Joseph Miller, Mr. McCune, James McKirahan, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Haggerty, Mr. Kirpatrick, Mr. Snyder, James L. Leeper, Miss Lizzie Nevin, and Miss Carrie Harsha were the teachers. Student assistants were Joseph M. Swearingen, Miss Anna McClurg, W. C. Yolton, William Reed, Henry Burns, Ellis Bigger and Frank Reed. After the Academy closed, the building was sold at the Sheriff's sale to satisfy a claim of William Ewing.

Dr. S. H. Leeper was instrumental in arousing interest in the reopening of the Academy. A committee was appointed to solicit funds to purchase and furnish a building. James Hood, W. M. Frazer, and W. O. Gilliland drew up the constitution. The Academy reopened April 17, 1895. J. Mont Travis was principal; E. S. Brenneman, F. S. Springer, W. L. Moors, and Miss Mamie Keefer were teachers. This faculty, with exception of Miss Keefer was succeeded by G. B. Lewis, principal; Miss Winetta Huss, Mrs. Lewis, and Miss Anna Cowen, teachers. E. G. McKibbin and Miss Gertrude Thomas were in charge of the school year, 1897-1898. G. B. Seville taught the fall term of 1898, and was succeeded by R. W. Walker, who was assisted in the spring term by his sister Miss Margaret S. Walker. Mr. Walker resigned to enter the Seminary and Edwin G. Frazer was principal for two years. Miss Bertha Graham taught music and J. Alvin Campbell and D. Chalmers Fulton assisted in the spring term. Later A. A. Knowlton, E. E. Bovee, E. H. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Fonner, Miss Nannie Ullom, and Miss Garret were teachers.

Again the Academy closed but reopened in 1909, as the result of a conversation between Dr. W. R. Thompson and Joseph W. Leeper, who was told that the building was available. Dr. Thompson found the teachers and students. A. M. Lange was principal for one term and was succeeded by Miss Hibbitt Coventry whose sudden death ended her services. H. B. Hutchman and James A. Bell succeeded her. Miss Anna M. Crouse assisted in the spring term.

High Schools had opened in the surrounding larger towns, the attendance dropped and the Academy was closed permanently.

course & Ralph Cooley, Edwin G. Frazer, W. J. L. McCollough, Ira F. Leeper, Charles Anderson, Anna Coventry, Earl H. Frazer, Wylie Saxton, Guy Yolton, Roy Yolton, Warren Saxton, Isabelle Shannon, Laura Stevenson, Estella Cooley, Anna Crouse, Clarence R. Frazer, Alvin Campbell, Charles Clutter, Alex. M. Cross, Edith Crouse, Chalmers Fulton, Armour Inglefield, Carl Rice, Edna McCoy Ethel Arnold Jennie Campbell, Melvin Hood, and Nelle Kerr were among those completing the college preparatory course and were graduated from the Academy after it was reopened in 1896.

A. D. Dungan, principal and Miss Anna M. Crouse, assistant, conducted a summer school preparatory and refresher course for teachers in the building after the Academy closed.

Rev. E. R. Welch was principal of the high school which offered a three year course, but that was discontinued after a time.

This very brief factual account of the Academy does not touch upon the most important features of its existence, and that was its influence upon the lives of the students nor the great contribution by the faculty and the students to the American way of life, for that can not be measured.

This abbreviated account of the history was published in The Burgettstown Enterprise, June 22, 1910, after the 1910 reunion and The Sesqui-Centennial Edition of The Beaver Times, August 11, 1950.

FRANKFORT GRADS HOLD BIG REUNION

About 75 former teachers, members and their families of Frankfort High School attended a reunion, Wednesday, June 25, at the William Simpson home, where old friendships were renewed.

A business meeting was held with President, Louis Johnen, presiding. Officers elected were, President, Louis Johnen, Vice President, Edwin Devitt, Secretary, Willie Simpson, and Treasurer, Mrs. John Phyllis. children. A guessing contest, in Games and races were enjoyed by the which every one had the chance to guess the weight of a water melon, without lifting it, was very interesting. Mrs. Thomas Brimmer and Mrs. Helen Ramsey tied on the guess and were each awarded half the melon which weighed 20 lbs. 1 oz.

A long table was arranged so most of the guests could be seated to partake of the bountiful picnic supper. Lemonade and ice cream was furnished.

Rev. E. W. Welch of West Middlesex, Pa., a former teacher, who was instrumental in organizing the high school in 1919, gave a short talk. Several others brought to mind incidents of the horse and buggy, bob sled and tin lizzie days. Good night was said reluctantly when darkness over-took the assembly.

Dale Spence has returned from Mercy hospital.

John Miller and daughter, Josephine Mrs. Ruth Miller and daughter Betty, of Boliver, N. Y., visited with Mrs. Harriet Whipple over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Keifer and family motored to Steubenville on Saturday.

Mrs. F. A. Thornburg and Mrs. Charles Patton were hostesses to their Sunday School class on Thursday evening when they met at the church for their monthly meeting.



**1947-1948 Frankfort Springs School
Ethel McCarrell, Teacher**

Front Row, L-R; Dolores Brodmerkel, Betty Brodmerkel, Vivian Sutherin, Nancy Lee Keifer, **Second Row, L-R;** Joe Brodmerkel, David (or John) Dhayer, James Coulter, Ray Brodmerkel, Stuart Chambers, Fred (or David) Dhayer. **Third Row, L-R;** Dorothy Burd, Anna Livada, Anna Mae Reid, Nancy Dhayer, Diane Coulter. **Fourth Row, L-R:** Esther Stephens, Joann Chambers, Betty Jean Lewis, Patty Stephens **Top row, L-R:** Eugene Switzer, Rudy Livada.

Not pictured: Adella Lyons, Vennie Lyons, Charlie Lyons, Dorothy Lyons, Kenneth Burd , Ernie Reid, John or David Dhayer.

INFORMATION CONCERNING PUPILS

No.	NAME List surnames of pupils alphabetically by sex and grade, leaving a few spaces between each sex and grade.	Grades	Status			No. of Years Previous to This Year		Age as of Septem- ber 1 (years)	Date of Birth		
			E	R	W	In This Grade	In School Beyond Kinder- garten		Month	Day	Year
			E's	R's	W's						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
1	Thayer, Alfred	1	E.			1		6	10	8	1941
2											
3	Reed, Ernie	2		R 4		1		9			
4	Lions, Dorothy	2	E.				1	7	5	12	1949
5											
6											
7											
8											
9	Burd, Kenneth	3	E.				2	8	3	16	1939
10											
11	Brodmerkel, Dolores	3	E.				2	8	5	29	1939
12	Reifer, Nancy Lee	3	E.	R 6	W 4		2	8	5	30	1939
13	Libada, Anna	3	E.				2	8	3	18	1939
14	Sutherland, Vivian	3	E.				2	8	3	5	1939
15	Reed, Anna Mae	3		R 4				11	6	24	1937
16											
17	Chambers, Stuart	4	E.				3	8	1	20	1939
18	Coulter, James Lee	4	E.				3	9	7	31	1938
19	Thayer, David	4	E.				3	8	1	2	1939
20	Lions, Charles	4	E.				3	9	6	3	1939
21											
22	Brodmerkel, Betty	4	E.				3	9	4	2	1938
23											
24											
25	Thayer, John	5	E.				4	9	10	7	1937
26											
27	Coulter, Dixie	5	E.				4	10	8	23	1937
28	Thayer, Nancy	5	E.				5	10	10	6	1936
29	Stephens, Esther	5	E.				4	11	2	27	1936
30	Stephens, Patricia	5	E.				4	12	11	14	1934
31											
32											
33	Brodmerkel, Rary	6	E.				5	11	6	16	1936
34	Livada, Michael	6	E.				5	11	5	9	1936
35											
36	Anthony, Louise	6	E.								
37	Burd, Dorothy	6	E.				5	10	9	10	1936
38	Lewis, Betty Jean	6	E.				6	12	8	6	1935
39	Lions, Verne	6	E.				5	10	1	26	1937
40	Sutherland, Shirley	6	E.				4	10	5	26	1937
41											
42											
43											
44	Brodmerkel, Joe	7	E.				6	12	1	26	1935
45	Livada, Rudolph	7	E.					13	5	12	1934
46	Sweitzer, Eugene	7	E.				6	14	6	10	1933
47											
48	Chambers, Joann	7	E.				6	11	10	30	1935
49	Lions, Adella	7	E.				6	12	6	17	1935
50											



Seven members of the HG Parkinson FFA Chapter at Fort Cherry High School have earned their Keystone degrees. Members were awarded their degrees at the state Farm Show in Harrisburg. They are, from left, Victoria Nation, Lainie Klinsky, Sylvia Beccard, Raymond Atkinson, Emily Lucas, Maggie Coyne, Vincent Curtis Jr. and Jodie Hoover, FFA adviser and agriculture teacher. More than 300 FFA members from across the state received Keystone degrees at the Pennsylvania FFA Mid-Winter Convention at the Farm Show. Only high school seniors or graduates in their third year of membership are eligible to apply for the Keystone degree. Candidates must have demonstrated leadership abilities and earned or productively invested at least \$1,000 and/or worked at least 300 hours in a supervised agricultural experience program. Just 3 percent of the more than 7,000 Pennsylvania FFA members qualify each year.

**HG Parkinson FFA Chapter at Fort Cherry High School
Observer-Reporter-January 26, 2014 Edition**

IN THE MAIL BOX

Dear Editor:

Were the "Gay Nineties" such a "dud" as some of the wisecrackers would have us believe?

We who grew up together in that period say No! We did not miss the hard roads, the automobile, the movies, and the radio, because we had never had them. We did have good times, however, and the survivors of the Gay Nineties who attended Russell's, Bulger, and Beech Hollow Schools, and who received their religious education at Raccoon and Center Churches, will gather for our second reunion in the shady yard of Old Raccoon Church at Candor, Pa., August 2, at 10:30 A. M., E. S. T., to renew old friendships and to recall the happy "horse and buggy days."

An old-fashioned picnic dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m., E. S. T. Bring your basket, a fork and spoon, and enjoy a day with old friends and joyous memories of the hayrides, and sledloads, the house parties and socials, the Sunday School picnics, the Burgettstown Fair, and the other activities that made our youth a joyous happy time.

C. H. Russell,
Washington, Penna.

IN THE MAIL BOX

Burgettstown Enterprise-July 24, 1941 Edition



Greek School-June 23, 1930

Burgettstown Grade School-Burgettstown, PA.

Bottom Row, L-R: Unknown, Pete Maropis, Mary Garglianos, Unknown, Helen Zabetakis, Omill Kouyendakis, Unknown, Unknown, Mary Spanogians, Gus Diamond, Ann Sergakis, and Steve Zabetakis. **Second Row, L-R:** ? Arvanitakis, ? Arvanitakis, Nick Maropis, Stan Zabetakis, Manouso Zabetakis, Tony Dukas, Paraskev (Friday) Garglianos, Gus Romanias, John Spatharos, and Sophia Romanias, **Third Row, L-R:** ? Kouyendakis, Georgia Romanias, Adeline Zabetakis, Evangeline Romaonias, Despina Barbush, Margaret Barbush, Angie Arvanitakis, and Angie Boller. **Fourth Row, L-R:** Mike (Zambi) Zabetakis and Sophia Barbush. **Fifth Row, L-R:** Unknown from McDonald, PA., Nick Romanias, Mary Barbush, Mrs. Despina Kyria, Irene Garglianos, Mary Zanakis, and Chris Romanias.

Photo Provided by Peg and Stravro Zabetakis

Additional Information: Stan Zabetakis, Evangeline Romanias, and Chris Romanias.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Pictured above are officials who participated in the ground breaking ceremony for the new Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior high school at the site near the Burgettstown Community Park Sunday afternoon. In the

front row, left to right, are Dr. James J. Tinney, Supervising Principal; William H. Donaldson, former County Superintendent of Schools; Morris Harvey, school board president; Arthur E. Tennyson, architect;

Walter Robertson, of Harmon Creek Coal Corp.; James O. Smalley, board member; and Van Nest Wiegmann, board member. Second row, left to right, Carl Latella, board member; Ernil E. Caletig, board

member; Dr. Douglas J. Bowman, County Superintendent of Schools and Joseph Bertovich, board member.

(Observer photo)

**Ground Breaking of Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 24, 1961 Edition**



HAMILTON SCHOOL — 1919

Hamilton School — Hamilton School was erected between 1861 and 1876. When this school was closed, it was purchased and remodeled into a house which still stands at the entrance to Perkins Road on old Route 22. Teachers at Hamilton were Margaret Perkins, W.C. McDonnell, Grace McDonnell, Lela Miller, Ersula Ewing, Mellie Boyce, Howard Black, Ronald Egan, Carrie Campbell, Ollie M. Long and Merle Stephenson.

Hanover Elementary School's PTA executive board met on Thursday, Dec. 3, 1992. Due to the resignation of Mary Jude Patterson as PTA vice president on Nov. 18, in accordance with Hanover Township PTA Inc. by-laws, the positions of first vice president and second vice president were filled by Darlene Moore and Lois Pavlik, respectfully.

Sally Frantz, membership chairperson, reported that the PTA has 88 members.

December birthdays at Hanover Elementary are as follows: Dec. 1, Ashley Starkey; 2, Krista Slusarek and Jacob Kelley; 5, Shelly Huey; 13, Ashley Young; 15, Jessica Allen; 16, Brett Kerr, Jacob Stetar, Wayne Bonovich; 17, Adam Stinnette; 18, Amber Cooper; 22, Patrick Stevens; 23, Ann Marie Delp; 24, Joshua Boyce, Kaitlin Donati; 27, Tammy Varner; and 28, Shana Kriest. Happy birthday!

The Hanover Bobcat cheerleading squad was given a very generous donation from an anonymous organization to purchase 12 new uniforms. The squad and sponsor are very grateful to the organization for their generosity.

The next executive board meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 7, at the township building at 9 a.m.

The next regular PTA meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 21.

Hanover Elementary School PTA
The Enterprise-December 23, 1992 Edition

Hanover Talks Tell Of Improvements To School System

When the new Hanover Township elementary school on Route 22 near Florence was dedicated last Friday evening, November 21, Stanley A. Wengert, director of teacher education and certification Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, delivered the main address.

Mr. Wengert commented upon the growth of education facilities in Washington County in the last century and a half. He referred to a report of the state superintendent for 1877, which disclosed that early school houses in Washington County were of rude construction having clapboard roofs, paper windows, earthen floors, puncheon seats and no chimneys. Salaries of teachers were about twelve dollars a month. He mentioned that Hanover Township was among those in Washington County approving the school law of 1834. The township agreed to share in the first state appropriation of \$2,397.-73 issued in January, 1835.

"Up to 1848," Mr. Wengert stated, "the system of schools in Washington County was very imperfect. The school houses were bad—the teachers were of a very inferior kind, although in this respect Washington County enjoyed the exceptional advantages to the greater part of the state in having two colleges, two female seminaries and several academies in good working condition, which afforded a better class of teachers than were found elsewhere."

Mr. Wengert admonished the citizens of Hanover Township to realize that even with a modern, well equipped school, a good education was not guaranteed their children. The school board and parents should be ever vigilant that teachers continue to stress not only facts, but also faith, loyalty, character and the Golden Rule.

W. H. Donaldson, superintendent of Washington County Schools, chose for his topic for the opening address, "Salvage Engineering". Mr. Donaldson reminded the assembly that much had been "salvaged" from the past in erecting the beautiful new school, but that it really had been built for children who may be living in the last quarter of the century.

Hanover Talks Tell of Improvements to School System
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 27, 1952 Edition

4th GRADERS ON THE ROAD

Several months ago, Vince Gillen's fourth grade students at the Hanover Elementary School were fortunate enough to be visited by a professional storyteller, Jeannine Laverty, of upstate New York. At that time she told the students a most interesting story, an Irish folktale called Hairy Rouchie. It was a whimsical adventure about a red haired lass, complete with kings, giants and plenty of magic. After she left the students had fun retelling the story to their classmates.

Upon hearing of Ms. Laverty's return in December, Gillen decided to have his class present the story as a play. "The play was the easiest I've ever directed. The students knew all their parts so well," said Gillen. Students readily learned their parts and ad libbed their lines. With a little polishing of their lines and some scenery, the play was ready for their storyteller to return. With great excitement from cast, teacher and storyteller, the day of the play arrived. This was the first time Ms. Laverty had had one of her stories re-told in such a dramatic format. She was quite taken and enchanted. The fourth grade students were also pleased with their performance. So Gillen got permission to take the show on the road.

A bus was granted to his class and the students, costumes, props and scenery of the Hanover fourth grade were taken to all the elementary schools in the Burgettstown Area School District. This became a very memorable day for the students, especially the ones in Gillen's class. They were a part of the development of a story, the building of characters, maturation of dialogue, construction of props and the adventure of performing for such a grand audience and a new friend, storyteller Jeannine Laverty. Education is such a treat.



Valerie Pescho as Hairy Rochie.



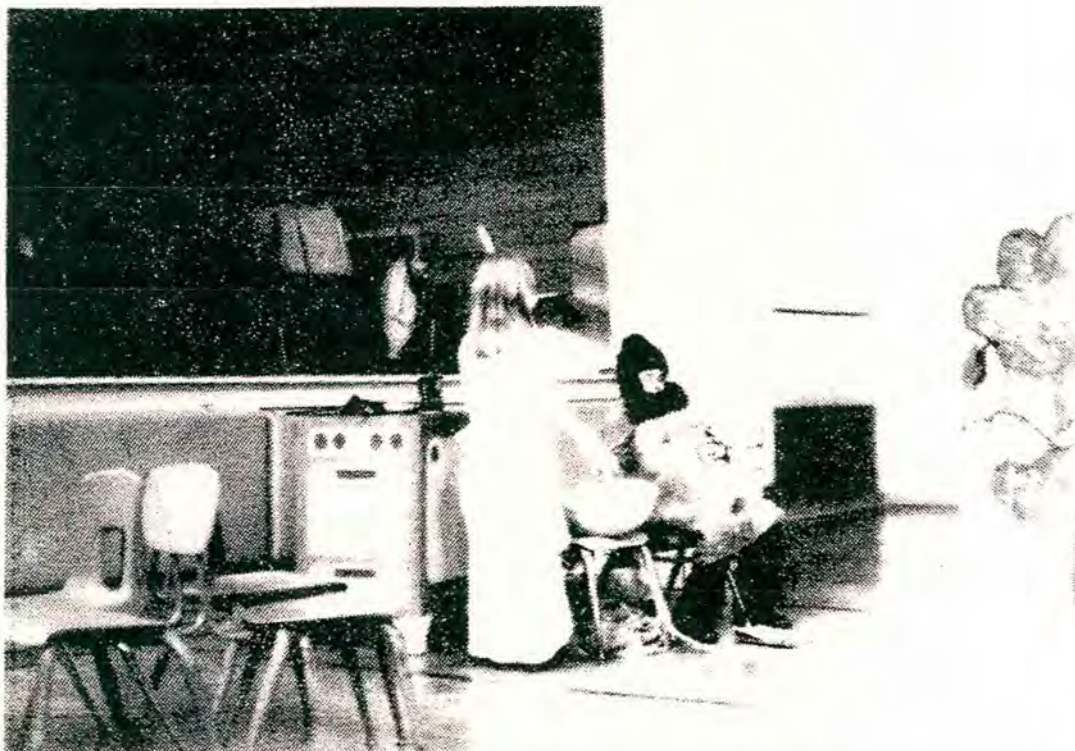
Hairy Rouchie (Katrina Grey) is captured by Giant (Chris Williamson) as she tries to steal his goat (Jason Fancher.)

**Fourth Graders on the Road-Hanover Elementary (pg. 1)
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1982 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Hairy Rouchie's sisters fall in love with King's sons. Left to right: Dennis Niederriter, Tawnya Ensminger, Rossos Kladakis, Katrina Grey, Mandy Williams, Robbie Roach and Robin McGinn.



King asks Hairy Rouchie for one of Giant's possessions. Left to right: Mandy Williams, Robbie Roach, Katrina Grey, Robin McGinn, Tawnya Ensminger.

Fourth Graders on the Road-Hanover Elementary (pg. 2)
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1982 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



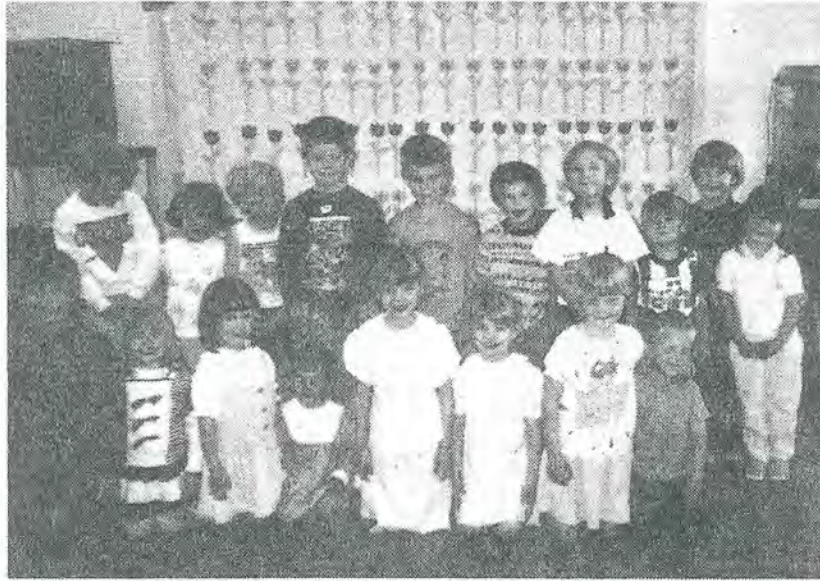
Giant and his wife relax after a big meal. Left to right: Lori Hardwick and James Carr.

Fourth Graders on the Road-Hanover Elementary (pg. 3)
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1982 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Hanover Kindergarten Ends Year

Hanover Kindergarten students ended their school year by bringing younger brothers, sisters, cousins or friends for a special day of school. Pictured are the two classes with their younger visitors.



Hanover Kindergarten Ends Year
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 18, 1990 Edition



Hanover School Cafeteria Workers-June 1, 1953

**Seated Row: Unknown, Unknown, Eva Dietrich, Francis Hooper, Dana Caldwell, Unknown, and Unknown.
Standing: Patty Blankenship Holt, Unknown, Elma Jones, Elva Hess, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown.**

Hanover School Dedication To Be Held Friday Eve.

Boards of Education in Washington County have been invited to attend the formal dedication of Hanover township's new \$350,000 school building, which will take place with impressive ceremonies in the school on Route 22 Friday evening, November 21 at 7:30 o'clock. W. H. Horstman, President of the Board will preside over the program which will open with the presentation of colors by the Burgettstown Post 698 of the American Legion.

The following program has been arranged by the Principal of the School, Vincent Cooper. Donald Trull, student pastor of Florence Presbyterian church will deliver the invocation. W. A. Donaldson, Washington, Superintendent of Washington County schools will speak on "Salvage Engineering". Stanley A. Wengert, Harrisburg, Director of Teacher Education and the Certification Department of Public Instruction will deliver the main address.

The girls' chorus of Union high school will present a musical program and Max Grossman of Paris will perform a violin solo. The benediction will be said by Rev. O. Curtis Griffith, pastor of the Paris Presbyterian church, after which the audience will be invited to inspect the new school.

The general public is welcome and is invited to attend the dedication ceremonies.

**Hanover School Dedication to be Held Friday Eve.
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 20, 1952 Edition**



**Hanover PTA Officers
1987-1988**

**L-R: Debbie Barto, Treasurer, Karen Stevens, 2nd Vice President,
Linda Presutti, 1st Vice President, Pat Huey, Secretary,
and Karen Strobe, President**



AARON KELLY

**AARON KELLY WINS
SPELLING BEE**

Aaron Kelly correctly spelled "grammar" and "fiendish" to win the sixth grade spelling bee held at the Hanover School on Feb. 22. In preliminary trials which took place on Feb. 15 at the school, Aaron was one of ten finalists that also included Michelle Riter, Cathy Handick, Jennifer Fancher, Tammy Wright, Stacy Michael, Jason Nuss, Angel Stanley, Jamie Boling and Michael Koraido. Placing as runner-up was Michael Koraido, who had lost out on the word "grammar." The words were pronounced for the students by Mr. Parker, sixth grade teacher.

In April, Aaron will participate in the Washington County Spelling Bee to be held in Washington. The winner of that contest will advance to the state eliminations in Pittsburgh with the next step being the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D. C.

Hanover Talks Tell Of Improvements To School System

When the new Hanover Township elementary school on Route 22 near Florence was dedicated last Friday evening, November 21, Stanley A. Wengert, director of teacher education and certification Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, delivered the main address.

Mr. Wengert commented upon the growth of education facilities in Washington County in the last century and a half. He referred to a report of the state superintendent for 1877, which disclosed that early school houses in Washington County were of rude construction having clapboard roofs, paper windows, earthen floors, puncheon seats and no chimneys. Salaries of teachers were about twelve dollars a month. He mentioned that Hanover Township was among those in Washington County approving the school law of 1834. The township agreed to share in the first state appropriation of \$2,397.-73 issued in January, 1835.

"Up to 1848," Mr. Wengert stated, "the system of schools in Washington County was very imperfect. The school houses were bad—the teachers were of a very inferior kind, although in this respect Washington County enjoyed the exceptional advantages to the greater part of the state in having two colleges, two female seminaries and several academies in good working condition, which afforded a better class of teachers than were found elsewhere."

Mr. Wengert admonished the citizens of Hanover Township to realize that even with a modern, well equipped school, a good education was not guaranteed their children. The school board and parents should be ever vigilant that teacher continue to stress not only facts, but also faith, loyalty, character and the Golden Rule.

W. H. Donaldson, superintendent of Washington County Schools, chose for his topic for the opening address, "Salvage Engineering". Mr. Donaldson reminded the assembly that much had been "salvaged" from the past in erecting the beautiful new school, but that it really had been built for children who may be living in the last quarter of the century.

Hanover To Sell Old School Buildings

The Hanover township Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting July 30 in the new school building on Route 22 with William Horstman, Leonard Savage, R. P. Gardner, Jimmy Arnold and Harold Neely present.

The secretary's report was approved. Minutes of the special meeting July 7, were read and approved, stating the old bell from the Dillo school building is to be presented to the county and that the Mellon bank at Burgettstown is to be used by the board for depositing funds and other services.

The auditors Bob Cassidy and Mason Boyce were present at the special meeting to inspect bills, minute books and to turn in the auditors' report, which was accepted and approved.

At this point of the meeting old business was discussed and a communication was read concerning the sale of school buildings stating the sale is being advertised in the Enterprise.

The sale will be August 22, beginning at 10:00 with the Dillo school, Purdy at 11:00, Boyd at 11:45 one acre of ground. Boyce at 1:30, ½ acre of ground. 2 Paris buildings 2:30 and 3:30. Florence building and ground at 4:00.

The Millers school is to be sold on Florence property. Hubert Post is to be the auctioneer.

The board decided to exonerate the tax collector Mrs. Jackson this year from collection of delinquent taxes and appoint her delinquent tax collector for all or the greater percentage of all back taxes. This was a roll call vote.

At the opening of new business a communication was read from Mrs. Paula Myers concerning her same room and grade, again this year of school. A communication was read from a Hanlin Station resident asking something be done about children being away from home so many hours during school days. It seems in this district the children are picked up on the first bus and are the last one's to leave the school building in the afternoon. The board is doing all in it's power to relieve such matters.

The treasurer's report was given and various bills were presented such as transportation for 57 pupils to Burgettstown and 53 pupils to Weirton. Tax collector's fee, janitor, auditors' fee's, Attorney and filing fee's, telephone, gas, electric power lawn mower, cleaning materials, etc. All bills were discussed and ordered paid.

The secretary was authorized to write orders for teachers' salaries also all standing bills, thus eliminating voting on them each month. Bills will be submitted but will not require the monthly voting. The contract for coal was given to Craig Brothers this year, their bid being the lowest submitted, at \$5.00 per ton for ½ inch screened coal.

Dr. Roberts and Dr. Spanogians are to be recommended to the state as the school Doctors.

A special meeting on August 10. will be held for the purpose of submitting a contract of the duties of the Principal and any other business that might arise in the meantime. Mr. Cooper is to be present at this meeting. The contract committee is James Arnold and Harold Neely.

Early Schools of Hanover Township

Key facts about our schools

Old maps of Hanover Township for 1861 and 1876 show that the municipality had as many as 14 rural schools during those years. While numbering of all these schools does not appear in later records, the following seem to be about the way these schools were identified, many of these schools being named also for the adjacent landowners. They were:

No.1 Coventry, east of Florence

No. 2 Dillo, on Fort Dillo Run in the northeastern part of the township.

No. 3 Sturgeon, on Route 18 between Florence and Frankfort.

No. 4 Florence at this village; later a three room school.

No. 5 Hamilton, halfway between Florence and Paris.

No. 6 Boyd, on the hill above Aunt Clara's fork of King's Creek.

No. 7 Boyce, near Hanlin Station.

No. 8 Fulton, location not identified.

No. 9 Purdy, probably named for the Rev. J. L. Purdy and located near his home northwest of Florence.

No. 10 Paris, located at that village; later a graded school.

No. 11 Miller, on a branch of Harmon Creek in the southern part of the township.

Two other schools named in later lists are not identified by number: Rock School closed in 1917 and Beech Grove closed in 1923. Upon the completion of the Hanover Consolidated School in 1952 all outlying schools were closed and all pupils were and are transported to that central location. Other districts of Washington County had their own system of naming and numbering schools, nearly all having both a name and number.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

HANOVER TOWNSHIP

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



MONDAY EVENING, JUNE THIRD

nineteen hundred and fifty-seven

eight o'clock

GRADUATION PROGRAM

Processional "March Pontificale"
Gounod

(Audience remain standing until after the Invocation)

Invocation Rev. David Haines
Pastor of Paris Presbyterian Church

Welcome Madonna McDonald

Class Will Karen Yoho
Linda Wright, Diane McGovern, Sherry Ferguson

Song "The Rolling Hills of Pennsylvania"
Lois Miller

Chorus

Class Prophecy Barbara Hanlin
Karen Yeater, Carolyn Jones, Judy Bee

Song "A Violin Singing in the Street"
Alexender Koshetz

Chorus

Speaker Rev. Wallace Rummel
Pastor of Florence-Frankfort Presbyterian Churches

Key Presentation Charles Kemp

Acceptance (7th Grade) Samuel Noah

Presentation of Diplomas Harold C. Neeley
Secretary of School Board

Farewell Song Class

Benediction Rev. David Haines

Recessional—

CLASS ROLL

Anderson, Sally Ann
Barnhart, Lois
*Bee, Judy
Benevento, Adolph
Bigler, Michael
Bigler, Sheila
Boyce, Cheryl
Boyer, Virginia
Brock, Kenneth Burdell
Cain, Ada
Coltellarro, Rosalie
Craig, Shirley
Cumblidge, Charles
Cumblidge, Joyce
Deitrich, Rolland
Dhayer, Gloria
Dick, Donald
Elliott, Harold
*Ferguson, Sherry Lynn
Grubbs, Herbert
*Hanlin, Barbara
Hanlin, Kathy Rae
Hurd, Joyce

*Jones, Carolyn
Kemp, Charles
Krynak, Thomas
*Long, Gerald
Lyons, Doris
Marshall, Leona
Maxwell, Thomas
McClain, David
*McDonald, Madonna
*McGovern, Diane
*Neeley, Wilbur
Noah, Ronald
Peck, Bernard
*Phillips, Ped
Presutti, Gloria
Sabatasse, Rose Marie
Sentipal, William
Smith, Betty
Stiffler, Richard
Tournay, Harold
Tucker, Charlene
*Wright, Linda
*Yeater, Karen Sue

*Karen Yoho

*Honor Students

HANOVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DIRECTORS

W. L. Savage	President
Charles Call	Vice-President
H. C. Neeley	Secretary
Mantzel Bucey	Member
Benjamin Bee	Treasurer

* * * * *

FACULTY MEMBERS

Harold W. Meighen	Supervising Principal
Mr. Joseph R. Culley	Grade 8
Miss Katherine Pyle	Grade 8
Mrs. Thelma Fliton	Grade 7
Mrs. Mary Robertson	Grade 6
Mrs. Edith McCombs	Grade 5
Mrs. Betty Neely	Grade 3
Mrs. Florence Donnelly	Grade 4
Miss Paula Myers	Grade 3
Mrs. Betty Blaine	Grade 2
Mrs. Anna M. Neely	Grade 2
Miss Elsie Andrews	Grade 1
Mrs. Emma Miller	Grade 1

BUDGET NOTICE

A tentative budget for the Hanover township school district for the school year 1943-44 has been prepared and is on file for inspection at the home of Ernest Freshwater, Hanlin Station, R. D. 1. Final action on this budget will be taken at a meeting of the Board on July 10, 1943.

W. C. CULLEY, Secretary
Burgettstown, Pa. J1

—v—

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Hanover Township school board will receive bids for the transportation of pupils as follows: Route 1 from Bavington to Florence to Paris; Route 2 from the Rock school district to the Purdy school and Sturgeon school district to Florence.

Also sealed bids for the furnishing of coal to the various school buildings of the district bids for screened and unscreened coal desired; all bids to be in the hands of the Board by July 3. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. For further information call W. L. Savage, R. D. 2, Burgettstown or Ernest Freshwater, R. D. 1, Hanlin Station.

W. C. CULLEY, Secretary
Burgettstown, Pa. J1

—v—

Hanover Talks Tell Of Improvements To School System

When the new Hanover Township elementary school on Route 22 near Florence was dedicated last Friday evening, November 21, Stanley A. Wengert, director of teacher education and certification Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, delivered the main address.

Mr. Wengert commented upon the growth of education facilities in Washington County in the last century and a half. He referred to a report of the state superintendent for 1877, which disclosed that early school houses in Washington County were of rude construction having clapboard roofs, paper windows, earthen floors, puncheon seats and no chimneys. Salaries of teachers were about twelve dollars a month. He mentioned that Hanover Township was among those in Washington County approving the school law of 1834. The township agreed to share in the first state appropriation of \$2,397.-73 issued in January, 1835.

"Up to 1848," Mr. Wengert stated, "the system of schools in Washington County was very imperfect. The school houses were bad—the teachers were of a very inferior kind, although in this respect Washington County enjoyed the exceptional advantages to the greater part of the state in having two colleges, two female seminaries and several academies in good working condition, which afforded a better class of teachers than were found elsewhere."

Mr. Wengert admonished the citizens of Hanover Township to realize that even with a modern, well equipped school, a good education was not guaranteed their children. The school board and parents should be ever vigilant that teacher continue to stress not only facts, but also faith, loyalty, character and the Golden Rule.

W. H. Donaldson, superintendent of Washington County Schools, chose for his topic for the opening address, "Salvage Engineering". Mr. Donaldson reminded the assembly that much had been "salvaged" from the past in erecting the beautiful new school, but that it really had been built for children who may be living in the last quarter of the century.



Miss Elsie Andrews, Hanover Township, teacher was honored by the Hanover PTA Tuesday evening, May 21, is shown with students of her first grade class. In this Enterprise picture are Joe Bittinger, Bruce Morgan, Sandy Peck, Miss Andrews, Gary Anderson and Anna M. Spetek.

Miss Andrews and Pupils
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 30, 1957 Edition

Hanover Twp. Honors Miss Elsie Andrews For 37 Years Of Public School Teaching

Miss Elsie Violet Andrews, teacher at Hanover Township school, was honored May 21, at the P.T.A. meeting with a program titled "This Is Your Life" and the presentation of the Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers Life Membership Award.

Mrs. R. L. Zickefoose, program chairman, and Mrs. Frank Neeley and Miss Paula Myers, patterned the program after the TV series "This Is Your Life". In the absence of Mrs. Zickefoose, Mr. Zickefoose acted as master of ceremonies.

Presentation of a corsage of red and white carnations was made to Miss Andrews and James F. Arnold, former student of the honored guest, sang "This Is Your Life" accompanied by Mrs. Arnold at the piano.

Greeting Miss Andrews in sequence were relatives, friends, classmates, students and teachers: Mrs. Betty Henderson, Aliquippa, Mrs. Bertha Wyke, Carnot, Pa., and Mrs. Bessie Curley and Mrs. Rachel Perkins, Burgettstown, R. D. 1, sisters of Miss Andrews. Mrs. Grace Cooley Figley, Burgettstown, classmate at Dills & California STC. Mrs. Josephine Savage Tarr, Burgettstown R. D. 1, classmate and eighth grade teacher at Dill's School. Mrs. Hazel Sutherland Pettibon, classmate at Midway Normal. Miss Jean McCracken, Missionary in Hawaii, Burgettstown R. D. 1, student at Purdy school.

Present were friends and relatives at whose residences Miss Andrews boarded during her long teaching career.

Dean and Dennis Arnold, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Arnold sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee", accompanied by Miss Paula Myers on the piano.

Mr. Zickefoose gave a resume of the schools which Miss Andrews had taught during the past 37 years. They were: Fulton 1918-19, Donaldson 1919-21, Dills 1922 and 1937-41, Sturgeon 1933, Butler 1924-28 and 1931-33, Purdy 1934-36, Boyd 1936, Florence 1941-52 and Hanover 1952-57.

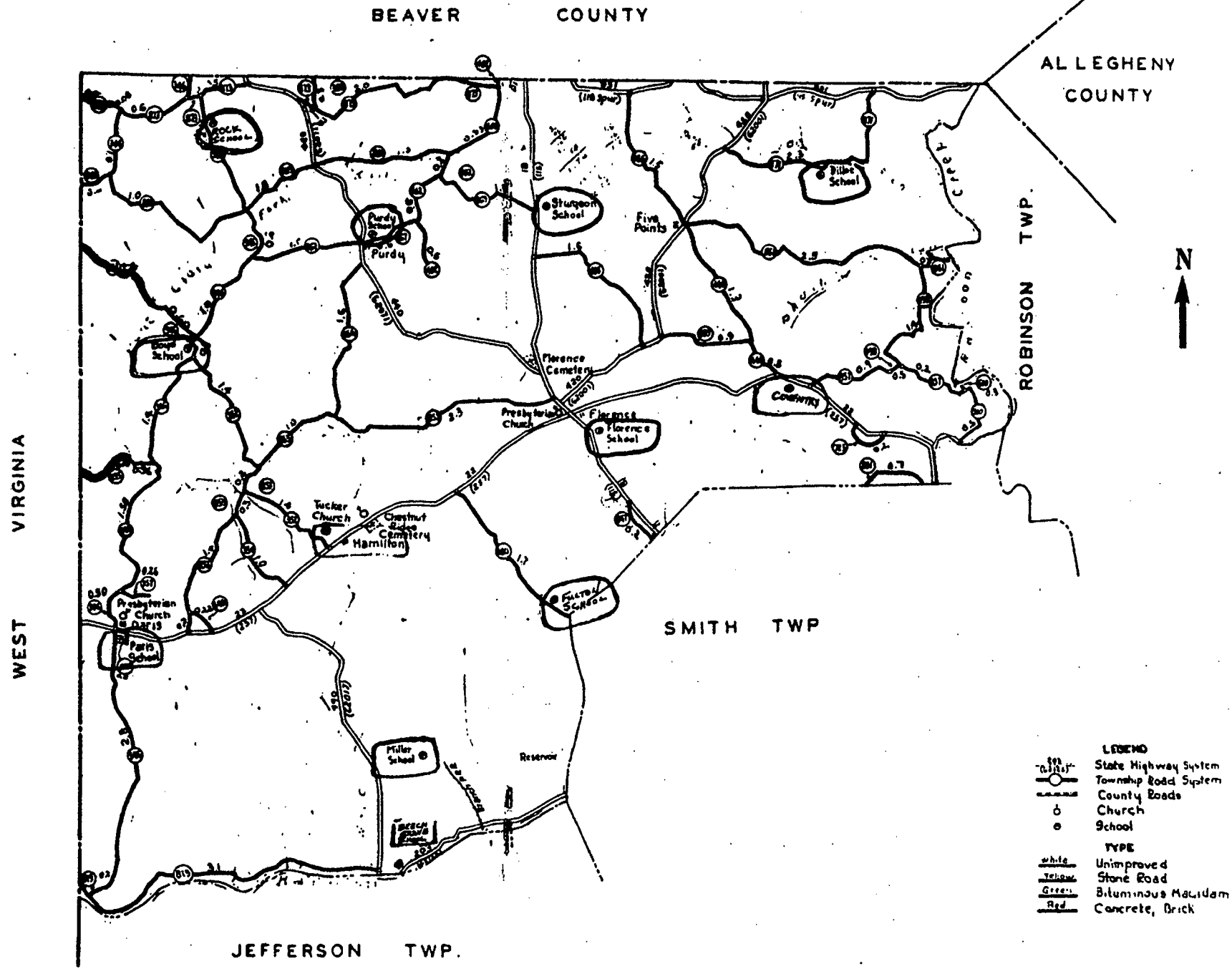
Mr. Zickefoose presented Miss Andrews with Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers Life Membership Award. Funds derived from Membership Award reverts to Pennsylvania Student Aid.

Miss Andrews received letters of congratulations and appreciation. Among mementos and gifts was presented an album by her sisters, in which to keep remembrances of the occasion and a corsage of gardenias from Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Harper and family, Burgettstown, R. D. 1. The Harpers are former students of Miss Andrews.

Representing two generations of students present were James F. Arnold and sons Dean and James.

A party was held for the honoree in her home-room after the program.

**Hanover Twp. Honors Miss Elsie Andrews for 37 Years of Teaching
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 30, 1957 Edition**



MAP OF HANOVER TOWNSHIP AND THE LOCATION OF THE COUNTRY SCHOOLS BEFORE 1951



Harmon Creek School 1944-1945

First Row, L-R: Pearl Sentipal, Dick Stiffler, Unknown, Angela Schiavo, Arletta Baker, and Clarence West.

Second Row, L-R: Ella Clay, Unknown, Margaret McGinnis, Georgia Ann Thomas, Ray Holland, Unknown, and Unknown.

Third Row, L-R: Unknown, Geneveve Ginosky, Louise Peters, Andy Haba, Unknown, Ernest Cowden, and Angelo Strappazon Jr.



T. REYNOLDS



J. OZENBOGH



C. ROBINSON



E. CROWE



C. FERRALL



E. COWDEN



J. LIBERT



E. MRENAK



C. FISHER



M. WILKINSON



H. KERSTIN



H. BESOUT



R. SCOTT



J. BRIGGS



R. CARLISLE, JR.



J. PATNESKI, JR.



MR. STANLEY, PRINCIPAL



J. BEDILLION, VICE



B. J. MILLER, SECY.



H. AHRNS



O. BARNEY



R. ATCHISON



J. STEWART



M. DELSIONORE



M. JOHNSON



B. TORNABENE

HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL

.. 1941 ..



J. TORNABENE



W. BEDILLION



M. BELL



M. LA-SAVAGE



L. O'DONNELL



K. ROBINSON



D. DAVIDSON



D. HULL



A. URBANIC



D. MATALAY



E. ANTOKOLI



P. WILKINSON



M. SKORAK



D. COWDEN



R. WHITE



D. DELSIONORE



E. DER-BOYEN



B. NEIL



D. NEWMAN



J. MONTICELLO



M. FEE



F. PORTER



E. CULAS



R. WHITE



I. LEDERSTEIN



H. ROSSI



M. HERMAN



A. ALRITZ



J. FERGUSON



E. MACHAK



I. HAYGOOD



W. ELDER



K. SLUBY



P. REED



M. SZCZERBIANSKI



J. WILMS



J. CALDWELL

BIG WORK UNDER WAY TO PROVIDE FOR POOR

Women and Girls of Local Territory,
Engage in Canning Fruits
In Aid of the Poor

Girls of the Home Economic Department of the Hickory Vocational High School have pledged their efforts in the canning of fruit and vegetables for Washington county's needy, according to Mrs. H. L. Pedicord, of Hickory, president of the Washington County Federation of Women's Clubs.

Women's clubs of the Federation and Farm Women have notified Mrs. Pedicord they will contribute sugar to aid the young women in their work.

The canning movement is gaining impetus each day, it is said, with new groups of workers being organized and many individuals aiding in the project.

Thursday has been designated canning day for Independence, West Middletown and Ayella workers and for the Child Welfare organization at Washington. The Independence township groups have been organized by Mrs. James W. Murdock. Mrs. A. M. Gardner is in charge of the canning.

Groups in the Houston United Presbyterian church canned a large quantity of fruit and vegetables last week and are planning another canning bee. Members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Cross Roads church have pledged their efforts and will do their first canning some day this week. The Fredericktown district has been organized by Mrs. David Cook and Mrs. McConnell. The Get-Together Club, of Eighty Four, has requested additional containers, the members having scheduled several canning bees.

Similar work is being organized in Burgettstown and much interest is being shown toward the movements.

INGLESIDE COMMENCEMENT.

The commencement exercises of Ingleside Academy were held in the First United Presbyterian church of Burgettstown on Friday evening, June 28th. A large and appreciative audience was in attendance, and by their close attention and hearty applause, showed plainly that they enjoyed the exercises of the evening.

There were five graduates—Misses Edna Miller and Mary Botkin, Burgettstown; Misses Mary Smith and Margaret Aiken, Bulger, and Mr. Ralph Woods, McDonald, Pa.

The performances of the class were of a high order of excellence. The essays by Misses Smith, Aiken, and Botkin were well prepared and well read; Mr. Woods delivered his oration on "Lincoln" in masterly style; the prophecy, by Miss Miller, was strikingly original and was enjoyed by all. Each member of the class was the recipient of a bouquet of beautiful flowers at the close of their performance.

The academy was greatly helped in its commencement exercises by Miss Blanche Kerr and Miss Mary Judson Riddile, of Burgettstown, and Miss Arielle Wolfe Crooks, of McDonald. Miss Kerr was in especially good voice, and while she has delighted Burgettstown audiences before, yet never did she sing in a more pleasing and entertaining way than on this occasion. She gave two selections, both of which were highly appreciated. Miss Riddile appeared twice on the program, and while the audience enjoyed her first number, yet they did not appreciate it as much as her second number, "Old Black Joe." With this number the audience was given a musical treat such as they had seldom, if ever, received. Miss Crooks entertained the audience in a pleasing manner by reading from "Jerome." This was the first time that Miss Crooks had appeared before a Burgettstown audience and she made a most favorable impression. She had a difficult selection, having many difficult characters in it, yet she was equal to the demands made upon her powers and held the attention of her audience for nearly an hour, and was frequently interrupted by bursts of applause. If ever Miss Crooks appears in Burgettstown as a reader again she may be sure of a warm welcome.

This first commencement exercise of Ingleside Academy certainly augurs well for the future of the school. Dr. Cummings and Prof. Moore can certainly feel gratified with the result of their work.

INGLESIDE ACADEMY.

Directors Hold a Meeting and Organize at
Aug 20, Burgettstown. 1901

The directors of Ingleside academy, new located in Burgettstown, met and organized last Tuesday evening by the election of Dr. Nesbit as president; W. E. McCurdy, secretary, and J. W. McNary, treasurer. The remaining members of the board are the Rev. Dr. Caron, Rev. Mr. Caldwell, Rev. Mr. Kerr, Dr. Botkin, Dr. Riddile J. L. Patterson, Hon. T. M. Patterson, Nem Duncan, Frank L. Andrews, Thomas Ackleson and Albert McFarland. Much business was transacted by the board and the academy was put upon a proper financial basis. The people of the town and community have taken a great interest in this movement and are leaving nothing undone that will insure the success of the school. The prospects are for a larger attendance for the fall term, which opens September 9 at 9 a. m.—McDonald Outlook.

The fall term of Ingleside academy will open in Burgettstown on September 9th. The instructors are Rev. P. J. Cummings, D. D., and Will L. Moore, A. B., who will be assisted by Miss Arielle Wolfe Crooks, teacher of elocution, and Miss Florence Cummings, teacher of music.

Commencement Program

—INGLESIDE ACADEMY—

First U. P. Church, Burgettstown, Pa., June 23, 1901.

Invocation—Rev. Percy H. Gordon.

“My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose,” - Hastings
Miss Blanche Kerr.

Essay, - - “The Founders of Our Nation”
Miss Mary Smith.

Essay, - “The Character of the Puritan”
Miss Margaret Aiken.

“Old Black Joe,” - - - - S. B. Mills
Miss Mary Judson Riddle.

Essay, - - - - “The Yankee”
Miss Mary Botkin.

Oration, - - - - “Abraham Lincoln”
Ralph Woods.

“My Little Love,” - - - - Hawley
Miss Blanche Kerr.

Prophecy, - - - - -
Miss S. Edna Miller.

Readings From “Jerome,” - - Mary E. Wilkins

Part 1—Charity and Pride.

Part 2—Pride and Poverty.

Part 3—Preparations for the Funeral.

Part 4—The Mourners.

Part 5—A Child's Responsibility.

Part 6—An Event in the Village Store.

Part 7—A Rebuff.

Part 8—Lucinda's Party.

Part 9—A Proud Lover.

Part 10—A Meeting and a Parting.

(Music)

Part 11—The Wanderer's Return.

Part 12—Misfortune.

Part 13—A Legacy and a Decision.

Part 14—A Miser's End.

Part 15—The Triumph of Love.

MISS ARIELLE WOLFE CROOKS

Address to Class, - - - - W. L. Moore

Presentation of Diplomas, - - P. J. Cummings

Ingleside Academy-June 23, 1901 Commencement Program
First United Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown, PA

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Institute at Florence

The teachers of Hanover township held an institute in the upper room of the Florence school building Friday and Saturday, February 12th and 13th. In spite of muddy roads and a dark, foggy night the seats of the school were filled and a few were standing. Seven of the township teachers were in attendance. They were Misses Nellie Boyce, Anna Palmer, Janet Denny and Bertha Burns and Messrs. W. C. McDonnell, Lawrence Bable and Louis Dussere.

The Friday evening session began about 8 p. m. Louis Dussere, the teacher of the Florence school was chosen chairman of the meeting. The program began with a song, "Old Black Joe" by five girls of the primary room at Florence. A selection entitled "Pigs is Pigs" was read by Louis Dussere. Recitations were given by the following: Frank Savage, who recited "The Wayward Son;" Leonard Savage, who recited "Jane Jones," both of whom were compelled to respond to encores, and Bertha Burns, who recited "Mrs. Tommy Atkins." A dialogue entitled "The First Shave" was acted by Charles Lyons, Waid Reed, Lora Fuller and Bertha Burns.

There were four talks by teachers—"Teaching of English" by Janet Denny; "Teaching Morals in the Schoolroom," by Anna M. Palmer; "The Advanced Pupil" by Louis Dussere, and a talk by W. C. McDonnell. Mr. McDonnell urged the teachers to hold more such meetings. He advanced the statement that the Hanover township schools were inferior to those in adjoining townships and stated that it was his belief that the teachers and the parents were largely to blame. He urged upon the parents to interest themselves more in the schools and to be sure of their ground before condemning a teacher.

The subjects, "Teaching of Reading" and "Ventilation in the Schoolroom," were then opened for general discussion. W. C. McDonnell, Bertha Burns, Blanche Fullerton, Leonard Savage, Dr. J. R. Irwin, E. O. Fullerton and Lawrence Bable responded. Mr. McDonnell stated that parents should read to pupils in their homes. The question was raised, "What if the parents are poor readers?" George Creighton promptly said: "Do the best you can." Mr. McDonnell assented to this, saying the occasions were numerous in the schoolroom in which the teachers must "do the best you can." Dr. Irwin asked the question, "What is a good reader?" Two answers were given. Mr. McDonnell said that a good reader was one who could get and give the thought from the printed page and Dr. Irwin added that his idea of a good reader was one that could render a selection just as the original speaker or writer would have done.

The Friday session adjourned about 10:30 to meet again at 9 o'clock the following morning.

At about 9:30 Saturday morning Miss Burns opened the second session of the institute by reading the 13th chapter of first Corinthians. The song "America" was then sung. Miss Burns, Miss Boyce and Miss Denny sang "The Keystone State" and received a generous round of applause.

The first talk was "Tardiness and Regular Attendance" by Nellie Boyce. Miss Boyce named the following causes for tardiness and irregular attendance: (1) Bad roads, which prevent children's reaching school on time or getting there at all. (2) Carelessness among the pupils. (3) Poor circumstances of the parents. The morning exercises should be made so interesting that the pupils will prefer going to school to staying at home.

The next talk "The Primary Child" was by Bertha Burns. She spoke of the need of keeping primary pupils busy. This busy work should not always be work for small children tire of work easily and they require a large amount of play. Teach the child to be obedient, she said, for it is easier to teach a primary child to obey than to teach an advanced pupil obedience. She spoke of the bad manners of some pupils, some of whom address old people by the first name; never think of saying "Thank you" for a favor; and rudely interrupt each other.

Lawrence Bable spoke next on the subject "Partiality in the Schoolroom." Partiality, said he, means an unreasonable favor or dislike. There are many favors shown children which are not unreasonable but necessary. If any favors are shown, it ought to be to the dullest pupils who have the most trouble to "get" a lesson and consequently need favors the most. Prizes are a great way to stir up disturbances in schoolrooms.

The subjects "The Dull Pupil" and "Whispering" were opened for general discussion and responded to by Bertha Burns, Lawrence Bable, Mrs. E. O. Fullerton and Louis Dussere. The watchword for a dull pupil should be patience, everlasting patience, said Mr. Bable. Of whispering, it was said that it should be forbidden in some cases but not always, but if forbidden the rule should be strictly adhered to.

A question box was then opened and two questions were offered. They were "How can I keep primary pupils together and give justice to each of them?" and "How can I persuade parents to visit the schools?" Neither question was answered with absolute satisfaction. The discussion of the first brought forth that it was practically impossible to keep a primary class together in a rural school. No specific answer was made to the second, a suggestion being made, however, that by speaking to parents personally the teachers might prevail upon some to visit. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a. m.

Institute at Florence

The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition

The Lee School and other nostalgia

By Kathryn Campbell Siasor
For The Enterprise

From out of the past....

The Lee family had been in Cross Creek Country since 1790, the year that Hugh Lee Sr. came and settled on a tract of land adjoining Cross Creek Village. Part of this land remains in the Lee name. Hugh Lee and his wife, Mary Elliott, according to most records of the family, came to America from Ireland about five years after the tragic wreck of "The Faithful Steward," in which about forty-four members of the Lee family perished. Other records state that Hugh and Mary were survivors of the shipwreck. The former theory, however, is more accepted, because when they arrived on American soil, they had brought all of their children with them, some of them grown. These had all been born in Ireland.

The Hugh Lee family settled on a tract of land that had been patented to Robert Rutherford on Dec. 23, 1779. The Lee land totaled 365 acres. On this land they erected a log house and barn where their great-, great-, great-grandson, Thomas Burns Lee, now lives. This was also later the home of their son, Hugh Lee Jr., and his wife, the former Hannah Orr.

Grandson William Lee soon took charge of the farm and married Jane Craig. This William bore the title, "Major," due to his connection with the local militia. Major Lee later erected an elegant brick house of Greek revival design on another part of the farm. Their son, Walter Craig Lee, married Thomasine Buchanan, and the Major then built another house, for them, this time again on the edge of Cross Creek Village. This house is now (1994) owned by Bill and Jackie Kidd. Three golden wedding celebrations have been observed in this house. A daughter-in-law, Marian Stockton Lee, composed a poem for this occasion, which is still a treasured memorabilia of the Lee family.

Lee descendants go on from all branches into all parts of the world. Most families had many children, who have found their places in all walks of life. One son of Hugh and Mary Elliott Lee was William, born in 1767. He married Jane Elliott (relationship to Mary Elliott not known) after they had come to America. He apparently had become betrothed to Jane in Ireland. He went back across the mountains on horseback to meet her when she arrived about 1792.

William and Jane soon moved to Brooke County, W.Va. Here they became charter members of Three Springs Church. William was elected a ruling elder of the congregation, which worshipped in the hewn log church. He and Jane became strong pillars in this historic church, and they remained in Holidays Cove the rest of their lives. William, prior to 1812, accompanied the Rev. Elisha McCurdy, the first pastor at Three Springs, on a mission to the Indians at Sandusky, in the interest of the Board of Trust, of which he had been appointed by the Synod in 1806.

The Lees may look back much farther than 1785, when James Lee and his wife, Isabella Boscawen (Bos-quain) Lee, were lost, with most of their children, in the shipwreck. It is believed that all except Hugh, who remained in Ireland until 1790, were lost. The "James" that escaped the watery death was possibly a grandson. His history



PEARL CASSIDY, TEACHER, 1910 class at Lee School. Two of the Lee family, brothers Montford and Lester, were pupils this year. Montford is shown front row, left. Twin brother Lester, next, with two fingers to his chin. Miss Cassidy is on the right, first row.

also has a place in the Lee story. One daughter, Mary, was known as "Pretty Polly." She was also lost. One of the Lee genealogists, however, has taken the Lee family back thirty generations. More on this later.

Today's Lee, referring to those of the last hundred or so years, have left a legacy of which to be proud. One such legacy was the Lee schoolhouse, built on Lee land near the border of Jefferson and Smith townships. Although no remnant of the building remains, many who have attended this one-room institution of learning have memories they have passed down to their children.

Lee School closed to classes in 1928. The length of time it operated and educated the children of the countryside is unknown. It no doubt opened shortly after the Public School Law went into effect in 1834. It was schools such as this where the basics of education were taught. Poems were learned, quotations were memorized, the Bible was read, "singsings" were held, spelling bees were fun and games were played with the teacher as a participant.

When the term ended in the spring, it was with reluctance that goodbyes were said. The following is from a 1914 souvenir booklet of Lee School. It was the priceless possession given by a Lee School teacher of that year, M.M. Todd, to another teacher of another generation, the late Marion O. Butler. The pennant on the front cover reads, "There is no wealth like unto knowledge. Thieves cannot steal it."

A letter inside the cover reads, "My Dear Pupil: Swiftly has run the tide of time since our term began, and now we have reached its close. In parting from you, I cannot express the love and esteem I bear you. Our mutual labors and friendships formed will proudly live in our memories. That time may deal gently with you, is the earnest wish of, Your Teacher."

The "title page" reads: LEES PUBLIC SCHOOL, District No. 5, Jefferson Twp., Washington Co., Pa., M.M. TODD, Teacher; Prof. L.R. Crumrine, Co. Supt.

School Officers: B.M. Wheeler, Pres.; F.M. Barber, Sec.; J.F. McClurg, Treas.; J.H. Murchland, G.L. Sutherland.

Pupils are listed as: Kathrine Bertha Bruner, John Jacob Bruner, Marie Elizabeth Bruner, Edna Nancy Bruner, Alice Vance Bruner, Lillian Malinda Curry, Hugh Montford Lee, Harry Lester Lee, Charles Rea Lee, John Lee Foster, Raymond Vance Foster, Floyd Leroy Riddle, Lawrence Hodge Riddle, Helen Burgett Riddle, Rolla Alonzo Walker.

Nora Elsie Walker, Hazel Ophelia Walker, Grace Isabelle Walker, Nancy Elizabeth Walker, W. Arthur Johnston, Helen Leola Johnston, Lloyd Russell Pyle, Lena Fiarella, Annie Fiarella, Louis Cereso, Bruno Cereso and Ida Cereso.

The content of the booklet is mainly a poem entitled, "School Days."

"Twas autumn when our school resumed and russet were the leaves,

The stately corn was tassel plumed and ripened were the sheaves.

And quickened with vacations rest resolved our best to do.

We entered school with greater zest than hitherto we knew.

And glad we were our mates to meet, our good old times review.

Our teacher's sunny smile to greet and all our love renew.

Oh! Widely then we opened our eyes to our next holiday.

When we should eat the pumpkin pies of glad Thanksgiving Day.

And too, we saw the lengthened ray of Bethlehem's bright star

That ushered in the Christmas day reflected from afar.

Oh! Swift the time has fled away, as fleeting as the rose,

Since school began its opening day till now its day of close.

But we've improved and felt the glow of progress truly made

And feel indeed how much we owe our teacher's kindly aid.

So here's regards to each and all, our sweet farewells till when

Our school bell rings its cheery call, and brings us back again.



LEE SCHOOL CLASS of 1898-99, with M.E. Curry, teacher. Back row, fifth from left, John Walker (Mary Riddile's uncle); sixth from left, Mottlena Walker Dimit (Mary's mother); 10th from left, Bess Walker Lee (Mary's aunt). Mary Riddile lives in Eldersville. Eleventh from left, Harry Noah. Front row, second from left, Myrtle Sutherland; eighth from left, Leland Sutherland.

The Lee School and other Nostalgia...From Our Past (pg.2)
The Enterprise-October 26, 1994 Edition

LITTLE CHANGE NOTED IN REPORT OF SCHOOLS

The reports of Smith township grade schools and Union high school for December show little change over the month of November. The percentage of tardiness is slightly higher in both school systems, but perfect attendance improved.

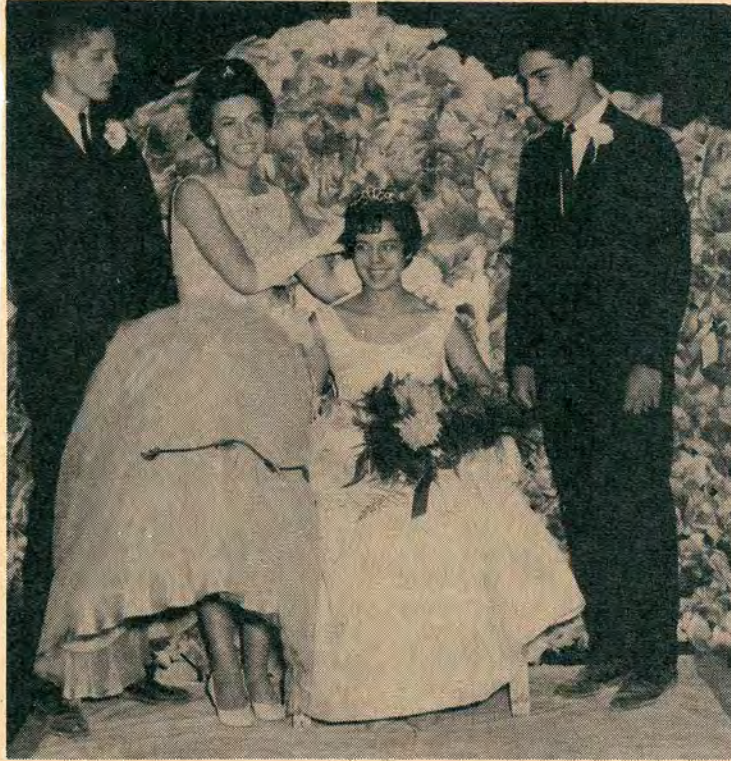
In the following reports the figures in the first column give the number of pupils enrolled; the second column shows average attendance; the third column shows the number of pupils tardy, and the fourth column gives the number of students making perfect attendance records:

SMITH TOWNSHIP

First Grade			
Miss Welch	35	86	18
Miss McPeak	20	85	14
Miss Felch	15	78	5
Miss L. Colteryahn	31	89	21
Mrs. Keys	8	100	2
Miss Boles	14	90	10
Miss E. King	10	82	5
Miss Cooley	24	95	16
Second Grade			
Miss Blair	28	93	16
Miss L. Palin	25	75	8
Miss McCord	32	87	17
Miss Felch	19	82	1
Miss Colteryahn	22	95	15
Mrs. Keys	3	97	1
Miss Boles	15	89	10
Miss E. King	15	91	10
Miss M. R. Blair	28	98	24
Third Grade			
Miss McNary	36	89	22
Miss Buneman	28	87	16
Miss Mull	27	98	14
Miss Dold	18	93	15
Miss Young	25	100	12
Mrs. Keys	2	81	
Miss Farrar	9	92	6
Miss Ralston	28	98	19
Miss Moore	28	95	23
Miss Hall	27	62	8
Fourth Grade			
Miss Whalen	56	93	48
Miss McKenzie	34	85	24
Miss B. Burns	39	92	36
Miss Dold	18	80	8
Miss Young	15	90	10
Miss Boyd	27	90	16
Mrs. Keys	6	99	2
Miss Farrar	15	84	7
Miss Daudet	24	97	19
Miss Riley	40	94	29
Fifth Grade			
Miss McGregor	50	95	34
Miss McBurney	37	91	2
Miss K. Colteryahn	40	87	27
Miss Dodds	13	96	5

Miss Bigger	15	99	12
Miss Boyd	15	90	11
Miss Seabright	18	84	13
Miss Danielson	15	94	11
Miss Daudet	12	82	8
Miss Riley	14	91	10
Miss Grable	24	96	2
Sixth Grade			
Miss Burkett	34	94	22
Mr. Harris	34	98	27
Miss F. DeBrakeleer	32	96	26
Miss Sullivan	29	93	24
Mrs. Stoner	29	89	16
Miss Dodds	17	90	1
Miss Bigger	26	95	13
Miss Seabright	13	95	12
Miss Danielson	27	95	18
Miss Grable	29	96	2
Seventh Grade			
Miss Zediker	25	96	3
Miss A. DeBrakeleer	28	94	1
Mr. Robertson	27	96	21
Mr. Dunbar	7	98	6
Mr. Mulholland	22	96	13
Mr. Nethercoat	11	90	7
Mr. Burns	15	99	13
Mr. Hall	27	93	2
Mr. Wiley	33	97	2
Eighth Grade			
Mrs. Kharas	25	96	17
Mr. Malone	25	98	20
Mr. Proudfit	29	100	28
Mr. Butler	29	94	24
Mr. Critchlow	30	93	21
Mr. Dunbar	13	97	10
Mr. Mulholland	19	97	14
Mr. Nethercoat	11	89	9
Mr. Burns	11	96	10
Mr. Wiley	21	97	15
Total	1816	91.19	1021
UNION HIGH SCHOOL			
Ninth Grade			
Mr. Lawther	55	92	11
Mr. Fee	29	95	10
Miss Davis	32	96	2
Miss Lee	22	94	6
Miss Werner	17	98	1
Mr. Welch	73	95	20
Tenth Grade			
Mr. Teare	38	95	18
Mr. Kiefer	39	96	25
Miss Maurhoff	41	98	1
Miss Hoge	63	95	10
Eleventh Grade			
Miss Smith	35	97	24
Mr. Reed	36	97	6
Mrs. Jones	34	95	2
Twelfth Grade			
Miss Cruikshank	48	92	19
Mr. Tennyson	28	84	13
Miss Scott	32	97	8
Total	625	96	169

Vera Bruno Crowned Madonna Queen



Vera Bruno, second from right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bruno, East Market street, Burgettstown, is shown with her court as she reigned as the 1963 Homecoming Queen of Madonna high

school at the Madonna-Bishop Donahue game two weeks ago.

Others in the photo, from left to right, are William D'Alesio; Judy DeCollo, last year's queen; and Max Liejewski.



McDonald class of 1941

McDonald High School class of 1941 held its 55th class reunion Aug. 24 at the Airport Marriott Hotel. Thirty-two attended, including 24 graduates. Master of ceremonies was Lee Cameron. Hazel Varney offered the invocation. An informal evening was enjoyed, visiting and reminiscing about "the good old days." Door prizes were awarded to several. No definite plans were made for another reunion but all were hopeful there would be one. This was the largest class in McDonald High School, with 81 members. First row, from left, Donal Galbraith, Barbara Ceyrolles Galbraith, Barbara Hallam Turner, Paul Schons and Jeanette Carter Logan. Second row, Lee Cameron, Charlotte Phillips Batic, Mary McCarnes Valentour, Nancy McLaughlin Bell, Hazel Hammerly Varney, Thelma Hall Oden, Ralph Daudet, George Maley and LaVerne Ritchie Jamison. Third row, Paul Bowen, Helen Smith Batic, Marshall Hyser, Rosemary Supinski Mahalchak, Joseph McWreath, Ann Alamovich Marmagin, Louis Valentour, Betty Hooker Livingston, Nancy Carter Watson and Emile Dumas.

McDonald Class of 1941
The Record-Enterprise-October 2, 1996 Edition



McDONALD HIGH SCHOOL BAND ABOUT 1950.

DIPLOMAS ARE GIVEN MIDWAY HIGH GRADS

Class of Seventeen Seniors are
Awarded Certificates at
Closing Exercises

Congressman Henry W. Temple, of Washington, delivering the commencement address at final graduating exercises for the class of 17 seniors at Midway high school Monday evening, stressed the fact that the graduates had not completed the final step in life's battle, but that they had developed a better faculty for coping with future problems. Dr. Temple spoke along the lines of education, explaining what it meant in the development of the mind, rather than the accumulation of a few facts.

The exercises were held in the Center United Presbyterian church. Following an overture and the processional by the Midway high school orchestra, the Rev. J. H. Hanson, pastor of the Midway Baptist church, offered the invocation.

Alice Capuder, as salutatorian, and Harry Weaver, as valedictorian, delivered the class addresses. A quartet composed of Sarah Aiken, LaVelle Gardner, Glenn Aiken, and Walter Ralston, sang. Anna Mary Russell gave a reading, and Howard Ferguson played a violin solo.

Following Dr. Temple's address diplomas were presented to the graduates by Principal Harry Tennyson. The Rev. C. L. Peacock, pastor of the Midway Methodist Church, pronounced the benediction.

The following received diplomas: Glenn Aiken, Sarah Aiken, Joseph Aiken, Harry Bell, Alice Capuder, Mary Campbell, Howard Ferguson, LaVelle Gardner, Eleanore Gilbert, Edna Rohde, Anna Mary Russell, Rena Raab, Walter Ralston, Harry Weaver, Molly Srolovitz, Arthur Holland, and Anna Licker.

**Midway High School
Seventeen Graduates**

Burgettstown Enterprise- June 4, 1931 Edition

H.F. JONES, MAGICIAN
and the
WEIRTON STEEL QUARTET
will appear at the
Midway High School Auditorium
THURSDAY, MARCH 31 at 8 O'clock

The public is invited to attend

Adults—60c

Children—35c

Midway High School
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 17, 1949 Edition

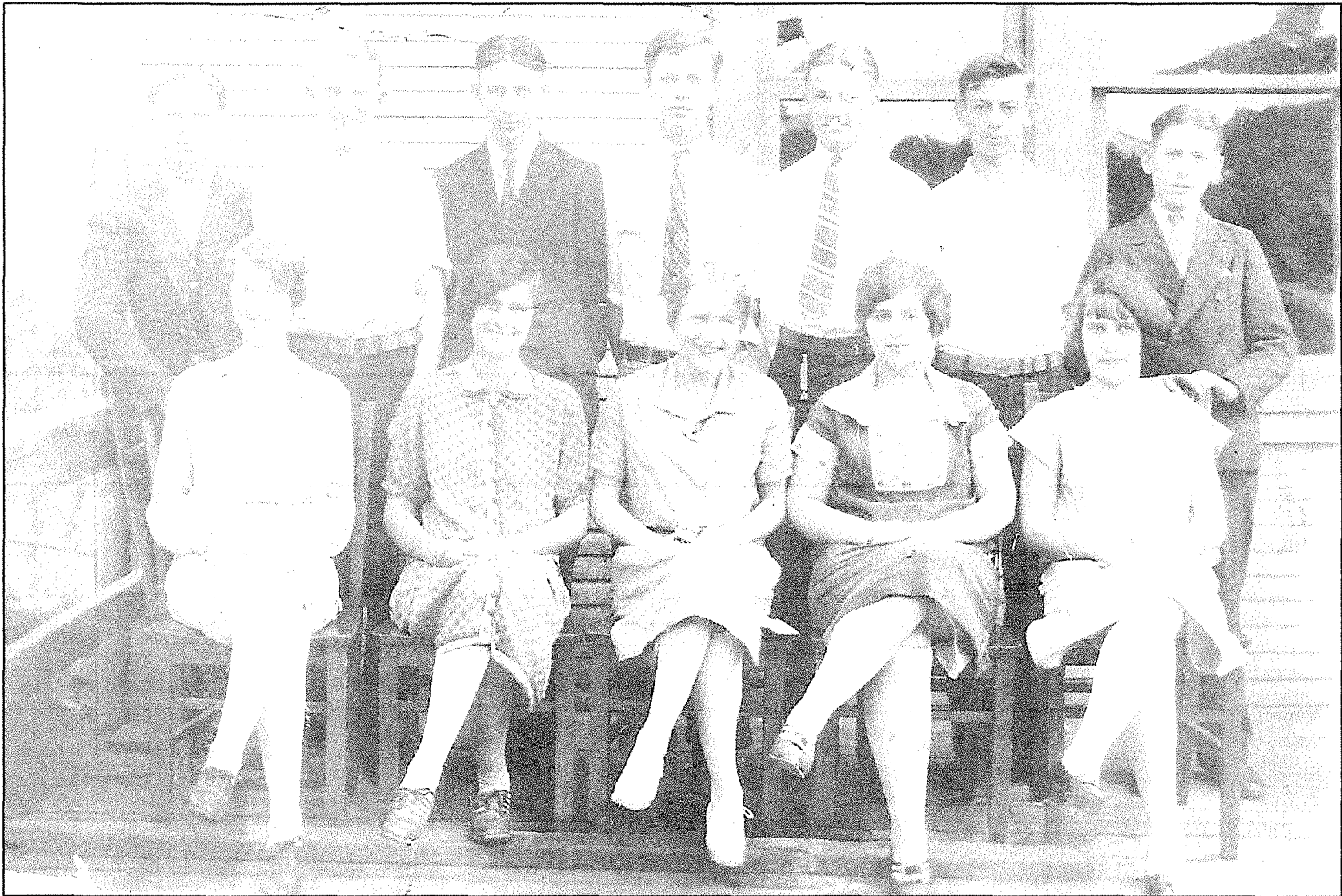
Midway High School all-class reunion



Midway High School recently held an all-class reunion. Classmates who attended were, front row, from left, John C. Smith, Mim Dowler Loffert, Emma Foley Johnston, Ray Johnston, Bob Daudet, Eugene Lukan, Dale Bish, Lloyd Holland and Roger Turk; second row, Charlotte Tigner, Elmer Brown, Adine Freeville, Bob DeBlander, Gerry Lefevere Dowler, Marion Cagnon McKean, Jim McKean, Vera Felton Miller, Doris Sawhill, Clarence Brockman, Harry Clark, Dave Ullom, Jim Clark, Frank Lauff, Ruth Lamb, Becky Campbell Michalka and Frances Pershina Palmer; third row, Sharon Herman, Naomi Campbell Ruschell, Dick Dowler, Gloria Baldigowski, Marlene Kramer Richey, Betty Pershina Foley, Anita Ash-

more, Anna Marie Rupnik, Hope Carlton Tacy, Carol Struth Smith, Suellyn Nourigate Lukan, Shirley Homitz Golonka, Mary Lou Weber Leipold, Marlene Skinner Dunks, Vic Zarka, Jean Lang Baird, Rose Marie Lauff Ludwin, Mary Frances Martin Cataney, Dave Kunkle, Betty Jean Hlavay Phillips, Jean Smith Bish, Edna Lang Bain and Bob Bennett; fourth row, Ed Dobrowolski, Put Foley, Frances Rupnik, Darlene Cummins Smith, Donna Henderson Marburger, Tom Kelly, Irene Lukan Kelly, Ron Lukan, John Baldigowski, Kathleen Cochran Zimbicki, Ralph Parkinson, Dave Murphy, Ed Rupnik, Neil Washington, Carl Rupnik, Bob Aiken, Walter Phillips and Wayne Fullerton.

Midway High School all-class reunion
Observer-Reporter-September 19, 2014 Edition



**Midway High School-Midway, PA
1926-1927 School Year**

James F. Standish (Sr.) his junior year. He is standing at the extreme right in the back row.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



**Midway High School-Midway, PA
1926-1927 School Year**

James F. Standish (Sr.) his junior year. He is to the right of the big window post in the third row, his hair is parted in the middle.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Midway School-Room 4
Midway, PA

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Midway reunion

Midway High School class of 1940 recently gathered at the Tonidale Landmark Inn for its annual reunion. Front row, from left, Ruth Daudet Mumper, Jean Campbell Tucker, Hilda Felton Cauchie, Sara Glass Hopper, Mary Nation Pierrard Multon, Dorothy Bamford Pledger. Second row, Thomas Young, Clarence Brockman, Elmer Brown, John Bish, Robert Kunkle, George Pavlich.

**1940 Midway High School Reunion
The Record-Enterprise-1998 Edition**



PROGRAMME
— OF THE —
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT



MOUNT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP
VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

1939

High School Auditorium



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
Sunday Evening, May Twenty-eighth, Eight O'clock

HYMN—"Softly Now the Light of Day"

INVOCATION - - - - - Rev. R. L. Stevenson

ANTHEM—

SCRIPTURE READING—

PRAYER—

SERMON - - - - - Rev. Charles H. Rasel
Pastor, The Bethel Lutheran Church
Canton, Ohio

ANTHEM—

BENEDICTION - - - - - Rev. C. S. Thomas

CHOIR

Miss Lois Acheson	W. M. Campbell
Mrs. John Bedillion	J. R. Henderson
Mrs. W. K. Bedillion	G. A. Hoop
Miss Flora Carlisle	A. C. Laing
Miss Ellen McCalmont	D. T. McAllister
Mrs. J. L. McCarrell	L. A. McCalmont
Miss Florence Retzer	C. S. Thomas
Mrs. H. C. Warne	P. R. Thomas
Pianist, Marcia Westlake Hassler	

CLASS NIGHT PROGRAM

Monday Evening, May Twenty-ninth, Eight O'clock

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
Wednesday Evening, May Thirty-first, Eight O'clock

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION - - - - - Rev. C. S. Thomas
CLASS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS - - - - - Ralph Woods
ORATION - - - - - Margaret Cenderelli
SOLO - - - - - Ferna Young Kuhn
"Danny Boy" - - - - - Fred E. Weatherley
Mrs. Thomas E. Trimmer, Accompanist
ORATION - - - - - Gretta Scott
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS - - - - - A. C. Stamy
SOLO - - - - - Ferna Young Kuhn
"Life" - - - - - Pearl G. Curran
ADDRESS—"The American Way" - The Honorable Howard W. Hughes
Judge in the Courts of Washington County
Washington, Pennsylvania
BENEDICTION - - - - - Rev. C. S. Thomas

HONOR ROLL

Gretta Scott
Margaret Cenderelli
Sarah Paxton
Frances Tonesi
Barbara Bedillion
Dorothy Martin
Evelyn Morgan
Betty White

CLASS OFFICERS

President - - - - - Ralph Woods
Vice President - - - - - James Dallmeyer
Secretary - - - - - Gretta Scott
Treasurer - - - - - Bettie Dinsmore

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

A. L. Flowers, *President*
G. A. Hoop, *Vice President*
D. L. McCarrell, *Member*
J. C. Farrar, *Secretary*
D. E. Carlisle, *Treasurer*

CLASS ROLL

Viola Ahrns	Vera P. Machek
Helen Marie Ayres	Wannetta Malone
George C. Bartram	Dorothy Levada Martin
Barbara June Bedillion	J. Theodore McCalmont
Ruth Kahle Bedillion	Evelyn Morgan
Ralph M. Bell	Ruth R. Mosley
Elizabeth Jean Bennett	Martha Novak
Robert F. Briggs	Kathryn Ruth O'Donnell
Donald J. Bruce	Martha Edith Ozenbaugh
Anna Dorothy Carlisle	Andrew Richard Patnesky
Martha Lois Carlisle	Sarah Ellen Paxton
Margaret C. Cenderelli	Frank Pollack
Wayne C. Cooke	Glenn Pollard
James Dallmeyer	Frank D. Prime
Douglas Juanita Davis	Howard R. Rettinger
Bettie Viola Dinsmore	Marilou Ritchey
Mary Alice Dixon	Gretta LaVerne Scott
Sherman Lester Elder	Fred Earl Silveus, Jr.
Harold H. Engel	Velma Jean Simpson
Ruth Elizabeth Foster	Catherine Skrtich
Anna Faye Fowler	James Nickelson Smith
Jessie Elizabeth Hannan	Robert M. Smith
Earl T. Johns	Sofija Stumpf
Willie Henry Johnson	Frances Tonesi
John Kachnycz	Louis Ulanich
Norman H. Kaste	Betty Anne White
Dorothy H. Kelley	Robert A. Wilson
Clark Kennedy	Ralph Nevin Woods
Mary Katherine Krese	Catherine Zapotosky
Jeanne Leckey	Margaret Martha Zarnick
John Lee	Charles Ernest Zemaitis

CLASS MOTTO

Not at the top, but climbing

CLASS COLORS
Red and White

CLASS FLOWER
Red Rose

FACULTY

A. C. Stamy	Supervising Principal
J. R. McCracken	Health Education
Virginia O'Bryon	Social Studies
Elsie Cowden	English
Evelyn Aikey	Chemistry, French
Grace Althouse	Commercial
Marcia W. Hassler	Music
M. J. Spence	Mathematics
Edna Pifer	Supervisor Home Economics
Louise Rogers	Assistant Supervisor Home Economics
G. E. Baker	Supervisor Vocational Agriculture
G. S. Mumma	Assistant Supervisor Vocational Agriculture

Extension Department

of the

National Academy of Music

INCORPORATED

Executive Offices
Carnegie Hall
New York



SERVICE
SUBSCRIBER



NUMBER
\$013794

This Certifies that Ralph Hill,

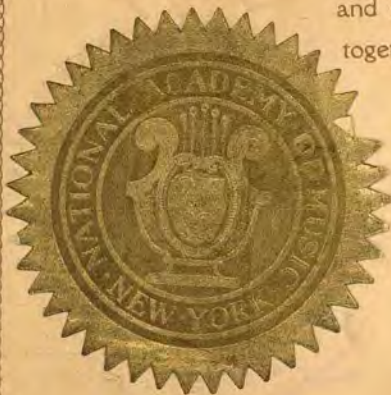
is a Service Subscriber of the Extension Department of the

National Academy of Music

and is entitled to the assistance of the Service Bureaus for the period for which enrolled,
together with all benefits conferred upon Service Subscribers, as set forth in the prospectus.

The holder of this certificate is exempt from further assessments or liabilities whatsoever during this period, except for such fees as the holder may specifically authorize. It is understood, however, that the privileges herein conferred are for the sole benefit of the subscriber, and that for any violation of this provision all rights to further service during the period may be declared forfeited.

The Bureau of Purchase has also opened an account with the holder of this certificate against which purchases of music, merchandise, or other service may be charged, conditional only on the prompt payment of all items entered against the account.



Issued under the authority of the Executive Board.

DATE November 15th, 1926.

National Academy of Music

Nicholas deVore
President.

Nethercoat Is Dismissed

The hearing of testimony in the trial of James Nethercoat, Cherry Valley teacher charged with cruelty and incompetence by the Smith township Board of Education was completed last Wednesday evening. The testimony was taken at a meeting in the high school, before a large crowd that taxed the capacity of the classroom. Witnesses for the board were William Proudfit, principal of Raccoon school, Mildred Fabian, Lorraine Caleffie, Ellena Stankovich, Dolores McConaughy and H. L. Tennyson, supervising principal of schools. Witnesses called by Attorney I. C. Bloom for the defense were Mr. Nethercoat and Peter Secco.

The testimony has been sent to Mr. Haas superintendent of public schools of Pennsylvania.

Following the hearing, members of the township board met and affirmed their former decision and sent Mr. Nethercoat notice to the effect that his services in Smith township schools ceased as of November 20. All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Mrs. Stella Leunis and the decision reached was unanimous.

Mr. Nethercoat, who has been reporting at the school each day since has 30 days in which to appeal his case. The Board appointed Miss Bernice Danek as substitute teacher and she has been teaching Nethercoat's classes since the hearing.

No Decision From Second Meeting For "Union District"

No definite action was taken by Burgettstown Borough, Smith, Jefferson and Hanover township school districts when a second meeting for a proposed "union district" was held with assistant county superintendent W. G. Burkett at Hanover township new school building Monday evening.

Each board was present with representatives of Parent-Teacher groups and the Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce committee.

Two inquiries as to whether the question of entering a union is placed on the ballot at the primary or general election for public vote; and how shall such a question be put forth to the public, were answered by Mr. Burkett in his resume of how a union is formed.

The question should be placed on the November general election and it is worded the way the directors desire but approved by the County Commissioners.

Burgettstown and Smith directors voiced their status by saying they are in favor of a union; however, Hanover and Jefferson township were silent and agreed to make a decision on the issue at their next regular board meeting.

In his review of how the school code designates a union district may be formed, Mr. Burkett said it is one of the simplest procedures and may be accomplished quickly.

It is similar to a jointure except the state gives special aid of 60 per cent more reimbursement in a union, allowing \$800 per teaching unit, and is decided by the people.

Attention was called to the present county plan of Unit One, and how the school districts have been divided into three sub-units. Because Jefferson township was assigned to another sub-unit, approval would have to be made by the County board and Department of Public Instruction for them to join here.

Burkett stated that the 60% special aid in a union district is a highly desirable feature of this plan. Building of new schools would not cost more than those which individual districts undertake and the extra reimbursement would result in rapid and bigger payments to reduce debt.

More discussion was held on the indebtedness of districts and election of school directors.

Midway during the meeting, the Hanover directors were hosts and served light refreshments.

Mr. Burkett, in resuming his talk, said there is only one way a school district can express itself and that is by resolution. If Jefferson decides to favor a union, a resolution must be submitted to the proper authorities for a change in the sub-division.

At this point, action of local school boards is the most important step. Mr. Burkett also suggested that Hanover take a census of pupils who would be affected in the proposed union. No further meeting was scheduled until each board gives its final decision, the latter part of February.

In closing, Mr. Burkett said this special aid is offered to union districts because such an agreement eliminates the large number of school districts. He said that this offer has been in the school code book since 1911 and only one was formed, recently between California and East Pike Run: quoting, "Where there is no vision, the people will perish."

No Decision from Second Meeting for "Union District"
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 27, 1955 Edition

NOTICES

Notice to Teachers

The School Board of Hanover township, Washington county, Pa., will meet at Florence on July 10th at 1 p. m. to elect teachers for the coming term.

26-3t JAMES SAVAGE, Pres.

Notice to Teachers

The School Board of Smith Township will meet at the Ackleson Hotel on Saturday, July 3, 1909, at 9 o'clock for purpose of electing 18 teachers, and a township principal for a term of seven months. Wages: Inexperienced teachers \$45, experienced teachers, \$50, to etc, principal \$50.

By order of the Board

Geo. H. Wilson, Pres.,

J. W. Farrar, Sec.

R. E. Dowler, Treas.

24-3t

Notice to Teachers.

The School Board of Robinson Township will meet in the School House at Candor on Tuesday, July 6th at 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing one High School teacher wages \$100 per month, and eleven common school teachers wages \$50, and \$55, per month for a term of 8 months.

O. J. NEAL, Pres.

G. M. KERR, Sec.

R. D. I, Bulger, Pa.

24-3t

OPENING OF SCHOOLS IS MADE IN DISTRICTS

Beginning of Terms of Borough and
Smith Township Auspicious
Under Single Head

On Monday of last week the grade schools of the borough and Smith township occurred and on Monday of this week activities of the first semester of Union high school were inaugurated. Under the efficient and careful management of Prof. Chas. F. Barr, supervising principal of both districts, the work of beginning educational operations was carried along with dispatch and smoothness. Teachers and students have fallen into line with an enthusiasm which promises a successful year.

The enrollment at the various schools was as follows: Harmon Creek, 97; Raccoon, 307; Slovan, 284; Slovan Brick, 151; Atlasburg, 229; Bulger, 165; Cherry Valley, 125; Langeloth, 382; Francis mine, 235; Francis mine brick building, 62; Burgettstown borough, 519; total 2,321. In the high school the enrollment on the first day was 475. It is expected enrollment in both high school and grades will be further increased.

The personnel of the borough-township schools is made up as follows: Supervising principal, C. F. Barr. Union high school teachers, Assistant principal and mathematics, Miss Mary Thome; coach, Roy Mann; English, Miss Winnifred Cruikshank; history, James Braden; Mathematics, Wilbur Welch; science, Miss Elizabeth T. Smith; Latin, Paul Lawther; music-history, G. A. Schooley; French, Miss Marguerite Davis; commercial, Miss Jennie Stevens; commercial Miss Borgerding; English, Miss Elizabeth Scott; science, Mr. Keifer; director of physical education, Peter Fee; home economics, Miss Voegle and Miss Werner.

A list of the teachers in the grades of the borough and Smith township will be included in additional reports on the work of the school system in next week's issue.

OPENING OF SCHOOLS IS MADE IN DISTRICTS

Beginning of Terms of Borough and
Smith Township Auspicious
Under Single Head

On Monday of last week the grade schools of the borough and Smith township occurred and on Monday of this week activities of the first semester of Union high school were inaugurated. Under the efficient and careful management of Prof. Chas. F. Barr, supervising principal of both districts, the work of beginning educational operations was carried along with dispatch and smoothness. Teachers and students have fallen into line with an enthusiasm which promises a successful year.

The enrollment at the various schools was as follows: Harmon Creek, 97; Raccoon, 307; Slovan, 284; Slovan Brick, 151; Atlasburg, 229; Bulger, 165; Cherry Valley, 125; Langeloth, 382; Francis mine, 235; Francis mine brick building, 62; Burgettstown borough, 519; total 2,321. In the high school the enrollment on the first day was 475. It is expected enrollment in both high school and grades will be further increased.

The personnel of the borough-township schools is made up as follows: Supervising principal, C. F. Barr. Union high school teachers, Assistant principal and mathematics, Miss Mary Thome; coach, Roy Mann; English, Miss Winnifred Cruikshank; history, James Braden; Mathematics, Wilbur Welch; science, Miss Elizabeth T. Smith; Latin, Paul Lawther; music-history, G. A. Schooley; French, Miss Marguerite Davis; commercial, Miss Jennie Stevens; commercial Miss Borgerding; English, Miss Elizabeth Scott; science, Mr. Keifer; director of physical education, Peter Fee; home economics, Miss Voegle and Miss Werner.

A list of the teachers in the grades of the borough and Smith township will be included in additional reports on the work of the school system in next week's issue.

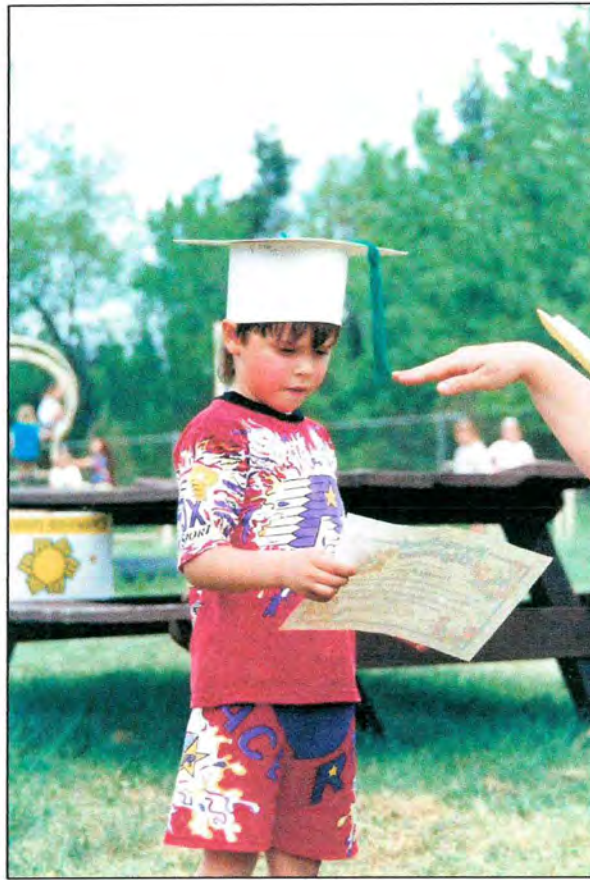


**Our Lady of Lourdes Cheerleaders Win Honors
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 7, 1975 Edition**

The cheerleaders of Our Lady of Lourdes School have taken honors recently. They won second place out of six in the Weirton Parochial League, and took third place out of sixteen in Weirton basketball tournament.

Left to right, kneeling, Marissa Fratoni, Tammy Niedzialkia, alternate, Connie Caporosso. Second row, Theresa Stiffler, Rita Bruno, Marcy Meneely, Kathy Ankley, Regina Morra. Third row, Kathy Dalfol, Sheila Vos, and Regina Morra.. Third Row, Kathy Dvorsak, Sheila Vos, Patty Garritano.

Mrs. Joanne Churpak is the director.



Tim Bendick



Waiting to receive diplomas.

Left: Chelsea Rommes. Right, Front to back: Corey Hillard,
Marliana Lamoreau, Leanne Minges, and Lauren Ringer.

Our Lady of Lourdes Pre-School Graduation-1995

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Our Lady of Lourdes School Bus-March 1960
Drivers-George P. Connelly and Lou Dugas
Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

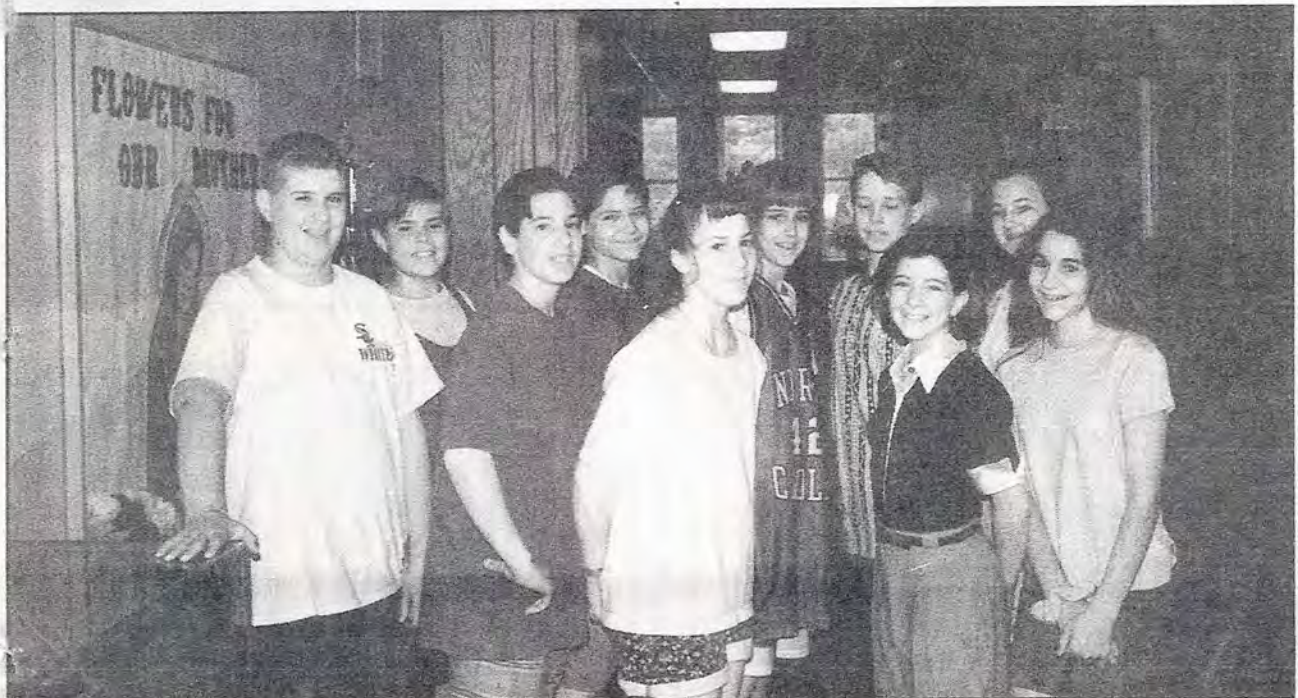
210 ENROLL AT PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Completely renovated with new paint inside and out and additional lavatory facilities for boys and girls. Our Lady of Lourdes Parochial School has entered upon its third year as an educational institution in this community. Two hundred and ten pupils are enrolled. Members of the faculty are Sister Zita, grades 7 and 8; Sister Francesca, grades 5 and 6; Sister John Baptist, grades 3 and 4 and Sister Paschal, grades 1 and 2.

Rev. W. J. McCashin is superintendent and religious director of the school.

—V—

**210 Enroll at Our Lady of Lourdes School
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 13, 1945 Edition**



SEVENTH-GRADE PJAS participants were, from left, first row: Jason Sicher, Chas Tabone, Krista Watson, Brittany Brazill and Lisa Allison; second row: Allen Kropf, Adam Gilbert, Kent Mitchell, Jarrod Davis and Katie Sapovchak. Not pictured: Molly Held.

Awards dinner at OLOL School

The Catholic Daughters of America honored graduates of Our Lady of Lourdes School at a special dinner following the commencement exercises on May 30, 1995.

Students, faculty, parents and friends were served a buffet dinner consisting of fresh tossed garden salad, chicken, nachos and cheese, and pizza squares.

Petrucci's Shop 'n Save decorated the graduation cakes that were served for dessert.

The following students received awards.

Jennifer L. Bartoletti: service award for folk group.

Nicole R. Broccoli: service award for folk group.

Erica Couch: 1995 math award,

honorable mention awards in science, music, computer and spelling.

Matthew C. Dove: honorable mention award in social studies, service award for altar server and boy's perfect attendance award.

Laurie Jo Englert: girl's perfect attendance award.

Cory Fernandez: honorable mention award in physical education.

Nathan Edward Holmes: 1995 computer award and service award for altar server.

Charles Mahoney: 1995 award for physical education and leadership award.

Joshua Markley: sportsmanship award.

Sarah Mendak: 1995 religion

award, 1995 social studies award and honorable mention award in reading.

Mark Phillis: 1995 art award and service award for altar server.

Karrie Presutti: 1995 awards in reading and spelling, honorable mention awards in math, English and art.

Blake Risker: most improved student award.

Maggie Sapovchak: 1995 science award, perfect attendance award and service award for folk group.

Adam Simpson: student teacher of the year award.

Tara Zurowski: 1995 awards in English and music, honorable mention award in religion.

Award dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes School
The Enterprise-June 21, 1995 Edition

FIRST EIGHT YEAR CLASS GRADUATES FROM LOURDES' PAROCHIAL SCHOOL THURSDAY



Eighth graders who have completed their work are shown in the above Enterprise photo as the first class to graduate from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, who have attended this school for all eight grades. This class is the first to complete eight years of study since the parochial school was organized by Rev. W. J. McCashin in 1942.

1 to r-First row: Michael Majernik Gerry Tenaglia, Robert Gecoma, Joseph Pace, Robert Lawrence, Andy Sedlar, William Haberek and Michael Bihum, Jr.; Second row: James Dorcon, Rudy Louder, Joan Cole, Katherine Krzec-zowski, Marlene Bihum, Margaret Wilson, Naomi Pace, James Bianchi and Bernadette Dugas. Third row: Francis McChancey, Roberta Hayne, Margaret Nemeth, Cynthia Sciamanna, Angela Yaco, Phillis Sworchek and Marie Podolska. Fourth row: Patricia Clair, Beverly Storf, Arlene Borio, Arlene Nardo and Joan Brosky.

First Eight Year Class Graduates from Lourdes' Parochial School
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 1, 1950 Edition



Groundbreaking of Our Lady of Lourdes Playground



EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENTS who attended PJAS are, from left, first row: Maggie Sapovchak, Erica Couch, Karrie Presutti, Tara Zurowski and Mark Phillis; second row: Sarah Mendak, Jen Bartoletti, Blake Risker, Nathan Holmes and Chuck Mahoney.

Students in science competition

Twenty-one students from Our Lady of Lourdes School had the honor of attending the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science state competition.

The competition, held at Penn State University's main campus, took place on May 14, 15 and 16. The students won the honor by receiving first awards at the regional competition held at California Uni-

versity in February.

Overall, the group received seven first awards, 11 second awards and three third awards.

Accompanied by their teacher, Kay Snatchko, the students attending the competition were as follows:

Lisa Allison, Jennifer Bartoletti, Brittany Brazill, Erica Couch, Jarrod Davis, Adam Gil-

bert, Molly Held, Nathan Holmes, Allen Kropf, Chuck Mahoney, Sarah Mendak, Kent Mitchell, Mark Phillis, Karrie Presutti, Blake Risker, Katie Sapovchak, Maggie Sapovchak, Jason Sicher, Chas Tabone, Krista Watson and Tara Zurowski.

Chaperones who attended were Mary Kay Sapovchak and Debbie Watson.

Juanita Mroczkowski Retires

Juanita Mroczkowski, who has served as a volunteer librarian and cafeteria aide, retired at the end of the 1989-90 school term after over 25 years of service to Our Lady of Lourdes School.

On Monday, June 4, students at Our Lady of Lourdes School honored Mrs. Mroczkowski with a special farewell party. Each class presented her with cards and a gift. Students wrote poems and sang in her honor. The school cheerleaders performed a special cheer in honor of her years of dedication.

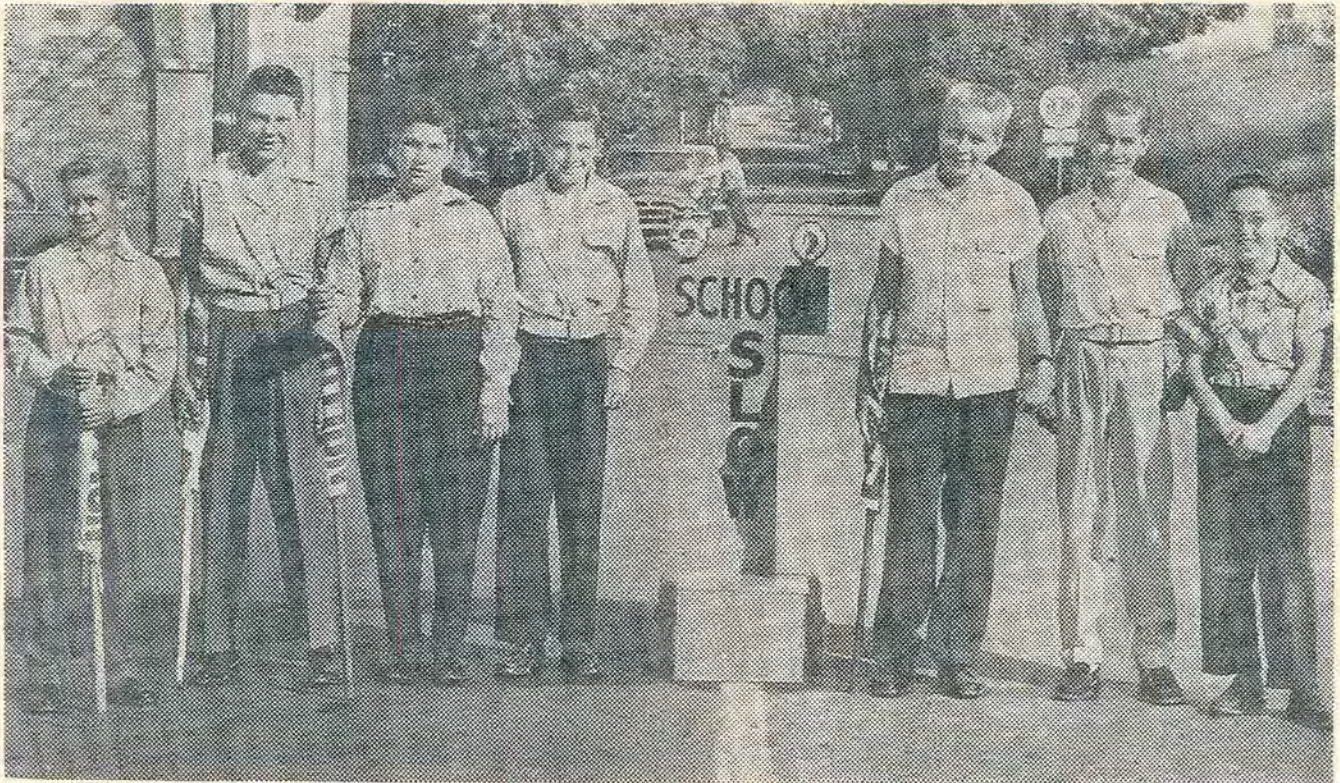
The students were served cake and ice cream by the cafeteria staff and School Association.



JUANITA MROCKOWSKI

Juanita Mroczkowski
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 27, 1990 Edition

On Guard For Safety Of Parochial School Children



Another project of the local Knights of Columbus was put into operation on the first day of school. Pictured above are seven members of the patrol and one of two blinker type signs which are placed at either end of the parochial school on school days to warn motorists of a slow zone. The blinkers, which are operated by battery, are cared for by Scott's Service Station and Harp's Service Station who will service and place the signs in position during school hours. Committee members of the K. of C. in charge of the project are: Manuel Martinez, chairman; Mario Pace and Joseph Montequin. Patrol boys pictured above are left to right: Lawrence Danek, Andrew Samloff, Gerald Yaco, Michael Tiptor, George Hogue, Walter Bendick and Steve Gavatorra.

Crossing Guards

Burgettstown Enterprise-September 16, 1954 Edition

Program

A Pageant of the Nations

Orchestra	Dark Eyes.....	Russian Folk Song
	Two Guitars—Horlick	
Prologue	Violet Lawson and Mary Ocepek	
The King	Stephen Ben	
Spokesmen	Mike Saska and Maurice Johnson	
Spain	Tango ...Nedra Richey and Nick Drazich	
Italy	Santa Lucia	Italian Group
Scotland	Highland Fling	Scotch Girls
Ireland	Londonderry Air	Emile Coulange
France	Dance	Girls of France
Germany	Nur Wer die Sehnsucht Kennt	Miriam Cassidy
England		English Jackies
United States	The Stars and Stripes Forever	
Prophecy	Florence Horovitz	
Will	Ida Ceniz	
The Page	Robert Hunsinger	
Orchestra	Meyerbeer	

The Italian Group

Lena Astorina, Carl Latella, Valia Mazzier, Joe Merloni, Anne Gobleck, Grace Napolitana, Deno Sandri, Jeanette Latella, Angelo Scariot, Bill Bundy, Henry Abate, Mike Demo, Diveto Jeffrey.

The Scotch Girls

Helen McMahon, Geraldine King, Arvilla Kuhns, Willa Sanders

Girls of France

Marguerite Deliere, Lottie Mae Burns, Mae Kargle, Helen Bonner

English Jackies

Gaylord Malone, J. T. Davis, William Davis, Alfred Christy, Richard Dold, Joe Contray.

Court

Nick Bardyn, Joe Barish, Thomas Hucik, Alex Stetar, William Sustanna, Emile Kowalski, Edward Ralston, Robert Rommes, Frank Sauser, Sam Durst, William Mullen, Meryl Berry, Mary Garcia, Sophie Goleski, Josephine Jackson, Mary Jereb, Katie Lander, Anna Laurich, Bernice McCarty, Margaret Murray, Elizabeth Novosel, Stephana Pensak, Margaret Ruzsa, Norma Slack, Evelyn Trusnovic, Agnes Warro, Margaret Taucher.

Choir Group

Thelma Bertrand, Pauline Dodds, Lucille Colpo, Cynthia Steele, Betty Hall, Irene Malone.

Accompanists	John Alagna and Dorothy Inglefield
Stage Managers	Alice Bucknam and Willis Rosson
Lights	Robert Hunsinger and Dick Reasons
Make-up	Mary Dugas, Sara Kaezyk and Katherine Dubich

SCHOOL RECORD.

Paris Advanced School,

Hanover Township, Washington County, Penn'a.

∴ SESSION OF 1893-94. ∴

N. R. CRISS, Teacher.

PUPILS.

Alvie Beall,
Geo. McCready,
Elva Jackson,
Oscar Lyons,
Christy Freshwater,
Darwin Marsh,
Halbert Lyons,
Garfield Morrison,
Roy Finegan,
Harry Freshwater.



Carrie Morrison,
Allie Neeley,

PUPILS.

Lillian Griffith,
Gertie Finegan,
Lizzie Caldwell,
Agnes Jackson,
Evelyn Colwel,
Mona Scott,
Pearl Groves,
May Morrison,
Lizzie Kennedy,
Jennie Finegan,
Maggie Marsh,
Bertha Stevenart.

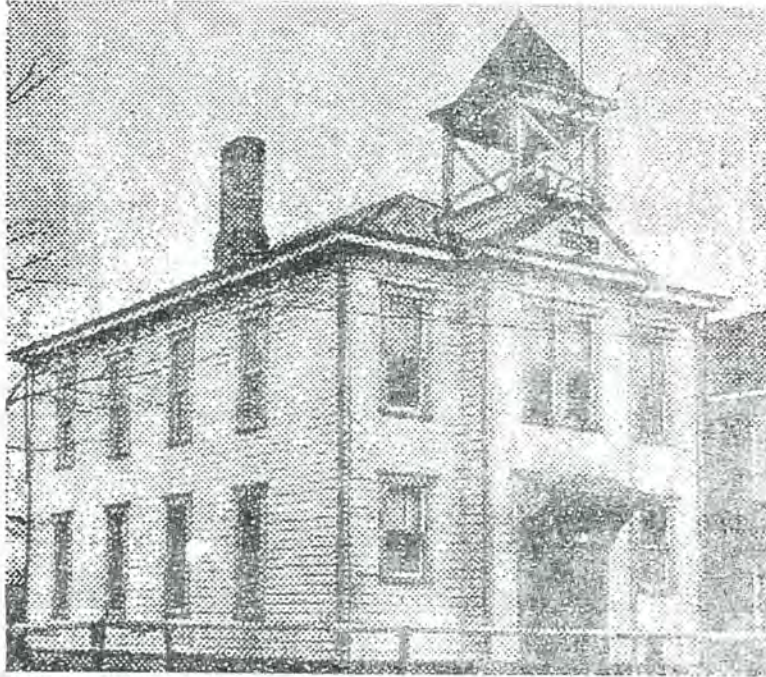
“That day is best wherein we give
A thought to other's sorrows;
Forgetting self, we learn to live,
And blessings born of kindly deeds
Make golden our to-morrows.”

Paris Advanced School

Session 1893-1894

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Paris School



PARIS SCHOOL

Paris School — The first school was located on Colliers Road next to the Howard Fulton Home. The second school building was built in 1896. Teachers at the Paris School were W.C. McDonnell, Francis Hughes, Alice McNicholas, Agnes McNicholas, Nellie McNicholas, Ruth Porter, Glen Yoders, Elizabeth Gardner, Ernest Myers, J.R. Culley, Louise Ramsey, Anna M. Neeley, Mary Robertson, Paula Myers, Nora Ramsey and Margaret Brownlee.

PAYT'S TO SCHOOLS

Auditor General G. Harold Wagner has approved payments totaling \$478,738.15 to 56 school districts of the fourth class in Washington County, from Legislative appropriations for the support of public schools.

The amount each district will receive in this section are: Burgettstown Boro, \$11,450.40; Cross Creek Twp., \$7366.79; Hanover Twp., \$8693.99; Independence Twp. \$16,163.21; Jefferson Twp., \$4581.84; McDonald Boro, \$23,160.63; Midway Boro, \$9817.85; Murdocksville Ind., \$100; Robinson Twp., \$8230.80.



Point Pleasant School, 1921-1922

Located between Raccoon (Joffre) and Bavington, PA.
Edith McCombs, Teacher. Her brother, Bill Karch was her student.
Bill Karch is the first boy on the left in the middle row.

PUBLIC SCHOOL HELP FOR BACKWARD CHILD

Home and School Visitors Directed
by State to Aid Handicapped
Children in Schools

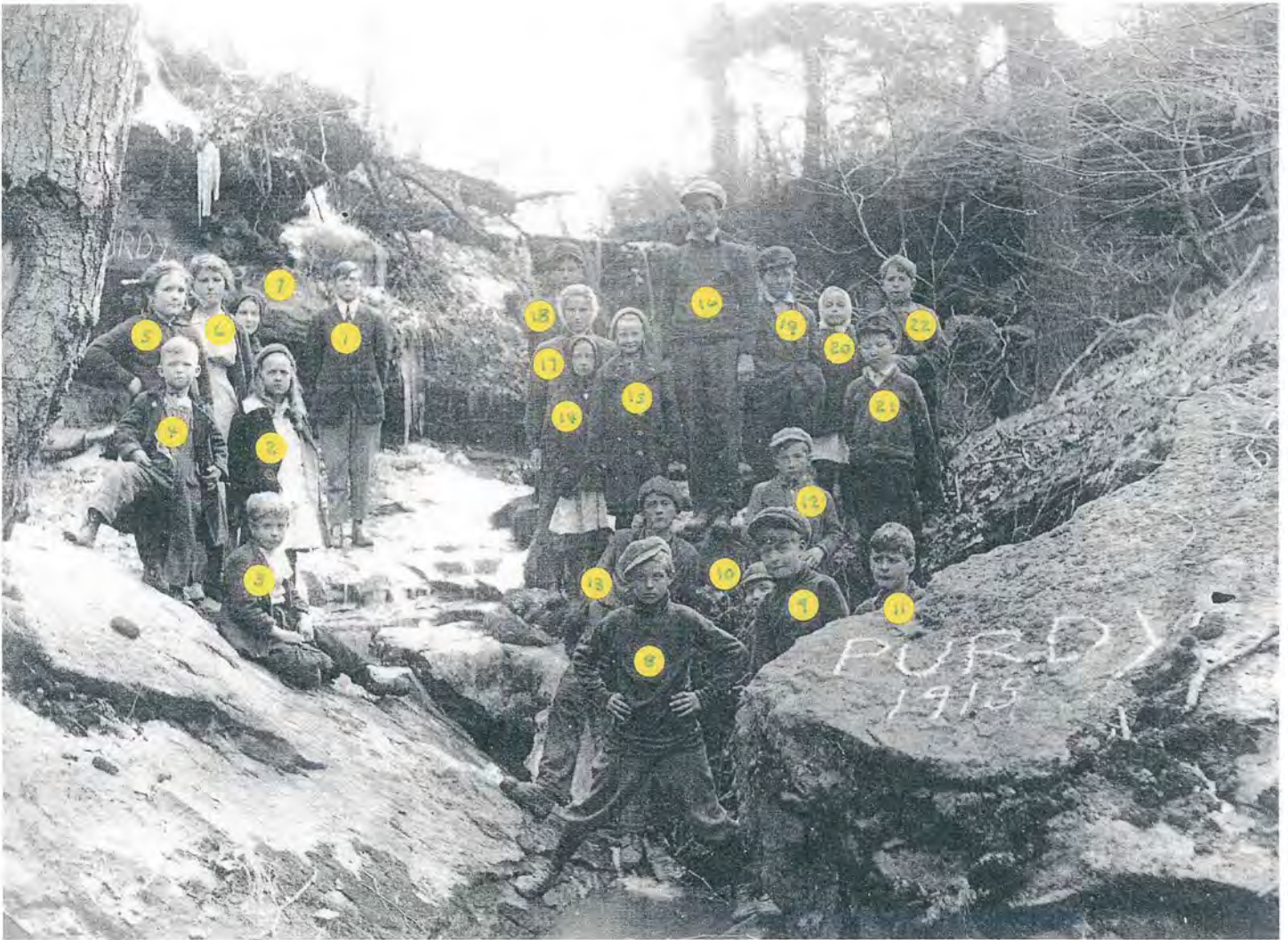
Aid for public school pupils suffering from social handicaps will be given by Home and School Visitors, Dr. Lester K. Ade, Superintendent of Public Instruction, said last week.

"Evidences of poor social adjustments include poor health, irregular attendance, tardiness, day-dreaming, misconduct, and delinquency," Dr. Ade said.

"The Home and School Visitor, who is particularly concerned with these children in the school district, will attempt to discover the causes of these conditions and their remedies. Accordingly, she tries to discover whether or not the child may have such physical handicaps as defective eyesight or hearing, defective bones, joints, or muscles, decayed teeth, heart or glandular defects, and poor nourishment. She likewise takes into consideration the possibility of certain mental handicaps such as nervousness, emotional weaknesses, feelings of inferiority, worry, mental conflict, or mental disease.

"It is likewise possible that the Home and School Visitor may discover the cause of maladjustment in some aspect of the school system, such as unattractive school surroundings, absence of vocational encouragement, a lack of sympathetic understanding on the part of the teachers, or a lack of recognition of the child by the other pupils.

"If the cause of the child's poor attitude is not to be found in any of these factors, the Home and School Visitor may look to the home and neighborhood conditions. In the home she may find a lack of understanding of the school program or failure in child training and lack of discipline, inadequate rest and sleep for the child, illness in the home, social insecurity and poverty, working mothers, or demoralized home conditions caused by overcrowding, immorality, and criminality."



“The Falls”

The picture was taken on the farm of Wesley Cook McDonnell about 1915. About one mile from Purdy School, Hanover Twp., Washington County, PA. On November 6, 1997, William Ralston and Judy Lynch visited Grace McDonnell Cassidy. In Judy’s possession was this picture, upon showing Grace this picture, she identifies the people in the picture as the following:

- | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mr. Lawrence Bable
(Teacher from Midway) | 2. Edith Rohrer | 3. Arnold Reed |
| 4. Billy Devitt? | 5. Emma Ferguson | 6. Margaret Devitt |
| 7. Lois McCracken (Lucy) | 8. John McCormick | 9. George McDonnell |
| 10. Ralph McCracken | 11. Bill McCracken | 12. Harry Ramsey |
| 13. Dave McCracken | 14. Sarah Arnold | 15. Myra McCracken |
| 16. Harold McDonnell | 17. Mary Leana McCormick | 18. John Reed |
| 19. Charlie Ramsey? | 20. Grace McDonnell Cassidy | 21. Raymond Arnold |
| 22. Guy Reed | | |



Purdy School-Hanover Township 1944-1945

Pusateri Driver Education Course Featured In Pittsburgh Newspaper

Joseph Pusateri of Burgettstown, who has been teaching students of this area how to drive for nearly 40 years, was the topic of a feature article that appeared Monday, Jan. 11, in the *Pittsburgh Press*.

Pusateri, 65, started his driver education program at Union High School, Burgettstown, in 1949. He was the first high school instructor of this type in Washington County and one of the first in the state.

He has taught an estimated 6,000 students how to drive and has never had an accident in a driver education car.

"My philosophy has always been that anybody can learn to drive," Pusateri said in the newspaper article. "But what we teach the kids is how to drive safely. There's a big difference."

Portions of the article are reprinted below.

Pusateri learned how to drive by taking the family car out under his dad's watchful eye. His first driving experience was behind the wheel of a 1938 Ford.

"My father told me to use common sense," he said.

Pusateri has applied that same fatherly approach as a driving instructor. He began instructing students on cars with sticks on the columns because automatics did not appear until the early 1950's.

A few things have changed over the years. Driver education cars have increased in price from about \$3,400 in the 1950s to upwards of \$14,000

today, forcing Burgettstown Area and many other schools to lease the cars they use, he said.

But the biggest change Pusateri has observed has been the changes in attitude toward seat belts and drinking and driving.

"I think the attitude of the young people today is that they have more of a concern for safety now than they did in the past. The use of seat belts is much more prevalent now. I don't even have to tell most students to buckle up because they do it automatically before they've had lesson one."

He also credited groups like Mothers against Drunk Driving and Students Against Drunk Driving with making people more aware of the dangers of drunken driving.

One thing that has remained constant over the years, however, is the condition of the roads in the Burgettstown area.

"As far as I'm concerned," he said, "there haven't been any real improvements since I started here."

**Joseph Pusateri Driver Education Course Featured in Pgh. Newspaper
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1988 Edition**

Raccoon School Bldg. Problems Discussed

Problems related to the construction of the new school building at Raccoon occupied the attention of the Smith Township school directors at a regular meeting of the board Wednesday evening, August 12. Supervising Principal W. P. Miller outlined the various projects for the board's consideration, and approval was given to three of six different items. It was decided that lights should be installed outdoors, particularly at the rear of the building, and Mr. Miller was advised to secure a bid on the job, since the regular contractor's bid exceeded the limit of \$300 set by the school law. At least two bids must be received. Approval was given for wiring to be done in one of the basement rooms. It was thought advisable to send a letter to the state school authorities asking for re-imbursment for making a change in the heating system. It was discovered during the installation that a mistake in engineering had been made and approved by the authorities which will necessitate the expenditure of more than one hundred, possibly two hundred dollars. Minor problems related to sewage, the installation of a railing or pickets for safety along an outside excavation, and differences in the color of asphalt tiles to be used in flooring were tabled until a later date.

The Slovan school will be closed this term, and children who formerly attended will be transported to Atlasburg and Raccoon. Francis Mine children in second and third grades will go to Atlasburg. Other Francis Mine children will go to Langeloth. Pupils near the Raccoon area will attend school at Raccoon; those along the valley toward Atlasburg will go to Atlasburg school.

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Ryan, former Slovan teachers, will be at Atlasburg school. Miss Luella Felch will teach at Raccoon.

Two full time drivers for buses will be hired before the school term opens owing to the recent resignations of Plato Anestis and Roy Struwing from the high school teaching staff. The board voted not only to hire two new bus drivers but to arrange the other drivers to fit the bus schedule, any eliminations to be made according to seniority. It is the desire of the board in time to replace all teachers who are driving buses with full time regular drivers.

Collision, fire and comprehensive insurance on school buses was renewed with Langhart, Daelhousen and May; Victor Lescovitz being the insurance agent.

It was decided to sell three lots in the township; one to Ted Nick-sick; No. 134 of the Dunbar Plan; and two near Cherry Valley to John Hamilton.

Bills totaling \$12,621.21 were approved for payment and the board voted to advertise for coal bids for the ensuing year. Money will be borrowed to meet the next month's payroll. The board adjourned about 9:30 p.m.

Extension Department

of the

National Academy of Music

INCORPORATED

Executive Offices
Carnegie Hall
New York



SERVICE
SUBSCRIBER



NUMBER
\$013794

This Certifies that Ralph Hill,

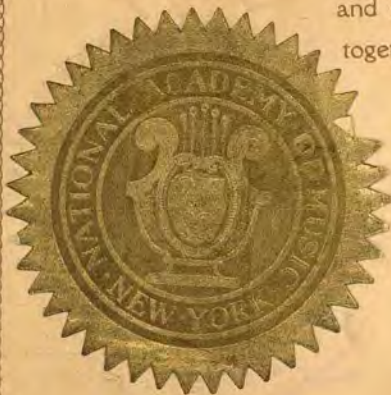
is a Service Subscriber of the Extension Department of the

National Academy of Music

and is entitled to the assistance of the Service Bureaus for the period for which enrolled, together with all benefits conferred upon Service Subscribers, as set forth in the prospectus.

The holder of this certificate is exempt from further assessments or liabilities whatsoever during this period, except for such fees as the holder may specifically authorize. It is understood, however, that the privileges herein conferred are for the sole benefit of the subscriber, and that for any violation of this provision all rights to further service during the period may be declared forfeited.

The Bureau of Purchase has also opened an account with the holder of this certificate against which purchases of music, merchandise, or other service may be charged, conditional only on the prompt payment of all items entered against the account.



Issued under the authority of the Executive Board.

DATE November 15th, 1926.

National Academy of Music

INCORPORATED

Nicholas deVore

President.

CONTRACTS ARE LET FOR ROBINSON SCHOOL

Two Burgettstown Concerns Given
Contracts on New School
Near Midway

The Board of Education of Robinson township, in session Friday of last week awarded contracts for an eight-room consolidated school building, to be erected on the Dickson ball field, near the Dickson school, north of Midway. The building is to be an eight-room brick structure.

The general contract was awarded to the Interstate Engineering Company, of Charlestown, W. Va., at their bid of \$22,997.

The wiring of the building is to be done by Earl Farner, of Burgettstown, for \$1,050.

The Columbus Heating Company, of Columbus, O., was awarded the heating contract, at a price of \$5,890.

Plumbing will be done by W. E. Englefield & Son, of Burgettstown, whose bid was \$1,900.

It is planned to close all other schools in the building and to transport to the new school all pupils except those of the Rock Valley district, who attend the McDonald school.

It is expected that the building will be occupied by November 1st. Specifications call for completion of the contracts by October 15th. Work will be started at once.

School is Closed.

In accordance with the action of the Board of Education, the Robinson township school, located near Midway, was closed last Friday due to the prevalence of measles among the pupils. The school has a total enrollment of 244 pupils in the eight grades. Ninety pupils were absent from school on Wednesday. It is expected that school sessions will resume on Monday, February 11th.

ROBINSON TWP. P.T.A. FOUNDER'S DAY

Robinson Township P.T.A. held its February meeting Tuesday night, Feb. 1. President Mrs. Howard Felton conducted the business meeting and Mrs. Merille Jones led the devotions. The theme was "Founder's Day."

A tribute to the organizers of P.T.A. was given by Mrs. G. V. Franklin. Mrs. J. P. Scott gave recognition to past presidents and charter members.

A vocal solo was presented by Mrs. J. G. McDonald, accompanied by Mrs. Harry McCormick. J. L. Bable had charge of group singing. Assistant supervising principal of Fort Cherry elementary schools, George E. Baker, was a guest.

Rock School- 1910 or 1911



Back Row, L-R: Anna Mae Campbell, Nina Devitt, Nora Ramsey, Lula Ramsey, William Tarr, Anna M. Crouse.
Front Row, L-R: Edna Campbell, Lawrence McClausand, George Devitt, Maynard Campbell.

Fort Vance Historical Society

Rock School



Front row: Unknown, Lawrence McCousland, George Devitt, and Maynard Campbell
Back Row: Anna Mae Campbell, Nina Devitt, Nora and Lulu Ramsey, William Tarr and Anna Crouse

ROSTER OF TEACHERS IN WORK OF GRADES

Complete List of Instructors in Grade Schools in Borough and Smith Township

The following is a complete list of teachers in the various rooms and buildings in the combined Burgettstown borough-Smith township district under the jurisdiction of Supervising Principal Chas. F. Barr:

Harmon Creek: 1, Luella Felch; 2, Virgie Dold; 3, Myra McKee; 4, Elizabeth Wilson.

Raccoon: 1, Beatrice White; 2, Myrtle Prion; 3, Estelle Buneman; 4, Elizabeth Couch; 5, Lena Core Ashman; 6, Hazel Stevenson; 7, Amelia DeBrakeleer; 8, W. R. Proudfit; 9, Harold Malone.

Slovan: 1, Belle Rankin; 2, Thelma Gosselin; 3, Ethel McNary; 4, Marie Blair; 5, Nellie Duncan Blaine; 6, Hazel Campbell; 7, Pearl Powelson; 8, Anna Whalen.

Slovan Brick: 1, Ariel B. Raab; 2, Hazel Watkins; 3, Nellie Kharas; 4, W. J. Robertson.

Atlasburg: 1, Grace Cooley; 2, Mildred Blair; 3, Jessie R. Johnson; 4, Ruby Moore; 5, Elizabeth Miller; 6, J. R. Culley.

Bulger: 1, Velma Gosselin; 2, Golda Daudet; 3, Miss Ralston; 4, Romain Martin; 5, J. C. Jackson.

Cherry Valley: 1, Delcie McPeak; 2, Dorothy Farrar; 3, Mary Seabright; 4, James Nethercoat.

Langeloth: 1, Dorothy Felch; 2, Stella Kuhns; 3, Elizabeth Jackson; 4, Susanna Mull; 5, Elizabeth O'Leary; 6, James Butler; 7, Hazel Hall; 8, Bertha Burns; 9, C. V. Critchlow; 10, Helen Hindman; 11, Miriam Meighan; 12, Mary L. McCormick; 13, Nancy J. McCord; 14, T. A. Smith.

Frances Mine: 1, Mildred Singer; 2, Catherine Allison; 3, Frances Young; 4, Helen Bigger; 5, Charles Mulholland.

Frances Mine brick building: 1, Priscilla Riley.

Erie Mine: 1, Emma Lawson; 2, M. Stiffler.

Burgettstown borough: Principal, Robert Stottlemeyer; 1, Miss Malone; 2, Miss Palin; 3, Miss Elsie Martin; 4, Mrs. Anna M. Puckett; 5, Miss E. Sheller; 6, Miss Slonaker; 7, Miss M. Sheller; 8, Miss Connors; 9, Mrs. Reed; 10, Miss Munger; 11, Miss Kiefer; 12, Carl Martin; 13, Miss Allendar.

GRADUATES



DONALD SAXTON

Donald Saxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Saxton of Harmon Creek was one of 228 students who received degrees at the February Commencement of the University of Pittsburgh on February 16. Donald, a Union high school grad received a degree of B. S. in Mining Engineering.

He has been employed in the metallurgy department of the Homestead Steel Works for several months.

Saxton is a member of the Scabard and Blade and of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities at Pitt.

**SCHOOL BOARDS
ENDORSE P. S. E. A.
TEACHERS' PROGRAM**

The Burgettstown-Smith Township School Boards went on record at their February meetings held last week as endorsing the complete program of the Pennsylvania State Education Association in its entirety as the only means of giving some justice to the teachers, children and real estate owners of the state. The Boards went on record as asking the State Legislature to develop a new financial program for the financing of school districts' educational expenditures in order to relieve the inadequate taxation burden placed upon real estate.

The secretaries of the boards were instructed to send a copy of the resolutions to Governor Edward Martin, to the majority and minority leaders and the Chairman of the Education Committees in both houses of the Legislatures; to the State Senator and Representatives and to the Enterprise.

This program, which will be presented by the State Education Association for action at the current session of Legislature provides many benefits both to teachers and to school districts.

SCHOOL BOY PATROLS TO SAFEGUARD PUPILS

Motor Club and State Patrolmen Join
in Move to Safeguard Small
Pupils of School

Final plans for the inauguration of school boy safety patrols were made last week by Robert E. Cole, manager of the Washington County Motor Club, Corporal Cox of the State Highway Patrol and J. E. Dowden Burgettstown Chief of Police.

Twelve boys were chosen as patrolmen and six as alternates, comprising four patrols. They were given instruction in the proper way to direct the flow of child traffic at the four dangerous intersections near the school used by the children at dismissal time.

The local county motor club, which is affiliated with the American Automobile Association and the Pennsylvania Motor Federation, now operates patrols at 23 schools, with over 300 patrolmen. In the United States about 200,000 boys are enrolled in 35,000 patrols.

In addition to the actual work on the streets, the club distributes 380 safety posters and 440 safety lessons to the schools in the county. The safety lessons are published in four groups, covering the safety education of children from kindergarten to high school age. Last year the American Automobile Association distributed over 800,000 of these lessons and a like number of safety posters.

The A. A. A. and the Pennsylvania Motor Federation have been pioneers in the drive for the reduction of the number of child accident fatalities. In Lehigh county, accidents to children have been cut 400 per cent. Wherever the patrols have been organized there has been a marked reduction in the number of children hurt while in the region of their schools.

In commenting on the inauguration of the patrols, Manager Cole of the motor club said: "We are pleased to cooperate with the school officials and the Burgettstown police in the matter of safeguarding the lives and limbs of the school children. The intersections near the school which the children are required to cross are the most dangerous in Washington county. I am sure that safety conditions will be vastly improved by the operations of the patrols."

The names of the Burgettstown safety patrolmen follow: Captains Charles Scott, Nacy Panzica, Bud Drake and Carl DeSantis; patrolmen, Jay Meneely, John Shubl, Joe Pascarella, Ray Adams, Ralph Hill, Ernest Rotta, Stanley Smith, Robert Baldwin; alternates, Victor Marinch, Jack Kirkpatrick, Tommie Hitchcock, William Brewster, Paul Carmon, William Gamrod.

Heat causes early dismissals

School districts plan to continue to modify schedules today

By KATIE ANDERSON
Staff writer

kanderson@observer-reporter.com

A few school districts in the area released students early Tuesday and plan to do the same today because of the extreme heat.

Bethlehem-Center is one of them, because its three buildings are not air-conditioned, according to Superintendent Chris Sefcheck. Students left Tuesday and will be leaving school today between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

“The buildings get really hot, especially when you have an older building that’s mostly brick,” he said. “With school safety issues, you can’t open windows and doors, so you get no air circulation. We’re trying to make it as comfortable as we can and getting out before the hottest part of the day.”

According to the National Weather Service in Pittsburgh, the heat index will be in the mid to upper 90s. Me-

teorologist Tom Green said the temperature is supposed to reach the low 90s, but the humidity will make it feel closer to 98 degrees.

“It’s a combination of the heat and the humidity that is making the apparent temperature feel higher,” he said.

Sefcheck also said after-school sporting events and practices will be monitored with extra water and

See Heat, Page A2



HOLLY TONINI/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Parents pick up their children from Madonna Catholic School in Monongahela at the end of their school day Tuesday. Students were given permission to wear their gym clothes or “spirit wear” for the week if they chose, instead of the standard school uniforms, to help them stay cool while temperatures outside are in the 90s.

Heat causes early dismissals
Observer-Reporter-September 5, 2018 Edition (Pg. 1)

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Heat

Continued from Page A1

“lots of precautions.” He said some practices were canceled, while others were moved to the evening.

Fort Cherry plans to do the same. Superintendent Jill Jacoby said high school students are being dismissed at noon and the elementary school kids at 12:45 p.m., because neither of the two buildings is air-conditioned.

“We’re making modifications for our athletic events, as well,” she said. “Varsity football will practice from 6 p.m. until dark, and ambulance services will be on campus for a cross country meet and

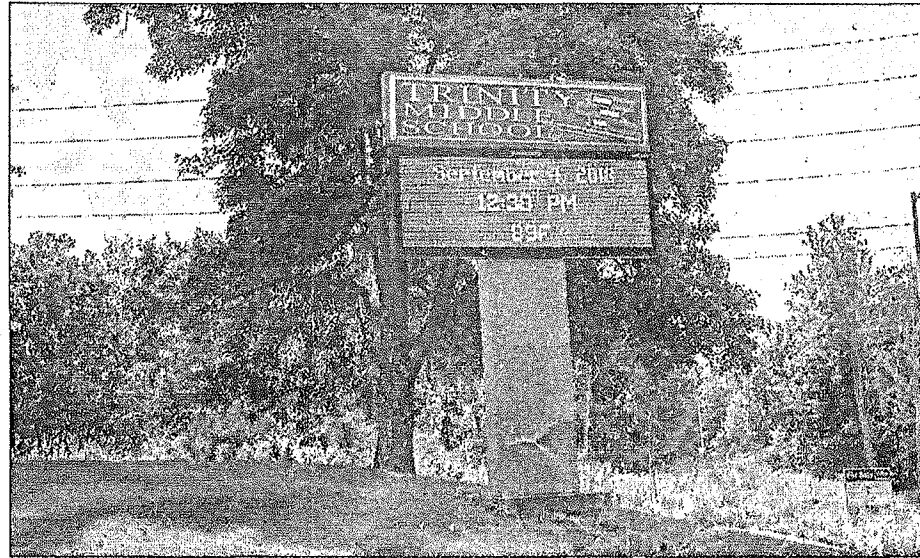
junior high football game (today). We’re also making sure the coaches keep the kids hydrated.”

Central Greene School District announced on its website it would dismiss students at 1 p.m. Tuesday and today “due to the extreme heat forecast.” Superintendent Helen McCracken did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

And even if districts aren’t dismissing classes early, administrators are still taking preventative measures to keep kids safe.

Other districts that have air conditioning, such as Washington, won’t release early, but will move sports practices to later in the evening.

Younger students at



HOLLY TONINI/OBSERVER-REPORTER

A sign outside Trinity Middle School reads 89 degrees at midday Tuesday. Temperatures later climbed into the 90s.

Carmichaels and Jefferson-Morgan are staying inside for recess with the

elevated temperatures. Jefferson-Morgan Superintendent Joseph Orr

added that though the district’s buildings are all air-conditioned, modifica-

tions would be made to after-school sports practices as needed, a move echoed at many schools.

Avella Superintendent Cyril Walther said the athletics programs will take a “common-sense approach” this week.

“Those coaches are going to make sure they’ll take more breaks,” he said. “And they’ll maybe not push as hard as they could because of the heat.”

Greene County notified residents Tuesday of a cooling center open at the United Methodist Church on Richhill Street in Waynesburg for those without air conditioning.

Staff writer Trista Thurston contributed to this report.

**Heat causes early dismissals
Observer-Reporter-September 5, 2018 Edition (Pg. 2)**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

SCHOOL FLAG SALUTE IS ORDERED BY STATE

Attorney General Defines Law That
is Being Flouted by Teachers
on Religious Grounds

Public school teachers and pupils are required under Pennsylvania law to take the oath of allegiance to the U. S. flag, Attorney General Charles J. Margiotti has decided.

Refusal of teachers to administer the oath constitutes grounds for their removal from school payrolls according to the formal opinion drafted by Margiotti at the request of Dr. Lester K. Ade, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to guide in several recent cases of refusals to participate in the customary flag exercises in classrooms.

Students who refuse to take the oath may be expelled or punished by local school officials the same as they would be disciplined for infraction of any other school regulation, the Attorney General ruled.

The formal opinion replaced one written for the Department in 1920. The earlier opinion, in effect, left the question of requiring the flag salute entirely up to local school officials. The new opinion makes the oath mandatory.

"Not only can boards of school directors require their teachers to take the oath of allegiance to the United States and administer it to their pupils, but it is the duty of such boards to require this manifestation of loyalty to our country," the Attorney General said.

"Any refusal by a teacher to comply with this requirement, whether such refusal be based upon conscientious or religious scruples, or upon any other reason, should be followed by immediate dismissal."

Religious scruples cannot be considered as justification for refusing to salute the flag, according to the opinion.

The religious objection was the basis for the majority of the recent cases of refusal to participate in the pledge of allegiance. They included Miss Grace Estep, teacher in the Canonsburg schools; her brother, Murray, 13, and two young sisters who attend the Minersville schools.

Miss Estep and her brother are members of a religious sect called "Jehovah's Witnesses." She administers the oath to her pupils but refuses to take it herself.

School Flag Salute is Ordered by State
The Burgettstown Enterprise—October 30, 1935 Edition

Program

A Pageant of the Nations

Orchestra	Dark Eyes.....	Russian Folk Song
	Two Guitars—Horlick	
Prologue	Violet Lawson and Mary Ocepek	
The King	Stephen Ben	
Spokesmen	Mike Saska and Maurice Johnson	
Spain	Tango ...Nedra Richey and Nick Drazich	
Italy	Santa Lucia	Italian Group
Scotland	Highland Fling	Scotch Girls
Ireland	Londonderry Air	Emile Coulange
France	Dance	Girls of France
Germany	Nur Wer die Sehnsucht Kennt	Miriam Cassidy
England		English Jackies
United States	The Stars and Stripes Forever	
Prophecy	Florence Horovitz	
Will	Ida Ceniz	
The Page	Robert Hunsinger	
Orchestra	Meyerbeer	

The Italian Group

Lena Astorina, Carl Latella, Valia Mazzier, Joe Merloni, Anne Gobleck, Grace Napolitana, Deno Sandri, Jeanette Latella, Angelo Scariot, Bill Bundy, Henry Abate, Mike Demo, Diveto Jeffrey.

The Scotch Girls

Helen McMahon, Geraldine King, Arvilla Kuhns, Willa Sanders

Girls of France

Marguerite Deliere, Lottie Mae Burns, Mae Kargle, Helen Bonner

English Jackies

Gaylord Malone, J. T. Davis, William Davis, Alfred Christy, Richard Dold, Joe Contray.

Court

Nick Bardyn, Joe Barish, Thomas Hucik, Alex Stetar, William Sustanna, Emile Kowalski, Edward Ralston, Robert Rommes, Frank Sauser, Sam Durst, William Mullen, Meryl Berry, Mary Garcia, Sophie Goleski, Josephine Jackson, Mary Jereb, Katie Lander, Anna Laurich, Bernice McCarty, Margaret Murray, Elizabeth Novosel, Stephana Pensak, Margaret Ruzsa, Norma Slack, Evelyn Trusnovic, Agnes Warro, Margaret Taucher.

Choir Group

Thelma Bertrand, Pauline Dodds, Lucille Colpo, Cynthia Steele, Betty Hall, Irene Malone.

Accompanists	John Alagna and Dorothy Inglefield
Stage Managers	Alice Bucknam and Willis Rosson
Lights	Robert Hunsinger and Dick Reasons
Make-up	Mary Dugas, Sara Kaezyk and Katherine Dubich

Renovate Schoolhouses

Preparatory to opening Burgettstown Borough and Smith Township Schools on September 4, buildings and school property have undergone various improvements and renovations.

Eight rooms have been painted in Union High and fluorescent lights have been installed in four rooms. Cement floors in the lower corridors have been painted and the front steps leading to the building from Main street have been completely repaired.

Spouting and several windows have been replaced at the borough grade school. Atlasburg school building has been completely painted inside. A new concrete walk has been laid on the Langeloth school property and extensive roof repairing has been done on the Francis Mine and Slovan buildings. Raccoon school has undergone painting and window repair. Harmon Creek will boast new windows, porch pillars and roofing. All buildings have been thoroughly cleaned in readiness for the opening day.

Renovate Schoolhouses

Burgettstown Enterprise- August 30, 1945 Edition

School Tax Figures

We have at hand statistics showing the tax levy of the different districts in Washington county having six rooms or over, which we publish merely as a matter of news. The first column gives the tax levy, the second the number of rooms in the school and the third the grade of the school:

Bentleyville.....	10.....	10.....	2
Burgettstown.....	8.....	10.....	1
California.....	12.....	11.....	*
Canonsburg.....	11½.....	31.....	1
Charleroi.....	15.....	46.....	1
Claysville.....	12.....	9.....	3
Cokeburg.....	20.....	6.....	*
Donora.....	12.....	22.....	1
East Washington.....	7.....	8.....	1
Ellsworth.....	20.....	9.....	*
McDonald.....	12.....	14.....	1
Midway.....	12.....	7.....	2
Monongahela.....	12.....	36.....	1
North Charleroi.....	15.....	6.....	0
Roscoe.....	14.....	8.....	0
W. Brownsville.....	9½.....	8.....	0
Washington.....	10.....	94.....	1

Those in the third column marked (0) have no high school, those with (*) are not classified.

Elco and Stockdale, four rooms each and no high school, have levies of 7 and 14 mills respectively.

All the above figures are for tax for school purposes only.

Four district schools reported 100 percent participation in war bond and stamp purchases for the month of December. A total of \$3765.45 students' purchases and \$1736.55 teachers' purchases was reported. Schools earning the treasury flag last month were: Bulger 98%; Harmon Creek, 100% Langeloth, 93%; and Burgettstown Elementary, 91%.

Purchases by schools were reported: Atlasburg, \$379.90; Bulger \$203.85; Francis Mine 0.00; Harmon Creek, \$109.60; Langeloth, \$292.90; Raccoon, \$183.90; Slovan \$181.20; Burgettstown Elementary \$1442.30; and Union High School \$971.80.

The total for Smith Township was \$1351.35.

—v—

SCHOOLS FOR ADULTS ARE BEING CONDUCTED

Announcement Made by Supervising
Principal Barr of Operation of
Schools in Community

As a part of the emergency education program, classes have been organized in Burgettstown and also in Slovan, according to a statement issued by Prof. C. F. Barr, supervising principal of the local system.

The practical purpose of the instruction in these classes is to give the foreign-born adult a better understanding in speaking, reading and writing English, and some knowledge of History and Civil Government. When needed, aid is given in preparation for the examination required in obtaining citizenship papers.

The Burgettstown borough school board has given splendid co-operation by furnishing supplies and the use of a building for meeting purposes. The Burgettstown unit was organized on January 7th, and has been holding classes from 6 until 9 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of each week since that time. A number of the members who are enrolled had attended last year, which was the first time the local community had ever had a school of this character.

The Citizen's Club of Slovan has shown fine public spiritedness in providing a room in their club house for the Slovan class, which was organized on January 8th, with an enrollment of 13 members. Meetings are held from 1 until 4 o'clock on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of each week.

Keen interest is shown by the members of the classes, although no doubt there are some who would be benefited by this training who are not enrolled. Any one wishing to enroll or to obtain further information may do so by reporting at the above named places on the days specified.

It is to be hoped all persons who stand in need of the educational advantages offered, will not neglect the opportunity to acquire knowledge along the lines covered by the course. This schooling is free and students are placed under no obligation whatsoever.

Schools for Adults are Being Conducted
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 6, 1935 Edition

Burgettstown — The Soft Coal Center



FACTS about

OUR SCHOOLS

Union high school at Burgettstown with an enrollment of 600 students and 27 members in the faculty is an accredited school and meets the curriculum requirements of state high schools. Union football and basketball teams are affiliated with the Southwestern Class A. Conference; W.P.I.A.L. and P.I.A.A. The school offers academic, commercial and general courses with classes in vocational home economics, metal and wood working industrial arts, journalism and band.

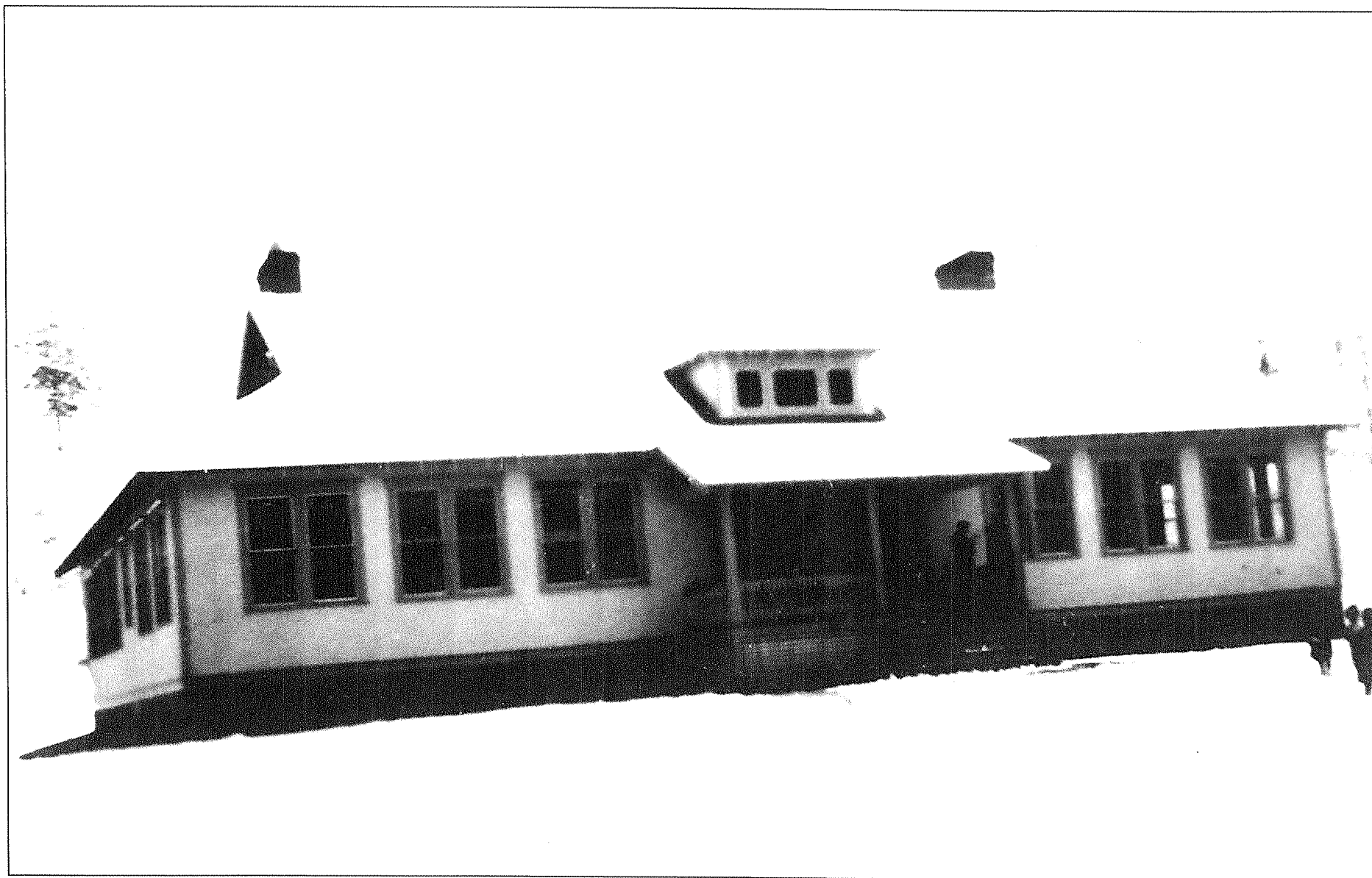
Grade school pupils receive instruction at nine elementary schools in the Burgettstown area. A parochial school is conducted by Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

BURGETTSTOWN'S PEOPLE ARE GOOD CITIZENS



Scott's Run School in the early days-No. 12

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Scott's Run School Four Room
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Scott's Run School Four Room with Students

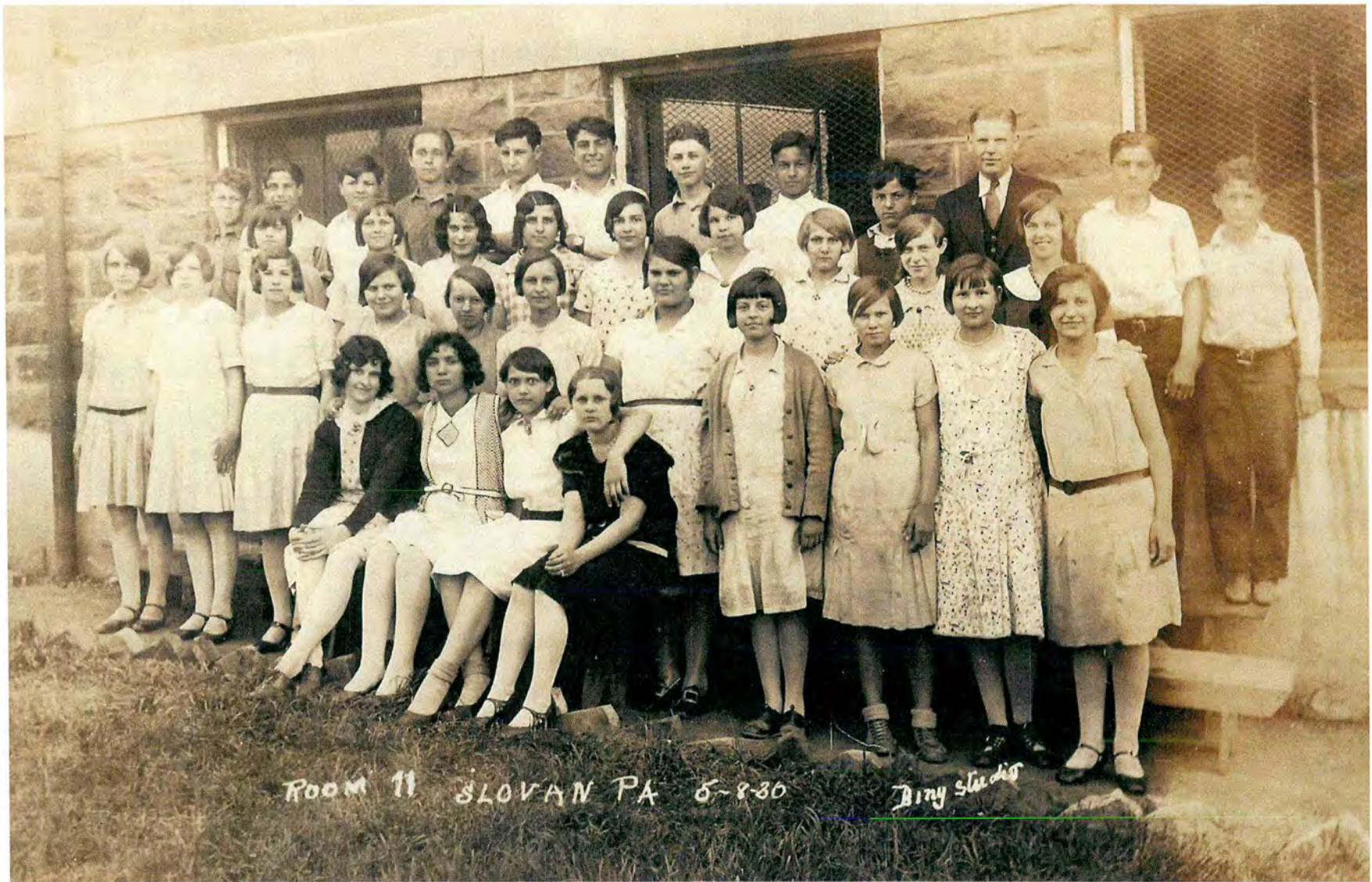
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Seminary-Academy House (painted brick), built prior to 1832 on land owned by Philip Jackson, became Mrs. Lambden's Seminary in 1832. Between 1833 and 1848 the building housed an academy founded by Robert Fulton in 1832 on a log building on land that turned out to have a title defect. Fulton, a cousin of the famous steamboat builder, was a teacher in this school from 1832 to 1938. William Burton succeeded Fulton in 1839 and continued until 1848. The house was later purchased by the Thomas Moore family. Location: Florence, near the corner of old U.S. 22 and Rt. 18. (Between gasoline station and cemetery).

Note: This community was once called Bricelands Crossroads. Next to this house is the burial site of Elisha McCurdy, first pastor of the Crossroads Church across the street, where the "Great Revival" began in 1802. A church now stands on the site.

Fort Vance Historical Society



Slovan Eighth Grade-1930

First Row, L-R: F. Medved, L. Astorina, H. Zelenko, and H. Sendora; **Second Row, L-R:** M. Visnich, Stephanie Pensak, H. Matula, Mary Jereb, A Wanesko, Kathryn Dubich, A. Strapanovich, Y. Gaia, Ostrowski, F. Kiren, and K. Tepsic.; **Third Row, L-R:** Kathryn Tepsic, J. Breska, R. Cappozzoli, Jeanette Latella, J. Testa, R. Dragon, B. Klimenko, A. Samloff, and J. Jackson; **Fourth Row, L-R:** J. Mlatnik, J. Alagna, A. Steiminger, S. Kavensky, William Filipponi, Nick Drazick, H. Longevitsh, L. Dubich, Bodie. Nicksick, teacher-J. Lescallete, C. Latella and F. Mlatnik.



Slovan eighth-grade in 1930

After many months of research, Carl Latella was able to provide a photo of the 1930 eighth-grade class of Slovan Elementary School for publication. Pictured, from left are, first row: F. Medved, L. Astorina, H. Zelenko and H. Sendora; second row: M. Visnich, S. Pensak, H. Matula, M. Jereb, A. Wanesko, K. Dubich, A. Stapanovich, Y. Gaia, Ostrowski, F. Kiren and K. Tepsic; third row: K. Tepsic, J. Breska, R. Capozzoli, J. Latella, J. Testa, R. Dragon, B. Klimenko, A. Samloff and J. Jackson; fourth row: J. Mlatnik, J. Alagna, A. Steiminger, S. Kavensky, W. Filipponi, N. Drazick, H. Longevitsh, J. Dubich, B. Nicksick, teacher J. Lescallete, C. Latella and F. Mlatnik.

Slovan Eighth Grade-1930
The Enterprise-June 21, 1995 Edition

SLOVAN RESIDENTS ASK FOR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING—PRESENT STRUCTURE IS CONDEMNED

Slovan School Bond Issue Will Come Before Voters at
Primary Tuesday—Need For New Building
Is Explained—Architect's Plans Drawn



The school board members of Smith Township, Washington County, are contemplating the erection of a new elementary school building at Slovan, for the purpose of providing better facilities for the children of that section. This is an economic movement since the present frame buildings on the hill in Slovan have been condemned for use by the Department of Public Instruction and are considered unfit to be used for public school purposes. The present frame buildings at Slovan are of the old type portable buildings with no modern or sanitary facilities for the children whatsoever and exceedingly dangerous in their present state. A large amount of money would have to be spent at once to even place these buildings in a condition that they may be used for a few years.

The school board members have carefully studied the advisability of building at this time and have been advised to do so by business and technical men in view of the fact that Federal Aid may be advanced if the District will raise their share of the cost through this Bond Issue. Many Boroughs, Cities, and other Townships have taken advantage of the present facilities offered in connection with the building of much-needed school buildings, and the School Board members of Smith Township have been very conservative in their plans for this proposed building and have solicited the advice of the Department of Public Instruction at Harrisburg who had already made a survey of the school district and recommended the construction of this proposed building.

Last fall, the Board selected S. LLOYD BEALL, Registered Architect of Washington, to prepare plans and specifications for the building and these plans have been submitted to the State Department and have been approved and are now subject to the approval of the voters of the District. The building has been designed for the site of the present frame buildings, and will be a fireproof building. The present plans show eight class rooms, boys and girls toilet rooms, Office, Health and Teachers room, and provisions have been shown for future extension of the building of a play room.

The basement is under a small section of the building and provides only for the Boiler room and fuel room. The building is to be a one story structure of plain conservative architectural treatment free from costly ornamentation and to be constructed of brick and hollow tile, with steel sash windows, fireproof floors and roof. Modern toilet rooms will be built within the building, and the entire building will be heated with a central modern heating plant. Each class room to be of the required size and each pupil to have his own individual wardrobe. The floors of class rooms to be finished with linoleum and made sanitary and new furniture and equipment necessary for the building has been figured in the cost of the structure. The Architect's plans are completed for the building and the Architects perspective picture of the proposed building is shown herein and a framed picture of the building has been displayed in store windows in the district during the past week.

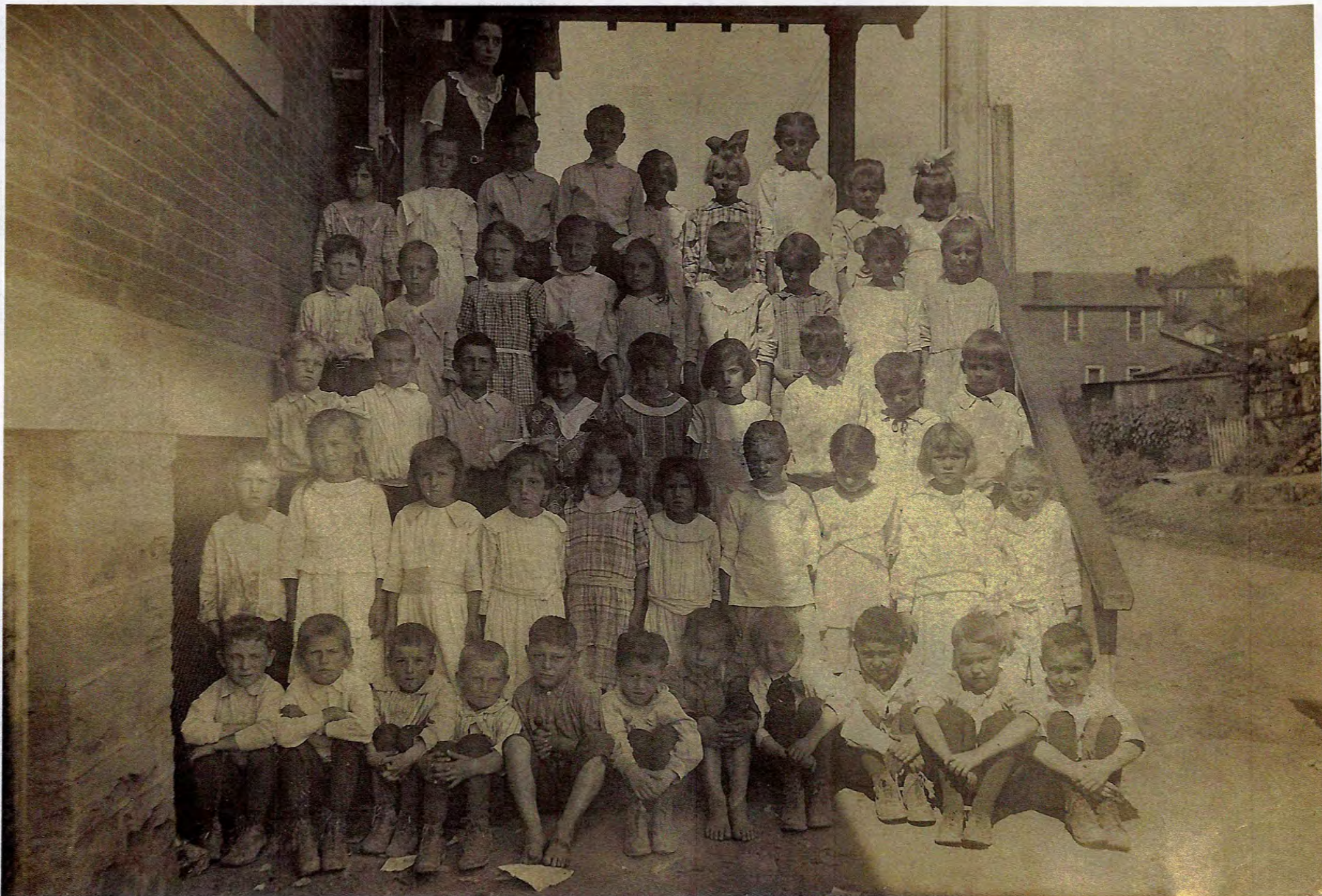
Slovan Residents Ask for New School Building-Structure is Condemned
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 12, 1938 Edition



Slovan School- Miss H. Stewart, Teacher

Courtesy of Justine Filipponi O'Brien

Slovan School



Slovan School



Slovan School





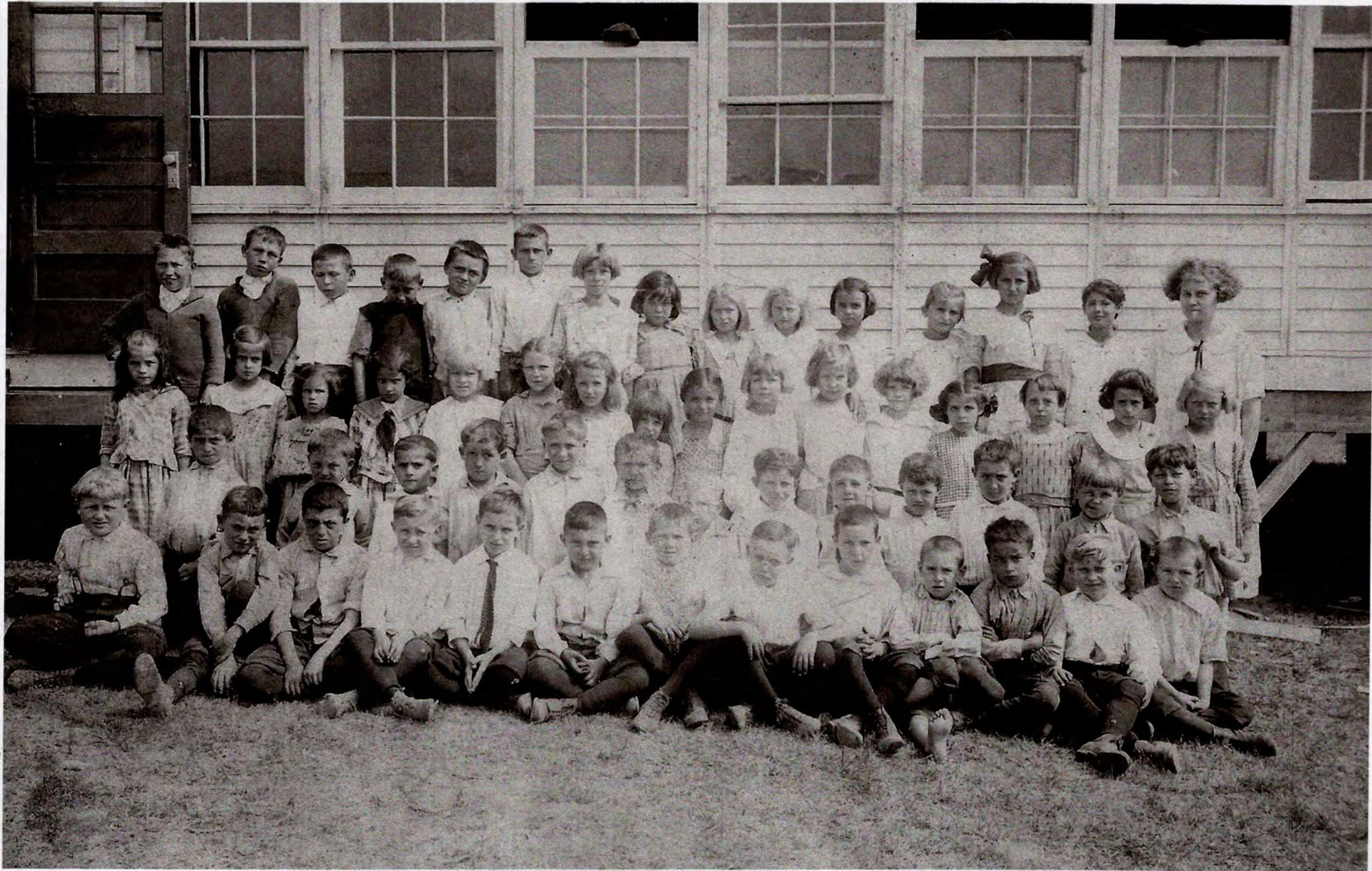
Slovan School

Courtesy of Justine Filipponi O'Brien



Slovan School Courtesy of Justine Filipponi O'Brien

Slovan School





Slovan School-Miss Elder, Teacher *Courtesy of Justine Filipponi O'Brien*



Slovan School-Miss Richey

Courtesy of Justine Filipponi O'Brien



Slovan School-Miss Shells, Teacher

Courtesy of Justine Filipponi Q'Brien



Slovan School- Miss Stevenson, Teacher

Courtesy of Justine Filipponi O'Brien



Slovan School- Miss Stewart, Teacher

Courtesy of Justine Filipponi O'rien



Slovan School-Miss Tennyson, Teacher

Courtesy of Justine Filipponi O'Brien



Slovan School
Mr. Love
Courtesy of
Justine Filipponi O'Brien

Slovan School-June 8, 1930



ROOM 11 SLOVAN PA 5-8-30

Diny Studio



**Slovan School-Room 11, June 8, 1930
Grade 8**

ID Chart 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36
 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
 1 2 3 4

- | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. F. Medved | 13. _ Ostroski | 25. J. Matalik |
| 2. L. Astorina | 14. _ Kiren | 26. J. Alagna |
| 3. _____ | 15. H. Suica | 27. A. Stiemenger |
| 4. H. Sendora | 16. K. Tepsic | 28. S. Kavenski |
| 5. M. Visnich | 17. A. Breska | 29. W. Filipponi |
| 6. S. Pensak | 18. R. Capazzoli | 30. N. Dragich |
| 7. H. Matula | 19. J. Latella | 31. H. Longevitch |
| 8. M. Jerb | 20. J. Testa | 32. J. Dubich |
| 9. A. Wynoski | 21. R.D, Dragon | 33. B. Nicksick |
| 10. K. Dubich | 22. B. Klimenko | 34. Mr. Lascalette |
| 11. A. Stapanivich | 23. A. Samoloff | 35. C. Latella |
| 12. Y. Gaia | 24. J. Jackson | 36. F. Malatnik |

Courtesy of Justine Filipponi O'Brien

Slovan School-May 1, 1930



Room 9 SLOVAN PA 5-1-30

DINY STUDIO



**Slovan School-Room 11, June 8, 1930
Grade 8**

ID Chart	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
				1	2	3	4					

- | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. F. Medved | 13. _ Ostroski | 25. J. Matalik |
| 2. L. Astorina | 14. _ Kiren | 26. J. Alagna |
| 3. _____ | 15. H. Suica | 27. A. Stiemenger |
| 4. H. Sendora | 16. K. Tepsic | 28. S. Kavenski |
| 5. M. Visnich | 17. A. Breska | 29. W. Filipponi |
| 6. S. Pensak | 18. R. Capazzoli | 30. N. Dragich |
| 7. H. Matula | 19. J. Latella | 31. H. Longevitch |
| 8. M. Jerb | 20. J. Testa | 32. J. Dubich |
| 9. A. Wynoski | 21. R.D, Dragon | 33. B. Nicksick |
| 10. K. Dubich | 22. B. Klimenko | 34. Mr. Lascalette |
| 11. A. Stapanivich | 23. A. Samoloff | 35. C. Latella |
| 12. Y. Gaia | 24. J. Jackson | 36. F. Malatnik |

Courtesy of Justine Filipponi O'Brien

SMITH BOARD REVOKES ACTION ON CHERRY VALLEY

After deliberating long into the night, Friday evening, the members of the Smith Township School Board reversed their decision to inaugurate an economy program by eliminating three teachers and closing the Cherry Valley school.

A delegation of twenty being present armed with a petition signed by every voter of Cherry Valley together with pleas that the children would have to do without hot lunches seemed to be the deciding factors.

Spokesmen for the delegation were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bertovich and Mr. Eldon McConnaughy.

Later in the evening a motion was introduced that inasmuch as the Board did not seem to be in accord the entire Board resign. This motion was defeated.

Tax collector R. M. Boyd was exonerated of eleven thousand dollars for 1940 uncollected taxes.

The contract for wiring the Atlasburg school was awarded to Brown and Cowden of Hickory for \$495.00.

TOWNSHIP BOARD PLANS FOR STORAGE OF SCHOOL BUSES

The Smith township school board accepted a bid from Eugene Tucci for the storage and maintenance of school buses for the year 1948-49. Other bidders were Nap Motors and John Antonetti and C. Nogier. A provision was made permitting the board to cancel its contract with Tucci providing a garage could be purchased or constructed by the board during the school year. Tucci will be given 60 days notice.

The directors discussed purchasing a site for a garage but came to no definite conclusion. The lot directly behind the high school, owned by the joint school board, has been considered as a possibility.

The tax collector's commission was raised from two to two and one half percent for collections retroactive to July 1, 1948.

**Smith Twp. Plans for Storage of School Buses
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition**

BIDS WANTED

Bids are being received by the Smith Township School Board until 7:30 p.m., Sept. 10, 1952, in the office of the Supervising Principal, for grade A run-of-mine coal to be supplied to the following township schools: Langeloth, Slovan, Atlasburg, Raccoon and Bulger.

Signed, G. D. Bianchi, Sec'y
S-4

Bids Wanted

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 21, 1952 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society

AUDITOR'S REPORT

**SMITH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING JULY 1, 1931**

TAXATION

Assessed valuation of taxable property \$4,275,675.00
 Number assessed with per capita tax 3000. Mills levied 23
 Rate of per capita tax \$5.00

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL TAX

Amount levied (face of duplicate) \$106,093.23
 Per Capita \$15,000.00
 Property 89,658.73
 Additions to duplicate 1,434.50
 Penalties \$ 206.68
 Total amount of tax 106,093.23
 Exonerations 4,918.15
 Entered as liens or returned 4,793.94
 Net amount of 1930 tax collected \$1,972.29

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand July 1931 \$ 601.95
 Temporary loans 52,000.00
 Sale of property, insurance, etc. 21.85
 Taxes 81,972.39
 Delinquent taxes 47,895.71
 State Appropriation 41,534.76
 All other sources 7,556.78
 Total \$231,582.44

CURRENT EXPENSES

Secretary 300.00
 Treasurer 300.00
 Tax collector 2,385.50
 Auditor 25.00
 Compulsory edu. and census 327.50
 Superintendent's office 261.00
 Office building 183.00
 Other expenses 272.72
 Total Items \$4,054.72

EXPENDITURES

Salaries of supervisors 3,651.74
 Salaries of teachers 69,927.30
 Textbooks 2,145.93
 Supplies used in instruction 5,468.17
 Attending teachers' institute 1,295.00
 Tuition 3,353.50
 Other expenses 3,333.57
 Total Elementary 94,175.21
 Total Secondary 22,076.75
 Total Items \$116,251.96

AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Promotion of health 1,706.90
 Transportation of pupils 2,889.95
 Total Items \$4,596.85

OPERATIONS

Wages of janitors 2,286.30
 Fuel 1,559.50
 Water, light and power 283.42
 Janitors' supplies 337.53
 Care of grounds 24.60
 Other expenses 486.85
 Total Items \$4,978.20

MAINTENANCE

Repair of buildings 838.41
 Upkeep of grounds 755.20
 Heat, light and plumbing 329.90
 Apparatus 1,124.09
 Furniture 61.55
 Other expenses 942.64
 Total Items \$4,051.79

Fixed Charges (F)
 State Retirement Board 4,777.25
 Rents 150.00
 Fire Insurance 326.84
 Other Insurance 125.00
 Total expenses \$5,379.09

DEBT SERVICE AND CAPITAL OUTLAY

Debt service:
 Redemption of short term loans 60,000.00
 Payment of interest on short term loans 5,160.00
 Total Items \$65,160.00
 Capital Outlay:
 New buildings 13,923.25
 Added equipment for old buildings 88.52
 Painting 258.00
 Total Items \$14,269.77

Total receipts \$231,582.44
 Total payments \$218,742.38
 Balance on hand, school year 1931-1932 \$ 12,840.06

SINKING FUND REPORT

Balance on hand July 1, 1930 \$ 601.95
 Balance in fund July 1, 1931 12,840.06

ASSETS

School site, buildings and equipment \$298,490.00
 Balance in treasury 12,840.06

LIABILITIES

Short term loans \$105,000.00

R. M. BOYD, TAX COLLECTOR
 In Account with Smith Township School Board
 1930 School Duplicate
 DR.

To Duplicate \$104,658.73
 To Additions 1,434.50
 \$106,093.23

CR.

By Cash to Treasurer, to October 1, 1930 \$ 75,035.48
 By Cash to Treasurer, after October 1, 1930 6,936.91
 By Exonerations 4,918.15
 By Liens Filed 4,793.94
 By Uncollected Balance 14,408.75
 \$106,093.23

We hereby certify that we have examined the above accounts and find them correct, and that the securities of the officers of the board are in accordance with law.

D. W. SMITH,
 H. C. COOK,
 F. S. WRAY,

Auditors

July 3, 1931

**Caesar Prado
Is Appointed To
Twp. School Board**

Caeser Prado, President of the Smelters Union at Langeloth has been appointed to the School Board of Smith township, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Attorney Michael Hanna, who has been named solicitor of the Board.

The resignation of Mrs. Emma Lawson Miller has been submitted to the Board. Mrs. Miller, who is a first grade teacher in the Atlasburg school, will leave on January 28 to join her husband, Lieutenant Miller, who is stationed at Colorado Springs.

—v—

Smith Twp. School Directors Go To Harrisburg Monday To Sign Contracts For Joffre School

William P. Miller, Supervising Principal of the Burgettstown and Smith township schools has received official word that the money is now available for the building of the new school at Raccoon. Mr. Miller received a letter on Friday from R. C. Barton, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Public School Buildings Authority that the project has received final state approval which gives the Smith township Board of Directors the green light for early construction of this school.

The board held a special meeting Friday evening at which time the members signified that they were in unanimous ac-

cord as to the provisions that must be met for the professional agreement with the state. The members have accepted an invitation to go to Harrisburg on Monday, June 2 for a meeting at 1:30 with the state authority to sign this agreement.

Members who will attend this meeting are the President, Arthur Florio, Secretary Ermil Caleffie, Carl Latella, John Zelenko, Geno Bianchi, Alban Dalverny and Joseph Bertovich, Superintendent of Schools Miller, Solicitor George Hanna and Arthur Tennyson, the Architect.

The board agreed to give President Florio and Secretary Caleffie the right to act in their behalf to enter into the contract with the School Building Authority and the Architect. They also agreed to turn the title to the land over to the School Authority for the period of the amortization.

The new school at Raccoon will be constructed at an estimated cost of \$396,252.00 and will be a one story brick building, containing 10 classrooms, teachers' room, health room, separate gymnasium and cafeteria.

The next step in the project will be the advertising for bids for a contractor for the building. The school directors believe that it will be possible to start actual construction at an early date.

**Smith Twp. School Directors go to Harrisburg Monday
to Sign Contracts for Joffre School
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 29, 1952 Edition**

Report of Smith Schools For Month of December

The following is a report of the Smith township school units, for the month of December, 1935. Figures shown in first column give the number of boys in school; second column, number of girls; third column, number of absences; fourth column, perfect attendance:

Atlasburg

Mr. Wiley	8	7	12	12
Mr. Harris	12	10	22	22
Miss Grable	8	4	7	10
Mr. Harris	6	10	8	16
Miss Grable	15	16	30	27
Miss Moore	18	19	52	27
M. Blair	9	7	18	11
Miss Moore	1	7	0	8
M. Blair	12	8	30	13
Miss Cooley	23	14	46	23
	112	102		

Langeloth

Mr. Critchlow	22	8	40	23
Mr. Robertson	13	15	38	25
Mr. Butler	14	16	35	25
Mrs. Stoner	9	16	96	16
Miss Burns	15	12	7	10
Miss Bruce	16	11	18	22
Miss Sullivan	7	22	28	19
Miss Hall	12	11	48	16
Miss Mull	17	13	22	24
Miss McCord	19	20	136	20
Miss J. V. Burns	15	24	109	23
	159	168		

Harmon Creek

Mr. Bacon	3	4	4	5
Mr. Bacon	6	9	6	13
Miss Dodds	8	8	18	11
Miss Dodds	11	7	12	12
Miss Dold	9	6	8	11
Miss Dold	11	8	22	12
Miss Felch	8	7	44	9
Miss Felch	10	6	33	12
	66	55		

Erie Mine

Miss Lawson	1	3	4	0
Miss Lawson	4	2	6	0
Miss Lawson	2	2	0	0
	7	7		

Cherry Valley

Mr. Nethercoat	6	4	2	9
Mr. Nethercoat	5	11	8	12
Miss Seabright	8	9	8	4

Miss Seabright	2	9	6	7
Miss Farrar	6	5	5	9
Miss Farrar	9	5	0	14
Miss Boles	8	7	8	13
Miss Boles	5	10	30	12
	49	60		

Francis Mine

Mr. Mulholland	7	7	2	13
Mr. Mulholland	16	8	4	22
Miss Bigger	3	7	14	6
Miss Bigger	12	12	12	20
Miss Boyd	19	24	118	26
Miss Young	15	9	21	15
Miss Young	3	7	15	7
Mrs. Harper	10	4	26	10
Mrs. Harper	7	10	14	14
Miss Colteryahn	9	6	10	12
Miss Colteryahn	11	5	50	12
	112	99		

Slovan

Mrs. Kharas	13	10	19	8
Mr. Malone	15	9	3	16
Miss Garbark	14	15	20	16
Miss Hall	15	15	18	15
Mr. Harris	28	16	31	38
Miss McGregor	18	13	37	24
Mr. Dunbar	15	17	18	27
Miss Bittner	14	25	50	26
Miss McNary	14	14	18	25
Miss Blair	15	10	6	22
Miss Welch	15	10	34	16
	176	139		

Bulger

Mr. Burns	6	14	4	19
Mr. Burns	14	14	34	25
Miss Daudet	9	15	61	9
Miss Danielson	12	20	61	24
Miss Ralston	11	14	32	7
Miss Ralston	14	8	10	11
Miss King	11	7	32	11
Miss King	14	6	66	13
	91	98		

Raccoon

Mr. Proudft	17	11	26	23
Miss DeBrakeleer	20	17	26	29
Miss F. DeBrakeleer	19	14	21	25
Miss Riggs	21	10	8	28
Miss McKenzie	22	10	20	26
Miss Buneman	11	11	2	21
Miss Palin	10	10	16	16
Miss McPeak	15	17	16	24
	135	100		

TOWNSHIP BOARD AWARDS INSURANCE TO PITTSBURGH FIRM

Exercising its privilege of awarding contracts as members see fit, the Smith township school board in regular session on Tuesday evening awarded the contract for \$18,000 worth of fire insurance on Smith township school buildings to an out of town firm. This insurance, totalling one-fifth of the insurance carried by the township, has previously been carried by local agents, McFarland & Cassidy. The premium rate, as submitted by both candidates for the business was the same, \$432.93. The business was given to the firm of Langehart, Daelhausen and May of Pittsburgh. Mr. McFarland and Mr. Daelhausen were present at the meeting.

The Smith township board re-organized for the current year with D. J. Nicksick as president and George Swanik as vice president. A delegation was present from the Langeloth Parent-Teacher Association, including Mrs. Wilgocki, president, Mrs. Kirsch, E. S. Wheeler and J. H. McIntyre. This delegation protested the board's action in cutting the recreation periods at Langeloth school to two days a week, instead of the former five day periods, as an economy measure. The board agreed to a five day play period providing the Janitor service is paid by the P.T.A. The lights and heat will be paid by the Township.

Mr. Mudrak of Canonsburg was elected solicitor for the board, succeeding Attorney P. V. Marino. The directors decided to apply for state aid at once, securing whatever funds they may. They also voted to negotiate a loan of sufficient funds to pay the salaries of the teachers at the close of the month of January.

IN THE MAIL BOX

Dear Editor:

The Smith Township School Board wishes to correct the many bits of misinformation which M. T. C. passed on to the readers of the Enterprise in last week's letter. First of all, we are wondering why the signature 'A Boro Citizen' was used by one who is most obviously a Township citizen or else doesn't realize that the Boro and Township School Boards are two separate bodies.

We cannot agree that the Harmon Creek school is the most decent school in the district, though it is granted that it is in a good location. As school buildings go in Smith Township, and everyone knows that we have some poor ones, the Harmon Creek building is merely a shell and, though equipped with a good heating system, is very difficult to heat properly, particularly the rooms facing the west.

The Board will sincerely appreciate more information as to how having 'the park in their back yard' would aid in the development of the present school site at Harmon Creek.

The so-called 'big talk during the war about the care of children' hasn't gone out with the war as far as the Board is concerned and we believe that the nation-wide record of the transportation of children to schools supports the fact that transporting school children is not detrimental to them. Further, playground facilities are available at the Slovan School away from the main highway. Also, the transportation of these children is being effected without any additional cost to the district.

As for the football field and its cost compared to that of the saving effected by transporting these children, M. T. C. apparently didn't read the auditor's report published recently in the Enterprise which showed that the athletic field actually earns money for the school district. The average return to the Board each year amounts to about 10 per cent of the initial cost of the stadium. We believe this to be a good investment and, if the field is paid for in 10 years, the Joint Board members who initiated the project should be commended for their farsightedness. Regarding the dry location statement, we happen to have information that the Washington High School Stadium located on a hill top, required a much more expensive drainage system than the one just installed at Hill Stadium.

We regard the Board's being 'all in one click' as a compliment to the members' ability to get along with each other and be in agreement on the school program despite the fact that the members are not 'from one direction' but are rather well divided geographically, 2 living in Langeloth, 2 in Raccoon, 2 in Slovan and 1 in Cherry Valley. Also, if politics is insinuated by the 'one click' idea, please remember that the most recent appointment to a vacancy on the Board is a Republican, though the other members are Democrats.

Just where did M. T. C. get the idea that the taxes are going to be raised to 35 mills? The Board has no such program in mind and never did have. There would be a possibility of a tax increase only if the Board continued to operate all of the schools operated last year with the same number of teachers as last year, since about 14 teachers' salaries and current maintenance expenses for those rooms would have to be paid entirely from local funds. There would be no reimbursement from the State for these 'extra' teacher units.

Thank you Madam Editor, for printing this answer to so much misinformation and false accusation. Our thanks also to your readers who we hope do appreciate the sincere efforts of their School Board toward securing the best school program possible for the children in our district.

The Smith Twp. School Board

V

**Smith Twp. School Board Letter-Consolidation Pans
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 13, 1945 Edition**

SCHOOL BOARDS RE-ORGANIZE FOR 1945

The Smith township school board has reorganized for 1945 with P. J. Sciamanna as president and Albert Watlet as Vice-President. Wallace Gourley was retained as solicitor to the district. Mrs. Hazel Grabsky has been duly elected Principal of the Harmon Creek school and teacher of grades 7 and 8. Miss Blanche Newcomer was given a contract as teacher of grades 3 and 4 at Francis Mine school.

George Swanik resigned as a member of the board and J. H. McIntyre of Langeloth was appointed to succeed for his unexpired term. Medical examiners for the district, including Burgettstown and Smith township who will work in co-operation are Doctors Tomaseski, McKee, Hamerick and Hindman.

A change was made in the plan for dental care for children of Burgettstown and Smith township and under the new arrangements free dental care will be available to any child under 12 years of age.

The Union high school, school board re-organized for the new year with Joseph Bertovich as President and Edward Wagner as Vice President. Burgettstown Board retained its previous officers Mr. Wagner as President and Mr. Atherton as Vice-President.

School sessions in the district will resume January 2, after the Xmas vacation period.

—v—

Smith Township Board To Float \$40,000 Bond Issue To Pay Teachers' Salaries; Current Bills

Members of the Smith township school board struggled with some knotty problems at their regular meeting on June 13, when they attempted to solve budget difficulties that have been accumulating this past school year. They adopted a budget for 1951-52 for \$270,000 and increased school taxes from 27 to 29 mills.

Members were told that the Washington County Court of Quarter Sessions has granted permission for the board to float a bond issue for refunding debts at the closing of the current year, July 2, 1951. A bond issue of \$40,000 will provide \$20,000 to pay current indebtedness, including

teachers' salaries and that of other employes, the board's share of the retirement fund and current maintenance. \$20,000 additional will pay off a short term loan which was taken at the bank in May 1951 to pay current debts.

If legislation now in process is approved it will provide enough additional appropriation for the board to balance the 1951-52 budget. This legislation will provide \$400 increases for teachers salaries and a \$400 increase in basic subsidy per teaching unit.

Officers elected are Ermil Calefie, secretary and Carl Latella, treasurer. G. D. Bianchi remains as president of the board.

Smith Twp. Board to Float \$40,000 Bond Issue to Pay Teachers; Salaries; Current Bills
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 21, 1951 Edition

Smith District School Directors Enter Into Agreement With Road Board For Disposal Of Unused Buildings And Lands

Disposal of buildings and land not in use at the present time by the Smith township school district was settled at a four-hour session Monday evening. Disposal of buildings in Raccoon, Bulger and Slovan, will be made in the following manner, according to a motion made by Ermil Caleffie and seconded by Joseph Bertovich:

"This board will go on record with the opinion that it will deed to the Smith township board of road supervisors—who is in full agreement with this action—certain buildings and lands no longer in use at Raccoon, Bulger and Slovan; if, within 60 days, a chartered community organization, or one showing a serious intention to

become chartered, requests the use of said buildings or lands for community purposes, with the understanding that no liquor will be allowed on the premises. These requests are to be delivered in writing to the Smith township board of road supervisors within 60 days."

Chairman of the road board, Owen McGraw, has stated they are in favor of this plan.

It is further clarified that by a "community organization", it is meant an organization which will embrace all phases of community-wide interests; not one particular interest.

Additional information on the plan, may be obtained from Mr. McGraw, Slovan.

Smith Twp. School Directors Enter into Agreement with Road Board for Disposal of Unused Buildings and Land
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 16, 1954 Edition

DIRECTORS DISCUSS SCHOOL REPAIRS FOR SMITH TWP.

Needed repairs to Smith township school buildings, which were noted by members of the Board of Education on their recent inspection tour of schools, were discussed at the regular meeting of that board on Monday evening. Conditions at Bulger school were said to be in need of immediate attention. The directors expect to renovate and make repairs to several of the buildings in the township as soon as school is dismissed. Untidiness both in school rooms and in school play yards was frowned upon by the directors.

Superintendent Tennyson reported that a committee from the Board had made application for \$30,000 state aid for the school term 1940-41.

Bids for supplies from three firms were opened and a committee composed of Swanik, Plate and Sciamanna was appointed to inspect samples and make their recommendation to the board at the next meeting.

Bills totalling \$9099.47 were approved for payment.

**Directors Discuss School Repairs for Smith Twp.
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 11, 1940 Edition**

**AUDITOR'S REPORT OF
THE SMITH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1936**

Assessed valuation of taxable property and per capita tax	\$ 3,432,333.00
Number of mills levied	21
Rate of per capita tax	5.00
Amount of School Tax	
Amount levied (face of 1935 duplicate)	
Per Capita	\$ 11,500.00
Property	67,658.04
Total	79,158.04
Additions to duplicate	1,415.00
Total amount of tax to be collected	
Per Capita	\$ 11,500.00
Property	69,073.04
Total	80,573.04
Exonerations	7,186.13
Liens filed (1935 tax)	17,994.35
Net amount of 1935 tax collected	55,392.56

RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand July 1, 1936—General Fund	\$ 6,927.50
Property tax 1935	55,392.56
Delinquent tax (previous to 1935)	7,592.68
State Appropriation	56,188.60
Special Grant	9,000.00
Temporary loans	14,607.50
All other sources	4,704.09
Total receipts	\$154,412.93

CURRENT EXPENSES	
(A) General Control	
Secretary's Office, Salaries	\$ 432.50
Treasurer (Commission or Salary)	300.00
Tax Collector	1,217.98
Auditors	15.00
Legal Service	450.00
Filing Liens—Carson	439.50
Other Expense of General Control	140.89
Total General Control	\$ 2,995.87
(B) Instruction	
Salaries of Supervisors	\$ 650.00
Other Expenses of Supervisors	1,625.45
Salaries of Principal's Clerks & Assistants	512.50
Supplies of Principal's Office	52.25
Salaries of Teachers	76,571.63
Textbooks	300.41
Supplies used in Instruction	646.65
Attending Teachers Institute	30.00
Tuition	2,453.50
Other Expense of Instruction	29,900.00
Total Expense of Instruction	\$ 112,742.39
(C) Auxiliary Agencies and Coordinate Activities	
Transportation	\$ 3,449.30
Enforcement of Compulsory Attendance—Robb	504.00
Medical Inspection	811.50
Total Aux. Agencies and Coordinate Activities	\$ 4,764.80
(D) Operation	
Wages of janitors and other employes	\$ 1,718.70
Fuel	1,323.36
Light and Power	263.35
Janitors' supplies	394.63
Total Expense of Operation	\$ 3,700.04
(E) Maintenance	
Upkeep of grounds	\$ 354.40
Repair of buildings	394.61
Replacement of furniture of other equipment	679.71
Total Maintenance	\$ 1,428.72
(F) Fixed Charges	
State Retirement Board	\$ 8.40
Rent	150.00
Insurance (Fire) \$1371.11 (Compensation) \$143.73	1,514.84
Total	\$ 1,673.24
Total Current Expenses (Items A-F inclusive)	\$127,305.06
(G) Debt Service	
Redemption of bonds direct from general fund	\$ 4,000.00
Payments to sinking fund from general fund	3,023.75
Redemption of short term loans	14,607.50
Payments of interest on bonds	3,400.00
Payments of interest on short term loans	75.00
Total Debt Service	\$ 25,106.25

SUMMARY	
Total Receipts	\$ 154,412.93
(Items A-F inclusive)	\$ 127,305.06
Total Debt Service (Item G)	25,106.25
Total	152,416.31
Balance on hand	\$ 2,001.62

SINKING FUND REPORT	
Receipts	
Balance on hand July 1, 1936	\$ 10,785.22
Received Liens	10,056.44
Total Receipts	\$ 20,841.66
Disbursements	
Paid out to redeem bonds	\$ 3,000.00
Paid out in interest on bonds	1,282.50
Total Payments	4,282.50
Balance in fund	\$ 16,559.16

ASSETS	
Textbooks and equipment	\$ 310,705.00

UNPAID TAXES	
1935 Tax Liens	\$17,994.35
1934 Tax Liens	4,645.00
1933 Tax Liens	11,850.67
Previous to 1933 duplicate	\$ 34,490.02
General fund balance	2,001.62
Total Assets	\$ 347,196.64

LIABILITIES	
Bonded indebtedness (without vote of electorate)	\$ 100,000.00
Tuition	1,716.06
Textbooks	2,299.17
Supplies	546.37
All other accounts	8,243.91
Total Liabilities	112,805.51

**R. M. BOYD IN ACCOUNT WITH SMITH TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL BOARD—1935 SCHOOL TAX DUPLICATE**

DR.		
To Duplicate	\$79,158.04	
To Additions	1,415.00	
		\$80,573.04
CR.		
By Cash to Treasurer	\$ 55,392.56	
By Liens Filed	17,994.35	
By Exonerations	7,186.13	
		\$80,573.04

**R. M. BOYD IN ACCOUNT WITH SMITH TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL BOARD—1934 SCHOOL TAX DUPLICATE**

DR.		
To Balance Forwarded	\$ 8,973.27	
To Additions	564.90	
		\$ 9,538.17
CR.		
By Cash to Treasurer	\$ 3,338.97	
By Liens Filed	4,645.00	
By Exonerations	1,554.20	
		\$ 9,538.17

**R. M. BOYD IN ACCOUNT WITH SMITH TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL BOARD—1933 SCHOOL TAX DUPLICATE**

DR.		
To Balance Forwarded	\$ 14,364.43	
To Additions	731.59	
		\$ 15,096.02
CR.		
By Cash to Treasurer	\$ 910.80	
By Liens Filed	11,850.67	
By Exonerations	2,334.55	
		\$ 15,096.02

We hereby certify that we have examined the above accounts and find them correct, and that the securities of the officers of the board are in accordance with law.

JOHN D. KEYS,
H. C. COOKE,
Auditors.

July 17, 1936

MANY WIN DIPLOMAS IN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Class of 165 Boys and Girls of Smith
Township Complete Work
of Grade Schools

On Friday evening of last week, in the Union high school auditorium in Burgettstown, 165 boys and girls of Smith township were awarded diplomas of honor upon the completion of eight years of preparatory educational work in the grade schools of the township. The class was slightly smaller than last year, due somewhat to removals of families from the district during the past year.

The commencement exercises attending the award of diplomas were highly interesting and the function was largely attended. All who took part in the exercises performed well and the ceremonies were carried along in a pleasing and efficient manner. The scriptural reading and invocation were given by the Rev. R. C. Sutton, pastor of the local United Presbyterian church. A chorus, "Happy Summer," was presented by the pupils of Raccoon schools. A historic pageant, "Progress in Transportation and Dress in the United States," was an excellent feature given by Harmon Creek pupils.

Francis Mine school contributed a poem, "Benjamin Navage," the glee club of Langeloth school sang, Cherry Valley pupils gave "Old Glory" and Bulger school added a poem. A chorus by the Slovan pupils and a play "The Last Camel," by Atlasburg school, completed the entertainment.

On behalf of the Board of Education Director Carl J. McFarland presented the diplomas to the graduates and took the occasion to deliver a brief, but very inspiring address to the class. He complimented the members upon their perseverance and accomplishment and predicted for them more academic honors for the future. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Sutton.

The Commencement exercises of the schools indicate great pupil interest and excellent instruction.

**Many Win Diplomas in Township School
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 1931 Edition**

Valuation of Smith Twp. School Property for 1913

School	Value
Cooke's	1000.00
Raccoon, Russell, and Point Pleasant	2550.00
Plum Run	550.00
Tenan, Cinder Hill, Farrar#1	1700.00
No. 9	400.00
Bulger	5000.00
Cherry Valley(4 Roomhouse)	4000.00
Frances Mine	1000.00
Building & grounds	15000.00
Personal Property	1200.00
Total	16200.00

Moving to Avella.

Prof. Thomas A. Smith, former head of the Langeloth schools, who recently was elected supervising principal of the Independence township school system, is planning to move from his present home to the house at Avella previously occupied by A. C. Taggart. Professor Smith succeeds B. F. Skillen, who was in charge of the Independence schools for a dozen years and resigned this spring to take charge of the North Strabane schools.

**Prof. Thomas A. Smith-Elected Supervising Principal
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 16, 1935 Edition**

Sparing the Rod

Principal George R. Norris, of the Burgettstown schools, recently made an address at a township institute near the county seat, and awoke next morning to find himself famous. Mr. Norris spoke against corporal punishment in the schools. Since then most of the county papers have commended him for the stand he has taken, and on Friday the Gazette-Times came out with his picture and the following remarks:

George R. Norris, principal of the Burgettstown public schools, has created a sensation among the teachers of Washington county by his public statement denouncing corporal punishment. This is the first time that any local teacher has had the temerity to come out openly to oppose the use of the rod.

Norris not only denounces the corporal punishment method of control but he goes farther and shows by concrete examples from his own school how much can be gained by moral suasion. At the beginning of the present school year he and his teachers decided to do away with corporal punishments as an experiment. Now Principal Norris declares the teachers find they are having better order than ever before. Principal Norris cited definite cases of supposedly bad boys in whom a great change for the better has been wrought by the new system.

Some of the articles would lead one to infer that Principal Norris has entirely done away with corporal punishment. This is not quite true. What Mr. Norris said was that at the beginning of the term it was agreed that the teachers were not to inflict corporal punishment, and this agreement has been rigidly carried out. The professor is opposed to it, but he feels yet that there are extreme cases when no other remedy will quite bring the answer. He holds that those cases

are very, very rare and that such punishment might well be prohibited by law. From reports which we have received we believe our schools are better disciplined than ever before, and during the seven months of the present term he has applied the paddle to not more than a half-dozen pupils. In our school days no one thought the teacher was earning his salary if he didn't go the rounds two or three times a week. In our neighboring schools of McDonald twenty cases of corporal punishment were reported for last month. We know the Burgettstown schools are better disciplined than those which we attended, and we have an idea that they would not suffer any in comparison with those of McDonald.

Principal George R. Norris
Sparing the Rod
The Burgettstown Call- March 11, 1914 Edition

STATE FUNDS FOR DISTRICT SCHOOLS

G. Harold Wagner, Auditor General of Pennsylvania, today approved payments totalling \$260,949.38 to 57 Washington County school districts. The sums being allocated were authorized by the Legislature for the support of public schools in the Commonwealth.

Schools in the Panhandle district have been allocated the following sums:

Burgettstown—\$7,666.80; Cross Creek Twp.—\$4,650; Hanover Twp.—\$3,825.19; Independence Twp.—\$8,583.75; Jefferson Twp.—\$3,215; Midway—\$5,776.25; Murdocksville Ind. Dist.—\$390; Robinson Twp.—\$3,746.67.

—V—

T. B. ASSOCIATION TESTS SCHOOL CHILDREN

The health Education Department of the Washington County Tuberculosis Association is concentrating these days on a student program of tuberculosis education for many of our county high schools. This intensive educational program precedes the tuberculin service which will be offered to approximately 4000 ninth and twelfth grade students next month. Miss H. Elizabeth Furst, Health Education Secretary of the Association is visiting about 20 schools showing health movies, with sound, and supplementing with a short talk concerning tuberculosis and its conquest among our youth today.

Films have been loaned to Burgettstown High School to be shown in conjunction with science and other health classes.

The tuberculin test is a valuable test in the control of tuberculosis. The Tuberculosis Association desires all students to understand the significance of the test before it is administered to them. During this educational program, the schools are sending to the homes, consent or request slips which a parent is urged to sign. Tests will be administered only to students whose parents have given their consent for this service. This work is financed by the sale of Christmas Seals and Health Bonds within our county.

TEACHERS EXAMINATION AT McDONALD

The following took the teachers examination at McDonald last Friday:

Burgettstown—Nettie V. Allison,
Nancy McBride, Leonard Savage, Frank
D. Savage, Madeline Seabright, John
B. Seabright, Olive Scott, Lena Smiley,
Wilmer Siefel.

South Burgettstown—Hazel Tait.
Cherry Valley—Susie E. McGill.
Hanlin Station—Francis E. Scott.
Hookstown—Ralph S. Hood.

TEACHERS' BACK PAY IS IN SIGHT

School teachers of Smith township, who have been waiting all summer for over-due salaries are about to receive their checks, it was learned today. Smith township, a third class school district has received notice from Harrisburg, that a check for \$14,000 will be paid within a few days. This represents the balance in state aid due since last February, and the final amount due on 1939-40 payments.

Auditor General F. Clair Ross today approved payment of \$1,301,379 in state aid to more than 2200 fourth class school districts of the Commonwealth withheld since February.

Warrants approved today represent the final 17 per cent of the semi-annual payment for the support of public schools in these districts during the school year 1939-40 due last February. Total payments due at that time were \$7,655,153 of which only 83 per cent—or \$6,263,306, after deductions—was paid.

Today's payments cover the remainder due and reimburses fourth class districts in full for the 1939-40 term. Next regular payments are due in August.

Fourth class districts in this section will receive the following payments: Burgettstown, \$1,225.53; Cross Creek twp., \$629.00; Hanover twp., \$469.00; Jefferson twp., \$584.80; McDonald, \$2,432.70; Midway, \$883.58; Robinson twp., \$503.20.

Teacher's Back Pay is in Sight
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 31, 1941 Edition

Burgettstown, Pa. Thursday, January 18, 1945

Teachers Plan Meeting To Hear About Proposed Salary Bills

Burgettstown Teachers' Association is planning a meeting of Branch 2 of the Washington County Educational Association to be held in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, January 25. Wilbert Welch, Principal of Union high school is Chairman of this district and will preside at the meeting. Mr. Welch will present Legislators of Washington County who will discuss proposed legislation now before the Pennsylvania Senate and Assembly.

Peter D. Elish, Houston and J. D. Pollon, Avella, members of the Legislature and Senator Wallace S. Gourley of Houston plan to attend this meeting. The proposed legislation, prepared with the approval of the State Educational Association would provide a basic

beginner's pay of \$1600 per year for college graduates who enter the teaching profession, and increments according to years of experience, preparation and additional education. The basic teacher's beginning salary in 3rd and 4th class districts, which includes Burgettstown and Smith township now, is \$1000 to \$1200.

Educators from Burgettstown, Hickory and McDonald and Smith, Robinsen, Hanover, Jefferson, Cross Creek and Independence townships will attend this meeting.

Burgettstown Teacher's Association met in the high school on Wednesday evening, January 17, with President George Lewis presiding details for the January 25 meetings.

**Teachers Plan Meeting to Hear about Proposed Salary Bills
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 18, 1945 Edition**

**H. L. Tennyson Granted Leave From School District;
W. P. Miller Elected Acting Superintendent**



HARRY L. TENNYSON

Harry L. Tennyson, superintendent of Burgettstown-Smith Township schools, will study for his doctor's degree at the University of Southern California this year since he has been granted a leave of absence by the Burgettstown-Smith Township School board.

Harry L. Tennyson, superintendent of Burgettstown-Smith Township schools, was granted a sabbatical leave of absence for one year effective September 1, 1947, by the joint borough and township school board in session Tuesday evening.

Mr. Tennyson, who is taking his first leave of absence in 21 years of teaching and supervisory work, plans to study for his doctor's degree in school administration at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles, Cal., during the year 1947-48. He has agreed, however, to return to the Burgettstown-Smith Township school district at least one year following the expiration of his leave. The Tennyson family expects to move temporarily to California soon after September 1.



WILLIAM P. MILLER

William P. Miller-acting superintendent of the Burgettstown-Smith Township School district.

William P. Miller, present assistant principal, was appointed acting superintendent to replace Mr. Tennyson for one year. Harold Malone, faculty member in the science department, will assume the duties of the assistant principal for the same period.

Mr. Miller, who is especially interested in administrative work, served in the capacity of principal during W. J. Welch's leave of absence in 1946.



W. HAROLD MALONE

Harold Malone-assistant principal at U.H.S.

Two vacancies in the teaching staff at Union high school were filled at the Tuesday evening meeting when the board elected Miss Kathryn Wilson, present teacher in Munhall high school, as an instructor of Spanish and Latin. Miss Wilson, who holds a masters' degree from the University of Pittsburgh and who has attended both Duke University and the University of Wisconsin for special work in Spanish, is a teacher of four year's experience.

Miss Alicemarie Blasek of Bellevue, who also hold a master's degree and who taught last year at Crafton high school, was elected to fill the vacancy left in the commercial department upon the resignation of Mrs. Marie Love Smiley.

Two other vacancies still exist in the English department, and to date the position of school nurse for the Burgettstown-Smith township school district has not been filled, Mrs. Garcy having recently resigned. Local nurses, who may be at all interested in the position, should see Mr. Tennyson at once.

THE VANISHING ONE-ROOM SCHOOL

RUTH CELESTA MILLER

February 1971 and April 1971

Before Callery became a borough, Adams Township had eleven schools. No. 1 Conley, No. 2 Galbraith, No. 3 Orr, No. 4 Myoma, No. 5 Forsythe, No. 6 McMarlin, No. 7 and No. 8 Callery (it was a two story building), No. 9 Downieville, No. 10 Fiel (later Ludwig) and No. 11 Beers.

The first school buildings were log, except the Orr School which was brick. Later it was moved forty or fifty rods from the old site and rebuilt of hand hewn timber. Both buildings were on the Orr property near the Brownsdale_Valencia Road. In 1899 it was torn down and a new frame building erected on the Robert Parks farm and was thereafter known as the Parks School. It was abandoned when the electric cars began to operate and the children were sent to the Ludwig School by streetcar.

Before school houses were built, classes were organized in various homes and instruction in the common branches was given. Mr. Robert Hill taught in the first log building in 1805, it being located on or near tthe old Davis farm. In 1837 a log school was built near Callery - a little west of the borough. That building also was abandoned and moved to where the Ludwig School stood. Most of the material was used in building the Fiel and Ludwig Schools. About 1848, Samuel Hood taught the first

school in the neighborhood of Robbins Mill. He used the house vacated by Ruben Conaby.

The Myoma School first stood on the west side of the B & O Railroad on the McCombs property. In 1904 it was abandoned and Bethel Church was bought and used for school purposes until June 3, 1951 when all one-room schools were abandoned and the consolidated school was erected on property owned by the United Presbyterian Home for Children.

Some of the buildings were completely destroyed but Callery, Ludwig and Downieville were remodeled into homes.

Conley School is used as a marble shop. Myoma is gradually rotting away and the Forsythe School is still standing at this date, 1971.

Anyone who had the inclination and was able to read, write, spell and count to a certain degree could teach. Robert Hill, John Irvine, Silas Miller, Samuel Hood, Timothy Ward, Matthew Wright, Joe Staples, Joseph and Robert Cowan and one or two Douthetts were teachers.

According to Butler County History of 1883, the first log school was built in 1805 with Matthew Wright, Timothy Ward and Joseph Kirk serving as teachers, but according to other references, Robert Hill was the first teacher.

The buildings were very crude and by 1836 the buildings were constructed or reconstructed of hand hewn timber which gave them a superior appearance. They all looked alike for two reasons; one was the same men built all or most of them and two, the people of the Community were of Scotch-Irish extraction and being of the Scottish Presbyterian faith, they were opposed to anything that would take the attention of the children away from their studies. Thus, everything was very simple and plain.

No. 1 or Conley School may have been the Hill School of earlier days. There is no record to justify this other than the fact that Robert Hill was the first teacher and the Hill settlement was in the vicinity. Later the Conleys moved in the area and changed the name. The original building - other than the old log school - is where the marble works are at the intersection of Brownsdale-Valencia Road and Denny Road.

Besides the teachers who taught in the early days of the school, there were Estella Udick, Namome Boyd, Martha Park, Ruth C. Miller, Viola Hartung, Marjorie Boyd and Edward Fester.

No. 2 or Galbraith School stood across the road from Rev. Galbraith's house; later occupied by John Cooper and Earl Grubbs.

No early reference is made of teachers, but some who did teach there were Pauline Hartzell Renison, Linnin Miller Bosler, Amy Olive Cox and Grace Sherman Fullerton.

Walter Pearce bought the building and made a house near his own property.

No. 3, first called Orr School, later the Parks School. The first two buildings stood close to the Brownsdale-Valencia Road. The third or last building stood in an open field on the Robert Parks farm and was reached by a lane. The nearest road was a short connecting road with the Three Degree Road. This short road is now called Huch Road.

Teachers who taught in the second building were Sally Sloan Bryson, Absalom Gray, Eaury Irvine, Ora Kennady Sherman and Mr. Painter. In the last building were Lyda Millinger, Ethey Orr, Joseph Miller and Grace Thompson. The school was then closed and the children sent to No. 10 by streetcar. The property was returned to the owner. The building was sold first to Dewitt Kennedy and he sold it to W. Leslie Shannon who used the material for the house in which he is now living. The land of Robert Parks farm was sold to Jacob Huch whose children still own.

No. 4 or Myoma School first stood across from the B & O Railroad on the William McCombs property.

It faced what is now Thielman Road. Some of the teachers were Samuel Armstrong, George Dombart, Virginia Cookson, Elizabeth(Bessie)Brown or Bowen and Grace Braham aunt of Judge Walter Braham, Lawrence County.

In 1904 the school board bought Bethel Chursh and fitted it over into a school. This building faces the Thielman Road and stands a few rods from the Mars-Evans City Road. The building is gradually falling down.

Some of the teachers were John Cashdollar, John Reichle, Ella Reichle(Perry), Rachel Irvine Werner, Lulu Irvine, Grace Irvine, Ellodie North, William Parsons, Fanny Weinstein, Linnie Miller Bosler, Jane Stitzer, Ruth C. Miller and Ethel Davis.

No. 5 or Forsythe School was erected on the William Davison property afterwards owned by his sons, Thomas and Roger. The property was given with the understanding that when no longer needed for education purposes, it would revert to the owners. The building is still standing but in decay. It faces Forsythe Road.

Some of the teachers were James Rowan, Olive Ralston, Helen Marberger Slack, Blanche Crawford, Ada Hamilton and Irene Brooks.

No. 6 or McMarlin Schcol was built on the McMarlin property at the end of the lane which led from the farm buildings to the main road. This property was sold to William Velte and later to Mr. Stamets.

Some of the teachers were Ella Reichle Perry, John Reichle, Ora Kennedy Sherman and Ester Boice.

No. 7 and No. 8 or the Callery School consisted of two rooms. The lower room was No.7 and upper No. 8 It was built on the property of Job Staples and stood across the road from Crestview Presbyterian Church. The entire school property was sold to Lollo and Cartwright who made an apartment dwelling.

Some of the teachers were Elizabeth (Bessie) Bowen, Virginia Cookson, John Shannon, Mable Confer, Miss Reef, Helen Ferguson, Jean Hildebrand, Chauncey J. Miller and Mrs. Bond.

For many years all eighth graders went to Callery for a final examination to permit them to enter an Academy or later to High School. Most of the examination was written. Reading and mental arithmetic were oral. Henry B. Kiester and Miss Rainey, who gave me my oral exam, gave some of the examinations. Other teachers in the township were present and helped correct papers. For many years before Mars had a high school there eighth graders went to Callery for this examination.

No. 9 or Downieville stood at the intersection of a road which crossed the railroad with Mars-Valencia Road. I am not sure who owned the original property but think it was part of the Downie tract. It is an apartment now.

Some of the teachers were Marie Allison, Anna Longdon, Dayle Schwab, Alma Davison, Janet Mincer Mattern, Margaret Lurting Cupp, Ella Reichle Perry and Ruth C. Miller.

No. 10 the Ludwig School was originally built west of Callery. When the Callery School was built, the old building was moved to the Besnecker farm one mile north of Mars. It faces what is now Dobson Road. It was called the Besnecker School.

When E. C. Ludwig, the florest in Pittsburgh bought the property and built a large green house, the electric streetcar was in operation and used for shipping into Pittsburgh. This station was called Ludwig so eventually the school was called the same. Some often called it the Fiel School since the Fiel's purchased the property later.

The entire property was sold to Mr. Dowling who converted it into a dwelling and lived there several years. It was later sold to Mr. Roberts, a teacher in the consolidate school.

Some of the teachers were M. Kline Jordan, Laury Irvine, Wilda Irvine, Lulu Irvine, Sara Hamilton, Anna Douthett Fogal and Ruth C. Miller.

No. 11 or Beers School was built on property owned by James Beers now owned by M. Dale Cashdollar. The part where the school stood was sold to James Kramer, torn down and used in building a house.

About 1889 C. B. Baxter Irvine and Jacob Miller

in the vicinity of Old Union Church who would have to go to No. 3 school on the Huch farm or to the Myoma School. The Board decided it was too far for the smaller children to walk and decided to erect this school. Andrew Rosebaugh opposed the building of another school in the township. It was finally settled by moving Orr School, No. 3 to the Parks farm and build the Beers School.

Some of the teachers were Nellie Cowden, the first, followed by Amy Olive (ollie) Cox, for two years, Bertha Welsh Flinner, Ollie Cox again for two years, Ida Jackson and Jessie Black Watson. Others were Floyd Hoffman, Mr. McCoy, Gertrude Turner, Ethel Dunlop, Ella Barr, Orpha Wigton, Mary Harbison, Clemence Schneider, Ehtel Davis, Edna Hartung Stenzel, Ruth Nicely, Edna Perry, Emma Beitler, Miss Steinheiser and Ruth C. Miller.

Other teachers in the township were Florence Irvine, Estella Zeigler, Helen Barr, Ethel Kennedy, Winifred Bovard, Anna Bailey, Frannie Crawford, Bessie Hutchman, Helen C. Barr, Irene Miller and J. C. Longdon.

School directors in 1909 were J. C. Dight, J. A. Humes, W. L. Marburger, T. W. Hayes, D. B. Stoup and Robert Anderson. C. H. Thielman began serving in 1910.

In 1911 Perry E. Cooper was elected to serve two years, A. A. Cooper and A. C. Rosebaugh for terms of four

years and C. H. Thielman for six years. These same men served in 1912 with the addition of J. A. Humes. In 1920 C. H. Schwab, J. A. Humes, W. H. Cashdollar and W. C. Hoffman served as directors and again in 1921. C. H. Schwab served for 18 years. Those who have served at various times were; Harry Wagoner, Earl Thielman, Charles Werner, Edward Wolf, Ausmun Marburger, Louis Wohlgemuth, James Wohlgemuth, W. H. Miller, Frank Cashdollar, Francis Kennedy, Margaret Morrison, and Ethel Tindall.

A few items omitted: Helen Humes Crawford taught in the township, Miss Hooks (Irene's sister) taught No. 5, Walter Marburger also a teacher along with Mary Smith Allender, Oliver Cashdollar, Grace Allender and Clara McCarl.

The eight grade or county superintendent was also the principal of usually the largest school in the county. He made the examination for entrance to high school. Visiting teachers first assisted in correcting these exams but later all papers were sent to the county office and a committee was appointed to correct them.

In the beginning the wages were low and the term six months. About 1900 the term was extended to seven months and to eight months about 1920. In 1940 it was set at nine months. During the early period the teachers roomed and boarded generally with a member of the school

board or with some family near the school. In 1910 the wages were \$42.50 monthly. Between 1915 and 1920 they were increased to \$50.00. They were increased to \$100.00 around 1930.

Besides C. H. Thieleman, C. H. Schwab and J. A. Humes served the greatest number of years as director.

Most of the bells, if not all, were purchased by raising money through box socials and literaries.

Myoma School was outstanding in the field of literary work. It had many talented young people past school age who took an active part.

Mary Blakeley in the Beers School was a "bright and shining star." She was known for reciting long poems. Her favorites were "The Burial of Moses" and "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight". Many of the children could play some musical instrument. "The School House On The Hill" was a favorite song for the Beers School. And, "Onward Christian Soldiers" for the Ludwig School.

The flag which hung in the Beers School (not the one outside) was carried by John Beers during the Civil War. It had a faint blood stain in the lower right-hand corner. His wife, Mary Hamilton Beers, gave it to the school in his memory.

Joseph Cashdollar used the first Myoma School building to erect a granary.

The teachers did all their own work as janitor. If they hired it done they paid out of their own pockets. Until about 1935 the teachers furnished their kindling wood and after that time a part of the kindling was furnished by the Board.

All the teachers stressed the three "R's". Ollie Cox stressed history, technical grammar, civil government and physiology. Her father being a Civil War veteran aroused her patriotism to its fullest. Reed and Kellogg grammar was used and diagrams were heavily stressed.

Music instruction was introduced about 1940. Many years before, James Rowan had taught singing but it was discontinued because of the lack of funds. Then about 1940 Margaret Coddington followed by Clemence Schneider were hired to teach music. The children with few exceptions were talented in music and excellent singers.

Spencerian system of writing was first used. A year of vertical writing spoiled many a child's handwriting. This was followed by the Palmer system. Later the Peterson system followed by the Painter system. W. C. Painter visited the schools once a month and gave the teachers instructions for teaching methods.

John Fowler Cashdollar was noted for his beautiful hand-writing. For many years he wrote the names on the Slippery Rock Normal diplomas.

In 1901 when the state made it compulsory that all children were to be vaccinated against small-pox, Dr. E. L. Wason of Callery went to each school in the township and vaccinated the children. After 1901 children were required to be vaccinated before entering school.

The buildings were hard to heat in the winter. The large stoves standing in the middle of the room was too hot for those near by and not hot enough for those sitting near the outside walls. A type of furnace was tried in several buildings but without success.

"Fairwell, One-Room Schools!" Those were the happy days and we could read, write, spell and count when we were finished with the eight grade.

Supplement: April 1971

The earlier teachers were well known for the disciplin in the school rooms and on the playgrounds. Herbert Shelatoe and Samuel Hood were long remembered for their strict disciplin. Silas Miller was better known for teaching character and the elementary subjects. He was well read and had mastered many subjects beyond those which he taught. He wrote and composed music and conducted a singing school at Myoma. He was a good penman and surveyor. He wrote many legal documents such as wills and deeds. He also surveyed many farms and roads in southern Butler County.

Among the teachers already listed, the following have been brought to my attention: At the second No. 3 or Orr's School were Herbert Shelatoe, Maude McClymonds, Lula Painter, Allen Painter, Richard Timblin, Emma Brown Nicklas, Susan Stuart Blakeley, Amelia Gilliland Irvine, Mr. Hosick, and Laury Irvine was the last teacher.

No 4, Myoma; Helen Marburger, Blanche Crawford, Vivian Dodds and Doyle Schwab.

No No. 5, Forsythe; Katherine Hooks, Alice Kincaid McPherson, Mr. Bixler and Mr. Hoover.

No. 8, Callery; Wellington Irvine.

No. 9, Downieville; Wilber Kennedy, James Wohlgemuth, Harry Bruce, Raymond Davidson, Margaret Gay Hartung, and Minnie Gross.

No. 11, Beers; Alice Stuart Ramsey, Grace McGee Cashdollar, Paul Wohlgemuth, Dora Twentier, Mildred Beers, Pearl Kidd, Betty Ellenberger and Miss Kriess.

Two others taught in the township but their schools are unknown: Raymond Ziegler and Emma Clark.

No. 2, Galbraith School was first called Crowe School. They had a large tract of land in the area. Crowe property was sold to Isaac Blakeley so it was also known as Blakeley School prior to the time of Rev. Galbraith.

This story is not Conclusive. It was done mostly from memory and old-time accounts. My thanks to all.

RUTH CELESTA MILLER

Reunion marks Turney School's closing

Bells at school rang final time fifty years ago

By Jon Stevens
For The Enterprise

Childhood experiences for those who attended an elementary school in Jefferson Township more than 50 years ago are much more than faded memories.

More than 130 classmates, and relatives of those who attended the Turney School four miles from Avella in Washington County, gathered Saturday, Aug. 27, at St. John's Byzantine Church in Avella to reminisce 50 years after the school closed in 1944.

Tony Zick, who graduated from the Turney School in 1933, attended his seventh reunion.

"People still come back to visit families, and we had some come as far as the state of California," he said.

"I believe the attraction is the hometown. People come to visit with people they grew up with. We were all very close to each other," Zick said.

The school, which opened in 1922, accommodated grades one through eight, and the first reunion was in 1962.

The late Anthony Muzopappa of Burgettstown was sort of the historian of the school, documenting past reunions and providing some history of the school.

Classes were first held in 1921, and the school was built because of the influx of immigrants who came to work in the area coal mines, Muzopappa wrote in 1992.



THE ENTERPRISE / KIM BISSELL

FORMER MEMBERS OF the Turney School marked the 50th anniversary of the school's closing Saturday.

Turney consisted of two wooden buildings, a wooden coal shed and two wooden outhouses, and it was supervised by four teachers.

Each room was heated by a ductless furnace maintained by a boy from that particular room.

Zick said the principal, A.D. White, who died at the age of 99, had the idea of holding a school reunion rather than a class reunion.

The first reunion was held at Meadowcroft Village.

According to Muzopappa, the ritual of the reunion, since 1962, has evolved from a school reunion to a reunion consisting of anyone who ever lived in the area.

The area where Turney School

stood has since been strip mined and is now an unrecognizable wasteland.

"But the spirit of Turney is alive and well," Muzopappa wrote. "It endures in the hearts of all those hardy individuals who were thrown together in the struggle for survival... people of all nationalities — Polish, Hungarian, Italian, Greek, Slovenian, English — who learned to live side-by-side as neighbors."

As it was Saturday, and as it had been for the years before, those coming back to the reunion retired to their tables to eat, while others skipped lunch in order to mingle.

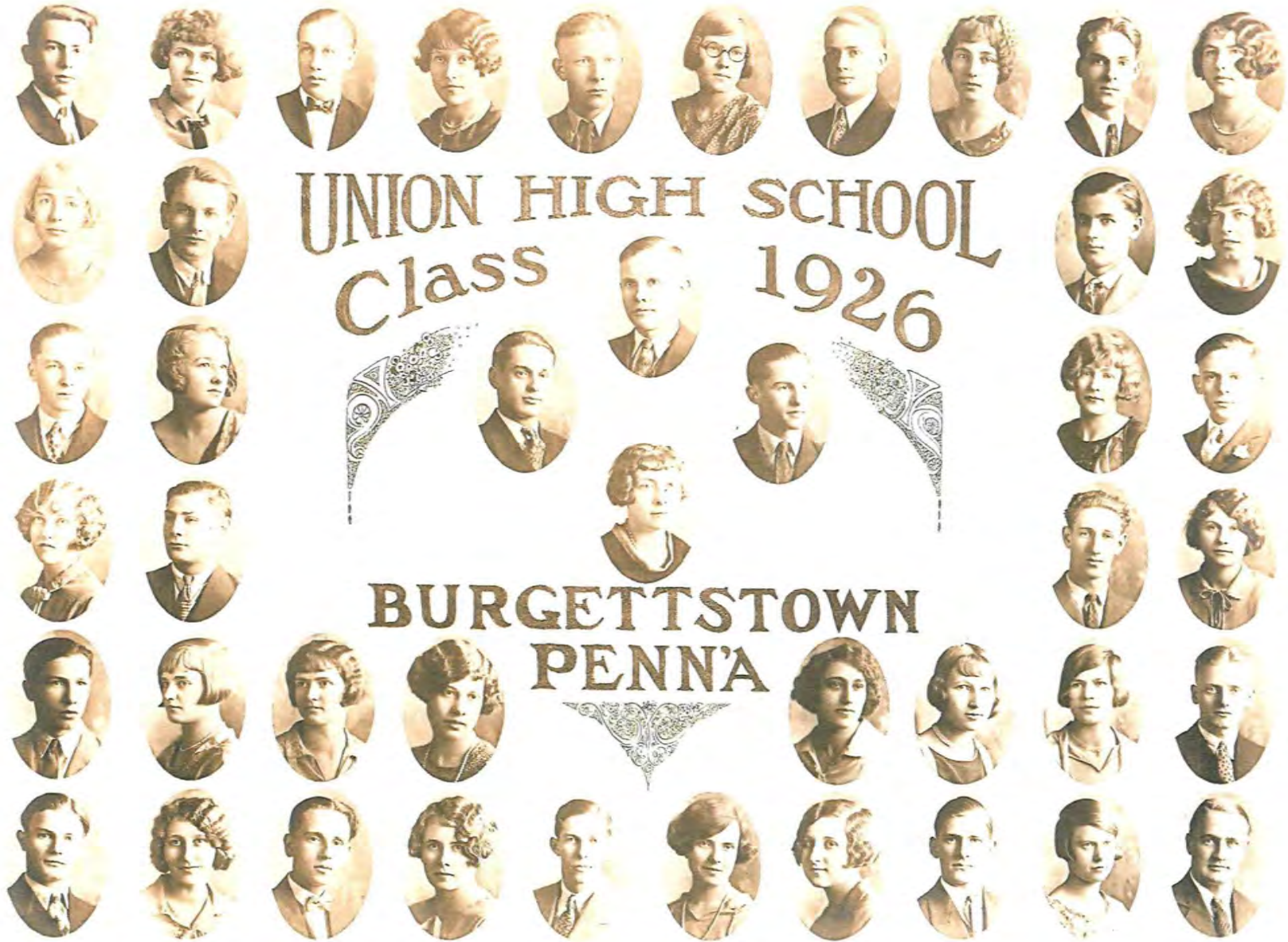
Muzopappa spoke highly of his principal, A.D. White, noting he

carried food to school for hungry children. "He understood one tenet: "A child studies much better with a full stomach."

Muzopappa, who died recently, said no one can guess how long this quaint custom will continue. "Perhaps it will go on until only one Turney student is left alive. And then perhaps that last remaining student will make the pilgrimage to the grounds of the church on a balmy day in August and, with bowed head, murmur, 'I am here, my very dear friends, to carry on the Turney tradition and I miss you all so much.'"

Considering the turnout Saturday, it could be quite a while before those words are heard.

Reunion Marks Turney School Closing
The Enterprise-September 7, 1994 Edition



UNION HIGH SCHOOL
Class 1926

BURGETTSTOWN
PENNA'

Hallam
Washington Pa



UNION HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS of 1934

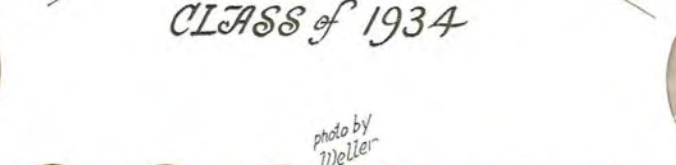


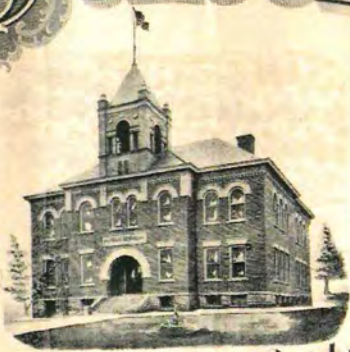
photo by
Weller

A. BARRON, T. HUCK, J. DAVIS, H. LONGEVICH, N. DUTZICH, M. GIBSON, P. DODD, SEC., I. CENIG, MISS, B. HENNING, MISS, W. THOMPSON, MISS, S. DURS!, J. MCCLONI, P. SAUSER, R. WAINWICK, N. BARDY, D. KYPACZ, M. HANNA, G. GOLESKI, N. RICHEY, V. LINDSON, K. TERPIC, B. HALL, J. JACKSON, G. KING, R. WARRO, W. DAVIS, J. WILLY, M. GARRIBETH, L. COLDO, J. MCKISSON, E. NOVOSOL, I. MALONE, H. BONNER, V. MEXNER, M. KAROLE, M. ODEPK, M. DELICAR, A. BUCKNAM, M. GARRIS, L. ASTORINA, M. CROSBY, C. MESTER, W. BUNNY, M. MURRAY, N. SLACK, W. SANCIES, A. KUHN, M. DUARS, M. JERES, S. KARZYK, C. MERRIS, L. DUKNS, M. BERRY, M. ANDREWS, T. BOLTERAND, E. TENSNOVIC, H. MEMMISON, M. JOHNSON, J. CONTRAY, C. STEELE, J. LATELLE, K. LANSBEC, M. RUTSBY, A. SAUER, Y. GARA, R. GODECK, M. TAUCHER, K. DUBICH, A. LAURICH, G. NAPOLITANA, S. PENSK, B. TANDY, A. CHRISTY, E. RALSTON, L. HILL, E. COULNER, D. SIMPSON, B. GRIFFITH, G. MALONE, T. HOWE, R. HOROVITZ, B. MCCARTY, R. DOLD, R. REYNOLDS, D. SANDER, R. ROMICO, A. STETAR, R. MOSNUM, W. ROSSON, A. BARRIOT, W. MULLEN, R. BARONIO, E. KOWALSKI, C. LATELLE, J. DUBICH, M. DEMO, R. DOLD, A. SHARKEY, H. RADIC, W. SUSNINA, M. SASKY, J. BRADSH, O. SKAGLE, S. BEN, E. PATRICK

High School Course

STATE OF

PENNSYLVANIA.



Burgessstown Public Schools.

This Certifies That **Clara Ethel Ferguson**

having completed and satisfactorily passed examination in the Course of Study as prescribed for the High School Department of the Public Schools of this Borough embracing the following Studies: Orthography, Penmanship, Reading, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Vocal Music, United States History, Physiology, Civil Government, English History, General History, Physical Geography, Botany, Zoology, Physics, Rhetoric and Composition, English and American Literature, Elementary Latin, Caesar, Book-keeping, Algebra and Plane Geometry, is entitled to receive this

DIPLOMA

In Testimony Whereof, the Seal and Signatures of the Board of Directors and the Signatures of the Principal and Teachers of the School are hereunto affixed at Burgessstown, Pa. this seventh day of May, A.D. 1911

George A. ...
Principal of the High School

Theodore ...
R. Cassidy

W. S. ...
President
Secretary
Treasurer

Union High Diploma-1912

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Seniors who maintained a scholastic average of 3.0 or better are pictured above. First row, left to right, Cheryl Findling, Ruth Bertovich, Ruth Fra-

tini, Debbie Herbert, Kathy Lonick, Susan Rinehart, Susan Vranjes and Carol Sebolt. Second row, Betty Jane Rigo, Sandy Janowitz, Mary Ann Tasz,

Carmen Diaz, Diane Visnich, Kathy Jancart and Mary Venner. Third row, Bob Pavlich, Mel Riddile, Roger Bertovich and Steve Harris.

**Seniors who maintained a Scholastic Average of 3.0 or Better
Awards Day Assembly at Union High School
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 12, 1968 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Seniors who maintained a scholastic average of 3.0 or better are pictured above. First row, left to right, Dorothy Klimenko, Anna McMahon, Terry Jelovich, Betsy Kophazi, Peggy Rotta, Dee

Dee Janulewicz, Karlene Wetzel and Sandy Rhode. Second row, Georgia Kemp, Mary Ann Karas, Jane Gobleck, Patty Nunez, Cheryl Smith and Kathy Smalley. Third row, Ed

Sciamanna, Leon Pendracky, Paul DePaul, David Creps, Steve Harris and Sam Muscaro. Fourth row, Albina Filipponi, Tootsie Bongiorno and Teresa Rupani.

**Seniors who maintained a Scholastic Average of 3.0 or Better
Awards Day Assembly at Union High School
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 12, 1968 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



UNION HIGH SCHOOL

19 24



Burgettstown Pa.



JRHallam Studio
Washington Pa.

CLASS OF 1934 ENJOYS REUNION

Several alumni of the class of 1934 of Union High School met in reunion, Monday evening, July 10, at the New Penn Club on Route 88, near Pittsburgh. Included in the party were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Steele of Pitcairn and Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Lawther of Canonsburg. Mrs. Steele, formerly, Elizabeth T. Smith, and J. Paul Lawther were former members of the faculty at Union High school. Those attending the affair were: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Christy, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reasons, Katherine Dubich, Helen McMahon, Delphina Prendes, June Davidson, Josephine Jackson, Katherine McMahon, Meryl Berry, Geraldine King, Joseph Dubich, Maurice Johnson, Ralph Dold, Mary Dugas, J. T. Davis, Bernard Griffith, Edward Cunningham, Robert Hunsinger, and Stephen Benn.

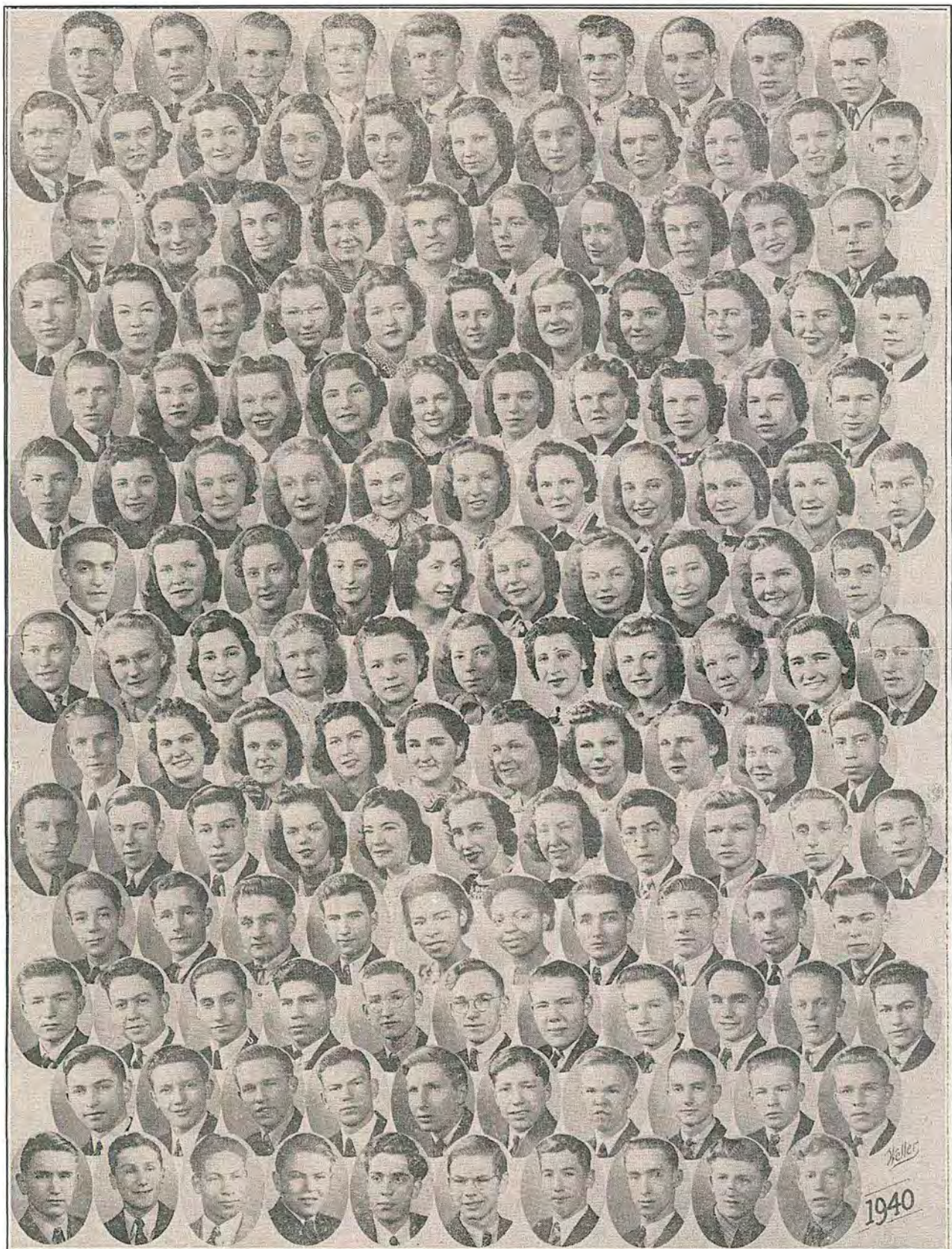
**UHS Class of 1934 Reunion
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 13, 1939 Edition**

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS of 1935

Photo by
WELLER





Top row, left to right—Felix Filippini, George Pavlick, Andrew Petrus, Harold Pinder, Chester Mellovich, president, Vera Martin, secretary and treasurer, Clarence Power, vice president; Joseph Kubovic, Severino Nicoletto, Joe Nairn. Row 2—Joseph Rash, Lillie Plance, Josephine Getsinger, Margaret Hayes, Rose Testa, Leona Gareis, Anna Rinella, Elizabeth Yesko, Martha Turner, Florence Taucher, James Savage. Row 3—Percy Lydick, Bette Smith, Ines Sprando, Gertrude Kazius, Warra Sonia, Elaine Scaron, Ruth Ann Russell, Emma Stebe, Stella Surba, Mitchell Mrozowski. Row 4—Steve Swanik, Doris Ivery, Ruth Moneely, Loretta Petroski, Beatrice Pilato, Leopolda Pirih, Stella Rennie, Theresa Rivetti, June Phillips, Melba Paek, Walter Ozimek. Row 5—Iggy Sullie, Lorraine Ingelheld, Jennie Malek, Sarah Mike, Eva Panconi, Evelyn Marcucci, Mary McCombs, Julia Mudre, Ruth McCausland, John Navage. Row 6—William Vlach, Naughty Gonzalez, Thelma Hogue, Almada Hitchcock, Mae Hermes, Estelle Halulko, Anna McCombs, Helou Laheta, Betty Kuhn, Helen Krznonceke, Daniel Mena. Row 7—Mario Gobleck, Minnie Fedak, Lactitia Freville, Eleanor Fratini, Louise Gobleck, Irene Haba, Madeline Howe, Mary Ignatich, Betty Campbell, Tony Ostop. Row 8—Walter Lipnicky, Helen Dominski, Margaret DeLuca, Mary Dubenko, Mary Domin, Mary Gilson, Despa Barbush, Helen Babyak, Elizabeth Foster, Mary Fernandez, Mike Prebeg. Row 9—Charles Doerr, Frances Daudet, Grace Cowan, Margaret Delprato, Dora Delenne, Felina DePaul, Virginia Bialosky, Helen Fabian, Margaret Fedorsin, Ralph Ramirez. Row 10—John Daneck, Jack Shelton, Emanuel Szrakias, Jane Fagan, Ludina Bango, Verna Bosky, Betty Creps, Dante Filippini, William Sencszyn, John Saver, John Ossko. Row 11—Edwin Taylor, Anthony Yakima, Joe Yanni, Joseph Pusateri, Ella Mae Hicks, Frances King, Milan Tomich, Ed Shubeyski, John Spoutak, Frances Shaw. Row 12—Leon Surba, David Tunno, Herman Verdin, Joseph Ramirez, Al Roman, Robert Kunkel, Robert Myers, James Murphy, Steve Kandray, Dwight Harper, George Hanna. Row 13—George Atherton, Frank Longevitch, Duffy Barto, Louie Colteyahn, Alfred DeValkeneer, George Dold, Walter Eversole, Walter George, Nick Hallahan. Row 14—James Gunn, Charles Getsinger, Joseph McCalvin, James Henry, Mario Alouise, J. Clark MacKenzie, William Allison, Walter Cramer, Mike Geffert, Raymond Loraski.

Graduates of Union High School, Class of May 1940

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL
Graduation Exercises
 UNION HIGH SCHOOL
 Burgettstown, Pa.

Commencement Program

HILL MEMORIAL STADIUM

Thursday Evening, June 2, 1949

7:00 P. M., D.S.T.

Processional	"Union High School Alma Mater"	Band
Invocation	- - -	Rev. J. Herbert Cruickshank
Welcome	- - - - -	William Cindrich
	President of Senior Class	
Trombone Solo	- - -	"The Little Chief"
	By Arthur Pryor	Ray Stewart
Address	- - -	"Where Do We Go From Here"
	George Humphries Tolley	
	Jamestown, New York	
"The Story of a Tack";		"Three Little Maids"
"The Whistling Girl"	- - -	Girls' Sextet
	Carol Flegal, Gloria Gomez, Anna Mae Stroud,	
	Doris Tope, Ruth Dovec, Martha Moore	
Presentation of Awards	- - -	H. L. Tennyson
	Supervising Principal	
Presentation of Class	- - -	J. W. Welch
	Principal	
Acceptance of Class		
Presentation of Diplomas	- - -	Carl Latella
	President of Burgettstown-Smith Township School Board	
Benediction	- - -	Rev. J. Herbert Cruickshank
Recessional	- - - - -	Band

UHS Class of 1949 Graduation Exercises
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1949 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society



U. H. S. ORCHESTRA

The twenty-six piece orchestra of U. H. S. has, in the past term, developed very rapidly under the direction of Mr. Schooley.

It has provided music for several plays, dinners, and student dances.

The orchestra entered the county music contest and took second place in the second class group.

The following are the members and their positions:

Dorothy Inglefield	-----	Piano
Vera McCoy	-----	Librarian—Assistant Pianist
John Alagna	-----	Tuba
Gilbert Massey	-----	Trombone
Paul Blaine	-----	Trombone
William Washcovich	-----	Clarinet
Donald Stitt	-----	Clarinet
Charles Grimminger	-----	Clarinet
Angelo Spanogians	-----	Clarinet
George Hamerick	-----	Saxophone
Everett Stewart	-----	Saxophone
Bernice Inglefield	-----	Saxophone
Junius Parham	-----	Drums
Betty Wray	-----	Trumpet
Jack Palin	-----	Trumpet
Ralph Dold	-----	Banjo
Lloyd McBee	-----	Banjo
Lloyd Hindman	-----	First Violin
Joe Lombardo	-----	" Violin
Lynn Hill	-----	" Violin
Stanley Zupan	-----	" Violin
Emil Coulange	-----	" Violin
Gladys Paetzl	-----	" Violin
Sam Durst	-----	Second Violin
Emelio Martinez	-----	" Violin
Charles Mester	-----	" Violin

Union High School Orchestra The Enosis-1931 Yearbook

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Walker's Rock-May 21, 1891

List of attending teachers and students from the Union Academy in alphabetical order: Alice Bridgman, Minnie Grimes, Ada Cole, Laura Cole, Annie Kelly, Sue Allison, Bertha Rice, Laura Pyle, Mary Wilson, Annie Johnston, Tess Vance, Nana Moore, Mary McCalister, Lily Simpson, J.M. Bridgman, John Russell, Thomas Stevenson, Arthur Reed, Robert Lee, Francis Cunningham, Hugh Leith, Robert Linn, and John Sharry.



Walker's Rock-May 21, 1891

List of attending teachers and students from the Union Academy in alphabetical order: Alice Bridgman, Minnie Grimes, Ada Cole, Laura Cole, Annie Kelly, Sue Allison, Bertha Rice, Laura Pyle, Mary Wilson, Annie Johnston, Tess Vance, Nana Moore, Mary McCalister, Lily Simpson, J.M. Bridgman, John Russell, Thomas Stevenson, Arthur Reed, Robert Lee, Francis Cunningham, Hugh Leith, Robert Linn, and John Sharry.

UNION HI-LITE



Volume 10

OCTOBER, 1940

Number 6

Union Hi-Lite

Published monthly by the Students of Union High,
Burgettstown, Pa.

HI-LITE STAFF

Editor-in-Chief Fred George
Associate Editors..... Jane Vosburg, Kathryn Tomich
News Editor Ed Sauser
Society Editor Roberta Kharas
Feature Editor Virginia McWhorter
Literary Editor Helen McElwane
Sports Editor Ralph Lutz
Music Editor Mike Zabetakis
Art Editor Irene Bezusko
Humor Editor June Burns
Circulation Marguerite Medved

Reporters Don Tope, Kathryn Vujanick, Virginia
Cowden, Dorothy Zupan, Illa Durst, Neoma
Giesey, Geraldine Bonar, Janice Cousin, Mar-
garet Tizik, Matilda Steiminger, Anna Dumbo-
vich, Lorraine Rinehart, Helen Turkily, John
Kranak, Addeline Zabetakis, Erla Malone, Nick
Maropsis, Mildred Stewart, Charles Ruzsa, Anne
Eober, Dorothy Scott, Annette Seyda, Steve
Baloga, Jennie Sendreak, Judy Cooke, Mary
Hamill, Mary A. Gunn, Edith Muskovitch.

Editorial

The 1940 school year looks bright for Union. The football team has trampled over four successive opponents at this writing and seems to be still accumulating momentum. We have a new top-ranking athletic field to go with our top-ranking team and every game has had a record attendance. The Hi-Lite too, is shooting for first place honors and you'll find this issue the best yet. This issue has the first color cover the Hi-Lite has ever had, eight printed, glossy pages and several pertinent cartoons. We're proud of the new Hi-Lite. It's your school paper and we hope you'll like it too.

Following the line of least
resistance is what makes
rivers, and men, crooked.

COLLEGE CHAPEL NUPTIAL SETTING

New Wilmington, Pa., October 6—At a nuptial ceremony yesterday in the Westminster College Chapel, New Wilmington, Miss Jane Elizabeth Smiley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Smiley of Bulger, Pa., became the bride of Rev. Joseph Templeton Brownlee of Dayton, Pa.

Dr. R. F. Galbreath, president of the school, and uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony. He was assisted by Walker Brownlee of Hamburg, N. Y., brother of the bridegroom. Both are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. Collins Brownlee of New Wilmington.

Mrs. James Thompson of New Kensington, college roommate of the bride, served as a matron of honor. Miss Jeanne Smith of Swissvale was her cousin's maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Misses Ruth and Mary Galbreath of New Wilmington.

John Brownlee was best man to his brother, and the ushers were Ray Smiley, Bulger; John Galbreath, New Wilmington; John Borland, Washington, and Rev. Walter Ralston, New Middletown.

A rehearsal breakfast was given by Dr. and Mrs. Galbreath on Saturday morning.

The guests from Union High School were: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Tennyson, Misses Mary Thome, Winifred Cruikshank, Eugenie Harper, Catherine Kirshbaum, Clara Werner, Elizabeth Scott and Mrs. Jean Smith.

NEW BOOKS PURCHASED FOR THE LIBRARY

There have been many new books both fiction and non-fiction added to our library this year. We still appreciate the fact that we have one of the largest high school libraries in the county and are grateful for the service it renders our school.

Some of the new reference books are, The Dictionary of American Biography. It is the most complete authoritative biographical account of the lives of famous Americans who have lived and died, which is available for any library.

The Dictionary of American History. This six volume set is the latest available authoritative American History dictionary. The last volume was just completed September 23.

Current Biography is a cumulative biographic account of the lives of modern people of national and international importance. It covers the wide range of professions which come into the news from day to day. This is a new service by the H. W. Wilson Company. With this purchase we will have the first bound volume which is a culmination of the monthly bulletins.

The magazine rack now has five more interesting magazines on it. They are Health, Better Homes and Gardens, Vocational Trends, Harpers and Occupation.

Surely now the pupils of Union must realize how fortunate they are in having such a wonderful library and will make use of it.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES ANNOUNCED FOR THE YEAR

The special assemblies that are scheduled for this year are the best we have ever had. The office has selected a different variety of program that will have something of interest in each of them for the ones who see them. The programs are highly recommended and are being put on by the Charles A. Dietrich Co. and the Antrium Bureau.

You will, undoubtedly, agree with me that the special assembly, The Ambassador Male Quartet and Bill Ringen, held on September 26 were very entertaining. The songs that were sung and played were expressed with much feeling. It probably was the first time that many of the students have ever heard and seen the bells being played. The assembly was very well attended.

The other programs which are scheduled for this year are the following:

J. Franklin Cavery who is a sculptor famous in the U. S. and abroad, known as the master of "Clay and Crayon," October 16.

Serafim Strelkoff, a baritone, who is known as the "Singing Globe Trotter." He just finished a tour around the world, November 4.

Bob Wood, an artist-cartoonist, who will present Dramatic Adventures with Chalk, consisting of large colored pictures and a demonstration of writing words down and backwards. He will also draw caricatures of people in the audience, December 19.

Edwin A. Rowlands, who will speak on hobbies and tell of hobbies of famous people and how they make them pay, January 6, 1941.

George de Matte, a juggler, who will do tricks in juggling, February 10.

Fraunfelder Family of Swiss Yodelers, who are nationally known. Fraunfelder is a Swiss yodler composer, and he wrote yodel melodies for Deanna Durbin's picture, Mad About Music and for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and many others, March 3.

Bud Waite will be the last special assembly. He was a member of Admiral Byrd's expedition that went to Little America. He will tell of a thrilling rescue of men who were lost in the Antarctic, March 25.

MRS. CANNING IS CALLED BY DEATH

Coach Canning was called to his home in Kansas City, Missouri, September 30, because of his mother's illness. Mrs. Canning died October 6. The entire student body joins in sending Mr. Canning their sympathy.

MEN WANTED!

This year as almost every year the chorus is in dire need of a few men to take the places of the few vacancies left from last year. Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are invited to try out for the Mixed Chorus.

THE NEW INDUSTRIAL ARTS BUILDING

The new Industrial Arts course consists of two departments, the Metal and the Wood department.

The Metal Department is divided into some smaller departments. Some of these are; Sheet, Art, Ornamental Iron, Forging and the Machine Shop.

In the metal department, one can make such things as cookie cutters, book-ends, sandwich trays, lamps and ash trays.

In the wood department, there is the Cabinet-Making and Carpentry departments. They can make footstools, end tables, coffee tables.

They learn to use tools and machinery in making these things.

The classes are two hours in length, except the third period, which is a single period. There are 24 or 25 boys in each class, in both the wood and metal departments.

The building is well equipped for the kind of work which will be done in it.

Near the close of school, the projects, which are made will be on display for parents and friends.

LIBRARY CLUB MEETS

The first meeting of Library Club was held on September 18. The following officers were elected: President, Marguerite Medved; vice-president, Frances Morgan; secretary, Gertrude Dodds; treasurer, Kathryn Tomich.

The president appointed the following committees: Decorating, Virginia McWhorter, chairman, Gertrude Dodds, Helen McElwain, Kathryn Tomich, Kathryn Vujanick, Marguerite Medved; Publicity, Annette Seyda, chairman, Helen Zabitakis, Matilda Sterminger, Norma Hanna.

Miss Scott explained why the books are arranged as they are.

The members of the club are purchasing pins.

OFFICE REMODELED

Room! Room! and more room! Where is there more room? Why in the new office, of course. What happened? The office was remodeled. The steps on the left side were taken in and a new room added. Whose room is it? It is to be occupied by Mr. Tennyson. Oh! I nearly forgot to mention that the small balcony in front of the office was taken in to make the main office larger.

Well, I guess the members of the office are glad that this was done so that they can go about doing their work without being so crowded.

SENIOR MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

The Army, consisting of rooms 102 and 106 came out ahead in our recent, magazine campaign with a percentage of 39, the Navy trailed with 37.

Room 105, behind from the first had a last minute spurt, especially John Brown, 14 subs, and came out ahead in the Home Room Race. This room will receive a treat from Mr. Cox.

Garage Gigue: "It is very hard to drive a bargain," quoth the fellow who bought an old flivver for ten bucks.

The Apple-Sauce Chronicle

AN ILLUSTRATED REVIEW OF VARIOUS THINGS

Speaking of Autos: Have you heard about the man who got 20 miles out of a gallon and six months out of a quart?

Hardly! Never break your bread or roll in your soup.—Etiquette hint in an English paper.

* * *

No, No, Maudie: A man is not called "Colonel" just because he parts his hair with military brushes.

* * *

And Down! The elevator and the alarm clock have done more than any other inventions to help men up in the world.

* * *

Health Note: All work and no play makes jack for the nerve specialists.

* * *

Poultry News



Radio Reform: Radio never will be wholly satisfactory to the listener until he can turn off unpopular programs with a click that will be heard in the studio.

* * *

Did You Hear About the man who reckoned his credit was good because, when he returned from his vacation, he found thirty bottles of cream on the porch?

* * *

Another Problem Solved



A Matter of Language

Cicero the Cynic Says: "Nothing but troubles ever seem to hatch out of a love nest."

* * *

Outdoor Note: Ants, we read, can lift weights which are tremendous as compared with their own. Wasps and bees also can raise quite good-sized lumps.

* * *

Educational



* * *

Aviation Note: We will believe that aviation has really arrived when we see a two-passenger airplane go by with seven or eight high school students seated in it.

* * *

Among the Book-fellows: Old gentleman, browsing in book store, "Last Days of Pompeii"—h'm! What did he die of?"

Clerk: "I'm not sure. Some sort of eruption, I believe."

* * *

Romance and Realism: Romantic Archibald, on bended knee: "Won't you ever look with favor upon my suit?"

"I don't want to appear rude," admitted Annabelle, "but I think it needs cleaning and pressing."

Revised Definition: A high school is an institution in which children play and rest until they become hopeless, when they are committed to a college.

* * *

Meritorious Act: "Once I saved a man's life, but I never got a medal for it."

"How so?"

"A gentleman, considerably intoxicated, came home to his apartment and turned on only the hot water to take a bath in—and he would have been scalded to death, only I happened to be janitor of the building and there was no hot water."

* * *

Tonsorial



Hey! Hey!! The foreman reported that the jury were unable to agree upon a verdict. The judge reproved them, saying that the case was a very clear one, and remanded them back to the jury room for further deliberation. "And if you do not reach an agreement before evening," the judge added, "I will have twelve suppers sent in to you."

"May it please Your Honor," spoke up the foreman, "you had better make it eleven suppers and one bundle of hay."

* * *

Obliging



Gospel of - - -

“Better Education”

School Paper Is Vehicle to Bring It About

the merits of the modern system than the students?

The school paper will foster self-expression in the students who have writing ability. They will not receive the inducements in the average English class that they will in competition for a place on the school paper. All the members of the staff will get valuable training in business and journalism, one of the world's biggest businesses today. And students who get practical experience in school will stand a better chance of success in later life if they choose to enter the journalistic field.

The school paper will develop initiative in students, stimulate

interest and draw the attention of other schools to us. They would try to keep pace, thus creating that friendly rivalry that has so marked the growth of American education.

Everyone who is interested in life reads the newspapers and magazines. This is a good habit, but the local school paper should have as warm a welcome as the others. For the youth of this country is more important than all the peace pacts and murder trials in history.

Many of our famous writers received their first training on the high school or college paper. They liked the work and chose it as their profession. Here the paper helped them to decide upon a career which is one of the hardest questions that face students.

The blade of grass is overshadowed by the great oak, yet it has a definite purpose in the universe. So has a school paper, its purpose and its message.

NOTHING, no matter how sacred or beneficial, is exempt from the attacks of the chronic knocker. Criticism and advice are about the only things that are offered free. But, like castor oil, everyone wants to give it to the other fellow. Happily, however, critics are usually in the minority. And if the rest of us work hard enough, we can put over anything we want for the school.

The value of a school paper should be clear to any thinking person. We need a method through which to circulate news of school activities. All professions, businesses, fraternal societies and the like have an official publication devoted to their own especial needs. The school, being the most important of all organizations, too, must have an official organ if it gets the publicity and advertisements on which any enterprise depends in this progressive age. Many people do not approve of the new methods of education. Who is better prepared to convince these doubting Thomases of



THE SCHOOL PAPER SHOULD BE GIVEN A FRONT SEAT

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.—Franklin.



SPORT SECTION

THE NEW FOOTBALL FIELD

Union High has the honor of having one of the best athletic fields in Washington County and with improvements from time to time it will probably be one of the best in Western Penna.

The field is very well lighted by 48 lamps each having 1500 watts. The field is surrounded by a steel fence and also alongside the field is parking facilities free to the spectators.

This field is very much appreciated by the people of the neighboring towns as has been shown by the large crowds attending the football games.

UNION SWAMPS CECIL 33-0

Union celebrated the opening of their new stadium by defeating Cecil 33-0. With the support of good blocking by the team Joe Tepsic and Bob Yolton stood out for Union. "Tepper" scored three (3) times, one of these touchdowns came after "Tepper" took a punt on his own 30 yard line and raced 70 yards for the score. Yolton smashed through the line twice for his scores. John Brown was appointed captain for the Cecil game. This game was enjoyed by more than 3,500 persons.

UNION TAKES SECOND WIN IN ROW

Playing before a large crowd, Union defeated Waynesburg by a score of 12-0. This win is Union's second win in as many games.

Tepsic proved himself a swell open-field runner when he broke loose on a 45 yard run for his first touchdown. Behind excellent blocking "Tepper" again scored for Union making the score 12-0 just as it ended.

The spectators were entertained by bands from both schools. Waynesburg brought their 70 piece band clad in red and black to help Union entertain the spectators.

UNION DEFEATS TOUGHEST FOE YET

The night of October 4th should be a memorable one for the fans of Union, as it was the first time Union was scored upon this season.

In four (4) games, Union scored 95 points to the opponents 6, which is a very enviable record.

Union added to their list of victims, Clark, a very stubborn defensive and offensive team. Clark scored their lone touchdown in the first quarter, the first quarter ended 6-0 in favor of Clark, but in the second quarter Union came back by scoring a touchdown with Tepsic scoring. Gonzales the attempt for the extra point but failed, the score was tie 6-6 until the fourth quarter when Tepsic again scored, plunging over from the 2 yard line. Tepsic kicked the extra point making the score 13-6 in favor of Union. The game ended with this score.

Union Gridmen Make Wentworth Military Academy Team!

Letter Received from Wentworth Military Academy

Lexington, Mo., September 25—Three Western Pennsylvania boys, former Burgettstown High School gridmen, are first stringers on the Wentworth Military Academy varsity team this year, and all made a good showing in the Red Dragon 13-0 victory over Iola, Jr. College last week-end.

Heading the list is Chester "Red" Mellovich, who played center during his Freshman and Sophomore years at Burgettstown and then changed to tackle and starred for two years. In his Senior year he stole the ball from a Shaler man and ran it 60 yards before he lateralled it to a teammate who took it for the winning score, 7-6. Red captained the Burgettstown High School football and basketball teams as a Senior and he was rated one of the outstanding tackles in Western Pennsylvania.

Clarence Power, another Burgettstown lad didn't come out for football until his junior year, but was moved up to regular center position about the middle of the season, and he is playing this position at Wentworth.

Cecil "Tip" Mester, Langeloth, Pa., a tackle, also starred in football and basketball at Burgettstown. He was on the team that beat Johnstown in 1937. He caught two passes for scores in that game. The final score was Burgettstown 14, Johnstown 13. He also played on the school's Class B championship basketball team in '36-'37.

Capt. Ralph Conger, Wentworth varsity mentor, likes the looks of his Pennsy hefties and he hopes that they come to Wentworth in even greater numbers. All three boys worked under Bob Canning, Burgettstown High grid coach who formerly starred in tackle position at the military school.

UNION SWAMPS SEWICKLEY

Union recorded it's third win for the season in as many games, by swamping Sewickley 37-0. Sewickley was greatly feared by the Union squad, but the boys went right out to the field determined to win and they did so, largely through **that old determination**. Joe Tepsic was responsible for all the scoring done by the locals, he scored five times himself then heaved a 30 yard touchdown pass to Astorino over the goal line, then he kicked a point after the touchdown to end the scoring.

POST-SCHOOL BASKETBALL

A group of girls have started to play basketball after school each Thursday. There are four teams, each having a leader, who are to participate in a tournament. The teams are the Huskies, Who's Your Hooties, Thunder-Bolts, and Super-Six's.

The winner of the tournament is to be the guest of a party given by the losers.

Miss Forsythe is in charge of the tournament.

SKETCHES OF FIRST STRINGERS

John Brown—Senior, No. 81—

Five feet, 10 inches in height, weighs 175 pounds. Member of Hi-Y, 2-3-4; U Club, 3-4. Hobby is following football and baseball games. Ambition—go to trade school. "Brownie" who plays center on the football squad was appointed captain for the opening game with Cecil. Member of "Bulger Boys."

John Turkily—Senior, No. 70—

Five feet, 11 inches in height, weighs 170 pounds. Member of Hi-Y, 3-4; U Club, 2-3-4. Hobby—hunting and following football games. Ambition—go to trade school. "Turk" who plays tackle is also a member of "Bulger Boys."

Bert Roner—Senior, No. 62—

Five feet, eight inches in height, weighs 170 pounds. Member of Hi-Y, 3-4; U Club, 3-4. Hobby is following sporting activities. Ambition is Physical Education teacher. Bert plays guard on the varsity squad. He is also a member of the "Bulger Boys."

Bob Yolton—Senior, No. 73—

Five feet, five and one-half inches in height, weighs 150 pounds. Member of Hi-Y, was elected vice president of the Hi-Y, 2-3-4; U Club, 2-3-4. Ambition is to be an electrician. Bob likes to play all sports. He plays halfback in football, guard in basketball and outfield in baseball.

Phil Harris—Senior, No. 77—

Five feet, seven inches in height, weighs 155 pounds. Hobby—following sports. Ambition—Phys. Ed. teacher. Phil likes "Tuxedo Junction" as his favorite song. Phil plays quarterback on the team.

Joe Tepsic—Senior, No. 61—

Five feet nine inches in height, 155 pounds in weight. Member of U Club, 2-3-4. Hobby—playing sports. Ambition—football coach. "Tepper" is Union's first string fullback. "Nobody's Baby" is his favorite song.

Johnny Sarracino, No. 63—

Five feet, eight inches in height, weighs 185 pounds. Member of U Club, 3-4. Hobby is saving money. Ambition is to be a state policeman. Butch likes "Nobody's Baby" as his favorite song.



Overheard During a Game

"Not so loud, you'll wake the cheering section."

"What are the men in white?" The umpires, you dummy.

"Who brings the football? Who cares as long as it's here."

"Look at that meany, he tripped Bob on purpose."

"Ask Betty who No. 20 is, isn't he cute."

* * *

Why They Laughed

Mrs. Smith couldn't understand why so many people seemed amused when they passed the bake-shop window. In large gilt letters across the window was the sign: "Ma's Bakery," and just underneath, boldly printed in red, were the words: "Pop on Ice."

* * *

Mr. Reed: "That new recruit used to be a clerk."
Sergeant: "How do you know?"

Mr. Reed: "Every time he stands at ease he tries to put his rifle behind his ear."

* * *

Glennie: "This is a good restaurant, isn't it?"

Waiter: "Yes sir, best in town, If you order a fresh egg, you get the freshest egg in the city sir. If you order soup, you get the hottest soup in the city."

"I believe you're right," interrupted Glennie. "I ordered a small steak."

EAT AT

"TIP'S PLACE"

Home Cooking

MRS. MESTER

Langeloth, Pa.

TELESCOPIC VIEWS Hmmm . . .

Jottings of a peep thru a telescope at Union High subjects.

I notice Naomi has a certain new interest in subjects pertaining to football.

They tell me Allen Goodwin knows a Maryland peach—I know a cute song about a peach and a lemon—Goodie.

Three country laddies find three Slovan Lassies good company after the football games????

P. S.—This is vigorously denied.

Those two under pups from Eldersville—Jay and Jim certainly get around—always underfoot.

They say the brains of the class in Solid Geometry are in the back of the room.

That song-writing Strongosky boy will be writing songs in French one of these days.

Notice Lou Larras heading up Lengeloth way, lately? They say he calls at Timisons.

Al Dugas certainly gets a lot out of Latin II class—I hear he's the life of the class.

Mary Jane Harmon—the girl with the sparkling eyes—is sparkling at Joe these days.

You don't really need a telescope to see all this—so just keep your eyes open.

Telescopically yours,
An Interested Spectator.

BAND PERFORMS

On September 13, the band played for the Cecil football game and helped dedicate the field. Since then the band has also played for the Waynesburg, Sewickley, and Clark games, making figures at the Waynesburg, and Sewickley games. Although the band does not expect to make many letters this year since the spectators in the stands cannot see the letters very well, it does expect to perform several novelties during some of the future games. "To Whom It May Concern."

The band library is at the present time composed of 52 marches and 40 overtures and octavo sized compositions. This is an increase from last year of about 10 marches.

HI-LITERS SWING OUT

The Hi-Liters, the famous orchestra from U. H. S., shall commence activities on the week beginning October 14, and will, of course, be arranged by our new maestro who is a former swing man. Therefore the Hi-Liters will be better than ever this year and Mr. McGregor plans to play not only for school activities but also civic and out of town activities. Their first dance shall be sometime in the near future.

SENIOR WEDS

Miss Dorothy Smiley, a Senior of Union High School was united in marriage to Mr. Howard Harper of Monaca on Thursday afternoon, October 3, 1940. Marriage ceremonies were performed at Monaca where Mr. Harper is employed. They were attended by Betty Clark, also a Senior, and Wayne Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Harper will be at home to their friends in Monaca.

NEW TEACHERS AT UNION

JOHN H. KUDLIC

Mr. Kudlic is one of the new Industrial Art instructors which you have probably all seen but don't suppose many of you know much about him. He was born in Grays Landing, Pa. He is a graduate of California State Teachers College. Teaching at Union is his first regular position, however he has done substitute work previously. He is not married, but his ideal girl has blue eyes and blond hair. He likes to dance but is not a jitterbug. His favorite movie stars are William Powell, Spencer Tracy and Paul Muni. His opinion of our school, "I think the school is great, but I have not had a chance to become acquainted with the students.

WADE MASON KIPP

Mr. Kipp is the other Industrial Arts Director. He was born at Hydeman, Pa., in 1914. He attended Ferndal and Shay Township High Schools and is a graduate of California State Teachers' College. Mr. Kipp is a newlywed, and from the picture he showed our interviewer of his wife, she must be very attractive. "She is five feet five, has brown hair, blue eyes and is a typical school teacher. His favorites include: sport, football; dance, waltz; actor, James Stewart; actress, Loretta Young; colors, blue and green. As a hobby he enjoys photography.

JUNIOR IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Kathryn Wheeler is seriously ill in the Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh. Every member of the Junior class and all her friends of the High School are wishing her a speedy recovery.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY CHANGED BECAUSE OF REGISTRATION

The special assembly scheduled for October 16, will be held October 17 at 8:30 a. m. This change in schedule was necessary because of the vacation for Registration. Many of the teachers will volunteer their services for the day.

Compliments of

LANGELOTH MARKET

GUS BARBUSH

Phone Burg. 506

Compliments of

KIMBERLAND'S DAIRY
MILK · ICE CREAM

Burgettstown,

Pennsylvania

Duquesne Grad

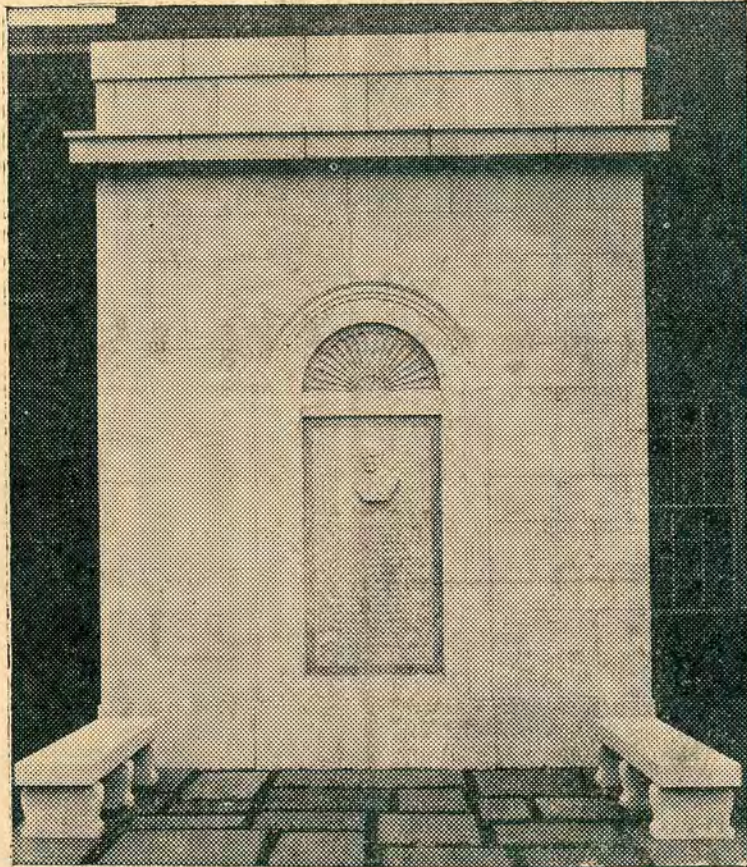


Mary Jo Vajentic, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Vajentic of Florence, was graduated from Duquesne University, Sunday, June 3 with a B. S. degree in Pharmacy. Baccalaureate services and commencement exercises were held at the Civic Arena, Pittsburgh.

Mary Jo was an active member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Rho Chi Honorary Society, and Lambda Kappa Sigma Sorority, of which she was president. She is currently employed at Herd's Drug Store, Washington, but has plans to accept a position in a pharmaceutical industry.

Mary Jo Vajentic
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 14, 1962 Edition

STEWART MEMORIAL TOWER COMPLETED



With the placing of its marble base pictured above, the John L. Stewart Memorial Tower on the new South Campus of W. & J. College was completed in time for the 140th commencement season. The base of the 150-foot tower is encased with white Georgia marble, and in the face shown is a pink marble panel with a bust of Mr. Stewart and the following inscription: "This tower is in memory of John Leighton Stewart, 1876-1940, publisher of the Washington Reporter and Observer; founder of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association; alumnus and Trustee of Washington and Jefferson College; president of the Board of Trustees of Washington Hospital; president of the Community Chest; friend of humanity, wise counselor, courageous editor—beloved by all who knew him. Erected by his friends and family, 1940."

Stewart Memorial Tower Completed
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 12, 1941 Edition

ORIENTATION TO MARK W. & J. COLLEGE OPENING

Washington & Jefferson to Begin
131st Year by Observing
Ancient Custom

Washington & Jefferson College will start its 131st year September 15th with registration of freshmen. At that time all new students will be enrolled, and an orientation period of three days for them will start with Acting President E. M. Weyer in charge.

Dr. Weyer is completing plans for the orientation period, when new students will be acquainted with the rules and traditions of the institution, and given information necessary to a successful start in classes. This instruction will continue through Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 15th, 16th and 17th.

Thursday, September 17th, all upper classmen will register, and Friday morning a general convocation in the chapel will be held, to be followed by the start of regular classes.

L. A. Foust, registrar, reports that the registration of freshmen to date is on a par with the average of the past five years, and that indications point to a new class of the usual size.

The faculty will report Monday, September 14th, and will hold a formal meeting that day. Three new members have been added to the faculty. Professor Kaiser will be succeeded by C. E. Heffelfinger, who who holds a master of arts degree won in post graduate work at Cornell University and Bucknell College. For six years he taught in the University of Nanking, China, and has twice toured the world.

John W. McIlvaine, of Washington, W. & J. graduate with the class of 1928, and a student in the Law School of the University of Pittsburgh, will assist in the Political Science Department, assuming part of the work of Professor F. Darrell Luellen, whose death occurred recently.

W. A. Cross, master of arts, a graduate of University of Illinois, who took post graduate studies at Columbia University, has been added to the English Department. Last year he taught in Long Island University.



Westland School No. 2-September 25, 1914

Courtesy of Justine Filipponi O'Brien



4'S A.M. GRADUATION. From left, first row: Bryan Pavan, Josh Penderville, Anthony Strapazzon, Jesse thony Strapazzon, Jesse Taucher, Bryan Vallina, Jesse Bowden and Annette Stefka (teacher); second row: Cheri Garlaus (teacher), Aaron Morrison, Matthew Metzger, Slater Kady, Sally Dugas and Bryan Dean.

Area preschool holds graduation

Children enrolled in the 4- and 5-year-old classes at Westminster Community Preschool participated in recent graduation exercises held at the school.

Each child wore a personally decorated "graduation cap" and

received a diploma.

Following the ceremony and the taking of photographs, the children enjoyed cake donated by Brian Kramer and juice with their families.

The 1994-95 school year came to

a close with a picnic held at Hanover Park. Children from all the classes and their families were invited for food and fun. Everyone contributed something to eat. Before the last goodbyes were said, all enjoyed ice cream cones.

Westminster Community Preschool Graduation-A.M. Class
The Enterprise-June 28, 1995 Edition

Area preschool holds graduation

Children enrolled in the 4- and 5-year-old classes at Westminster Community Preschool participated in recent graduation exercises held at the school.

Each child wore a personally decorated "graduation cap" and

received a diploma.

Following the ceremony and the taking of photographs, the children enjoyed cake donated by Brian Kramer and juice with their families.

The 1994-95 school year came to

a close with a picnic held at Hanover Park. Children from all the classes and their families were invited for food and fun. Everyone contributed something to eat. Before the last goodbyes were said, all enjoyed ice cream cones.



4'S P.M. GRADUATION. From left, first row: Lauren Nicola and Lacey Love; second row: Derek Cummins, Johnnie Joe Mondin, Brian Kramer, Ryan Cole, Kyle Lukon and Morgan Lauff; third row: Brandon McGivern, Chelsea Clark, Cassie Norrid, David Thomas and Alyssa Yukevich.

Westminster Community Preschool Graduation-P.M. Class
The Enterprise-June 28, 1995 Edition



Seat belt safety

Terri Bartosh, coordinator of Washington County Regional Highway Safety Programs, visited children of Westminster Community Preschool recently, teaching about seat belt safety through the video, "Riding with the Big Green Snake," and demonstrations of the proper use of seat belts and songs. At the end of the program, the children received safety placemats, coloring books, stickers and a coloring page. Pictured with Ms. Bartosh are, from left, first row, Jon-David Rodgers and Kelsey Waters; second row, Billy Craig, Lindsay Kennedy, Courtney Hall and Danielle Augenstein; and third row, Matthew Metzger, Tyler Ulrich, Eric Galentine, Sarah Pasquale, Cathy Bashoum and Emmy Stiffler.

Westminster Community Preschool- Seat Belt Safety
The Record-Outlook-November 10, 1993 Edition

Preregistration set at preschool

Preregistration for the Westminster Community Preschool of the YMCA of Washington County, 1995-96 school year, will be held during the month of February.

Programs for the three-year-olds will be held Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., or Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Children ages four and five will meet Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., or Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Classes are held in the Slovan Mission Church, Nicholas Street, Slovan.

To be eligible for the preschool program, a child must be three years of age as of Sept. 1, 1995.

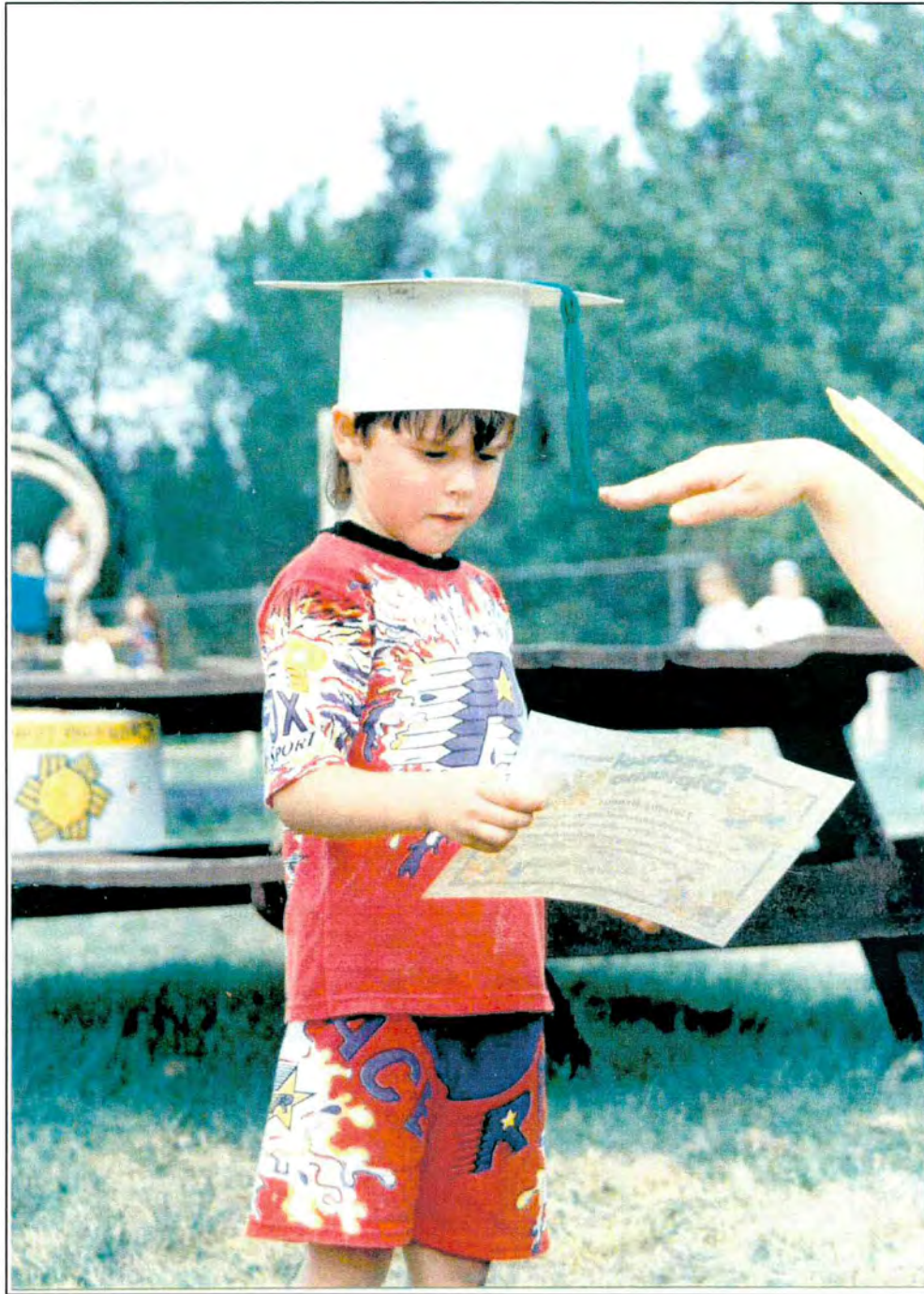
Children will be exposed to a variety of experiences to develop self-esteem, creativity and independence. Opportunities to develop general readiness skills such as shapes, colors, numbers, the alphabet, art and music will also be provided.

The preschool is a

nondenominational, nonprofit, self-supporting school of the YMCA of Washington County. Full or partial scholarships are available. The director, and one of the teachers, is Carol Yamber, a certified teacher with a master's degree in education. The staff consists of Jeanine Miles and Annette Stefka, certified teachers, and Cheryl Garlaus and Alice Blue, trained assistants.

Those interested may contact the director, Carol Yamber, at 947-3498 (home) or 947-2390 (school).

Westminster Community Preschool-Pre-registration
The Enterprise-February 1, 1995 Edition



Timmy Bendick
Reading his "Diploma" from Westminster Preschool-1995

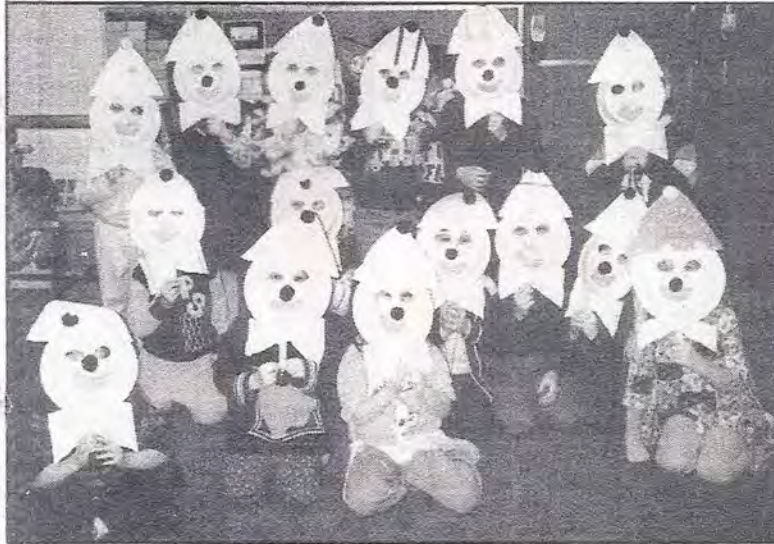
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Westminster Preschool-Unknown Year

Jesse Bowden with the cat. Circle of friends, L-R: Bryan Pavan, Josh Penderville, Aaron Morrison, Jason Muran, Slater Kady, Sally Dugas, Matthew Metzer.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



THE AFTERNOON 4's class with their masks.

Clown visits a preschool

The children of Westminster Community Preschool recently enjoyed a visit from Rainbow the Clown. The children enjoyed watching and participating in the various magic tricks performed by Rainbow. She concluded her per-

formance with the story of "The Gingerbread Man."

In honor of Rainbow's visit, the children made their own clowns in class.

Rainbow brightened everyone's day by making balloon animals at the end of her visit.



RAINBOW THE CLOWN with Bryan Vallina.

**Westminster Community Preschool-Rainbow the Clown Visits
The Enterprise-February 1, 1995 Edition**