

The New

MANFRED NEWS

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A Warm Welcome to Manfred!

Manfred School History

The previous issue, Volume 8, Issue 2, explored the era of the one-room schools in Manfred Township. With this issue, we begin the history of the brick school built in 1910, and with upcoming issues to proceed through the years to 1973 when Manfred School closed. "Live" coverage by means of newspaper entries and school board minutes from those bygone times, as well as memories by former students will enable readers today to take part in school from those days. Please send any memories from when you attended Manfred School. Have a great time at school on this nostalgic tour through the school years!

**COME
CELEBRATE TOGETHER ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2010**

In honor of
90th Anniversary of Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge
Dedication of the Manfred School and Hotel Johnson
into the Manfred Heritage Museum
100th Anniversary of the Manfred School Building
10th Anniversary of MHP, Inc.

Schedule

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Program, Displays, Fellowship, Coffee and Treats
at Festival Hall on the Wells County Fair Grounds
in Fessenden. Sandwiches and salads will be
available with a free-will donation.

Open House in Manfred

5:00-8:00 p.m.

History of the Brick School in Manfred

Part 1 – The School Years September 1910 – May 1916



Manfred School soon after completion in 1910

The two people pictured at the entrance may be that of Lillian Covert and her brother Ray E. Covert, who were the first teachers of the new brick school building

The New Manfred News

Thank you ever so much for your continuing support of the remarkable Manfred projects!

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*Recent contributions to the Johnson-Ostrem
 Preservation Fund, Melby Heritage Society and
 Rural Vestige Alliance to be listed in the next issue.*

You Should See Manfred Now!

Wow! Many great improvements are taking place this summer in Manfred. The roofs of the Manfred School and the Solheim House have been repaired and shingled. Vang Church is being painted and new carpeting installed on the front steps. Hotel Johnson has been painted gray with white trim to how it appeared in 1907, after having undergone structural restoration in recent years. The Melby-Rogness House will soon have new sidewalks. This project came about after the front sidewalk was badly damaged in a late spring storm when the pine tree "Ole", named for this home's first owner Ole Melby, was blown over. "Mary" the matching pine tree, named for Ole's wife, had gone down some years earlier. We were sorry for the loss of this historic tree, but very grateful it fell away from the Melby-Rogness House. The local Manfred friends are delighted with these great improvements and look forward to having visitors come see!

Manfred Newsletter

Thank you for your newsletter subscriptions!
 136 new or renewing subscriptions have been received since the previous issue!

In Memory

Mark Melby

January 27, 1950 – August 9, 2009
 Son of Donald and Margaret Melby
 Grandson of Martin and Alma Haugen Melby

Wesley Michelson

July 29, 1928 – December 16, 2009
 Husband of Alice Lithun of rural Manfred

Elsie Martinson

May 29, 1911 – January 22, 2010
 Twin sister of Manfred teacher Myrtle Rogness
 and friend of Manfred

Ruth Wagner Fischer

June 12, 1920 – February 11, 2010
 Longtime resident south of Manfred
 survived by her husband Arthur and three daughters

Harley Kittelson

April 13, 1921 – March 5, 2010
 Husband of Violet Boese who was daughter
 of early residents Louis and Ella Boese

Dale R. Bentley

November 28, 1968 – March 29, 2010
 Former executive director of Preservation North
 Dakota who helped enable the Manfred projects
 to begin through his encouragement and guidance

Christine Ostrem Anderson

April 21, 1913 – April 18, 2010
 Daughter of Even and Kjersti Ostrem
 Wife of Gordon Anderson who was son
 of settlers Olaf and Lena Melby Anderson

Elaine Strauss Weigelt

January 13, 1932 – May 3, 2010
 Daughter of Joseph and Ida Schnabel Strauss

Arnt Ostrem

April 20, 1916 – May 16, 2010
 Son of early residents Even and Kjersti Ostrem
 Husband of Phyllis Biever who was the daughter
 of Frank and Bessie Sommer Biever

Selmer Rodne

September 9, 1909 – June 5, 2010
 Lifelong rural resident north of Manfred
 Son of settlers Haldor and Delia Rodne

Stacy Roberts

April 4, 1973 – June 24, 2010
 Granddaughter of Emil and Linda Onstad

Gladys Anhorn Werth

October 15, 1920 – June 26, 2010
 Born near Manfred the daughter
 of Gottlieb and Odelia "Tillie" Anhorn

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Construction Of The New Manfred School

Need For A Larger School Building In Manfred

The Manfred School District, established in 1897, was at first composed of three one-room schools. By 1908, the population of School #1 located in Manfred had outgrown its building facility and the need evident for a new facility.

Wells County Free Press News Entries

May 29, 1908

Miss Helen Hope closed a very successful nine-month term of school last Tuesday with a literary program which had drawn a crowded house of patrons of the school and children. The student attendance has been the largest in the history of the school and it is too large for one teacher. What Manfred needs is an enlarged schoolhouse and two teachers.

June 11, 1909

Last Friday was the last day of a most successful school year. The attendance has outgrown the capacity of the schoolhouse and the work of one teacher. A good program was given and pupils and parents were treated to refreshments after the program was over.

Voting and Planning For A New School Building

Manfred School Board Minutes

School board members - Clarence Nelson, Nick Rogeness and Charles Fjerstad. Clerk - Ole Ranum.

October 12, 1909

2. Petition presented signed by 56 legal voters of the district asking to bond the said school district for \$7,000 for the purpose of building a new two-story brick schoolhouse at Manfred. After said petition was examined and board satisfied that at least 1/3 of the legal voters had signed said petition it was moved and seconded to call a special election on Saturday, November 20th at Manfred Schoolhouse #1 from 2 – 5 p.m. of that day to vote on said proposition. (See 11/29/09 News Entry) ↗

March 19, 1910

This meeting was called to decide on plans for the new Schoolhouse #1. It was moved and seconded that the clerk and Chas. Fjerstad should correspond with different architects and see what best offer could be obtained. Motion made and seconded that the schoolhouse be 30 x 60 and about 24 feet high. Basement to be full size under house and 8 foot deep, 5 feet underground and 3 feet over.

April 4, 1910

Different plans submitted and the following motion made by Nick Rogeness, seconded by Fjerstad to build schoolhouse 46 feet wide by 41 feet long outside measure. Motion carried. School rooms to be 21 x 27 feet, cloakrooms 4.6 x 14.6 feet – stairway to be one on each side of hall or entrance. In basement to be one partition through stone wall up to first floor all around. Basement to be complete except floor and no heating plant. There is not to be any finishing on second floor except shiplap floor on top of joists and partition necessary to make building strong. Motion to offer Hancock Brothers 2% submitting plans and specifications.

April 23, 1910

After due consideration, we the School Board of Manfred School District #20, select John Ellistad as architect to draw out plans and specifications for the new schoolhouse. It was moved and seconded that we advertise for bids in the following three papers: Wells Co Free Press, Fargo Forum and the Minot Optic. Bids to be sealed and to be accompanied with a certified check for \$300. Bids to be opened on June 1st at 2 p.m. Board reserved the right to reject any or all bids. Clerk was instructed to send in and advertise the bids at once in the above papers.

June 1, 1910

At 2 o'clock p.m. the board met to open the bids advertised for. Only two bids came in, one from Carl Bartelson, he would complete the schoolhouse according to plans and specifications for \$8,150. The second bid was from Harrison Bros to complete the schoolhouse according to plans and specifications for \$7640. This bid was accepted. Before contract was made out and signed, a few changes were made in the plans so the total amount of the contract was allowed at \$7,853 and the schoolhouse is to be completed by September 5, 1910.

Wells County Free Press News Entries

BEGIN WITH #s 1. 2. 3.

May 21, 1909

1. A petition has been circulated and freely signed asking the school board to submit to the voters the question of building a new schoolhouse. Manfred needs a new schoolhouse and is able to build a good one and we hope it will be done.

November 29, 1909

3. The school election last Saturday was the best attended in the history of Manfred. Every voter and voter's wife and son of voting age from center to circumference of the school district were there and cast a vote. The result was a large majority in favor of the issuance of \$7,000 in bonds to erect a schoolhouse to accommodate the present number of school children and also those of the future.

Reuse Of The Old Manfred School

Manfred School Board Minutes

June 1, 1910

Moved and second that we sell the old schoolhouse by auction to the highest bidder on Wednesday June 8th at 2 p.m.

June 8, 1910

At the auction sale of the old schoolhouse there were very few and slow bids. It was sold to C. C. Melby for \$310.00.

Wells County Free Press News Entries

June 24, 1910

The old school house has been sold to C. C. Melby, who immediately moved it to a lot across the street, and is changing it into a dwelling house.

August 19, 1910

C. C. Melby has been busy this week moving his family and household goods from his apartments over the store to his new dwelling house made out of the old schoolhouse.

May 19, 1911

Knud O. Melby made a deal the other day whereby he became the owner of the C. C. Melby dwelling. K. O. Melby and wife will likely move to town and leave their farm in the hands of their son, Oscar.

The New Brick Schoolhouse Takes Shape

Wells County Free Press News Entries

June 24, 1910

The old school that for years has been too small to accommodate all the school children is to be replaced by a new commodious four-room brick building. Miss Helen Hope closed a very successful nine-month term of school last Tuesday with a literary program which had drawn a crowded house of patrons of the school and children. The student attendance has been the largest in the history of the school and it is too large for one teacher. The school ground has been the scene of great activity of late. C. C. Melby moved the old school off, and after this Mr. Fisher with his teams (of horses) and men started to dig the basement, haul sand and rocks and make everything ready for the stonemasons and the bricklayers.

July 29, 1910

The basement of the new school house has been completed and part of the brick work commenced. The basement is divided into four rooms, two of them being large and well lighted will be well suited for a gymnasium and a room for manual training. When the building is completed it will give ample room for educating both the head and the hand of the pupils.

August 12, 1910

Work on the schoolhouse is progressing very fast. The walls are up and the roof ready for shingling. The lathing of the two rooms on the first floor is complete and prospects good that the building will be ready by the time school opens.

September 16, 1910

The new red brick schoolhouse of Manfred is just about completed. It is a fine building of which Manfred may be justly proud. Messrs. Harrison & Boas have done the work and done it well. School will start Monday next.

Manfred School Board Minutes

Building Committee: Clarence Nelson, Nick Rogeness and O. K. Melby

September 14, 1910

The Building Committee was called to accept the School Building from the contractor. Committee found that the contract was not complete so they could not accept the same. Committee to meet again on September 17, 1910.

September 17, 1910

Committee members all present. After examining the building and the work done, was done according to specifications and contract – the board agreed with the contractor to accept the building with a discount of \$70 from contract for the looks of the windows on the west side of same not being straight. We agreed to pay the Contractor \$20 for putting in a partition and door around the stairway and we have before agreed with the contractor to pay \$50 extra for furnishing and laying maple floor in the two school rooms instead of fir floors as the contract called for. Clerk was instructed to issue warrant for amount balance due on contract.

1910-1911 School Year



↑ How exciting it must have been for these students and teachers to begin their studies in this brand new school building

← First teachers in the brick school, brother and sister Ray Covert and Lillian Covert

Wells County Free Press News Entries

December 2, 1910

A shadow social was given by the teachers and pupils of the Manfred School last Friday evening which was a great success. A large crowd gathered at the schoolhouse where a short program was rendered after which the interesting feature of selling the ladies' shadows took place. J. Turner acting as auctioneer, proving himself well-skilled in the line. After the shadows were all sold, a basket supper was partaken of and a general social was held. A neat little sum was taken in which is to be used for purchasing pictures for the schoolrooms. The Manfred Band furnished music during the evening.

January 13, 1911

Lillian and R. W. Covert returned from their vacation Sunday. They opened school Monday with an enlarged attendance.

February 11, 1911

The 7th grade has finished Longfellow's *Evangeline* and are taking up a partial study of Whittier's *Snowbound*. The third grade has been busy the past week drawing sketches and framing them with raffia. The second graders are working on some raffia hand bags which are useful as well as ornamental. The primary grades have been telling stories for a few moments each day and this has proved quite successful. A story in five chapters entitled *Home at Last* has been sent to a magazine by one of our pupils and hopes are strong to see it in print.

June 9, 1911

The Manfred School gave a very successful entertainment Saturday night at the Melby hall. The program consisted of recitations, dialogues, songs, music and plays that were excellently selected and creditably delivered. The participants at times showed real dramatic ability. The cornet solo by Melvin Roble deserves special mention as being more than exceptionally well rendered.

Lower Grades 1-3

Teacher: Lillian Covert

Clayton Anderson
Florence Anderson
Matilda Anderson
Ralph Anderson
Gladys Fjerestad
Emil Fiebick
Olga Fiebick
Tillie Fiebick
Bernard Gilbertson
Clarence Gilbertson
Selma Hustoft
Pearl Johnson
Emma Johnson
Lydia Koenig
Willie Koenig
Norman LeGrand
Millard Lindbo
Anna Melby
June Melby
Tora Opsahl
Johnny Rasmussen
Rasmus Rasmussen
Olaf Rogne
Edwin Sorenson
Edith Soderback
Henry Soderback
Olinda Wallman

Upper Grades 4-8

Teacher: Ray Covert

Perry Anderson
Pearl Asselin
Frank Biever
Josie Biever
Mamie Erickson
Elsie Goedecke
Willie Goedecke
Emil Gilbertson
Edwin Hustoft
Alvin Johnson
Edna Johnson
Katie Janisch
Henry Kruger
Inez Lund
Emil Larson
Beatrice Melby
Clara Melby
Gena Melby
Andrew Roble
Melvin Roble
Caroline Rogne
Gladys Ranum
Margaret Ross
Christine Thune

1911-1912 School Year

Wells County Free Press News Entries

January 5, 1912

Ray Covert and sister Lillian, the two popular teachers in Manfred public schools are spending their vacation at their home at Brainerd, Minn.

February 16, 1912

Valentine boxes created most friendly spirits in both rooms Wednesday, and numerous valentines were distributed.

The fourth grade spelling class is working for the honor of having the largest number of perfect marks this month. Olga Fieback thus far holds first place.

Ruth Willborg and Alice Nelson have been promoted to the second grade.

Eighth grade reading class has completed *Snow Bound*. A test was given Monday and no mark below 85 was received.

Fourth grade geography class is now working on clay maps of the United States.

Those who had the highest averages in their subjects last month were Edwin Sorenson, Clara Melby, Katie Janisch, and Inez Lund.

Those with perfect attendance last month were Ralph Anderson, Josephine Biever, Mamie Erickson, Gladys Fjerestad, William Goedecke, Selma Hustoft, Edna Johnson, Katie Janisch, Clara Melby, Beatrice Melby, Inez Lund, Andrew Roble, Caroline Rogne, Melvin Roble, Edwin Sorenson, Olaf Rogne. Primary department – Clayton Anderson, Bernard Gilbertson, Pearl Johnson, Norma LeGrand, Rasmus and John Rasmussen, Harry, Edith and Esther Soderback, Olinda Wallman, and Alice Nelson.

About an hour was spent Monday in a general discussion of Abraham Lincoln.

The sixth grade in reading has completed the study of Lincoln's *Gettysburg Address* and the fourth grade is studying the song of *Marion's Men*.

New readers for the first and third grades were received lately and gladdened the hearts of both classes.

May 17, 1912

Vacation days will soon be here, but oh, the work before us still!

Letters from our former schoolmates, Beatrice and June Melby tell us that they long for our school again.

The fourth grade is studying *The Leak in the Dyke* in reading and the fifth grade has completed *The Blue and the Gray* in their language this month.

The coming county spelling contest of this week to be held at Fessenden is creating marked interest. Those who will represent our school are Inez Lund, Caroline Rogne and Mamie Erickson.

Certificates of attendance were issued last week to the following: Caroline Rogne, Mamie Erickson, Ralph Anderson, Clayton Anderson, Gladys Fjerestad and Edith Soderback. When we consider that it takes sixteen months of perfect attendance to receive these diplomas, we can well appreciate the joy of the recipient.

The eighth grade has nearly completed its review in arithmetic. At the final examination held in March four pupils out of five completed the common school branches, the fifth will enter the final examination this week and hopes to finish. All will receive their long looked for diplomas, which will command entrance into the state or normal schools of our state.

Lower Grades 1-3

Teacher: Lillian Covert

Clayton Anderson
Everett Anderson
Matilda Anderson
Inez Erickson
Jennie Fisketjon
Joseph Fisketjon
Laura Fisketjon
Emil Fieback
Lena Fieback
Tillie Fieback
Bernard Gilbertson
Clarence Gilbertson
Pearl Johnson
Emma Koenig
Johnny Koenig
Lydia Koenig
Willie Koenig
Evelyn LeGrand
Norman LeGrand
Anna Melby
Elsie Mohr
Fred Mohr
Lena Mohr
Reinhold Mohr
Alice Nelson
John Rasmussen
Rasmus Rasmussen
Ruth Skogmo
Edith Soderback
Esther Soderback
Henry Soderback
Ruth Willborg
Dan Wallman
Olinda Wallman

Upper Grades 4-8

Teacher: Ray Covert

Florence Anderson
Perry Anderson
Ralph Anderson
Josie Biever
Mamie Erickson
Olga Fieback
Gladys Fjerestad
Willie Goedecke
Edward Hustoft
Selma Hustoft
Katie Janisch
Alvin Johnson
Edna Johnson
Inez Lund
Minnie Martinson
Dell McBain
Clara Melby
Beatrice Melby
Gena Melby
June Melby
Anna Nelson
Gladys Ranum
Andrew Roble
Melvin Roble
Caroline Rogne
Olaf Rogne
Edwin Sorenson

May 24, 1912

We feel quite honored that our school won first prize in the spelling contest last Saturday.

May 31, 1912

The public school closed Friday. The term has been a successful one. The credit for this is due mostly to the teachers Ray and Lillian Covert. To show the appreciation of the good work done by the teachers, the parents and children gathered in the school house last Friday and presented Miss Covert with a gold watch and Mr. Covert with a fountain pen and gold watch fob. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a good social time. The teachers left Sunday for Montana where Miss Covert has a claim.

1912-1913 School Year

Wells County Free Press News Entries

March 28, 1913

There was no school last week due to the absence of the principal, Miss Thompson who was called home on account of the death of a brother at Faribault, Minn. Miss Thompson intended to be back for work on Monday this week, and was as far as St. Paul when a message stating that her mother was seriously ill called her back home again. Miss Shefvland is filling her place for the present.

April 25, 1913

The McCalley entertainers played in Melby's hall Monday evening. The entertainment was given under the auspice of the Manfred School and we understand that the school is a few dollars to the good for which will be purchased something of benefit to the school. The McCalleys put up a nice and interesting program and that the same was much enjoyed by all present.

May 30, 1913

Miss Thompson and Miss Sowden, Manfred's popular teachers were in Harvey between trains Sunday.

Manfred School Board Minutes

June 7, 1913

Present: Clarence Nelson, H. B. Myhre and Axel LeGrand.
J. A. Johnson, Clerk.

A special meeting was held for the purpose of deciding and approving of plans and specifications for installing a system heating plant in the Manfred School House. After careful consideration of all details in connection with heating plant, it was decided to advertise for sealed bids in the Wells Co. Free Press. All bids to be accompanied with check for \$100.00

July 5, 1913

Karl Moser of Harvey Heating and Plumbing Co being the lowest with a bid of \$1,245.00 was accepted and contract signed. Karl Moser's bid of \$53.00 for repairing heating plant in school house #3 accepted.

Lower Grades 1-4

Teacher: Alice Sowden

Clayton Anderson
Everett Anderson
Matilda Anderson
Inez Erickson
Emil Fiebick
Lena Fiebick
Tillie Fiebick
Jennie Fisketjon
Laura Fisketjon
Bernard Gilbertson
Clarence Gilbertson
Roy Goodnight
Edwin Hedahl
Pearl Johnson
Henry Jones
Louis Jones
Eddie Koenig
Emma Koenig
John Koenig
Lydia Koenig
Willie Koenig
Agnes Langseth
Evelyn LeGrand
Norman LeGrand
Bernice Longballa
Hilda Martinson
John Rasmussen
Norman Rasmussen
Rasmus Rasmussen
Blanche Roberts
Inez Skagmo
Ruth Skagmo
Edith Soderback
Esther Soderback
Henry Soderback
Ruth Willborg

Upper Grades 5-8

Teacher: Clara Thompson

Florence Anderson
Perry Anderson
Ralph Anderson
Josie Biever
Mamie Erickson
Olga Fiebick
Gladys Fjerestad
Ole Gladheim
Ed Hustoft
Selma Hustoft
Katie Janisch
Alvin Johnson
Edna Johnson
Marie Longballa
Ella Lund
Aurcor Mattinson
Anna Melby
Clara Melby
Edwin Opdahl
Melvin Roble
Olaf Rogne
Guri Rudi
Edwin Sorenson

1913-1914 School Year

Wells County Free Press News Entries

November 13, 1913

Miss Luella Stickney, the primary teacher made a trip to her home at Wendell, Minn. on Friday returning Monday.

February 27, 1914

Friday evening a basket social was held at Melby's hall. Baskets were sold to the amount of \$56.00, which is to buy books for the school library. The school children had a fine program of singing and speaking. After supper those who wanted to had a dance.

March 13, 1914

Next Saturday is going to be a discussion meeting of the voters and taxpayers of Manfred School District to find out the sentiment of the taxpayers in regard to fixing up the schoolhouse so we could use part for high school. Everybody should try to come to this meeting at the schoolhouse at Manfred at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

1913-1914 School Year

Manfred School Board Minutes

March 3, 1914

Present: Clarence Nelson,
H. B. Myhre and Axel LeGrand.
O. S. Hedahl, Clerk.

A special meeting was called to order by the president, all members present. Motion made, seconded and carried that the school board call a meeting of all qualified electors of Manfred School District #20, Wells County, North Dakota to meet at Manfred Schoolhouse on Saturday, the 14th of March 1914 to consider the question of changing the Manfred School from a grade school to a high school and also to discuss other questions in regard to the betterment of the schools of the district.

Lower Grades 1-4

Teacher: Luella Stickney

Audrey Amos
Clayton Anderson
Everett Anderson
Gordon Anderson
Carl Christianson
Martin Disserud
Inez Erickson
Emil Fjerestad
Ida Fiebick
Lena Fiebick
Clarence Gilbertson
Ethel Goodnight
Roy Goodnight
Edith Hedahl
Edwin Hedahl
Elizabeth Hustoft
Harriet Johnson
Eddie Koenig
Emma Koenig
Johnny Koenig
Willie Koenig

Lower Grades 1-4 (Cont.)

Teacher: Luella Stickney

Agnes Langseth
Evelyn LeGrand
Herbert LeGrand
Norman LeGrand
Millard Lindbo
Christian Rall
Dorothy Rall
Elizabeth Rall
Blanche Roberts
Cora Roberts
Gina Rudie
Margaret Rudie
Ruth Skogmo
Esther Soderback
Henry Soderback
Clifford Tansem
Daphine Tansem
Hjalmer Tansem
Ruth Willborg
Annie Wittman
Lena Wittman

Upper Grades 5-8

Teacher: John Bolenbough

Florence Anderson
Matilda Anderson
Perry Anderson
Ralph Anderson
Josie Biever
Albert Earl
Mamie Erickson
Olga Fiebick
Tillie Fiebick
Bernard Gilbertson
Selma Hustoft
Katie Janisch
Alvin Johnson
Edna Johnson
Pearl Johnson
Anna Melby
Clara Melby
Edwin Opdahl
Marie Opdahl
Melvin Roble
Edith Soderback
Edwin Sorensen

Wells County Free Press News Entry

March 20, 1914

The school meeting which was held in the schoolhouse last Saturday was well attended. County Superintendent Maude Regan was here and spoke to the audience about improvement and consolidation of the district. It was voted to use the upstairs in the schoolhouse for two more rooms, and to have one year high school.

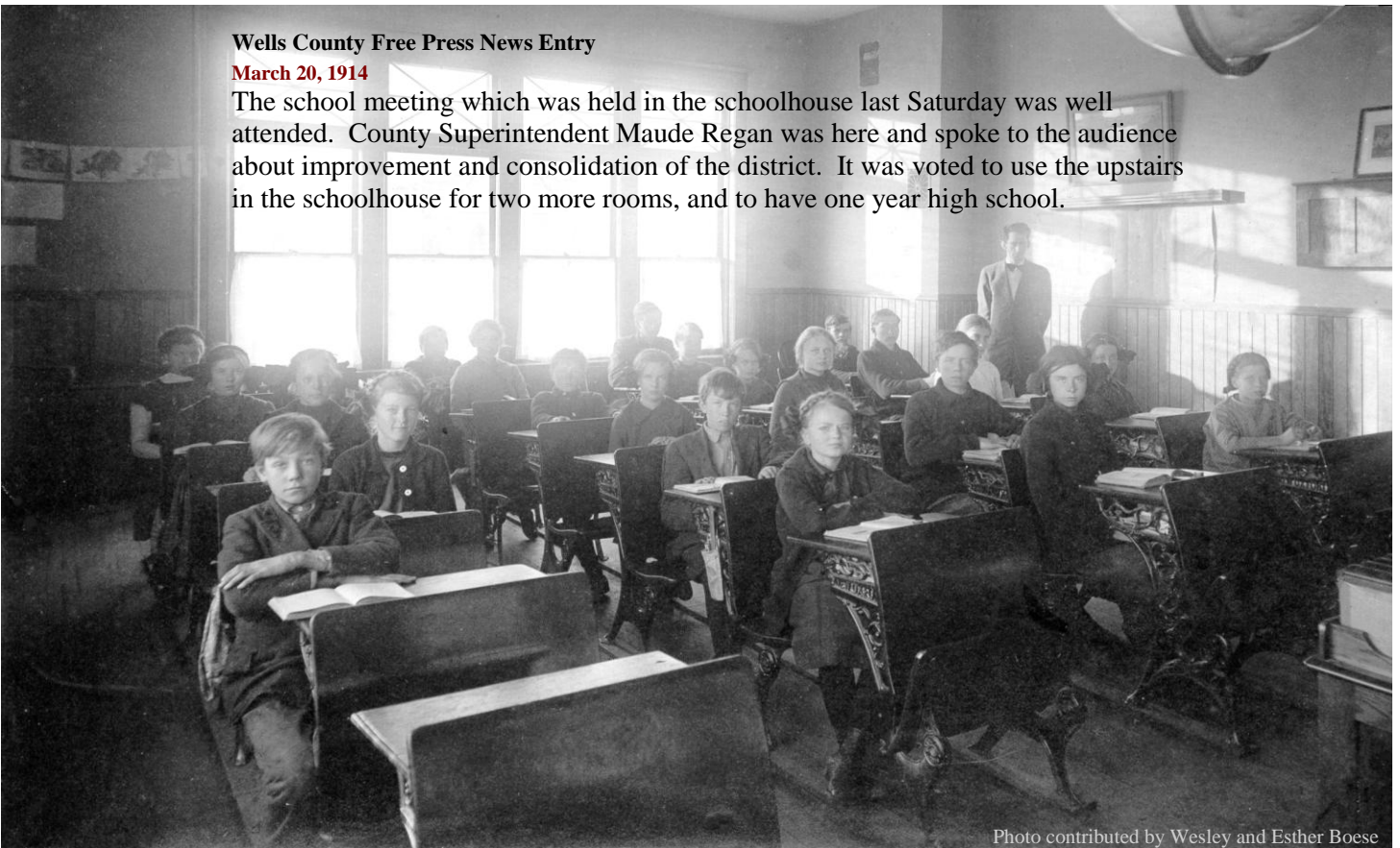


Photo contributed by Wesley and Esther Boese

Mr. Bolenbough's class of Upper Grades - 5th through 8th grades

(See Upper Grades class members listed above in far right column)

1914-1915 School Year

In 1914-1915, Manfred School began having three classrooms:
Room 1—Grades 1-3 Room 2—Grades 4-7 Room 3—Grades 8-9

Room 1 - Grades 1-3 Teacher: Cora Anderson

Gordon Anderson	Bertha Halvorson	Agnes Langseth	Dorothy Rall
Carl Christianson	Kathrine Halvorson	Evelyn LeGrand	Elizabeth Rall
Inez Erickson	Edith Hedahl	Herbert LeGrand	Sam Rall
Ida Fiebick	Elizabeth Hustoft	Norman LeGrand	Blanche Roberts
Lena Fiebick	James Jacobson	Perry Myers	Cora Roberts
Martha Fiebick	Harriet Johnson	Bertha Nelson	Esther Shefveld
Arthur Field	Eddie Koenig	Lila Nelson	Esther, Soderback
Forrest Fisher	Johnny Koenig	Christian Rall	Daphine Tansem
Alf Halvorson	Willie Koenig		

Room 2 - Grades 4-7 Teacher: Nell E. Gallagher

Clayton Anderson	Eunice Field	Carl Johnson	Harley Nelson
Florence Anderson	Ethel Fincher	Pearl Johnson	Marie Opdahl
Matilda Anderson	Bernard Gilbertson	Emma Koenig	Margaret Rudie
Bert Earl	Andrew Halvorson	Lydia Koenig	Edith Soderback
Emil Fiebick	Martha Hauge	Anna Melby	Henry Soderback
Olga Fiebick	Edwin Hedahl	Hirchal Meyers	Edwin Sorenson
Tillie Fiebick	Selma Hustoft	Clair Nelson	Ruth Willborg

Room 3 - Grades 8-9 Teacher: John Bolenbough

Perry Anderson	Tennis Hauge	Clara Melby	Arthur Shefveld
Mamie Erickson	Katie Janisch	Mabel Nelson	Conrad Shefveld
Gunhild Halvorson	Alvin Johnson	Walter Nelson	Nora Thompson
Ole Halvorson	Edna Johnson	Edwin Opdahl	

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September 11, 1914

At nine o'clock Tuesday morning the toll of the village school bell was heard, but for some reason, too much enthusiasm was put forth for the first call of school, which resulted that the bell tipped bottom side up, and remained that way until it was righted, ready for the next day's call.

By the supervision of Prof. J. L. Bolenbough and school directors, the school building has been fixed up in A-1 shape. The upper story was finished this summer, and has lately been filled with desks, seats and other necessary school supplies. The first year high school is conducted in one of these rooms. The basement has a new concrete floor, and makes a very good place for the new manual training school. This department is in tip-top shape for the work that will be done. New fire escape and wider steps are the outside improvements. A large addition to the library has also been secured, and now many of the latest fiction may be had to read at the school library.

A very good attendance was shown the first day, which seems to encourage us to believe that we shall have a large school. Prof. J. S. Bolenbough of Walkerton, Ind., has charge of the eighth and ninth grades, and manual training. Miss Gallagher from Wisconsin, a normal graduate, is instructor of the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. Miss Cora Anderson, a Valley City normal graduate, is the primary second and third grade instructor.

October 9, 1914

So much interest is shown in sewing by the girls that they not only devote the usual time, Friday afternoon after recess, but most every afternoon and recess as well. Workbags and aprons have already been completed. The high school and eighth grade girls come down to Miss Gallagher's room for sewing and Prof. Bolenbough takes the boys for manual training.

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November 5, 1914

Room 1 Pupils neither absent nor tardy during the past month are: Gordon Anderson, Herbert LeGrand, Edith Hedahl, Esther Soderback, Evelyn LeGrand, Norman LeGrand, James Jacobson, Harriet Johnson. The coziness of our rooms is much improved by the addition of white sash curtains. Cora Anderson Teacher.

Room 2 Pupils neither absent nor tardy during October: Matilda Anderson, Clayton Anderson, Florence Anderson, Carl Johnson, Edith Soderback, Henry Soderback, Ruth Willborg, Marie Opdahl, Clair Nelson, Harley Nelson, Ethel Fincher, Edwin Hedahl, Margaret Rudie, Edwin Sorenson, Bert Earl. Room No 2 was invited into Miss Anderson's room to join in the Halloween games. It was very much enjoyed by the children. Nell Gallagher, Teacher

Room 3 Those who were neither absent nor tardy during the past month are: Eighth grade - Clara Melby, Walter Nelson, Nora Thompson, Alvin Johnson. Ninth grade - Mabel Nelson, Perry Anderson, Gunhild Halverson. Two new pupils, Edwin Opdahl and Conrad Shefvland are added to our ninth grade making seven in the first year of high school, and we also have two eight grade pupils taking part in our high school classes, which speaks well for this being the first year we have high school here. (High school subjects were: Composition and Rhetoric, Ancient History, Algebra, Physical Geography, Commercial Geography, Commercial Arithmetic.) Monthly examinations are over and all pupils are busy preparing for our social, which is to be held in the schoolhouse November 19th. We urgently invite all to be present. John L. Bolenbough, Teacher.

December 31, 1914

School vacation commenced December 24th at our public school and continues until January 11th. On the evening of December 23rd, the school held a Christmas festival in the Melby hall. Rev. J. M. Langseth giving the invocation. A good and varied program was given by the pupils and the Roble orchestra was well enjoyed by the large crowd which filled the hall to its utmost capacity. Much credit is due to the teachers for so thorough a training as the pupils received.

March 25, 1915

Miss Nellie Gallagher our popular school teacher, was a country visitor on Friday and Saturday. Miss Cora Anderson, our primary teacher, has a mild attack of la grippe (viral infection) and we are all wishing her speed recovery. Miss Esther Anderson has charge of the primary department while Miss Cora is absent.

June 3, 1915

The Manfred public school closed on Friday. Ice cream and cake was served. Both young and old had a very pleasant time. We are glad to learn that Prof. John Bolenbough and Miss Cora Anderson will again be our teachers for next year school.

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October 15, 1915

Miss Nina Swedlund visited at her home at Velva on Saturday and returned on Sunday.

November 11, 1915

Don't fail to hear Miss M. C. Hutchinson at the opera house (upper story of the C. C. Melby Store) Wednesday evening, November 17. Proceeds go to the Manfred School.

February 17, 1916

The valentine basket social given by the Manfred School last Saturday night was well attended and everybody reported a good time. Twenty-seven valentines were sold and brought \$48.35. This will be enough to make the last payment on our school piano. And we thank the people of Manfred for their liberal spending. We have a complete statement of the money taken in at our socials for the last three years, and will be glad to have anyone who has helped out in our socials to come and look over this statement

March 16, 1916

The pupils in the advanced grades are taking review work this week, to prepare for the final examinations next week. The eighth grade finals are the week after next. The third graders have completed their readers and are now reading *Greek Mytho*.

1915-1916 School Year (Continued)



Teachers for the 1915-1916 school year were: **1** Nina Swedlund for Room 2,
2 Cora Anderson for Room 1 and **3** John Bolenbough for Room 3

Room 1 - Grades 1-3 Teacher: Cora Anderson

Gordon Anderson
 Raymond Boese
 Richard Boese
 Carl Christianson
 Ida Fieback
 Martha Fieback
 Arthur Field
 Bernice Field
 Forrest Fisher

Elizabeth Hustoft
 James Jacobson
 Josephine Janisch
 Harriet Johnson
 Winnifred Johnson
 Rose Kaufman
 David Koenig
 Eddie Koenig
 Johnny Koenig

Willie Koenig
 Agnes Langseth
 Joel Langseth
 Herbert LeGrand
 Norman LeGrand
 Carrol Myers
 Donald Myers
 Lynn Myers
 Perry Myers

Roy Nelson
 Annie Onstad
 Christian Rall
 Elizabeth Rall
 Sam Rall
 Blanche Roberts
 Cora Roberts
 Mabel Roberts

Room 2 - Grades 4-7 Teacher: Nina Swedlund

Clayton Anderson
 Matilda Anderson
 Inez Erickson
 Emil Fieback
 Lena Fieback
 Tillie Fieback
 Eunice Field

Bernard Gilbertson
 Clarence Gilbertson
 Joe Greenwood
 Martha Hauge
 Edwin Hedahl
 Edith Hedahl
 Pearl Johnson

Lydia Koenig
 Evelyn LeGrand
 Hirchal Meyers
 Clair Nelson
 Harley Nelson
 Lila Nelson
 Dorothy Rall

Margaret Rudie
 Edith Soderback
 Henry Soderback
 Peter Soderback
 Esther Shefveld
 Ruth Willborg

Room 3 - Grades 8-9 Teacher: John Bolenbough

Florence Anderson
 Mamie Erickson
 Selma Hustoft

Edna Johnson
 Anna Melby
 Mabel Nelson

Walter Nelson
 Marie Opdahl
 Lilly Rodne

Edwin Sorenson
 Arthur Shefveld