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HALLOWEEN TRICKS & TREATS

A request in the last issue caused a minor tempest in the witches' brew.

. . . Tipping over the outhouse was most common, but Dorr Hudson claims an uncle of his was enterprising enough to tip over his own outhouse to prevent serious damage by

pranksters. Imagine the surprise of unsuspecting sneaks at that site!

. . . The collection and stacking up of vehicles and farm implements seems to have been common. In Fowler it was traditional to move them near to or on the train tracks in the center of town or hoist them to the top of a building.

. . . Maple Rapids residents too usually awoke to find stacks of equipment at the main street intersections. The drug store windows got washed there once a year--the day after Halloween--after they had been thoroughly sudsed, the soap having been provided by the druggist himself.

. . . Charles E. Hulse of Flint wrote to relate his favorite prank, an occurrence of the 1920's. On arriving at Central High School the morning after Halloween Eve, he and his pals were amazed and amused to see a horse-drawn buggy there on the roof. He says there was no "trick or treating" then. □

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES - 1934

Village & Rural Schools - Clinton County, Michigan

As printed in *The Clinton County Republican News* - 21 June 1934

Ba-Bath
Be-Bengal
Bi-Bingham
Da-Dallas

De-DeWitt
Du-Duplain
Ea-Eagle
Es-Essex

Gr-Greenbush
Le-Lebanon
Ol-Olive
Ov-Ovid

Ri-Riley
Vi-Victor
Wa-Watertown
We-Westphalia

Name	Dist	School	Name	Dist	School
Acre, Lyle	3 Du	Green	Bottum, Oral	1 Es	Prairie
Aldrich, Doris	2 & 5 Ea	Partlow	Brace, Ardenna	3 We	Sanford
Argersinger, Sears	1 Gr	Richmond	Brace, Eula	3 We	Sanford
Armstrong, Betty	5 Wa	Starr	Brown, Ruth	10 Gr	Marshall
Arthur, Robert	4 Vi	Pierson	Bryant, Dorothy	2 frl Du	Page
Ash, Lawrence	1 frl Du	Rowell	Bryner, Mervin	---	--
Augustine, A.J.	1 frl De	Sher Rd	Burk, Merlin	9 Gr	Eureka
Avery, Chery	13 We	Sanford	Chadwick, G'dine	7 Vi	Reed
Baker, Mildred	3 frl Du	L Brick	Chamberlain, Don	11 Ov	Jes
Bancroft, Imogene	5 frl Gr	Greenwood	Cockerell, Dor'y	1 De	Sher Rd
Barnes, Ellen	2 & 5 Ea	Partlow	Conley, Junior	7 frl Le	Island
Bartos, Helen	3 Bi	Co Farm	Cook, Angela	9 Da	Schaefer
Bashore, Galen	8 frl Du	Watson	Cook, Jimmie	1 De	Sher Rd
Bashore, Max	1 Es	Prairie	Cook, Norman	1 frl Le	Vance/Brk
Belen, Cornelia		St Mary's	Corson, Frederick	4 Le	Fitzpat
Belen, Leo		St Mary's	Cory, Angus	4 frl Ri	S Riley
Bennett, Alice	1 Du	Colony	Cowdry, Burton	4 De	V Farms
Bennett, Warren	---	--	Crosby, Ardis	10 Bi	Arnold
Bernat, Joe	6 frl Bi	Krepps	Daggett, Stanley	4 Gr	Eagle
Bernath, Joe	4 Du	Stafford	Damer, Lydia	10 frl Ea	Blough
Bertram, James		H Trinity	Damon, Mary	6 frl Da	Sage
Bishop, Paul	1 Du	Colony	Davis, Bernice	3 Wa	Water Cent
Bishop, Roberta	1 Du	Colony	Davis, Berwyn	6 Wa	Wacousta
Bissell, Billie	11 Da	Bower	Davis, Edmund	5 De	Lott
Bissell, Dale	2 frl Ri	Chapman	Davis, Eugene	8 frl Ea	Brown
Bissell, Lyle	11 Da	Bower	Dell, Ronald	3 frl Ea	Penn'ton
Blasier, Clyde	5 Ea	Eagle Vill	Dellamater, Ray	2 frl Bi	Gardner
Bloom, Forrest	6 Wa	Wacousta	Dickenson, Mary	2 frl Ov	Serviss
Bloomer, Betty	4 De	V Farms	Diehm, Gerald	1 Wa	Clark
Bohil, Anna	2 frl Du	Page	Diehm, Geraldine	1 Wa	Clark
Bohr, Rosella		St Mary's	Diller, LaVern	5 frl Gr	Greenwood
Borwn, Dawn	6 frl Ol	Rheubtm	Dobias, Helen	5 Bi	Cramer
Borwn, Max	1 De	Sher Rd	Dobias, Malvina	11 Ov	Jesse

Name	Dist	School	Name	Dist	School
Dobrik, Harold	5 De	Lott	Grubaugh, Loren	4 Du	Stafford
Doyen, Perry	1 Ov	Richards	Hafelein, Ethel	7 Ov	Soule
Dunneback, Emma		H Trinity	Haims, Alice	1 De	Sher Rd
Edinger, Ruth		H Trinity	Hall, Dorothy	2 frl Ri	Chapman
Eisler, Rodney		St Joseph	Hall, Geraldine	3 frl Du	L Brick
Ensley, Everett	1 De	Sher Rd	Halfman, Geraldine	H Trinity	
Ernst, Arlene	1 Es	Prairie	Hanchett, Marg'ite	7 frl Ba	Clark
Ernst, Frances	2 frl Bi	Gardner	Hanchett, Ruth	7 frl Ba	Clark
Ernst, John	2 frl Bi	Gardner	Harvey, Max	1 Ol	Olive Cent
Ewer, Jeanne	1 Du	Colony	Heibeck, Ronald	2 Ol	Merrihew
Ewing, David	5 Ol	Lemm	Hess, Lawrence	7 Du	Mead
Farrier, Wayne	4 frl Ri	S Riley	Hiar, Geraldine	8 frl Ea	Brown
Farrier, Wayne	8 Ri	Simmons	Hicks, Hazel	2 Es	Essex Cent
Fedewa, Elizabeth	1 De	Sher Rd	Hicks, Irene	3 Es	Lowe
Fedewa, Herman		St Mary's	Higgins, Howard	5 frl Ov	Meridian
Fedewa, Norman	3 frl Ea	Penn'ton	Hines, Walter	8 frl Ov	Sherburne
Feldpausch, Leo		H Trinity	Hunt, Vivian	1 De	Sher Rd
Feldpausch, Lester		H Trinity	Irving, Leona	3 Bi	Co Farm
Felzke, Eva	10 frl Wa	Allen	Jacobs, Duane	1 De	Sher Rd
Fenner, Margaret	9 Gr	Eureka	Jenkins, Phyllis	5 Be	Boak
Fenner, Russell	1 De	Sher Rd	Jensen, Peter	1 De	Sher Rd
Flegler, Alice	1 Ri	Boughton	Johnson, Mary	6 frl Ol	Rheubtm
Forward, Donald	6 Wa	Wacousta	Juenker, Kelcy	2 Ri	Jason
Foster, Wayne	2 Ri	Jason	Jury, Ruby	2 Be	Beng Cent
Fox, Leo		H Trinity	Kaltrider, Betty	8 frl Bi	Parker
Frechen, Roy	6 frl Da	Sage	Kebler, Robert	3 frl Ea	Penn'ton
Freening, William	8 De	Gunn'ville	Kempf, Henry	10 frl Ea	Blough
Frich, Dee	9 De	Hurd	Kent, Imogene	4 De	V Farms
Gardner, LaVera	7 Gr	Sherwood	Kirkham, Donald	6 Le	Round
Gearhart, Faye	4 frl Ri	S Riley	Knapp, Iola	1 De	Sher Rd
Geller, Stanley	3 Ol	Merle B	Koenigsknecht, Julius		H Trinity
Gill, Bob	5 Bi	Cramer	Koenigsknecht, Paul		H Trinity
Gillespie, Phillip	1 Gr	Richmond	Koenigsknecht, Rose		H Trinity
Gilmore, Cleo	10 frl Ea	Blough	Kohagen, Vernon	6 frl Da	Sage
Gilmore, Dorothy	1 frl Ea	Kebler	Kramer, Phyllis	11 Da	Bower
Glasovatz, J'phine	10 Ov	Wildcat	Krater, Alfred	1 De	Sher Rd
Goodman, Elmer		H Trinity	Kudela, Stephen	8 frl Bi	Parker
Goodman, Laurine		St Mary's	Kunzi, Noreen	11 Da	Bower
Goulding, Billy	1 De	Sher Rd	Kuripla, Dorothy	7 Ov	Soule
Green, Joyce	1 Ol	Olive Cent	Kus, Emil	5 frl Gr	Greenwood
Greenfield, El'beth	5 frl Ri	Kincaid	Kussmaul, Ruth	8 De	Gunn'ville
Griffith, ---	5 Bi	Cramer	Ladiski, Paul		St Joseph

Name	Dist	School	Name	Dist	School
Leik, Elmer	5 frl We	McKim	Moyer, Herbert	8 frl Ea	Brown
Leland, Ralph	7 Ov	Soule	Mueller, Vernetta	6 Le	Round
Leonard, Harold	3 frl Ea	Penn'ton	Naab, Lawrence	1 De	Sher Rd
Lietzke, Lawrence	4 frl Wa	Harlow	Neelands, Julia	1 Du	Colony
Little, Clinton	4 De	V Farms	Nichols, El'beth	8 Ri	Simmons
Locher, Maxine	4 Ol	Brown	Nichols, Opal	3 Es	Lowe
Long, Zella	2 Es	Essex Cent	Nickerson, Ash	10 frl Wa	Allen
Loroff, Dorothy	6 Wa	Wacousta	Nickerson, Elgin	10 frl Wa	Allen
Loudenbeck, Ger'	4 Le	Fitzpatrick	Northrup, Helen	3 Es	Lowe
Loznak, Frank	4 Du	Stafford	Nunemaker, Iola	3 Bi	Co Farm
Ludwick, Earl	1 frl Le	Vance/Br	Nunemaker, Milf	10 Gr	Marshall
Luecht, Florence	6 Ri	Pratt	O'Connell, Jos'ne	9 Le	Daniel
Luke, Leland	1 De	Sher Rd	O'Connor, Harold	3 frl Ea	Penn'ton
Luttig, Norman		H Trinity	Ordiway, Arnold	8 frl Du	Watson
Magsig, Ardith	1 Ol	Olive Cent	Parker, Geraldine	5 Vi	Aldrich
Malkin, Harry	4 Vi	Pierson	Parks, Clare	5 frl Ri	Kincaid
Marek, Frank	3 Be	Harper	Parmely, Gwend	1 De	Sher Rd
Marek, Joe	2 Ol	Merrihew	Paseka, Jack	8 frl Bi	Parker
Martin, Anna		H Trinity	Patrick, Glen	1 frl Ea	Kebler
Martin, Rita		H Trinity	Pervoski, Celia	1 Es	Prairie
Martin, Robert		H Trinity	Platte, Carl		St Mary's
Matter, Clare	1 Es	Prairie	Pline, Catherine		St Mary's
Matter, Jean	4 Be	Frink	Plowman, Kenneth	5 Ea	Eagle Vill
May, Genevieve	4 De	V Farms	Plowman, Stanley	7 frl Ri	Plowman
Mazur, Christine	10 Gr	Marshall	Pohl, Carl		St Mary's
McCallum, Ma'line	5 Le	Stoddard	Pohl, Herbert	8 frl Ea	Brown
McCook, Anna	1 De	Sher Rd	Pohl, Jeanette		St Mary's
McCoy, Marian	1 De	Sher Rd	Pospisil, Lilyan	3 Du	Green
Meyer, Bernard		St Mary's	Preston, Margaret	---	--
Mikulka, Andrew	2 frl Du	Page	Preuss, Eldred	4 Vi	Pierson
Miller, Bernard	4 Ol	Brown	Prochazka, Frank	4 Be	Frink
Miller, Carl		H Trinity	Rademacher, Catherine		St Mary's
Miller, Doris	5 frl Ov	Meridian	Rademacher, Clarence		H Trinity
Miller, Harold	3 frl Ea	Pennington	Randolph, Kath	9 Gr	Eureka
Miller, Victory	5 Ov	Meridian	Rickert, Leoona	2 frl Du	Page
Miller, Virginia	11 Da	Bower	Rickert, Lucille	2 frl Du	Page
Miller, Walter	11 Da	Bower	Ring, Emily	8 frl Ov	Sherburne
Montague, W	4 frl Ov	Dennison	Roberts, Faye	1 De	Sher Rd
Moore, Charles	1 De	Sher Rd	Rogers, Francis	1 De	Sher Rd
Morehouse, Geo'a	7 Ov	Soule	Rowell, Martha	5 Be	Boak
Mosni, Mildred	3 Ov	Shepardsvl	Rowley, Mary	5 Vi	Aldrich
Motz, Arthur	5 frl Gr	Greenwood	Rowley, Sherwood	5 Vi	Aldrich

Name	Dist	School	Name	Dist	School
Saxton, Donald	8 frl Ov	Sherburne	Swatman, Effie	5 frl Gr	Greenwood
Schaefer, Herman	9 Gr	Eureka	Tarrant, Cloise	9 De	Hurd
Schaefer, Rosaline	7 frl Le	Island	Thelen, Frances		H Trinity
Schaefer, Theodore		St Mary's	Thelen, Mary Ann		H Trinity
Schafer, Carl	11 Da	Bower	Thelen, Rosalene		H Trinity
Schavey, Gaylord	1 Gr	Richmond	Thelen, Rose		St Mary's
Schneeb'ger, Loren	5 De	Lott	Thelen, Urban	1 Da	VanGiesen
Schneeb'ger, Lorna	5 De	Lott	Thompson, Mae	5 frl Ov	Meridian
Schneider, John		H Trinity	Thurston, Wilbur	2 Be	Beng Cent
Scholte, Myrtle	10 frl Wa	Allen	Tiedt, Bertha	5 Be	Boak
Schrauben, Magdalen		St Mary's	Tiedt, Lucille	2 Ri	Jason
Schueller, Marie		H Trinity	Tompkins, Pauline	1 Gr	Richmond
Schueller, Paul		H Trinity	Tompkins, Polly	1 De	Sher Rd
Sechanski, Rose	9 Da	Schaefer	Torok, Victor		H Trinity
Seikja, Ardena	4 De	V Farms	Trierweiler, Evelyn	10 frl Wa	Allen
Shafer, Theodore		St Mary's	Ulrich, Angela		H Trinity
Shaw, Marian	2 & 5 Ea	Partlow	Underhill, Edna	1 Vi	Grove
Shoebridge, Lloyd	1 De	Sher Rd	VanNostrick, Dale	6 Le	Round
Simmon, Clare	1 Da	VanGiesen	Vance, Betty	6 Le	Round
Simon, Clarence		H Trinity	Vaysabel, Frank	8 frl Du	Watson
Sloat, Dick	8 frl Ov	Sherburne	Wagner, Wilma	4 Gr	Eagle
Sloat, Shirley	8 frl Ov	Sherburne	Wakefield, L.J.	5 Es	Fairview
Smith, Aletha	3 We	Sanford	Waldron, Lynn	6 Wa	Wacousta
Smith, Burpy	1 De	Sher Rd	Weber, Leona		H Trinity
Smith, Carl	1 De	Sher Rd	Weller, Wayne	1 Du	Colony
Smith, Dorothy	11 Da	Bower	Werner, Edward	6 frl Da	Sage
Smith, Elmer	5 Vi	Aldrich	West, Phyllis	---	--
Smith, Rosemary		St Mary's	Whitford, Hilda	10 Gr	Marshall
Smith, Stanley	---	--	Wieber, Arnold		H Trinity
Snyder, Robert	6 Ov	Wilson	Wieber, Edward	6 frl Da	Sage
Sova, William	1 De		Wieber, Leon		H Trinity
Squires, Faye	3 Ov	Shepardsvl	Williams, Walter	6 Le	Round
Steffen, Ernest	6 frl Ba	Collister	Wirth, Wilma	10 frl Ea	Blough
Stevens, Fred	4 Vi	Pierson	Wohlfert, Ernest		St Mary's
Stewart, Roy	3 Es	Lowe	Wood, Robert	5 Es	Fairview
Stoddard, Lester	5 Le	Stoddard	Woodhull, Esther	11 Ov	Jesse
Stoll, Isabe	4 Gr	Eagle	Wyrick, Milford	---	--
Stone, Nancy	2 frl Du	Page	Yeider, Emma	8 Ri	Simmons
Stout, Loyal	1 De	Sher Rd	Younglove, Ruby	4 De	V Farms
Strang, Norma	1 De	Sher Rd	Yurcso, Anna	4 Be	Frink
Strong, Jean	9 Ea	N Eagle	Zischke, Reva	8 Ri	Simmons □
Sturgis, Carlyle	2 Be	Beng Cent			

This data was discovered and recommended for publication by William Serviss, one of the volunteers who staff the Archives.

HURD SCHOOL

(District #9, located on the west side of DeWitt Road between Clark and Stoll Roads in section 20 of DeWitt Twp.)

A paper read by Abbie E. Dills at a reunion of the Allen, Harlow and Hurd Schools and published in *The Clinton Republican* Sept 18, 1919.

When I was asked to write a paper for this school reunion, I thought how closely I was connected with two of the schools, especially the Allen and Hurd Schools, as many of the parents of my old time friends in the Allen district and schoolmates in the Hurd district had attended school under both my father's and mother's regimes. My father taught in the Allen district in the early 50's, and my mother taught several terms in her own home school, the Hurd district. She taught the last school in the old log schoolhouse and the first in the new frame schoolhouse.

Since coming here today, I am informed by my old friend, **Mrs. Albert Harlow** of Eaton Rapids, that 71 years ago this summer she attended school in the Hurd district, and my mother was her teacher. Mrs. Harlow is now 86 years old.

The first teacher in the Hurd School after the district was formed was the late **John Gunderman**. The land upon which the schoolhouse stands and the cemetery of one acre which joins the school grounds was given to the district in the early 40's by my grandfather, **Daniel Hurd**. To the present time both have carried the Hurd name.

The rate bill was in force at the time my parents were teaching. The money assessed from each pupil was used to pay the teacher. If a family was too poor to pay the rate bill, their children did



not attend school.

In some respects this schoolhouse was pleasantly located. North of the school grounds were two quite steep hills with quite a long valley at the foot of them. These hills made an ideal place to ride down hill in the winter time. The fall rains and winter snows would make quite a pond in this valley, and when frozen over we used to spend the noon hour skating and sliding upon the ice to the detriment of our boots and shoes. We were quite fortunate in our family, as grandfather was a shoemaker by trade, but I can distinctly remember the good scoldings I used to receive whenever my shoes needed new taps. There were only one or two of the big boys in the district who were fortunate enough to own a pair of ice skates in those days.

East of the school was a heavy piece of woods, and being so near the schoolhouse, it was very handy for the teacher to lay in a good supply of blue beeches and hickory whips to be applied upon some disobedient lad or lass later on.

These woods afforded us much pleasure. The beautiful play houses we

used to build were made of bending young trees over and tying the tops together which made the roofs; then setting up green boughs around the trees. Setting up green boughs and covering over a fence corner was another way. After our houses were built, it seemed each day we had some new idea in arranging the interior of these play houses, so it would be towards the close of the school term before we got settled down to real housekeeping.

Then the wonderful and beautiful bonnets and hats we would make from the various colored leaves in the woods fastened together with thorns and trimmed with wild flowers and grasses, and also our little work baskets and satchels made of green burdock burs were things of beauty I can assure you.

I recall a little incident that occurred one day when one of the boys in innocent fun threw a bunch of these burs in **Edith Well's** long curls. We girls worked to remove these burs but I think we made matters worse for when Edith came to school the following day she said her mother had to cut out parts of the curls before she could remove the burs.

Out in these shady woods we had our grapevine swings, teeter boards, etc. Oftentimes during the long hot days of the summer term, with our teacher, we would leave the hot, close school room and hold the afternoon session out in the woods, which was a great treat and pleasure to us; and I think we had better order and more perfect lessons by this occasional treat.

On the south side of the school grounds was a large tamarack swamp where the trees yielded great quantities of gum, also where cranberries and wintergreens with the red berries also grew in great profusion. How hurriedly we would eat our dinner and hasten to this

swamp during the noon hour, often times going out into the swamp so far that we would be out of hearing of the small handbell the teachers used to carry in those days. Long after school had been called, we would go strolling in. How mortified we used to feel when the teacher would summon us to her desk where we would receive the word for each pupil to march to the stove (a large square iron box stove that graced the middle of the school room) and consign all of our hard-earned gum to the interior of that stove; that is, all that we could conveniently part with as this pitch and the red lumps of hard gum were a very sticky mass until they had been thoroughly incorporated, which took some time. I can recall how my meals used to taste for several days or until this gum, still clinging to my teeth, had worn off.

Another form of punishment for being late, which was very humiliating to most of us, was to stand upon the floor facing the school for a certain length of time usually during the recess. Unseen by the teacher, the most daring of the pupils or those who had not been late, would either stand by the open door or look in the window from the outside and laugh and point their finger at us.

Situated on the west and close to the schoolhouse, was the cemetery, one of the most dreaded of all places in my childhood. In those days the cemeteries were not as well kept as today, but often times allowed to grow up to brush and tall grass. The older people used to congregate at grandfather's shoe shop (situated in one corner of his residence) in the evening. Before departing for their homes some startling ghost stories would be told. Until I was quite a girl, no one could convince me that those tombstones in this cemetery did not walk around nights. If an occasion

ever presented itself that I had to pass this cemetery even in broad daylight, I would run by it and never look either to the right or the left until I reached my home.

As there were no churches nearby all the funerals were held at the schoolhouse. When the procession came in sight, the school was dismissed until after the services and burial. I recall one day when two funerals were held, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon, which made quite a break in the school work besides the depression it cast upon the pupils for the remainder of the day.

In my mind's eye I can see the interior of this schoolhouse with its high-back, hard seats and wide desks made of heavy, thick lumber, being built more for durability than for comfort or beauty. A raised platform was on two sides and one end of the school room with a long seat around the sides and end of the room with the wall for the back. Upon this platform was the teacher's desk and chair and all the desks and seats of the room. The desks were well covered with various designs, letters and figures which had been cut into them by the older boys with their jackknives. I think the initials of each and every pupil in the school could have been found carved either in the desks or seats or on the walls. On the floor in the center of the room was the large, oblong stove which only partially warmed the building. We would stand two or three deep around this stove some bitter, cold mornings, each trying to warm his feet first.

The blackboard which covered most of the space on the west end of the school room was made of a composition of some grade of black which was painted upon the plaster. Once a year the school room received a thorough scrubbing and cleaning, and at this time the black board

received a fresh coat of paint. Those ungainly pieces of chalk one could hardly grasp when we had to work out some puzzling problems or the older girls had to diagram sentences out of Clark's and Sill's old grammars upon the board.

In the northeast corner of the room, at the end of the long seat, was the ever-present water pail with the tin dipper minus the handle as these had parted company in the early part of the term. The water was carried from grandfather's well by the pupils. They would usually pair off and speak for the chance several days in advance, as well as passing the water. The teacher and pupils all drank from the same dipper, but this was before we had been educated upon the bacteria and germ ideas.

There was no uniformity of school books, each pupil having a different collection of books, some handed down from their grandfather's day. Even the Testament would sometimes be in the list.

A few times each term there would be a "spell-down" to decide who was the best speller; and occasionally on Fridays pieces would be spoken. These were usually taken from the school readers. It was quite noticeable how many pupils were absent on these special Fridays. I remember one of the pupils, **Kate Collins**, who was the best speaker in our school, used to recite a piece taken from one of the readers entitled, *Only Three Grains of Corn*. She always recited this with so much feeling that it struck a tender cord in my heart.

During the winter terms there would be spelling schools between the several districts to decide upon the best speller in that locality. If some of our teachers were proficient in penmanship, we would have writing schools as well as arithmetic schools. These extra schools

would be held evenings at the schoolhouse where each pupil would have to furnish candles and sometimes lanterns from home to make sufficient light to work by. The pupils who could solve the most puzzling examples and spell down the school the most times were considered the smartest and brightest pupils in the districts in those days.

During the winter terms the older pupils, usually the young men from the adjoining districts, would come at the noon hour to visit the school and participate in the games, etc., until school was called to order, but I used to think they came to visit the big girls as they always sat with them.

Among the teachers in my school days in this district I recall the names of **George Malone, Gilbert Hasty, H.P. Bartlett, Laura Foote, Sarah Lewis, Dormer Nicholas, Esther Dryer, Marion Moore, Maggie Collins, Viola Hunt, Lizzie Appleton, and L. Anna Ballard.**

In 1886 while **J. Stafford** of the M.A.C. was teaching in the frame schoolhouse, it burned to the ground one night. In 1887 a modern brick schoolhouse was built upon the same site, and **Ellen Creyts** taught the first school in the new building.

Not one of the elderly patrons of the district who used to send children to this school in former years are present to my knowledge. I recall the names of **Collins, Bush, Bacon, Rush, Clark, James, Washburn, Moon, Hurd, Hutchins, Leadly, Deeg, Reynolds, Creyts, and Guisenhaver.**

When I look back and notice the marked changes in the mode of living, the building of more modern schoolhouses with up-to-date equipment, and the rapid strides made along educational lines in the past fifty years, I wonder if the progress in

the next fifty years will be as pronounced as now, but no matter what the changes will be, I trust that we can continue these school reunions and so cement old friendships and revive happy memories of school days. □

WHAT WOULD ABBIE THINK?

We've come a long way Abbie! From the one room log cabin school-house, where only the children whose family could afford to send them to school.... to schools incorporated and supported by the people which allows all children the privilege of education, no matter their parents means.

The "blackboard," a painted wall on which to write is still being used, but the computer allows a child to figure much more complex equations in seconds, as well as bringing any part of the world to that child.

The "water pail" & sack lunch has been replaced by cafeterias filled with any type of food a child would want, for a fee, provided to children whose parents don't have the means.

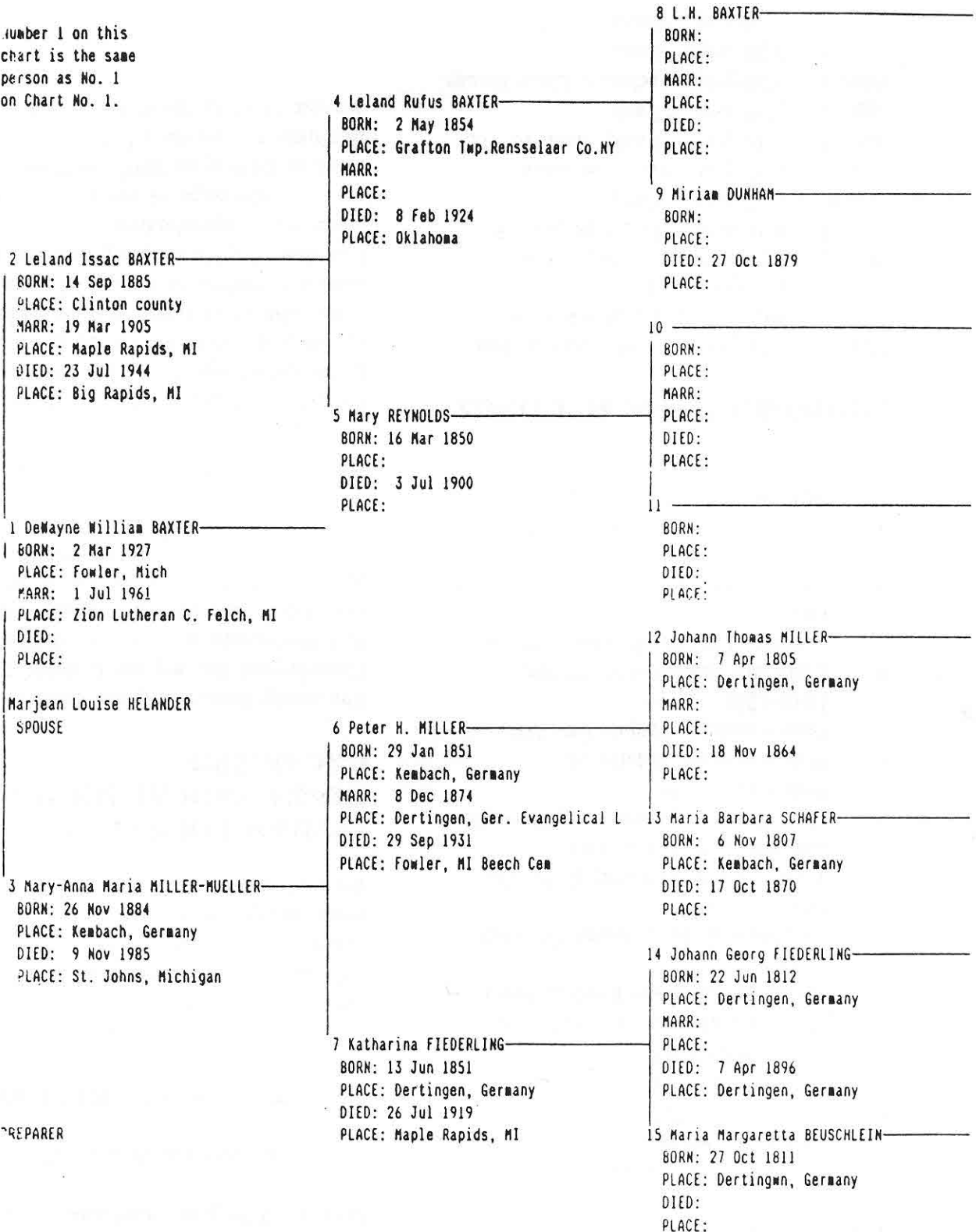
The central stove which partially heated the room has been replaced by controlled heat and air conditioning for every room, including indoor plumbing, kitchens & dining-rooms, scientific labs, music rooms, gymnasiums, computer labs, libraries, theaters and even indoor swimming-pools. Specialized rooms and teachers to teach children subjects from academics, vocational and even physical & mentally handicapped.

What hasn't changed are the children. They just have more to choices to make. More to learn and more teachers to teach them. More opportunities, whatever their station in life. □

PEDIGREE CHART
10 Jun 1994

Chart No. 1

Number 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 1 on Chart No. 1.



PREPARER

RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT THE ARCHIVES

- ▶ *The Wilsonian*, 1931-2; newspaper of Rodney B. Wilson High School.
- ▶ Photo 1932 SJHS baseball team.
- ▶ The Aurora, 1926; yearbook of Ypsilanti College.
- ▶ Metal file drawer for 5"x7" cards.
- ▶ American Marriage Records before 1699.
- ▶ Van Wert & surrounding Counties, OH; (6 vols.).
- ▶ Tombstone Inscriptions & Family Records, Carroll Co., OH.
- ▶ 1850 Census, Columbiana, Darke & Preble Cos., OH.
- ▶ Will Abstracts, Estates, & Guardianships, Wayne Co., OH, 1812-1851.
- ▶ Cemetery Inscriptions, Fulton, Mercer, Ottawa, & Van Wert Cos., OH.
- ▶ 1940's Scrapbook, Maple Rapids area 4-H.
- ▶ Scrapbook of Clinton Co. WWII service people. □

PROPOSED 1995-96 MEETINGS

- Oct. 2 7:30 p.m.; *Bank; Dorr & Jean Hudson's slides of travel in Europe.
- Nov. 6 1:30 p.m.; Archives; work.
- Dec. 4 6:30 p.m.; Christmas potluck.
- Jan. 8 7:30 p.m.; *Bank
- Feb. 5 1:30 p.m.; Archives; work.
- Mar. 4 7:30 p.m.; *Bank; Show & Tell.
- Apr. 1 7:30 p.m.; *Bank
- May 6 7:30 p.m.; Archives; Open House.
- June 3 7:30 p.m.; *Bank
- July 1 7:30 p.m.; *Bank

Aug. 5 6:30 p.m.; Van Epps' house; potluck picnic.

Sept. 9 7:30 p.m.; Archives; work.

*Community First Bank, St. Johns □

ARLENE LOUNDS RESIGNES

At the August 8th meeting of the Genealogists, Arlene Lounds submitted her resignation as secretary and program chairman. She has long been an active, contributing member, and it is hoped that she will be back to participate soon. □

INGHAM COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED

The newly formed Ingham County Genealogical Society meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Community Church. The group will also use this facility to collect and store genealogical material and currently is open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. □

5-GENERATION CHARTS

Generation charts which have been given to the Genealogists of the CCHS for the use of researchers are stored at the archives often with other related papers. Please consider sending us a copy of your chart. Use dark, legible lettering to make it suitable for reproduction.

On page 34 see the 5-generation chart of **DeWayne William Baxter**. At one time Mr. Baxter's family resided in section 13 of Lebanon Township. □