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# MALONE SCHOOL

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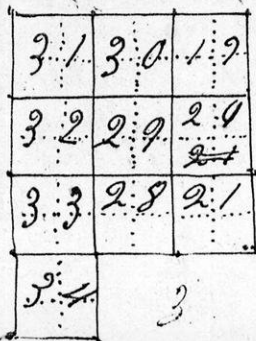
Spring Dale. Done Co. Wis June 2d 1848

We the Commissioners of Common Schools do hereby certify that we have set off the southwest part of this Town for a school district No 2d which bounded as follows commencing at the North West corner of section 19 and running thence East to the North East corner of section 21 thence North South to North West corner of section 34 thence East to the North East corner thence South East to the South East corner of said section thence West to the South West corner of section 31 thence North to the place of beginning including sections 19. 20. 21. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. it being in T. 6 Range 4 East (and you are hereby authorized to notify all legal voters within the bounds of your district to meet at the house of Abner Shuck on the 10th of June at four o'clock P.M. for the purpose of organizing a school District which is put in the hands of Abner Shuck to be served &c)

Yours most &c Thomas B. Miles }  
Wyatt Perkins } Commissioners

Spring Dale. Done Co. Wis June 2d 1848

To the Town Clerk of Spring Dale we the Commission of Common School do hereby request with ~~request~~ certify that we have set off the South West part of this Town in to a School District as above described and that you will enter the same upon record together with a plat thereof



Thomas B. Miles }  
Wyatt Perkins } School Commissioner

# 1848

## THE DISTRICT WAS FORMED

**DISTRICT #2, SPRINGDALE TOWNSHIP, DANE COUNTY, WI  
(COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS MALONE SCHOOL)**

*From the document shown at left, we can surmise that District #2 was formed on June 2, 1848.  
Below, I have transcribed the text, to the best of my ability.*

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Spring Dale. T. Dane Co Wis June 2d 1848

We the Commissioners of Common Schools do hereby certify that we have set off the Southwest part of this Town for a school district No 2d which bounded as follows commencing at the North West corner of section 19 and running thence East to the North East corner of section 21 thence South to North West corner of section 34 thence East to the North East corner thence South to the South East corner of said section thence West to the South West corner of section 31 thence North to the place of beginning including sections 19.20.21.28.29.30.31.32.33.34. it being in T. 6 Range 7 East (and you are hereby authorized to notify all legal voters within the bounds of your district to meet at the house of Martin Nash on the tenth of June at four oclock P M for the purpose of organizing a school district which is put in the hands of Martin Nash to be served document )

Yours most Sc

Thomas B. Miles  
Wyatt Perkins  
School Commissioners

Spring Dale. Dane Co. Wis June 2d 1848

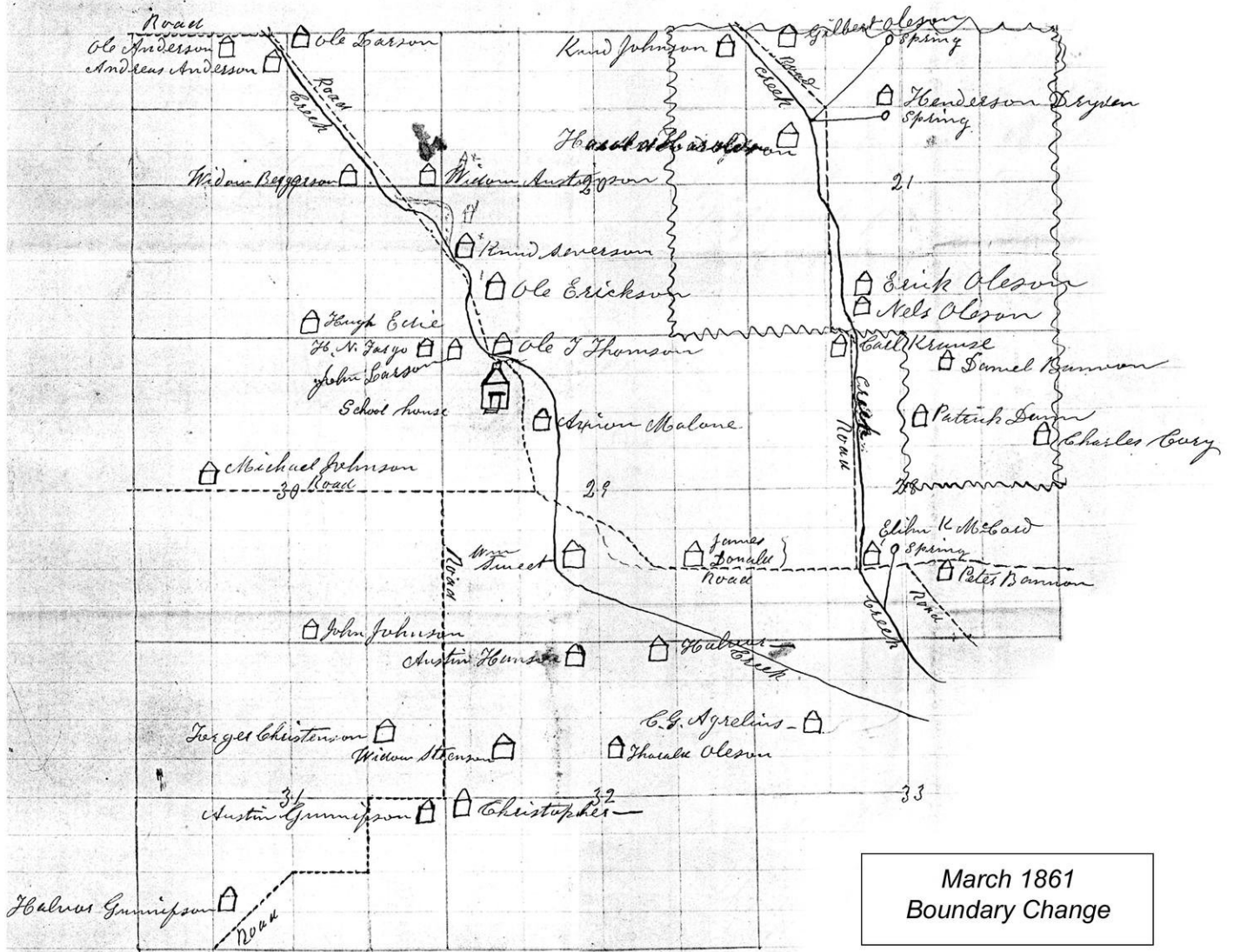
To the Town Clerk of Spring Dale we the Commission of Common School do hereby certify that we have set off the South West part of this Town in to a School District as above described and that you will enter the same upon record together with a plat there of.

Thomas B. Miles  
Wyatt Perkins  
School Commissioners

( a sketch of the district is drawn at the bottom of the document)



Map of School District No. 2 in the town of Springdale Dane Co. Wis.



The part taken off is indicated by the wavy lines which includes all of section 21 the E 1/4 of the E 1/4 of section 20 and the N E 1/4 of section 28 being only 6 3/4 sections and 3 children over 24 and under 20 years of age left. the territory taken off comes within 3/4 of a mile from the school house or a little over 1/2 of a mile of the school house

The undersigned School Board of School District No. 2 of the Town of Springdale, Dane County, Wisconsin, being duly sworn do say that the above map and explanations are correct as we verily believe

Michael Johnson, Director  
 Thos. M. Fargo, Clerk  
 N. H. Dyer, Clerk

Subscribed & sworn before me this 18th day of March A. D. 1861  
 S. D. Perkins  
 Justice of the Peace

# DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES

*We found documentation of district boundary changes made in the years 1861, 1866, 1874-75, 1881, 1899, and 1905. Not all changes were made amicably, as evidenced by the first document transcribed below.*

*Office of Superintendent of  
Public Instruction  
Madison July 3d 1861*

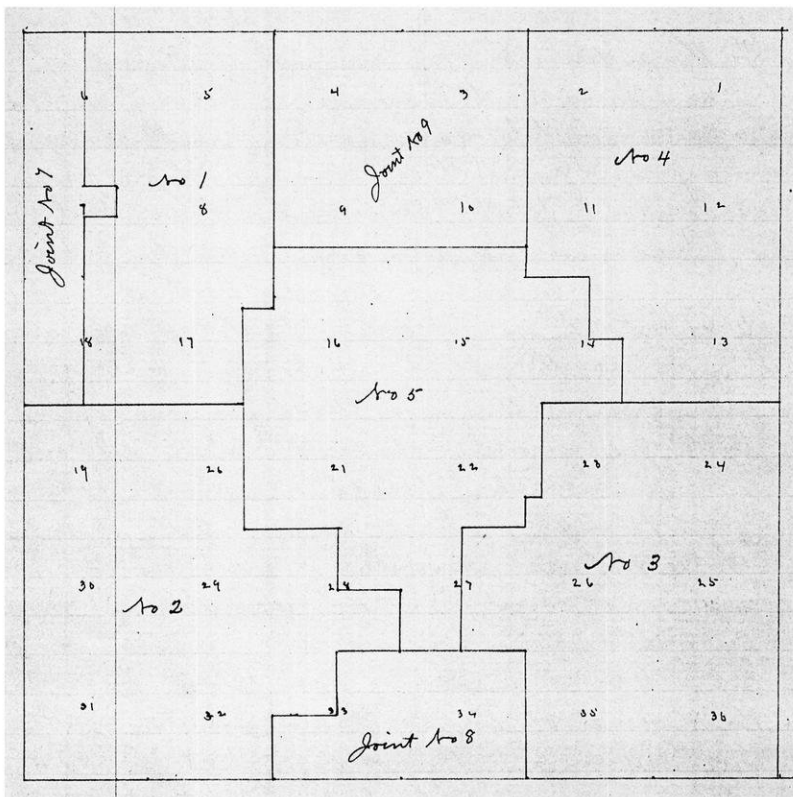
“In the matter of the appeal of the District Board of District No 2 of Springdale Dane Co. from the action of a Board composed of the Town Supt. Chairman of the board of Supervisors and Town Clerk in detaching certain territory from Said District.

It appears from the papers in the case that on the 19th day of february last the above board formed a new district in Said Town of Springdale detaching therefor certain territory from district No 2, to reverse which action this appeal is brought.

It being shown that a majority of the inhabitants of the detached territory are opposed to the alteration, that it will cripple and seriously injure the School in Said district and that the formation of the new district is injurious to the interests of education in the Town, it is therefore hereby ordered and determined that the Said action of the Board before mentioned So far as district No. 2 is concerned be reversed, and the territory in question be and remain a part of Dist No. 2 until further action shall be had ----- premises.

And the Town Supt of Said Town is hereby directed to file a copy of this decision in the office of the Town Clerk.”

J. L. Pickard  
Supt. Pub. Inst.



*October 1899  
Boundary Change*

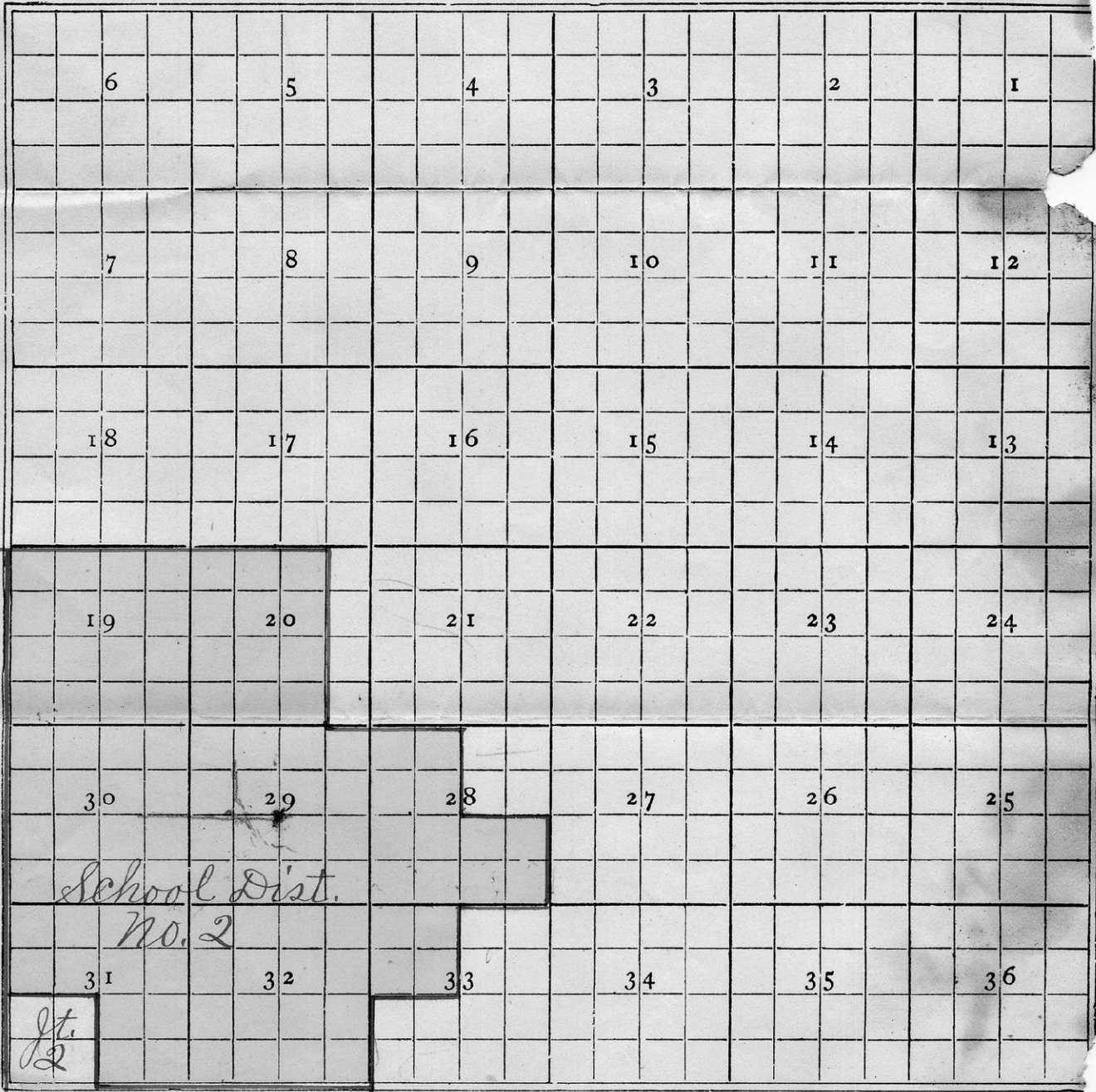
“Plot of the several School Districts of the Town of Springdale after the formation of joint School district No. 9 which took effect Oct. 7. 12 Oclock noon 1899”

“Chas. Jackett  
Town Clerk”

# 1907 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

## DIAGRAM OF

Township No. 6 Range No. 7  
Dane County, Wisconsin.



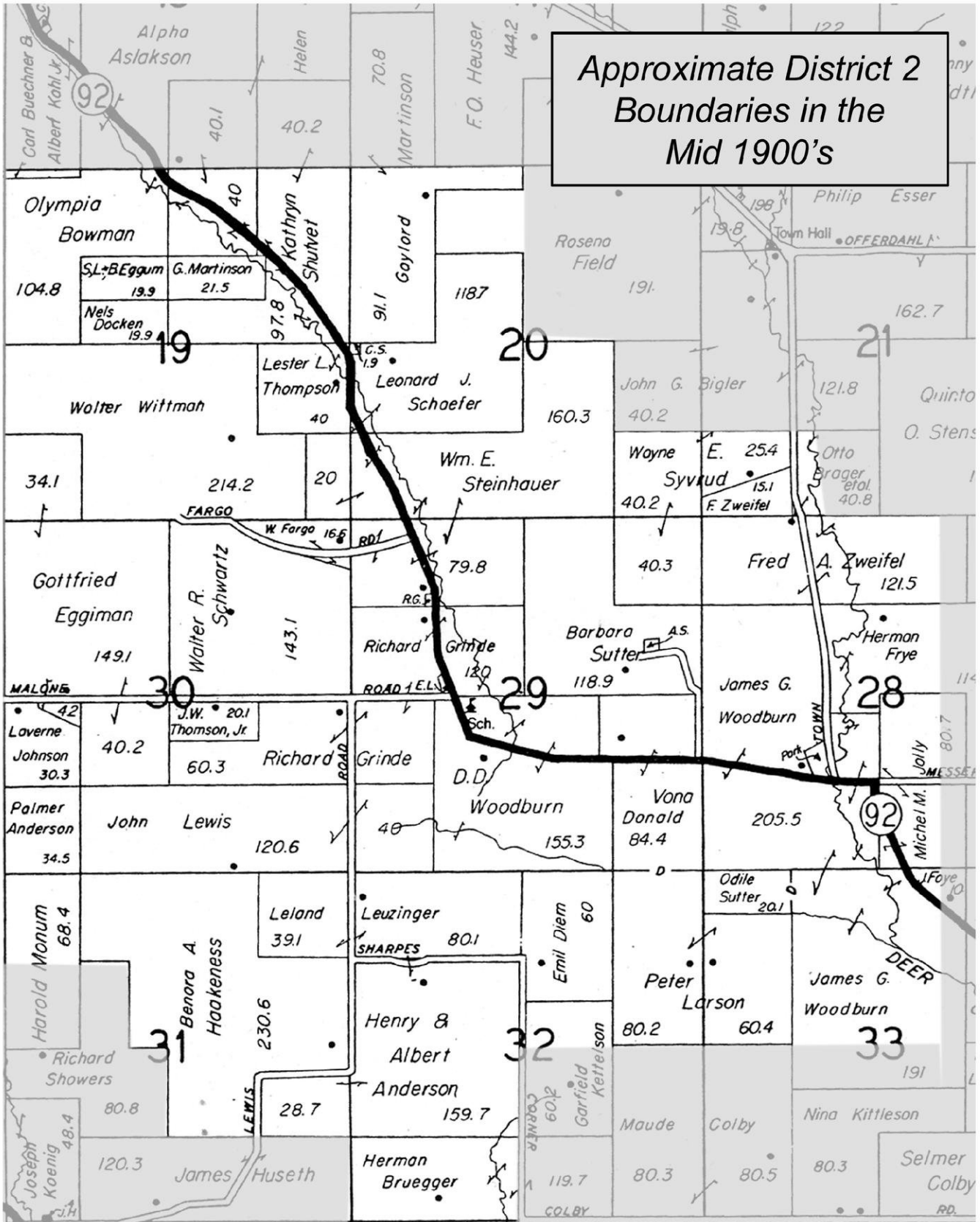
CANTWELL, PRINTER, MADISON

Dated The 4th day of July, 1907.  
C. L. Colby, Town



# 1963

## SPRINGDALE TOWNSHIP PLAT MAP



# 1852 ANNUAL

*There are many Annual Reports housed at the Wisconsin State Historical Society. They are difficult to read. They are faded, crumbling and water stained. Parts of some have been borrowed by rodents. They are handwritten in fancy script, and the ink is smudged in places.*

*Various reports contain the names of all the taxpayers in the district. Others contain a school census listing the names and ages of all the children in the district. I have not attempted to transcribe the lists, as the names are most difficult to decipher.*

*The Annual Report forms changed throughout the years, making it a challenge to compare the information. I have summarized the earliest reports. For the later, I have chosen a sampling of information that I've compiled into spreadsheet form for ease of comparison.*

*For those of you who may wish to study the reports in depth, the originals are housed at the Wisconsin State Historical Society.*

## Sept 1, 1852

(summarized)

Between the ages of four and twenty, there are 15 male children, and 18 female residing in the district for a total number of 33. The number attending school is 22. School was taught a total number of 3 months, by Eunice K. Corbin. Her wages were \$7.52 per month. Total amount received from the Town Superintendent was \$25.79. Library books were purchased for \$2.50. District Clerk was N. H. Dryden

## Sept 1, 1853

(summarized)

There are 20 male children residing in the district, and 22 female. The number attending school is 19. School has been taught for six months this year, three months by Eunice K. Corbin and three months by Miss Mosier. Twenty four dollars was paid to Miss Corbin per term, and twenty dollars paid to Miss Mosier. The amount of monies received of the Town Superintendent within the year was \$36.77 (\$24.00 paid to Miss Corbin, and \$12.77 paid to Miss Mosier). Each scholar attended school for an average of 79 days. District Clerk was Hawly Childs.

## Sept 1, 1856

(summarized)

Between the ages of 4 and 20 years, there were 19 male children, and 29 female residing in the district for a total of 48. There were 32 attending school. School was taught by Mr. B Adams & Mr. W. J. Donald for a total of four months. Miss Sweet taught for three months. Wages of \$20.00 per month were paid to the male teachers. Wages of \$11.00 per month were paid to the female teacher. Scholars attended school an average of four months. The amount of school money received from the Town Superintendent within the year was \$72. The total amount in the treasury during the year was \$112.09.

“Kind of School House - log  
Value of same - \$10  
Size of School House Site - none  
School House Site not enclosed  
School has no Blackboard  
School has no Set of Outline Maps”

“I Hereby Certify that the above is a correct statement of the facts required to be reported ; that a Common School has been taught in this District, During the past year, for 7 Months, by a qualified Teacher, and that the Library Regulations have been complied with.”

(signed) “A. Malone”

“Clerk of School District No. 2 at the Town of Springdale

Dated at Springdale September 1st, 1856”

# REPORTS 1867

## Nov 25, 1856

“The Town Clerk of the Town of Springdale.

At the annual meeting of the School District No. 2 in the above town the amount of tax to be raised is to be applied to building a new School House for school purposes three hundred and thirty five. \$335. which amount you are requested to access upon the taxable property therein. The following is a list of the names of the persons and corporations liable to a school district in said district.”

(signed) “William Sweet. Clerk of the School District No. 2 in the town of Springdale.”

(the document is notarized, but I cannot read the signature of the notary)

(the list contains approximately 47 names, each followed by a dollar amount, the total of which adds up to \$335.00)

## Sept 1, 1857

(summarized)

Between the ages of 4 and 20 years, there were 21 male children, and 32 female residing in the district for a total of 53. There were 34 attending school. School was taught by Mr. M. O. Ash & Miss B. A. Sweet. Each for 3 1/2 months. School was taught for a total of 7 months in the district during the year. Mr. Ash was paid \$16.00 per month. Miss Sweet was paid \$11.00 per month.

“The amount raised by tax for building School House - \$300.00

The amount expended for building School House - \$260.00

The amount expended for repairing old school house - \$6.99”

“Kind of School House - Frame

Value of same - \$345.00

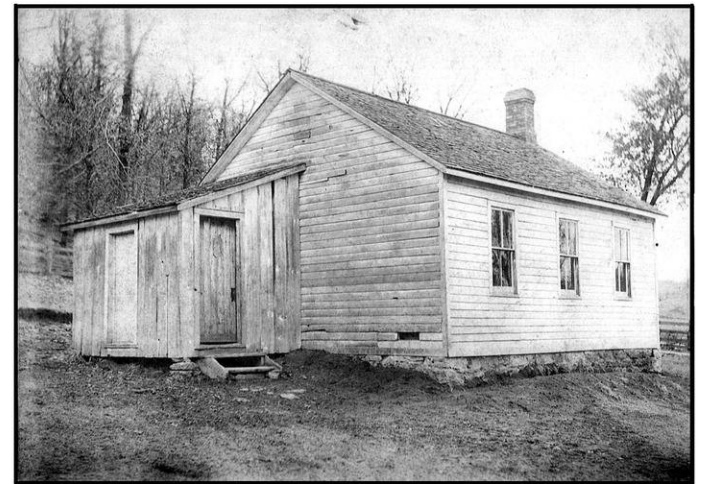
Size of School House Site - 1/2 acre

School House Site not inclosed”

(signed) “William Sweet”

“Clerk of School District No. 2d at the Town of Springdale

Dated at Springdale September 1st, 1857”



## Sept 1, 1858

(summarized)

Between the ages of 4 and 20 years, there were 23 male children, and 37 female residing in the district for a total of 60. There were 48 attending school. School was taught by Mr. Robert Donald & Miss B. A. Sweet. Each for 3 1/2 months. School was taught for a total of 7 months in the district during the year. Mr. Donald was paid \$19.00 per month. Miss Sweet was paid \$12.00 per month.

“Amount expended for building school house - \$70.45”

“Kind of School House - Frame

Value of same - \$365.00

Size of School House Site - 1/2 acre

School House Site not inclosed

School has one Blackboard”

(signed) “William Sweet”

*The money to build the original wood frame schoolhouse was appropriated in Nov, 1856*

*The building was constructed in 1857*

*The schoolhouse site was fenced in 1867*

## Aug 31, 1863

In a combined annual report it is noted that:

District #1 has a log school house valued at \$40.00

District #2 has a frame school house valued at \$335.00

District #3 has a log school house valued at \$5.00

District #4 has a log school house valued at \$10.00

## Sept. 30, 1867

“Report of District Tax levied . . .

For compensation of teacher 40.00

For wood for fuel 14.35

For fencing of School House lot 54.00

For repairing and painting School House 20.00

For insurance of School House 11.75”



# 1859 ANNUAL

# REPORTS 1910

<b>GENERAL STATISTICS</b>	<b>1859</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>1862</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>1865</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>1870</b>
Total number of children between 4 and 20 years of age residing in the district	69	75	87	101	97	78	90	88
Number of children between 4 and 20 years of age taught in the district school during this year	44	40	45/wntr 33/sumr	62/wntr 48/sumr	48	68	71	43
Number of days (including legal holidays) that school has been taught	7 mo	7 mo	151	154	165	150	132	154
<b>SCHOOL HOUSE, SITE, ETC</b>	<b>1859</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>1862</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>1865</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>1870</b>
No. of pupils school house will accommodate					50	60 or 70	75	60
Of what material is the house built?	frame	framed	frame	frame	frame	frame	frame	wood
Size of school house site	1 acre	1/2 acre	1 acre		1 acre	1 acre	1/2 acre	1/2 acre
Are the outhouses in good condition?					none	none	no	none
Are there separate outhouses for the sexes?								
Is the school house in good condition?							Yes	no
Cash value of the school house	\$360.00	\$345.00	\$300.00	\$335.00	\$350.00	\$285.00	\$200.75	\$250.00
Cash value of the site					\$10.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Cash value of school house and site								
Cash value of apparatus						\$3.00	\$8.00	
Amount					\$360.00	\$308.00	\$258.75	\$300.00
<b>DISTRICT LIBRARY</b>	<b>1859</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>1862</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>1865</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>1870</b>
Whole number of volumes in district library		none	none	32	73	73	70	66
Cash value of library						\$28.00	\$23.00	\$20.00
<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT - RECEIVED</b>	<b>1859</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>1862</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>1865</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>1870</b>
Money on hand					\$43.73	\$32.36	\$75.13	\$114.30
From district tax levied for building and repairing	\$7.22	\$8.00			\$9.80	\$30.00	\$100.17	\$21.60
From district tax levied for teachers' wages	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$47.00	\$50.65	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$30.00
From district tax levied for apparatus and library					\$10.00			
From district school tax			\$8.00	\$15.00				
From tax levied at annual town/district meeting	\$88.50	\$79.35			\$66.39		\$76.34	\$85.13
From tax levied by county supervisors						\$76.49		
From Income of State school fund					\$36.34	\$35.55	\$41.37	\$34.40
From all other sources	\$0.84					\$10.41	\$24.08	
Amount	\$146.56	\$127.35			\$216.91	\$224.81	\$357.09	\$285.43
<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT - PAID</b>	<b>1859</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>1862</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>1865</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>1870</b>
For building and repairing		\$8.00			\$9.80		\$91.51	
For apparatus and library					\$10.00			
For services of male teachers								
For services of female teachers		\$114.00	\$120.00		\$156.00	\$163.00	\$153.00	\$184.00
For old indebtedness						\$1.00		
For school furniture, registers, records, etc.						\$1.00	\$1.00	
For salaries of district clerks and secretaries of town boards of school directors								
For all other purposes					\$10.26	\$11.25	\$14.35	\$21.60
Total amount paid out during the year	\$161.70	\$122.00			\$186.06	\$176.25	\$259.86	\$205.60
Money on hand	\$4.81					\$48.56	\$97.23	\$79.83
<b>SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT CLERK</b>	N. H. Dryden	N. H. Dryden	N. H. Dryden		E. K. McCord	Axiom Malone	A. Malone	H. N. Fargo

<b>1871</b>	<b>1874</b>	<b>1876</b>	<b>1879</b>	<b>1880</b>	<b>1881</b>	<b>1882</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>1885</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>1903</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>1910</b>
90	76	60	61	65	67	61	61	69	66	75	72	69
37	56	39	39	40	41	41	43	36	43	63	49	35
132	120	140	140	140	140	114	149	130	176		140	160
<b>1871</b>	<b>1874</b>	<b>1876</b>	<b>1879</b>	<b>1880</b>	<b>1881</b>	<b>1882</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>1885</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>1903</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>1910</b>
60	50	50	60	62	62	55	59	60	60	50	40	65
wood	wood	wood	wood	wood	wood	wood	wood	wood	wood			
1/2 acre	8 X 10 rods	1 acre	1 acre	1 acre		1/2 acre	1/2 acre	1/2 acre	1/2 acre			
none	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no				
					yes	no	no	no	no			
no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no				
\$250.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$300.00			
\$80.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$40.00			
										\$200.00	\$350.00	\$3000.00
\$4.00	\$35.40	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$2.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$100.00
\$334.00	\$365.40	\$270.00	\$355.00	\$610.00	\$600.00	\$715.00	\$610.00	\$552.00	\$750.00			
<b>1871</b>	<b>1874</b>	<b>1876</b>	<b>1879</b>	<b>1880</b>	<b>1881</b>	<b>1882</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>1885</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>1903</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>1910</b>
66	60	65	56	50	50	40		46	43	87	123	200
\$10.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.00			\$95.00
<b>1871</b>	<b>1874</b>	<b>1876</b>	<b>1879</b>	<b>1880</b>	<b>1881</b>	<b>1882</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>1885</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>1903</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>1910</b>
\$78.27	\$135.87	\$103.99	\$50.54	\$36.10	\$49.94	\$64.51	\$44.45		\$45.90	\$190.74	\$459.57	\$109.31
\$21.45	\$47.00	\$20.00		\$40.17	\$90.15	\$75.00						
\$40.00			\$60.10				\$112.20	\$175.00				
\$2.00												
									\$200.00			
					\$98.87					\$50.01	\$50.07	\$250.76
\$105.42	\$93.10	\$77.10		\$89.80		\$100.32	\$85.97	\$27.37	\$28.60	\$171.69	\$125.30	\$164.77
\$32.92	\$34.45	\$25.42	\$23.18	\$24.40	\$26.97		\$50.02	\$24.40	\$82.62	\$163.13	\$126.48	\$155.47
	\$26.60	\$22.80	\$86.61	\$52.00	\$1.25					\$1.00	\$1.00	\$251.15
\$280.06	\$337.02	\$258.31	\$220.43	\$242.47	\$267.18	\$239.83	\$292.64	\$226.77	\$357.12	\$576.57	\$762.42	\$931.46
<b>1871</b>	<b>1874</b>	<b>1876</b>	<b>1879</b>	<b>1880</b>	<b>1881</b>	<b>1882</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>1885</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>1903</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>1910</b>
\$21.45	\$25.00	\$9.00	\$21.58		\$33.67	\$30.00				\$4.00	\$42.65	
\$2.00	\$35.40									\$2.10	\$6.16	
										\$140.00	\$240.00	
\$144.00	\$165.00	\$163.00	\$162.75	\$172.00	\$169.00	\$104.00	\$245.00	\$159.69	\$218.33	\$75.00		\$305.00
	\$22.00							\$0.21				\$231.48
\$1.25						\$22.87				\$1.80		
												\$6.00
\$5.10	\$5.50	\$21.00		\$20.53			\$47.85	\$20.97	\$28.98	\$3.46		\$295.51
\$173.80	\$252.90	\$193.00	\$184.33	\$192.53	\$202.67	\$156.87	\$292.85	\$180.87	\$247.31	\$226.36	\$288.81	\$837.99
\$106.26	\$84.12	\$65.31	\$36.10	\$49.94	\$64.51	\$82.96	-\$0.21	\$45.90	\$109.81	\$350.21	\$473.61	\$93.47
H. N. Fargo	William Sweet	John L. Malone	John L. Malone	John L. Malone	John L. Malone	John L. Malone	John L. Malone	John L. Malone	John L. Malone	J. S. Donald	J. S. Donald	J. S. Donald



# 1852-1911

## TEACHER & WAGE INFORMATION

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**1852**

Eunice K. Corbin, 3 months at \$7.52 per month

**1853**

Eunice K. Corbin, 3 months at \$8 per month  
Miss Mosier, 3 months at \$6 2/3 per month

**1856**

Mr. B. Adams & Mr. W. J. Donald for a total of 4 months at \$20 per month  
Miss Sweet, 3 months at \$11 per month

**1857**

Mr. M. O. Ash, 3 1/2 months at \$16 per month  
Miss B. A. Sweet, 3 1/2 months at \$11 per month

**1858**

Mr. Robert Donald, 3 1/2 months at \$19 per month  
Miss B. A. Sweet, 3 1/2 months at \$12 per month

**1859**

Hall, 3 months at \$17 per month  
Hall, 4 months at \$14 per month

**1860**

Sarah Hall, 4 months at \$18 per month  
Correyell, 3 months at \$14 per month

**1861**

Miss Mary Hall, 4 months at \$18 per month  
Miss Hanny Levitt, 4 months at \$15 per month

**1862**

Two different female teachers, who have both taught previously, at \$18 per mo. winter, \$14 per mo. summer

**1863**

One female teacher, who had previous experience, at \$18 per month winter, \$14 per month summer

**1864**

One female teacher, at \$22 per mo. winter, \$18 per mo. summer

**1865**

Two female teachers, at average of \$19.50 month

**1866**

Two different female teachers, at average of \$22.80 per month (\$28 per mo. winter, \$17 per mo. summer)

**1868**

Two female teachers, at average of \$25.50 per month

**1869**

Two different female teachers, at average of \$26 per mo.

**1870**

Two different female teachers, at average of \$26 2/7 mo.

**1871**

Two different female teachers, at \$24 per month

**1874**

Two different female teachers, at average of \$27.50 mo.

**1875**

Alice Abbott, at \$22.50 per month

**1874-75**

Alice Abbott, at \$25 per month.

**1875-76**

Alice Abbott, at \$25 per month.

**1876**

Alice Abbott, at \$21 per month

**1876**

One female teacher, at \$23 2/4 per month

**1876-77**

Matilda Harker, at \$26.50 month

**1877**

Two different female teachers, at average of \$23.79 month

**1877**

Julia E. Foye, at \$20 month

**1877-78**

Esther Meredith, at \$26 per month

**1878**

Esther Meredith, at \$22 per month

**1882**

One female teacher

**1882-83**

Nora E. Callahan, at \$26 per month

**1879**

Nettie Palmer, at \$20 month

**1879**

One female teacher, at \$23 1/7 per month

**1879-80**

Nettie Palmer, at \$28 per month

**1880**

Clara West, at \$20 month

**1880**

Two different female teachers, at \$24.57 month

*This excerpt was included in a long list of the teacher's duties:  
" . . . H. Gier agrees to see that the ashes are taken from the said school-  
house stove and shall be taken at least three rods from said school house . . ."  
--- from a teacher's contract dated 1900 ---*

**1880-81**

Florence Shumway, at \$26.50 month

**1881**

Two different female teachers, at average of \$24 1/7 mo.

**1882**

Mary Sackett, at \$20 per month

**1882**

One female teacher

**1883**

One female teacher, at \$24.50 per month

**1883-84**

Emma Ward, at \$30 per month

**1884**

Esther Meredith, at \$23 1/3 month

**1884**

Two different female teachers, average of \$27 2/7 mo.

**1885**

Three different female teachers, average of \$27 1/7 mo.

**1886**

Three different female teachers, average of \$26 6/7 per month

**1886**

Mary T. Bowles, at \$20 per month

**1889**

Nellie Keleny, at average of \$23 1/3 month

**1889-90**

Peter Peterson, at \$35 per month

**1890**

Bessie Dahl, at \$22 month

**1891**

Maggie Hobbs, at \$22 month

**1892**

Clara Edwin, at \$20 per month

**1892-94**

P. J. R. Post, at \$35 per month

**1894**

Margret Henderson, at \$23 1/3 per month

**1894**

Margret Henderson, at \$23.50 per month

**1895**

Maggie Hobbs, at \$23 per month

**1894-95**

Margaret M. Henderson, at \$35 per month

**1897-98**

Alvah Webber, at \$35 per month

**1898-99**

Ole Eggum, at \$28.50 per month

**1899-1900**

P. E. Peterson, at \$32.50 per month

**1900**

H. Gier, at \$32.50 per month

**1900**

Caroline Bohn, at \$22 per month

**1900-01**

Caroline Bohn, at \$27 per month

**1901**

Caroline Bohn, at \$33 per month

**1901-02**

Eric Eggum, at \$30 per month

**1902**

Annie Lucey, at \$22 per month

**1902-03**

Albert A. Turk, 4 months at \$35 per month

**circa 1903**

Ann Byrne

**1903**

Grace Showers, 3 months at \$25 per month

**1904**

Albert Shutvet, 4 months at \$30 per month

Johanna Lingard, 3 months at \$30 per month

**1905**

Albert Shutvet, 7 months (4 months at \$37.50 per month, 3 months at \$30 per month)

**1905-06**

Miss Helen Gillett, at \$32 per month

**1906-07**

Nettie M. Hook, at \$30 per month

**1907-09**

Nettie Hook, 5 months at \$35 per month, 3 months at \$30 per month

**1910**

Miss Jessie L. Smith, 8 months at \$38.18 per month

**1911**

Miss Jessie L. Smith, 8 months at \$36.25 per month

# 1913-1962 **TEACHERS**

**1913-14**

Lulu S. Paulson

**1914-16**

Clara B. Kittleson

**1917-18**

Bessie (Kobbervig) Barlow

**1920-21**

Stella Osmundsen

**1922-26**

Josephine (Bartels) Schenk

**circa 1925**

Miss Lapley

Miss Mabel Penn

**1926-27**

Miss Stocks

**1927-36**

Sylvanus Aavang

**1937-38**

Frieda Thoni

**1938-41**

Rose Wittwer

**1941-42**

Mildred Nygard

**1942-43**

LaVon Marty

**1943-46**

Elaine Midthun

**1946-47**

Cleo Julson

**1947-50**

LaVon Marty

**1950-53**

Mabel Hanna

**1953-54**

Rose Einerson

**1954-58**

Florence Gilbertson

**1958-59**

Mrs. Ringhand

**1959-61**

Mrs. Keiffer

**1961-62**

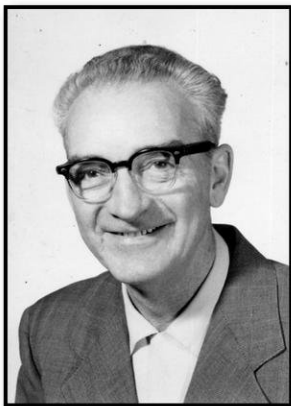
Isabel Leinau

**1961-62**

Mrs. Mary Lovelace,  
music teacher



Jack and Josephine (Bartels) Schenk & son - 1925 or 1926



Sylvanus Aavang



Cleo Julson - 1967



Mrs. Lienau - School closing 1962



# 1920-1955

## LEDGER EXCERPTS

### EXPENSES

#### 1920's

Teeter totter \$9.00, teeter totter bolts \$.15, teeter totter bolts \$.33  
Sears Roebuck & Co. - football \$5.97, indoor ball \$.98, postage \$.10  
Total bill for building stage (materials & labor) \$65.02

#### 1930's

Repairing coffee pot \$.15  
Soap container \$3.50, 1 gallon of soap \$1.15, money order and postage on soap container \$.39  
Shelf lining paper, paper napkins & toothpicks \$.20  
1938 June picnic - wieners \$2.40, buns \$.35, butter \$.29, ice cream \$2.63 for total of \$5.67  
1939 May picnic - 12# wieners \$2.28, rolls \$.60, butter \$.52, coffee \$.07

#### 1940's

1941 picnic - 2 1/2 gal. ice cream \$2.75, 12# wieners \$2.64, 12 doz buns \$.60, 1# butter \$.39  
Dec of 1941 - Xmas cards & stamps (sent to Army boys) \$.15  
Kroger store - 12 doz. pan rolls @ 6 cents = \$.72  
Various cards and flowers sent for funerals, births, hospital stays - from \$.08 for a card to \$4.00 for flowers  
Oct 9, 1944 - War Chest U.S.O. National War Fund \$10.00  
April 1949 - Chairs 12 @ \$4.60 = \$55.20

#### 1950's

2 cases pop \$3.90  
1954 Xmas program - candy, peanuts & boxes \$5.70  
May 1955 - ice cream, pop, ice cream cones for picnic \$11.61

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### PROCEEDS

Moneys collected at each monthly Mothers Club meeting - averaged \$2 - \$4.00  
Card parties (example April 1949) \$22.25  
Plays  
Auctions (sale of donated articles)

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### YEARLY EXAMPLE

1948-49 school year - total proceeds \$298.82  
1948-49 school year - total expenses \$193.63



1893-1957

## GLEANINGS

*As we gathered information from previously published articles, we noted several discrepancies as to the date the stone schoolhouse was built. We believe the correct date to be as reported in the Mount Horeb Times, which stated that construction was started in the fall of 1907.*

### From the **Mount Horeb Progress** - **January 25, 1893**

Report of school District, No. 2:-Springdale, Dane county, Wis. Number enrolled for second month, 40; number of days taught, 18; number of holidays, 2; grand total days' attendance, 405; average daily attendance, 22.5. Not absent during month: Josie Sjutvedt, Emma Brustuen, Mikkell Mikkelson, Jas. Malone, and Herman Schettler.

P. J. R. Post, teacher.

### From the **Mount Horeb Times** - **December 28, 1893**

Report of school district No. 2, Springdale, for the month commencing Nov. 20 and ending Dec. 15: No enrolled, 31; No, days taught, 19; holidays, 1; average daily attendance, 18.5; not absent during month, Jens Shelstad and Gay S. Fargo.

P. J. R. Post, Teacher

### From the **Mount Horeb Times** - **August 1, 1907**

A new schoolhouse will in all probability be built in the Malone district this fall to take the place of the old one which has served the district for a long period of years. A modern building is contemplated with the latest approved ventilation and heating system.

### From the **Mount Horeb Times** - **October 10, 1907**

The new school building in the Malone district in Springdale will be a solid stone building, the stone dressed rock faced. Mr. Ayen has the contract for the entire job. Chas. Lindstrom is the mason, assisted by David Anderson.

From the **Mount Horeb Times - March 19, 1908**

**Schoolhouse and Site for Sale.**

School district No. 2, Town of Springdale, having built a new schoolhouse, now offers the old schoolhouse and site for sale. The schoolhouse is a frame building, 20x24 feet, one story high, with an entry, 8x10 ft. The site consists of one half acre of good land, situated on the Mt. Vernon, Mt. Horeb highway, about four miles from Mt. Horeb and is generally designated as the Malone school.

The district will sell this property to the highest bidder, reserving the right to sell the building and the site separately.

There will also be sold at the same time and place an excellent heating stove with drum attachment, a bookcase and other articles.

To be sold Thursday, March 26th, 1908, at 2 p.m.

School Board:

John Schneider, Director,

J. S. Donald, Clerk.

T. Martinson, Treasurer.

From the **Mount Horeb Times - April 9, 1908**

**District School Jubilee**

On last Saturday the school district commonly called the Malone district had a grand jubilee and feast in honor of their accomplishment in the completion of their new and elegant school building. The day was a model spring day and a large number of people turned out to take in the doings. Prof. Charles Harper, chief clerk of the state superintendent's office was the forenoon speaker. Dinner was served by the young ladies of the district and was pronounced a good one. Prof Commons of the State University spoke in the afternoon, also Rev. Gunderson. The Mt. Horeb male quartette furnished several of the their best musical selections and was liberally applauded. The members of the Springdale town board were present as well as school boards from neighboring districts within the town. The building committee consisted of J. S. Donald, Torkel Martinson, John Schneider, H. J. Bang and Lewis Dahl. Mr. Bang in behalf of the committee made a financial report which showed the total cost of the building to foot up to \$2,850. The district is to be congratulated on having one of the finest country school buildings in the county.

From **Centennial History, Township of Springdale, Dane County, Wisconsin 1848-1948** by **Amelia I. J. Pope** (page 51)

The first school house built in Sec. 29, District No. 2, known as the Malone school, was built in 1858, and stood on the site west of the James Malone home, across the road from the present school house, which was built in 1944.

From **This is Dane County, Wisconsin** by **John Drury 1957**

(There is an ariel photograph of the building with this caption)

Malone School

Rt.1

Mrs. Gilbertson (Teacher)

Built 1910

Mt. Horeb

Sec. 29

1 acre

# 1857-1908

## THE ORIGINAL WOOD FRAME SCHOOLHOUSE

*The first Malone school building was in service from 1857 to 1908.*



1899 photograph of the original frame schoolhouse, taken by Alva Webber. Hand written on back: Malone School & Pupils

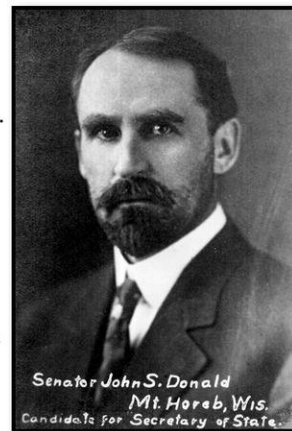


Pictured here are the Torkel Martinson family, and John S. Donald.

For many years, John S. Donald served as the Clerk of District No. 2, while Torkel Martinson served as the treasurer.

All of the Martinson family children received their education at Malone School.

(Note souvenirs on the following pages.)



Senator John S. Donald

The Martinson family: Marie, Olous, Torkel, Thomas, Martin (behind Thomas), Barbro, Sever





Original wood frame schoolhouse  
Kenneth Houle on horse

# SOUVENIR 1902

## *Pupils.*

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Thalma Brustuen   | Clara Brustuen   |
| Norman Dahlen     | Ernest Eberhart  |
| Freddie Eberhart  | Clara Eberhart   |
| Guy Fargo         | Jennie Fargo     |
| Merrill Fargo     | Joseph Gassler   |
| Henry Gassler     | Louise Gassler   |
| Mary Gassler      | Mollie Gassler   |
| Carl Gausman      | Freddie Gerber   |
| Rosie Gerber      | Belenda Johnson  |
| Mattie Johnson    | Maria M. Lee     |
| Ida M. Lee        | Malina M. Lee    |
| Martin M. Lee     | Sophie O. Lee    |
| George Lewis      | Beulah Lewis     |
| Martin Martinson  | Oλους Martinson  |
| Maria Martinson   | Sever Martinson  |
| Gilbert Mickelson | Oλους Mickelson  |
| Matilda Mickelson | Teddie Olson     |
| Jennie Pauli      | Maggie Rogers    |
| Lizzie Rogers     | Frankie Rogers   |
| Clara Rogers      | Rhoda Rogers     |
| Fannie Schneider  | Lizzie Schneider |
| Clara Schneider   | Melvin Swanson   |
| Sena Swanson      | Ella Spanem      |
| Nina Vaupel       | Belle Williams   |
| Rowena Williams   | Lee Way          |
| Lillian Way       | George Way       |
|                   | Helen Zingg      |

INSTRUCTOR CO., DANSVILLE, N. Y.

**School District No. 2**  
SPRINGDALE TWP. WISCONSIN

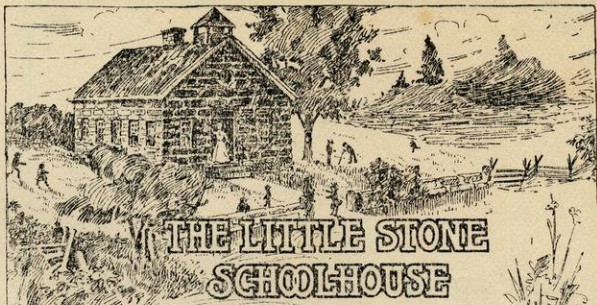
1902

Presented By  
**Eric Eggum, Teacher**

John S. Donald, Clerk  
Lewis Dahl, Director  
Torkel Martinson, Treas.  
Guy Ives, Superintendent

Handwritten on the back: Eric Eggum, son of John L. & Martha Eggum.  
brother of Ben, Susie, Lewis, Andy, Joe & Carrie. Died when he was 23 yrs. old.





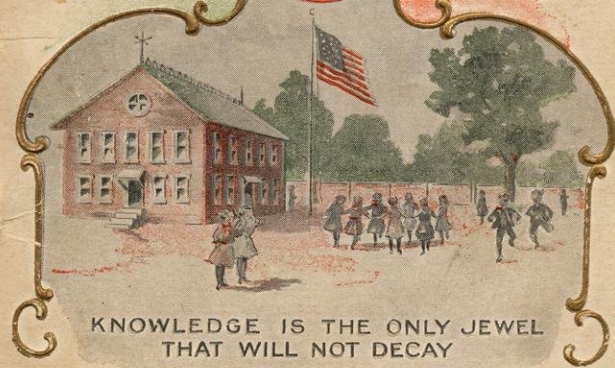
The little stone schoolhouse  
Still stands on the green,  
Where it stood in my boyhood  
When life was serene.

And around it the sunshine  
Falls just as of old—  
As in days long since vanished,  
The dear days of old.

Under its windows  
The violets grow,  
Just as they used to  
Long long years ago.

1904-5

# SOUVENIR



KNOWLEDGE IS THE ONLY JEWEL  
THAT WILL NOT DECAY

## Malone School

District No. 2

Springdale Township  
Dane County, Wis.

Term 1904-5

COMPLIMENTS OF  
**ALBERT SHUTVET,**  
TEACHER

J. S. Donald, Clerk  
L. Dahl, Director  
T. Martinson, Treasurer

## Pupils

Lillie Way	Lillie Baumgartner
Clara Brosteun	Frieda Zingg
Lizzie Schneider	Mary Eberhardt
Clara Schneider	Bertha Pauli
Ida Lee	Myrtle Way
Jennie Pauli	George Lewis
Hellen Zingg	George Way
Marie Martinson	Ernest Eberhardt
Sophia Lee	Martin Lee
Louise Gassler	Joe Hines
Maline Lee	Jake Baumgartner
Mary Gassler	Arthur Swanson
Bendena Johnson	Henry Baumgartner
Beulah Lewis	Frank Way
Lena Swanson	Dewey Way
Ella Lewis	Sever Martinson
Mattie Johnson	Lewis Tirney
Mamie Lewis	Casper Schneider
Mollie Gassler	Teddie Olsen
Mariece Tirney	Melvin Lewis
Sarah Swanson	Freddie Pauli
Bertha Gassler	Ray Lewis
Clara Eberhardt	Lynn De Crow
Fred Eberhardt	Thomas Martinson
Neill Tirney	



# EGGUM & GASSLER FAMILIES

## JOHN AND MARTHA EGGUM FAMILY

John L. Eggum was born June 10, 1829, in Lekangen, Sogn, Norway. He emigrated to America in 1859. It took 12 weeks for the little sailboat he came on to cross the Atlantic Ocean. He first came to Norway Grove, Dane County, Wisconsin. In 1865, he was married to Martha Eggum (no relation). In the spring of 1868, he and his brother-in-law, Mons Berdahl, together bought the Bill Dryden farm in Springdale, where he lived until his death in 1904. His wife passed away in 1896. Nine children were born to them, two girls and seven boys. All have passed away; Ben Eggum, the last of the family passed away June 7, 1986.

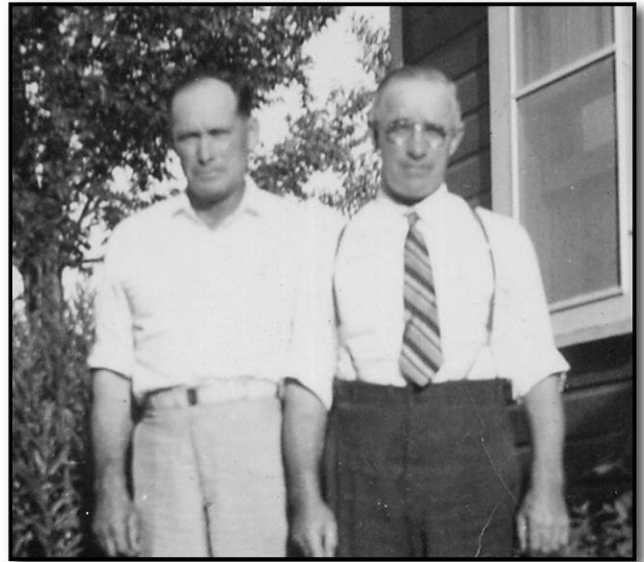
John Eggum was an ardent reader and a charter member of a library started in Mt. Horeb, as well as the Mt. Horeb Academy when it was built. He was School Clerk for nine terms, Church Trustee and Town Treasurer for many years. He took great interest in church affairs, as well as the betterment of social conditions in the community. ●



*John and Martha Eggum family. Standing in back (left to right): Herman, Ole, Lewis and Carrie. Front row (left to right): Joseph, Martha, Andrew, John L., Eric and Susie. Ben not yet born*

*excerpted from '1948-1998 Town of Springdale'*

**Eric Eggum taught at Malone (see the 1902 Souvenir)**



**Joe and Henry Gassler**



**Mary, Molly and Bertha Gassler**



**Mary and Louise Gassler**

# SWEET/DONALD FAMILIES

**Ellen Sweet Donald Jones**, who as a Yankee pioneer girl in 1855 was disappointed that the long awaited "Sugar" River held mere creek water, attended the University of Wisconsin during the Civil War, taught school at age 16, in 1868 married John Strong Donald who died that same year at age 26 of typhoid fever three months before the birth of their son, also named John.

As a young mother, she taught school several more terms. In 1882 she remarried and was again widowed in 1897. She remained on the farm in Springdale Township until 1914. She was a lifelong member of the Summit Chapter of the Eastern Star, Methodist Aid Society of Mt. Horeb, Baptist Aid Society of Mt. Vernon and, in Madison, of the White Shrine, Wimodasis, Three Links Club, Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Daughters of the American Revolution.

*excerpted from a display at the Mount Horeb Museum*



Vona and John Donald

IF ASSISTANCE IS MADE BY OWNER, INCLUDE IN COPY FOR REFERENCE ON THE FRONT OF GOODS ORDER

Chicago, Ill  
MADISON, WIS. July 7 1908

M-7 John S Donald  
Mount Horeb, Wis.

BOUGHT OF A. E. HART & COMPANY  
SCHOOL FURNITURE, HEATING SYSTEMS, SUPPLIES

TERMS: AFTER ARRIVAL. PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY UPON RECEIPT OF GOODS

*National Heating and Seating Company*

1 Play  
1 Bed

2 or  
11 20 13

183  
MADISON, WIS. July 7 1908

RECEIVED OF *John S. Donald* DOLLARS

in payment (part) of *one \$100.00 Organ bought for Dist. No 2*

*you fine of \$30.00*

J. W. GROVES, Pres't and  
CAPITAL CITY PIANO CO.  
113 N. Hamilton Street

*J. W. Groves*

**Vona De Crew Donald** was an Indiana schoolteacher who married John S. Donald and joined him on his family's farms in Springdale Township in 1898, bringing progressive ideas about rural education. She worked hard for women's suffrage and stimulated and inspired her husband in his progressive education. For several years she served on the three-woman Child Welfare Board, which advised the court handling juvenile delinquency matters and mothers' pension cases in Dane County. This board helped establish a juvenile detention home, thus keeping delinquent children out of jail and avoiding adverse records in childhood. She was involved in the design of the new Malone School, chaired the Mt. Horeb Red Cross during World War I, and participated in the Order of the Eastern Star, Madison Women's Club, the first Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. After her husband's death in 1934 she assumed management of the family farms in Springdale Township.

*excerpted from a display at the Mount Horeb Museum*

Form 38. EIGHT OR CHARGES ON FREIGHT.

At *Mt. Horeb, Wis.*

From *Northville, Mich.*

Consignor *Ann Bell W.*

Consignee *J. S. Donald*

Way-Bill Series and No. *M-88*

Way-Bill dated. *June 3, 1908*

Capacity of Car. *100*

Car No. *62486*

Date of Arrival at Destination. *June 11, 1908*

Point of Shipment. *Mt. Horeb, Wis.*

Connecting Line W.-B. Reference.

CONSIGNEE, to CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, Dr.

No. of Pkgs.	For Charges on the following Articles	Weight	Rate	Freight Charges	Advances	Prepaid	Amount to be Coll'd of Consignee
1	<i>22 Bell's pipe</i>						
1	<i>Frame of bed</i>						
1	<i>Chair</i>						
1	<i>wheel</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>116</i>			<i>116</i>

Received payment *A. A. Babcock, Per J. S. Donald, Agent.*

NOTE.—This form is intended to cover the billing charges (i. e., those embraced on the way-bill made by the forwarding agent) and is valid for such purpose or is binding upon the company.

BOOK 76737

RECEIPT No. 466

All carloads shall be subject to a minimum charge for trackage and rental of \$1.00 per car for each 24 hours detention, or fractional part thereof, after the expiration of 48 hours from arrival at destination. Original Paid Freight Bills should accompany all Claims for Overcharge, Loss or Damage.



# DONALD/WOODBURN FAMILIES

**MEMORIES: James Donald Woodburn Sr**  
(son of Delma Donald Woodburn)

My Granddad gave the school site to the School district for the "new" school. I am pleased my two sons wanted to preserve it. It is across the road from the old cheese factory on Malone Rd. We had a swiss cheesemaker. During low prices the cheese could be stored until prices went up - not milk. The whey was returned to the farm for the pigs.

Sonja Lien was a little blonde girl, about 4-6 years old when I spent a summer working on the Donald farm. Her parents Erik and Bertha were great people. They had strong accents which were kind of contagious. One day Mother came home and, using the same accent, told my Dad that we now have "twenty sows and pigs". My Dad thought she said "twenty thousand". "That many?", he said. She told that story many times. Bertha was driving the tractor one day and it tried to climb up the silo and tipped over. Luckily she was not hurt. She would drive the tractor with a hay lift line and trip it when it got in the horse barn while Eric forked the hay into the right place. I was allergic to horses and ragweed so I decided farming wasn't for me. I know how to dig potatoes though.

Mother road her horse, Flash, to Malone School then she'd pat him on the rump and send him home. I think she went home after school on the wagon taking whey back to the farm. Her dog's name was Flossie. Her brother and sister died in childhood so she always missed them. She had her favorite doll for company.

Marilyn Ryman & Chutty lived on the Donald farm for many years. She and Dottie Whitman would come to Madison to clean Mothers house until Mother passed away at the age of 102.

When Malone School closed down in 1962, it was on the market for \$3000. If I had not been so far away in California I might have bought it back then. I had enough to do since my young son Scott was born in 1961.

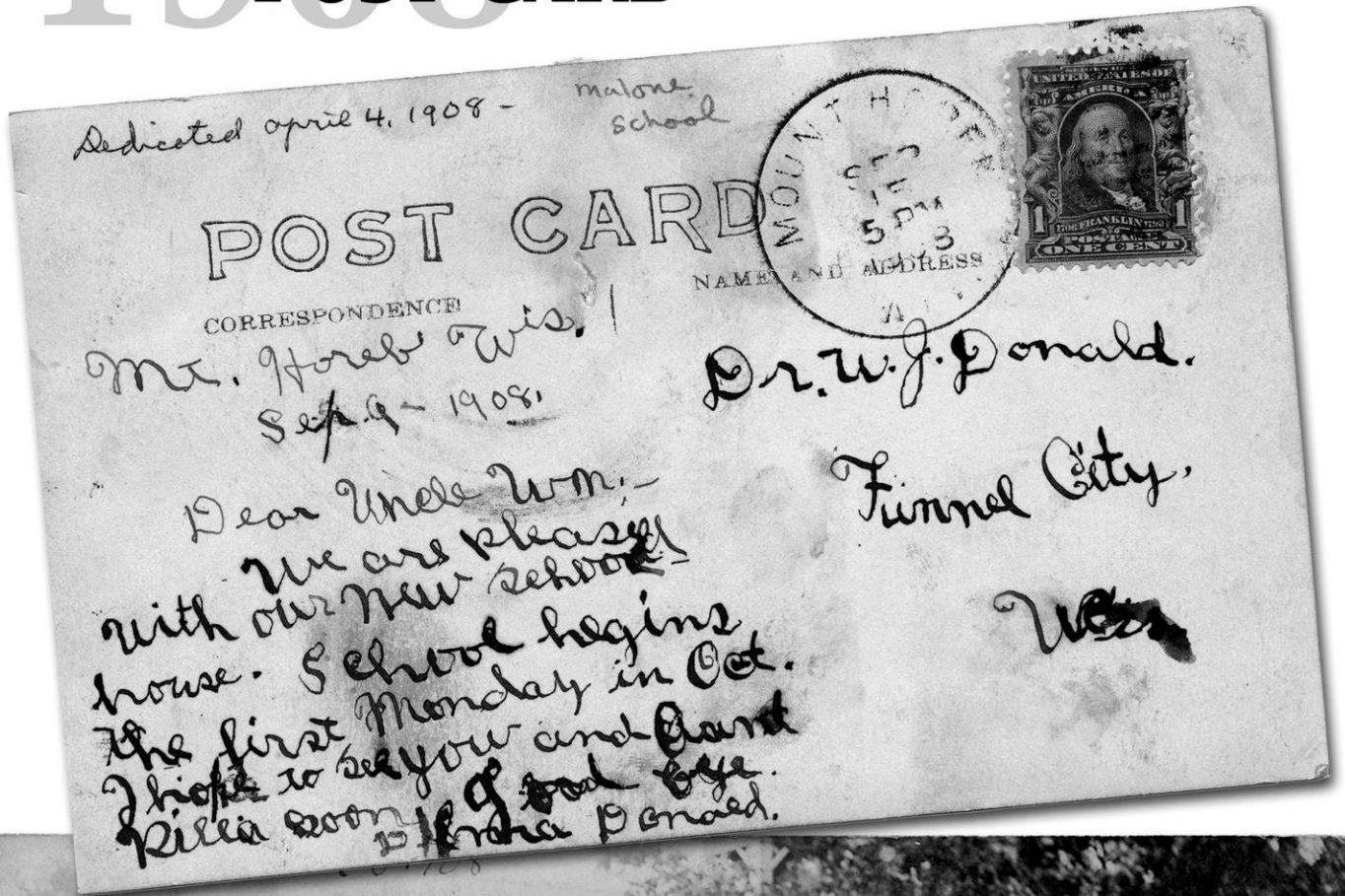


Delma Donald (on right)

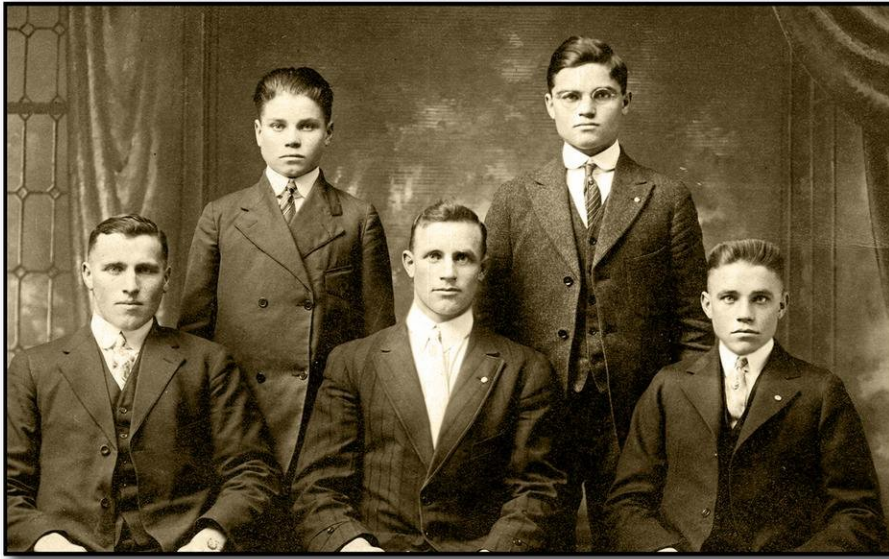


Erik Lien, James Donald Woodburn Sr, James G. Woodburn

# 1908 POST CARD







The Marty brothers  
Miner, Albert  
Warner, Matthew, John

# SOUVENIR 1909



DONALD  
**PUBLIC SCHOOL**

District No. 2  
Springdale Tp., Dane Co., Wisconsin  
NETTIE M. HOOK, Teacher

**Pupils**

Arthur Ottum	Delma Donald
Arthur Swanson	Elmer Cassidy
Albert Marty	Ella Lewis
Annie Anderson	Eunice Fargo
Beulah Lewis	Ernest Eberhardt
Bertha Ottum	Fred Eberhardt
Bertha Gassler	Fred Pauli
Bertha Pauli	Francis Lewis
Bertha Eberhardt	Florence Abbott
Clara Pauli	Hattie Ottum
Casper Schneider	Hilda Anderson
Claude Abbott	Ida Ottum
Clarence Abbott	John Marty
Christ Marty	Ludell Cassidy
Clara Eberhardt	Lena Marty
Celia Lewis	Lena Eberhardt
Mary Gassler	Mollie Gassler
Mamie Lewis	Melvin Lewis
Mable Lewis	Mary Eberhardt
Minert Marty	Nora Swanson
Preston Fargo	Palu Marty
Ray Lewis	Rose Cassidy
Thomas Martinson	Theodore Olson
Warner Marty	

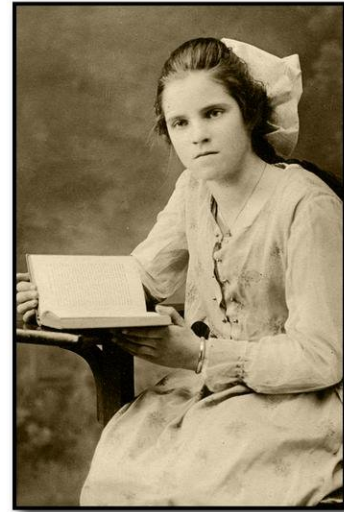
**School Board**

John S. Donald Clerk  
John Schneider, Director  
Torkel Martinson, Treasurer





The Marty family  
 Flora, Bessie, Matt, Rose, Miner, Susie, Albert, Marie, Warner, Lena



Flora Marty

# SOUVENIR 1914

**Malone School**  
 DISTRICT NO. 2  
 Wisconsin  
 1914

**Lulu S. Paulson,**  
 Teacher

SCHOOL OFFICERS

H. B. Fargo	Clerk
T. Martinson	Treasurer
E. H. Anderson	Director

**PUPILS**

Bertha Pauli	Annie Anderson
Albert Marty	Preston Fargo
Mabel Lewis	Mabel Ladell
	Evelyn Anderson
	Myrtle Ladell
	Miner Marty
Bertha Eberhardt	Lena Eberhardt
	Adolph Eberhardt
Warner Richard	Walter Richard
	Joseph Swenson
Clara Pauli	Eunice Fargo
	Sophie Ladell
Henrik Anderson	Johnnie Lewis
	George Fargo
Stella Ladell	Earnest Richard
	Earl Edsoth
Annie Eberhardt	Walter Bieri
	Wallace Fargo
Flora Marty	Raymond Kobbervig



# 1912-18

Receipt for library books

List of Library Books selected by Superintendent GENIE A. LAWS for the school  
 libraries of the town Springdale County of DADE State of Wisconsin  
 A duplicate of this list was sent to BAU CLAIRE BOOK AND STATIONERY CO. AUG. 17, 1912  
 with directions to forward the books named to ARNOLD SLETTO, clerk of said town Springdale  
 city, whose P. O. address is KILVINVILLE, Freight and Express office KILVINVILLE

Catalog Number	No. Copies	TITLE	Price to districts	Total
		<b>DISTRICT NO. 1.</b>		
I 427	I	Young Folks Cyclopedia of Common Things	\$1.65	✓
	I	Seven Great American Poets	.76	✓
		Total	\$2.41	
		<b>DISTRICT NO. 2.</b>		
I234	I	Merry Animal Tales	.44	✓
I248	I	Nature Stories for Young Readers	.22	
I244	I	Science at Home	.45	✓
I255	I	Watchers of the Campfire	.33	✓
I263	I	Stories of Useful Inventions	.75	✓
I267	I	The Health Index of Children	.75	✓
I270	I	Handy Farm Devices and How to Make Them	1.05	✓
I343	I	Industrial Geography of Wisconsin	.90	✓
I375	I	The War of Independence	.46	✓
I421	I	Indoors and Out	.27	✓
I404	I	Cudjo's Cave	.40	✓
		Total	\$6.01	
I235			.33	✓
I265			.48	✓
I364			.52	✓
I305			.75	✓
I308			.72	✓
I325			.38	✓
I316			.52	✓
I352			.88	✓
I353			.50	✓
I384			.38	✓
		Total	\$3.46	
859			.72	✓
943			.98	✓
358			.25	✓
261			.32	✓
950			.35	✓
323			.52	✓
II47			.38	✓
630			.80	✓
		Total	\$4.82	
I255			.33	✓
I260			.56	✓
I264			.52	✓
I279			.45	✓
I326			.38	✓
I343			.90	✓

**Pupil's Report**  
 of Monthly Examinations

Report of Beulah Johnson  
 for term beginning 1917-18  
 and ending May 31  
Beulah Johnson Teacher

SUBJECTS	1st	2d	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.	Mo.
Reading	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
Spelling								
Arithmetic								
Geography								
Grammar	78	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
Writing	70	78	80	80	80	80	80	80
History								
Physiology								
Constitution								
Composition								
Agriculture								
Department	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79
Times tardy	1	1	2	0	2	2	3	14
Days absent	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Monthly av.								

Parents please sign on the back of this card.

**NO. 3.**  
 Dilligence is the stepping stone to success.

**The Parent or Guardian**

Will please examine the other side of this card closely and question the pupil in regard to his or her standing promptly. By so doing the teacher and pupil will be aided very much.

86 denotes perfect, 85 excellent, 84 good, 83 medium, 80 fair, less than 80 not satisfactory. The department is marked in numbers according to general behavior.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	DATE
<u>Beulah Johnson</u>	<u>7-78</u>
<u>Beulah Johnson</u>	<u>4-7-18</u>
<u>Beulah Johnson</u>	<u>5-2-18</u>

# HARVEY B. FARGO FARM

*Submitted by Verna Fargo*

Horiato and Hanna Fargo came to Wisconsin from Fairview, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1854. There were 12 children in the family. Harvey, John and Ralph, came with them and they purchased the Thomas Bently land in Section 30, in Springdale township. This was the first farm in this section.

The land was mostly timber and had many black walnut trees. These were cut and the logs were sold for making furniture.



*Horatio and Hanna Fargo.*

This was their income until 1887, when they opened a lime kiln, which used heated limestone until it crumbled into a powder that was used in the same manner as cement. This was used for building purposes. It did not stand the changes in temperature, but served its purpose until cement was made. People came from miles around to the Fargo Lime Kiln to get their lime for building purposes.



*The first five people have been identified as Harvey, George, Wallace, Mrs. H. B., and Preston Fargo*

They later opened the rock quarry and the buildings on the farm were built of stone. Harvey always told how the stone in the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pine Bluff came from the Fargo Quarry. The buildings on the farm were a smokehouse, barn and hog house; but the most unusual structure on the farm was called the creamery, which was used for making butter and maple syrup. It has a first floor of quarried stone and a second floor of timber construction. An imposing chimney of stone and firebrick stretches from ground to roof line on one end of the structure. The brick for the chimney came from the lime kiln. The stone from the quarry was tested for making tombstones, but it did not hold up. The quarry was leased out and reopened in 1946. The farm was also used as a dairy farm.

# FARGO FAMILY

*excerpted from '1848-1998 Town of Springdale'*

In the early years, the Indians came from the north and made their wigwams in the Fargo Valley. The boys, Harvey and Ralph, played with the Indian children, and they taught the boys to hunt and fish.

In March, 1894, Harvey married Maria White McCaughey, who was the daughter of George McCaughey from Riley. He brought his bride to the Fargo Farm, where they spent their entire life. They had four children, Preston, Eunice, George and Wallace. When Wallace married

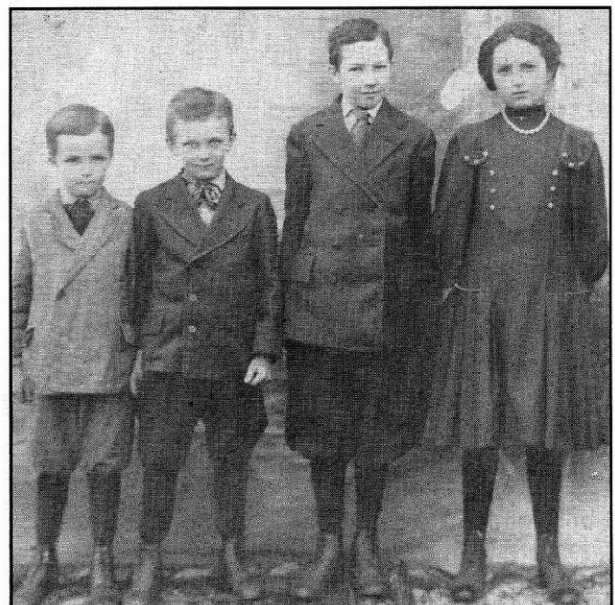


*Harvey B. Fargo.*

Doris Hodgson in 1933, he brought his bride to the Fargo Farm. Doris still lives on the farm.

Harvey was one of the township's most progressive leaders. He was Town Chairman, on the Dane County Board, a member of the Malone School Board and a promoter of many farm organizations.

The scene in the valley today is one of peace and rustic beauty, leaving only the remnants of a business and farm, a monument to persons who once labored there, hidden from public view, with the exception of a town road marker, which simply states, "Fargo Road." ●



*Pictured (left to right): Wallace, George, Preston and Eunice Fargo.*



# PAULI FAMILY



Clara Pauli, Preston Fargo, Bertha Pauli, ?Fred Pauli, Eunice Fargo



circa 1910  
Fargo and Pauli family members

*Order Book*

Mt. Koreb, Wis., May 1<sup>st</sup> 1908  
 Mr. School Dist. No. 2 Springdale  
 Co FARGO BROTHERS, Dr.

To 2 x 9 x 1 ft Stone for steps to porch. Delivered at school house	\$4.00			
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*Order given*

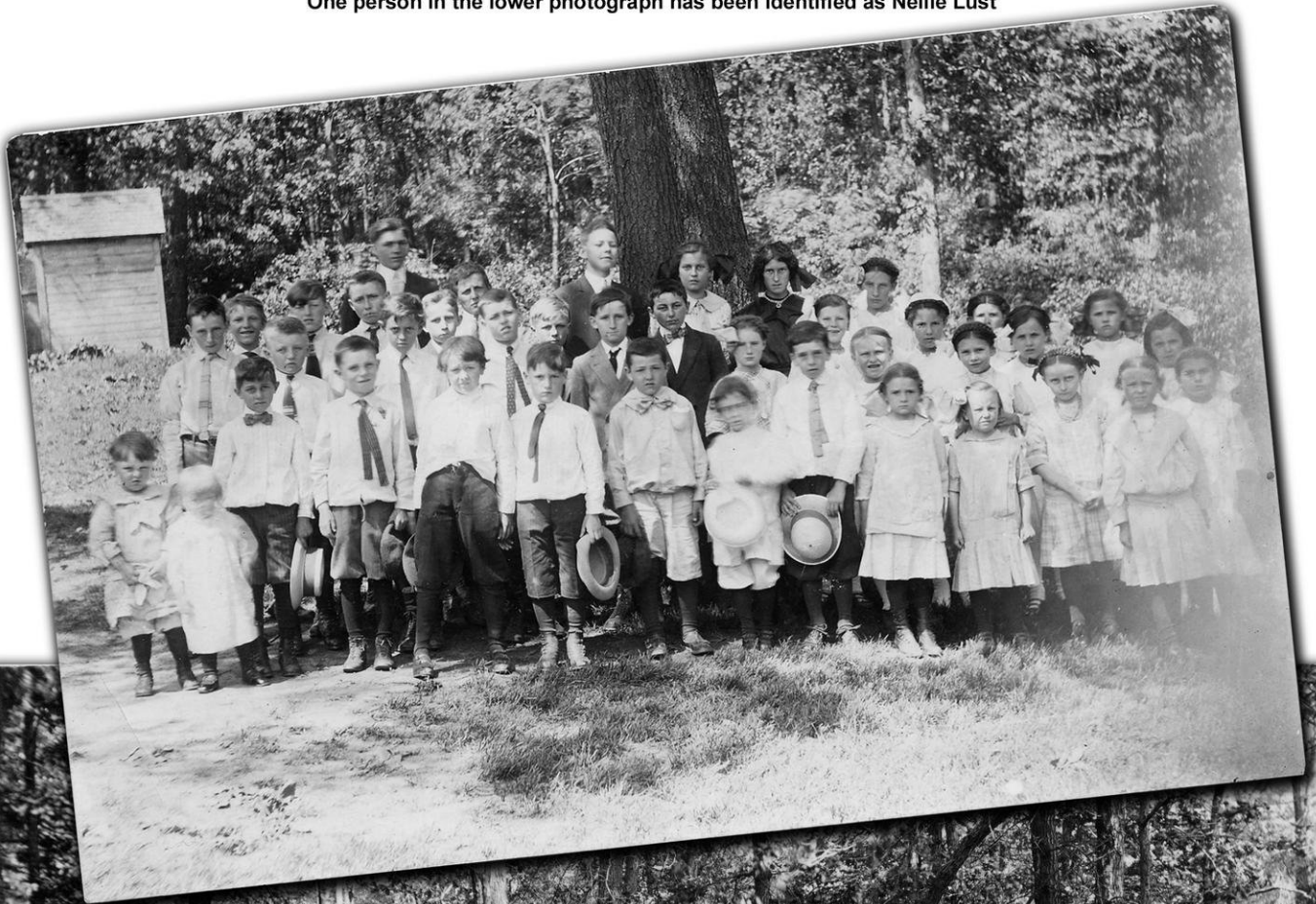
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mt. Koreb, Wis., March 24 1908  
 Mr. School Dist. No. 2 Town of Springdale  
 Co FARGO BROTHERS, Dr. Done Co Wis.

To 7 1/4 cords wood sawed & delivered in basement of new school house at \$6.00 per cord	\$43.50			
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# EARLY 1900'S

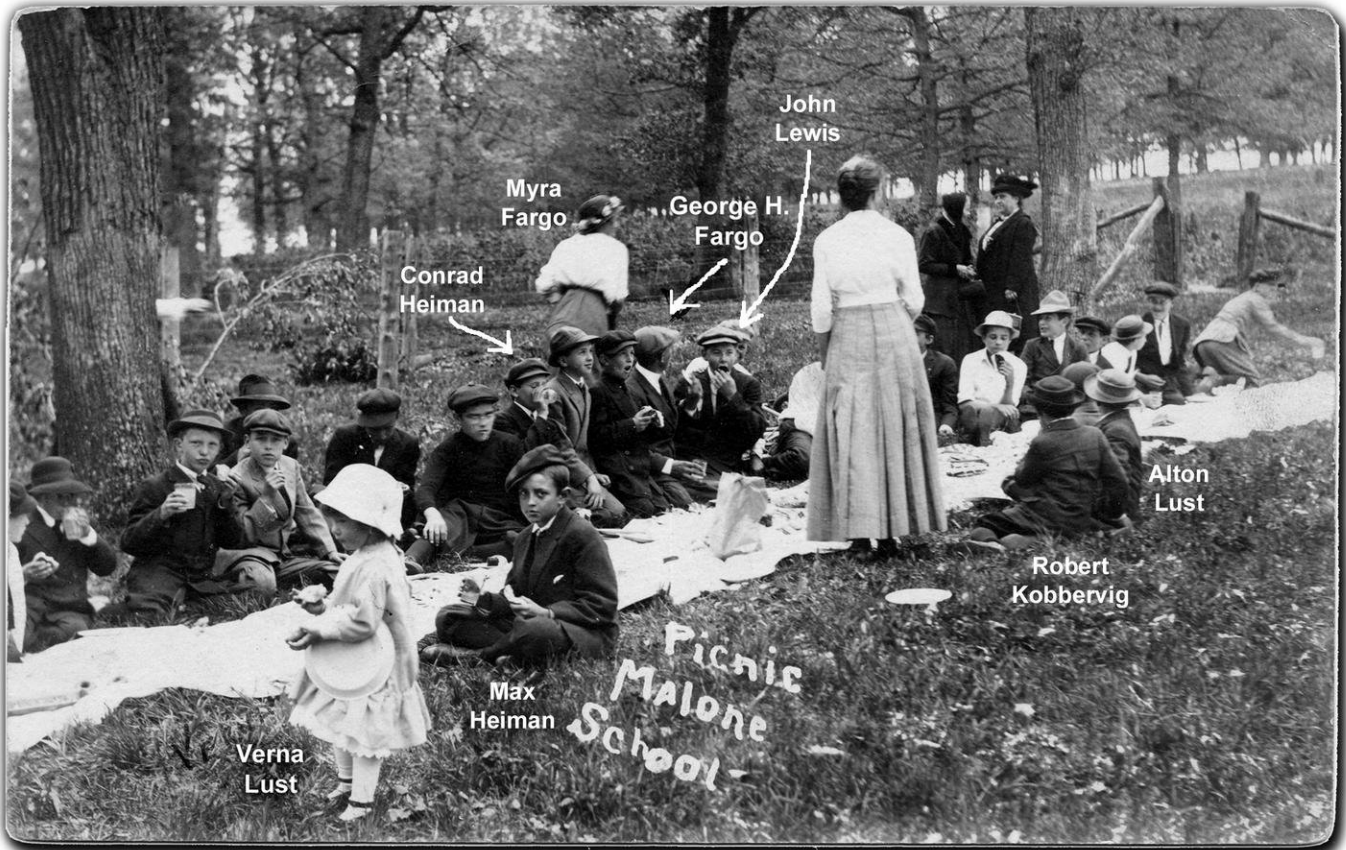
*On the back of each photo below is written "Malone School Picnic"  
We believe these picnics took place on the lawn of the stone schoolhouse,  
most probably when the school was still very new (built 1907)*

**One person in the lower photograph has been identified as Nellie Lust**





# SCHOOL PICNICS



Written on back of post card above "1915 Malone School Picnic"



# EARLY 1900'S SCHOOL PICNIC



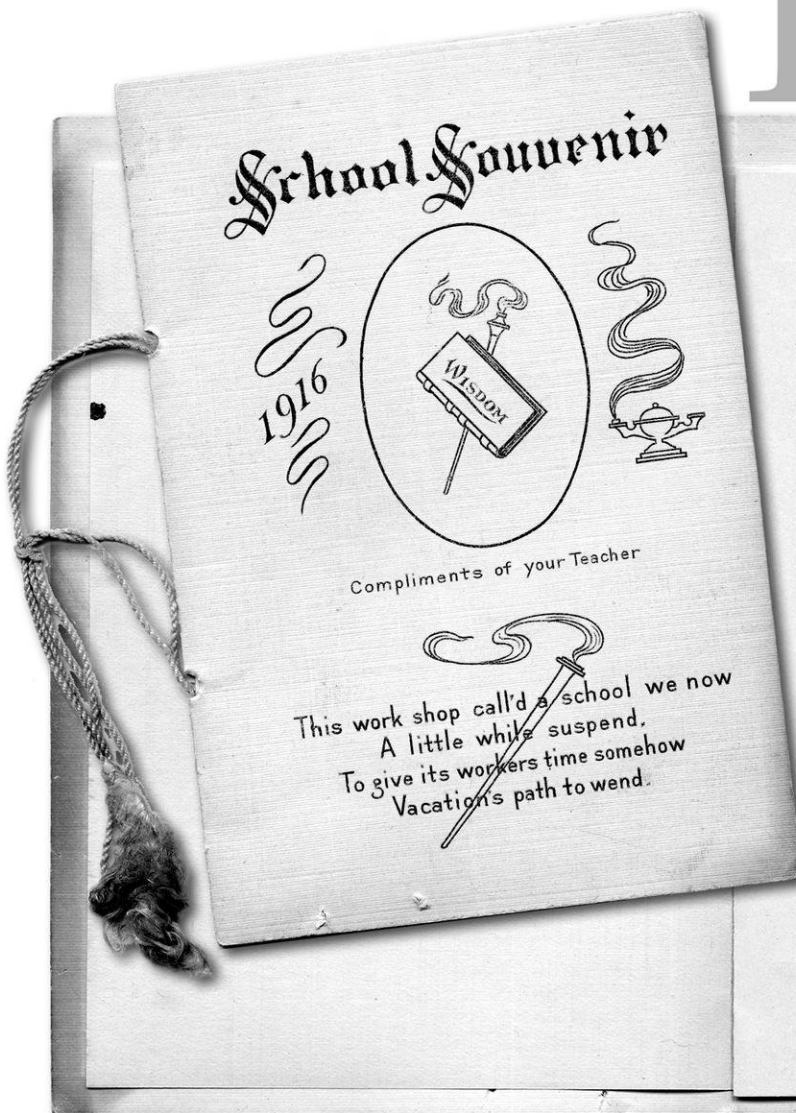




1930  
**The Anderson Family**  
 Annie, Ella, Mabel, Hilda, Alpha, Evelyn  
 Thor, Edward, Henrick, Caroline, Nona

# 1916

## SOUVENIR



DONALD  
 PUBLIC SCHOOL  
 Springdale District No. 2

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Dane Co., Wisconsin  
 CLARA B. KITTLESON, Teacher

PUPILS

Earl Arnold	Henrick Anderson
Walter Biere	Helen Cordts
Einer Docken	Caroline Docken
Alma Docken	Manda Docken
Edward Eberhadt	Lena Eberhardt
Adolph Eberhardt	Annie Eberhardt
Preston Fargo	Eunice M. Fargo
George Fargo	Wallace Fargo
Thor Anderson	Alfred Gujer
May Heimann	Fred Heimann
Elizabeth Heimann	Clara Heimann
Lavern Johnson	Clara I. Kittleson
Raymond H. Kobbervig	Alton O. Lust
Robert E. Kobbervig	Miner Marty
Walter Richards	Warner Richards
Clara Pauli	Stanley Shutvet
Mable Lewis	Celia Lewis
Johnnie Lewis	Conrad Heimann

School Officers

H. B. Fargo	.....	Clerk
J. Malone	.....	Dirctor
T. Martinson	.....	Treas.

# LUST FAMILY

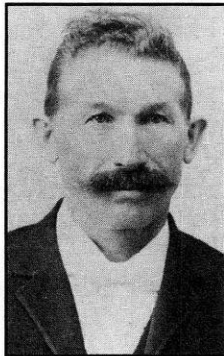
excerpted from '1848-1998 Town of Springdale'

## ADAM LUST FAMILY

Adam Lust and his wife, Martha, left the province of Saxony, Goraleben, Germany, in a sailboat for America in 1850. They were 40 days crossing the ocean with 10 children. They arrived in New York City, and hired a man with a team of horses to take them to Milwaukee.

Adam had the first blacksmith shop in Mt. Vernon. They bought land from the government, and in 1851, he walked to Belmont to have President Fillmore sign the deed to the land he homesteaded. They cleared the land and built the buildings.

Two of the children died shortly after they came to Springdale. The family grew up and scattered to different areas. A son, William, remained on the farm and married Pauline Hankel. They had 13 children. Five of them died of diphtheria. Pauline died when Hattie (Schettler) was born. All eight remaining children received their diplomas from Mt. Vernon School. They had to walk to Black Earth to receive their diplomas. Their son, Alva, married Nellie Beard and



William Lust



Pauline Hankel



First Prize team, 1912.

they rented the Sweet Farm from J. S. Donald in 1912. Alva was a great lover of horses and had the Grand Champion team at the Dane County Fair. They lived on the farm for more than 30 years when he passed away. They had five children, Alton, Verna (Fargo), Edna, Thelma (Stankey) and Wayne. Alva died April 13, 1942, and Nellie died May 6, 1986. They are buried in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. ●



Alton (4) and Verna Lust (2) on Dannen farm where Verna was born.



Lust family from about 1920. Back row (left to right): Oscar Lust, John Schettler, Robert Davis, August Hankel, Sidney Foye, Emil Koch, Herman Hankel and Alva Lust. Front row (left to right): Hattie Lust Schettler, Lydia Lust Davis, Pauline Lust Foye, Louise Lust Koch, Mrs. Herman Hankel and Nellie Lust.



# 1924



**Back row:** Verna Lust, Benunie Martinson, Lena Bieri, Leora Brown, Matilda Schwarz  
**Front row:** Myrtle Shutvet, Geneva Martinson, Huldah Schwarz, Eleanor Kobbervig



Verna Lust, Beulah Johnson,  
Myrtle Shutvet

## **MEMORIES: Verna (Lust) Fargo** (student 1917-1925)

Verna's classmates were Matilda Schwarz and Kenneth Kobbervig

Verna recalls other students attending during her years:

George Fargo	1910-1918	Walter Schwarz	1916-1924
Amanda Docken	1915-1923	Myrtle Shutvet	1917-1925
Robert Kobbervig	1915-1923	Lena Bieri	1918-1926
Alton Lust	1915-1923	Leora Brown	1919-1927
Ernest Maurer	1915-1923	And also: Walter and Werner	
Stanley Shutvet	1915-1923	Richard, Emil Diem, James Nye,	
Wallace Fargo	1916-1924	Clara and Bertha Pauli	

"When I started school there were 48 children and one teacher. We had double desks. I had to sit with LaVern Johnson and he would take my hair braids and put the ends in the ink well. I didn't like it, so I got up and went home. My Father (Alva Lust) asked: "School out, Verna?" I said 'No' and told him what Lavern did. He said: "Turn around and go back to school - No questions asked." I went back to school. LaVern never was my friend."

# 1920-30 STUDENT MEMORIES

## **MEMORIES: Eleanor (Kobbervig) Williams** (student 1920-28)

Eleanor's classmates were Geneva Martinson, Hulda Schwarz and Herman Mauer.

"We four went all 8 years together - none added or subtracted."

Eleanor's brothers also attended Malone school:

Ray Kobbervig	1914 - 1922
Robert Kobbervig	1916 - 1924
Kenneth Kobbervig	1919 - 1928
Donald Kobbervig	1924 - 1928
Edgar Kobbervig	1926 - 1928

(The Kobbervig family moved in 1928, so the younger brothers didn't finish at Malone)

"At noontime we would go sledding. Three other girls and myself over on a pasture hill. I was on the bottom and the other three were on top of me. (Geneva Martinson was one & I think Verna Martinson was one of the others.) When we got up a good speed the sled broke through the snow and the girls went flying over me. I held on to the handle bars. They got a few scratches on their faces. I didn't, but going home from school on the road was a short hill. Using my cousin Edna Lust (a year behind me), she sat up and I knelt behind her. She steered us off the road into a ditch. So I got scratches on my face then and a school program was coming up. My mother said I always had a scratch or sore on my face when we had a program. Living with five brothers I guess I was kind of a 'tomboy'.

When I was in 7th grade, Miss Stocks arranged to have a race in arithmetic flash cards with a fourth grader, Mildred Funkhauser, who was good. But I won the race and got a prize - a small tube of Colgate toothpaste and a booklet on brushing teeth. I was pretty happy as the teacher was always bragging up Mildred.

We lived on the middle Donald farm and it wasn't too far to walk, but we never got a ride from the folks. Sometimes one of the farmers farther down the road would come after their kids and we would jump on the sleigh runners and ride home. He would go right by our house."

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## **MEMORIES: Verna (Martinson) Grundahl** (student 1921-29)

Verna's classmates were Elsie Shutvet, Edna Lust, Ernel Johnson, Francis Sutter and Werner Bieri.

"I entered Malone School in the fall of 1921 and graduated in the spring of 1929. Miss Josephine Bartels was my teacher and I liked her a lot. If I remember right, I then had a Miss Lapley and Miss Mabel Penn for teachers. The last two years I had Sylvanus Aavang. We had all eight grades in our one room school. It was a good learning experience to share with the different ages and listen to other classes.

We had a hot lunch program which was rather unusual for that time. Each family or student brought food, to be heated in a jar. These were placed in a cooker of hot water on a stove in the basement. We sat around tables and all ate together.

Christmas programs were a real treat for everyone. Each pupil had a part to play and we had to be well prepared. There was always a full house and lunch served by the school mothers.

The eighth grade students were required to take a final test given by the County Superintendents office. This test was given at the Mt Horeb or Mt Vernon school - we could take our choice. We received our diplomas at Madison Central High, where all 8th grade graduates from Western Dane County were included.

In 7th & 8th grades the Civics class had a chance to go to Madison to visit the State Capitol and other points of interest. What a great day!



**MEMORIES: Donald Kobbervig** (student 1925-28)

Donald remembers Alma Martinson as a classmate.

"I was nine years old when my parents moved to Dodgeville, WI. I don't recall much of my days at Malone School."

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**MEMORIES: Alma (Martinson) Skindrud** (student 1926-33)

Alma's classmate was Edna (Bigler) Aavang.

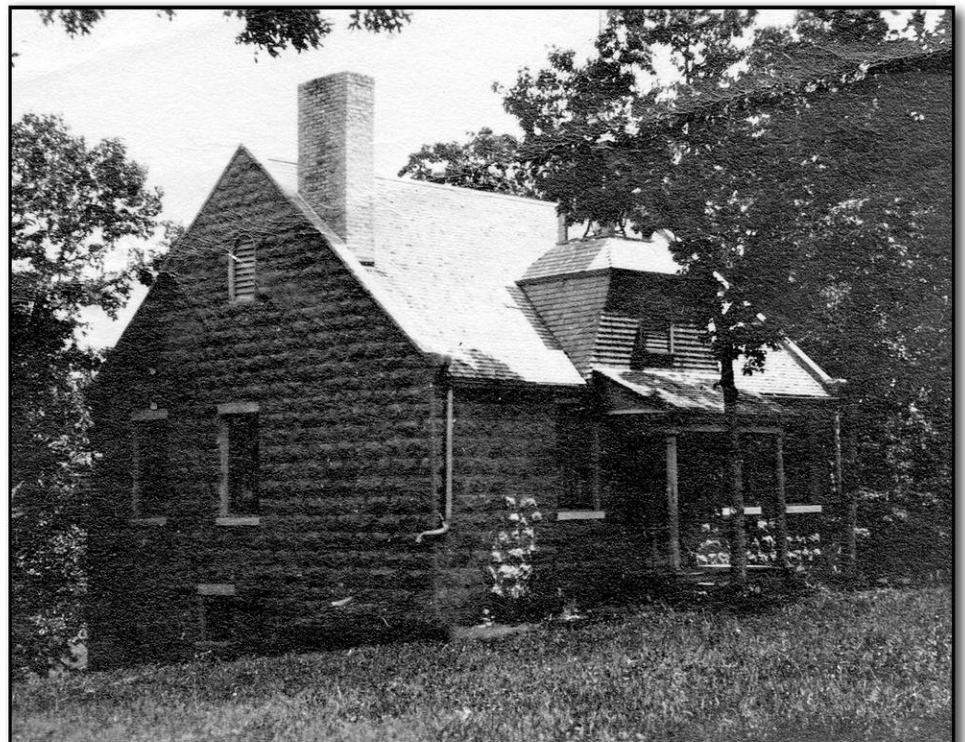
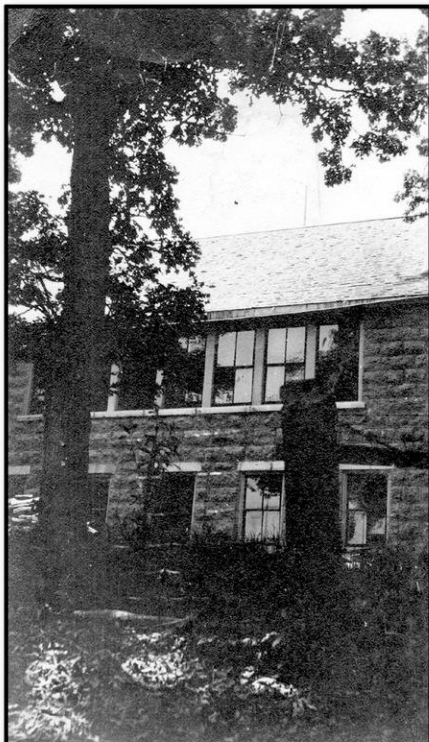
Alma recalls other families that attended Malone school:

Mildred and Fred Fankhauser  
Werner, Helen, Agnes and Hilda Furrers  
Francis, Jack, Norbert, Geneva, Anastasia, Adolph, Florentine and Arthur Sutter  
Benunie, Geneva, Verna, Gaylord, Alma, Helen Myrtle, Harland and Marty Martinson  
Myrtle, Elsie, Lester, Lyle and Curtis Shutvet  
Eleanor, Donald and Edgar Kobbervig  
Verna, Edna and Thelma Lust  
Helme and Emma Lund  
Garfield Kittleson  
Rodney, Connie, Mark and Nyla Docken  
Richard Grinde  
Mathilda and Huldah Schwarz  
Herman and John Maurer  
Beulah, Ernel and Sylvan Johnson  
Ruth, Alice, Lillian and Esther Eggimann  
Dora, Stanley, Paul and Eva Starsynski



1943  
Ruth, Esther, Alycia and Lillian Eggimann

"I enjoyed going to Malone School. One thing I remember is how Mr. Aavang dwelt on good penmanship - we worked on that alot. Really liked math. We had recess morning & afternoon, also an hour at noon. We played games, especially ball. We quite often walked to school - if lucky, we received a ride from a neighbor or the teachers going to Mt Vernon to teach would give us a ride. During winter we would bring food in jars to be heated in hot water (used a boiler). It was nice having all 8 grades in one room. It was like having a family."



# 1925 MOTHERS

## Malone Mothers Club

The first record we have for the Malone Mothers club was for the year 1925-26. Two meetings were held at the school in November; then the meetings were held in the homes. A quilt was raffled that year with proceeds of \$34.70. The Club bought items for the school: magazines, indoor ball, baseball and bat, basketball outfit and a teeter-totter. In later years, they bought other playground equipment and had a stage built that could be put up and be used for the programs at the school. The Mothers were always ready to buy equipment for the school children to play at noon and recess.

In 1927-28, the club presented some plays that brought in \$34.75. In 1928-29, a phonograph was purchased for \$35.00 and three records which cost \$2.75. The Mothers went to the school and planted shrubs and flowers, bought things to brighten up the school room and kept the school children supplied with softballs and other playground equipment through the years. In 1930, a new cupboard was built to hold the dishes and, in 1931, a watercooler was purchased to have in the schoolroom. There was no refrigeration then.

In the years 1925-26, meetings were held in the homes of Ed Anderson, A. Kobbervig, O. Shutvet, S. Brostuen, R. Schwarz, A. Lust, F. Fankhauser, M. Martinson, C. Amport, H. Fargo, Brager and A. Johnson. In 1926-27, other names were E. Mauer, M. Kobbervig and L. Hustad. Later names were J. Malone, S. Hodgson and N. Docken. In 1954, we started having the meetings at the school with two members serving the lunch. The school children liked that as they were all served lunch. In the winter months, the children could bring something for a hot lunch, with the teacher supervising the heating on a stove and there were tables at which the children ate. The basement was also their recreation room during bad weather. A wood furnace heated the building and also dried out the mittens after the children had played in the snow.

On the last day of school each year, the parents and younger children would all gather at the school. There would be ball games, visiting and a big picnic at noon. The Malone School closed in 1962 at the end of the school year. The club is still going with 13 members meeting in the homes for social get-togethers to keep in touch with the families.

The current members are Doris Fargo, Marlyn Grinde, Pat Hitchcock, Sena Lewis, Shirley Martinson, Mary Powell, Marilyn Ryman, Jean Stark, Charlotte Sutter, Lola Quamme, Sophie Johnson, Benunie Berge and Martha Steinhauer. Friendships have continued over a span of many years.

*article excerpted from '1848-1998 Town of Springdale', submitted by Elsie Crimmins*



Written on back: Last day of school - May, 1946

Back row: Elaine Midthun (teacher), Maude Rindy, Helen Docken holding Nyla, unidentified, Mrs. Corbin, Benunie Schwarz, Sena Lewis, Elsie Bendicts, Elsie Crimmins, Orpha Steinhauer. Front row: Doris Fargo, unidentified, Margie Webber, Elsie Grinde, Lucille Zweifel, Sophie Johnson. photo taken by club member Bertha Lien

# CLUB 1950'S



Malone Mothers Club trip 1951 - Unidentified, Sofie Johnson, Clara Martinson, Lucille Zweifel, Orpha Steinhauer, Margie Webber, unidentified (mostly hidden), Benunie Schwarz, Pauline Bollig

## MEMORIES: Dorothy (Schwarz) Bliskey (student 1952-61)

"One Malone memory is of the Malone Mothers Club. Once a month or so they would meet in the basement while we were still in session upstairs in the school room. My mother, Benunie, was a member of the group. What I so enjoyed was going downstairs after school to see that they were up to . . . and what they had to eat! The smell of coffee perking and the tastes of their cakes are embedded in my brain forever. In later years, I enjoyed hearing my mother's tales of trips the Mothers Club went on and the parties they had - even after she was 80! Mother, who died in 1999 at age 87, was a Mothers Club member all her life. Today, there are still women in their 80's and 90's enjoying the Malone Mothers Club gatherings."

*quote above excerpted from 'The Martinsons of Springdale', author Dorothy Schwarz Bliskey*



Malone Mothers outside school, undated - Unidentified, Elsie Crimmins, Alice Jolly, Eunice Gudgeon, Lucille Zweifel, Doris Fargo, Helen Ryan, Elsie Loeffel, Charlotte Sutter



## School's out; friendships aren't

### Moms keep in touch since '62

By TOM WALLER

Neighbors reporter

When the Malone country school closed in 1962, it was a difficult economic lesson for some members of the Malone Mothers Club to accept.

Club members had loyally supported activities at the school, on a picturesque hillside four miles southeast of Mount Horeb on Highway 92, for about 40 years.

Over the years, the club raffled off quilts and presented plays to raise money for the school.

Members bought playground and recreation equipment, a stage, cupboards, a phonograph, a water cooler, magazines and supplies. They planted shrubs and flowers on the school grounds.

At the end of each school year, parents and students gathered at the school and joined in a day of games, visiting and picnicking.

Most of the Malone students lived within a two-mile radius of the school and walked to school with each other. The older children were protective of the younger ones and served as role models.

Younger children admired the mathematical, reading, writing or recitation skills of the older ones until one day they, too, met such challenges.

They learned together. They put their lunchpails in the same pile in the school basement and ate together. They played together.

They got to know each other very well and became good friends.

So did their mothers, thanks to the Malone Mothers Club. And it was that closeness that the women didn't want to lose in 1962 when a state law required one-room rural schools be attached to districts with high schools.

The Dane County School Committee attached Malone, with an enrollment of 27, to Mount Horeb.

The stone-block building, built in 1905, remains an area landmark.

When the school closed, students composed an essay, proposing the property be used as a public park and meeting place. The essay won an award in a contest with a conservation theme.

The Mount Horeb School Board subsequently decided to sell the property, however, and the school building is now a private residence.

Although the school didn't survive



The Malone country school, built in 1905, as it stood before being converted into a private residence.



Members of the Malone Mothers Club, from left, seated: Shirley Martinson, Benunie Schwarz Berge, Sophie Johnson, Margie Webber;

standing: Mary Powell, Pat Hitchcock, Doris Frye, Doris Fargo, Jean Stark, Alice Jolly, Sena Lewis, Elsie Crimmins, Marilyn Grinde.

the times, the club has.

"We decided to keep meeting for social purposes," said Shirley Martinson, one of the 16 women in the club today, 27 years later. "The friendships are alive and well."

The club meets in the home of a member the first Thursday of each month that school is in session. There's plenty of visiting, trivia games or bingo, and food.

The June meeting is special because members plan a trip to an area attraction, such as Olbrich Gardens in Madison.

The club's Sunshine Committee makes sure any member who is ill or disabled gets a card, plant or fruit basket.

Ten of the 16 members belonged to the club when the school closed. The others have moved into the Mount

Horeb area since.

The membership: Margie Webber, Mount Vernon; Elsie Crimmins and Alice Jolly, Verona; and Benunie Berge, Doris Fargo, Doris Frye, Marilyn Grinde, Pat Hitchcock, Sophie Johnson, Sena Lewis, Mary Powell, Marilyn Ryman, Jean Stark, Martha Steinhauer, Charlotte Sutter and Martinson, all of Mount Horeb or rural Mount Horeb.

### The Springdale Association Newsletter

## MALONE MOTHERS CLUB 71 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

By Pat Hitchcock

If you drive down Hwy. 92 towards Mount Vernon from Mt. Horeb, at the time that Rick and Marlyn Grinde's cows cross the road, you might get a chance to slow down long enough to admire something significant. Just up and around the corner from the Grinde farm is a small stone dwelling with a newly painted metal roof topped by a bell tower. This area landmark, now a private residence, used to be known as the Malone School. It still remains an important rallying point for 13 local women, most of whom supported the school and its many activities when their children were students there until it fell to the severance of consolidation in 1962.

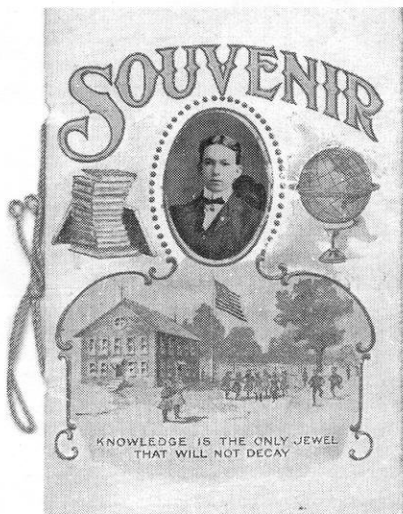
The Malone School was built in 1905 with stone quarried on the Grinde farm. The doors were open to 49 pupils enrolled in grades one through eight, who lived within 2 miles of the school. These students were all under the tutelage of one teacher, Albert Shutvet. Of course Mr. Shutvet had help. Younger students were helped by the older ones, and they learned by listening to the instruction of the grades ahead of

them. Students stayed after school to clean chalk boards and sweep the classroom. Rick Grinde attended the school in the '30's and remembers that his job was to stoke the wood stove every weekend during the long winter.

In 1925, a club of mothers was formed, taking special interest in raising money to provide the extras a school needs such as a phonograph, playground equipment, a water cooler, shrubs and flowers.

In 1954 the club shifted their monthly meetings from individual homes to the school so that the children could also enjoy the "lunch" the members took turns providing.

The kind of caring and sharing which builds a real sense of togetherness was not to be undone by the closing of the school. Today the Malone Mothers Club still meets once a month during the school year to remember those "good old days" and to reflect on neighborhood changes. Always there is present the spirit of those who have gone before and a concern for those who are unable to attend. ❀



*Above-Souvenir Booklet for  
Malone School  
1904-05*

**Albert Shutvet -Teacher  
(pictured on cover)  
J. S. Donald-Clerk  
L. Dahl, Director  
T. Martinson, Treasurer**

*-Mothers Club photo & booklet  
courtesy of Shirley Martinson*



*Above- Mothers Club Meeting, Sept. '95*

**Back Row L-R Pat Hitchcock, Lola Kvamme, Charlette Sutter, Alice Jolly, Doris Fargo, Jean Stark, Shirley Martinson, and (Guest) Alpha Johnson**

**Front Row L-R Mary Powell, Marlyn Grinde, Sena Lewis, Benunie Berge and (guest) Katie**

**Absent members- Marilyn Ryman, Sophie Johnson & Martha Steinhauer**



# 1990's - 2002

## MOTHERS CLUB



**Malone Mothers Club - 1990's**  
**Seated: Marlyn Grinde, Sena Lewis, Marilyn Ryman, Alice Jolly, Shirley Martinson, Sophie Johnson**  
**Standing: Doris Fargo, Elsie Crimmins, Doris Frye, Benunie Schwarz**

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## Malone Mother's Club

by Pat Hitchcock

"We thought it would be fun to go over to the new picnic area at Donald Park," Shirley Martinson was saying.

"Well, since it's my turn, I want to bring the food and whatever else we need," I replied, realizing as I said it I didn't have whatever else we needed, so we bantered back and forth until the plan was set.

The remaining members of the Malone Mother's Club, all but Marilyn Ryman, showed up Thursday noon, Sept. 5 at the accessible picnic table in Donald Park for their monthly meeting. This club represents the last of the Mother's Clubs in Dane

County; women who supported the teacher when their children attended a one-room school.

The Malone mothers had become such a close-knit group they didn't want to disband when the schools were consolidated in 1962, so they have been meeting almost monthly ever since. Martinson, president of the club, is the only one left of the original number whose children attended the Malone School. Eight more neighbor mothers have been added to keep the group going. These are now the grand dames of Vernon Valley, the space close to the school, Donald Park, where they enjoyed a perfect September day picnic.

"Consider the significance of this:

The Malone School was closed in 1962 by action of the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor. With that action the Malone School District was dissolved and the school building and land was sold. Yet in 2005, 43 years later, the Malone Mothers Club is still active."

**Donald Schwarz**  
*(student 1942-47)*



From left, in front, are Lola Kvamme, Rhonda Hodgson and son, Joe, Shirley Martinson, Pat Hitchcock and Marlyn Grinde. In back are Jean Stark and Charlotte Sutter. Not in the photo are Marilyn Ryman and Mary Powell.

# 1920-30 STUDENT MEMORIES

## **MEMORIES: Eleanor (Hustad) Erdevig** (student 1927-34)

Eleanor remembers other families at Malone:

Shutvet, Sutter, Funkhauser, Starzynski, Johnson, Schwartz, Mauer, Lust, Kobbervig,

“For my elementary education I attended Malone School from the fall of 1927 to May of 1934 when I graduated from eighth grade. Malone School was a one-room school in Springdale Township, Dane County, Wisconsin about three and a half miles south of Mount Horeb on Highway 92.

Our teacher, Sylvanus Aavang, started at the school the same fall that I entered first grade and he was the only teacher that I had for my entire elementary education. He lived in the house just north of the Malone (now Grinde) house that had been the original Malone School. As I remember he was hired because of disciplinary problems at the school and he was effective in correcting these problems. Sam Bieri had taken great delight in teasing me and making me cry every day when I attended the school to observe during a couple of months prior to starting first grade. During recess I would go and hide in the girl's toilet down below the school.

When I started at Malone our neighbor, Garfield Kittleson, walked me to school. The walk was about three-fourths of a mile. Everyone walked to school. Once when there was a particularly bad snowstorm and the road was filled with snow, my father put me on one of his horses and I rode to school on the horse across the fields. I was one of only a few students who were able to make it to school that day.

Classes were combined for third and fourth grade, fifth and sixth grade, and seventh and eighth grade so the subject matter was alternated every other year. Helen Martinson and I were in first grade together. The following year when we were supposed to be in second grade, Mr. Aavang decided that we were ready to be part of third grade instead so we both skipped second grade. Edna Bigler Aavang attended Malone School for first through fourth grade so she was part of the third grade class as well as John Bieri. When Helen and I graduated from eighth grade John Bieri was the other member of our class. The eighth grade graduation exercises were held at East High School in Madison.

Helen Martinson was my best friend at Malone School. Each day we brought our lunch and I remember that the Martinson children often had an apple roll that their mother packed for them and it always look so good. About once a year we would have a sleepover at the home of our best friend so I would go to stay at the Martinson's. I was delighted when my packed lunch the next morning included an apple roll.

Although we packed a cold lunch, it was also possible to have something warm. In the basement of the school, a tub of water was heated on a stove in which we could set a jar of something to warm up. It was also in the basement that we played games in the winter.

Recess was frequently spent playing softball on a diamond at the front of the school. Sometimes Mr. Aavang arranged for us to play other schools. Every spring there was also what was known as “Play Day” when all of the seven schools in the township would meet in competitive games at one of the schools.

Family social activity in the community centered on the “Malone Mothers Club”. Once a month families including the children would meet at someone's home in the evening. The purpose of the club was to raise money to support the school. There was also the annual summer meeting to approve the budget for the coming year. I remember that during the Great Depression when money was tight it was decided to provide just eight months of school rather than the usual nine months. There was also a Christmas program and a platform was set up at the front of the room on which to present the program. One year there was as raffle for a watch to raise money for the school and I won it.”

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## **MEMORIES: Helen (Martinson) Abplanalp** (student 1927-34)

Like her 3 brothers and 5 sisters, Helen also attended Malone School -- enduring the two-mile walk down wooded hills into the Malone valley with the creek running through it. Once there, she joined in ballgames and other fun with school-mates. Helen especially enjoyed the annual Christmas program with plays and poetry reciting. She admired her teacher Sylvanus Aavang whom she had all her eight years there.

“At Malone I had a good friend, Eleanor Hustad,” Helen recalls. “She was very smart – in fact she became a doctor. I learned a lot from her and from watching the older students learn their lessons up front with the teacher.”

*Helen's memories excerpted from 'The Martinsons of Springdale' author Dorothy Schwarz Bliskey*



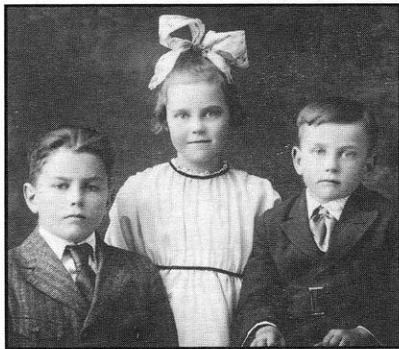
# ALBERT C. JOHNSON FAMILY

Submitted by Ludell Heuser

Albert Johnson (1881-1933) bought 110 acres from his father-in-law, Edward H. Anderson's, 360-acre farm in Section 30 of Springdale township. Ed had purchased his farm in 1909.

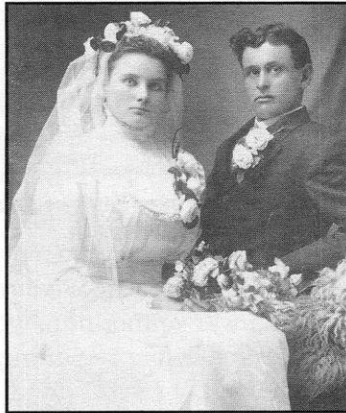
Albert built a barn and house on his land, and moved there in 1913 with his wife, Alpha (1892-1970), and their children, LaVern (1909) and Beulah (1911). In 1913, Ernel was born, followed by Lester (1916) and Sylvan (1921).

Albert was a farmer, carpenter and electrician, and dehorned cattle for his neighbors. He was even known



LaVern, Beulah and Ernel Johnson.

to take his clippers and go to a neighbor's home and give him a haircut. (Albert had expressed disgust at sitting behind this man in church viewing his long, dirty hair.) He also built the barn on the



Alpha Gustava Anderson and Albert Christian Johnson married on February 17, 1909.

# JOHNSON FAMILY

excerpted from '1848-1998 Town of Springdale'

Heuser (C. J. Lunde) farm.

This family suffered many heartbreaks. Lester drowned in the farm water tank in 1918. Ernel was killed in a car-train accident in 1930 and Albert was killed in 1933 when a runaway team became frightened when the pole on the hay rake broke.

The farm later was rented to Otto Hanson for one year, followed by LaVern taking over the farm and marrying in 1939. His bride was Sophie Poppe, of Neillsville. In 1980, the farm was sold to Larry and Audrey Dietrich.

Beulah had married Melvin Knudson in 1929, and they moved to their Blue Mounds farm on March 1, 1930. Sylvan spent part of his seventh and eighth grade school years at Melvin and Beulah's farm before finishing his grade school education at Malone.

Sylvan, as a young man, worked for various farmers in the area before beginning his trucking career. He married Dorothy Mickelson of Blue Mounds in 1946, and they worked for the Baker family for one year before returning to trucking jobs with Wittwer Trucking, AMPI, Hartland-Verona, Capital and Madison Redi-Mix.

Alpha left the farm in the mid 1930s to care for Mrs. Hans Gilbertson of Vermont. On January 1, 1938, she married G. Seymour Gilbertson, son of her patient. They farmed the Gilbertson homestead until 1957 when they moved to their home in Mt. Horeb. Alpha died in 1970. ●

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MONTHLY REPORT CARD

REPORT OF *Beulah Johnson*  
*Stella Olmstead* TEACHER

	FOR THE YEAR ENDING		19
	MONTHS	SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	
Reading	93 75	97 98 98	96
Spelling	97 99	99 99 99	99
Writing	88 88	89 90 90	89
Arithmetic	95 99	98 98 98	98
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Grammar			
Physiology			
History			
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Drawing			
Composition	90 90	91 90 90	90
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Department	94 94	97 97 97	97
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EACH COLUMN IS FOR A MONTH'S RECORD

To the Parent or Guardian  
Please examine this Report and sign it in the proper space on the back of the card. The department is marked in numbers according to the general behavior. 100 indicates the highest degree of excellence; 95 very good; 90 to 95 good; 85 to 90 medium; 70 to 85 poor; less than 70 very poor. The same scale is used for various studies.

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Beulah Johnson 1920-21

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."—Emerson

## TEACHER'S REPORT to PARENTS

Western Dane County, Wisconsin

Name *Ernel Johnson*  
District Number *12* Grade *2*  
School Year Ending *April 29, 1929*  
*Sylvanus Ravary* Teacher

TO THE PUPIL

- 1—Be clean in person, dress, habits, thought and speech, and all whom you may meet.
- 2—Be dutiful, polite and respectful to parents, teachers and all whom you may meet.
- 3—Be earnest in play in the time for play, and equally earnest in work in the time for work.
- 4—Cultivate promptness, energy and patient industry. They are worth more to you than money or influence in securing success in life.
- 5—Please keep this Report neat and clean. I will wish to examine it when I visit your school. When you enter school next year, please present it to the teacher for inspection.

U. S. Thompson,  
County Superintendent of Schools

Ernel Johnson 1928-29

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS—PLEASE READ

At the close of each school month, this report will be sent to you for inspection. The exact attitude of your child is marked X on the preceding page. I hope you will give it the most careful attention and if anything is unsatisfactory, your encouragement of the child for better work will greatly increase his interest. It is well to consult with the teacher on the matters that are unsatisfactory. The influence of the home and school must work toward the same end; that of doing the greatest good for each child. As a teacher, I shall do all in my power for my pupils, and ask you to frequently visit the school, for your presence would be an inspiration and help to both pupils and teacher.

*Sylvanus Ravary* Teacher

PARENT, PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN PROMPTLY TO TEACHER

First Month *Miss Stella Olmstead*  
Second Month *Miss Stella Olmstead*  
Third Month *Miss Stella Olmstead*  
Fourth Month *Miss Stella Olmstead*  
Fifth Month *Miss Stella Olmstead*  
Sixth Month *Miss Stella Olmstead*  
Seventh Month *Mrs. Albert Johnson*  
Eighth Month *Mrs. Albert Johnson*  
Ninth Month *Mrs. Albert Johnson*

HOME WORK. To Parents—Please report the progress and success in the various divisions here indicated, using letters E, G, M, P, to denote Excellent, Good, Medium or Poor.

Care Stock and Poultry.....  
Milking and Gardening.....  
Mechanical Work.....  
General Farm Work.....  
Care of Room.....  
Baking and Cooking.....  
Sewing and Dishwashing.....  
Ironing.....  
Instrumental Music.....  
Habits of Economy.....

PROMOTION CERTIFICATE

This certifies that *Ernel Johnson* has completed grade *2* and is promoted to grade *3*.

Teacher

# TRAGEDY 1930

From the **Mount Horeb Times** - June 5, 1930  
**Auto Accident Near Blue Mounds Takes Lives of Three High School Freshmen**



The community was horribly shocked and greatly saddened last Thursday afternoon when news reached here that the car containing six Mt. Horeb High school freshmen was struck by a Northwestern passenger train at the Blue Mounds crossing on the road leading from the Mounds.

The car was dragged 150 feet and received a second smash against a switch. The six were: Ernell Johnson, Hilton Wagner, Clarence Hauser, Dorothy Kahl, Edna Lust and Elsie Shutvedt. Hilton Wagner was killed instantly. Miss Lust died at 1 a.m. Friday morning and Ernell Johnson died at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Last reports were that the three survivors are doing as well as can be expected. Clarence Hauser was discharged from the hospital Tuesday noon.

Funeral services for Hilton were held Sunday at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran church; for Miss Lust at the Mt. Vernon Swiss Reformed church and for Ernell at the East Blue Mounds Lutheran church Tuesday.

## MEMORIES: *Verna (Lust) Fargo* (student 1917-1925)

"In May, 1930, tragedy came to Malone Valley. Edna Lust and Ernel Johnson were on their Freshman High School Picnic at Blue Mounds Park. Returning home they had to cross the railroad tracks and while crossing the tracks the train hit the car. Ernel was driving. Edna and Ernel were killed. Edna is buried at Mt. Vernon and Ernel at East Blue Mounds."

## MEMORIES: *Verna (Martinson) Grundahl* (student 1921-1929)

"Four of my class - Edna Lust, Elsie Shutvet, Ernel Johnson and myself entered MHHS that fall. In May, at the end of our year, our class had a picnic at Blue Mounds park. On our way home from there, one car was involved in a car-train accident. Edna and Ernel were killed and Elsie was injured. What a tragic end after 9 years together in school."

MOUNT HOREB TIMES, M

### OBITUARY

#### Edna Fern Lust

Edna Fern Lust, daughter of Alva Lust and Nallie nee Beard was born July 11, 1916 in Springdale. Having finished the 8th grade in the public school, she entered the Freshman class of the Mt. Horeb High school. Here she finished her first year, a diligent, bright and promising pupil.

She never regained consciousness from the accident which claimed her life and at 12:45 Friday a. m., May 30, she passed to her eternal reward, the second victim of the terrible accident, at the early age of 13 years 10 months and 18 days.

Her loss is deeply mourned by her parents, one brother, Alton, two sisters, Verna and Thelma, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beard, as well as by many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 2, from the Mt. Vernon Reformed church, conducted by the Revs. Lehmann, Verona and Grether, Sauk City. Burial was in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

Pallbearers were her former classmates, Milton and Bennie Grundahl, Vaughn Garfoot, Ansel Kittleson, Dean Dodge and Leland Arneson. Flower girls were two school mates, Verna Martinson and Hulda Schwartz and four from her catechism class, Leona Brink, Helen Furrer, Evelyn Schmid, and Olive Zahler.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1930

### OBITUARY

#### Hilton Donaven Wagner

Hilton Donaven Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Wagner, was born at Lancaster, Jan. 5, 1916. He met his death last Thursday, when the car in which he was riding, was struck by a N. W. railroad train, shortly after 4 p. m., as he was returning home from a picnic at Blue Mounds, with his classmates of the Freshman class of the Mt. Horeb High School.

Hilton was a promising youth whose untimely death has placed his home, our church, our schools and community in mourning. His presence will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived by his parents and a sister, Ivanell. He was at the time of his death, 14 years, 4 months and 24 days old.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday, and at 2:30 at Mt. Horeb Lutheran church with burial at Mt. Horeb. His pastor, Rev. E. R. Anderson officiated, assisted by Rev. S. Gunderson. The ladies quartette sang at the home and church. The members of his confirmation class, the Freshman class and the Mt. Horeb High School Band attended in a body.

### OBITUARY

#### Ernell Johnson

Ernell Johnson, son of Albert and Alpha Johnson, was born June 17, 1918, was baptized by the Rev. J. N. Dordahl, and was confirmed by the Rev. S. Gunderson, June 5, 1927. He was a member of the Freshman class at our High School this last school year. He died last Sunday, June 1, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Buckner hospital. He never regained consciousness after the sad tragedy that has caused the untimely death of three High School students. The funeral was held at E. Blue Mounds Lutheran church Tuesday afternoon. His pastor, the Rev. S. Gunderson, assisted by Hector Gunderson, conducted the services.

Ernell is survived by his parents, one sister, Mrs. Melvin Knudtson, and two brothers.

Ernell was a fine boy and his tragic death is lamented by the whole community.



# 1930-40 STUDENT MEMORIES

## MEMORIES: *Harland Martinson* (student 1932-40)

Harland, the second to youngest of the nine children of Clara and Martin Martinson, has vivid memories of growing up on a Wisconsin dairy farm in the early 1900's and of attending Malone School. "It was indeed a wonderful time. I did not realize at that time how fortunate and blessed I really was", Harland says.

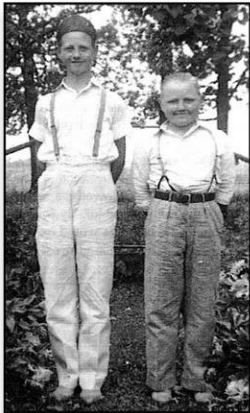
We all called my little brother "Junior" until he started school at Malone. Our teacher insisted we start to use his proper name, which was Martin. She said Junior wasn't really his name. It took me awhile to get used to that because Martin was my dad's name. I really didn't understand the meaning of Junior at that time, so it was during this time his nickname "Marty" evolved.

I remember some things of my first year in Malone school, like the small desk I was assigned to near the front row . . . and the chairs at the very front of the room where we sat for our class sessions. I remember learning to read from the Jack-and-Jill placards.



**The Martinson family**

**Back row: Verna, Helen, Geneva, Myrtle, Alma, Benunie  
Front row: Harland, Martin, Martin Jr (Marty), Clara, Gaylord**



**Harland and Marty  
Martinson**

The school had no running water or indoor plumbing. Our water was supplied by a well on the school grounds, which we pumped by hand. The restrooms were two outdoor privies or outhouses. The girls' was on the north side and the boys' was on the south side.

We not only had studies and homework, Harland continues, but we were also assigned duties. Some tended the flag. Others brought the water into the insulated drinking container, which was at the back of the room. Some cleaned the blackboards. Others cleaned the chalk erasers.

The school had two rooms inside the front entrance for coats, caps, boots and lunch buckets. The girls' was on the left side and the boys' on the right. There were no lockers. We were assigned designated hooks to hang our coats and caps so there would be no fighting for space.

A removeable stage was stored in the basement when not in use. This stage was assembled in the front of the schoolroom for the Thanksgiving program and left up until after the Christmas program. The teacher and the older students did much of the work of setting up and taking down the stage. Some of the parents and Mother's Club members also helped.

The students put on programs for the parents. We memorized parts for skits and recitals. It was a memorable experience. I am sure the parents were mostly proud, but also embarrassed at times by their children's antics.



**The 5th person from left is Rick Grinde, and the 8th person is Tom Rindy.**

Recess at Malone was filled with memorable experiences. There were always ball games spring and fall -- softball and football. Springtime was also a time we spent practicing for Play Day, when all of the schools in our district got together for all sorts of running and jumping races. Ribbons were awarded to the best three or four in each contest. The final event of the day was a softball game made up of the best players from each school.

Wintertime recesses were lots of fun. The sloping yard at Malone was ideal for sledding and skiing. We would also ask for permission from the neighboring landowners, Richard Grinde to the north and Alvin Lust on the south and east, to sleigh and ski on their property. This allowed us the use of the whole hillside from Highway 92 all the way to the creek, which ran through the valley below.

We built ski jumps out of packed snow, watered down and frozen into solid ice. I did okay but Art Sutter out-jumped me most of the time. Marty seemed to have the fastest sled on the hill.

We would also ice-skate on the creek when it froze over. Our skates were the old-fashioned type, which we clamped to the bottom of our shoes with the use of a key.

When I was in first grade at Malone, Myrtle, Helen and Alma were also there. We always walked unless the weather was really bad. The distance was close to two miles, one way, when we followed the road. In the spring and fall, we often took a shortcut through the south wood lot. By following the old road going south out of the barnyard, down the cattle lane, we would exit onto Highway 92 just south of the large rock outcropping at the very southwest corner of our farm. This shortcut may have cut nearly a half-mile from our route.

During really bad weather, we usually received rides from one of our family members, and sometimes neighbors. On occasion on really cold winter mornings, we rode along in the truck when the milk was hauled to the cheese factory. The Malone cheese factory was only a short walk from the schoolhouse. We would be too early for school, so Otto Bendicks, the cheese maker, would allow us to wait inside the factory where it was warm.

Marty and I continued walking to school most of the time. After a while we had one bicycle we shared. We took it sometimes in good weather, riding double on the steeper hills. We took turns riding and walking.

I attended all eight grades at Malone school. I was the only one in my class most of the time. During most of my time at Malone, there were only about a dozen pupils in all of the eight grades combined. I had three teachers throughout the eight grades. Sylvanus Aavang was there during my first years.

Frieda Thoni was my next teacher. She was also OK and maybe a little too lenient. She wasn't accepted very well. Some of the older girls kind of rebelled at times. Miss Thoni directed some very good neighborhood plays using some of the former Malone students in the cast. Gaylord was one of the cast members. I think some of my sisters were also in the plays. At least one of those plays was performed in Mount Horeb as well.



Malone School Play circa 1931 - Grad students returned to put on a play. Mildred Fankhauser, Lena Bieri, LaVerne Johnson, Geneva Martinson, Wallace Fargo, Verna Lust, Verna Martinson, Stanley Shutvet, Sylvanus Aavang (teacher/coach)



1941-42

Back row: Marty Martinson, Art Sutter, Rick Rindy, Connie Docken. Middle row: Rick Grinde, Mark Docken, unidentified. Front row: Dale Spink, Harold Spink, unidentified, unidentified

Marty and I were dressed like little Indians in one of our school programs. Ma made us Indian buckskin trousers out of gunny sacks. Our little Indian tribe performed rain and war dances. Our imitation buckskin trousers had red fringes going all the way up the outside seam.

Rose Wittwer was the teacher during my last several years. She was my favorite teacher, not too strict or lenient, just really nice. Miss Wittwer was a farm girl, like one of us and often joined us at play during the noon hours. She made school a fun time. The students would all do anything for her. I met her once many years after I graduated from Malone. It was at Ma's funeral. She was a special teacher and friend.

I did well in all of my subjects and had no real favorites. I tested the highest of the eighth graders from the whole school district. Miss Wittwer was so proud of me. This was also a good reflection on her teaching skills.



# 1930-40 STUDENT MEMORIES

## **MEMORIES: Myrtle (Martinson) Showers** (student 1929-37)

"We walked to school most of the time - down through the woods, past the "big rock" and then past the bulls in the pastures and the geese at Grinde's farm. My kids think we had to fight the Indians, but there were other dangers. Also, the winding creek was always a temptation - in winter and with ice, especially. We were really told by our mom and dad to stay away from it. During winter months, we would ride with Gaylord or our dad with the milk truck to Malone Factory and wait until the teacher opened the school. We watched Otto make cheese, and many times I would go up and visit with Elsie. I went to all eight grades at Malone School."



Malone Cheese Factory

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## **MEMORIES: Ruth (Minnig) Kirschbaum** (student 1938-41)

Ruth remembers other students:

Rodney, Connie & Mark Docken  
Joyce Lewis  
Art Sutter  
Fargo's  
Spink's  
Martinson's  
Delores Swiggum  
Huldrick Zurbackens children  
Richard Grinde  
Richard Rindy, sisters & brothers  
Kenny Foye



Rose (Wittwer) Fankhauser,  
Laura (Wittwer) Norslien  
*photo taken in 1962*

We asked Ruth to tell us about her limburger cheese sandwiches . . .

"Yes, me and my limburger cheese sandwiches. We had the old time metal dinner pails that held a large thermos bottle. I loved them. We had an entry hall as you came in the front door. Then you went through another door to the one room classroom. When we went out for recess the kids moved their dinner pails away from mine out in the entry and put them on shelves on the opposite side. When it was noon we all went and got our lunches and everyone would wait for me to sit down before they sat down because the smell was bad - the entry way was terrible too.

I couldn't speak any English when I started school and Rose Wittwer was the teacher. She could speak Swiss also. I remember asking her why everyone moved to the farthest end of the school room? She laughed really hard and said, "They can't stand the smell of your sandwiches!!" I even offered a bite of my sandwich to Delores and she very politely said 'No thanks'. Well, I told my mom no more limburger sandwiches please because my friends won't sit my me at noon.

But you know none of the kids teased or made fun or were nasty to me or picked on me for the terrible odor. They never made fun of me either or teased me because I couldn't talk English! They all tried to help me."

## MEMORIES: *Tom Rindy* (student 1942-46)

Tom's classmates were Sonja Lien and Joan Kvamme

Other students Tom recalls are Gary Kieley, Owen Corbin, Tom Uren and the Sheldon brothers

"One kid would always run out of school. The teacher sent myself and another kid after him. We chased him down the creek. The two of us could not bring him in.

One of my teachers, I think it was Mrs. Julson, had a rumble seat in her car. It was always a hassle who would ride in it when we went to ballgames.

Walking to school over one mile in any weather

Helping get the wood up to burn in the furnace.

## RICHARD AND MARLYN GRINDE FARM

*Submitted by Richard and Marlyn Grinde*

On October 2, 1854, the farm land, where Richard and Marlyn Grinde currently reside, was purchased from the State of Wisconsin by Axiom Malone. It was recorded on June 4, 1860, in the township of Springdale. The land remained in the Malone family for three generations, until 1930. Jim and Josephine Malone lost the farm while building the present brick house. The house was built in 1923 and 1924. In January of 1930, Richard Grinde and his wife, Elsie, purchased the farm at a Dane County Court House auction.

They were courageous to buy a farm at the time of the big depression. They started out with 17 milk cows, 5 heifer calves, 5 brood sows, 4 work horses, a Fordson tractor and some miscellaneous machinery. There were no fences on the property, a cow yard full of manure, and the lawn had never been landscaped. The farm consisted of 179.5 acres of land.

Stone from the quarry that is located on the farm was used to build the Malone School and the base of the Malone Cheese Factory. It was also used in constructing the Cy Burns Studio in Mt. Horeb, known at that time as a filling station.

In 1889, some of the land was loaned as an easement to build the Malone Cheese Factory, at that time, known as the Vernon Valley Cheese Factory. This is in the southwest corner of Section 29. In the northwest corner of the same section, the first Malone School was built.

The valley located behind the barn used to be an Indian camp. A number of artifacts, including arrowheads and projectile points, have been found in that area.

# GRINDE FAMILY

*excerpted from '1848-1998 Town of Springdale'*

Richard and Elsie Grinde owned the farm until 1971, when the farm was sold to their son, Richard M. Grinde. Once Richard and Marlyn purchased the farm, they incorporated a number of conservation practices, including strip-cropping, tree planting and building waterways. In 1984, Trout Unlimited fenced the creek that runs through the property, enabling trout in Deer Creek to thrive by not letting the cattle disturb the creek.



*Richard and Marlyn Grinde.*

In 1996, six acres of land were sold to their daughter Lisa Grinde, and her husband, Glen Schult, to build a home. 1997 was the last year of milking cows since the farm's very beginning.

We enjoy living in the Malone area. We have been blessed with many beautiful neighbors, with whom we have worked, laughed and cried. We have acquired many lasting memories and friendships which we value highly. ●



# CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 1934

**MEMORIES:** *Jeanette (Thorson) McTier* (student 1934-1939)

## THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - FIRST GRADE - 1934

"The wonders of first grade far exceeded learning to read and spell, socializing, and learning about the big fantastic world. In October when Mr. Aavang began planning the Christmas program, we were all full of excitement over our parts and what we were to memorize. There must have been a play, since I remember students playing the parts of parents, and some of us, the children of those parents. There was a stage of sorts constructed at the front of the one huge room, complete with stage curtains to be pulled by older, taller students. Remember, this was a school of grades one through eight, all in one room, all taught all subjects by one teacher.

The final weeks before the program were filled with daily rehearsals, with all of us students as serious as we could be. We knew that our parents expected our best, and there was no thought of horseplay or noncooperation. Long before the final dress rehearsal, everyone knew everybody's parts!

The program the year I was in first grade made a lasting impression on me - and a most hilarious impression on my parents and their neighbors. The school program was the highlight of the community in celebrating the Christmas season. It had to be held at night so all the dairy farmers could be finished milking. It had to be late enough to allow for the early '30's cars or farm trucks to be warmed up and all the family tucked in with blankets to keep warm, since the car heater may not have been working. The temperature could easily have been down around zero.

The school room was well heated because we had a very modern convenience, rare at that time - we had a big wood-burning furnace in the basement of the school. That fire didn't go out all winter! (During the coldest months, my classmates and I were allowed to spend recess sitting in the basement on those nice warm furnace pipes!) The schoolroom became warmer and warmer, as the neighbors gathered to delight in the social event of the season! Heavy coats, wool caps and scarves and mittens, boots and galoshes, snowsuits, and extra sweaters were piled in mountains at the back of the room, next to the sink where the water bucket and dipper were kept. Hard to believe we shared the same dipper - I can't picture us all drinking out of the same one, but I have no recollection of drinking glasses or cups, either.

At last, the time came for that long-awaited performance. The curtains opened, we children went up alone or in small groups to say our pieces, and we all sang and sang. Everyone had a piece to say. Finally, came the play - my downfall! The mother and father of the play said their lines, the other little performer said his, and then it was MY TURN! At that moment, I caught my Mother's eye. I wanted to do such a good job, but I suddenly became mute! While I wracked my brain for some words, my hands got busy - VERY BUSY!

I had on my only dress-up winter dress, and under it the usual long underwear with long brown stockings rolled with canning jar rubber rings to hold them up at the knees. My busy hands each got hold of the hem of my dress, on both the left and right sides - and I started twisting the skirt. With each little twist of my fingers, the skirt of my dress inched up, revealing a bit more of whatever was worn underneath, until finally I realized that my skirt was tightly twisted up to my arm pits!

This was to the GREAT delight of the audience - but to the HORROR of my FORMERLY-proud parents! When I realized the skirt and the fingers could not continue, I relaxed the handholds and smoothed out my dress, and went right on with my lines as if nothing had happened.

The play was not intended to be as humorous as it turned out to be. I was so thrilled to be on the stage, I just reveled in the delight of it all! I must have been a very happy six-year old!

There was always a great deal of eating and coffee drinking at any and all social events. Though we did not have Santa come to the classroom, each of us was given a little paper bag with an apple, an orange, some almonds and English walnuts, a couple pieces of peppermint candy, and something called chocolate drops (a dreadful dark chocolate on the outside of a white inside). It was not a great treat, but a gift that was steeped in tradition - same gift for the students every year! We also exchanged names for Christmas gifts which often turned out to be the DREADED chocolate-covered cherries!

Not until the high school Christmas program in the State Capitol did another program make such an impression on me. At age six, grade one was not only my passport to the whole wide world, it was my introduction to the joys of "The Christmas Program".



# 1934-39

## STUDENT MEMORIES

**MEMORIES:** *Jeanette (Thorson) McTier* (student 1934-1939)

"I attended Malone School in 1934-1935 and part of the next school year. At that time we lived on the Bowman Dairy Farm up on the hill (somehow that hill isn't nearly as big as it was back then!) We moved back to the neighborhood and lived on the farm by the big rock (sure got in trouble climbing it without permission!). That would have been in 4th grade and the beginning of fifth (not sure how long for 5th). My sister Alice was in about 1st grade when I was in the 4th."

Jeanette recalls other students:

"I am not sure by name who was in my grade. But, boy, howdy, I do remember a few students! Since there were no buses, we all walked, of course. So Rodney Docken and I walked it most of the time. Sometimes we got in trouble for stopping on the way home to catch tadpoles in the stream at the bottom of the hill. The Martinsons were special, too. I think my crush on Harland lasted long after we moved away! I think he was a couple years older than I. And Art Sutter - we walked together all the time when my family lived at the big rock. There was also a girl close to the school named Thelma Lust (I think! - you are really taxing my brain!) Weren't there some Fankhausers, too? And Richard Grinde - good memories there, too."

Jeanette's early memories:

"One of the greatest milestones of my whole life occurred at the age of six - I started SCHOOL!!! Though it was a great thrill, it was not without problems! First of all, Wisconsin did not have school buses in 1934, so I had a walk of over 2 miles every day. The first day of school our old truck wouldn't start, so Mother walked part way with me, and I went on by myself! I was brainwashed to NEVER take a ride from strangers - which I didn't, even when the offer once came from the neighbors, a couple I didn't recognize - and they were on their way to visit my folks!

It is strange that my 6th grade autobiography says there was another girl in first grade with me - I only remember 3 boys and me! All day long I sat as still as a statue! And when the teacher said to go out for recess, I didn't because I didn't know what or where recess was! On the third day of school Mr. Aavang called the first grade to the front to the reading circle of chairs. The others went up, but when the other little girl was halfway, she turned and saw me sobbing with my head on the desk. She ran back to her desk and followed my example! The older children must have been compassionate because I have written that they persuaded us it was better to go to class!

They were not always compassionate, however! The older girls gave us little ones our education about babies! Without electricity or restrooms, we had outhouses for girls and boys. And early in the first week, the older girls had us stick our heads into the seat holes, to look for babies, since they said, once in a while there would be babies crawling around "down there"! Yuck! I believed 'em!

Perhaps that is why I became such a pants-wetter! I don't know, but I do remember the first time I had to go in the classroom, and I went - like a waterfall - off my desk seat! I've never seen a puddle that big since! My Mother could not understand why I came home wet every day - I had been trained for years!

What an education it was to be in a classroom with all eight grades in one room! You never had to "stay on your own level" - if you were bored or finished with your own assignments, you could always listen to what was going on in the other grades. We each had an individual desk, with little kids at the front, of course. (None of those double desks I see onTV.)"

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1939  
Mark, Connie, Rodney Docken



School Picnic - circa 1955  
Bill Steinhauer Sr, Walter Schwarz, Gaylord Martinson, Art Sutter, Steve Fargo, Richard Fargo



# 1934 STUDENT

MEMORIES: *Jeanette (Thorson) McTier* (continued from previous page)

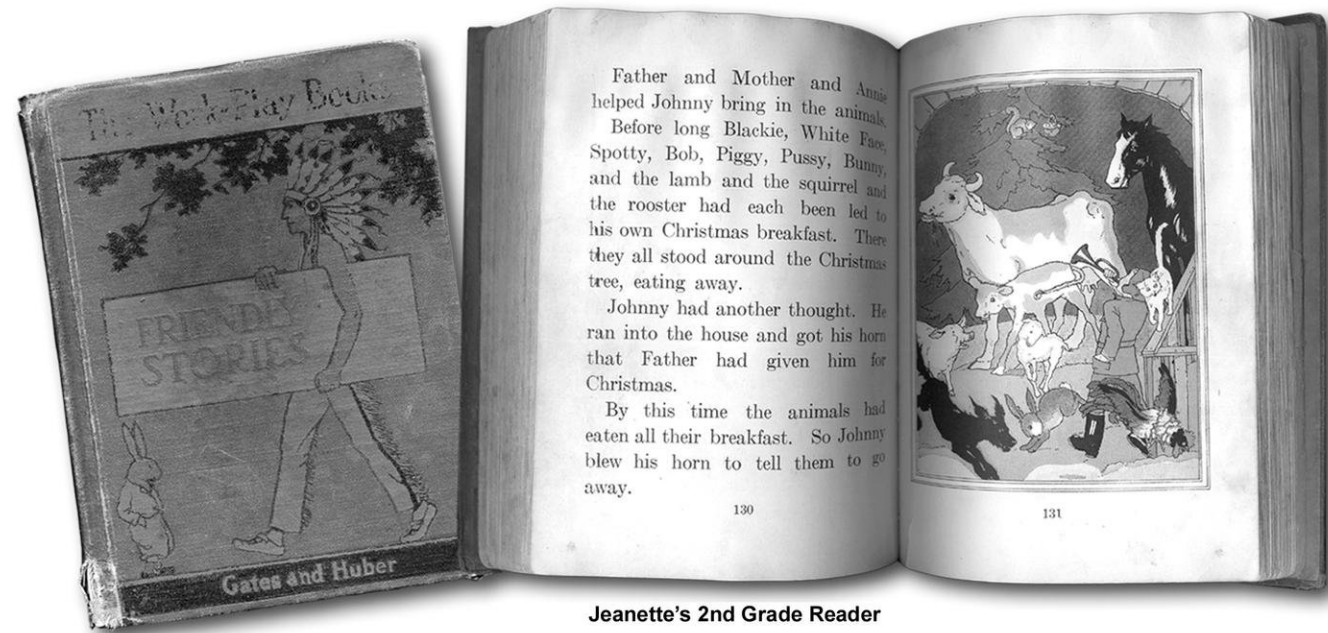
"Each grade was called to the circle of chairs at the front for its specific instruction. But there were two subjects I believe the whole school learned together - Music and Art! Strangely enough, we learned them from the radio!

I have no idea how many times a week we did Music - a "nice radio lady" who could carry a tune gave us words and melodies. Our teacher must have had a guidebook, but we young students learned by memory. To this day I can still sing, "Cape Cod girls they have no combs, heave away, heave away, They comb their hair with codfish bones, We are bound for Australia." I think the next verse was something like, "Cape Cod boys they have no sleds, heave away, heave away, They slide down hills on codfish heads, We are bound for Australia." There was also a chorus about "Heave away, my bully, bully boys . . ." I wonder if the older students learned to read music, or if we just sang songs every week with the singing lady. I hope some day to remember some of the other songs!

For Art we each had a workbook with information about great paintings, and small pictures of famous art works which we pasted into that workbook. The Gleaners must have impressed me the most - that's the one I remember. But there were many - we had to learn the name of each artist, and answer questions about him and about the painting. The older students must have helped us little ones.

Writing - we never did learn to print - we started out the first day of first grade learning cursive writing. I don't recall any time in my 12 years of schooling that I saw teachers print instead of write. We were taught something called the Palmer Method, I think, and to practice it, we had to do rows and rows of connected circles - like a slinky! And then rows and rows of adjoining slanted straight lines. My problem was, I was the only left-handed student the right-handed teacher had - and those practices were horrible for me! So he proceeded to change me to using my right hand. WELL!

My Mother brought down the roof over that! She made sure he didn't do that a second day. I never did develop a pretty penmanship but, at least, learned to write legibly (after about the sixth grade).



Jeanette's 2nd Grade Reader

Thinking about these workbooks and special lined paper reminds me - I believe we had to pay for our own books and supplies. I still have my second grade reading book. What a treasure! Believe me, our parents insisted we take VERY good care of our books! They worked so hard for money to pay for anything. The text books that interested me the most were the geography books of the big kids. The 5th and 6th graders were combined for that subject as were the 7th and 8th graders. The teacher taught them one book one year, and the other book the next! It didn't matter which came first - 5th or 6th, and the same for grades 7 and 8.

The cupboards in another corner of the room held what we called the library - a very meager assortment of books. I think I tried reading every one of them that year in first grade. My favorite was Man Without a Country, a book obviously NOT meant for first grade. Of course, I couldn't read all the words - but I got the gist of it, and hoped I would never do anything so bad that no country would want me! I never did read that book again, so have no idea what it really said!

In one corner of the room was a sink - I can't believe it could be called plumbing, since there was the community water

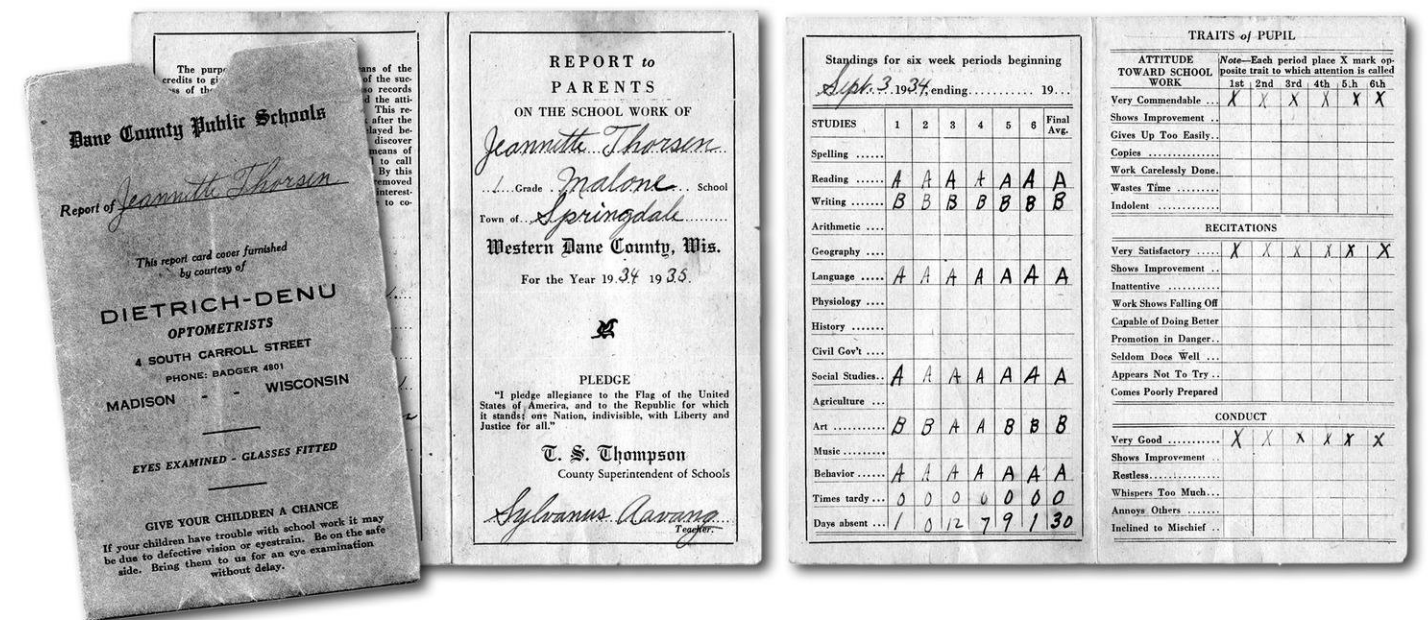
# MEMORIES 1939

bucket, with the community dipper in it - we all drank from that dipper. I also found out that if you said something bad, you had to go with the teacher to that sink and he would put a drop of liquid green soap on your tongue and you had to hold it one minute before spitting it out. VERY few times did this EVER happen twice to the same student!

There were no hot lunches, and no way to heat up food from home. We brought our dinner pails (lunch boxes) with our sandwiches, fruit, little jars of home canned fruit, perhaps. I felt very rich using waxed paper for the sandwiches - Mother would wrap each one so carefully and fold the paper just right - same paper for a week, if I was very careful. The alternative was wrapping them in newspaper or catalog pages. There were no plastic bags or boxes, saran wrap, or aluminum foil. The boys liked to have the big black dinner pails. A number of kids used Karo syrup pails - Karo syrup was a staple in every home. I don't remember any of my dinner pails. I think in nice weather we got to eat our lunches outdoors.

(Not school, exactly, but the kids in school:) We were DIRTY little kids! Not just sister Alice and I - I mean ALL of us! Dirt kind of piled up not only at our elbows, but between our elbows and shoulders on the backs of our arms. And our ankles - heavens! We did not go barefoot - but our ankles were black with dirt. Knees, too! I suppose we had the weekly bath in a wash tub of water next to the heater when I was in first grade. Otherwise Mother gave us what amounted to a wash rag wipe down. I have never blamed the school parents for us all being dirty kids - our parents were all farmers and farm wives and they all had to work so very hard to just get the work done. There was no electricity - the cows were all milked by hand - at the time we lived on a dairy farm - the field work was done with horses - all cooking was done on a wood stove, even in the hot summer - no refrigeration - no plumbing. Yes, our parents worked too hard to worry over a little bit of dirt that had piled up behind our ears, or anywhere else.

Speaking of parents, we had a crowd of them on the day that small pox immunizations were to be administered. The children all hollered, the mamas tried to soothe them, and most of the men fainted! I can still picture that syringe and needle - at least a foot long! And the needle, thick and dull! Most of us still bear the mark where we got vaccinated that



long ago! Of course, the older boys ended up saying THEY didn't get scared - but we perceptive little folks knew different - we had watched their faces!

Recess - most kids say that the best part of school has always been recess. I usually hated to leave my books and desk, but my little classmates and I had the most unique of all recesses - occasionally we were allowed to walk across the country road and visit the cheese factory, where we were enthralled with the whole long process, the huge open vats, the terrible smell, and the chatty cheesemaker. What a patient man, to help our teacher in this way. Since we all walked to school, crossing the country road was not considered dangerous, even as young as we were.

Other recesses in the cold, snowy winter, we little ones were sent to the basement where we could sit on pieces of wood next to the furnace - we were warm and toasty down there, and somehow never seemed to cause, or be, a problem. I don't remember what we all did, but I know what I did - I carried books with me and read them out loud.

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# 1934-39

## STUDENT MEMORIES

**MEMORIES: Jeanette (Thorson) McTier** (continued from previous page)

"During the noon hour, which amounted to another recess, our teacher tried to teach us how to play ball - I don't think any of us had heard of basketball or football, but baseball - ah, THAT was the game! The teacher would get us little ones started while the older kids were warming up. Then he played ball with them, and we kept trying on our own little ball diamond. He would come back and give us advice and encouragement. Once in a while, when only we little ones were outside, we would go onto the big kids' diamond and play there - oh, we felt so grown-y!

Another thing we did a LOT of, was have races! We marked the beginning and ending lines, and ran and ran and ran and ran! Now that I am writing, I remember also we played games like Fox and Geese or something like that. Or was it called Two Deep? It was a fun circle game.

The best recesses of all, were the ones when the teacher told us we could bring our sleds! We crossed the fence, left the school yard and were at the top of a hilly slope, with a frozen creek at the bottom. At first we sat on our sleds and steered with our feet, and also with our hands holding the rope. Then Mr. Aavang taught us how to take a few running steps and flop down on our bellies, steering with our hands, going head first, screaming in delight - and fear! It seemed to take forever to pull the sled back to the top of the hill, but it was so worth it - another belly flop, another speedy downhill ride - oh, what fun! There were a few times when belly did not connect with sled - instead, sled went down the hill, and a surprised first grader ended up on her belly in the snow! Sounds tricky, but it happened.

Did we have prayer and Bible reading in school? No. Did we grow up to be respectable citizens? Yes. I don't think it ever was an issue - it was just something we Lutherans and Catholics didn't do.

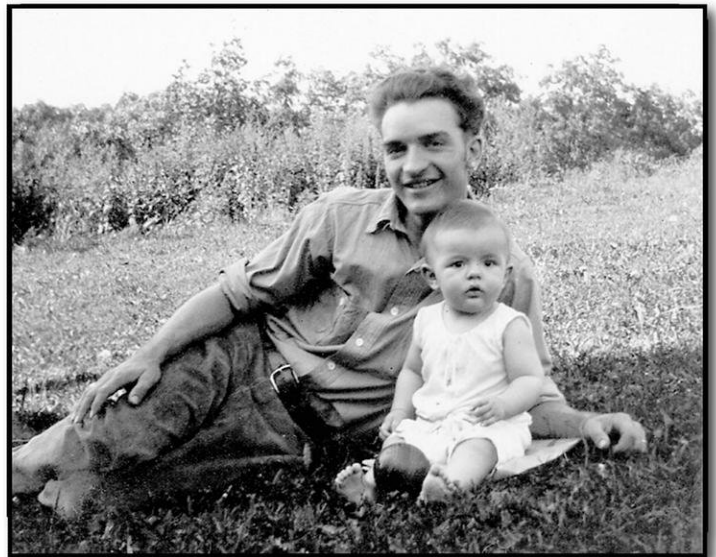
Spanking? NEVER! Punishment consisted of staying in at recess, staying after school, and that drop of green soap. The worst part of punishment was that your parents learned quickly what you had done and THEY gave the spankings at home! With no phone at school, I don't think the teacher tattled on us. He didn't have to. The country party telephone lines were very busy some evenings. Kids told their parents, and parents kept each other informed.

Did we have PTA? You, betcha! But it was called Mothers Club, and their meetings were attended by the whole family! The men hung around outside, or sat in one room, while the ladies were in the parlor, or living room, having business meetings. The children? Oh, what fun - we played outside in the dark, hiding, running, catching, laughing, falling, laughing some more. Then - - - we all ate as if preparing for a great fast! Big sandwiches, cookies, cakes, pies, coffee, kool-aid, and milk. (At least I think I remember kool-aid.) These meetings were held in turn at each family's home - social event of the month.

. . . Age six, first grade - this was probably one of the greatest years of my life. I felt I had dreamed of school for at least a hundred years, and believe it or not, taking classes is still a great joy and privilege for me!"

Jeanette Thorson (Jan) McTier  
January 2006 - 71 years later!

Jeanette's 1st grade teacher, Sylvanus Aavang  
and Rodney Docken





# 1939-40 STUDENT MEMORIES



Betty - Age 10



Betty and Kathleen Fischer



Kathleen - Age 11

**MEMORIES:** *Kathleen (Fischer) Campbell* (student 1939-1940)  
*Betty (Fischer) Legler* (student 1939-1940)

Kathleen Fischer Campbell and Betty Fischer Legler recall a frightening walk home from school. They were around 8 and 9 years old at the time. A man drove by and stopped to offer them a ride. Betty was ready to get in the car, but Kathleen said "No, they didn't need a ride." The man asked again persuading the girls to go along. He was going to see their parents, but they still refused. Upon their return home they asked their folks about the man that stopped and if he came there to see them. Well he hadn't and they still think back about how that could have ended differently.

Kathleen and Betty also recall a very long cold walk to school. Their route to school was about 2 1/2 miles. It was a winter day with temperatures below zero. The girls set out for school only to find upon their arrival school was closed for the day, so they had to make the trek back home. They are still amazed they didn't freeze to death.

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## DOCKEN FAMILY

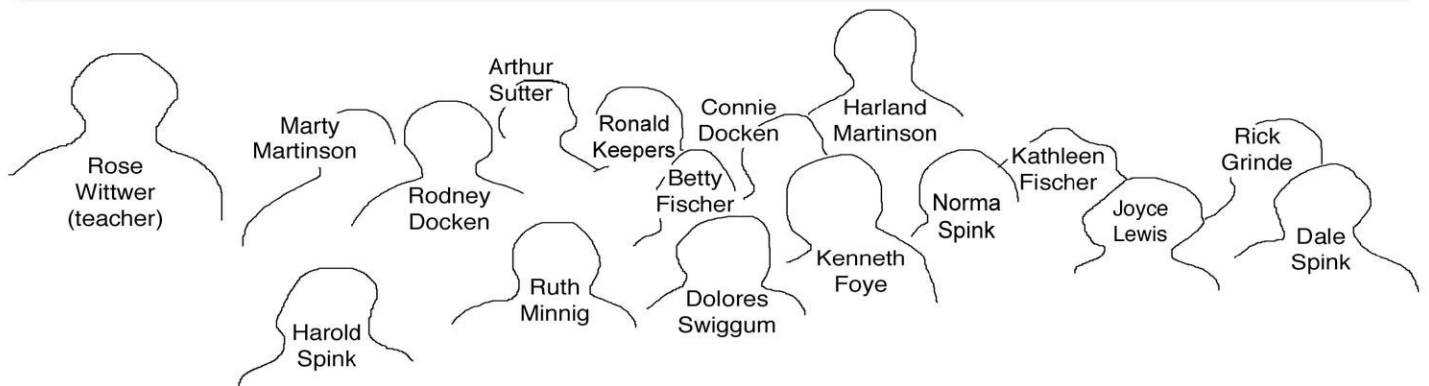


Rodney, Mark, Nels, Helen, Connie. Inset: Nyla



Mark, Rodney, Connie

# 1940



## MEMORIES: **Delores (Swiggum) Bryant** (student 1938-40)

"I think I attended 1938-40. (I think only 1/2 year in first grade.) Other pupils who attended during my years were Ruth Minnig, Ken Foye, Marty and Harland Martinson.

I remember smashing Ken Foyes front teeth out with my metal dinner bucket. He was a bully, always picking on Ruth Minnig and myself as we walked home from school. We went up the big Malone Hill (that's what we called it). One night walking home - he made Ruth cry and I got mad and smashed him one with my dinner bucket. After that he either ran ahead of us or walked on the other side of the road.

I also remember having a big crush on Harland Martinson. I thought he was the most handsome fellow and so nice to me. I think he was in 8th grade and me in first! (Always did like those older men!) I told Harland this at the reunion and he really laughed.

I also talked to Kenny Foye - didn't get a chance to talk too long as someone else wanted to talk to him."



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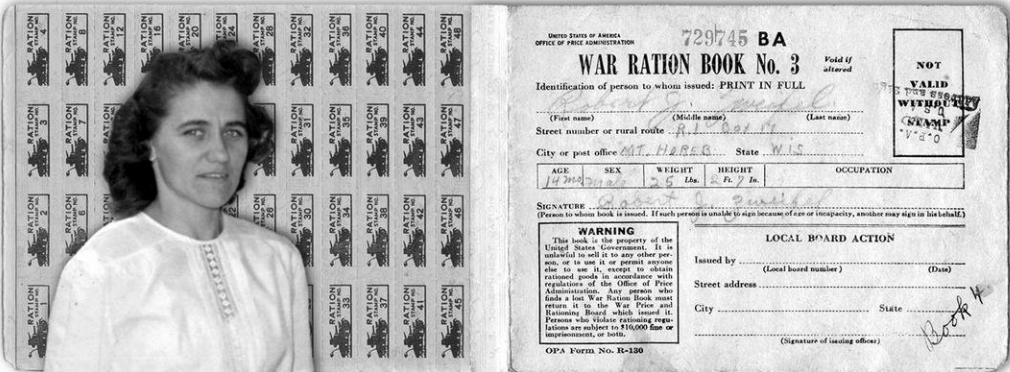
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LaVon Marty, teacher

(Jan 6-'43)

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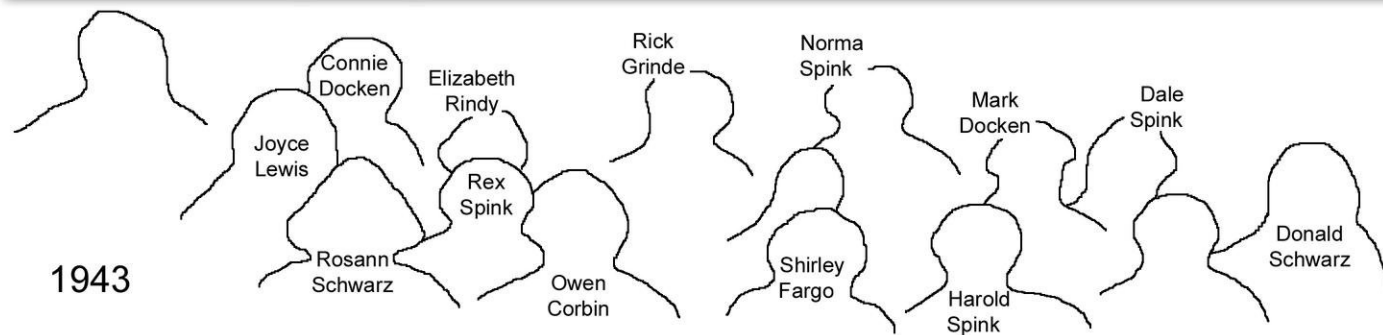
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# EARLY



1943



Our earliest photograph of the merry-go-round. Today, 62 years later, it is still in great shape and quite useable.

### MEMORIES: Joan (Kvamme) Gilbertson (student 1943)

Joan's classmates were Tom Rindy and Sonja Lien

"I started first grade at the age of 5, not knowing the English language. My parents both came from Norway and spoke only Norwegian at home. When you ask to relate any memories, all I can write is this was a very difficult time in my life. My teacher at the time was Mrs. Midthun who I am sure must have wondered what to do with me. My parents rented the Lewis Bang farm and the following year bought a farm from George Lund in the town of Perry, so then I was moved to the Daleyville School. I do remember that the classmates, other students, Mrs. Midthun and neighbors in the Malone district and Springdale township were very kind to me."

# 1940's



1943 Left side: Joyce Lewis, Owen Corbin, unidentified, unidentified,unidentified  
Right side: Rick Grinde, Mark Docken, Donald Schwarz, unidentified



Harold Spink



Rex Spink

### MEMORIES: Donald Schwarz (student 1942-47)

Don's classmates were Elizabeth Rindy and Joyce Lewis.

Don recalls other students attending during his years: Dennis Thomson, Rodney Docken, Connie Docken, Mark Docken, Rick Grinde, Norma Spink, Harold Spink, Wanda Fargo, Richard Fargo, Shirley Fargo and LaVern Larson.

"We moved to the farm in March of 1942. We were living in Mount Horeb where I was in 3rd grade and Rosann was in kindergarten. Since there was no kindergarten at Malone, she had a long wait until 1st grade. Rosann attended from 1942-50.

My memories of Malone School are all pleasant, but they do run together. I remember it as a small school with about 16 students in 1942 and 13 by the time I graduated in 1947.

A school just cannot be any better than the one room rural schools like Malone. Because our parents and all of the neighbors were involved, the school became a social and community center as well. What a contrast to today, where we find that parents are all but excluded from the schools.



Norma Spink 1943  
8th Grade Graduation

### MEMORIES: Norma J. (Spink) Stein (student 1938-43)

I was the only pupil in my graduating class.

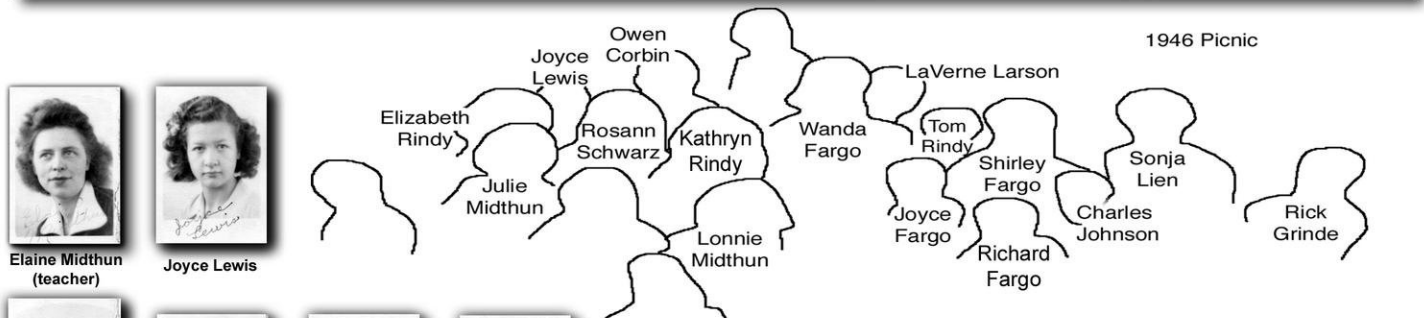
One thing that has always stood out in my memory is that of the Arbor Day fun we all had. We all brought rakes from home and worked together to rake the lawn. This was followed by our annual wiener and marshmallow roast. It was such fun and we looked forward to it each spring.



Norma Spink, Connie Docken



# 1945-46 PICNIC



Elaine Midthun  
(teacher)



Joyce Lewis



Tom Rindy



Wanda Fargo



Elizabeth Rindy



LaVerne Larson



Roger  
Zurbuchen



Sonja Lien



Shirley Fargo



Rosann Schwarz



Back row: Don Schwarz, LaVerne Larson, Mrs. Midthun, Joyce Lewis, Elizabeth Rindy. Second row: Mark Docken, Wanda Fargo, Rosann Schwarz, Tom Rindy, Shirley Fargo. Front row: Owen Corbin, Kathryn Rindy, Sonja Lien, unidentified, Steve Fargo

# Malone School Has An Interesting Population, Including White Rats, Dog, Gold Fish, Snails



Shown above are pupils of the Malone school, between Mt. Vernon and Mt. Horeb, who have conducted a "Be kind to animals" project this year. In the first row, left to right, are James Bigler, Judy Bigler, Marilyn Anderson, Robert Zweifel and James Crimmins. In the second row are Joyce Fargo, Jay Moore, Sonja Lien, Stephen Fargo,

Shirley Fargo, Irvin Steinhauer and Charles Johnson. Robert Zweifel and Sonja Lien hold the school's two white rats. In the foreground are "Dickie," the canary, "Gismo," the part Collie, and the goldfish. When the picture was taken, Gismo insisted on drinking from the goldfish bowl. (Photo by John Busse.)

By DAVID LIPPERT  
(Of The Capital Times Staff)  
**M**T. VERNON, Wis. — Two white rats named Bob and Ed . . . a dog called Gismo . . . of doubtful ancestry . . . a canary called Dickie . . . eight gold fish and some snails . . . not to mention 17 freshly scrubbed pupils . . . and a teacher . . .

That's the daytime population of the little old stone one-room Malone schoolhouse, located about midway between Mt. Vernon and Mt. Horeb on Highway 92.

"And that's not all," said LaVon Marty, Klevenville, the school teacher. "We had a mole for a while but we discovered moles don't live above the ground, because this one LaVon Marty died. We plan to bring some rabbits from my home just as soon—well, the mother rabbit is 'expecting,' and we thought we should wait."



**ASKED WHY SHE** has this strange combination in a school—it's something more likely to be found in a home—Miss Marty said the reason is simple.

"Alexius Baas, Capital Times columnist, wants children to be kind to animals this year," she said. "So I thought I would carry out this plan the entire year instead of for just one unit. Each pupil has taken care of an animal or the fish, I myself take care of the canary."

The teacher said the plan at the beginning of the school year led up to a study of vitamins and minerals and taking care of teeth.

"But the biggest thing is that the children found out how to treat animals," she said. "At first two of the children were rough with Gismo, our mongrel pup. He wouldn't pay any attention to them. But now the children have improved and Gismo likes everybody."

MISS MARTY said the dog, which is part Collie, was given the school by a school board member, Walter Schwartz, in September, when the pup was six weeks old. Since that time, the pupils have taken turns caring for Gismo for two-week periods.

They feed him milk and bring bones and left-overs from home for him. They also give the dog fresh water and keep his dishes clean. The dog is kept outside the classroom during school hours and at night Miss Marty takes Gismo home with her.

The two white rats were acquired from the university and now the pupils have become so attached to the rodents, they are reluctant about returning Bob and Ed to the university.

"The upper grade children gave one of the rats an unbalanced diet for six weeks," she said. "The other was kept on a balanced diet. Within six weeks the fur on the rat fed the improper diet became real shaggy, his claws got soft and his eyes were running."

"But we felt sorry for him and put him back on a normal diet and he looks much better now."

MISS MARTY said the rats have become tame and are permitted to romp around the school room once a day for exercise. She said they return to their cage of their own accord.

"We started out with two or three gold fish this year," she stated. "Then we decided to get eight fish and give each a name

of one of the first and second grade pupils. We studied what a balanced aquarium has — fish, plants and snails. We'd like to get some tadpoles to keep the water clear."

The year's project with pets has included collecting pictures of dogs, making a dog "chart" and a scrapbook with pictures of pets.

THE YOUNGSTERS have extended the project to their farm homes, Rosann Schwarz, 12, has a "sister" of Gismo. Owen Corbin, 12, has a pet canary and a dog. Donald Moore, 14, has a calf. James Crimmins, 6, has a bird dog "which unfortunately likes to kill chickens."

Other pupils at the school are Wanda Fargo, 14; James Bigler, 6; Judy Bigler, 7; Marilyn Anderson, 6; Robert Zweifel, 6; Joyce Fargo, 8; Jay Moore, 6; Sonja Lien, 11; Stephen Fargo, 9; Shirley Fargo, 12; Irvin Steinhauer, 7; Charles Johnson, 8; Leslie Johnson, 7.

Many of the pupils have parents who attended the same school many years ago. The teacher, Miss Marty, also has taught at the Klevenville school. During the war she served 2½ years in the marine corps.



# 1946-47 PICNIC



Cleo Julson (teacher)  
1967 photo



Back row: Sonja Lien, Shirley Fargo, unidentified, Wanda Fargo, Mrs. Julson, Owen Corbin, LaVerne Larson, Donald Moore  
Middle row: Leslie Johnson, Joyce Fargo, Charles Johnson, Steve Fargo. Front row: unidentified, Roger Zurbucken, Jay Moore, unidentified, Jim Bigler, Richard Fargo, Irv Steinhauer, Bill Steinhauer Jr. Inset: Rosann Schwarz



1947 - Donald Moore - age 14



1947 - Wanda Fargo - age 13



1947 - Owen Corbin - age 12



1947 - Sonja Lien - age 12

# 1947-48



Back Row: Don Moore, Owen Corbin, Wanda Fargo, Rosann Schwarz, Sonja Lien, Shirley Fargo. Middle Row: Joyce Fargo, Charles Johnson, Steve Fargo, Jim Crimmins. Front Row: Judy Bigler, Irv Steinhauer, Leslie Johnson, Jim Bigler, Jay Moore, LaVon Marty (teacher)



1947 - Rosann Schwarz - age 12



1947 - Shirley Fargo - age 12



1947 - Steve Fargo - age 9



1947 - Joyce Fargo - age 8



## SOCIETY \*\*NEWS AND VIEWS\*\*

The Mt. Horeb Carnival was all the boys and girls could talk about at the beginning of school. Those who went are: Rosann, Owen, Sonja, Charles and Leslie, Irvin, Jay, Jimmy, Robert, Marilyn, Judy and Jim Bigler.

During the past summer many Malone District people went on vacations. Sonja Lien and her parents went up in Northern Wis. for a week before school started. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steinhauer went on a trip up to Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Martinson visited Michigan, Indiana, and Southern Wis. Owen Corbin spent four weeks in South Dakota with his mother.

Many of our same families spent some days at the State Fair. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schwarz spent an night with Mr. Schwarz's sister in Milwaukee, on their visit to the fair. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steinhauer and the Richard Grind also visited the Fair.

Miss Marty has been busy attending meetings of teachers in this district. Monday, there was a meeting at Springdale Center School. Thursday, at Middleton, and this coming week, there will be an all day meeting at the Mt. Horeb High School. All teachers are required to attend.

Wanda Fargo spent the past week-end with her Grandmother in Black Earth. She also visited the Dentist on this trip.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMING EVENTS

By Wanda and Rosann

The Malone Mother's Club met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Webers, on Thursday Sept. 16, 1948, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Mothers that attended were Mrs. Fred Bigler, Mrs. Otto Shutvet, Mrs. Elmer Barry, Mrs. Sever Brostuen, Mrs. William Steinhauer, Mrs. Wallace Fargo, Mrs. Walter Schwarz, Mrs. Otto Benedicts, Mrs. Lon Corbin, Mrs. Laverne Johnson, Mrs. Gaylord Martinson, Mrs. Eric Lien, Mrs. Adolph Sutter, Mrs. Walter Zweifel.

We hope all the names are there and if not they will appear in the next issue.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. George Fargo, Blue Mounds, Wis. on October 7, 1948.

There will be hot lunches at school this year. Thanks to the School Board for repairing the old cook stove.

Many of the homes of our district are getting in the water system. A pleasure for you, aren't they mother?

The Lower Graders are planning a trip to the Zoo and Arboretum. Those who will be going are Jimmy Crimmins, Jim and Judy Bigler, Robert Zweifel, Marilyn Anderson, Irvin Steinhauer, Leslie and Charles Johnson, Joyce and Stephen Fargo, and Jay Moore. The exact date has not been set.

By the way, any news items you parents wished to add, send them to your editors above.

The rest of the seats have been ordered and are expected in a few weeks.

That's all for today.

Wanda and Rosann

## SPORTS

### MALONE LOSES LUKKEN

On September 16, 1948 we had a visiting team of ball players from Lukken School. They were visitors and were treated as such. They won the game 21 to 9.

We gave them a return game on Thursday and this time the score was more even. Yes, they won, but only the first. The last game we

won by a large score. Miss Marty pitched for us. Mrs. Johnson hit a triple. Come again Mrs. Johnson.

We want to thank Mrs. Corbin for coming along and cheering for us. It helps a lot.

Mt. Horeb Football Team played an interesting game against Middleton Friday Evening. The Score was 7-6 which tells us that Middleton must have given our home team a hard time. The team won its second victory at Mineral Point last week. We understand the team isn't too strong this year, but they seem to be doing fairly well.

Wisconsin Team was a sorry sight after the game on Sat. against Indiana. The score 35-7 sounds bad.

If the weather continues we hope to schedule ball games with Berg, Springdale, and Mt. Vernon Schools.

Stay nice weather! Midget Auto Races have again started in Chicago at Soldiers Field. They are really exciting, so Miss Marty says.

-----Donald Moore

Here are some tips about our soft-ball team. We have a good first baseman, Rosann, our pitcher, Owen is something to mention; Donald, yours truly is playing second base and center field. Third is covered by Sonja. Wanda and Shirley, with Charles never missed a ball in the field yet.

At this time I would like to thank the School Board, Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Corbin, and Mr. Steinhauer for the new bat and ball.

That's all for now.

Donald Moore

### OUR NEW CURTAINS

The last article is going to be set aside for a description of our new curtains.

As all of you know the Mother's Club bought them for us.

They have a white background with red roses and green leaves.

Come down and see them.

The hems were used for short curtains in the basement.

Thanks again, Mothers.

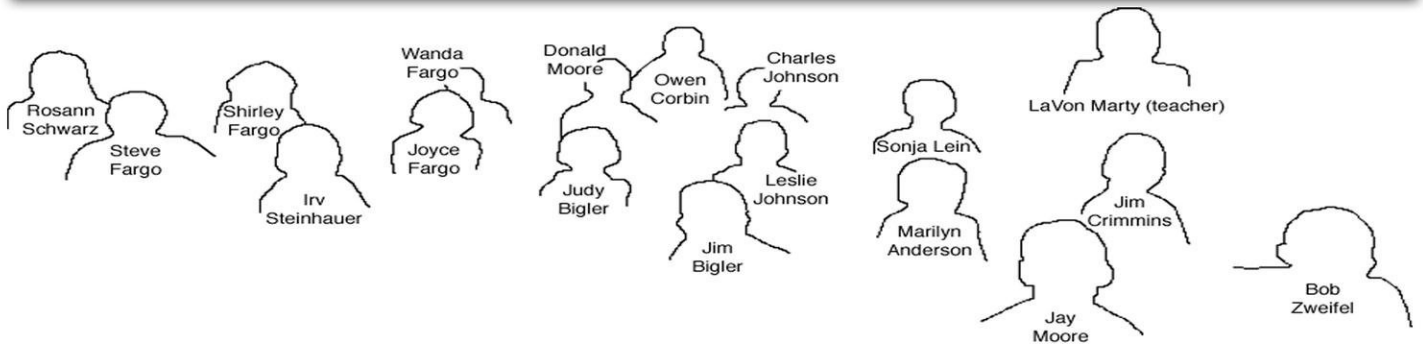
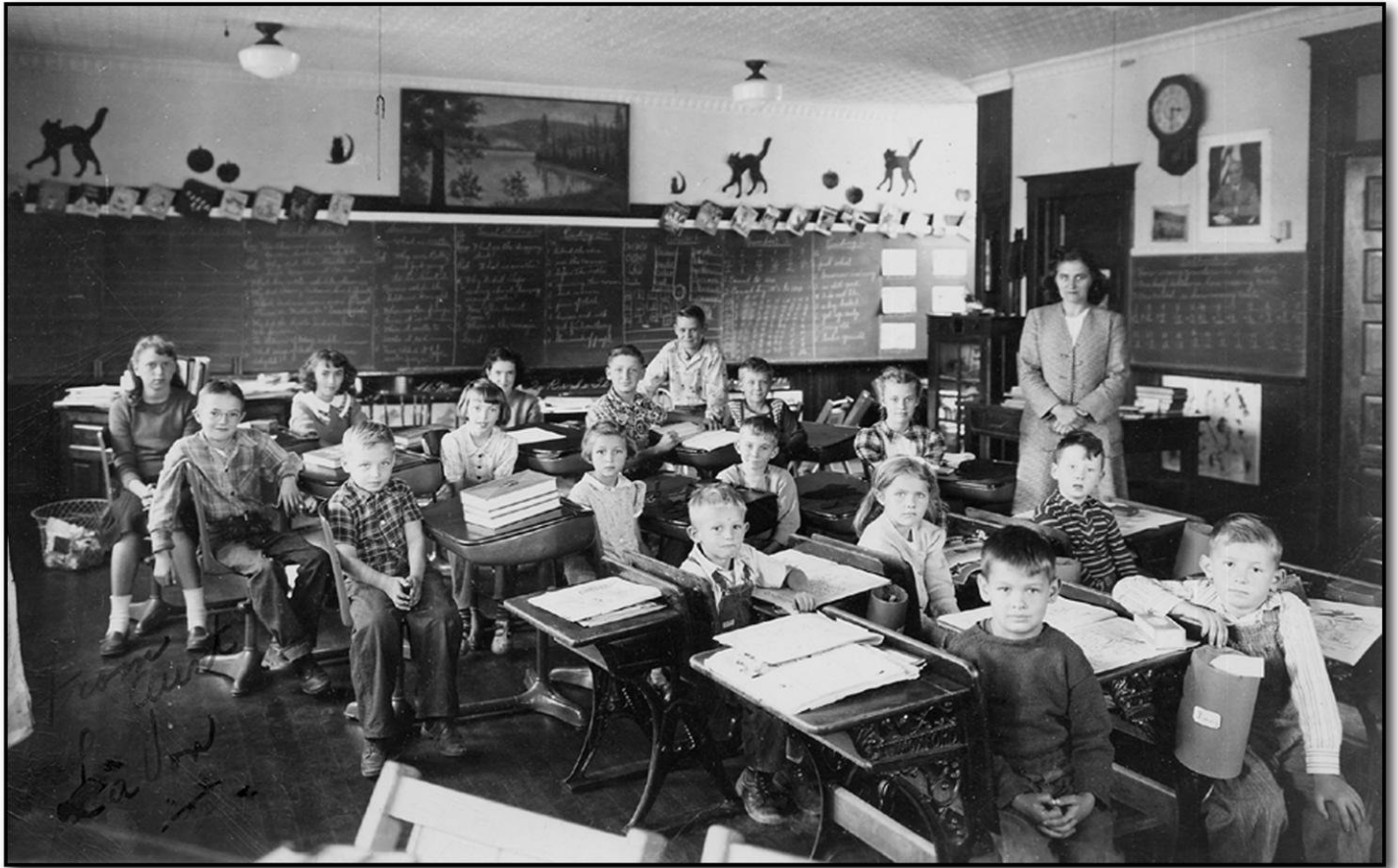
### CARD PARTIES

We will be giving card parties at school in a few weeks. Please attend these if you care to have fun.

It is through things like this that the Mother's Club will be able to get the school things we could not otherwise get.

Thank You.

# 1948-49



1947 - Judy Bigler - age 5



1947 - Leslie Johnson - age 8



1947 - Charles Johnson - age 8



1947 - Irv Steinhauer - age 7



# 1949-50



Back Row: LaVon Marty (teacher), Donald Moore, Sonja Lien, Shirley Fargo, Rosann Schwarz. Middle Row: Judy Bigler, Irv Steinhauer, Steve Fargo, Charles Johnson, Joyce Fargo, Leslie Johnson. Front Row: Jim Bigler, Richard Fargo, Marilyn Anderson, Nyla Docken, Jim Crimmins, Jay Moore, Bob Zweifel



Jim Bigler, Jim Crimmins - age 6



1947 - Robert Zweifel - age 6



1947 - Jay Moore - age 6

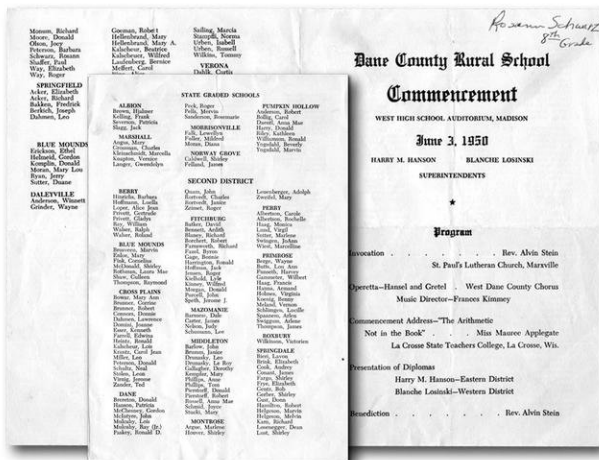


1947 - Marilyn Anderson - age 8

# 1950-51



Back row: Judy Bigler, Jim Crimmins, Bob Zweifel, Irv Steinhauer, Steve Fargo, Marilyn Anderson, Charles Johnson, Joyce Fargo, Mabel Hanna (teacher). Front row: Bill Steinhauer Jr, Jim Bigler, Dale Haak, Richard Fargo, Nyla Docken, Judy Martinson, Leslie Johnson



8th Grade Graduation 1950  
Shirley Fargo, Donald Moore, Rosann Schwarz

## MEMORIES: Judy (Martinson) Steinhauer (student 1950-58)

- Malone was the greatest group of kids
- Outdoor toilets
- Making hot lunch in basement
- Goiter pills
- Ballgames with other one room schools
- Christmas programs
- Picnics on the last day of school
- Walking home

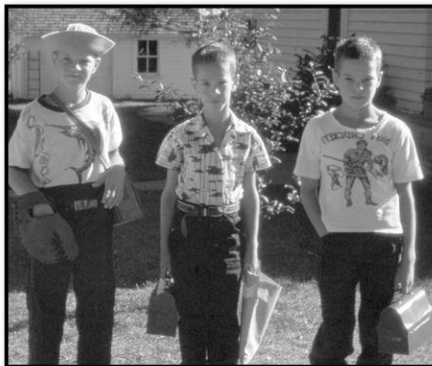
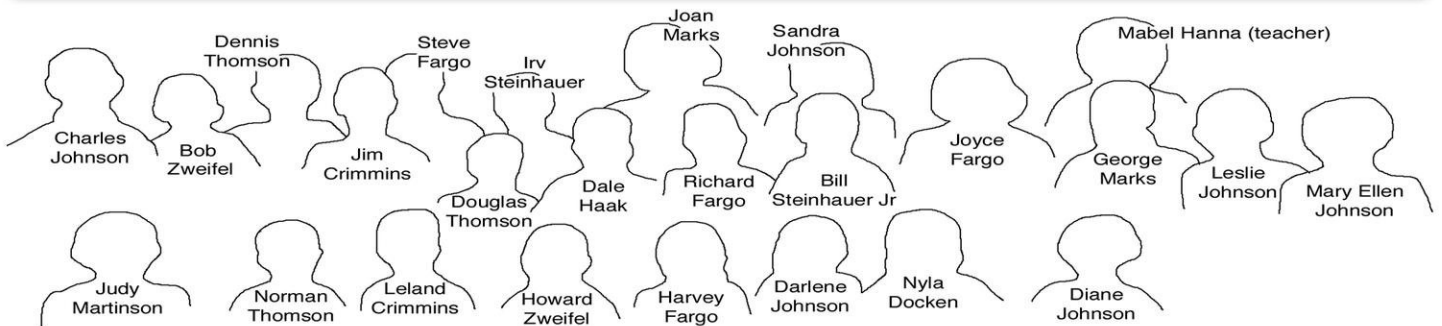
Judy's memories excerpted from  
*"The Martinsons of Springdale"*  
author Dorothy Schwarz Bliskey



First day of school 1942 or 43  
Rosann and Donald Schwarz



# 1951-52



Starting school 1954  
Norman, Roderic and Douglas Thomson

## MEMORIES: *Jim Crimmins* (student 1948-56)

Classmates: Bob Zweifel and Marilyn Anderson

- Sledding on Grinde's hill
- Damming the creek
- Playing Pom-pom pull-away and softball at recess
- Sand table projects
- Going with Grandpa Shutvet to stoke the coal furnace when I was very young.
- Outouses in the early years



Raising the flag 1952  
Norman Thomson, Joyce Fargo, Joan Marks

# 1952-53



Back row: Marilyn Anderson, Joan Marks, Charles Johnson, Jim Crimmins, unidentified, Bob Zweifel, George Marks, unidentified, Leslie Johnson, Mabel Hanna (teacher). Middle row: Nyla Docken, Judy Martinson, Richard Fargo, Dale Haak, Norman Thomson, Bill Steinhauer Jr, Douglas Thomson. Front row: Howard Zweifel, Roderic Thompson, unidentified, Dorothy Schwarz, unidentified, unidentified, Leland Crimmins

## MEMORIES: *Dorothy (Schwarz) Rindy-Bliskey* (student 1952-60)

Dorothy's classmates were Roderic Thomson and Harvey Fargo.

"From the hilltop where our farm was located on Malone Road, it seemed like about a 2-mile trek to the one-room Malone School at the bottom of the next hill. However, it was probably only a mile. It was an adventure to walk or bike it most days.

On cold or rainy mornings, we often caught a ride with John Thomson, our neighbor at the end of our quarter-mile long driveway. John was a botany professor at UW-Madison and had moved to Malone Road with his wife Olive around 1950. They had four sons – Dennis, Norman, Doug, Rod, and daughter Elizabeth. Rod, the youngest of the four boys, was my age. He and I, along with Harvey Fargo, made up a total of three students in our class each year. I can remember walking to Thomsons, stepping inside to wait for the boys to grab their lunches and books, and we'd all pile into John's car. One time someone slammed the car door on my fingers. I screamed. (To this day my pinkie is crooked.)

Have you ever tried popcorn as a breakfast cereal? I saw the Thomson boys do this back in the '50s – I suppose they ran out of cereal and were improvising. It's really tasty!

My first memories of grade school are when I started first grade and Olive Thomson made me my "first day of school" dress. It was navy blue with Swiss embroidery on the bottom. The beautiful fabric was from the Swiss Lace Factory in New Glarus – which is no longer there."



First day of school, Sept 1952. Roderic Thomson, Harvey Fargo, Nyla Docken, Judy Martinson, Dorothy Schwarz. Dorothy is wearing the dress Olive made for her.



"I can still feel the wind in my face as I rode up and down the hills to school on my bike. After turning left out of our farm driveway, it was an exhilarating downhill race to see how fast I could go and how far I could coast up the next hill. Once my bike stopped coasting uphill, I'd get off and walk it to the top. Then I'd pedal like crazy to descend the next and final hill on my way to school. The tricky part was being able to stop at the end of this long hill. Malone School was located straight ahead at the bottom of this hill, along Highway 92, which intersected with Malone Road. With a stop sign at the



Starting school, Sept 1952  
Douglas, Norman, Dennis, Roderic Thomson (and Cocoa)

bottom of Malone Road hill, there was always the chance, if you couldn't stop, that a collision could occur with vehicles passing by. My foot was riding the brake most all the way down this big hill, which was the final descent on my way to school. I can still hear the squealing of the bike brakes each time I applied them! Most of the time Russell, Rod, Doug and Norman were on their bikes too. We raced to see who could get there first. Malone Road was a busy one in the 1950s and 60s!

Often we'd walk to school. Or if John had given us a ride to school, we only had to walk home. Walks or bike rides home were more leisurely since we didn't have to meet the deadline of the 8:00 school bell ringing to tell us to be in our seats!

Two things usually happened on the way home from school, depending on the season. Both involved "finding" after school snacks along the way. Black walnuts were one treat. I remember a certain walnut tree along Malone

Road had a huge rock under it. I'd pick up a walnut, cradle it in a dimple of the big rock, and crack it with a smaller rock. Nothing tasted better than a fresh walnut on the walk home from school! To this day, black walnuts are my favorite nut. Another treat along the route home were the grapes in Thomson's yard. Russ and I would stop with the Thomson boys and grab a handful of luscious purple grapes when in season. I can still see those vines, Thomson's house, and the taste of those juicy grapes!

Grade school days were great. The sound of the school bell, the sight of friends running around the yard playing pump-pump-pull-away or Fox and Goose, or riding the merry go round my dad built are all quite vivid as I write. The smell of the country air and the sounds of spring birds singing while we played is a beautiful memory. Lunch hour and recess were favorite times. I can still feel what it was like to sit outside the school on a nice day with friends and cousins (Jo and Judy Martinson), eating the lunch I had packed in my tin lunch pail that day. Usually it was a bologna sandwich, a piece of fruit or a tomato, and either one of mom's cookies or a store bought treat like a Twinkie! Sometimes we could take something to heat up in the kitchen downstairs.

One Malone memory is of the Malone Mothers Club. Once a month or so they would meet in the basement while we were still in session upstairs in the school room. My mother, Benunie, was a member of the group. What I so enjoyed was going downstairs after school to see what they were up to... and what they had to eat! The smell of coffee perking and the tastes of their cakes are embedded in my brain forever. In later years, I enjoyed hearing my mother's tales of trips the Mothers Club went on and the parties they had – even after she was 80! Mother, who died in 1999 at age 87, was a Mothers Club member all her life. Today, there are still women in the 80s and 90s enjoying the Malone Mothers Club gatherings."

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Joan and Judy Martinson, Dorothy Schwarz, Leah Loeffel



Dorothy arrives home from school



Christmas 1953.  
The three in front are Joan and Judy Martinson, Doug Thomson



1954 - Rosann  
and Dorothy Schwarz

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“In the Malone classroom it was usually pretty quiet. The rest of us were reading or studying while the teacher had a class up front. Often, one of the older kids would take over or help the teacher with a class if she had to work with a student one-on-one. Unknown to us at the time, it was a great teaching experience for the older students! I was one who got to take over classes when I was in the upper grades. It was such fun to help the younger kids learn. Little did we realize we were learning valuable lessons as impromptu teachers. My favorite teacher was Mrs. Rose Einerson, and I also had Mrs. Gilbertson and Mrs. Ringhand. I recall one of them telling me I’d go places with my writing some day. I think it was after a couple of writing assignments where we had to write a short story and write our own obituary (a clever way to predict what our life might be like.) I recall that the short story I wrote was so gruesome it scared even me! I created the story in my head on walks home from school.

I graduated from eighth grade at Malone School in 1960 – one of the last years it operated. My brother Russell was in the last graduating class in 1962. Those eight years hold some of the best memories of my life.

To think of so many of my family members attending Malone School is very special. Three generations served on the school board – my great grandfather Torkel Martinson, my grandfather Martin Martinson, and my dad Walter Schwarz. I believe my great grandfather, Torkel Martinson, helped construct the Malone School.”

*Dorothy's memories  
excerpted from  
'The Martinsons of Springdale'  
author Dorothy Schwarz Bliskey*



8th Grade Graduates 1960  
Dorothy Schwarz, Mrs. Ringhand (teacher), Harvey Fargo, Roderic Thomson



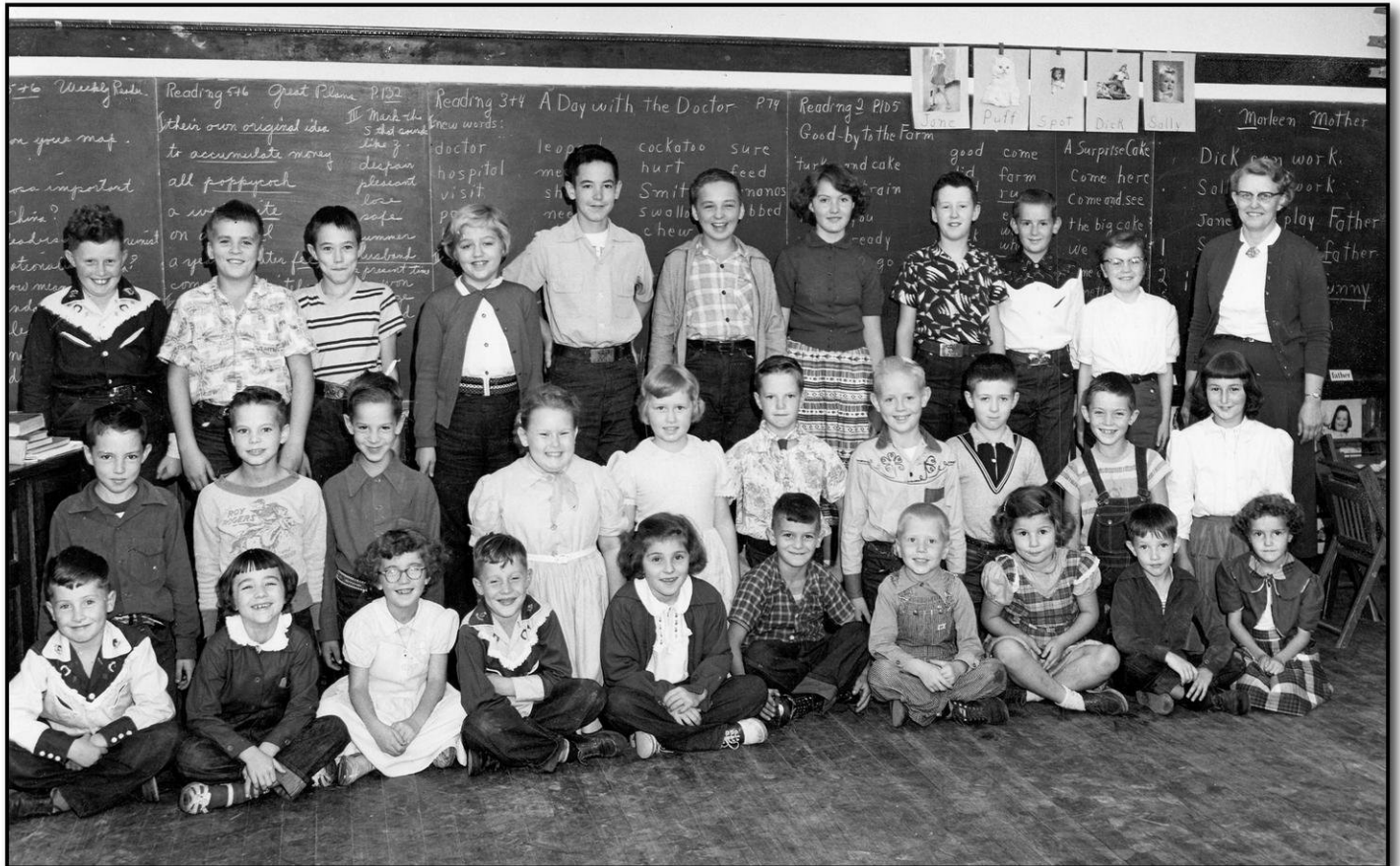
1953 Picnic



1953 Picnic - Roderic Thomson, Bob Zweifel



# 1954-55



Back row: Dale Haak, Bill Steinhauer Jr, Richard Fargo, Judy Martinson, Dennis Thomson, Irv Steinhauer, Marilyn Anderson, Jim Crimmins, Bob Zweifel, Nyla Docken, Florence Gilbertson (teacher). Middle row: Harvey Fargo, Douglas Thomson, Roderic Thomson, Charlotte Gudgeon, Dorothy Schwarz, Norman Thomson, Howard Zweifel, Leland Crimmins, Bill McMahon, Sharon McMahon. Front row: Don Haak, Joan Martinson, Cathy McMahon, Tom Haak, Leah Loeffel, Richard Evanson, Russell Schwarz, Bonita Loeffel, Dennis Fargo, Marlene Zweifel.



Malone group at Music Festival May 1954

Clockwise from left: Norman Thomson, Douglas Thomson, Bill Steinhauer Jr, Richard Fargo, unidentified, unidentified, Marilyn Anderson, Judy Martinson, Irv Steinhauer, Orpha Steinhauer (chaperone), Jim Crimmins



Helen and Nyla Docken, August Corniel



Mabel Hanna (teacher)

# JUNE SCHOOL

# 1953 PICNIC



Nels Docken, Walter and Benunie Schwarz



Orpha Steinhauer, Lucille Zweifel



Thelma, Marilyn and Albert Anderson



Standing in back: Nyla Docken, Judy Martinson. Middle row: Richard Fargo, Dorothy Schwarz, unidentified, Charlotte Gudgeon, unidentified, Norman Thomson, Roderic Thomson. Front row: Joan Martinson, Russell Schwarz, unidentified, Jerry Martinson



Standing in back: Elsie Grinde, Lucille Zweifel, Alice Jolly, Margie Webber, Doris Fargo, Eunice Gudgeon, Elsie Crimmins, Evelyn Evanson, Shirley Martinson. Front row: Jerry Martinson, Russell Schwarz, unidentified, unidentified, Dorothy Schwarz, Benunie Schwarz



# 1955-56



Back row: Marilyn Anderson, Bob Zweifel, Jim Crimmins, Dorothy Schwarz, Bill Steinhauer Jr, Richard Fargo, Dale Haak, Judy Martinson, Nyla Docken, Sharon McMahon, Florence Gilbertson (teacher), Norman Thomson. Middle row: Howard Zweifel, Douglas Thomson, Leland Crimmins, Roderic Thomson, Harvey Fargo, Charlotte Gudgeon, Leah Loeffel, Joan Martinson, Bill McMahon, Don Haak. Front row: Tom Haak, Bonita Loeffel, Richard Evanson, Russell Schwarz, Dennis Fargo, Marlene Zweifel, Marilyn Haak, Cathy McMahon, Perry McMahon, David Guegon.

**ATTENDANCE**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Times Tardy	0	0	0	0	0	1
Days Absent	0	0	0	1	4	2
Days present	30	30	30	29	26	28
Height	47½	49½			49½	
Weight	45	50	44	50	52	55

For the year 1955-1956

**Progress Report**

To Parents:  
 Democracy is a way of living that demands the highest physical, emotional, social and intellectual development of each member. At school we are trying, as you are in the home, to direct the growth of your child so that he may live wisely and effectively as an individual and as a member of a democratic group.

Children differ in interests, abilities, past experiences, and the rate at which they grow. In this report we are trying to describe your child's progress rather than to compare him with other children.

Signatures:  
 Child: *Robert Zweifel*  
 Teacher: *Lillian Marty*

PARENT'S SIGNATURE  
 1. *Mrs. Walter F. Zweifel*  
 2. *Mrs. Walter F. Zweifel*

Howard and Robert Zweifel

Robert Zweifel  
 (student 1948-56)

**Eighth Grade Certificate of Promotion**  
**West Dane County**

This Certifies That  
**Robert S. Zweifel**

has completed the Course of Study prescribed by Law for the Elementary Schools of Wisconsin, and therefore merits this  
**Certificate of Promotion**  
 which entitles the holder to any

ROSEMOUNT TOWNSHIP  
 Lawrence B. Buehler  
 Edwin F. Dunlop  
 James V. Harbeck  
 Charles J. Kiehl  
 Joseph E. Keim

FRIENDSHIP TOWNSHIP  
 Marlene Jean Anderson  
 Joseph F. Bigler  
 James J. Cramer  
 Donald Daniel Frick  
 William J. Craggins  
 James H. Cummings  
 Jean Marie Guegon  
 Vernon J. Haak  
 Mary E. Koch  
 Donald J. Lee  
 Catherine E. Lent  
 Robert L. Muehlen  
 Kevin Thomas Neumann  
 Thomas James Schenert  
 Robert L. Shively  
 Stuart James Wenzel  
 Robert J. Zarembki

VERMONT TOWNSHIP  
 Bruce Altonson  
 Frances Johnson  
 Katherine A. Koehler  
 Elizabeth Langenberger

VERONA TOWNSHIP  
 Eugene Wayne Coss  
 Marilyn Ann Hindrich  
 Deborah Loretta Howell  
 Phyllis May Menden  
 Eugene Joseph Shearer  
 Ruth Elizabeth Stork  
 William J. West  
 James Winkelman

CAMP RIDGES SCHOOL  
 Robert Jay Beck  
 William H. DeHaven

West Dane County  
**Commencement**  
 Middleton High School

June 2, 1956

County Superintendent, Blanche Loinski

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 DANES SCHOOL  
 James V. Harbeck  
 Lois Ann Haak  
 Hilda Thompson  
 Hilda Thompson

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 SCHOOL  
 Jerry L. Dodge  
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 Sharon Ann Lange  
 Patricia Louise Ruffing

PACELI SCHOOL  
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 Phillip Heintzel  
 Bruce Kieber  
 Erik Ben Sahliou

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 Joseph J. Kiefer  
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 Duane J. Kiefer  
 Roger F. Kiefer  
 Patricia K. McAdams  
 James A. McAdams  
 James H. Neering  
 Leonard S. Nelson  
 Thomas D. Seaton  
 James E. Winkler

FRIENDLY SCHOOL  
 Gerald Boy

8th Grade Graduation 1956  
 Marilyn Anderson, Jim Bigler, Jim Crimmins, Robert Zweifel

# 1956-57



Back row: Charlotte Gudgeon, Roderic Thomson, Norman Thomson, Dale Haak, Bill Steinhauer Jr, Richard Fargo, Nyla Docken, Judy Martinson, Dorothy Schwarz, Sharon McMahan, Florence Gilbertson (teacher), Douglas Thomson. Middle row: Harvey Fargo, Don Haak, Bill McMahan, Leland Crimmins, Howard Zweifel, Leah Loeffel, Joan Martinson, Cathy McMahan, Bonita Loeffel, Tom Haak, Richard Evanson, Cocoa (dog). Front row: Dennis Fargo, Russell Schwarz, Jerry Martinson, Perry McMahan, Marlene Zweifel, Lynn Loeffel, Marilyn Haak, Terry Haak, Dave Gudgeon.

## **MEMORIES: *Russell Schwarz*** (student 1954-62)

Russell recalls putting on the annual Christmas program, complete with plays, poems, recitations of short poems from memory, and a program.

"We'd push the desks out of the way and hang a curtain across the front of the room. Olive Thomson always helped with the program. My aunt Huldah became distraught at one play about old people because it hit her that she would have no children to take care of her in her old age. This was at the time that her folks lived in the upstairs of her house, under her watchful eye.

Our neighbors, the John Thomson family represented 10-20% of our local one-room Malone School, where the student count varied from 20-29 students during my 8 years from 1954 to 1962. I, along with two others in my grade, was in the final graduating class at Malone School. That last year I carried first grader, Elizabeth Thomson to school on the back of my bike several times. Other days I got rides to school from Mr. Thomson as he drove to the University of Wisconsin for his teaching job.

My folks took pride in the fact that they had both attended the same grade school. Malone School served the Malone valley and only one set cousins attended with us — the Gaylord and Shirley Martinson kids... Judy, Joey, Jerry, and twins Jan and Joy. We all have a special bond based on Malone School and shared memories. Other nearby cousins however got involved with us at Malone for some occasional school softball games. The Dettwiler cousins formed a fearsome core of unbeatable ball players at the nearby Springdale Center grade school, and our pathetic teams always got slaughtered when we met. Talk about coed... we could not field a full team of upper graders (5-8th) unless the girls played... they were our bigger and better players anyway.



# CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

# 1957

- School Christmas Program 1957*
1. Welcome - Primary boys & girls
  2. Poem - Saint Nick - David Judson
  3. Poem - My Gifts - Dianne Fargo
  4. Song - This Old Man - Grades 1-4
  5. Poem - I Wish - Jerry Martinson
  6. Poem - Christmas Present - Lynn Loeffel
  7. Poem - So Big & Brave - Gordon Cimminis
  8. Play - Friday Afternoon Compositions
  9. Poem - I'm Worried - Harvey Fargo
  10. Poem - My Problem - Dick Evanson
  11. Poem - A Visit to Santa Land - Russell Schwanz
  12. Poem - Postponed - Luetta Loeffel
  13. Poem - The Best I Can Do - Howard Johnson
  14. Play - A Sick Pupil
  15. Group Singing - Whole School
  16. Poem - Looking Forward - Marleen Zweifel
  17. Poem - Little Tigger - Rod Thomson
  18. Poem - Waiting - Dennis Fargo
  19. Play - The Christmas Dinner
  20. Piano Solo - Judy Martinson
  21. Poem - Good Night Everybody - Bonnie Loeffel



Bill Steinhauer Jr (decorating tree), Dorothy Schwarz (lower right)



Roderic Thomson, Jerry Martinson, Santa Claus



Delma

# 1957



## SCHOOL TRIP TO TOUR THE HOME OF DELMA (DONALD) WOODBURN



Bill Steinhauer Jr, Leland Crimmins



Roderic Thomson, Bill Steinhauer Jr,  
Dorothy Schwarz, Joan Martinson



Marlene Zweifel, Joan Martinson



Jerry Martinson, Gene Swenson, Howard Johnson

### MEMORIES: *Joan (Martinson) Sholdt* (student 1953-61)

"Malone School memories that stand out include softball games, sledding on Grinde's field, the wonderful Christmas programs that included songs, plays and reciting of poems. I recall taking goiter pills routinely, saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and putting the flag up and down each day. We had fun traveling to other country schools for competitive softball games. The end of the year picnics and play days are great memories as well.

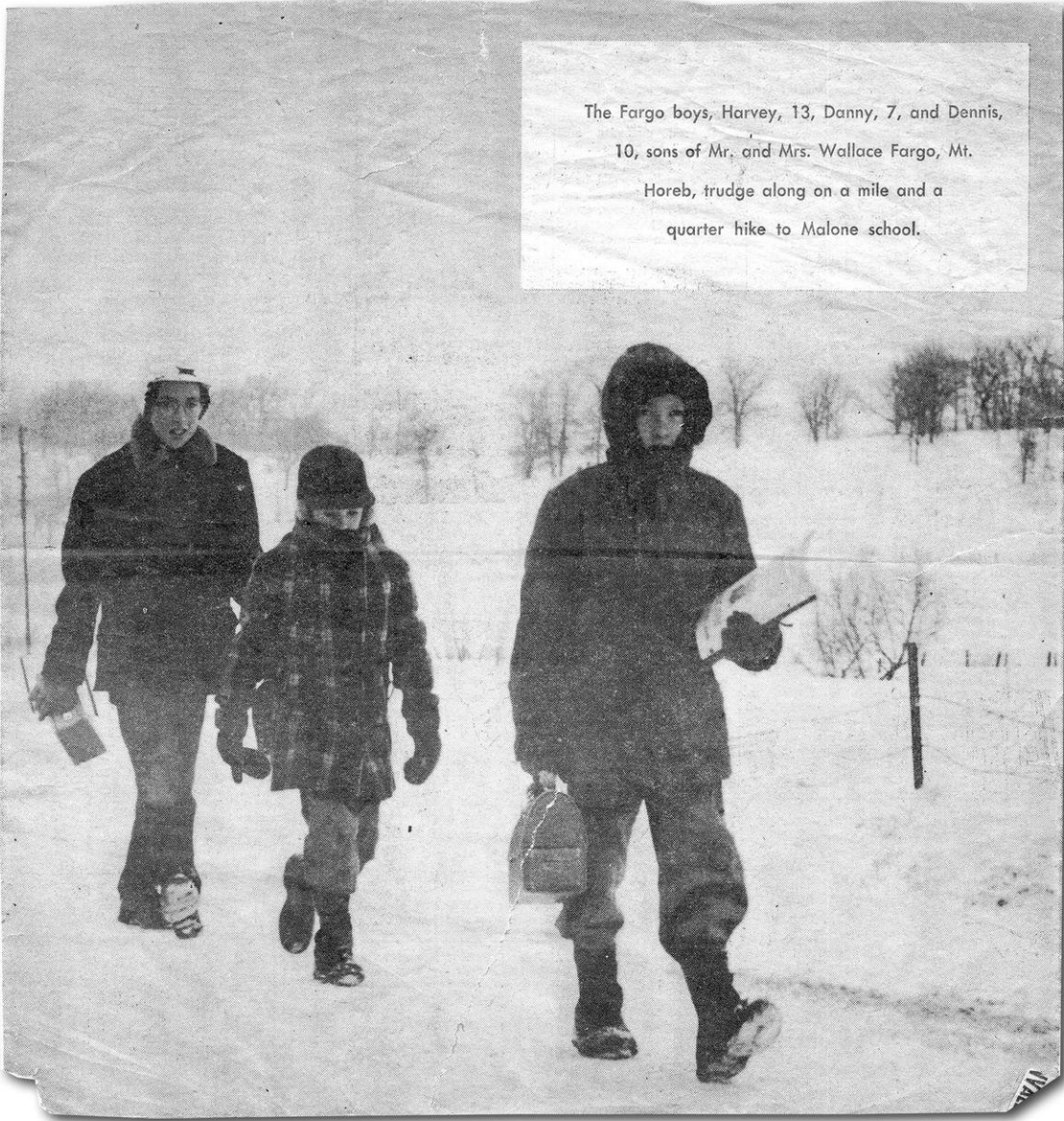
Field trips were memorable. I recall we once took a train trip to Chicago, and I think the buttered noodles we had for lunch on the train were the best I ever had. We also went to Delma Woodburn's beautiful home in Madison and that has come back to me in my dreams. I believe it was there that we saw a wonderful organ.

And I can still smell the hot lunches that were put together in the basement kitchen at Malone School. No matter what was prepared, it was good. And the hot soup on cold winter days, especially after being outside playing, was the best. To this day, I become nostalgic over a can of chicken noodle soup."

*quote above excerpted from 'The Martinsons of Springdale', author Dorothy Schwarz Bliskey*



The Fargo boys, Harvey, 13, Danny, 7, and Dennis, 10, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Fargo, Mt. Horeb, trudge along on a mile and a quarter hike to Malone school.



The Fargo family  
1957

Steve  
Joyce, Wanda, Shirley  
Harvey, Mary  
Dennis, Danne

# 1958 GRADUATION

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	FIFTH		SIXTH	
	Satisfactory Progress	Needs Improvement	Satisfactory Progress	Needs Improvement
Seems to have good general health and energy	✓		✓	
Practices good health habits	✓		✓	
Shows physical skill and coordination	✓		✓	
<b>SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT</b>				
Gets along with others	✓		✓	
Does his share in a group activity	✓		✓	
Accepts authority	✓		✓	
Shows leadership	✓		✓	
<b>PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SELF-DIRECTION</b>				
Thinks for himself	✓		✓	
Shows self-confidence and poise	✓		✓	
Cares for property	✓		✓	
Is creative and resourceful	✓		✓	
Has a variety of interests	✓		✓	
<b>WORK HABITS</b>				
Listens to and follows directions	✓		✓	
Has materials ready and starts promptly	✓		✓	
Finishes work on time	✓		✓	
Takes pride in neat, accurate work	✓		✓	

Pro.

**SPEAKING**  
Expresses ideas  
Speaks clearly  
Uses correct

**READING**  
Shows growth  
Reads with pleasure  
Reads widely

**WRITING**  
Expresses ideas  
Shows creative  
Writes legibly  
Spells correctly

**SOCIAL STUDY**  
Is interested in  
Contributes to  
Gathers pertinent  
Draws valid conclusions  
Organizes and  
Builds new and  
everyday lives

**ART**  
Enjoys art activity  
Shows skill in his  
Shows creative ability

**MUSIC**

ATTENDANCE	Grade 5					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Times Tardy	0	1	1	3	0	3
Days Absent	1	1	1	0	0	1
Days present	27	27	28	29	30	28
Height	5'1"					5'1 1/4"
Weight	127	130	125	130	130	130

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

1. Mrs. Clifford E. Martinson

2. Mrs. Clifford E. Martinson

3. Mrs. Clifford E. Martinson

Mrs. Clifford E. Martinson

Grade 5

For the year 1957-1958

**Progress Report**

To Parents:  
Democracy is a way of living that demands the highest physical, emotional, social and intellectual development of each member. At school we are trying, as you are in the home, to direct the growth of your child so that he may live wholesomely and effectively as an individual and as a member of a democratic group.

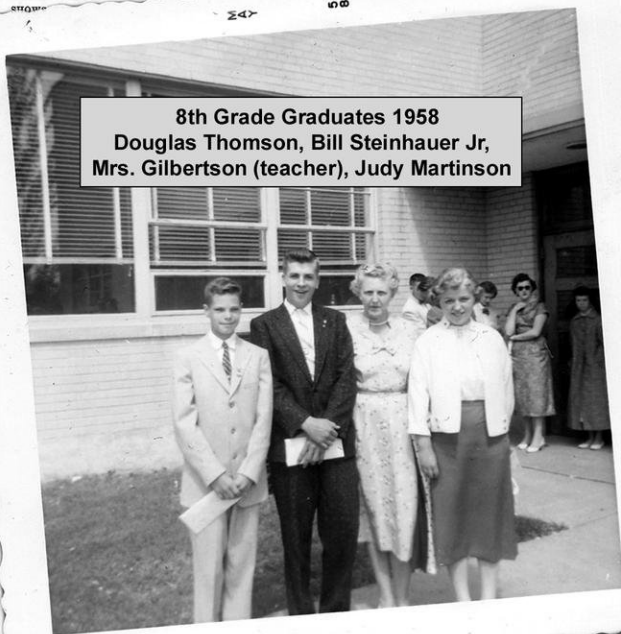
Children differ in interests, abilities, past experiences, and the rate at which they grow. In this report we are trying to describe your child's progress rather than to compare him with other children.

Pupil: Judith Martinson

Grade: 7

Teacher: Mrs. Gilbertson

County Superintendent of Schools  
WEST DANE COUNTY



8th Grade Graduates 1958  
Douglas Thomson, Bill Steinhauer Jr,  
Mrs. Gilbertson (teacher), Judy Martinson



- EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES—1958**
- BERRY**  
Joyce Kalkow  
Calvin Keel  
Karen Kretschmer  
Shirley Krueger  
Ronald Nienhart  
Anna Walser  
Betty Ann Williams
- BLUM MENDES**  
Terry Cross  
Kay Louise Herby  
Jo Ann Mae Johnson  
Douglas L. Grogan  
Janice Lucille Paulson  
Jo Ann Marie Woods
- DAVE**  
Karen Elaine Loper  
Daniel Thomas Muehaly
- FITCHBURG**  
Gerald Darrow  
Elizabeth Ann Dunn  
William David Dunn  
Andreas Lapsmark  
Robert Leubner  
William Loebck  
Charles McGibbon  
Nancy Warner
- MIDDLETON**  
Margaret Susan Jonhoff  
JoAnn Rollins  
Martin Overt Schwann
- MONTROSS**  
Nancy Mae Anderson  
James E. Fahy  
Joanne Heertz  
Kenneth H. Judd  
Roger W. McInerger  
William John Murphy  
William P. Falk  
Sharon Lynn Wells  
Suzanne Katherine Wiese
- PERRY**  
Donald O. Ayen  
Karen Jean Backingham  
Terrance D. Cleary
- DOLAN**  
Irene Duffy  
Linda Louise Finow  
Roger A. Kittelson  
Howard Dennis Knudsen  
Roland Leonard Knudsen  
Janice Kathleen Loken  
James W. McKern  
Donna Louise Paulson  
Celeste Smith
- PELHAM**  
Sandra Egan  
Roger Stanley Finko  
Bonnie Kay Furest  
Arlis Hunsal  
David A. Hunsal  
Sharon Kay Johnson  
Beth Elizabeth Koenig  
John Carl Kvanne  
Constance Marly  
Herbert Owen Meier  
Beverly Jean Nieland  
Eugene A. Sherven  
Matthew Jim Suther  
Maurice Elton Towse  
Victor Ann Tramer
- ROXBURY**  
Lenna Schaller  
Jeanne Gruenwald
- SPRINGDALE**  
Joan Alice Andrews  
Ronald P. Bell  
Jacqueline Ann Getchick  
Sharon Rose Hamilton  
Frederick Richard Henshel  
Wayne Charles Hankel  
Dorothy Rose Heffey  
Karen Kay Hepler  
Dorothy Edna Kall  
Judith Diane Martinson  
Ronald R. Moore  
Walter R. Mueller  
Dorothy LeVonne Peterson  
Dennis W. Rike  
Sharon Louise Sowl  
William J. Steinhauer  
Dale Alice Steinhauer  
Douglas E. Thomson  
Marie Alice Wittwer  
Barbara Anne Zurbuchen

West Dane County

Commencement

Middleton High School

May 24, 1958

County Superintendent, Blanche Losinski

## Wisconsin Public Schools



This Certifies That  
**Judith Diane Martinson**

has completed the Course of Study prescribed by Law for the Elementary Schools of Wisconsin, and therefore merits this

**Certificate of Promotion**  
which entitles the holder to admission to any High School in the State.

Given at Middleton, Wisconsin,  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1958

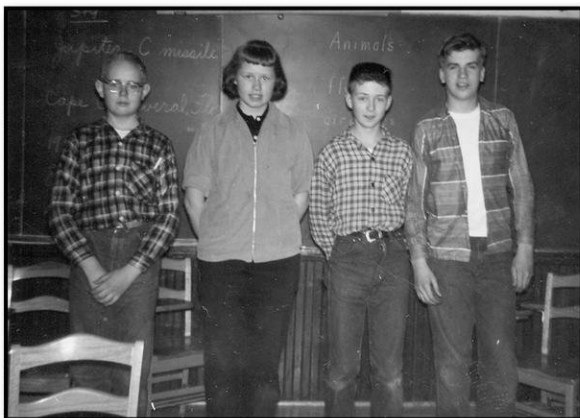
*Blanche Losinski*  
County Superintendent



# 1958-59



Back row: Mrs. Ringhand (teacher), Harvey Fargo, Bonita Loeffel, LaVern Thompson, Howard Zweifel, Dorothy Schwarz, Leland Crimmins, Charlotte Gudgeon, Roderic Thomson. Middle row: Gordon Crimmins, Lynn Loeffel, Dennis Fargo, Marlene Zweifel, Russell Schwarz, Leah Loeffel, Joan Martinson, Steve Leuzinger, David Gudgeon, Jim Leuzinger. Front row: Eugene Leuzinger, Janice Leuzinger, Howard Johnson, LaVon Thompson, Danne Fargo, Luetta Loeffel, Jerry Martinson.



1958 School Club Officers - Howard Zweifel, Dorothy Schwarz, Leland Crimmins, Bill Steinbauer Jr



Fall of 1959 - Roderic Thomson, Russell Schwarz

# 1960-61



Back row: Jim Leuzinger, Marlene Zweifel, Steve Leuzinger, Bonita Loeffel, Charlotte Gudgeon, Leah Loeffel, Joan Martinson, Russell Schwarz, Lynn Loeffel, David Gudgeon, Mrs. Keiffer (teacher). Middle row: Gary Leuzinger, LaVon Thompson, Luetta Loeffel, Eugene Leuzinger, Dennis Fargo, Jerry Martinson, Howard Johnson, Danne Fargo, Janice Leuzinger. Front row: Jan Martinson, Joy Martinson, Beth Loeffel, Blain Whitman, Randy Whitman, Karen Johnson



8th Grade Graduates 1961  
Joan Martinson, Charlotte Gudgeon, Leah Loeffel  
Mrs. Kieffer (teacher)

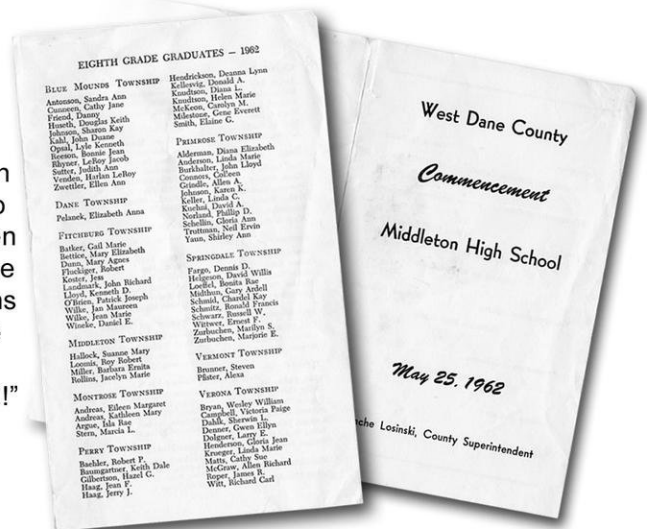
## MEMORIES:

### Leah Loeffel

(student 1953-61)

"I remember when someone broke into the school and when arriving at school we found dead chickens at the bottom of the stairs.

We got the day off!!"



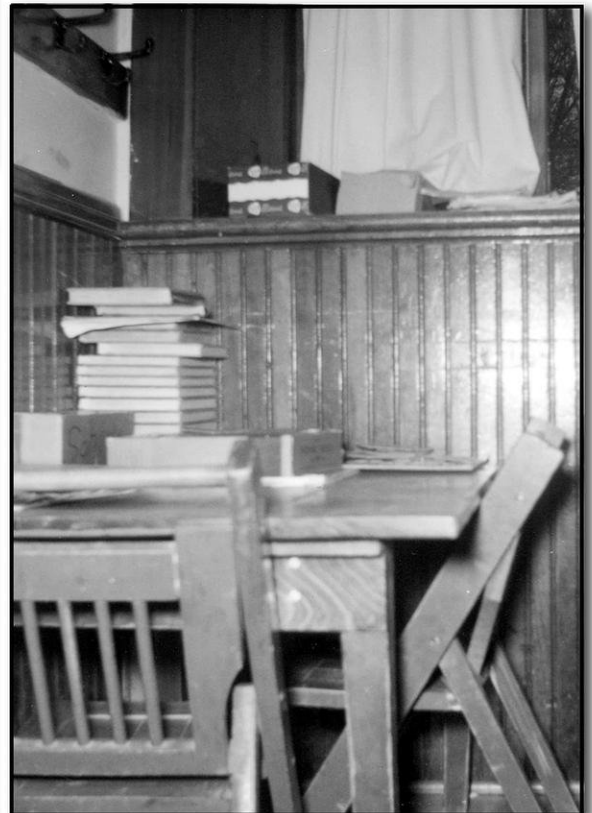
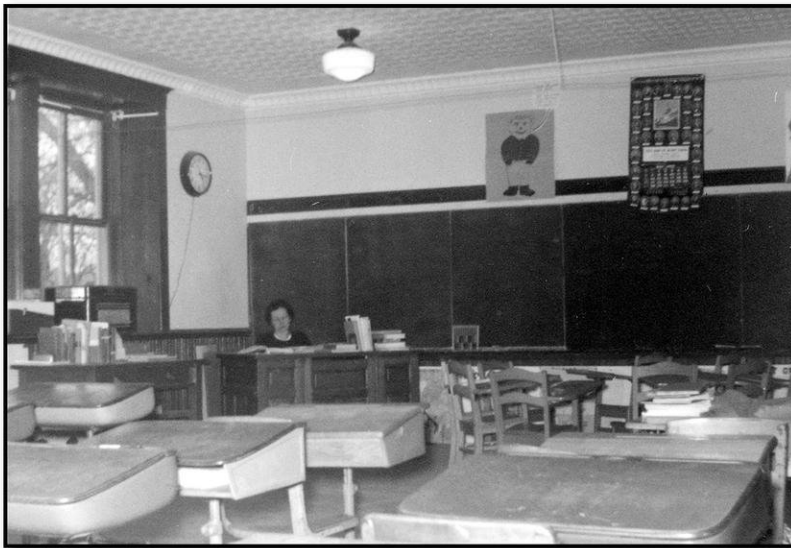
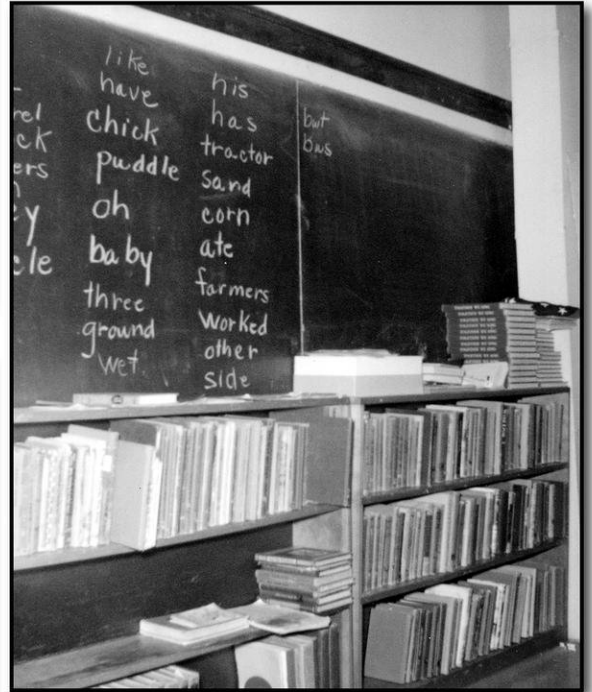
8th Grade Graduation 1962  
Dennis Fargo, Bonita Loeffel, Russell Schwarz



# 1962

"The Malone School was always a well kept up, good building. Everybody was proud to be a part of it."

*Isabel Lienau* (teacher 1961-62)



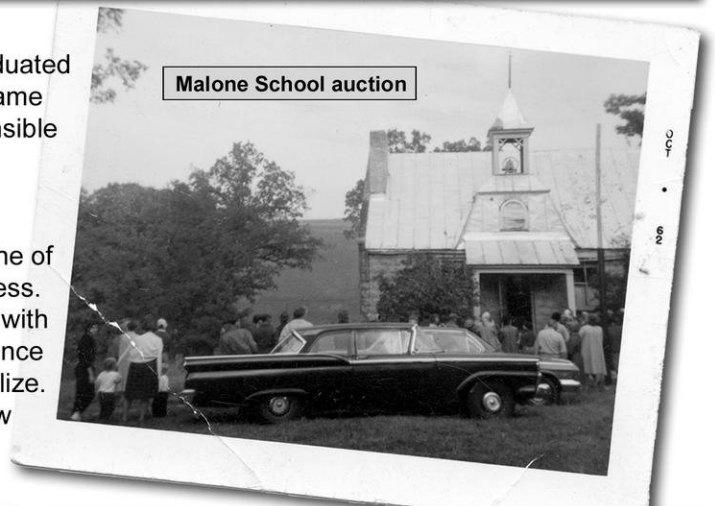
**MEMORIES:**  
**Joy (Martinson) Green**  
*(student 1960-62)*

“My twin sister, Jan, and I attended Malone School in first and second grade, then the school closed in 1962. I remember the picnics, with the lawn cleanup, bonfires and wiener roasts. I had a crush on Jim Leuzinger, and I have memories of chasing him around the bases when he played softball. I have a vague memory of Steve Leuzinger jumping down the stairway, and crashing through the landing. I remember Beth Loeffel banging her forehead on the merry-go-round, and there was lots of blood.

We would watch the lessons being given to the older classes. The library was very small, and after going through the books for beginning readers, I quickly graduated to the volumes meant for older students. Learning always came easy to me. I believe the one-room environment was responsible for the ‘jump start’ in my education.

And what can I say about the building itself? It’s a tiny architectural gem, a thing of beauty and a source of pride.

Having only spent two years there, I don’t have a large cache of memories from Malone, but I do think back with much fondness. When we lost our rural schools, we lost that daily interaction with our community. Also lost were many lessons teaching tolerance and compassion for our neighbors. We had to learn to socialize. We had to learn to compromise. We could not afford to throw away our friendships.”



1961 or 62 Picnic - Janice Leuzinger seated, center



1961 or 62 Picnic - Jan Martinson, Beth Loeffel, unidentified, Joy Martinson



## Typical of Rural School Demise

# Close Doors Wednesday At Malone Rural School

By JERRY AMBELANG  
(Capital Times Staff Writer)

MT. HOREB—When the door closes Wednesday at Malone School, located on a picturesque hillside site four miles south of Mt. Horeb, it will make not only the end of the school year, but also the shutdown of another rural school.

The sorrowful ceremony of closing a school with pupils moving elsewhere for classes will be carried out throughout the state this year as small school boards react to the law of economics, offer of a better curriculum, or to the state law requiring schools to attach to a district operating a high school by July 1.

The Malone school, a sturdy stone-block unit with gleaming galvanized roof, is one that is bowing to curriculum improvement.

Initial voter meetings had the proponents and opponents for attaching to Mt. Horeb evenly split, according to Walter Schwarz, chairman of the school board.

Most of the opposition came from parents who did not want to have their younger children ride the bus to the more distant school, he added. Serving on the school board with Schwarz are Art Sutter and Herman Frye.

The fate of the school, which served as a social center for the area, was decided at an April public hearing when the Dane County School Committee acted on a petition to dissolve the district and attach it to Mt. Horeb.

Few will deny that a larger school district offers many advantages such as organized gym activities, more complete art and music instruction, better educational facilities, library advantages, to name a few.

But many like the teacher at Malone School, Mrs. Isabel Leinau, Mt. Horeb, feel that certain things will be lost in the move, namely things that help form the basic characters of the children.

Most of the 27 youngsters here live within a two-mile radius of school and the majority walk to and from classes. Many observations are reported to fellow pupils as a result of these walks. Self-reliance, and heartiness may be byproducts.



Pupils will attend classes at Malone School southeast of Mt. Horeb for the last time Wednesday. Next year they will become a part of the student body at Mt. Horeb. The school stands solid in the background as some of the 27 pupils

play ball. Girls are a necessary part of the team because of the lack of sufficient boys for the games. Luetta Loeffel is the batter. (Burns Studio photos)



First and second graders have their reading classes together. The teacher, Mrs. Isabel Leinau, said the first graders must work harder initially in joint classes such as this but react well. From left, around the circle are Beth Loeffel, Joy

Martinson and Jan Martinson, Gary Luezing, Mrs. Leinau, Elizabeth Thompson, Steve Bollig, Jimmy Hanson, Mary Fargo, Randy Wittman and Karen Johnson. Arithmetic is one subject that is taught alone, said Mrs. Leinau.

# SCHOOL CLOSING

in the one-room school smaller and bigger children are mixed, and "older children learn to be careful of younger ones," Mrs. Leinau said.

It is difficult to determine how much a youngster learns from hearing older ones recite, the instructor said, but some of the knowledge is retained.

The petite and energetic Mrs. Leinau loves teaching at Malone, but is looking forward to instructing a third grade class at Mt. Horeb elementary school next year. The advantages there will be many, she said.

The children are sharply divided about the forthcoming change, but all have definite opinions. Howard Johnson and Lynn Loeffel are two that "would rather stay here," while Debby Hanson and David Gudgeon "look forward to school at Mt. Horeb."

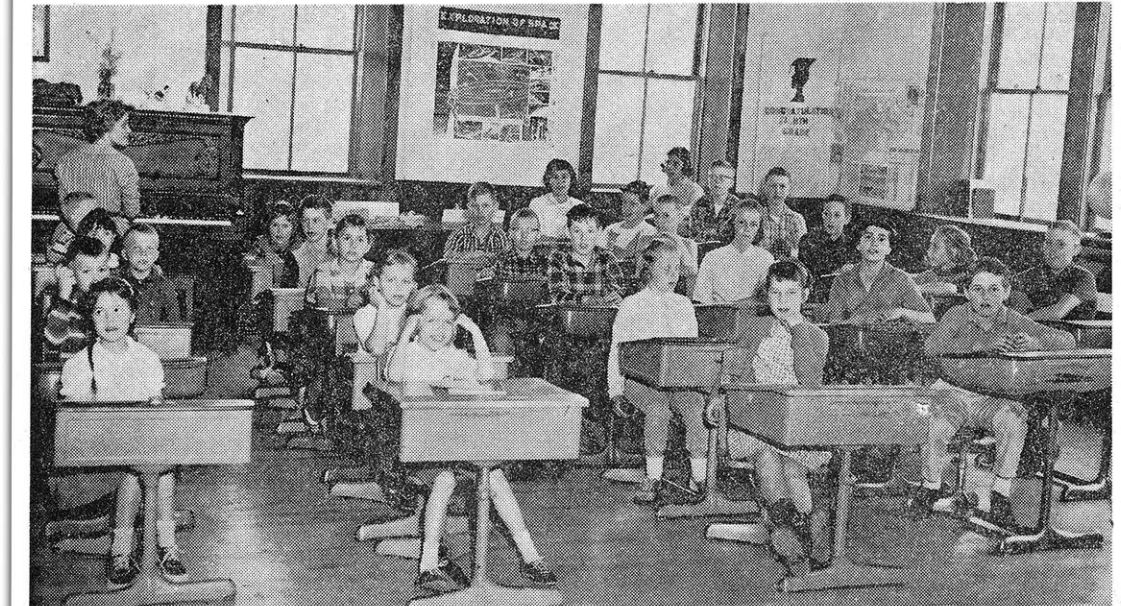
School days next year will bring marked changes in their daily routines, routines that are remembered by many past generations who attended school in small towns or rural areas.

There will be the bus ride instead of the walk. The pile of lunchpails in the school basement



A passing sight is this grab for the lunch buckets at Malone school near Mt. Horeb. Youngsters have a dining area in the basement. At the table are Russell Schwarz, Luetta Loeffel, Jerry

Martinson, Jim Leuzinger, Steven Leuzinger, Howard Johnson, Bonita Loeffel, LaVonne Thompson, Lynn Loeffel, Dennis Fargo, David Gudgeon and Debbie Hanson.



Pupils of Malone School take a rest during a music session. At the piano is Mrs. Mary Lovelace, county music teacher who visited the school weekly during the past year. Regular music

lessons will be one of the advantages at Mt. Horeb elementary school. This is the entire student body at Malone.

eating area at Malone will give way to a planned hot lunch program. Baseball games with girls members of the teams "because otherwise we would not have enough players" will give way to all-boy games. And the homey Christmas program, with non-polished performances will be a thing of the past.

Monday, "Rake-up Day" is scheduled. Pupils bring rakes that day to spruce up the school grounds. School is let out for the traditional activity.

And Wednesday, the last day of school, the annual picnic is scheduled, with the Mothers Club providing a potluck dinner.

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games with McPherson School, a big event.

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The solid well-equipped old

schoolhouse has been a landmark in the area. It was constructed about 1905, School Board Chairman Schwarz said.

Prior to that time, the former Malone School, a white frame one-room unit, located one-quarter of a mile to the north, was used.

The original school was on Malone property. The newer one was built on the former John S. Don-

ald property but the name remained the same.

Early history of Springdale township tells that children from the school often visited a nearby Indian residence, that if the children were not welcome at the time, a hand holding a knife would be extended through the doorway.

Historians recall too that Indians washed clothes and cleaned

themselves in the small brook at the base of the Malone School hill.

The building may close for classes, but the school children, in a prize-winning conservation contest essay, told what their desires were as far as the school and grounds were concerned.

They want the small site turned into a park area, with the aging school to be utilized as a park shelter and meeting building.

The school and property will soon belong to the Mt. Horeb district, so the future of the property is uncertain.

But the steep-roofed stone school will remain in the memories of the 27 pupils who will attend final classes there Wednesday, plus past generations of children who answered the call of the Malone School bell.



# One room, lots of learning



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People who attended the Malone School enter the former one-room school near Mount Horeb Sunday on a tour during a reunion.

## Former pupils of Malone School gather to share memories



DAVID SANDELL/THE CAPITAL TIMES

Jim Crimmins of Algonquin, Ill., shows his wife, Nancy, and his granddaughter Katie Rayas an old class photo of himself when he was a student at the Malone School.

By Ann Marie Ames

Correspondent for The Capital Times

**M**OUNT HOREB — Bigger isn't necessarily better, at least not according to the former students and teachers of the Malone School, a one-room schoolhouse that served farm families near the unincorporated town of Mount Vernon. More than 50 people gathered Sunday afternoon to share memories at the first-ever Malone School reunion. The event was centered at Deer Creek Sportsman's Lodge in Mount Vernon, but shuttles to the former schoolhouse ran regularly.

"It was a close-knit community," said Isabel Lienau, an educator of 44 years who was teaching 28 students in seven grades at Malone School when it closed its doors in 1962. "You can see that from the way so many people traveled so far to be here today, and by the way we're having such a good time."

The former school building, now a private home, is located on Wisconsin 92, three miles south of Mount Horeb. It served students in the first through eighth grades until its closure. Due to declining enrollment, a state law forced rural schools to close or associate with a school district.

Attendees at the reunion recalled their experiences and the educational opportunities they had that they say are just not available in larger schools.

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# 2005 MALONE REUNION

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Former students of Malone School in Mount Vernon chat about the old times at their first reunion Sunday at Deer Creek Sportsman's Lodge.

## Malone

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"We learned from each other," said Verna Fargo, 92, who was the oldest former pupil to attend Sunday's reunion. "By the time you got to eighth grade you knew the material, because you'd heard it all recited before."

Fargo, who graduated from Malone in 1925, explained that students sat in double desks. A boy and a girl would sit together.

"Usually a seventh-grade boy and a first-grade girl, so they wouldn't fight," she explained.

The teacher would call each class by grade to the front of the room to recite lessons, one subject at a time. In the meantime, other students would study at their desks or play outside.

"First-, second- and third-graders went out to play together," said Bill Steinhauer, the transportation coordinator for the Mount Horeb Area School District. "The third-graders were expected to be in charge."

His brother, Irv Steinhauer, 65, remembers the boys being assigned a "special project" to keep them busy while the teacher was helping other students.

"We were sent down to the Deer Creek to build dams," he said. "We did such a good job that we actually made the stream below the dams dry up. We'd come back to school wet and muddy. Nowadays we'd be in jail, but the teacher needed us out of her hair."

Nearly every former student

of the school, which opened in 1908, recalled how beneficial it was to have young students and older students learning together.

"There was never a matter of students bullying, because they created an environment that gave students responsibilities in proportion to their age and wisdom," said Dennis Thomson, a professor of meteorology at Penn State. "Older students helped younger students. I'm probably a university professor today because of that very early training in education ethics. Those seeds are sown very early."

Lienau agreed.

"I never had any discipline trouble," she said. "The older children looked out for the littler ones."

Thomson, who graduated from Malone School in 1955, added that another benefit was that each student had an assigned chore every day.

"Every day you had a job — sweeping, cleaning erasers or cleaning the bathroom. You then had an investment, an ownership of the school," Thomson said.

One disadvantage was the limited number of resources available in the tiny school. The library consisted of one bookshelf for all eight grades.

"I bet I read that book about railroads 10 times," Thomson said.

Dorothy Bliskey, a freelance writer living in Fond du Lac, said rural schools in Dane County did have some advantage over schools in other areas because of the proximity to UW-Madison.

"Someone was always coming out from the university with programs about nature or music that were designed for rural schools," said Bliskey.



“We had close to 100 people attend the 2005 Malone School Reunion, which included classmates, their families, neighbors and friends. Two former teachers, Mabel (Hanna) Brenum, and Isabel Lienau also joined us. We were blessed with a beautiful day, fabulous food, the joy of reminiscing, and the gracious gift of the Woodburn family who opened the school building for tours. My heartfelt thanks to all.”

**Joy (Martinson) Green**  
(student 1960-62)

“Thank you for the lovely gathering you had on September 18, 2005. I so enjoyed myself and am so glad that I could be a part of it. It was nice to see Malone School again.”

**Isabel Lienau**  
(teacher 1961-62)



We toured the Malone School building



We shared an afternoon of memories at the Deer Creek Sportsmen Club



Former teacher  
Mabel (Hanna) Brenum  
with former student  
Judy (Martinson)  
Steinhauer



Display of memorabilia



A sampling of reunion attendees on the merry-go-round. Standing: Harland Martinson, Dennis Thomson, Bob Zweifel, Dorothy (Schwarz) Bliskey, Elizabeth (Thomson) Danielson, Roderic Thomson. Below: Mary Fargo, Dan Fargo, Joan (Kvamme) Gilbertson, Sonja (Lien) Swanson, Russell Schwarz, Jim Crimmins, LaVerne Thompson, Delores (Swiggum) Bryant

## IN CONCLUSION

This publication came about in a most usual way. It had been 43 years since the one-room Malone School had closed its doors. It wouldn't be much longer and our living history would be lost forever. A reunion was long past due. My family and I decided to organize the event. We were immediately inundated with artifacts from those who wanted to share their memories with others. We were inspired to gather more information and compile the memorabilia into this publication for everyone to enjoy.

I originally pictured a small souvenir booklet and set about to create just that. As you can see, my project got a bit out of hand. It involved much more time and energy than I had envisioned, but I enjoyed every minute of it. A labor of love, some might say.

I began to make a list of acknowledgements, and soon realized I would be omitting more than I can remember. If I had known at the start where this project was headed, I would have kept records for this purpose.

Please accept my apologies for this oversight.

Suffice it to say, this publication came from the hearts of all the former students and teachers, their families, friends and neighbors of the Malone School community.

*Thank You*

This is the second printing.

A few corrections were made to the original and six pages of additional information were added.

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