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Upcoming Events

Little Falls Bus Trip

Friday, July 14th

8:00am – 6:00pm

Join the Kandiyohi County Historical Society on a Bus Trip to Little Falls, MN on July 14th. The trip includes stops at the Morrison County Historical Society, the Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site, and the Minnesota Military Museum. The bus leaves from the KCHS parking lot at 8am and will be back in Willmar by 6pm. Cost of the trip is \$50 for members or \$60.00 for non-members. The price includes bus, admission, and lunch. The included lunch will be at A.T. The Black & White Restaurant.

Deadline to reserve your spot on the bus is July 6. For questions or to reserve your spot, contact us at (320) 235-1881, kandhist@msn.com, or in person at the KCHS Museum Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm.

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Above is the painting for the class.

Painting Poppies

Thursday, July 20th

6:30pm

Join the Kandiyohi County Historical Society for a themed painting workshop. Poppies became a symbol for remembrance of fallen soldiers after WWI and we will be creating the painting of poppies to commemorate the 100th anniversary of WWI. New London artist, Michelle Westhoff Ogdahl, will guide you step-by-step through creating this piece of art. This workshop is open to all skill levels. All supplies and materials are provided.

Cost of the workshop is \$40 for members or \$50 for non-members. There will be limited spots available. Make your reservation today. Groups are welcome. To register or for questions, please contact us at (320) 235-1881, kandhist@msn.com, or in person at the KCHS Museum Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm.

Kandiyohi County Fair

Wednesday, August 9th - Saturday, August 12th
Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds-Pioneer Cabin

Join us this year at the Kandiyohi County Fair in the Old Settler's Cabin! This year we will be featuring World War I, the Sacred Places Project and the History of the Kandiyohi County Fair. During the fair, we will release for sale the Sacred Places of Kandiyohi County calendar for 2018. We will also have train and activity tables for the kids to enjoy!



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Kandiyohi County Historical Society's Wish List

- 8 1/2" x 11" white office copy paper
- Stamps—regular and post card
- 2" or 3" three ring binder
- Clear sheet protectors
- Clipboards for school tours
- Flat File Drawer Cabinet

Our Sympathy to Family and Friends

- **Grace Enfield Peterson**, 91, KCHS member since 1993, passed away on February 25, 2017. She is survived by two sons, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.
- **LeeAnn Goos Nelson**, 81, Heritage Searchers volunteer and former KCHS volunteer, passed away on February 19, 2017. She is survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.
- **Alton Carlson**, 90, KCHS member since 1992, passed away on March 6, 2017. He is survived by one daughter.
- **Joseph "Joe" Eikmeier**, 86, KCHS lifetime member since 1982, passed away on March 6, 2017. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.
- **William "Bill" Ryks**, 97, KCHS lifetime member since 1990, passed away on March 16, 2017. He is survived by eight children, 22 grandchildren, and 44 great-grandchildren.
- **William "Bill" Somerville**, 91, KCHS lifetime member since 1981, passed away on April 1, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, five children, thirteen grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.
- **Susan Hennessy Jordahl**, 81, KCHS member since 2001, passed away on April 2, 2017. She is survived by her husband, Dennis, three sisters and one brother.
- **Marie Ann Burtness Linn**, 79, KCHS member since 2007, passed away on April 26, 2017. She is survived by her husband, Melville, three children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
- **Mary Ann Tait Smith**, 78, KCHS member since 1995, passed away on May 11, 2017. She is survived by husband, Clayton, six children, 18 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.
- **Virgil Schwanke**, 78, KCHS member since 2002, passed away on May 14, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Agnes, two children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.
- **Richard G. Black**, 88, KCHS member since 2011, passed away on May 18, 2017. He is survived by four children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.
- **Jacqueline "Jackie" Kay Nelson Powell**, 75, KCHS member since 1981, passed away on June 2, 2017. She is survived by her husband, Cleve, three children, thirteen grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Thank you ~ *Your gifts help with preservation, exhibits, programs and many projects!*

New and Renewal

Basic Membership

March 1, 2017-June 13, 2017

Individual

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Roland & Shirley Bosch
Roland Nissen
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In Memory of Mary Ann Tait Smith
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ARC holding swimming classes at Big Kandiyohe Lake. 1957



Upcoming Events Continued.....



Exhibit by Fred Cogelow

Artist Reception

August 17th 4:00pm-6:00pm

Exhibit Open August 7th-September 15th

Make sure to stop by a visit the KCHS Community Room between August 7th and September 15th to check out an exhibit by Willmar native, Fred Cogelow. Fred Cogelow is a self-taught woodcarver and his works fall within the mezzorelief category. Stop by on August 17th from 4pm-6pm for an artist reception.

Murder, Mystery and Mayhem in Minnesota

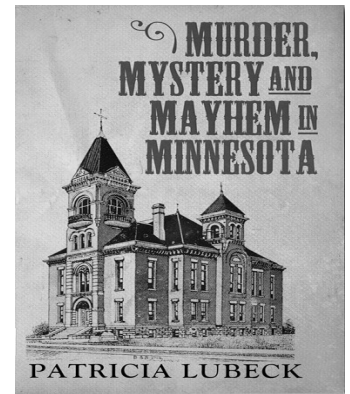
Author Presentation and Book Signing

By Patricia Lubeck

Thursday, August 24th

7:00pm

Come and hear Patricia Lubeck present on her book “Murder, Mystery and Mayhem in Minnesota” on Thursday, August 24th at 7:00pm. The book is a small collection of early crime and punishment stories from Redwood County, Minnesota. Following the presentation there will be a book signing and refreshments served.



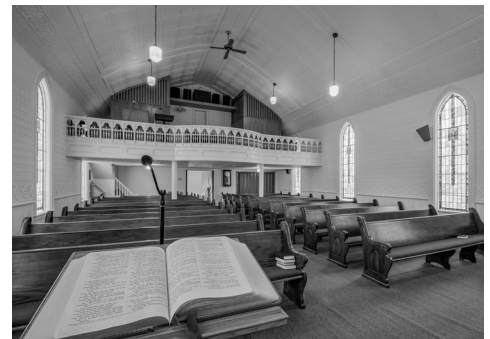
Sacred Places in Kandiyohi County

By Gregory Harp

Thursday, September 21

7:00pm

Photographer Gregory Harp will give a presentation on the Kandiyohi County Historical Society’s project, Sacred Places in Kandiyohi County. This presentation will include a look at the photographs he has taken and how he creates each image



Tripolis Lutheran Church

***Sibley State Park and
Veterans Conservation Corps***

By Kelsey Olson, DNR Naturalist

Thursday, September 28th

7:00pm

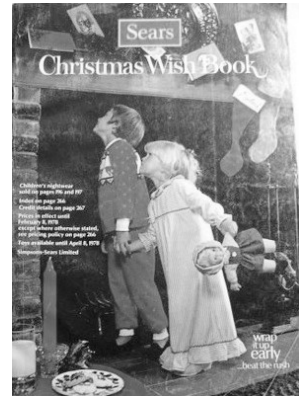


Meet the men who built Sibley State Park in the 1930's. Veterans of WWI, victims of the great depression, and suffering losses from the Dust Bowl, these men came together to build by hand the structures of log and stone you see at the park, serving their county again as members of the Veterans Conservation Corps program.

When I Was a Girl....Mail Order Catalogs

By Bea Ourada

When Best Buy closed their store in Willmar, many people expressed concern and there were lots of conversations over the coffee tables and wherever people gather to talk and commiserate. This is just the most recent closing in our area as service stations, drug stores, local mom and pop stores have been closing. We hear the stories of the big chains closing big numbers of stores across the country (Macy's in the old Dayton's building in downtown Minneapolis brought anguish to many recently.) With much tsk-tsking people say, oh, it is on-line shopping, the retail market cannot compete. This made me think back to when I was a girl....



They say there is nothing new under the sun. In this case, I believe it! I think back to the mail order catalogs. You could, literally get anything by mail order. It was a big event when the postman would deliver a huge fall-winter or spring-summer catalog and we could spend many evenings turning the pages and wishing. The book was nick-named the wish book. And who, in my generation can forget the excitement, when the huge Christmas catalog arrived?

In our home it was the Sears Roebuck catalog that had the place of prominence and then in later years Montgomery Wards (Monkeys) was added. And still later Penney's. I don't know if they got on that band wagon years later or if we made some purchases that alerted them to our existence. I will reminisce mostly about Sears, because that is biggest in my memory. and it was the first in this business; (I always hope my ramblings get you thinking about when you were a child--so let your thoughts take you where you will.)

Sears has a connection to Redwood Falls MN. The history reads like the predecessor to the unclaimed freight business. In 1886 Mr. Sears was the station agent in Redwood Falls when a large shipment of watches was refused by a local jeweler. As a result Mr. Sears sold watches to other agents and re-ordered and started mail order sales of watches and jewelry. Eventually he teamed up with Mr. Roebuck, a watchmaker and watch repair man and they moved the business to Chicago. And, expanded. And, how they expanded. An early stripped down automobile could be delivered to the train depot, ready for the customer and maybe a handy friend or two to assemble and drive away. In the first years that was the only local access to this new-fangled contraption but it was not long before dealerships were opening up for sales and service.

How about buying your family home from the Sears catalog? There are still a few of these homes around the countryside, modernized, to be sure, but serviceable and sturdy, with lots of charm. The early spring tornado in southeast Minnesota damaged a Sears home, according to the media reports. The catalog showed about 20 variations of a basic style two-story house. I want to note that both automobiles and houses were no longer included in the catalogs in my early memory of the catalogs. But Kenmore sewing machines and appliances were. Generally, the Sears labeled items were manufactured by well-known companies and were considered a less expensive version of the more expensive top of the line products. The quality was respected but some of the luxury design might be eliminated and you might be buying a Singer sewing machine for a lesser price.

A TWO-STORY BUNGALOW

The WESTLY Model 211 **\$1,874.00**

No. 302 "Always Cut" and "Honest"

At this price you will hardly find the material to build this bungalow for under \$1,874.00. The house is built with the best materials and is finished with the most durable and attractive materials. The house is built with the best materials and is finished with the most durable and attractive materials. The house is built with the best materials and is finished with the most durable and attractive materials.

First Floor The front door opens into a large living room with a fireplace, a dining room, a kitchen, a breakfast room, a bathroom, and a porch. The second floor has a bedroom, a bathroom, and a porch.

Second Floor The second floor has a bedroom, a bathroom, and a porch.

Height of Ceilings The height of the ceilings is 8 feet in the living room, dining room, and kitchen, and 7 feet in the bedrooms and bathroom.

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As time went on, mail order establishments were opened, and after using the catalog to "window shop" the customer could visit the mail order store and a clerk would answer questions about the product, assist in completing the order and take payment. Delivery came to the mail order store and the same clerk would call to report the order had arrived for the customer's pick up.

If the product was not what the customer wanted returns were handled as a reverse of the same procedure. I remember going to the Sears mail order store on the corner of Fifth and Litchfield Avenue. It was tedious for me because there was nothing there but an assortment of smaller specialty catalogs and sale flyers. This was later expanded to a retail store selling the various things shown in the catalog, except clothing. The mail order department continued as a part of the new store. Somehow, my vision of the floor space was row upon row of bicycles--what do you see?

Kandiyohi County American Legions



The Kandiyohi County Historical Society is going to highlight the American Legions of Kandiyohi County over the next two years as a way to acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of the U.S. involvement in World War I. The following is the history of the American Legion taken from their website.

"The American Legion began after World War I to assist veterans of the Great War. The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over 2.4 million in 14,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines. Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth."

www.legion.org

Raymond American Legion

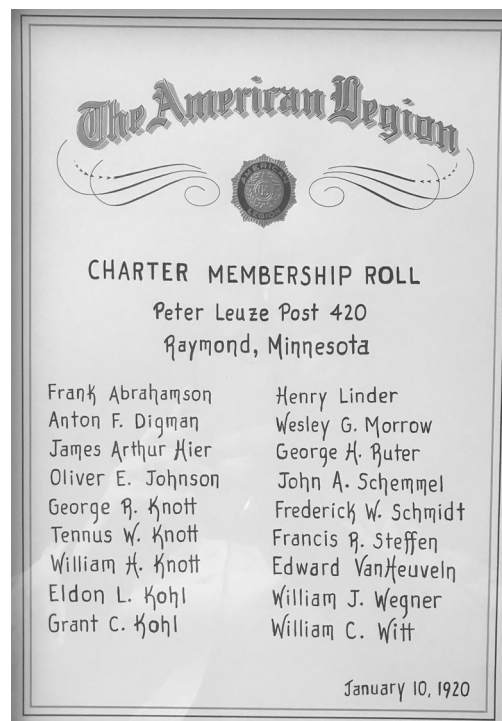
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The American Legion's Preamble states that... "... desiring to perpetuate the principles of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy for which we have fought, to inculcate the duty and obligation of the citizen to the State; to preserve the history and incidents of our participation in the war; and to cement the ties of comradeship formed in service, do propose to found and establish an Association for the furtherance of the foregoing purposes." Following World War I, veterans of the Great War in towns and cities across America chartered American Legion Posts. Eighteen veterans living in Raymond applied for and were chartered as Peter Leuze Post 420 by The American Legion on January 10, 1920. Peter Leuze was a local soldier who had died during the war.

The original Legion charter certificate was lost, but the original application for the charter was located in the State Legion Department's archives. With that information, a replacement charter certificate will now be displayed in the Community Center with appreciation to Barb Gunderson for her artistry.

Today Raymond's American Legion Post 420 has over one hundred members dedicated to The American Legion's founding principles. Together with an active Auxiliary Unit, we provide veteran's funeral honor guards, sponsor Boys & Girls Staters, and provide local observances for Veterans Day and Memorial Day. New members are invited to apply.

Jon Pederson, Commander

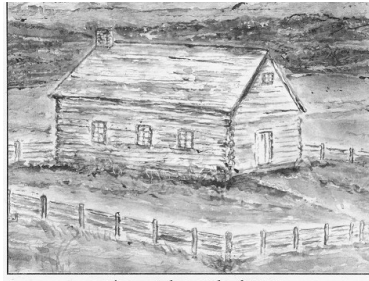


Raymond News February 15, 1918

Peter Leutze Obituary

The remains of Peter Leutze who died at Camp Pike, Arkansas last Thursday arrived here Monday. The Raymond Cornet Band turned out in force to honor the departed soldier. Peter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leutze, residing four miles west of town, had joined the army several months ago. Only recently he was on a short furlough. After returning to his encampment the unit was transferred to Camp Pike, Arkansas. He contracted the measles and being barely over it caught cold. His condition became so critical that his father left last week for Arkansas. Peter passed away before his father reached the bed side of his son. The funeral was held Wednesday morning from the house and the remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery at Clara City. Father Keoller of Clara City officiated. Many friends of the departed attended the funeral. The Raymond branch of the Red Cross send a wreath as did also the business men of this town. The News expresses its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

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Norway Lake Log Church - 1868

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News from the Norway Lake Lutheran Historical Association June, 2017

Report prepared by Earl O. Knutson

The focus of this year's **anniversary celebration**, to be held August 20 at the Old Log Church will be the pioneer family of Iver and Inga Stene. The best known member of the family was the eldest son Gabriel, who was a prolific writer documenting pioneer life in the Norway Lake area. Over 60 of his writings appeared in the Willmar Tribune, and dozens appeared in other newspapers. Gabriel wrote of his own exploits and also reported on conversations with many of the other pioneers. His most-used byline was "The Pioneer Kid."

Not surprisingly, the best source of the family's history is found in Gabriel's writings, particularly the article *From Sogn, Norway to Norway Lake* that appeared in three weekly installments starting April 13, 1927 Willmar Tribune. He tells of his father's birth, November 29, 1821, at Stene-Urland-Sogn, Norway, and his early life there, including the chance encounter with a woman named Inga. (Norwegian church records use the spellings Steine and Aurland.) These two later met and married in Wisconsin. This union led to Gabriel's birth on March 1, 1856. Other births followed.

The August program is being prepared by historians Marlin Henjum, Kurt Mankell, and Earl Knutson of the NLLHA, aided by Stene descendant Bruce Johnson and local historian Barbara Levin. The latter two have assembled an enormous amount of material, especially about Gabriel.

NLLHA is seeking a pastor-descendant of the Stene family to take part in this August 20th a celebration.

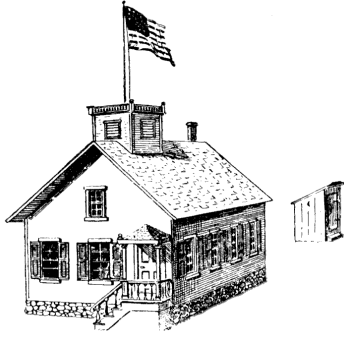
Respond to eoknutson@gmail.com.

In other news, the **Charter Member biographies project** is moving along. We now have 31 completed one-page micro-biographies, leaving just 126 to be done. Those completed are

Aasen, Hans	Espeset, Knut & Mari	Paaverud, Thor & Kari
Aasen, Martin	Foshager, John	Pikaugen, Andreas & Helene
Aasen, Oleb & Astrid	Gjelhaug, Martin & Ingeborg	Railson, Andrew
Bendiksen, Lasse & Pernilla	Glesne, Even	Railson, Even
Bergum, Iver	Henjum, Andrew & Martha	Reese, Peder & Marie
Bjorkevik, Guldbland & Ingeborg	Henjum, Hans Johanneson	Reiersen, Bjorn & Sigrid
Bjorkevik, Tollef & Jorand	Henjum, Lars Johannes	Smedhaugen, Peder & Berthe
Ellingboe, Marit	Iverson, Urjans	Thorsness, Lasse & Ingrid
Ellingson, Ole & Anne	Jacobson, Johannes	Vik, Lavar & Margit
Engen, Johannes	Knudson, Ole & Aase	Wiskop, Tosten
		Ytterboe, Jorgen & Bertha

Mange takk to those working on the charter member project. Of late, Patricia Lindgren and Thelma Aasen Johnson have helped in discovering Norwegian records.

Here's one fascinating thing we have learned: in the old Norwegian Gothic script that is used in an important church history book, the capital letters B and V are almost identical. Thus Valdres is sometimes translated as Balders, and Viskop as Biskop.



RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF KANDIYOHI COUNTY

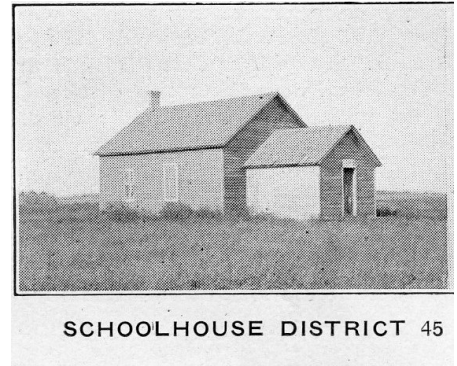
ST. JOHNS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Written by Marilyn Johnson

DISTRICT 45 (780) St. John's Church School

On June 7, 1869 the commissioners of Kandiyohi County established this district as District 9. The new district included the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of St Johns Twp. The boundaries of the district were changed on March 10, 1870 to include the entire township. District 9 was renumbered after the union of the two counties and became District 45.

School was first held in private homes of John Arntson and Anton Arntson. In 1872 a 16'x26' schoolhouse was built in the NE corner of Sec 11. A 12'x14' hall was added later. In 1872 the school district officers were: S. O. Nasset, clerk; Nils Paulson, treasurer; and Johan C. Jensen, director. In 1901 the schoolhouse was moved to the SW corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 12. In the summer of 1904, the building was resided, the interior was plastered, and new windows and frames were put in.



SCHOOLHOUSE DISTRICT 45

Enrollment in 1872: J. Martin Arntson, Torger Johnson, John Edward Johnson, Anfin R. W. Willumson, Peter Tobias Pederson, Josephine M. Arntson, Maren Anna Pederson, Anna W. Willumson.

The school was well supplied with apparatus, and in 1888 a library was purchased. In 1894 the free text book system was adopted. Up until 1901 the average length of term was 5 months per year. In 1901 the length was increased to 7 months, and in 1906 to 8 months. The 8 months term continued until 1930 when 9 months became the length of term.

In 1915 a new school building with a basement was erected. An additional acre of land had been purchased. A new furnace, new seats, and a school bell were installed. From 1879 through 1969, St. John's church school was held in June annually. Judge T. O. Gilbert was once a teacher in this church school. During the 1968 term, 15 pupils in grades 1st through 6th attended.

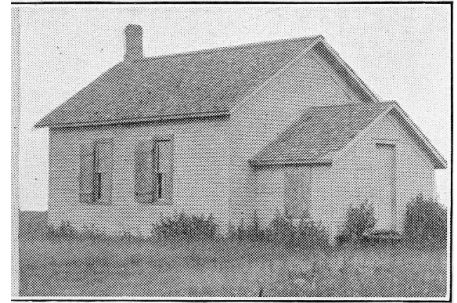
Teachers from 1905 through school year 1969/70 were: Jennie Leslie, Molly C. Keenan, Alpha Jacobson, Marie C. Hanson, Florence Anderson, Amanda Johnson, Florence Magnuson, Ethel Govig, Alma Grimlund, Lydia Johnson, Freda Langren, Ruby Selin, Anna Swedberg, Birdie Rykken, Violet Bjornberg, Alice Farness, Althea Brusven, Harriet Kiland, Laurene Flygare, Stella Eliason, Ethel Bengtson, Esther Paulson, Mrs. Tylene Triplett, Alma Sederstrom, Mrs. M. B. Hanson, Ruby Knoll, Mrs. Marvin Swedberg, Eunice Rowe, Judith Rowe, Mrs. Morgan Haug, Mrs. Mildred Carlson, Mrs. Floyd Knight, Mrs. Marion Larson, Mrs. Earl Larson, Mrs. Pearl Birkemeyer, Mrs. Fredricka Black, Mrs. Allen Rambo, Jesse Barlow.

This schoolhouse was located in the corner of Sec 12 where the current 7th Ave NW intersects with Co. Rd. 116. It later served as a meeting place for the Silver Comets 4-H and Roadrunners 4-H. In 1970 the school building and land were auctioned and purchased by a former student, Arnold Jacobson. District 780 (45) was dissolved.

DISTRICT 77 (802) Hultgren -Hauser School

A petition dated Nov 5, 1881 was presented to the county commissioners asking for the formation of a new school district out of part of District 45. On Jan 3, 1882 the petition was granted and District 77 was established, covering the entire western half of St. John's Twp. The first term of school was held in a home, for which the district paid \$6.

In 1883 a 18'x22' schoolhouse, with a 10'x8' entry, was built at a cost of \$300. The building was moved in 1900 from its original site in the NE corner of Sec 20 to a point 37 rods north of the SE corner of Sec 18. In 1895 the free text book system was adopted, and in 1896 a library was purchased. Beginning in 1901 the district has maintained 8 months of school and 2 years later began receiving state aid for rural schools.



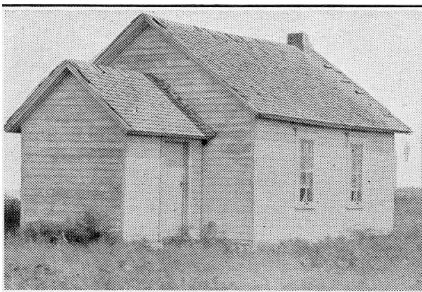
SCHOOLHOUSE DISTRICT 77

Students enrolled in 1890: Carrie Greenfield, Hilda Hanson, Mary Jenson, Peter Hanson, George Ziervogel, Gunerius Christianson, Ingvald Hammer, Ingeborg Olson, Anna Hammer, Tilda Hammer, Augusta Christianson, Fred Johnson, Tilda Magnuson, Jorgine Hanson, Christine Erickson, Elias Hanson, Peter Anderson, Minie Johnson, Selma Johnson, Gertrude Olson, Emma Magnuson.

Teachers from 1905 through 1969/70 were: Albert J. Johnson, Minnie Fleming, Catherine Cashman, Martha J. Cater, Mae B. Somerville, Anna Fridlund, Laura Peterson, Julia Olson, Mrs. Willie Lundquist, Emma Somerville, Anne Elfstrum, Marie Jebb, Edith Lundquist, Clara Earsley, Mrs. Tony DeVisher, Lilly Anderson, Florence Schafer, Elsie Eklund, Florence Walker, Wildie Spencer, Florence Erickson, Ella Holmgren, Lorene Walrath, Lucille Johnson, Julia DeCaigny, Mrs. Curtis Erickson, Ingeborg Nelson, Mrs. Ira Bluhm, Ethel Johnson, Jean Miller, Alma Sederstrom, Mrs. Angeline Stice, Mrs. Clarence Carlson, Mrs. Esther Johnson, Mrs. Chester Johnson.

DISTRICT 80 The Priam School

A petition dated July 20, 1885, containing the signatures of V. A. Willumson, Niels Nielsen, J. C. Jenson, B. Erickson, Johan P. Peterson, Jens Jenson, Ole J. Pederson, Tjostel Thorson, David Abrahamson, Hans Hanson, Johan Olson Sjole, Lars Rasmusson, B. E. Greenfield, O. J. Thygeson, L. A. Bjork, M. Martinson, Anton Larson, Ole Jenson, Johannes Johanneson, and J. Nilson, asked for the formation of a new school district in the southeastern part of the township.



SCHOOLHOUSE DISTRICT 80

The petition was granted at a hearing held July 27, 1885. This new district was established as District 80 and covered the following area: Sec 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, St. John's Twp. In 1887 the district built a 18'x24' schoolhouse, with a 6'x10' entry, at a cost of about \$350. The school was supplied with the usual apparatus. In 1894 the free text book system was adopted. There were 24 pupils enrolled in 1888. Records don't indicate where the schoolhouse was built but do state that in

1901 the building was moved to SW corner of Sec 36. In 1917 this school was consolidated with the Isaacson School and a new two-room school built across the line in Edwards Twp. District 80 closed in 1957.

Teachers from 1905 to 1957 were: Frances Lawler, Albert Swenson, Amy A. Anderson, Matilda F. Hjort, Ebertina Erickson, Nellie Kleve, Mrs. Lulu Preble, Ida Pierson, Dorothy Wheeler, Manda Boe, Edna Lunde, C. Cecilia Hjort, Bacil Clark, Warren Nourse, Martha Jenson, Alma Wangsness, Ada Falkingham, J. W. Erlandson, Clara Earsley, E. J. Erickson, Anna Knutson, Emma Johnson, Mildred Monson, Alvin Westgard, Flora Euling, Wallace Olson, Lucille Nelson, Arthur Bolt, Etta DeCamp, Grace Van Buren, Kenneth Bergquist, Tylene Van Buren, Leone Peterson, Phyllis Mangel, Marjorie Larson, Mrs. Lyle Weise, Evelyn Anderson, Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, Lois B. French, Elaine Fransen, Ella Holmgren, Luella Sims, Loraine Linden, Mrs. Chas. Mattson, Mrs. Keith Kendall, Mrs. Glen Myers, Mrs. Ilo Howland, Mrs. Caroline Dykema, Mrs. Ronald McCamus, Mrs. Harvey Wibbles

District 93 (808) The Pennock Schoolhouse

On Jan 25, 1893 a petition was presented to the county commissioners asking for a new school district out of territory then assigned to Districts 45, 77, 14, and 15. The petition was signed by A. W. Strand, L. Uhrus, E. G. Berglund, E. J. Nelson, S. P. Johnson, P. C. Greenfield, A. G. Magnuson, T. O. Hong, Gust Linman, C. J. Berglund, and E. G. Freeman. The petition was granted on Sept 12, 1893 and District 93 was established with the following territory: Sec 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10, and N ½ of Sec 8, St. John's Twp; and Sec 33, E ½ of Sec 32, and S ½ of Sec 34, Mamre Twp.

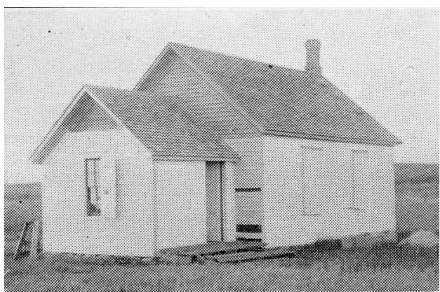
On Sept 30, 1893 a special meeting was held in Pennock to organize the district. A. W. Strand was elected Clerk; E. G. Freeman, director; and A. G. Magnuson, treasurer. Decision was made to borrow \$700 from the state school fund to build a schoolhouse. The school building was to be 24'x36'x12', and completed that fall.. Five lots in block 4 were purchased from the railroad company for \$50.

Five months of school was voted for the first year, P. W. Strand taught the first term of 2 ½ months, commencing Dec 1, 1893 and Ernest L. Quist taught 2 ½ months the following spring. Five months of school was voted for the 1894-95 year, Peter Hong taught the fall term and Miss Sarah Hillboe taught the spring term. Beginning with the 1895-96 school year, it was decided to hold six months of school. Teachers in 1895-96 were O. B. Berkness and Lizzie Pederson; in 1896-97 and 1897-98 C. J. Hanson; in 1898-99 and 1899-1900 Hannah T. Hong; 1900-01 Miss Nellie Haley; 1901-02 Ole G. Kambestad; Miss Julia Jaastad taught 9 months during the year 1902-03.

In 1903 it was decided that the school building was not large enough to accommodate the increased number of pupils. Decision needed to be made whether to build a new schoolhouse, or add on to the schoolhouse being used. It was decided to use the old schoolhouse until the new building was completed and then to sell the old building for not less than \$400. The Presbyterian congregation of St. Johns purchased the building to be used as their church and moved it to the east end of Pennock.

Money to build the new schoolhouse was borrowed from the state school fund. The new school had a primary department and an upper department, each with its own teacher. The following are teachers from about 1910 through the 1969-70 school year: Rosella Lawler, Marie Botnen, Florence E. Anderson, G. A. Thunstedt, Ruth Gibson, Hildur Gibson, Ivel Clough, Ada Falkingham, Anna M. Johnson, Alice Clough, Minnie Gustafson, Lucy Peterson, Mae Bjornberg, Violet Bjornberg, Esther Anderson, Alice Lokken, Effie Anderson, Mrs. Alice Hanscom, Muriel Dyrman, Della Tjernagel, Ethel M. Johnson, Rubye Ihle, Iona Brooks, Minard Edman, Alyce Larson, Myrtle Nordin, Bertha Haapajoki, Ethelyn Edmund, Willis Black, Jane Hendrickson, Donald Vogel, Ethel Bengtson, Pearl Pederson, Olga Carlson, Shirley Larson, Mrs. Harland Hauser, Doris Johnson, Ruth Benson, Audrey Swenson, Ella A. Holmgren, Mrs. Donald Danielson, Signe Jacobson, Mrs. Glen Rambow, Mrs. Margaret Fransen, Mrs. Ray Halverson, Mrs. Richard Knutson, Genevieve Christensen, Mrs. Viola Fransen, Mrs. Mabel Glesne, Mrs. Evelyn Loven, Mrs. Ludwig Loven, Mrs. Inez Stottler.

DISTRICT 94 (809)



SCHOOLHOUSE DISTRICT 94

A petition signed by Martin Martinson and several others, asking for the establishment of a new school district, was presented to the county commissioners on Jan 3, 1894. On Jan 24, 1894 District 94 was formed with the following territory: Sec 14, 15, 22, and 23, and E ½ of SE ¼, and E ½ of NE ¼ of Sec 16 and 21.

A special school meeting was held at the home of Martin Martinson on Feb 12, 1894 to organize the district. William Helmer served as moderator of the meeting and John Rasmusson as the clerk. Severin Olson was elected director; Peter Chaplin, treasurer; and John Rasmusson, clerk. It was decided to build an 18'x24', 10' high, schoolhouse. They also decided to issue bonds for \$300, and a tax of \$140 was levied. The schoolhouse was built in the spring of 1894. There were 15 students enrolled for the 1896-97 school year.

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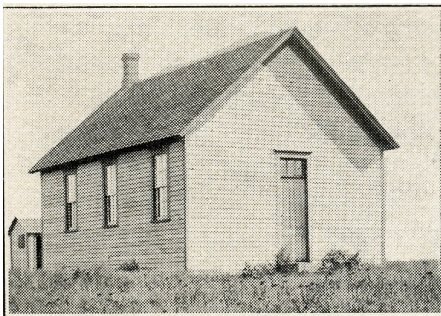
Early teachers were: Gusta Gabrielson, one month in spring of 1894; Etta Pease, 1894-95; Pauline Sampson, fall, 1895; Etta Pease, spring, 1896; Gusta Gabrielson, 1896-97; Emma Nelson, 1897-98; Christine Elgeross, 1898-99; Alma Otterness, 1899-1900; Tillie Tait, 1900-01; Ella Haines, 1901-02; Hannah Pederson, 1902-03; Jennie Leslie, 1903-04.

The following were teachers from 1905 to 1967: Alma Swenson, Edith A. Lorenz, Bertha E. Ramsett, Selma Kambestad, Ella Williams, Regina Farnen, Mayme C. Rasmuson, Anna C. Peterson, Alice W. Mathias, Alice W. Olstad, Esther Somerville, Huldah Nelson, Anna Swedberg, Thelma Engwall, Martha Olson, Ruby Carlson, Nora Amundson, Ruth Sotendahl, Eunice Brusven, Stella Berkeland, Alice Swenson, Anna Gunderhaug, Gladys Bonham, Doris Peterson, Bessie Hatch, Selma Tollefson, Marjorie Larson, Frances Graber, Mrs. Julius Fransen, Mrs. John Reins, Mrs. Ernest Fransen, Mrs. Myra Brenden, Mrs. Melvin, Westphal, Mrs. Arlie Mulder, Mrs. Laverne Mulder, Mrs. Inez Stottler.

The District 94 schoolhouse was situated *** (1905 history states "site was located at NW corner of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Sec 14" but the map has the school in the SW corner of the SW ¼ of Sec 14). (1942 plat book shows this school in the NW corner of the NW ¼ of Sec 23).

This school closed in 1967, the building torn down, and a new residence built on the site.

District 100



SCHOOLHOUSE DISTRICT 100

A petition dated July 8, 1897 asked that a new school district be formed in the southwestern part of the township, from territory then a part of District 77. The signatures of C. Rotzien, Fred Boetcher, M. A. Halm, S. E. Anderson, F. W. Myers, J. A. Myers, and H. F. Rhoda appeared on this petition. The petition was granted on Sept 14, 1897 and District 100 was established, covering Sec 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 of St. Johns Twp.

A special school meeting to organize the district was held on Oct 6, 1897 at the residence of M. A. Halm. F. W. Myers was elected clerk; S. E. Anderson, director; and M. A. Halm, treasurer. It was decided to build a 20'x30', 10' high, schoolhouse, and to hold school for 5 months the first year. Erick Walin received the contract to furnish the materials and to

build the schoolhouse for \$384. Apparatus was purchased for \$75, and furnishings purchased for \$110. The free text book system was adopted in 1899. Twenty students were enrolled in 1898.

The following were teachers from 1905 to 1947 when the school closed: Rosa Brem, Ida E. Klint, Frances Lawler, Marie Olson, Olive Falkingham, Ellen Olander, Etta Knott, Clara Nordgren, Vera Nelson, Ella Norsten, Clara Earsley, Carey Hegtvedt, Alma Grimlund, Ruth Ramstad, Agnes Anderson, Anna M. Johnson, Selma Peterson, Adelaide Croonquist, Harriet Kiland, Vivian Essen, Mrs. Alfred Hauser, Ida Amundson, Elaine Fransen, Hildegard Pardohn, Mrs. Russell Pederson, Mrs. Signe Ovre, Mrs. M. B. Hanson.

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