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Can You Beat This?

Miss Izola Higbee has been appointed teacher of the Dry Hollow school, north of Battle Creek, for the ensuing year.

Her mother, Mrs. Audrey Higbee, taught this school, her grandmother, Mrs. Martha Cloyd, her great aunt, Mrs. Olive Cloyd and her aunt, Miss Cora Cloyd, were all teachers of this school.

It looks as tho the Cloyd family and their descendants have a mortgage on this school. We see no reason why they should not have one. They all made good, and we feel sure that Izola will be a worthy successor of those who blazed the trail. Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday July 12, 1928, page 1.

First Rural School Teacher is Elected

Although many rural school boards have arranged with their present teacher to stay next year, the first formal notice of selection of teacher for next fall arrived in the office of County Superintendent Alice Hall this week.

This notice records that Miss Helen Heckendorf has been elected to teach in District No. 43, at \$90 a month, and is signed by Emil Rottler, director. This will be the fourth year Miss Heckendorf has taught this school, it being the only school in which she has been instructor. Two years ago, a modern building was erected in that district and the school standardized.

Miss Heckendorf is the great-grand-daughter of Rev. Heckendorf, who taught the children of the pioneers at Norfolk as their pastor, and the granddaughter of Louis Heckendorf, a member of the first public school board at Norfolk.

Last year almost half of the 75 rural teachers of Madison county remained in their positions. It is hoped that this good record may be bettered this year.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, April 3, 1930, page 1.

Teachers Are Elected ; Special Meeting of Board of Education is Held Most Positions are Filled

Teachers for Norfolk's City Schools Season 1906-07 Were Elected at a Special Meeting of the School Board Held Last Night.

Teachers for Norfolk's schools for the year 1906-07 were elected by the board of education at a special meeting which was held last night. Assignments have not yet been made.

Following are those elected: Miss Ida Von Goetz, principal high school; Miss Gertrude Watson, A. J. Kennedy, Misses Pearl Reese, Nellie Fleming, Pearl McCormick, Ella Toomey, Louise Mathewson, Harriett Mather, May Olney, Ellen Mullen, Otelia Pilger, Lena Mills, Clara Rudat, Nell Dingman, Laura Durland, Nina Walker, Pearl Widaman, Clara Brueggeman, A. V. Mason, Minnie Sears, Nellie M. Collins, Carrie A. Brush, and Mr. Reese Solomon.

All are known in Norfolk excepting Miss Sears, who comes from Plainview: Miss Collins, Table Rock; Miss Brush, Ashland.

There is still a vacancy in the primary department and no teacher of sciences has yet been elected for the high school.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday, May 4, 1906, page 6.

A Lesson on Success for All of Us

The following item was found in the Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, March 20, 1930 on page 1.

Commenting on the emphasis now being placed upon character education in public schools, State Superintendent Taylor writes the Enterprise:

"At an examination held in November, 1929, those who were writing on the subject of English Composition were asked to write a composition of not less than three Hundred words on the subject of Character Education. The composition which is enclosed was written by Vera Miller, Battle Creek, (junior in high school). It may not be the best composition submitted from Madison county, but it at least may be accepted as typical." Her essay follows:

School is not only a place of book learning but of character education as well. The lessons learned while at school will follow the child longer than rules of spelling and arithmetic. The character formed while young is the character you live with all your life. This character is formed while at school. Then is it not an important duty of the teacher to try to help his pupils form good characters?

Habit is a cable. We weave a thread of it every day till at last we cannot break it. These threads are woven while at school. When the child graduates he has woven those threads into cables. Are they the right kind of cables? Should not the teacher help the child weave good, strong and useful habits?

At the age of five years the little tot starts to school. His mother entrusts that precious little bit of humanity to the care of his instructor. At this age the child begins to know right from wrong and to realize why he is "paddled." So it is not the mother who teaches her son or daughter, it is the teacher. How may teachers realize the real responsibility that many a fond mother places in his hands?

Twelve years glide swiftly by and mother's heart leaps as her son is given a diploma as a reward for his diligence. He has leaned Latin, mathematics, science and many more. He has also learned character. Think of the pain in that mother's heart if that boy had developed the wrong kind of a character. How often have we heard the expression, "That's what he learns at school," when "sonny" comes home with some slang. As he grows, too often has the slang that he adopted from his fellow classmates, led to other offenses. And so it is not always the amount of knowledge you have gained from books that counts. It is the character you have formed that really determines your success in life.

Schoolmates Hold Fifteenth Annual Picnic On Sunday

The fifteenth annual picnic of old schoolmates of the Madison school of 1870 to 1895 was held last Sunday at the Hoyt Osborn home in East Emerick. Mrs. A. K. Robinson of Newman Grove was elected president and Mrs. Hoyt Osborn of Meadow Grove was named secretary-treasurer.

Those present included: **Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Robinson**, Newman Grove; **Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Osborn**, **Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Adams**, and **Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Upton**, all of Meadow Grove; **Mrs. Alice Stevenson**, Broken Bow; **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fricke**, Pender; **Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hosford**, Albion.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Foster, **Mr. and Mrs. Ed Neidig**, **Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Davis**, **Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Snyder**, **Mr. and Mrs. Ira Chittenden**, **Mrs. Nellie V. Yeazel**, and **Mrs. Gussie Wright**, all of Madison.

Mrs. Grace Osborn and Miss **Abbie Thomas**, both of Battle Creek; **Mr. and Mrs. Wager** and daughter, Nona, Newman Grove; **Virgil Bickley**, Green Garden; and **Miss Ava Osborn**, Meadow Grove, who was co-hostess with her mother, Mrs. Hoyt Osborn. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, September 9, 1937, page 4.

The Madison County Teachers' Association will meet at Emerick the second Sat. of Sept. (9) at ten a.m. sharp. It is hoped there will be a full attendance.

Program:

Class drill on the Constitution of the Untied States by Judge McCallum	
On blackboard drawing	Professor Merritt
On grammar	Judge McCallum
On physiology	Dr. Bridenstine
On geography	Miss Em Jackson
Arithmetic	Professor Merritt
On reading	Miss Sadie Squire
Spelling	W. S. Osborn
Essay "How to improve the efficiency of our schools"	Miss Em Jackson
On US History	

The morning session will close with declamation by Mr. Frank Prince, and during the day there will be at suitable intervals, other declamations, essays, and select readings. It is expected that all who are appointed to conduct exercises, will be punctual. Judge, and others will address the people in the evening. By order of the executive committee.

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