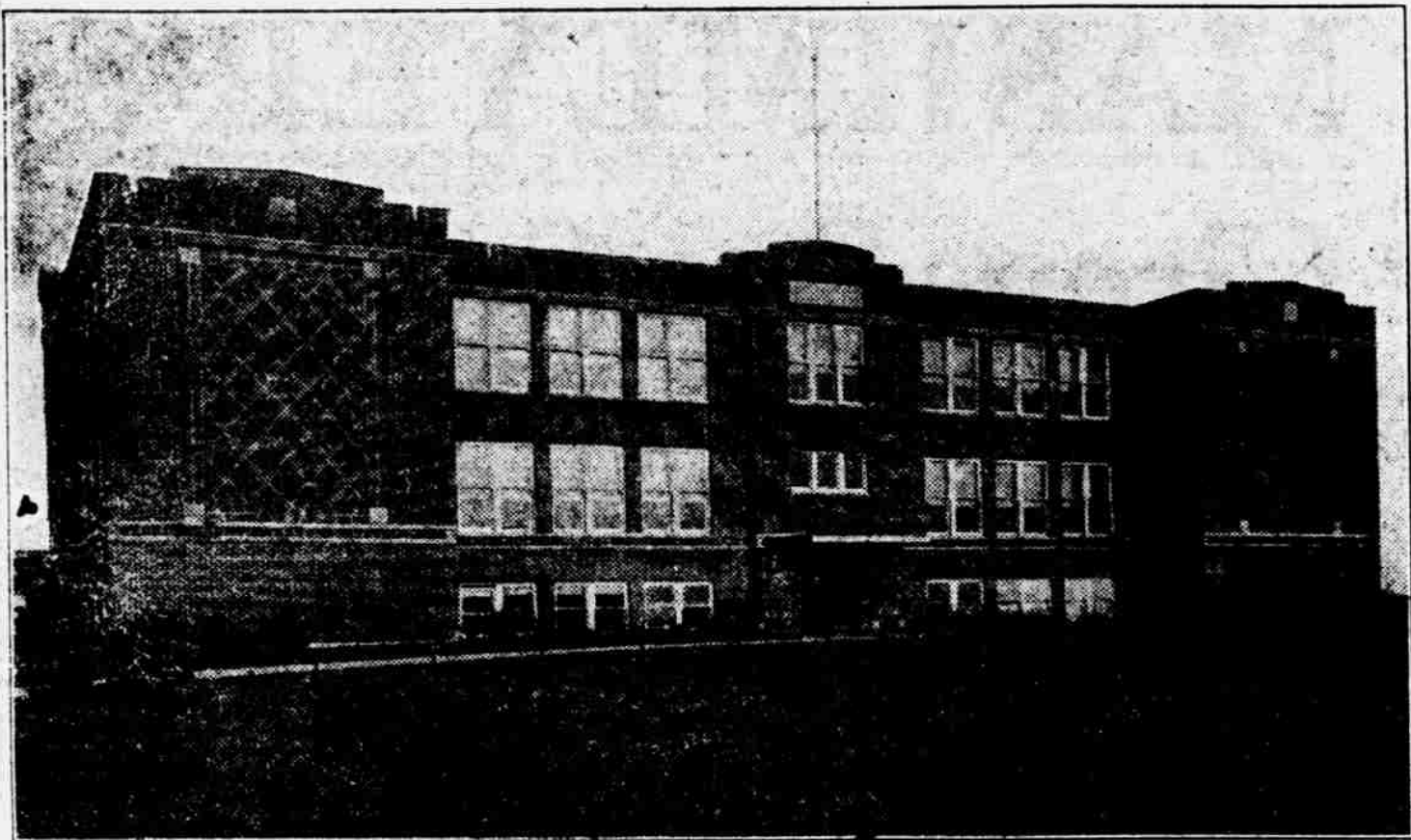


Monroe School Commencement Emphasizes Development Educational Institution



Monroe Township Centralized School, Completed in 1917.

BY WILLIAM R. SANBORN.

THE oldest school in the world is the school of experience, and since man first began to think that school had not been closed for one single hour. But the school of experience is an expensive institution, both as to time and money. Unhappily, too, we are unable to bequeath either our experience or educational acquirements to our children. Each succeeding generation must study and learn and realize for itself.

But if we are unable to transmit the wisdom acquired in the passing years, we can at least make the ways of learning easier for those who follow us. The school children of today are joint heirs to all the schools and to all the educational and scientific discoveries of the ages. Upon this broad and modern foundation every child may build and expand and develop mentally, to the limits of his or her endeavor and capacity.

No claim is made that the American public school has reached its pinnacle of achievement, nor that our greater educational institutions have attained perfection. Not so. But if the school children who attended the first one-room log school in Preble county could have been present to participate in the closing exercises of the Monroe township centralized school this week, could have mingled with the thousands who were present, and

could have inspected the great modern building here pictured, they would have surely enjoyed that study in contrasts.

First Monroe School in 1825.

The first school to be built in Monroe township, history relates, was opened to pupils in 1825. It was located in what is now known as District 10, and Jerry Spence was the first teacher. The present school building was opened in the fall of 1917. It had been expected that the building would have been ready for occupancy in 1916, but there was a delay in construction. The equipment was not completed until the summer of 1917.

Superintendent L. F. Schieser says: "When the present school superceded the old regime nine rural schools were consolidated and the two high schools which were formerly at Eldorado and West Manchester are now abandoned. Because the new building was not ready the high school was organized at Eldorado in the fall of 1916, the first year of the Monroe course being completed at that point, while awaiting the finishing of this structure. The cost of the building was \$55,000, without equipment." It is a two-story and full basement structure.

Teachers at Monroe School. The faculty at Monroe consists of seven grade teachers, three high school teachers and three special

teachers, together with the superintendent and principal, as follows:

Leatha Pegg, first grade; Ruth McKee, second grade; Rosie Burkhart, third grade; Mrs. Lucie Dempsey, fourth grade; Alice Goodwin, fifth grade; Maggie Holsinger, sixth grade; Monica Willis, seventh grade; Ruby Guenther, eighth grade; Margaret Macy, home economics; Charles Hunt, manual training; E. Vernon Moore, music; P. G. Campbell, Smith-Hughes agriculture; Mary Swartzel, assistant principal of high school; Donald S. McDill, principal high school; L. F. Schieser, superintendent of school.

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education. The present instructor, P. C. Campbell, assisted in the planning and equipping of the class room and laboratory. The subjects offered during the four years' course are: Farm crops and horticulture, animal husbandry, soils, dairying, farm engineering and management and farm shop work."

Beautiful School Grounds

The school grounds consists of 10 acres, and has become a beauty spot which attracts favorable comment from all who go that way. The grounds have been terraced and adorned with flowering shrubs and plants which are carefully cultivated and attended. In addition to the play spaces including two tennis courts, baseball diamond and volley ball court, thirty forest trees have been set out, also an orchard of more than 100 trees, consisting of apple, peach, cherry, pear and plum trees, besides which are garden plots for use of the pupils. Enough parking space for automobiles has been provided to accommodate all friends of the school, and a large garage affords shelter for the numerous school cars which cover the school district. Very naturally the school largely functions as a community center. Weekly picture shows are given during the school year and various meetings are held from time to time, as occasion demands. Box socials and carnivals have brought in funds for the school and have provided an unusual amount of entertainment. There are 20 pieces in the high school orchestra, and there are 30 enrollments in the glee club. About 40 pupils are taking some phase of home economics.

Profitable Community Work

All receipts from community work are placed in a common fund and their sources indicated. These have totaled more than \$3,000 since the spring of 1917. "After taking out expenses we have invested about \$1,550 in necessities and equipment. Our picture show project is outside of this and will likely be kept so until the

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stockholders are paid off. The receipts noted are also exclusive of the money in the athletics fund," said Prof. Schieser.

Graduating Class, 1921.

According to Superintendent Schieser there are 82 pupils in the high school, against 107 last year. The elementary class enrollment stands a shade higher than in 1920, at 254. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered on Sunday, May 1, by Rev. Charles F. Erwin, Thursday night, May 3, was class night, and the class play will be given on Tuesday evening, May 10, at 8 p. m.

The members of the graduating class are: Lowell Beard, Delbert Wagon, Claude Davison, Ray Smith, John Puterbaugh, Willard Kimmel, George Oda, Carl House, Leonard Minnich, and the Misses Alene Gleadell, Iora D. Kimmel, Mary Leas, Flossie Wolf, Florence Hoover, Elsie Peery, Helen Silfer, Treva Funderberg, Velma Howard, Fern House and Anna Eikenberry.

Class Night Program.

The parking space and the road bordering the school grounds made a brave showing of automobiles on Thursday night. Hundreds of cars delivered thousands of friends and relatives at the hospitable doors of the institution long before the exercises began. The Eldorado concert orchestra furnished the music and the program of the evening follows:

Class Night Program.

Oh Promise Me (R. B. Hall), Orchestra. Invocation, Rev. O. F. Bilger;

Alpine Sunset—Valse Romantique, Orchestra; Salutatory, Ray Smith; Bohemian Girl Selections (Balf), Orchestra; Class Address, Dr. B. F. Dyer, President Board of Education, Cincinnati; Song, Class of '21; Big Ben—Descriptive (Thos. S. Allen) Orchestra; Presentation of Diplomas, Ed Rautsaw, President of Board of Education; Iron Count Overture (K. J. King), Orchestra; Benediction, Rev. A. C. Barnhart; Stars and Stripes Forever (Sousa) Orchestra.

The class play, "The Hoodoo," on Tuesday evening, May 10, is expected to draw another large audience. On this occasion the high school orchestra will provide the musical feature of the evening.

OPPOSE OILING STREETS

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., May 6.—Several remonstrances against oiling certain sections of streets in Shelbyville were received Thursday by the city council and were adopted. The residents of the streets affected asked

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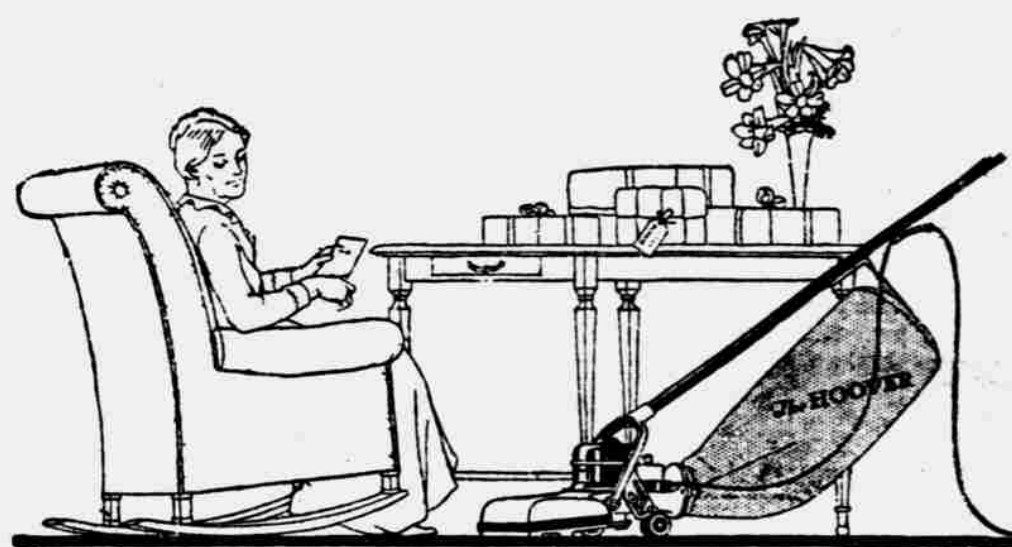
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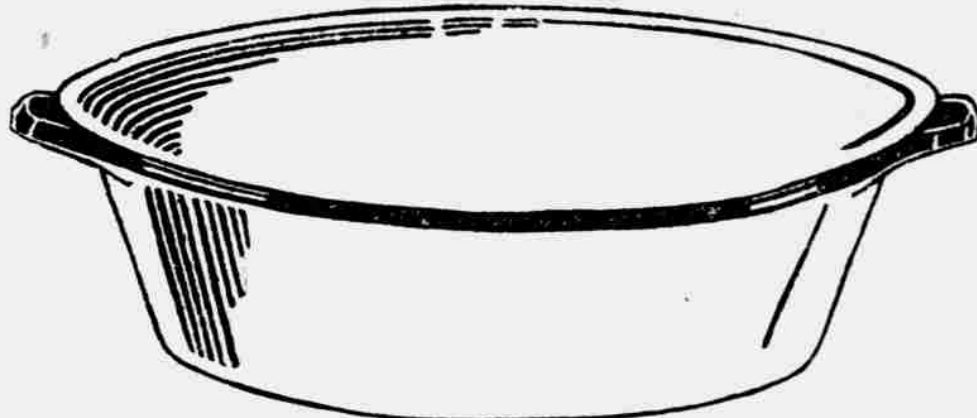
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