

INTERESTING EVENTS IN EARLY HISTORY OF NEW GARDEN SCHOOLS

By HELEN SMITH

The first schools in Newport were subscription schools, and were organized by Friends. The first school house was built at New Garden in 1812 and was under control of the committee of the quarterly meeting. The second school house in Newport was south of the Quaker meeting house, and the teacher there was Levi Jesusup. Out in the front yard was an old sun dial which was a very common way to tell the time then and probably the only way. Frank Taylor now occupies the dwelling house which was once used as a school where our present school is.

Where John Powell now lives there used to be a school house with three rooms, the kitchen which was used as the school room and the sitting room and bed room which the teacher occupied as his dwelling place. North of the school was a button wood pond, and if anybody got naughty the teacher would slip out and get a switch off of the button wood brush and punish the child in this manner.

Lizzie Roberts taught school in a house where the present bank now stands, and a woman by the name of Rachel Green taught a summer school where Frank Thomas now lives. Nearly all of these schools that have been mentioned were Quaker schools. The public school which stood where our present school is now was used by the children who were not Friends.

The first school houses differed little from the ordinary frame houses. The roof and the floor were of the same material. The house was usually 25 feet long and 20 feet wide. The room contained a fire place and the chimney was built outside of the school house. The schools that didn't have fire places were heated by charcoal on a hearth in the center of the room or in large kettles.

Equipment of School

The pupils sat on rude benches, so high that some could not touch their feet to the floor. In cold weather they would all gather around the fire in a circle. The teacher also had a bench to sit upon. The hewed school house came after the round log, and a bench for the pupil was replaced by a desk. In those days they had what was called a loud school where everybody studied out loud so the teacher could tell if the pupils were studying or not. Instead of paper and pencils they used a slate, and if the child wanted the attention of the teacher he would peck his slate. School started at 8 a. m. and closed at 4 p. m. They did not recite by classes as we do now, each individual recited his lesson to the teacher. The term then was but three months. They had reading, writing, and mental arithmetic. Once a traveling man who was making money by teaching school children a fast method for getting arithmetic, stopped in at the old school house south of the Quaker meeting house. In adding he could just put down the number as soon as he saw it. He was called a lightning calculator.

Change Geography

Thomas Charles was teaching at the time. They had much pleasure in their geography by chanting it. Singing schools were common in those days and also some spelling schools. These used to be one where Mahlon Bond now lives.

Some of the games that were played at these schools were shinney, drop the handkerchief, steal, and eight hands around, which afforded the young people much pleasure, but it didn't last very long. The Quakers found out they were playing it and soon put a stop to it. This game was played where the school house is now at the Quaker meeting house.

The pupils were punished in various ways in those days. If a boy drew a picture on his slate he was sent up before the school and was made to hold it so everybody could see it. Some of the schools had a dunce cap and stool, and when anybody was naughty he was made to sit in the corner while his classmates made fun of him.

Enjoys Joke

Henry Puckett was a teacher in this community and was considered a very absent minded fellow. His chair usually set back of his desk, and absent minded he moved it to another place in the room and forgot to move it back. When he went back to sit down in his chair it was gone, and he went to the floor. Somebody asked him afterward if the pupils laughed, and he said, "If they hadn't I would have cracked every one of them."

On the last day of school people would come from the surrounding towns and stay all day. The children would recite pieces, have mental arithmetic and chant geography.

There used to be a school house back of Ol Clark's property on the open street. In this school house was a skeleton of an Indian. The Quakers found out it was in there, and the school was broken up on account of it.

A Mr. Price, a citizen of this town, who had plenty of money, donated some money to the poor children of Newport to get an education. The money came off of the income of a certain land.

I failed to mention the fact that the old school house south of the Quaker meeting house was the first one to have a bell.

Two Fountain City Boys Entered 1922 Corn Club

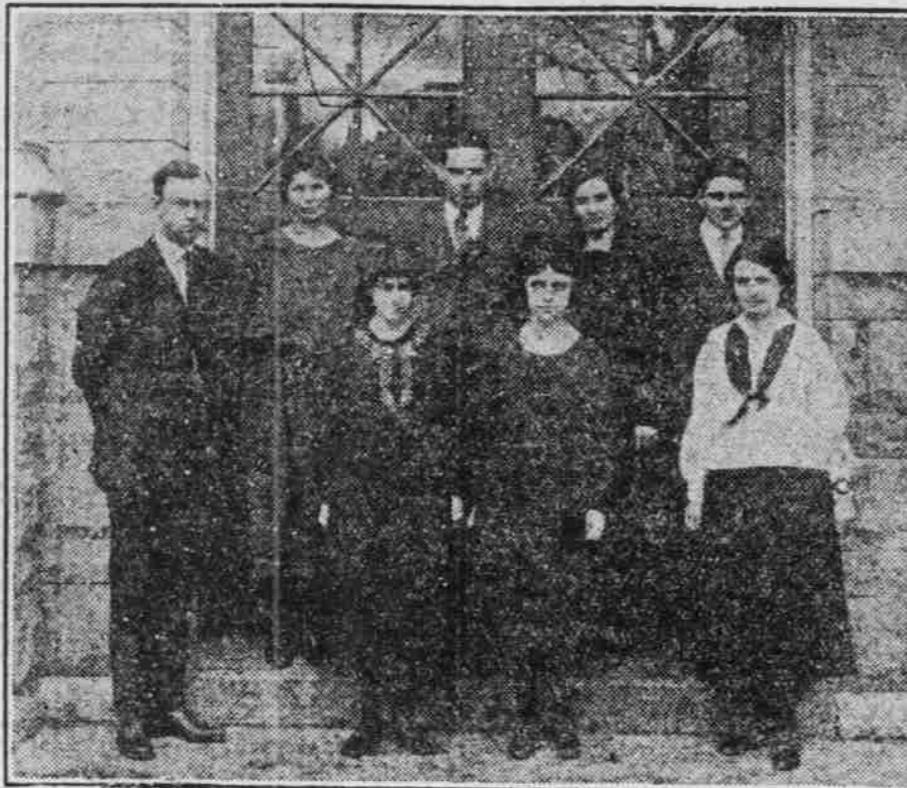
CLYDE HINSHAW

From Fountain City school Carl Demaree and Clyde Hinshaw were corn club members. Both got high yields. The object of the corn club is to teach the boys better methods of raising corn, and of selecting seed corn to produce better seed and yields. It teaches the boy to prepare better seed beds. During the summer the county agent tells the boys how to cultivate their corn. Mr. Dolan is a true friend of the boys. Many boys have joined the corn club by the suggestion of Mr. Dolan. He hopes there will be more boys in the club next year. Early this year there will be a corn show held in Richmond. Every boy will have ten of his best ears of corn there.

CHANGE TOWN'S NAME

Originally called Newport, the name was changed to Fountain City at the suggestion of Marcus Thomas. The presence of many springs in the town prompted him to suggest this name.

Fountain City Faculty



—Photo by Bundy

Top—Frances Nichols, Howard C. Patterson, Grace Pitts, Jesse Frazier. Bottom—Leslie Beall, superintendent; Ada Parry, Olive Nichols, Carol L. Kennedy.

Former Students and Graduates Now Are Holding Prominent Positions

By FLORENCE COOPER and IDRIS HINSHAW

Very few students who attended our early schools are living in this community. The others are scattered very extensively throughout this country.

Among the most important occupations followed by these students is that of a missionary. Four students of the schools of this township have chosen to be missionaries. Aureta Thomas was a missionary in Mexico, but is now teaching Spanish in Earlham.

Dave Gardener attended school here, and is now postmaster at Miami, Florida. Judge Graves also attended here and is now a member of supreme court of the state of Kansas.

Elmer Clark, a former student of a school here, is the man who gave the money for the construction our new school at the cemetery.

Mrs. Dalby, a resident of our town, attended school in the school house that used to stand back of Oliver Clark's house. Her teacher was Levi Jessup. Lalla Woody also attended school here.

L. N. Willets became prominent in political affairs in Minnesota.

He was later a collector of internal revenue in that state. Charles S. Huff who was a student at Earlham was later a successful merchant. Howard Woody, now deceased, was a business man in Brooklyn, he also spent one term in the New York legislature.

Teaches in Porto Rico

Mrs. Hazel Keever is at the present time a teacher in Porto Rico. Ida Thor Parker is now minister in the Friends church.

Doctor V. C. Griffis is practicing in Richmond. Zella Colvin, who graduated from Fountain City high school in the year of 1908, is now teaching in Grand Forks university in North Dakota.

Miss Emma Cooper, 21, is now studying music in Chicago.

Mr. Ralph Reynolds, who is studying art at Herrin Institute has won a \$100 first prize given by the Gruen Watch Company in a contest.

Many of the students have gone to higher institutions of learning. Some of our former students and graduates are attending Miami university, Oxford college, Purdue university, and Earlham college.

PAINTING BY CONNER IS HIGHLY PRIZED BY HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

By HELEN ALLENDER

A few weeks ago a Japanese lyceum bureau lectures visited the school of Fountain City and while here remarked that this school had the most complete list of pictures for a school of its size that he had seen in Indiana.

During the school term of 1908-09, the Horace K. Turner Company of Boston, Mass., sent a great many pictures to Fountain City school for an exhibition, which was held in the high school assembly. An admission was charged to see this exhibition, the tickets being sold by the students. Pictures were purchased with this money.

Appropriate pictures for every room were selected. They are all brown print, with the exception of one, which is done in colors. They are framed uniformly which makes them very attractive.

The school has several other pictures, which were bought at convenient times and from different companies.

Value Conner Painting

Of all the pictures of this school the one most valued, is the oil painting hanging in the lower corridor, which is the work of Charles Conner, former resident of Fountain City. It was printed in 1903, the year before Mr. Conner died. The scene is laid along Nolans Fork creek at the willows, east of the Friends church in Fountain City. It is considered his masterpiece, and is entitled "The Old Swimming Hole."

John Nixon of Centerville, Indiana came to Mr. Conner's home and borrowed this picture to take to his home to show the New York and Indianapolis artists. After it was sold to the Fountain City school, Mr. Nixon offered large sums for it but the school refused to sell.

Emil Dietz, interested in this picture and also in the school, gave a large portion of the money to buy it. The school paid for the remaining amount.

School Articles

This is the first of a series of articles on the various township school systems of Wayne county. Pupils of the townships are preparing the articles, under direction of their teachers. The general activities of the schools will be presented.

BASKETBALL PROVES FAVORITE SPORT IN HIGH SCHOOL CIRCLE

By C. S. and R. M.

Basketball was inaugurated in the early years of our high school by Hazel Felt, and since that time has been represented by some god teams, three having gone to the semi-finals at the district tournament in the years 1918-1922. We always turned out a team that was capable of competing with teams of its own class and in the majority emerging winners. This year we have developed an even better team than has been produced in former years.

Only three former basketball players of the high school are attending college and all are proving a valuable asset to Earlham, they are: Winston Huff, Robert Huff and Horace Hatfield. All are also prominent in other activities of the college.

Vets Return

At the beginning of the present school year all were back in school from last year's squad excepting Hatfield and C. Miller who graduated. The first call for candidates was made by Coach Patterson on October 22, 1922. Nearly 20 turned out and prospects for a winning team were pleasing. After a few nights practice, suits were given out and on November 4, we stacked up against the Centerville quintet for our first game of the season, being victorious, 18-7, the entire squad being given a chance to show its ability.

The game won and lost to date follow:

F. C. H. S. 18.....Centerville, 7
F. C. H. S. 24.....Brownsville, 15
F. C. H. S. 26.....Whitehaven, 16
Modoc H. S. 13.....F. C. H. S. 12
Economy, 29.....F. C. H. S. 25
F. C. H. S. 23.....Mt. Summit, 20
F. C. H. S. 20.....Liberty, 18
F. C. H. S. 25.....Boston, 16
F. C. H. S. 34.....Liberty, 17

The remaining schedule is as follows:

Jan. 26, Fountain City at Browns-

ville.

Jan. 27, Hagerstown invitational tourney.

Feb. 3, Mt. Summit at Fountain City.

Feb. 9, Fountain City at Boston.

Feb. 17, Richmond at Fountain City.

Feb. 23, Fountain City at Economy.

Feb. 24, Fountain City at White-

water.

With such an evenly balanced squad Coach Patterson has had some difficulty in picking a quintet to start each game and with the season wearing on and our ability with it we hope to make a fair showing in the state net circles. Those who are on the team are: Thomas, forward, (Capt.); Evans, guard; R. Miller, guard; Showalter, forward; Knight, forward; Lacey, guard. Since the first semester, Demaree, giant center on last year's Webster five, is boosting us.

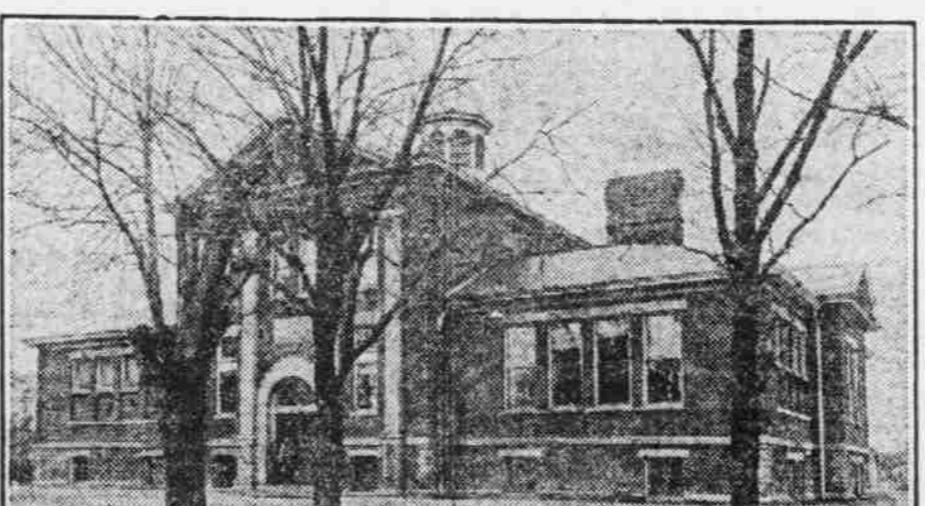
Good Yell Leader

Great enthusiasm has been injected in our backers by our yell leader, "Jack" Langhlin. Jack is worthy of praise for his attitude and spirit which he manifests in his school work as well as athletics. He has been mainly through his efforts that, "never give up" fighting spirit has been dominant in our team play which has lead us to success.

Our high school has never manifested much interest in athletics beyond basketball. Last year after we closed our basketball season we organized a baseball team and played three games winning two. Battery was Miller, Pitch; Hatfield, catch.

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Description, Equipment of Fountain City High School



—Photo by Bundy

southeast corner is the seventh and eighth grade room which has a small library and maps.

In the west hall is a large glass case in which is a large collection of relics, donated to the school by Clarkson Thomas, an old pioneer of Fountain City.

A stairway at the front of the building leads to the second floor.

At the left of the top of the stairway is a small room called the rectification room. All foreign languages, English classes and one history class are taught in there.

The assembly room on the second floor is the study room for high school students. At the south end of the room is the teacher's desk. A large collection of books, magazines, maps and encyclopedias are in the library and there is a piano in the room.

The building is electrically lighted and every room is well heated. It has a complete water system.

The faculty consists of nine teachers, Miss Ada Perry, first and second grades; Miss Grace Pitts, third and fourth; Miss Olive Nickols, fifth and sixth; Miss Jessie Frazier, seventh and eighth; Miss Casey, domestic science; Miss Frances Nickols, art and Miss Dana Wise, music.

The high school teachers are: Miss Carol Lois Kennedy, teacher of foreign languages and English; Howard Patterson, teacher of history, general science and agriculture; and Leslie Beall, physics and mathematics.

Domestic Science Room

In the northeast corner of the basement is the domestic science room, with a complete domestic science outfit. There are three large tables also, used for the art class, as well as in domestic science. On the first floor is a large hall with four rooms around it.

In the northeast corner is the primary room, which contains all equipment needed by small children, such as sand, blocks, toys, pictures, books, small chairs. In the northwest corner is the fifth and sixth and grade room and in the southwest corner, the third and fourth grade room. In the

Senior Class at Fountain City



—Photo by Bundy

Upper—Roy Miller, Carl Demaree, Verlan Bockhofer, Willard O'Dell. Middle—Owen Seaney, Kathryn Barrett, Helen Smith, Leverton Smith. Lower—Margaret Thomas, John Pegg, Helen Allender, Ralph Laughlin.

First Settlers Came to New Garden Township in 1809 To Clear Forests

By IDRIS HINSHAW

In the year of 1809 or 1810, the first settlers came to New Garden township. They were John Turner and Jonathan Marine. Later other people came, most of them Friends from North Carolina.

These people called the locality in which they lived New Garden. Most of the people had belonged to a New Garden quarterly meeting in North Carolina, and, therefore, they named this town.

The first township election was in 1817 at the house of Benjamin Harris.

Newport was the first name of our town, but the name was changed to Fountain City in 1878. This was done because of troubles about mail, there being two Newports in Indiana. Marquis Thomas suggested the name of Fountain City because of the great number of fountains in the town.

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Newport became famous during the time of slavery because of its activities connected with the underground railroad. The present hotel was the home of the president of the underground railroad. Here many thousands of slaves were hidden at one time. The present home of Will Bond was also used to hide many slaves in.

Friends started the first school in New Garden township, in 1814. School was held in a Friends meeting house. About two years after this a school building was built. Some of the teachers of this school were Mary Pegg, Charles Baldwin, and James McMurry. Joshua Williams opened a school in 1827. The first school house in Newport was a log cabin, the school was taught by Henry H. Way.

A graded school was started in 1858, in Newport.

A public school house was erected in 1841 or 1842. This was a frame structure. Later it was made into a dwelling house in which Frank Taylor now lives.

A brick school house was built in 1875. This was built by John Wright Johnson.

In 1909 the present school building was built.

A school house which was where the Friends church now stands is