

1911-1912 School Year

Wells County Free Press News Entries

January 5, 1912

Ray Covert and sister Lillian, the two popular teachers in Manfred public schools are spending their vacation at their home at Brainerd, Minn.

February 16, 1912

Valentine boxes created most friendly spirits in both rooms Wednesday, and numerous valentines were distributed.

The fourth grade spelling class is working for the honor of having the largest number of perfect marks this month. Olga Fiebick thus far holds first place.

Ruth Willborg and Alice Nelson have been promoted to the second grade.

Eighth grade reading class has completed *Snow Bound*. A test was given Monday and no mark below 85 was received.

Fourth grade geography class is now working on clay maps of the United States.

Those who had the highest averages in their subjects last month were Edwin Sorenson, Clara Melby, Katie Janisch, and Inez Lund.

Those with perfect attendance last month were Ralph Anderson, Josephine Biever, Mamie Erickson, Gladys Fjerestad, William Goedecke, Selma Hustoft, Edna Johnson, Katie Janisch, Clara Melby, Beatrice Melby, Inez Lund, Andrew Roble, Caroline Rogne, Melvin Roble, Edwin Sorenson, Olaf Rogne. Primary department – Clayton Anderson, Bernard Gilbertson, Pearl Johnson, Norma LeGrand, Rasmus and John Rasmussen, Harry, Edith and Esther Soderback, Olinda Wallman, and Alice Nelson.

About an hour was spent Monday in a general discussion of Abraham Lincoln.

The sixth grade in reading has completed the study of Lincoln's *Gettysburg Address* and the fourth grade is studying the song of *Marion's Men*.

New readers for the first and third grades were received lately and gladdened the hearts of both classes.

May 17, 1912

Vacation days will soon be here, but oh, the work before us still!

Letters from our former schoolmates, Beatrice and June Melby tell us that they long for our school again.

The fourth grade is studying *The Leak in the Dyke* in reading and the fifth grade has completed *The Blue and the Gray* in their language this month.

The coming county spelling contest of this week to be held at Fessenden is creating marked interest. Those who will represent our school are Inez Lund, Caroline Rogne and Mamie Erickson.

Certificates of attendance were issued last week to the following: Caroline Rogne, Mamie Erickson, Ralph Anderson, Clayton Anderson, Gladys Fjerestad and Edith Soderback. When we consider that it takes sixteen months of perfect attendance to receive these diplomas, we can well appreciate the joy of the recipient.

The eighth grade has nearly completed its review in arithmetic. At the final examination held in March four pupils out of five completed the common school branches, the fifth will enter the final examination this week and hopes to finish. All will receive their long looked for diplomas, which will command entrance into the state or normal schools of our state.

Lower Grades 1-3

Teacher: Lillian Covert

Clayton Anderson
Everett Anderson
Matilda Anderson
Inez Erickson
Jennie Fisketjon
Joseph Fisketjon
Laura Fisketjon
Emil Fiebick
Lena Fiebick
Tillie Fiebick
Bernard Gilbertson
Clarence Gilbertson
Pearl Johnson
Emma Koenig
Johnny Koenig
Lydia Koenig
Willie Koenig
Evelyn LeGrand
Norman LeGrand
Anna Melby
Elsie Mohr
Fred Mohr
Lena Mohr
Reinhold Mohr
Alice Nelson
John Rasmussen
Rasmus Rasmussen
Ruth Skogmo
Edith Soderback
Esther Soderback
Henry Soderback
Ruth Willborg
Dan Wallman
Olinda Wallman

Upper Grades 4-8

Teacher: Ray Covert

Florence Anderson
Perry Anderson
Ralph Anderson
Josie Biever
Mamie Erickson
Olga Fiebick
Gladys Fjerestad
Willie Goedecke
Edward Hustoft
Selma Hustoft
Katie Janisch
Alvin Johnson
Edna Johnson
Inez Lund
Minnie Martinson
Dell McBain
Clara Melby
Beatrice Melby
Gena Melby
June Melby
Anna Nelson
Gladys Ranum
Andrew Roble
Melvin Roble
Caroline Rogne
Olaf Rogne
Edwin Sorenson

May 24, 1912

We feel quite honored that our school won first prize in the spelling contest last Saturday.

May 31, 1912

The public school closed Friday. The term has been a successful one. The credit for this is due mostly to the teachers Ray and Lillian Covert. To show the appreciation of the good work done by the teachers, the parents and children gathered in the school house last Friday and presented Miss Covert with a gold watch and Mr. Covert with a fountain pen and gold watch fob. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a good social time. The teachers left Sunday for Montana where Miss Covert has a claim.