

RURAL SCHOOLS

BUCK SCHOOL

This is the history of our school for the year 1935-1936.

We were the first school to have the attendance banner. We had it for a month then lost it to another school and have now regained it for June with 100% attendance for the month of May.

We had a play for Book Week. Each child was a character from a book. Dorthia was Alice in Wonderland.

At our Hallow'en party we enjoyed ducking for apples. We played a skull game and read some poems. We had oranges and candy turkeys.

At Christmas we went over in the woods to get our tree. The boys cut it down, tied it on a sled and dragged it to the school. Our parents came to the party. We had poems; some of the children sang; then we sang a song.

At our Easter Party we had to find Easter baskets and letters. In the Easter baskets we found chicks; or rabbits and eggs. Our student teacher, Miss Smith, put a foreign stamp on each letter.

We have taken several trips to the fields and woods near the school. One trip was to Mr. Gregory's farm. The children found different kinds of fossil stones, and different kinds of ferns, lichens, and mosses. We are still looking for a plant fossil. The things we found on our trips are being saved for part of our fair exhibit.

One morning we carried flat stones from near the spring and made a stone path from the road to the spring. It is not a very long path. We had already fixed a short stone path to the school house door. This was done during the early spring when it was very muddy.

Some of the children are making musical instruments. They are nearly finished now. Our student teacher, Miss Smith, had made a violin at Normal School. She is helping us with ours. The little twins have made monochords, Kenneth has made a cello and Victor and Donald are making violins.

We have also made some candles as the Pilgrims did many years ago when they came to the New World. I made one to take to the fair. The other children made them to take home.

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This brings to a close my story of some of the events of the school year which will soon end.

Elsie Joy

HISTORY OF CRYSTAL LAKE SCHOOL

School opened in September with the enrollment of seven pupils. Their names are Marilyn Miller, James Miller, Florence Bundy, Carl Bundy, Alice McMullen, Donald Elliott, and Maxine Elliott.

During the first week we worked on our exhibit for the Morris Fair. We won nine dollars for a prize on our display.

In October we had appropriate games and refreshments for Hallowe'en.

Then along came November with the story of the Pilgrims. We made a Pilgrim poster.

For many weeks we worked on our Christmas program for December twentieth. We decorated the room and we even put curtains up on our stage. Invitations were sent out to the people in the district. Eleven people came. We entertained them with recitations, plays, dialogues, and a song. Of course, we had a Christmas Tree.

That night we went to Garrattsville. The Home Betterment Club there, had asked us to entertain them with our program. We all enjoyed it very much. Old Santa Claus gave everybody a box of candy and an orange.

In February everybody got their share of Valentines.

March brought the spring birds. We made a bird chart and painted birds on it with our new poster paint set.

Then along came April which brought Easter. We were all surprised to find that the Easter Rabbit had visited us during the night and had left a candy rabbit on everyone's desk.

In spelling we have had a lot of fun. We made a chart which we called "The Wheel of Fortune." Those who have earned two prizes are Florence Bundy and Maxine Elliott. Carl Bundy, Marilyn Miller, Alice McMullen, and Donald Elliott have earned one prize.

Maxine Elliott

DIMMOCK HOLLOW SCHOOL

When we started school there were six of us. In October, Therese Fischesser and Alma Raymond joined us, so that made eight. Just before Thanksgiving, Therese and Alma went to Florida. At the end of the school year, we have the same six we started to-gether in the fall.

In October we had a Hallowe'en Party. We invited our mothers. We spoke pieces and gave an original play. At this time Mr. Fox presented us with the Best Attendance Banner for rural schools. We have had it for the rest of the year.

On the evening of December twentieth, we invited all the people in the district to our Christmas party. We recited pieces and gave three pantomines which were very pretty. After our program Santa Claus came and gave us presents, candy and popcorn balls.

In February, Miss Tamsett bought some rhythm band instruments. With our new instruments and the organ, that Mrs. Fischesser gave us early in the school year, we now have a good rhythm band. We enjoy it very much.

At Easter we had another party which included the rhythm band, a play, and nursery rhymes.

We have had very good times this spring enjoying birds and their nests, polliwogs, newts, and flowers.

This year has been an enjoyable one for the all of us. We are looking forward to next year hoping it will be just as pleasant as this year has been.

Doris L. Coon

GARRATTSVILLE SCHOOL

This has been a happy school year. We have taken two walks or field trips. We found different kinds of flowers, weeds or other interesting things.

On the evening of November 2nd, we had a Hallowe'en social. We sold pop-corn and candy. About sixty-five people attended. We gave a program and played games. We used the money for hot lunches.

One day all of us went to Mr. Bunn's to watch them churn. Afterwards we talked about what we learned.

At Christmas we had ice cream and cake for lunch. In the afternoon we had a short program and a tree. Our mothers came. Dr. Vermilya gave us a talk.

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During January and February, Vernon Bunn was sick with pneumonia. Late in the afternoon on Valentines Day, we carried our school valentine box to his house for a party, Mrs. Bunn served ice cream and cake.

In March Mr. Danielson, Morris, gave us a talk and showed pictures about New England. This next week we expect Mrs. Thurston to show us lantern pictures of the Rocky Mountain region.

On Arbor Day we raked the lawn thoroughly. We washed windows. We had a picnic and found flowers.

Last Friday we visited Whitford's Glenn about a mile from the school. This is like Watkin's Glenn only smaller.

The fifth grade made a store for arithmetic. They made a salt map of New York. The first and second grades are finishing a play house.

Now we are reviewing for tests.

Arline Kaiser Milton Ward
Richard Bunn

KETCHUM SCHOOL

Another happy school year is drawing to a close. We are eagerly looking forward to our examinations and picnic. There are eight of us in school. They are: George Kukulech grade 1, Jane Kukulech grade 2, Cora Jenison grade 3, Robert and Edward Spencer grade 5, Mary Dunham grade 5, Lenoir and Roland Hurlbutt grade 6.

We have lots of fun at our entertainments. At our Christmas party we invited all the people of our community. We made gifts for each family. We made wooden and stuffed toys for each child. We had a program including dialogues, songs, and recitations. The most exciting part was the Christmas Tree. We all received presents, candy, and popcorn.

Our teacher gave us a Valentine party. It was a surprise. We did enjoy our pretty valentines and candy.

We are now looking forward to our picnic on the last day of school and to Grade Promotion day at Morris.

Our teacher is giving a prize for scholarship in the primary and intermediate grades. A prize is given to the boy or girl being the best citizen. Another prize is given to the pupil having the best attendance for the year. We all hope to win one or more of these prizes.

We haven't won the attendance banner this year. Many of the children have been sick. We shall try to win it

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next year.

Anyone wishing to visit our school will be most welcome.

Mary Dunham Lenoir Hurlbutt

NEW LISBON SCHOOL

Our first activity after the opening of school last fall was the preparation of a health play. We gave the play in the Little Theater at the Morris Fair.

In October, Miss Ewing helped us make Hallowe'en masks which we wore at our Hallowe'en celebration. Miss Ewing and the fifth grade pupils made a medieval castle in history class. In November, Miss Jenks helped us make Thanksgiving posters.

On the evening of the 20th of December, we had a Christmas entertainment in Saint Paul's Chapel. Mr. Denney conducted a Christmas Carol Service. We then gave our program down stairs. After the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Santa we served ice cream and cake to our guests.

In January we commenced to have a hot dish at noon time. After Miss MacWhorter came we had hot lunches every day for about ten weeks. We had no colds during the cold weather. We think it due partly to our hot lunch. The last day of Miss MacWhorter's stay, we had a birthday party. Miss MacWhorter taught us music.

Miss Veeder came the last of March. She continued with the music. Miss Veeder took charge of the Arbor Day program. For Arbor Day we had the usual cleaning. We had a short program.

We are planning a play for June 23rd to be given at the promotion exercises.

Agnes Gardner

