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Part 2 - Manfred School History September 1916 - May 1927 and Review of the Manfred Celebration, August 1, 2010

In the previous issue, Volume 8, Issue 3, we began the history of the brick Manfred School using newspaper entries, memories and photos to help us experience in a small way that "We were there." In this issue, we continue touring through the school years. Also included in this issue is a review of the wonderful gathering for Manfred held August 1, 2010. Thank you to everyone who attended and who helped in some way.

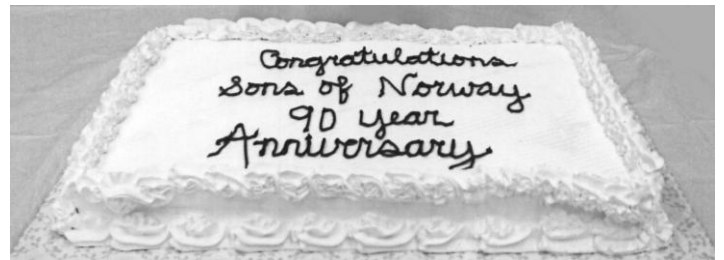


August 1, 2010 Gathering for Manfred Celebrated

★ The 10th Anniversary of
Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. (MHP, Inc.)



★ The 90th Anniversary of
Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge of Manfred, ND



★ The 100th Year since construction
of the Manfred School



★
Dedication of two
buildings into the
Manfred Heritage
Museum:

➤ Manfred School ◀

➤ Hotel Johnson/
Fagerlund Sons
of Norway Hall ◀



Hotel Johnson/Fagerlund
Sons of Norway Hall
with its newly installed
lettering and boardwalk



The New Manfred News

Thank you ever so much for your continuing support of the remarkable Manfred projects!

MHP, Inc. General Fund

P. O. Box 321, Harvey, ND 58341

Contributions to the General Fund are vital for the current work of MHP, Inc. The projects are advancing with this help!

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John (Jack) Steinberger

Peter and Rose Anderson in memory of

Wilbert (Pete) Peterson

Verna Bowers in memory of

Nora Rodne

Roger Casey

Fessenden Thrift Shop

Edgar and Jeanne Flick

Kenneth and Jeanne Melby in memory of

Willys Springer

Ed and Marlys Platz in memory of

Elaine Weigelt

Arlene Rittmiller in memory of

Selmer Rodne

Caroline Rodne

Merlin and Laurie Schwartz

Joseph Strauss

Theodore and Margaret Thorson

MHP, Inc. Endowment Fund

An everlasting fund providing for the future

Audrey Solheim in memory of

Selmer and Nora Rodne

In Memory

Delbert Ford

October 16, 1943 – June 10, 2009

Del's wife Linda Ford is the

Granddaughter of Emil and Kate Ranum

Great Granddaughter of Ole and Guri Ranum

Roland Braaten

August 7, 1925 – April 7, 2010

Son of Ernest and Eva Braaten

Grandson of Ole and Inga Braaten

Nora Ramsfield Rodne

1910 – July 20, 2010

Wife of Selmer Rodne a lifelong resident of rural Manfred and son of Haldor and Delia Rodne

Wilbur Earl (Pete) Peterson

March 5, 1926 – August 6, 2010

Son of William and Ella Hedahl Peterson

When Wilbur's mother died March 6, 1926, he was raised by his uncle and aunt Jens and Marie Hedahl Renden. Jens was the blacksmith at Manfred. Wilbur was among those providing encouragement in the launching of the Manfred projects.

Tamara Rae Nicholson

December 31, 1954 – August 7, 2010

Daughter of Robert and Marian Flick Nicholson, Jr. Granddaughter of Ray and Gena Melby Flick Great Granddaughter of C. C. and Anna Melby

Hazel Solberg Berve

December 11, 1914 – September 4, 2010

Hazel's first husband was Nels Solberg.

They had two children Janice and Norlin.

Hazel's second husband was Casper Berve.

Since last published, below are contributions to other Manfred non-profit organizations, affiliates of Preservation North Dakota, helping with the restoration of buildings as listed in Manfred

Johnson-Ostrem Preservation Fund

1000 Jill Ave #23, Harvey, ND 58341

Johnson/Jacobson/Ostrem House, Garage and Privy

In memory of Christine Ostrem Anderson

Martha Faul

Leon and Peggy Gisi

Joe and Betty Holzer

Charlie Houtkooper

Steven and Beckee Keller

Gene and Betty Melby

Richard and Wanda Melchert

Wayne and Kathy Muscha

Bill and Ann Ongstad

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Curt and Jeanne Quenette

Debby Rost

Howard and Julie Schaan

Audrey Solheim

Jim and Sandy Weinmann

Sheryl Fisher Wilczynski

Craig Wollenburg and Sandy Wurgler

Joelyn Scriba

Melby Heritage Society

1000 Jill Ave #23, Harvey, ND 58341

Olaf and Lena Anderson House

Hotel Johnson and Privy

Johnson's Place/Cash Store

In memory of our wonderful sister-in-law

and aunt Christy Anderson:

Mrs. Lila Anderson

Ginger and Vern Barrett

Nancy and Willaim Conner

Becky and Rodney Wilcox

Merlin and Laurie Schwartz

Rural Vestige Alliance

1026 S 3rd #3, Bismarck, ND 58504

Manfred School

Rogne/Soderback/Solheim House

June Farias

Wanda Melchert

Lorraine Quie

Audrey Solheim

School History and Memories

You may wonder why some of the students attended the primary grades room for more than the logical number of years. Manfred School had its own built in preschool! Children who were not yet old enough to be in first grade were permitted to come to school, too.

We would be delighted if former students and teachers could share memories of your school days at Manfred School, and send by mail or email to MHP, Inc., Audrey Solheim or Wanda Melchert.

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Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.

An Authentic Settlers' Village

Celebrating Rural America

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded July 25, 2000. Its mission is to compile and share the history of Manfred, North Dakota and its traditional trade area, and to encourage community pride and restoration of its historic structures.

Website: www.manfrednd.org

Manfred Heritage Museum

An educational entity of MHP, Inc. and of the Manfred community dedicated July 26, 2003. Its purpose is to provide present and future generations the opportunity to learn about important contributions that rural places such as Manfred have given to North Dakota and to America.

Museum Open

May through September

Summer 701-547-2564

Winter 701-547-3123, 701-324-2091, 701-324-2027

The success of Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. is made possible through:

1. Volunteers

Four Divisions have been established where people are invited to volunteer in their areas of interest:

- *CORPORATE – Compiling the history, Grant writing
- *MUSEUM – Cataloging the collections
- *BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Care of Manfred
- *EDUCATION – Developing exhibits and programs

2. Financial Contributions

Financial contributions are vital to the work of MHP, Inc. Ideas for giving include -

- *GENERAL FUND for current expenses
 - *DESIGNATED GIFT
 - *ENDOWMENT FUND for Manfred's future
- Consider including MHP, Inc. in your Estate Plans.

Federal Tax ID# on record

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3. Historical Contributions

At the core of the projects is the history of Manfred and its traditional trade area. Historical materials are welcome to help tell Manfred's story such as:

- *ARTIFACTS – Historical items
- *ARCHIVAL MATERIALS – Histories, Documents
- *GENEALOGIES – and other historic materials

Board of Directors

Audrey Solheim, President

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Verna Bowers, Pam Norstedt, Lewis Weigelt

Wanda Melchert, Museum Director

MHP, Inc., dedicated to education and the well being of rural America, is a member of the Harvey Chamber of Commerce and Preservation North Dakota, and also partners with the Wells County Historical Society, State Historical Society of North Dakota and other historical groups.

Manfred Celebration August 1, 2010

A celebration held August 1, 2010 for Manfred was greatly enjoyed by everyone with a program, displays, afternoon lunch and a time of fellowship at Festival Hall on the Wells County Fairgrounds in Fessenden followed by an open house in historic Manfred. A grant for this event was provided by Sons of Norway International. Many thanks to all the people who helped to make this such a lovely and successful event! Coordinator - Pam Norstedt, preparation and printing of program - Audrey Solheim, sound system - Perry Anderson.

The program began by honoring the *Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge* of Manfred on its 90th Anniversary with lodge president, Peter Anderson, giving the welcome. The singers and dancers from the *Sverdrup Sons of Norway Lodge* of Bismarck dressed in their festive Norwegian bunad attire, delighted the audience with their performances narrated by Audrey Solheim. Pam Norstedt gave a very interesting history of the lodge. She introduced the current members of Fagerlund Lodge who are: Donald Anderson, Peter and Rose Anderson, Peg Bell, Verna Bowers, Gordon Christenson, Helen Fritchie, Gwyn Herman, Laura Johnson, Laverne Johnson, Richard and Wanda Melchert, Art Melby, Pam Norstedt, Harley and Muriel Weros. Sons of Norway Representative, Ann Krause, brought greetings.

The song "Wildflower" sung by Laverne Johnson and Gwyn Herman was greatly enjoyed, as well as "The Manfred Song" written and performed by Laverne. Laverne gave a delightful presentation on the history of Manfred School in celebration of the 100th year of the big brick Manfred School. It was a special honor to have former Manfred School teachers Laverne Johnson, Marlys Boese Piatz, and Betty Ellingson Reichenberger in attendance, as well as a number of former students. The Manfred School and Hotel Johnson /Fagerlund Sons of Norway Hall buildings were dedicated into the *Manfred Heritage Museum*, and Wanda Melchert gave a brief talk in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of *MHP, Inc.* After the program, an afternoon lunch of sandwiches and salads was provided by *Friends of Bowdon Store* with a freewill donation. Also cake, goodies, coffee and punch were served by Fagerlund Lodge. The Wells County Museum was opened for viewing of artifacts such as the miniature Viking Ship built for Fagerlund Lodge and the medical bag of Dr. Peter Boyum, who served as Manfred's first doctor.

Following the afternoon activities, everyone was invited to an open house of historic Manfred. A number of projects have been completed in Manfred during the past year. A matching grant awarded by the State Historical Society of North Dakota to MHP, Inc. made possible exhibit panels created and installed by volunteers in the 1903 Melby Rogness House. Contributions from friends of Manfred, along with grants awarded by the State Historical Society of North Dakota, Preservation North Dakota and North Dakota Telephone Company to *Rural Vestige Alliance* helped fund the roofing project of the 1910 Manfred School and the 1899 Rogne/Soderback/Solheim House with contractor Charles Bolin. A matching grant awarded by Preservation North Dakota to *Melby Heritage Society* helped fund the construction of a boardwalk for the 1906 Hotel Johnson with contractor Greg Seidel.

Other recent projects include the painting of the 1906 Vang Lutheran Church by contractor Rita Seidel and the painting by volunteers of the 1906 Hotel Johnson to appear as it traditionally had looked. Interestingly, the hotel building later served as the Fagerlund Sons of Norway Hall for many years. Electrical connections to the two garages on the Melby Rogness property were installed by contractor Fritz Wohl. New sidewalk for the Melby-Rogness property has also been completed by contractor Rodney Opdahl. Wow! The restoration of historic Manfred and the gathering of history for Manfred is progressing wonderfully well with the wonderful help of local volunteers and contributors from across the USA!



The Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge charter and banner were among items on display



↑ Serving table being prepared

← Festival Hall decorated with the colors of the Norwegian and USA flags of red, white, and blue

People Attending the Celebration August 1, 2010

Donald A. Anderson
John Anderson
Lowell and Marge Anderson
Orren R. Anderson
Perry, Lauri and Sam Anderson
Peter and Rose Anderson
Delores Baltrusch
Peg Bell
Myron Berg
Wesley and Esther Boese
Verna Bowers
Linda Brown
Mary Houtkooper Brown
Marilyn Campbell
Muriel Delzer
Maren Daniels
Marilyn and Irving Driesner
Bene Regis England
Janet Esser
Jim and Bonnie Fandrich
Darlene Flick
Edgar and Jeanne Flick
Helen Fritchie

Arden and Linda Georgeson
Wesley Gross
Wilfred and Mary Jean Hanson
William Hanson
Gwyn Herman
Diane Hofdahl-Fysh
Charlie Houtkooper
Laverne Johnson
Ann Krause
Dave and Deanna Lang
Kermit and Beverly Larson
Orlin and Ivadell Larson
Leonard Martin
Gene and Betty Melby
Wanda Melchert
Harvey and Wilma Melstad
Alvin and Lila Mohr
Emir Houtkooper Moritz
Laura Muscha
LeRoy and Ella Nayes
Pam Norstedt
Luann Mohr Olson
Loren and Patty Patrie

Bob and Joyce Pestal
Inez Pendergrast
Marlys Piatz
Vernon and Joyce Pranke
Joyce Ravnaas
Art and Betty Reichenberger
Julie Rodacker
Heide Sabot
Lorretta Schilling
Bernice Schindler
James Schindler
Ruth Schuh
Eve Schultz
Lyle Schultz
Audrey Solheim
Al and Bernice Steinke
Duane and Shirley Svanes
Ted and Addie Thiede
Lorna Tyson
Lewis and Judy Weigelt
Harley and Muriel Weros
Reiner and Ruth Widiger



↑ Event coordinator
Pam Norstedt by some
of the display items

*Thank you to Rose Anderson,
Gwyn Herman, Laverne Johnson
and Audrey Solheim for photos*

↘ Perry Anderson provided
the sound system, and Esther
Boese is shown registering
folk singers and dancers

↓ Donald Anderson and
Peter Anderson working
on table preparations



↑ Laverne Johnson and
Gwyn Herman singing
the song "Wildflower"

↖ Sverdrup Lodge Folk Singers
narrated by Audrey Solheim

← Sverdrup Lodge Folk Dancers
Far left: Orlin Larson fiddling
on his violin

↓ Jeanne and Edgar Flick
preparing table decorations
and name tags



1916- 1917 School Year

Beginning this year, the 9th Graders were no longer attending Manfred School

Room 1 –
Grades 1-3
Room 2 –
Grades 4-6
Room 3 –
Grades 7-8



Esther Anderson with her Grades 1-3 students

Photo provided by Audrey Solheim

Room 1 - Grades 1-3 Teacher: Esther Anderson

Pictured above beginning from front of row by the wall. Left to right for students sitting two-to-a-desk.

1st Row

Ida Rogne
Josephine Janish
Isla Kuske
Gordon Anderson
Herb LeGrand
Martha Fiebick
Esther Anderson
Blanch Roberts

2nd Row

Mabel Roberts
Helen LeGrand
Violet Fisher
Annie Onstad
Raymond Boese
Lynn Myers
James Myers
Dave Koenig
John Koenig

3rd Row

Rose Kaufmann
Bernice Field
Elizabeth Hustoft
Elise Myers
Perry Myers
Harry Myers
Richard Boese
Milton Kuske
Eddie Koenig
Cora Roberts

4th Row

Joel Langseth
Forrest Fisher
Donald Myers
Roy Nelson

Room 2 - Grades 4-6

Teachers: Nina Swedlund until Christmas. Elenora Hegge remainder of school year.

Inez Erickson
Ida Fiebick
Lena Fiebick
Arthur Field

Joe Greenwood
Edith Hedahl
James Jacobson
Harriet Johnson

Willie Koenig
Agnes Langseth
Evelyn LeGrand
Norman LeGrand

Rosie Lescault
Lila Nelson
Esther Soderback
Beatrice Wolding

Room 3 - Grades 7-8 Teacher: John Bolenbough

Clayton Anderson
Matilda Anderson
Albert Earl
Emil Fiebick
Tillie Fiebick

Eunice Field
Bernard Gilbertson
Clarence Gilbertson
Edwin Hedahl
Pearl Johnson

Lydia Koenig
Herschall Myers
Clair Nelson
Harley Nelson
Margaret Rudie

Edith Soderback
Henry Soderback
Ruth Willborg
Gladys Wolding

1916-1917 continued on page 6

1916-1917 School Year (Continued)

Wells County Free Press News Entries

October 12, 1916

Manfred School is now having a splendid sewing class. The sewing done this past month has been mostly in finishing up the garments for the sewing contest. The boys in the intermediate department and the grammar department began last Friday with the manual training work, and are going to continue throughout the winter.

December 7, 1916

The prizes in the spelling contest for the past month were awarded to fourth grade-Agnes Langseth; fifth grade-Lila Nelson; sixth grade-Esther Soderback. The younger girls in the sewing class are embroidering linen towels. Tillie Fieback of Manfred School received the first prize in the sewing contest.

March 15, 1917

A "hard time" basket social was given last Friday night in Melby's hall by the school for the benefit of the commencement exercises which will take place the latter part of June. A large crowd attended and the occasion furnished a fund of about \$38.00.

May 10, 1917

The 8th grade final examinations will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 24th and 25th, 1917. Applicants are required to furnish pen, ink, and legal cap paper. Paper will not be furnished from this office. Applicants please report promptly at 8:30 o'clock, A.M. Testing: Thursday A.M.-Arithmetic, Physiology. Thursday P.M.-Agriculture, Civics, Spelling. Friday A.M.-Geography, Reading. Friday P.M.-Grammar, History. Sennev Nertrøst, County Superintendent

May 31, 1917

Eighth grade commencement exercises for Manfred School will be held at the Melby hall tonight, May 31, at 8:30. The program is as follows: Piano solo, Miss Luella Hammer. Address, Prof. A. G. Crane. Class history, Tillie Fieback. Class prophecy, Margaret Rudie. Presentation of diplomas, Supt. Sennev Nertrøst. Vocal solo, Mrs. Roy Owen. Benediction, Rev. J. M. Langseth.

1917-1918 School Year

Room 1 - Grades 1-3 Teacher: Esther Anderson

Idella Blenn	Carl Holman	Dave Koenig	Mabel Roberts
Harley Boese	Hildur Holman	Eddie Koenig	Freda Soderback
Raymond Boese	Esther Hunk	Esther Koenig	Ella Stradinger
Richard Boese	Josephine Janish	Isla Kuske	Herbert Tessem
Ella Fieback	Leslie Johnson	Joel Langseth	Elvin Torkelson
Bernice Field	Winnefred Johnson	Annie Onstad	Lillian Torkelson
Earl Fisher	Gilmund Jorstad	Helen Overrin	Bertha Weigelt
Forrest Fisher	Richard Jorstad	Marian Renden	Selma Weigelt
Violet Fisher	Rose Kaufman		

Room 2 - Grades 4-6 Teacher: Caroline Rogne

Gordon Anderson	Edith Hedahl	Willie Koenig	Roy Nelson
Ida Fieback	Hilda Hintz	Milton Kuske	Gustav Radke
Lena Fieback	Elizabeth Hustoft	Agnes Langseth	Blanche Roberts
Martha Fieback	Harriet Johnson	Herbert LeGrand	Cora Roberts
Arthur Field	Ole Jorstad	Norman LeGrand	Williams Weigelt
Adams Hanson	Johnnie Koenig	Lila Nelson	

Room 3 - Grades 7-8 Teacher: John Bolenbough

Clayton Anderson	Hiram Hanson	Harley Nelson	Clara Skaar
Inez Erickson	Edith Hedahl	Lila Nelson	Esther Soderback
Emil Fieback	Edwin Hedahl	Esther Shefveland	Henry Soderback
Eunice Field	Millard Lindbo		

1918-1919 School Year

Grade assignment for the Rooms was adjusted for this year to
Room 1 - Grades 1-2, Room 2 - Grades 3-5, and Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Room 1 - Grades 1-2

Teacher: Clara Graustad

Alice Anderson	Carol Field	Rose Kaufmann	Marian Renden
Harley Boese	Arnold Fisher	Esther Koenig	Freda Soderback
Richard Boese	Earl Fisher	Dave Koenig	Walter Suran
Lester Burkum	Alice Hanson	Ernest Langseth	Herbert Tessem
Ella Fiebick	Esther Hintz	Lorraine Nelson	Wilbert Weigelt
Theodore Fiebick	Leslie Johnson	Robert Norlie	Ella Zwalne
Bernice Field	Russell Johnson		

Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Teacher: Mrs. James Sillman

Gordon Anderson	Cecil Hanson	Willie Koenig	Annie Onstad
Raymond Boese	Elizabeth Hustoft	Isla Kuske	Blanche Roberts
Martha Fiebick	Josephine Janisch	Milton Kuske	Mabel Roberts
Arthur Field	Winnifred Johnson	Joel Langseth	Edmund Suran
Forrest Fisher	Eddie Koenig	Helen LeGrand	Bertha Weigelt
Violet Fisher	John Koenig	Herbert LeGrand	Selma Weigelt

Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Teacher: John Bolenbough

Clayton Anderson	Adams Hanson	Agnes Langseth	Esther Soderback
Emil Fiebick	Edith Hedahl	Evelyn LeGrand	Henry Weigelt
Ida Fiebick	Hilda Hintz	Norman LeGrand	William Weigelt
Lena Fiebick	Harriet Johnson		

1919-1920 School Year

Grade assignment for the Rooms returned to Room 1 - Grades 1-3, Room 2 - Grades 4-6, with Room 3 - Grades 7-8 and also first year high school Grade 9 once again

Room 1 - Grades 1-3

Teachers: Clara Graustad first half of year, Ruth Sundberg second half of year

Raymond Adams	Ella Fiebick	Rose Kaufmann	Lorraine Nelson
Alice Anderson	Theodore Fiebick	Dave Koenig	Robert Norlie
Allen Anderson	Bernice Field	Esther Koenig	Emil Onstad
Francis Anderson	Carol Field	Jacob Koenig	Marian Renden
Roy Anderson	Arnold Fisher	Alvin Langseth	Freda Soderback
Martin Anhorn	Donald Fisher	Ernest Langseth	Herbert Tessem
Harley Boese	Earl Fisher	Arnold Melby	Melvin Watland
Richard Boese	Alice Hanson	Cora Melby	Wilbert Weigelt
Lester Burkum	Leslie Johnson	Myrtle Melby	Ella Zwalne
Maurice Burns	Russell Johnson		

Room 2 - Grades 4-6

Teacher: Katherine Daniels

Agnes Anderson	Arthur Field	Eddy Koenig	Helen LeGrand
Alice Anderson	Forrest Fisher	John Koenig	Roy Nelson
Gordon Anderson	Violet Fisher	Willie Koenig	Annie Onstad
Frances Anhorn	Cecil Hanson	Isla Kuske	Ruby Watland
Raymond Boese	Elizabeth Hustoft	Milton Kuske	Bertha Weigelt
Martha Fiebick	Josephine Janisch	Joel Langseth	Selma Weigelt
	Winnifred Johnson		

Room 3 - Grades 7-9

Teacher: Ole Nestvold

John Anhorn	Lena Fiebick	Evelyn LeGrand	Esther Soderback
Agnes Dokken	Adams Hanson	Norman LeGrand	Ida Watland
Inez Erickson	Harriet Johnson	Harley Nelson	William Weigelt
Ida Fiebick	Agnes Langseth	Lila Nelson	

1920-1921 School Year

Grade assignment for the Rooms was readjusted back to
Room 1 - Grades 1-2, Room 2 - Grades 3-5, and Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Room 1 - Grades 1-2

Raymond Adams
Harley Boese
Lester Burkum
Mildred Boese
Agnes Fehr
Jacob Fehr
Teddy Fiebick
Arnold Fischer

Carl Fischer
Donald Fischer
Alice Hanson
Matthew Jenny
Russell Johnson
Esther Koenig
Jacob Koenig
Elmer Kuske

Alvin Langseth
Arnold Melby
Cora Melby
Katherine Melby
Myrtle Melby
Lorraine Nelson
Irene Norlie
Robert Norlie

Teacher: Mabel Lostensgard

Emil Onstad
Ivar Ravnaas
Jake Reis
Norma Renden
Joseph Tessem
Gustav Weigelt
Walter Wetzig

Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Alice Anderson
Raymond Boese
Richard Boese
Ella Fiebick
Violet Fisher

Leslie Johnson
Rose Kaufmann
Eddy Koenig
Dave Koenig
John Koenig

Isla Kuske
Ernest Langseth
Helen LeGrand
Annie Onstad
John Reis

Teacher: Katherine Daniels

Marian Renden
Freda Soderback
Herbert Tessem
Selma Weigelt
Harvey Wetzig

Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Gordon Anderson
Eilert Fehr
Martha Fiebick
Lena Fiebick
Ida Fiebick

Forrest Fisher
Cecil Hansen
Elizabeth Hustoft
Josephine Janisch
Winnifred Johnson

Harriet Johnson
Milton Kuske
Agnes Langseth
Joel Langseth
Norman LeGrand
Herbert LeGrand

Teacher: Mary E. Hecker

Roy Nelson
Earl Sveen
William Weigelt
Bertha Weigelt
Henry Weigelt

1921-1922 School Year

Room 1 - Grades 1-2

Raymond Adams
Mildred Boese
Verna Fiebick
Arnold Fisher
Donald Fisher
Kermit Fisher
Annie Jenny

Matthew Jenny
Verna Jenny
Esther Koenig
Jacob Koenig
Lyle LeGrand
Kermit Melby
Roy Melby

Irene Norlie
Emil Onstad
Oliver Ravnaas
Benny Reis
Jake Reis
Norma Renden
Lila Schwarz

Teacher: Mabel Lostensgard

Louis Schwarz
Reinhart Stradinger
Waldrich Stradinger
Joseph Tessem
Gustav Weigelt
Helen Weigelt

Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Alice Anderson
Harley Boese
Herbert Boese
Richard Boese
Lester Burkum
Ella Fiebick
Teddy Fiebick

Earl Fisher
Leslie Johnson
Russell Johnson
Rose Kaufmann
Dave Koenig
Eddy Koenig
Elmer Kuske
Ernest Langseth

Alvin Langseth
Cora Melby
Myrtle Melby
Lorraine Nelson
Robert Norlie
Ivar Ravnaas
John Reis

Teacher: Katherine Daniels

Marian Renden
Freda Soderback
Edna Stradinger
Herbert Tessem
Wilbert Weigelt
Walter Wetzig
Harvey Wetzig

Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Gordon Anderson
Raymond Boese
Martha Fiebick
Violet Fisher
Forrest Fisher

Elizabeth Hustoft
Josephine Janisch
Winnifred Johnson
Isla Kuske
Milton Kuske

Joel Langseth
Helen LeGrand
Herbert LeGrand
Dellas Miller
Alice Miller

Teacher: Iva Perkins

Roy Nelson
Annie Onstad
Ella Stradinger
Bertha Weigelt
Selma Weigelt

1922-1923 School Year

Room 1 - Grades 1-2

Ada Mae Adams
Orvin Anderson
Esther Anhorn
Mildred Boese
Kermit Fisher
Ilean Goedecke
Verna Jenny

Anna Jenny
Walter Koenig
Genevieve LeGrand
Lyle LeGrand
Kermit Melby
Roy Melby
Irene Norlie

Honora O'Neill
Francis Paulsen
Lila Paulsen
Lyle Paulsen
Cora Ravnaas
Oliver Ravnaas
Dolores Renden

Teacher: M. C. Curtis

Genevieve Ryan
Kathleen Ryan
Lila Schwarz
Louis Schwarz
Haldrich Stradinger
Reinhart Stradinger
Helen Weigelt

Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Ray Adams
Alice Anderson
Harley Boese
Lester Burkum
Arnold Fisher
Donald Fisher
Earl Fisher
Lena Goedecke

Matthew Jenny
Russell Johnson
Dave Koenig
Esther Koenig
Jacob Koenig
Elmer Kuske
Alvin Langseth
Ernest Langseth

Cora Melby
Myrtle Melby
Lorraine Nelson
Robert Norlie
Emil Onstad
Glen Paulsen
Ivar Ravnaas
Norma Renden

Teacher: Margaret A. Gorham

Ingrid Rogeness
Edna Stradinger
Herbert Tessem
Joseph Tessem
Gustav Weigelt
Wilbert Weigelt
Harvey Wetzig
Walter Wetzig

Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Raymond Boese
Forrest Fisher
Violet Fisher
Josephine Janisch
Leslie Johnson
Winnifred Johnson

Eddy Koenig
Isla Kuske
Joel Langseth
Helen Legrand
Herbert Legrand

Annie Onstad
Lillian Paulsen
Melvin Paulsen
Alice Miller
Dellas Miller

Teacher: Lucile Frislie

Ella Stradinger
Bertha Weigelt
Selma Weigelt
Marian Renden
Freda Soderback

1923-1924 School Year

Room 1 - Grades 1-2 and Room 3 – Grades 6-8

Student list unavailable

Teachers: Unknown

Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Raymond Adams
Esther Anhorn
Harley Boese
Mildred Boese
Genevieve Christensen
Arnold Fisher
Donald Fisher
Earl Fisher
Anna Jenny

Matt Jenny
Russell Johnson
Dave Koenig
Esther Koenig
Jacob Koenig
Elmer Kuske
Alvin Langseth
Lyle LeGrand
Cora Melby

Myrtle Melby
Lorraine Nelson
Robert Norlie
Emil Onstad
Glen Paulsen
Lyle Paulsen
Ivar Ravnaas
Oliver Ravnaas

Teacher: Helen Schauf

Norma Renden
Ingrid Rogeness
Lila Schwarz
Reinhart Stradinger
Joseph Tessem
Gustav Weigelt
Wilber Weigelt
Walter Wetzig

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February 14, 1924

The Farmers Institute held here on Saturday was well attended and a lot of farmers intend to put into practice some of the good ideas and methods introduced. The demonstration at the school house was also well attended and the women were well pleased with their meeting.

May 22, 1924

The schools here were closed Monday and practically all the school children motored to Fessenden to celebrate Play Day. Several prizes were won by the Manfred children.

1924-1925 School Year

Room 1 - Grades 1-2 Teacher unknown, and Room 3 – Grades 6-8 Teacher Alice Klammer : Student lists unavailable
See Room 3 students below that participated in a **Play**

Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Teacher: Mrs. Helene Hamuth

Raymond Adams	Donald Fisher	Jacob Koenig	Lyle Paulsen
Harley Boese	Earl Fisher	Walter Koenig	Oliver Ravnaas
Mildred Boese	Kermit Fisher	Lyle LeGrand	Lila Schwarz
Roberta Burns	Anna Jenny	Emil Onstad	Louis Schwarz
Harriet Christensen	Matt Jenny	Glenn Paulsen	Joseph Tessem
Arnold Fisher	Esther Koenig		

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February 18, 1925

Last Friday the 7th and 8th grades of Manfred School attended district court in Fessenden. Miss Alice Klammer and Mr. Olaf Anderson took them down. They were taken there in order that they might learn some things about the government but the youngsters seemed to think it more of a holiday instead of school work.

April 9, 1925

April first a number of seventh and eight grade students motored to Harvey to help Forrest Fisher, who attends Harvey high school, celebrate his birthday. The young people report a good time.

March 5, 1925

The pupils of the intermediate room had a vacation last week on Tuesday. This week they are not having any school as Mrs. Hamuth is still ill. We hope she will soon be able to be around again.

April 23, 1925

The school children were given a very nice treat last Friday afternoon. They went out to Kuske's farm and had a picnic. They roasted wieners and had buns and cookies and last of all ice cream. They report a wonderful time.

April 23, 1925

Last Wednesday evening the Manfred School rendered a very good program. It consisted of the following numbers:

Song - By school

Folk Dance - Smaller children

Operetta - 11 boys and girls

Song - "Hard Times in Boyland" - Joseph Tessum, Lyle Paulsen, Raymond Adams and Arnold Fisher

Play - "Poor Father" - 6th, 7th and 8th grades

"Poor Father" was a three act comedy, full of humor from beginning to end and the audience enjoyed one laugh after another. The youngsters took the part splendidly and the play was very successful. The cast follows:

William Tompkins, "A Hard Pressed Father" - Leslie Johnson

Clifford Tompkins, "A Student of Psychology" - Herbert Tessum

Harold Caldwell, "Always in the Way" - Melvin Paulsen

Sidney Durmmond, "A Wealthy Bachelor" - Lester Burkum

George Washington Brown, "A Trifler with the Truth" - Ernest Langseth

Sergeant O'Conner of the Police - Alvin Langseth

Mary Tompkins, "A Distracted Mother" - Violet Fisher

Gladys, "The Eldest Daughter" - Freda Soderback

Bessie, "Another Daughter" - Lillian Paulsen

Caroline, "Another Daughter" - Fern Christianson

Marie, "A New French Maid" - Isla Kuske

Vivian Lorraine, "An Actress" - Alice Anderson

May 7, 1925

Friday the pupils of the Manfred School were busy planting trees on the north side of the schoolhouse. This will greatly improve the grounds and we hope some day to have some real nice shade trees on our school grounds.

1925-1926 School Year

Room 1 – Lower Grades

Orvin Anderson
Randall Bergsgaard
Woodrow Bergsgaard
Mildred Boese
Harriett Christensen
Arnold Fisher
Kermit Fisher

Leo Grinney
Anna Jenny
Verna Jenny
Everett Johnson
Jacob Koenig
Walter Koenig

Lyle LeGrand
Kermit Melby
Roy Melby
Bennie Mietz
Frieda Mietz
Helen Nelson

Teacher: Louise Klevjord

Emil Onstad
Lila Paulsen
Oliver Ravnaas
Dolores Renden
Lila Schwarz
Louis Schwarz

Room 2 – Middle Grade Teacher Lydia Klevjord, and Room 3 – Upper Grade Teacher Laura Brun Student lists unavailable

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September 17, 1925

The teachers arrived the end of the week and started on their duties Monday. The children are wearing big smiles and seem glad to get back to school.

October 22, 1925

Guy Fisher and children had the misfortune of tipping over with their Ford Monday morning while coming to school. Luckily no one was badly hurt and very little damage was done to the car.

April 29, 1926

Oris Biever and the Ravnaas children are absent from school with an attack of measles.

1926-1927 School Year

Room 1 - Teacher Rebecca Bakken, Room 2 – Teacher Dollie Stewart, and Room 3 – Sidney J. Lee: Student lists unavailable

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September 2, 1926

The schoolhouse has been cleaned and painted for the opening of school. The children are anxiously awaiting the day when they will see their new teachers. A man teacher has been engaged for one room.

October 21, 1926

Harriet Johnson, Rebecca Bakken, and Dollie Stewart attended the Teacher's Institute at Fessenden Thursday and Friday of this week.

January 27, 1927

Primary Room The pupils of the Primary room have completed making Humpty-Dumpty posters.

Intermediate Room The fifth grade has just completed its booklets for the The Food Project. The intermediate room girls and the upper grade girls have sewing once a week under Miss Stewart's supervision.

Upper Room The eighth grade organized their class with the following officers elected: President, Norma Renden; Vice-President, Cora Melby; Secy-Treasurer, Alvin Langseth; Advisor, Sidney J. Lee. The seventh grade elected the following officers; President, Joseph Tessem; Vice-President, Glenn Paulsen; Secy-treasurer, Harley Boese; Advisor, Dollie Stewart. The Girls' Sewing Club met Tuesday at the home of Norma Renden. Ingrid Rogness, who was sent as a delegate to Fargo, gave a report of special interest to the club. In the near future, two one-act plays are to be given by the upper grade room. A committee is already working on the plays to be selected.

May 26, 1927

Nineteen will graduate from the eighth grade of the Manfred schools this year, at the eighth grade graduation exercises to be held in the Sons of Norway hall next Friday evening. at 8:00 p. m. William W. Barr, county superintendent of schools will deliver the address of the evening and also present the diplomas. The invocation will be asked by Rev. Langseth and musical numbers by Myrtle and Cora Melby, a Ladies Quartette and E. Hedahl and Sander Kopseng will complete the program.