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Lots of Good Things Keep Happening For Manfred!

- Preservation improvements
- Compilation of the history

How wonderful to realize that each season more preservation improvements continue to be accomplished, and that each year the history continues to be more fully compiled. Also, continuing care of the grounds enables Manfred to look really nice. Sincere thanks to all volunteers and contributors who help enable these amazing projects! Presently ongoing in the newsletter is a series on the school history of Manfred Township. This issue features the years September 1932-May 1939 of Manfred School.

MANFRED IS SURE LOOKING NICE!



Manfred continues to look better all the time with more new improvements

Aerial photo of Manfred taken September 23, 2011 by Bill Ongstad

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In Memory

Joyce Rodne Larson

November 23, 1930 – May 4, 2011
Daughter of Lars and Inez Rodne, granddaughter of Ole L. and Anna Rodne who farmed north of Manfred and of Andrew and Julia Erickson, who had owned a store in Manfred

Lorraine Sommerfeld

July 28, 1923 – July 31, 2011
Husband, Fred, had served as a depot agent at Manfred

Erven Anhorn

July 22, 1926 – August 30, 2011
Born near Manfred the son of Gottlieb and Odelia "Tillie" Anhorn

Arnold "Arnie" Helland

April 21, 1917 – September 6, 2011
Former resident and electrician at Manfred and also Harvey

Karen M. Aadnes

October 19, 1950 – October 3, 2011
The wife of Wayne Aadnes, son of Rolf and Rogene (Gullickson) Aadnes, grandson of Bernice (Wolding) and Gerhard Gullickson, great grandson of Nellie (Melby) and Olaf Wolding, great great grandson of Knud and Guri Melby

Roger Casey

July 6, 1918 – October 5, 2011
Husband of Nora Ongstad, the daughter of Oscar and Christine Ongstad

Richard J. Biever

June 21, 1927 – November 1, 2011
Born in Manfred the son of Albert and Lucy Biever

Richard "Dick" Ranum

April 1, 1927 – November 5, 2011
Son of Emil and Katie Ranum, grandson of Ole and Guri (Melby) Ranum, great grandson of Knud and Guri Melby

Myrtle J. Alfstad

February 23, 1919 – November 13, 2011
Daughter of Jacob and Martha (Solberg) Helland, and a sister of Wallace and Donald Helland

Please let us know of loved ones who have passed

Reed Organ Contributions

Gratefully received this year into the Manfred Heritage Museum artifact collection are two reed (pump) organs.

The Beckwith Church Organ

The Beckwith Church Organ came from Lowell and Karen Jensen of Bismarck, restored by Lowell's father Maurice Jensen of Stanley. This organ is located in Vang Lutheran Church and is played for the Sunday worship services. Vang Church originally had an organ similar to this one which members recall.



The Beckwith Organ in Vang Church

The Kimball Parlor Organ

The Kimball Parlor Organ came from LeRoy and Carol Dybing of Winona, MN. It was first located north of Manfred and owned by LeRoy's mother, Clara Solberg Dybing. It had been given to her when she was about 16. LeRoy is pleased the organ was able to return "home" to Manfred. It has been placed in the Ostrem House in Manfred which had a reed organ in earlier years.



LeRoy and Carol Dybing with the Kimball Organ before it was loaded and transported to Manfred

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of Agnes, Joel, Ernest and Alvin Langseth

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Update on Plans for Restoration of Manfred School



The first students and teachers to enjoy attending the new Manfred School in 1910

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Nennie and Alpha Johnson
Edwin, Sophie and Gary Opdahl
Veronica Froeber
Gene Jenny, Mike and Annie Jenny,
and Sam and Myrtle Rogness
Agnes, Joel, Ernest, and Alvin Langseth*

*Audrey and Clifton Albrecht
Annie and Helmer Solheim*

*A fine summer day in Manfred
Cora J. Melby Turner
Carl Vik*

Preparation for the restoration of Manfred School is coming along very well!

Donations for restoration of Manfred School are steadily being received, as noted at left. Wow! Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Manfred School restoration project so far.

Rural Vestige Alliance (RVA) is the non-profit organization guiding these restoration plans and is currently gathering funds in preparation of submitting a matching grant application in February 2012.

The projects of this grant will include restoration of the windows, restoration of the front steps and entrance including rebuilding of the original portico over the front door, and restoration of the interior.

What a significant project this is to restore Manfred School! A special panel in the front entry will list all donors, including recognitions.

Projects completed so far for Manfred School include:

- *2010 shingling and soffit repair
- *2011 clearing unwanted materials from the school interior and also from around the outside in preparation to begin restoration in 2012.

Donations for Manfred School to:
Audrey Solheim, RVA Treasurer
1026 S 3rd St, #3
Bismarck, ND 58504

Memories of Manfred School

Memories of Manfred School are a great treasure. To you former students and teachers, please give thought to writing down your memories of Manfred School. Such memories add much richness to the history and would be most welcome! Below are memories by two former students, Orvin Ongstad and Muriel (Melby) Boyum Schwartz Boyum, who were classmates at Manfred School September 1927 – June 1935.

School Memories of Orvin Ongstad

"I always looked forward to the start of school. There was so much to learn and so many friends to play with. We could go to the store and buy pencils and paper in preparation for school. The paper pads we got when we first started school were thick but small. I think the sheets were something like 4" x 6". I noticed that the upper grades had nice big tablets and I looked forward to the time when I too could buy the big 8.5" x 11" tablets because you could write so much more on a single sheet with those larger pages.

Spring always brought with it a lot of activity for us kids. At school we would practice things like high jumping, pole vaulting, throwing the shot put, getting ready for the county "Play Day" event held in Fessenden each spring. They would give ribbons to the first three places in each of the events. I liked it because I usually came home with various ribbons – and in the later grades, they were usually the blue ones.

In the wintertime, we would always spend our recesses down at the river skating or using our sleds on the banks on the side of the river. Other times we would play a game called "Pump, Pump, Pull Away". One person would be chosen to be "it" and would stand in the middle of the road in front of the school while all the rest of the kids would be lined up against the wall of the school. The object was to run across the street to the other side without being touched by whoever was "it". If you were touched then you too would have to be an "it". When the "its" called out "Pump, Pump, Pull Away", everyone had to run across the street. The game continued until all were touched and were "its".

I liked history and read every book I could find on the early history of our country. There was a bookcase in the classroom where extra books were stored and one could go there during class and pull out for reading any book that caught your attention. I especially liked the books about the early west – back in the 1700s, the west was the Appalachian mountain area – and about the "mountain men" and their wars against the Indians and the British and the French."

School Memories of Muriel (Melby) Boyum

"When I was in the primary grades, we always used horse and buggy or sled to get to school. The school had a barn where we would keep our horses. Many times we would pick up Perry Anderson's children. On the buggy, we had just one seat, but three or four of us kids could sit on that. Some rode in a bucket behind the seat. We used the horsehide robe to cover us and, boy, that was nice and warm. We girls always wore dresses in school, never slacks. But in the winter, we had woolen snow suits we'd put on over our clothes for traveling in the buggy or sled to school.

My teacher in the primary grades was Agnes Langseth. At that time, Manfred School used the two rooms downstairs and the two rooms upstairs. When I moved up the grades to the next room, T.L. Nettleton was the teacher and then Mildred Ongstad for the rest of my grade school years. As I progressed into the next grades, it soon developed that the upper grades were moved downstairs. All my classes were downstairs. The principal's office remained upstairs.

For a long time in my class, there were only about six boys and one girl, and I was that one girl. Phyllis and Eileen Biever had skipped grades: Phyllis skipped two grades and Eileen skipped one. Then Gerda Gladheim moved in when she was an 8th grader. We were the four girls in the class then.

We didn't have to walk home from school very much, but once in awhile we would. I enjoyed running, so I'd run the length of three telephone poles, then walk one, run three, walk one all the way home from Manfred.

All the smaller towns like Manfred were Class C schools. All the students in these schools were required to take the state examinations. In the 7th grade, we tested in two of the subjects, and then in the 8th grade, we took exams for all the other subjects. These exams were not easy to prepare for because the teachers never knew what questions somebody else would prepare for us. Everybody was frightened about these tests, students and teachers alike. So, we really did a lot of studying in every way that we could. We all studied hard, and we had very good teachers."

Part 4 - Manfred School History

September 1932 - May 1939

1932-1933 School Year

Beginning with the 1932-1933 school year and on through the 1964-1965 school year, the students were divided into two classrooms: Grades 1-4 (Lower) and Grades 5-8 (Upper)

Lower - Grades 1-4

Teacher: Winnifred Johnson

Margaret Anderson
Peter Anderson
Florence Bendickson
Marvin Bendickson
Leroy Biever
Marjorie Biever
Violet Boese

Reuben Braaten
Francis Fiebick
Morris Hagemeister
Carol Hedahl
Marjorie Hedahl
James Janz
Gladys Keller

Frank Mattis
Donald Melby
Kenneth Melby
Orlien Melby
Arlene Nelson
Robert Nelson
Walter Ongstad

Evelyn Pepple
Lowell Peterson
Wilbur Peterson
George Ravnaas
Morris Ravnaas
Allen Schnabel

Upper - Grades 5-8

Teacher: T. R. Nettleton

Adeline Bendickson
Helen Bendickson
Eileen Biever
Marvin Biever
Oris Biever
Phyllis Biever

Ervin Boese
Luella Boese
Clarence Hedahl
Adeline Koenig
Fred Koenig
Ellanora Melby

Muriel Melby
Ruth Melby
Marie Nelson
Thomas Nelson
Nora Ongstad
Orvin Ongstad

Fritz Paulsen
George Paulsen
DeVella Pepple
Arvin Ravnaas
Cecelia Ravnaas
Olene Renden

Some of the students in a Manfred School program – Photos from the Ellanora Melby Houtkoooper Collection



L/R:
Cecelia Ravnaas, Luella Boese, Ellanora Melby, Phyllis Biever



L/R:
Orlien Melby, Violet Boese, Margaret Anderson, Kenneth Melby,
and in front Marvin Biever

1933-1934 School Year

Lower - Grades 1-4

Teacher: Eleanor Langlie

Peter Anderson	Donald Breyer	Kenneth Melby	Wilbur Peterson
Margaret Anderson	Morris Hagemeister	Robert Nelson	George Ravnaas
Marvin Bendickson	Chester Hedahl	Duane Ongstad	Morris Ravnaas
Leroy Biever	Marjorie Hedahl	Jean Patzer	Richard Rogness
Marjorie Biever	James Janz	Evelyn Pepple	Allen Schnabel
Richard Biever	Gladys Keller	Irene Pepple	Joe Smith
Violet Boese	Frank Mattis	Lowell Peterson	

Upper - Grades 5-8

Teacher: Mildred Ongstad

Adeline Bendickson	Luella Boese	Ellanora Melby	Orvin Ongstad
Helen Bendickson	Carol Hedahl	Muriel Melby	Walter Ongstad
Eileen Biever	Clarence Hedahl	Orlien Melby	DeVella Pepple
Marvin Biever	Adeline Koenig	Arlene Nelson	Cecelia Ravnaas
Phyllis Biever	Fred Koenig	Thomas Nelson	Harold Tessem
Ervin Boese	Donald Melby	Nora Ongstad	

Wells County Free Press News Entries

September 7, 1933

School opened here Monday with Miss Mildred Ongstad teaching the upper grades and Miss Langlie in the lower grades. Oscar Ongstad is the new janitor for the school this year.

November 9, 1933

Miss Mildred Ongstad, Miss Eleanor Langlie, and Myrtle Melby accompanied Herbert and his mother, Mrs. S. H. Ongstad, to Minot where they attended a teacher's convention. They left Thursday and returned Sunday.

November 2, 1933

The school children held a Halloween party in the schoolrooms Tuesday afternoon.

November 22, 1933

The 4-H Club members and their leaders met in the schoolrooms Friday evening.

December 21, 1933

A Christmas program will be given Friday evening in the Sons of Norway hall by the Manfred School and everyone is cordially invited.

January 4, 1934

A large number of young folks went on a sleigh ride party which ended up at the home of Mildred Ongstad where a delicious lunch was served and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

March 15, 1934

Misses Langlie and Ongstad are preparing their pupils for Declamation contest, which will soon be held in Fessenden.

March 22, 1934

The Manfred Homemakers Club served lunch in the schoolhouse on Election Day.

May 17, 1934

Misses Mildred Ongstad and Eleanor Langlie and pupils drove to Fessenden Friday and took in Play Day. We are very proud of our school children as they have won the shield 2 years and we wish them luck in years to come.

June 7, 1934

The school children held their picnic at the Hedahl grove Friday afternoon.

June 7, 1934

Graduation exercises were held in the Sons of Norway hall Friday evening. A large crowd attended and after graduation a farewell party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Con Hedahl and family. The Hedahl family moved to Sawyer.

June 7, 1934

Miss Eleanor Langlie left for her home at Lansford after completing a successful term of school.

1934-1935 School Year

Lower - Grades 1-4

Teacher: Eleanor Langlie

Donald Anderson	Violet Boese	Frank Mattis	Lowell Peterson
Peter Anderson	Donald Breyer	Gene Melby	Wilbur Peterson
Fern Bendickson	Ordean Gladheim	Kenneth Melby	Richard Rogness
Florence Bendickson	Margaret Hagemeister	Duane Ongstad	Joe Smith
Leroy Bieber	Morris Hagemeister	Ervin Pepple	Helen Tofte
Marjorie Bieber	James Janz	Irene Pepple	James Tofte
Richard Bieber	Gladys Keller	Margaret Pepple	

Upper - Grades 5-8

Teacher: Mildred Ongstad

Margaret Anderson	Luella Boese	Muriel Melby	Orvin Ongstad
Helen Bendickson	Doris Gladheim	Orlien Melby	Walter Ongstad
Marvin Bendickson	Gerda Gladheim	Arlene Nelson	DeVella Pepple
Eileen Bieber	Adeline Koenig	Robert Nelson	Evelyn Pepple
Marvin Bieber	Fred Koenig	Thomas Nelson	Harold Tessem
Phyllis Bieber	Donald Melby	Nora Ongstad	Edwin Tofte
Ervin Boese	Ellanora Melby		

Wells County Free Press News Entries

August 23, 1934

Helmer Solheim is redecorating the school house and putting it in condition for the opening of school.

September 6, 1934

School started in full swing Tuesday with Miss Mildred Ongstad as teacher in the upper grades and Miss Langlie in the lower grades.

November 15, 1934

School was closed Wednesday for a few days as the teachers attended a convention in Fargo. Cora and Myrtle Melby, Mildred Ongstad, and Eleanor Langlie returned Saturday evening from Fargo.

April 4, 1935

The annual Wells County Music Contest, in which contestants from the entire county from both high school and grades participate, will be held in Fessenden next Monday, April 8th. The affair has attracted much attention in the past year, and the musical ability of the contestants always draws a large crowd of followers who take in both the afternoon and evening session with a degree of great interest. Entries from Manfred include: Mixed Chorus; Norma Olson, vocal solo; George Ravnaas, vocal solo; Norma Olson, Cecelia Ravnaas, vocal duet; Margaret Anderson, piano solo; Orlien Melby, vocal solo; and Phyllis Bieber, Eileen Bieber, piano duet.

May 16, 1935

Play Day was held last Friday May 10th in a biting wind and cold wave that lasted all day and wound up in a rain storm. The meet was well attended, however, and keen interest was shown in the various events. Students from Manfred were: Robert Nelson, broad jump, high jump, baseball throw, and pole vault; Walter Ongstad, shot put; Orlien Melby, shot put, and pole vault; Orvin Ongstad, 100 yard dash, running broad jump, high jump, and shot put; Thomas Nelson, running broad jump, shot put, and pole vault; Violet Boese, 40 yard dash, standing broad jump, and high jump; Margaret Anderson, 40 yard dash, standing broad jump, running broad jump, and high jump; Florence Bendickson, running broad jump; Helen Bendickson, 50 yard dash, running broad jump, and high jump; Phyllis Bieber, standing broad jump; Nora Ongstad, high jump; Adeline Koenig, 60 yard dash, and standing broad jump; Gerda Gladheim, 60 yard dash, and running broad jump; Muriel Melby, high jump; and Luella Boese, high jump.

June 27, 1935

Eighth grade graduation exercises were held in the Sons of Norway hall Thursday evening. Seven boys and girls graduated and a very lovely program was rendered and a very interesting talk was given by Wm. W. Barr, county superintendent. The following from Manfred is a list of the eighth grade pupils of 1934-35 who received completion diplomas recently: Eileen Bieber, Phyllis Bieber, Ervin Boese, Gerda Gladheim, Muriel Melby, Thomas Nelson, and Orvin Ongstad.

1935-1936 School Year

Lower - Grades 1-4

Teacher: Myrtle Melby

Donald Anderson	Edgar Allen Flick	Joyce Hager	Irene Pepple
Peter Anderson	Marion Flick	James Janz	Lowell Peterson
Fern Bendickson	Ordean Gladheim	Frank Mattis	Harley Rogelstad
Florence Bendickson	Alice Hagemeister	Gene Melby	Richard Rogness
Marjorie Bieber	Margaret Hagemeister	Kenneth Melby	Helen Tofte
Donald Breyer	Morris Hagemeister	Duane Ongstad	James Tofte

Upper – Grades 5-8

Teacher: Mildred Ongstad

Margaret Anderson	Lester Elton	Orlien Melby	Walter Ongstad
Helen Bendickson	Doris Gladheim	Arlene Nelson	DeVella Pepple
Marvin Bendickson	Adeline Koenig	Robert Nelson	Evelyn Pepple
Marvin Bieber	Floyd Lindbo	Norma Olsen	Harold Tessem
Luella Boese	Gordon Lindbo	Oscar Olsen	Edwin Tofte
Violet Boese	Donald Melby	Nora Ongstad	Theodore Weigelt
Reuben Braaten	Ellanora Melby		

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September 5, 1935

Monday Sept. 9th will be the opening day of school in Manfred. Miss Mildred Ongstad will have the upper grades and Miss Myrtle Melby will have the lower grades.

November 14, 1935

Miss Mildred Ongstad and Miss Myrtle Melby left for Bismarck Wednesday to be present at the State Teachers Institute which is being held at Bismarck this week.

April 9, 1936

Winners for the annual Wells County Music Festival were announced by County Supt. of Schools, Wm. W. Barr this week. In spite of the bad weather encountered early Monday, all of the contestants were able to appear and take part in the contest. Again this year the contestants were rated according to degree of perfection and not in numerical rank. Winners from Manfred were: Rhythm Band; Mixed Vocal Group; Norma Olsen, vocal solo; Edwin Tofte, vocal solo; Luella Boese and Norma Olsen, vocal duet.

May 21, 1936

Many pupils from all schools in the county took part in the annual Play Day. Just released is a list of all point winners. Included on the list are representatives of all schools in the county, both rural and city, and also listed are the winners of the various trophies. Students winners from Manfred include: Florence Bendickson, running broad jump; Helen Bendickson, 70 yard dash, running broad jump, high jump; Marvin Bieber, high jump, pole vault;; Luella Boese, 70 yard dash, high jump; Violet Boese, 50 yard dash, standing broad jump; Lester Elton, pole vault; Doris Gladheim, running broad jump; Gerda Gladheim, standing broad jump; Ordean Gladheim, pole vault; Verna Jenny, standing broad jump; Donald Melby, 75 yard dash, running broad jump; Kenneth Melby, 60 yard dash, high jump, pole vault, baseball throw; Orlien Melby, 75 yard dash, high jump, pole vault; Walter Ongstad, 75 yard dash, 8 lb. shot put; Edwin Tofte, 100 yard dash, running broad jump; Helen Tofte, standing broad jump; and Ted Weigelt, high jump. Manfred won the 240 yard relay and the 200 yard relay.

June 11, 1936

School election was held in the Manfred school house Tuesday.

June 11, 1936

A large number of folks attended the Operetta which was given in the Sons of Norway hall Thursday evening by the school children.

June 11, 1936

Misses Mildred Ongstad and Myrtle Melby closed a successful term of school Friday with a number of 8th grade graduates.

1936-1937 School Year

Lower - Grades 1-4

Teacher: Myrtle Melby

Donald Anderson	Edgar Allen Flick	Margaret Hagemeister	Doris Rogelstad
Verna Anderson	Roger Flick	Arlene Hustoft	Harley Rogelstad
Fern Bendickson	Kenneth Gross	Gene Melby	Richard Rogness
Donald Breyer	Margaret Gross	Duane Ongstad	Joseph Smith
Lillian Elton	Alice Marie Hagemeister	Margaret Renden	

Upper – Grades 5-8

Teacher: Gertrude Berg

Peter Anderson	Reuben Braaten	Morris Hagemeister	Robert Nelson
Margaret Anderson	Lester Elton	Gordon Lindbo	Walter Ongstad
Florence Bendickson	Marion Flick	Frank Mattis	Lowell Peterson
Marvin Bendickson	Doris Gladheim	Donald Melby	Wilbur Peterson
Marjorie Ann Biever	Ordean Gladheim	Kenneth Melby	Luverne Schimke
Luella Boese	Donald Gross	Orlien Melby	Ella Mae Stavish
Violet Boese	Esther Gross	Arlene Nelson	

Wells County Free Press News Entries

September 10, 1936

Manfred School opened with Miss Gertrude Berg in the upper grades and Miss Myrtle Melby in the lower grades. A large enrollment showed up on Monday morning.

December 17, 1936

The Operetta which was given by the school children in the Sons of Norway hall was well attended and a neat sum was realized.

February 11, 1937

A PWA project was assigned here and several started working Monday at Manfred School. The basket social which was to be given in Manfred School Saturday evening was postponed and will be given at a later date.

March 18, 1937

The township election was held on Tuesday afternoon in the schoolhouse.

April 15, 1937

Mrs. Oscar Ongstad and Mrs. Mike Jenny visited school Friday afternoon.

April 22, 1937

Over 300 school children of Wells County competed in the annual High School and Grade Declamation and Grade Music contests which were held in Fessenden on Monday, April 19th. A good attendance was an indication of the interest of the parents and the general public in these contests and the children are to be congratulated on their fine performances in all groups. Winners from Manfred include Violet Boese, vocal solo; Kenneth Melby, vocal solo; Mixed Vocal Group III; Mixed Vocal Group IV; Violet Boese and Margaret Anderson, piano duet; Margaret Anderson, piano solo; Rhythm Band. Declamation winners are Bernice Hovey, Margaret Anderson, and Orlien Melby.

May 20, 1937

Play Day winners from Manfred are: Gerda Gladheim, standing broad jump; Donald Breyer, running broad jump; Peter Anderson, high jump, pole vault; Gene Melby, pole vault; Kenneth Melby, 75 yard dash, pole vault; Reuben Braaten, high jump; Robert Nelson, pole vault, shot put; Walter Ongstad, 100 yard dash; Theodore Weigelt, 100 yard dash, running broad jump, shot put; Orlien Melby, running broad jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put; Gordon Lindbo, pole vault; Florence Bendickson, running broad jump, high jump; Margaret Anderson, standing broad jump, running broad jump, high jump; and Doris Gladheim, running broad jump, running high jump.

June 3, 1937

The seventh and eighth grade pupils are busy taking their exams and graduation will be held Thursday evening in the Sons of Norway hall.

June 10, 1937

The Manfred School closed Friday with a picnic at the Ostrem groves and Miss Berg left for her home at Kathryn on Saturday afternoon.

1937-1938 School Year

Lower - Grades 1-4

Teacher: Judy Thornton

Donald Anderson	Roger Flick	Marlene Holzer	Dorothy Nertrost
Verna Anderson	Cora Gladheim	Arlene Hustoft	Margaret Renden
Fern Bendickson	Ora Gladheim	Myron Hustoft	Doris Rogelstad
Glenn Bendickson	Alice Hagemeister	Duane Keisler	Harley Rogelstad
Kenneth Elton	Margaret Hagemeister	Ernest Kittelson	Gordon Schimke
Lillian Elton	Robert Hagemeister	Ethel Melby	Lillian Schimke
Edgar Allen Flick			

Upper - Grades 5-8

Teacher: Mildred Ongstad

Margaret Anderson	Reuben Braaten	Morris Hagemeister	Duane Ongstad
Peter Anderson	Donald Breyer	Helen Holzer	Lowell Peterson
Florence Bendickson	Lester Elton	Gladys Keller	Wilbur Peterson
Marvin Bendickson	Marian Flick	Frank Mattis	Richard Rogness
Marjorie Biever	Doris Gladheim	Kenneth Melby	Luverne Schimke
Violet Boese	Ordean Gladheim	Robert Nelson	

Wells County Free Press News Entries

September 9, 1937

School opened Monday and the old hustle and bustle for the school children began. Fred Lindbo had moved the school seats for the lower grades into the home of Mrs. Caroline Anderson, where school is being held while the schoolhouse is being repaired. The upper grades are meeting in the Sons of Norway hall. Miss Judy Thornton is teaching the lower grades and Miss Mildred Ongstad the upper grades.

September 23, 1937

The schoolhouse being finished, the equipment was moved back and school is again being held there.

October 28, 1937

The school children and teachers had a Halloween party in the schoolhouse Tuesday evening, as the teachers will be attending teachers institute at Minot this weekend.

December 30, 1937

School closed here for the holidays with a Christmas program. Miss Ongstad returned to her home and Miss Thornton returned to her home at Fessenden.

February 17, 1938

Mildred Ongstad spent the weekend at her home and Miss Judy Thornton spent the weekend in Fessenden. Due to the storm, they were unable to get back to Manfred so there was no school Monday.

March 31, 1938

Manfred School is sponsoring an amateur contest to be given in the near future. Amateurs, get busy tuning up so you can win one of the cash prizes to be given. Entries should be reported to either Miss Thornton or Miss Ongstad.

May 24, 1938

Students from Manfred who were winners in Play Day include: Donald Breyer, broad jump, pole vault, 60-yard dash; Frank Mattis, broad jump; Lester Elton, broad jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put; Kenneth Melby, high jump, pole vault, shot put, 75 yard dash; Ordean Gladheim, high jump, pole vault; Robert Nelson, high jump, pole vault, shot put; Allen Flick, baseball throw; Richard Rogness, baseball throw; Gene Melby, pole vault; Morris Hagemeister, shot put; Gerald Hagemeister, 25 yard dash; Verna Anderson, 25 yard dash, three legged race; Glen Bendickson, three legged race; Manfred grade relay race; Luverne Schimke, broad jump; Doris Gladheim, broad jump, running broad jump, running high jump; Margaret Anderson, broad jump, running broad jump; Margaret Hagemeister, running broad jump, running high jump; and Florence Bendickson, running broad jump.

June 2, 1938

The school team closed Friday with a picnic at the Perry Anderson farm. The Manfred 8th grade exercises were held in the Manfred Sons of Norway hall Friday evening with a large crowd attending.

1938-1939 School Year

Lower - Grades 1-4

Teacher: Ida Monson

Verna Anderson
Fern Bendickson
Glen Bendickson
Wesley Boese
Doreen Dahl
Kenneth Elton
Lillian Elton

Roger Flick
Cora Gladheim
Ora Gladheim
Alice Hagemeister
Donald Hagemeister
Gerald Hagemeister
Marlene Holzer

Arlene Hustoft
Lowell Hustoft
Myron Hustoft
Ethel Melby
Gene Melby
Dorothy Nertrorst

Inez Ravnaas
Margaret Renden
Doris Rogelstad
Allen Schimke
Gordon Schimke
Marian Smith

Upper - Grades 5-8

Teacher: Olene Eidsness

Donald Anderson
Peter Anderson
Florence Bendickson
Marjorie Ann Biever
Violet Boese
Reuben Braaten

Donald Breyer
Edgar Allen Flick
Marian Flick
Ordean Gladheim
Margaret Hagemeister
Morris Hagemeister

Robert Hagemeister
Helen Holzer
Frank Mattis
Kenneth Melby
Duane Ongstad
Lowell Peterson

Wilbur Peterson
Harley Rogelstad
Richard Rogness
Lillian Schimke
Luverne Schimke
Joseph Smith



Posing are some of the students from the 1938-1939 school year

From L/R: Back:

Marian Flick Gr 6 Margaret Renden Gr 3 Inez Ravnaas Gr 4 Lillian Schimke Gr 5 Doris Rogelstad Gr 3 Cora Gladheim Gr 2 Lillian Elton Gr 3

Front:

Margaret Hagemeister Gr 5 Arlene Hustoft Gr 3 Verna Anderson Gr 3 Ethel Melby Gr 2 Marlene Holzer Gr 4 Ora Gladheim Gr 2 Alice Hagemeister Gr 4 Dorothy Nertrorst Gr 2

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