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Part 3 - Manfred School History September 1927 - May 1932
Manfred Named the "2011 Preservation Excellence Award" Recipient by PND
A Great Start to the New Season – A Successful Work Day, May 7, 2011

CONGRATULATIONS TO MANFRED!

**The Community of Manfred has received the
"2011 Preservation Excellence Award"
by Preservation North Dakota**



The Preservation Excellence Award can be viewed at the Melby-Rogness House in Manfred

What a prestigious honor this is for Manfred!

The "Preservation Excellence Award" was presented during the Preservation North Dakota Conference held May 1-2, 2011. Thank you to Preservation North Dakota for choosing Manfred for this wonderful award. Everyone is thrilled!

Description of this award follows:

Recipients of the Preservation Excellence Award must have demonstrated excellence in the preservation of an historically significant building, structure, resource, or site; and have contributed in a tangible and exemplary manner to furthering preservation in North Dakota. The achievement honored should serve as a model of excellence for others in North Dakota to emulate.



A Successful Work Day, May 7, 2011

A very successful work day took place in Manfred on May 7, 2011 with the goal to clear unwanted stuff from the Manfred School and the Solheim House. Twenty-five people participated in the work day, coming from as far away as Grand Forks, Fargo, Minot, and Devil's Lake. Thank you to all who helped make the work day such a success, which will enable restoration work on these building to proceed in the future.



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Manfred Newsletter

Thank you for your newsletter subscriptions! 139 new or renewing subscriptions have been received since the previous issue!

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Historic Melby Bible Restored

Restoration of the historic Bible of Knud and Guri Melby was provided by their great grandson Steven Mitchell of the Ole and Guri (Melby) Ranum line. This Bible, "Den Hellige Skrift" (The Holy Writings), was restored through the Denver Bookbinding Co. Thank you Steven for your donation which enabled this Bible to be beautifully restored, now on display at the Melby-Rogness House.



Before and After Restoration

In Memory

Willys Springer

December 9, 1925 – July 13, 2010
Grew up on a farm southeast of Manfred,
son of Jacob Springer

Carol Gladheim Weymouth

September 1, 1933 – September 10, 2010
Grew up on a farm near Manfred,
the daughter of Ole and Clara (Ranum) Gladheim

Phyllis Biever Ostrem

June 4, 1923 – September 25, 1910
Daughter of Frank and Bessie Biever of Manfred,
Phyllis married Arnt Ostrem, son of Even and
Kjersti Ostrem of Manfred

Harold Sauter

August 12, 1931 – October 30, 2010
Long-time resident in Manfred Township

Albert 'Al' Holwegner

November 14, 1920 – November 22, 2010
Married Norma Olsen who was the daughter of
Halvor and Martha (Rogness) Olsen of Manfred

Art Melby

August 30, 1918 – December 3, 2010
Friend of Manfred and member of the
Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge

Nick Faul

January 31, 1937 – December 14, 2010
Husband of Dorothy Sommer from Manfred

Victor "Buddy" Wagner

November 15, 1936 – December 24, 2010
Born to John C. and Lena (Kreiter) Wagner near
Manfred and later farmed south of Manfred

Evelina Haluska Boese

February 28, 1923 – February 16, 2011
Born near Manfred and later married Ervin Boese
of Manfred where they owned the Manfred Cash
Store and later owned a farm north of Manfred

Louella Boese Harrison Oglesby

February 22, 1922 – March 2, 2011
Grew up on a farm near Manfred,
the daughter of Louis W. and Ella Boese

Dr. Lowell E. Boyum

February 28, 1921 – March 21, 2011
Son of Dr. P.A. Boyum, Manfred's first doctor.
Lowell was married to Muriel Melby Schwartz,
daughter of Oscar and Bertha Melby of Manfred

Madelyn M. "Lena" Schepp

August 23, 1910 – April 26, 2011
Lena and her husband Emil and two children were
residents of Manfred, where Emil managed the
Farmers Union Elevator

Roy Fandrich

April 7, 1930 – April 27, 2011
Long-time Manfred resident and manager
of the O & M Elevator and later became its owner

Patricia Ongstad

November 11, 1924 – May 1, 2011
Married Orvin Ongstad, son of Oscar and Christine
Ongstad of Manfred
Please let us know of loved ones who have passed

Preservation North Dakota Conference

Representing Manfred at the 2011 Preservation North Dakota Conference were Wanda Melchert, Pam Norstedt, and Audrey Solheim. They lead a session on the exciting preservation progress at Manfred, and in particular the work of Rural Vestige Alliance for the restoration of the Manfred School and the Solheim House.



Attending the 2011 PND Conference

L/R: Wanda Melchert, Pam Norstedt,
and Audrey Solheim

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Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.

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
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Cynthia Ehni

Wayne and Chris Everett

Darlene Flick

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Richard and Carolyn Golberg

Ivan and Peggy Gandrud

Adeline Guy

Vern and Myrna Hoekstra

In memory of Al Holwegner

Muriel Boyum

Richard and Wanda Melchert

Audrey Solheim

Norma and Barbara Holwegner in memory of Al and David Holwegner

Joseph Holzer

Derald and Ruth Hoover

John A. Johnson

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Laverne Johnson

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Brenda Kiefat

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Erling Olson in memory of my grandparents Lage and Mathilda Lageson

of Norway Lake Township

Astrid Ongstad in memory of my sister-in-law Patricia Ongstad

Ken and Katherine Oxta

Harold and Phyllis Pantsari

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Keith Ranum

Karen Ravnaas in memory of Oliver and Alma Ravnaas

James Reiswig

Arlene Rittmiller

Willajean Rogelstad

Arlyn and Doris Rudel

Glenn and Arlene Rudel

Loren Sailer

Marilyn Saint

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Alvin and Elaine Wittmaier

Margaret Walz in memory of Wilbur Peterson, Elaine Weigelt,

and Willvs Springer

School Class Lists to Add to Volume 8, Issue 4

1923-1924 Room 1 - Grades 1-2

Ada Adams	Eleanor Jenny	Genevieve LeGrand	Teacher: Clara Beiseker
Orvin Anderson	Verna Jenny	Kermit Melby	Cora Ravnaas
Esther Anhorn	Everett Johnson	Roy Melby	Dolores Renden
Harriet Christensen	Fred Koenig	Helen Nelson	Louis Schwarz
Kermit Fisher	Walter Koenig	Frances Paulson	Haldrich Stradlinger
Leo Grinney	Walter Kuske	Lilas Paulson	Helen Weigelt

1923-1924 Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Alice Anderson	Leslie Johnson	Annie Onstad	Teacher: Margaret A. Gorham
Raymond Boese	Isla Kuske	Lillian Paulson	Edna Stradlinger
Lester Burkum	Ernest Langseth	Melvin Paulson	Ella Stradlinger
Fern Christensen	Helen LeGrand	Marion Renden	Herbert Tessem
Forrest Fisher	Dallas Miller	Freda Soderback	Selma Weigelt
Violet Fisher			Harvey Wetzig

1924-1925 Room 1 - Grades 1-2

Ada Adams	Verna Jenny	Kermit Melby	Teacher: A.F. O'Brien
Orvin Anderson	Everett Johnson	Roy Melby	Frances Paulson
Earl Braaten	Walter Kuske	Hazel Miller	Lilas Paulson
Leo Grinney	Fred Koenig	Helen Nelson	Dolores Renden
Eleanor Jenny	Genevieve LeGrand		Cora Ravnaas

1924-1925 Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Alice Anderson	Leslie Johnson	Cora Melby	Teacher: Alice Klammer
Lester Burkum	Russell Johnson	Myrtle Melby	Ivar Ravnaas
Fern Christensen	Elmer Kuske	Lorraine Nelson	Norma Renden
Genevieve Christensen	Isla Kuske	Lillian Paulson	Freda Soderback
Ted Fieback	Alvin Langseth	Melvin Paulson	Herbert Tessem
Violet Fisher	Ernest Langseth		Harvey Wetzig

Please note that the 1925-1926 Room 1-2 Teacher listed as Louise Klevjord in the previous newsletter, should instead be Laura Brun.

1925-1926 Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Orvin Anderson	Leo Grinney	Kermit Melby	Teacher: Elsie J. Mohr
Randall Bergsgaard	Anna Jenny	Bernard Mietz	Lyle Paulson
Woodrow Bergsgaard	Verna Jenny	Frieda Mietz	Cora Ravnaas
Mildred Boese	Everett Johnson	Roy Melby	Oliver Ravnaas
Harriett Christensen	Walter Koenig	Helen Nelson	Dolores Renden
Arnold Fisher	Jacob Koenig	Emil Onstad	Lila Schwarz
Kermit Fisher	Lyle LeGrand	Lilas Paulson	Louis Schwarz

1925-1926 Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Alice Anderson	Earl Fisher	Ernest Langseth	Teacher: Louise Klevjord
Lloyd Bergsgaard	Matt Jenny	Cora Melby	Lillian Paulson
Harley Boese	Russell Johnson	Myrtle Melby	Melvin Paulson
Lester Burkum	Gotfred Klevjord	Arnold Mietz	Ivar Ravnaas
Fern Christensen	Esther Koenig	August Mietz	Ingrid Rogness
Genevieve Christensen	Elmer Kuske	Lorraine Nelson	Norma Renden
Theodore Fieback	Isla Kuske	Glenn Paulsen	Herbert Tessem
Donald Fisher	Alvin Langseth		Joseph Tessem

1926-1927 School Year

Manfred News Entries for this school year can be found in Volume 8, Issue 4

1926-1927 Room 1 - Grades 1-2

Teacher: Rebecca Bakken

Arnold Aasand	Woodrow Christensen	Fred Koenig	Marie Nelson
Adeline Bendickson	Bernice Hovey	John Mason	Fritz Paulson
Agnetta Bergsgaard	Clifford Huber	Ruth Melby	Arvin Ravnaas
Oris Biever	Adeline Koenig	Wallis Mietz	Olene Renden

1926-1927 Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Teacher: Dollie Stewart

Orvin Anderson	Steiner Haugen	Genevieve LeGrand	Lilas Paulson
Woodrow Bergsgaard	Everett Johnson	Kermit Melby	Frances Paulson
Harriet Christensen	Eleanor Jenny	Roy Melby	Cora Ravnaas
Kermit Fisher	Verna Jenny	Bernard Mietz	Dolores Renden
Bernice Gladheim	Walter Koenig	Frieda Mietz	Louis Schwarz
Leo Grinney	Walter Kuske	Helen Nelson	Helen Weigelt

1926-1927 Daily Program for Room 2 - Grades 3-5

9:00 - 9:15	All	Opening Exercises	12:00 - 1:15	All	Noon Recess
9:15 - 9:30	3	Arithmetic	1:15 - 1:30	All	Opening Exercises
9:30 - 9:45	4	Arithmetic	1:30 - 1:45	5	Geography
9:45 - 10:00	5	Arithmetic	1:45 - 2:00	3	Language
10:00 - 10:15	3	Spelling	2:00 - 2:15	4	Language
10:15 - 10:30	All	Recess	2:15 - 2:30	5	Language
10:30 - 10:45	4	Spelling	2:30 - 2:45	All	Recess
10:45 - 11:00	5	Spelling	2:45 - 3:05	3	Reading
11:00 - 11:15	3	Geog. alt. Hygiene	3:05 - 3:25	4	Reading
11:15 - 11:30	4	History alt. Hygiene	3:25 - 3:45	5	Reading
11:30 - 11:45	5	History alt. Hygiene	3:45 - 4:00	All	Penmanship alt. Draw.
11:45 - 12:00	4	Geog. alt. Natural Science	4:00	All	Dismissal

1926-1927 Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Teacher: Sidney J. Lee

Lloyd Bergsgaard	Orella Hill	Lyle LeGrand	Ivar Ravnaas
Randall Bergsgaard	Anna Jenny	Cora Melby	Oliver Ravnaas
Harley Boese	Matt Jenny	Myrtle Melby	Norma Renden
Mildred Boese	Russell Johnson	Arnold Mietz	Lila Schwarz
Genevieve Christensen	Elmer Kuske	August Mietz	Ingrid Rogness
Ted Fieback	Esther Koenig	Emil Onstad	Joseph Tessem
Arnold Fisher	Jacob Koenig	Glenn Paulson	Gustav Weigelt
Earl Fisher	Alvin Langseth	Lyle Paulson	Wilbert Weigelt
Donald Fisher			

1926-1927 Daily Program for Room 3 - Grades 6-8

9:00 - 9:15	All	Opening Exercises	1:15 - 1:30	8	History
9:15 - 9:35	8	Arithmetic	1:30 - 1:45	7	History
9:35 - 9:50	7	Arithmetic	1:45 - 2:00	6	History
9:50 - 10:10	6	Arithmetic	2:00 - 2:30	8	Grammar
10:10 - 10:30	All	Citizenship	2:30 - 2:40	All	Recess
10:30 - 10:40	All	Recess	2:40 - 2:55	8	Geography
10:40 - 11:00	8	Literature	2:55 - 3:10	6 & 7	Geography
11:00 - 11:20	7	Lit.(3 times) Gram.(2 times)	3:10 - 3:25	8	Agriculture
11:20 - 11:40	6	Reading	3:25 - 3:40	6 & 7	Health
11:40 - 12:00	4	Music	3:40 - 4:00	All	Spelling
12:00 - 1:15	All	Noon Recess	4:00	All	Dismissal

Part 3 - Manfred School History

September 1927 - May 1932

1927-1928 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

Anna Aasand
Arnold Aasand
Adeline Bendickson
Agnetta Bergsgaard
Oris Biever
Ervin Boese

Woodrow Christiansen
Bernice Hovey
Eugene Jenny
Adeline Koenig
Fred Koenig
Lorraine Mason

John Mason
Ione Myra
Muriel Melby
Ruth Melby
Marie Nelson

Teacher: Rebecca Bakken

Thomas Nelson
Orvin Ongstad
Fritzdale Paulson
Arvin Ravnaas
Olene Renden

Room 2 - Grades 4-6

Orvin Anderson
Woodrow Bergsgaard
Earl Braaten
Harriet Christensen
Verna Fiebeck
Kermit Fisher

Leo Grinney
Steiner Haugen
Eleanor Jenny
Verna Jenny
Everett Johnson
Walter Koenig

Walter Kuske
Genevieve LeGrand
Kermit Melby
Roy Melby
Rueben Myra
Helen Nelson

Teacher: Dollie Stewart

Frances Paulson
Lilas Paulson
Cora Ravnaas
Dolores Renden
Louis Schwarz
Helen Weigelt

Room 3 - Grades 7-9

Lloyd Bergsgaard
Randall Bergsgaard
Harley Boese
Mildred Boese
Fern Christensen
Genevieve Christensen
Ted Fiebeck
Arnold Fisher

Donald Fisher
Earl Fisher
Orella Hill
Anna Jenny
Matt Jenny
Russell Johnson
Esther Koenig
Jacob Koenig

Elmer Kuske
Alvin Langseth
Lyle LeGrand
Cora Melby
Myrtle Melby
Alyce Olsen
Emil Onstad
Glenn Paulson

Teacher: Sidney J. Lee

Lillian Paulson
Lyle Paulson
Oliver Ravnaas
Norma Renden
Lila Schwarz
Joseph Tessem
Gustav Weigelt

Wells County Free Press News Entries

September 8, 1927

It is very seldom that a district hires all the same teachers for a second term, but Manfred is lucky to be able to get the same five teachers back. *(The five teachers of Manfred School District were three for school #1, and one each for schools #2 and #3.)*

September 8, 1927

A number of school children are absent from school on account of the summer flu and others are busy assisting with the threshing.

October 6, 1927

A number of mother's visited school on Wednesday. One day each month is set as visitors' day.

December 29, 1927

A program given at the school on Thursday was well attended and everyone enjoyed it.

May 31, 1928

Most of the Manfred children took in Play Day at Fessenden Monday.

May 31, 1928

The eighth grade commencement exercises were held Thursday evening and diplomas were presented to the children. A very fine program was given with talks by Mr. Ide of Harvey and Mr. Lee, the local principal.

May 31, 1928

Miss Stewart, Mr. Lee and Miss Bakken left for their homes after completing a very successful term of school. These three teachers have composed our school faculty for the last two years and we regret to see them go.

1928-1929 School Year

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

Room 1 - Grades 1-2

Anna Aasand	Clarence Cook
Palmer Aasand	Eugene Jenny
Helen Bendickson	Clarence Hedahl
Eileen Bieber	Adeline Koenig
Marvin Bieber	Lorraine Mason
Ervin Boese	Ellanora Melby
Louella Boese	Muriel Melby

Ione Myra
Thomas Nelson
Norma Olsen
Oscar Olsen
Nora Ongstad
Orvin Ongstad
George Paulson

Teacher: Harriet J. Johnson

Devella Pepple
Evelyn Pepple
Cecelia Ravnaas
Stephen Ryan
Dellora Schwarz
Harold Tessem

Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Arnold Aasand	Woodrow Christenson
Adeline Bendickson	Steiner Haugen
Agnetta Bergsgaard	Bernice Hovey
Oris Bieber	Everett Johnson
Earl Braaten	Fred Koenig

Teachers: Dollie Stewart, Mrs. Ed (Pearl) Gutschmidt, Clara Ruud

Walter Kuske	Frances Paulson
Genevieve LeGrand	Fritz Paulson
Jack Mason	Orvin Ravnaas
Ruth Melby	Olene Renden
Marie Nelson	Kathleen Ryan

Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Orvin Anderson	Anna Jenny
Woodrow Bergsgaard	Walter Koenig
Randall Bergsgaard	Jacob Koenig
Harriett Christensen	Lyle LeGrand
Verna Fiebick	Kermit Melby
Leo Grinney	Roy Melby

Reuben Myra
Helen Nelson
Emil Onstad
Lilas Paulson
Lyle Paulson
Oliver Ravnaas

Teacher: John W. Schroeder

Cora Ravnaas
Dolores Renden
Genevieve Ryan
Lila Schwarz
Louis Schwartz
Helen Weigelt

Wells County Free Press News Entries

September 13, 1928

Dollie Stewart arrived Friday to be ready for the opening of school on Monday.

October 25, 1928

Teachers Institute was held in Manfred on Thursday and nearly 40 teachers were present.

November 29, 1928

The school children are enjoying skating on the river.

December 6, 1928

Miss Dollie Stewart resigned her position as teacher Wednesday and left for Wisconsin. Mrs. Ed Gutschmidt of Harvey will finish Miss Stewart's term of school. She started on her new duties Monday.

March 14, 1929

The township election was held in the school house Tuesday.

March 28, 1929

A preliminary declamation contest was held in the Sons of Norway Hall Monday. Many were present to hear the students compete. The winners are as follows: Norma Olsen, Agnetta Bergsgaard, and Woodrow Bergsgaard. Everyone enjoyed the program and wish them success at Harvey on April 10th.

April 25, 1929

Mrs. Ed Gutschmidt resigned as teacher and the new instructor began her duties on Monday morning.

May 9, 1929

Miss Johnson's pupils entertained their mothers at a program on Thursday afternoon. The school children are busy practicing for Play Day.

June 6, 1929

A number of folks attended the graduation exercises at Manfred on Friday evening.

June 20, 1929

Word has reached us that Principal John W. Schroeder who was in Manfred the past school term, was married in Minnesota June the 4th. Our community wishes them the best of luck.

1929-1930 School Year

Grade assignment for the Rooms included Room 1 - Grades 1-2, Room 2 - Grades 3-5, with Room 3 - Grades 7-8 and also first year high school Grade 9 once again

Room 1 - Grades 1-2

Teachers: Inez Leighton, Harriet J. Johnson

Clifford Bell	Robert Cook	Arlene Nelson	Devella Pepple
Eileen Biever	Carol Hedahl	Norma Olsen	Evelyn Pepple
Phyllis Biever	Adeline Koenig	Oscar Olsen	Dellora Schwarz
Helen Bendickson	Donald Melby	Walter Ongstad	Harold Tessem
Louella Boese	Ellanora Melby	Nora Ongstad	Cecelia Ravnaas
Clarence Cook	Orlien Melby	George Paulson	Theodore Weigelt

Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Teacher: Cora J. Nelson

Adeline Bendickson	Woodrow Christiansen	Fred Koenig	Orvin Ongstad
Agnetta Bergsgaard	Alma Frey	Muriel Melby	Fritz Paulson
Marvin Biever	Lilly Frey	Ruth Melby	Arvin Ravnaas
Oris Biever	Reinhold Frey	Marie Nelson	Olene Renden
Ervin Boese	Bernice Hovey	Thomas Nelson	

Room 3 - Grades 6-9

Teacher: John W. Schroeder

Orvin Anderson	Leo Grinney	Roy Melby	Louis Schwarz
Woodrow Bergsgaard	Steiner Haugen	Helen Nelson	Helen Weigelt
Ogel Bell	Everett Johnson	Lilas Paulson	Kermit Fisher
Earl Braaten	Walter Koenig	Frances Paulson	Arnold Fisher
Harriet Christensen	Walter Kuske	Cora Ravnaas	Inga Ostrem
Verna Fiebick	Genevieve LeGrand	Dolores Renden	Arnt Ostrem
Loraine Frey	Kermit Melby	Ellen Rogness	

Wells County Free Press News Entries

August 22, 1929

Mr. and Mrs. John Bolenbaugh of Indiana visited friends in Manfred this week. Mr. and Mrs. Bolenbaugh were formerly Manfred teachers, having taught several terms here. Mr. Bolenbaugh also was in partnership in a store here with Mr. F. Hanson, but sold out and moved to Indiana where they make their home now.

September 12, 1929

Mr. and Mrs. J. Schroeder arrived last Thursday from Perham, Minn. Mr. Schroeder will again teach the upper grades. Miss Inez Leighton from Minot arrived Sunday and will teach the lower grades. School opened here Monday.

November 14, 1929

Miss Leighton spent the weekend at Minot and while there attended the Teachers Convention.

November 28, 1929

Mr. and Mrs. John Schroeder were six o'clock dinner guests at the Herman Schwarz home Friday evening.

June 5, 1930

School was closed Thursday and the school picnic was held in the afternoon. Eighth grade graduation exercises were held in the Sons of Norway hall Monday evening. A number of Manfred school children had perfect attendance this year and Mr. Barr presented them with a perfect attendance pin.

July 10, 1930

The school board met Tuesday to discuss matters regarding getting the school in shape for the coming term.

Teacher's Report Tidbits for the 1929-1930 School Year

- 180 days of school taught (175 excluding holidays)
- 360 books in library, not including text books
- 80 books purchased during year
- Teacher's salary \$105.00 per month
- School room floors scrubbed four times during term
- Repairs and supplies needed for the lavatory

1930-1931 School Year

Room 1 - Grades 1-2

Teacher: Harriet J. Johnson

Margaret Anderson	Reuben Braaten	Donald Melby	Walter Ongstad
Marvin Bendickson	Robert Cook	Kenneth Melby	Evelyn Pepple
Leroy Biever	Carol Hedahl	Orlien Melby	George Ravnaas
Marjorie Biever	Marjorie Hedahl	Arlene Nelson	Theodore Weigelt
Violet Boese	James Janz	Robert Nelson	William Ziegler

Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Teachers: Miss Carlson, Agnes Langseth

Adeline Bendickson	Louella Boese	Ellanora Melby	George Paulson
Helen Bendickson	Clarence Cook	Muriel Melby	Devella Pepple
Eileen Biever	Clayton Flick	Thomas Nelson	Cecelia Ravnaas
Marvin Biever	Clarence Hedahl	Nora Ongstad	Robert Smith
Phyllis Biever	Adeline Koenig	Orvin Ongstad	Harold Tessem
Ervin Boese	Fred Koenig	Fritz Paulson	

Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Teacher: John Tobiason

Orvin Anderson	Woodrow Christensen	Kermit Melby	Lilas Paulson
Agnetta Bergsgaard	Leo Grinney	Roy Melby	Olene Renden
Woodrow Bergsgaard	Everett Johnson	Marie Nelson	Arvin Ravnaas
Oris Biever	Genevieve LeGrand	Inga Ostrem	Walter Kuske
Earl Braaten	Ruth Melby	Frances Paulson	

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August 7, 1930

A car load of coal was received for the Manfred school this week.

September 11, 1930

School opened Monday with Mr. Tobiason as principal and Miss Carlson as intermediate teacher and Miss Johnson will teach the lower grades.

September 11, 1930

The county superintendent distributes \$5,548 state aid to schools. Forty-four schools share sum for meeting requirements. Manfred Consolidated received \$299.25.

September 18, 1930

Miss Carlson, being in ill health, resigned her position in the Manfred school and Agnes Langseth took her place.

April 16, 1931

There was no school Tuesday on account of the declamation contest in Fessenden.

May 14, 1931

The Manfred teachers and school children took in Play Day at Fessenden Monday. Participating from Manfred: Oris Biever, Leo Grinney, Thomas Nelson, Woodrow Bergsgaard, Orvin Anderson, Orvin Ongstad, Kermit Melby, Roy Melby, Adeline Koenig, Muriel Melby, and Agnetta Bergsgaard.

June 4, 1931

The Manfred school closed Friday and a picnic was held in the afternoon.

June 4, 1931

Eighth grade Commencement exercises were held in the Sons of Norway Hall Friday evening and a large crowd attended. 8th grade graduates from Manfred: Roy Melby, Woodrow Bergsgaard, Leo Grinney, Lilas Paulsen, and Alvina Reule.

1931-1932 School Year

Room 1 - Grades 1-2

Margaret Anderson
Leroy Bieber
Violet Boese
Reuben Braaten

Carol Hedahl
Marjorie Hedahl
James Janz
Donald Melby

Kenneth Melby
Orlien Melby
Arlene Nelson
Robert Nelson

Teacher: Harriet J. Johnson

Walter Ongstad
Evelyn Pepple
George Ravnaas

Room 2 - Grades 3-5

Eileen Bieber
Phyllis Bieber
Marvin Bieber
Louella Boese
Ervin Boese

Clarence Hedahl
Adeline Koenig
Fred Koenig
Ellanora Melby
Muriel Melby

Thomas Nelson
Nora Ongstad
Orvin Ongstad
George Paulson

Teacher: Agnes Langseth

Fritz Paulson
Devella Pepple
Cecelia Ravnaas
Harold Tessem

Room 3 - Grades 6-8

Orvin Anderson
Agnetta Bergsgaard
Oris Bieber
Earl Braaten

Woodrow Christensen
Everett Johnson
Walter Kuske
Genevieve LeGrand

Kermit Melby
Ruth Melby
Marie Nelson
Inga Ostrem

Teacher: Theodore R. Nettleton

Frances Paulson
Arvin Ravnaas
Olene Renden

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September 10, 1931

School started Monday with Mr. Nettleton as principal and Miss Johnson and Miss Langseth in the same rooms as last year. We hope for a successful term of school.

October 22, 1931

A Halloween carnival and an Armistice Day program are two projects on which the pupils of Manfred school are devoting much attention. The Halloween carnival will be held Oct. 31st and the Armistice Day celebrated Nov. 11th.

November 5, 1931

The Manfred schools held a very successful Halloween carnival Saturday. The total proceeds were \$54.92 and expenses were \$21.50 leaving a balance of \$33.42 for the school fund. The school faculty wishes to extend thanks to patrons and friends who helped make the carnival a success.

November 19, 1931

A large and appreciative audience attended an Armistice Day program at the Sons of Norway Hall on Nov. 11th. The program was sponsored by the public schools and Dr. L.H. Wells of Harvey was the speaker. His topic was "The Case of War". Other numbers on the program were selections by the orchestra, numbers by the Glee Club, readings by the school children, and singing by all.

May 19, 1932

The year has been a very busy and successful one and it closes with two contests to its credit. On April 18 the school placed first in its group in the County Music contest. Friday it again gained first place in its division in the Play Day events held at Fessenden. Tommy Nelson won five prizes with four firsts and a second for a total of 23 points. His brother also won a first. It was a big day for the Nelson family. Orvin Anderson took first in pole vault exceeding his last year's mark. Manfred won the Class B trophy for the Play Day held in Fessenden. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners from Manfred were Thomas Nelson, Marvin Bieber, Oris Bieber, Fritz Paulson, Robert Nelson, Orvin Anderson, Fred Koenig, Margaret Anderson, Violet Boese, Louella Boese, Agnetta Bergsgard, Ruth Melby, Genevieve LeGrand, Cecelia Ravnaas, Boys Relay Race, and Girls Relay Race.

June 2, 1932

T.R. Nettleton, Agnes Langseth and Harriet Johnson closed a successful term of school Thursday afternoon. Manfred school had 8th grade graduation exercises in the Sons of Norway hall Friday evening. A class of 7 received diplomas. Mr. Specht of Lansford schools gave a very interesting talk.

June 9, 1932

Manfred district held its school election Tuesday afternoon and the Homemakers Club put on a food sale.

Some Manfred School Photos from 1929 through 1932



1929-1930 School Year – Grades 3-5

← From left:
 Marie Nelson
 Olene “Dolly” Renden
 Reinhold Frey
 Bernice Hovey
 Ruth Melby
 Agnetta Bergsgaard
 Woodrow Christensen
 Adeline Bendickson
 Arvin Ravnaas
 Lilly Frey
 Oris Biever
 Muriel Melby
 Ervin Boese
 Alma Frey
 Orvin Ongstad
 Fred Koenig
 Tom Nelson
 Fritz Paulson
 Marvin Biever



1931-1932 School Year – Grades 3-5

Girls in the class from left: Phyllis Biever, Eileen Biever, Cecelia Ravnaas, Louella Boese, Devella Pepple, Adeline Koenig, Nora Ongstad, Muriel Melby, Ellanora Melby



1931-1932 School Year – Grades 3-5

Boys in the class from left: Marvin Biever, Harold Tessem, Orvin Ongstad, Fritz Paulson, Tom Nelson, Fred Koenig, Clarence Hedahl, Ervin Boese, George Paulson



1930-1931 School Year

Participants in a school program:
 Muriel Melby 4th Grade and
 Margaret Anderson 1st Grade

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