

The New MANFRED NEWS

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A Warm Welcome to Manfred!

2010

Wow! Every year of the Manfred history and preservation projects has been truly remarkable. 2010 looks to become yet another exceptional year for the benefit of Manfred. A special gathering is planned for August 1st, as described at right, to which everyone is heartily invited. Restoration projects beginning this year include Manfred School, Solheim House, and First State Bank/Manfred Post Office. The Hotel Johnson exterior will be nearing completion. Exciting for the upcoming newsletters will be a series on the history of schools in Manfred Township.

COME CELEBRATE TOGETHER ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2010

In honor of
90th Anniversary of Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge
Dedication of the Manfred School and Hotel Johnson
into the Manfred Heritage Museum
100th Anniversary of the Manfred School Building
10th Anniversary of MHP, Inc.

Schedule

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Program, Displays, Refreshments, Fellowship at
Festival Hall on the Wells County Fair Grounds
in Fessenden

Open House in Manfred

5:00-8:00 p.m.

The History of Schools in Manfred Township

Perhaps no activity is more significant for a community than education of the generations of its residents. It is a pleasure to begin with this issue, a series on the history of schools in Manfred Township.

One-Room Schools This issue is devoted to the one-room school houses. What was a one-room school like? Children and even a few young adults of grade levels 1-8 were taught in one room by one teacher. The teacher often also served as the janitor. In the 1890s, the teacher's salary was generally \$35 per month and \$5 for janitor work. A coal-heated stove made it possible to hold classes during the winter. Those who brought a potato to bake would put it on the stove first thing in the morning, and by noon it would be ready to eat. There was no school bus system in those early years, so either parents or people of the community helped transport children by horse-drawn wagons and buggies. The teacher often boarded with a farm family living near the school. The one-room school was an important center for the community. It was used not only for school but also by organizations of the community to hold their meetings and other functions such as the directors of the Manfred Farmer's Elevator Co and of the Manfred School District, musical programs, basket socials, ladies aid, and homemakers' club. Vang Lutheran Church congregation met in either Manfred School #1 or #2 until their building was built in 1906.

Acknowledgements The acknowledgements with much gratitude for the Manfred school history are many: beginning with appreciation to the settlers who desired education for their children, to the people of the community who served on the school board, to the local businesses and other people who provided supplies and services, to the county superintendents and county nurses who made periodic visits to the Manfred schools, and to the many teachers who guided young minds. The compiling of this history was accomplished by historian Audrey Solheim through her work of transcribing school board minutes into the computer; making lists of teachers and students; and gathering, scanning and organizing school photos. A large photo collection was given by former Manfred teacher, Myrtle Rogness. Other people have also provided images of school photos, as well as memories. As this series begins, images of any school photos in your collections would be much appreciated, as well as memories of school days. In addition, what fun it is to have the old Manfred News entries complementing the newsletter histories! These entries have been transcribed into the computer thanks to Ethel Bolyard, Elaine Homan, Wanda Melchert, Pam Norstedt, Audrey Solheim, and Maridel Sprenger.

The New Manfred News

With the continuing help of supporters, Manfred is growing toward its exciting mission to help tell its story from rural North Dakota. In grateful thanks! MHP, Inc has the Melby-Rogness House and First State Bank-Manfred Post Office in its care, and oversees the Manfred projects in general.

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July 1, 1926 – December 1, 2009

The wife of Myron Soiseth, who is the son of Mildred Boese Soiseth and grandson of Louis and Ella Boese

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47 new or renewing subscriptions have been received since the previous issue!

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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 Hours

May 1 through September 30: Tues-Sat 10-4

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.

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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

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History of One-Room Schools in Manfred Township

1892

Organization of St. Anna School District No. 20-21

The history of schools in Manfred Township began in 1892 when, by order of the Board of County Commissioners, school districts were to be organized in Wells County. On February 6, 1892, St. Anna Township and Manfred Township created one school district, naming it "St. Anna School District No. 20-21." The minutes of the organizational meeting follow:

Minutes of the organizational meeting February 6, 1892 to create St. Anna School District No. 20-21 consisting of Manfred and St. Anna Townships

An election held at the residence of M. Biever, Township 149, R 71, on the 6th day of February 1892 by order of the County Commissioners for the purpose of organizing Townships 148 R 71 (St. Anna Twp.) and 149 R 71 (Manfred Twp.) into one school district, at said Election M. Whitman and Jacob Weise acted as Judges. John Whitman and Wm. Goedecke acted as Clerks. The following officers were elected: Mr. Biever Director for 3 years, C. Borhech, Director for 2 years and Jacob Hildenbrandt until the next Election. Wm. Goedecke was elected Treasurer. A majority of the votes cast were in favor of St. Anna as the name of the school district.

School classes begin

Records indicate that Sadie Hutchinson was the first teacher at Manfred and that by 1894, she had 19 students. For the March 11-July 3, 1895 school term, she had 20 students. The School #1 building she taught in was located ¼ mile west and south of the Soo Line tracks at Manfred. Nellie Neidham taught 20 students at this school for a 60-day term, September 2-November 26, 1895.

Also in 1895, School #2 located NE of Manfred opened with Bertha Nertrost as teacher of 13 students for a 40-day term, September 30-November 22, 1895. School #3 located NW of Manfred opened that year with Garnet Glauqual as teacher for the October 7-December 27, 1895 term. The 1896 school census recorded 45 children enrolled - 23 boys and 22 girls, as submitted by Torstein Rogne, Clerk.

Students attending St. Anna School District sometime during 1895-1896

Anderson, Arthur	Jacobson, Percy	Nertrost, Annie	Roble, Mary
Anderson, Nennie	Keller, Mitchell	Nertrost, Bertha	Roble, Olaf
Anderson, Orren	LeGrand, David	Nertrost, Mads	Roble, Ole
Biever, Annie	LeGrand, Gertrude	Nertrost, Nels	Rogne, Carl
Biever, Joseph	LeGrand, Harry	Nertrost, Susie	Rogne, Ragna
Boese, Arthur	LeGrand, Hilda	Nolmeyer, Annie	Salzler, Frank
Boese, Hugo	LeGrand, Sarah	Nolmeyer, Henry	Salzler, Magdalene
Boese, Louis	Lucy, Mary	Nolmeyer, Joseph	Salzler, Mike
Gertz, Edward	Melby, Lena	Nordtorp, Bertha	Schell, Fred
Gertz, Lydia	Melby, Marit	Nordtorp, Emma	Schell, Phillip
Hovey, Mary	Melby, Martin	Nordtorp, Inga	Volk, Barbara
Hovey, Ole	Melby, Oscar	Nordtorp, Margaret	Volk, Paul
Jacobson, Beatrice			

Manfred School District No. 20

1897

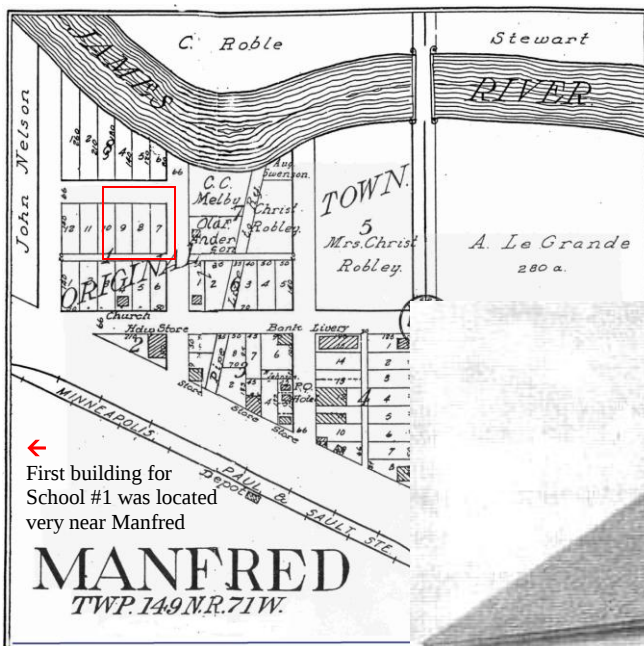
Division of St. Anna School District No. 20-21 and the organization of Manfred School District No. 20

By 1897, the desire to separate St. Anna Township and Manfred Township into two school districts was voiced. On April 24, 1897, a special school district meeting was held for the purpose of acting on the division of the St. Anna School District to form two separate districts. The votes cast favored this division.

At the first school election for Manfred School District held May 1, 1897, Torstein Roble, Mads Nertrøst, and Matt Biever were elected to the board of directors with Mads Nertrøst being appointed president. P.B. Anderson was elected treasurer, and Tollef Roble was elected clerk for a salary of \$15 a year.

The three one-room schools of Manfred School District No. 20

The three one-room schools had been first established in Manfred Township when St. Anna Township and Manfred Township were joined as one school district. These three schools continued as **School #1** at Manfred, **School #2** northeast of Manfred known at first as the Nertrøst School and later as the Solberg School, and **School #3** northwest of Manfred known as the Rogness School. We begin with School #1 during the years 1897-1909 while it was yet a one-room school.



School #1

The first building of School #1 was located near Manfred ¼ mile west and south of the Soo Line tracks, having been moved to that site in 1895. In 1898, a new building for School #1 was built on a new site in the village of Manfred.



The first building of School #1

The red arrow on the map above indicates the direction of where the first building for School #1 was located

The second building of School #1

The second building, shown at right, was located in the village of Manfred Block 1, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, as indicated by the red box on the map above

School #1 April 1897 – June 1910

Year	Teachers and School Terms
1897	Miss Sadie Hutchinson April 13 - July 7, 1897 Mr. S. O. Hukee September 1 - December 1, 1897
1898	Mr. S. O. Hukee April 4 - July 8, 1898 Mrs. Julia J. Hukee September 6 - November 25, 1898
1899	Mrs. H. B. Myhre (Bertha Nertröst) April 3 - June 30, 1899 Miss Sadie Hutchinson September 11 - October 7, 1899 Miss Sophie Golberg October 9, 1899 - December 2, 1899
1900	Miss Sophie Golberg March 4 - June 1, 1900 Miss Katherine Hayes September 2 - November 1900
1901	Miss Katherine Hayes (Katie) March 4 - July 19, 1901 September 16 - December 6, 1901
1902	Miss Katherine Hayes February 17 - July 3, 1902
1902-1903	Miss F. Mae Tobler September 15, 1902 - January 16, 1903 Miss Gertrude Lindstrom April 6, 1903 - June 30, 1903
1903-1904	Mr Oscar A. Bergren September 7 - November 13, 1903 Mr. Guy C. Blemik (or Bland) November 16, 1903 - May 27, 1904
1904-1905	Miss Sarah Trainor September 5, 1904 - May 30, 1905
1905-1906	Miss Cecelia Rice September 4, 1905 - May 24, 1906
1906-1907	Miss Emma Lundie September 13, 1906 - May 17, 1907
1907-1908	Miss Helen Hope September 2, 1907 - May 26, 1908
1908-1909	Miss Helen Hope September 7, 1908 - June 4, 1909
1909-1910	Mr. Ray E. Covert September 6, 1909 - May 30, 1910

Second building for School #1

In 1898, a larger frame school building was constructed by O. S. Hedahl and T. T. Jorstad to serve as School #1 approximately where the present-day brick Manfred School is located. The outhouses were moved from the old school site of ¼ south and west of Manfred and installed at the new school site in town.

News Entries from the Wells County Free Press

June 4, 1905

Last week Friday, Miss Sadie Trainor closed a very successful nine-month term of school. A number of people were in from the country to hear the program rendered by the pupils. They were all well trained for their special parts in recitations, singing, and marching. Miss Trainor is a very efficient teacher and has gained the esteem and friendship, not only of her pupils, but also of the whole community.

December 22, 1905

A Christmas tree with an appropriate program and school entertainment will be had at Manfred schoolhouse at 7 p. m. on Sunday the 24th. Everybody is welcome to participate.

May 25, 1906

A large delegation of school ma'ams had possession of the depot last Thursday evening, waiting for the "hundred and late". They went to Fessenden for the teacher's examination.

May 4, 1906

Miss Cecelia Rice observed Arbor Day in a most appropriate way last week Friday. With the assistance of her pupils she tidied up the schoolhouse, raked and cleaned up the yard and spaded up a small plat of ground wherein they planted flowers and trees.

June 1, 1906

Miss Cecelia Rice, who closed her school here last week, leaves Friday for her claim at Stordahl, Williams County. Miss Rice is a most proficient teacher and accomplished lady and during her stay here won a host of friends whose good wishes will accompany her to her future home in the far west.

March 1, 1907

Last Wednesday occurred the centennial anniversary of the birth of the American poet laureate, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, author of "Evangeline" and "Hiawatha". Miss Lundie and pupils observed the day in a most befitting manner by reading stanzas and quotations by the great man.

May 29, 1908

Miss Helen Hope closed a very successful nine-month term of school last Tuesday with a literary program which had drawn a crowded house of patrons of the school and children. The attendance has been the largest in the history of the school and it is too large for one teacher. What Manfred needs is an enlarged school house and two teachers.

June 11, 1909

Last Friday was the last day of a most successful school year. The attendance has outgrown the capacity of the schoolhouse and the work of one teacher. A good program was given and pupils and parents were treated to refreshments after the program was over.

October 22, 1909

In a spelling match held at school Friday afternoon, Cora Anderson carried off the honors.

Students attending School #1 sometime during June 1897 – June 1910

Aasand, Anton	Fjerestad, Gladys	Kolasky, Louis	Roble, Melvin
Anda, Alfred	Gilbertson, Bernet	Kolasky, Mary	Roble, Mary
Anderson, Arthur	Gilbertson, Emil	Kolasky, Neal	Roble, Olaf
Anderson, Cora	Gilbertson, George	Kolasky, Nick	Roble, Ole
Anderson, Esther	Gleue, Gustav	Kolasky, Peter	Roble, Orvall
Anderson, Florence	Goedecke, Elsie	Larson, Adolph	Rogne, Andrew
Anderson, Gertrude	Goedecke, Fred (Fritz)	Larson, Elvira	Rogne, Carl
Anderson, Nennie	Goedecke, Gustav	Larson, Mary	Rogne, Caroline
Anderson, Orren	Goedecke, Minnie	Lieffring, Gertrude	Rogne, Gina
Anderson, Perry	Goedecke, Willie	Lieffring, Margaret	Rogne, Inez
Anderson, Ralph	Grove, Christopher	LeGrand, Clara	Rogne, Mabel
Anhorn, Gottlieb	Halseth, B. M.	LeGrand, Gertrude	Rogne, Margaret (Malla)
Anhorn, Madus	Hansen, Mabel	LeGrand, Harry	Rogne, Ragna
Arneson, Anfin	Haug, Alvina	Lindbo, Millard	Rude, Nels
Asleson, Mabel	Haug, Hannah	McGinley, Rose Ann	Saelid, Halvor (changed his name to Olsen)
Baier, Othilia	Haug, Helga	McPeak, Arthur	Schliesing, Fred
Bakken, Helmer	Haug, John	Meitz, Arthur	Schliesing, Mina
Bakken, Thomas	Haug, Josie	Meitz, Otto	Schliesing, William
Banke, Albert	Haugen, Alma	Melby, Anna	Schmitt, Jacob
Banke, Emil	Haugen, Helmer	Melby, Caroline (Lena)	Schmitt, Kate
Banke, Ida	Haugen, Mabel	Melby, Clara	Schoeneman, Catelia
Banke, Louis	Hedahl, Conrad	Melby, Georgia	Schoeneman, Clarence
Berve, Celia	Hedahl, Gina	Melby, Gina	Schoeneman, Florence
Biever, Albert	Hedahl, Oscar	Melby, Marion	Schoeneman, Pearl
Biever, Anna	Hedahl, Sven	Melby, Martin	Settra, Emma
Biever, Ella	Hein, Theodore	Melby, Oscar	Shefveland, Gena
Biever, Frank	Hein, Willie	Moesner, Minnie	Shefveland, Mabel
Biever, Joseph	Helgeson, Henry	Mohr, Elsie	Shefveland, Peder
Biever, Josephine	Hintz, Bertha	Mohr, Fritz	Skogmo, Arthur
Biever, Math (Matt)	Hove, Alvina	Mohr, Lena	Skogmo, Harold
Blanel, Dolly	Hove, Josie	Nertrost, Annie	Skogmo, Johanna
Boese, Hugo	Hovey, Mary	Nordtorp, Bertha	Skogmo, Maggie
Boese, Leo	Hovey, Olaf	Nordtorp, Emma	Smith, Edward
Boese, Louis	Hustoft, Edward	Nordtorp, Jennie	Smith, Kate
Bolander, Johnny	Hustoft, Selma	Nordtorp, John	Smith, Jacob
Bolander, Lena	Jacobson Beatrice	Nordtorp, Inga	Smith, Paul
Bolander, Paulena	Jacobson, Perry	Nordtorp, Margaret	Smith, Sophia
Braaten, Ernest	Janish, Anna	Nordtorp, Oscar	Sorenson, Arne
Brecto, Mabel	Janish, Grace	Nyhaven, Caroline	Sorenson, Edwin
Brecto, Oscar O.	Janish, Katie	Nyhaven, Ingeborg	Sorenson, Louise
Dittes, Berl	Janish, Mary	Opsahl, Tora	Sorenson, Sivert
Dittes, Orval	Johnson, Alvin	Overrin, Nielson	Spath, Dora
Dungen, Alma	Johnson, Edna	Radke, Lydia	Spath, Paul
Eggebrecht, Frank	Johnson, Pearl	Radke, Otto	Stein, Ernest
Eggebrecht, John	Jorstad, Nielson	Ranum, Alma	Stein, Fred
Eggebrecht, Mabel	Kisen, Henry	Ranum, Clara	Tansem, Hjalmer
Eggebrecht, P.	Klev, Wilhorn	Ranum, Emil	Teske, Bertha
Eggebrecht, William	Kodalen, Bertha	Ranum, Gladys	Thompson, Agnes
Ekrem, Lena	Kodalen, Christina	Rappuhn, Lydia	Thompson, Frank
Erickson, Mamie	Kodalen, Edgar	Rappuhn, Charles	Thompson, Wallace
Fiebick, Olga	Kodalen, Lawrence	Rappuhn, Nettie	Thone, Fred
Fiebick, Tillie	Kodalen, Sigurd	Rasmussen, John	Thone, Lina
Fincher, Cora	Koenig, Emma	Rasmussen, Raymond	Torgerson, Leiv
Fincher, Grace	Koenig, Lydia	Reatter, Alpha	Thune, Christine
Fincher, Jennie M.	Kolasky, Anna	Reatter, Clarence	Umett, Alma
Fincher, Jessie	Kolasky, Frank	Roble, Andrew	
Fincher, Nellie	Kolasky, Lizzie	Roble, Gina	

Year Teacher and School Term

- 1897** Miss Bertha Nertröst (See photo)
April 13 - July 7, 1897
September 1 - December 1, 1897
- 1898** Miss G. Frovig
April 4 - June 24, 1898
Miss Bertha Nertröst
September 1 - November 25, 1898
- 1899** Miss Rosebud Brinton
April 3 - June 30, 1899
September 11 - December 1, 1899
- 1900** Mr. Gilbert Tasa
April 24 - July 17, 1900
Miss Florence Brinton
September 3 - November 23, 1900
- 1901** Miss Susie Nertröst
April 1 - May 24, 1901
September 16 - December 6, 1901
- 1902** Miss Bertha Miller
March 17 - June 6, 1902
Miss Susie Nertröst
September 22 - December 12, 1902
- 1903** Miss Sennev Nertröst (See photo)
March 30 - June 30, 1903
Extended July 1 - July 17, 1903
Miss Susie Nertröst
September 14 - December 4, 1903
- 1904** Miss Anna Nertröst
April 4 - June 24, 1904
Miss Susie Nertröst
September 5 - December 2, 1904
- 1905** Miss Anna Nertröst
April 3 - June 24, 1905
Miss Mary Halfin
September 4 - December 13, 1905
- 1906** Miss Eva Hawthorne
April 16 - July 6, 1906
Miss Tilda Brauer
October 1 - December 21, 1906
- 1907** Miss Lucie E. Driscoll
March 4 - June 21, 1907
Miss Magda (Maggie) Skogmo (See photo)
September 2 - December 20, 1907
- 1908** Miss Emma Nordtorp (See photo)
March 16 - June 19, 1908
Miss Mary Larson
September 7 - November 27, 1908

School #2**April 1897 – May 1931****Known as “Nertröst School” and later “Solberg School”**

4	3	2	1
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13
21	22	23	24

Locations of
School #2

Bertha Nertröst



Sennev Nertröst



Maggie Skogmo



Emma Nordtorp

School #2

School #2 was first opened in 1895 when Manfred Township and St. Anna Township operated as one school district. In 1897, that school district divided into two school districts. School #2 of the Manfred School District, located on the Mads Nertröst land, was known as the “Nertröst School.” (1 on map, Sec. 11)

November 12, 1914 news entry in the Wells County Free Press
Saturday afternoon a special school election was held to decide on a new location for the schoolhouse known as the Nertröst School. The votes cast were 50 – 17 in favor to move the building a mile further north from its present location.

In about 1915, the school building #2 was moved from the Nertröst land to the Solberg land, SE ¼ Sec. 2, then becoming known as the “Solberg School.” (2 on map, Sec. 2) The July 12, 1917 school board minutes recorded, “School house No. 2 in district No. 20 was inspected and found unfit for school purposes.” In 1918 this building was sold and a new building erected. In December of 1922, it burned to the ground and was rebuilt in 1923. School #2 was closed in 1935, and the students transferred to School #1.

Manfred News from Wells County Free Press**September 8, 1905**

School opened up in school house No. 2 this week with Miss Mary Halfin at the helm.

July 13, 1906

Miss Eva Hawthorne closed her term of school in school house No. 2 last Friday and departed for her home at New Rockford.

School #2 April 1897 – May 1931 (Page 2)**Year Teacher and School Term****1909-1910**

Miss Maggie Skogmo

March 8 - June 25, 1909

Miss Lillian Covert

September 6, 1909 - June 24, 1910

1910-1911

Miss Lizzie A. Nelson

September 5, 1910 - December 9, 1910

Miss Emma Asleson

March 13 - June 16, 1911

1911-1912

Miss Cora Anderson (See photo)

September 5, 1911 - June 21, 1912

1912-1913

Miss Cora Anderson

September 3, 1912 - June 20, 1913

1913-1914

Miss Golda A. Munch

September 1 - January 12, 1914

Miss Katherine Quinn

March 2 - June 19, 1914

1914-1915

Miss Alma Johnson

September 7, 1914 - April 30, 1915

1915-1916

Miss Frances Fearseth

September 13 - December 17, 1915

Miss Carrie Thompson

January 3 - March 31, 1916

1916-1917

Miss Clara Hedahl (See photo)

September 11, 1916 - May 18, 1917

1917-1918

Mrs. Amanda Stuve (See photo)

September 24, 1917 - June 21, 1918

1918-1919

Miss Hilda Rudie

September 16, 1918 - May 21, 1919

1919-1920

Miss Connie Helgerud

September 15, 1919 - May 26, 1920

1920-1921

Miss Dagny Reistad

Mr. Guy A. Thomson (completed term)

September 13, 1920 - June 13, 1921



Cora Anderson



Clara Hedahl



Amanda Stuve

Entries from the Wells County Free Press**June 23, 1911**

Miss Emma Asleson closed her school in No. 2 Friday and left Monday for her home in Minnesota.

June 7, 1912

Schools 2 and 3 of the Manfred district in charge of Misses Anderson and Nertrost combined in a picnic Friday, June 21, in the Nertrost grove north of town. The children from both schools together with parents and friends arrived in time for dinner, after which a program was rendered by the schools. Superintendent Maude Regan entertained the children with several amusing stories. At five o'clock the children returned home feeling that a very enjoyable day had been spent.

June 27, 1913

Cora Anderson finished a term of school in Manfred district last Friday. School closed with a picnic in the C. C. Melby grove.

January 13, 1916

Miss Carrie Thompson started her school Monday, January 3, and also Miss DeVoe (#3) the same date.

June 6, 1918

A very good entertainment was given by the children of School No. 2 Manfred Township Saturday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross of which said school is a member. The program consisted of patriotic songs, recitations and a humorous comedy, Oliver Berve gave two solos on his violin, accompanied on the organ by the efficient teach of the school, Miss Amanda Stuve. The whole program showed a wise selection of suitable recitations and songs and the rendering of the different selections by the scholars showed careful training by the teacher who is well versed in music and the art of oratory and declamation. The sale of baskets brought the sum of \$24, which will be given to the Red Cross. (World War I ended later in 1918)

December 2, 1919

A basket social and program was given Friday night in School No. 2 where Miss Helgerud teaches. The children did well in giving their program. A large number of baskets were sold. Lunch was served to those who were not fortunate enough to get a basket. The proceeds are believed to be going for a school bell. Games were played by the young people and everybody reported a good time.

Students of School #2 A-J

Agnes, Jakob
Bendickson, Adeline
Bendickson, Florence
Bendickson, Helen
Bendickson, Mervin
Braaten, Reuben
Brecto, Albert
Brecto, Chester
Brecto, Mabel
Brecto, Oscar
Broe, Ellen
Broe, Emma
Broe, Henry
Broe, Irvin
Broe, Peter
Elton, Lester
Erickson, Ewald
Erickson, Thorval
Fehr, Agnes
Fehr, Bilda
Fehr, Eberhard
Fehr, Eilert
Fehr, Jacob
Fisketjon, Anna
Fisketjon, Jennie
Fisketjon, Joseph
Fisketjon, Laura
Gertz, Edward
Gertz, Lydia
Gilbertson, Emil
Gladheim, Ole
Goedecke, Ilean
Goedecke, Lena
Goodnight, Roy
Hake, Avid
Haug, Helga
Haug, Inga
Haug, John
Hauge, Anna
Hauge, Clarence
Hauge, Ella
Hauge, George
Hauge, Leonard
Haug, Malvin
Helen, Marie
Hovey, Bernice
Hovey, Carl
Hovey, Mary
Hovey, Ole
Johnson, Oscar
Jorstad, Gilma
Jorstad, Ole
Jorstad, Richard

School #2 April 1897 – May 1931 (Page 3)

Year	Teachers
1921-1922	Miss Lillian Cederbery
1922-1923	Mr. Guy A. Thornson
1923-1926	Unknown
1926-1927	Miss Margaret Amundson, then Miss Laura Artis
1927-1928	Miss Laura Artis
1928-1929	Unknown
1929-1930	Miss Winnifred Johnson (See photo)
1931-1932	Unknown
1932-1933	Miss Mildred Ongstad (See photo)
1933-1934	Miss Myrtle Melby (See photo)
1934-1935	Miss Myrtle Melby



Winnifred Johnson



Mildred Ongstad



Myrtle Melby

News Entries from the Wells County Free Press**December 16, 1926**

Miss Laura Artis of Valley City is now teaching in school No. 2, Dist. 20 in the place of Miss Margaret Amundson who was called home. Miss Artis is boarding at the S. H. Ongstad place.

February 10, 1927

Miss Laura Artis and Mrs. S. H. Ongstad and son, Herbert, were Harvey visitors Saturday.

September 22, 1917

The school bell was heard in school No. 2 District 20 Monday morning. Miss Laura Artis is the teacher.

January 5, 1928

A Christmas program was given in School No. 2 Thursday evening by the school children. A nice Christmas tree was placed in the front of the room and after the program, packages were distributed and nuts and candy were passed around. The parents and patrons of the school were present.

May 26, 1928

School No. 2 of Dist. 20 had a picnic Friday. On account of the weather, all the games were not played. Prizes were awarded to the children for 1st prize. A delicious lunch was served. A good-sized crowd attended. The teacher was presented with a special necklace from the school.

October 3, 1929

Miss Winnifred Johnson opened up her school Monday for a term of eight months. (School #1 held 9-month terms, Schools #2 and #3 held 8-month terms.)

December 10, 1931

A spelling contest will be held this week between the two Manfred schools.

December 29, 1932

Several families from Manfred attended the program given by Miss Mildred Ongstad and her pupils in her school Thursday evening.

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.

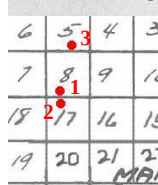
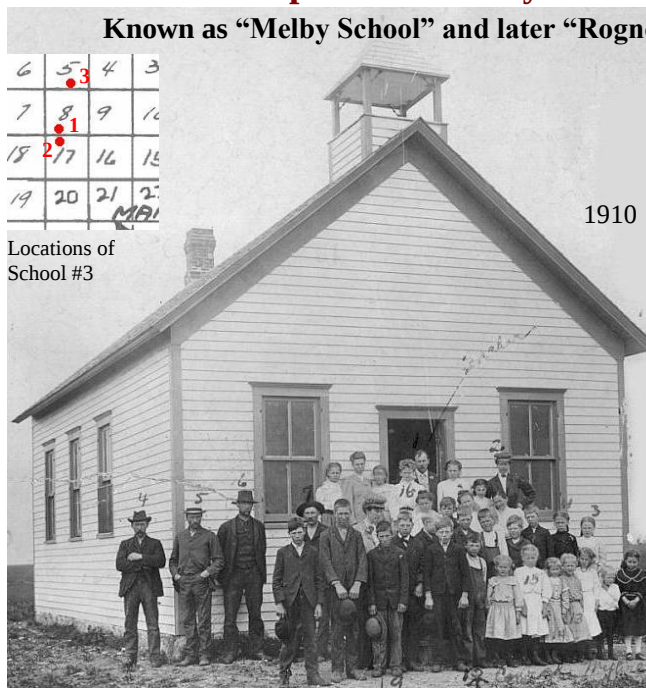
Students of School #2 K-Z

Keller, Katherine	Ravnaas, Cecelia
Keller, Michael	Ravnaas, George
Keller, Philip	Ravnaas, Ivar
Kling, Benny	Ravnaas, Morris
Krueger, Eddie	Rogelstad, Edward
Krueger, Gust	Rogelstad, Harley
Krueger, Lilly	Rogne, Gina
Krueger, Minnie	Reule, Arnold
Larson, Arthur	Reule, Daniel
Larson, Elma	Reule, Elvina
Larson, Elvira	Reule, Emelia
Larson, Emil	Reule, Gustav
Larson, Mary	Reule, Herbert
Larson, Mathilda	Reule, Laura
Lindbo, Floyd	Reule, Lydia
Lindbo, Gordon	Reule, Martha
Lucht, Emma	Reule, Otto
Lucht, Henry	Reule, Willie
Lucht, Minnie	Salzer, Magdalena
Lucht, Willie	Solberg, Arthur
Melby, Annie	Solberg, Carl
Melby, Clara	Solberg, Clara
Melby, Gina	Solberg, Edwin
Melby, Oscar	Solberg, Gilmar
Muss, Frank	Solberg, Martha
Muss, George	Solberg, Malvin
Muss, John	Solberg, Nils
Nelson, Annie	Solberg, Oscar
Nelson, Clair	Solberg, Peter
Nelson, Eilert	Sommer, Edwin
Nelson, Emma	Sommer, Eldon
Nelson, Harley	Sommer, Eldora
Nelson, Ida	Sommer, Sylvia
Nelson, Lila	Sommer, Vernon
Nelson, Mabel	Tvenge, Olaf
Nelson, George	Volk, Barbara
Nelson, Walter	Volk, Caroline
Nertrost, Annie	Volk, Jacob
Nertrost, Nels	Volk, Paul
Nollmeyer, Annie	Wagner, Albert
Nollmeyer, Henry	Wagner, Caroline
Nollmeyer, Joseph	Wagner, Magdaline
Nyhagen, Carolyn	Wagner, Mary
Olsen, Norma	Wagner, Peter
Olsen, Oscar	Wagner, Willie
Ongstad, Mildred	Wharry, Margaret
Ongstad, Herbert	Learning English
Peterson, Rudolph	Nordtorp, Emma
Rasmussen, John	Skrutvold, Bendik
Rasmussen, Norman	
Rasmussen, Raymond	

Historic records in this issue may be incomplete. Please let us know if you have corrections or additions.

Year Teacher and School Term

- 1897** Mr. S. O. Hukee
June 21 - July 19, 1897
- 1898** Miss Rosebud Brinton
October 1 - November, 1898
- 1899** Miss Alida Kling
June 5 - August, 1899
September 11 - December 1, 1899
- 1900** Miss Mamie Christie
May 14, 1900 - July 6, 1900
- 1901** Miss Susie Nertröst
July 1 - August 1, 1901
- 1902** Unknown
- 1903** Miss Caroline Melby (See photo)
April 12 - June 30, 1903
Miss Anna Nertröst
September 14 - December 18, 1903
- 1904** Miss Bertha B. Miller
April 4 - June 30, 1904
Miss Belle Nyhagen (See photo)
September 5 - November 25, 1904
- 1905** Mr. William Smith
April 3 - July 6, 1905
Miss Tilda Nelson, then Miss S. West
September 4 - December 22, 1905
- 1906** Miss Minnie Langness
September 10 - November 16, 1906
- 1907** Mr. S. H. Bradwell
April 1 - June 28, 1907
Miss Emma Nordtorp
September 2 - December 20, 1907
- 1908** Mr. S. H. Bradwell
March 30 - June 30, 1908
August 31 - November 30, 1908
- 1909-1910**
Mr. S. H. Bradwell
September 9, 1909 - June 17, 1910
- 1910-1911**
Miss Emma Nordtorp
September 6, 1910 - April 7, 1911
- 1911-1912**
Miss Anna Nertröst
September 6, 1911 - June 21, 1912
- 1912-1913**
Mr. Paul E. Nelson
September 3 - December 20, 1912
Miss Emma Nordtorp
February 10 - June 3, 1913

School #3**April 1897 – May 1928****Known as “Melby School” and later “Rogness School”**Locations of
School #3

The people in this photo were identified by number long ago. Some of the numbers are now indistinguishable.

1. Mr. Bradwell, Prof.
2. Anna Nertröst
3. Mamie Jorstad
4. Nick Rogness
5. T. T. Hauge
6. Jacob Seltvedt
7. T. T. Jorstad
8. Sennev Nertröst
9. Sam Natland
10. Conrad Myhre
11. Martha Rogness
12. Thilda Olson
13. Sophie Rogness
14. Celia Natland
15. Martha Hauge
16. Martha Alvesshere

School #3

Caroline Melby



Belle Nyhagen

After the Manfred School District was organized in 1897, residents in the northwest part of Manfred Township requested classes for their area. Not having an adequate school facility available, the 1897 and 1898 terms were held in one room of the Knud Melby farmhouse. (1 on map, Sec. 8) In 1898, voters supported moving the old School #1 building to Knud Melby's land Section 17 (2 on map, Sec. 17) for use as School #3, becoming then known as the “Melby School.”

The October 11, 1898 school board minutes recorded, “Contract to move old schoolhouse was let to B. Rogness for the sum of \$25.00.” At the February 1899 school board meeting, bids on repair for the Melby School were made with Ole Hedahl's bid being accepted.

By 1908, there was need of a new building for School #3.

April 17, 1908 issue of the Wells County Free Press

A movement is on foot to build a new modern and up-to-date schoolhouse to take the place of schoolhouse No. 3. The number of children has increased in that school and the old school house was the first one erected in this township under the old pioneer conditions, so a new school is a necessity and we believe it will be built and built right.

A new school building was then constructed in 1908 on land deeded from Carl Olson located on the southwest corner of the SE ¼ of Sec. 5 (3 on map, Sec. 5). School #3 then became known as the “Rogness School.” In 1919, because of overcrowding, it was necessary for some of the School #3 students to attend School #1. That year a heating plant was added in this school, and repairs and painting were also done. School #3 was closed in 1928, and the students transferred to School #1.

School #3 April 1897 – May 1928 (Page 2)

Year	Teachers	Adults learning English
1913-1914	Mr. Harley McKesson	Rudie, Helga
1914-1915	Miss Marjorie DeVoe	Reistad, Thorstein
1915-1916	Miss Marjorie DeVoe	Sælid, Halvor (Olsen)
1916-1917	Miss Constance Moen	Winnord, Ivar
1917-1918	Miss Borghild Moe	
1918-1919	Miss Mabel Welsh	
1919-1920	Miss Mabel Welsh	
1920-1921	Miss Olga E. Rogness (See photo)	
1921-1922	Miss Olga E. Rogness	
1922-1923	Miss Helen Schauf	
1923-1926	Unknown	
1926-1927	Miss Bertha Larson	
1927-1928	Miss Bertha Larson, Completed by Miss Ida Nelson	



Olga Rogness

Entries from Wells County Free Press**September 8, 1905**

Miss Nelson, a sister-in-law of Jorgenson of Harvey, has been secured to teach in schoolhouse No. 3 and opened school last Monday.

December 29, 1905

Miss S. West closed her term of school north of town last Friday and left Christmas morning for her home at New Rockford.

July 7, 1912

The schools closed June 21 for a two months vacation. School No. 3 will be painted and several improvements made during the summer. Hannah Natland and Signy Rogness, who have been doing seventh and eighth grade work, have finished four subjects each, making next year's work much easier.

February 24, 1916

The basket social in School No. 3 was well attended. A good program by the children was rendered.

January 2, 1919

Those who attended the Christmas program at Miss Welch's school report a good time.

March 21, 1921

Quite a number of young people from both Manfred and Fram were present at the basket social given at School No. 3 Saturday evening. Baskets didn't go very high, but nevertheless a fair amount was realized. After lunch, the seats were moved aside and everybody enjoyed the balance of the evening at games, and all present report that a jolly good time was had.

September 8, 1927

Laura Artis and Bertha Larson returned to the school duties in the Manfred district Sunday.

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. (Teachers for 1927-1928: School #1 - Rebecca Bakken, Dollie Stewart, Sidney J. Lee; School #2 - Laura Artis; School #3 - Bertha Larson)

May, 31, 1928

Schools No. 2 and 3 finished their school terms Friday. A picnic was enjoyed by each school.

Students of School #3

Alveshere, Barton	Olson, Selia
Alveshere, Bennie	Olson, Talmer
Alveshere, Bertha	Olson, Thilda
Alveshere, Harry	Ranum, Clara
Alveshere, John	Ranum, Emil
Alveshere, Martha	Ranum, Oscar
Alveshere, Melvin	Rasmusson, Raymond
Alveshere, Mary	Roble, Gina
Alveshere, Tanner	Roble, Mary
Alveshere, Thelma	Roble, Olaf
Amundson, Albert	Roble, Ole
Braaten, Ernest	Rogness, Anna
Brecto, Albert	Rogness, Dan
Brecto, Chester	Rogness, Eilert
Brecto, Mabel	Rogness, Ellen
Brecto, Oscar	Rogness, Elvin
Disserud, Lillian	Rogness, Elvina
Disserud, Martine	Rogness, Gurine
Gullickson, Gerhard	Rogness, Lars
Gullickson, Margaret	Rogness, Martha
Hauge, Albert	Rogness, Nora
Hauge, Clarence	Rogness, Ole
Hauge, Ella	Rogness, Olga
Hauge, George	Rogness, Sophia (Sophie)
Hauge, Martha	Rogne, Carl
Hauge, Tennes	Rogne, Mabel
Jorstad, Alfred	Rogne, Selmer
Jorstad, Gilma	Rudie, Clarence
Jorstad, Mamie	Rudie, Gladys
Jorstad, Myrtle	Rudie, Helga
Jorstad, Richard	Selland, Olivia
Jorstad, Nannie	Seltvedt, Andrew
Jorstad, Ole	Seltvedt, Bertha
Jorstad, Theodore	Seltvedt, John
Lindbo, Millard	Shefveland, Gena
Melby, Harriet	Shefveland, Mabel
Melby, Lillian	Shefveland, Peter
Melby, Olga	Shirley, Adolph
Melby, Martin	Shirley, Gilman
Melby, Oscar	Shirley, Ophelia
Myhre, Conrad	Shirley, Pauline (Polly)
Myhre, Walter	Skode, Emma
Natland, Hannah	Skode, Oscar
Natland, Lyness	Sommer, Chester
Natland, Myrtle	Sommer, Ruth
Natland, Samuel	Sommer, Stanley
Natland, Selia	Torgerson, Caroline
Natland, Selmer	Torgerson, Florence
Nertrost, Anna	Torgerson, Leif
Olson, Alyce	Torgerson, Martin
Olson, Bella	Tveten, Hans
Olson, Henry	Watland, Ida
Olson, John	Watland, Melvin
Olson, Olea	Watland, Rudy