

History of New Lebanon Cooper County Missouri Chapter IX

THE NEW LEBANON SCHOOL

Data regarding schooling at New Lebanon during its early days are virtually nonexistent. But unlike some other early day settlements, New Lebanon did have a school.

Judge Ewing, who spent his boyhood in New Lebanon (1820-1832), says: "To the old meeting-house we went to school in the week, and to church on Sunday."

Judge Ewing, while writing of his mother (wife of Rev. Finis Ewing), makes a passing reference to the school: "... but so long had she been accustomed to the duty of self-sacrifice, that I never heard her murmur under such trying circumstances, except perhaps once, when the school teacher was added to her already numerous household. She really thought that this gentleman, important character as he was, might find a home elsewhere."

The 1877 Cooper County Atlas, in speaking of Lebanon Township, records: "Schools were early organized and a high spirit of morality and education ran through the community."

All schools prior to 1839 were strictly private schools funded by tuition. Several sessions of school might be held each year at irregular intervals, and for a varying number of months depending on a number of factors not the least of which was the availability of a teacher. The teacher boarded with the families of his students. His students, might range in age from five to twenty or even older. His pay was often geared to the total number of students per session and might range between ten and twenty dollars a month.

After 1839, at which time the state provided for the establishment of common, county, and township school funds, a portion of the school costs were borne by these public funds. However, at least until the Civil War, parents of students still largely paid for their schooling via tuition.

Records are available for one pre-Civil War school located two miles due east of New Lebanon; the West Fork School (see DVKM). As conditions there were no doubt similar to those in New Lebanon, we will cite one or two examples. In 1855 at West Fork, the teacher, Robert E. Waller, taught a total of 59 students ranging in age from five to nineteen. The term was six months long for which Waller received a total of \$200. There were twice as many boys enrolled as girls.

The system (at West Fork) followed this form: a group of parents would contractually bind themselves, as subscribers of the school, to pay to the teacher any residue of salary due him under his contract with the school trustees, after said subscribers had received their "proportionable shares of the public school fund." These subscribers were thus obligated to pay for the number of days of school which they signed up for. For example the fall term of West Fork in 1856 was for four months. Twelve fathers guaranteed a total of twenty scholars for that period or a total of 2,160 child/days. This works out to 108 days per student; the school week consisted of six days. Now if a parent had subscribed for 216 days (2 children for the term), he could use those days as he wished, i.e. he could send four children half time (or any other combination) if he wanted. However, if he didn't use the scholar/days he had sub-scribed for (in this instance 216), he still had to pay for that number of days. On the other hand, if he used more than his allotted 216 days, he had to pay extra (i.e. beyond his guarantee) for the additional time. In addition, other parents, who were not subscribers, could send their children to that school session and they would be charged only for the exact number of child/days used. New subscribers use of the school proportionally lowered the cost per child/day which the subscribers were under contract to meet. Incidentally the cost of each child/day at this cited 1856 term of West Fork calculates to have been 3 cents or \$3.78 per (whole) child for the four months. If there had been no children of non-subscribers in attendance, the cost per child/day would have been 5 ¢ In the final analysis the students' parents paid a total of \$90.18 of the \$120.00 guaranteed to the teacher for the four month term, i.e. the public school fund supported the school to the extent of 25% of the cost. After the Civil War, what we would generally now recognize as a public school system came into being.

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In the 1870 census Mary S. Burson, 28 years old and born in Ohio, is shown boarding with Dr. William Hooper and her occupation is given as "teacher"; hence she was probably the New Lebanon teacher at that time. The first definite records we have of the New Lebanon School begin in 1875. For the term of 1875-76 the teacher was D. F. Bell at \$40 per month.

David F. Bell was born in 1845 and was the son of David (b c1815 Ohio) and Mary Bell (b c1817 Va.); the children of the latter included Samuel Bell b c1842; David F. Bell; Mary Ellen Bell b Jan. 22, 1847; Joseph Bell b 1848; Margaret J. Bell b 1850; William Bell b c1852; Emeline Bell b c1854; Amanda Bell b e1856: and Charles F. Bell b c1858 (all children born in Ohio).]

All salaries quoted hence forth are per month unless otherwise stated.[For subsequent year the teacher and salary were: 1876-77: D. F. Bell, \$40.; 1877-78; H. C. Hall, \$40.; 1878-79: Emma Mose, \$40; 1879-80: Emma Mose, \$40.; 1880-81: D. F. Bell, \$40.; 1881-82: D. F. Bell, \$40.; (apparently a short term was taught by Thomas R. Kemp as he was paid \$50. on June 17, 1882); 1882-83 Maggie Ewing, \$35. [this was probably Margaret S. Ewing h 1858 daughter of Jarvis H. Ewing]; 1888-84: D. F. Bell, \$40.; 1884-85: D. F. Bell, \$40.; 1885-86: D. F. Bell, \$40.; 1886-87: D. F. Bell, \$40.; 1887-88: D. F. Bell, \$40.; 1888-89: D. F. Bell, \$40.

In March of 1889, the School District borrowed \$800 at 8% interest from John W. Mann for their "Building Fund." A new schoolhouse was erected at this time. The loan was paid off in eight installments, final payment being made Mar. 23, 1893. Witnesses to final payment were Arthur Cook, J. H. Helms, T. M. Cash, I. M. Hite, and D. R. Brubaker, This new school which could seat 54 pupils, is the building which still stands to day.

At the annual meetings (for which records are available from New Lebanon for the years beginning with 1890) of a school district (usually held in April) the resident patrons of the school district met, organized themselves by electing a chairman and secretary of the meeting, and decided by vote upon various items of business such as: the election of one director for a term of three years (each district had three directors); the establishment of the amount of excess tax levy per \$100.00 valuation required (or desired) for school purposes; the letting of the contract for wood for fuel for the school; the casting of votes for the County School commissioner (or Superintendent, as the of-vice was called later); or any other pertinent subject. In the 1890s the annual meeting also elected a "road overseer for the road district."

This was probably done because it was convenient since ail concerned were pre-sent. Special meetings might be called to consider such matters as, in 1890: whether or not to "let the school house to Mrs. Linnie Woods [Linnie Howerton Mann married James Thomas Woods, see DVKM] for the purpose of teaching



This school-house was built in 1889. After the New Lebanon School District was consolidated with Pilot Grove in 1947, the building was purchased by The New Lebanon Community Center Association and is currently used for local meetings and as a polling place.

a subscription school for three months during the summer" (proposition approved).

An annual enumeration was taken (usually after the close of the previous school term) to determine the number of potential scholars. Every child from 5 to 19 was enumerated; but this did not mean that all so counted did in fact attend the next term. Often the older children did not, although, with the passage of various compulsory attendance laws, attendance did become greater for teenagers. In any event, the length of the school term for a long span of time was six months.

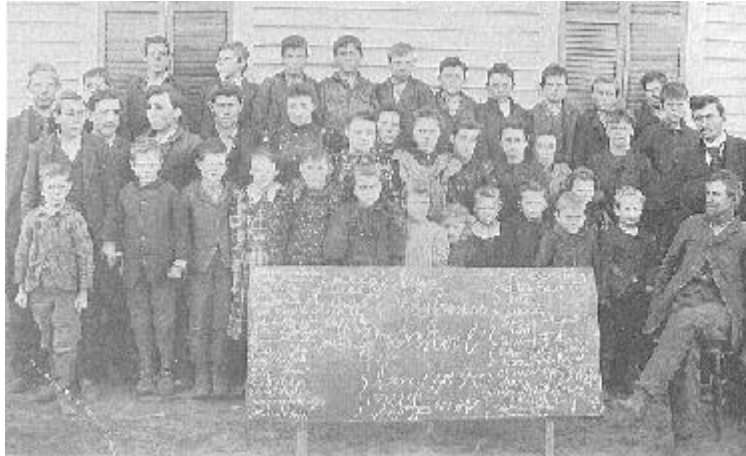
Below will be found data on the New Lebanon school by each term. Immediately following the teacher's name and salary per month are the enumeration of children and their parents (or the actual attendees for later years), and other information regarding that school session. As an example, the minutes of the annual school district meeting of 1890 are also given.

1889-90: Edgar William Brubaker \$40. [E. W. Brubaker was born Apr. 25, 1867 Page Co. Va. and died Mar. 16, 1958 Sedalia Mo., see DVKM. During the latter part of the 1890s Edgar W. Brubaker had an 'academy' in New Lebanon, i.e. a private school where he taught high school and college courses. This school was located

in what was known as "The Hall." "The Hall" was the loft or undivided second story of the building which housed the general store run by Robert N. Robertson. After his marriage in 1901 E. W. Brubaker continued his career in education by teaching in Cooper, Saline and Boone County Schools.]

"The annual school meeting held on April 1, 1890. The voters of Township 45 and 46 Range 18, Dist. No. 1, House called to order at two p.m. 1st Business by electing D. F. Bell Chairman of meeting. 2nd order by electing Prince Tomlinson Secretary. 3rd order of business electing one director who shall hold his office for a term of three years--which resulted in the election of Isaac Martin Hite (see DVKM). 4th moved and carried that the board be authorized to levy an excess of ten (10) cents on the \$100 valuation making (50¢) fifty cents for school purposes. 5th the con-tract for furnishing wood at the lowest bidder, which was let to Mr. Floyd Shadrick at the rate of \$2.00 per cord for six cords to be cut two feet long and ranked or stacked up on the school house lot on or before the first day of August 1890, to be good solid wood. 6th the election of a road overseer for road district no. 40 and school dist. No. 1, T. 45-46 R. 18, Mr. Jas. Homer being nominated and elected. 7th moved and carried to adjourn. [Hugh] Prince Tomlinson, Sec. Prorein., Daniel Rothgeb Brubaker, Dist. Clerk."

NEW LEBANON SCHOOL CHILDREN 1894-95 TERM



Front Row: Allen Cleveland Mayfield, Orel Fritts, Linley Philips, Mamie Bagwell, Fanny Sly, Carrie Favorite, Nettie Lena Brubaker, Bessie Pearl Brubaker, Ida Roach, Laura Sylvia Mayfield, Unknown, Ethel Mae Spence (behind unknown), Floyd Tolbert, and Daniel Rothgeb Brubaker (School Board Member). Second Row: Elmer James Brubaker, Ernest Lee Hire, Henry Ashby Hite, Frank Sly, Daisy Fritts, Dora Harmon, Daisy Philips, Ella May Brubaker, Sallie Elizabeth Steele, Elsie Gertrude Mayfield, Lulu Reed, Florence Tolbert, and Dr. Alfred R. Monroe (School Board Member). Back Row: William Harvey Jenner (Teacher), Emmett Reed, Clifford Sly, Jesse Robert Favorite, Richard Rothgeb, James Asbury, Herbert Fritts, Arthur Philips, James William Mayfield, Soloman Rothgeb, Homer Virgil Brubaker, Claude Sly, and Porter Tolbert.

1890-91: Edgar W. Brubaker, \$40.00; S. W. Bagwell elected road overseer. The "List of Resident Tax Payers" in School District No. 1, Township 45-46, Range 18 in 1891 contained the following: Augustus F. Asbury, Daniel Rothgeb Brubaker [see DVKM], S. W. Bagwell, George Newman Cordry [see DVKM], Milton Cash, Andrew Briscoe Cole [son of Samuel Cole, see HHCC], S. H. Fritts, Mrs. Patsey Fritts [Patsey Reese married John Wesley Fritts, see DVKM], Alexander Harrison, Isaac Martin Hire [see DVKM], Dr. William H. Hooper, Clark Hooper, Sr., Calvin Major, William Mayfield, John W. Mann [see DVKM], Mrs. Lavinia Mann [Lavinia Jane Rubey married Robert F. Mann, see DVKM], Joseph A. Phillips, Elizabeth Rothgeb, Abram Rothgeb, Thomas W. Rubey [see DVKM], William Franklin Robertson [see DVKM], Jacob Reed, Robert Nichols Robert-son [see DVKM], Phillip Reed, James Sly, William Harvey Steele [see DVKM], Benjamin Shackelford, Floyd Shadrick, James Thomas Woods [see DVKM], John Woods, John Woolery, James Woolery, John Woolery [a second one], Lester Green Rubey [see DVKM], Edward Winslow Hite [see DVKM], Edgar William Brubaker [see DVKM], Daniel Leonard Rothgeb, William Leander Favorite [see DVKM], Arthur Cook [see DVKM], William W. Roach, and Thomas Cooper.

NEW LEBANON SCHOOL STUDENTS 1911-12 TERM



Front Row: Forest Pulley, Cecil Connell Hite, Clarence Moon, Duffie Belle Rubey, Evelyn Esther Brubaker, Elizabeth Mildred Tomlinson, Virginia Faye Brubaker, Nelia Brown, and Irene Harmon. Back Row: James Madison Reed, Truman Hirst, Herbert Edmonston, Eugene Pulley, Stanley Hirst (behind Eugene Pulley), Stella Kruse, Anna Eubank (Teacher), May Croft, Martha Hirst, Clara Kruse, and Mamie Belle Tomlinson.

1891-92: Teacher not known; S. W. Bagwell elected road overseer.

1892-93: Mila Hickerson, \$40.00; 27 male and 29 female students; term: Sept. 26, 1892 -Mar. 17, 1893.

A. F. Asbury was elected road overseer.

1893-94: W. H. Spillers, \$40.00; 28 male and 19 female pupils; term: Sept. 10, 1893 -Mar. 9, 1894.

[Among the pranks of the boys in the 1890s was that of climbing roadside trees with pockets full of walnuts and then peppering the teams or mounts of unsuspecting passersby and watching the 'fun.' The latter ended abruptly whenever a victim could catch any of the culprits.]

1894-95: W. H. Jenner, \$40.00; [William Harvey Jenner b Jan. 9, 1871 Speed, Cooper Co., Mo. d Nov. 6, 1967 Maplewood, St. Louis Co. Mo. buried Oak Grove Cemetery was the son of Peter Jenner and Harriet Bowles. After several years as a teacher, W. H. Jenner then worked as a mail clerk in St. Louis.] During this term John W. Mann was paid \$2.05 for "broom, chalk and erasers." And Daniel R. Brubaker received \$12.00 for his services as Clerk for the school.

1895-96: Effie Adams, \$40.00 In this term A. F. Asbury was paid \$16.50 for "making fires, and sweeping the schoolhouse." He also received \$2.75 for "putting up Bell Pole."

1896-97: Edgar W. Brubaker, \$40. In this term, for "sweeping the schoolhouse," E. C. Hutchison was paid \$2.25 and Fanny Sly, \$1.85.

1897-98: Ashby Wilmer Brubaker [see DVKM], \$40. During this term Abram Rothgeb & Co. received \$11.25 for "building flue." Annual Enumeration (parent in parentheses): (A. F. Asbury) Arnie Asbury, 19; James Asbury, 17; Emma Asbury, 14; Blanche Asbury, 6; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Elmer Brubaker, 19; Ella Brubaker, 17; Homer Brubaker, 14; Nettle Brubaker, 10; Bessie Brubaker, 8; (S. W. Bagwell) Maurie Bagwell 12; Arley Bagwell, 9; Charley Bagwell, 6; (William Coffman) May Coffman, 6; (Patsey Fritts) Herbert Fritts, 16; Orel Fritts, 13; (William Favorite) Jesse Favorite, 16; Carrie Favorite, 12; (J. C. Fisher, guardian) Lena Fisher, 6; (I. M. Hite) Ernest Hite, 16; (E. C. Hutchison) Horace Hutchison, 11; Clarence Hutchison, 9; (W. A. Mayfield) Elsie Mayfield, 16; Jimmy Mayfield, 14; Cleveland Mayfield, 12; Laura Mayfield, 10; Louella Mayfield, 8; (William Roach) Ida Reach, 8; Willie Reach, 10; (Jake Reed) Lesley Reed, 18; Emmet Reed, 14; (Elizabeth Rothgeb) Richard Rothgeb, 17; Soloman Rothgeb, 13; (R. N. Robertson) Charles Robertson, 6; (Phillip Reed) Maggie Reed, 6; (William Spence) Ethel Spence, 9; (James Sly) Frank Sly, 19; Cliff Sly, 17; Claude Sly, 17; Fanny Sly, 14; (W. H. Steele) Sallie Steele, 18.

1898-89: Charles McNeil, \$30.30, term: Sept. 19, 1898 - May 13, 1899; pupils: 24 male and 22 female. Annual Enumeration: (A. F. Asbury) James Asbury, 18; Emma Asbury, 17, Blanche Asbury, 15; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Ella Brubaker, 17; Homer Brubaker, 15; Nettie Brubaker, 11; Bessie Brubaker, 9; (S. W. Bagwell) Maurie Bagwell, 13; Arlie Bagwell, 10; Charles Bagwell, 7; (William Coffman) May Coffman, 7; (Patsey Fritts) Herbert Fritts, 17; Orel Fritts, 14; (Mrs. Favorite) Jesse Favorite, 17; Carrie Favorite, 13; (Isaac M. Hite) Ernest Hite, 17; (T. J. Hughes) Franklin Hughes, 16; Arnold Hughes, 6; (W. A. Mayfield) Elsie Mayfield, 17; Jimmy Mayfield, 15; Cleveland Mayfield, 14; Laura Mayfield, 11; Louella Mayfield, 9; Ruth Mayfield, 6; (William Reach) Ida Reach, 9; Willie Roach, 8; (Jake Reed) Lesley Reed, 19; Emmet Reed, 15; (Phillip Reed) Maggie Reed, 7; Foster Reed, 6; (Lizzie Rothgeb) Richard Rothgeb, 18; Soloman Rothgeb, 14; (Robert N. Robertson) Charles Robertson, 7; (William Spence) Ethel Spence, 10; (James Sly) Cliff Sly, 18; Claude Sly, 18; Fanny Sly, 15; (W. H.

Steele) Sallie Steele, 19; Colored: (Mary Turner) Charley Turner, 17; Cornelia Turner, 14; Anna Turner, 10; (Minnie Taylor) Lura Taylor, 7.

1899-1900: Charles McNeil, \$39.30; term: Oct. 2, 1899 - Mar. 28, 1900; pupils 25 male and 19 female; [Charles Andrew McNeil was born Dec. 29, 1875 in Elston, Cole Co. Mo. (Elston was named for his grandfather Major Elston) and died May 15, 1944 in Sedalia Mo. with burial in Crown Hill Cemetery His father was Peter Patterson McNeil b Sept. 13, 1833 New Boston, N.H. who married Jan. 1, 1858 Sarah Jane Elston (and had 12 children). Charles A. McNeil married Anna A. Decker b Feb. 26, 1884 d Oct. 2, 1950 (daughter of John Wesley Decker (son of Jonah Decker and Susan Gochenour, see DVKM) and Margaret Ann Dinwiddie, who had previously been married to Mr. Finley). Charles A. McNeil had one child: James Ernest McNeil b Oct. 26, 1914 Sedalia, Mo. d Jan. 3, 1965 Sedalia, Mo. m Aug. 21, 1945 Susan Virginia Wilkerson b Jan. 19, 1915 Sedalia, Mo. (daughter of George R. Wilkerson and Susan Thompson). Ch: None. Charles A. McNeil attended the Otterville (Mo.) College and the Central Missouri State Teachers College at Warrensburg. He then taught school for several years including the 1898-99 and 1899-1909 terms at New Lebanon. Dr. A. E. Monroe was practicing medicine at New Lebanon then and former students of McNeil recall that he spent much of his free time with Dr. Monroe. How much that association influenced McNeil to go to the medical school at St. Louis University, from which he graduated in 1905, is not known. Dr. McNeil practiced medicine in Sedalia until his death in 1944; ironically Dr. Monroe was in attendance upon Dr. McNeil during his last minutes of life.]

Annual Enumeration: (A. F. Asbury) James Asbury, 19; Emma Asbury, 16; Blanche Asbury, 8; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Ella Brubaker, 18; Homer Brubaker, 16; Net-tie Brubaker, 12; Bessie Brubaker, 19; (S. W. Bagwell) Maury Bagwell, 14; Arlie Bagwell, 11; Charley Bagwell, 8; (William Coffman) May Coffman, 8; (J. P. Dunn) Joe Dunn, 12; George Dunn, 19; Mary Dunn, 6; (Mrs. Favorite) Jesse Favorite, 18; Carry Favorite, 17; (Patsy Fritts) Herbert Fritts, 18; Orel Fritts, 15; (W. A. Mayfield) Elsie Mayfield, 18; Jimmy Mayfield, 16; Cleveland Mayfield, 15; Laura Mayfield, 12; Louella Mayfield, 10; Ruth Mayfield, 7; (Jake Reed) Eminent Reed, 16; (Phillip Reed) Maggie Reed, 8; Foster Reed, 7; (Lizzie Rothgeb) Soloman Rothgeb, 15; (Robert N. Robertson) Charley Robertson, 8; (Mary Hite) Ernest Hite, 18; (T. J. Hughes) Frank Hughes, 17; Nellie West, 14; Arnold Hughes, 7; (Dr. A. E. Monroe Guardian) Ed Hall, 12; (Frank Robertson) Eva Robertson, 12, Aubrey Robertson, 10; Clara Robertson, 8; Irmie Robertson, 7; (S. Woolery) Nellie Woolery, 18; Clara Woolery, 10; Alsa Woolery, 8; Negroes: (Mary Turner) Charley Turner, 18; Cornelia Turner, 15; Anna Turner, 10; (Minnie Taylor) Lura Taylor, 9.

1900-1901: Thomas R. Kemp, \$40.00 term: Oct. 10, 1900 - Mar. 27, 1901. During this term Robert Nichols Robertson received \$16.20 for "public well." Annual Enumeration: (A. F. Asbury) Emma Asbury, 17; Blanche Asbury, 0; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Ella Brubaker, 19; Homer Brubaker, 17; Nettle Brubaker, 13; Bessie Brubaker, 11; (S. W. Bagwell) Maurie Bagwell, 15; Arley Bagwell, 12, Charlie Bagwell, 9; (William H. Coffman) May Coif-man, 9; (Mrs. Favorite) Jesse Favorite, 19; Carrie Favorite, 15; (Patsy Fritts) Herbert Fritts, 19; Orel Fritts, 16; (W. A. Mayfield) Elsie Mayfield, 19; Jimmie Mayfield, 17; Cleveland Mayfield, 16; Laura Mayfield, 13; Louella Mayfield, 11; Ruth Mayfield, 8; Anna Mayfield, 6; (Jarvis Ewing, guardian) Russel Hall, 16; (Mary Hire) Ernest Hite, 19; (Jake Reed) Eminent Reed, 17; (Phillip Reed) Maggie Reed, 9; Foster Reed, 8; (Lizzie Rothgeb) Soloman Rothgeb, 16; (Robert N. Robertson) Charley Robertson, 9; Clyde Robertson, 6; (Frank Robertson) Eva Robertson, 13; Clara Robertson, 11; Aubrey Robertson, 9; Irmie Robertson, 8.

1901-02: Richard Rothgeb, \$35.; Annual enumeration: (A. F. Asbury) Blanche Asbury, 11; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Homer Brubaker, 18; Nettle Brubaker, 15; Bessie Brubaker, 12; (S. W. Bagwell) Maurie Bagwell, 17; Arlie Bagwell, 11; Charlie, 11; (William H. Coffman) May Coffman, 17; (Lydia Favorite) Carrie Favorite, 17; (E. G. Favorite) Nellie Favorite, 7; Forest Favorite, 6; (Patsy Fritts) Orel Fritts, 16; (W. A. Mayfield) James Mayfield, 18; Cleveland Mayfield, 16; Laura Mayfield, 14; Louella Mayfield, 12; Ruth Mayfield, 9; Anna Mayfield, 7; Frank Robert-son) Eva Robertson, 14; Aubrey Robertson, 13; Clara Robertson, 11; Irmie Robertson, 9; Lillian Robertson, 6; (Robert N. Robertson) Charley Robertson, 11; Clyde Robertson, 6; (W. W. Roach) Ida Roach, 13; Willie Roach 11, Waiter Roach, 7; (Philip M. Reed) Maggie Reed. 11; Foster Reed 7; Virgil Reed, 6; (Lizzie Rothgeb) Soloman Rothgeb, 18; (B. T. Young) Elmer Young, 16; Ethel Young, 17; Colored: (Jim Frazier) Billy Frazier, 14.

1902-03: J. R. Favorite, \$35.00; Annual Enumeration: (A. F. Asbury) Blanche Asbury; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Nettle Brubaker; Bessie Brubaker; (S. W. Bagwell) Arlie Bagwell; Charlie Bagwell; Alma Bagwell; (William H. Coffman) May Coif-man; (E. G. Favorite) Nellie Favorite; Forest Favorite; (W. A. Mayfield) Cleveland Mayfield; Laura Mayfield; Louella Mayfield; Ruth Mayfield; Anna Mayfield; (W. W. Reach) Ida Reach; Willie Reach; Waiter Reach; (Frank Robertson) Eva Robertson; Aubrey Robertson; Irmie Robertson; Clara Robertson; Lillian Robertson; Jimmie Robert-son; (P. M. Reed) Maggie Reed; Foster Reed; Virgil Reed; (B. T. Young) Ethel Young; Elmer Young; (Lydia Favorite) Carrie Favorite; (W. P. Fairfax, guardian) Presley Licklider; Colored: (George Black) John Black; George Black; Gertrude Black; N. A. Black; (George Campbell) Roy Campbell.

1903-04: Olive Wilkerson, \$40. Annual enumeration: (A. F. Asbury) Blanch Asbury, 12; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Nettie Brubaker, 15; Bessie Brubaker, 13; (S. W. Bagwell) Arlie Bagwell, 14; Charlie Bagwell, 12; Alma Bagwell, 6; (William H. Coffman) May Coif-man, 12; (E. G. Favorite) Nellie Favorite, 8; Forest Favorite, 6; (Lydia Favorite) Carrie Favorite, 19; (Willard Fairfax, guardian) Presley Licklider, 12; (W. A. Mayfield) Cleveland Mayfield, 17, Laura Mayfield, 15; Louella Mayfield, 13; Ruth Mayfield, 10; Annie Mayfield, 7; (W. W. Reach) Ida Roach, 14; Willie Reach, 13; Walter Reach, 8; (Frank Robertson) Eva Robertson, 15; Aubrey Robertson, 14; Irmie

Robertson, 10; Clara Robertson, 12; Lillian Robertson, 7; Jimmie Robertson, 6; (P. M. Reed) Maggie Reed, 12; Foster Reed, 9; Virgil Reed, 6; (B. T. Young) Ethel Young, 18; Elmer Young, 17; Colored: (George Black) John Black, 14; George Black, 11; Gertrude Black, 9; McLorans Black, 9; (George Campbell) Roy Campbell.

1904-05: Bertha Chedell, \$35. Annual enumeration: (A. F. Asbury) Blanche Asbury, 13; (S. W. Bagwell) Arlie Bagwell, 15; Charlie Bagwell, 13; Alma Bagwell, 6; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Nettie Brubaker, 17; Bessie Brubaker, 13; (William H. Coffman) May Coffman, 13; (W. A. Mayfield) Cleveland Mayfield, 16; Laura Mayfield, 16; Louella, Mayfield, 14; Ruth Mayfield, 10; Anna Mayfield, 8; (P. M. Reed) Maggie Reed, 13; Foster Reed, 11; Virgil Reed, 9; Nina Reed, 6; (W. W. Reach) Ida Reach, 15; Willie Roach, 14; Walter Reach, 9; (George Talbert) Porter Talbert, 17; Floyd Talbert, 13; Lura Talbert, 8; (Eugene Tomlinson) Mamie Belle Tomlinson, 6; Colored: (George Black) John Black, 15; George Black, 12; Gertrude Black, 10; McLorans Black, 9.

1905-06: James E. Essex, \$40. Annual Enumeration: (A. F. Asbury) Blanche Asbury, 15; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Nettie Brubaker, 19; Bessie Brubaker, 16; (William Coffman) May Coffman, 15; (W. A. Mayfield) Laura Mayfield, 18; Louella Mayfield, 17; Ruth Mayfield, 12; Anna Mayfield, 10; (W. W. Reach) Ida Reach, 17; Willie Reach, 16; Walter Roach, 11; (~. M. Reed) Maggie Reed, 15; Foster Reed, 13; Virgil Reed, 11; Nina Reed, 8; (George Talbert) Porter Talbert, 19; Floyd Talbert, 17; Luma Talbert, 9; (Eugene Tomlinson) Mamie Belie Tomlinson, 8; (W. P. Fairfax) Hazel Fairfax, 6; Colored: (George Black) John Black, 16; George Black, 13; Gertrude Black, 10; Mac Black, 10.

NEW LEBANON SCHOOL CHILDREN 1914-15 TERM



1. Willie Brown 2. Ruth Jones 3. Clarence Moon 4. Rachel Jones 5. Paul Warden 6. Charles Bernard Thomas 7. Stanley Hirst 8. Cecil C. Hire 9. Wilbur Ferrel Thomas 10. May Croft 11. Betty Warden 12. Truman Hirst 13. Nancy Mae Rothgeb 14. Ard Jones 15. Clarence M. Brumback 16. Mamie B. Tomlinson 17. Elizabeth Tomlinson 18. Mabel Anona Rothgeb 19. Grace Tomlinson 20. Nelia Brown 21. Mildred E. Edmonston. Teacher (back row left): Martha "Mattie" Ethyl Palmer.

At the annual School District meeting, "new territory including the Thomas Warden farm was voted, annexed to this district unanimously."

1906-07: Patsy Chamberlin, \$30. Annual Enumeration: (A. F. Asbury) Blanche Asbury, 15; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Bessie Brubaker, 16; (W. H. Coffman) May Coif-man, 15; (W. A. Mayfield) Ruth Mayfield, 12; Anna Mayfield, 10; (P. M. Reed) Maggie Reed, 15; Foster Reed, 13; Virgil Reed, 11; Nina Reed, 8; (W. W. Reach) Ida Roach, 17; Willie Roach, 16; Walter Roach, 11; (George Talbert) Floyd Talbert, 17; Luma Talbert, 9; (Eugene Tomlinson) Mamie Belle Tomlinson, 8; (Thomas Warden) Raymond Warden, 7; Paul Warden, 6; (W. P. Fairfax) Hazel Fair-fax, 8; Jesse Fairfax, 6; Colored: (Sealin Vivians) George Vivians, 14; Velma Vivians, 8; Ethel Vivians, 8; (John Brown) George Brown, 14; Anna Brown, 6.

1907-08: Teacher unknown, Annual Enumeration: (A. F. Asbury) Blanche Asbury, 17; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Bessie Brubaker, 18; (George Brown) Tenna Brown, 15; Eva Brown, 13; (W. H. Coffman) May Coffman, 17; (W. P. Fairfax) Hazel Fairfax, 8; Jesse Fairfax, 7; (P. M. Reed) Maggie Reed, 17; Foster Reed, 15; Virgil Reed, 12; Nina Reed, 9; (John Smith) Mary Smith, 17; Flora Smith, 16; Nadine Smith, 11; Clark Smith, 9; Charlie Smith, 6; (Eugene Tomlinson) Mamie Bell Tomlinson, 9; (George Talbert) Floyd Talbert, 18; Luma Talbert, 9; (Thomas Warden) Raymond Warden, 9; Paul Warden, 7.

1908-09: Teacher unknown. Annual Enumeration: (A. F. Asbury) Blanche Asbury, 18; (Daniel R. Brubaker) Bessie Brubaker, 19; (George Brown) Eva Brown, 15; (Ed Brown) Nellie Brown, 9; (W. H. Coffman) May Coffman, 18; (W. P. Fairfax) Hazel Fairfax, 9; Jesse Fairfax, 8; (Mrs. Lydia Hirst) Martha Hirst, 13; Stanley Hirst, 10; Truman Hirst, 8; Fred Hirst, 17; Robert Hirer, 16; (W. A. Mayfield) Louella Mayfield, 18; Ruth Mayfield,

14; Anna Mayfield, 12; (P. M. Reed) Nina Reed, 10; Foster Reed, 16; Virgil Reed, 13; Jimmie Reed, 6; (Eugene Tomlinson) Mamie Belle Tomlinson, 10; (Thomas Warden) Raymond Warden, 10; Paul Warden, 8; (Jess Wilson, guardian) May Croft, 8. At the end of this term the New Lebanon school district number was changed from "District No. 1 Township 45 & 46 Range 18" to "District No. 64 Cooper County, Mo."

NEW LEBANON SCHOOL CHILDREN 1916-17 TERM

Front Row: Carl Lee Hite, Wilbur Avery, George Moon, and Clarence Moon. Second Row: Thomas Rothgeb, Juanita Thomas, Mabel Anona Rothgeb, Clarence M. Brumback, Charles Bernard Thomas, Zara Moon, Clara Belle Wolfe, Nancy Mae Rothgeb, Wilbur H. Rothgeb, and Clara Moon. Back Row: Mildred E. Edmonston, Wilbur Ferrel Thomas, Opal Avery, Truman Hirst, Daniel Leonard Rothgeb (Teacher), Ethel Avery, Walter Avery, Betty Warden, and Cecil C. Hite.

1909-10: Ula Herndon List of actual students: Martha Hirst 15 (6th), Stanley Hirst 11 (5th), Robert Hirst 17 (6th), Truman Hirst 8 (3rd), Cletus Daniel Cordry 6 (1st) [see DVKM], Lucy Moore 6 (2nd), Paul Warden 8 (5th), Raymond Warden 11 (6th), Annie Mayfield 14 (6th), Ruth Mayfield 15 (1st), Hazel Fairfax 10 (5th), Jesse Fairfax 9 (3rd), Bernice Fairfax 5 (1st), Amy Bilderback 8 (2nd), Orval Bilderback 11 (3rd), Mamie Tomlinson 5 (1st), Elizabeth Tomlinson 5 (1st), Bessie Landis 6 (1st), Charles Woolery 5 (1st), Virgil Reed 14 (6th), James Reed 8 (2nd), Nina Reed 12 (3rd), Luma Talbert 14 (3rd). Total of 11 males and 12 females. Attendance was low so the average daily attendance was 12+.

If you have ever wondered how a teacher organized her school time with several grades and varying numbers of students per grade, here is Miss Herndon's "Daily Program of Recitations." There were no 4th, 7th, or 8th graders this year; the students were put in four different "classes."

Morning

8:50	Opening Exercises	10 minutes
9:00	Beginning Reading	10 minutes
9:10	Second Readers	10 minutes
9:20	U.S. History	15 minutes
9:35	Third Reader	15 minutes
9:50	Fourth Reader	15 minutes
10:05	"A" Arithmetic	20 minutes Recess
10:35	Beginning Readers	10 minutes
10:45	"B" Arithmetic	20 minutes
11:05	"C" Arithmetic	20 minutes
11:25	Primary Numbers	15 minutes
11:40	Fifth Readers	20 minutes Noon
1:00	Beginning Readers	10 minutes
1:10	Second Readers	10 minutes
1:20	Third Readers	15 minutes
1:35	"B" Language	15 minutes
1:50	"A" Grammar	15 minutes
2:05	Physiology	15 minutes
2:20	Writing & Drawing	15 minutes Recess
2:45	Beginning Readers	10 minutes
2:55	Second Readers	10 minutes
3:05	Third Readers	15 minutes
3:20	"B" Geography	15 minutes
3:35	"A" Geography	15 minutes
3:50	"A" & "B" Spelling	10 minutes

1910-11: Teacher unknown.

1911-12: Anna Eubank. Term: Oct. 1, 1911-Apr. 5, 1912. [Anna Eubank b July 16, 1893 d Mar. 1, 1914 bur Otterville, Mo. daughter of James L. Eubank b 1868 d 1936 (m D. E. Long).] 1912-13: Ula Hemdon. [Ula Cornelia Herndon b Sept. 28, 1884 d Feb. 25, 1913 bur Mt. Nebo Cemetery Cooper Co. Mo. (never married) daughter of Daniel B. Hemdon b 1838 d 1923 bur Mt. Nebo Cemetery] Persons elected as a director of the school district swore to the standard "Oath of Directors" an example of which follows: "f do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Missouri, to the best of my ability, according to law, so help me God. (Signed) F. H. Bruin-back. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of April, 1913 (signed) D. L. Rothgeb."

1913-14: Grace Mercer, \$37.50. Term: Sept. 8, 1913-Feb 27, 1914. Grace Mercer also did the janitorial work for an extra \$2.00 a month. Students enrolled: First grade: Bernard Thomas, 6; Clarence Moon, 5; Helen

Brubaker, 6; Willie Brown, 9; Ferrel Thomas, 8; Forest Pulley, 8 (left district after 2 days); Zara Moon, 10 (stopped after 21 days); Second grade: Nelia Brown, 15; Mildred Edmonston, 8; Berrie Warden, 8; Harvey Moon, 12 (stopped after 27 days); Third grade: Cecil Hite, 8; Fourth grade: Truman Hirst, 13; Elizabeth Tomlinson, 9; May Croft, 12; Virginia Brubaker, 8; Irene Harmon, 10; Evelyn Brubaker, 10; Eugene Pulley, 14 (left district after 3 days);

Paul Warden, 13; Seventh grade. Stanley Hirer, 15; Eighth grade: Mamie B. Tomlinson, 16 (took final examination). There were 123 cases of tardiness this term.

1914-15: Martha "Mattie" Ethyl Palmer, \$45. Seven months term. On Dec. 12, 1914 the Board of Directors "met with Miss Mary Arbuckle, Agent for The Waterman-Waterbury Heaters, at the residence of Isaac F. Gander. A contract was made for a Heater at \$107.50 delivered at Pleasant Green, Mo." [the nearest railroad station]. The cost of installation of this Heater included the following: One barrel lime 51.50, ten bushels sand \$.85, 1109 brick \$11.09, 1/~ sacks cement \$.75, Hauling three loads Brick & Sand \$6.00, Building flue \$9.75, and Setting up Heater \$3.00.

1915-16: Martha "Mattie" Ethyl Palmer, \$45. Seven months term.

1916-17: Daniel Leonard Rothgeb, \$52. 1917-18: D. L. Rothgeb, \$50. Term: Sept. 3, 1917-Mar. 22, 1918. The thirty-one pupils of this term included six children of W. Pl. Williamson (Emery, 6; Gladys, 11; Norman, 9; Lloyd, 12; Arthur, 15; and Arlo, 17) who apparently lived outside the bounds of the district as the board of directors decided (Feb. 5, 1918) "that W. Pl. Williamson pay tuition at the rate of fifty cents per month per pupil."

1918-19: Willie V. Harris, \$50. Term: Sept. 9, 1918-May 9, 1919. Note: school dismissed for eleven weeks in October, November and December on account of influenza.

For the school year ending June 30, 1919 in Cooper County, William B. Downing made the following report which was published in "Report of the Public Schools of the State of Missouri."

"In preparing for our school work this year, Cooper County passed through a trying ordeal.

"At no time in her existence were teachers so scarce, and to supply our schools with competent instructors became a problem. Some of the weaker districts did not secure them until the first of September.

"The salaries in this county have not kept pace with those of other professions, many teachers having quit the work for more remunerative positions, but good salaries were offered by stronger districts, so they secured teachers without trouble.

"Even with these difficulties, we feel that the county is supplied with a competent corps of instructors. Of the one-hundred fifty-two teachers employed, all but ten have had high school or normal training of from one to four years, and one hundred thirty-one have certificates higher than a third grade.

"The Compulsory Attendance Law has an enumeration of potential students living in each school district was taken annually, usually at the close of the spring term. Excluded from the count were those who were deaf, dumb, or blind.

CLOSING PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL TERM 1918-19 (reprinted):

New Lebanon School Friday Evening, May 9, 1919

- 1 Welcome Song--by School.
- 2 America by Audience.
- 3 Recitation Make the Best of it - by Rosalie Hirst
- 4 Piano solo - Holiday March by Mildred Edmonston.
- 5 Recitation--Like Washington by Orville Rothgeb.
- 6 Quartet Swanee River by Third Grade.
- 7 Recitation--Compensation--by Tommy Rothgeb
- 8 Dialogue-Taking the Census by Cecil Hite and Mildred Edmonston.
- 9 Duet Twilight is Failing by Mabel and Nancy May Rothgeb.
- 10 Recitation--When My Dolly Died by Kathryn Hall.
- 11 Solo Beautiful Springtime--by Mabel Rothgeb
- 12 Recitation Hard Luck--by Wilbur Rothgeb.
- 13 Song--Hear the Raindrops Falling--by School.
- 14 Dialogue--He Tried to Tell Her--by Herman Tindell and Mabel Rothgeb.
- 15 Recitation--Sympathy--by Earl Hire.
- 16 Song Ding Dong, Bell--by Kathryn Hall, Rosa-lie Hirst and Lula Moon.
- 17 Recitation- One Rainy Day by Waneatie Thomas.
- 18 Solo--The Old School Bell--by Nancy May Rothgeb.
- 19 Short Play--Shut That Door.
- 20 Recitation Curfew Must Not Ring To-night Clara Belle Wolfe.
- 21 Song-New Lebanon School.
- 22 Recitation--The Influenza Muse by Bernard Thomas.
- 23 Recitation--Kate Shelley--by Nancy May Rothgeb.

- 24 Dialogue--Entertaining Sister's Beau--Kathryn, Rosalie and Clara.
- 25 Song--I'll Stand by My School.
- 26 Recitation--That Maid of Kissimmee--Ferrel Thomas.
- 27 Telephone Conversation--by Clara Belle Wolfe
- 28 Piano Solo--Rank and File--by Mildred Edmonston.
- 29 Round Song--Papers.
- 30 Recitation--When the Teacher Gets Cross--Mabel Rothgeb.
- 31 Duet--Farewell--by Clara Moon and Waneatie Thomas.

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(note: this graduation ceremony must have lasted 3-4 hours, given the 31 different elements. It is a good example of the practices in a time when most people had a lot time on their hands and went about manufacturing their own local entertainment. -gh)

"We are needing some new school houses and preparations are being made to erect new buildings within the next year, when we hope the material will be cheaper.

"A general feeling for school betterment exists, and Cooper County intends to do her part in placing Missouri where she belongs educationally, W. B. Downing, County Superintendent"

In this school year in Cooper County there were 82 school districts (mostly rural) and the average salary of the rural teacher was \$65.

1919-20: Willie V. Harris, \$60. Term: Sept. 8, 1919-Feb. 20, 1920. Note: School closed two weeks early on account of influenza, Cecil Hits did three months of janitorial work at the school for \$4.00 a month. There were 26 pupils: Goldie Moon, 5; Virginia Rothgeb, 5; Marvin Thomas, 5; Orville Rothgeb, 7; Lula Moon, 8; Tommy Rothgeb, 9; Rosalie Hirst, 7; Kathryn Hall, 8; Geneva Palmer, 9; Earl Hits, 9; Wilbur Rothgeb, 10; Waneatie [Juanira] Thomas, 9; Clara Moon, 10; Oma Spence, 8; Willard Moon, 10; Georgie Moon, 12; Clarence Brumback, 11; Charles Bernard Thomas, 12; Mabel Rothgeb, 11; Nancy May Rothgeb, 11; Clara Belle Wolfe, 11; Mildred E. Edmonston, 13; Wilbur Ferrel Thomas, 14; Cecil Hite, 13; Herman Tindell, 15; and Mildred Helms.

1920-21: Willie V. Harris, \$80.00; term: Sept. 6, 1920-Mar. 25, 1921. Graduates from the eighth grade this year were: Cecil Hits; Nancy May Rothgeb; Mabel Rothgeb; Wilbur Ferrel Thomas; and Clara Belle Wolfe.

1921-22: Lida Harris, \$75.; term: Sept. 5, 1921-Apr. 21, 1922. The school had two separate funds from which to draw money: the teachers fund (to pay the teacher's salary) and the incidental fund (to cover other costs). In this school year monies disbursed were: \$526.50 from the teachers fund; and \$71.85 from the incidental fund as follows: Richard Rothgeb for 10 ranks (3/4 cord to each rank) of wood, \$55.50; C. L. Thomas as Clerk of the school district, \$10.00; H. L. Shirley, insurance on school house \$2.40; E. L. Hits (general store), two brooms and scrubbing supplies \$1.45; and Fredrick Hirst, mowing school yard \$2.50.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE



This is to Certify
 That Marvin Thomas
 has attended school during twenty consecutive
 school days ending Feb 3 1921 without loss
 of time from absence or tardiness and is therefore
 awarded this Certificate
 Willie V. Harris
 School New River

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To encourage attendance and discourage tardiness, schools issued certificates rewarding perfect attendance. The above example was issued to Marvin Thomas. (Marvin Vincent Thomas b Dec. 8, 1913 New Lebanon, Mo. (m June 23, 1940 Trenton, Mo. Phrona Rooks b Oct. 15, 1916 Trenton, Mo. daughter of Dr. Ola Raymond Rooks and adopted: Charles Raymond Thomas b Feb 8, 1952 (m Aug. 10, 1974 Cindy Kerns daughter of Thomas Kerns)), Also see DVKM. Marvin V. Thomas taught school most of his life, serving lastly as principal of the David Barton School in Boonville, Mo.]

1922-23: Lida Harris, \$80, Bernard Thomas and Clarence Brumback graduated from the eighth grade.

1923-24: Edith B. Bryan, \$80. Total of 26 students. [Edith Belle Bryan later took training at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis and became a Registered Nurse.] Account books record the purchase of 51/2 tons of coal this school year as well as 4 cords of wood. The residue of coal was sold by the school to the road district on June 14, 1924 and so far as the records show, no further coal was bought; hence cord-wood remained the fuel for heating.

1924-25: Mrs. C. L. Thomas. \$80. Eight months term. Total of 21 students, Students often held a school-related job, e.g. this term Rosalie Hirst (13 years old) received \$2.00 a month for "sweeping school house" and Juanita Thomas (16 years old) was paid \$2.00 a month for "making fires." At the April 1925 annual meeting the school district was enlarged by taking in the southeast quarter of Section one, T-46-N R-19-W. Eighth grade graduates were: Juanita Thomas; Wilbur Rothgeb; Omo Spence; Rosalie Hirst; and Earl Hite.

1925-26: Mrs. C. L. Thomas, \$80. The New Lebanon school held a fund-raising barn party in the C. L. Thomas barn on Oct. 2, 1925. Costs: Bread \$1.00; 150 Buns \$1.50; 25 pounds Weiners \$5.00; 2 jars Mustard \$20.00; and Ex-press \$.50; a total of \$8.20 which, subtracted from the proceeds of \$22.00, left a balance of \$13.80. On Nov. 25th, a box supper was held which raised \$28.18. Of the above monies, \$11.74 went towards purchase of textbooks and the remainder into the teacher's fund for salary payments.

1926-27: Mrs. C. L. Thomas, \$78. [Elizabeth "Lizzie" Albertine Kopp married June 2, 1903 Charles Lester Thomas, see DVKM.]

1927-28: Mrs. C. E. Kemper, \$75.

1928-29: Teacher unknown. The 1929 enumeration showed the following school-age children in the district (parent in parentheses): (N. P. Bolch) Mildred Bolch, 16; Raymond Bolch, 13; Leone Bolch, 10; (William H. Coffman) Grace Alma Coffman, 10; Louise Coffman, 8; (Fredrick Hirer) Fredrick Hirer, Jr., 12; (James W. Mayfield) Earlene Mayfield, 11; James Mayfield, 9; (D. L. Rothgeb) Mary Lee Rothgeb, 13; (S. B. Rothgeb) Virginia Rothgeb, 15; (Richard Rothgeb) Tommie Rothgeb, 18; Orville Rothgeb, 17; Eldon Rothgeb, 13; (Ben Spence) Lawrence Spence, 10; Richard Spence, 8; Margaret Spence, 7; (C. L. Thomas) Marvin Thomas, 15; (Mrs. W. J. Thomas) Juanita Thomas, 19; (V. H. Wharton) Cleo Wharton, 16; Grace Wharton, 15; Vernon Wharton, 13; Lena Wharton, 12; Virgil Wharton, 9; Isabel Wharton. 1929-30: Johnnie R. Kirkpatrick

1930-31: Johnnie R. Kirkpatrick. On Aug. 18, 1930 the school "board agreed to match the Farm Club to the amount of \$17.00 for the purpose of purchasing a piano"

1931-32: Johnnie R. Kirkpatrick, \$80. 1932-33: Johnnie R. Kirkpatrick. Eighth grade graduates were: Louise Coffman; Earlene Mayfield; Lawrence Spence; and Virginia Robertson.

1933-34: Johnnie R. Kirkpatrick. On Aug. 31, 1933 the school board "signed right of way on west side of school grounds for Farm to Market road." This new road became the current state road "C" which bisects New Lebanon.

1934-35: Johnnie R. Kirkpatrick, \$50. Term eight months. Total of nine students: Christine Montgomery, 7; Mildred Montgomery, 8; John Earl Templemire, 6; Frances Templemire, 8; Owen Cramer, 13; Minnie Blevins, 14; Leone G. Bolch, 15; Charles Brownfield, 13; and James A. Mayfield, 15; (the last three graduated from the eighth grade). On Apr. 3, 1934 the school board decided "to build a wood shed on school grounds."

1935-36: Virginia Elizabeth Rothgeb, \$40. Term: eight months. Total of seven students: Elsie Hewitt, 6; Ferne Elizabeth Neale, 6; John Templemire, 7; Agnes Templemire, 6; Billy Hewitt, 10; Frances Templemire, 9; and Logan Hewitt, 13.

1936-37: Virginia E. Rothgeb, \$40. Term: eight months. Total of eleven students (parent in parentheses): (Harvey L. Moon) Dale Moon, 6; Mary Lou Moon, 8; Harvey Moon, 9; Norman Moon, 5; (Clarence M. Brumback) Kenneth Brumback, 6; (Vern E. Neale) Ferne Elizabeth Neale, 7; (Edward Templemire) Agnes Templemire, 7; John Templemire, 8; Frances Templemire, 10; (James M. Cramer) Dale Cramer, 9; and James M. Cramer, Jr., 14; (the last graduated from the eighth grade). The teacher's "Survey of School Conditions" noted on the subject of toilets: "not the right kind"; they were, of course, outdoor privies. Also noted: the water supply was obtained from a "drilled well"; and that there was no "sand table", apparently considered an important item of school apparatus.

1937-38: Virginia E. Rothgeb, \$55. Term: eight months. Total of nine students (parent in parentheses): (James E. Crain) Jimmy Crain, 7; Billy Crain, 6; (Clarence M. Bruin-back) Kenneth Brumback 7; (Edward Templemire) Agnes Templemire, 8; John Templemire, 9; Frances Templemire, 11; (Bennie Spence) Earl Spence, 8; Dorothy Spence, 11; (James M. Cramer) Dale Cramer, 10.

The 1938 annual enumeration (taken at the end of the 1937-38 school year) showed the following children: Leona Bolch b Dec. 6, 1919; Kenneth Brumback b Nov. 13, 1930; Louise Coffman b Dec. 10, 1920;

James M. Cramer, Jr. b Sept. 9, 1922; Truman Cramer b Aug. 6, 1927; Billy Crain b Aug. 21, 1931; Jimmie Crain b May 11, 1930; Virgil Dick b Jan. 7, 1920; James A. Mayfield b Jan. 9, 1920; Virginia Robertson b June 13, 1919; Frances Templemire b Dec. 11, 1926; John Templemire b Oct. 8, 1929; Agnes Templemire b Feb. 24, 1939; and Earlene Mayfield b Aug. 3, 1918.

1938-39: Virginia E. Rothgeb, \$75. Miss Rothgeb resigned "on account of her health" and Martha Adelia Holman (see DVKM) taught the last month of school. At least for this term, New Lebanon does not appear on the state's list of "approved rural schools."

1939-40: Sylvan D. Woolery, \$75. Term: eight months. Alice H. Turley completed the term as teacher. Total students: 14. Frances Irene Templemire and Dorothy Jean Spence graduated. School purchased a new set of "World Books."

1940-41: Alice H. Turley, \$75. Eight months term. Total students enrolled: 15. The school board "discussed and voted to have hot lunches if PTA and Patrons want it; school to stand expenses of project in reason." List of students: Edward Templemire, Jr.; Bonnie Brumback; Pearl Haney; Wayne Spence; Kenneth Brumback; Billy Crain; Jimmy Crain; Donald Haney; Jessie Pulley; George Pulley; Agnes Templemire; Earl Spence; John Earl Templemire; Georgia Haney; and George W. Ellison (who graduated)

1941-42: Mrs. Woodrow (Marie Jenkins) Wolfe [born Feb. 13, 1917], \$80. Eight months term. A kitchen for preparation of hot lunches was built the previous summer. On Feb. 6, 1942 the school board "adopted motion to go on daylight savings time." They also voted to pay "\$40.00 to Pilot Grove High School for tuition of two pupils." As more children attended high school, each school district, most of which had only an eighth grade elementary school, had to pay tuition in order for their resident students to attend a high school. An example of a standard teacher's contract:

"This agreement, made the 10th day of April, 1942, between Mrs. Woodrow Wolfe, a legally qualified public-school teacher of the first part, and the school Board of District No. 64, County of Cooper, State of Missouri, of the second part.

Witnesseth: That the said Mrs. Woodrow Wolfe agrees to teach the public school of said District for the term of eight months, commencing on the 7th day of September, 1942, for the sum of 90.00 dollars per month, to be paid monthly, and that for services properly rendered and reports correctly made, according to law, said Board agrees to issue warrants upon the County Treasurer in favor of the said Mrs. Woodrow Wolfe for the amount of wages due under this agreement.

Done by the order of the Board, this 10th day of Apr., 1942.

Edward Templemire, President.

Mrs. Woodrow Wolfe, Teacher."

The above printed document was amended to include: "Teacher to take care of janitor work" which was customary.

1942-43: Mrs. Woodrow (Marie) Wolfe, \$90. Eight months term. Total of twelve students. The school board allowed "\$30.00 for the Rural Music Supervisor."

1943-44: Mrs. Woodrow (Marie) Wolfe, \$100. Eight months term. Total of eleven pupils. The interior of the school was painted during the summer and new screens added.

GRAPH SHOWING TEACHERS' SALARIES 1850 - 1946 (Not Shown)

The data for this graph was taken from the records of the New Lebanon School with the exception that the information for the years 1856-67 were extracted from the records of the West Fork School which lay two miles due east of New Lebanon. Noteworthy is the remarkable constancy of a teacher's monthly wage over a period of sixty years: about \$40. In the interval 1855 - 1915. And, in fact, after the bulge created by World War I and the subsequent boom, teachers' wages were once again \$40. A month in the 1930s. During the 1920s teachers' salaries doubled to \$80. A month but if cord wood (see other graph) is any indicator of prices in general, then the teacher at this doubled wage was worse off financially than at \$40 because cord wood tripled in price during the same period. Today, teachers in the area draw on the order of \$800 a month; however, this figure is not comparable to those show here because during this era the teachers received, besides her cash salary, room and board from a nearby school patron. One may speculate whether the teacher of today has more buying power at \$800 a month after subtracting taxes, shelter, food, and transportation than his or her counterpart had at \$40 a month in, say, 1890.

1944-45: Mrs. Woodrow (Marie) Wolfe, \$115. Eight months term. Total of nine students. Kenneth Brumback and Jesse Pulley graduated.

1945-46: Mrs. Woodrow (Marie) Wolfe, \$140. Eight months term. Coal was used for heating instead of wood. This necessitated "getting slabs for starting fires." Students (parent in parentheses): (Edward Templemire) Phillip Ray Templemire, 6; Dorothy May Templemire, 8; Edward Templemire, Jr., 11; (D. D. Pulley) Kenneth Pulley, 11; (Louis Paxton) Mary Louise Paxton, 12; (C. M. Brumback) Bonnie Brumback, 12; (L. F. Schupp) Earlene Schupp, 12; (Bennie

Spence) Wayne Spence, 12; (Margaret Crain) Billy Crain, 14; Shirley Crain, 10; and Marjorie Crain, 8; (Crain children left at mid-term, leaving eight pupils in the school).

Subjects taught: Arithmetic, Elementary Science, Art, Music, Reading, Language, Spelling, Writing, and Social Studies. At the seventh grade level Agriculture was added.

1946-47: Mrs. Woodrow (Marie) Wolfe. Last term of school.

The grading system of the school was strictly numerical until the 1920s, i.e. a student's grade would range downward from 100. By 1933 the system of E-S-M-I-F was in use. Except for the year 1935 (numbers again) this latter grading system was used until the 1941-42 term at which "U" & "S" were the only grades awarded. By 1943-44 E-S-M-I-F was once more standard; this system was utilized until the school closed.

When the New Lebanon School closed in 1947, the district was merged into the Pilot Grove District C-IV. And it is the Pilot Grove School that students from the New Lebanon area currently attend.

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