

Scrapbook
of
Highview Consolidated School
Buena Vista County, Iowa
(Established-1915 / Closed-1961)

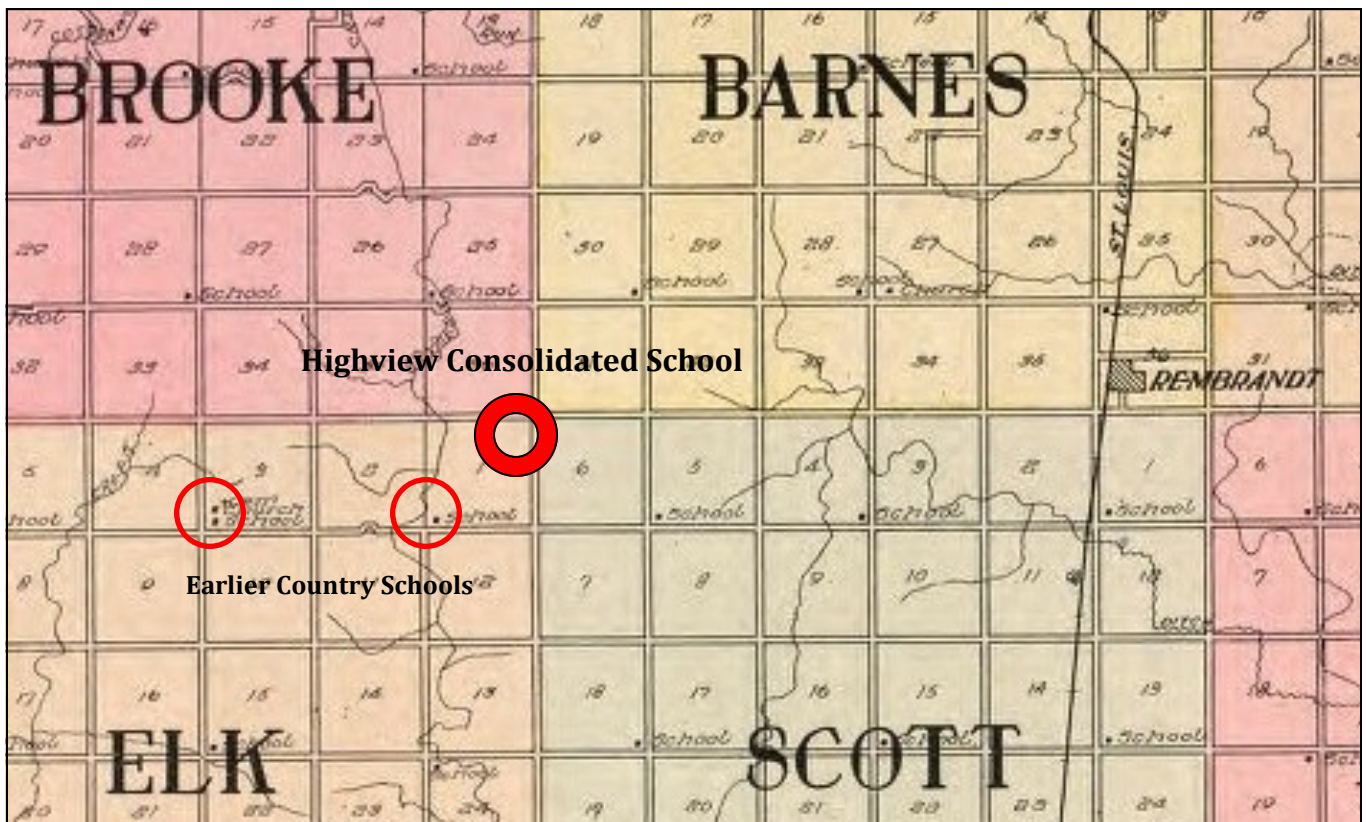


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In earliest days education was offered for the first eight grades in rural schools located two miles apart. The first election for consolidation in 1914 was declared illegal, because of a technical error, but the election of January 1915 carried in favor of the new school.

Mr. E. G. Schofield gave the land which was located in the northeast corner of Elk Township where Scott, Brooke, and Barnes Townships meet, twelve miles northeast of Alta. Because of its location the name "Highview" was chosen.

The school building with rooms for classes in the basement and first floor, and with rooms for the family of the superintendent and for the teachers on the second floor, was ready for the August 1915 opening. Dedication ceremonies were held the morning of October 25, 1915. That afternoon the new Lincoln-Lee School, some ten miles to the east was also dedicated.

The school had its own water system, coal furnace, and light plant.

The janitor and his family lived in a separate house on the grounds. A barn for horses was located on another part of the property.

Because of an epidemic of flu in 1918 school was closed for a while.

During World War I an auction at the school raised \$1,487.50 for the Red Cross.

In 1922 Highview was the first consolidated school to retire its bonded indebtedness. Until the gymnasium was built in 1922 all athletic events were held out-of-doors. Basket Socials and Carnivals were held to obtain money for needed equipment for athletics. One year 'carried' lunches were supplemented with soup made by the girls of the home economics class, for which each pupil paid five cents per cup. Because of the deep snows of 1936 the school was closed for almost six weeks.

Community meetings were held monthly at the school gymnasium. Programs for those meetings were usually presented by local talent. The last day of school community picnics were well attended.

The first class to graduate was the one of 1920. Members were: Hattie Anderson Bovee, Gladys Childgren Larson, Rachel Olson Vierigge, and Clifford Benson. Ralph Haxby, Leslie Mickelson and Melvin Peterson, of the class of 1928, were the first Highview students to attend all twelve years there. The class of 1958: Donald Christensen, Kenneth Madsen and Allen Lorenzen was Highview's last graduating class.

Highview served the community well with its educational needs of the time. Today a monument made of brick from the building acts as a landmark.

After later school reorganization, boys and girls of the former area of the Highview District, now attend school at Sioux Valley and Alta.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - July 24, 1914

Bond Elections Carry

An election was held last Thursday in the Fairview consolidated school district, which is composed of parts of Elk and Scott townships, for the purpose of bonding the district for \$10,000, with which to erect a modern school building. The proposition carried decisively, the vote being twenty-seven for and twelve against the proposal. On Wednesday a similar election was held in the Highview consolidated school district which is composed of parts of Barnes, Brooke, Elk, and Scott townships, the result of the district being twenty-two votes for the proposition and twelve against it. It is planned that the new buildings will be erected as soon as practicable and they will be modern and up-to-date in every respect.

Buena Vista Vidette - January 15, 1915

CONSOLIDATED CARRIES AGAIN

The Highview Consolidated District which was declared illegal in the November term of Court because of a technical error in the organization of the district last May, was reorganized last Saturday with a considerably larger territory, containing now 20 ⁷/₈ sections as compared with 16 ¹/₄ last time. The vote was 32 in favor to 24 against. When the new board is organized it is planned to make some changes in the boundary line as some of the people in the eastern part of the district are nearer to Rembrandt and it is to be set over into that district.

The location for the school, as before, will be at the corners of the 4 townships here. E. G. Schofield offers 4 acres of land for the site. The territory is as follows: Barnes township 7 ³/₈ sections, Brooke 4 ¹/₂ sections, Elk 5 sections, and Scott 4 sections.

Buena Vista Vidette - February 12, 1915

HIGHVIEW DISTRICT ELECTS BOARD

The Highview consolidated district elected the board of education Monday, February 8. This district included portions of Brooke, Barnes, Elk and Scott. The following were elected: Jens Miller, A. C. Johnson, Mike Hanson, Harvey McDonald and Hans Olson.

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Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - March 12, 1915

Consolidation Contagious

Buena Vista county bids fair to become the banner county of the state in regard to the number of consolidated schools. Last week an election in the High View district carried, twenty-four votes being cast in favor of the proposition and three against, which is a strong indicator that the people are rapidly changing their views in regard to the new system.

This new school building will be erected on the four acres of land of the four adjoining sections which was the liberal gift of E. G. Scofield. The sum of \$13,000 will be expended in the erection of a handsome building, which will be modern and finely equipped. Elmer Marten of Storm Lake will design the building. Work will start soon to be completed by September 1.

Buena Vista Vidette - March 12, 1915

BOND ISSUE CARRIES

Highview Consolidated School District voted last Saturday to bond district for \$13,000 for new school house. Vote was 24 in favor to 3 against. Elmer Martin of Storm Lake has been engaged as architect. A four room one story building with a full basement, modern in every respect will be erected.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - March 19, 1915

Proposals for Erection of Schoolhouse

Notice is hereby given that the proposals for the erection of a schoolhouse in the Highview Consolidated Independent school district in the county of Buena Vista, Iowa, will be received by the undersigned, in care of the Rembrandt Savings Bank of Rembrandt, Iowa, on or before April 9th, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time the board will meet in the office of the said Rembrandt Savings bank to consider the awarding of the contract. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the county superintendent of schools at Storm Lake, Iowa. The new building is to be erected five miles west of Rembrandt, Iowa. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. L. C. Anderson, Alta, Iowa. Secretary of board.

Dated March 12, 1915.

Buena Vista Vidette - March 19, 1915

BONDS SOLD

The bonds of the Highview consolidated district were sold last week. The representatives of four bonding companies met with the superintendent and directors. The bonds were disposed of at a premium of one hundred fifty dollars to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co. of Sioux City, through their representative, P. C. Toy of this place.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - April 16, 1915

Notice for Bids

Notice is hereby given that proposals for the installation of the plumbing and heating for the school house in the Highview Consolidated Independent school district in the county of Buena Vista, state of Iowa, will be received by the undersigned on or before May 14, 1915, at 10:30 a. m., at which time the board will meet in the school house on section 1, Elk township, to consider the awarding of the contract. Plans and specifications may be secured from the undersigned. The new building is to be erected five miles west of Rembrandt. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. L. C. ANDERSON, Secretary of Board.
Dated April 15, 1915.

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Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - April 23, 1915

Building Contractor on Site

C. E. Alelson, the contractor of Hareourt, Ia., was on High View school grounds on Monday setting the stakes for the new building.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - May 21, 1915

School Building Contractor

C E. Avelson of Harcourt, Iowa, who received the contract for the new Highview Consolidated school building, was in town last week making arrangements for the hauling of material.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - May 28, 1915

Contractor Commences Work

C E. Axelson, contractor, of Harcourt, Iowa, arrived on Friday with his family and several workmen and will commence work at once on the High view school building. They will camp out on the grounds while the building is under construction.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - June 23, 1915

School Consolidation

Advertiser: Two elections are being held today in Buena Vista county that concern the consolidation of schools. The district of Linn Grove is voting on the matter of taking in about six sections in this county and about the same amount in Clay county. Also the district of Highview votes to include seven sections located in Elk and Brooke townships. In the Linn Grove proposition there seems to lie considerable opposition in the territory in Buena Vista county that is proposed to be included but in Clay county there seems to lie almost an unanimous sentiment in favor of it. The people in Elk favor going into Highview but a number of those in Brooke oppose it.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - July 9, 1915

Deeds

Scofield, E G Guardian to Highview Consolidated School District Guardian deed, b 17. p 70, 4 A. in the corner 1 -92-38. Appraised value \$400.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - August 27, 1915

Work on School

Work on the Highview Consolidated school north of Alta is progressing rapidly. The sidewalls are completed and it will be roofed this week. Extra efforts are being put forth so that it will be ready for school purposes as soon as possible.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - September 24, 1915

School Nears Completion

The High View school building is getting about completed and school will start the forepart of October.

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BUILD FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

The High View Consolidated District, which includes parts of the townships of Barnes, Brooke, Elk and Scott, is certainly up-to-date. The School Board was confronted with the proposition of what to do with the teachers and janitor, it was difficult and expensive for all of the to find rooms and board in the vicinity of the school. The third story of the school house was large and roomy and not needed for school purposes. The Board has therefore decided to turn this into a home with very little expense. Ten rooms have been built and these will furnish an apartment for the janitor and his family and rooms for the teachers, either for light housekeeping, or if they wish to board with the janitors family.

The heat will be but very little in addition, as the same furnace will heat the entire building. Sewer connections etc., are also but a trivial additional expense, and the result will be a home that the teachers will enjoy, and the school Board will have no trouble in securing teachers with such facilities for them.

Buena Vista Vidette - October 1, 1915

GOVERNOR TO BE HERE

EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR DAY TO BE RENDERED

Will Dedicate Consolidated Schools in Buena Vista County in October

A. E. Harrison, County Superintendent of Buena Vista County, has with the aid of the School Boards persuaded Governor Geo. W. Clark to be here at a dedication of the school houses in the Lincoln-Lee and High View Districts. The exact date has not yet been fixed but will be sometime in October. County Superintendent Harrison is also arranging a special program for the day. Many other notable speakers will take part in the exercises, and good music has been arranged for..

The new school buildings are built of brick and are modern throughout, they are located in the geographical center of their respective districts and will serve about twenty-five sections each.

The third story in the High View building will be used, as stated last week, for modern apartments for the teachers and janitor.

A petition is now being circulated for a new consolidated District at Alta, which will include about thirty-five sections of land. The work that is done in Buena Vista County is drawing the attention of everyone to this county.

Governor Clark has always been interested in education and he is sure on this day to present ideas which will be of interest to everyone.

Buena Vista Vidette - October 1, 1915

School will open October 11

School will open in the High View district October 11. The building being nearly completed.

Buena Vista Vidette - October 8, 1915

GOVERNOR CLARK SETS DATE

To be here to Give Dedication Address October 26

As was stated in the Vidette last week Governor Clark was to give the dedication address at the Lincoln-Lee and High View consolidated schools, but the date had not been set at that writing. Word from Governor Clark states that he will be here October 26th. Governor Clark is an eloquent speaker and will have a large audience.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - October 15, 1915

High View School Opens

School opened in the fine new High View consolidated school district north of Alta on Monday with Carl Hanson in charge the three teachers are Miss Mabel Anderson, domestic science, Miss Jacobson of Sioux Rapids, intermediate, and Miss Snyder of Oklahoma, primary. The people of the community have every reason to be proud of their fine new school and the Pilot-Tribune is proud for them.

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Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - October 22, 1915

SCHOOL DEDICATION

Lincoln-Lee and High View Structures to be Formally Opened by Governor Clarke Tuesday

Arrangements for the dedication of two of Buena Vista county's fine new consolidated schools. High View and Lincoln-Lee, have been completed by the boards of the two schools, working in conjunction with County Superintendent Harrison. The date is Tuesday, October 26, and the principal speaker will be Governor George Clarke. Other speakers will include H. C. Moeller and J. A. Woodruff, both former county superintendents.

There will also be music and other short addresses. Weather permitting, it is expected that a large number will attend both events. These two schools will be the first of the strictly rural consolidated schools in the county to be dedicated and the people of the two communities are deeply interested in their schools, as they should be. High View school will be dedicated at ten o'clock in the morning, after which there will be a picnic dinner served. The hour at Lincoln-Lee is two o'clock and after the exercises there, a picnic lunch will also be served. Following is the program of the events which is furnished us by County Superintendent Harrison.

High View

Music

Invocation, Rev. F. B. Nixon, Alta.

Address of welcome, Jens Miller, president of High View school board.

Response, Carl H. Hanson, principal of High View school.

Address, H. C. Moeller, county superintendent. Black Hawk county.

Music

Address, J. A. Woodruff, state inspector. Des Moines.

Address, Hon. George W. Clarke, governor of Iowa.

Music

Lincoln-Lee

Music

Invocation.

Address of welcome, W. S. A. Douglass, president of the Lincoln-Lee school board.

Response, O. D. Babcock, principal of Lincoln-Lee school

Address, H. C. Moeller.

Music

Address, J. A. Woodruff.

Address, Governor George Clarke.

Music

Chairman of the day, A. E. Harrison, county superintendent.

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DEDICATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Program for High View and Lincoln-Lee Dedication Arranged - Gov. Clarke to Speak

The arrangements for the dedication of the Lincoln-Lee and High View consolidated school districts are almost complete. The exercises for High View will be held in the morning at 10:00 o'clock and those for Lincoln-Lee will be held at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. A good program has been planned and if the weather permits, a large crowd will be in attendance at both exercises.

The occasion is one of unusual interest because these buildings are the first of their kind to be opened in Buena Vista county, and also because of the fact that the Governor of Iowa has consented to be present and give an address at the two places. Former County Superintendent Moeller will be present and also State Inspector J. A. Woodruff, who was at one time County Superintendent of this county. Each of these men will give a short address.

Music will be provided and very interesting program will, be given. The date is October 26 and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone in Buena Vista county to attend. A picnic dinner will be held at High View and a picnic lunch at Lincoln-Lee. All those who attend are requested to bring lunch with them and make the day a holiday.

The program is as follows:

HIGH VIEW - 10:00 A.M.

Music.

Invocation, Rev. F. B. Nixon. Alta

Address of Welcome, Jens Miller, President of High View school board.

Response, Carl H. Hanson, Principal of High View school.

Address, H. C. Moeller, County Superintendent, Black Hawk county.

Music.

Address. J. A. Woodruff, State Inspector, Des Moines.

Address, Hon. George W. Clarke, Governor of Iowa.

Music.

LINCOLN-LEE - 2:00 P.M.

Music,

Invocation.

Address of Welcome. Douglass, President of Lincoln-Lee school board.

Response, O. D. Babcock, principal of Lincoln-Lee school.

Address, H. C. Moeller.

Music.

Address. J. A. Woodruff, State Inspector, Des Moines.

Address, Hon. George W. Clarke, Governor of Iowa.

Music.

Chairman of the day, A. E. Harrison, County Superintendent.

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Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - October 29, 1915

SCHOOLS DEDICATED

Two Fine New Rural Consolidated Buildings Formally Opened with Fitting Ceremony

History of the very best sort was made in Buena Vista county and in the state on Tuesday when two fine, strictly rural consolidated schools were dedicated to the cause of education. High View consolidated school in the northeast corner of Elk township, and the Lincoln-Lee consolidated school in section ten, Lincoln township, George W. Clarke, governor of Iowa, delivering the principal addresses. It is indeed hard to do justice to such momentous events in the columns of the newspaper for the occasion is fraught with such far reaching influences and is of such great possibilities.

High View in Elk township was first to be dedicated, the hour being ten in the morning. Long before the appointed time, hundreds of people gathered at the one school house for the occasion. People from many different parts of the county gathered to congratulate the progressive citizens at the county and to hear Governor Clarke and participate in the auspicious occasion.

County Superintendent A. E. Harrison called the assemblage to order and after the singing of America, Rev. F. H. Nixon of Alta invoked Divine blessing. Jens Miller, president of the High View board, then extended a welcome upon the part of the board of directors to the people. He expressed something of the responsibility the members of the board has felt and in the efforts which had been put forth to make the school a possibility. His remarks were entirely fitting. Carl H. Hanson, principal of the school, responded in a few words in which he expressed some of the hopes and ambitions of the schools and those in whose charge it is. H. C. Moeller, who was county superintendent at the time of the organization of the district and who is now superintendent in Black Hawk county, was then introduced by superintendent Harrison. He told something of the history of the movement which led to the formation of the district and urged eloquently the full appreciation of the work of those which had made it possible. His remarks were well received. After another song, by Witter Bros, J. A. Woodruff, state inspector of rural schools, and formerly a county superintendent in Buena Vista county, addressed the large gathering. He talked along educational lines generally and called attention to the great things which such a school meant in a community such as High View.

Governor Clarke was then introduced. The Governor had come out from Des Moines to be present because he is interested in the schools and because he believes that the day was an epoch making one in every respect. In an intensely earnest address which he insisted was not a set speech but a desultory heart to heart talk the inspiration for which came from the grandness of the occasion, he told of some of the things which education means to the individual, to the community, and to the state. He spoke of the sacrifices which had been made to secure the school and called upon the young people to take advantage of the opportunity which was theirs. He urged the community to stand squarely back of the school board to the end that the school would fulfill its mission. He urged a more thorough appreciation of the fact that the interests of town and country are identical and he called everyone of his hearers to a more earnest and a more purposeful life in all lines. Everyone felt that the words of the speaker were coming from his heart and convinced all that Governor Clarke is just the kind of man who should be governor of this great state.

Following the program, lunch was served to the large crowd present and the guests of honor were setted in the domestic science department of the fine school building. It was clearly demonstrated to those who partook of the hospitality of the good people of the district that the ladies know how to do their share in every respect.

After this interesting part of the program, the fine building was inspected by the large number of visitors. This newspaper will attempt no detailed description of the structure, but we do want to say that to the casual although interested visitor, it seems to be most complete in every respect. A fine Urge auditorium is on the south side of the main floor. This can be used for assembly purposes as well as class room work. On the other side of the spacious hall, are recitation rooms. In the basement are excellently equipped manual training rooms and domestic science rooms. The board did not go half way, but equipped these in the most modem and approved manner. On the third floor living rooms for the instructors are being fitted up so that the teachers can live in the greatest comfort in every particular. The entire building is as modern in its appointments as it could be made. Modern plumbing, sanitary closets, excellent ventilation, beauty of architecture, - nothing has been left undone which goes to make this school building something of the greatest pride to the community and of the highest efficiency for the purpose for which it is to be used.

The men who were instrumental in securing its erection are to be congratulated heartily. They have done work which will be a satisfaction to them all the days of their lives and will be a benefaction to the young for generations. The entire county is proud of this community, composed largely of Scandinavian people who have contributed in such a large measure to the greatness and attractiveness of Buena Vista county.

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High View district is in the extreme northeast corner of Elk township and the school premises are on a part of the farm of C. G. Scofield, who gave the ground to the district. The present district is composed of practically twenty-one sections in Elk, Brooke, Barnes and Scott townships and in it is included some of the best farms and the best farmers in the world. The school board is composed of Jens Miller, president, L. C. Anderson, secretary, H. L. Halverson, treasurer; Mike Hanson, Martin Olson, Harvey McDonald and Hans Olson. All of these men are deeply interested in the welfare of the community and of the schools and they are entitled to the whole hearted support of the people there.

At the conclusion of the exercises at High View, a large number of the visitors drove over to the Lincoln-Lee school eleven miles east and one mile south where there was almost a repetition of the inspiring event of the morning was enjoyed. After a double quartet number, Rev. Scouten, pastor of the Methodist church at Lincoln, pronounced the invocation. Superintendent Harrison presided at the meeting and first introduced W. S. A. Douglas, president of the Lincoln-Lee school board, who, in a most admirable manner, welcomed the especially large crowd to the formal dedication of the pride of the community. It was a finished and greatly enjoyed address and proclaimed why that community is progressing so rapidly, for Mr. Douglas is one of the prime movers in things worthwhile. O. D. Babcock, the principal of the school, responded. He took occasion to outline some of his purposes and some of his hopes and ambitions and when he had finished all were convinced that the Lincoln-Lee school is in capable hands in every respect. H. C. Moeller was then introduced

and he spoke in the same vein as at High View and his remarks were greatly enjoyed. Julius Osmundson of Sioux Rapids then sang beautifully, after which J. A. Woodruff was introduced, and in his talk he dwelt upon the greatness of the effort which is being put forth in Iowa to further just such things as this rural consolidated schools and referred to the hopes it offered for the future.

Governor Clarke was then introduced to the large audience. He was even in better mettle than in the forenoon and he gave a most stirring and inspiring address. He talked much upon the same lines as at High View. He opened by reciting the poem by Will Carleton wherein the moving of the family into the new home is described and the Governor applied it to the moving into the fine new school house. He urged with all the force of his being and in his particularly impressive manner that the young people of the community make the most of their remarkable opportunity. He spoke of the great stride towards better things in the community which the new school exemplified and he paid high and glowing tribute to the men who had it in their hearts to undertake the securing of this magnificent school for the young people of the present and of the future. His address could not help but awaken all of the better attributes of character and to inspire to the greatest accomplishment. The program closed with a number by Witter Bros., following which the ladies served a most excellent lunch to the large number of guests.

The Lincoln-Lee district, as was true of the High View, is composed of about twenty-one sections, and was enlarged after it was first organized. There was not a dissenting vote to its organization, and but one vote against the issuing of bonds to provide the magnificent building and last Saturday the verdict was unanimous in favor of issuing bonds to the extent of \$2,500 for the construction of a home for the teachers.

The four acres of ground are located just on the rim of that great bowl in which was included Grass Lake and the eye in that great stretch of country which has been practically rescued from the water and which has been transformed into a veritable granary during the past ten years. Time was when no one esteemed the land there abouts highly and there was little to commend it from a standpoint of the inhabitants thereof. But these things have all been changed and there is no more progressive community anywhere.

The building itself is of striking architecture and presents most beautiful appearance. On the main floor is a large assembly room in which the exercises of Tuesday were held. The remainder of that floor is given over to class rooms. In the basement, every convenience for the domestic science and manual training departments have been provided and there is a complete heating plant. The building is as modern as money can make it and will never cease to be a pride to the people of the community. It is the purpose to make it a real community center, and under the leadership of such men as W. S. A. Douglas and others it will mean much. Mr. Douglas is president of the board; C. W. Shaffer, secretary; George Zerbe, treasurer; and the other members of the board are Gust Gray, August Siekmann, C. J. Middleton and George Hutchinson.

Thus closed one of the most glorious days in the history of the county.

As has been stated, Buena Vista county is the leader in the matter of rural consolidated schools. The first one was at Marathon and the next at Newell. Now we have them at Truesdale, Sioux Rapids, these two just dedicated, a magnificent building is being erected at Linn Grove, Rembrandt, and there are two more strictly rural schools in course of construction, in Hayes and at Fairview. Alta is to vote on the proposition within a few days. It is a great showing and will mean much to the future of the county.

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SCHOOL EVENT OF UNIQUE INTEREST

TWO CONSOLIDATED RURAL SCHOOLS DEDICATED IN COUNTY

Governor Clarke Emphasizes the Occasion - Real Social Centers Established to Make Life Fuller and More Meaningful for Young and Old - Program of the Day filled with Un-usual Features

The hope of the future, so far as American democracy is concerned, is bound up with the fact of the public school system. And the most encouraging feature of present effort is connected with betterment of the rural schools. In this work Buena Vista county has taken lead, even in progressive Iowa. The consolidated rural school is h e r e most highly developed, and in every community where these are not yet established there is movement to bring into being the advantages proven in such system. It is therefore fitting that utmost publicity should be given to the event of Tuesday last, as here related The Vidette is indebted to Judge A. D. Bailie for this report.

It comes thus from one who has from the first of the movement been identified with it heart and soul; who has the vision permitting a sight of possibilities and of the working out of ideals.

A Day to be Remembered

On October 26, 1915, an event occurred in Buena Vista county, Ia., which for all time will stand as a "red letter" day in its history. An event of like character and importance never occurred before in the history of the State nor in the United States when two rural consolidated school buildings were dedicated by the Governor of the State on the same day. The movement for consolidated rural schools culminated in the erection and establishment of two rural consolidated districts, known as the High View and Lincoln-Lee Districts. The School Boards in those districts have caused to be erected magnificent school buildings, each at a cost from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The buildings are of approved architectural design, and contain commodious rooms for the conducting of a first class graded school, including high school instruction, rooms for Manual Training, and Domestic Science have been provided, and the course of instruction will be the same as the best graded schools, and nigh schools in the State, thus bringing to the children of these rural districts every advantage that is accorded the pupils of the best school in the cities and towns of Iowa.

A Progressive Board

The Board of Education in these two districts are entitled to the highest commendation for their efforts in bringing about this splendid result, and the people of these districts are likewise to be commended for their devotion and enterprise in this great movement, and their example, and the happy culmination of their efforts will undoubtedly constitute an encouragement to the establishment of other districts in this locality, and in the entire state. Ther future progress will be watched with interest throughout the entire country, and we bespeak for them the success that they so richly deserve. The carrying out of these two enterprises will undoubtedly constitute a leveler of a distinction between the advantages of the City and rural schools, and this is as it should be; for no longer will it be necessary for the parents of children in these rural districts to send their children to the town or city schools in order that they may have equal advantages with them.

A Wonderful Advance

The writer could not but notice and appreciate the wonderful progress that has been made in these lines in these localities in the last 35 years. In the early days of this period the writer drove over and hunted wild game where now stand these two splendid school buildings, and the progress thus shown gives proof that the good people of these districts are willing to and are making sacrifices in behalf of their children, and shows the splendid spirit of cooperation and progress that points to the vast improvement of conditions, both educationally, and socially in these localities.

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Gov. Clarke as Speaker

Extensive preparations were made by the Boards and the patrons of these two schools for the dedication of the buildings on this day. The occasion important and so of the County Governor Clarke graced the event with his presence, and delivered at the dedication of each of these buildings a magnificent address, which was full of sound advice, commendation and instruction to the people most vitally interested in these splendid enterprises. Time and space will not permit a report of the many splendid things that were said by the Governor in dedicating these buildings.

There were also present on these occasions State Superintendent Woodruff, the present county superintendent Harrison, and the former superintendent Moeller, and fine addresses were given by these men in connection with the dedicatory exercises. Pres. James Miller of the High View district and Pres. W. S. A. Douglas of the Lincoln-Lee District made addresses recounting the history of the movement. And in addition Supt. Hanson, of the High View district, and Supt. Babcock of the Lincoln-Lee district in well-spoken words outlined the future conduct and courses of instruction to be afforded in these schools. Both buildings have complete heating and lighting systems, and the most modern sanitary appliances. And when these schools shall be fully equipped and placed in complete running order, as they certainly will be, they will be all that can be desired in the way of furnishing the best educational advantages for these communities, and doubtless in all future time the efforts of the men who have been at the fore-front in these movements will be held in highest regard by the people of these localities.

The Exercises Proper

The Dedicatory exercises at the High View school began at 10 :00 a.m. and closed with the serving of refreshments prepared by the ladies of the community. At the close of the exercises there the Governor and the other officials, with many people drove to the Lincoln-Lee Building where dedicatory exercises were held, and ended with the banquet served by the ladies of the neighborhood; and the Domestic Science Department of these schools will have to be maintained at the highest point of efficiency if they improve upon the evidences of good cooking and serving which were in evidence upon this occasion.

Our present efficient County Superintendent Harrison will doubtless be of great service in guiding and directing the future of these schools, and in the establishment of others of like character in the County. For it goes without saying that the impetus given to this most commendable movement by the establishment of these schools will result in the entire County being eventually covered by the consolidated schools. It would be profitable if time and space permitted, to go into greater detail as to all that occurred upon this occasion, but whatever might be said, but not recounted here, will remain in the memory of the people of these localities and the mind of those who were fortunate enough to attend these exercises for all time to come.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - November 12, 1915

Storm

The storm on Sunday evening did considerable damage to the corn, haystacks and some of the buildings on the school ground at Highview, blowing the barn to pieces.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - November 12, 1915

TWISTER AT HIGH VIEW

Sunday Evening Storm does Damage at New School

While Storm Lake was having that rain and wind on Sunday evening, a regular twister was trying to destroy one of the prides of the county, the fine new High View school, north-west of town. The barn was absolutely destroyed and one of the new vehicles in which the children were to be transported was considerable damaged. Other minor damage was done about the building but all are glad that it was no more serious than it was. Pieces of two by four were driven into the ground for a considerable distance and there are many evidences that the storm was a severe one.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - December 17, 1915

School Building Finished

C E. Axelson, contractor and builder who has spent the greater portion of the summer in this vicinity having finished the construction of the High View consolidated school building left the forepart of the week for his home at Harcourt, Iowa.

Highview Consolidated School

(Reorganization, Closure)

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1963



Old Timers Column



This poem written by Mrs. Everett Anderson for the recent Highview Alumni reunion, will refresh memories of former school patrons thruout our reading territory We think you'll enjoy it So here is is;

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Dear Old Timer These verses were suggested by the familiar poem "Still Sits the Schoolhouse by the Road" It was written by Mrs. Everett Anderson for our recent alumni reunion Hope you can print it — A Highview Alumnus.

Still sits old Highview by the
road,
A ragged beggar sunning;
In front of it still the hedges
grow,
And ivy vines are running.

Within, no master's desk is
seen
Where teachers once held sway,
No battered seats, only warp-
ing floors
Hidden by bales of hay.

The crayon drawings on its
walls,
Its door worn sill, betraying
The feet, that crept slow into
school,
Went storming out to playing.

Not long ago, its playground
rang
With sound of children's laugh-
ter,
Where once they played, now
beans and corn
Who dreamed of this final
chapter?

In sports of sorts, there was
many a game,
And musical activities, too;
Programs, picnics and parties
gay,
Oh, there was much to do.

Among its graduates are many
Who've won quite wide ac-
claim,
Engineers, lawyers, teachers
and preachers,
Each brought to Highview
fame.

The state board said its fa-
cilities
Were sadly out of date,
Its classes too small, upkeep
too high,
And so they signed its fate.

Although it produced no astro-
naut,
Somehow it filled the bill,
So here's a toast to old High-
view High
Fond memories, for us, linger
still.

Highview Consolidated School

(Reorganization, Closure)

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - December 19, 1957

School Problems with State Official

Problems which confront them in bringing their high school up to state requirements were discussed by members of the Brooke school board Thursday night in an informal meeting with T C. Green, regional consultant for the state department of public instruction, and County Supt Albert E. Harrison.

Harrison said no action was taken by the board, but that many questions were asked concerning possible solution to the problem of state approval in 1958.

Officials of the state department sent letters to the Brooke, Highview and Fairview school boards stating these schools are to be approved for the 1957-58 school year but indicating they probably will not be approved next year if certain requirements are not reached.

Meetings similar to the Brooke session are being held with the Fairview and Highview boards.

State officials have exhibited doubt there are enough students in these three high schools to warrant the added burden of adjusting curriculum and adding equipment. Pro-rated state aid is contingent on state approval of schools.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - January 9, 1958

Reorganization of Rembrandt and Highview Talked

Possible future reorganization of the Rembrandt and Highview school districts is being discussed by the two school boards at a series of preliminary meetings. No announcement has been made as yet regarding any definite action. James R. Hamilton of Edson, Hamilton & Skinner has been employed by the two schools as their legal advisor. Earlier reports were that Fairview will continue as is another year. There is talk also of reorganizing Brooke consolidated into a parochial school.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - January 30, 1958

Defer Action on Reorganization of Highview-Rembrandt

Action on the tentative plan for reorganization of the Highview and Rembrandt school districts has been deferred pending further study according to James Hamilton, attorney for the two districts.

About 60 patrons of Highview attended a meeting in the school building last Wednesday evening to discuss the future of the school in view of reorganization. Several alternatives to closing were offered but no definite plan was formulated. At a meeting Saturday the board of education decided to defer action.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - July 3, 1958

DECISION OF COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Proposed Rembrandt - Highview - Scott Center Reorganized School District

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED: In compliance with an order of the Buena Vista County Board of Education, you are hereby notified that said Board has ruled on objections duly filed and considered at a hearing held June 30, 1958. By unanimous vote the Board at a meeting held June 30, 1958, at 10:00 o'clock P. M. and, the petition for a proposed reorganization was dismissed and the area of objectors of the Highview district favoring Alta were located as a part of the County Plan for Alta Community and the remaining area of Highview and all the Rembrandt district and all of Scott Center were included in a County Plan with Sioux Valley Community District and all of Sioux Rapids District and a part of Marathon district.

The Highview area for Alta is as follows: All south of the following line: Beginning at the point where the Brooke and Highview boundaries meet on the south line of section 33 in Elk Township, thence east one mile thence south 1/2 mile, thence east 1 1/2 miles, thence south one mile, thence east two miles to the northwest point of southwest quarter of section 9 of Scott Center in Scott township.

The area of Marathon district is west of the line of section 6 where Webb district and Marathon meet in Poland township, thence south six miles to the Albert City line in Fairfield township.
ALBERT E. HARRISON, County Superintendent.

Highview Consolidated School

(Reorganization, Closure)

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - July 3, 1958

County Board Adopts New Reorganization Plan Five Districts Scheduled for School Areas Hayes and Washington with Storm Lake on New Map

Buena Vista county, board of education in session Monday night completed the county plan for reorganization of school districts, setting the boundaries for the five areas. County Supt. Albert E. Harrison said the plan, will be forwarded to the state department of public instruction within a few days.

By unanimous vote the board dismissed the petition for proposed reorganization of Rembrandt-Highview-Scott Center school district and located the area of objectors in the Highview district in the Alta district as a part of the county plan.

The remaining area of Highview and all the Rembrandt and Scott Center districts were included in the Sioux Valley Community district, plus Sioux Rapids and a part of the Marathon district Complete legal description appears on page 7 of today's Pilot-Tribune, section 1.

As outlined by County Supt. Harrison, the five districts set- up in the county plan are as follows:

Storm Lake-Hayes-Washington, including all of Hayes-Washington and Storm Lake districts

Newell Community District include Newell, Providence township, Juniata, Grant township and about 12 sections in Sac county.

Albert City-Truesdale Community district include all of the present area and all of Marathon district except 9 1/4 sections on the west,

Sioux Valley Community, district, include all of Linn Grove, all of Peterson, about two-thirds of Brooke, all of Highview except the south part sent to Alta, Rembrandt, Sioux Rapids, and Scott Center and 9 1/4 sections at the edge of the Marathon district.

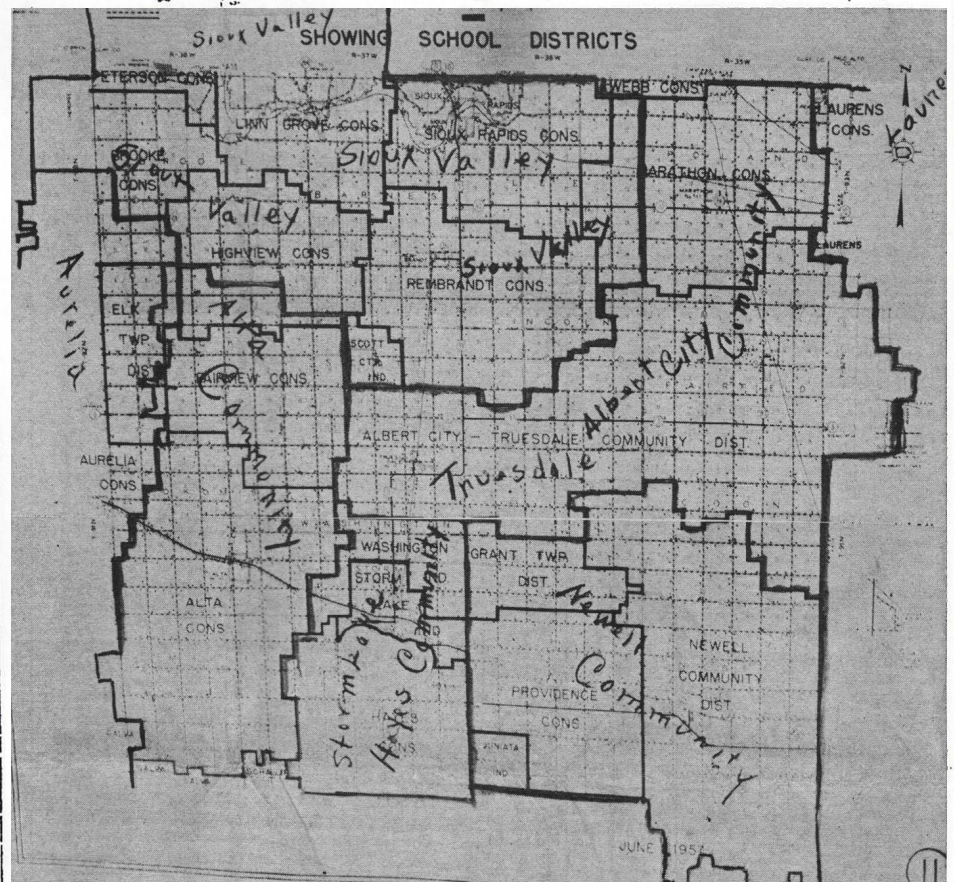
Alta Community district, include Alta, Fairview, about 9 or 10 sections at the south edge of Highview, a portion of Elk township and 1 1/2 sections in Cherokee county.

Board Member Resigns

Melvin A. Peterson, Alta, area number 1 member of the county board, has resigned. By unanimous vote the board Monday night elected Lyle Rydstrom of route 1, Aita, to complete Peterson's term expiring in March, 1959.

The plan is subject to some possible modifications, but is considered by the board "more or less final and permanent." No public vote on the plan is required.

This Map Shows Contemplated Consolidation



Buena Vista county board of education Monday night adopted a county plan setting up five school district areas contemplated under a schedule of reorganization. Description of the areas appears in story adjoining on this page.

Highview Consolidated School

(Reorganization, Closure)

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - August 19, 1958

Highview School Starts Monday

(By C. O. Waldron. Principal)

The 1958-59 school year will begin at Highview Monday morning, August 25. Busses will bring the children to the school prior to 8:30 a. m. and will return them to their homes about 11:30 a. m. in time for the noon lunch.

Tuesday, August 26, school will begin at 8:30 a. m. and will be dismissed at 3:30 n. m. The school lunch program will begin on this day and the cost will be \$1.00 for the first week and \$1.25 per week thereafter. Payments will be accepted on the first Thursday of each month and all payments are to be made to the room teacher. Book rental fees of \$2.'50 for grades 1 and 2 and \$4 for grades 3 to 8 should be made by September 5.

Faculty members are: Mrs. Marvlln Atherton, first grade, Aurelia; Mrs. Inez Hegna, second grade, Rembrandt; Mrs. Sandra Carlberg, third grade and music, Boyden; Mrs. Ruby Johnson, fifth grade, Rembrandt. Cecil Waldron, school principal and grades 7 and 8, Rembrandt.

Sioux Rapids Bulletin - September 5, 1958

HIGHVHW SENDS 26 TO REMBRANDT

Rembrandt - The school year 1958-59 began Monday morning, August 25, with a complete staff. The enrollment is 31 higher than the corresponding time last year. This increase in enrollment is accounted for largely by the fact that 26 students from the Highview district are now enrolled in the Rembrandt school and one student from the Fairview district. Total grade enrollment is 143 and high school enrollment is 71, for a total of 214 in the whole school.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - April 30, 1959

School Hearing at Peterson

County Superintendent Albert Harrison and Roy Parker, president of the Buena Vista county board of education, will go to Peterson, Monday, May 4, to attend a hearing on the proposed reorganization of the school district to be designated as Sioux Valley Community school district. The hearing will be in the Peterson school auditorium at 8 p. m.

Time and place for the hearing was announced by George W. Johnson, Clay county superintendent. The proposed reorganization affects the following present school districts; Sioux Valley Community comprised of Peterson and Linn Grove; Highview Consolidated school district and Brooke Consolidated school district in Buena Vista county; Spring township school district in Cherokee county.

Members of the county boards of education of the three counties involved are to meet as a single board to hear objections and determine boundaries.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - May 7, 1959

Aurelia School Election May 20

Election for the establishment of the proposed Aurelia Community school district in the counties of Buena Vista, and Cherokee has been set for May 20 from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Voters in the presently constituted Aurelia Community school district will vote at the city hall in Aurelia. Voters residing in the presently constituted consolidated school district of Brooke will vote at the school house located in Brooke township.

Fixes Boundaries

The election is for all qualified voters residing within the Aurelia school district and the Brooke school district. The time for filing objections has elapsed, the objections have been ruled upon and the joint county board of education of Cherokee and Buena Vista counties has fixed the boundaries of the proposed community school district to be known as the Aurelia Community school district.

Legal notice appears on page 6, second section, of your Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune.

One Petition Dismissed

The four county boards of education from Buena Vista, Clay, Cherokee and O'Brien counties voted unanimously Monday night to dismiss a petition for a proposed reorganization of the school district known as Sioux Valley Community School District. The hearing was held in the Peterson school auditorium.

The proposal concerned the Sioux Valley Community comprised of Peterson and Linn Grove; Highview Consolidated, Brooke Consolidated and Spring township of Cherokee county.

Highview Consolidated School

(Reorganization, Closure)

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - May 28, 1959

Highview School Ends School Year with Program

The 1959 school year of Highview elementary school was brought to a close Wednesday evening, May 20, with an entertaining commencement program.

The program opened with two vocal selections by Miss Judy Anderson which were well received. She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Sharon Halverson of Rembrandt. The fifth grade class, accompanied at the piano by their music teacher, Mrs. Sandra Carlberg, rendered several pleasing selections.

A jovial one-act comedy entitled "An Apple for Teacher" was well enacted by members of the seventh and eighth grade classes. The graduation certificates and awards were presented by C O Waldron, principal of the school.

Members of the graduation class are Jene Anderson, Larry Heinsohn, Connie Jensen, Paul McGee and Ronnie Peterson.

The annual school-community picnic was held on Friday, May 22.

Sioux Rapids Bulletin - May 5, 1960

Petition to Add Brooke, Highview, part Cornell to Sioux Valley School

Petitions requesting reorganization of the Sioux Valley Community School District to include portions of the Brooke Consolidated School District, the Highview Consolidated School District and Cornell Consolidated School District were filed in the Clay County Superintendents office April 30. This petition was signed by 349 eligible voters of the proposed districts.

The petition requests that the portion of the Brooke Consolidated School District not included in the Aurelia proposal become a part of the Sioux Valley Community school district.

It also requests that approximately 12 sections of the north part of the Highview Consolidated School District be made a part of the Sioux Valley District.

The residents of approximately one section of the Cornell District have requested to be included in the proposed reorganization. The district would have a total area of approximately 98.5 sections of land with a taxable valuation of approximately \$5,321,000 servicing approximately 565 students.

In that this proposal includes land in Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, and O'Brien counties the proposal must first receive the approval of several county school boards sitting as one board.

Supt. George W. Johnson, Clay County Superintendent, with whom the petition was filed, has set May 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Peterson school building as the time and place for the hearing of objections.

Legal notice appears on page 5 of this issue.

Sioux Rapids Bulletin - May 19, 1960

To Vote on New Area to be included in the Sioux Valley Community School District

A changed proposal for the reorganization of the Sioux Valley Community school district has been made, following the hearing Monday night at Peterson. The county boards of education, sitting as a single board, following the approvals and objections of interested parties Monday night, eliminated part of the territory first considered and ordered that the remainder of the territory be included in the present school district. Most of the objections were from southern portions of Barnes township and Scott township. The land still included in the new proposed district appears in a legal notice elsewhere in this issue. The proposed school district will be brought to a vote in the near future.

Highview Consolidated School

(Reorganization, Closure)

Sioux Rapids Bulletin - May 19, 1960

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF SIOUX VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF CLAY, BUENA VISTA, O'BRIEN AND CHEROKEE, STATE OF IOWA NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF BOUNDARIES FOR PROPOSED REORGANIZED SIOUX VALLEY COMMUNITY

TO WHOM. IT MAY CONCERN: In compliance with Chapter 275, Iowa Code, 1958, and pursuant to notice published by George W. Johnson, County Superintendent of Clay County, Iowa, in the Peterson Patriot, a newspaper published at Peterson

a newspaper published at Peterson, Iowa, and Sioux Rapids Bulletin, a newspaper published at Sioux Rapids, Iowa, on the 5th day of May, 1960, regard to petition for reorganization of Sioux Valley Community School District in the Counties of Clay, Buena Vista, O'Brien, Cherokee, State of Iowa, Boards of Education of the Counties of Clay, Buena Vista, O'Brien and Cherokee, State of Iowa, sitting as a joint board, did the 16th day of May, 1960 at 8:00 o'clock p.m., in the auditorium of the community building at Peterson, Iowa, hold a public hearing with regard to petition for reorganization of said school district, all as set out and more specifically described in the said notice of the said hearing, said notice being made part hereof by this reference.

And the said Boards of Education, sitting as a single board, after hearing proponents of the said proposed district also after hearing objections filed by interested persons objecting to said proposed school district, and after fully considering the matter did enter the following order: It is ordered that the following described land and territory be included in the territory of the reorganized Sioux Valley Community School District in the Counties of Clay, Buena Vista, O'Brien, and Cherokee, State of Iowa, and that the boundaries of said district be and are established to include all of said land and territory:

1. The existing Sioux Valley Community School District in the Counties of Clay, Buena Vista and O'Brien, State of Iowa.
2. The Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-One (21), the North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-one (21), the North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-two (22), the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-seven (27), and the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of section Thirty-four (34), all in Douglas Township, Clay County, Iowa.
The Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-eight (28), the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section Twenty-nine (29), all of Section Nineteen (19) not in the present existing

Sioux Valley Community School District, the North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Thirty (30), in Barnes Township, Buena Vista County, Iowa, The South Half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Four (4), the South Half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Five (5), the South Half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Six (6), Section Seven (7), Section Eight (8), Section Nine (9), the South Half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Ten (10), all of Section Fourteen (14) not presently within the existing Sioux Valley Community School District, Section Fifteen (15), Section Sixteen (16), Section Seventeen (17), Section Eighteen (18), the East Half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Nineteen (19), the North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) and the East Half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Twenty (20), all of Section Twenty-One (21), all of Section Twenty-two (22), all of Section Twen-

ty-three (23) not presently within the existing Sioux Valley Community School District, all of Section Twenty-four (24) not presently within the existing Sioux Valley Community School District, Section Twenty-five (25), Section Twenty-six (26) except the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) thereof, all of Section Twenty-seven (27) except the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) and the South Half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) thereof, the East Half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) and the East Half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-eight (28), the North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-nine (29), the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty (30), the South Half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty-three (33), the North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Thirty-four (34), the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty-six (36), all in Brooke Township, Buena Vista County, Iowa.
The North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section One (1) and the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Two (2) in Spring Township, Cherokee County, Iowa.

For further particulars see proceedings on file in the office of the undersigned.

Dated at Spencer, Clay County, Iowa, this 17th day of May, 1960.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON, County Superintendent of Schools, Clay County, Iowa

Highview Consolidated School

(Reorganization, Closure)

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - February 9, 1961

Highview School Announces Parley for Monday Nite

The patrons and the landowners of the Highview consolidated school district are requested to attend an open meeting relative to the discussion of a possible reorganization of the present Highview consolidated school district at at Highview school on Monday, February 13, starting at 7:30 p .m. sharp.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - April 27, 1961

Highview School Patrons would go into Alta District

A reorganization petition has been filed in the office of County Superintendent D. J. Friedlund in behalf of the residents of a portion of the Highview consolidated school district. The proposal calls for the reorganization of about 13.9 sections of land, in the present Highview district, with the Alta community school district. The hearing for objectors is to be held in Storm Lake on May 1. If this carries in an election, this area will become a part of the Alta community school district on July 1.

Storm Lake Register - May 23, 1961

Three School Reorganization Elections Set for Early June

Voters will soon take action on three school reorganization proposals affecting this area, with special elections to be held on Monday, June 5, at Alta; Tuesday, June 6, at the Providence school; and Wednesday, June 7, in designated polls in and around the Storm Lake area.

Darwin J. Friedlund, Buena Vista county superintendent, announces that all legal barriers to such elections have been cleared away by the state board of education, so that the elections can now proceed as outlined above.

The Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune will publish official notices of all three elections in Thursday's issue, and some of the notices will be published in neighboring newspapers. Polls will be open from 12 noon until 7 p.m. on all three of the election days.

First at Alta

The first special election will be Monday, June 5. affecting the Alta consolidated school district It involves the proposed annexation of fourteen sections from the present Highview consolidated district to the already established Alta district which embraces parts of Buena Vista and Cherokee counties. Voting will be done in the Alta community building.

Second at Providence

The second special election will be Tuesday, June 6, on the proposal that 'five sections of land adjoining the west border of the present Newell-Providence district be annexed to that district. The election will be held in the Providence consolidated school building at Sulphur Springs.

Third at Storm Lake

The third special election will be Wednesday, June 7, affecting the present Storm Lake Independent school district; Hayes consolidated; Grant township except for small specified areas, Washington township except for a small area; Providence consolidated not already included in the Newell-Providence proposals and area; and Juniata independent district The exact areas included will be described in the official publication Thursday.

Voting Places

Voters in the Storm Lake Independent district will vote in the South school building in Storm Lake. The Grant township people will vote In the Grant center school building; Hayes voters will vote in the Hayes consolidated school building; Juniata people will go to the Juniata elevator at Juniata; Washington voters will vote at the county farm; and the Providence voters will go to the Providence consolidated school at Sulphur Springs.

Highview Consolidated School

(Reorganization, Closure)

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - June 1, 1961

IMPORTANT SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Youngsters in Three Areas are Involved Voting Places Open From Noon to 7 p. m.

Three special school reorganization elections will be held in and near Storm Lake next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 5, 6 and 7. The daily lives of several hundred school children will be affected by the outcome. Polls will be open from 12 noon until 7 p.m., on each of the three election days. Official notices were published in last Thursday's Pilot-Tribune giving the exact areas involved.

The first of these elections will be held next Monday, June 5. It will determine whether fourteen sections from the original Highview district will join the present enlarged Alta consolidated school district.

The Highview voters will vote in their own Highview consolidated school building north of Alta. The remainder of the affected area will vote in the Alta community building in the Alta business district.

Second Election Tuesday

The second election will be Tuesday, June 6, on the proposition that five sections of land in Providence township adjoining the west border of the present Newell-Providence district be added to the present Newell-Providence district rather than be included in the proposed new Storm Lake community district.

Polls will be in the Allee building at Newell and in the Providence school at Sulphur Springs.

Third Election Wednesday

The third and final election will be Wednesday, June 7, affecting the present Storm Lake Independent school district, Hayes consolidated, Grant township except for small specified areas; Washington township except for a small area, Providence consolidated not already included in the Newell-Providence proposals, and Juniata Independent district.

More exact area descriptions were included in the official legal election notices published last week.

What Is Required

Dar J. Friedlund, Buena Vista county superintendent of schools, states that these elections will be deemed carried if 75 percent of the affected districts approve the measures, and they also receive an overall majority of the total election vote.

In other words the first election must carry in both Highview and Alta, the second in both Newell and Providence; and the third in any five of the six districts included. All three elections must also carry by a simple majority of the simple vote cast in their respective areas. If approved, the reorganization proposals will become legalized on July 1, 1961.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - September 21, 1961

Auction Sale **Saturday, September 30** **10 A. M.**

Modern House

**Located on the Former Highview
Consolidated School Property**

In order to complete settlement of the former Highview Consolidated School District property, this modern house which includes kitchen, living room, bathroom, and three bedrooms will be sold at public auction subject to removal. Arrangements to see the house are to be made with the clerk of sale. Arrangements for settlement to be made with clerk of sale.

Alta Community School District

Leonard Larson, Auctioneer

C. F. Sangston, Clerk
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Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - October 10, 1961

Lowell Mangold is Purchaser of House at Highview School

(Special to The Pilot-Tribune)

Highview - Lowell Mangold bought the house on the former Highview Consolidated school property for \$210 during the public auction Saturday morning. Mangold plans to move the building on his farm just east of the Jensen D-X station. The Highview property is now a part of the Alta Community school district.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Harris and children, who have been living in the house, moved Saturday afternoon to Rembrandt. Leonard Larsen cried the sale.

Highview Consolidated School

(Reorganization, Closure)

Sioux Rapids Bulletin - May 5, 1966

STATE RULING ON HIGHVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

(From the St. Lake Register)

The Iowa State Board of Education last Friday gave its approval to a recent recommendation of the Buena Vista County Board of Education that a portion of the "non-high school districts of Highview Consolidated be attached to the Alta Community School district.

The State board last Friday also approved a recommendation of the Buena Vista County Board of Education that another portion of the Highview Consolidated district be attached to the Sioux Valley Community School district.

This was the gist of a phone interview Tuesday noon (today) between the Storm Lake Register and David J. Gilliland of Des Moines, Reorganization Consultant of the Iowa Department of Public Instruction.

Split Three Ways

The Highview Consolidated District, Gilliland said, "was split three ways - to Alta, Rembrandt, and Sioux Valley. In addition to the disapprovals already cited, the State Board of Education recently disapproved attachment of a third, and still another portion of Highview Consolidated district to Rembrandt. Last Friday it also disapproved of the proposed attachment of the Scott Center Rural Independent School district to Rembrandt Consolidated School district.

"Those that are disapproved in Buena Vista County," Gilliland said, "will go back to the Buena Vista County Board of Education for their re-evaluation, reconsideration, and reassignment."

He gave this reason for the disapprovals of the attachments of the Scott Center district and portions of the Highview district to Rembrandt.

Reasons for Disapproval

"The disapproval of the two resolutions of attachment were based on section 275.3 (Code of Iowa Law, which states, "No new school district shall be planned by the county board of education nor shall any proposal for creation of enlargement of any school district be approved by the county board of education unless there resides within the proposed limits of such district at least 300 persons of school age (Kindergarten through 12th) who are enrolled in public schools in the preceding year.

"The kids from the Rembrandt Community School district - again, Kindergarten to 12th - in the school year 1964-65 had an average daily attendance of 203.3 students and pupils.

"Added to the 203.3 (per diem) average of 32.9, thereby giving the Rembrandt Community school in the 1964-65 school year and average daily attendance of 236.3."

The official report of last April 29 State Board action on the attachment proposals involving in one way or another the Highview Consolidated, the Scott Center Rural Independent, the Rembrandt Consolidated, the Alta Community Schools, and the Sioux Valley Community school district is as follows:

"Highview Consolidated, that portion attached to the Alta Community school district, has been approved (on April 29) by the State Board of Public Instruction. This action was taken on the resolutions of Attachment of the Buena Vista County Board of Education.

"This area of the Highview Consolidated school district, which was attached to Sioux Valley Community school district was also approved April 29.

Rembrandt Issue

"That area of the Highview Consolidated school district, which was attached to the Rembrandt Consolidated school was disapproved.

"The Scott Center Rural Independent school district, which was attached to the Rembrandt Consolidated school district, was disapproved also on April 29."

Highview Consolidated School

(Alumni - 1970's)

Storm Lake Register - June 28, 1971

Highview Alumni Unite for Action

The Highview Alumni Banquet was held at Ken-A-Bob's on Saturday evening June 12th with 80 enjoying the dinner and evening. Four states were represented, Wyoming, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa. Five former teachers were present too. Garden flowers in dinner pails graced the tablet.

The theme was "A View of Highview." The program began by having a review of the honor class of 1921. All were present, namely: Mrs. Gertrude (Olson) Recce of Sheridan, Wy., Mrs. Sehna Tolifson (Viola Olson) of Morris, Minn., Mrs. Carl Kruse (Hazel Peterson) and Mrs. Alvin Hansen (Helen Larson). Each gave a review of their lives.

The class of 1946 was honored also. Present were Harold Christiansen of Grand Island, Neb., Merle Jeppeson of Linn Grove, Carol Peterson of Linn Grove, and Mrs. Eldo Schornhorst (DaMaris Kruse) of Spencer. Letters were read from other members not present.

Program - Mary Heinsohn sang "Sentimental Journey" accompanied by Susan Sorenson. The secretary and treasurer's review were given. The **school's trophies were discussed**. The new officers will look into the item. **The forward view was discussing a monument to be erected at the former site of the school.** The new officers will see that it is built.

The following officers were elected: president, Dale Sorenson; vice-president, Phillip Halverson; secretary, Lloyd Endreson; and treasurer, Mrs. Dick Anderson.

Mary Heinsohn sang "It's Just a little Street Where Old Friends Meet." The book review was the telling of the history of the school. Mrs. Gordon Heinsohn, president of the alumni for 71 had compiled all the information. Many interesting back views were told. Also, **small pieces of glass, wood, tin, etc., from the old school were on display, as well as the picture album made by the committee of 1970.** Vernley Rehnstrom of Indianapolis, Ind., **printed the history books and a copy was given to each graduate present.**

1971 officers were: president, Mrs. Gordon Heinsohn; vice president, Eldon Rohlk; secretary, Allen Sorenson; and treasurer, Mrs. Wayne Garton.

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - June 14, 1972

ALUMNI BANQUET HELD

Sixty-one were present for the annual Highview Alumni banquet Saturday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ken-A-Bob. The president, Dale Sorenson gave the welcome which was followed by the singing of the Highview song accompanied by Mrs. Everett Anderson. Alumni members introduced themselves. Pat Peterson, accompanied by Janice Sorenson, sang two selections.

The class of 1947 was honored. Bernard Rehnstrom was the master of ceremonies. Other members present were Dale Sorenson, William Pitts, Frances (Fonley) Hill and a former classmate, Janette (Rohlk) Trimble. Leo Willadsen, former superintendent, gave a short talk on his stay at Highview.

Officers elected for 1973 were president, Pat Peterson; vice president, Bob Galvin; secretary, Kaye Johnson and treasurer, Jerry Drzycimski.

Highview Consolidated School

(Alumni - 1970's)



Saturday, June 2, 1973



HIGHVIEW SITE — — Alumni of the old Highview school have erected a monument to their alma mater located five miles north of the junction of Highway 3 and M-36. An alumni banquet, for alumni and friends, will be held at 6 30 p m on June 9 at the Ken-A-Bob. Members of the school's 1972 alumni reunion committee are pictured from left, Lloyd Endreson, class of

1930, Dale Sorenson, class of 1947; Phillip Halverson, class of 1933; and Mrs. Ardyce Anderson, class of 1950. A total of 237 persons graduated from Highview from 1920 until it was closed in 1961 when it merged with Alta and Sioux Valley school districts. The school opened in 1915 The monument was built of bricks from the old school building Photo by Steve Herron.

Highview Consolidated School

(Alumni - 1970's)

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune - June 12, 1974

Highview Alumni Elect

Seventy-eight were in attendance Saturday night when the annual Highview Alumni banquet was held at Stub's Ranch Kitchen at Spencer. This year's officers in charge and responsible for the banquet included - Mrs. Stan Peterson of Alta, Arnold Wunder, Jr. of Storm Lake, Mrs. Stanley Petersen of Aurelia and Lowell Hanson. The 40-year graduates and the 25-year graduates were honored.

The speaker was Mrs Arnold Wunder of Storm Lake, a former Highview teacher, who is retiring after 35 years of teaching. Her resume of past experiences in teaching indicated the greatest need was always be the teacher - student - parent relationship.

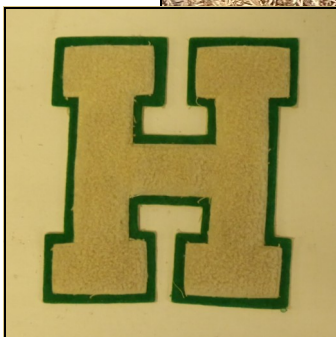
Members of the 40-year class present included- Earl Smith, who was emcee for his class, Mrs. Bernie Gustafson both of Alta; Mrs Kenneth Patton of Albert Lea, Minn.; and Mrs. Wayne Gaston of Aurelia; also present was the first grade teacher of the 40-year graduates, Mrs. W A. Moeller of Dysart, the former Ellen Hansen of Alta.

The 25-year class members present were - Mrs. Donavon Frederickson, Mrs. Dale Sorenson, Jack Discher, Jim Pitts all of rural Alta and Mrs. Rune Gustafson, rural Aurelia, who was emcee for the class.

Also present were Mr and Mrs. Leo Willadsen of Des Moines. Willadsen was the school superintendent when the 25-year class graduated. Other former teachers also present were Mrs Everette Anderson and Mrs. Melvin Peterson both of rural Alta.

Officers for next year are president, Mrs Francis Parris; vice-pres., Stanley Fredricksen; secretary, Mrs Kenneth Meyer and treasurer, Stanley Risvold.

The 1975 Highview Alumni Banquet will again be held the second Saturday in June and reservation has been made for it to be held at Ken-A-Bob.



Highview Consolidated School

(Alumni - 1970's)

Storm Lake Register - August 2, 1975

'Pete' is a Tradition in Area Baseball - *In 19th Year as Umpire*

(by Gary Bonnett)

"Hustle in, hustle out, boys" will ring through the state baseball tournament for the fourth consecutive year by an umpire familiar to every Buena Vista County prep fan.

Larry Peterson of Rembrandt, in his 19th year of umpiring, was notified Thursday that he has been chosen to work the boys state tournament next week in Marshalltown.

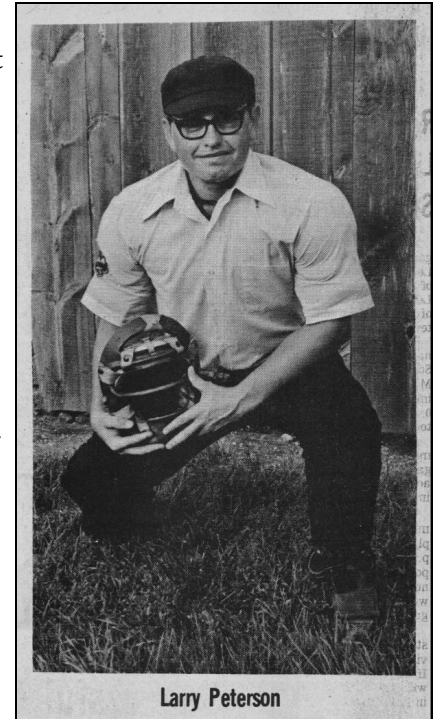
Iowa High School Athletic Association chooses the state tournament umpires from recommendations by high school coaches. Commonly known as 'Pete', Peterson frequently umpires games at Memorial Park and for Buena Vista County schools and is the most sought-after official in this area.

Peterson earned his reputation with 19 years of mostly self-taught umpiring. He has battled through an injury from a batted ball by Larry Biittner, to major tournament squabbles by irate fans.

Through last season, Peterson and Don Tscherter of Sioux Rapids were a familiar umpiring team in this area. Tscherter, however, was forced to retire last November after the officiating came in conflict with his job.

"His employer asked Don whether he wanted to drive a truck or blow a whistle. Consequently, he took the better paying job," Peterson said. Pete played baseball for four years at his alma mater, the now non-existent Highview school, and the love of the sport has kept him in the game as an umpire. He played all positions in high school except first base.

Peterson, 37, began umpiring at age 18 and first started working in a summer umpire program with George Engebretson at Rembrandt. He has had no formal umpire training.



Larry Peterson

Sports Family

Pete credits his family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Peterson of Rembrandt, and younger brother, Lanny, who is also a well-known umpire, for his sports background.

"I come from a sports-oriented family," he said. "My parents encouraged us to play sports. If there was farm work to be done, they said it would always be there the next day."

Pete admits he has had his share of fan heckling over the years and said that during a game you have to be "thick-skinned, deaf and just tune it off. But if a person has it coming, I'm not going to absorb the abuse after the game."

Peterson has never kicked out a fan, but has warned a few coaches. He also said he has never been physically attacked during or after a game. "Any school, whether it's Fonda, Storm Lake or Rembrandt, has some fans who come to first see the game, then secondly to heckle the umpires. You hear the fan's abuse, but I thank the Lord they come to the games. The schools have to have them to support their program. The fans paid their money to see the game, so I figure, let them enjoy themselves."

Peterson worked over 100 games a season with Tscherter three or four years ago. He also officiates about 50 basketball games a year with Dick Langweaver.

Hit by Biittner

A farmer near Rembrandt his entire life, Pete's only serious baseball injury came in 1968 when Buena Vista College was playing in the NAM playoffs.

A batted ball by Larry Bittner hit his leg. Peterson continued umpiring the game but still has a lump on his leg as a reminder of the now professional player's powerful stick.

Pete says that he has had an urge to advance to professional umpiring, but like the baseball players, umpires have their own farm system. They must go through much of the hardships as the players in attempting to reach the big league.

Asked about any suggestions for budding umpires, Pete said, "If you're working just for the monetary value, quit before you go too far. You're not doing yourself or the kids any good. You have to have a love for the sport."

Last spring Peterson attended a banquet at Cedar Rapids with Stan Landis, a former National League umpire, speaking. Landis said, "An umpire works with his eyes, mouth and guts. He uses his eyes to see the play, his mouth to call, and guts to stand by the decision."

Which seems like a good description of local umpire Larry Peterson.

Highview Consolidated School

(Alumni - 1970's)

Pilot-Tribune - June 20, 1976

74 at Reunion of Highview Grads

The Highview Alumni Banquet was held Saturday evening, June 12, in Storm Lake. There were 74 in attendance. Officers for the year are Willard Christensen, president; Leland Galvin, vice-president; Mrs. Jone Meredith, secretary; and Mrs. Vivian Kaufman, treasurer.

Christiansen presided over the meeting and recognized the honored classes of 1926, '36, and 1951. Each member present gave a short talk of their life and family. Mrs. Eleanor Phillips, Spencer, was present from the class of 1926. Allen Cleveland represented his class of '36 with memories of their school days after which other members were introduced. They were Earl Evans, Correctionville; Mrs. LuVa Schomaker and Howard Waldstein, Sioux Rapids; Mrs. Cleora Parris, Linn Grove; and Mrs. Elsie Nelson, Alta. Letters were read from David Peterson, Alameda, Calif, and Howard Christiansen, Goodings, Ida. The Class of '51 members present were Mrs. Rosemary Westphal, Aurelia, and Kenneth Hansen, Linn Grove.

Mrs. Ardyce Heinsohn gave a report to help update the alumni books and a silent tribute was paid to members deceased in the past year.

Officers elected for the coming year are Rosemary Westphal, president; Kenneth Hansen, vice president; Howard Waldstein, secretary; and Nadine Enderson, treasurer.

Pilot-Tribune - June 15, 1977

Highview Alumni Elect Officers, Recall School Days

Former teachers, students, spouses and friends enjoyed the annual get-together of the Highview Alumni Association on Saturday evening, June 11, at the Ken-A-Bob in Storm Lake with 107 in attendance. Before dining Rev. Ordell Peterson (class of 1937) now of Galesburg, M., gave thanks for the happy occasion.

The evening program was emceed by vice president, Kenneth Hanson. Other officers who served for the 1977 banquet were Mrs. Ervin Westphal (Rosemary Pitts), Mrs. Dale Enderson (Nadine Stanley) and Howard Waldstein. Accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Everette Anderson, the group sang the Highview school song "School Days."

The classes of 1927, 1937 and 1952 were given special recognition. Those members present responded with personal thoughts. Bill Mattson read a letter from his daughter, Mrs. Wayne Hoaglund (Grace Mattson) of Phoenix, Ariz.; Charles Waterbury, Odebolt, former coach and teacher (1936-1939) gave some interesting recollections of his years at Highview.

Officers elected for 1978 were: Eddie Hanson - president; Bill Pitts, vice president; Mrs Dale Sorenson, secretary; Mrs. Don Frederickson, treasurer. The program ended with the group singing "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You".

States represented were Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Colorado, California and Iowa.

Next year's banquet will be held again the second Saturday of June in Storm Lake.

Pilot-Tribune - June 18, 1980

80 Attend the Alumni Banquet for Highview

The Highview Alumni banquet was held Saturday evening, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ken-A-Bob in Storm Lake. There were 80 people in attendance. Rev. Alvin Nelson gave the invocation. A welcome by vice-president Ruth Johnson was extended to all the alumni and guests. President Dale Sorenson had the members of the honored classes stand and tell of their life and family.

The 60 year class of Highview was represented by Mrs. Art (Gladys Chilgren) Larsen of Aurelia and Mrs. Earl (Hattie Anderson) Bovee of Milford. Mrs. Ernest (Rachael Olson) Vieregge of Windom, Minn., was unable to attend.

The 50 year class was represented by all graduating members: Lloyd Endreson of Alta, Kenneth Johnson of Hawick, Minn.; Kenneth Waldstein of Marathon and Mrs. Delmar (Ruth Nelson) Ross of Bentonville, Ark. These honored ladies were presented corsages and the gentlemen boutonnieres.

Three members of the 40 year class were present. They were Eldon Rohlk, Edwin Hansen, and Wilbert Mattson all of Alta. Mrs. Edwin (Delores Britt) Peterson of Storm Lake was the only member present of the 25 year class. Mrs. Orville Knudtson gave a short message about her son Gary of British Columbia who was a member of the 25 class but was unable to attend.

Alice Endreson gave a memorial to four Alumni and one former teacher who had passed away during the past year. The treasurer report was given by Mrs. Lloyd Endreson and accepted. Former alumni Stan Haahr's offer to store the picture album at First Federal in Alta was accepted.

Election of officers was held at which time Milton Rosdail was elected president; Melvin Peterson vice-president; Cleora Parris, secretary; and Gordon Anderson, treasurer. President Dale Sorenson reminded everyone the 1981 banquet would be held the second Saturday of June at the Ken-A-Bob and all Alumni and friends were welcome to attend. Leland Mattson closed the meeting with a poem.

Highview Consolidated School

Commentary

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2nd Time Around

...with Dale Garlock

Some things never change!

Saturday night, at invitation of the 1955 Class President, the Editor and spouse were invited guests at the 75th annual Highview Consolidated All-School Reunion.

The Highview Class of 1955, you see, was observing the 40th Anniversary of their graduation from the now defunct rural school located in their day a few miles west of Rembrandt.

2nd Time Around, fresh out of Buena Vista College and then a 2 year stint in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, had barely had time to unpack his duffel bag before making a call to the B.V. placement office in mid-August, 1954 to inquire of any coaching positions that might still be available for the coming school year.

One existed at Highview, according to Dean Wesselink, and we hastily made a trip over the dusty roads to the school site where Supt. Arnold Kuester took us to his office and, following a brief interview, presented us with our first teaching contract—one calling for something like \$3200 in reimbursement for our fledgling first-year services. Our duties were to teach whatever classes were not already assigned that year and turned out to be, if I recall correctly, some English, some History, some Mathematics, all physical education, all coaching (boys and girls in both high school and junior high) and, in the morning and at days end, driving one of the school's two school buses.

Highview, for those too young to remember, was a member of the B.V.C. conference which included such other behemoth educational institutions as Fairview, Brooke Consolidated, Linn Grove, Hayes Cons., Rembrandt, Truesdale, and Sulphur Springs. There was community support—but no community—unless you consider the surrounding countryside as community (which it was). Only the school, the adjacent

Superintendent's house and a kitty-corner, across the road gas station and house where the station proprietor and family made their home. The new Highview coach and spouse found housing in nearby "metropolitan" Linn Grove.

Quickly we learned that losing an athletic contest to "just-down-the-dusty-road" Fairview was a quite unacceptable happening to Highview fans. Only some four or five miles apart, the schools were fierce rivals.

Upon arrival at Highview that first year we were greeted by a high school consisting of 27 students—13 boys and 14 girls. But numbers meant little in those days and all 13 boys and all but a couple of the girls participated in athletics. So, "what was enrolled" was what you had to build your season's fortunes upon and we managed to fare quite well in the old Fairview/Highview rivalry. In fact, our girls' teams did well throughout the entire conference, winning sectionals in both basketball and softball.

Our boys could more than hold their own with conference opponents in baseball but were a little overwhelmed in basketball by the full-court basketball pressing tactics being pioneered by coach Dick Wiedenfeldt at Truesdale and in other ways by a talented group of athletes at Rembrandt. Russ Eddie was one of the Truesdale stars at the time. Eddie had a great supporting cast and the Truesdale lads caused us much pain with their stifling press in the cracker-box Highview gym—much, much smaller than the old Newell gymnasium.

After three years at Highview we moved on to Bricelyn, Minnesota for a new teaching/coaching position where we were greeted by a brand new school, huge gymnasium and a "monster" student body of something like 135 in high school. Four greatly enjoyed years there ended in 1961 when we returned to our home town in Fonda to purchase the local newspaper—which we operated for the next 28 years before arriving here at the Journal.

But, back to Saturday night's Highview Reunion! It was most enjoyable—and we were particularly impressed by the ability of the organizers to keep this tradition alive. Saturday night's Highview Reunion was the 75th—an amazing fete when you consider that the school, now closed nearly 35 years, was begun only in

1911.

This being the 40th anniversary of the Class of 1955, they were one of the three "honored" classes at this year's Highview All-School Reunion. Three of the six class members were in attendance—two being unable to attend and one deceased. All of the eight schools then comprising the BVC conference have now closed and have been merged into larger districts.

Though their opportunities were greatly diminished compared with today's educational standards, we share the belief of the majority of alumni who spoke at the program following the Ken-A-Bob buffet dinner, that their education at Highview Consolidated served them well. And the Class of 1955, it seemed to us, represents somewhat of a "microcosm" of the classes graduating in those days—with about one-half continuing their education beyond high school and the others finding jobs and endeavors close and far from home. We were particularly impressed that one of the graduates, Deloris (Britt) Peterson, went directly from Highview High to take employment with a Storm Lake bank and has now worked herself into the position of Vice-President. All seem happy and well adjusted in their fields of endeavor—and that's about all any educational program can hope to achieve.

So, what's with our lead sentence that "some things never change?"

Well the Highview/Fairview rivalry—35 years after both schools have closed—is still very much alive!

Seems Fairview held their annual All-School Reunion only a week or so earlier and boasted of a turnout of 85 for that event.

You could almost hear the buttons popping throughout the Highview Reunion room at the Ken-A-Bob Saturday night when Alumni chairman Genevieve Johnson Smith officially announced that attendance for the 75th Highview Reunion was 87—two more than the despised Fairview school could muster for their most recent reunion.

Thanks to the Highview High School Class of 1995 for a delightful evening and, say we, onward and upward Highview High School—albeit, now, a soaring of the spirit only!

HIGHVIEW AT 75



The first class from Highview Consolidated School was graduated 75 years ago. Their senior pictures are shown above. The Class of 1920 includes: Rachel Olson Vieregge of Windom, Minn.; Hattie Anderson Bovee (deceased); Gladys Chilgren Larson (deceased); and Clifford Benson (deceased). Buena Vista County was noted for its fine consolidated school system. Teachers from throughout the nation came to Highview to instruct, as did one educator from England. Highview competed with other BV County schools, namely: Sulphur Springs, Brooke, Lincoln Lee, Hayes and Fairview.

Alumni gather for banquet, memories

Classes of 1935, 1945, 1955 feted

The 75th Annual Highview Alumni Banquet was held recently at the Ken-A-Bob Restaurant in Storm Lake. Eighty-seven members and guests were present for this event, which was opened by Shirley Jensen Gustafson.

Classes recognized were those of 1935, 1945 and 1955. Present from the Class of '35 were: Clarice Mangold Davis and Lowell Mangold. Each gave a short report of their lives after graduation from Highview. Letters were then read from: Kenny Freeman and Dorothy Anderson Davidson.

Highview graduate Arne Waldstein read a letter from his sister, Lois — also a grad of the school.

The Class of '45 was then recognized by Dennis Johnson and Neal Sennert. Each gave a short recollection of days at Highview. A summary of the health of Arlene Pedersen Gray was given by Ruth Johnson.

The Class of '55 was then noted. Members present were: Leland Galvin, Bernadine Rehnstrom Peters and Deloris Britt Peterson. Each gave a short talk for the group. Letters from Elaine Novac Rosburg and Ellen Neilson Beaman were read.

Several bus drivers, custodians and cooks have corresponded recently with members of the Highview Alumni Association. Their letters were read. Writers included: Superintendent L.L. Williams, instructors Leo and Arlene Willadsen, Mrs. Melvin Peterson, Meg Anderson and Mrs. Lowell Evangeline Mangold.

Dale Sorenson and Janice also played "What Will Be, Will Be" for the group.

Ardyce Anderson then asked the group for permission to place the Highview Alumni Record in the Buena Vista County Historical Society. Special guests Arne and Marianne Waldstein accepted the album on behalf of the Historical Society, which is celebrating Buena Vista County schools during the 1995 year.

Storm Laker Stan Haahr and First Federal were lauded for storing the album all these years.

The evening closed with election of 1996 officers and the singing of the Highview Alumni song. Officers include: President Ardyce Anderson, Vice-President Elaine Grapenthin, Secretary Leland Mattson and Treasurer Melvin Peterson.

Getting started with a hitch

A little history on High View Consolidated School was offered by Shirley Gustafson recently as she prepared for the 75th Annual High View Alumni Banquet.

It is presumed the name High View was derived from the high altitude on which the school was to be built. "The High View district voted to consolidate and to erect a school. An election in the fall of 1914 carried. It was declared illegal in November because of a technical error," wrote Gustafson. "In January of 1915, it was voted upon again and carried."

The location of the school was at the corner of four townships: Scott, Barnes, Elk and Brooke. The school was constructed on four acres of land donated by E.G. Scofield.

Elmer Martin of Storm Lake designed the school, which cost \$13,000 to build. The dedication of the school took place on October 15, 1915.

Teachers, said Gustafson, lived on the third floor.

In 1915, it cost \$4.54 per month to educate a pupil at High View.

On October 20, 1921 a girls basketball team was organized. Games were played on an outside court as long as weather permitted. The first game was won by High View, which

outscored Rembrandt by a 9-6 margin.

Playground equipment for the school was ordered in January of 1922. The Red Cross donated \$200 for this addition.

In 1922, a gymnasium was added to the school's west side. Reen Peterson of Alta was the builder. Again, the Red Cross donated some \$1,487.50 for this project. Basketball hoops and backboards came in from a Chicago manufacturer at a cost of \$6.

High View School had its own light plant. It was connected to the Northwestern Light & Power Company of Peterson in November, 1929.

On May 22, 1930, Secretary Ed Anderson announced that High View was free of all debts. The debt at one time had reached \$31,000.

"It was the first school in the county to have paid off the last of their bonds," Gustafson noted. "In July of 1930, High View patrons voted for a \$2,528.45 stage and heating system project."

In 1945, High View Alumni voted to purchase a Servicemen's Honor Roll Board. Sixty-one names were placed on this board as 61 young men and one woman took part in service for the United States. One High View graduate, John Freeman, was awarded the Gold Star.

School colors early on, said Gustafson, were black and gold. In 1941, however, those colors were changed to green and white.

High View closed its doors to education in May of 1961. The Alta Community School District purchased all school equipment. The school's land and building space was bought by Lowell Mangold, a High View graduate. Most students displaced from High View then attended school in the Alta Community School District. Some, however, went to Linn Grove or the Rembrandt schools.

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School merger is nothing new *Who remembers Highview, Fairview and Hayes?*



Before the automobile era, Buena Vista County pupils rode to consolidated schools in horse-drawn vehicles such as these Rembrandt buses. Sometimes the drivers were older pupils who lived along the route. The Rembrandt school used horse-drawn vehicles for buses until 1937, when the district purchased three motor buses at a cost of \$4,025. Photo courtesy of the Buena Vista County Historical Society, donated by Ronald Haraldson.

BV County once had scores of schools; Marathon was the first to consolidate

BY TINA DONATH

Consolidation of northwest Iowa schools has been a long, slow process that began a century ago, in Marathon.

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When Marathon consolidated in 1903, Buena Vista County had scores of school districts, most of them one-room schools. Forty-four years later, there were 15 school districts that still maintained schools. Now

there are about 6.

Governor Tom Vilsack and Iowa Education Director Ted Stilwell have gone on record to say that there should be fewer still. They'd like to see every high school enroll more than 200 students. Storm Lake is now the only district in the county with an enrollment that large.

Buena Vista County was ahead of its time when the first consolidated school was established in 1903, in Marathon. The new school brought students in from the

countryside in horse-drawn buses. It was the beginning of the end for the one-room school-houses that then dotted the county.

The Iowa Legislature passed the Consolidated School Law in 1906 intending that a statewide pattern of consolidation be realized. By 1910, only ten consolidated districts had been created in the state, including two in Buena Vista County, at Newell and Truesdale.

Buena Vista County's first wave of consolidations followed. During the 1912-18 period, a dozen more BV county consolidated school districts were established: Albert City, Alta, Brooke, Fairview, Hayes, Highview, Lincoln-Lee, Linn Grove, Newell, Providence, Rembrandt and Sioux Rapids

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Hayes Consolidated School - 1917



This photo was taken 86 years ago Friday, at Hayes school, just west of Storm Lake. The school had opened the previous year with four teachers and students in grades 1 to 10. Photo courtesy of the B.V. County Historical Society, donated by Helen Cone.

Mergers ...

Continued from page one

Each of Buena Vista County's newly-formed consolidated schools included what was then known as a "graded" school, to differentiate it from the ungraded, one-room schools that it replaced. Most also had a high school, providing rural students with the opportunity of continuing their education beyond eighth grade.

A second wave of consolidations took place in 1934-46. In 1934, the county had 30 little white schoolhouses, with an average enrollment of fewer than a dozen students each. Twelve years later, only one remained: Lincoln No. 7, in Lincoln township. That school remained open until 1946.

In 1953, Iowa legislation set off a third round of consolidations. During what was known as the "community school movement," many rural consolidated schools were absorbed into nearby community districts.

Albert City and Truesdale combined in 1957. Highview folded in 1958, sending students to Sioux Valley and Alta. Linn Grove graduated its last class in 1959, absorbed by Sioux Valley. Fairview closed in 1960, raising the enrollment at Alta. Brooke closed in 1961,

absorbed by Aurelia and Sioux Valley.

In 1960, Providence Consolidated School was split, with part joining Newell to become Newell-Providence and the remainder becoming part of the Storm Lake district. In 1961, Hayes Consolidated School became a part of the Storm Lake district. Providence was used as a Storm Lake elementary school for one year. Hayes functioned as a Storm Lake elementary school until 1973.

A fourth wave of school consolidations came in the late '80s and early '90s. During that time, the Legislature provided incentives to encourage school sharing and voluntary reorganization. Lincoln-Lee Consolidated in 1978. Newell-Fonda began sharing in 1979 and consolidated in 1992. Also in 1992, Sioux Rapids Rembrandt merged with Sioux Valley to become Sioux Central. Schaller-Crestland consolidated in 1993.

WAVE AFTER WAVE of consolidations were brought to Iowa and to Buena Vista county, with many of the same reasons reappearing time after time: increased efficiency, better teachers, more varied curriculum.

Authors of a WPA history of BV county cite the advantages of county's first consolidated school, organized in 1903 in Marathon, over the small country schools that it replaced.



This shows Grant School #4, in section 14 of Grant township, about ten miles northeast of Storm Lake. It was photographed in 1927. The original county platting reserved school land at the intersection of each four sections, so pupils would have to walk no more than two miles.

"[T]he building of the centralized school was larger and more convenient, had more equipment, and had a more complete course of study. Better teachers could be obtained for the larger schools and a school spirit could be fostered."

The argument bears more than a passing resemblance to those recommended nearly half a century later by Melvin Samuelson, and a hundred years later by Iowa Education Director Ted Stilwill.

Samuelson noted in 1947 that even when the first consolidated school districts were

established in 1903-1918, their enrollment was well under one hundred pupils. Education Director Ted Stilwill, continued the discussion with recommendations made in early 2003, again singling out districts with high school enrollments of fewer than 100.

Samuelson recommended in 1947 that the county's 28 districts be reduced to six. With allowances for districts that lie partially in or out of the county, that's roughly the number of Buena Vista County districts today: Albert City-Truesdale, Alta, Laurens-Marathon, Newell-Fonda, Schaller-Crestland and Storm Lake.

Highview Consolidated School - 1935-36 - 7th & 8th Grades



Faculty and seventh and eighth grade students posed for a 1935-36 class picture at Highview Consolidated School, twelve miles northeast of Alta. The extraordinary snow that winter closed the school throughout the month of February. Pictured are: (standing) Miss Lane, Gordon Risvald, Delbert Schomaker, Wilbur Anderson, John Wayne Ring, Mr. Waterbury, Wesley Bengston, Elwin Hansen, Ronald Welning and Mr. Tellier; (seated) Milton Rosdall, Lila Mae Anderson, Lois Larsen, Leola Wenling and John Hurliss; and (front row) Leroy Tolfison, Boyd Larson, Austin Turnquist, Eugene Gradahl and Arthur Waldstein. Highview opened in 1915. It closed in 1958, with a graduating class of three.

Last month, the Iowa Department of Education recommended to the legislature measures that, if adopted will result in more consolidations. These require consolidation for districts with high schools of fewer than 100 students. Districts with fewer than 200 students are offered incentives to urge them to enter into cooperative arrangements.

Albert City-Truesdale (whose high school enrollment is less than 100) and Newell-Fonda have asked an attorney to draw up terms of a whole grade sharing arrangement, with a shared high school in Newell.

This won't be the first time the Albert City-Truesdale and Newell districts have cooperated. In 1977, the two districts shared a superintendent. The arrangement lasted until 1979, when the shared administrator resigned, and each district decided to hire its own administrator.

Another community likely to be affected by the oncoming wave of school consolidations is the place where it all began: Marathon. Marathon combined with Laurens in 1976. Laurens-Marathon and Pocahontas will begin sharing a superintendent next year, with discussion of whole-grade sharing sure to follow.