

Early settlers of Newton County appreciated the value of schools and long before the State could give efficient aid, they solved the problem themselves. Schoolhouses were built and maintained by popular subscription. Each patron paid in proportion to the number of children he sent. The schoolhouses were the familiar rude long buildings. Lighting, heating and water supply were all inadequate. There was no equipment as we know it today. Even books were scarce and varied. No fixed course of study could be followed because of the lack of uniformity. The teacher was usually a farmer who agreed to teach three or four months of the year. Money was scarce, but any commodity the patron had was acceptable to the teacher for pay. Despite such conditions, many a youth received their education in these schools. In 1838 there were only twelve families in all Newton County. At this time, survival came before formal education. According to Rex Binge's memory, the following buildings were all wood frame buildings.

School Number 1 was called the Petrotz School. It was located near Roselawn. Number 2 was west of Roselawn. It was called the Bruechet School. It was located near the Art Bruechet farm on the west side of the road. It was a good building and was moved into Thayer at the southeast quarter of the town. It was used as a corncrib at first. Later a leanto was built on, then it was converted into a home. It is now owned by Fern Harding. School Number 3 was near Thayer. Number 4 was called the Bozzchard School. It was near the Newton-Jasper county line. Number 5 was called the Miller School in section 16, two miles east of Thayer. It eventually burned. Number 6 was called the Barbozer School, better known as the Buckhorn School. It was located one mile south of Henry Hubeny's on the east and west road. It was the last of these schools to be closed. When the frame building was torn down in Thayer, a new brick building was erected.

It was in the Spring of 1923 when trustee Arthur Bruechet closed Number 6, better known as "the Buckhorn". This was the last of the one room schools to operate. At this time Lincoln Township took her place among the other progressive townships of the county and all of the rural children were transported to either the consolidated school in Thayer or to the one at Roselawn. Under the old one room system of schools, it was very hard to accommodate the children and give them the proper kind of instruction because of the many changes of residence by patrons. The enrollment ranged from a total of six pupils to one so large that three pupils many times would have to occupy each double seat, which was

the common seating in the former schools. During the winter months the school records showed much absence due to sickness; many times aggravated by exposures suffered in the one room buildings.

During the year of 1912, the patrons of Thayer School District became very dissatisfied with the old two story frame building which was located almost on the present school site of the first brick building. They decided to erect a new, modern, brick building. Ruben Gundy, then trustee, took the matter up with his advisory board. It was decided to build a new brick building. It was completed in the year 1913 at a cost of \$12,000, including equipment.

Two teachers were employed at this building and four grades were assigned to each one. This school had a continuous commission, issued by the State.

The Roselawn district was less fortunate, their school building burning in 1915. School was then conducted in the Rice building in the business district. Eventually, this building also burned. In 1917 all pupils were transported to the Thayer school. Here were ample facilities for all pupils of the township.

As it became necessary to erect a new building in Roselawn, Dr. C.M. Rice had plans drawn up for a fine brick building which is still standing. The building was erected at a cost of \$21,000. It was completely modern, and had a community room which was later converted into a lunch room for the school children. There were four large class rooms and a principal's office on the main floor. It has been written that sacrifices have been made in this township until they hurt, but the dividends paid on the investment were worth it.

This brick building was closed as a public school in 1975. It is now being used for a church and a church school. The population grew so fast in Lincoln township in the 1970's that three double room portable classrooms were moved in before the present new building was planned and built. It opened in September 1975.

Rex Binge, a long-time custodian in both schools has many human interest stories to tell. While in Thayer he and a Mr. Wagoner, the principal of Thayer School, had this story to tell. They were playing a game with the children called "Deer Base". The children had two equal sides with two bases and a jail. The Deers would challenge the hunters, then run. When Rex was challenged by Mr. Wagoner, he ran so fast he knocked Mr. Wagoner flat on the ground. Mr.

Wagoner got up, looked at Rex and said, "Well, I didn't know you could run so fast!"

Rex liked to call Mr. Wagoner the first communist teacher. In Geography, the children would study their lessons, then at class time all books went into their desks. Mr. Wagoner drew a Santa Claus on the blackboard. He armed him very well with rifles and bayonets. Those lessons didn't last long under W.O. Schanlaub.

This story happened in Roselawn school. The boys loved pole vaulting. Rex vaulted with them a lot. Finally he told them when they got the pole his height he would vault again. One day the boys came to him and told him that the pole was his height. They gave him a pole from a heavenly tree. Rex not realizing the weakness of the pole started to vault over the high bar. The pole broke and he fell on his back. His fall created some excitement among some very frightened children. "Are you hurt, Mr. Binge?" they asked. They had another pole. He didn't know if the children intended to trick him or if it was just an accident. Anyway he wasn't hurt.

Kathryn B. Clark

Acknowledgements:

Cora and Dennis McDonald

Rex Binge

Ron Yacuk

Old County Map

Teachers in Lincoln Township since 1907

- (1907-1908) Roselawn G.N. Sayler
Ella Brucker
- Number 2 Lillian Baker
- Thayer Fred E. Callahan
Mamie Brady
- Number 5 Mann Spitler
- Number 6 Nellie Rogers
- (1908-1909) Roselawn Nellie Rogers Ahlgrim
Mary Adams
- Thayer Mann Spitler
Mamie Brady
- (1909-1910) Roselawn Mary B. Adams
Flora F. Frye
- Thayer Wilhelmina Freley
Edith Adams
- Number 5 W.O. Carrothers
- Number 6 Mann Spitler
Otis
Henryetta Campbell
- (1910-1911) Roselawn Mai Whitmyre
Flora F. Frye
- Thayer Mann Spitler
Jean Crowell
- Number 5 Dulcie Dykeman
- Number 6 Margaret Fettig
- Number 2 Hazel Lucille Reed
- (1911-1912) Roselawn Margaret Fettig
Dulcie Dykeman
- Thayer Mann Spitler
Kathleen Fettig
- Number 2 Florence Cloutier
- Number 5 Larry Peterson
- Number 6 Luella Elliot

- (1912-1913) Roselawn R.A. Conn
Goldia D. Moore
- Thayer Mann Spitler
Kathleen Fettig
- Number 2 Florence Cloutier
- Number 5 Luella Elliot
- Number 6 Blanche Koltenbach
- (1913-1914) Roselawn R.A. Conn
Blanche Koltenbach
- Thayer Mann Spitler
Clara Pfrimmer
- Number 2 Elizabeth Higgins
- Number 5 Grace Lock
- Number 6 Lester Day
- (1914-1915) Roselawn R.A. Conn
Marie Fettig
- Thayer Mann Spitler
Mabel Bair
- Number 2 Camilla Weaver
- Number 5 Grace Lock
- Number 6 Louise Harvey
- (1915-1916) Roselawn Maud Smart
Marie Fettig
- Thayer Mann Spitler
Ninah Mann
- Number 5 Camilla Weaver
- Number 6 Mabel Maxson
- (1916-1917) Roselawn Charles M. Blue
Camilla Weaver
- Thayer Nell Donaldson
Mabel Maxson

(1916-1917 cont'd)

Number 5 Lola F. Mallatt

Number 6 Merna Bess

(1917-1918)

Thayer R.A. Plowman

Merna Bess

Camilla Weaver

Number 5 Lola F. Mallatt

Number 6 Edna McCord

(1918-1919)

Roselawn Merna Bess

Camilla Weaver

Thayer Lola F. Mallatt

Ema F. Brady

Number 6 Lucy Rutledge

(1919-1920)

Roselawn Melvin A. Plowman

Merna B. Bess

Camilla Weaver

Thayer R.A. Plowman

Ema F. Brady

Number 6 Etta Lee

(1920-1921)

Roselawn George Tabor

Merna B. Bess

Camilla Weaver

Thayer Orrel F. Anderson

Ema F. Brady

Dorothy Rogers, Primary

Number 6 Edith L. Wilder

(1921-1922)

Roselawn George Tabor

Clara Roorda

Gladys Hauser

Thayer Roscoe Protsman

E. Florence Brady

Number 6 Bernard Baker

(1922-1923) Roselawn George Tabor
Clara Roorda
Evelyn Hauser

Thayer Roscoe Protsman
E. Florence Brady

Number 6 Bernard F. Boder

(1923-1924) Roselawn J.E. Lucas, Principal
Sydney Carlson
Clara Zimmer
Gladys Hauser

Thayer Bernard Baker
Dorothy Rogers

(1924-1925) Roselawn Roscoe Protsman
Gay Makeever
Gladys Protsman

Thayer Bernard Baker
Dorothy M. Rogers

(1925-1926) Roselawn Dennis McDonald
Gay Makeever
Savor Baber

Thayer Bernard F. Baker
Tessie Sheets

(1926-1927) Roselawn Dennis McDonald
Gay Makeever
Hazel Peters

Thayer Bernard Baker
Tessie Sheets

(1927-1928) Roselawn Dennis McDonald
Gay Makeever
Hazel Peters

Thayer Clara Zimmer
Tessie Sheets

(1928-1929) Roselawn Dennis McDonald
Gay Makeever
Martha P. Mason

Thayer Clara Zimmer
Cora Kalfise

- (1929-1930) Roselawn Dennis McDonald
Rachel Ireland
Martha Mason Whalen
- Thayer Thomas J. Miller
Helen Shew
- (1930-1931) Roselawn Dennis McDonald
Pauline Edwards
Maybelle Fox
- Thayer Thomas J. Miller
Helen Shew
- (1931-1932) Roselawn Dennis McDonald, Advanced
Opal Chamberlain, Intermediate
Margaret Dickson, Primary
- Thayer Leland Langdon, Advanced
Juana Schneck, Primary
- (1932-1933) Roselawn Dennis McDonald, Advanced
Opal Chamberlain, Intermediate
Donna Spencer, Primary
- Thayer Leland Langdon, Advanced
Juana Schneck, Primary
- (1933-1934) Roselawn Dennis McDonald, Advanced
Opal Chamberlain, Intermediate
Donna Spencer, Primary
- Thayer Leland Langdon, Advanced
Helen M. Phares, Primary
- (1934-1935) Roselawn Dennis McDonald, Advanced
Opal Chamberlain, Intermediate
Ruth Marie Strahl, Intermediate
(began work February 11, 1935)
Catherine P. Sawn, Primary (Langdon)
- Thayer Leland Langdon, Advanced
Helen Phares, Primary
- (1935-1936) Roselawn Dennis McDonald, Advanced
Eva Fuller, Intermediate
Gertrude Branson, Primary
- Thayer Herbert Miller, Advanced
Lucille Bunn, Primary
(Helen Phares resigned. Miss
Bunn began work February 3, 1936)

- (1936-1937) Roselawn Dennis McDonald, Advanced
Eva Fuller Jensen, Intermediate
Gertrude Branson, Primary
- Thayer Herbert Miller, Advanced
Lucille Bunn, Primary
- (1937-1938) Roselawn Otis Haltom, Advanced
Gay Makeever, Intermediate
Lorene White, Primary
- Thayer Dare M. Wagoner, Advanced
F. LuVanche Woodruff, Primary
- (1938-1939) Roselawn Otis Haltom, Advanced
Gay Makeever, Intermediate
Thelma Warrick, Primary
- Thayer Dare M. Wagoner, Advanced
F.L. Woodruff, Primary
- (1939-1940) Roselawn Otis Haltom, Advanced
Gay Makeever, Intermediate
Thelma Warrick, Primary
- Thayer D.M. Wagoner, Advanced
Elsie Mae Parrish, Primary
- (1940-1941) Roselawn Elmer Cudworth, Advanced
Gay Makeever, Intermediate
Thelma Warrick, Primary
- Thayer George W. Necoson, Advanced
Tessie Sheets, Primary
- (1941-1942) Roselawn Elmer Fudd Cudworth, Advanced
Gay Makeever, Intermediate
Mamie P. Jones, Primary
Carol Werth, Music
- Thayer Delmos Moore, Advanced
Tessie Timmons, Primary
Carol Werth, Music
- (1942-1943) Roselawn Emma Linderman, Advanced
Gay Makeever, Intermediate
Helen Johnson, Primary
Myron P. Boehm, Music
- Thayer Delmos Moore, Advanced
Tessie Sheets, Primary
Myron Boehm, Music

- (1943-1944) Roselawn Mary Clements, 7-8
Ruth Taylor, 4-6
Jessie Raider, 1-3
- Thayer Pansy Danford, Advanced
Zella Magee, Primary
- (1944-1945) Roselawn Mary Clements, 7-8
Ruth Taylor, 4-6
Jessie Raider, 1-3
- Thayer Marie O'Conner, Advanced
Tessie Sheets, Primary
- (1945-1946) Roselawn Carl Madden, 7-8
Marjorie Treser, 4-6
Pauline Dow, 1-3
- Thayer Marie O'Conner, Advanced
Tessie Sheets, Primary
- (1946-1947) Roselawn Delmos Moore, 6-8
Ruth Taylor, 3-5
Marjorie Treser, 1-2
- Thayer Marie O'Conner, 5-8
Tessie Sheets 1-4 (resigned 1-10-47)
Thelma Warrick, (started 1-13-47)
- (1947-1948) Roselawn Delmos Moore, 5-8
Ruth Taylor, 1-4
- Thayer Roy O'Conner, 5-8
Francis Barker, 1-4
- (1948-1949) Roselawn Delmos Moore, 6-8
Cynthia Moore, 3-5
Ruth Taylor, 1-2
- Thayer Roy O'Conner, 5-8
Francis Barker, 1-4
- (Thayer closed at end of year)
- (1950-1951) Lincoln Roy O'Conner, Principal, 7-8
Marie O'Conner, 5-6
Ruth Smith, 3-4
Ruth Taylor, 1-2
- (1951-1952) Lincoln Roy O'Conner, Principal, 7-8
Marie O'Conner, 5-6
Dorothy Wells, 3-4
Ruth Taylor, 1-2
- R. Binge, Janitor

(52-53)

Lincoln from here to present

Ray Crow, 7-8
 Bertha Pearce, 5-6
 Dorothy Wells, 3-4
 Ruth Taylor, 1-2

(53-54)

Dennis McDonald, 7-8
 Lola Johnson, 5-6
 Bertha Pearce, 3-4
 Kathryn Clark, 1-2

(54-55)

Dennis McDonald, 7-8
 Lola Johnson, 5-6
 Ida Dunkelberger, 3-4
 Kathryn Clark, 2
 Eva Wesner, 1
 Betty Cook, Music
 Binge, Janitor

(55-56)

Dennis McDonald, 7-8
 Lola Johnson, 5-6
 Ida Dunkelberger, 3-4
 Victoria Burton, 2
 Kathryn Clark, 1
 Binge, Janitor

(56-57)

Eldon Campbell, 7-8
 Lola Johnson, 5-6
 Ida Dunkelberger, 3-4
 Victoria Burton, 2
 Kathryn Clark, 1

(57-59)

Victor Gibson, 7-8
 Lola Johnson, 5-6
 Clara Gibson, 3-4
 Victoria Burton, 2
 Kathryn Clark, 1

(59-60)

Victor Gibson, 6-7
 Dennis McDonald, 4-5
 Clara Gibson, 3
 Victoria Burton, 2
 Kathryn Clark, 1

(60-61)

Victor Gibson, 6-7
 Dennis McDonald, 4-5
 Clara Gibson, 3-4
 Victoria Burton, 2
 Kathryn Clark, 1

(61-62)

Victor Gibson, 6-7
 Dennis McDonald, 5-6
 Clara Gibson, 4
 Victoria Burton, 2-3
 Kathryn Clark, 1-2

(62-63)

Victor Gibson, 6-7
 Vance Barker, 4-5
 Clara Gibson, 3-4
 Victoria Burton, 2
 Kathryn Clark, 1

(63-64) Consolidation of Newton
County Schools

Victor Gibson, 5-7
 Viola Cover, 6
 Ralph Staley, 4
 Hilda Effinger, 2-3
 Kathryn Clark, 1
 Jirene Longwith, Music

(64-65)

Victor Gibson, 4-6
 Ralph Staley, 5
 Carolyn Rump, 3
 Hilda Effinger, 2
 Kathryn Clark, 1
 Jirene Longwith, Music

(65-68)

(72-73)

Victor Gibson, 5-6
 Stanley Watson, 4-5
 Pauline Watson, 3
 Hilda Effinger, 2
 Kathryn Clark, 1
 Jirene Longwith, Music
 Rudy Dotlich, P.E.
 Vivian Mauck, T.A.

James Williams, 6
 Linda Fassett, 5
 Vivian Buchanan, 4
 Dorothy Marlin, 3
 Hilda Effinger, 2
 Nancy Snider, 1
 Linda Beauvais, K
 David Leichty, Music
 Laura Parrish, Special Reading
 Ralph Bench, Band
 Barbara Simmons, T.A.

(68-69)

James Williams, 5
 Stanley Watson, 4
 Pauline Watson, 3
 Hilda Effinger, 2
 Kathryn Clark, 1
 Jirene Longwith, Music

(73-74)

James Williams, 6
 Peter Beauvais, 6
 Vivian Buchanan, 5
 Pamela Powlen, 5
 Catherine Davis, 4
 Linda Fassett, 4
 Pamela Brenner, 3
 Dorothy Martin, 3
 Hilda Effinger, 2
 Ardis Illingworth, 2
 Lucille Hand, 1
 Becky Williamson, 1
 Linda Beauvais, K
 David Leichty, Music
 Ralph Bench, Band

(69-70)

James Williams, 5
 Mary Renwald, 4
 Kathryn Ogden, 3
 Hilda Effinger, 1
 Kathleen Borem, K
 Jirene Longwith, Music
 Ralph Bench, Band

(70-71)

James Williams, Math, Soc. St. (74-75)

Lee Goldberry, 5
 Vivian Buchanan, 4
 Kathryn Ogden, 3
 Hilda Effinger, 2
 Karen Moore, 1
 Carolanne Effinger, K
 David Leitchy, Music
 Gertrude Hamacher, Band

James Williams, Principal
 Irad Allen, 6
 Vivian Buchanan, 6
 Linda Fassett, 5
 Laura Parrish, 5
 Paula Bennett, 4
 Pamela Powlen, 4
 Pamela Brenner, 3
 Dorothy Martin, 3
 Hilda Effinger, 2
 Ardis Illingworth, 2
 Janet Pearson, 1
 Becky Williamson, 1
 Yvonne Stoll, K
 David Leichty, Music
 Ralph Bench, Band
 Barbara Brushnahan, Spc. Rdg.
 Teresa Nelson, Speech & Hearing
 Janice Cady, T.A.

(71-72)

James Williams, 6
 Linda Fassett, 5
 Vivian Buchanan, 4
 Billie Elam, 3
 Hilda Effinger, 2
 Nancy McKee, 1
 Linda Beauvais, K
 David Leichty, Music
 Ralph Bench, Band

(75-76) New Lincoln School (76-77)

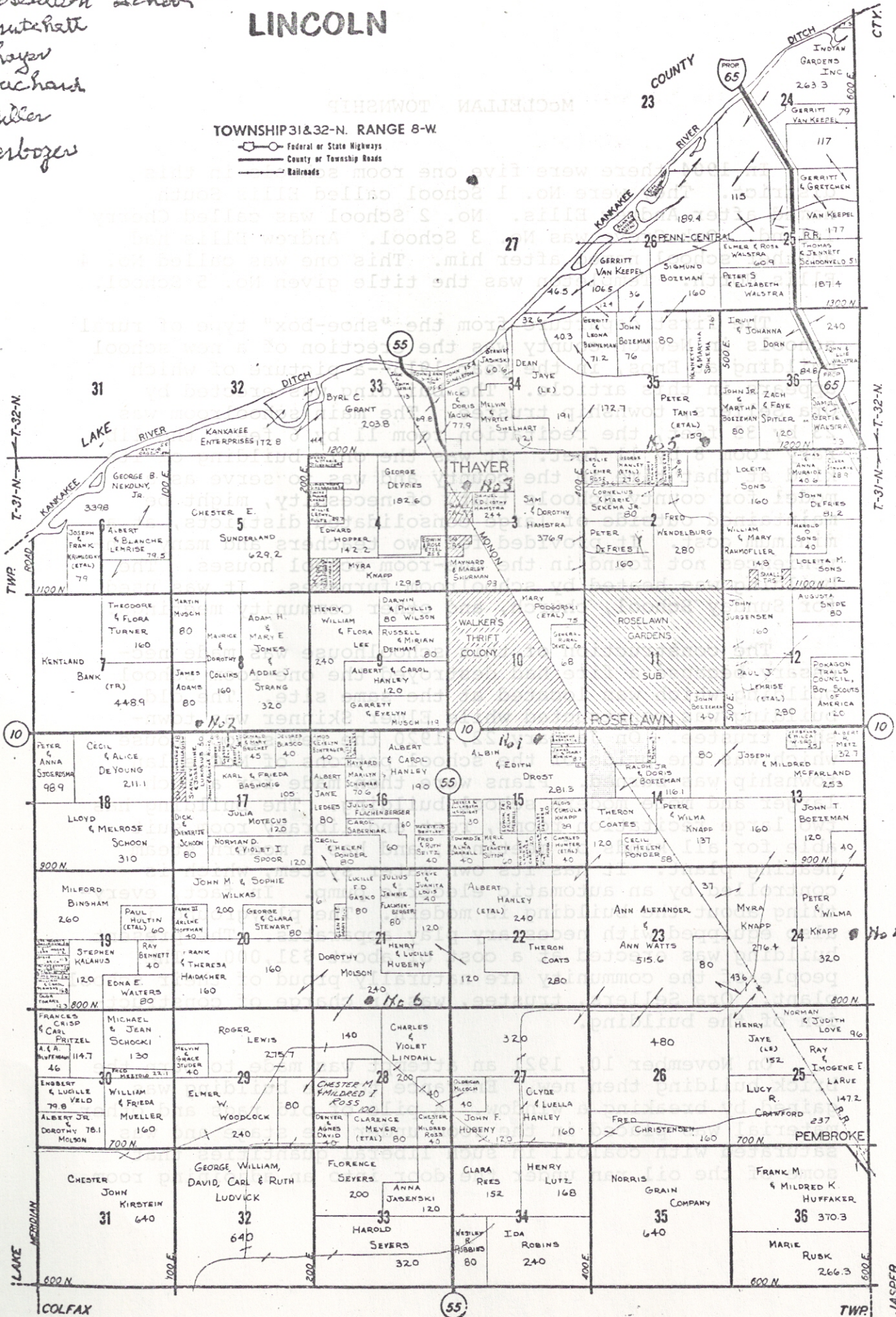
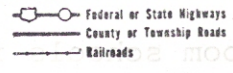
(65-66)

James Lefler, Principal	James Lefler, Principal
Ronald Yacuk, 6	Ronald Yacuk, 6
John Luchtman, 6	John Luchtman, 6
Vivian Ruwersma, 6	Vivian Ruwersma, 6
Linda Fassett, 5	Linda Fassett, 5
Laura Parrish, 5	Laura Basham, 5
Thomas Zimmer, 5	Melinda Roeska, 5
Paula Bennett, 4	Thomas Zimmer, 4
Pettranella Herre, 4	Paula Bennett, 4
Melinda Roeska, 4	Pettranella Herre, 4
Pamela Brenner, 3	Pamela Brenner, 3
Dorothy Martin, 3	Patricia Reyes, 3
Patricia Reyes, 3	Dorothy Martin, 3
Hilda Effinger, 2	Hilda Effinger, 2
Ardis Illingworth, 2	Ardis Illingworth, 2
Mary Luchtman, 2	Mary Luchtman, 2
Janet Pearson, 1	Janet Pearson, 1
Becky Lawson, 1	Becky Lawson, 1
Kathryn Yacuk, 1	Kathleen Yacuk, 1
Yvonne Stoll, K	Mary Czatko, 1
Donna Dowty, K	
Kristine Baily, Rem. Rdg.	
Leslie White, Sp. Educ.	
Jane Willmert, Music	
Mary Czatko, 1 (April)	

- No 1 Roselawn School - Petrotz School
- 2 Brutehall
- 3 Thayer
- 4 Bouchard
- 5 Miller
- 6 Barbozes

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