

School Dist. 39 Plans Diamond Anniversary

Pierce county rural school district 39, located five miles north and two miles east of Wee Town, will celebrate its 75th or Diamond Anniversary Sunday afternoon, October 6. All former teachers, residents, school officers, county superintendents and students are asked to join the people of the district to help celebrate. Others are also welcome.

One of the projects the school children have for this year is to make a scrapbook of information they can gather about the history of the district. Former teachers, residents, county superintendents, officers and students are asked to help with this project. They wish to include letters containing memories of the events in the school. Pictures will also be greatly appreciated whether taken in the past or taken at the present time, or both. These will all be included in the scrap book and will later be donated to the Pierce County Historical Society.

No formal invitations are being sent except to those who reside a great distance away from the school and for whom addresses are known.

Ferd Scheer, father of County Treasurer Herman Scheer, donated the land for the school and was the first director. On January 20, 1888, County Superintendent Charles Gates sent a notice of the first meeting to be held on March 13, 1888. The formation of District 39 was completed April 10, 1888.

The present school is still the original building, however it is now standing on its third location. Its original home was one

mile west of its present location, which was later moved to the south and then to the section corner where it now stands. During the three moves, the school house always remained on the Ferdinand Scheer farm.

One of the oldest former pupils is Joseph Scharf, who attended district 39 seventy-three years ago. He lives on a farm a half mile from the school.

Present officers are Wilfred Meyer, Delbert Nathan and Glen Dowling, all of Randolph. There are 17 pupils enrolled this year. The teacher is Mrs. Forest Schreiner of Pierce.

District 39 could definitely be called a "family school" as there are several three generation groups who received their elementary education there. This year is no exception, as Debbie and Douglas Lienemann are attending school in District 39 and their father, Donald Lienemann completed his eight grades as did his father, Jack Lienemann.

Following is a list of the former teachers at Dist. 39, the year taught and their present name in parenthesis. Many of the teachers taught only several months.

Mamie E. Talmer, 1891-92; Annie Coleman, 1893; Florence Palmer, 1893-95; John Stark 1896; Louise Junge, 1897; Ida Hall, 1898; Florence Palmer, 1899; Lillie Philben, 1900; Bertha Carstens (Bertha Krohn, Randolph), 1900-02.

John Porter, 1902-03; Pearl Folsom, 1904; Mabel Brumer, 1904; Dora M. Priestly, 1904-05;

John E. Fate, 1905-06; Nellie Brown, 1906-07; Nellie Wagner, 1907-08; Bertha Brocker, 1908-09; Nellie Trent, 1910; Winnie B. Jones, 1911; Mamie Renicke, 1912-13.

Nona Montee, 1913-1914; Julia Black (Mrs. Frank Cooper), 1914-15; Christina Larsen, 1915-19; Freda Thaden (Mrs. Fred Wipperling (deceased), 1916-17; Ethyl Wilson, 1919; Laura Ewing, 1919; Elizabeth Lackas, 1919-20; Douglas Duff, 1920; Esther Carstens (Mrs. Earl Anderson), 1922-23.

Agnes Hoffmann, 1923-24; Hilda Brinkman (Mrs. Miles Booth), 1924-25; Gladys Allison (Mrs. Elmer Grau), California, 1925-30; Ruth Heck (Mrs. John Casey, Norfolk), 1930-33; Irene Daws (Mrs. Hillary Housch, Randolph), 1933-34; Mrs. Gayle Miller, California, 1934-35; Bernice Meyer (Mrs. Orville Luebe, Pierce), 1935-36.

Lula Buckendahl, 1936-37; Mary Anne Padnos (Mrs. Ervin Meier, Randolph), 1937-39; Verlyn Story, Foster, 1939-40; Madeline Lehmkuhl (Mrs. Albert Meyer, Randolph), 1940-42; Ardith Barelman (Mrs. Alvin Johnson), 1942-43; Dorothy Budde (Mrs. Harold G. Moss), 1943-44.

Vayle Vonne Gerkins (Mrs. Don Kuhl, Randolph), 1944-48; Twila Sellon (Mrs. Lowell Fredericks, Wausa), 1948-49; Orletha Vlasak (Mrs. Glen Dowling, Randolph), 1949; Bonnie Jo Grone (Mrs. Leo Dowling, Randolph), 1949-50; LaVonna Storm, 1950-51. Geraldine Rudebusch (Mrs. Vernon Rudebusch, Randolph),

1951-52; Doris Smith (Mrs. Russell Brand, Michigan), 1952-54; Ada Obermeyer, 1954-55; Marilyn Uttecht (Mrs. Ray Flesner, Pierce), 1955-59; Hilda Pospisil, Pierce, 1959; Betty Wiegert, Plainview, 1959; Joyce Saegbarth, Pierce, 1960; Marjorie Schreiner, Pierce, 1960-63.