

## Yankton School

My family had 3 generations here in this school house. I'm sure there are others —

In 1907 the Lemereth Butts family came by train to Oregon. Since there were no trains on the Oregon side of the Columbia river they took the train that came down the Washington side to Kalama W.A. then crossed the river on a ferry to Goble. Then some Yankton men went with horses & wagons & brought them to Yankton. They rented a house down by Howards place.

So the men folks worked on this house right here across the road. They didn't have to wire a house or put in plumbing in those days. This house here was my grandparents until 1920. Larsons bought it.

My mother started to this 2 room school in 1907. I have read her autograph book and everyone who wrote in it added the year 1907 & 1908 and 1909. Here are a few names that we might recognize.

Marie Goff (Walker) Eva Tarbell, Lola Steward, Bernice Rathburn

X Some one wrote "As long as a grapevine across the 'Crick'"

I love you as hard as a mule can kick.

A.E.F. ?

Nov 16 - 1909

Esther is her name

Single is her station

Happy is the little man

that makes the alteration

log  
train

I believe the very first memory of this school was my 1st year standing on the front porch & watching a train load of logs rumbling across that farm, the Larson place. It was coming from logging in the Happy Hollow area. there was 1 big log on one train bed - and others had several logs. they came from across the Brown place now Brandenfels

My mother has said - if you could take the white paint off of those square places up there on the front of the school house. My Grandfather's name would be there. He was a school board member.

3 generations  
Two of my children attended here for several years. Laren & Donna Van Tassel.

My dad was a member of this Grange. they sent him to Tillamook as a delegate to a convention. So he and mom got married on Nov 13-1913. and made the trip to Tillamook. Dad said so the grange paid for their wedding trip.

You can see on this picture (show mono picture) - that there were only 2 rooms. But when I started there were all 4 rooms. My dad has said that before this building - there was an very little

school  
buildings up in Ray Tarbells field  
across from the store.

In 1926 the school district bought its first bus - a Ford. My Dad happened to be the first driver. He took the rear around the loop, then up to the Jim Brooks place, toward Bunker Hill. at 2:30 he took the little kids home, then go on to St Helens to pick up the Hi School students. then back to the grade school.

Before this a Bill Johnson had a truck with seats around the sides and he had hauled the Hi school students in that for a couple of years.

this old ford bus had a bad time getting up the hills. Fred has told me that when the bus came to Stevens hill, the big boys would get out and walk - and beat the bus to the top.

My dad got 30 dollars a month for driving the bus - that is - if the tax payers had all paid their taxes. If they ~~didn't~~ hadn't, he got 25\$ until enough tax money came in.

~~Even after they had~~

In 1927 the district bought a 2nd bus - a chev - Jess Stewart drove it for 5 years. that bus took the hills route it could take the hills better.

Even after they had the two busses they thought they couldnt afford to make some of the extra roads like to Bunker hill. those students had to walk down

to the Brooks place to get on the bus; I remembers one Hi School boy who walked down & I still think that was Squeek Johnson. - I wonder if it was him. Also they couldn't drive over the Cup road. - to pick up the Olson 3 children Hilding, Florence, & Mary Olson had to walk to the James Paulson corner & some times I saw them litterly dripping standing there in the rain. the district finally took in those side roads.

there was a big furnace in the basement & when the weather was cold it was so good to come in to a warm room. the big girls always stood over that floor furnace. but we little kids could only stand close by, but it was warm.

Some times in cold weather a Mrs Emerson came to school & made hot chocolate for us. those cups looked strange they were big tin cups with wide handles. that was good with cold sandwiches.

Fred Emerson was our janitor for several years. (do you remember Everett Emerson a St Helens fireman. these were his parents)

In the basement he had a big old chair, that he sat in by the furnace. and one ~~day~~ <sup>noon</sup> hour he was fast asleep in that chair. the big boys had a rope, they put it through the open window then one boy slipped in & tied one end to the leg

of his old chair, then he ran out & all the boys pulled the rope quick & up set him & his chair. He was so mad he came out of the basement door shaking his big fist at them but they were no where in sight. He was a tall skinny man.

We had a nice closed in play shed across the school yard. But when it rained - the upper end was a lake.

there were 2 out houses, boys at the top & girls halfway down -

We had 6 chain swings, are they still out there? they were put in - in about 1928 or 1930. We used to push the swing real high - then we pulled them by their feet, so they would go higher. One time the swing came back it hit me in the head & cut a gash & it was bleeding. and the teacher took me home.

When I was in the 7th. grade our teacher Mrs. Archibald from Beaver Homes was our teacher & one Monday morning when she came to school she had black streaks all down her neck, she had tried to dye her hair -

One time she wanted to show us how the pioneers made a fireplace. there was another old rail road grade up Kappeler Rd. below Ray Webbers place, & that bank was real red dirt.

