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ECHOES FROM THE PAST

Our School's History

Fifty-two years ago, or in 1874, the first school house was built in Edgewood. It was erected north of the Joe Funk farm of the present day on the southern edge of the town.

On the present public school site, the first building found its place in 1876 when a two room wooden building was put up. A school bell, was installed sometime later. It was the same bell that Mr. M. L. Stone rings today but then it summoned the boys and girls of Edgewood to the small structure as Honorable R. J. Bixby, then a teacher pulled the bell rope. The bell has remained the same although it has seen hundreds of teachers, thousands of pupils, and many janitors come and go while at the same time the school equipment has been improved and enlarged.

Baild New Building

In 1892 it was decided to build a new brick school house, although the plausibility of making an addition to the old wooden one was discussed. The worn out building was moved away, later to be consumed in the great Edgewood fire of 1908. The new edifice was comprised of four rooms, now the third and fourth grade, fifth and sixth grade, music, history and mathematical rooms. The latter two made up one large room. Four teachers taught eleven grades at that time The new building was made of brick and the community was proud of it. The present tower with the old bell adorned the new structure. There was scarcely any school ground aside from that upon which the school house stood so that the pupils found th street the most convenient playground

Old timers tell of their difficulties of playing ball in the street and troubles with the neighbors whose window panes were often demolished by flying balls.

A room was later rented in a building apart from the school propert and there the primary teacher and her charges held classes.

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CALENDAR

Oct. 15 Baseball, Earlville here Every Saturday, 4 P. M. Orchestra Rehearsal.

Oct. 22 Soccer football at Strawberry Point.

Oct. 22 All-high school party.

Oct. 29, Soccer football, Strawberry Point here.

Nov. 19, Harvest Exhibition and Carnival.

Nov. 25 and 26, Thanksgiving vacation.

BASE BALL TEAM WINS

By defeating Earlville 10 to 9 on the opponent's diamond Oct. 8, the standing of the Edgewood High School base ball team rose to 600 per cent with one more game to be played.

Starting the fall season with an inexperienced team and the problem of developing an entirely new battery, Coach Doyle R. Cottrell has rounded a team into shape of which the school is proud and which should make a battle for the Clayton county championship next spring.

One of the features of the season has been the development of a powerful rooters' section with Lynn Todd and Angie Stone doing real work as yell leaders. Before the two home games, enthusiastic meetings have been held and yells rehearsed.

Strawberry Point's seemingly formidable team was met in the first game at Edgewood, when Edgewood went down to defeat with the score of 18 to 9 against them. With Frank Weyant catching, Howard Stalnaker pitched the first of the seven inning game, but when knocked out of the box Tom Kramer went in and stopped the assault. Whitlock, pitcher for the opponents, displayed some fine work striking out many Edgewood players.

Henry Lewis and Leonard Wiley acted as officials and were called upon after the last play to make a difficult decision which called for the production of rule books.

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MUSIC FLOURISHES AT E. H. S.

Music has become one of the outstanding features of the cultural life of Edgewood High School. Three large glee clubs, a growing orchestra, and a weekly all school sing feature this side of the school's efforts. The organizations will appear in numerous public programs during the coming year.

A girls' glee club of thirty selected voices has been holding weekly rehearsals under the guidance of Miss Thelma Hansen. Miss Pauline Pelck is accompanist. The club voted to buy new music books for this year's study.

Under Supt. Paul K. Gardner's direction, twenty-five boys have been practicing as a glee club in weekly get-to-gethers. Unison singing is featuring the beginning work. New music will be taken up in the near future. Miss Ardis Swordes accompanies the group on the piano.

A rented piano has been installed in the gymnasium and with its arrival both glee clubs started bi-weekly practice on Monday.

Thirty-one junior high pupils form the Junior High Chorus and receive valuable training twice each week under the inspiration of Miss Hansen.

DiTella To Be Retained

At a meeting of the board of education Oct. 5, steps were taken to insure the retention of Prof. DiTella of Dubuque as orchestra leader and instrumental instructor in the school. Under his instruction an orchestra has been built up which now consists of two violins, three cornets, two saxophones, two clarinets, two trombones, drums, and a piano. With twenty pupils taking private music lessons under him, Mr. DiTella will have a large orchestra at the end of the year. Four violins were added last week.

During the summer instrumental instruction has been continuing, Mr. DiTella coming on Saturday for the purpose. During the latter part of the vacation, orchestra practices started.

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ECHOES FROM THE PAST

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With the growth of educational ideals and the increasing population of Edgewood, it became desirable to add more room. In order to do this, the board of education went to court to condemn property immediately west of the original building, for a house stood there. In 1902 a lower room, which is now known as the primary room, and a large upstairs room, designated as the high school assembly room but now used for manual training, together with a basement, doubled the floor space of the school plant.

Latest Improvements

In 1922 one of the greatest improvements to the school property took place when land to the north and west of the old building was purchased, increasing the area by about twenty-times. The baseball diamond and soccer football field of today is the result of the enlargement.

A year later, the people of the district voted to erect a monument to the educational life of the Edgewood community. One of the largest assembly rooms and gymnasiums, in the county with a stage, office and class rooms were added to the building at a cost of $60,000. It has been with the present building and equipment that the school has grown to its present enrollment of about 230 with nine teachers on the faculty. Pupils come as far as eight miles over hills and dark valleys seeking an education Indications are that E. H. S. will continue to enjoy her present popularity and prosperity.

GRADE NEWS

On September 30 a Better English Club was organized by the fourth grade children. Its object is to improve the spoken and written English of its members.

A Primary band is being organized in the first and second grade room. The instruments of course are very crude, such as home-made tambourines, paper horns and drums made from paper boxes. Nails beating time with the victrola are important features. One primary pupil is chosen each time for the bandmaster.

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MUSIC FLOURISHES AT E. H. S.

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Pupils are charged one dollar for music lessons. Instruction in the orchestra when the student is sufficiently advanced is included. Under the new plan, Mr. DiTella will be guaranteed twenty pupils weekly by the school. He is an accomplished musician on practically all wind and stringed instruments. He gives all of his time to music and works in a number of other schools besides Edgewood, among them being Manchester, Guttenburg and Earlville. He also directs the Little Symphony Orchestra at Dubuque. The instruction he gives affords an opportunity for pupils to receive musical training such as is offered in the schools of Cedar Rapids and Dubuque.

A big concert with the orchestra and glee clubs participating will be held in the school auditorium on Dec. 14. Plans under way should make it the outstanding musical attraction of the year.

GRADE ROOMS DECORATE

In keeping with the season the primary pupils have decorated their room with colored leaves and pine boughs. Most of the pictures are framed in pine while the window curtains are covered with leaves. The blackboard has pumpkins on it and gourds, cucumbers, and pumpkins decorate the window sills and tables.

The first and second grades have also made a doll house. They have papered it and furnished it by themselves. They also have a grocery store where they have paper butter boxes. They use counterfeit money which seems to satisfy the small clerk. The sand box is alive with savages, tepees, and rabbits living in a dense forest. A small lake was made at the edge of the timber and an Indian is rowing a boat on it.

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NEW COURSE STARTS

With the introduction of a second year course in domestic science, the organization of a healthy home economics club, and the improvement and enlargement of the department's equipment, the home economics section is touching the lives of more girls than at any time in the history of the school.

Tenth grade home economics was introduced for the first time this year with both the approval of the board of education and the state inspector of vocational home economics. In the work of the class, advanced home making problems will be solved.

"Home making does not consist in only a knowledge of sewing and cooking," said Miss Alma Wigdahl, head of the department, "but in a scientific knowledge of all the numerous activities of a housewife." Both classes therefore began their work this fall with a unit in canning and preserving fruits and vegetables. In connection with this activity, each ninth grade girl worked out a home project.

Interior decoration is receiving the attention of the tenth grade home economics class. Taking as its project the beautification of the kitchen, the class has started the first work of refinishing the woodwork, tables and stools of the entire room in light ivory enamel.

Work in clothing has been started in both classes. The ninth grade girls have just completed simple aprons suitable to wear in the cooking laboratory. The tenth grade girls are just finishing their white cooking uniforms to be used in meal planning projects. The aprons are white, upon the headbands of which appear the initials H. M., standing for "home making." The practical problem of making over dresses will soon occupy the ninth graders while the tenth graders will study the making over of simple under garments.

Edgewood H. S. spirit is at a high pitch. Pep meetings, a semi-honor system, music athletics and lots of hard study are making it grow and grow.

ORGANIZE HOME EC. CLUB

In order to form a connecting link between the home economics work of the home and school, the girls have organized a Home Economics club. Two sophomores and two freshmen were elected officers at the first meeting. Grace Moser heads the club while Hazel Choppard is vice-president. Both of them are tenth graders. Helen Hansen and Edna Thurn, both freshmen, occupy the offices of secretary and treasurer, respectively. Twelve freshmen and seventeen sophomore enrolled as charter members.

At the second meeting of the organization, a constitution, drawn up by the officers, was adopted. A program at each meeting is called for, which will consist of talks on subjects of interest to home makers, debates, plays music and recitations.

The club will endeavor to cooperate with other similar organizations such as the 4H clubs, Women's club, and the women's section of the Farm Bureau.

The Mothers and others interested in the work of the organization have been invited to the meetings of the club. The girls want to let the community know what is taking place in home economics in E. H. S.

Only the girls enrolled in the home making classes are at present eligible to membership in the Home Economics club. Other members may later become associate members.

Harold Appleton and Ted Robinson are each carrying six subjects. Theory—Much work makes good department grades.

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OUR PAPER

This is the first issue of Woodland Echoes, the monthly school paper to be issued by the students of Edgewood High School. It should make valuable contributions to the student and community life and help make Edgewood High School the great educational center it is destined to be.

Woodland Echoes will give a group of students each year a chance to try out their journalistic ability. Without a doubt boys and girls will find themselves while doing the work and choose journalism as their field of life occupation. The business management of the publication will also afford valuable training to a few of the pupils who will learn how to approach business men in connection with advertising work. The circulation manager will be trained in business methods and together with other members of the staff develop a keen sense of responsibility.

The Alumni section of the paper will be one in which the hundreds of graduates will learn of the activities of the former students. Several letters will appear in each issue and the ideal is to mention every living alumnus at least once during the year.

The departments of the paper are organized somewhat on the basis of the objectives of education. The home makers and agricuultural sections are something new in the field of high school journalism.

The historical department will trace the development of education in particular and the community in general with a feature in each issue.

The paper itself will furnish a history of the school the like of which cannot be duplicated in any other way. Students should subscribe for the paper and preserve the copies. They will form a record of what went on while they were in school.

May the paper flourish and live an indefinite life as Edgewood High School prospers and grows greater and stronger.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS ORGANIZE

Initial steps have been taken to organize two Camp Fires in Edgewood High School. Miss Rose Ann Pope, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, and Miss Florence Johnson, teacher of the third and fourth grades, will act as guardians.

Two meetings have been held. Since twenty-six girls expressed an interest in the movement at these meetings, it was thought advisable to start two groups. On Oct. 5 after school, a hike was taken a mile and one half south west of town.. Twenty hikers went and participatetd for the first time in camp fire life.

In speaking of the work of the organization, Miss Pope said, "Camp Fire teaches girls to work willingly. it affords companionship for girls with others their own age. It helps make them good citizens of our republic."

Camp Fire is an international organization. Groups thrive in Europe, South America, and Asia as well as in North America. In the United States there are thousands of these enthusiastic young women.

TO STAGE CARNIVAL

A Harvest Exhibition and Carnival will be staged in the Edgewood school on the evening of Friday, Nov. 19 the feature of which will be exhibits of farm and garden produce and cooking and sewing. Blue, red and white prize ribbons will be given for the winners in each class.

Attractions of the exhibit will be entries of different kinds of seed corn and small grain, the largest pumpkin apples, carrots, squashes, onions. potatoes and practically all other garden and orchard products. Prizes will be awarded for the best white and whole-wheat bread, canned fruit and other cooked articles as well as fancy work.

Proceeds from the carnival will be used in part to equip the basketball teams of the school for the winter season.

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FACULTY MEMBERS HIKE

Wednesday evening the Faculty Hiking club, composed of the women teachers and Mrs. Paul K. Gardner and Mrs. Doyle R. Cottrell, completed 151 miles of walking thereby winning a prize offered by Supt. Gardner. The incentive was a real dinner with all the trimmings, should a mileage of 150 miles be completed in the month ending October 13. The dinner was given Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner.

Miss Ardis Swordes, high school principal won individual honors with a total of over twenty-seven miles. Miss Florence Johnson, grade teacher and president of the organization was a close second with almost twenty-five miles. Miss Rose Ann Pope, another grade teacher did more hiking than any of her associates but it could be counted only when done on an official hike.

"I feel that the club has been a great success," Miss Swordes, the championship hiker remarked, "All of the teachers have been out on the road and in the fresh air far more than they otherwise would have been, The social benefits have been great, too, for we have gotten together out of school where work was forgotten in our good times."

At Monday evening's faculty meeting it was decided to continue the hikes, having them twice weekly.

PARTY REGULATIONS

New regulations were put into effect this year regarding the conduct of class finances.

Each class is to pay as it goes; that is, before any class function is held, a budget is made for the event. Pupils pay in advance for their share of the expense. No class may incur debts without the consent of its sponsor.

Another regulation put into effect is with regard to class parties. No party may be held without the consent of the superintendent. Social functions will occur only during the week-ends although permission has been given for evening parties that permit the pupils to be home by eight o'clock in the evening.

JUNIORS TO SELECT CLASS RINGS

Selecting the class ring has been one of the principal diversions of the Juniors during the past three weeks. Many samples have been inspected from various sources. The local firm through which the class plans to purchase its jewelry is hunting high and low to find a satisfactory ring for the class. Whether to have the little circlets of white or yellow gold is one of the perplexities yet to be solved.

The class has not yet come to a conclusion with regard to the dominating color the ring will have. According to Violet Ross, junior presilent, the class of 1928 should have its finger adornments by the end of November.

SOCIAL LIFE BECOMES LIVELY

Social life in Edgewood High School during the first month of the school year found expression through picnics a wiener roast and numerous gymnasium parties.

The seniors had the first party when they journied out to Dodd's Woods, west of town after school, on September 21. Miss Maud Clifton, the class sponsor, was one of the merrymakers and Miss Rose Ann Pope of the fifth and sixth grades was a guest

Games were played in the gymnasium by the sophomores when rain prevented an outdoor picnic on September 22. Miss Ardis Swordes, the class sponsor, was reported as being one of the brilliant indoor baseball players of the evening. Refreshments were served and the party broke up early in the evening.

The freshmen had a jolly time Tuesday, Oct. 5, after school, when they filled the gymnasium with noise during the time they were having their fun. Afterwards, they ascended to the home economics sewing room to find a very creditable luncheon served by a committee headed by Edna Thurn. Besides Miss Thelma Hansen, class sponsor, there were present Miss Alma Wigdahl and Professor and Mrs. Paul K. Gardner and son Franklin.

Rustlers and Hustlers compete daily during the fifth and sixth grade recesses, Miss Rose Ann Pope, their teacher, sponsors the games.

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Tinkles from the Farms

SELECT SEED CORN

On thirty-five farms that send boys and girls to Edgewood High School, seed corn was picked before the killing frost that hit this community two weeks ago. In drying it, eleven families used twine, ten steel, and four wire hangers. In practically all cases yellow corn was selected for seed but nine farms picked white, six red, three squaw, and one calico corn

In commenting on the early selection of seed corn, Doyle R. Cottrell, instructor in agriculture said, "We are proud of the showing made by the farms represented in our school. This year, above all years, should find every farm with its store of seed corn picked before the frost came."

EDGEWOOD FARMERS FILL SILOS

Fall activities are engaging the attention of the parents and of the farm boys and girls of Edgewood High School. In spite of the press of duties, most of the students have been able to remain at their studies and help when possible before and after school.

Silo filling is about completed. Twelve fillings have been completed and most of the silo rings have finished up their work. Haymar Lewis, father of Herman Lewis, put fifteen acres of the green food into storage, which is the largest acreage harvested on any one E. H. S. farm. The silos of Phillip Cole and Elda Schultz have not been filled on account of the wet fall weather.

On the E. H. S. farms there are six wooden stave, three concrete stave and one each of hollow tile and monolithic concrete. On the farm of Irving Wooldridge, father of Francis and Mildred, is found a pit silo, extending deep into the ground with brick at the bottom and tile at the top.

Every student with a silo says that the ensilage is used principally in feeding dairy cows. On the farms of Ernest Ash and Irving Wooldridge, chickens are also fed the material.

Cards for the first six weeks will be given out Tuesday noon.

HARVEST POTATOES

Judged from the potato fields represented in Edgewood High School, the community may be rated above the average in Iowa for the production of potatoes. Considerable acreages are represented on the E. H. S. rural areas.

Among others, Charles Lighty, father of Merlie; Perry Lighty, father of Raymond; Ernest Ash, father of Lawrence and Leo Ash; Elmer Weyant, father of Fern; Emmet Weyant father of Frank; and Willie Miller, father of the the three Miller sisters, all have good acreages. Elmer Weyant bought a new potato digger for this year's harvest. It has most of the latest attachments for putting the potatoes on top of the ground ready to be picked up.

With an early freeze threatening some of the boys and girls were out of school during the middle of last week and most of them on the above farms and others spent the institute vacation picking up and storing potatoes.

AGRICULTURAL CLASS

Mr. Cottrell's class of boys is doing some good work in agriculture. With the girls of the tenth grade all taking second year home economics, the boys can find unhindered opportunities for their work.

A trip into the corn fields near the school grounds was taken after the first hard frost, the corn was examined by the boys with the intention of determining the effect of the frost upon it. According to Mr. Cottrell, the conclusion of the class was as follows: Some of the corn in the hollows was hurt, but most of it was out of danger, at least serious danger, especially in the highlands. The plants were killed however.

Eight new white enamel stools, a large cooking table, a four burner kerosene stove, a new Singer sewing machine have been added to the home economics equipment.

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BASEBALL TEAM WINS

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With a score of 5 to 1, Edgewood came back in its second game and defeated Delhi on the home grounds. A new battery, Stalnaker, catcher and Gayle Peick, hurler, contributed to the victory although improved work by the entire team, resulting from the initial defeat by Strawberry Point, was marked. The seven innings were played in sixty-five minutes. Blanchard did good work for the opponents while Dr. F. H. Stalnaker did very satisfactory officiating.

Due to Edgewood's inability to hit when the bases were full as well as costly errors and misplays, Strawberry Point again defeated the E. H. S. team, in an evenly played game on the victor's diamond. The score was 7 to 5. Peick and Stalnaker went the full route of seven innings. The team showed a distinct improvement over their first game form and threatened to win the game from the first to the last inning. The Edgewood rooters, thirty four of whom went with the team, as well as a number of town people, decisively defeated the Strawberry pep section. They never gave up until the final out was declared.

Delhi was the scene of a lively contest on October 1, resulting in a 3 to 0 victory for Edgewood. Orange and Black played a fine game, stealing eleven bases while committing only three errors. Hitting by Clyde Sevey was one of the features of the game. Bradley Stone sustained an injury to his knee when making for first base on a hit.

A feature of the game was the fine sportsmanship shown by the Edgewood boys, which drew the comments of both the Delhi students and faculty.

Preparations are being made for the final game of the season when Earlville plays Edgewood here Friday afternoon at 3:15. The pep department of the school will be in full swing and Edgewood plans to win the game. Admission is charged to outsiders but local students are admitted free of charge.

The following players not already mentioned, have seen action on the first team this year: Ted Robinson, Max Reusch, Merwin Stone, John Gates, Tom Kramer, Frank Weyant, Harold Beatty and John Rhines.

CLASS ORGANIZATION

All the high school classes were organized for the coming year on September 15, when an extra period was set aside for the purpose. Each class met in a specially assigned room with its class sponsor, appointed by Supt. Paul K. Gardner. The officials elected were as follows:

SENIORS

President—Max Reusch
Vice-President—Merwin Stone
Secretary—Iota Miller
Treasurer—Aurelia Funk
Sponsor: Maud Clifton

JUNIOR CLASS

President—Violet Ross
Vice-President—Sidney Tyrrell
Secretary—Fay Sherman
Treasurer—Howard Stalnaker.
Sponsor. Alma Wigdahl

SOPHOMORE CLASS

President—Ted Robinson
Vice-President—Howard Scovel
Secretary—Dorothy Waring
Treasurer—Vera Rizer
Sponsor: Ardis Swords

FRESHMAN CLASS

President—Jerome Newman
Vice-President—Charles Chapman
Secretary—Herman Lewis
Treasurer—Helen Hansen.
Sponsor: Thelma Hansen

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Vice-President—Helen Robinson
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ALUMNI RIPPLES

Alumni members will be pleased to get news about Mrs. Edna Minkler Thompson who graduated from E. H. S. in the class of 1897. Mrs. Thompson together with her five year old daughter, Barbara, is now in Edgewood visiting at the home place.

A reporter, searching for alumni news dug up the following information: Mrs. Thompson resides at Nyack, New York, a suburb of 10,000 people twenty-eight miles from New York City. Her husband, Mr. Roy Thompson, is engagel in the manufacture of the Thompson Neutrodyne Radio in Jersey City where he has a five story factory.

Mrs. Thompson awaits the coming to Edgewood of her sister, Mrs. Gena Powell, (class of 1904) of Red Oak, Iowa. Later Mr. Thompson will come for a visit and then the family in company with Mrs. Powell will motor home to Nyack, in their Franklin sedan.

Mrs. Laura Beyer True, again member of the Edgewood Community was persuaded to give the alumni section of the paper a brief account of some of her experiences. "I attended Edgewood High School for the entire course and graduated in the class of 1903. My college education was received at Denver University, graduating in the spring of 1907. I returned to Edgewood and taught in the high school for three and one half years and then gave up my work to become Mrs. James True. Our first home was in Southern Alberta, Can. and after two years' residence there, we moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming. This was our home up to the time we caught the "Florida Fever" last spring.—Now the terrible hurricane of two weeks ago has blown us again toward the wonderful "Golden West."

Our two oldest boys are now entering the Edgewood School and they are going into a fine modern well-equipped building. Edgewood High School of my day consisted of only the old building, the south side of the present school.

My stay in Edgewood is to be indefinite and so I hope to have the opportunity of knowing more of the work of both teachers and students.

Laura Beyer True

"Tell me about your son, Edgar" Aurelia Funk, alumni editor, begged of Mrs. Isaac Gates, his mother. "We want to tell the E. H. S. Alumni about him." So Mrs. Gates gave a short history of his life.

He graduated in the class of 1906 with five girls and one other boy. Like many other Edgewood boys, he became a rural school teacher, being located at Gettysburg, S. D. Afterwards he spent four years at Huron College, Huron, S. D., where he graduated with the bachelor of science degree. This was followed by a number of years of teaching in the city schools of Minnesota. During that time he completed a three year course in accountance work in the extension department of the University of Minnesota.

After eleven years of teaching, Edgar took a position in the United States Internal Revenue department in which organization he is now an inspector. His headquarters are St. Paul and Duluth where mail addressed to him will reach him.

The following greeting from Lottie Breed is addressed to the present E. H. S. pupils, but members of the class of 1903 will be glad to read it. Lottie is now living in Edgewood.

"I can say with pride that I am an Edgewood graduate. My last years in high school were spent under the direction of F. D. Joseph, one of the best instructors Iowa ever produced.

My father was the professor when the first class graduated from Edgewood High School, in 1889 and it seemed that I naturally followed his footsteps for I, too, ended my teaching career in Edgewood High School. There I spent almost five years in very enjoyable work.

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