

Tape 1990.26.43 Interview of Mrs. Moorehead

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Keywords

Sallings School

8th Grade Graduation

Porcupine School

Polaski School

Van Tyle School

Shaff School

Gleaners Hall, Hallock

Mrs. Moorehead was a school teacher who taught at Sallings, Polaski, Porcupine and Sparr schools.

Sallings School - taught there 2 years from 1920-21 and 1921-22

Sallings had two schools. One was for 30-40 students in lower grades and the other for 30-40 students in 5-8th grades. They were located west of curve in road.

Course of studies was set by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Basic classes plus health, geography, penmanship and, for the 8th graders, government.

Lots of desk work and memorization; little time for discussion - too many grades to teach to have time for discussion. There was also little time for each grade per subject.

8th graders had to pass a State exam to go to high school. Exam was held in May at County Courthouse. Teacher spent month prior concentrating on teaching the 8th grade students so they could pass this exam.

School discipline depended on teacher. Mrs. Moorehead favored taking away privileges as punishment.

School started day after Labor Day and ran for 9 months. The length of Christmas vacation depended on whether or not school had time off for the potato harvest. Since Salling area did not have potato farm families they got the regular Christmas break.

8th grade graduation was part of "Last day of school" program. Consisted of songs, recitation, funny dialogs, reading essays, etc. by all students.

There were no snow days as such, but school was cancelled if teacher could not get there. Teacher walked to school. Sallings had several stores including one owned by Jensen, the mill owner.

Porcupine School - taught 1914-15. Had 15-20 students

School burned in 1931 or 32. Was in center of school district and not located at Hallock, which was a logging town.

VanTyle School

3 1/2 miles west of airport. Red brick bldg. Was either the first school or one of the first schools to consolidate with Gaylord. Teacher who taught at Van Tyle when district consolidated went to Gaylord to teach as she had a signed contract with school district. Bldg. was sold to Charlie Sanders who tore it down and used the bricks for his house on Hayes Tower Rd.

Polaski School

There were 3 school bldgs over time. The second one burned down and was replaced with cement block bldg.

Shaff School

Mrs. Joseph Theisen was one of teachers. She also gave music lessons. Had recitals at Gleaners Hall in Hallock. Gleaners Hall was the center of social events at Hallock since there was no school bldg in Hallock.

In 1914 Hallock had three stores, RR depot

Parker church was to the south.