

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS – BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

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BREITUNG TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENTS

	J. Lewis Reed (1911)
	J.D. Martin (1918)
-1922	T.J. Lenz
1922-1925	Edmund A. Crawford
1925-1950	Frank C. Sweeney
1950-1963	Albert Theodore "Ted" Allen
1963-1978	Leonard J. VanHoven
1978-1984	David M. Blomquist
1984-1987	Allen D. Dighera
1987-1991	William Howes
1991-1994	James A. Verley
1995-1997	John W. Carlson
1997-2000	L. Peter Johnson
2000-2005	Robert W. Staple
2005-2006	Douglas M. Massignan
2006-	Craig E. Allen

KINGSFORD HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

1925-1946	F. Dean Davidson
1946-1947	Roland S. Strolle
1947-1948	Americo Fiorucci and Loretta Belhumeur (one semester)
1948-1950	Albert Theodore Allen
1950-1971	Albert Treado
1971-1994	Clyde D. Peterson
1994-1997	L. (Leonard) Peter Johnson
1997-2009	Robert J. Usitalo
2009-	Lyle D. Smithson, Jr.

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS GENERAL ARTICLES

Quinnesec, Michigan Centennial 1876-1976: First on the Range by John Alquist, 1976, page 38

Previous to 1920 the enrollment in the entire Breitung Township was 221, with the

Garfield School having about half of these students, and the other schools, (all one room) located at Pine Creek, Indiana Mine, Twin Falls, Merriman, and Granite Bluff having the remainder. The enrollment in the schools of Breitung Township from the boom years of 1924-1927 are as follows: 1920 – 221; 1921 – 285; 1922 – 380; 1923 – 428; 1924 – 799; 1925 – 1652; 1926 – 2820; and 1927 – 3041. Eventually the total reached 3200 students. This, of course, resulted in new schools being built in Kingsford, Quinnesec, Pine Grove and Twin Falls during the years 1923 to 1926.

The Capitol Times, Kingsford, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume _____, Number _____ [Thursday, December 29, 1938] page _____, column _____ [Article reprinted from the *Kingsford 15th Anniversary Edition of the Capitol Times*.]

SPLENDID COOPERATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRESS OF KINGSFORD SCHOOL SYSTEM

The development of the schools in the Kingsford area since the advent of the Ford Motor Company presents an interesting story, one probably never before duplicated outside of the metropolitan areas of the state, and never before in the Upper Peninsula.

Previous to 1920, according to the school records of Breitung Township, the only school building, the Eischen School, then in the Kingsford area, had been vacated and the nine children living in the immediate district now comprising Kingsford attended school in the Iron Mountain district [*sic* – *District*]. The enrollment in the entire Breitung Township District was 221, the Garfield school at Quinnesec having an enrollment of slightly

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more than one hundred students and the other schools, one room buildings about the township located at Pine Creek, Indiana Mine, Twin Falls, Merriman and Granite Bluff, having a total of slightly more than one hundred students.

During the succeeding year the enrollment had increased to 285, with Kingsford having fifty-seven pupils. From this point the development was rapid.

Survey Is Made

A one room school building, located directly north of the present West Breitung building[,] was opened to accommodate the enrollment south of the Ford Plant. This building, now converted into a dwelling, was outgrown within a very short period. Miss Colette Larkin, afterwards an instructor in the Kingsford High school, was the teacher in charge.

During the following year the present West Breitung school and the Woodward Avenue school, north of the plant, were built. Each were four room structures which were filled to capacity within a few months. Later, additions were built to each of the buildings but the growth was so rapid that the school authorities were forced to adopt the double shift or half-day session plan and erect several portable school rooms to meet the situation.

A survey of the building requirements was requested by the Board of Education and the survey was made by W.L. Goffey and G.L. Goodrich, deputy superintendent and director of inspection, respectively, for the State Department of Public Instruction.

As a result of the survey a building program to meet the needs of a school system having an enrollment of 2500 to 3000 students was formulated. Bonds were voted, plans made, sites purchased and other preliminary work incident to construction was completed with dispatch, but construction of buildings could not keep apace with the ever increasing enrollment

which had now increased to 800 students in this two and one half [year] period.

Building Program

This increase continued throughout the period 1924 to 1927 when the enrollment reached and exceeded the 3000 mark. In later years it mounted to 3200.

Summarized the school enrollment of the so-called boom days was as follows:

1920.....	221
1921.....	285
1922.....	380
1923.....	428
1924.....	799
1925.....	1652
1926.....	2820
1927.....	3041

During this period the Board of Education had carried on a building program as recommended in the survey and in December 1926 with the completion of the Ferndale (Lincoln) school the four year construction and organization program was completed. If anything, the extent of the construction program was too conservative as several buildings now utilize basement rooms and auditoriums for class rooms [*sic – classrooms*] and study halls.

The students are housed[,] however[,] in modern, well lighted and attractive buildings and the community built in four years the number of buildings which most communities provide in forty or more years on average.

The total value of all school property and equipment is appraised at \$1,328,268.10.

Other Construction

The buildings constructed during the period of expansion are as follows:

Kingsford High (1925)...	\$259,886.06
Quinnesec (1925).....	170,054.90
Garden Village (1926)....	141,078.18
Kingsford Hgts. (1926)....	169,981.81
Roosevelt (1926).....	110,672.40

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Lincoln (1926).....	70,774.25
Breitung (1923).....	33,275.25
Woodward (1923).....	34,235.25
Pine Grove (1925).....	3,500.00
Twin Falls (1925).....	9,500.00

The Kingsford athletic field, located directly behind the high school building[,] is the outstanding field in this immediate district. With a fine quarter mile track surrounding the football field and a superior system of flood lighting for evening contests it has become a popular center for all contests.

The stone garage housing the school buses was also secured from federal funds. All buses leave the garage, the central point for the township transportation system, under which more than three hundred students are transported each day from and to the outlying districts.

Varied Program

The educational program of the schools has grown with the demands of the times.

Each new department and subject has been introduced after due consideration as to its importance in giving the youth of the community needed advantages worth while.

The community has produced more than the average number of young folks who have gone on to college and met with more than ordinary success in their work.

The vocational departments of the Kingsford high [sic – High] school have been outstanding in their service to the young men and women in high school. This has been especially true of the commercial department, industrial arts, and home economics departments.

In building up the educational program due consideration has been given to the training of teachers.

Meeting the accrediting standards of the highest educational accrediting agencies the professional requirement for both high school and grades has been increased to completion of the four years college or

university course as the first major requirement for eligibility to teach in the system.

It is interesting to note that a majority of the teachers are residents of the county, and also that a majority of the principals have been promoted from teaching positions within the system.

Friendly Spirit

A noticeable feature of the Kingsford schools is the spirit of friendliness, sympathy and cooperation that exists between parents, teachers and students.

The influence of active Parent-Teachers' Associations, always willing to help in advancing the educational program of the community, has been helpful.

The extent of the progress made in the development of the Breitung Township Schools (Kingsford) in these few short years is best summed up in the recent statement to the Board of Education after a progress report had been reviewed by Eugene B. Elliott, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. "I want to congratulate the board for the splendid way in which you have built up the school program during the last twelve year period," said Elliott.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, July 1, 1976], page 12, columns 1-2 [double columns]

Breitung Township School District has had only three superintendents

The Breitung Township School District has had only three superintendents in its 51-year-old history.

Frank Sweeney served as the first superintendent from 1925 to 1950. A.T. Allen became superintendent in 1950 and

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held that position until retiring in 1963. Since 1963 Leonard VanHoven has served in that position.

Kingsford High School has had seven principals since 1925, starting with F. Dean Davidson, who was principal from 1925 until 1946. Roland Stolle was principal in 1946-47, while Americo Fiorucci and Loretta Belhumeur served as co-principals for one semester during the 1947-48 school year. A.T. Allen was KHS principal from 1948-1950, when he was named superintendent. For the next 21 years, Albert Treado was principal and upon his retirement in 1971 the present principal, Clyde Peterson, assumed that office.

The development of the school system in Breitung Township-Kingsford really began with the advent of Ford Motor Co. operations in Kingsford. Previous to 1920, the only school building, the Eischen School, then in the Kingsford area, had been vacated and the nine children living in the immediate district now comprising Kingsford attended school in Iron Mountain.

The enrollment in the entire Breitung [*sic* – *Breitung*] Township District was 221, the Garfield School at Quinnesec having an enrollment of slightly more than 100 students and the other schools, one-room buildings at Pine Creek, Indiana Mine, Twin Falls, Merriman and Granite Bluff, having a total enrollment of slightly more than 100 students.

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A survey of the building requirements was requested by the Board of Education and the survey was made by W.L. Goffey and G.L. Goodrich, deputy superintendent and director of inspection, respectively, for the State Department of Public Instruction.

As a result of the survey a building program to meet the needs of a school system having an enrollment of 2,500 to 3,000 students was formulated. Bonds were voted, plans made, sites purchased and other preliminary work incident to construction of buildings could not keep pace with the ever increasing enrollment which had now increased to 800 students in a two and one-half year period.

This increase continued throughout the period 1924 to 1927, when the enrollment reached and exceeded the 3,000 mark. In later years it mounted to 3,200.

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The students were housed, [*sic*] in modern, well-lighted and attractive buildings and the community built in four years the number of buildings which most communities provide in 40 or more years on the average.

Since 1926, the only new building constructed in the Breitung Township School System, the Kingsford High School Building, was completed in 1964. [*The Kingsford High School building was constructed in 1964-1965 and opened in the fall of 1965.*]

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The present enrollment of the Breitung Township School System is 2,265 students.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 23 [Thursday, October 27, 1904], page 5, column 4

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

The new school-house [sic – schoolhouse] at Pine creek is completed and Miss Hanna Kaltz, of West Branch, Mich., has been engaged as teacher. School will open November 1st.

The board of education has decided to establish a school in District Number Four at Granite Bluff. A building has been secured and school will be opened as soon as a teacher can be engaged.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 5, column 2

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

C.O. Smith, principal of the schools, attended the institute at Ishpeming last Friday and Saturday.

The board of education has engaged Russell Goodson, of Valparaiso [sic – Valparaiso], Indiana, to teach the Granite Bluff school. The building recently occupied by Louis Langon as a residence has been purchased by the school board and remodeled into a school house.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 12 [Thursday, August 11, 1910], page 5, column 3

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

The board of education is having some extensive improvements made at the Garfield school. A steam heating plant is being installed, concrete floor laid in basement, toilet rooms installed, also the latest improved sanitary drinking fountain, the inside of the building varnished throughout, and a cement walk laid around the grounds.

The board of education has engaged the following teachers for the ensuing school year: At the Garfield school, J. Lewis Reed, of Essexville, principal; Anna Bryngelson and Mabel Massie, grade teachers. Pine Creek school, Raymond Holmes; Twin Falls school, Miss Mabel Reath; Granite bluff school, Alonzo L. Willard; Euschen [sic – Eichen] school, Miss Jessie Stephens. There will be no school in the Corollo district.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 15 [Thursday, September 1, 1910], page 4, column 1

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

Principal Reed, of the high school, returned yesterday morning from the Canadian Northwest, where he spent his vacation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jay S. Reed and son, of Quinnesec, spent last Tuesday afternoon in the city with relatives. Mr. Reed is the new principal of the Breitung township schools and comes from Howell, Mich. [NOTE: Mr. Reed is also mentioned in other articles as

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the principal of the Iron Mountain High School, so the mention of Breitung Township Schools may be in error.]

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 34 [Thursday, January 12, 1911], page 1, column 2

A MODERN SPELLING BEE.

Contest Arranged for Schools of Waucedah, Norway and Brietung [*sic* – *Breitung*].

The schools of Waucedah, Norway and Brietung [*sic* – *Breitung*] townships are arranging for a spelling contest. The following rules have been adopted by Supts. Miller, Walsh and Reed.

Rule I – The contest shall be held at Vulcan, Feb. 17th, 1911, at 3:00 p.m.

Rule II – Each township superintendent shall select a list of 200 words to be spelled at the contest.

Rule III – The pupils of all schools in those townships shall be permitted to study those words before the contest takes place. Only pupils who can spell 75 per cent of those words shall be permitted to enter the final contest.

Rule IV – Each teacher shall be the judge of the eligibility of their own contestants.

Rule V – All pupils in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades who stand 100 per cent shall have their names published in some local paper and those of all lower grades who stand 95 per cent or over shall have the same honor.

Rule VI – The words spelled at this contest shall be written in pen and ink and shall be pronounced by some disinterested person.

Rule VII – All disputed questions shall be settled by the person appointed to pronounce the words.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, August 26, 1921], page 2, column 5

BREITUNG SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GROWS

The Garfield school will open next Monday with a larger attendance than usual owing to the fact that every habitable house is occupied. The teachers at the Breitung township schools have been engaged as follows:

T.J. Lenz, principal of Garfield school.
Lucille Rouse, intermediate room.
Della Tanquay, primary room.
Gertrude Walter, Indiana school.
Hazel Johns, Pine Creek school.
Wesley Bond, Twin Falls school.
Violet Erickson, Merriman school.
Laura Hebert, Granite Bluff school.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, June 22, 1922], page 1, column 3

BREITUNG PLANS THREE SCHOOLS

\$40,000 Bond Issue May Be Put Before Voters

It is probable that a special school bond election will be held in Breitung township at

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an early date. The board of education has estimated that it will need not less than \$40,000 for the erection of three school buildings.

The contemplated expenditure provides for four-room buildings at Kingsford Heights, West Breitung and in the Pine Creek district. The Pine Creek school would be built in accordance with the state standard school plants and cost \$4,000. The cost of the buildings at West Breitung and Kingsford Heights have been placed at about \$18,000. It is probable that brick and stone will be employed in the construction. Each building will have four rooms, but only two will be finished at this time.

Messrs. Langsford, Bryngelson and Trevarthan, members of the board of education, are now engaged in looking for sites and are hopeful that the property may be donated to the school district. The location and erection of the schools in the vicinity of the Ford plant is dependent, in a measure[,] upon such a donation, it is said.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, June 23, 1922], page 2, column 3

BOND ISSUE TO BE VOTED UPON

Breitung To Hold Election; Three School Lots Donated

On Monday, July 10, the electors of Breitung township will vote on the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$40,000 for the erection of three school buildings – at West Breitung, Kingsford Heights and in the Pine Creek district.

This conclusion was reached last evening when the board of education received donations of sites for the three buildings. The Michigan Iron, Land & Lumber company has donated one acre of land on Woodward avenue for the Kingsford Heights school. The site is a beautiful one, being well wooded and easily parked. It is situated directly opposite the heights. The West Breitung site contains three full lots and was given to the school district by the Iron Mountain Real Estate company.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Saturday, July 8, 1922], page 2, column 3

BREITUNG VOTES ON BOND ISSUE

\$40,000 Proposal For Three Schools To Be Balloted On

Breitung township tax-payers [*sic* – *taxpayers*] will vote Monday on the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$40,000 for the erection of three new school buildings made necessary by the rapid increase in population in the vicinity of the extensive operations of the Michigan Iron, Land & Lumber company.

If the proposed bond issue is endorsed by the voters, the board of education will make immediate arrangements for the erection of brick school buildings at Kingsford Heights and at West Breitung and for a frame building in the Pine Creek farming district. The first two buildings will be brick and stone construction and the initial erection scheme provides for a four-

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room school two of which will be finished this year. The Pine Creek building will contain one room.

The Michigan Iron, Land & Lumber company has donated the site, one acre of land on Woodward avenue, for the Kingsford Heights school and the Iron Mountain Real Estate company several lots for the West Breitung school.

The annual school budget will be voted at the same election and a school trustee will be elected. Fred Langsford is a candidate to succeed himself and has no opposition.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Tuesday, July 11, 1922], page 1, column 4

BREITUNG VOTES FOR NEW SCHOOLS

Township Favors \$40,000 Bond Issue, Poll Shows

By a vote of 50 to 2, the tax-payers [*sic* – *taxpayers*] of Breitung township express themselves in favor of issuing \$46,000 [*sic*] worth of bonds for the erection of three new school houses [*sic* – *schoolhouses*] made necessary by an increase in population during the past year. While the poll was a light one, the small negative vote would indicate that a large majority of the tax-payers [*sic* – *taxpayers*] favored the loan. And, too, it was a nice endorsement of the action of the board of education in fostering the building proposal. Fred Langsford, the retiring trustee, had no opposition for re-election.

Fred E. Parmelee & Son have been engaged to draft the plans for the three new buildings, and it is hoped to let the erection contracts within the next few weeks.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Wednesday, July 19, 1922], page 1, column 4

SCHOOL CONTRACTS TO BE GIVEN SOON

Breitung Township Board Will Award Work On Basements

Within the next few days the board of education of Breitung township will let the contracts for the basements for the new school buildings to be erected at Kingsford Heights and West Breitung at a cost of about \$17,000 each. Arrangements have already been made for the sale of the \$40,000 worth of bonds recently voted by the people. The building scheme of the board of education also provides for the erection of a \$5,000 frame school house in the Pine Creek farming district.

Fred E. Parmelee & Son are now engaged in drafting the plans for the three buildings. The West Breitung and Kingsford Heights structures will be of brick, stone and stucco construction, one story in height with a full basement. Each will be 73 by 38 feet in size and contain four classrooms, sanitary [*sic* – *sanitary*] wardrobes and modern toilets. Ultimately it is expected to equip the basement for manual training and domestic science departments. The plans are so arranged that additions may be made to the two buildings to

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accommodate the increased growth of the district.

The Pine Creek school will replace an old building and will be in a much more attractive location. In size it will be 24 by 40 feet with a wing 8 by 16 feet. It will be similar in construction to the Indiana mine school building, which has the approval of the state educational department.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Tuesday, August 1, 1922], page 1, column 7

SCHOOL CONTRACT IS NOT AWARDED

Bids For Breitung Township to Be Acted On

[Remainder of this article needs to be copied.]

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, August 3, 1922], page 1, column 7

AWARD CONTRACT FOR BASEMENTS

Victor Bergquist Successful Bidder For Breitung Job

The contract for the excavation and foundation of the basements for the two new schools to be erected by Breitung township, one in Kingsford Heights and one

in West Breitung, was awarded last night to Victor Bergquist.

There was a wide variation in the four bids submitted. Bergquist's tender amounted to \$3,465, Emmett Markley bid \$3,541, G.A. Gustafson bid \$5,825 and the Hicks Engineering company bid \$6,650.

Work will begin immediately on the Kingsford Heights school, declared E.F. Parmelee, architect, in charge, today. It is hoped to have the buildings completed for the fall term of school as a tuition fee has to be paid to the Iron Mountain schools if the township children are sent here.

The basements will be constructed of concrete.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Saturday, August 5, 1922], page 1, column 3

BERGQUIST BACKS DOWN ON AWARD

Gustafson Will Probably Build Breitung School Basements

Victor Bergquist, who was awarded the contract for the excavation and construction of the basements in the two schools to be erected by Breitung township, one in Kingsford Heights and the other in West Breitung, has withdrawn his bid of \$3,465 and the work will probably be given to G.A. Gustafson, it was announced today.

It was declared that Bergquist had under-estimated [*sic – underestimated*] the work and that he found it difficult to secure a bond for the price he submitted. In view of this, he notified F.E. Parmelee, architect in charge, that he would withdraw. The

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next lowest bidder, Emmett Markley, who offered to do the work for \$3,541, is also understood to have withdrawn.

The third lowest bidder was Gustafson, who turned in a tender of \$5,825. He may begin the work next week.

The contract for the installation of water mains in Kingsford Heights has been awarded to M.J. Bacco, who will start the job at once. The mains are being put in by the Iron Mountain Real Estate company.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 110 [Saturday, August 19, 1922], page 1, column 3

CHANGE PLANS ON SCHOOL JOB

Substitute Brownstone For Cement So As to Rush Work

Rather than retard the work of erecting the new school buildings at Kingsford Heights and West Breitung, the township board of education has authorized G.A. Gustafson, the contractor, to employ brownstone instead of concrete in the construction of the basements. The change in plans is due to an inability to secure the delivery of a supply of cement held back by the railroad strike. It is expected to let the contract for the two buildings within the next few weeks. The buildings complete will cost about \$17,000.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Tuesday, September 26, 1922], page 1, column 6

HEATING PLANT CONTRACTS LET

Breitung Township Board Arranges for School Systems

Contracts for the heating plants to be installed in the two new schools being erected in Breitung township were awarded last night at a meeting of the township board of education. The plants will cost about \$3,000 each and will be the latest type heating systems.

Construction work on the school in Kingsford Heights is going forward at a good rate. The contract calls for completion by November 1, so that pupils who are now forced to attend Iron Mountain schools can be transferred to the new building before the severe winter weather sets in. A large part of the framework has been completed and from now on it is expected that the work will progress faster.

Completion of work on the other school is called for by December 1.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 119 [Wednesday, August 29, 1923], page 6, column 3

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TEACHERS NAMED

Double Number Last Year Will Start Out Term

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Teachers for the Breitung township schools have all been selected and everything is in readiness for the opening of the term, according to Superintendent E.A. Crawford.

Last year the township started out the term with nine teachers but this has been increased to 18 this year.

The list of teachers follows:

Garfield School – Lillian Voight, principal; Olive Caddy, Jennie Rowe, Lillis Richards.

Kingsford Heights – Bernard Geisen, principal; Agnes Morrow, Viola Hoaglund, Mildred Truckey.

Breitung – Hugo Husted, Collette Larkin, Gertrude Wolters, Edith Richardson.

Twin Falls – Margaret Langsford.

Merriman – Agnes E. Oberg.

Granite Bluff – Viola Erickson.

Indiana – Agnes Stensaas.

Pine Creek – Wesley Bond.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 234 [Friday, January 16, 1925], page 3, column 1

TWO-SHIFT PLAN USED IN SCHOOLS

Village Has Accommodations for 900; Enrollment is 1,250

School congestion has become so stressed in the village of Kingsford that the Breitung township board, which has supervision over all village schools[,] has instituted a two-shift plan in several of them.

And in the opinion of E.A. Crawford, superintendent of township schools, unless

more bonds are issued, so that new buildings can be erected, next fall will find the township facing a problem almost impossible to solve.

Schools that have gone on a two-shift basis include those at Ferndale, Garden Village, Pinehurst, Breitung and the Marquette boulevard school in Kingsford Heights. The grades affected are the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh.

School starts for the first shift at 7:15 o'clock in the morning, continuing until 12 noon. At 12:15 the second shift begins, ending at 5 p.m. Each shift has its own teachers.

Need More Buildings.

Continuation of this plan will be necessary until there are more school buildings, Mr. Crawford stated. Even the new \$250,000 junior high school building being erected in the village will not relieve the situation to the extent of permitting normal routing in the other schools.

The village schools now have an enrollment of approximately 1,250 children. There are 54 teachers on the payroll; three years ago there was one. There are accommodations for 900 pupils so that about 600 are attending school on the two-shift plan. Without the portable and temporary schools that were put in use during the last year there would be room for only 550 students.

The issuance of more bonds is regarded as the only effective solution, despite the fact that the township now has about \$375,000 in school bonds outstanding. Growth of the village and adjoining territory has been more rapid than anticipated and school officials have found themselves hard pressed to meet the situation with insufficient funds to properly carry on the work.

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The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 299 [Thursday, April 2, 1925], page 6, column 5

VILLAGE SCHOOL TEACHERS UNITE

Geison Named President of Organization; Meets Monday

School teachers in the village of Kingsford have organized a Teachers' club, the organization meeting being held at the new high school.

A[.] Geison was elected president and Miss Jaunita [*sic* – *Juanita*] Sullivan was named secretary and treasurer.

The club has a membership of 40. It will hold its next meeting Monday night at the high school. The purpose of the organization is to discuss common problems in instruction and to better carry on their work.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 15 [Tuesday, April 28, 1925], page 3, column 1

\$450,000 Issue of School Bonds Proposed by Board

Deemed Necessary to Care For Growth in Breitung Township

Members of the Breitung township school board last evening put their stamp of approval upon a proposal to issue \$450,000 worth of bonds to provide for needed expansion and will place the question before the voters at an election to be held May 11.

An ambitious program is to be undertaken if the issue carries. It includes the erection of two schools in the village, completion of the second stories of the new Quinnesec and Kingsford schools, purchase of school furnishings and purchase of five new school sites, the latter a precautionary step to provide for the rapid growth of the community areas in the township.

Passage of the bond issue will, it is believed, insure the board sufficient funds to carry on the program of education deemed necessary in the township. In the past four years the school census in the area of the village of Kingsford has shown a tremendous growth and today the enrollment is double the grade enrollment of the city of Norway, which has greater school facilities. With 1,300 children enrolled in village schools new buildings are declared to be imperative.

The board is now preparing statistics to show actual conditions, comparing them with other communities of like size.

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Survey Shows Growth of Township School Census

Had 197 Pupils in 1920; More Than 1,700 En-

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rolled Now.

In putting to a vote the question of bonding the township of Breitung for \$450,000 to provide proper school facilities in the district, the township school board has prepared some interesting facts in connection with conditions existing in all of the schools. These facts were gained in a survey made by the state department of education in conjunction with the township authorities some time ago so as to give the public an idea of the urgent need for better facilities in the educational system. With the approval of the school bond issue by the board the matter will be finally decided by the election which is to be held on May 11.

A survey of the school record in Breitung township shows an enormous increase in enrollment over a six-year period. In 1920, 197 students were enrolled and nine teachers employed, in 1921 there were 202 pupils with the same number of teachers while in 1921 [*sic* – 1922] an increase of over 50 was recorded with 257 pupils registered and 10 teachers employed. In 1923 the increase was double that of the previous year, 362 students being registered and 14 teachers employed while the following year there were 804 students and the number of teachers was increased to 24.

Doubles In Year.

Since 1924 the increase has been so rapid that the board has had to put the schools on a two shift basis in order to cope with the situation. There are 1700 students enrolled and 55 teachers employed, most of the registrations being made after September. The greatest increase came in the Kingsford area, where, in 1922, from an enrollment of 62 students the number has kept increasing until now over 1300 of the

1700 students in the township are attending school in this area. Over 100 of these students have been forced to attend the schools in Iron Mountain, making it necessary for the township to pay tuition for each one.

In the Kingsford area there are 41 teachers employed but only 28 rooms are provided to take care of this large enrollment. This has made it necessary to use the six rooms in the Breitung grade school and six rooms in the Kingsford Heights grade school on a two shift basis, making an average of over 47 pupils for each room, or 32 pupils per teacher. Of these 28 rooms, only 12 have been classified as approved grade school rooms by the state board, four being basement rooms, 6 portable rooms and the other six are one-room buildings.

Board Makes Comparison.

A comparison has also been made by the board between the schools in the Kingsford area and the grade schools of three cities in this district with approximately the same but excluding the seventh and eighth grades which is part of the high school system. In one town there is an enrollment of 996, 34 rooms and 35 teachers with an average number of pupils per room of 29. In the second town there are 891 students, 24 rooms, a like number of teachers and an average of 37 students per room. In the third city there is an enrollment of 1187, 38 rooms and 42 teachers with an average number of 31 pupils per room. The average in the Kingsford area is over 47 pupils per room with 41 teachers handling classes in only 28 rooms.

Twenty-four of the 28 rooms are used by students from grades one to six, nine being used on the double shift basis. This action was made necessary by the board which was powerless to purchase portable buildings or rent dwellings to take care of

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the increased enrollment, 600 of this increase being registered after October.

Building Necessity Evident.

The facts as presented by the board bring out forcefully, it is declared, the necessity of starting the building program which provides for the erection of two new schools, purchase of five new school sites, completion of the second story on the schools in Kingsford and Quinnesec and the purchase of equipment which will be needed in the new schools. The new school being built at Quinnesec will amply care for its needs and accommodate the 235 pupils who are now being taken care of in four rooms, the library and two store buildings. Nine rooms are needed to take care of the enrollment for next September, the board estimates. The building provides for 12 rooms.

Every bit of available space in the new Kingsford High school which is to be opened in September will be used and it is planned not only to take care of pupils in grades seven to 12 inclusive with an enrollment estimated at 500, but six rooms will be given over to the lower grades. This does not remedy the situation to any great extent, according to the survey made by the board, and the passing of the bond issue will be necessary to insure the children of the township proper educational facilities.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 24 [Friday, May 8, 1925], page 2, columns 1-2

SWEENEY TELLS OF BOND ISSUE NEED

Badly Overcrowded Conditions Requires [sic] More

Grade Rooms

Need for the passage of the \$450,000 school bond issue in Breitung township was stressed by Frank C. Sweeney, county commissioner of schools, in a statement issued today. The bond issue, which is to come to a vote of the people on Monday, May 11, will provide for the building of two new school houses, completion of a school in Kingsford and one in Quinnesec and the purchase of five new school sites in the township as well as providing the necessary furnishings for the buildings.

Enrollment in the Kingsford area of Breitung township has increased from 1,300 two weeks ago, to 1,350, with new residents moving in daily. Conditions in the Kingsford area are at a crisis according to Mr. Sweeney, and the only relief will be through the passage of the bond issue.

Below Average

Comparing Kingsford with other communities in the district having about the same school population, the majority have an average of at least 32 grade school rooms. The total number of grade school rooms in the Kingsford community is only 28, but this includes only 12 standard grade rooms, the remaining 16 being located in basements, portable buildings and dwellings.

At present a number of the rooms are on a double shift basis and although this plan has taken care of the enrollment, it has been found, after a careful survey, that pupils will not cover the work that should be completed.

Is Large Program

The program which is to be undertaken is perhaps the largest ever attempted in any community of this size. "Present plans call for the expenditure of a considerable amount," says Mr. Sweeney, "but it must be

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borne in mind that school facilities for the Kingsford area must be provided in equal proportion to other towns in the district of the same population.” According to Mr. Sweeney, the Kingsford area is forced by circumstances to build up a school system in several years that other communities have taken 30 or 40 years to build.

Completion of the new Kingsford high school will afford some relief, taking care of a number of students who have been forced to attend high school in Iron Mountain. Only a limited number of students, however, can be taken care of below the high school grades.

“We must relieve the shortage of grade school rooms at the earliest possible time. Parents realize the situation and will no doubt remedy the matter,” said Mr. Sweeney.

Growing from a community five years ago when only a one-room school was needed to a community of 5,500 necessitates the erection of buildings and also the purchase of equipment and new sites, all of which is covered by the bond issue.

Made Careful Investigation

According to Mr. Sweeney the board has gone about the matter carefully. A survey was made under the direction of state experts who have helped numerous cities to build and rebuild school systems. It is believed that because of this the general plan to be carried out will be a success. A definite building program has been outlined for the Kingsford area and an effort has been made to avoid mistakes made by other villages.

Mr. Sweeney believes that a first class school system can be built up in a few years time and maintained at a moderate expenditure.

Members of the school board have been busy since the notice of the election explaining the situation to residents, and

the necessity for passing the bond issue to permit the carrying on of needed work.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 25 [Saturday, May 9, 1925], page 1, column 5

VOTE MONDAY ON BIG BOND ISSUE

Township Electors Must Cast Ballots at Quinnesec Poll

Electors of Breitung township will decide Monday whether they wish to issue \$450,000 worth of bonds to provide additional school facilities which are declared to be essential if all the children are to receive standard instruction next fall.

In the opinion of school officials, the situation is extremely bad and unless the bonds are approved it will be next to impossible to provide instruction for all children when the September term opens.

There will be only one polling place in the township as the new law authorizing more than one precinct in a township school election has not yet been signed by the governor. This precinct will be located at Quinnesec and the polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In order to vote a person must be a citizen of the United States, 21 years of age, resident of the school district for three months and the owner of property, real or personal, which is to be assessed for school taxes. If a husband and wife are joint owners of property both may vote. Purchasers of land on a land contract who

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pay taxes on the property are also eligible to vote.

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\$450,000 Bond Issue Is Approved By 233 Voters

Only 21 Against Township Proposal: Will Provide for Development.

Two hundred and thirty-three voters of Breitung township yesterday spent \$450,000 by approving the bond issue of that amount which was asked by the school board in order to carry out the development of the school system as outlined in a survey made by state officials.

When the polls at Quinnesec closed yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock 258 votes had been cast, 233 favored the bond issue, 21 were against and four were thrown out. Only a majority was needed to pass the issue.

Will Provide Relief.

The bonds will provide for the remedying of school conditions in the township, especially in the Kingsford area where the rapid growth due to the industrial development has made it necessary to adopt an extensive program to meet school needs.

Two new schools are to be built as a result of the passing *[of]* the bond issue, two more are to be completed and equipment is to be purchased for all. Work on completing the second story of the school at Quinnesec and the one in the

Kingsford district will be started without delay. The board will also take action at its next meeting towards the construction of the two new schools.

Buy Equipment This Summer.

Equipment for the schools is to be purchased this summer and five school sites will also be chosen.

This is the last election to be held under the old law which provides that the voting be done in one place. Hereafter school election voting precincts *[sic – precincts]* will be established in the several districts of the township as provided in the bill offered by Representative Langsford from this district which was passed at the last session of the legislature.

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COUNTY SCHOOL CHIEF RESIGNS

Sweeney to Accept Superintendency in Breitung Township

The resignation of Frank C. Sweeney, county commissioner of schools, is to be presented to the board of supervisors at the regular quarterly meeting to be held at the court house tomorrow, according to a statement made today. Mr. Sweeney has accepted a position as superintendent of the Breitung township schools and has already taken active charge.

Mr. Sweeney has been serving as commissioner of schools in the county since 1920, when he was the unanimous

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choice of the board to fill the unexpired term of Donald O'Hara, who resigned to accept a similar position at Gwinn, Mich.

Elected Without Opposition.

After assuming office Mr. Sweeney won many friends and in 1923 was elected without opposition for the term expiring in 1927. During his incumbency the school census has increased from 1,300 pupils to 3,000 and *[the]* number of teachers has more than doubled, 52 being employed in 1920 as compared to 120 now on the staff.

Close cooperation has also been maintained between the commissioner's office and the principals of the various schools in the county. Through this the school standard has been raised and many new features incorporated in the rural school program. School attendance has also increased from 25 to 70 per cent and the number of eighth graders entering high school has shown a large gain. In addition, the averaging *[sic – average]* training of the teachers has been increased from 1.2 years to 2.1 years.

Among the new features instituted by Sweeney are the county declamation contest, county club round-up and the annual track meet. Other school activities have also been organized and the schools have closely cooperated with various county projects such as the Red Cross, health and club programs.

Mr. Sweeney's years of experience in education will be of value to Breitung township in the reorganization of the school system, which includes the establishing of a high school and junior high school department. Previous to accepting the position of commissioner for Dickinson county Mr. Sweeney was superintendent of the Waucedah township schools for a period of six years. During that time one third of the honor pupils in the county represented his district.

Associated With Growth.

As commissioner of schools Mr. Sweeney has been closely associated with the growth of the Breitung townships schools and has been taken *[sic – taking]* an active part in the framing of a school program for the coming year. He produced the first all standard township school system in the state and has also had unlimited experience as a teacher, principal and superintendent in several schools in the lower peninsula.

His new position will present Mr. Sweeney with a wide field to develop. There are 1,800 pupils in Breitung township and between 70 and 75 teachers are to be employed next year. Direction of the county schools will be retained by Mr. Sweeney until the end of the present school year but the board is expected to take some definite action in naming a successor at the meeting tomorrow. Among those being mentioned for the position is R.B. Miller, superintendent of schools at Vulcan.

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SCHOOL BONDS APPROVED

Breitung township indicates it wants schools and good ones.

It has also indicated that it is willing to pay the price.

Yesterday the voters decisively approved the issuance of \$450,000 in bonds for school purposes. A year ago they approved an issue of \$350,000. This makes a total of \$900,000 – within speaking distance of a million. We doubt if such a record has ever been equalled *[sic – equalled]* in the state.

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But while the figures are likely to cause a gasp the township is justified in its course. As it establishes a record for school appropriations so also has it established a record for growth.

With a little more than three years a farm area has been turned into a well populated community. With less equipment to handle the children, the school census in the grades is about double that of the city of Norway. Double shift schools were resorted to but are a poor makeshift at best.

To maintain a standard of education comparable with that elsewhere in the state it was necessary to provide more buildings. This meant money and because the growth was so fast it meant a lot of money in a short time.

The voters have provided the money. The responsibility for its judicious expenditure rests with the board. It would seem that a bond issue of nearly half a million dollars should be ample to meet future demands for some time, even in the fact of the community's growth. There is a limit to what the township can stand and with \$900,000 on the books that point has about been reached. The drain in taxes to pay off these bonds and take care of the interest will be heavy enough without adding more to it.

The voters have offered the largest measure of co-operation by their willingness to make available the money to develop the school system in accordance with the ideas of the board. There is no question as to the board's sincerity nor the seriousness and unusual aspects of the problem facing it. But now that it is free to move in the direction it believes best it is to be hoped that it will accomplish as much for the taxpayer's dollar as is possible.

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Number 28 [Wednesday, May 13, 1925], page 4, column 1 [Editorial]

SWEENEY RESIGNS

In the resignation of Mr. Sweeney as commissioner of schools to accept the superintendency in Breitung township, the county loses and the township gains.

Mr. Sweeney has built up a rural school system in Dickinson that has few equals, from the standpoint of quality, in the state. And perhaps it may not be telling a tale out of school in conveying the information that his resignation is sincerely regretted by the state superintendent.

In taking charge of the Breitung school system Mr. Sweeney has accepted responsibility for a large undertaking. The system, comparatively, is in its infancy, but what an infancy! During the next year Mr. Sweeney will be concerned with the opening of almost a million dollars worth of new schools; he will be occupied with equipping them and selecting a large array of competent teachers. This, in addition to supervising the schools now in use which are badly overcrowded and require constant attention in order that they may conform with rapidly changing conditions and modern standards of education. In short, the new superintendent has a real man's size job cut out for him.

The community will wish him the largest measure of success and the same thought will greet his successor, whoever he may be.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 30 [Friday, May 15, 1925], page 5, column 4

START TAKING SCHOOL CENSUS

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Number 33 [Tuesday, May 19, 1925],
page 3, column 6

Expect Big Increase To Be Shown In Town- ship Figures

Taking of the school census in Breitung township was started today and will continue until June 1. The township has been divided into several sections to facilitate the work and the residents are asked by Jacob Roth, secretary of the school board, to cooperate with the census takers.

State aid for primary schools is based on this census, approximately \$15 being allowed for each child between the ages of 5 and 20 years. For this reason the school board is anxious to get a complete and accurate census. Because of the families which are constantly moving in[,] it is expected that a number of new names will be added to the census.

The census will be taken under the direction of Mr. Roth and F.C. Sweeney, recently appointed superintendent of schools in Breitung township. Census takers named at the meeting of the board last evening were:

Mrs. Edlen [*sic* – *Ellen* - ?] Nelson, area west of Carpenter avenue; John Feeney, between Breitung and Breen street and west to the Menominee river; Mrs. Verona Sandstrom, area south of Breen street to the district limits; Mrs. Mathilda Bartels, Kingsford Heights; John Trevarthen, Pine Creek, Indiana Mine, Twin Falls, Merriman and Granite Bluff. The census taker for Quinnesec will be appointed before the end of the week.

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Equip Playgrounds At Two Schools

Playground equipment has been installed by the Breitung township school board at the playgrounds of the Kingsford Heights and Breitung schools.

The equipment at Kingsford Heights includes 12 swings suspended from a steel frame, teeter-totters and a wave slide. Similar equipment is also in use at the Breitung school. The playgrounds are proving extremely popular among the children.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 34 [Wednesday, May 20, 1925], page 1, column 6

BOND PAYMENT PLAN ADOPTED

\$450,000 Issue Will Be Spread Over Period Of 25 Years

The board of education of Breitung township, authorized May 11 by the electors to spend \$450,000 for the construction of two school buildings, decided at a special meeting yesterday afternoon to have the bonds spread over a period of 25 years and bear interest of five per cent to be paid semi-annually.

The first installment will be paid February 1, 1927, and will amount to

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\$18,000. Bonds to that amount will thereafter be retired annually.

School officials and their attorney are now preparing a resolution to authorize the board of education to advertise for bids for selling the bonds. The resolution will be taken up at a regular meeting of the board to be held Monday in the new Junior high school on Hamilton street [sic – avenue].

The \$450,000 will be spent to build a 10-room school building in Kingsford Heights and a 14-room school in Garden Village. It is not known when construction will start but it was stated that an architect has already been engaged to draw up plans and specifications.

The board also decided to petition the village of Kingsford to vacate part of an alleyway in Garden Village where the site has been selected for the new school.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 35 [Thursday, May 21, 1925], page 6, column 1

KINGSFORD TO RETAIN OFFICE

Quarters in Present School Building Are Again Leased

The commission of the village of Kingsford at a special meeting last night decided to enter into a lease with the board of education of Breitung township for another year for the renting of the same two rooms that are now being used in the Kingsford Heights school for village offices. The rental price was fixed at \$10 per month, the same as paid heretofore.

The commission also acted favorably on a petition from the board of education to vacate part of an alleyway in Garden Village, where the new school building will be constructed.

Other business transacted at the meeting was the awarding of contracts for the street improvement program in the village and also the letting of a contract for 1,000 feet of cast iron pipe.

A resolution was also passed asking the township board for permission to run one of the outlets of the proposed sewer system through property now under township supervision in order to reach Sewer creek.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 45 [Wednesday, June 3, 1925], page 6, column 4

Receive Bids On \$450,000 Bonds

Members of the Breitung township school board met last evening to receive bids for the \$450,000 worth of bonds recently approved by the voters for the erection of new schools in the village of Kingsford area.

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CLOSE SCHOOLS IN TOWNSHIP

And More Than 1,700 Children Aren't Worried a Bit

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More than 1,700 school children of Breitung township were made happy today. All schools were closed for summer vacation.

Schools which dismissed classes were Kingsford Heights, Breitung, Garden Village, Pinehurst, Ferndale, Marquette boulevard, Indiana mine, Granite Bluff, Deer Lake, Twin Falls and Merriman.

The township institutions were closed earlier than usual because sessions were resumed a week earlier last fall. All schools in the township will open August 31, it was announced today by F.C. Sweeney, superintendent.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Tuesday, June 9, 1925], page 8 columns 2-3

Township School Bonds Are Sold For Record Premium

The \$450,000 in bonds authorized by the voters of Breitung township for new schools have been bought by Mrris [*sic – Morris*], Mather & company for \$20,500, the highest price ever paid for bonds in the upper peninsula, it was announced today.

The bonds were sold to the Chicago company by the Breitung township school board, which had delayed action pending a full consideration of all offers received.

When bids were first opened the highest premium offered was \$20,385 by another firm which demanded immediate action. It was not advisabel [*sic – advisable*] to do this, however, and through waiting the board received the larger offer from Morris, Mather & company.

The bonds will net the buyers four and one-half per cent.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 80 [Wednesday, July 15, 1925], page 3, column 1

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL PROBLEMS SOLVED

Rapid Growth of System Has Given Board Hard Task

The growth of the Breitung township school system has been tremendous during the last year and the board has been confronted with many complex problems most of which have been satisfactory [*sic – satisfactorily*] solved, a survey reveals.

The enrollment of school children at the end of the last term was 1,750 as compared with 1,250 at the beginning. The enrollment in June, 1924, was slightly more than 800, showing an increase of more than 100 per cent in a year's time. And, in addition, there will be a heavy gain when sessions are resumed August 31, when the new junior high school will be opened in the village and Quinnesec.

The growth in the Kingsford area first made itself keenly felt in the fall of 1924 when children were requested to report to classes in "shifts." This presented the board of education with a problem of great proportions that demanded quick action and sound judgment. But with the assistance of the state department of education, which it called on for advice, the board took care of the situation in the best manner possible.

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Temporary buildings and school facilities were immediately provided.

1,400 In Village Area.

Of the 1,750 pupils enrolled in the township schools last month, 1,400 were in the Kingsford area. Probably no school district in the state has shown such proportionate rapid growth.

The board and Superintendent Sweeney are still confronted with many problems but they are confident of being able to take care of them. During the past year, new high school buildings were erected at Kingsford and Quinnesec. The final cost of the structures will be included in a report of the secretary to be submitted soon.

Construction work has been started on a new 14-room grade school at Garden Village and erection of another grade school will be started soon in Kingsford Heights. It will be a 10-room building with all modern equipment and will be located on Mayfair street.

The building program will be continued until such a time as there is ample room for the entire enrollment. At the completion of the present plans, the system in the township will compare favorably with any of its size in the state.

Rural Schools Grow.

The rural schools in the township have also been increased in enrollment. It was necessary during the past year to build an addition to the Twin Falls school house.

Beginning next September, Breitung township high school students[,] who heretofore have been compelled to enroll at the Iron Mountain and Norway schools, will be given regular senior high school courses at the new buildings in Kingsford and Quinnesec.

Schools in the village and Quinnesec will be conducted on a six-six plan, that is, six grades in the grammar school division and six grades in the junior and senior high school division.

The new high school organization, both in courses and objectives, will be somewhat different than in most places in the district. The plan will soon be outlined by Mr. Sweeney, the new superintendent.

Davidson Is Principal.

Dean Davidson, of Kalamazoo, has been selected as principal of the new high school in Kingsford. He comes to the village highly recommended and with a good record. He was principal of the Dowagiac and Marcellus high schools and was formerly an instructor and principal of the high school at Vulcan. He left there about 10 years ago.

Mr. Davidson, who is expected to arrive here soon, and Mr. Sweeney will arrange a course of study and program for the new high school in the near future.

John Possi, who for the last three years, had been manual training instructor in the Iron Mountain schools, has accepted a similar position with the Breitung board while John Schwei, of Iron Mountain, will have charge of athletics and physical training in the township schools. He will also teach science.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 117 [Thursday, August 27, 1925], page 10, column 4

GRANITE BLUFF SCHOOL CLOSED

Sweeney Gives Districts To Be Served by Various Buildings

School boundaries in the rural districts of Breitung township are the same as in

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past years except that the Granite Bluff school will be discontinued and all children in that section transported to Merriman, it was stated today by F.C. Sweeney, superintendent.

All pupils in grades seven to nine, inclusive, will be enrolled in the junior high department and all students in grades 10 to 12, inclusive, will also attend school at the same building, on Hamilton avenue in Kingsford.

Several rooms in the new junior high building have been assigned to take care of all pupils from the kindergarten to the sixth grade who live in the district between Carpenter avenue and the Ford filtration plant.

Children of Kingsford Heights from the kindergarten to the sixth grade, inclusive, will attend classes at the Kingsford Heights school except those enrolled at the Marquette boulevard school. Beginners and first grade pupils living within a radius of three blocks from the Marquette boulevard school will attend classes at that building.

All children in grades one to six, living east of Odin and Campbell streets, are requested to report at the Ferndale school.

Garden Village.

Pupils in grades one to four, inclusive, and all beginners who live in the area bounded by Odin and Campbell streets on the east and Carpenter avenue on the west, must enroll at the Garden Village school. Children in the fifth and sixth grades who live in this district will enroll at the Breitung school.

Pinehurst school will be occupied by children living south of Breitung avenue to the Menominee river and from Carpenter avenue west to Hooper avenue. This affects only pupils in the kindergarten and first grade. All other pupils in this district will attend school at Breitung.

The Lawrence street school building will take care of kindergarten and first grade pupils who live in the following in the area from Balsam street west to the river and from Emmett street south to the river.

All children from the kindergarten to the sixth grade, inclusive, who live on the south side of the Ford plant except those already assigned to schools mentioned above will attend the Breitung school.

Following the plan adopted several years ago, free text books [*sic – textbooks*] will be given to students. A small deposit must be made with the teacher, but the money will be returned at the end of the school year if the books are in good condition.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 118 [Friday, August 28, 1925], page 7, column 1

TEACHERS WILL MEET SATURDAY

Township Program Will Be Outlined at Gathering Tomorrow

Breitung township teachers are requested to be present tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at a meeting called by Superintendent of Schools F.C. Sweeney at the new high school building on Hamilton avenue in the village of Kingsford.

Plans and the program for the year will be outlined at the gathering, Mr. Sweeney said.

Classes in the township will begin Monday morning. It is expected that some rooms in the village schools will be crowded

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but the completion of the Garden Village school February 1 will remedy this condition to a great extent.

F.D. Davidson, principal of the Kingsford senior and junior high school, stated today that boys and girls will be segregated in accordance with the best ideas in present day methods of instruction.

“In planning our course of study and specific subject aims,” he said, “we have endeavored to incorporate the modern ideas of education.

“We have a new high school, new organization, a well trained teaching force and new practical educational ideas. Our intentions are the best. Co-operation [*sic* – *Cooperation*] of the public with the teachers is absolutely essential and if we all get behind and boost, we can have one of the best school systems in the country.”

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 119 [Saturday, August 29, 1925], page 3, column 4

TEACHING STAFF IS MUCH LARGER

Made Necessary by Enrollment Gain In Breitung Township

When the schools of Breitung township open Monday morning it will require 28 more teachers to conduct classes that it did at the close of sessions last June, according to F.C. Sweeney, superintendent.

Eighty-one have been engaged to instruct approximately 1,900 pupils. Last June 53 instructors were on the payroll. In the village of Kingsford area alone, an

increase of 19 teachers is required because of the increase in enrollment.

Following is the list:

High school, Kingsford – F.C. [*sic* – *F.D.*] Davidson, principal, Martha Miller, Loretta Belhumeur, Thelma Hoose, Anne E. Moore, Mildred Schultz, Hazel Radford, John Possi, John J. Schwei, Jennie Anderson.

Junior high – Eugenia Mitchell, Joseph Walsh, Rosa Nowack, Gladys Gemlick, Collette Larkin, Bernard Geisen, Carmen Martin, Lorraine Hooper and Doris Nelson.

Kingsford Heights grade school – Genevieve O’Leary, principal, Ruth Pendergast, Lillian Clifford, Eugenie Morin, Bernice Kennedy, Viola Hoglund, Johanna Clifford, Edith Richardson, Mrs. Dehlia Golden, Marjorie Unger, Mrs. Colwell, Agnes Stensaas, Pearl Carlyon and Agnes Morrow.

Marquette boulevard school – Pearl Dubuque and Sylvia Dustin.

Central grades at junior high – Clarys Richards, Pearl Ripper, Mrs. Goodrich, Margaret Langsford and Dorothy Weeks.

Breitung school – Anna Nord, principal, Mahala Mimmick, Orme Firkes, Blanche Smith, Juanita Sullivan, Ruth Nasberg, Ruby Thode, Angeline Rivolta, Adele Erickson, Helen Shipley, Gertrude Walters, Jennie Rigoni, Victoria Rigoni, Lola Banfield, Leo Godin and Adele Hyder.

Quinnesec school – E.A. Crawford, principal, Edward Stanaway, Donald Whitney, Emerson Johnston, Elsie Trestrail, Jane Rowe, Gladys Chainey, Ina Watson, Evelyn Welsh and Ida Goff.

Lawrence street school – unassigned.

Garden Village school No. 2 – Agnes Oberg and Florence Barber.

Ferndale school – unassigned.

Twin Falls – Laura Hebert and Marjorie Thomas.

Pine Grove – Marion Rogers.

Merriman – unassigned.

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Indiana Mine – June Nelson.
Pine Creek – Wesley Bond.
Deer Lake – Earl Wooster.
Grade supervisor – Mabel Highlands.

Program in Breitung Area

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 123 [Thursday, September 3, 1925], page 3, column 3

Unusual Increase In Enrollment Again Taxes Buildings to Capacity.

CLASSES AGAIN ON TWO SHIFTS

Crowded Conditions Still Apparent in Village Schools

Owing to the crowded conditions in the Kingsford Heights, Breitung and Ferndale grade schools, Superintendent of Schools F.C. Sweeney has been forced to again have some of the classes conducted in two shifts.

The first shift starts school at 8 o'clock in the morning and is dismissed at 12:15 p.m., the second group beginning at 12:30 o'clock and finishing at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Sweeney today stated that additional school facilities will be provided at Ferndale and that it is possible a building may be secured within the next few days.

Congestion will be relieved at the Kingsford Heights school as soon as the 14-room building, now under construction on Fairmont street, is completed.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 220 [Tuesday, December 29, 1925], page 3, column 1

Outline \$600,000 School

The erection of two grade schools and a large addition to the present high school building are included in a proposed expansion program outlined by the board of education of Breitung township, it was stated today. Cost of the program is estimated at \$600,000, which includes purchase of the sites, erection of buildings and installation of equipment.

Because of the unexpected increase in enrollment throughout the entire village of Kingsford area, the erection of a grade school in the Ferndale district and another in the Skidmore is considered inevitable. Many of the children from those districts are now compelled to go to the Breitung grade and portable schools, which are taxed to capacity.

The completion of the Garden village school, now under construction, will remedy conditions considerably but will not give relief in the Skidmore and Ferndale area. Conditions in Kingsford Heights will be relieved when the new school in that district is brought to completion.

Use Double Shift

Under the present system of conducting classes in the village area, 22 rooms are on double shift, a condition that is unprecedented in the entire state. The arrangement necessitates giving instructions to many pupils in a hurried manner in order to accommodate [*sic* – accommodate] both shifts.

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In many cases there are as many as 55 students in one room. This is not in accord with the policy of the state department of education, which recommends not more than 40 pupils be assigned to one class. Adequate facilities, however, are not available as the increase in enrollment has gone far beyond the expectations of the school board.

The enrollment in the village of Kingsford area last September was about 2,200 students. During the last four months it has passed the 2,600 mark, on an increase of approximately 400.

Rooms Needed

To accomodate [*sic – accommodate*] the pupils living on the south side of the Ford plant, F.C. Sweeney, superintendent of schools of Breitung township, declared today that this is a conservative estimate based on careful survey with the assistance of a member of the state educational department.

On the north side of the Ford plant, 17 rooms will be necessary to take care of the pupils. These will be available in the near future when the new Kingsford Heights grade school is ready for occupancy.

After the new Garden village building is completed, there will be at least 250 pupils who will have to attend classes in temporary one-room schools. There are six of these buildings now used in the village of Kingsford area.

In order to give an idea of the growth of the school system in Ferndale, Mr. Sweeney said that a year ago only 45 students were registered from that district. Today the enrollment is 180.

Since last September there has been an increase of 300 children from the kindergarten to the sixth grade, inclusive, in the incorporated limits of the village alone.

New Building Crowded

Conditions in the new junior high school building on Hamilton avenue are also

crowded. Because of the all-around increases throughout the village, grade classes are conducted in this building in order that children from that part of the village known as central Kingsford need not walk to Kingsford Heights.

When the new high school building was formally opened last September the enrollment was 330. A check-up recently showed that it is now 500.

The problem is made more intricate by the fact that only 25 seniors will be graduated next June and at least 200 sixth grade pupils will pass into the seventh grade, which is part of the junior high school. With rooms now taxed to capacity, additional facilities must be provided for next September, Mr. Sweeney said.

According to the tentative plans for the addition to the high school building, the structure will be enlarged to almost double its size. It is planned to include in the new addition a library, study hall, manual training rooms, domestic science rooms, auditorium, gymnasium annex, recitation rooms and cafeteria.

The need of a cafeteria is apparent, Mr. Sweeney said. At the present time there are fully 300 students who are compelled to bring lunch baskets to school.

Just what method the board of education will employ to finance the project has not yet been decided but it was stated that another bond issue will be the logical step. Members of the board and Mr. Sweeney have been studying the situation for the last three months and it is expected that a complete report will be forthcoming within the near future.

The subject was discussed at the regular meeting of the board last night, but definite action was deferred.

QUINNESEC SCHOOLS

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Pioneer School



Pioneer School with library attached at left, ca. 1880-1895

Erected in 1877 – Burned in May, 1924
Years Classes Held: 1877-1897

SW Corner of Bluff Street and Paint Street (U.S. 2)
Quinnesec

Quinnesec, Michigan Centennial 1876-1976: First on the Range by John Alquist, 1976, page 38

The building of the Pioneer School in 1877 marked the beginning of the now Breitung Township School System. This was a two story frame building at the SW corner of Bluff Street and Paint Street (US 2). The front door of this school faced North and it had a one story library building connected by a hallway to its rear. A board sidewalk from the school to Quinnesec Ave. was built in May of 1879. On June 23rd of that year the school had to be discontinued to try and prevent the spread of scarlet fever which was rapidly going through the area.

The library behind the Pioneer School faced Bluff Street. The record book of the library from 1882-1883 lists over 1500 books on its shelves. The record also

shows that instead of library cards which are now used, the borrower of books had his or her name recorded in the record book, and underneath their name was a list of the books borrowed, plus their condition upon loaned and being returned. In April of 1883 the township gave \$500 for the purchase of additional books. Later on, as the population grew, it was necessary to use the library as an additional classroom for the school.

The early pupils did not have school seats until in August of 1881 when seats were purchased at a cost of \$273.17. Additional school furniture was purchased in September for \$464.87. The school teachers in 1881 were Jennie Atkinson (salary \$50.00 per month), Marion Burdon and Ora Lathnop (salaries \$45.00 per month). Hattie Dodge also taught in 1881.

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The old Pioneer School was moved up to a lot west of the school (SW corner Menominee and College Sts.).

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 39 [Saturday, October 31, 1885], page 8, column 2

Quinnesec's Quotum.

The school board is talking of erecting a new school house.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 33 [Saturday, September 11, 1886], page 1, column 6

Quinnesec.

The public schools opened on Monday last, with Miss Patterson and Miss Gray as teachers, and our community is fortunate in having the positions so well filled.

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Quite an exciting school meeting was held here on Monday evening. A.F. Wright was chosen Director and Albert Mellen Assessor. There were two candidates for the office of Moderator, and Messrs. Thomas McKenna and William Bond received an equal number [sic] of votes. It was suggested that Tom. [sic – Tom] and the Captain run a foot race to decide the tie, but they drew lots instead. McKenna won, and his election was made unanimous.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Year _____, Number _____ [Friday, May 23, 1924], page 7, column 4

Quinnesec

SCHOOL BURNS

QUINNESEC –

One of Quinnesec's oldest land marks [sic – landmarks] passed into ashes when the old Quinnesec frame school caught fire and burned to the ground. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building had been condemned for a few years for school purposes and had been used as a warehouse.

Garfield School



The Garfield School, ca. 1898-1911



The Garfield School, postcard view, ca. 1910



The Garfield School, After Being Struck by Lightning, postcard view postmarked 1906

Erected in 1897 – Razed in _____

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Years Classes Held: 1898-1925

Street Quinnesec

Quinnesec, Michigan Centennial 1876-1976: First on the Range by John Alquist, 1976, page 38; pages 122-123

In 1897 the Garfield School opened up for classes. (This was located at the present site of the town hall.)

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Graduation exercises (from the 8th grade) for these students were usually held in the Opera House.

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The Garfield School was used until 1925 when the doors of the present school were opened.

GARFIELD SCHOOL

LOCATED AT THE PRESENT SITE OF THE BREITUNG TOWNSHIP HALL

This school[,] built in 1897[,] replaced the Pioneer School which could no longer be used because of its close proximity to the Cundy Mine shaft.

This larger school house consisted of four classrooms and a library. The library was located in the front part of the building on the second floor. A large classroom called the "Assembly Room" had a large picture of President Garfield hung at the head of the class. Two more classrooms were located on the first floor. A long[,] wide stairway connected the two floors. The restrooms were in the basement next to the furnace room.

When the school first opened it contained the kindergarten thru [sic – through] eighth grade classes. Eighth grade graduates held their commencement exercises at the John L. Buell Opera

House. These graduates who wanted a high school diploma had to walk to Iron Mountain to attend the local high school in that town. As Quinnesec grew, grade nine was added and kindergarten and 1-A classes were moved to the "tin" building located on the corner of Paint and Lake Streets.

PHOTO: Garfield School after being struck by lightning July 12, 1906, \$500 damage. Two men were inside at time painting.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 27 [Thursday, November 25, 1897], page 8, column 3

The new school-house [sic – schoolhouse] at Quinnesec will be occupied after the holiday vacation, it is expected. It is a handsome structure and a credit to the enterprising people of the district.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 34 [Saturday, December 18, 1897], page 7, column 1

TO DEDICATE A SCHOOL.

Quinnesec's New Institution of Learning to be Formally Opened Dec. 23

On the evening of Dec. 23, the people of Quinnesec will dedicate their new school house [sic – schoolhouse] which will be completed on that date. The building is situated on the Mellen & Cox addition to Quinnesec, the site having been donated by A.H. Mellen and J.E. Cox. It is a tract of ground 400 feet square. The building is a four room structure, and will seat 235

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pupils; the interior is finished in Georgia pine. The heating and ventilating apparatus was put in by the Fuller & Warren Co., of Chicago, and the furniture was put in by the Manitowoc Seating Co.

Everything pertaining to the new school house [*sic* – *schoolhouse*] is of the very newest and latest design, and when the size of the town is taken into consideration the Quinnesec school is one of the most model institutions of its kind on the range.

A great share of the honor is due the members of the school board, each one having given much of his time to the duties on the board. Following is a list of the members of this body: Patrick Wildman, Andrew Bryngleson, M.J. Finnegan, A.E. Cox and John Manning.

On the evening of December 23, the the [*sic*] date selected for the dedication[,] the following program will be rendered:

1. Prono [*sic* – *Piano*] Solo...Miss Vina Massie.
2. Reading.....Anna Bryngelson.
3. Invocation.....Grade 5 and 6.
4. Introductory.....Prof. Sickle.
5. Historical Exercises...Grade 7 and 8.
6. Declamation Quanell.....Thelma Larsen.
7. Declamation, Truant Boy.....Ida Holmes.
8. Song.....Misses Massie.
9. Some Encouragement...Supt. Paton.
10. A Presentation.....Prof. Sickle.
11. Story of the Old School.....Sophia Bryngelson.
12. Delivery of School.....J.W. Lawson.
13. Exceptance [*sic* – *Acceptance*].....P. Wildman.
14. Remarks.....J.E. Clancy.
15. Declamation....Fannie Nichols.
16. Some Advice.....Prof.Parmenter.
17. Declamation, Lincoln Poem..Phenoe Larson.
18. Declamation, Turtle in the Soup.....Annie Terrill.

19. Dedication Song...Selected Members.
20. Valedictory.....Clara Vley.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 31 [Thursday, December 23, 1897], page 8, column 4

The new Quinnesec school will be dedicated this evening with appropriate exercises.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 32 [Thursday, December 30, 1897], page 4, column 4

The new Quinnesec school will be dedicated one week from this evening. No change in program.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 51 [Thursday, May 11, 1905], page 5, column 2

Quinnesec Items.

The board of education has decided to retain for the ensuing year the following named teachers in the high school: Misses Sara Kanouses, Alice Downs, Anna Bryngelson and Laura Gill. The selection of a superintendent has not yet been made. Miss Hannah Kaltz has been re-engaged for Pine Creek school, Miss May Richardson for the Cuff Mine school, and Miss Ida Holmes for the Peter school. No selection has been made yet for Granite Bluff.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 8 [Thursday, July 12, 1906], page 6, column 2

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QUINNESEC ITEMS.

Garfield School Struck by Lightning and Badly Damaged.

The Garfield school was struck by lightning last Monday and damaged to the extent of \$500. The northwest corner of the building was badly shattered and several windows were broken. The roof of the building was damaged to some extent. Robert Brown, who had the contract for painting and kalsomining the building was working inside the building at the time with two other men, but, fortunately, none of the three were [sic – was] injured.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 12 [Thursday, August 11, 1910], page 5, column 3

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

The board of education is having some extensive improvements made at the Garfield school. A steam heating plant is being installed, concrete floor laid in basement, toilet rooms installed, also the latest improved sanitary drinking fountain, the inside of the building varnished throughout, and a cement walk laid around the grounds.

The board of education has engaged the following teachers for the ensuing school year: At the Garfield school, J. Lewis Reed, of Essexville, principal; Anna Bryngelson and Mabel Massie, grade teachers. Pine Creek school, Raymond Holmes; Twin Falls school, Miss Mabel Reath; Granite bluff school, Alonzo L. Willard; Euschen [sic – Eichen] school,

Miss Jessie Stephens. There will be no school in the Corollo district.

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QUINNESEC

PRIZE TAKEN BY QUINNESEC BOY

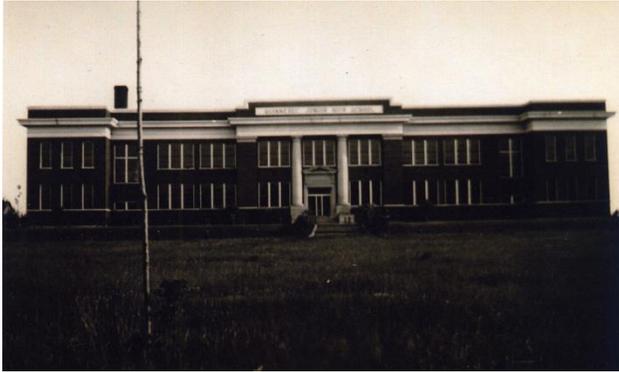
The children of the Quinnesec school report a very enjoyable day. The clubs assembled at the city park Saturday morning. A baseball game took place between the Metropolitan-Felch, and Quinnesec boys. Quinnesec won; the score was 18 to 19.

After a very good dinner [was] served by the Iron Mountain high school domestic science class. The boys and girls participated in a parade and later viewed the educational and interesting pictures at the Colonial theatre which were shown for their benefit. After the entertainment the prizes were awarded, and Harold La Point [sic – La Pointe] of this village received the first prize for the best work in handicraft exhibited in the county. The prize was donated by Seibert's drug store. It is a \$15 fishing rod and tackle. The Quinnesec boys and girls express their appreciation for the hospitality extended them.

Quinnesec High School

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Erected in 1924-1925 – Razed in October, 1996

Years Classes Held: 1925-1944
(High School)

Street
Quinnesec

Quinnesec, Michigan Centennial 1876-1976: First on the Range by John Alquist, 1976, page 38-39; page 142

The Garfield School was used until 1925 when the doors of the present school were opened. With its opening the Pine Creek students also came to Quinnesec.

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During the Ford boom, prior to the building of the new school, some of the lower grades went to classes in the "tin building" and also in the lean-to added to its south side. This building was at the SW corner of Lake Ave. and Paint St.

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The new high school had a chemistry room, woodworking shop, and a home economics room, plus large gym, something the students in Quinnesec never had before. The first high school class to graduate was in 1927 with 12 seniors. With the new school new activities opened up for the community. School plays such as "The Hoodoo", "Tea Toper Tavern", and "Deacon Dubbs" were put on and the Junior Prom dances started with the waltzes and foxtrot

being popular. A school newspaper called "It" was published.

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With the closing of the high school in 1944 the Quinnesec high school students were bussed to the Kingsford High School.

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In the fall of 1947 the grade school students from Twin Falls and Merriman started going to Quinnesec. This continued until the present arrangement took place.

QUINNESEC JR. HIGH SCHOOL

The two-story brick Quinnesec School was erected in 1925 on a five acre site as a Junior High School at a cost of \$170,054.90.

The school in it's [sic – its] first year of 1925-26 had grades K thru [sic – through] 11 which had transferred over from the old Garfield School which had only gone to grade 10.

The year of 1926-27 had grades K thru [sic – through] 12 and at the end of May 1927 Quinnesec had it's [sic – its] first high school graduation.

At the end of the school year of 1944, the high school was closed and the students were transferred to Kingsford. The school remained open for grades k [sic – K] thru [sic – through] 8 until the spring of 1965. It is now (1976) used for the local kindergarten students plus the fifth and sixth grades for the entire Breitung Township School District.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Tuesday, April 29, 1924], page 6, column 5

Quinnesec

Select Site For

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New School House

It was decided at the regular meeting of the board of education last evening that the building committee be instructed to secure blocks 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Mellon-Cox addition for the new school site. This is directly south of the Garfield school and west of the LaHaie property.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 35 [Thursday, May 21, 1925], page 6, column 2

Bids Sought To Complete School

Bids for the completion of the second story of the Quinnesec school will be opened at a meeting of the Breitung township school board on June 2, according to an official notice issued by Jacob Roth, secretary of the board. All bids must be in by 12 o'clock noon on June 2 and must be accompanied by a check for \$800. The contractor who is awarded the job must also post a bond of not less than the amount of the contract.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 38 [Monday, May 25, 1925], page 10, column 2

Quinnesec School Will Give Comedy

“Breaking Winnie,” a three-act comedy, will be presented Wednesday night at the new Quinnesec high school by the pupils of

the Junior high school. Rehearsals have been under the supervision of Miss Jane Rour, faculty member.

The play is a clever production by Carl Webster Pierce, in which Margaret Bronson, an authoress, in order to secure unusual [*sic – unusual*] personalities for her novels[,] sends her name into a matrimonial magazine and obtains varied correspondents. Upon breaking her arm, her younger sister, Winnie, keeps up the correspondence.

The cast is as follows:

Winnie – Mildred Barglind.

Leonard Nordman – Arthur Gray.

Margaret Bronson – Lillian Phillips.

Myra Green – Lillian Veight.

Alice Carter – Louise Smith.

Olga Johnson – Vera Kallstrom; [*sic - .*]

Valentine Romaine – Clyde Lemieux.

Peter McClinckey – Albert Carter.

Ed. Roper – Lester Gumm.

Rev. Mr. Darling – Edward Stanaway.

A matinee will be given Wednesday afternoon for the younger school children. The regular performance will start at 7:30 o'clock that night.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 39 [Tuesday, May 26, 1925], page 6, column 2

Extra Numbers In School Show

Between the acts comedy, “Breaking Winnie,” which will be presented by the Junior high school at Quinnesec tomorrow evening, the following numbers will be given:

Schubert’s Serenade, by the Girls’ Glee club.

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Camp fire scene, with members in costume.

Three songs – Long Long Trail, Jaunita, Marcheta.

Dramatized song – The Old Fashioned and new Fashioned Girl.

Violin solo – The Nightingale, by Edward Stanaway, of Quinnesec.

Girls of the eighth grade who will sell candy are the Misses Clara Verley, clara Lemieux, Zella Tark, Grace Radcliffe and Helen Kallstrom.

Miss Jane Rowe is director of the play while Miss Nina Watson directed the numbers to be given by the Glee Club.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 65 [Friday, June 26, 1925], page 2, column 5

MASTER CLOCKS IN NEW SCHOOLS

Contract for Systems Let By Township School Board

The board of education of Breitung township last night at a special meeting awarded a \$4,885 contract to the Mette Electric company, of Iron Mountain, for the installation of master clock systems at the new junior high schools in Quinnesec and the village of Kingsford, in addition to equipping the buildings with other electrical appliances.

The clock system, one of the finest on the market, will be installed by the time the schools open August 31. The master clock, which will be placed in the officers [*sic* – *offices*] of the principals, will automatically

regulate secondary clocks in class and assembly rooms. Bells in every room of the two buildings will also be operated by the master unit.

The installation of an inter-communicating telephone system in both schools was also included in the contract. The system will be so designed that any teacher may communicate with another in any part of the building.

The board last night decided to complete the heating systems in the two buildings and instructed F.E. Parmelee, architect, to draw up plans. Heating plants have been installed in the schools but the systems were not carried to the upper stories as when the contracts were let it was thought they would not be used this fall.

As soon as plans and specifications are completed, the board will advertise for bids.

“Tin Building” School

Erected in ____ – Razed in ____
Years Classes Held:

SW Corner of Lake Avenue and Paint
Street
Quinnesec

Quinnesec, Michigan Centennial 1876-1976: First on the Range by John Alquist, 1976, page 38

During the Ford boom, prior to the building of the new school, some of the lower grades went to classes in the “tin building” and also in the lean-to added to its south side. This building was at the SW corner of Lake Ave. and Paint St.

Cuff Mine School

Erected in ____ – Razed in ____

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Years Classes Held:

Cuff Mine Quinnesec

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 51 [Thursday, May 11, 1905], page 5, column 2

Quinnesec Items.

The board of education has decided to retain for the ensuing year the following named teachers in the high school: Misses Sara Kanouses, Alice Downs, Anna Bryngelson and Laura Gill. The selection of a superintendent has not yet been made. Miss Hannah Kaltz has been re-engaged for Pine Creek school, Miss May Richardson for the Cuff Mine school, and Miss Ida Holmes for the Peter school. No selection has been made yet for Granite Bluff.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 30 [Thursday, December 20, 1900], page 6, column 2

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

William Connibear, teacher of the school at the Cuff mine, was taken with a fainting spell while standing on the rear platform of the Chicago & North-Western train last Thursday morning and fell to the ground, cutting an ugly gash in the head and receiving other minor injuries. He was confined to his room for several days.

Peter School

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____

Years Classes Held:

Street Quinnesec

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 51 [Thursday, May 11, 1905], page 5, column 2

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Seventh-Day Adventist Church School

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

SW corner of Cliff and Marpe Streets Quinnesec

Quinnesec, Michigan Centennial 1876-1976: First on the Range by John Alquist, 1976, page 39

A school not mentioned earlier was a one story frame school located at the SW corner of Cliff and Marpe Sts. This school was for grades Kindergarten through the eighth grade, and was operated in the early years of 1940 by the Seventh-Day

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Adventist Church. This was one of the first parochial schools in the district.

KINGSFORD SCHOOLS

Eischen School

Erected in 1908 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1908 –

grade school

Intersection of Westwood Avenue and
Avery Street

The Eischen School was located in present-day Kingsford near the current intersection of Westwood Avenue and Avery Street. In 1908 this was the southeast corner of the Joseph Eischen farm. Joseph Eischen was the son of Jacob and Mary Eischen, who immigrated from Luxembourg in 1881. They initially located in Jackson, Michigan, but soon after were drawn to Breitung Township as their choice for farming and raising a family.

Between 1890 and 1904 they had purchased land in Section 35 which extended between present-day Horseshoe Lane and Avery Street on the west side of Westwood Avenue. Although this was to become a part of Kingsford, the 1894 Michigan State Agricultural Census takers were apparently confused, enumerating the Eischen farm twice, once in Breitung Township and once in the City of Iron Mountain.

By 1901 all plans and dreams had apparently materialized for this immigrant couple. They had eight children, ages 3 to 23, had purchased land and were supporting themselves on it. This suddenly changed in early 1902 when Jacob died unexpectedly at the age of 46 from an infection. His widow Mary and their

children continued to work the farm until the 1920's.

By the time the 1925 Farmer's List was published in the city directory, Mary had reduced her land holdings to a 10-acre parcel. The children had grown and begun families of their own. Although the Eischens are no longer found in the local listing of residents, many of their descendants remain a part of the community. [Todd Laydon, 1998]

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Robert Richardson, A.J. Trevarthen, Nels Larson and J.S. Butler, members of the board of education[,] drove out to the Eischen farm, west of Iron Mountain, last Monday to select a site for a school-house [sic – school house]. There are twenty-one children of school age in that vicinity who have no opportunity to attend school and it is proposed to build a \$1,000 building and have it ready for the beginning of the next school year.

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The contract for building the two new school houses, to be located south and south-east [sic – southeast] of Iron Mountain, in Breitung Township, was awarded to P.A. Bostrom, of Norway, for \$1440.50.

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Quinnesec Items.

The schools in the outlying districts opened last Tuesday. The Pine Creek school in charge of Nelson Sanborn, of Burr Oak; the Twin Falls school in charge of Miss Corianna Thomas, of Norway; the Granite Bluff school by Miss Mary Chamberlain, of Arcadia; the Eischen school by Miss Liela Billings, of Wequetousey.

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Eischen School: Ruth Larson.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume _____, Number _____ [Thursday, September 7, 1916], page ____, column ____

Eischen School: Myrtle Trevarthen.

[NOTE: The date this school finally closed is not known.]

Unidentified School

Erected in ____ – Razed in ____
Years Classes Held:

grade school
South of the Ford Plant
[Directly North of the West Breitung
School Building]
Kingsford Area

Woodward Avenue School



Erected in 1922 – Razed on October 5,
1977

Years Classes Held: 1923-

grade school

South Side of Woodward Avenue Near
Harding Avenue Intersection
Kingsford Heights

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NEW SCHOOL WILL BE OPENED SOON

Two Rooms in Kingsford
Heights Building Are
Equipped

Plans for the opening of the new Kingsford Heights school are now being made. The building has been practically completed and the enrollment of Breitung township pupils will probably occur January 8.

The new school has four rooms, two of which are equipped with desks and ready for occupancy by students. Each room will accommodate 40 pupils, giving the school a capacity of 160. In addition, there are two

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rooms in the basement which can be converted into places where meetings could be held.

Construction of the building has been in progress for several months. Considerable delay was experienced because of materials and other conditions which held back the work.

The date of the formal opening has not yet been selected but the event will take place in the near future. The school will take care of students who are now forced to attend Iron Mountain schools and when opened will aid materially in relieving the crowded condition of the buildings here.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, December 28, 1922], page 1, column 4

SCHOOL PARTY TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Invitations Will Be Issued For Kingsford Heights Affair.

A temporary organization which will make preparations for a "let's get together party" to be held at the new Kingsford Heights school, [sic] was perfected at a community meeting held yesterday afternoon at the school.

It was decided to hold the affair Saturday afternoon, and under the rules each resident of Kingsford Heights is at liberty to invite two other couples to attend. Invitations will also be extended to representatives of several companies, the school board and other persons.

The following committees, which will arrange the program and take care of the details, were named:

House – John W. Peterson, Walter Joslin, Theodore Anderson; refreshment, A.F. Benson, Edward DeBaal, Thomas Seymour; finance, Eugene Auger, Fredolph Wickman, Omer Haelterman; invitation, Mrs. John W. Peterson, Mrs. Edward DeBaal.

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'HOUSE WARMING' AT NEW SCHOOL

Approximately 300 Persons Present at Kingsford Heights Party

Approximately 300 persons took part Saturday evening in the "house warming" party held at the new Kingsford Heights school. After an inspection of the building, the guests were entertained with a program, then a dance and finally with an excellent lunch prepared by residents of the heights.

Under the rules of the party each resident of the heights was entitled to invite two other couples. In addition there were present representatives of the public utilities and business interests, these guests including E.G. Kingsford, vice president of the Michigan Iron, Land & Lumber company, and wife and M.J. fox, of the von [sic – Von] Platen-Fox company, and wife.

Addresses were given by J.A. Minnear, a resident fo the heights and real estate dealer, Fred Langsford, supervisor for

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Breitung township in which the heights is located, A.J. Trevarthon [sic – Trevarthen], secretary of the Breitung township school board, and Mr. Fox.

Mr. Langsford made a plea for interest in education, declaring that the future of the younger generation should be safeguarded. Mr. Minnear acted as chairman of the gathering and Mr. Trevarthon [sic – Trevarthen] spoke a few words of appreciation for the gathering.

The principal address was made by Mr. Fox. He congratulated the residents of the township for their interest and enthusiasm as evidenced by the new school. He also took as his theme the subject of “giving flowers to the living.” In this connection he gave the names of those persons whom, he believed, belonged in two halls of fame, one national and the other local. In addition to several prominent figures of finance and industry he included Henry Ford in his national hall of fame. The local men who deserved recognition for the things they have accomplished, he continued, were O.C. Davidson, E.F. Brown and E.G. Kingsford. These men, he said, were constructionists and they were building up Iron Mountain and vicinity.

Following his address Mr. Langsford added that he believed the name of Mr. Fox should be included in the local hall of fame and, by the vote of those present, it was. A telegram containing New Year’s greetings was also sent to Henry Ford.

The party was concluded shortly after midnight and then a number of men employed on the night shift of the Ford plant were taken through the school and given a lunch.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, July 12, 1923], page 2, column 1

ASK ADDITION TO HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Petition Requests Second Story Be Added to Building.

The Breitung township school board has received a petition to add another story to the Kingsford Heights school, erected several months ago. The building at present has four rooms, each accommodating about 35 pupils, but during the last term this number of students was not enrolled.

It is expected, however, that there will be a big increase in attendance next year and it is with this in mind that the addition to the school is being asked. The estimated cost of the second story is between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The school last year had two teachers but four have been retained for the coming term. V. Gesen [sic – Geisen] has been named principal.

The school was constructed so that additions can easily be built on. It is believed that the petition will be granted and construction started within a reasonably short time.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 25 [Saturday, May 9, 1925], page 2, column 4

Ten On Heights School Honor Roll

The names of 10 pupils of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the Kingsford

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Heights school appear on the April honor roll.

High honors went to Clarice Anderson with an average of 95 per cent in all subjects, Robert Abel and Marie Baril were next on the list with an average of 94 each.

In order to be on the honor roll, a student must obtain an average of at least 90 per cent in all subjects carried.

Following is the list:

Clarice Anderson, Robert Abel, Marie Baril, Dolores Castonguay, Anna Jouppi, Clarence Palo, Maude Peronto, Josephine Strack and Raymond Tardiff.

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GOING DOWN – The former Woodward Avenue School in Kingsford, which formerly was used to house the Kingsford Fire Department, is being razed by Wally Gustafson of Kingsford. The Kingsford Housing commission has indicated the area is the most desirable site for a new senior citizens facility if funding is secured for such a project. Ora Martin, director of the commission, said there is presently no application for another facility from the commission, but she indicated the group was continuing to explore all possibilities for more elderly housing. (Iron Mountain News photo)

Kingsford Heights School

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

Marquette Boulevard School

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____

Years Classes Held:

grade school (beginners and first grade pupils living within a radius of three blocks from the Marquette Boulevard School)

Marquette Boulevard
Kingsford

Garden Village School 1

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

(Pupils in grades one to four and all beginners who live in the area bounded by Odin and Campbell Streets on the east and Carpenter Avenue on the west)

Street
Kingsford

Lawrence Street School (Temporary School)

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

(Pupils in kindergarten and first grade who live in the area from Balsam Street west to the river and from Emmett Street south to the river)

500 Block of Lawrence Street
Kingsford

Pinehurst School

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

(Pupils in kindergarten and first grade living south of Breitung Avenue to the Menominee River and from Carpenter Avenue west to Hooper Avenue)

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Street
Kingsford

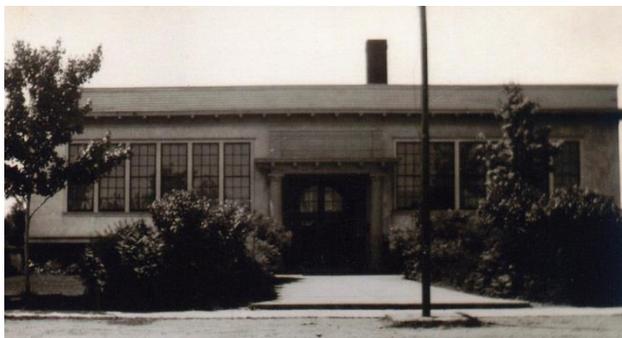
Breitung School Quincy Street School (?)

Erected in ____ – Razed in ____
Years Classes Held:

(Pupils in fifth and sixth grades who live in the area bounded by Odin and Campbell Streets on the east and Carpenter Avenue on the west; pupils in second through sixth grades living south of Breitung Avenue to the Menominee River and from Carpenter Avenue west to Hooper Avenue; all children from kindergarten to the sixth grade who live on the south side of the Ford Plant except those already assigned to schools mentioned above)

Middle of 200 Block of Quincy Street
Kingsford (Breitung)

West Breitung Grade School



Erected in 1922-1923 – Razed in ____
Years Classes Held:

Middle of 200 Block of Lyman Street
Kingsford

Two Portable Temporary Classrooms

Middle of 200 Block of Sterling Street (South of West Breitung Grade School)

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Play Presented By Breitung Children

“Her Fathers’ [*sic* – *Father’s*] Will,” a short play prepared by a few of the fifth grade children of the portable school at Breitung, was given two showings this afternoon and will also be given [*sic* – *be given*] at 7 and at 8:30 o’clock this evening. The room was decorated with cherry blossoms, Japanese lanterns and varied colored chrysanthemums. The cast for “Her Fathers’ [*sic* – *Father’s*] Will” follows:

Take Chau – Dorothy Lusha.

O Kiku San – Jeanette Menard.

Father – Clifford Martison.

Matsu Ming – Edwin Greenwood.

Taro Sing – James Bednarz.

A Japanese fan and parasol drill was also given by the children of the fifth grade and drills, songs and recitations were given by the first grade. Proceeds from the play will be used to purchase slides to be used in connection with geography, physiology and history.

Edward G. Kingsford Junior High School

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Edward G. Kingsford Junior High School, under construction in 1924



Kingsford High School, ca. 1940-1950



Kingsford High School, ca. 1950-1960

**Erected in 1924-1925 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1925-**

**Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford**

[NOTE: Over the doors of the two front entrances to this building were the words “Edward G. Kingsford Junior High School.” However, this building was used as the high school until the new Kingsford High School building was opened in the fall of 1965.]

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 7 [Saturday, April 18, 1925], page 3, columns 4-6

COMPLETING NEW VILLAGE SCHOOL

Junior High Will Be Ready for Classes Next Fall

Construction work on the new Junior high school in the village of Kingsford is rapidly nearing completion and the institution will be in full readiness when the fall term opens.

The school is an outstanding example of modern architecture. It is three stories in height with rooms outfitted for domestic science, chemistry and physics being located on the top floor.

A magnificent gymnasium is contained in the building and being provided with a large stage it will also serve as an auditorium. The upper part of the walls and ceiling are in pure white while the lower part of the walls is finished off in a light brown brick.

Each class room [*sic* – *classroom*] receives excellent light. Class rooms [*sic* –

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classrooms] will have hardwood floors while a composition material is used in the wide corridors.

The building is of a semi-fireproof construction. It has no basement, the heating plant being located in a separate building.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 43 [Monday, June 1, 1925], page 3, column 4

Will Present Show At Kingsford High

The three-act comedy, "Breaking Winnie," which was given in Quinnesec, will be presented tonight in the new Junior high school, Kingsford Heights. The play was a decided success when produced before and the entire program will be duplicated. The ticket sale is in charge of the children of the Breitung and Kingsford Heights schools.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 45 [Wednesday, June 3, 1925], page 1, column 6

DIPLOMAS WILL BE AWARDED TONIGHT

Graduation Exercises To Be Held for Breitung Schools

Graduates of the eighth grade of Breitung township schools, including those in the village of Kingsford, will receive their

diplomas at exercises to be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the Junior high school in Kingsford Heights.

About 120 pupils will graduate tonight, as compared with an average of 30 to 40 in the days before the Ford advent.

The commencement address will be given by Judge John O'Hara of the probate court. A program will also be presented by students and diplomas will be given out by a member of the school board.

Parents and friends of the graduates and others interested are urged to attend the exercises.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 46 [Thursday, June 4, 1925], page 1, column 8

VILLAGE GROWTH IS COMPLIMENTED

Conditions Contrasted By Judge at Graduation Exercises

The growth of the village of Kingsford during the last five years was commented upon last night by Judge of Probate John O'Hara in his address at the eighth grade graduation exercises held in the Kingsford Junior high school for pupils of Breitung township.

The judge felicitated the district on its development and contrasted the conditions before the expansion began and those that exist now.

The judge also urged the parents to send the children to high school and if possible on to college. He emphasized the great need for teaching American ideals,

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and stressed the value and necessity for co-operation between the people and the schools.

Advice to the graduates was also given by the speaker.

The judge commented upon the fact that Frank Sweeney, former commissioner of schools, is to become superintendent of the township schools. He complimented Mr. Sweeney very highly on his work in the county.

The progress of the township schools was also briefly reviewed upon by Mr. Sweeney.

Diplomas were given to the 120 graduates by Thomas McGinn, president of the school board. The pupils offered a program of excellent singing and the Ford band made its first appearance, playing several selections.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 65 [Friday, June 26, 1925], page 2, column 5

MASTER CLOCKS IN NEW SCHOOLS

Contract for Systems Let By Township School Board

The board of education of Breitung township last night at a special meeting awarded a \$4,885 contract to the Mette Electric company, of Iron Mountain, for the installation of master clock systems at the new junior high schools in Quinnesec and the village of Kingsford, in addition to equipping the buildings with other electrical appliances.

The clock system, one of the finest on the market, will be installed by the time the schools open August 31. The master clock, which will be placed in the officers [*sic – offices*] of the principals, will automatically regulate secondary clocks in class and assembly rooms. Bells in every room of the two buildings will also be operated by the master unit.

The installation of an inter-communicating telephone system in both schools was also included in the contract. The system will be so designed that any teacher may communicate with another in any part of the building.

The board last night decided to complete the heating systems in the two buildings and instructed F.E. Parmelee, architect, to draw up plans. Heating plants have been installed in the schools but the systems were not carried to the upper stories as when the contracts were let it was thought they would not be used this fall.

As soon as plans and specifications are completed, the board will advertise for bids.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 180 [Tuesday, November 10, 1925], page 3, column 2

VILLAGE GYM IS CENTER OF MANY EVENTS

So Busy That Schedule Has Been Arranged For Its Use

One of the busiest social centers in the village of Kingsford is the gymnasium in the

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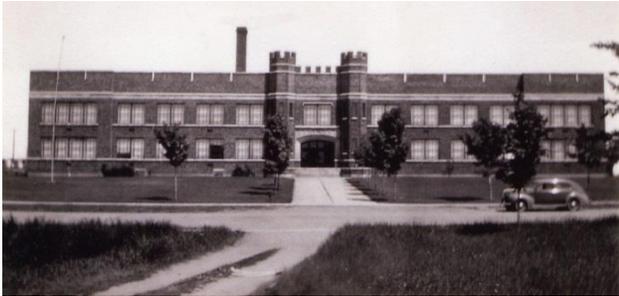
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new Kingsford high school on Hamilton avenue. From now until November 20 the gymnasium will be occupied every day from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until 9:30 o'clock in the evening.

It is being used by several high school organizations, the high school and Kingsford basketball teams, the Boys' club of Breitung, the Ford orchestra, the village band and the indoor baseball league of the Ford plant and Iron Mountain.

Demand for the gymnasium has become so great that a schedule has had to be arranged, said F.C. Sweeney, superintendent of schools of Breitung township. In addition, an organization that does not expect to fill a date is expected to notify him before noon of that day.

Garden Village School 2



**Erected in 1925-1926 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1926-**

**Opened March 24, 1926
14-room grade school
Between Chestnut Avenue and Sagola
Avenue on Henford Street
Kingsford**

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VERVILLE IS LOW

IN SCHOOL BIDS

Breitung Board Delays Action on Garden Village Contract

A spread of \$38,000 between the high and low bids on the Garden village [*sic* – *Village*] school building, to be erected this year, last night caused the school trustees of Breitung township to give thought to the uncertainties of the building game, and to wonder which of the bidders was most out of the way.

Leaf & Abramson proposed to do the job for \$137,795. Archie Verville offered to complete it for \$99,479.

In between came three other contractors, as follows: Phelps-Drake company, Inc., \$117,600; G.A. Gustafson company, \$118,500; Arthur Wilson, of Niagara, \$108,000. Each of the bidders enclosed the \$1,000 certified check required by the advertisement.

May Decide Thursday.

After lengthy discussion of the proffers, and consideration of how the cost of the building might be reduced below the figures based on the specifications, as submitted in the bids, the trustees adjourned until Thursday evening, when it is expected final action will be taken.

Plumbing and heating for the structure is expected to cost approximately \$26,000, or a cost complete, without furnishings, of approximately \$130,000.

It is planned to contain 14 grade rooms, and a play room, with stage 36x44 feet.

Its erection is one item in the program for school expansion in the township for which the voters recently approved a \$450,000 bond issue.

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Construction work will be started as soon as possible after the letting of the bids, and it is hoped to have the school ready for use by the first of the New Year.

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SCHOOL BIDS ARE AGAIN SOLICITED

Board Rejects Proposals For Building in Garden Village

Another delay was encountered last night by the board of education of Breitung township in awarding the contract for the construction of a 14-room school building at Garden Village.

Because of a few minor details that were not included in the plans, it was said, the board authorized secretary Roth to re-advertise for bids which will be received up to 6 p.m., July 1.

The revised plans and specifications may be viewed at the offices of F.E. and G.F. Parmelee, architects, in the Commercial bank building on Ludington street.

The contract was to have been let at a meeting of the board Monday night but no final action was taken because of a wide difference in the proposals, five of which were submitted. The lowest bidder was Archie Verville, who offered to erect the structure for \$99,479.

It was thought that Verville had made an error in his estimates but this was found to be incorrect as he appeared before the

board last night and told the members that he would construct the building for the amount he specified. Other contractors who submitted bids for the work were Leaf & Abramson, \$137,795; Phelps-Drake Co., Inc., \$117,600; Arthur Wilson, of Niagara, \$108,000; and G.A. Gustafson[,] \$118,500.

It was stated today that no time had been fixed for completion of the building. The revised specifications call for the building to be finished by February 1, 1926.

It is understood that Verville will submit another bid.

Westwood School



Erected in 1925-1926 – Razed in ____
Years Classes Held: 1926-

10-room grade school/14-room grade school

Corner of Westwood Avenue and
Mayfair Street
Kingsford Heights

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Ground Broken For New School

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Ground was broken today for the construction of the 13-room school to be erected in the village of Kingsford. The school will be located on Walworth street and will also border on Mayfair and Westworth [sic – Westwood] streets. The contract was awarded to the Phelps-Drake company.

Lincoln School



Erected in 1926 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1926-

Opened in 1926
Corner of Jackson Street and Breen
Avenue
Ferndale/East Kingsford

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6,
Number 55 [Tuesday, June 15, 1926],
page 7, column 1

BREITUNG BOARD GIVES CONTRACT FOR NEW SCHOOL

Phelps-Drake Company
Successful Bidder at
Price of \$45,000

The Phelps-Drake company, of Minneapolis, with a branch office here, last night was awarded the contract to build the new school to be erected at the corner of Jackson street and Breen avenue, Kingsford, when bids were opened by the Breitung township board of education.

Four bids were submitted, the price range being little more than \$3,000. The Phelps-Drake bid was \$45,000, the lowest. Other bidders were G.A. Gustafson company, of Iron Mountain, \$46,695; Arthur Wilson, of Niagara, \$47,790, and Gust Peterson, of Kingsford, \$48,375.

The school will be one of the most modern of its size in the state of Michigan. It will have six rooms, a small library and principal's office.

Plans were approved by the state department of education. They were drawn by the firm of F.E. and G.F. Parmelee, Iron Mountain architects. It was estimated that the school would cost approximately \$52,000 for only general construction.

H.L. Senseman, resident engineer and manager of the Phelps-Drake company here, stated today that ground would be broken tomorrow morning and the building rushed to completion. The school, according to the terms of the contract, must be completed by November 1.

Heating and ventilation equipment will be installed by the Peninsula Heating & Plumbing company, of Calumet, which has a branch office here. There were two other bidders for this work.

Frank H. Kueter, of Kingsford, was awarded the plumbing contract over Walter Firme, of Iron Mountain, and Harry Herman, of Laurium.

The electrical work was awarded to the Mette Electric company, of Iron Mountain. All the successful bidders were the lowest.

The board also decided to submit at the school election July 12, [sic] a proposal to sell the temporary schools in the township

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which are no longer needed. They were erected last year and in 1924 to take care of the increased enrollment.

The board also authorized the building committee to proceed with plans to grade the premises at the new Quinnesec school and construct a cement sidewalk around the building.

The board will attend the meeting of the commission of the village of Kingsford next Monday night to urge that body to make water connections to the new Ferndale and Skidmore schools. The board petitioned the commission to make the connections but the petition was denied until an agreement had been reached between the village and township.

The board will also recommend that Sagola street be extended to Carpenter avenue to protect school children.

Roosevelt School



Erected in 1926 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

Hemlock Street and Hoadley Avenue
Kingsford (Breitung)

New Grade School 1925

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

Street
Skidmore, Kingsford

Kingsford High School

Erected in 1964-1965
Modified in _____
Addition Constructed in _____

Hamilton Avenue

Woodland Elementary School

Erected in _____

Pyle Drive

Kingsford Middle School

Erected in _____

Hamilton Avenue

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOLS

Deer Lake School

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

Road
Deer Lake

Granite Bluff School

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1904-1925

Road
Granite Bluff

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Number 38 [Thursday, February 9, 1905], page 3, column 2

Granite Bluff Gossip.

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

The board of education has decided to establish a school in District Number Four at Granite Bluff. A building has been secured and school will be opened as soon as a teacher can be engaged.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 5, column 2

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

The board of education has engaged Russell Goodson, of Valparaiso [*sic* – *Valparaiso*], Indiana, to teach the Granite Bluff school. The building recently occupied by Louis Langon as a residence has been purchased by the school board and remodeled into a school house.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1904], page 11, column 2

Granite Bluff Items.

The school in this district opened the first of this month with twelve scholars enrolled. The teacher, Russell Goodson, is a young man of ability and gives good satisfaction.

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The district school under the efficient tutorship of Russell Goodson is getting along finely. The scholars take great interest in their studies and show a marked improvement in all branches. The enrollment is small and this gives the teacher more time to attend to the special requirements of each individual scholar. The following are the names of the scholars in attendance: Edward and Levy Collins, Amos Johnson, Fred and Burney Hinkley, Wilfred and Silvia Loggerfeldt, Lanore [*sic*] and Joseph Laplant and Addie Bordeau. They are all bright scholars and try to improve their opportunities to get an education.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 51 [Thursday, May 11, 1905], page 5, column 2

Quinnesec Items.

The board of education has decided to retain for the ensuing year the following named teachers in the high school: Misses Sara Kanouses, Alice Downs, Anna Bryngelson and Laura Gill. The selection of a superintendent has not yet been made. Miss Hannah Kaltz has been re-engaged for Pine Creek school, Miss May Richardson for the Cuff Mine school, and Miss Ida Holmes for the Peter school. No selection has been made yet for Granite Bluff.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 25 [Thursday, November 10, 1910], page 5, column 2

Granite Bluff Gossip.

A new pupil in school – Lucille Delgoff.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 117 [Thursday, August 27, 1925], page 10, column 4

GRANITE BLUFF SCHOOL CLOSED

Sweeney Gives Districts To Be Served by Various Buildings

School boundaries in the rural districts of Breitung township are the same as in past years except that the Granite Bluff school will be discontinued and all children in that section transported to Merriman, it

was stated today by F.C. Sweeney, superintendent.

[This article continues, and is found under Breitung Township Schools in this section.]

Indiana Mine School/Richardsburg School

Erected in ____ – Razed in ____
Years Classes Held:

Road
Indiana Mine

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In October of 1883 seats were purchased for the Indiana Mine schoolhouse.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 18 [Thursday, September 14, 1916], page 1, column 6

Indiana Mine School.

The contract for the new school building at the Indiana mine was let to Adolph Wallin at a meeting of the Breitung township board of education held last Tuesday. Mr. Wallin's tender was \$1,871. Tenders were submitted by A.C. Garland, Jenkins Brothers and Charles Champion, of this city, P.A. Bostrom, of Norway, and A.W. Wilson, of Niagara. Between the tender of Wallin and Champion, there was only a difference of \$2.75. The bids did not include the masonry work. The building will be provided with the Smith system of heating and ventilation and the Keurstine toilet equipment. The successful contractor

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has promised to commence the work at once.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 20 [Thursday, September 28, 1916], page 6, column 5

QUINNESEC.

The new school-house [*sic* – *schoolhouse*] at the Indiana mine will be completed by Dec. 1st. The school-room [*sic* – *schoolroom*] proper will be 24x31 feet. The work room will be used for domestic science and manual [*sic* – *manual*] training. The building will be one of the best in the county. Plans for the same were drawn by Architect Fred Parmelee.

Merriman School 1

**Erected in 1911 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1911-1933/1934**

**Road
Merriman**

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 9 [Thursday, July 20, 1911], page 8, column 5

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

The contract for the erection of a new frame school-house [*sic* – *schoolhouse*] at Merriam [*sic* – *Merriman*] was let to J.J. Collins, of Granite Bluff, at a meeting of the Breitung township board of education held last Monday evening. The building will be 22 by 32 feet in size.

MERRIMAN SCHOOL NO. 1

[Taken from a letter from Ruth (Peterson) Larson dated April 9, 2012.]

The first school in Merriman, built by Mr. Collins, consisted of one room and served students from kindergarten through eighth grade from the Merriman and Granite Bluff area. Ruth (Peterson) Larson, a student in the Merriman schools, reported that the school building had a domed roof to better shed the heavy snow. This building didn't have a basement, but did have chemical toilets inside which were located behind the wall where the teacher sat. The school had a wood burning stove inside the door with a "jacket" around it to prevent burns.

Ruth recalled a story her older sisters related regarding "a community figure who was larger than life itself, in many ways." He was a big man from the South who used the word "hain't" regularly. One day he visited the school and showed off a bit for the students. He took the stove poker, put it between his teeth and pulled down, bending it some. Her two sisters were duly impressed.

The first school was moved a half mile up the Merriman crossroad and became the community hall for several years when the Indiana Mine School was brought to the community.

Merriman School 2



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Moved in 1933/1934 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1933/1934-1947

Road
Merriman

MERRIMAN SCHOOL NO. 2

[Taken from a letter from Ruth (Peterson) Larson dated April 9, 2012.]

The second school serving the Merriman and Granite Bluff students was moved to Merriman from Indiana Mine during the winter of 1933 or 1934, according to Ruth (Peterson) Larson and her sister Dorothy (Peterson) Perkins. Dorothy attended this school for two years before she attended the higher grades at the Twin Falls School. Ruth attended kindergarten in the second Merriman School in 1939. This school provided instruction for students from kindergarten through fourth grade while Ruth was in attendance. The Merriman School closed when Ruth entered the fourth grade, and she was sent to the Woodward Avenue School in Kingsford which she described as a "pretty school." But Ruth also expressed her terror at missing the bus after school, as there was no telephone at home to contact her family for many years. Most of the students went to the Twin Falls School when the Merriman School closed.

The second Merriman School was also a one-room structure with a cloak room on both ends. The only door faced west. It had a basement with a concrete floor, and Ruth remembered students were allowed to roller skate on the smooth concrete.

There was a tiny kitchen that was equipped with a hot plate. Each week a different farmer would supply the milk for the students, and the teacher would make chocolate milk for them to drink with their

box lunches. The students washed their own cups in the kitchen area. Students also dipped their cups into the pail of water kept in the classroom when they were thirsty. The water was pumped from the well located on the southeast corner of the property. The county or state periodically treated the well.

A coal furnace in the basement furnished the heat, and a nearby neighbor started the fire before the students arrived and tended it during the day as well.

A merry-go-round and a turning pole were located outside in the large school yard which was often used for ball games. Ruth remembered Miss Johnson, a young, slim, blonde teacher, who went outside at noon in the spring and pitched softball for the students. Occasionally there were fights on the playground which Ruth found upsetting. However, Ruth found it comical rather than upsetting when one teacher used a bar of soap to wash out the mouths of students using inappropriate language.

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In the fall of 1947 the grade school students from Twin Falls and Merriman started going to Quinnesec. This continued until the present arrangement took place.

Pine Creek School 1

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: -

Road
Pine Creek

Pine Creek School 2

Erected in 1904 – Razed in _____

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Years Classes Held: 1904 -

Road Pine Creek

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The Garfield School was used until 1925 when the doors of the present school were opened. With its opening the Pine Creek students also came to Quinnesec.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 23 [Thursday, October 27, 1904], page 5, column 4

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

The new school-house [*sic* – *schoolhouse*] at Pine creek is completed and Miss Hanna Kaltz, of West Branch, Mich., has been engaged as teacher. School will open November 1st.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 24 [Thursday, November 3, 1904], page 5, column 2

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

Miss Hannah Kaltz, of West Branch, Mich., arrived last Sunday and took charge of the new Pine Creek school, which was opened on Tuesday.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 51 [Thursday, May 11, 1905], page 5, column 2

Quinnesec Items.

The board of education has decided to retain for the ensuing year the following named teachers in the high school: Misses Sara Kanouses, Alice Downs, Anna Bryngelson and Laura Gill. The selection of a superintendent has not yet been made. Miss Hannah Kaltz has been re-engaged for Pine Creek school, Miss May Richardson for the Cuff Mine school, and Miss Ida Holmes for the Peter school. No selection has been made yet for Granite Bluff.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 16 [Thursday, September 10, 1908], page 5, column 2

Quinnesec Items.

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Pine Creek School 3

Erected in 1922 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1922-

Road Pine Creek

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, August 18, 1922], page 1, column 3

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WALLIN AWARDED SCHOOL CONTRACT

Will Be Erected in Accordance With Standard Plans

The contract for the erection of the new school building in the Pine Creek farming district has been awarded [sic – awarded] by the Breitung township board of education to Adolph Wallin, of Iron Mountain. The contract price is \$3,367.

The Wallin tender was the lowest of six. The next lowest bidder was Emmet [sic – Emmet] Markley, whose tender was \$3,778,81. The other tenders ranged from \$4,230 to \$4,110.

Members Langsford, Bryngelson and Trevarthen, of the board of education, and Architect Parmelee and Contractor Wallin visited the the [sic] school site yesterday to complete arrangements to start construction work. The building will be standard and erected in accordance with plans approved by the state superintendent of public instruction.

Pine Grove School

Erected in 1925 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

Road
Pine Grove [Pine Creek - ?]

Twin Falls School 1

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

Road Twin Falls

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 22 [Thursday, October 20, 1910], page 1, column 6

Foot Social.

We have been requested an [sic – to] announce that a foot social, in which the gentlemen will bid for the women's feet after the manner of a basket-social, will be given by the young folks and the teacher at the Twin Falls school on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. All are invited. The ladies are requested to bring something for the lunch, which will [be] given after the auction. This social is for the purpose of getting pictures and story-books [sic – storybooks] for the school.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 48 [Thursday, April 20, 1911], page 8, column 5

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Twin Falls School.

Erected in 1925 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: -1947

A shadow social will be held Saturday evening, April 29th, at 8:00, minining [sic – mining] time, at the Twin Falls school. Each lady will bring lunch for two. The gentlemen will bid on the shadows of said ladies as they appear one at a time upon a screen. After the auction there will be dancing and games at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lagerstedt. All are invited – the more the merrier. Girls, remember, you need not decorate your lunch boxes. Proceeds are to be used to procure a photograph and records for the school.

Road
Twin Falls

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Twin Falls School 2

Erected in 1916 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

Road
Twin Falls

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 36 [Thursday, January 20, 1916], page 1, column 6

New School.

Samuel Jenkins has completed his contract for building the Twin Falls school-house [sic – schoolhouse]. The building is a one-story structure 34x36 feet on the foundation, with an addition 10x12 feet for entrance and cloak-room [sic – cloakroom] purposes. The seating capacity is for thirty-six pupils. The contract price was \$1,550. The new building is located a short distance from the county road and presents a very neat appearance.

Twin Falls School 3