

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS – IRON MOUNTAIN

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GENERAL ARTICLES

The public schools of Iron Mountain were first organized, under the district school system, in 1880, as School District No. 2, Breitung Township, with John C. Kern, director; Thomas B. Rundle, moderator; and Andrew Jackson Boyington, assessor. The first school building consisted of two rooms. In 1883 the district was reorganized into a graded district with five trustees upon the governing board.

The rapid growth of the town with the increased number in school attendance from year to year necessitated almost continually the construction of school buildings.

[*Born From Iron*, p. 54]

School Record, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 10, Number 7 [March, 1910], pages 25-26 [*This was the Iron Mountain school newspaper.*]

THE SCHOOLS.

At first Iron Mountain was part of Breitung Township. A sub-district was organized in 1880 and John Wicks, Andrew Boyington and John Kern were chosen directors. They started to erect a two room [*sic – two-room*] building to be ready in the fall of 1880. It was situated on the northeast corner of Brown and Iron Mountain streets, one block north of the present Carnegie Library. The building was not ready for occupancy until January, 1881. Will H. Shephard was the teacher and taught eight months, closing the first of September.

At that time, Keelridge [*sic – Keel Ridge*] had a considerable population and was part of the Iron Mountain district. In the fall of 1881 a one-room building was erected there. The teachers for 1881-1882 were

Miss Alice Downs, and miss Belle Kern in the Brown Street building, and Miss Edith Forsyth at Keelridge [*sic – Keel Ridge*]. The next year a two-room addition was made to the Brown Street building. The teachers for 1882-1883 were Mr. C.H. Van Anda, Miss Agnes Hawley and Miss Ella Atkinson in the Brown Street building, and Miss Edith Forsyth at Keelridge [*sic – Keel Ridge*]. The following summer, Keelridge [*sic – Keel Ridge*] having been largely abandoned, the school building was moved to Chapin location. In October, 1883, the Central school was ordered built at a cost of \$7,500.

TEACHERS.

1881

BROWN ST. SCHOOL

William H. Shephard.

KEEL RIDGE SCHOOL

1881-1882

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Alice M. Downs,
Bell Kern.

KEEL RIDGE SCHOOL

Edith Forsyth.

1882-1883

BROWN ST. SCHOOL

A.J. Van Auken [*sic – Anda*], Supt.,
Agnes Hawley,
Ella Atkinson.

KEEL RIDGE SCHOOL

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1883-1884

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BROWN ST. SCHOOL

A.J. Van Auken [*sic – Anda*], Supt.,
Margaret Teller,
Agnes Hawley,
Allie Wicks,
Clara Congdon.
(The latter in a rented room on Brown St.)

1884-1885

CENTRAL SCHOOL

A.J. Van Auken [*sic – Anda*], Supt.,
Magaret [*sic – Margaret*] Teller,
Agnes Hawley,
Chetty Wheeler,
Sarah Gray,
Allie Wicks,
Minnie Flaherty, [*later Mrs. Edward George Kingsford*]
Ella Penglase.

BROWN ST. SCHOOL

Clara Congdon,
Jane Van Auken. [*later Mrs. Albert Eleazer Robbins*]

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume ____, Number ____ [Thursday, July 1, 1976], page ____, columns 1-4

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1889 – Chapin School.
1891 – Ludington School.
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1900 – Washington School, with additions in 1908 and 1925.
1912 – Iron Mountain High School.
1924 – Amidon School.
1938 – Iron Mountain Junior High School-Central School.
1961 – East Elementary School.

Serving the Iron Mountain School System as superintendents since the first school opened have been the following:

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Iron Mountain High School principals over the years included Charles M. Gill, 1892-93; Thomas W. Paton, 1893-95; Clarence W. Green, 1895-1902; John F. Reed, 1902-11; H.D. Bargelt, 1911-1912; Tobias O. Chew, 1912-14; 1914-1918, none; Marie Ronan, 1918-20; Glen McClearly, 1920-22; 1922-23, Albert L. Frantz; 1923-1934, John Jelsch; Bruce H. Guild, 1934-1953; Caroline Hofer, 1953-1962; Thomas H. Quarnstrom, 1962-65; Edward Kukuk, 1965-68; Robert Youngren, 1968-present.

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The Daily News, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume ____, Number ____ [Friday, July 29, 1979], page ____, columns 1-4

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The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 3 [Thursday, April 11, 1889], page 5, column 3

School Matters.

The committee appointed at the special school meeting held March 22, comprising Messrs. W.H. Sweet, E.E. Brewster, A.E. Anderson, R.P. Tuten and Christ. Grossbusch, for the purpose of ascertaining

what was needed to provide adequate accommodations for the increasing number of school children in our city, reported to the board of education last Friday evening. After carefully looking the ground over the committee reported in substance that a lot can be purchased from the Chapin Mining Company, one block north of the house recently occupied by Per Larsson. The lot has a frontage on three sites – on the west of 100 feet, north 240 feet and east 146 feet. Two small dwelling houses are now located on the lot which the city will have to move to new sites. They recommended that a substantial brick building of six rooms be constructed, which will cost probably \$10,000. They also recommended that the two small school buildings now in use at the Chapin location be abandoned, and these buildings can be sold to the Chapin company at a fair valuation if the city is disposed to sell them. In regard to the Brown street school building, the committee recommended that it receive needed repairs, and be made to do duty for some years yet. The report of the committee was received and the board adopted a resolution to bond the city in the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose above mentioned, and the construction of the new building will be begun as soon as the necessary plans and specifications can be drawn up and contract let.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 4 [Thursday, April 18, 1889], page 1, column 2

PROF. ABERNETHY called last Friday and showed us a basket full of neatly-made paper quadrangular prisms, which were made by his pupils. The object of having the scholars do this work is to give them an idea of what a quadrangular prism is, and

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their work shows that they have caught on without doubt.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 35 [Saturday, December 25, 1897], page 1, column 3

A HALT IS CALLED.

Some of Our Teachers Are Giving too Much Attention to Dancing.

THE SCHOOL BOARD TAKES ACTION

Resolution as Offered Adopted Without a Dissenting Voice – Announcement will Cause a Flurry Among Teachers in Society.

The school board last Friday decided that many of the teachers are giving too much attention to affairs in society and in order to remedy the growing evil decided to call a halt in the form of a resolution that was offered and adopted without one dissenting voice.

The announcement of this action by the board will cause a flurry of excitement in the best society circles of the city, for in Iron Mountain the "400" is made up principally of pedagogues.

The resolution is not as severe as might be expected under the circumstances, but the phraseology is very, very plain, and there is nothing omitted that will in any way give an excuse for its misconstruction or violation. The resolution, as offered by Mr. Pelham, reads as follows:

"That all teachers be and are hereby requested to refrain from attending dances, parties and other social entertainments held upon evenings preceding days upon which school is to be in session."

Attorney H.M. Pelham, who is a former president of the board, and who is the author of the resolution, was seen by a Tribune representative Saturday in his office in the court house. Mr. Pelham stated that the resolution was not aimed at any particular member of the local corps of teachers, but admitted that this action was provoked by the many recent society events occurring on nights preceding a school day.

"There is not so much objection to card parties and other like events," continued Mr. Pelham, "and no objection is offered to dancing parties that occur on Friday nights, but the two-step, polka and schottische, with its romping, merry spirit and go, ahs a tendency to exhaust one's mental as well as physical powers, both of which are indispensable in the school room."

Secretary McLaughlin stated that this action had been in contemplation for some time, but the board refrained from taking official action hoping that the teachers would take a "tumble" and not place themselves in a position to be publicly criticized.

"This action is final," said the stern looking secretary of the school board, "and Superintendent Paton will send a copy to all the teachers."

In regard to the closing of the schools for the holiday season the board decided that Friday, Dec. 24th, will be the last day of the present term. A number of requests had been made by teachers to be excused on Thursday in order to allow them to reach their home by Christmas day. These requests were granted, providing a substitute was furnished for each room

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without expense to the board. After allowing a number of bills the board adjourned.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 12 [Thursday, August 10, 1899], page 8, column 1

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The ordinance prohibiting the selling of liquor within five hundred feet of any school building will be found on page five of today's *[sic – today's]* paper.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 15 [Thursday, August 31, 1899], page 1, column 4

We Are Growing.

Yesterday James D. Cudlip completed the work of taking the annual school census, and the total indicates that our city is enjoying a healthy growth. The total number of children of school age is 2,734, an increase over last year of 227. These figures would indicate that Iron Mountain has a population of over 10,000 at present.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 5 [Thursday, June 21, 1900], page 1, column 3

MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

Matter Will be Discussed at Meeting of Board of Education To-morrow Night.

A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held to-morrow *[sic – tomorrow]* evening. The meeting has been called by President Crowell for the purpose of considering in an informal manner the question of establishing a Manual Training School here. That such an institution is needed and could do a great work here in moulding *[sic – molding]* the minds and characters of our public school attendants, *[sic]* is a fact generally conceded. The only question is the additional expense of conducting and equipping such a school.

President Crowell's idea is to build a one-story north and south wing to the present Central school building and have them open into each by means of a hallway through the basement of the present structure, utilizing the north wing for an iron working department and the south for wooden-work of all kinds. The expense of erecting the buildings would be comparatively small and the necessity of purchasing a site would thus be obviated. In the matter of equipment, the expense would be trifling when we consider that the Board will have to provide the Central school with an entire new steam heating plant whether the Manual Training school is built or not. If the Training School is decided upon, boilers of sufficient capacity to not only heat the building perfectly, but furnish motive power for the machinery[,] could be secured at small extra cost.

The benefits of a Manual Training School to a community like Iron Mountain are obvious. The subject has been fully discussed in these columns by Mr. Hammond, the state superintendent of public instruction, and has his enthusiastic endorsement.

The Press hopes for the good of the community that the Board of Education can see its way clear to establish such a school, and we feel confident that once established

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it will have the undivided and hearty support of the tax-payers [*sic – taxpayers*].

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 7 [Thursday, July 5, 1900], page 1, column 3

Two New School Buildings.

The Press learns that at a meeting of the Board of Education held on Friday evening last D. Fred Charlton, the Marquette architect, was engaged to furnish plans for a Manual Training school and a four-room ward school, the latter to be used as a sort of an annex for the Hulst high school building, which is unable to accommodate the increased attendance. It is estimated that the new buildings will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 8 [Thursday, July 12, 1900], page 1, column 3

Proposed New School.

Architect Charlton, of Marquette, is now engaged in preparing the plans for the new school buildings to be erected here during the present year. It is estimated that the cost of the two buildings, with the sites, will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. The proposed manual training school will be erected in the immediate vicinity of the Hulst school and the primary school on East D street, or in that immediate vicinity. The latter will be a four-room structure so constructed that it may be enlarged with out [*sic – without*] expensive alterations to the parent building. The Board of Education has received assurance to the effect that a

great deal of the equipment for the manual training school will be donated.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 16 [Thursday, September 13, 1900], page 5, column 4

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

Iron Mountain has a school population of 3,000.

...
The Iron Mountain Coal company has secured the contract to supply the several school buildings with coal. The amount required is 425 tons, and the price per ton is \$6.45.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 17 [Thursday, September 20, 1900], page 1, column 5

Will Build of Wood.

The Board of Education has decided to construct the new school-house [*sic – schoolhouse*] in the fourth ward of wood, the bids for a brick building being much higher than expected. Architect Charlton is now preparing the plans and bids will be asked for within a week or ten days.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 17 [Thursday, September 20, 1900], page 8, column 4

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

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The French school conducted by Miss H. Coron has now an enrollment of forty-five pupils. Miss Caron also gives lessons in the evenings to adults.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 27 [Thursday, November 29, 1900], page 4, column 6

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The children of the French school will repeat their entertainment of last week to-night [sic – tonight] in the basement of St. Joseph's church, at eight o'clock. Hypnotic tests after the dramatic part of the program. Before the entertainment the ladies will serve supper, commencing at six o'clock. The admission is only 25 cents a couple, including supper and entertainment. The receipts go to the church fund.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 29 [Thursday, December 13, 1900], page 3, column 2

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The sudden cold snap is delaying work on the new school-house [sic – schoolhouse], but Contractor Sweet expects to have it finished within the specified time nevertheless.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 30 [Thursday, December 20, 1900], page 6, column 1

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The city schools will close to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] for the usual holiday vacation of two weeks.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 16 [Thursday, September 15, 1904], page 8, column 6

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

A reception for the new teachers was held at the Presbyterian parsonage last evening.

...

The board of education and high school faculty will tender a reception to the new teachers at the Hulst building on Saturday evening.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1904], page 1, column 2

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Nearly All Public School Teachers Will Visit Out of Town.

The public schools closed yesterday for the holiday vacation and nearly all the teachers will improve the opportunity to visit their homes, or homes of friends. As near as can be learned, the teachers [of] the city will spend the season at the following places:

Bates, Anna M.L., at Williams, Iowa.

Bissell, Elizabeth D., at St. Ignace.

Dawe, Matie [sic – Mattie] E., at Negaunee.

Dunnebacke, Louise, at Marquette.

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Edwards, Edith G., at Watertown, Wis.
Eldridge, Lillian, at Oshkosh, Wis.
Finn, Delia, at Marinette, Wis.
Goessling, Jennie, at Elkhart Lake, Wis.
Gunn, Alice, at Lansing, Mich.
Hamilton, Elizabeth, at Richland Center,

Wisconsin.

Hansen, Hannah, Florence, Wis.
Hatch, Flora D., at Oshkosh, Wis.
Hemlock, May B., at Marinette, Wis.
Henning, Isabelle, at Chicago, Ill.
Hughes, Lulu, at Fond du Lac, Wis.
Kavanaugh, Margaret, at Antigo, Wis.
Kochler, Elsa I., at Rock Island, Ill.
Laughlin, Leonora, at Ishpeming.
Leinback, Maude, at Three Rivers, Mich.
Macdonald, Marion, at Kilbourn City,

Wisconsin.

Parmelee, Ann B., at Hibbing, Minn.
Perry, Jessie E., at Milwaukee, Wis.
Peterson, Emma, at Cecil Bay, Wis.
Price, George G., at Oakfield, Wis.
Reardon, Katherine, at Oshkosh, Wis.
Reed, John, at Elmwood, Ill.
Rice, W.L., at Chicago, Ill.
Smith, Mary A., at Gaylord, Mich.
Stewart, Margaret, at Redwood Fall,

Minnesota.

Taylor, M. Genieve, at Taylorville, Ill.
Thompson, Mary M., at Chicago, Ill.
Uren, Anna M., at Norway.
Wallace, Mary, at Marquette.
West, Ray D., at Hilbert Junction, Wis.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15,
Number 15 [Thursday, September 1,
1910], page 1, columns 1-2

SCHOOL VACATION.

COMES TO AN END NEXT TUESDAY WHEN STUDIES COMMENCE.

Complete List of Instructors Engaged for Year; Attendance Will Break All Records.

The long vacation for the public schools will close on Tuesday next, when the various departments will resume regular sessions.

During the vacation season the several school buildings have been thoroughly clean [*sic – cleaned*] and repaired. At the Hulst building new heating radiators have been placed in the several rooms, the manual training department has been enlarged, and two rooms in the basement have been fitted up for the high school students. The Ludington building has been supplied with a new roof.

Supt. Amidon predicts an increased attendance in all departments. The attendance at the high school promised to reach 250, much the largest in the history of the schools, and sixty larger than last year. All departments are badly overcrowded and another building is needed. The Press understands that the board of education has debated in an informal way the erection of a new high school building and the question of a bond issue for such a structure may be submitted to a vote of the tax-payers at no distant day. The plan most favorably considered is to erect the new high school building on the Central school site, containing one block, and removing the Central building to the property north of St. Joseph's church, which the board purchased some time ago.

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Following is a list of the instructors in the several schools together with their home address:

Iron Mountain – Kathryn Allison, L.E. Amidon, Agnes Bolan, Josephine Dillon, Lulu Dillon, E. Winifred Downs, Stanley Garthe, Ella Harper, Edith Johnson, Gertrude Laing, Cora G. Luxmore, Marie A. Pariseau, Ella Penglase, Jennie Penglase, Daisy Rizzardi, Elizabeth Skillen, Marhy Skillen.

Ishpeming – Simon R. Anderson, Klara L. Kjesboe.

Ruth Bailey, Jacksonville, Ill.

Nellie Berwald, Bessemer.

Oshkosh – Edna Braisher, Maud A. Crum, Jessie Braisher, Lillian Eldredge.

Lillian J. Brown, Hancock.

Mary L. Burris, Platteville, Wis.

Jane Cochrane, Washington, D.C.

Ethel Collins, Wadena, Minn.

Rena Conklin, Charlotte.

Elizabeth Criswell, Cambridge, Ohio

Edna Cummins, Rose Hill, Ill.

Lena Danforth, Massena, N.Y.

A.J. Dean, Bay View

Marquette – Catherine Deasy, Elizabeth Mohrman, William F. Mullaly.

Ruby J. Delbridge, Colchester, Ill.

Edith M. Dolf, Michigamme.

Tessie Feeley, Champion.

Carrie M. Fosdick, Pontiac.

Maude M. Foval, Warren, Ill.

Ruby C. Fuhrman, Platteville, Wis.

Goldie Gabel, Greenup, Ill.

Matilda Golden, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Herta M. Heers, New Ulm, Minn.

Margaret Kavanaugh, Antigo, Wis.

Julia Keefe, Elkhorn, Wis.

Mildred Koster, Platteville, Wis.

Clara W. Long, Mt. Morris.

Claire Maris, Tuscola, Ill.

Edna Mayer, Marshall, Ill.

Genevieve McDonald, Ontonagon.

Gardia J. Merreitt, Iowa. [sic]

Elizabeth Merritt, Rondo.

Mary E. Morrill, Warner, N.H.

May Mundy, Fennimore, Wis.

Viola Pelunck, Alma, Wis.

Mayme Ratz, Brighton.

J.F. Reed, Elmwood, Ill.

Gertrude Saw, Negaunee.

Petronella M. Scanlon, West Depere, Wis.

Julia Smith, St. Johns.

Annie g. Stanley, Omro, Wis.

Vivian L. Thrum, Eagle River, Wis.

Mabel Tousley, Wheaton, Ill.

Bennetta Treloar, National Mine.

Anna M. Trondson, Black River Falls, Wis.

Minerva Updike, Chelsea.

Sue E. Welch, Richmond, Ill.

Nellie Whelan, Hartford, Wis.

The teachers have been assigned to the several buildings, as follows:

Carnegie Library – L.E. Amidon, superintendent, Agnes Bolen, grammar supervisor, Edna E. Braisher, primary supervisor, Sabra Nelson, librarian.

Hulst School – John F. Reed, principal, mathematics; Kathryn Allison, music; Herta M. Heers, drawing; Sue E. Welch, history; Jane Cochrane, English; A.J. Dean, science; Ruth Bailey, Clara W. Long, ninth year; J. Gardia Merreitt, Latin-German; Elizabeth Criswell, commerce; Lena E. Danforth, domestic science; Stanley Garthe, manual training; Anna M. Trondson, deaf; Minerva Updike, Margaret Kavanaugh, Elizabeth Skillen, Gertrude Saw, Vivian G. Thrum, eighth grade; Petronella Scanlon, Marie A. Pariseau, Maude A. Crum, seventh grade.

Lowell School – Catherine Deasy, principal, sixth grade; Elizabeth Mohrman, Gertrude Laing, fifth grade; Goldie Gabel, fourth grade.

Washington School – Julia Smith, principal, third grade, Florence B. Crossen,

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third-second, Julia Keefe, second, Jennie Penglase, first, Ella Penglase, first-primary, Rena Conklin, primer.

Lincoln School – Simon R. Anderson, principal, seventh grade, Lulu Dillon, sixth, Josephine Dillon, fifth, Claire Maris, fourth, Nellie Berwald, third, Ruby Fuhrman, second, Viola Pelunck, first, Tessie Feeley, primer.

Central School – Ella Harper, principal, seventh grade, Matilda Golden, sixth, Maude Foval, fifth, Mabel Tousley, fourth, Bennetta Treloar, third, Mildred Koster, second, Nellie Whelan, first, Edith Dolf, primer.

Ludington School – Mary Skillen, principal, sixth-fifth, Elizabeth Merritt, fourth-third, Edna Cummins, second-first, E. Winifred Downs, primer.

Farragut School – William J. Mullaly, principal, seventh, Mary Burris, Edna Mayers, sixth, Carrie Fosdick, Edith Johnson, fifth, Ruby Delbridge, Mayme Ratz, Lillian Brown, fourth.

Chapin School – Jessie Braisher, principal, third, Ethel Collins, third, May Mundy, Klara L. Kjesboe, second, Annie Stanley, second-first, Lillian Eldredge, Genevieve McDonald, first, Daisy Rizzardi, Mary Morrill, Cora G. Luxmore, primer.

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NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

Several girls who have completed the eight [*sic – eighth*] grade in their home schools elsewhere in the county would be glad of the opportunity of continuing their education in the city high school, if homes can be found for them where they may

receive board and room in exchange for such services as they may be able to render outside of school hours. Families interested are asked to communicate by phone or otherwise with E.L. Parmenter, County Commissioner of Schools.

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

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School Attendance.

The attendance at the high school is so large that Principal Reed has been forced to make room in his office for a class and two rooms in the basement are also utilized. The enrollment is 250, an increase of twenty-three over last year. The seating capacity of the high school auditorium is only 140. Supt. Amidon tells The Press that

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there has been a very marked increased [sic – increase] in the attendance in all the higher grades. The total enrollment in all departments of the schools is now 2,500. In the lower grades the attendance shows no marked increased [sic – increase], but from the seventh grade to the high school the increase has been large.

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STUDENTS LEAVING

IRON MOUNTAIN WILL SEND MANY STUDENTS TO COLLEGE.

Many Representatives at the Michigan and Wisconsin Universities and Other Schools.

Iron Mountain will be well represented in the various universities and schools this fall and winter. The Press has endeavored to compile a complete list of the students with the following showing:

University of Wisconsin at Madison – Winifred Corning, Ruth Jones, Marie O’Callaghan, Myrtle Thompson, Katherine Scott, Joseph A. Crowell, Jr., Ruth Crowell, Edwin Sackerson, H. Carl Henze and Irving Smith.

Michigan College of Mines at Houghton – Joseph Rowell, Bertram G. Crocker and William Trestrail, Jr.

Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing – James Seibert, Irving Browning and H. James Bemis.

Michigan University at Ann Arbor – Harold Davidson, Ione Brown, Kate

Alexander, Muriel Brown, Ora Corning, Jay Cook, Ward Davidson, Peter Alexander, William Nord, John Hellberg.

Lawrence University at Appleton – Orville Scandling, George Hooper, Rose Calvi, Eda Cola, Myrtle Creuz.

Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. – Herbert Anderson.

Northern Normal School at Marquette – Margaret Hampton, Virginia Cardinal, June Holmberg.

Milwaukee-Downer College at Milwaukee – Ruth Sterling, Margaret Holfeltz.

Northern Minnesota Normal at Duluth – Clara Renz.

Menominee County Training School at Menominee – Agnes Lane.

State Normal School at Ypsilanti – Lulu Laing, Theresa Pariseau.

Armour Institute at Chicago – Fred Rundle.

Alma College at Alma, Mich. – Edith Dykes, Ruth Robbins.

Oshkosh, Wis., Normal – Mary Costa.

Albion College at Albion, Mich., [sic] – Everett Carlyon.

University of Chicago – Regna Eskil.

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Work of Boys? – Perhaps.

An attempt was made by some unknown party or parties last Friday night to blow up the gasoline tank at the manual training school. A blaze was seen by some of the neighboring residents and a telephone message was sent to Supt. Amidon, who, in company with Supervisor Garthe, hurried to the scene. It was found that some one [sic – someone] had

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removed the cap to the intake pipe of the gasoline tank and had set the gasoline on fire. The blaze was rushing out of the pipe, but had not gained headway enough to admit air into the tank and cause an explosion. The cap was replaced on the pipe and the fire smothered out. Had the tank been only partially filled there would have been air enough in it to cause an explosion, which would have wrecked the building and probably done considerable damage to the high school building.

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The Public Schools.

The sixty odd departments of the public schools will resume regular sessions next Tuesday morning. The teachers are now returning to the city and a general meeting will be held on Monday. It is the opinion the attendance will be considerably larger than last year. This will be true to a degree in the high school, and Supt. Amidon will be confronted with the problem of securing accommodations. Last year this department was badly overcrowded.

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SCHOOLS OF CITY

**ALL DEPARTMENTS WILL
RESUME SESSIONS ON
WEDNESDAY.**

Manual Training Division Has Been Enlarged by a Well-Equipped Blacksmith Department.

The various departments of the city school will resume regular sessions next Wednesday. A meeting of the teachers will be held on Tuesday for the discussion of plans for the year. The instructors are about the same as last year. Following is a list, as furnished by Supt. Amidon, together with the buildings and the positions assigned:

HIGH SCHOOL – OFFICE

L.E. Amidon, Superintendent
Agnes Bolan, Grammar Supervisor
Susan E. Williams, Primary Supervisor
Mrs. Annette Page, Music Supervisor
Mary V. Moore, Drawing Supervisor
Lattie M. Gervais, Clerk
James D. Cudlip, Truant Officer

HIGH SCHOOL – TEACHERS

Katherine Sheridan, English
Gladys M. Boise, English
Vera Lutje, History
Mamie Knickerbocker, History
Minnie J. Talbot, Mathematics
Edith F. Salter, Mathematics
A.J. Dean, Science
Florence K. Wilson, Science
Esther A. Stavrum, Latin, German
W.P. Potter, Commerce
Myra Collinson, Civil Services
Stanley Garthe, Manual Training
Glenn H. Myers, manual Training
Minna Baab, Domestic Science
Bessie Rogers, Domestic Science

HULST BUILDING

S.R. Anderson, Principal, English
Lulu Dillon, Eighth
Gertrude Saw, Eighth
Minerva Updike, Eighth
Joan Sullivan, Eighth
Edna L. Nash, Eighth
Nellie Jordan, Seventh

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Edith Reynolds, Seventh
Adeline Welte, Sixth
Christina Pederson, Sixth, Fifth
Ida Gleason, Deaf

WASHINGTON BUILDING

Clara Kjesboe, Principal, Fifth
Minnie Hegdahl, Fourth
Julia Graefe, Third
Johanna Flaa, Second
Jennie Penglase, First
Ella Penglase, Primer

LINCOLN BUILDING

Mary Skillen, Principal, Seventh
Georgiana Tyler, Sixth
Gladys Cox, Fifth
Alphild Carlson, Fourth
Nellie Lynch, Third
Agnes Swanson, Second
Anna Hallberg, First
Eva Gordon, Primer

CENTRAL BUILDING

Mary McCole, Principal, Seventh
Bertha Couture, Sixth
Lottie Hewson, Fifth
Florence Keightley, Fourth
Clara Meyer, Third
Lillian Cameron, Second
Golda Salchert, First
Genevieve Clement, Primer

LUDINGTON BUILDING

Winifred Skillen, Principal, Seventh,
Sixth.

Eda Cola, Fifth, Fourth
Carrie E. Toan, Third, Second
Winifred Downs, First, Primer

FARRAGUT BUILDING [sic – BUILDING]

Frank D. Bullock, Principal, Seventh
Lucilla Reidy, Sixth
Angelina Theriault, Sixth
Edith Plambech, Fifth
Esther Dunstone, Fifth
Edith L. Glover, Fourth
Minnie Larson, Fourth
Maree Schaeffer, Fourth, Third

CHAPIN BUILDING

Ethel McCallen, Principal, Third
Ora Slocum, Third
Alta Hulbert, Second
Agnes M. Leiper, Second
Lyda Gill, Second, First
Alvah Rowe, First
Abba Watton, First
Cora Luxmore, Primer
Daisy Rizzardi, Primer
Mae Bengry, Primer

Some substantial improvements are being made at the high school building. A forging-room [*sic – forging room*] has been established in the basement with fourteen forges and anvils, so that, with two classes per day, twenty-eight pupils maybe instructed in blacksmithing and iron work. A new lathe has been added to the manual training room and a large cabinet, with eighteen compartments for storing incompleated [*sic – uncompleted*] work, has been built in the small room adjoining the workroom. The commercial department has been equipped with new desks, twenty-four in the recitation room and twelve in the typewriter room. Each desk has five drawers with individual keys, so that, if necessary, they can be used by five different classes in [*the*] same day. There are also ten new type writing machines. A new steel letter file has been added to the equipment of the superintendent's office.

The improvements at other school buildings include new steel fire escapes at the Farragut and Ludington schools, redecorating and kalsomining at the Hulst and also at the Carnegie library.

A purchase of \$400 worth of new books has been made for the high school library.

In general all the buildings have received attention and are now in perfect sanitary condition. All the doors in all the buildings have been changed to that they now swing into the halls.

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COST OF SCHOOLS

WILL REQUIRE OVER \$125,000 TO FINANCE PLANT THIS YEAR.

Ninety Thousand Dollars Raised By Direct Taxation; the Plant is Valued at \$500,000.00

The board of education estimates that it will require \$125,676.09, [sic] to finance our schools during the coming school year. Ninety thousand dollars of this amount must be raised by taxation. The item of general control, which includes the salary of Supt. Amidon, \$2,800, and salaries of clerk, \$605, and truant officer, 4450, totals \$5,000. The expense of instruction is placed at \$56,800. This includes \$54,300 for supervisors and teachers. The cost of maintenance is estimated at \$19,400. Under this heading is placed \$10,220 for janitors and assistants, \$7,000 for fuel, \$700 for light and power, and \$1,480 for supplies and incidentals. Under the heading of "auxiliary agencies" we find these items: Salaries of librarian and assistants, \$1,560; books, etc., \$1,000; other expenses, \$1,400. For the promotion of health \$500 has been appropriated. The transportation of teachers and pupils calls for \$440, and equipment for the manual training department is estimated at \$2,500. It will require \$26,076.09 to pay a \$10,000 bond falling due and a temporary loan of \$16,076.09. The interest upon the indebtedness of the district will reach

\$7,800, a very snug sum. The bonded indebtedness is given at \$139,000 and the last bond falls due in 1926. The value of the school plant, buildings and fixtures, is placed at \$500,000. There are ten school buildings, eight of them of brick and stone construction. Seventy-three teachers are employed – seven male and sixty-six female. The number of pupils enrolled is given at 2,725, the average belonging is 2,379 and the average daily attendance is 2,278, a percentage of 96, a most creditable showing. There are 3,174 children of school age in the district. The cash receipts during the past year were \$146,226.93, and the cash onhand is only \$501.88. The public library contains 12,554 volumes, 513 having been added by purchase during the year. The total circulation was 39,180, not a very good showing.

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School Attendance.

The school attendance is considerably larger than a year ago. The total registration is 2,516, one hundred and fourteen greater than a year ago. Supt. Amidon anticipates that this attendance will be increased to [a] full 2,700. Following is attendance at the several buildings:

High School.....	327
Hulst.....	352
Washington.....	240
Lincoln.....	281
Central.....	332
Ludington.....	148
Farragut.....	345
Chapin.....	491

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WERE SUCCESSFUL

MEETINGS OF PARENTS HELD AT THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Public Sentiment Favors a Continuation; Sessions Are Helpful; Teachers Urge Them.

The success of the three social meetings of teachers and parents held at the Hulst, Chapin and High School buildings during the last few weeks, [sic] has settled beyond a doubt the question whether or not Iron Mountain people are interested in their schools. And the increasing requests for a continuance of those meetings indicate pretty clearly that the movement so ably started by the Woman's [sic – Women's] Club, [sic] is not going to stop with these initial gatherings.

Iron Mountain has shown that it wants to know its schools and the teachers of its children, and the instructors likewise have shown the most lively interest and desire to know the parents of their pupils. This get-together spirit can but result in good for both sides, and in all probability will help do away with a lot of dissatisfaction which is the general feeling toward the modern school problem throughout the whole nation.

In the old days, when the country was still young, the teachers visited in the homes of the parents, and the parents regularly took a day or evening off to attend a combined social and exhibition gathering

at the school. Now, however, with the increased size of the school buildings, it is a fortunate circumstance indeed, if even a small part of the parents know the teachers, who are playing such a large part in the molding of their children's characters. Moreover, the school methods have changed so radically in the last few years that the old-timers no longer feel at home in the transformation of the "little red school-house [sic – schoolhouse]," and in consequence, due to this lack of understanding, the home and school are needlessly often at cross purposes.

The only remedy that has been found at all practicable and efficacious for overcoming this regrettable condition of affairs is a reversion to the old school social meeting days. Obviously, the modern teacher cannot visit the homes of some forty children, especially when she does not know whether or not she is welcome, nor can all parents visit the school in school hours. But both teachers and parents can meet each other at an evening gathering, and certainly there is no place more appropriate for such a meeting than the school buildings, and here in Iron Mountain, none more appropriate than the new High School, which is, or should be, the goal of all school children in the city.

This new school cost the taxpayers some \$200,000, and yet very few of them have seen the interior of it. It has the best facilities of any public building in the city for housing many people, and yet it stands vacant, except during school hours. Some part of the work that is done there concerns every one [sic – everyone] in the city, whether one's interest is farming, house-keeping [sic – housekeeping], printing, drafting, clerking, banking, carpenter work, a purely academic interest or almost any other phase of activity – physical and mental. Yet the admirable music

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department is the only one that so far has made any general acquaintance with the public. The instructors of the other departments are all glad to show their work, but people have to come to school to see it. Thus far there has been little opportunity afforded to visit the school in other than school hours, but now the school board has expressed its willingness to open the school for parents' meetings whenever people are ready to attend them. The people and the teachers have shown their willingness to come – a low estimate places the number at a thousand persons in attendance at the three meetings, and the question now is simply how these meetings can be continued in the near future, and how the small expense items can best be met.

As has been said, the Woman's [*sic* – *Women's*] Club has carried out, in a very creditable manner, the three meetings which its program called for. Next year members of the board of education have intimated that, if the people so desire it, the board may consider incorporating that item in the coming year's budget. Now the immediate question is, "Shall any action by the parents on this matter be deferred until next year?" or "Shall these meetings be continued after Christmas?" If the latter is affirmed, then, "How should these meetings be financed?" Of course, refreshments are not absolutely necessary, but it is generally admitted that refreshments at a social gathering play an important role in "breaking the ice" and in promoting the general exchange of ideas [*and*] talkativeness of the crowd. Refreshments mean work as well as money, but it might be possible to so arrange things that the domestic science students could do the necessary baking – cakes and cookies, for instance, or even good old-fashioned apple pie, to be served with coffee. People then could satisfy their curiosity as to the work of

the department, and the students could have larger quantities to work with in place of the minute quantities which they now have. The means to do with would naturally have to be supplied them, but as the cost of supplies need average only about ten dollars a meeting, this consideration ought not to prove a stumbling block.

Answers to these questions and suggestions will be welcomed by the Woman's [*sic* – *Women's*] Club. This is a matter which interests every one [*sic* – *everyone*]. Show your public spirit by letting the public know your ideas.

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HOLIDAY HIKERS

Many Public School Teachers Leave City for Vacation Season.

All departments of the city schools closed last Friday for the holiday vacation of two weeks and will re-open on Monday, January 4th. As a result of the extended vacation very many of the teachers have left for their homes or for the homes of relatives. Following is a list of those leaving the city and their destination:

Susan E. Williams, Brandon, Wis.

Mrs. Annette M. Page, Chicago.

Mary V. Moore, Brownsville, Tenn.

Katherine Sheridan, Iowa City.

Vera S. Lutje, Kalamazoo.

Mamie M. Knickerbocker, Breedsville.

Minnie J. Talbot, Berlin, Wis.

Edith F. Salter, Traverse City.

Florence K. Wilson, Ann Arbor.

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Esther Stavrum, LaCrosse, Wis.

W.P. Potter, Sparta, Ill.

Glenn H. Myers, Flint.

Minna E. Baab, Orville, Ohio.

Bessie L. Rogers, Sycamore, Ill.

Clinton V. Ballard, Lansing.

S.R. Anderson, Klara L. Kjesboe, Agnes Swanson, Minnie Hegdahl, Lyda Gill, Johanna Flaa, Ishpeming.

Gertrude Saw, Joan Sullivan, Lottie Hewson, Lucilla Reidy, Negaunee.

Edith Reynolds, Jacksonport, Wis.

Nellie C. Jordan, Hayward, Wis.

Adeline K. Welthe, Ludington.

Christine Pedeson, Hayward, Wis.

Ida Gleason, New Richmond, Wis.

Georgiana Tyler, Marine City.

Gladys Cox, Chicago.

Nellie Lynch, Hillsboro, Wis.

Alphid Carlson, Angeline Therriault, Marquette.

Eva Gordon, Barron, Wis.

Mary McCole, Green Bay.

Bertha Couture, Ontonagon.

Florence Kneightly, St. Ignace.

Clara Meyer, Florence.

Lillian Cameron, Hartford, Mich.

Genevieve Clement, Superior.

Carrie E. Toan, Paw Paw.

Winifred Downs, Amasa.

Edith Plambach, Michigamme.

Esther Dunstone, Hubbell.

Edith L. Glover, Oshkosh.

Maree Schaeffer, Olney, Ill.

Ethel McCallen, Waupaca.

Ora Slocum, Kalamazoo.

Alta Hulbert, Manton.

Agnes M. Leiper, Escanaba.

Alvah Rowe, Beacon.

Abba Watton, Holly.

Mae Bengry, Palatka.

Cora Luxmore, Virginia, Minn.

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Number 39 [Thursday, February 11, 1915], page 1, column 6

Mr. Amidon to Leave.

Secretary Browning, of the board of education, informed The Press this noon that Mr. Amidon had notified the board of a desire to retire from his position of superintendent of the public schools. It is understood that Mr. Amidon will engage in business in Chicago.

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SCHOOL GROWTH

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MR. AMIDON, WHO RESIGNS.

In the Past Seventeen the Advancement Has Been Remarkable in All of the Departments.

With the close of the present school year, Lee E. Amidon will voluntarily retire from the position of superintendent, which he has so acceptably filled during the past seventeen years. Mr. Amidon came to Iron Mountain the fall of 1898 from West Bend, Wis., and succeeded Thomas W. Paton, who is now a physician at Ypsilanti.

In 1898, there were 1,403 boys and 1,329 girls in the city according to the school census. Last June, the school census figures were 1,511 boys and 1,663

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girls. Totals – 1889 [sic – 1898], 2,732; 1914, 3,174, an increase in school population of 942.

In 1898, forty-four teachers, including the superintendent, were employed in the schools – four men and forty women. In 1915, seventy-six instructors are employed, including the superintendent, – seven men and sixty-nine women, an increase of thirty-four.

The pupils enrolled in 1898, 1,172 boys and 1,086 girls, a total of 2,258; pupils enrolled February 1st, 1915, boys, 1,268; girls, 1,320; total 2,588, an increase of 330.

In the period covered by Mr. Amidon's supervision, the number of buildings have [sic – has] increased from five containing forty rooms to nine buildings containing seventy-three rooms. The school sessions – days – increased from 180 to 200.

The enrollment figures by departments are as follows: In 1898, ninth to twelfth grades, 110; five to eight, 737; one to four, 1,411; high school graduate, 8. In 1915, ninth to twelfth, 355; five to eight, 898; primary to fourth, 1557; high school graduates in 1914, 40; graduates in 1915, 52.

The Farragut school in the north end of the city was completed in 1899.

The four upper rooms of the Lincoln school on Carpenter avenue were finished in 1909.

The Washington school on East D street was first used in 1901 and a two-room addition was added in January, 1909.

The Carnegie Library building, which Mr. Amidon was largely instrumental in securing for the city, was completed in 1902.

The Fulton school – the old manual training building – was first used in February, 1904, and the Lowell building in October of the same year.

In 1907, a two-room addition was made to the Chapin school.

The new high school building, erected and equipped at a cost – our estimate – of \$185,000, was completed the summer of 1912.

The most notable progress under Mr. Amidon has been in the high school. From 1888 to 1898 there were a total of 55 graduates. From 1899 to 1915, the number was 426, an increase of 371.

In the matter of material advancement much [sic – must] be recorded the addition to the corps of teachers of supervisors of music, drawing and primary and grammar grades. Manual training, domestic science and commercial departments have been added to the course of study; also the block course, which includes draughting [sic – drafting], dress-making, civil service, agriculture and office, the latter in place of the old commercial course, were added last September.

The school for deaf was opened in September, 1906.

The above, in brief, is the history of the Iron Mountain schools under the superintendency of Mr. Amidon. It is a record that, perhaps, few school men in the state can equal. It is a record to which the gentleman can point with commendable pride. But as Mr. Amidon is too modest to do any "pointing," The Press takes pleasure in recording the above facts, not only because it affords an opportunity to compliment Mr. Amidon, but to do a little "pride pointing" in [sic – on] behalf of Iron Mountain.

As The Press has before stated, Mr. Amidon retires from the superintendency with the best wishes of the community. Iron Mountain is his debtor in a large measure. The Press hopes that his new business venture may prove a greater success than he anticipates.

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Retiring Teachers.

Following is a list of the public school teachers who have notified the board of education that they will not return to the city another year: L.E. Amidon, superintendent; Susan E. Williams, primary supervisor; Mary V. Moore, drawing; Katherine Sheridan, English; Esther A. Stavrum, Latin and German; Minna E. Baab, domestic science; S.R. Anderson, principal, Hulst building; Gertrude Saw and Joan Sullivan, eighth, and Edith Reynolds, seventh grade, Hulst building; Georgiana Tyler, sixth, and Gladys Cox, fifth grade, Lincoln building; Florence Keightley, fourth, and Lillian Cameron, second grade, Central building; Cora Luxmore, primer, Chapin building.

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A Physical Director.

At the request of a very large number of school patrons, the board of education has decided to employ a director of physical training. In cities having a population of 10,000 or over the employment of such a director is compulsory. The board has been fortunate in securing the services of Neal Price, who had been highly recommended. Mr. Price held a similar position at Cadillac for the past several years and his resignation [*sic – resignation*] was accepted with regret by

the school board of that city. Mr. Price will have charge of the school gymnasium, and supervise all the athletic organizations – foot ball [*sic – football*], basket ball [*sic – basketball*] and base ball [*sic – baseball*]. He will also be in charge of the gymnasium while the building is employed by the Business Men's Athletic association. There is a wide field here for the gentleman.

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OPEN-AIR SCHOOL.

Miss Walton Recommends That Our City Adopt the Menominee Plan.

That Iron Mountain should include the open-air school room [*sic – schoolroom*] idea in its educational program, [*sic*] is the opinion of Miss Carol F. Walton, of Ann Arbor, secretary of the Michigan Association for the Prevention and Relief of Tuberculosis. Miss Walton was in the city last Thursday in the course of a tour of the upper peninsula.

Her trip included the city of Menominee, where the plan of teaching anemic [*sic – anemic*] and backward children in a separate out-door [*sic – outdoor*] room has been tried with great success.

The Menominee plan is the one that is suggested for a trial here, and public sentiment seems to be strongly in favor of action being taken on the matter this year.

The Menominee fresh air school, the only one of its kind in the upper peninsula, was established in October, 1915, by the board of education, at the request and with

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the co-operation [*sic – cooperation*] of the Menominee Woman's [*sic – Women's*] club, and is now a regular part of the public school system.

Two rooms were set aside, a large class room [*sic – classroom*] with southeast exposure and ten large windows, which have been kept open even in zero weather, and a small dining room furnished with a long table and folding chairs. The lunches, a hot one in the morning and a cold one in the afternoon, have been served by the girls of the domestic science department of the high school.

The pupils have gained in health and in mental efficiency, according to Miss Walton. Several of the pupils are making two grades in one year, and could make three if the parents were willing. The children are put back in their regular grades as soon as they have recovered their health and caught up in their school work.

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Open Air School.

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Night School.

The night school opened last Monday evening with an attendance of twenty-five, about half of whom were woman [*sic – women*]. The sessions are held at the high school building. Supt. Butler anticipates an

attendance of over one hundred. He is assisted in instructing by W.P. Potter, of the commerce department, Principal Bullock, of the Faragut [*sic – Farragut*] school, and Miss McCallan[,] of the Chapin. At present the studies include English, arithmetic, writing, certain branches of commercial work and instruction in citizenship[.] There is a demand for more advanced instruction and several branches may be added later.

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OPEN AIR SCHOOL

IRON MOUNTAIN WILL HAVE ONE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

Supt. Butler Relates to the Board of Education Results of His Investigation of Best System.

Several weeks ago, Supt. Butler spent some time in investigating "open air schools" and securing data as to cost of operation, etc. As a result of his investigations, an "open air school" will be established in Iron Mountain at once. It will likely be located in the Lowell building and will open as soon as the necessary alterations to the building can be made. It is estimated that the school will have an enrolment [*sic – enrollment*] of about twenty. Following is the report submitted by Supt. Butler to the board of education last Friday evening:

"In obedience to your orders at your last meeting, your superintendent has

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investigated open air schools with a view to the possible establishment of one in this city and his report follows. In this report no effort has been made to deal with the technique of teaching nor has your attention been called to equipment in detail, although the writer has these phases well in mind:

“PUPILS – The pupils who are allowed to enter are those who are anaemic [*anemic*], who are below par physically, who are in the incipient stage of tuberculosis, [*sic*] of the lungs, and those who have passed the incipient stage of tuberculosis but whose cases are arrested. Those who are in the advanced stage, or moderately advanced stage of tuberculosis, or who have any other communicable disease, are now allowed to attend school at all. Action by the board of education and the school superintendent in excluding these pupils is usually taken in compliance with the recommendation of the state and local health authorities. In Grand Rapids children are allowed to enroll as members of an open air school only when they have the written recommendation of a physician.

“COST – The expense incident to the establishment of an open air school is small, provided the room and teacher are available. (We have the room in the Fulton building, the Lowell building and on the third floor of the Hulst building[.]) Ordinary school seats and desks are used. Especial window adjustments are used for the purpose of giving as much air as possible. It is necessary to furnish some of the poorer pupils Esquimau [*sic* – *Eskimo*] hats, felt boots, and blankets. In Grand Rapids the cost of food is nominal, pupils being supplied with warm cocoa in the middle of each forenoon and each afternoon. In some other schools more food is supplied, but only to indigents without charge. The teacher's salary is only a little in excess of that of a grade teacher's salary.

“THE TEACHERS – Open air school teachers are not difficult to secure; usually they are recruited from the local teaching corps. Often teachers are on the waiting list for such positions. They desire the work, [*sic*] because of more freedom from the monotonous detail of crowded school rooms, because of the good effect upon the teacher's health.

“THE SCHOOL WORK – The general school routine is quite like that of an ungraded room, as much emphasis as possible being placed upon constructive activities. The fundamentals, however, are not slighted and the scholarship and ability of the pupil as well as his health improve considerably. After spending a few months or years in an open air school many pupils are returned to the regular school work and they experience no difficulty in “keeping up” with their former school-mates [*sic* – *schoolmates*].

“It is your superintendent's opinion that an open air school could be established and maintained for the remainder of the school year at a total cost to the school district of not more than six hundred dollars. There are, according to definite knowledge, ten pupils in the Iron Mountain schools who would be eligible to membership, and, undoubtedly, there are at least as many others whom the school nurses and teachers would recommend for examination and who subsequently would be recommended by the local physicians for transfer to the open air school.

“Now is, undoubtedly, the most opportune time to establish an open air school with a view of determining its value to our school system and community.”

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Open Air School.

Supt. Butler has engaged Miss Hildur Anderson, of Fruitport, Mich., for the position of principal of the new open air school. The young lady has specialized in this work and comes well recommended for the position. The school will be located in the Fulton building and the room has a south and east exposure. It will open next Monday with an initial enrollment of about twelve pupils.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 8 [Thursday, July 8, 1920], page 1, column 6

Our Schools.

It has been estimated for The Press that it will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 more to maintain the Iron Mountain school plant this year than last. The principal item of increase is the advance in the salaries of teachers, which has been placed at \$25,000. The cost of fuel is another item of expense that will be largely increased, it is certain. Indeed, it is a question of securing coal at "any old prices." The annual school election will be held next Monday when the board's estimate of the expenses will be submitted to the electors. The retiring trustees are Richard C. Browning and John Scavardi. They are candidates for re-election and appear to have no opposition.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, December 2, 1921], page 8, column 1

TEN NEW STUDENTS

JOIN NIGHT SCHOOL

Classes Will Be Held Three Times a Week, Announcement

[need to copy this entire article]

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 164 [Monday, October 22, 1923], page 1, column 7

RESUME NIGHT SCHOOL SESSIONS

Instruction Will [sic – Will] Be Given Aliens Desiring Naturalization

Night school sessions for foreigners who desire to obtain their citizenship papers will be resumed in November, according to an announcement this morning by M.B. Travis, superintendent of schools. Instruction will be given in elementary English, spelling, arithmetic and the principles of government.

When George N. Danielson, naturalization examiner, was in the city last week he conferred with Mr. Travis regarding the night school and gave him a list of 135 aliens who have applied for citizenship. Notice of the night school will be sent to these aliens from the naturalization office in St. Paul.

It is expected that sessions for the men will be held in the Senior high school two evenings a week. If a request is made from the women, sessions will be held for them

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in the Farragut school on the north side. Members of the faculty will take charge of the classes.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 300 [Friday, April 3, 1925], page 2, column 1

TEACHERS' CLUB HOLDS BANQUET

Marquette Normal In- structor Speaker at Event Last Night

More than 100 persons attended the annual banquet given last night at the Elks club rooms by the Iron Mountain Teachers' club at which H.D. Lee, superintendent of the department of training at the Marquette normal school, was the principle speaker.

Mr. Lee's talk was general in nature. He did not confine his speech to one particular subject but spoke on all walks of life. His message was well received.

Bernard "Bon" Goodman, of Ishpeming, gave one of his "disguise" numbers and entertained with stories in Swedish and Irish dialect. Other members on the program were a vocal solo by Miss Katherine Carpenter, a piano solo by Miss Lorraine Martin, readings by Miss Myrtle Wilds and Miss Alice Meighen and a violin selection by Franklin Reese, who was accompanied on the piano by Miss Myrtle Nyquist.

The program was in charge of Miss Jane O'Neill, supervisor in the grade schools. M.B. Travis, superintendent of schools, acted as toastmaster.

Practically every school teacher in Iron Mountain attended the annual event. Wives of men teachers were also present as invited guests.

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SCHOOLS DONATE \$100 TO RELIEF

Money Will Be Turned Over to Red Cross for Storm Aid

Iron Mountain schools have donated \$100 to the Dickinson county Red Cross chapter for relief work in the storm-swept districts of Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, according to Miss Alice Meighen, who completed the collection of donations in the schools today.

The check was sent today to Mrs. Frank Elms, of Vulcan, county chairman of the Red Cross, who will forward the money to the stricken regions. Mrs. Elms also received a check today for more than \$70 from Norway school children.

The Junior high school children contributed the largest sum to the fund, its donations amounting to \$19.62. Washington school was next in line with \$18.30, while the remaining schools gave as follows: Central, \$17.09; high school, \$14.68; Chapin, \$8.50; Lincoln, \$8.92; Farragut, \$7.64 and Ludington, \$5.25.

Although the donations from the children do not reach the \$100 mark, school officials gave the necessary amount to make the check that sum.

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EISELE HEADS PARK OWNERS

Consider Proposal to Sell Field to Board Of Education

George Eisele, assistant superintendent of the Oliver Iron Mining company, was re-elected president of the Iron Mountain Athletic association at the annual meeting held last night in the Knights of Pythias hall.

Other officers named were:

Vice-president – R.T. Miller

Secretary – V.P. Chappel

Treasurer – Frank Milliman

Board of directors – Charles Dillon, Frank Milliman and R.T. Miller.

Members of the board will serve with L.J. Will, V.P. Chappel and R.C. Browning, who were elected last year.

Several changes were made in the list of officers. Mr. Browning has been secretary of the association for a number of years but because of his ill health a successor, Mr. Chappel, formerly vice president[,] was selected. Mr. Browning, however, was retained as a member of the board of directors.

Several of the officers have been affiliated with the association since its organization in 1906, when the Athletic park was built.

Following the election, members entered into a discussion of a proposal to sell the park to the board of education for

use as a high school athletic field in addition to a city baseball park.

The board of directors, it was stated, will submit the proposal to school officials. It is probable that the school board will discuss the matter at its next regular meeting. It is understood that school officials have been negotiating for the purchase of the grounds for some time.

It was stated by a member of the board of directors today that the park will be sold with the understanding that the baseball team representing Iron Mountain will be given use of the grounds.

At the meeting last night, the board of directors decided to make repairs in the baseball park for the approaching season. The fence surrounding the park needs fixing and the grandstand will also be improved.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 23 [Thursday, May 7, 1925], page 7, column 3

HEALTH WEEK IS BEING OBSERVED

Grade Children Will Put On Playlet Tomorrow Afternoon

National Health week is being observed in the city grade schools this week and tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock a playlet, "Mother Goose in Health Land," will be given by the first, second and third grade children, of the Lincoln school, before the assembly in the high school. A talk on health will also be given by Dr. G. Fredrickson.

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Friday, May 15, has been set aside for a lecture which will be given in the high school auditorium by Dr. A.S. Warthin, of the University extension department.

The lecture will be for men and boys of the city, the doctor's topic being, "Hygiene and Morality." The talk will be illustrated with lantern slides.

The program will start at 7:30 o'clock and is free to the public.

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

"TAKE THE AIR!" STUDENTS TOLD

Oxygen Means Health And Activity, Says Fredrickson

"Take the air!"

This bit of advice was given this afternoon to Senior high school pupils by Dr. G. Fredrickson, city health officer, whose address was part of a health week health program.

The program opened with the singing of several health songs by the assembly and this was followed by a playlet on "Health" presented by the younger students of the Lincoln school. The play was excellently received.

In his talk Dr. Fredrickson stressed the importance of fresh air, the salient points of his "prescription" being as follows:

"If you have a feeling of lassitude while indoors in may mean you are not getting enough oxygen.

"Yawning is not only a sign of boredom but also a lack of fresh air and shallow breathing.

["]Get out, take the air and fill your lungs with it.

"To avoid despondency, keep full of oxygen, nature's indispensable life giver and tonic.

"Deep breathing saturates your body with oxygen, promotes the circulation in the brain and in creases [*sic* – *increases*] mental activity.

"It aids digestion and favors healthy liver action.

"Deep breathing means vim, vigor and vitality; also a longer and healthier life.

"Breathing is nature's method of combatting [*sic* – *combating*] germs."

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 28 [Wednesday, May 13, 1925], page 2, column 3

HEALTH LECTURE IS HIGHLY RATED

University Professor To Be Here Tomorrow Evening

The illustrated health lecture which Professor A.S. Warthin, of the University of Michigan, will give in the high school auditorium Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, [*sic*] is considered by the medical profession and university authorities as one of the most educational talks ever heard from the platform.

Every illustration will be thoroughly explained by Professor [*sic* – *Professor*] Warthin, who is considered a national

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authority on this particular subject. The lecture will be for men and boys over 16 years of age. Boys under that age may attend if they are accompanied by their fathers.

Professor [sic – Professor] Warthin is one of the most prominent educators of the university and students in large numbers always attend his lectures. Freshmen at the university are requested to be present at six health talks which are given under his direction.

Professor Warthin's talks are also in constant demand throughout the state as he is considered one of the most able speakers in the university's extension lecturing department.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 30 [Friday, May 15, 1925], page 1, column 6

BOARD URGED TO BUY PLAYGROUND

Closing of North Side Street Will Be Asked Of Council

The city council at its regular meeting next Monday night will be requested to close Norway street between Fifth and Sixth street [sic – streets].

A resolution to this effect was adopted at the meeting of the board of education last night so that the board may have the roadway and the entire block of land west of the Chapin and Farragut schools for playground purposes.

No report was received from the Oliver Iron Mining company relative to selling the

grounds to the school board but it was indicated that officials of the company are agreeable towards disposing of the entire block. G.P. Fugere and J.O. Blixt, members of the board, today were to interview O.C. Davidson, general superintendent of the company, here, regarding the proposal.

Delegation Present.

A delegation of North side women, representing the Italian Woman's club and the Regina-Marguerita club, was present at the meeting and asked the board to take immediate action on the contemplated purchase. They declared that because of the location of the new school, North side children have been deprived of playgrounds which they should have.

The club representatives also stated it was their understanding that the school board proposed to buy only half of the block. The spokesman of the delegation declared that "if you don't buy the entire block we don't want it at all." It had been previously stated, however[,] that all the board members were in favor of purchasing the entire block but the matter rested chiefly with the mining company.

The delegation added that it would interview Mr. Davidson and ask him to sell the entire block. The women also said they would confer with the four North side aldermen to have them vote in favor of the request to close Norway street.

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BOARD WILL BUY ATHLETIC PARK

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Purchase is Authorized at Meeting Held Last Night

G.P. Fugere and J.O. Blixt, members of the board of education, were last night authorized by the board to enter into negotiations with the Iron Mountain Athletic association for the purchase of Athletic park. It is expected that the deal will be closed within a few days.

Prompt action on the proposal was requested by the athletic association, according to a communication read at the meeting. The letter, signed by George Eisele, president of the association, stated that the property must be bought before June 1 or, it was indicated, the owners would sell the ground for other purposes.

The price asked for the park was \$15,750, which the board considered a reasonable figure. The park grounds are equivalent to 32 lots, not including the street and alley way which would be cut if the property was platted into lots.

Although no definite plans have yet been made it is believed that the park will be placed under the supervision of Richard Erdlitz, high school coach. It was also suggested at the meeting that the director of physical training in the Iron Mountain schools be engaged for a period of 12 months and act as supervisor of playgrounds.

City Teams Have Use

City baseball teams will have use of the grounds with the understanding that 10 per cent of the gate receipts [*sic – receipts*] are turned over to the school board. In past years, the Athletic association charged the same percentage for all athletic contests. In view of the fact that the property has already been placed on the assessment roll, taxes will have to be paid this year.

Next year, however, no taxes will be paid on the grounds as all school property is exempt.

Commenting on the purchase of the grounds, Coach Erdlitz declared today that much valuable space is going to waste and he will suggest making changes so that it can be utilized. If the grand stand was moved the ball diamond could be shifted to any of three places, thus allowing ample room for the construction of tennis courts and an outdoor basketball court in the west part of the field.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 46 [Thursday, June 4, 1925], page 3, column 5

OPERETTA TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY

More Than 300 Grade Students Will Present Offering

“On Midsummer’s Day,” an operetta to be given by the first four grades of the Iron Mountain schools and in which more than 300 students will take part, will be held tomorrow evening at the Senior high school at 7:30 o’clock. A matinee for the children was given today in the auditorium.

In the operetta the first grade children represent bees and butterflies, second grade, sunbonnet babes and overall boys, third grade, brownies and fairies and the fourth grade, flowers. The cast include [*sic – includes*] the following:

Child.....Ruth Lindquist
Fairy Queen.....Eva Valenti
First Poppy.....Lloyd Randall

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First Daisy.....Elizabeth Richards
First Violet.....Madeline Zebel
First Brownie.....Jack Reigart
First Pink.....Charlotte Clement
Fourth Fairy.....Evyrl Ring
Fairy.....Edna Wiesner
Fairy.....Norma Anderson
Pink.....Virginia Bertrand
Daisy.....Ida Hanson
Daisy.....Dorothy Uren

Eight special sunbonnet babes:

Maxine Tomlinson, Josephine Benzo, Jeanne Drury, Henrietta Tondini, Eileen Davey, Isabelle Moorey, Margaret Boyce, Lois Confeld.

Chorus of butterflies, honey bees, overalls boys, sunbonnet babes, fairies, brownies, flowers and sunbeams. [sic - :]

Special features will be solos by Ruth Lindquist, Elizabeth Richards, Virginia Bertrand, Lloyd Randall, Eva Valenti, Ida Hanson, Madeline Zebel, Charlotte Clement, Jack Reigart, Norma Anderson, Edna Weisner [sic] and Evryll Ring. There will also be special dancing by Dorothy Waters, Viola Ferzacca and Agnes Meschand [sic – Merchand].

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BOARD FINDS NO ONE WANTS HOUSE

Playgrounds Will Be Discussed at Meeting Tonight

The board of education has received no response to its advertisement asking for

bids for the sale of the Westrin home, located adjacent to the Washington school. Bids were to have been filed last night with Warner Bjork, secretary of the board[,] who stated today that none had been submitted.

The board recently purchased the property as a playgrounds. It is believed that the high cost of moving the house to a suitable location is responsible for no one desiring to buy it.

Other matters to come up for discussion tonight will be of a routine nature unless the board takes action on the suspension of a number of high school students for taking leave of absence without permission.

It is probable that the board may enter into a discussion regarding the playgrounds situation on the North side. Although no statement has been forthcoming from city officials, it is believed that they do not desire to close Norway street, between Fifth and Sixth street, in order that the playgrounds may adjoin the present school grounds.

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PARK PURCHASE BEING HELD UP

Failed to Have Sufficient Number Approve of Sale

Delay has been encountered by the board of education in purchasing the athletic field from the Iron Mountain Athletic association because of a legal technicality

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that had been overlooked by the association, it was stated today.

At the meeting of the association held last month, it was decided to offer the grounds to the board of education for \$15,750. Since that time, however, it had been discovered that the association, incorporated under the laws of the state, could not legally vote to sell the park unless 75 per cent of the stock of the association was represented, either in person or by proxy. It was stated that only 60 per cent of the stockholders were present at that meeting.

Another meeting has been called for June 19, at the Knights of Pythias hall on East Hughitt street, for the purpose of taking action on the matter.

The board of education was to have taken over the grounds June 1 but because of the delay, the deal will not be closed until the latter part of the month.

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Dr. Thomas Paton Headed Schools During Five Years

Students in one of the Hulst junior high school literature classes this week received a letter from Dr. Thomas Paton, of Ypsilanti, superintendent of the Iron Mountain city schools from 1893 to 1898, in reply to their request for information concerning the schools. That letter, which will be of interest to old residents, follows:

“The snows of 40 winters have passed since I was superintendent of schools in Iron Mountain, and one forgets a lot during that time.

“During my time in the city, 1893-98, the N.P. Hulst building was the high school and also housed the grades from fifth to eighth for the children of that neighborhood, also one room of kindergarten children.

“The board members were Mr. Pelham, an attorney in partnership with Mr. Cook; E.E. Brewster, a Yale graduate, chemist at the Pewabic [*sic – Pewabic*] mine; Hugh McLaughlin, in real estate and insurance; Dr. Carpenter, mining doctor for the Chapin mine, and Dr. Crowell, a fine group of intelligent men, all interested in Iron Mountain’s public schools. The school buildings were the N.P. Hulst, the Chapin, the Ludington, the old Central and a new building out near the end of Stephenson avenue, put up while I was there.

“Clarence Green [*sic – Greene*] was principal of the high school. Very little attention was paid to the principals of the other schools. I believe a teacher in each building was paid \$5.00 a month extra to make out the monthly reports. Mr. Green [*sic – Greene*] was a president of a college in the west for years. He called on me last summer and told me he had retired.

“My mind and interests have been far afield from schools since 1898, except when I had a daughter in Mount Holyoke college, Massachusetts. Your letter surely gave me pause when laid on my desk by a secretary this morning.”

Miss Gertrude H. Overton is instructor of the class making the survey of school history. Other former school men have been asked to contribute, and the students have made several interesting interviews.

IRON MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENTS

1882-1885	A.J. Van Anda
1885-1888	O.H. Chamberlain
1888-1895	E.F. Abernathy

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1895-1898	Thomas W. Paton
1898-1915	L.E. Amidon
1915-1917	L.A. Butler
1917-1933	M.B. Travis
1933-1954	John Jelsch
1954-1966	Bruce H. Guild
1966-1968	Theodore E. Hagadone
1968-1980	Edward H. Kukuk
1980-1994	Richard H. Allen
1994-2009	Dennis Chartier
2009-2011	Scott McClure
2011-	Thomas Jayne



*Brown Street School, 302 West Brown Street
ca. 1897*

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1892-1893	Charles M. Gill
1893-1895	Thomas W. Paton
1895-1902	Clarence W. Green
1902-1911	John F. Reed
1911-1912	H.D. Bargelt
1912-1914	Tobias O. Chew
1914-1918	NONE
1918-1920	Marie Ronan
1920-1922	Glen McCleary
1922-1923	Albert L. Frantz
1923-1924	John Jelsch
1924-1953	Bruce H. Guild
1953-1962	Caroline Hofer
1962-1965	Thomas H. Quarnstrom
1965-1968	Edward H. Kukuk
1968-1989	Robert J. Youngren
1989-1994	Richard J. Debelak
1994-1995	Dennis Chartier
1995-2002	Frank Trumbell
2002-2003	Robert Strang
2003-	Maryann Boddy

IRON MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Brown Street School

Erected in ____ – Razed in ____
Years Classes Held: 1881-1893

**302 East Brown Street
Northeast Corner of Brown and Iron
Mountain Streets**

The Brown Street School was the first school in Iron Mountain. It was to be a two-room building which was situated on the northeast corner of Brown and Iron Mountain Streets, one block north of the present Menominee Range Historical Foundation Museum. The building was not ready for occupancy until January, 1881. Will H. Shephard was the first teacher and taught eight months, closing the first of September. The teachers for 1881-1882 were Miss Alice Downs and Miss Belle Kern. The teachers for 1882-1883 were Mr. C.H. Van Anda, Miss Agnes Hawley and Miss Ella Atkinson.

[Born From Iron, p. 54]

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 12 [Saturday, April 23, 1887], page 1, column 5

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About 2 o'clock Friday morning the Brown street school house was discovered to be on fire, but the fire was extinguished before any material damage was done. It was supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 3 [Thursday, April 11, 1889], page 5, column 3

School Matters.

The committee appointed at the special school meeting held March 22, comprising Messrs. W.H. Sweet, E.E. Brewster, A.E. Anderson, R.P. Tuten and Christ. Grossbusch, for the purpose of ascertaining what was needed to provide adequate accommodations for the increasing number of school children in our city, reported to the board of education last Friday evening. After carefully looking the ground over the committee reported in substance that a lot can be purchased from the Chapin Mining Company, one block north of the house recently occupied by Per Larsson. The lot has a frontage on three sites – on the west of 100 feet, north 240 feet and east 146 feet. Two small dwelling houses are now located on the lot which the city will have to move to new sites. They recommended that a substantial brick building of six rooms be constructed, which will cost probably \$10,000. They also recommended that the two small school buildings now in use at the Chapin location be abandoned, and these buildings can be sold to the Chapin company at a fair valuation if the city is disposed to sell them. In regard to the Brown street school building, the committee recommended that it receive needed repairs, and be made to do duty for some years yet. The report of the committee was

received and the board adopted a resolution to bond the city in the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose above mentioned, and the construction of the new building will be begun as soon as the necessary plans and specifications can be drawn up and contract let.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XV, Number 12 [Saturday, June 22, 1893], page 1, column 3

The Brown street school house is offered for sale. For terms and other information call on Dr. C.F. Larson, secretary of the Board of Education.

Little White School

Erected in ____ – Razed in ____
Years Classes Held:

Fifth Street Between Norway and Chapin Streets

This one-room school was built on Fifth Street between Norway and Chapin Streets. The exact date is not known. However, it was constructed between 1882 and 1884. The first teachers were Miss Ella and Miss Jennie Penglase. The following information was taken from the *School Record, 1910*: In 1881, Keel Ridge had a considerable population and was part of the Iron Mountain district. In the fall of 1881 a one-room building was erected there. Miss Edith Forsyth became the teacher. The following summer, Keel Ridge having been largely abandoned, the school building was moved to the Chapin Location. Possibly this school is one of two mentioned in the Board minutes from April 5, 1889:

“It is recommended that the two small school buildings now in use at

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Chapin location be abandoned for school purposes and sold to Chapin Mining Company or removed to some other part of the city.”

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Central School



Central School on West B Street, ca. 1910

**Erected in 1884 – Razed in 1937
Years Classes Held:**

**300 West B Street at Intersection of
Prospect Avenue and West B Street**

The Central School was built in 1884 on the site of the present Iron Mountain High School at the cost of \$15,000. It had two stories with eight rooms and housed all grades. It served as the high school until the Hulst School was built. The first high school class graduated in 1889. O.H. Chamberlin was the first superintendent of schools. Some of the early teachers were Mrs. Abernathy, Miss Harper, and Miss Wicks. In 1908 the Central School was moved to where the junior high now stands. It was razed in 1937 to make room for the new junior high school.

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Central School Faculty, 1884-1885

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 6 [Thursday, May 2, 1889], page 1, column 4

A Well of Water and Not a Drop to Drink.

Are the members of the board of education aware of the fact that the scholars at the central school house [*sic – schoolhouse*] are sometimes nearly famished for water to drink. They must certainly be aware that the well at the school house [*sic – schoolhouse*] has become contaminated, and the water is unfit to use; in fact, we are informed that the use of the water has been forbidden. Under these circumstances certainly some provision should be made to supply the school house [*sic – schoolhouse*] with good water. Probably the best thing to do would be to have a barrel of water drawn to the school house [*sic – schoolhouse*] from the Chapin location every day, until the city is supplied with good water. It is nothing less than cruelty to compel the children to go without water during school hours. THE RANGE believes this matter has been overlooked by the school board, and at the

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request of several parents calls their attention to the necessity of something being done.

This item was hardly in type before the school board had placed water coolers in every room of the central school building and made arrangements to have them filled from the Chapin hydrant. Another instance of the power of the press.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XV, Number 20 [Saturday, August 19, 1893], page 8, column 1

Having been pronounced dangerous, the cupola on the Central school building has been lowered twenty feet. It spoils the looks of the building, but better this than have it topple over and kill some one [*sic – someone*].

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 5 [Thursday, June 21, 1900], page 1, column 3

MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

Matter Will be Discussed at Meeting of Board of Education To-morrow Night.

A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*] evening. The meeting has been called by President Crowell for the purpose of considering in an informal manner the question of establishing a Manual Training School here. That such an institution is needed and could do a great work here is moulding [*sic – molding*] the minds and characters of our public school attendants, [*sic*] is a fact generally conceded. The only

question is the additional expense of conducting and equipping such a school.

President Crowell's idea is to build a one-story north and south wing to the present Central school building and have them open into each by means of a hallway through the basement of the present structure, utilizing the north wing for an iron working department and the south for wooden-work of all kinds. The expense of erecting the buildings would be comparatively small and the necessity of purchasing a site would thus be obviated. In the matter of equipment, the expense would be trifling when we consider that the Board will have to provide the Central school with an entire new steam heating plant whether the Manual Training School is built or not. If the Training School is decided upon, boilers of sufficient capacity to not only heat the building perfectly, but furnish motive power for the machinery could be secured at small extra cost.

The benefits of a Manual Training School to a community like Iron Mountain are obvious. The subject has been fully discussed in these columns by Mr. Hammond, the state superintendent of public instruction, and has his enthusiastic endorsement.

The Press hopes for the good of the community that the Board of Education can see its way clear to establish such a school, and we feel confident that once established it will have the undivided and hearty support of the tax-payers.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 39 [Thursday, February 16, 1911], page 7, columns 1-3 [3-column drawing of the Hulst School – Iron Mountain High School]

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The work of erecting the building for a central heating for the new high school building and the Central school building will commence at once. The building will be erected on the property recently purchased by the board of education and will face Stockbridge avenue. The Central school, when removed to its new location, will face Kimberly avenue.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 3 [Thursday, June 8, 1911], page 1, column 3

Contract Let.

At a special meeting of the board of education held last Friday evening the contract for removing the Central school building to the new site at the corner of Kimberly avenue and West Hughitt street, [sic] was let to White & Miench for \$875. Three other bids were received, viz.: Fred J. Hall, \$2,412; George Dumville, \$1,550, and Alex White, \$1,250. The work of removal will commence as soon as the schools close.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 4 [Thursday, June 15, 1911], page 1, column 5

Preparing to Build.

White & Miench, who were awarded the contract for moving the Central school building, have commenced operations and expect to make quick work of the job. In order to expedite matters, the board of education decided to dismiss the several grades tenanted [sic – tenanted] in this building last Friday, a week earlier than the other schools. The work of excavating for the new high school building will commence as soon as possible and a large force of men will be employed under the direction of the Foster Construction company.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 50 [Thursday, May 4, 1911], page 1, column 1

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ISSUE BONDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

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Number 10 [Thursday, July 27, 1911],
page 1, column 2

Board Proposes to Make the Loan a Popular One, Giving Preference to the Tax-Payers.

Iron Mountain is to have a modern, up-to-date high school building, thus keeping pace with the other upper peninsula cities.

This was the verdict rendered by the tax-payers [*sic* – *taxpayers*] at the special election held last Thursday, when the board of education was authorized to issue bonds in the sum of \$100,000 for the erection of the building.

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The new building will be erected on the property now occupied by the Central school. It is one block in extent and is bounded on the east by Prospect avenue, on the north by West A street, on the west by Kimberly avenue and on the south by West B street. The location is an ideal one from every standpoint.

The Central school building will be removed to the lots north of St. Joseph's church, just across Kimberly avenue from the new building, and will be thoroughly renovated. The lots were purchased at a bargain price several years ago by the board. The Central building was erected some twenty-five years ago and was employed as a high school until the completion of the Hulst school, some nineteen years ago. The Central is still in good repair and with the renovating it is to receive, will answer admirably the purpose of a grade school for many years to come.

[The complete article may be found under Iron Mountain High School below.]

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Excellent Work.

White & Meinch [*sic* – *Miench*], the contractors, have completed the contract of moving the Central school building to the new location at the corner of Prospect avenue and West Hughitt street. The job was a most difficult one, but was accomplished in a short time and the building was placed on the new site in excellent condition. It is also of interest to note that, [*sic*] the contractors[,] instead of losing money on the contract, cleared a nice sum. All of which indicates that the firm has a thorough knowledge of the moving business.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 49 [Thursday, April 19, 1917], page 5, column 5

IRON MOUNTAIN LOCAL

The Parents and Teachers' association of the Central school entertained the parents and their friends at the high school auditorium last evening. The program included music by the high school orchestra, violin solo by Mrs. Besse [*sic* – *Bessie* – ?] F. Porter, vocal solo by Charles Fort, a drama, "The Sleeping Beauty," by the pupils of second grand and the high school male quartet. A goodly number attended and enjoyed the evening.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 43 [Monday, June 1, 1925], page 2, column 4

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Enter Junior High And Cause Damage

Close watch is being kept on the Junior High school by the police department following several complaints which have been filed at the station. Children are charged with entering the school and taking petty things and causing some destruction.

An effort is being made to stop the trouble which is believed to be caused by a small group of boys attending the school.

Chapin School



Chapin School in photo dated October 19, 1912

**Erected in 1889 – Razed in 1949
Years Classes Held:**

Vulcan and Sixth Streets

This school was named after H.A. Chapin, of Niles, Michigan, fee owner of the Chapin Mine. The Chapin School was built in 1889 on Vulcan and Sixth Streets. The Chapin had six rooms and later four more were added. The building was razed in about 1949.

[*Born From Iron*, p. 54]

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 3 [Thursday, April 11, 1889], page 5, column 3

School Matters.

The committee appointed at the special school meeting held March 22, comprising Messrs. W.H. Sweet, E.E. Brewster, A.E. Anderson, R.P. Tuten and Christ. Grossbusch, for the purpose of ascertaining what was needed to provide adequate accommodations for the increasing number of school children in our city, reported to the board of education last Friday evening. After carefully looking the ground over the committee reported in substance that a lot can be purchased from the Chapin Mining Company, one block north of the house recently occupied by Per Larsson. The lot has a frontage on three sides – on the west of 100 feet, north 240 feet and east 146 feet. Two small dwelling houses are now located on the lot which the city will have to move to new sites. They recommended that a substantial brick building of six rooms be constructed, which will cost probably \$10,000. They also recommended that the two small school buildings now in use at the Chapin location be abandoned, and these buildings can be sold to the Chapin company at a fair valuation if the city is disposed to sell them. In regard to the Brown street school building, the committee recommended that it receive needed repairs, and be made to do duty for some years yet. The report of the committee was received and the board adopted a resolution to bond the city in the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose above mentioned, and the construction of the new building will be begun as soon as the necessary plans and specifications can be drawn up and contract let.

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The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 4, column 5

School House.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education, of the city of Iron Mountain, Mich., until 2 o'clock p.m., on Friday, April 26, 1889, for furnishing material and constructing a six-room and basement brick school house in said city. Also proposals to construct said building with brick furnished by Board of Education.

Plans and specifications can be examined at McLaughlin & DeVere's office, in this city. Not less than two bondsmen will be required from the party to whom the contract may be awarded and the amount of the bonds shall be _____ for which sum the bondsmen shall be jointly and severally liable as a guarantee that the party entering into a contract for the construction of the above school house shall within the time specified fulfill the obligations of the contract. The Board of Education reserve [sic – reserves] the right to reject any or all proposals submitted.

City Board of Education, by
W.E. McClINTOCK, Sec'y.

Dated Iron Mountain, Mich., April 12, 1889.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 7 [Thursday, May 9, 1889], page 1, column 4

Reynolds & Collins Secured the Job.

The following are the bids for erecting the brick school house in the first ward

opened by the board of education at their meeting last Friday:

J.B. Sweatt	\$10,500	\$8,266
Wilson & Moore	11,000	8,770
N.B. Parmelee & Son	8,953	7,674
Reynolds & Collins	8,005	6,405
Meyers & Auld	9,275.50	8,075

Reynolds & Collins' bid being the lowest the contract will be awarded to them, if they give bonds acceptable by the board. We shall be glad to see the job let to Iron Mountain parties, so that our city may receive all of the benefits of the money expended.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 8 [Thursday, May 16, 1889], page 1, column 3

N.B. Parmelee & Son Get the Job.

Messrs. Reynolds & Collins, who were the lowest bidders on the contract to put up the new school house at the Chapin location, found the board of education too exacting in the matter of bonds to suit them, and withdrew their bid at the meeting of the board last Friday evening. The contract was then awarded to N.B. Parmelee & Son, who were the next lowest bidders, their figures being \$8,954 [sic]. They have since filed an acceptable bond and will begin work at once on the new building.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 14 [Thursday, June 27, 1889], page 1, column 3

N.B. PARMELEE & SON are pushing the construction of the new school house in the first ward as fast as the weather will permit. The foundation walls are nearly complete, and the building material is on

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the ground to go right forward with the work. Messrs. N.B. Parmelee & Son stake their reputation on this job, and will give the city by far the best school building within the city limits.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 27 [Thursday, September 26, 1889], page 1, column 3

THE new school house on the Chapin location is the most conspicuous building in that part of the city, and the only school building in the city worthy [of] the name.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Monday, January 26, 1925], page _____, column _____

CHURCH MENACED BY FIRE ON ROOF

Firemen Are Also Summoned to North Side School

A roof fire believed to have been caused by a spark from the chimney yesterday afternoon at 4:30 p'clock destroyed property estimated at more than \$100 at St. Joseph's church.

No. 1 fire department was summoned. Only chemicals were used to extinguish the flames which threatened to spread. The small blaze was discovered by the boy scouts [sic – Boy Scouts] of the church troop who were playing in the yard.

A similar fire occurred Saturday afternoon at the Chapin school house on the North side. The damage was small. It

is believed that a spark was also responsible for the blaze. No. 2 fire department was called.

The North Side engine company also responded to a call this morning to a house at 609 East Main street to extinguish a chimney blaze.

Ludington School



Ludington School at about the time construction was completed in 1891

Erected in _____ – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1891-

719 Houghteling Street

The Ludington School was named after Captain Ludington of the Chapin Mine. The Ludington School was opened in 1891. The Ludington School was located at 719 Houghteling Street. Some of the early teachers were Miss Ella Smith and Miss Campbell. After use as a school it was used as a recreation center.

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N. P. Hulst High School

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Erected in 1891-1892 – Razed in 1949
Years Classes Held: 1892-1940

Madison Avenue at head of East
Ludington Street

Erected in 1891-1892 – Razed in 1949
J.E. Clancy, architect, Green Bay,
Wisconsin

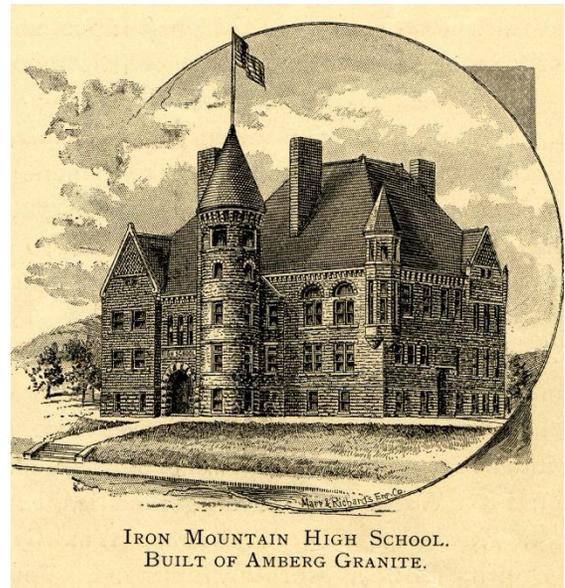
Amberg Granite Company, contractors,
Amberg, Wisconsin



*Nelson Powell Hulst High School, ca. 1893-1894,
shortly after landscaping of new building*



*Nelson Powell Hulst School under construction
on Madison Avenue in 1892*



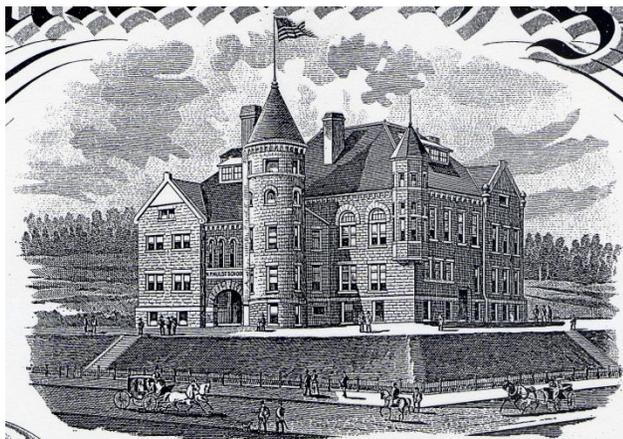
*Nelson Powell Hulst High School as shown in
Walter R. Nursey's The Menominee Iron Range,
published in 1891*



*Nelson Powell Hulst High School before
completion, ca. 1892*

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**Nelson Powell Hulst High School
as depicted on diplomas**

The Hulst School, named for Nelson P. Hulst, was built of Amberg, Wisconsin, granite. The Hulst School was constructed in 1892 at a cost of \$65,000. The blue and red granite was hauled from Amberg by horse and wagon. When it was completed, it was regarded as the finest school north of Milwaukee. It replaced the old Central School as the high school. The Hulst School was located on Madison Avenue. Dr. Paton was the first principal of the new school. The building was abandoned with the opening of the new junior high in 1938. In 1949 the beautiful building was razed. The Hulst School was torn down by Quinto Valenti and Abe Raskin. It was a very sad day for many people of Iron Mountain when this school was razed.

[*Born From Iron*, p. 54, p. 58]

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 21 [Thursday, August 20, 1891], page 1, column 6

[ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS]

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number

25 [Thursday, September 10, 1891], page 1, column 5

J.E. CLANCY has about completed the plans and specifications for the new high school building and they show a great deal of good taste. Peter Doyle, a prominent architect and builder, says that a building erected in accordance with these plans will make one of the finest structures in the upper peninsula, and we think he knows what he is talking about.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 26 [Thursday, September 17, 1891], page 1, column 2

THE bids for the new school house on Ludington street, opened by the school board last Saturday, ranged from \$38,000 to \$40,000 for Amberg granite, and from \$31,750 to \$33,000 for brick with granite trimmings. The contract has not yet been let.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 26 [Thursday, September 17, 1891], page 1, column 5

THE members of the board of education will go to Amberg to-day [*sic – today*] to inspect the granite quarries at that place with the view to use this stone in the construction of the new school house soon to be erected.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 27 [Thursday, September 24, 1891], page 4, column 3

THE contract for the erection of the new school house building has been awarded to

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the Amberg Granite Co., of Amberg, Wis., who have offered to do the work for \$36,400. The building will be constructed of granite, the interior is to be finished in red oak and the contract stipulates that the whole shall be completed by August 1, 1892. A block of land 260x300 feet, [sic] has been selected in the eastern part of the city between Ludington and Hughitt streets, and it is calculated that this structure will be the finest of its kind in the upper peninsula. The plans and specifications were furnished by that reliable architect J.E. Clancy, and men of experience in the erection of school buildings pronounce these plans the best of the kind that ever came to their notice. It is quite probable that the preliminary work will begin next week.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 29 [Thursday, October 8, 1891], page 1, column 3

M. CONTARINI has the contract to make the excavation and build the foundation walls of the new school house. The work has begun and is to be completed before the winter freeze up.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 47 [Thursday, February 11, 1892], page 1, column 3

J.E. CLANCY, architect, has had framed and placed in the post office window a sketch of the new school building designed by him and being built by the Amberg Granite Company. The drawing is finely executed, and represents a structure of which Iron Mountain may well feel proud. A polished red granite tablet is also displayed in the same window which will be placed in the building. On it is engraved the date of

the erection of the building and the names of the mayor, city treasurer, board of education, architect and builders.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 4 [Thursday, April 14, 1892], page 1, column 4

THE Millie Iron Mining Company has instituted suit against the school board of this city to compel them to vacate the property recently purchased on which to erect the high school building. The company has never released its claim on the property, which it holds under lease from the fee owners. Their action is a suit for damages and not for an injunction to restrain the contractor from finishing his work, as has been reported, and will not delay construction. The school board will now proceed to condemn the property, and the question to be settled in court is one of damages, and in case damages are awarded the board has recourse against the original owners.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 5 [Thursday, April 21, 1892], page 1, column 3

The Amberg Granite Company has 56 men rushing the work on the new school building.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 8 [Thursday, May 12, 1892], page 1, column 4

Well Named.

THE school board, at its regular meeting last Tuesday evening, decided to name the

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new school building the N.P. Hulst School Building, in honor of the general manager of the Pewabic mine. Mr. Hulst has been identified with the mining interests here ever since their first development, and has in fact, opened nearly every mine on the range, and the prosperous development of this industry and the building up of our city is due in a large measure to his intelligent management of the various enterprises he has been connected with. A more appropriate name for the largest and handsomest school building in the county could not have been selected.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 16 [Thursday, July 7, 1892], page 1, column 3

A William Knabe piano, finished in oak, has been purchased for the new high school building, out of the proceeds of the lecture course given last winter for that purpose.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 19 [Thursday, July 28, 1892], page 8, column 1

MESSRS. E.A. ORDWAY, Dehn & Stutts, of this city, and Jackson & Fitzpatrick, of Crystal Falls, were bidders for the plumbing work of the N.P. Hulst school house, and the contract was awarded to the last named firm last Monday evening at \$1642.66. Dehn & Stutts were lower bidders but it is said their proposition was not sufficiently definite to satisfy the board, and the fact of them having thrown up the sewer contract that they secured from the council last week is also said to have had an influence against them.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 33 [Thursday, November 3, 1892], page 1, column 3

A School Reception.

Superintendent Abernethy informed a Range-Tribune representative last Monday that the magnificent new Hulst high school would be occupied on Monday next by the teachers and pupils. Arrangements are now being perfected for a reception to be held in the new building tomorrow evening, and the teachers hope that all patrons will avail themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the finest temple of education in the upper peninsula. The building is to be brilliantly illuminated from basement to gymnasium, and an interesting program has been arranged for. These exercises will consist of an address by Dr. N.P. Hulst, of Milwaukee, after whom the building has been named, vocal and instrumental music, etc. There should be a very large attendance of patrons.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 33 [Thursday, November 3, 1892], page 8, column 2

The board of education has insured the new Hulst high school in R. Th. Miller's and D. Bergeron's agencies for \$40,000.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 34 [Thursday, November 10, 1892], page 5, column 2

Hulst High School.

The teachers and pupils will take possession of the above building on

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Monday morning next, and Superintendent Abernethy desires the Range-Tribune to state to all pupils who have not been given a place in the school to make application at the school in the ward in which their parents reside. The reception which was to have taken place tomorrow has been postponed. This is made necessary by the fact that the contractors will not have the building wired for lighting as soon as expected. Date and other particulars given in a later issue.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 49 [Thursday, March 9, 1893], page 1, column 5

A HIGH COMPLIMENT.

Paid Our Schools by Superintendent of Public Instruction Pattengill.

In a late issue of the Moderator, a school publication, we find the following concerning our new high school building from the pen of Superintendent of Public Instruction Pattengill:

Iron Mountain enjoys the proud reputation of having one of the two best schoolhouses in Michigan. It is built entirely of granite – the foundation of red and the superstructure of blue. The interior finishings are of the best and costs completed not far from \$45,000. The upper part of each schoolroom door is bevel plate glass and the mountings of polished brass. The lighting and ventilating are excellent. The halls are light and roomy and the superintendent's office is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. The library and reading rooms adjoin the spacious high schoolroom and like the high schoolroom is just capped out with a most beautiful fireplace.

The arrangement [*sic – arrangement*] of these rooms is so plainly fitted for reception purposes that it may no doubt have suggested to the teachers and board of education the propriety of such a maneuver. Anyway all three members of "our" troupe enjoyed in full measure the very neat entertainment of company, cakes, and coffee furnished by the royal entertainers. The Ling system of gymnastics has been adapted to the school work in Iron Mountain; Dr. Larson, a member of the board, being a great enthusiast in physical training. The upper part or attic of the schoolhouse affords an excellent gymnasium and already some apparatus has been secured.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVI, Number 50 [Saturday, April 6, 1895], page 5, column 5

The Junior Exhibition.

The junior class of the Hulst high school, consisting of J. Martin Goldsworthy, Nellie Hammond, August J. Waffan, T. Jeanette Carbis, Ethel V. Morris, Willie James, Lillie A. Scott and John J. Oliver, held their annual exercises on Thursday evening last, and covered themselves with glory. A feature worthy of much favorable commendation was the distinct departure from the old rut taken by the students of compiling their essays, live and timely topics having been selected. For instance John M. Goldsworthy handled the coinage question. Nellie Hammond the woman's rights matter, August J. Waffan discussed the war in the east, Willie James had for a topic "Conclusion of the Last Campaign," and John Oliver "Advantages of Our Railroads," while Ethel V. Morris devoted her paper to "Amusements." T. Jeanette

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Carbis had an interesting paper on “The Next Thing in Education,” and Lillie Scott told entertainingly of “Our Aim in Life.” The musical portion of the program was in keeping with the essays, the string quartette being particularly fine.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 7 [Thursday, July 5, 1900], page 1, column 3

Two New School Buildings.

The Press learns that at a meeting of the Board of Education held on Friday evening last D. Fred Charlton, the Marquette architect, was engaged to furnish plans for a Manual Training school and a four-room ward school, the latter to be used as a sort of an annex for the Hulst high school building, which is unable to accommodate the increased attendance. It is estimated that the new buildings will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 10 [Thursday, July 30, 1903], page 2, column 3

The board of education has voted to establish a manual training school. A suitable building will be erected on the Hulst school site.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 24 [Thursday, November 5, 1903], page 2, column 2

C.L. Anderson is here from Ishpeming figuring on the remodeling of the Hulst school heating plant so that it will also heat the manual training school. It is proposed

to change the plant from a high to a low pressure and purchase a gas engine to operate the ventilation fans.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 18 [Thursday, September 22, 1910], page 1, column 3

School Attendance.

The attendance at the high school is so large that Principal Reed has been forced to make room in his office for a class and two rooms in the basement are also utilized. The enrollment is 250, an increase of twenty-three over last year. The seating capacity of the high school auditorium is only 140. Supt. Amidon tells The Press that there has been a very marked increased [*sic – increase*] in the attendance in all the higher grades. The total enrollment in all departments of the schools is now 2,500. In the lower grades the attendance shows no marked increased [*sic – increase*], but from the seventh grade to the high school the increase has been large.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 39 [Thursday, February 16, 1911], page 7, columns 1-3 [3-column drawing of the Hulst School – Iron Mountain High School]

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Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Year _____, Number _____ [Tuesday, October 25, 1921], page 2, column 2

SCHOOL EMPTIED IN 50 SECONDS

Fifty seconds was the time required for the pupils and teachers of the Junior high school to vacate the building in a fire drill rehearsed last week. The drill has been practiced several times since school started, and, according to Principal Reany, it was conducted without any confusion. The alarm is sounded when least expected, and teachers are required to keep the pupils in line while marching down the stairways or the fire escape. Fifty seconds is the record this year to date, approximately three hundred and sixty people leaving the building in this length of time.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, 22nd Year, Number 70 [Thursday, July 2, 1942], page 3, columns 1-3

Many Former Hulst Students Here For Reunion Program

(Author of this story on the Hulst school reunion, tomorrow and Saturday, is Miss Rosalie Bruno, 502 East E street, graduate of the Hulst in 1938 and of the Iron Mountain high school in 1941. Some of the material was obtained from Miss Lucille Scott, 112 West Fleshiem street, who has a valuable collection of old records, part of which will be on display during the reunion, at the A. Sackim company's store.)

Promptly at 9 tomorrow morning the old Hulst school bell will ring out its welcome to former students, here from far and wide for the two-day reunion program. They will find some changes as they stroll through familiar class rooms and corridors, for, although the rooms and halls are still there, they have been converted to other uses since the building was abandoned on completion of the new junior high school.

Original Essays

Parts of two original essays, read by Mrs. William J. Cudlip and Mrs. James Roberts upon their graduation with the first class at the Hulst, will be read at the exercises to be held tomorrow night at the Iron Mountain senior high school. Other interesting numbers have been arranged.

The castle-like Hulst, with its red and blue granite exterior and natural oak interior, has always been an object of interest and attention. "The Menominee Iron Range," published in 1890, carries an etching of Iron Mountain's proposed new school building as it appeared on the drawing board of J.E. Clancy, architect.

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The board of education in October, 1890, designated the site of the new high school as the NE ¼ of the NW ¼, section 31, T. 40, R. 30. A year later the contract for the construction was awarded to the Amberg Granite company for \$36,000, and shortly thereafter the massive stone blocks began arriving from the quarries 30 miles away.

Opened Nov. 14, 1892

On the opening day, Nov. 14, 1892, the weather was clear and unusually warm, as two by two, the students marched from the Central school to occupy the new Hulst. On the first faculty of Hulst were Superintendent E.F. Abernathy, Principal Charles M. Gill, Olive Wilson, Cora Moon, Mae Osborn, Anna Hefferman, Flora Wilbur, Emma Keen, Jennie Jensen, G.B. Munger, Alma Cook and Carrie Roche.

It was difficult to persuade college graduates to accept teaching positions in Iron Mountain then, the for Upper Peninsula was a wilderness, but these instructors came, and served ably.

No compulsory school attendance law was then in effect, permitting the youngsters to come and go as they pleased, while each teacher was her own truant officer. Previously graduation had been from the tenth grade, and, consequently, the class was graduated the first year at the Hulst. All 12 grades were in the Hulst, the upper floor being mainly devoted to high school. The offices [*sic – office*] of the school administrators was located in the lower tower room on the first floor.

The equipment was considered excellent. The science department was especially benefitted by a valuable piece of apparatus, a college stereopticon with a calcium light. Botany students collected herbarium materials on field trips; the physics class visited the Hydraulic plant

with Superintendent Abernathy. At 4 o'clock, when school was over, there was a quick march to lively piano music down the wide stairs and out the front door.

First Graduating Class

The year 1894 saw the first graduating class leave the Hulst. From the wild roadside, ox-eyed daisy, which the seniors chose as their class flower, was derived the present day school colors of black and gold. The birch piano, which will be on display at the golden jubilee, is the gift of the senior class of 1894. To raise money for the gift, the seniors sold tickets to a lyceum series, the last number of which was a home talent production, "The Temple of Fame," directed by Miss Cora Moon, of the faculty.

The first Hulst graduates and their present names are: Lulu Byrnes, now Mrs. William J. Cudlip; Jennie Clark, now Mrs. Silas McGregor; Margaret Goodman, Mrs. McNamara; John Heathcock; Louisa Hechelbacher, Mrs. Beck; William Hicks; Ella Smythe; Lottie Thompson, Mrs. James Caldwell; Dora Tonkin, Mrs. Samuel Mitchell, and Jennie Tonkin, Mrs. James Roberts. The class president was Jennie Tonkin; vice-president, Ella Smythe, and secretary, Lulu Byrnes. Miss Dora Tonkin was valedictorian, but no salutatorian was selected. Each of the graduates presented an original composition at the commencement exercises. Mrs. James Roberts still has her class pin from the year 1894, a six-pointed star with IMHS engraved upon it, which she will wear at the jubilee.

Football Introduced

Santo, the mystery man, or skeleton, made his appearance in 1895, and with his introduction came the study of physiology. The same year saw the introduction of football. In 1896 the team played its first out-of-town game at Menominee, the local

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heroes wearing an assortment of uniforms they purchased with their own money.

In 1895 four teachers were in charge of the school. Hulst graduates were first accepted as students in 1897 by the University of Michigan without a college entrance examination. Gymnastics received emphasis, the girls being trained in Greek interpretive dancing and the boys in calaisthenics [*sic – calisthenics*] under the Delsarte and Swedish Ling systems.

Gust Tollen, class of 1898, left on month before graduation to enter the armed forces of the United States, then fighting for Cuba in the Spanish-American war. John Oliver, graduate of 1897 and a student at the University of Michigan, volunteered for service and later died of fever in Cuba.

At the turn of the new century L.E. Amidon took over the duties of superintendent, Howard Enders joined the faculty to teach sciences; Rosalie Walker, Latin, and Minerva Updike, the eighth grade. By 1902 enrollment at the Hulst had increased from 45 to 138. J.F. Reed, mathematics teacher, was made principal and shortly after instruction in commercial subjects and domestic science was offered in the high school.

Prominent and active members of the Mathematics club were Willie Stiles, Clyde Powers and Rex Plowman. Oratory was encouraged and school literary societies were formed. The offices of the superintendent of schools were moved to the Carnegie Library, which had just been completed and whose volumes were being catalogued.

In 1904 the Fulton building was erected at the rear of the Hulst, to house manual training facilities for the boys. From 1904 to the present Iron Mountain's school system has been expanded at a steady pace to meet the educational needs of a growing community. The rest of the story is well

known to Mountaineers who have watched the expansion.

Many of the students, teachers, and their families are welcomed back – they all remember the Hulst in its youth, and in their youth.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, 22nd Year, Number 72 [Monday, July 6, 1942], page 2, columns 1-3

1,000 Attend Reunion At Hulst School

More than 1,000 Hulst “grads” and former students, most of them residing in this area, relived the old days and renewed old acquaintances at the two-day 50th jubilee reunion here Friday and Saturday. Many an interesting story was trotted out of old days at what was then the largest and finest public school building north of Milwaukee.

Gas and tire rationing, and the press of war-time emergency, kept many at home who otherwise would have attended from distant points. However, there were many out-of-towners in the assembly, and others, living nearby, who had not visited the Hulst or seen their former classmates for years.

Perhaps the most interesting figure at the reunion was Dr. Howard E. Enders, dean of science at Purdue university and who taught at the Hulst from 1898 to 1900. Enders brought to the reunion a list of all his former students here, and was pleased to find many of them in attendance.

Prominent Figures

Dr. Enders recalled – much to the amusement of his listeners – the time that he and another teacher, William Lindsay (now supreme court justice) were “drafted”

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for the Hulst football team in a crucial game at Escanaba. Dr. Enders said: “The one thing about that game is that I fell on top of another player, and broke his rib.”

Judge Lindsay was unable to attend, but his letter of regret was posted, with other interesting material, on the bulletin board at the school

Jack Vrible, former student now residing at Granger, Ind., found many old friends here. Vrible has two war jobs – one at the Studebaker plant at South Bend, Ind., and the other, building houses in his “spare time.”

Mrs. Jennie Tonkin Roberts, of this city, president of the first Hulst school graduating class, was likewise a foremost figure during the program. She attended Friday night’s program at the senior high school wearing her class pin and carrying an usher’s ribbon worn by her at the first open house held at the school.

The graduation gown worn by Mrs. Lulu Byrnes Cudlip, of this city, secretary of her Hulst class, was worn by Miss Betty Bacco at the pageant, in the high school, and Miss Bacco also read part of Mrs. Cudlip’s graduating essay.

“Gilly” Fugere and Rex Plowman, two local grads, got around to almost everybody during the two-day homecoming, and they knew probably more former students than any who attended.

Renewed Acquaintances

Much of the ceremony at the Hulst was given over to strolling through the rooms and corridors, looking for old, familiar signs – such as initials carved in nearby trees – and climbing the tower to ring the old bell cast in 1884 at Baltimore, Md.

A report quickly circulated, that Miss Minerva Updike, early-day teacher who retired in 1918 after 20 years of service, was in the audience at the high school, brought a call from the chairman. However,

a letter arriving Saturday brought news that she had died in March, at the age of 93.

The pageant featured the history of Iron Mountain from Indian days, through the discovery of ore, the development of the mines, the advent of the Ford plant and the subsequent industrial development. Gowns of each period were modeled.

Herb Beard, Ben Wallis and Harry Erickson portrayed early-day miners, the first two as “Cousin Jacks” who, in their dialogue, portrayed the opening of the old Hamilton shaft of the Chapin mine.

Dr. Gereon Fredrickson, chairman, called the roll of each class from the opening of school through 1912, when the last 12th grade class was graduated. Thereafter, through 1939 – when the new junior high was opened – the Hulst was a junior school.

Harry T. Hulst, of Ishpeming, son of Dr. Nelson P. Hulst, for whom the school was named, gave an interesting account of early-day activity in this city, and at the Hulst. As guest of honor at the reunion he was a popular figure, and met many of the former students during his visit.

Window Displays

Window displays at the Sackim, Cudlip and Fugere stores, and the Quality Hardware, were given over to photographs, programs and other data of early days at the Hulst. Music during the programs was furnished by the high school music department, T. Ray Uhlinger, direttore.

Assisting Dr. Fredrickson in the arrangements were the following committees:

Reception – Mrs. W.J. Cudlip, Mrs. James Roberts, Mrs. Louise Stoekley, Mrs. G.V. Carpenter, Mary Gaudio, Mrs. Fred Jacques, Mrs. Art Holmberg, Mrs. Bert Shields, Mrs. Leonard Johnson, Mrs. Will Crago and Mrs. S.J. McGregor.

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Planning – Art Lundahl, Martin King, Irving W. Smith and Louis E. LeMense.

Registration and refreshment – Evelyn Chambers and girls of the new junior high.

Finance – G.P. Fugere, K.L. Calvi and Eugene Wright.

Publicity – John Jelsch, George E. McGowan, Miss Rosalie Bruno, Miss Lucille Scott and L.D. Tucker.

Printing – R.A. Browning.

Program – Mrs. E.E. Ordidge, Mrs. N.C. Bartholemew, Mrs. E.A. Kronquist, Polly Goldsworthy and Mary M. Browning.

Exhibits – Lucille W. Scott and Lucille Dillon.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, 29th Year, Number 1 [Monday, April 11, 1949], page 3, columns 1-3

Old Landmark Doomed; No Use For It

Iron Mountain's most familiar and time-honored landmark is on the way out. They're tearing down the Hulst grade school, and many will regret its passing, for much of this city's earliest educational history centered about this fine old structure.

Unused since 1940, the \$65,000 red and gray granite structure – the interior of which has been considerably damaged by vandals – was built in 1892 and named after Dr. Nelson P. Hulst, nationally-known mining official of this area. It is now being dismantled by Quinto Valenti and Abe Raskin, owners, and in three months will be levelled [*sic – leveled*] to the ground.

The stone frame and natural oak interior will be sold by the two men, who purchased

the building from the school board in the spring of 1946.

"Makes me a little sad to think the old Hulst school being torn down," says G.P. Fugere, alumnus of the Hulst and Iron Mountain school board member for 25 years. "The old building up there on the hill has a special place in the hearts of many of us."

"Through the years the school has taken on a certain 'character'. Iron Mountain won't seem the same without it. It will be like losing a very old and very dear friend."

A Big, Bare Spot

On the other hand, according to Valenti and Raskin, it has been impossible to move the school from the Madison avenue site. "We have held the building and its annexes, the Fulton and Lowell buildings, since 1946, in the hope that some civic use might be found for them," the two men pointed out. "We have met with a number of business men [*sic – businessmen*] of this area to discuss proposed uses of the buildings. But no action has resulted.

"We are sorry that the school must be torn down. But taxes are high and there is a brisk demand for the building materials."

However, because the Lowell building, formerly used by grade-school children and situated just north of the Hulst, is in good condition and could be used for a variety of purposes, the structure will not be removed if the possibility of sale arises within three months. But if there is no sale, its annex will be dismantled within six months thereafter, according to Valenti.

Milestone In History

Iron Mountain was young when the Hulst school went up. Construction of the building was one of the milestones in the city's history, and, according to historical records, credit is due Dr. Hulst for having assisted in the plan which led to the building of the school.

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A native of East Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Hulst was brought up in Alexandria, Va., and in Montgomery county, Maryland. He was graduated from Yale in 1867 and two years later completed a course in mine engineering at the Sheffield Scientific school. He then obtained a doctor's degree at the school and in September, 1870, became chemist and engineer for the Milwaukee Iron company, Milwaukee.

Two years later he traveled through the Menominee range, then unexplored. Subsequently, he explored the Breen and Vulcan mine regions and the Felch Mountain range. In 1876, he became general superintendent of the Menominee Mining company and opened the Breen, Vulcan, Norway, Cyclops, Quinnesec, Chapin and Florence mines.

In 1887, as manager of the Pewabic *[sic – Pewabic]* company, he opened the Pewabic mine. Becoming manager, in 1897, of the iron mining interest of the Carnegie Steel company, the doctor had charge of the Oliver Iron Mining company.

When the U.S. Steel corporation was organized in 1901, he was made vice-president, retaining the position until his retirement from active pursuits. He later resided in Milwaukee – a man of wide experience in the mining industry and an authority on subjects connected with minerals and mines.

Clancy Drafts Plans

F.W. *[sic - F.E.]* Clancy, Iron Mountain architect, drafted the plans, on order of the school board, which was comprised of E.E. Brewster, president; J.M. Clifford, secretary; Jonah Orrison, treasurer; F.J. Trudell, Hugh McLaughlin, F.E. Woodbury, J.H. MacClean and W.T. Carpenter, who purchased the 300 by 260-foot site for the school from the Pewabic company, for \$8,000.

The contract for materials and labor was awarded the Amberg company, then

operating the Amberg quarries, at Amberg, Wis., 25 miles south of Iron Mountain. Red granite for the foundation and gray granite for the upper-structure *[sic – upper structure]* of the school were cut and shipped to the school site.

On Nov. 14, 1892, the school was completed and students and faculty "moved in." There were approximately 25 rooms. Construction of the four-room Lowell and four-room Fulton buildings came later, with a 10 by 10-foot tunnel from the Hulst to the Lowell structure. The tunnel was built to shelter students going to and from the buildings in the winter, when temperatures fell to sub-zero.

New School The Answer

For nearly 47 years the Hulst school doors opened and closed behind the footsteps of many high school students. Meanwhile, the population of Iron Mountain was increasing to a point where the Hulst school was no longer large enough to accommodate the expending classes.

The Iron Mountain school board, following the lead of its predecessor, decided that a new school was the answer and, accordingly, the present Iron Mountain High building was constructed in 1912. From that time on, a younger "set" of students tramped into the Hulst school – junior high students, whose members were also on the increase.

In turn, the old school served as a junior high until 1937, when construction of the present junior high school was begun and completed in 1938.

In 1939 the county Works Progressive Administration offices were established in the Hulst building, and WPA artcraft classes were conducted in the Fulton. But the WPA project ended in the next year, as the United States embarked upon a new decade – one of war.

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Now, after weathering over half a century, the Hulst structure is being torn down on contract with Larson and Sons, Iron Mountain contractors. Four men are currently at work. A temporary operations office has been set up by Valenti and Rasking in the Lowell building.

Again, the old school hums with activity. But this time the activity won't last long, and when it's over, "good old Hulst" will be gone forever." [sic]

CAPTION UNDER LARGE PHOTOGRAPH

"WALLS COME TUMBLING DOWN" –

Long a landmark in this area, and steeped in memories, the Hulst school, shown above, constructed in 1892, is coming down. Owners Quinto Valenti and Abe Raskin, who purchased the building – and the Fulton and Lowell buildings, situated on the Madison avenue site – from the Iron Mountain school board in the spring of 1946, are currently directing the razing of the old school, the materials of which will be sold. Work of dismantling the Hulst school will be finished in three months, according to the owners. The building was named after Dr. Nelson P. Hulst, widely-known mining executive of this area, who was active in the effort towards construction of the school.

The Daily News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, 62nd Year, Number 118 [Saturday, August 28, 1982], page 4, columns 1-2

BILL CUMMINGS

Hulst School a classic structure

Dickinson County school bells will begin ringing for the 1982-1983 school year Monday morning, but for many residents of

Iron Mountain, "school" meant the impregnable red and gray granite structure which overlooked the city and was named for the famed iron authority and Menominee Range explorer, Dr. Nelson Powell Hulst.

F.W. Clancy, an Iron Mountain architect, drafted the plans at the request of the school board, composed of E.E. Brewster, president; J.M. Clifford, secretary; Jonah Orrison, treasurer; F.J. Trudell, Hugh McLaughlin, F.E. Woodbury, J.H. MacClean and W.T. Carpenter. The board purchased the 300 by 260-foot lot for the building on Madison Avenue from the Pewabic Mining Company for \$8,000.

The Hulst School contained approximately 25 rooms, many of which were originally heated with fireplaces. As enrollment increased, a manual training school known as the Fulton School was added to the Hulst School complex in 1900-1901. Manual training classes were taught in the eastern first floor classrooms and in the basement, where an engine powered by compressed air coming from a four-inch pipe running from the Chapin Mine air pipe ran the machinery. Home economics classes were taught on the second floor, and a special classroom in the southwest corner on the first floor was for "deaf and dumb" students. This classroom was later an "open air" classroom for tubercular children. The Lowell School was added to the complex in 1905-1906, and served as a school for grades one through four. To enable the students to pass from one building to the other during inclement weather, an enclosed ramp spanned the gap between the Hulst and Fulton schools, while a tunnel connected the Hulst and Lowell schools.

In an article in the April 28, 1892, edition of *The Iron Range*, one of Iron Mountain's early newspapers, a listing of teachers to be retained along with their respective

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salaries was published. These teachers would have taught at the Brown Street School, the Central School, the Ludington School which opened in 1891, and the Hulst School. The list of teachers, all women, and their monthly salaries: Flora Wilber, \$70; Cora Moon, \$50; Nora C. Murray, \$55; Ida M. Ripley, \$50; Jennie Bottolph, \$55; Julia Oderbolz, \$50; Allie Wicks, \$55; Flora DeLano, \$50; Marion Burdon, \$55; Carrie Roche, \$50; Ella Penglase, \$55; Julie Mason, \$50; Alma Cook, \$50; ella Harper, \$45; Kate Kinnifick, \$40; Mrs. Julia Hicks, \$45; Augusta Suwalsky, \$40; Emma S. Keen, \$45; Daisy L. Smith, \$45; Mary I. Peck, \$45; Agnes Bolan, \$45; Mattie V. Conklin, \$45; Ona Andrews, \$45; and Jennie Penglase, \$45.

As Iron Mountain grew, so did the number of students attending public school, and the high school student body outgrew the Hulst School, necessitating the construction of the present Iron Mountain High School in 1912.

The Hulst School operated as a junior high building from 1912 until the present junior high school was opened in 1938. The following year the county Works Progress Administration offices were established in the Hulst School and arts and crafts classes were conducted in the Fulton School, but this program ended in 1940, and the buildings stood idle.

In 1942, a Hulst School Jubilee was held on July 3 and 4, when the old school bell summoned former students back to celebrate the Hulst School's 50th anniversary and to be reunited with school-chums.

Just four years later, in the spring of 1946, Quinto Valenti and Abe Raskin purchased the Hulst School complex from the school board. Unfortunately, the Hulst School would never be the site of another anniversary celebration. An article in the

April 11, 1949, edition of The Iron Mountain News noted that within three months "Iron Mountain's most familiar and time-honored landmark" would be leveled to the ground.

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The Lowell School was later used as a wood products manufacturing plant. However, the building was abandoned in 1957, then vandalized by area children. Owned by Fred Snowden, the structure was gutted by fire July 18, 1960.

With the exception of the present high school, Iron Mountain's educational history in terms of school buildings has followed an unfortunate pattern, for in addition to the Hulst School complex, the Central School, the Chapin School, the Ludington School, the Farragut School, the Lincoln School and the Washington School all have fallen to the wrecking ball. Photographs exist to refresh our memory of what once was, but these buildings are most vividly and foundly [*sic* –

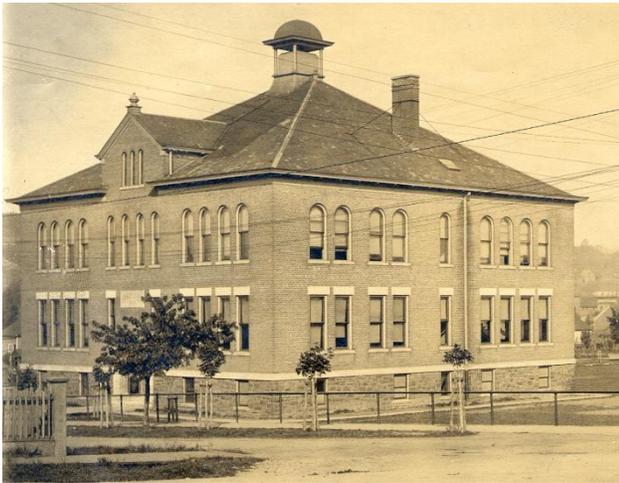
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fondly] remembered in theminds [*sic – the minds*] of the students who walked their hallways decades ago, dipped a girl’s pigtail into the ink well and carved initials on a desk top.

[An early photograph of the Hulst School from the collection of the Menominee Range Historical Foundation Museum accompanies the article.]

Farragut School



Farragut School in photo dated October 19, 1912



Farragut School and Chapin School in photo dated October 19, 1912

**Erected in 1899 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:**

Vulcan and Fifth Streets

This school was named after the Spanish-American War commodore. *[Note: The school was named for Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, admiral of the United States Navy during the Civil War, and remembered in popular culture for his order at the Battle of Mobile Bay, usually paraphrased “Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead.”]* The Farragut School was erected in 1899 at the cost of \$11,479. It was located on Vulcan and Fifth Streets. M.T. Carpenter was president of the school building and Dr. J. A. Crowell was vice-president. It was a two-story building with eight rooms. Mr. Amidon was superintendent. Early teachers were Miss Chamberlain, Miss Updike and Miss Anderson.

[Born From Iron, p. 54]

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 41 [Thursday, March 2, 1899], page 1, column 1

FOR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Board of Education Selects Site on Which to Erect the Same.

At a special meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday evening, the lot adjoining the Chapin school was selected as the location. The lot is 240x400 feet. The owners have been notified to fix a price on the property, which, if satisfactory, will be paid, and if the price asked for the lots appear to be too high the board will commence condemnation proceedings at once.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3,

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Number 42 [Thursday, March 9, 1899],
page 8, column 1

The Board of Education having been unable to secure a satisfactory price for the site for the new location school-house [*sic – schoolhouse*], the president and secretary have been authorized to commence condemnation proceedings at the next term of circuit court. The site selected is on the Chapin school block and is bounded on the north by Sixth street, on the east by Vulcan street, on the south by Fifth street and on the west by Norway street. Only one of the occupants of the property own the premises, namely, Peter Jacobson, the remainder being owned by the old Chapin Mining company, now in the hands of a trustee.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 52 [Thursday, May 18, 1899], page 1, column 2

The New School House.

The bids for the erection of the new eight-room brick school-house [*sic – schoolhouse*], to be erected in the first ward this summer, and the heating and ventilating plants, will be opened at a meeting of the Board of Education to be held this evening. There will be four or five bids, amongst others William H. Sweet and Robert Meyer, of this city, Lawson, of Menominess [*sic – Menominee*], and Upteke, of Menominee. The estimated cost of the building is \$12,000. The ventilation and heating systems are said to be almost perfection.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3,

Number 52 [Thursday, May 18, 1899],
page 1, column 4

The contract for the new eight-room school-house [*sic – schoolhouse*] in the first ward will be let at a meeting of the board of education this evening. Quite a number of bids have been received, several non-residents entering the competition.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 10 [Thursday, July 27, 1899], page 7, column 1

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The brick work on the new Farragut school is finished.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 24, Number 47 [Thursday, April 15, 1920], page 1, column 6

Help Piano Fund.

The operetta “Hiawatha’s Childhood,” and a “Fairy Revel” will be presented at the high school auditorium by the children of the Faragut [*sic – Farragut*] school next Tuesday evening, April 20th. The proceeds will be used for the Faragut [*sic – Farragut*] building. The cause is such an excellent one that the attendance should be large. Readers of The Press are assured that the entertainment will be well worth the admission price.

Lowell School

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Nelson Powell Hulst High School with the Lowell School (center) and the Fulton School (rear right), ca. 1905

**Erected in 1904 – Razed in 1960
Years Classes Held:**

Northeast of the Hulst School

Located northeast of the Hulst School, the Lowell School, one of two annexes to the Hulst School, had machinery run by compressed air from the air pipe.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 3 [Thursday, June 9, 1904], page 1, column 2

New School-House.

The contract for the new four-room school building to be erected near the high school has been let to Parmelee & Son. The contract price is \$9,000, which includes the excavating, plumbing and everything but the heating plant. John Marsch secured the contract for grading, his bid being 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per yard.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, 40th Year, Number 83 [Monday, July 18, 1960], page

1, columns 2-4 [photograph of school in flames]; page 3, column 3

Old School Gutted By Noon Fire

Fire which broke out shortly before noon today, [sic] gutted the abandoned Lowell school building on the old Hulst school property on Madison street, between Ludington and Hughitt streets.

The building, owned by Fred Snowden, was vacated three years ago. Prior to that[,] it was used for several years as a wood products manufacturing plant. All equipment had been removed.

The Lowell school was built in 1906 [sic – 1904] and with the old Fulton building, razed several years ago, served the Hulst junior high school, also razed. The Lowell school was connected with the Hulst school by a tunnel, while an overpass was used between the Fulton and Hulst schools.

The Lowell was abandoned as a school in 1938, when Hulst school students were transferred to the new Junior high school.

Fire Chief M.J. Scolatti said he believed the fire was started by children playing in the boarded up building.

Only brick walls remained standing at 1:30 this afternoon. There was no estimate on the damage.

Fulton School

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Nelson Powell Hulst High School with the Lowell School (center) and the Fulton School (rear right), ca. 1905

**Erected in 1903 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:**

Southeast of the Hulst School

Located southeast of the Hulst School, the Fulton School, one of two annexes to the Hulst School, had classrooms including those used for cooking and sewing classes.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 10 [Thursday, July 30, 1903], page 2, column 3

The board of education has voted to establish a manual training school. A suitable building will be erected on the Hulst school site.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 20 [Thursday, October 8, 1903], page 6, column 3

The brick work on the manual training school is completed and the building is now being roofed.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 21 [Thursday, October 15, 1903], page 8, column 6

MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Ladies Auxiliary Arranging to Equip Two of the Rooms.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Manual Training School will hold an important meeting at the public library building tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock sharp. The call is issued by Mrs. J. Dart Jones, president, and Mrs. W.T. Carpenter, secretary, and every member is urged to be present as business of importance is to be transacted.

It is the purpose of the Auxiliary to completely equip the domestic science departments of the Manual Training School, and as the school will be opened after the holiday vacation, it is necessary that more funds be raised at once. The ladies already have in *[the]* bank some two hundred dollars, the receipts of the rummage sale held last winter, and it is proposed to give several entertainments to increase this fund.

The first entertainment will be a fancy dress ball, for ladies only, which will be held at the Fisher Hall on Friday evening, Oct. 23rd, and the second will be of a literary nature.

The ladies are confident of securing funds sufficient to fully furnish the cooking and sewing departments. These departments will be in charge of Miss Gumm, who comes her highly recommended for this work. Miss Gumm is now conducting a class in needle work *[sic – needlework]* at the public library. No

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instructor has been engaged for the mechanical departments as yet.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 35 [Thursday, January 2, 1904], page 1, column 3

Domestic Science.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the manual training school held a session at the Carnegie public library last Monday evening. The ladies have sufficient cash in hand to furnish the equipment for the domestic training department and the meeting was held for the purpose of consultation relative to the articles to be purchased. The money was raised by a rummage sale and several entertainments.

Lincoln School

Erected in 1896 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1896-

Carpenter Avenue and West F Street



Lincoln School shortly after school was constructed in 1896



Lincoln School

The Lincoln School was built in 1896. It was located on Carpenter Avenue and West F Street. Miss Agnes Bolan was the first principal of the school. The building was constructed of brick and held eight classrooms. An addition and gymnasium were built in 1925.

[*Born From Iron*, p. 58]

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 49 (Whole Number 884) [Saturday, March 28, 1896], page 2, column 3

The new school house now under construction by the board of education will likely be erected in the fifth ward and on Carpenter av. It will be a brick, eight room building, but only the lower rooms will be finished this year. The building will cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 52 (Whole Number 887) [Saturday, April 18, 1896], page 1, column 3

That New School Building.

The board of education has finally decided to accept the plans of Architect

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Clancey [sic – Clancy] for the new eight-room school building to be erected this summer on the corner of Carpenter ave. and West F street. It will be built be built [sic] of brick and will be a handsome new building. The board is now investigating the best method of heating and ventilating and will spare no expense to secure the perfect system.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 4 (Whole Number 891) [Saturday, May 16, 1896], page 1, column 3

Contract Let.

The Board of Education have [sic – has] let the contract to Robt. Meyers to build the new school house in the 5th ward authorized by voters at last Monday's election, for \$9,975. It is to be an 8-room building, with only four rooms finished, the remaining four rooms to be finished as they are required.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 4 (Whole Number 891) [Saturday, May 16, 1896], page 8, column 1

Ed. Harvey commenced yesterday hauling stone for the foundation for the new school house on Carpenter avenue.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 6 (Whole Number 893) [Saturday, May 30, 1896], page 1, column 6

Contractor Robt. Meyer has commenced in earnest upon his contract to

erect the new school building on Carpenter avenue and will push it along as fast as circumstances will permit. The weather the past week has not been very favorable for out door [sic – outdoor] work, but the material for the foundation is being hauled to the site of the building, and the work is progressing as fast as possible.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 7 (Whole Number 894) [Saturday, June 6, 1896], page 2, column 2

Robt. Meyer has sublet the contract for the brick work on the Carpenter avenue school building to Golueke Bros., of Green Bay, and Henry Neumann of this city, for \$3,000.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 5 [Thursday, June 21, 1900], page 1, column 5

Lincoln School Improvements.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education held last Friday the contract for the completion of the Lincoln school was let to Parmelee & Son. The contract price was \$2,455, which includes carpenter work, steam fitting, plumbing, etc. Three rooms are to be finished, sufficient to accommodate over a hundred pupils.

Washington School

Erected in 1900 – Razed in November, 1969

Years Classes Held:

Washington Avenue and East C Street

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Washington School, postmarked 1914

The Washington School was constructed in 1900 as a six-room building. It was located on Washington Avenue and East C Street. The first addition was constructed in 1908, which was a two-room addition. Another addition took place in 1924. The orthopedic room was added in the classes in 1925.

[*Born From Iron*, p. 58]

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 18 [Thursday, September 20, 1900], page 1, column 4

Will Build of Wood.

The Board of Education has decided to construct the new school-house [*sic – schoolhouse*] of wood, the bids for a brick building being much higher than expected. Architect Charlton is now preparing the plans and bids will be asked for within a week or ten days.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 27 [Thursday, November 18, 1920], page 8, column 2

Washington School

The Parents and Teachers association of the Washington school will give an entertainment [*sic – entertainment*] and serve light refreshments at the building next Friday evening. A small admission fee will be charged. The object of the entertainment is to raise money for the purchase of a piano for the school. Recently the parents of the children were asked for a donation of fifty cents each and by this means the fine sum of \$50.00 was raised. The cause is a good one and their [*sic – there*] should be a large attendance [*sic – attendance*] at the entertainment Friday evening.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 42 [Friday, May 29, 1925], page 6, column 2

SCHOOL ADDITION FORMALLY OPENED

Two Hundred Attend Program at Washington Last Night

Formal opening of the new addition to the Washington school was held last evening under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association, about 200 being present.

Five new class rooms [*sic – classrooms*] and a gymnasium have been added making a total of 11 class rooms [*classrooms*], which is ample to take care of the increased attendance at the school.

A varied program was presented last evening, entertainment being furnished by the grade children who presented a musicale matinee. G.P. Fugere

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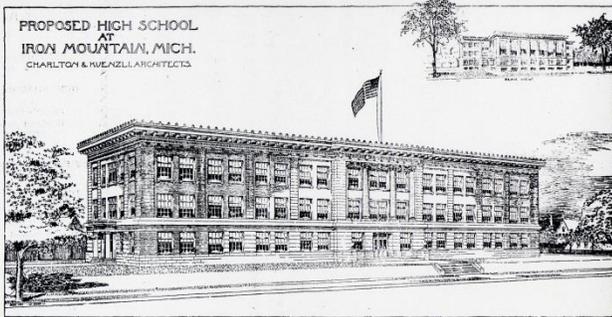
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represented the board of education, explaining the work and policy of the board in carrying on the school program.

Erected in 1912 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1912-

Iron Mountain Senior High School

300 West B Street



Drawing for the Proposed High School which appeared in the May 11, 1911 edition of the Iron Mountain Press

The present senior high school was built in 1912 at a cost of \$219,086. The senior high school is located on 300 West B Street. L.E. Amidon was superintendent at the time of construction.

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Iron Mountain High School, postcard view, ca. 1940-1950



Iron Mountain High School as photographed by A. Quade, postmarked 1912

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 39 [Thursday, February 16, 1911], page 7, columns 1-3 [3-column drawing of the Hulst School – Iron Mountain High School]



Iron Mountain High School depicted on postcard, ca. 1915-1920

The above is a picture of the Iron Mountain high school. It was erected some twenty years ago and at the time of dedication was considered the finest school building in the upper peninsula. Iron Mountain has outgrown this building in a large measure and a new high school has become an absolute necessity. The board of education will soon discuss ways and means and the members are not disposed to entertain extravagant ideas. A plan

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avored is to erect the proposed new building on the block of land now occupied by the Central school building and remove the latter structure to the property recently acquired north of St. Joseph's church. The Central building would be maintained as a grade school and the present high school building could be utilized entirely for the same purpose. The finances of the district are in fine shape. Perhaps no district in the state having the same population has so small an indebtedness.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 40 [Thursday, February 23, 1911], page 1, column 3

NEW HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD EIGHTH OF MARCH.

Proposed to Bond the District for \$100,000 for the Erection of Much Needed Building.

At a regular meeting of the board of education held last Friday evening the need of a new high school building was canvassed and discussed from every point of view.

It developed, during the discussion, that the attendance at the high school was several hundred pupils in advance of the accommodations, and the enrollment would be much greater if there were seating room; also, that in order to accommodate the present enrollment, it was necessary to

utilize rooms in the basement where the sanitary conditions were none too good.

It also developed, that in point of population and school enrollment, Iron Mountain has a much smaller school indebtedness than any city in Michigan.

Also, that the high school enrollment was rapidly increasing and that an attendance of not less than four hundred pupils could be expected by the time the proposed new building was ready for occupancy. The present building has accommodations for about eighty pupils.

When these facts had been considered and digested, the board, by a unanimous vote, resolved to submit the question of bonding the district for \$100,000 to a vote of the qualified electors, at a special election to be held on Wednesday, March 8th.

Notice of this special election will be found on the fourth page of this edition of *The Press*.

It is proposed to sell the bonds in denominations of \$100 with interest at five per cent, payable semi-annually. The first lot of bonds are payable to the amount of \$10,000 on July 18th, 1914, the second lot of \$10,000 on the same day in 1918, and thereafter \$10,000 each year until 1926.

The question of issuing the bonds should receive the unanimous vote of the taxpayers. The amount is a modest one in comparison with the sums expended by neighboring towns for similar buildings. We need the school.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 42 [Thursday, March 9, 1911], page 1, column 4

Shame on You!

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A majority of the rate-payers of Iron Mountain who participated in the special election yesterday and voted to continue to stable our children in unsanitary rooms in the basement of the present high school.

Shame on you, parents!

The vote was 177 yes and 189 no[,] fourteen women voting, majority against 12.

Shame on you 189!

A high school with nearly 200 pupils seated in unsanitary basement rooms next door to the toilets.

Shame!

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 46 [Thursday, April 6, 1911], page 1, column 3

FACTS AND FIGURES

REGARDING THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF IRON MOUNTAIN CITY

Proof Abundant That a Larger High School is Sorely Needed; Pupils in Unventilated Rooms.

In the last ten years our school census has increased from 2985 to 3299, and our attendance from 2403 to 2703. Nearly all of this increase in attendance has been in the seventh and eight [*sic – eighth*] grades and in the high school. For instance, the seventh grade has increased in the past five years from 145 to 225, the eight [*sic – eighth*] from 88 to 184, and the high school from 133 to 258. This is a natural condition. The younger the town the greater is the

proportion found in the lower grades. If all the present seventh grade should remain we would have a high school of 900. Of course this will not occur, but a high school of from 400 to 600 is almost certain within three or four years. This is no larger in proportion than Ishpeming, Escanaba, and other towns have had for several years. The tendency all over the country is for a much larger proportion of pupils to remain in the high school. Within twenty years ten high schools of northeastern Wisconsin increased in attendance 500 per cent while the population increased 50 per cent.

Our present so-called high school building is in the modern sense not a high school at all. Built in 1892, it contains a small high school room and two recitation rooms only. The rest of the building is made up of ordinary school rooms as are found in a ward building. Giving the usual space for desks the high school room would seat between 90 and 100. By narrowing the aisles and placing desks within four or five feet of the front wall we have crowded [*sic – crowded*] in 130. The other 128 pupils are seated in grade rooms, in recitation rooms, and some in the basement rooms wherever we can find space for them. Next year the situation will be worse. The high school part was built for three teachers, but we now have eleven. A cloak room [*sic – cloakroom*] without ventilation except windows has been used for several years. One grade room was divided, but the parts are too small, and cannot be ventilated except by windows. The inner walls are of brick and stone so that it is impossible to re-arrange [*sic – rearrange*] things. Some teachers have no room of their own, but must move classes to any room temporarily vacant. The building has no properly arranged laboratory rooms. The little room used for chemistry accommodates 12 at a time, but we have

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56 pupils taking this subject, and we are obliged to have five sections for laboratory work instead of two. There are no lecture rooms, no book room, no storage room for apparatus and supplies, no principal's office, no superintendent's office, no rest room [*sic – restroom*] for teachers, and no gymnasium. Norway, Crystal Falls, and Iron River have much better high school facilities than we have. I have visited the high schools in all towns of over 4,000 in the upper peninsula, except at the Soo. We are far behind all of them. There is absolutely no comparison with Escanaba, Ishpeming and Negaunee.

Our small manual training building erected in 1903 at a cost of about \$7,000 contains a chemistry room, and two rooms for domestic science as well as manual training. It is badly overcrowded. Five years ago about 140 in the seventh grades and above took manual training. Now 240 take it and we have had to cut off part of the seventh grade because we do not have room for them. The same is true of the domestic science.

The best solution would seem to require a new modern high school to seat about 450 to 500 pupils. I think by the time it could be made ready for occupancy we would have 400 pupils for it. The present Hulst building could be used for seventh and eighth grades. Even now these grades would fill the building except one room. The manual training building could be used for the manual training and domestic science of the seventh and eighth grades while room for these departments for high school students could be arranged for in the new building.

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NEW HIGH SCHOOL

QUESTION OF BONDING DISTRICT TO BE RE-SUBMITTED.

Need of a New Building Thoroughly Explained to Tax-Payers; Affirmative Vote is Certain.

The board of education, at a meeting held last Friday evening, voted unanimously to re-submit the question of bonding the district in the sum of \$100,000 for a new high school building to a vote of the tax-payers, the election to be held on Thursday, the 27th day of this month.

The decision of the board to re-submit the question was due to the fact that a large number of the tax-payers [*sic – taxpayers*], evidence that the question will now receive a favorable verdict.

The defect of the proposition in the recent election was due to the fact that the people were not informed regarding the need of a new building. It was argued by many that, our city, not having increased materially in population, the attendance at the high school could not have grown beyond the capacity of the present building.

Not a few imagined that the Hulst building was an up-to-date high school building. This building was erected in 1892 and at that time was considered a fine one. It is, however, not modern in any respect. In the first place, only about one-fourth of the building was ever intended for the high school. The rest is broken up into ordinary school rooms, such as are to be found in the Lincoln and Farragut buildings. When

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built there were twenty-seven pupils in high school. The high school room was built to accommodate ninety. It had two recitation rooms and was intended for three teachers, one to hold the assembly room while the other two conducted recitations. Later, by narrowing aisles and putting desks close to the walls, we have crowded in 130 desks. By cutting off corridors and dividing rooms, we have secured a number of recitation rooms which are too small and are not ventilated. At present we have eleven high school teachers and 258 pupils. High school pupils are crowded into other rooms, in the principal's recitation room, and wherever space may be had for them.

The assembly room is only one-fourth as large as it should be. It has no stage, and no space for reading tables and reference books. The recitation rooms are too few in number, entirely too small. For instance, the chemistry laboratory will accommodate twelve, but at present we have fifty-six pupils who are taking this subject, so that we are compelled to have five sections instead of two. There is no gymnasium, no lunch rooms, no supply rooms, and no offices for the superintendent and principal. The toilet rooms are located in the basement, necessitating the climbing of two pairs of stairs.

The manual training annex is badly overcrowded. Five years ago, Mr. Garthe had about 140 students taking manual training in the seventh grade and above. Now he has about 260. The domestic science rooms are also badly overcrowded. Either additional room must be provided or the work must be denied to the pupils of the seventh grade. The Hulst building is inadequate to our present high school needs.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 50 [Thursday, May 4, 1911], page 1, column 1

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ISSUE BONDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Board Proposes to Make the Loan a Popular One, Giving Preference to the Tax-Payers.

Iron Mountain is to have a modern, up-to-date high school building, thus keeping pace with the other upper peninsula cities.

This was the verdict rendered by the tax-payers [*sic* – *taxpayers*] at the special election held last Thursday, when the board of education was authorized to issue bonds in the sum of \$100,000 for the erection of the building.

The total vote was 587, the greatest number ever polled in a school election. There were 352 affirmative votes, 230 against and five ballots were spoiled, a majority in favor of the loan of 122. A feature of the election was the interest evinced by the women tax-payers [*sic* – *taxpayers*], eighty-eight exercises [*sic* – *exercising*] their franchise, and it is highly probable that all of them were in affirmative.

The board of education will at once move in the matter of marketing the bonds. The bonds could undoubtedly be sold to the banks or bond houses at a goodly premium, as the indebtedness of the district is small. One of the local banks stands ready to take the entire issue at a snug premium.

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However, we believe, it is the intention of the board of education to make the loan a popular one, issuing the bonds in denominations of \$100 each. It is believed that the entire issue can be readily sold to Iron Mountain people – in fact, it is certain that the issue would be oversubscribed. The bonds are a gilt-edge investment, commanding, as they will, five per cent interest, payable semi-annually, and their sale locally, *[sic]* will, it is believed, bring much idle money into activity. In the sale of the bonds the board plans to give preference to the owners of real property and to small purchasers. In other words the purchaser of one bond will be given the first chance in the allotment.

The bonds are payable at the rate of \$10,000 a year, excepting in the years 1915, 1916 and 1917. The first bond falls due in 1914, the second in 1918 and one in each year thereafter until 1926, when the indebtedness will be wiped out*[.]* The bonds bear interest at five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, at the Commercial Bank of this city.

The new building will be erected on the property now occupied by the Central school. It is one block in extent and is bounded on the east by Prospect avenue, on the north by West A street, on the west by Kimberly avenue and on the south by West B street. The location is an ideal one from every standpoint.

The Central school building will be removed to the lots north of St. Joseph's church, just across Kimberly avenue from the new building, and will be thoroughly renovated. The lots were purchased at a bargain price several years ago by the board. The Central building was erected some twenty-five years ago and was employed as a high school until the completion of the Hulst school, some nineteen years ago. The Central is still in

good repair and with the renovating it is to receive, will answer admirably the purpose of a grade school for many years to come.

While no definite conclusions have been reached as yet by the board, it is probable that the new high school building will be a two story structure with a large full height basement and will face the south. It is proposed to equip the basement with a first-class gymnasium. Another desirable feature of the new building will be a large auditorium, equipped with a stage, and having a seating capacity of from five to six hundred people. Other modern features will be included in the way of laboratories, and much space will be reserved for the manual training and domestic science departments.

A modern high school, such as our sister cities now have, will only meet pressing conditions here and the tax-payers *[sic – taxpayers]* will never regret voting the loan. Indeed, as one gentlemen *[sic – gentleman]* remarked the day after the election, "it is impossible to find anyone in town to-day *[sic – today]* who will admit that he cast a negative ballot against the loan."

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[Also proposed Iron Mountain High School Illustration, page 1, columns 2-6]

BEST IN PENINSULA.

Our New High School Building, Says Architect Charlton.

D. Fred Charlton, of Marquette, who is now at work on the plans for our new high school, says the building will be slightly

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larger than the one at Negaunee. It will be T shaped, with a frontage of 190 feet. It will be three stories high, built of solid brick throughout and with concrete floors, making it a strictly fireproof building. The building will be used exclusively for high school purposes, and even its manual training and domestic science departments will be used exclusively by high school pupils. The building will include a large auditorium two stories high, with a modern stage; a modern gymnasium with a running track; chemical and physical laboratories and the usual compliment of recitation and study rooms. When completed, Mr. Charlton says that Iron Mountain will have the best high school building in the upper peninsula.

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FAVOR CITY FOLKS

BOARD OF EDUCATION SO DECIDES IN BUILDING HIGH SCHOOL.

Foster Construction Company is Engaged to Superintend Work; the Plan Commendable.

The board of education has not only decided to sell the school bonds to Iron Mountain people, but it is the intention to employ Iron Mountain labor and patronize Iron Mountain business houses as much as possible in the construction of the building. This was decided at a regular meeting held

last Friday evening. With this idea in view the Foster Construction company, of Milwaukee, has been engaged to superintend the erection of the building and will contract for all materials. John W. Foster, the president and general manager, who was in the city last Friday and Saturday, assured The Press that, in the work of construction, Iron Mountain people would be favored in every way possible. The Foster Construction company is one of the largest concerns in the west and specializes in the matter of superintending the erection of buildings. Mr. Foster, for a number of years, was chief architect and superintendent of erection for the Armour company, of Chicago. The company has had charge of some of the most important construction work in the peninsula in recent years, notably for the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron company on the Marquette range, which included the fine school building at Gwinn; for the Newport Mining company at Ironwood; the new school buildings at Iron River and Stambaugh, and important work at other places. The evidence is abundant that the Foster company has not only been instrumental in saving the people money, but much better results have been secured. In view of business conditions, the matter of discriminating in favor of local labor is a most commendable one. The work of erecting the new building will commence at the close of the school year. In another column the board of education invites proposals for the removal of the central building to the new location. Regarding the bonds, it can be said that the board hopes to place them on sale in a very short time, the attorneys now being at work preparing for the issue.

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The work of erecting the building for a central heating for the new high school building and the Central school building will commence at once. The building will be erected on the property recently purchased by the board of education and will face Stockbridge avenue. The Central school, when removed to its new location, will face Kimberly avenue.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 4 [Thursday, June 15, 1911], page 1, column 4

School Bonds.

Applications for the purchase of the high school bonds must be in the hands of Secretary McLaughlin, of the board of education, not later than July 1st. First come, first served, preference given to the small subscriber. That the issue will be largely over-subscribed now seems certain, as the secretary has already received many applications. The bonds are as good as cash. Issued in denominations of \$100 each, they will circulate as freely as a bank note, with the distinction that the bond calls for five per cent interest. It is a gilt-edged opportunity to invest your surplus cash.

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Preparing to Build.

White & Miench, who were awarded the contract for moving the Central school building, have commenced operations and expect to make quick work of the job. In order to expedite matters, the board of

education decided to dismiss the several grades tenated [*sic – tenanted*] in this building last Friday, a week earlier than the other schools. The work of excavating for the new high school building will commence as soon as possible and a large force of men will be employed under the direction of the Foster Construction company.

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ARE OVER-SUBSCRIBED

The Subscriptions for High School Bonds Exceeds \$200,000.00.

As will be noticed by the advertisement in another column, the issue of school bonds has been largely over-subscribed. The amount of the issue is \$100,000 and the subscriptions [*sic – subscriptions*] received exceed \$200,000. The two banks subscribed for \$80,000 – the Commercial Bank for \$50,000 and the First National Bank for \$30,000 – but the smaller subscribers are more than sufficient in number to provide for the entire issue with a margin of more than \$20,000. The result indicate [*sic – indicates*] that Iron Mountain people are prosperous.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 9 [Thursday, July 20, 1911], page 1, column 4

New High School.

The contract for the 150,000 vitrous [*sic – vitreous*] facing brick for the new high school building has been let to the Puritan

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Brick company of Hamden, Ohio. The contract for the inside brick for the partition walls was let to the J.R. Holfeltz company and calls for the delivery of over 1,000,000. The Holfeltz company has sub-let the contract to W.J. Turner, of Vulcan. At this writing about one hundred men are employed in and about the new school building and in repair work.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 12 [Thursday, August 10, 1911], page 1, column 5

Buy Picture Machine.

The board of education has decided to purchase a moving picture machine. It will be employed in teaching history, geography and for other purposes. Picture machines are employed successfully in a number of eastern schools, but Iron Mountain will enjoy the distinction of being the first city in Michigan to establish the innovation.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 15 [Thursday, August 31, 1911], page 1, column 3

Shipping Many Bricks.

When the shipping season opened, William J. Turner had in stock at his Vulcan yards over 1,500,000 bricks. The stock on hand was sold early and the yard has been working to capacity all summer. The total sales for the season will exceed 5,000,000 bricks and several large orders were refused. The largest single order was for the new Iron Mountain high school, which was for 1,200,000. This order is now being delivered over the Wisconsin & Michigan road, several carloads being shipped daily. Several large orders were also received

from Marquette range towns. Mr. Turner makes a brick of a superior grade and the present demand is beyond the capacity of his plant.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 26 [Thursday, November 16, 1911], page 5, column 5

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

The board of education will meet next Tuesday for the purpose of letting the new high school plumbing contracts.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 29 [Thursday, December 7, 1911], page 1, column 6

New High School.

At the new high school building the stone work is practically finished. Last Tuesday nearly the entire crew of masons was discharged. The roof is now being placed in position and the force of carpenters has been increased. The weather conditions have been ideal for building work and erection has been pushed forward very rapidly during the past two weeks.

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Reception At High School.

The splendid new high school building will be thrown open to the public tomorrow

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afternoon at three o'clock and remains open during the evening. School patrons and citizens in general are invited to improve the opportunity to inspect the most modern school structure in the northwest. The members of the board of education and Supt. Amidon and his corps of teachers will [be] present and act as escorts of honor.

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IRON MOUNTAIN'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL

A Short Metre Description of One of the Most Modern Fire-Proof School Buildings in the Northwest, the Pride of Our City.

– DIMENSIONS –

Main body – Two hundred eight by sixty-eight feet with rear extension of one hundred twelve by forty-eight feet, making over-all dimension two hundred eight by one hundred sixteen feet.

Heights – Basement, ten feet six inches; first and second floors, twelve feet six inches; third floor, twelve feet. Total height, from basement to the roof, fifty-seven feet.

– BASEMENT –

Contains the gymnasium, seventy by seventy feet, with a running track of twenty-five laps to the mile; boys' and girls' dressing-rooms[,] shower-rooms, forge-room and storage-room for lumber, etc.

– FIRST FLOOR –

Contains, on the east end of the building, manual training department, consisting of machinery and benches, fifty-three by twenty-two feet; drawing-room,

twenty-two by twenty-two feet; stock-room, seventeen by thirteen feet; teachers' and tool-room, etc.; also the packing-room and the printing-room.

On the west end, the domestic science department, consisting of sewing-room, thirty-four by twenty-two feet, dining-room, eighteen by twenty feet, cooking-room, thirty by twenty-two feet; also the lunch-room of the same size for the convenience of pupils residing at a long distance from the building.

– SECOND FLOOR –

Contains the Assembly Hall, seventy by seventy feet; stage, seventy by sixteen feet; superintendent's office, principal's office, board-room, general office, book-room, teachers'-room and recitation-rooms; also toilet-rooms for boys and girls.

– THIRD FLOOR –

Contains the gallery and upper part of the Assembly Hall and stage; music-room, thirty-one by twenty-one; commercial-room, forty-one by twenty-two; typewriting-room, twenty-two by sixteen; physical laboratory, thirty-eight by twenty-two, with its supply-room; also, botany-room, thirty by twenty-two, with its supply-room; drawing-room, thirty-one by twenty-one; also toilet-rooms for both boys and girls.

– EXTERIOR CONSTRUCTION –

The plain lines and perfect proportion of the entire design, coupled with the true and correct detail of the doric order at both the main entrances, as well as the two side entrances, denote the study and care with which the architects have produced a thoroughly good and most dignified design of the highest order.

– CONSTRUCTION –

Construction of [*sic – is*] fire-proof, and is the second school of similar construction built in the upper peninsula, the other being the high school at Calumet, both designed by the same architects.

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Floors of reinforced concrete; partitions of hollow tile; practically the only wood used in the building is in the doors, sash and frames. The finish of all corridors, toilet and coat-rooms, also shower-room floor, are of Terrazzo, and the balance of the floors are Sarco asphalt mastic. The interior doors are of stained birch with white painted trim. The decoration of the walls is in harmonious water colors. The system of heating is the Warren-Webster vacuum from the central heating station in the adjoining block by a concrete tunnel connection.

– OTHER FACTS –

Charlton & Kuenzli, of Marquette and Milwaukee, who have planned nearly all the leading public buildings in the upper peninsula, are the architects of the building, and it is a beautiful monument to their ability. Erection work was conducted under the supervision of the Foster Construction company, of Milwaukee, under the direction of Mr. Charlton, who was constantly on the job. The landscape work will be directed by Manning Bros., of Boston. The electric fixtures of all kinds were furnished by the Iron Mountain Electric Light & Power company and were installed under the direction of Superintendent Irving. The building is supplied with a program clock, temperature regulation apparatus and vacuum cleaners. Indeed, no school building in the west is more perfect in design nor more up-to-date in equipment. And last, but not least, thanks to the efficiency of the board of education – including ex-President Cole and ex-Secretary McLaughlin – the tax-payers have received a full value for every dollar invested in the building.

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Number 51 [Thursday, May 6, 1915], page 1, column 6

Commencement.

Tuesday evening, June 15th, is the date selected for the commencement exercises at the Iron Mountain high school. The exercises will be held in the high school auditorium. Dr. A.R. Corson, of Columbus, Ohio, will deliver the address. He was at one time superintendent of public instruction for Ohio and has a national reputation as an orator on educational topics. He delivered several addresses here a number of years ago, at the time of the meeting of the Upper Peninsula Educational association.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 41 [Thursday, February 22, 1917], page 1, column 5

A School Function.

The annual senior class masquerade held at the high school last Saturday night proved an entire success. It is said that the costumes were the most beautiful ever seen at a similar affair. The program consisted of instrumental music, vocal solos and fancy dancing, after which they adjourned to the gymnasium, removed their masks and had their pictures taken; then light refreshments were served. Prizes were awarded as follows: Judith Johnson, first, a beautiful fan, for fairy costume; the second prize, dog and chain, went to Clarence McGrath, who was costumed as George Washington. About an hour was spent in dancing. Eighty-three were present and everyone had the time of their lives.

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IRON MOUNTAIN LOCAL

The Parents and Teachers' association of the Central school entertained the parents and their friends at the high school auditorium last evening. The program included music by the high school orchestra, violin solo by Mrs. Besse [sic – Bessie – ?] F. Porter, vocal solo by Charles Fort, a drama, "The Sleeping Beauty," by the pupils of second grand and the high school male quartet. A goodly number attended and enjoyed the evening.

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Promote School Gardens.

The county board has decided to employ Z.W. Storrs, instructor in agriculture in the local high school, for twelve months instead of ten as formerly. During the vacation season – July and August – he will devote his time to the supervision of school gardens in Iron Mountain, Norway and Vulcan. He will spend three days each week in Iron Mountain, a day and a half in Norway and half a day at Vulcan. At the court-house [sic – court house] meeting last Monday, Supt. Butler declared that Iron Mountain would have a thousand school gardens this season. The Norway and Vulcan districts will also have many.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 4 [Thursday, June 10, 1920], page 1, column 2

Commencement Exercises.

The commencement exercises of the Iron Mountain high school will be held next Wednesday evening at the school auditorium. The address to the graduates will be delivered by Hon. Frank T. Blair, state superintendent of Illinois, a splendid orator. Yesterday the school authorities were unable to give in [sic – us] the names nor the number of the graduates. This is the usual disagreeable practice in Iron Mountain and should be stopped.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 45 [Thursday, June 2, 1921], page 2, column 1

EXHIBITS AT HIGH SCHOOL TUESDAY

Manual Training and Domestic Science Work Displayed

The annual manual training and home economics exhibit of the high school will be a radical departure from the exhibits given in former years. The manual training department this year has specialized in period furniture, and the display of ladies' writing desks in walnut and mahogany is said to be especially good.

Refined antique pieces will be on exhibition, together with work from the

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repairing and refinishing department. Mr. Stilwell will answer any questions pertaining to period styles, or designs and finishes of modern period style furniture. Demonstrations and talks on re-finishing [sic – refinishing] will be given on request.

In the cooking department of the Domestic science classes, Miss Winifred Straub will have an unusual exhibit. The needleworkers [sic – needle workers] have prepared an exquisite display of sewing under the direction of Miss Cobb. Effort has been made to direct the training along practical lines, and they will exhibit everything from a handkerchief to a party gown.

“Many people consider that the local high school is actually making carpenters, cooks and dressmakers,” declared J.C. Stilwell, director of the manual training department. “The actual time spent in the vocational departments amounts to only 29 days a year. How many carpenters, cooks and dressmakers could you train in 29 days?”

The exhibits will be held in the high school corridor and domestic science rooms next Tuesday, June 8. The public is cordially invited.

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HONORARY SOCIETIES ARE FETED AT SCHOOL

Halloweed Masquerade Dance is Held; New Members Initiated

The members of the honorary societies of the high school were entertained at a party at the high school last evening. The societies, the Jesters, boys' honorary club, the Hoodlums, the girls' club[,] and the Scholastic club, [sic] are composed of members of the high school student body who have performed some notable service for the school. The party was a Halloween masquerade dance and was held in the gymnasium of the school.

The initiation of new members of the clubs was held and approximately 20 candidates received membership in the respective organization. Following the initiations the party danced until 11 o'clock, whereupon **[need to finish copying this article]**

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SIX STUDENTS IN SPEED CONTEST

Two Instructors Accompany Them to Iron River.

Six students enrolled in the Iron Mountain high school commercial course are entered in the typewriting and shorthand contest being held today at Iron River.

Four took part in the typewriting speed test and are expected to make a good showing on the basis of preliminary tests held this week at the high school. They are Ingrid Alving, Ingrid Kline, Cloe Trudell and Doris Lindholm. The two students who took part in the shorthand test are Bennett

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Wickstrom and Hilabelle [sic – light type in newspaper] Cleveland.

Two instructors, Mrs. Ann Trudell and W.P. Potter, accompanied the students to Iron River and will return this evening.

The contest opened at 11:15 o'clock and closed at 12:40. Results were announced at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Officials in charge last night declared they expected entries from the 15 towns included in the eighteenth district, to which the contest is limited. Tests held in various schools the last few weeks have resulted in several high speed records and the results of the contest were expected to be very close.

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FIND SENTIMENT FOR NIGHT SCHOOL

Many Would Like To Increase Education, Is Claim

Considerable sentiment for a night school has been expressed in the city during the past few weeks. A school for the foreign born who are seeking naturalization will in all probability be conducted and it is expected that arrangements for it will be made at the meeting of the board Friday evening. Naturalization Examiner Danielson, of the St. Paul office, has expressed the belief that the school was necessary here and that a considerable number of men making application for

citizenship would have to attend it in order to get their papers.

While the establishment of a night school for foreigners is almost a certainty it is thought that [need to finish copying this article]

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SENIOR PLAY IS WELL ATTENDED

Well Known Stage Success Presented By Students

Proceeds from the presentation of "Daddy Long Legs" by the Senior class of the high school were among the greatest ever taken in at a similar performance, it was stated today. Attendance was exceptionally good.

The play, which is among the best known stage successes of recent years, was given in excellent style by the students. It is a type not usually attempted by schools but in this instance was well adapted for presentation.

The characters took their parts exceptionally well and the story of Judy and her "Daddy Long Legs" and her progress from an orphan's home to happiness was realistically unfolded.

The cast of the play follows:
Jervis Pendleton.....Clarence Prenevost
James McBride.....Jack Harvey
Cyrus Wykoff.....Charles Crinion
Abner Parsons.....Frank Beaudry
Griggs.....Philip James

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Walters.....Franklin Nead
Judy.....Jean Hanna
Miss Pritchard.....Millicent Simons
Mrs. Pendleton.....Myrtle Beard
Julia Pendleton.....Catherine Eslick
Sallie McBride.....Izetta Livingston
Mrs. Semple.....Elsa Miller
Mrs. Lippett.....Marvel Bies
Sadie Kate.....Theresa Combellack
Gladiola.....Ruby Brown
Loretta.....Margaret Danielson
Freddie Perkins.....Willard Hill

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Number 43 [Monday, June 1, 1925],
page 2, column 3

JUNIOR PLAY IS WELL RECEIVED

Style Show Between Acts Also Proves Entertaining

A capacity house, Friday night, was delighted with the presentation of "And Home Came Ted," a three-act comedy given at the high school auditorium by the Junior class.

The play was different than most high school offerings and was more difficult to present. Members of the cast portrayed their parts in a creditable fashion.

The style show given between the acts by the pupils of Miss Polly Goldsworthy, domestic science teacher, was also well received. The girls displayed dresses and gowns they have made during the present school year. The Girls' Glee club also furnished entertainment.

The story of the play was woven around a furniture factory in the Catskill mountains which the villain [*sic – villain*] attempted to take away from the rightful heir. Through the scheming of an office boy and the heroine, the rightful heir is restored to his possession.

The proceeds of the production will be used by the Juniors for their annual banquet which will be held at the high school June 17.

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Number 44 [Tuesday, June 2, 1925],
page 2, column 4

67 GRADUATES AT HIGH SCHOOL

Largest Class Will Receive Diplomas At Exercises June 16

Sixty-seven seniors, the largest class in the history of the Iron Mountain high school, will receive diplomas at commencement exercises to be held at the auditorium June 16, it was stated today by John Jelsch, principal.

A large number of graduating students enrolled during the last one or two years to complete their course.

Charles McKenny, president of the state normal school at Ypsilanti, will deliver the commencement address. He will also be the commencement speaker at Norway June 15.

Class day exercises will be held in the high school auditorium June 15 at which time Miss Minnie Beck, valedictorian, and Miss Elva Rahm, salutatorian, will give their

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addresses, which they are now preparing. The class prophesy, will and history will also be given at that time.

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‘SKIP DAY’ PARTY IS BEING PROBED

Report Students Had Wine With Them; Juniors Suspended

“Skip day,” the annual event of the high school senior class, sanctioned by the principal and superintendent of schools and held at Chicagoan Lake yesterday, turned out disastrously for 14 juniors who were suspended from school today on charges of skipping while a small group of seniors are being questioned regarding the alleged use of liquor by students attending the annual outing.

Rumors were circulated last night and this morning to the effect that several of the students in the senior class took wine along to the party, and that it was passed around among the students. First rumors came to the attention of Miss Hofer, senior class advisor[,] who accompanied the students and a careful search of the cars was made although no wine or liquor of any form was located.

The thunderbolt came this afternoon when one of the students, a leader in the affairs of the senior class and seemingly anxious to aid the high school authorities in “getting to the bottom” of these rumors, acting on the suggestion of M.B. Travis,

superintendent of schools, was willing to pass around a statement for the seniors to sign. The statement was a declaration professing willingness to waive their credits and diplomas for the four years’ work just being completed if it was found that they had any knowledge of any liquor taken to the party or served there.

Would Not Sign It

Being convinced that the student meant business Mr. Travis permitted the drawing up of the statement but upon further questioning found that the student himself would refuse to sign it.

Further questioning revealed that one senior boy took a drink out of a bottle which looked like a ginger ale bottle, claiming that the liquid did not taste like wine, near beer or ginger ale. He refused, however, to admit that it was wine and was reluctant to give the name of the person from whom he had secured it.

Persistent rumors about the city today, [sic] were to the effect that one of the senior girls had taken at least one bottle of wine along, although no confirmation of this report could be gained from any of the students.

The one senior boy, who admitted having a drink of some kind of liquor, also refused to divulge whether he received his drink from some student or whether an outsider who happened to be at the lake had given it to him.

Permitted to Return

The 14 juniors suspended were permitted to return to school if their parents accompanied them. They had attended the senior party at the lake without the sanction of the school.

Every effort is being made by Superintendent Travis and Principal Jelsch to clear up the affair which today was causing concern to the class of ’25. Many of the students not implicated in the affair

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are also lending their assistance in the investigation and bringing the parties implicated before the school authorities.

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MASS MEETING OF SENIORS CALLED

Students Sign Rum Petition and The Remove Names

A mass meeting of the high school senior class was called for this afternoon by M.B. Travis, superintendent of schools[,] and John Jelsch, high school principal, in an effort to get more information regarding the reported drinking party held by some of the seniors on their annual skip day, Tuesday at Chicagoan lake.

Some difficulty was encountered in passing around a statement in which the students were to sign away their credits for four years and also their diplomas if it was found that they knew of any drinking or had participated in any while at the picnic. Although 29 signers were reported yesterday afternoon, many of the students had a change of heart and this afternoon only the names of eight remained.

Another petition is to be sent around to members of the class this afternoon and it is hoped in this way to clear up the affair.

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CONCLUDE PROBE IN SCHOOL PARTY

Six Students to Appear Before Board Monday Evening

Investigation of the drinking party said to have been held at Chicagoan lake by several high school students who partook in the Senior class “skip” day last Monday, had been practically concluded today with the result that six students will appear before the board of education Monday evening for questioning, it was stated this noon by M.B. Travis, superintendent of schools.

At a mass meeting of seniors held yesterday afternoon 56 signed a declaration in which they agreed to forfeit their credits and diploma if they had partaken in either the transportation or the drinking of the wine. Six of the students declined to sign and it is these who will appear before the board.

Eliminate Part of Statement

Previously there had been considerable difficulty in getting any number of the seniors to sign the statement but a slight change in the text was made. Originally the students were also asked to give up their credits if they had information of any liquor being on the grounds.

“We eliminated this part because it became firmly established that there was liquor there and many of the students knew about it although they had no part in taking it there or drinking it,” said Mr. Travis.

It was said today that one girl is included among the six who will be questioned by the board. If satisfied that any of the six

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were implicated one board member stated today that he would favor their being denied the privilege of receiving their diplomas with other graduates at the commencement exercises.

The occurrence was discussed last evening at the board of education meeting and the special session Monday evening was decided upon.

Amidon School

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

Norway Street

The Amidon School was named after L.E. Amidon, former superintendent of schools. The Amidon School was built in 1924, costing \$250,000. Miss Belle Walker was the first principal.

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New School Needed.

At the last meeting of the board of education the question of erecting a new school building on the north side was under consideration. The need of an additional building in that district is fully appreciated by the members. It is a fact that a considerable number of children in that section are unable to attend school due to a lack of accommodations and a large number of others only attend half sessions. Under present conditions several hundred children, between the ages of ten and fourteen years, are compelled to walk over a mile – sometimes when the thermometer

registers twenty below zero – in order to secure tuition at the Hulst building. The Farragut and Chapin buildings are crowded beyond their legal capacity. Another building of considerable size is needed to relieve the present crush. The conditions now maintaining are a rank injustice to a people that are anxious to have their children educated under the same conditions that prevail in the down-town districts.

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New North Side School Modern in Every Detail

Building Will Be Ready For Occupancy When Fall Term Opens.

The North Side school now nearing completion will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the school term in September.

Built on spacious lines, with modern features of heating, ventilation, and convenience, the school is adequate to more than take care of the overflow from the many grades.

Last year, owing to crowded conditions, it was necessary to report [*sic – resort*] to half day attendance, in spite of which most of the lower grade classes were large enough to be unwieldy.

Turned Over To Board.

The construction of the building is the work of the Phelps Drake company. It was started toward the latter part of September.

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The general contract was completed early in June, when the building was turned over to the school board.

Heating, plumbing and wiring have proceeded simultaneously with the construction of the school, where necessary, and since then the finishing touches have been added.

The school is situated on the same property with the Farragut and Chapin schools, this location having been *[sic – been]* chosen because of the possibility that the street on which it faces may be condemned, and the property spreading before the school used as a playground and school park for the three buildings.

The school is 135 feet long, 89 feet high *[sic – wide]*, and two stories in height, and is faced with tangerine colored brick with Bedford stone trim.

Its construction is semi-fire proof. That is to say, the construction of its corridors throughout is such that the pupils may at all times have access to safety, though the remainder of the building be burning.

Ornamental plastering, terrazz *[sic – terrazzo]* floors and red oak woodwork, *[sic]* combine to form an interesting interior.

Social Center Room.

The building is equipped with a large social center room, which combines as an entertainment place, with a large an *[sic – and]* attractive stage, and gymnasium.

There is a kitchen back of the stage provided so that banquets and lesser affairs in which refreshments are part of the entertainment may be held in the building.

A clinic room for the school examining physician, and dentist, and a public waiting room off the principal's office are two new features incorporated in its construction.

A large room to be used at present as a library may be converted if desired into an additional class room.

There are seven grade rooms, very large and well and scientifically lighted.

The ventilation is very modern and highly endorsed by health authorities.

Iron Mountain Junior High School



Iron Mountain Junior High School/Central School, postcard view postmarked July 2, 1946

**Erected in 1937-1938 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1938-**

Address

The junior high school was constructed in 1938 on the second site of the Central School at a cost of \$200,000. Of that amount, \$90,000 was a WPA grant.

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The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 181 [Wednesday, November 18, 1938], page 3, columns 1-3

Junior High School Is To Be Completed Soon

Structure Is One Of Most Modern of Kind To Be Found In District

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Now nearing completion, Iron Mountain's new \$200,000 junior high school building, embodying every modern feature and convenience, will be made ready for occupancy during the Christmas vacation period, it was stated this morning by John Jelsch, superintendent of schools. Workmen are completing the wiring, painting, trimming and installation of seats, desks and other equipment.

Two front rooms, for grade school students, will be ready for use within about three weeks, and these will be occupied first, to relieve congestion at the senior high school.

Because it was indicated a short time ago that the original plan could be achieved at a cost of \$5,000 less than was anticipated, additional equipment features have been added, including three new boilers in the central heating plant, a new brick smokestack and – if there are sufficient funds – the installation of a public address system, for which wiring and outlets have already been provided.

PWA Gave \$90,000

Of the total anticipated expenditure of \$200,000, the public works administration provided about \$90,000, and the Iron Mountain school system the remainder. Available funds would not permit the addition of a gymnasium, swimming pool, etc., as included in the first plans, but the building has been so constructed that the annex may be added without disturbing the architectural layout.

An area immediately south of the building will be reserved for the time when – and if – it is possible to provide the gymnasium.

Although comparatively plain in exterior design, the new building is by no means severe in appearance. Attractive fresco trim has been used to set off the brick

construction, particularly at the front – or Hughitt street – entrance.

Entering the building from Prospect street, four rooms – two on either side of the first floor corridor – will be devoted to the first four grades. New type movable desks and seats have been provided, permitting any manner of seating arrangement to suit the convenience of the students and teachers.

“Activity Learning” Plan

That plan follows out the advanced theme of “activity learning,” or teaching the students the reasons for learning. Tables may be pushed together and groups of students arranged around them for work on special problems or projects. In other words, the plan stresses informality in teaching methods, to place the younger students more at ease and to allow greater concentration on “learning-by-doing” rather than question-and-answer instruction.

Farther along on the north side of the corridor, *[sic]* is another grade room, where larger individual desks are provided, permitting four seats to a table. These, too, may be moved together to allow eight or more students to work in a group. All desks, tables and seats, throughout the building, are movable, carrying out the “informal” study method.

Two lavatories – one each for boys and girls – and ample locker space, two students to a locker, are provided on each of the three floors. In all there are 260 lockers to accommodate 520 students.

Principal's Quarters

Spacious quarters are provided for the junior high principal north of the first floor corridor and adjoining the Hughitt street entrance. Ample cabinet space is provided for forms and other supplies. Here, too, is situated the school vault and the central installation for the public address system.

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Connected with every room in the building, the public address system installation is “two-way”, permitting the instructor in any room to call the principal’s office, or the principal to call any room. Students, study groups, teachers and others maybe located anywhere in the building; summoned if desired or advised on any matter of routine or special activity. The principal may also “listen in” on the work in progress in any room in the school.

The value of the public address system has been demonstrated in the senior high school, where the equipment is used from 12 to 15 times a day.

Main Entrance

The spacious vestibule facing Hughitt street is approached through the four doors of the main entrance. All doors in the building are equipped with automatic bar-type handles and latches.

The teachers’ rest room is situated off the west wall of the vestibule.

Next along the corridor, to the west, is the commercial room, completely equipped with extra large top movable desks and chairs, black and red ink wells and book shelves beneath each table. Similar in size and equipment is the science room, adjoining, and the art room at the northwest corner of the building.

South of the first floor corridor, at the southwest corner of the building, is the manual arts and mechanical drawing room. Some extra equipment may be added here because of the saving in the structural cost of the building.

Second Floor Layout

Practically all of the second floor will be devoted to English language activities. Three class rooms [*sic – classrooms*] are provided at each of the east and west ends of the building, and two study halls and a library, connected with inner corridors, extend along the north wall. The library,

between the two study halls, is equipped with 12 tables, six seats to a table.

Four small conference or special study rooms are provided off the library, so that groups of students, assigned to one problem, subject or project, may gather to consult reference material, or discuss the problem. The conference rooms will be assigned by the librarian.

Departments devoted to mathematics, history, civics, geography and model-home study (home economics) will occupy the third floor. Four rooms are set aside for mathematics, each with 35 desks and chairs, and uniform in space and design. Similar rooms will be assigned for history, civics and geography.

Off the geography room, north of the corridor, is a reference book room – or small library – to be used for study purposes and consultations with the instructor.

Model Home Instruction

Perhaps the most interesting department is that devoted to the model home, including combined living and dining room, bed room and fully equipped kitchen. An attractive brick fireplace, fitted with an electric log[,] has been built in the south wall of the living room. Four wall-outlets provide for lamps and the study of proper lighting arrangement. Cabinets for storage divide the living and dining rooms.

Students will be instructed in the proper setting and arrangement of the table for various types of occasions; how to wait on table, and to serve.

Four new model electric stoves have been provided for the kitchen. One refrigerator unit will serve the department and there is provision for pantry, dish and pan cabinets, storage room, a “let-down” ironing board (fitted in the wall,) [*sic – wall*], and other equipment.

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The bed room will also be complete, with a Murphy bed against the wall, dressing table and other appointments.

Sewing Room

Finally, at the northwest corner of the third floor is the sewing room, to be equipped with machines, tables, a display rack for completed garments and other appurtenances. Across the hall, on the south side of the corridor, are rooms for mathematics and social studies.

Not the least of the facilities is the roomy basement wherein will be housed the junior high home mechanics, auto mechanics and – perhaps later – some of the equipment of the manual arts department now installed in the senior high school. Storage and shop rooms are available.

Unit Ventilation Control

Every room in the building is equipped with its own “uni-vent” ventilating control system, consisting of a radiator-like unit with a glass-wool pad and fan. Each unit may be individually controlled to meet the needs of the room, the fresh air being drawn in through the glass-wool pad, freed of dust and impurities and pushed into the room by the fan.

Older ventilating systems are generally central-controlled, operating from a single unit and fan, so that every room is given identical ventilation, regardless of size or location.

All heating units are also of the new-type system, smaller than the usual hot-water radiators and built much in the manner of an automobile radiator, with pipes running through the water coils. Each unit weighs only 50 pounds, compared with the average 600-pound larger-radiator unit, such as generally used in buildings of the kind, and each new unit, likewise, radiates more heat than the old type.

Boiler Installation

Three new boilers have been installed in the basement formerly used for the heating plant of the old Central school. The old Central boilers, which were to be used in the original plan, have been removed and the heating plant is now modern throughout. Automatic stokers have been installed, new piping provided and a new all-steel roof built to replace the old wooden structure.

Steam pipes extend to the senior high school building, and hot water from the central heating tanks is also piped to the showers in the senior high gymnasium.

The new school is fireproof and not one detail has been omitted to make it one of the finest structures of its kind to be found in the district.

East Elementary School

**Erected in 1960 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1961-2009**

East E Street

The East Elementary School was built in 1960. East Elementary School is located on East E Street. Two hundred and seventy-five students moved in January 30, 1961, from the old Washington School. It contains twelve classrooms, including an orthopedic room, retarded children’s room and handicraft room. The school is on a ten-acre site.

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Other Educational Buildings

**Erected in 1964-1965 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:**

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The administration, music, physical education, vocational education building and a home economics addition to the high school were built in 1964-1965. The administration building houses the superintendent's office, a new gymnasium and a large band room with individual practice rooms. The vocational building is equipped for woodworking, drafting and automotive classes. The home economics addition has a separate entrance and two large classrooms for cooking and sewing and other homemaking skills.

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North Elementary School

Erected in _____
Years Classes Held:

Early High School Sports

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BILL CUMMINGS

First Iron Mountain grid team

From well before the leaves turn their rich autumnal hues until January's icy [sic – icy] blasts etch frosty patterns on the window panes in the north country, Americans of all ages thrill to the escapades of professional, college and high school gridgers from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Thousands doggedly follow their favorite teams, often enduring [sic – enduring] inclement weather to cheer their boys to victory or commiserate with them upon defeat. Others use the media, keeping tabs on their team in the comfort of

their livingroom by watching contests televised live via satellite, listening to live radio broadcasts or reading newspaper accounts in which the game is recorded and analyzed in minute detail.

However, when Iron Mountain's first football team ran out onto the gridiron in 1896, the local press made no mention whatsoever of the event, nor were any of the ensuing contest results reported. perhaps [sic – Perhaps] this was due to the fact that football attracted little attention outside of student circles at the time, and was often frowned on by school authorities as a "rowdy" sport.

Even the high school athletic records don't date back 86 seasons to the year when Superintendent Tom Patton coached 15 high school youths in their first season of the American game then known as rugby football. The boys had played some association or English football several years prior to suiting up for the 1896 season. The only record which remains is a copy of the team photograph published in *The Iron Mountain News* 40 years after the first season had ended.

Few rules had been established for football play at this time, according to some early gridgers, and most of them were seldom heeded anyway. Usually a team was composed entirely of students, but several husky miners, who had enrolled a couple of days before [sic – before] the game, occasionally rounded out the roster, according to local tradition. At times, graduates who still held their alma mater dear returned to play, and even the coach, if more talented than [sic – than] his pupils, occasionally donned a suit and joined the line-up.

According to the 1936 newspaper account, the team played on the grounds where Iron Mountain High School now stands. Since there were houses in closes

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proximity, many broken windows resulted. A notation in an 1896 Iron Mountain High School publication mentioned a bill at Rundle's Hardware Store for \$1.90 for glass. Another old ledger made mention of 35 cents, "for laths for covering windows," possibly a deterrent for errant pigskins.

Then, as now, Norway was one of the principal rivals of Iron Mountain. Others were Menominee, Marinette and Escanaba. The "Big Three" in this region in the 1890s were Iron Mountain, Marinette and Menominee. In 1896 school records, Norway and Crystal Falls were referred to as "home opponents."

When this photograph and the accompanying article appeared in the newspaper, Tom Patton was following a new career as a physician in Ypsilanti. John Calvi, Burr Catlin, Warren McLaughlin and Charles Oliver had died. Will Carbis and Gus Tollen still lived in Iron Mountain.

As to the remaining team members, Tony Benson was a chemical engineer at Eveleth, Minn.; Frank Byrnes was with the Anaconda Copper Company in Butte, Mont.; Will Cameron was working on the Mesabi Iron Range in Minnesota; James S. Carpenter sold real estate in Washington, D.C.; Will Carago [*sic* – *Crago*], team captain, had headquartered in Duluth and traveled throughout the world in the diamond drilling business; Roy J. Cruse was a dentist in Pocatello, Idaho; Elmer W. Jones had an automobile sales business in Marquette; Charles Parmelee was an architect in De Pere, and Ben Moyle was living in Butte.

CAPTION: In 1896, Iron Mountain High School fielded its first football team. Uniforms were supplied by the individual player, and protective padding was unknown. Pictured from left to right: top row – Elmer W. Jones, Roy J. Cruse,

Charles Oliver, Superintendent Tom Patton, coach[;] Gus Tollen, Burr Catlin, Will Carbis and John Calvi; middle row – Will Cameron, Frank Byrnes and Charles Parmelee; bottom row – James S. Carpenter, Tony Benson, Will Crago, Ben Moyle and Warren McLaughlin. [Menominee Range Historical Foundation Museum Photo]

[The identified photograph of the 1896 Iron Mountain High School football team accompanies this article.]

St. Mary and St. Joseph School/Dickinson Area Catholic School/Bishop Baraga Catholic School



Church of St. Mary and St. Joseph School, postcard view, ca. 1954-1960

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Adrian, Mich., conducted summer vacation school for the children of the parish from 1940 to 1943 when a year-round catechetical school was opened.

Then, after decades of anticipation, the combined efforts of the new parish led to the erection of a parish school. St. Mary and St. Joseph School opened with six grades in September 1954. The following year saw the addition of a seventh grade and in 1956, eighth grade.

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The school operated under the parish until 1970 when it merged with that of Immaculate Conception School to form the Dickinson Area Catholic School. From 1970 to 1989 Immaculate Conception housed first through third grades and the older students were taught in the St. Mary and St. Joseph facilities. Since 1989, in order to save money, all classes have been held at the former St. Mary and St. Joseph School.

In the summer of 2009 the school's name was changed to Bishop Baraga Catholic School.