

## DID YOU KNOW.....

A look back at early area history as found in the archives of the Enderlin Historical Society and Museum ..... by Susan Schlecht

*Schools in earlier years evidently did not have the same restrictions on recruiting students as we have nowadays. The following article is taken from the August 15, 1940 Enderlin Independent and illustrates how the school district was encouraging students from the rural areas to continue their education by attending school in Enderlin.*

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### **Enderlin Schools Offer Many Choice Advantages**

Enderlin high school and grade school will once again be available to students from other districts. The high school tuition is taken care of by the state of North Dakota, and is not a drain upon the district from which they attend. Grade school students who are to be entered must make application and arrangements must be made for the payment of tuition, whether by the school board or by the individual.

This year numerous things will be done to make it easy for farm students to attend school at Enderlin. We have planned to again have a hot lunch program for those students who bring their noon lunches. We also will have a noon hour supervised recreational program which includes the use of both the big and little gymnasiums under the direct supervision of the physical education department.

Some of the courses in our school will be designed primarily for rural students. The shop course will, this year, reserve one of the shop periods for farm shop. This will include practical problems such as rope work, some leather work, tinsmithing, etc. The home economics department plans this year to offer a semester of work to boys. Here again the farm boy who may have to do some cooking, will be given an opportunity to avail himself of some very practical training; not that city boys will be excluded from those classes, for many of our future railway men will need to know how to cook on the Soo Line cabooses.

Mathematics classes will carry a number of farm problems, and the boys and girls will be encouraged to bring farm problems into the class room.

Every effort will be made to have a sufficient number of rooms available to farm boys and girls who wish to stay in the city during the week. Such information will be available in the superintendent's office, which is open Wednesday and Saturday evenings primarily for the benefit of those rural boys and girls who cannot come during the day.

In past years, the splendid record of Enderlin athletic teams and of the musical organizations and other school activities is due a great deal to large numbers of able, intelligent rural boys and girls who are active in these organizations. Our athletic record last year was unique in that the Enderlin teams, baseball, basketball and football, never lost a single first team contest in this county. Almost half the personnel of those teams came from rural areas. Such boys as Alfred Nord, Billy Wyckoff, Eugene Rife, Ernie Nelson, Wyman and Wallace Galbreath, Herman Lokken, Donovan Torbenson, Harris Helgeson, Wayne Holiday, Russell Bell, Donald Waldhalm and Bob Wendtland played on teams during the year which represented the Enderlin high school. Such pupils as Eunice Davidson, Lincoln Mykland, Doris and LaVern Brun, Willis Lindemann, Marjorie and Phyllis Nudell, Cora Carlson, Luella Utke, Elaine Bratland and Dick Iles and many of those mentioned above were in the musical organizations. Then, too, many of our foremost scholars are from rural areas, some of them being Myron Walhood, Eunice Davidson, Willis Lindemann, Donald Waldhalm, and Luella Utke.

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**Sue's Comments:** *Evidently their recruiting and encouragement worked because the 1940 yearbook, which is available for research at the Museum, has an article welcoming*

*all the new students and stating that the enrollment increased significantly during that school term.*