

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

Fire was always a threat during the days of wood-burning and coal-burning stoves. Sometimes even Mother Nature was the culprit as we learn in the article from the July 23, 1931 Enderlin Independent.

FIRE DESTROYS MOORE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Loss Partially Covered By Insurance; Plans Being Made to Rebuild

The Moore consolidated school building eight miles southwest of here was totally destroyed by fire early Sunday morning.

The fire was not discovered until it had gained considerable headway. How the blaze originated is not known although a number of residents in the neighborhood state that an electrical storm passed over earlier in the night and the supposition is that lightening struck the building.

The building was a two story structure built nearly twenty years ago and was one of the first consolidated schools in the county. It is reported that the building was insured for \$10,000. The school board had recently purchased two carloads of hard coal which had just been hauled into the basement which also is a total loss.

The school board has taken immediate steps to erect a new school building. The tentative plans call for a four-room one story structure. Work on the new building is expected to start by the first of September.

Sue's Comments: *I found a picture at the Museum of the old Moore School taken about 1912. It also appeared in a 1973 issue of the Independent courtesy of Edwin Foss. It listed the three teachers in front of the school doors as Professor Ulvestad, Principal Bertha Camp and teacher Mattie Lauritson.*

