

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

*Last week we learned of the fire which destroyed the Moore School in July, 1931. The following article is taken from the **December 17, 1931 Enderlin Independent**, less than six months later.*

MOORE DEDICATION EXERCISES HELD MON. EVE.

Miss Bertha Palmer Principal Speaker of the Evening

Dedication exercises at the new Moore consolidated school were held Monday evening. The dedication exercises were first set for November 24, but on account of inclement weather were postponed.

The weather on Monday, however, was favorable and a crowd of approximately 400 people filled the building.

The program as first outlined was carried out. Mr. Oscar Dagman presided. The exercises opened with invocation by Rev. Lutness. The principal speaker of the evening was Miss Bertha Palmer, state superintendent of public instruction. Miss Palmer, who recently returned from a meeting in Washington, D.C., talked at length on President Hoover's plan of home building. She also lauded the Moore school board and stated that this was one of the finest consolidated school buildings of its kind in the state.

Other numbers on the program included vocal solos by Miss Mary Raden and Mrs. Alfred Nord, introduction of the school board, remarks by Herman Berger, county superintendent of schools, and last but not least, selections by the a cappella choir of the Enderlin high school.

Following the program a public inspection of the building took place.

A fine lunch was served by members of the Parent-Teachers association.

Sue's Comments: *What an honor it must have been to have the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as the principal speaker out in the country at a rural school! Education was taken very seriously by our ancestors as evidenced by the speed and quality with which the new school was constructed.*