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NORWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

A MODERN SPELLING BEE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LORETTO



Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 38 [Thursday, February 9, 1911], page 1, column 2

New School-House.

The Press hears that at the last meeting of the board of education of Waucedah the question of erecting a new and modern school-house [*sic* – *schoolhouse*] at Loretto was discussed and received favorable consideration. The new proposed building will contain four rooms with all the latest conveniences. The attendance at the Loretto school has increased very materially since the first of the year and it has been necessary to employ a third teacher.

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Bids Wanted.

In another column the Waucedah township board of education advertises for

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sealed proposals for the erection of a new \$10,000 school building at Loretto. The plans may be seen at the office of Secretary Chellev at Loretto.

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

School Bonds Sold.

The Commercial Bank of this city has has [sic] purchased the \$10,000 worth of bonds voted by the Waucedah township school district. The money will be employed in the erection of a new school building at Loretto similar in design to the one erected a year ago at Foster City. Loretto has outgrown the present building. It is expected to have the new building ready for occupancy for the fall term of school.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 6 [Thursday, June 29, 1911], page 1, column 4

Contract Let.

The contract for the erection of the new school building at Loretto was let last Monday to G.A. Gustafson, of Norway. The contract price is \$7,950. The contract for the heating plant was awarded to W.M. Ramsdell, of Norway, the price being \$1,838.34. The new building will be a two-story structure of brick and will contain six rooms, four of which will be finished at once. The plans for the building were drafted by D. Fred chartton [sic – Charlton], the Marquette architect.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16,

Number 15 [Thursday, August 31, 1911], page 5, column 2

LORETTO NOTES.

School opened last Monday morning.

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

LORETTO NOTES.

The new school-house [sic – schoolhouse] is nearing completion and will be dedicated [at] Christmas with an entertainment.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 24 [Friday, May 8, 1925], page 7, column 2

LORETTO SCHOOL IS AGAIN CLOSED

Scarlet Fever Epidemic Necessitates Suspending Classes

For the second time in two weeks, classes at the Loretto school have been suspended by Health Officer Dr. H.A. Newkirk because of the discovery of additional cases of scarlet fever, it was announced yesterday.

No statement was made yesterday as to when classes will be resumed but it was

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reported that the school will not be re-opened until the mild epidemic has disappeared. According to a teacher, approximately half of the Loretto enrollment was absent from school this week while two teachers were also reported to be ill.

The school was ordered closed two weeks ago by Health Officer Newkirk after an investigation revealed that a mild epidemic of scarlet fever existed among the children. Classes were resumed last Monday but a large number of pupils were absent.

An examination conducted Monday by Miss Norma Eskil, county school nurse, uncovered three additional cases after children of six families were requested to go home.

Although school officials declare that the epidemic is mild, a large number of homes are under strict quarantine at Loretto. According to a resident of that place, the situation is none too encouraging. However, no deaths have occurred because of the epidemic.

NORWAY

Norway, Michigan: Diamond Jubilee Historical Album, 1891-1966 by Jake Meneghini, 1966 [not paginated]

1879 – SCHOOLS

In April, 1879, at the location of the Norway and Cyclops mines, two and a half miles from Vulcan, a new school district was set off by the township board. In the planning was a new school with an enrollment of about fifty (50) pupils.

In June of 1879, a frame schoolhouse, 20 by 36, was to be built in Vulcan. This would be the first frame schoolhouse to be built on the Menominee Range. It was to take the place of an old log barracks that was used for a schoolhouse. Crozer and

MacIntyre, of the Spalding Saw Mill[,] furnished the lumber an derected [*sic – and directed*] the building for about \$600.00. This schoolhouse was used every Sunday for church services. The above mentioned schoolhouse was recently torn down by Mr. Jerczyk, a member of the present Norway-Vulcan faculty.

In July of 1879, a school building 20 by 30 was discussed for the residents of the Norway school district. It was to be built by the Menominee Mining Company and rented to the district until it could be purchased by the same or another built. The school had 75 pupils all of whom were taught by Miss Lillie Hay.

The following charts showing reports for various portions of the 1885-1886 school year can be found in the indicated editions of *The Current*. Due to their format, they cannot be easily reproduced here.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 10 [Saturday, April 11, 1885], page 1, column 2

NORWAY SCHOOL Report of Winter

[Shows total enrollment, average enrollment and average daily attendance for the following departments within the school: advanced room, grammar room, intermediate, 2nd primary, 1st primary, Curry school. J.C. Smyth, Principal, submitted these charts and figures.]

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 14 [Saturday, May 9, 1885], page 1, column 4

NORWAY SCHOOL Report of April

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[Shows total enrollment, average enrollment and average daily attendance for the following departments within the school: advanced room, grammar room, intermediate, 2nd primary, 1st primary, Curry school. J.C. Smyth, Principal, submitted these charts and figures.]

The following is the roll of honor:

HIGH SCHOOL

Eva Monroe	John Powers
Aggie Powers	Laura Rayome
Minnie Treiber	Mary Cox
Delia Cootware	Charles Fors
Lizzie McCarthy	Katie Nicholson
	Bennie Tretheway

GRAMMAR ROOM

Frank Blackwell	Thomas Godfrey
Robert Godfrey	John Monroe
Annie Gray	Alice Denis
Katie King	Mary Bridge
Alida Colwell	Emily Oliver
	Selma Fors

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 40 [Saturday, November 7, 1885], page 1, column 2

NORWAY SCHOOL

The following is the report for the month ending Oct. 30:

[Shows total enrollment, average enrollment and average daily attendance for the following departments within the school: advanced department, grammar department, 2nd intermediate, 1st intermediate, 2nd primary, 1st primary, Curry school. Numbers show totals and the

corresponding information for October, 1884 which shows an overall increase of 25 students (349 in 1884; 374 in 1885). There were 204 boys and 170 girls enrolled. J.C. Smyth, Principal, submitted these charts and figures.]

ROLL OF HONOR

Advanced Department

Polly Perkins,	Delia Cootware,
Florence Balsom,	Eliza Balsom,
Katie Nicholson,	Laura Rayome,
Bell McGillis,	John Nicholson.

Grammar Department

Frank Blackwell,	Tommime Godfrey,
Perry Johnson,	John Oman,
Alida Colwell,	Jema Fors.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 44 [Saturday, December 5, 1885], page 1, column 4

NORWAY SCHOOL

The following is the report for the month ending Nov. 27:

[Shows total enrollment, average enrollment and average daily attendance for the following departments within the school: advanced department, grammar department, 2nd intermediate, 1st intermediate, 2nd primary, 1st primary, Curry school. Numbers show totals and the corresponding information for November, 1884 which shows an overall increase of 18 students (355 in 1884; 373 in 1885). J.C. Smyth, Principal, submitted these charts and figures.]

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The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 48 [Saturday, January 2, 1886], page 1, column 6

NORWAY SCHOOLS.

The following is the report for the month ending Dec. 24, 1885:

[Shows total enrollment, average enrollment and average daily attendance for the following departments within the school: advanced department, grammar department, 2nd intermediate, 1st intermediate, 2nd primary, 1st primary, Curry school. Numbers show totals and the corresponding information for December, 1884 which shows an overall increase of 18 students (328 in 1884; 346 in 1885). The term report shows an overall enrollment increase of 30 from 1884, with 394 students enrolled for fall term, 1884, and 424 students enrolled for fall term, 1885. J.C. Smyth, Principal, submitted these charts and figures.]

ROLL OF HONOR.

Samuel Bridge, Eva Monroe,
Abner Hosking, Amelia Perkins.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 52 [Saturday, January 30, 1886], page 1, column 3

NORWAY SCHOOLS.

The following is the report for the month ending Jan. 29, 1886:

[Shows total enrollment, average enrollment and average daily attendance for the following departments within the school: advanced department, grammar department, 2nd intermediate, 1st intermediate, 2nd primary, 1st primary, Curry school. Numbers show totals and the corresponding information for January, 1885 which shows an overall increase of 19 students (315 in 1885; 344 in 1886). J.C. Smyth, Principal, submitted these charts and figures.]

The rolls of honor and department will be published next week.

Norway, Michigan: Diamond Jubilee Historical Album, 1891-1966 by Jake Meneghini, 1966 [not paginated]

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Norway Centennial 1891-1991 by Larry Underhill, 1991, page 24

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A two room addition was built onto the McKinley School during the W.P.A. era in 1939. This incidently [*sic – incidentally*] was the last school construction done in the City of Norway.

School improvements completed during this time were the fine concrete bleachers on the north side of the Norway High School football field, now known as the Ronberg Memorial Stadium; so named in honor of the late Alan W. Ronberg, who coached at the Norway schools for a long time. Complete landscaping; planting of

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Although the schools now in use have been kept up in a remarkable condition, reflecting credit to the janitorial staff and school officials, we were never the less confronted with the problem of a building program as the schools are outdated and not in the condition to render an educational program that meets the demands of today.

A complete study of the educational program in this area was made in the past five years. After careful and thorough planning, it was decided to consolidate the Faithorn, Waucedah and Norway Township school system with that of the City of Norway. At an election to authorize school officials in the above mentioned area to consolidate, it was voted favorably to do so. In 1965 the voters of this school district voted in favor of the construction of new buildings and complete remodeling and renovating of the existing buildings in both Norway and Vulcan. This building program is now under way and it is hoped that some of the facilities will be available for use in the very near future.

During the year of 1965, plans were made for the erection of a Catholic parochial grade school in this area on a tract of land lying on the south city limits. Construction began late in the year, and in all probability a portion of the school plant will be ready to admit students for the opening of the 1966 Fall term..

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The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, July 1, 1976], page 8, columns 1-4 [four-column photograph with the following caption: NORWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL – The Central School in Norway was built in 1892 at a cost of \$15,000. Eleven teachers constituted the staff in the eight-room schoolhouse. A well selected and fair sized library was kept in the office and about \$100 a year was appropriated to it. See accompanying story. – four-column photograph with the following caption: “GREEN SCHOOL” AT VULCAN – The “Green School” in Vulcan, right, center, was considered the finest on the Menominee Range when built in 1885. To the left is the Methodist Episcopal Church. The building to the right is the firehouse and hose tower. See accompanying story.]

Schools consolidated in 1964

First Norway public school was a carpenter shop...

NORWAY – The history of the Norway Public Schools began in 1879 in a carpenter shop owned by the Menominee Range Mining Co. [sic – Menominee Mining Company] There was no superintendent, but a teacher, Miss Hay, was in charge.

School was held in this shop until the completion in 1880 of a two-room building on the site of what was later the Nelson School.

Norway, at that time, was unincorporated and the township unit was administered by the first board of education of three members – John Perkins, Patrick Flanagan and D. Mullene.

In 1886, E.F. Abernethy became the first superintendent of schools and reorganized them into a graded system. During this early period the school had grown and two, [sic] two-room additions were made to the building on Nelson Hill and a one-room building known as the Curry School was built in the Third Ward.

Superintendents who followed Abernethy included:

S.B. Tobey, 1888; E.P. Frost, 1895; Charles E. Cullen, 1904; G.G. Malcolm, 1909; C.J. Borchardt, 1915; George L.B. Greenawalt, 1919; Clyde Hertz, 1929; Hugo T. Swanson, 1937-62; Donald S. Brumbaugh, 1962-1970, [sic] and Irving H. Soderlund, 1970.

Norway was incorporated as a city in 1891. The building of a new school known as the Central School was undertaken and the building was completed in 1892. In the years to follow three new buildings, a three-room building at Lake, and the Nelson and

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McKinley schools were built, in 1899, 1900 and 1902, respectively.

The growth of the schools necessitated a new building for a high school and grades and work was begun in 1906 on a building to meet those needs. A new school site had been purchased on the south side and here was erected a brick structure. In 1910, a six-room building known as the Lake School was built. There were now five school buildings in Norway, four of which had been built between 1900 and 1910. This was evidently the period of greatest growth. During this period the enrollment reached 1,450 and the school census more than 1,700.

Two years later, however, the building on the south side was destroyed by fire. A new Norway High School was constructed in 1913-14. During the same period of time, East Grade School and West Grade School were constructed.

In 1964, Norway City Schools, Norway Township Schools, Waucedah Township and Faithorn Township were consolidated into the Norway-Vulcan Area Schools.

New construction and renovations of the Vulcan School, East and West Grade Schools and Norway High School were completed in 1966-67.

...while Vulcan students learned in old log barracks

VULCAN – An old log barracks was used as the first school house at Vulcan in 1877.

On June 14, 1879, construction started up on a 20-by-36 foot frame school house to take the place of the barracks school. Crozer and McIntyre of the Spalding sawmill furnished the lumber and put up the new school building for the sum of about \$600. The building was used as a church every Sunday.

Early reports indicate that the school was well attended and some of the scholars came a distance of three miles.

The first school board consisted of Lewis Whitehead, Thomas Rice and Charles Knowlton.

In 1855 [*sic* – 1885], the original frame school building in Vulcan was replaced by the “green school,” a two-story frame structure. It was described as “the most convenient and handsomest of its size of any in the county.” This building continued to serve as a grade school until it was replaced by part of the present brick structure in 1927.

The first school principal was Lewis Whitehead Jr. and the first superintendent was A.M. Walsworth.

On June 15, 1895, Vulcan residents honored the first grade school graduating class.

In 1909, the high school was built, and in 1913 the first high school class was graduated. Class members were Albert Carlson, Edward Eva, Walter Marinelli, Alvira Campbell and Millie Eva.

In 1901 the first two-room school was built in East Vulcan. It was replaced in 1925 with a stucco grade school. The school was closed in 1932 and the children were sent to the school in Central Vulcan. The East Vulcan school was dismantled in 1939.

There was an unusual reunion in June of 1963, when an all-class, 50th anniversary of the founding of Vulcan High School was held. The registration book showed that 337 out of a possible 1,008 graduates had signed in. It was a tremendously successful event.

In 1955, the consolidated Norway-Vulcan Area School System was formed, serving the City of Norway, Norway Township, Waucedah Township, and the Menominee County community of Faithorn. The school building at Vulcan became the

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Middle School in the system and has continued to serve his [sic – its] intermediate grades since that time. In 1967, the original brick high school building, which had become a part of the larger grade school structure in 1927, was demolished after the remodeling in 1966 of the Middle School.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 5 [Thursday, June 23, 1910], page 1, columns 3-4

NORWAY NEWS NUGGETS.

Following is a list of the teachers, [sic] who have been engaged for the Norway schools for the ensing [sic – ensuing] school year: George G. Malcolm, superintendent; Perry lint, of Dayton, Ohio, principal; Della Hale, of Springport, teacher of science; Anna Hankey, of Houghton, German and English; Olive Crandall, of Brocton, N.Y., Latin; Nydia Jones, of Vulcan, history; Anna Woessner, of Ann Arbor, mathematics; Marjorie Fuller, of Elkhart, Ind., music and drawing; Lillian Reath and Blanche Duvall, Norway, Susie Kearns, Vulcan, Winifred Skillen, Iron Mountain, Louise Houser, Vulcan, Mae L. Barry, Mt. Pleasant, Anna B. Manion, Oshkosh, Wis., Helen Stalhammar, Ironwood, Bessie German, Ypsilanti, Igne Berger, Manitowac, Wis., Agatha Flannigan, Rose Nowack and Theresa O'Donnell, Norway, Mayme Goodreau, Michigamme, Mary Beckett, Bay City, Mariana Joag, Adrian, Frieda Thorelius, Maude Uren, Nona Johnason, May Pascoe and Fannie Roche, Norway, Anna Hallberg, Iron Mountain, Grace Beyschlag, St. Clair, Mary Martin, Marian Knight[,] Sarah Gruber

and Theresa Roach, Norway, Blanch [sic] Ferris, Mt. Pleasant, and Myda Corcoran, Escanaba, in the grades.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 19 [Thursday, September 29, 1910], page 4, column 1

NORWAY NEWS NUGGETS.

Owing to the large number of pupils in the fifth and sixth grades at the public schools, the board of education decided to hire another teacher for those grades and Miss Shirley G. Fox, of Dodgeville, Wis., has been engaged for the position. She arrived last Saturday and assumed the duties Monday morning.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 21 [Thursday, October 13, 1910], page 5, column 3

NORWAY NEWS NUGGETS.

There will be an art exhibit at the high school on Monday and Tuesday, the 24th and 25th of this month, of over two hundred engravings owned by the Edson Co., of Boston. An admission of ten cents will be charged. The proceeds of the exhibit will be used to purchase pictures for the school.

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Owing to the fact that the parochial school is closed this year, there is an increase in the attendance of over two hundred pupils at the public schools and at a recent meeting of the board of education a committee was appointed to devise plans for additional room. The intention is to furnish two rooms in the basement of the

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high school building, now used for other purposes, and engage two more teachers.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 1 [Thursday, May 20, 1915], page 1, column 4

School Contract.

Fred E. Parmelee, while in Foster City last Monday, was awarded the contract to furnish the plans for the new school building at Hardwood, subject to the approval of the state superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Parmelee will also superintend the erection. The new building will contain all the newest fixins' [sic] in school furnishings and the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Norway township has let the contract for the erection of a small school-house [sic – schoolhouse] near the Jackson farm.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 302 [Monday, April 6, 1925], page 6, column 2

Norway News

MANY STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL

Seventh-four Make Good Averages for Fourth Period of Term

The names of 74 high school students appear on the honor roll for the fourth period of the 1924-1925 term, according to

a list made by C.M. Cummins, principle [sic – principal].

The highest honor student wa Minnie Martini with an average of 96 in four major subjects. She displaced Arthur Brien who in the three preceding honor rolls topped the list. Brien, however, also carried away laurels for he managed to pass examinations for an average of 95 for the fourth period.

Out of the 74 students on the honor roll, 27 are on the list of 90 and above[;] 47 are included in the list from 85 to 90. Practically the same students appear on the roll of scholarship recognition as heretofore.

Following is the list from 90 and up:

Minnie Martini, Arthur Brien, James Treiber, Alta Banfield, Alfio Maurina, Irving Bandt, Marcella Johnson, Anna VerMeulen, Alfiend Lund, Myrtle Carlson, Carmella Lovato, George Ruwitch.

Esther Johnson, Bernice Vanderheyden, Helen Wilson, Ruth Hoaglund, Selma Johnson, Rose Provost, Stephen Bal, Joseph Sala, Bernice Stanchina, Marie Bollone, Margaret Nowack, Elizabeth O'Donnell and Serena Sundquist.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 28 [Wednesday, May 13, 1925], page 10, column 2

Norway News

SCHOOL STAFF IS ABOUT COMPLETE

Ypsilanti Star Athlete Is Secured as Norway Coach

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Only two more positions remain to be filled in the faculty of the Norway schools for the 1925-1926 term, Superintendent of Schools Greenawalt declared yesterday.

Vacancies in the high school have all been taken care of and the names of teachers will be published in a few days. The position of penmanship and drawing supervisor has not yet been filled but Mr. Greenawalt [*sic – Greenawalt*] expects that he will obtain a competent person before long as he is considering several applications.

C.E. Gillispie, star athlete at the Ypsilanti normal school, has been signed up for the position of athletic coach and physical director. Gillispie, who at present is a member of the track team at the normal, is a three letter man.

Gillispie was quarterback on the football team last fall, many state football critics having placed him on mythical elevens. He is also a basketball player of repute. Superintendent Greenawalt believes he has engaged an athletic director who will keep Norway high school teams in the limelight. Gillispie is a four-year college student and will receive his bachelor of arts degree next month.

William Gage, the present director of Physical training, has resigned and this fall will enroll at Marquette University, Milwaukee, to study dentistry.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 28 [Wednesday, May 13, 1925], page 10, column 3

Norway News

EXERCISES ARE SET FOR JUNE 15

State Normal President Will Be Speaker At Commencement

With the exception of a few minor details, arrangements for the 1925 commencement exercises at the high school have been completed, it was stated yesterday by G.L. Greenawalt, superintendent of schools.

The commencement will be held on Monday, June 15, at the city auditorium. The speaker will be Charles McKenny, president of the state normal school at Ypsilanti, whose reputation is known throughout the state. He will also deliver the commencement address at Iron Mountain on Tuesday, June 16.

Thirty-five students comprise the senior class this year. Class Day and the annual senior picnic will be held shortly before commencement day.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 30 [Friday, May 15, 1925], page 10, column 1

Norway News

REPORT SHOWS VALUE OF NURSE

Discloses Physical Defects Among Many School Children

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Out of 629 school children examined since February 1 by Miss Sophie K. Alexander, community nurse, 298 were found to have infected tonsils, 236 had pronounced adenoids and 140 showed symptoms of goitre [sic – goiter], according to a report made today by Miss Bessie Perkins, chairman of the nurse committee of the Woman's club.

The examination of the same group also disclosed that only 93 had good teeth, 396 had fair teeth and 140 were characterized as possessing poor teeth. During the course of her investigation, Miss Alexander received orders for more than 200 tooth brushes, which are being sold for five cents each.

The report also revealed that 302 school children were examined for eye sight and 20 were found with defective vision. One child is threatened with blindness, the report shows.

Since Miss Alexander has been engaged by the Woman's club, she has made 455 calls, including daily visits in critical cases. One case was given daily care for five weeks.

Two Sent To Hospital.

Through the efforts of the community nurse and with the assistance of Judge of Probate O'Hara[,] two patients have been sent to the state hospital at Ann Arbor for medical treatment. Plans are also underway for the formation of a health club among the sixth and seventh grade girls in which they will be trained by the community nurse for home care of the sick.

In the report Miss Perkins wrote as follows:

"The registered nurse, Miss Sophie K. Alexander, engaged by the Woman's club of Norway and Vulcan, has been with us for three months, from February 1 to May 1.

"All the results of her work can never be estimated but from the testimonials given by the families of patients and from the

patients themselves, her ministrations have been invaluable and proved that a public health nurse is a greater blessing to the community than we had realized."

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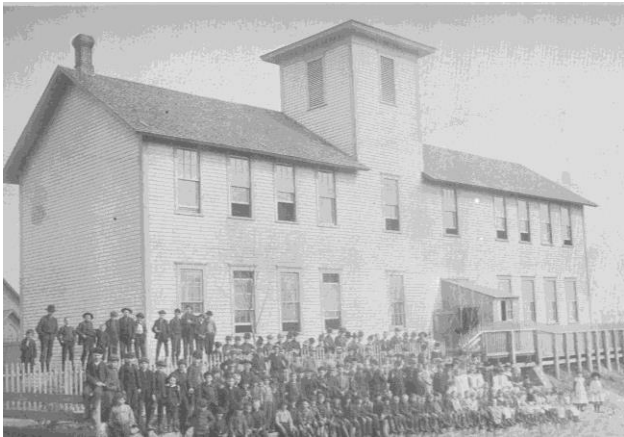
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The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 20 [Saturday, June 20, 1885], page 1, columns 3-4

School Improvements.

At the school meeting Monday night it was voted to raise \$2,500 for the purpose of building an addition to the schoolhouse and heating the building by steam. The addition is to cost \$1500, and in general appearance will be the same as the north wing of the building. The balance \$1,000,

[sic] is intended for the purchase of the heating apparatus, provided arrangements cannot be made with the Penn Iron Mining company to furnish the necessary steam for heating purposes. A committee was appointed to wait on the company and see what terms, if any, could be made with them in regard to the furnishing of steam. They have not yet made their report so far as we can learn.

The above is a move in the proper direction. For months past our schools have been too small to accommodate the children of the district, and more than once last winter some rooms had to be dismissed because the heating was defective, leaving no alternative for the teachers and scholars but to go home to get warmed.

The city schools will close Friday of next week, and remain closed until the early part of September. The closing exercises of the present term will end up with a basket picnic, which will be indulged in by the teachers and scholars of the different departments and their friends. The picnic will be held in the grove between the Cyclops mine and O'Callaghan's mill, and the party will leave the schoolhouse between ten and eleven o'clock in the forenoon. THE CURRENT trusts that its little friends, and all others in attendance, may enjoy themselves thoroughly, and that a kind providence will bless them with a bright and sunny day.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 21 [Saturday, June 27, 1885], page 1, column 2

The school closed yesterday for a two months' vacation. The scholars, teachers and their friends indulged in a picnic in the grove near the mill, and as the day was a pleasant one, all enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content.

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The school picnic Friday of last week was a very pleasant affair, and was highly enjoyed by all in attendance. The scholars, to the number of three hundred or more, formed into line and marched from the school house [*sic* – *schoolhouse*] to the grounds, the teachers of the various departments acting as commanding officers. At the grounds a platform had been erected from which the recitations, etc., were given. The school organ was taken out for the benefit of the singers. It was indeed a gala day for the children, and it is a pleasure to note that not only they, but the teachers, parents and visitors all came home in the evening feeling better for the day's recreation and respite from their everyday toil.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 24 [Saturday, July 18, 1885], page 1, column 3

School Improvements.

As briefly stated in our last issue, the contract for building the addition to the school house [*sic* – *schoolhouse*] in this district was let to A.F. McGillis. We have since learned that the contract covers not only the building of the addition, but also the basement under the building for heating purposes. The contract was let for \$1580, and the work is to be completed by August 25th next. The contractor now has a force of men engaged on the work, and is pushing both the basement and addition ahead as rapidly as possible. When completed, the steam heating apparatus

will be placed in the basement for the purpose of warming the building throughout, for experience in the past has taught the school board that stoves are as useless about the place for the purpose they are intended to accomplish as would be an Arctic ice-berg [*sic* – *iceberg*]. With these improvements, both teachers and scholars will have comforts and conveniences they have been unaccustomed to heretofore.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 25 [Saturday, July 25, 1885], page 1, column 2

The addition to the School House in Dist. No. 3, [*sic*] is being rapidly constructed. The Contractor Mr. A.F. McGillis, [*sic*] is giving his personal attention to both that and the excavation of a basement, in which it is proposed to put a steam heating apparatus. The coming school year will no doubt show a marked improvement in the comfort of the school rooms, and as a natural consequence, in the improvement of the schools generally.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 29 [Saturday, August 22, 1885], page 1, columns 1-2

The schools open one week from next Monday. It is desired that all scholars be present on the opening day.

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The census just taken shows school dist. No. 3 contains 539 children of school age, a gain over last year of 29.

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The addition to the school building in district No. 3 is rapidly nearing completion, the plasterers and painters now being engaged putting on the finishing touches.

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At the last meeting of the school board of district No. 3 it was decided to purchase a steam outfit for the heating of the school building, past experience have [sic – has] proven that stoves are wholly inadequate. Messrs. Flanagan and Perkins were appointed a committee to make the selection and purchase of the proper machinery, and they have gone to Chicago for that purpose. The members of the school board are determined that the scholars and teachers will not suffer from cold the coming winter as they have in former winters.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 33 [Saturday, September 19, 1885], page 1, column 4

List of Teachers.

The roster of teachers engaged for the present school year is as follows:

Advanced Department, J.C. Smyth.
Grammar department, Kate Keting [sic – Keating].
2nd Intermediate department, Susie Hosking.
1st Intermediate department, Ida Felton.
2nd Primary department, Abbie C. Colwell.
1st Primary department, Mamie Hosking.
Curry school, Carrie Roche.

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Judging from the number of children in the district of school age, as shown by the late census, and the number of the same enrolled in the public schools, THE CURRENT is of the opinion that there is

some “hooky” being played, or else parents are very careless about sending their children to school.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 38 [Saturday, October 24, 1885], page 1, column 2

Let the School Board Speak.

The school board is being censured by many of our citizens regarding the purchase of the steam heating apparatus for the school building. The citizens referred to claim that the board paid \$1,400 for what could have been purchased for \$1,000. THE CURRENT does not know anything of the merits of the case, but the members of the board can no doubt enlighten the public. Will they do it? The columns of THE CURRENT are at your disposal, gentlemen.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 38 [Saturday, October 24, 1885], page 1, column 5

The steam heating apparatus for the school building has arrived, and will be put in place at once.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 39 [Saturday, October 31, 1885], page 1, column 3

Order of Exercises.

The following programme of exercises has been arranged and will be delivered in the 1st Grammar Department of the city schools, on Friday, Nov. 6th, 1885:

Music – Greeting Glee.....
“Salutatory”.....Kate King.
Recitation – “The Bright Side”.....

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Selection – “The Faithful Shepherd boy [*sic* – *Boy*]”.....—Alida Colwell.
Essay – “The Reindeer”.....John Monroe
“October Scenes”.....Mamie Bridge
Wonders of Yosemite Valley.....Emily Woolcox
Recitation – “Grandmothers”.....—Frank Blackwell
“Little by Little”.....Bessie Perkins
“The Battle of Lexington”.....Rose Paynter
“The Goat and the Swing”....Walter Gathers
“Childhood’s Hours”.....Selma Foss
“A Mother’s Love”.....Perry Johnson
“After the Battle”.....Ellen Bergstrom
“Higher”.....Emily Oliver
“Home Sweet Home”.....

Patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend.

KATE KEATING, TEACHER.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 39 [Saturday, October 31, 1885], page 1, column 4

It Will Appear Next Week.

We have received a reply from the school board concerning the purchase of the heating apparatus for the school house [*sic* – *schoolhouse*], but it was handed in too late for this issue. It will appear next week.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 40 [Saturday, November 7, 1885], page 1, column 1

Let the School Board Speak. [To the Editor.]

In your last issue, under the above heading, you state semi-editorially that “the school board is being censured [*sic* – *censured*] by many of our citizens regarding

the purchase of the steam heating apparatus for the school building. The citizens referred to claim that the board paid \$1400 for what could have been purchased for \$1,000.” This is a very pointed assertion, and if any citizen or citizens made such a statement, they knew it to be not only false, but a malicious slander. Thinking, Mr. Editor, that you may have been mistaken, or that you are misrepresenting the citizens referred to, we ask you, if so, to make the required correction. If you are not mistaken, it is but just that we should know the name of such a slanderer, that no blame may be attached to you for the publication referred to[.] For the information of the public it is but proper to state that every bid received for putting in the heating apparatus referred to is yet on file in the moderator’s office, and can be seen by any one [*sic* – *anyone*] who wishes to examine them, where it can readily be seen that if such a statement was made it is false, and that the board accepted the lowest bid for a wrought iron boiler that was made.

SCHOOL BOARD.

In reply to the above the editor of THE CURRENT would state that the article complained of was a simple and true statement of what had been talked of on the streets here for several days. Had this paper seen fit to publish all that was said, the members of the school board would probably have been seen scouring the town with gatling [*sic* – *gattling*] guns after they had read it.

That people are apt to be a little hasty at times in accusing public officials of wrongdoing, THE CURRENT is free to admit, and such may have been the case in this instance. There was nothing mentioned about what kind of boiler was to be furnished with the apparatus at \$1000 so far as this paper has heard, and it may have been an ignorance of what the board

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really wanted that started the censure complained of.

THE CURRENT does not wish to enter into any lengthy controversy over the matter, but it wishes it distinctly understood by the members of the school board that it was not mistaken in what is said, nor did it misrepresent the statements made. As stated before, they were current on the street for several days, and this paper published them (that is the mildest portion of them) as an item of public interest.

The school board winds up by stating that the several bids are on file in the moderator's office, where they can be seen. When did the board advertise for bids for putting in the heating apparatus? Never, so far as we can find out. If the members of the board solicited bids personally, and the same are on file as stated, why don't they publish them and show the public that they are conducting matters in the interest of the taxpayers. That would certainly put an end to the ugly rumors complained of. This is all THE CURRENT wishes to say about the matter for the present.

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Putting the Heating Apparatus in Place.

Men have been engaged during the week putting up the steam heating apparatus in the city school building. They will probably be ready to turn on the steam and test the machinery to-day [sic – today].

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 42 [Saturday, November 21, 1885], page 1, column 4

Running at Last.

The new steam heating apparatus at the public school house [sic – schoolhouse] is at last in running order, and so far as tested gives good satisfaction. It is apparently an economical arrangement, and it only remains to be tested during some of our cold days, when if it is equal to the task of keeping the school rooms warm and comfortable, our citizens will be able to say to the school board; [sic] "well done." The question of dollars and cents is not always the principal one in matters pertaining to the public welfare. Mr. W.T. Daniel has charge of the school rooms, and the heating of the same and we congratulate the school board on the good judgment shown in the choice.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 47 [Saturday, December 26, 1885], page 1, column 2

The pupils in the Grammar department of the public schools indulged in a Christmas tree on Thursday afternoon, and were agreeably surprised to see a veritable Santa Claus appear to distribute the presents. The teacher, Miss Keating, received a beautiful ink stand and a gold tooth-pick from her pupils.

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1886 – SCHOOLS

In this year Professor Abernathy of Utica, Michigan took charge of the Norway Public Schools. In September of this year there was a special meeting of school district number three with Patrick Flanagin [sic – Patrick Flanagan] as the moderator. They discussed school expenses that would amount to \$5,000. At this time there

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were 541 students (over five and under twenty) enrolled in the schools.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 49 [Saturday, January 9, 1886], page 1, column 2

Prof. Smyth, of our public schools, complains somewhat after the following manner:

“Everything goes smoothly and I have no particular fault to find except with the lax attendance near the end of each term. You see, when the term commences all of the departments are full, and the regular course of studies can be successfully pursued. But toward the latter part of the term, especially the Fall term, pupils are allowed, *[sic]* to stay out, on the smallest pretense, and one may see boys who ought to be at school, *[sic]* playing around the street, and on asking why they stay out the reply is: ‘Oh, it is near Christmas, and we must help get ready, and our folks say it is so near the end of the term, *[sic]* that we need not go any more till after New Year.’ This is a sad mistake and if parents only knew how important are each day’s lessons to the successful understanding, *[sic]* and study of those of the succeeding one, they would not allow their children to be losing the golden moments. The classes go right along, and at the *[sic – the]* beginning of another term, *[sic]* parents wonder why John, or Tim, or Katie has not been advanced as some other boy or girl. The truth is that only by steady and prompt attendance can satisfactory advancement be made, and I think that only the most urgent need of their help at home, *[sic]* should be an excuse for non-attendance at the last as well as the first of each term.”

We may not have remembered the exact words of the Prof., but the above was

the gist of his conversation, and we recommend its careful perusal to parents.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 20 [Saturday, June 12, 1886], page 1, column 3

We learn that at the close of the school year, Prof. Smith *[sic – Smyth]* will sever his connection as principal of our public schools. The Prof. has been with us two years, and has shown marked ability in his chosen vocation. We do not know where he intends to locate, but wish him the success his unremitting attention to duty deserves.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 22 [Saturday, June 26, 1886], page 1, column 3

The closing exercises of the public schools was held (as per announcement in our last number) at Miners’ hall yesterday afternoon. It was by far the best attended school entertainment we have ever seen in Norway. The program was carried out in full and at its finish, the Revs. A.S. Fair and P. Flanagan addressed the scholars, giving them much good advice. The teachers and scholars then separated to enjoy their vacation, each as his or her own tastes may dictate. To one who was one of the first school board, in March, ’79, the present school system seems of almost abnormal growth. That great efforts have been made to make the schools successful was fully evidenced by the proficiency shown in the rendering of yesterday’s program.

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–The public school building is being thoroughly repaired and fitted up for the commencement of the next school year. A stone foundation is being built, and a platform and railing built in front. The fences and out-houses have also been put in good shape and we are not too sure that Janitor Daniels won't be too proud to speak to common mortals, when he gets the contemplated improvements all done.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 32 [Saturday, September 4, 1886], page 1, column 2

–At the next school meeting let our citizens consider the matter of a school district library. The absence of one is a serious loss to the community.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 33 [Saturday, September 11, 1886], page 1, column 5

School Meeting.

NORWAY SCHOOL HOUSE, Sept. 6, '86.

The annual meeting of School Dist. No. 3 was called to order by Patrick Flanagan, Moderator.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The reports of Director and Assessor were read and accepted.

The number of children over 5 and under 20 years, in the district, as shown by census taken Sept. 6, 1886, was 541.

Next in order was the election of a Director for a term of three years. H.J. Colwell, R.C. Flannigan and John Perkins were nominated.

The nomination of R.C. Flannigan was withdrawn.

A ballot was then taken, which resulted in the election of John Perkins.

The estimate of money necessary for the coming year was. [sic] For school expenses, \$5,000.00; for library fund, \$200.00. This money was voted to be raised.

The Board were [sic – was] authorized to use their judgment in the selection of the Library; also in regard to changing the class of school speller.

Moved and supported that the salary of the Janitor be raised \$5.00 per month.

There being no further business the the [sic] meeting adjourned.

J. PERKINS, Clerk.

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School Notes.

The books for the establishment of the school library have been selected, and the order given to S.A. Maxwell & Co., Chicago.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 4 [Saturday, February 26, 1887], page 1, column 3

Longfellow's Day.

On Monday, Feb. 28th, at Miner's Hall, the pupils of our High School will celebrate the birth-day [sic – birthday] of America's most popular poet, Henry W. Longfellow.

The following program will be rendered:
PROGRAM

Opening Chorus, Ode to Longfellow – School.

Biographical Sketch – Miss Eva Monroe.

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Recitation, "Resignation" – Miss Nellie M. Bush

Solo, "The Bridge" – Miss Anna McGillis.

Recitation, "The Village Blacksmith" – Miss Emily Oliver.

Essay, "Mr. Longfellow's Arm Chair" – Miss Mary A. Perkins.

Chorus, "Psalm of Life" – School.

"Review of Longfellow's Works" – Miss Amelia Perkins.

Recitation, "Wreck of the Hesperus" – Miss Delia Cootware.

Solo, "The Rainy Day" – Miss H. Agnes Power.

'Anecdotes of Mr. Longfellow" – Miss Teresa Bush.

Recitation, "The Old Clock on the Stairs" – Miss H. Agnes Power.

Solo, "Day is [sic – Is] Done" – Miss Amelia Perkins.

Essay, "Mr. Longfellow's Home" – Miss Laura A. Rayome.

Recitation, "Paul Revere's Ride" – Miss Katie King.

Chorus, "Excelsior" – School.

A general invitation to attend is extended to all.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 20 [Saturday, June 18, 1887], page 1, column 3

Commencement Program.

The following is the order of exercises to be observed next Friday evening, June 24th, 1887, at Opera Hall:

Piano Grand March, Mrs. Sampson and Miss Colwell

Vocal Duet, Mrs. Williams and Amelia Perkins

Prayer.

Coronet [sic – Cornet] Solo.....Prof. Scott

Essay, Sketch of American Literature, Teresa M. Bush

Essay, Time and its [sic – Its] Uses, Florence Balsom

Class History.....Amelia Perkins

Vocal Solo.....Olive E. Garon

Essay, Those Good Old Times, Mary A. Perkins

Class Prophecy.....Eva L. Monroe

Essay, Influence of Woman.....Laura A. Rayome

Coronet [sic – Cornet] Solo.....Prof. Scott Awarding of Diplomas.

Address to the Graduates, Judge C.B. Grant

Vocal Solo.....Olive E. Garon

The above program is given especially in honor of those whose work has permitted them to complete the prescribed course of study in our schools. No charges for admittance. All flowers and gifts for graduates will be taken in charge at the hall entrance. Doors open at seven o'clock. Exercises to begin at eight.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 21 [Saturday, June 25, 1887], page 1, column 4

Commencement.

The Commencement exercises of Norway Public Schools were held at Opera Hall last night, and the spacious hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, with a pleased and appreciative audience. The first number on the program was a grand march, played by Mrs. Sampson and Miss Colwell, and keeping time with its inspiring measure the principal, Prof. E.F. Abernethy [sic – Abernathy], followed the graduating class, the teachers of the several departments, Hon. John Power, of Escanaba, and the members of the school

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board, filed into the hall and upon the stage. The next number was a cornet solo by Prof. Scott, and it is needless to say that it was well rendered and well received.

The next was the reading of an essay on "American Literature," by Miss Teresa M. Bush. Although disturbed by the noise of the irrepressible small boy, Miss Bush acquitted herself with honor and earned the plaudits of the audience, her essay being a literary production of far more than ordinary power.

The next was an essay on "Time and its *[sic – Its]* Uses," by Miss Florence Balsom, and it is needless to say that she showed to the entire satisfaction of the audience that "time is money," and the high order of her production was conclusive evidence that she practices what she preaches.

The third member of the class, Miss Amelia Perkins, then gave, in a very pleasant and enjoyable manner, the "Class History," interweaving with dry facts a subtle vein of humor which kept the audience smiling audibly a goodly portion of the time.

The next was a vocal solo^[,] "The Cuckoo *[sic – Cuckoo]*," by Miss Olive E. Garson, of Menominee, who kindly consented to assist in making the evening exercises pleasant.

The next number was an essay on "Those Good Old Days," by Miss Mary A. Perkins, and the young lady succeeded before finishing her paper, in convincing the audience that it is best when the "good old days," and the "good old ways" expire together. The next in order was the "Class Prophecy" by Miss Eva L. Monroe, and Miss Monroe's "prophetic soul" presented alternately both the laughable and pathetic side of the picture of the future lives of the members of the class, although in the main she cast their lines in pleasant places.

Last but not least in the graduating class came Miss Laura A. Rayome, with an able

essay on the "influence *[sic – Influence]* of Woman^[,]" both for good and evil, *[sic]* Miss Rayome presented her subject in clear and concise language, and left no doubt in the minds of here hearers as to what she considered woman's duty in the great battle of life.

Prof. Scott then rendered the beautiful cornet solo, *[sic]* "Sounds from the Alps," in his usual able manner.

The Diplomas *[sic – diplomas]* to the graduating class were then awarded in a few well chosen words by Judge P. Flanagan, moderator of the school board.

Owing to sickness Judge C.B. Grant could not be present, and Hon. John Power, of Escanaba, then addressed the graduating class. Mr. Power, who is one of the most eloquent speakers in the State, said more in fewer words than even his most intimate friends expected. His effort was a masterly one and not a word wasted.

A vocal solo by Miss Garon, entitled "The Day is *[sic – Is]* Done," was then so beautifully rendered as to call for an encore from the audience, and after a graceful compliance on the part of Miss Garon the audience dispersed, well pleased with the whole entertainment.

We forgot to say that the stage was tastefully decorated, and that the class motto, "Not Finished but *[sic- But]* Begun," occupied a conspicuous place among the foliage. We have no time or space for further comment, as our paper should have been printed ere this, and will only add that the graduating class of '87 has the sincere well wishes of THE CURRENT and the hope that they may live long, useful and happy lives.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 23 [Saturday, July 9, 1887], page 8, column 2 [NOTE: Portions missing, and probable words appear in brackets.]

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Annual School Report.

[As] the school board District No. 3, Norway, Mich., we respectfully submit the following report for the school [year ending] June 24th, 1887:

Number of pupils enrolled	475
[----] by transfer.....	15
[----] number belonging....	309
[----] daily attendance.....	264
[The] number belonging at the [end] of school.....	308

[During] the year the demands of the [---] have been carefully studied, un- [----] ing a thorough grading, with a [----] –on of the courses of study in the [----] school.

[Two] courses of study have been pre[sented], an English course and a course in the Languages, extending over periods of eleven and twelve years, respectively.

As a result of this, twelve different subjects of an advanced character have been placed to the opportunity of the pupil, thereby placing the advantages of our school upon a par with any in the Northern Peninsula.

A thorough examination of 309 pupils have [sic – has] been made, resulting with the promotion of 205 from grade to grade. The cause of the great number of delinquents is almost in every case due to inattendance.

Six have completed the entire English course of study and have had awarded to them by the school board a diploma of the school. In breadth of culture and generality of information we regard the class very highly qualified.

In the way of helps for education very important steps have been taken during the past year. A very choice library, consisting of 318 standard works of every department [sic – department] of literature, at a cost of \$300, has been placed for the use of the

pupil and district. The advantage of this can hardly be estimated. The record book, for the two terms that the books have circulated, shows a drawing of 1000 volumes. This libiary [sic – library], as a place for reference in school work, makes it one of the most advantageous features.

Besides the school library a very valuable physiological chart and a considerable quantity of physical apparatus has been placed for the use of scientific instruction.

For material advantages the Norway school will rank with the best in this portion of the country. What it most needs, however, is careful and close supervision.

Containing a population with such a diversity of customs and taste, to converge all the different lines and types of character into the one which we truly recognize as American is a matter requiring no little thought and effort.

No one thing will do it; neither can it be accomplished at one time. But we believe that the school is placed upon a growing basis and that zealous systematic efforts, with genuine interest bordering upon actual enthusiasm, will in time make what assuredly Norway has every reason to demand – a first class school system.

E.F. ABERNATHY, Prin.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 30 [Saturday, August 27, 1887], page 1, column 2

–The names of the teachers engaged for the public schools for the coming year are as follows:

- Prof. E.F. Abernathy.
- Miss Kate Hosking.
- “ Mamie Hosking.
- “ Susie Hosking.
- “ Alma Cole.
- “ Abbie Colwell.

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- “ Carrie Roche.
- “ Julia Mason.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 39 [Saturday, October 29, 1887], page 1, column 3

–The teachers and scholars of the public school will issue a school journal next week, and if sufficient support is given them by our people, the publication will be continued monthly. We do not know the name of the new paper, but we can assure our business men [*sic – businessmen*] that enough copies will be printed and circulated to make it a good advertising medium. Give them a benefit, and thus benefit yourselves.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 38 [Saturday, October 22, 1887], page 1, column 3

High School Program.

For 2:30 p.m. Oct. 28th, 1887.

Greeting Glee.....The Class.
On Conversation, Reading.....John Oman.
“Our Almanac,” Recitation.....Annie Power.
Life among [*sic – Among*] the Indians,
Essay.....Maggie Walker.
Mark Twain’s Watch, Reading.....Frank Siller.
Essay “Thinking”.....Maggie Power.
Recitation. “The Old Farmhouse”.....Emily Oliver.
Music. Instrumental.....Aggie Power.
“October Days” Composition.....Annie Perkins.
“Burning of Moscow”.....Lena Reinwand.
The Future of Norway, Essay.....Laura Rayome.
“Hope” Recitation.....Mollie Langin.
Mr. Fogg’s Experiment.....Frank Walker.

Little Feet. Recitation.....Mabel Tretheway.
“Essay”.....Amanda Rayome.
Recitation.....Bessie Perkins.
Dialogue “Going to Mauro.”.....Characters.
Mr. Bright, Mrs. Buttermilk and Johnnie Buttermilk.
“Song at Close of Day”
Clayton’s Grand March.....Laura Rayome.
“Home”

A cordial invitation is extended to all patrons and friends of the school.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 41 [Saturday, November 12, 1887], page 1, column 2

–The first number of the Norway School News was issued last week, and will hereafter be a monthly visitor to many homes.

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–The motto of the Norway School News, is – “High erected thoughts, seated in the heart of courtesy.” If some of the editors in embryo, [*sic*] would display a little more courtesy while going to and from school, instead of knocking little girls off the sidewalk, there would be greater chances of their attaining the standard of gentlemanliness set up for them.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 43 [Saturday, November 26, 1887], page 1, column 2

–December 1st No. 2, [*sic*] of the Norway School News will be issued. Those who wish to subscribe should hand in the small sum of 25 cents to the Business

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Manager Mr. S. Hosking. Dont [sic – Don't] try to be a dead-head [sic – deadhead] for the sake of a quarter, if you do for \$2.00.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 44 [Saturday, December 3, 1887], page 1, column 2

–The second number of the Norway School News was issued this week, and from the favorable reception given to it by our people, it is evident that this publication will become a permanent one.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 45 [Saturday, December 10, 1887], page 1, column 2

–W.T. Daniels[,] janitor of our public schools[,] was knocked down and somewhat seriously injured by coasters on Nelson St., Tuesday evening.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 32 [Saturday, September 10, 1887], page 1, column 4

School Meeting.

Norway School House, Sept. 5, 1887.

The annual school meeting of school district No. 3 was called to order by Patrick Flanagan, Moderator. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of Assessor and Director were then read and adopted as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Am't on hand Sept. 1, 1886.....	\$2,828.30
Two-mill tax.....	3,200.00
Primary school fund.....	637.85
One-mill tax 1885-1886.....	1,411.11
E.F. Abernathy, books.....	4.92

P. Flannigan [sic – Flanagan], stoves..	37.85
Jos. Rowe, “ [stoves].....	8.00
Ten tons & 10 lbs. coal a/c \$8.00.....	80.04
Total	\$8,108.07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries.....	\$3,879.00
Building.....	312.21
Incidentals.....	608.94
Janitors.....	492.50
Fuel.....	197.92
Library.....	269.10
Amt. on hand Sept. 5th, 1887,	<u>2,412.62</u>
Total	\$8,208.07

The Boards [sic – Board's] estimate of money needed for the ensuing year was: Salaries, \$5,000.00; Janitors, \$500[.]; Fuel, \$200.00; Indicentals, \$200.00; Library, \$100.00; Total, \$6000.00. The above amount was voted to be raised.

The meeting then proceeded to elect a Moderator for the ensuing three years. Patrick Flanagan was unanimously elected. Moved and carried that the school adopt Standard time.

No further business being presented the meeting adjourned.

SAM'L PERKINS, clerk, *pro tem*.

Norway, Michigan: Diamond Jubilee Historical Album, 1891-1966 by Jake Meneghini, 1966 [not paginated]

1888 – SCHOOLS

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1886 – Schools

In this year Professor Abernathy of Utica, Michigan took charge of the Norway Public Schools. In September of this year there was a special meeting of school district number three with Patrick Flanagan as the moderator. They discussed school expenses that would amount to \$5,000. At this time there were 541 students (over five and under twenty) enrolled in the schools.

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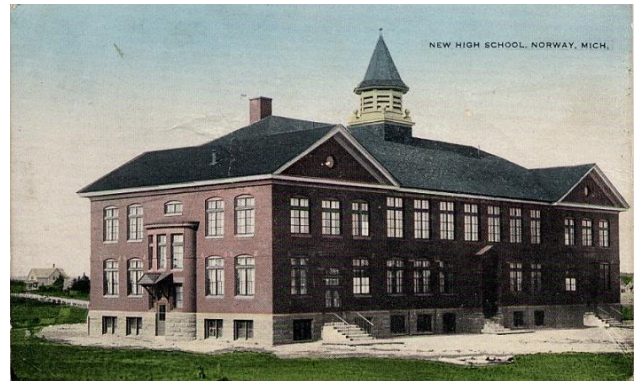
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Ruins of Norway High School Following the Fire of August 29, 1912

Erected in 1906 – Burned August 29, 1912

Years Classes Held: -1912

**Street
Norway**

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 15 [Thursday, August 29, 1912], page 1, column 6

SCHOOL IN FLAMES

High School Building at Norway Was Destroyed Last Night.

The high school building at Norway was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning – the first alarm sounding at four o'clock.

The handsome building is a mass of ruins, only the stone and brick walls are now standing.

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The fire is supposed to have originated in the basement, where a *[piece of]* manual training equipment was being unpacked and erected.

The building was erected nine years ago *[sic – erected in 1906]* at a cost of \$33,000. This does not include the cost of furnishing the building.

The school library was located in this building and is a total loss.

Secretary Perkins, of the school board, telephones *[sic – telephoned]* The Press that the loss will reach \$50,00 *[sic - \$50,000]* with insurance of \$35,000.

The building was being prepared for the opening of school on Tuesday, and the fire sadly cripples the educational facilities of our sister city.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 16 [Thursday, September 5, 1912], page 2, column 4

NORWAY NEWS NUGGETS.

Since the burning of the Norway high school, the board of education has been busy making arrangements for buildings in which to conduct the sessions. At the city hall, the auditorium will be used for the high school assembly room, the council room, the room formerly used by Judge Rowe and the fire chief's office will be used for class rooms *[sic – classrooms]*, and the basement for manual training and lavaatory *[sic – lavatory]*. In addition the four-room parochial school and the Vankerchove building have been leased. Some of the surplus furniture from the Iron Mountain schools was secured to furnish rooms and everything was practically ready to open the schools last Tuesday morning.



General View of New Public School Buildings, ca. 1912-1913



Norway High School and Other School Buildings, postcard view, ca. 1925-1942



Norway High School and Football Field, postcard view, ca. 1950-1960

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5,

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Number 30 [Friday, May 15, 1925], page 10, column 1

Norway News

CLASS PLAY WILL BE HELD TONIGHT

Juniors Will Offer Travesty on Life At College

Some hearty laughs are promised in "Aaron Boggs, Freshman," a three act comedy with a college theme, which will be presented tonight at the city auditorium by the junior class of the high school.

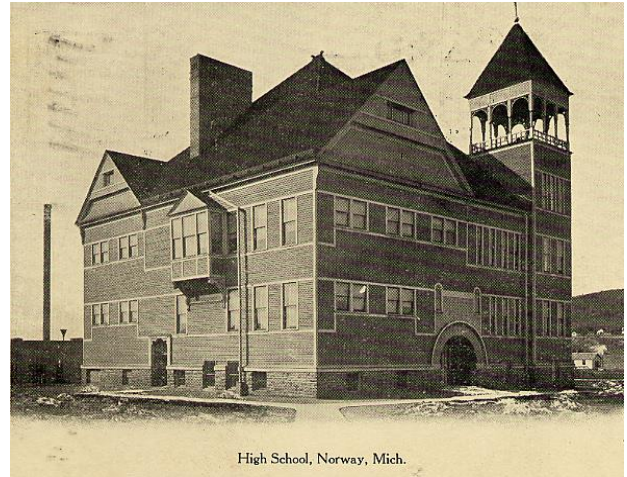
The matinee given yesterday afternoon for grade children was enjoyed by all who attended. The play went off with a precision that gave members of the cast added confidence for the presentation tonight.

The scenes of the play are laid on the campus of a small co-educational college and the story is centered around a freshman student who finds that one one [sic] of his old chums is also enrolled at the institution.

He is at once swept into the jolly college circles and enjoys himself immensely. During the course of the school year, however, he discovers his proper place in college.

Rehearsals of the play have been in progress for the last six weeks.

Central School



Norway High School, later the Central School, postcard view postmarked 1905



Norway High School, later the Central School, postcard view postmarked 1909



Postmarked Norway, Mich., April 28, 1914, this postcard view shows the original Norway High School, called the Central School after the new

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high school was constructed in 1906. Note the fire escape from the second story. This school was razed in 1938.

Erected in 1892 – Razed in 1938
Years Classes Held:

Brown Street Norway

Norway, Michigan: *Diamond Jubilee Historical Album, 1891-1966* by Jake Meneghini, 1966 [not paginated]

1892 – SCHOOLS

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1898 – SCHOOLS

Following is a roster of the educational corp of the city schools as of September 17, 1898:

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High School Building

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Agatha Flannigan.....7th Grade

Lissa Buckingham.....6th Grade

Anna Beidleman.....4th & 5th Grades

Mabel Tretheway.....3rd Grade

Theresa Bush.....2nd Grade

Maude Wrend.....1st Grade

Nelson School Building

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Ethel Uren.....1-2 Grade

Curry School Building

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 6 [Thursday, June 24, 1915], page 7, column 3

NORWAY NEWS NUGGETS

The public schools closed last Friday and the teachers will spend the summer vacation as follows: Myda Corcoran at Escanaba; Walter Dewey at Ellendale; [sic] North Dakota; Ralph Wilbur at Ann Arbor; Paul Stone at Alden; Mildred Coe at Evanston; Elaine Shields at Ann Arbor; Anita Walker at Dowagiac; Irene Cutler at

Cleveland; Nellie Moran at Devil's Lake, North Dakota; Maude Sensiba at Iron River; Edna Bjork at Crystal Falls; Ida Eggan at Ishpeming; Mary Quinn at Caseville; Esther Grant at Ironwood; Mary Blackney and Ellen Hager at Iron Mountain; Jean Lundquist at Marquette; Roth Thorpe at Duluth; June Montieth at Martin; Esther Braude at Sault Ste. Marie, and Loretta Binkley at Goshen, Indiana.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 3 [Thursday, June 1, 1916], page 6, column 1

Norway News Nuggets.

The Central school building was struck by lightning at the southwest corner of the hip roof last Friday afternoon. The gong was sounded for fire drill and the pupils, about three hundred and fifty in number, marched out of the building in thirty seconds. The fire department arrived and extinguished the blaze before much damage was done. It was raining hard at the time and the pupils sought shelter in residences in the vicinity not [sic – . Not] having taken time to get their wraps, most of them were drenched with the rain. Repairs were made on the roof and the building dried out so that school re-opened Tuesday.

Lake School

Erected in 1899 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

Street
Norway

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The Lake School, postcard view, ca. 1920-1930

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1899 – SCHOOLS

Bids were received to build a two room school house in the Third Ward, south of the West Vulcan engine house. (This is the present site of the Lake School building or sewing factory.)

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1902 – SCHOOLS

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1902 – Schools

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 30 [Thursday, December 15, 1904], page 9, column 2

NORWAY NEWS NOTES.

The Lake View school, [sic] which was closed a few weeks go on account of diphtheria is open again. So far there has been but one death caused by diphtheria and the number of cases is growing less.

McKinley School

Erected in 1902 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:

Street
Norway

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1909 – Schools

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Nelson School



Nelson School, ca. 1915-1920

Erected in ____ – Razed in about 1930
Years Classes Held:

Street
Norway

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SCHOOLS

Norway High School's first graduating class was in the year 1887. Students who graduated from the old Nelson Hill High School in that year were: Laura Rayome, Amelia Perkins, Mary Perkins, Florence Balsom, Eva Monroe and Teresa Bush.

List of graduates for the following years were: 1888 – Nellie Bush, Agnes Bolon, Aggie Powers and Delia Cootware; 1889 – J.F. Walker, Margaret Walker and Ellen Bergstrom; 1890 – Phillip Bennett; 1891 – Frank Blackwell.

Agnes Bolon and Delia Cootware [sic – Cootware] Reacek, two members of the 1888 class[,] are still living. Agnes Bolon, although confined to her home[,] resides the year around in Iron Mountain.

Delia Cootware Reacek lives part of each summer at her home in Kingsford and

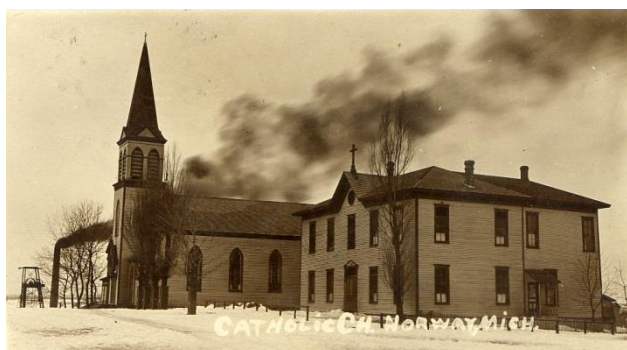
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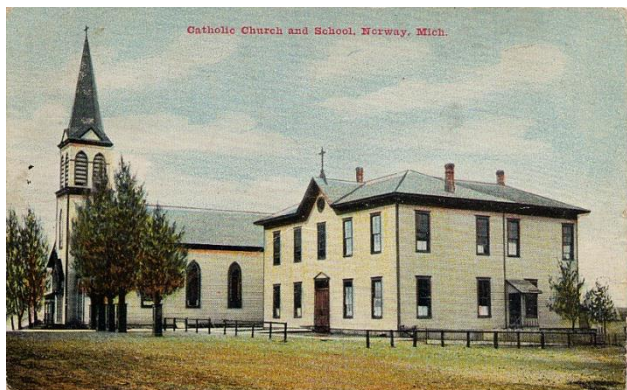
the remainder of the year with her son at Racine, Wis. Mrs. Reacek[,] who is 94 years old[,] may attend the Diamond Jubilee Celebration to be held in Norway.

J.F. Walker[,] the first boy to graduate from Norway High School with the class of 1889[,] and Phillip Bennett[,] from the 1890 class, both continued their educations at universities and both held positions of college professors.

Catholic School



A Roman Catholic parish was formally established in Norway in 1881. Father Rousseau, the first pastor, built the first St. Mary's Catholic Church and Rectory on a plot of land overlooking the right-of-way of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Completed August 15, 1888, the parochial school, built by Father Francis Martin Kehoe, opened in September, staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis, Alverno, Wisconsin, from 1888 to 1895. This postcard view of the Catholic Church and School was postmarked Norway, Mich., June 23, 1909.



The Catholic Church and School, postcard view postmarked September 10, 1909

**Erected in 1888 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held:**

**On Top of Norway Hill
Norway**

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1888 – SCHOOLS

The Catholic school, which stood on top of Norway Hill where the John Aune home is located, was completed on the 15th of August 1888.

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–Subscriptions for the Catholic School, which it is expected will be established here next summer, are progressing very favorably.

Holy Spirit School

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Holy Spirit Normal School, postcard view, ca. 1966-1970

Erected in 1965-1966 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1966-

On Top of Norway Hill
Norway

Curry School

Erected in 1882 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1882-

Curry Mine Location
Norway

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Miss Anna Sullivan, teacher at the Curry school, left for her home at Menominee last Tuesday morning.

First Log Cabin School

Erected in 1877 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1877-1878

Between Vulcan and the Sturgeon River
Vulcan

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Vulcan, Michigan, Centennial 1872-1972, 1972, page 65

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first school on the Menominee Range. Classes were held in the Lewis Whitehead home in West Vulcan. The first school board consisted of Lewis Whitehead, Thomas Rice, and Charles Knowlton. In 1877 a log school house was built between Vulcan and the Sturgeon River. This school was used only one year and on June 14, 1879 a frame school 20 by 36 was built to replace the log school.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 24 [Thursday, November 3, 1904], page 5, column 1

VULCAN VARIETIES.

A new flag-pole [sic – flagpole], seventy-five feet high, has been erected at the Central school grounds.

...

Range telephones have been installed at the Central, East Vulcan and Sturgeon Mill schools.

First Frame School

Erected in 1879 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1879-1885

Northeast Corner of Main and Market
Streets
Vulcan

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The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 49 [Saturday, January 9, 1886], page 1, column 4

Vulcan Mites.

The old school house is being fitted up for a church, and when finished it will be a credit to our little hamlet.

The Green School



Edward Parmelee received the contract to construct the “Green School,” the two-story building with the belfry in the above photograph, at the beginning of August, 1885. The “Green School” was completed by the end of October, 1885. Standing at the northeast corner of Main and Market Streets, the single-story Methodist Episcopal Church at the left, formally organized in 1885, was the original frame Vulcan school built in 1879 by the Penn Iron Mining Company which donated the building to the congregation when the “Green School” opened. The building was demolished in 1963. The small building to the right served as the fire house and hose tower, used to dry canvas fire hoses. The band stand is visible to the right of the school building in the background.



Upon completion, the “Green School” was described as “the most convenient and handsomest of its size of any in the county” in the October 31, 1885, edition of the Norway Current. The building continued to serve as a grade school until it was replaced by part of the brick elementary school built in 1927 and attached to the old high school.

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Erected in 1885 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1885-1927

Street
Vulcan

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In 1885, the original frame school building in Vulcan was replaced by the “green school”, a two story frame structure described in the October 31 issue of the Norway Current of that year as “the most convenient and handsomest of its size of any in the county.” This building continued to serve as a grade school until it was replaced by part of the present brick structure in 1927.

The first school principal was Lewis Whitehead Jr. and our first school superintendent was A.M. Walsworth.

On June 15, 1895 the residents of Vulcan paid homage to the first grade school graduating class. Members of the class were Mary Dellas, Mary Hauser, Jeffie Whitehead, Elsie Fisher, Bessie Harris, Angelina Brinn, and Beatrice Rice. Vulcan was given credit for having the best school in the County outside of high school. In 1909 the high school was built, and in 1913 the first high school class was graduated. The members of the class were Albert Carlson, Edward Eva, Walter Marinelli, Alvira Campbell, and Millie Eva. In 1927 the present grade school was built to replace the old green school.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 26 [Saturday, August 1, 1885], page 1, column 1

Ed. Parmalee, of Iron Mountain, received the contract for building the new school house [*sic – schoolhouse*] at Vulcan.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 30 [Saturday, August 29, 1885], page 1, column 4

The new school building at Vulcan is being pushed to completion as rapidly as possible, and it is expected to be ready for occupancy sometime during the coming month. In our next issue we will endeavor to give our readers a pen picture of the structure.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 37 [Saturday, October 17, 1885], page 1, column 5

The new school building at Vulcan, although not so large as some, will be, when completed, the handsomest and most convenient of any in the county.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 39 [Saturday, October 31, 1885], page 1, column 2

Vulcan’s New School Building.

The new school house [*sic – schoolhouse*] at Vulcan has been completed and accepted from the contractors by the school authorities of the district. The building is the most convenient and handsomest of its size of any in the county.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 49 [Saturday, January 9, 1886], page 1, column 4

Vulcan Mites.

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Our new school house [*sic* – *schoolhouse*] is a credit to the judgment and taste of our school officers, and, for its size, surpasses anything on the range in neatness and comfort. 'Twas money well spent, gentlemen.

...

The old school house is being fitted up for a church, and when finished it will be a credit to our little hamlet.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 2 [Saturday, February 13, 1886], page 1, column 3

On Wednesday last the writer, accompanied by Mr. H.M. Pelham and two members of the school board, Messrs. Whitehead and Copeland, visited the Vulcan School. To say that the school house [*sic* – *schoolhouse*] is a fine one conveys only a faint idea of the comfort and convenience of the building; everything in and around the premises (including the teachers) is of the most modern type. The two departments have above the same enrollment each, about 50 pupils. Miss Blaisdell, who was so successful as an instructor in the Norway schools, has charge of the higher department, and Miss Warren has charge of the lower one. For its size, the Vulcan school is by far the best on the range, and the district is fortunate in having a school board who deem it a duty to provide for the needs of the scholars.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 21 [Saturday, June 19, 1886], page 1, column 5

Vulcan.

A very pleasant time was had at the public school yesterday. The scholars gave

an interesting exhibition of their proficiency in singing and declamation. The school year will close next Friday.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 37 [Saturday, October 9, 1886], page 1, column 5

Vulcan.

Miss Blaisdell, the efficient teacher in one of the departments of our public schools, has decided to open a night school, three evenings of each week, and has already a list of about twenty scholars. We think this is a golden opportunity for those who may wish to improve their education, and bespeak for Miss Blaisdell a crowded school room. Speaking of night schools reminds us of a little incident which points a moral if it does not adorn a tale. Something over twenty years ago the principal of the public school in a mining town in which the writer lived, [*sic*] announced that he would open a night school if sufficient encouragement was given, and invited those who wished to attend, [*sic*] to meet him on a certain night. On the night in question a goodly number assembled, and the teacher was inquiring from each what he or she wished to study. Coming to one man who was a miner he said, "well my friend what studies do you proposed to take up," the reply was, "reading! I don't know nothing, I comed here to learn." This provoked a laugh from those present, but they were quickly silenced by the Prof. who took occasion to read them a little lecture and then again turning to the object of their mirth he ascertained that the man did not even know the alphebet [*sic* – *alphabet*]. He was told to procure a primer and to be on hand the next evening. He was there the next night and every night after, during the winter, and

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his book was his constant companion during his working hours. When other men were smoking or chatting, he was studying and in six months he acquired a groundwork for an education which enabled him to distance those who laughed at him, and eventually to raise himself to a position of comfort and comparative independence.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 38 [Saturday, October 16, 1886], page 1, column 4

Vulcan.

Miss Blaisdell opened up her night school last week, with about 15 scholars.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 4 [Saturday, February 26, 1887], page 1, column 4

Vulcan.

A new organ has been purchased for use in the public school.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 30 [Saturday, August 27, 1887], page 8, column 1

Vulcan.

The room in the Vulcan school house [sic – schoolhouse], which has been vacant heretofore is now being furnished with Andrew's school seats and will be used during the next school year.

The teachers of the public schools for the coming year will be, Prof. John Dwan [sic], Prin.; Miss Bertha Warren, Int. Dept., Miss Nellie Stockdate [sic], Prim. Dept.,

[sic] School will begin the first Monday in Sept.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 45 [Saturday, December 10, 1887], page 1, column 3

Vulcan.

The public schools now have an enrollment of about 160 scholars.

Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 16 [sic – Number 17], [Thursday, September 15, 1904], page 5, column 2

Vulcan News Notes.

The basement of the high school building has been remodeled and equipped with a modern sanitary sewage and drainage system and is now complete in every arrangement for the health and convenience of the scholars.

Vulcan High School



***Vulcan High School,
postcard view postmarked 1910***

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**Vulcan High School,
Postcard view postmarked 1915**



**Vulcan High School with Addition,
postcard view, ca. 1950-1960**

**Erected in 1909 – Razed in 1967
Years Classes Held: 1909-1967**

**Street
Vulcan**

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1972, page 65*

In 1909 the high school was built, and in 1913 the first high school class was graduated. The members of the class were

Albert Carlson, Edward Eva, Walter Marinelli, Alvira Campbell, and Millie Eva.

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1972, page 68*

In 1965, the Norway-Vulcan Consolidated School System was formed, serving the City of Norway, Norway and Waucedah Townships, and the Menominee County community of Faithorn. The school building at Vulcan became the “Middle School” in the system, and has continued to serve these intermediate grades since that time. In 1967, the original brick high school building, which had become a part of the larger grade school structure in 1927, was demolished after the remodeling in 1966 of the Middle School.

*Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5,
Number 20 [Monday, May 4, 1925],
page 8, column 3*

SCHOOL PLAY WELL ENJOYED

Specialties Between Acts Also Liked By Audi- ence

A fair-sized audience was treated to a series of hearty laughs at the Vulcan town hall Saturday night when “Yimmie Yonson’s Yob,” a comedy drama in three acts, was successfully presented by members of the senior class of the Vulcan high school.

The antics of Yimmie, played by David DeFant, were the feature of the evening. Each member of the cast did very well and the performance was warmly received.

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The specialties between the acts were also appreciated by the audience, especially the clown dance given by four high school girls.. Vocal selections by Grace Dawe, Gertrude Hooper and Ernest Hammill were included in the numbers.

The story of the plan centered around Mr. Kent, a part carried by Douglas LaViollette, who accused his son of the theft of \$100. The son leaves home and a curse seems to be on the Kent household. Yimmie, who “bane lookin’ for yob,” is employed to help with the farming. Many startling events as well as numerous funny situations develop until the mystery of the \$100 was cleared up.

The proceeds of the play will be used by the seniors to buy a class memorial for the high school assembly and also to defray expenses of the June commencement exercises.

East Vulcan Grammar School

Erected in 1901 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1901-1925

Street
East Vulcan

Vulcan, Michigan, Centennial 1872-1972, 1972, pages 65-66

In 1901 the first two room school was built in East Vulcan. In 1925 it was replaced with a stucco grade school. In 1932 the school was closed and the children were sent to the school in Central Vulcan.

East Vulcan Stucco Grammar School

Erected in 1925 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1925-1932

Street
East Vulcan

Vulcan, Michigan, Centennial 1872-1972, 1972, pages 65-66

In 1901 the first two room school was built in East Vulcan. In 1925 it was replaced with a stucco grade school. In 1932 the school was closed and the children were sent to the school in Central Vulcan.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 22 [Wednesday, May 6, 1925], page 6, column 1

VOTE ON SCHOOL ISSUE MONDAY

Seek \$30,000 for New Building in East Vulcan

Qualified school electors of Norway township will vote next Monday on the proposal to authorize the township board of education to borrow \$30,000 for the construction of a four-room school house [*sic – schoolhouse*] at East Vulcan.

Voting will take place at the Vulcan town hall and the polls will be open from 10 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock p.m.

The two school buildings at central Vulcan and the one at East Vulcan are filled to capacity, it is pointed out, and classes are being held in the basements.

The board of education has purchased the land near the present East Vulcan school upon which the proposed new

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structure will be built. The area covers a space of an acre and a half and was bought from Ray Turner, attorney.

According to those acquainted with conditions in Vulcan, the bond issue will be favorably voted upon. The board of education has not yet determined at what rate the bonds will mature and be payable but this matter will be decided upon at the first regular meeting after the election.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 27 [Tuesday, May 12, 1925], page 10, column 1

BOND ISSUE IS VOTED 16 TO 1

Only Seventeen Go to Polls to Decide \$30,000 Question

Only 17 votes were cast at Vulcan yesterday on the proposal to bond Norway township for \$30,000 for the erection of a four-room schoolhouse at East Vulcan, but they were sufficient to carry the issue. Sixteen votes were registered in favor of the proposal.

It was expected yesterday morning that the vote would be exceptionally light as only five ballots were polled at noon. The remaining votes were cast shortly before 5 o'clock, at which time the polls closed.

According to D.B. Cavan, president of the township board of education and superintendent of the Penn mines, the new building will be ready for occupancy at the fall term next September. Whether the present structure will be sold or moved off the premises or dismantled has not yet

been determined. This question will be discussed at the regular meeting of the board which will be held May 25 at Vulcan. Other matters pertaining to the new building will also be taken up at that time.

The rate of maturity of the bonds will also be decided at the session May 25. It is understood that the board contemplates stretching the payments over a period of at least 10 years.

The board recently purchased an acre and a half of land from Ray Turner, attorney, upon which will [sic] the new schoolhouse will be built. Ample room will be left for play grounds.

Pine Creek School

Erected in 1888 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1888-1928

Pine Creek Norway Township

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On September 8, 1888 Miss Aggie Flannagan held the first classes at the Pine Creek School. When she arrived she found a class of only one boy playing marbles. In 1928 the Pine Creek School was closed and the children were sent to our present school.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 32 [Saturday, September 10, 1887], page 8, column 1

Personal Pick-Ups.

Miss Teresa Bush is in charge of the school at Pine Creek.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 6 [Thursday, June 24, 1915], page 1, column 3

STANDARD SCHOOL

PINE CREEK IS NOW ON THE ACCREDITED STATE LIST.

Is the Second Plate School in This County, Metropolitan Was the First School in State.

In spite of the pouring rain, a large crowd gathered at the Pine Creek school, near Vulcan, last Friday, to celebrate the placing of the plate which proclaims this school a "Standard School." Pine Creek is the second district in the county to take the necessary steps to join the standard school movement, which is attracting attention throughout the state and through which the county school is at last getting the attention it has merited.

It has long been felt that rural school conditions should be improved, but it has remained for the standard school movement to awaken people to the vital importance of the rural school to society. When people fully realize the effect the country school has, and should have, upon its pupils and the surrounding community, they will not stop until their school is the best it is capable of being. When it is earnestly considered that the boys and girls of the country depend upon the one-room school and the one teacher for the greater part of their education, and for most of the developmental experiences which the city child gets through many teachers and widely varied experiences, the country

school takes on new importance. And, further, when people realize that the country school is the real community center, the logical place for the development of co-operation [*sic* – *cooperation*] and the source of social intercourse, the former lack of which has driven country children to the cities, they will see the tremendous importance of so improving their schools that they will meet the needs of pupils and community.

The people of Norway township, and especially the board of education, have realized this. They now have a school in Pine Creek district of which they may well be proud. It is worthy of the pride of every person in the county. Its [*sic* – *its*] plate testifies that it has fully met the requirements of the state department of public instruction as to ample grounds, modern building, proper seating, lighting, heating and ventilation, careful organization and competent instruction. More important still, it shows that the school board and people of the community are interested in their school.

Friday afternoon, at the school, was given up to the celebration of the placing of the plate. The school-room [*sic* – *schoolroom*] was neatly decorated and appropriate school exercises were held under the direction of the teacher, Miss Marinelli, of Vulcan. The exercises were followed by an address by Garritt Masselink, vice-president of the Ferris Institute, and a talk by Commissioner O'Hara. The plate was then placed and the remaining time devoted to a social meeting.

All members of the board of education, consisting of William H. Kelly, Thomas R. Trudgeon, Otto Marinello, Dr. B.W. Jones, and F.H. Armstrong, were present. Supt. B.R. Miller, three of the former Pine Creek teachers, the senior class of the Vulcan high school and others from Vulcan were also in attendance.

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Dickinson county boasts of the first standard school in the upper peninsula, a plate having been awarded the Metropolitan school last December.

Assistant State Superintendent G.N. Otwell, who, in charge of the standard school inspection, visited all of the schools of the county with Commissioner O'Hara last fall, expressed surprise at the excellent conditions of our schools and was especially pleased with the interest and willingness to co-operate [*sic – cooperate*] in the improvement of schools shown by the members of boards of education. He indicated several schools which, with slight changes, might enter the standard class and several boards have taken the matter up, and will add at least six schools to the list within the next year.

WAUCEDAH TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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

A MODERN SPELLING BEE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Waucedah School

Erected in ____ – Razed in ____
Years Classes Held:

Street
Vulcan

Reath's Corners/Reath's Crossing School

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Reath's Crossing School, ca. 1890-1900

**Erected in 1879 – Razed in _____
Years Classes Held: 1879-**

**State Road
Waucedah Township**

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1972, page 65*

In 1879 the first school at Reath's crossing on State Road was built. This school was built by the State Road farmers, James Rice, Eugene Liberty, and Richard Reath, (great-grandfather of the Centennial Queen Kathy Reath) as it was impossible for the children to attend the town school because of the distance and the crossing of the river. Miss Burdock was their first teacher. Before building the school, classes were held in the James Rice home, now the Guilliani farm.