

March 22, 1917

MORE ROOM FOR SCHOOL

Perhaps some of our citizens are not aware of the crowded conditions of our school. Many are not aware that our equipment and facilities are not sufficient. Most of us know that the heating plant is not adequate. That the above conditions are absolute facts can not be realized by some; they think that these conditions are imaginary, or that the need for betterment is the whim of a new generation who want too many advantages

But the above stated facts cannot be successfully denied. In 1913-14 the total enrollment was 333, in 1914 to 1915, 387; in 1915-16, 414; and so far for the present year 452. Now, if we maintain our Normal Training Course of which we are justly proud, we can not have more than 35 pupils in a room, or 35 pupils per teacher. This is not a whim of the writer but the rule of the State Department of Education. If we crowd our rooms the State, will take away our Normal Course - the State Superintendent of Public Instruction has told us and other Normal Training High schools so. What are you going to do about it?

Some have said that we do not need Manual Training, Agriculture, and Domestic Science. Again, it is not a question of need in these matters; the state law says that we must have these subjects in our curriculum. However, the majority of rational people are strongly in favor of these studies.

We are at a great expense at the present time in renting a room outside the school building. Next year we will have to rent another one and thus scatter the school in small pieces all over town. What are you going to do about it?

It can not be a question of bond issue for by inquiry of the county officers it has been ascertained that we can yet stand \$40,000.

Is it a question of tax? Well, what is more valuable than our boys and girls? Will you let the few mills increase in tax levy hinder your boys and girls now and handicap them for life? Are you content to let the boys and girls of other communities out-step our boys and girls in after life? Do you think that your sons and daughters can succeed by means of the same equipment than you had?

What are you going to do about it?

A.L. Boyer.

March 29, 1917

MORE ABOUT SCHOOL

Is there any one who is not thoroughly convinced that we need more school room and better school accommodations? If so, let him review the facts set forth in the writer's article of last week. Bear in mind that the enrollment this year has increased 11 percent over that of last year. The enrollment at the present time is 35 percent more than of 1913-14. Also remember that the day of the crowded school has passed in this state never to return. That is as it should be for no teacher can teach 40 pupils efficiently. No one can successfully refute this fact. When a school room contains 35 pupils, experience and successful teachers find that it takes all their energy, enthusiasm and ingenuity to give to each child the individual assistance he needs and at the same time perform the regular class work.

Now as to the additional tax that will be required let no one be deceived; neither be deceived by those who, will argue that your tax will be doubled or that it will be a burden. A simple problem in arithmetic will settle any dispute on that question. If the present tax of 46 mills induces \$17,000 per year, the interest on a \$35,000 bond issue will add to that not quite 3 mills. How much will that add to your tax? Figure it out for yourself. Suppose your property is worth \$5000, then you would have to pay \$2 more tax than you do now. Is the proper education of your child worth that much? It is worth that much to you to know that your neighbors are receiving proper educational training. Is it worth that much to feel that you have done your part to prepare boys and girls of Manning to compete in life with the boys and girls of other communities? Can you afford not to pay this increase? If it were decided to pay off \$2000 of the bond each year, you would have to pay about \$3.25 more or \$4.25 in all.

Ladies and gentlemen, talk this matter over with your neighbors. Get and give all the light you can.

A.L. Boyer, Superintendent

April 12, 1917

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION

Public Notice is hereby given that a Special Election of the Independent School District of Manning, in the County of Carroll, State of Iowa, will be held on the 11th day of May 1917, at the German Hall in Manning, Iowa, from 1:00 o'clock P.M. until 6:00 o'clock P.M. at which election there will be submitted to the voters of said Independent School District to be by them voted upon, the following proposition:

Shall the Independent School District of Manning in the County of Carroll and State of Iowa, issue bonds in sum not to exceed Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for the purpose of constructing and furnishing a new school house and procuring a site therefor:

At which Election all of the voters of said Independent School District hereby notified to appear at said time and place.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Directors, pursuant to a sufficient petition with the requisite signatures in accordance with Chapter 184 of the Laws of the 33rd General Assembly of Iowa, as amended by Chapter 145 of the Laws of the 34th General Assembly and Chapters 10 and 254 of the Laws of the 35th General Assembly.

Dated at Manning, Iowa, this 10th day of April 1917.

P.H. Jones, Secretary, Board of Directors.

May 10, 1917

SCHOOL ELECTION

Tomorrow, Friday, the voters of Manning, both men and women, can register their votes for or against the \$35,000 bond proposition submitted by the board of directors for a new high school building for Manning. In the last few months a number of surrounding towns have either voted for new school buildings or dedicated buildings that have been recently completed. It is needless to state

that Manning needs a new school building as badly as any of the surrounding towns. Already a room has been secured outside the present school building for school purposes because the present building is overcrowded. If Manning grows the next 5 years as in the past five years the chances are, if the proposition is turned down, that several more buildings about Manning will be secured for school purposes, thereby destroying, much of the efficiency gained by a coordinated school. Every man and woman should vote - one way or the other - with the thought always in mind of what is best for our schools and our town.

June 28, 1917
BIDS WANTED

Sealed proposals will be received by the Independent School District of Manning, Carroll County, Iowa, up until 8:00 P.M., the 19th day of July 1917, at the office of Secretary, Peter H. Jones, for the furnishing of all material and labor in the construction of a new high school building. Bids will also be received at the same time and place for the heating, ventilating and plumbing, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by H.C. Hardy, Architect, 803-4 Frances Building, Sioux City, Iowa.

All bids for this work must be made out on blank forms which will be furnished by the Architect. Said plans and specifications will be on file with the secretary of the Board of Education and the Architect on and after June 23, 1917.

All bids must be accompanied by an unconditional certified check of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the General bid and Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the heating, ventilating and plumbing bid, payable to the order of Peter H. Jones, Secretary. Said checks to be forfeited in case the contractor refuses to sign the contract and furnish a satisfactory surety bond of a well known surety company in one half the amount of his bid within ten days after he has been notified the contract has been awarded to him.

Any Contractor or Contractors desiring to figure on the above named building and desiring a set of plans until date of letting shall deposit with the Architect a check for Ten Dollars (\$10.00) as a guarantee that the contractor will not only return plans and specifications but submit a bonafide bid to the Board of Education, on or before the date of letting, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited to the Architect,

Full instructions will be found in the specifications. The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated this 21st day of June 1917.

Peter H. Jones, Secretary.

July 26, 1917
CONTRACT LET

Last Saturday the contract for the building of the new high school was let to Mr. Hannes Hass of Manning, and the contract for heating and plumbing went to Thomas Runjart of Le Mars, Iowa. The new building will be two stories high with a basement.

Last year it was found that the old building did not comfortably accommodate all of the children, so it was decided to make a junior high school out of it and build a new building as a high school proper.

There were many here to bid on the building and the school board had bids from several who were not present. The bids were all close and the many friends of Mr. Hass were glad to learn that his bid gave him the contract. Mr. Hass, on finding out that he had been awarded the contract, thanked the board, and then announced that he would turn back to the town a half percent of the contract. The gift, which will mean several hundred dollars, came as a surprise to the board and shows that Mr. Hass has the welfare of the town at heart. Mr. Hass is well qualified to build an excellent high school, and fulfill his part of the contract to the letter.

The School Board found that the bids were somewhat higher than what they had figured on when the bonds were voted, but realized that the price of materials had advanced greatly during the past few months.

Manning will soon have a school building that every citizen of the town can point to with pride. It will be a place where all students, rich or poor, can touch elbows and get an education. It will be a place where all have an equal chance, and weak may become strong, and the strong stronger. Truly Manning is progressing intellectually and its citizens are to be congratulated for what they have already done to raise school conditions. Manning has always, and will always be liberal when school conditions are to be improved. There is a feeling here that the dollar shall not prevent all from getting the best education possible.

January 17, 1918

NOTICE OF PARENTS

On account of the crowded condition of the schools, it has been decided by the School Board that no new class will be admitted to the Kindergarten department at the beginning of the next semester.

The board was reluctant to reach this decision but could find no other solution of the problem. It is their hope that the patrons of the school will bear with them until the school house is finished when they will be in position to take care of all who wish to come.

September 5, 1918

NOTICE TO SCHOOL PATRONS

The new high school building will be open to the public for inspection Saturday afternoon, September 7, from 1:30 to 6:00. Everybody is invited. Since the Board have been unable to get the light fixtures on time there will be no formal opening until later date. Teachers will probably all be present and it will be a good time to get acquainted.

School begins Monday, September 9. All students who failed to pass during the last semester, whether they have taken the final examinations during the summer, or not, please meet at the superintendent's office in the grade school building some, time Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 2.30.

Bring all books belonging to the school with you.

January 30, 1919
"THE RIGHT IDEA"

Manning completed her new high school last summer and the doors of the new buildings were thrown open to the boys and girls September the 9th. The new high school is a beautiful brick structure artistically designed and well arranged for high school work. It is located at the east end of the main street, just beyond the hotel, on a large campus which is in perfect harmony with the building and gives a commanding view of the beautiful farms and homes on the edge of Manning. Beyond the campus is a large plot of ground which will soon be worked up into an athletic field for the students. The building and equipment constitute a fine expression of the educational interest and spirit of the people of Manning. No better guarantee of her future could be offered from moral, social, economical, or patriotic point of view than this far-seeing investment in the coming generation. The large gymnasium with ample equipment for physical training and a beautiful stage at one end of the same so that it may easily be converted into an assembly room for community meetings commands the admiration of the visitor.

Superintendent R.D. Barr who came from Allison to succeed Superintendent A.L. Boyer who took charge of the Atlantic schools appreciates very much the new plant and has very wisely resolved that its advantages shall reach not only the boys and girls of the high school proper, but all of the young people of the community who may desire to avail themselves of the privileges. The gymnasium and the shower baths are open six nights of the week from four o'clock until nine and sometimes ten o'clock. The games and physical drills are under the direction of Mr. Gary Gordon and Miss Ethel Lewis and both of them are enthusiasts in their work. Superintendent Barr also assists when the work is heavy. There are basketball teams which represent the high school in contests but all students are given an opportunity to learn the game and take part in the class games and contests. All students are required to take physical culture so that every member of the high school receives some benefit from the gymnasium and the physical directors.

Another feature which is certainly commendable is the throwing open of the gymnasium and the use of the baths on Tuesday evening to the young women of the town who are working in the stores or the home during the day, and to the young men on Wednesday evenings. Professor Gary Gordon takes charge of these young men and Miss Ethel Lewis of the young women. Four nights are given to the high school boys and girls. In this way the high school plant is in use six nights of the week serving the interests and needs of the community in an admirable manner. The boys and girls, young men and young women are receiving a physical development which promotes health and are given an occupation for their leisure moments which insures better morals.

The government from her experience, with the recent examination of young men in the selective draft found one out of every four young men physically unfit for military service. With this experience in mind a better health campaign is to be waged in the near future through the Red Cross, and other institutions whose functions are along the line of promotion and conservation of health. Small towns

may not be able financially to build large Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. buildings for their young people but there are none so poor but what they can duplicate the program of Manning; build and equip creditable gymnasiums and then see that their doors are thrown open to the young people of the community under the direction of competent physical directors. If the physical directors are not paid sufficient to devote their evenings to the work, pay them more, their services are always cheaper than those of the doctor. Soldiers returning from the cantonments and overseas are accustomed to privileges of this character and they are certainly highly deservable of something of this character when they return to us. If we cannot give them a community building let us at least make them welcome in our high school gymnasium.

George Galloway, County Superintendent.