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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Sunday, September 22, 2002

4:00 p.m.

Meeting at the Simpson House,
Johnston Commons

If the weather is clement

(Bring a chair)

Otherwise, at the Crown Point
Meeting Room

July Meeting:

Gerald LaBlanc has done extensive research on Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines, and has a keen interest in the preservation of cemeteries. He spoke to the JSHS meeting, giving the history of Des Moines' founders and their families. Using slides showing various memorial stones in the cemetery, and copies of early Des Moines residents and their homes, he told a fascinating story of their lives, their fortunes, and of their descendants.

August Meeting:

Members gathered at the Simpson House. Our intention was to meet inside, but a breezy and shaded location in the yard

seemed more comfortable on a warm August afternoon.

President Mary Jane Paez, and Bob Thomas, Don Zarley, and others who have worked on the House and Barn Project brought the group up to date on where we stand.

Much remains to be done before the house and barn are ready for use. We need lots of volunteer help, and we continue to look for funding sources to pay for those things our members and volunteers cannot do.

(If you have not as yet made a contribution consider doing so before year's end.)

Volunteers: Call Bob Thomas
277-3882

for information on when, where and what!

Looking Ahead.....

October Meeting:

Wednesday, October 3, 4:00 p.m.
Crown Point Meeting Room

November Meeting:

Sunday, November 24 4:00 p.m.
Crown Point Meeting Room

No meeting in December

From the President:

President Mary Jane Paez' comments will return in the November Newsletter.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

[www. Johnstonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.Johnstonhistoricalsociety.org)
to see some great photos of the house and barn moves, and for some interior pictures of the house features.



OTHER NEWS

The Windmill was moved successfully to the Johnston Commons site on September 4, courtesy of Gregg L. McCarty and Mobile Equipment Maintenance and Repair of Grimes.

The move presented quite a challenge, as the windmill had been overgrown in a tangle of shrubs and trees, not to mention poison ivy.

The Society is researching firms that engrave bricks to find one that can best engrave ours. Local members have been, spending Saturdays, and more, removing old mortar from the 100-year-old bricks which were a part of the foundation of the Simpson House. They are in good condition, and we want to use them rather than new ones for engraving, as they are tangible memorabilia from the past.

To have your name engraved, or to honor or memorialize a family member with a brick, use the form from the July 2002 issue of the Newsletter.

Wes Jordan, of Jordan Motors in Johnston has given the JSHS a number of new bricks, to be used for facing of the house foundation, and for the remainder of the patio, as well as some paving bricks for paths. Many thanks for this contribution.

Special thanks are due to Harold Bissell and his highly professional crew of house-movers for all of their help and advice before, during, and after the move. They have gone above and beyond what might be expected of them.

And thanks go also to the City of Johnston and its employees who continue to give the JSHS help wherever they can. The trees have arrived and city workers will be planting them soon.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:

Richard Kuefner
Waukee, IA

Elizabeth Craw & Bob Craw
Des Moines, IA

Contributions to the House and Barn

BRICKS:

Waneta McDowell Major
Wanda McDowell Slauson
George McDowell
In memory of parents:
Roy and Marian McDowell

Myrtle Otto
Lawrenceburg, TN
In memory of Howard Otto

Jon Duvick & Carol Hendrick
Des Moines, IA

Donna Johnston
Johnston, IA

Ruth Biddle
Des Moines, IA

Harry & Mary Davis
Johnston, IA

Mildred Beck Sample
Beck Farm
Claude & Mabel

Howard & Marilyn Hammond
Slater, IA
For grandchildren:
Amelia Jo Hammond
Greta Ann Hammond

Joseph & Arlene Shore
Johnston, IA

CARETAKER:
\$1 to \$100

Russ and Wanda Slauson
Grimes, IA

Radomir & Delores Vignovich
Ahwahnee, CA

Evelyn Bachmen
Des Moines, IA

SCOUT:
\$100 to \$999.

Ferne Michael
Windsor Heights, IA

Allender-Butzke Engineering Co.
In-Kind

Bishop Engineering Co.
In Kind

SODBUSTER:
\$5,000 to \$9,999

Raymond Schlenker
Johnston, IA

DRAGOON:
\$10,000 to \$24,999

Mid-American Energy Co.
Refund from deposit

PATRIOT:
\$25,000 to \$49,999

Anonymous

TRAILBLAZER:
\$50,000 or more

Many thanks to all those members and friends who have contributed and made this big project possible. We continue to need your financial support!

The Johnston Historical Society is an IRS code 501 (C) (3) organization. Your contributions are tax-deductible.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Ferne Michael
Windsor Heights, IA
In Memory of Donald Denman

<h3>In Memoriam</h3>

Welcome Clements

Welcome Clements died on August 20 in Des Moines. She was born in Des Moines, and lived in Johnston all her life. Before retirement, she had been employed at Pioneer Hi-Bred and at Hy-Line as an administrative assistant.

Welcome was a member of the Johnston Historical Society, and had assisted at our fund-raising events. The JSHS sends sympathy to her husband Paul, and to the rest of her family

Bob Thomas' list of things to be done

which volunteers can do:

- *Power wash the house basement joists
- *Power wash the barn joists and loft
(Need to put in flooring first)
- *Build brick patio
- *Build sidewalk and steps to house
- *Replace window in loft
- *Replace picture window storm glass on north side of house
- *Replace glass in some storm windows and screens where necessary
- *Pick up and store donated items
- *Remove wallpaper
- *Repair, sand and finish floors in house and barn
- *Wall Painting
- *Remove pine paneling
- *Remove current siding and replace old siding on house
- *Sign – we need a sign for our facility
- *The basement and barn floors have been delayed for lack of funding
- *Use of truck or trailer for hauling supplies
- *Clean old light fixtures. Bob has a contact who can show volunteers how this can be done. Sounds like a good winter project!

This is an incomplete list. There is always cleanup to be done. And most Saturdays are general work-days.

Can you help? Call Bob Thomas
277-3882.

Frances Sandegren Badgley has written a memoir of her school days at Herrold School with Dorothy Temple Mosier as her teacher.

REMEMBRANCES OF DOROTHY TEMPLE MOSIER JHS 1928

The most potent of all indirect influences in the development of our citizenry is the influence of a good teacher -- Armand J. Gerson

Dorothy Temple Mosier came as a third, fourth and fifth grade teacher to Herrold School in 1932. I was privileged to have had her as my teacher for two years and I would like to share some of my remembrances of her with the readers of this newsletter

On the first day of school in the autumn of 1932, Miss Temple wore a silk purple dress with a white lace collar. She was very young, pretty and petite. She organized her classroom with discipline and efficiency and created an environment where learning could take place

Miss Temple arrived in her classroom at 7:30 am. She lived at home and her father, Carl Temple, dropped her off when he went on his bus route to pick up students and picked her up on his way home at 5pm.

The classroom was equipped with a slate blackboard. Across the top of the board the alphabet, in Palmer Method, was emblazoned. Also above the board was a wooden box of pull-down maps for geography lessons. The copy machine, or duplicator, was called a Hectograph machine – a jellied roll was imprinted with a master of purple ink, upon which a single sheet of white paper was impressed making a single

copy. For thirty students the same number of copies was made.

Before instruction began, Miss Temple had written the lessons for the first period on the black board, one section for each of the three grades. The lessons consisted of detailed questions to be answered, discussed, and handed in by the students. While one group recited, the other two were studying. No whispering or moving around was allowed. Permission was granted to drink from the crockery water fountain by holding up one finger; two fingers granted permission to go to the outdoor toilet in the yard. It was understood that these privileges were not to be abused.

After the first recess the students returned to find the board erased and another set of lessons for each grade on the board. Lunch recess was an hour long with the first twenty minutes for eating the lunches the children had brought from home, and the remainder of the hour for games and play. One of the three teachers in the school had alternate yard duty, with the janitor sometimes helping out on the playground.

Miss Temple taught reading, writing, spelling, English, history, civics, hygiene and geography on a daily basis. All papers were corrected and returned each day and the grades recorded. A library corner provided books, the county office of education provided magic lantern shows on rare occasions and the health nurse made periodic visits.

At Christmas time each student received a gift, wrapped and labeled, from the teacher. When Kleenex first appeared on the market, Miss Temple had a box on her desk. Her students tasted potato chips for the first time when she brought a bag of them for a special treat on a picnic in the nearby woods. On that picnic she had a special helper, Jim Mosier, who carried the food.

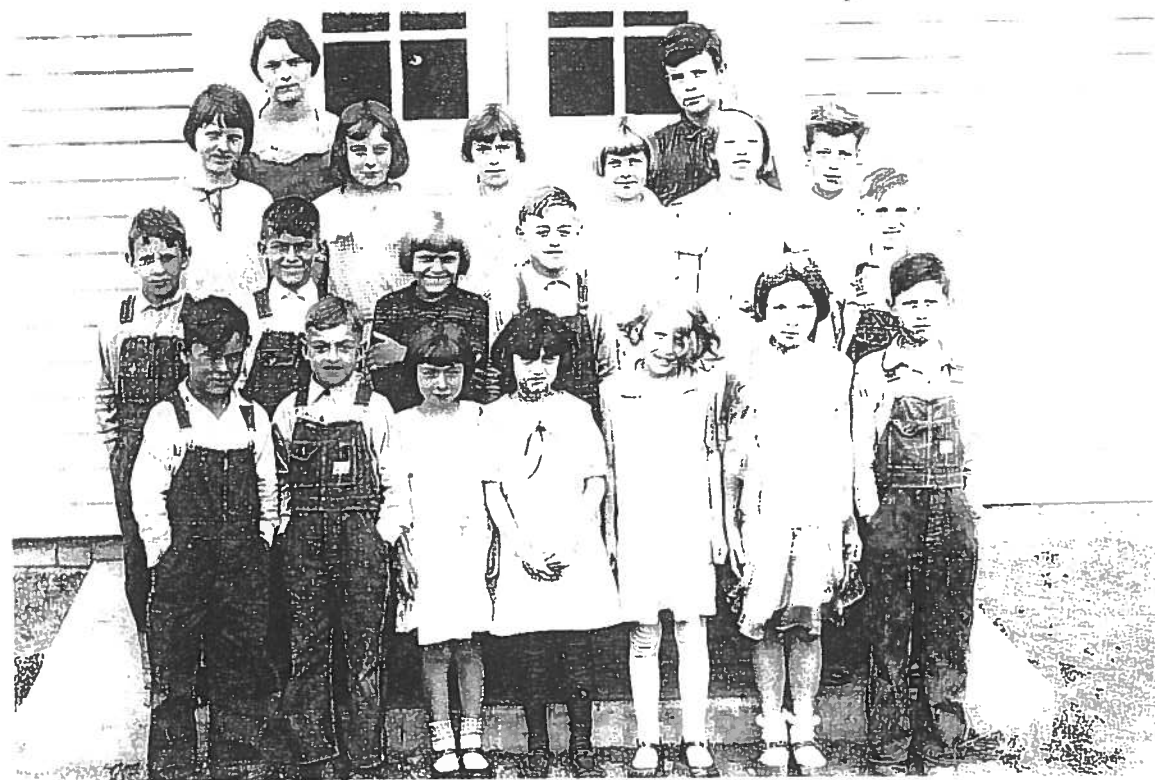
When Miss Temple set a rule, she always followed through with it. One rule: "Do Not Whisper" was one I never forgot. I asked my neighbor to borrow an eraser and immediately Miss Temple appeared by my desk with a ruler in her hand. "Do you remember what we said about whispering? Put out your hand." Whack!! was all it took. I put my head down and cried — not from pain but from shame. I'm sure that it hurt the gentle Miss Temple more than it hurt me. But she was tough and feisty when necessary. One day the school bully told her he would bring his dad down to get her. "You just do that", she replied.

I was not very good at softball but the one time I hit the ball I was so excited I let go of the bat and ran to base. The bat hit Miss Temple and she was doubled over in pain. I was devastated and no one ever chose me on a team again. I was just left standing; that was my punishment

One of the rewards of teaching is hearing from former students, so Miss Temple told me when I sent her a book I had written. Teaching is like farming in that you sow seeds with faith that they will take root. But unlike a farmer, a teacher may never know of the harvest. I am sure Miss Temple produced a rich harvest in the lives that she enriched during her profession as a teacher. It was a privilege to have been under her tutelage and to have spent two happy years as a child in her classroom. We all are grateful for the blessed memory of a dear teacher.

Frances Sandgren Badgely





Grades 3, 4 and 5 Herrold School, 1932

Front Row: L-R: Freddie Horner, Leland Andrews, Marjorie Herrold, Margaret Bowen, Juanita Leonard, Fay Carter, Walter Soneberg.

Middle Row: Billie Sharon, Phillip Wright, Beulah Baker, Bert Kuefner, Beryl Moreland

Top Row: Betty Woods, Mildred Beck, Virginia Horner, Frances Sandgren, Dorothy Poulton, Willie Reese

Upper left: Dorothy Temple, teacher; Upper right: Billie Carter