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These pictures were copied from the St Mary's Lourdes Church history book. You'll find lots of familiar names. If you see someone you know about, we'd love to hear from you! Thanks to Ed, one of our favorite readers, for contributing the pics!



The St. Mary's Ladies' Society in 1907. the society was organized in 1866 and is still in existence today.

**First Row
(seated) left to right:**
Frances Dubois
Anna Mary Alig
Elizabeth Alig
Anna Mary Theobald
Gertrude Parr
Catherine Engler
Elizabeth Bauer
Anna Mary Klein
Susan Kneip
Anna Mary Noe
Catherine Schneider

Second Row:
Marie Ann Loser
Frances Kerker
Christine Parr
Lena Alig
Rose Kiesewetter
Margaret Engst
Louisa Grebner
Maggie Klein
Eva Dubois
Mary Gensler
Christina Schmidt
Otilia Mayer

Third Row:
Mary Studer
Rose Eckstein
Martha Schupp
Mary Theobald
Catherine Rohman
Susan Nauman
Elizabeth Fandel
Johanna Adams
Louisa Alig
Bertha Grebner
Anna Noe
Mary Gensler
Eva Noel
Catherine Schmidt

Fourth Row:
Sophia Meister
Anna Mary Alig
Gertrude Alig
Gertrude Schmidt
Eva Staab
Catherine Wieland
Veronica Fandel
Pauline Meister
Mollie Kerker
Mary Anna Nauman
Mary Anna Bauer
Catherine Eckstein
Elizabeth Rohman
Barbara Theobald
Gertrude Schwenk
Margaret Roth



The St. Joseph's Young Men's Society in 1907.

Bottom Row, left to right:

John Schupp
 Leonard Nauman
 William Theobald
 Peter Kieseewetter
 George A. Noe
 George Adams
 Albert F. Grebner
 Ralph Studer

Second Row:

Frank Kieseewetter
 Ralph Kerker
 William Dubois
 Adolph Bauer
 Henry Eckstein
 Rudolph Schwenk
 Othmar Schwenk
 Albert Adams
 William Noe

Third Row:

Isador Rohman
 Frank Dubois
 Peter Eckstein
 Michael Roth
 John Roth
 Peter Rohman
 Ferdinand Eckstein
 Joseph Alig
 Frank Theobald

Top Row:

Philip Roth
 John Chilly
 Joseph Kneip
 Joseph Noe
 John Meister
 Conrad Alig
 Alphonse Nauman
 John Wieland
 Frank Studer
 William Bauer
 George Alig
 Henry Roth



*The third school building, erected in 1881, with the Sisters' House which was attached in 1882.
 The addition to the right of the school was built in 1908.*



The St. Cecilia's Young Ladies' Society, 1907

Bottom Row, left to right:

Josephine Alig
 Rosalie Kerker
 Elizabeth Kneip
 Mary Roth
 Mollie Rohman
 Melinda Rohman

Second Row:

Tillie Alig
 Anna Schwenk
 Emma Studer
 Jenny Kerker
 Elizabeth Chilly
 Laura Rohman
 Lena Nauman

Top Row:

Anna Schneider
 Catherine Kneip
 Carrie Noe
 Josephine Schwenk
 Margaret Alig
 Vernoica Alig
 Elizabeth Alig

Later Married:

Alphonse J. Nauman
 David Winkler
 Albert F. Grebner
 Bernard Fuchs
 Bernard Kohl
 Bernard Dubois

Peter E. Eckstein
 Mr. Russell
 Ferdinand Eckstein
 Albert Waechter
 Frank Dubois
 George Fandel
 Frank Studer

George A. Noe
 John Meister
 Mr. Huhnke
 Lawrence Nauman
 William P. Meister
 Michael G. Fandel

The
Metamoran



History, Folklore, Trivia
Metamora, Illinois

A "MUST READ" FOR METAMORA HISTORY BUFFS!!

Newsletter subscriber Ron Wagner has authored a book that every person interested in Metamora history should have!

The book, *The Metamoran*, provides "an overview of some of the history, folklore, and trivia of Metamora." Ron tells funny stories about many of the local "characters" and their shenanigans, including Metamora's best tree climber – and how he fell out of a tree and thought the funeral director was about to go to work on him.

The section on trivia will challenge you – "what was the name of the singing mailman in Metamora?" "Who was nicknamed Ballis" in the late 1950's?" And 131 more...!

Ron takes the reader back to a simpler time, loves Metamora, and evokes many, many pleasant memories.

Ron is the son of Paul Wagner and Verna Noe Wagner. He entered the Air Force in 1962 and served 20 years. After the Air Force, Ron worked in the space industry. Gene Springer tells me Ron's father, Paul, had a concrete block factory in the original building that is now part of McBride and Shoff. Manny built his store that Hanover's Pub now occupies with those blocks.

To get a copy of *The Metamoran*, contact Ron at rwagner75013@gmail.com for a PDF download. He does ask the reader for a \$5 contribution to Snyder Village – a very worthy cause. You can go to the Snyder Village website or mail a check to Snyder Village for \$5. If you have a question about Snyder Village's legacy program, you can contact Mike Lane at 309-366-4116.

Hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

Many thanks to neighbors Linda and John for the contributions below. The yearbook Parrot was often printed by the Herald in the format of a newspaper. The school record books are from Oak Hill School (Scott School)

METAMORA HIGH'S BASKETBALL SQUAD



Back row, left to right—Coach Painter, Ryan, Parker, Shea, Wagner, Locke and Manager Hartman. Front—Schertz, Waltschmidt, Captain Schierer, Valentine and Nauman. Sheridan, forward, does not appear in the picture, having been absent on account of illness. Picture by courtesy of Peoria Journal.

BASKETBALL

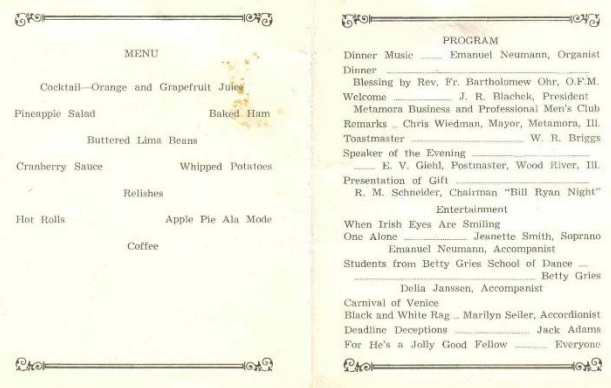
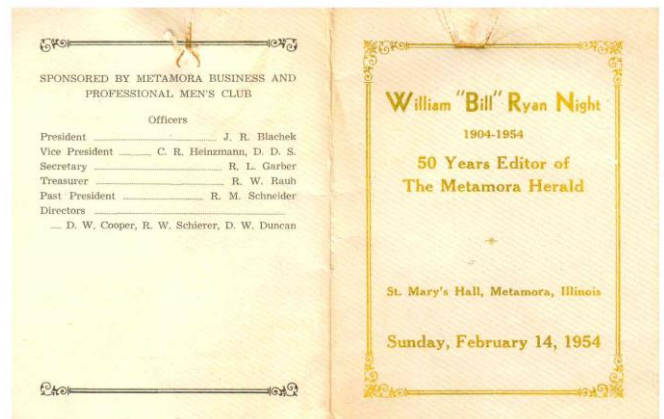
The basketball team of 1928-'29 was a championship contender, winning third in the county tournament and finishing the season by defeating Roanoke for third place in the District.

BASEBALL

The baseball team was a success considering it was the first team in two years. They finished the season with five wins out of seven, making the percent.

TRACK

Metamora's track team was more successful this year than it had been for a number of years. The mile relay team, composed of Sheridan, Scott, Welte, and Ryan, placed fourth at the Griggley relays.



From the 1929 Parrot Yearbook

TENNIS

Entries were made at the county tennis tournament in both girls' and boys' singles and girls' and boys' doubles. Bonita Palmer, the only one who placed, took third in the girls' singles.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Thursday and Friday, 11 and 12. "Rose of the East Side," the Senior play, was a success, the proceeds amounting to nearly two hundred dollars. Each character played his part exceedingly well. Much of the credit goes to our coach, Miss Johnston.

Thursday, 15. The seniors had a good time at Miss Johnston's party. She was presented with a leather pocketbook, with "Seniors of '29" engraved on the small coin purse.

Wednesday, 17. Needed very badly—smoked glasses for M. T. H. S. students because of the bright red honor sweaters which a number of the boys are wearing.

Friday, 19. Boys go to the Gridley track meet. Too bad, you weren't lucky. Declamation and vocal preliminaries were held evening of the 19th.

Thursday, 25. The Ag. boys went to Washington to show more of their good work in judging. We as a school won second place banner, with a total score of 2766, Princeville taking first place with a score of 2779. This was a very close margin. Everett Seckler took first place as judge of dairy cattle, and with Ralph and Leonard Schierer got first as a dairy team. The fat stock team, consisting of Walter Shea, Raymond Carrithers, and Lambert Stiekelmaier, took 3rd as a team. Walter Shea tied for second in judging horses. The grain team, Lee Seckler and Joseph Wernsman took first place as a team, with Lee as Champion grain judge. The poultry and corn teams made good scores, but did not place. In the evening a banquet was served to all the boys competing in the contest.

Thursday, 30. The tennis tournament was held at Washburn, Bonita Palmer winning third in singles. Good work, Bonita, keep it up and you will surely win first next year.

May

Friday, 3. No school. The county meet was held at Washburn. Pha Robinson won first in declamation, with Bud Ryan taking third in vocal. In athletics we placed fourth.

Thursday, 9. Junior-Senior banquet. The juniors proved themselves pleasant hosts and hostesses.

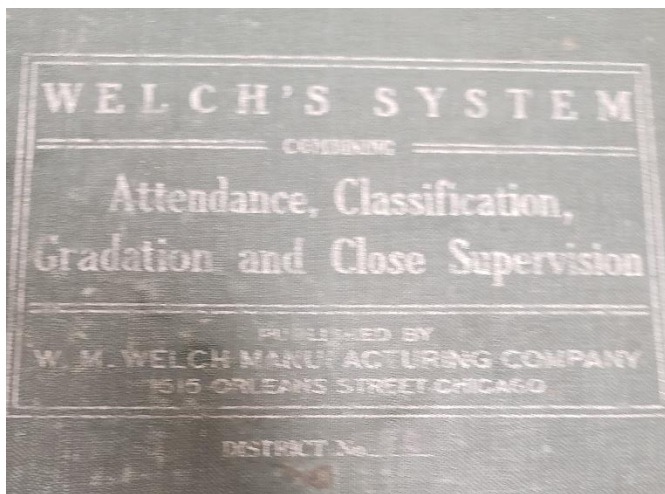
Friday, 24. Class night.

Sunday, 26. Baccalaureate, sermon to be given by Father Alphonse.

Tuesday, 28. Graduation day at last. Goodbye, dear old M. T. H. S.



Christian Union Church on Hanover
Before the "new church" was built on the same site.



This book, and a similar second book, was used by Oak Hill School, also known as Scott School, to record students' scores, attendance, progress, comments on their performance, the condition of the school, the teacher's salary, and more.

They include the school years 1922 – 1930.

Some of the students' names were very familiar – Goetz, McDermott, Fletcher, Reinmann, Gilliatt, Koch, Eckstein, Bumeter...

In the front of the book is a hand written note "Oak Hill School by Charles and Lillian Abel."

Albert Scott was the school board president and there were several Scott children who attended the school.

Very interesting reading...

If anyone has any information about this school, its students or teachers, its location, does the building still stand, we'd love to hear from you!

Did You Know...?

After the county seat was moved to Eureka, Metamora used the Courthouse as a community center until 1916, when the High School built a new auditorium.

Contact Us

Questions, Ideas - Love to hear from you!

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