

HISTORY OF COUNTY

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 est of the four lodges, was organized in 1892 and used as their meeting place the old building now used for the Grenard garage until in 1907 when they constructed their present lodge building on Main street.

In 1873, shortly after the railroad was laid, the town was incorporated. It took in 148 1-2 acres of land and had at that time a population of 270 inhabitants and as there was another Middletown in the state it was incorporated under the name of Waynetown.

Not long after this, in 1875, a newspaper was started by Charley Crowder, and was called "The Clipper." It was more of an advertising sheet, however, and only a few issues were printed. Then shortly after this, Mr. Crowder, together with Mr. Henry, founded the "Banner" and issued it for about nine months. It was then discontinued for a time until again taken up by C. F. McCleary, who, however, failed after a few months. It was then taken in charge by Riley T. Runyan, who succeeded for a time in making it a newsy little sheet and a credit to the town.

In 1881 a brick school building was constructed to displace the old frame structure. The new building was two stories high and was considered very roomy and convenient at that time, but as the same building is still used as the "temple of learning" it has long since outlived its usefulness. Prof. Charles McClure was the first superintendent of the schools in this new building.

A history of Montgomery county written in the same year but shortly before the building of this school house says that the town at that time contained nine stores, a flouring mill, a planing mill, two saw mills, a newspaper, three churches, the Methodist, Missionary Baptist and Christian, and directly counteracting these, three saloons. At a still later time, however, we find that there were as many as six saloons in the town at one time. It continued wet though with not so many saloons all the time until 1900 when they were remonstrated out of the town by the citizens and from that time no saloons have ever been located in the town.

The Waynetown Banner, of which we have spoken before, having been discontinued and a few other news paper ventures having been tried without much success, the Dispatch was started in 1892 by John W. Small. The paper was necessarily not very large to begin with but it has grown in size and circulation until at the present time it is much better than the ordinary run of small local papers.

Shortly after this, in 1894, occurred the most disastrous fire from which the town has ever suffered. It started on the explosion of a gasoline stove in the rear of a store and before it could be checked, over half a block of the business part of the town was consumed. It was, however, as are many fires, a blessing in disguise, for with one exception, the buildings which were destroyed, were "ramshackle" frame structures and after the fire those that were built up were all substantial brick buildings.

In 1906 the old "Steel House," a hotel, and one of the first buildings to be constructed in the town, was torn down and a new hotel known as the Wayne, erected by a stock company. The new home of the Red Men lodge was then built on the site of the old hotel.

By this time many additions had been made to the old town and the population increased accordingly, so that at this time it is a thriving little town with some 900 inhabitants thoroughly up-to-date in all lines, business and otherwise.

The residence district of the town is very beautiful, especially in summer as the streets are for the most part lined with a growth of sturdy maple trees. There are a goodly number of business houses in the town and all the business men seem to have an enterprising and progressive spirit. Probably the only drawbacks to the place are the old school building and a poor lighting system but we have assurance that a new and modern building is soon to be erected to supersede the old school house and we hope that the other defect will soon be remedied.

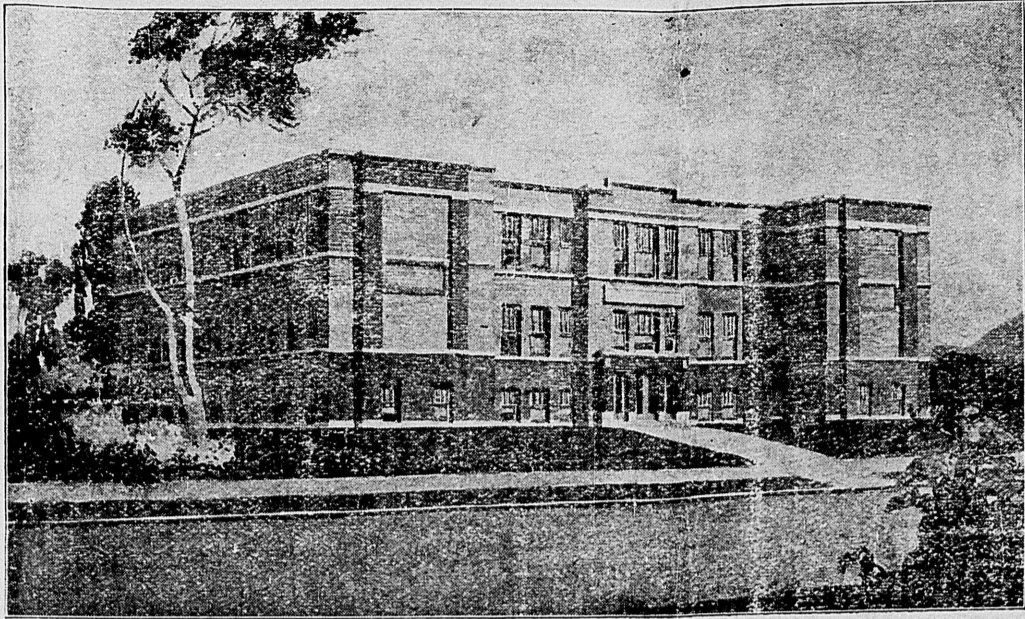
An Old Student Writes.

The following letter received a short time after the old school reunion which we proposed to give in the school edition is still as fresh and good as ever and will do you good:

I wish to express myself as a non-resident yet within the circle of the home comers. Surely the people of Waynetown entertained us in the very best manner. I do not remember when I enjoyed myself as I did at the Old School Reunion and Home Coming. To look ahead thirty-two years seems a long time, but to view it from the past seems short. It was on the morning of Oct. 10, 1881, that the old bell called us to books for the first time, and we marched in to the taps of that memorable old drum. I had a complete list of the names of my class mates but have lost the list and can recall only part of the class: Ase Williamson, Jennie Sumner, Minnie Landman, Lew Landman, Hettie Steele, Ettie Bittle, Flo Henderson, Mrs. Hays, Anna Darnell, Georgia Cooper, John Fowler, John Sharkey, George Baldwin, Charley Baldwin, Lew Green, John Green, and Hute Harvey. Little did we think while we were attending school for the first

SOMETHING ABOUT THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Following is a drawing of the new school building as it will appear when completed, and the following features in its construction will help our way from home friends to gather some idea of what it will be like when completed. The length of the building is 127 feet, and the width 112 feet.



THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING AS IT WILL APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED.

The entire length and width is excavated for a basement and the building will contain sixteen rooms classed as follows: On the first floor there will be six class rooms and the superintendent's room, with the assembly room mid-way between the first and second floors. On the second floor

there will be six class rooms, the principal's room and the high school study. The Assembly room will be 47 feet 7 inches by 64 feet including a stage 14 feet 4 inches deep by 35 feet long. The seating capacity will be about 400 for the room. The basement will include the gymnasium, the manual

rather brownish color. For trimmers the same will be used but of a bluish color.

In the construction of the building 700,000 brick—90 carload—will be used also three carload of stone, 200,000 feet of lumber or 10 carload; about 3 carload of cement and 800 load of sand

time in the new building that we would attend the last day thirty-two years hence. The people of Waynetown have reason to feel proud of the way they entertained the wanderers. The time was too short. We had so many questions to ask, so much we wanted to know of our old friends; where they were, what they were doing and how time was serving them. We expected a good time but our expectations were far exceeded by the reception we received. Some of the old class had not met for more than a quarter of a century. I wish that we had the power of old Joshua, and could have lengthened the day, so we have lingered around a while longer and recalled to memory the good times we spent at the first term of school. It seems that time has treated the old class of 1881 very kindly, and that they have made a fairly good success in life. In thinking over the number in the class death has also been kind to us and has invaded our ranks but a few times. I do not want to make this letter too long, but I want to thank the people for the good time we enjoyed May 1, 1913.

W. F. GERHARD, '81.
 Mellott, Ind.

The Seniors and Their Plans for the Coming Year.

Charles L. Zuck "Energy." Class President '13. "Merchant of Venice" "In Plum Valley," "Friend of the Whole Family," "Little Red Mare." Basketball '13, Base Ball '12-'13. Scholarship, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Nellie Bunnell, "Boozy," Vice President '13, High School Pianist '11-'12 '13. "In Plum Valley," "Friend of Whole Family," "Trouble at Satterlees." Will probably enter Indianapolis Conservatory of Music.

Leslie Hayes, "Zip," Secretary '13. "Merchant of Venice," "In Plum Valley," Basketball '12-'13. Base Ball '10-'11-'12-'13. Will probably enter Wabash.

Virgil Hays, "Runt," "Merchant of Venice," "In Plum Valley," Latin Ability. May attend Wabash.

Laurence Rivers, "Flumnia," "In Plum Valley," "Merchant of Venice," Mathematical Ability. Has not as yet decided whether he will go to college or not. If he does however Wabash College is assured of his attendance, and will make agriculture his life's occupation.

Paul Harvey "Harvey" "In Plum Valley," "Merchant of Venice" Basketball '13. Will finish his studies in Indiana University.

Ray Thompson "Nig" "In Plum Valley," Manager base ball team '13. Base ball '12-'13. Will enter Wisconsin University.

Waneta Stockdale "Skeet," Vice President '12. "Merchant of Venice" "In Plum Valley," "Trouble at Satterlees," "Friend of Whole Family" Oxford Scholarship. Has entered Indiana University and later will finish her course in Oxford.

Lucy Switzer, "Lucinda," "In Plum Valley," "Merchant of Venice" Will probably enter Indiana State Normal.

Waneta Bard, "Neta" "In Plum Valley," "Merchant of Venice." Will enter Purdue this fall.

Manual Training, Domestic Science and Agriculture will be additions in our school work with the completion of the new building. Departmental work will be adopted from the 5th grade up.

training room the domestic science room and kitchen, lavatory room, engine and fuel rooms and closets. The gymnasium will be 47 feet 7 inches by 64 feet without an obstruction anywhere. The outside basement walls are all of cement; the brick to be used in the construction of the building are the Brazil clay repressed brick of a

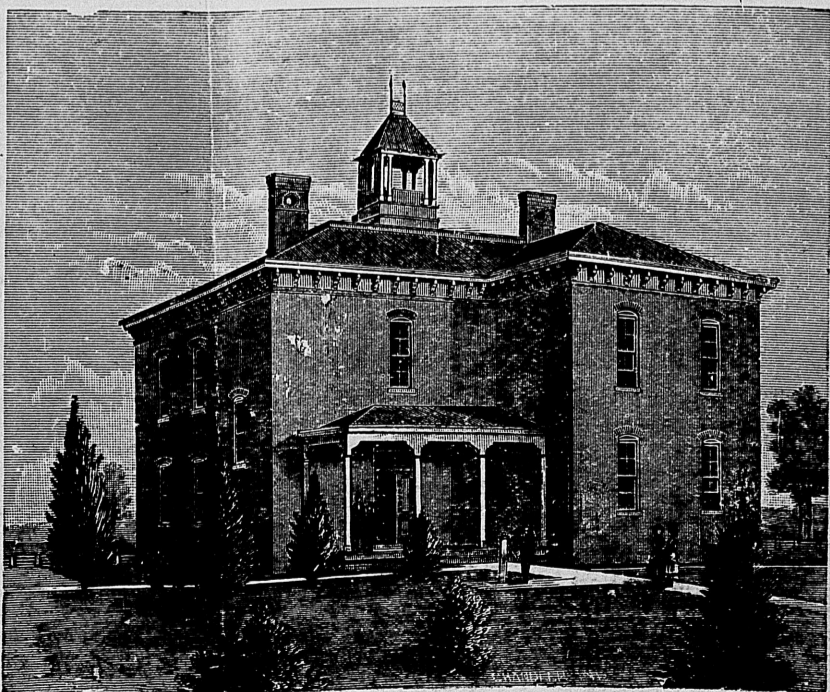
and gravel. Two pieces of steel 50 feet in length and each weighing four and a half tons, supports for the assembly room floor over the gymnasium, is apart of the steel to be used. Two cars were used in shipping them. W. L. Combs is the contractor, but the brick and stone work will be in charge of Howard Works.



O. L. OSBURN, TRUSTEE OF WAYNE TOWNSHIP.

Trustee O. L. Osburn is a home-grown product, having been born in this township, about forty-one years ago. When his present term as trustee expires in 1915, he will have served Wayne township fourteen years in public office; four years each as township road supervisor and assessor and six years as trustee. His efficiency up to the present time has never been questioned by a single act. His early education was in our township schools finishing with a three year high school course here in the old school building just torn away to give place for the new building which he is now so deeply interested in erecting for the present and future needs of the town and township

school interests. Beside attending to the duties of the trustee of the township Mr. Osburn is largely interested as a contractor in road building, cement work and in the management of the Waynetown Tile Company Factory. At present he has contracts for building three gravel or stone roads, a seven and one-half mile county ditch and a large cement job on the east township line road. He is today under the heaviest bonds for the faithful discharge of his obligations of any man in the township and perhaps in this county. He is single but a mighty busy man, but not too busy to be pleasant and courteous to every one and a little time to spare to talk over a business proposition in a business way.



THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING THAT HAS JUST BEEN TORN AWAY TO GIVE PLACE FOR THE NEW ONE

Don't Leave School Too Early.

L. W. Landman, an old Waynetown boy, who today is directing the passenger traffic of one of America's greatest railways, in his address here on the occasion of the "old school home coming," had occasion to address himself to the boys of today who are looking with eager hopes into the great future. Mr. Landman said: I would like to give a message to the young boys at home based entirely upon actual knowledge gained by experience. Do not leave school too early. Opportunity is greater today for success than ever in our history, and I am sure that Waynetown has young men in its midst today who can fill any position in the world's work if they but take advantage of their opportunity. Success is merely the result of constant application to duty, the concentration of effort, and persistent plugging; in other words, hard work backed up with good common schooling. The trouble with young men in small towns, is their extreme likelihood of falling into indolent ways and taking life too easy. My experience in employing young men today is that they wish to commence at the top. They want to know how much the position pays, how many hours they must work, and how many month's vacation they are entitled to. These boys will never be a success! The spirit which wins for the young man today is the one that asks for an opportunity and I wish to impress upon the young men that in this busy day, if they get an opportunity, that is all they can ask and it is then up to them to apply themselves to it, which will bring success if they but work."

In conclusion Mr. Landman said: "I have anticipated this day with keener pleasure than you can imagine. It is a great holiday for me. There is seldom a day goes by but that I think of my boyhood days in Waynetown, and I regret that my work is so exacting that I am not permitted to come here at least once a year. I realize that you have no occasion to ever think of me, but on the other hand I do find myself thinking of you, and although it is necessary to tear down the old school-house in order to find an excuse to come home. I must admit, although it is a sacrilege, I am glad the old building is coming down for the pleasure it gave me in being with you today."

The First Commencement.

A relic of the first annual commencement of the Waynetown school in the old building just torn away is a commencement program preserved by Jesse Scoonover of near Lafayette. The commencement date is July 9, 1886. It is printed on bristol board, is a folder about 4x6 inches, and is interspersed with business cards on all four pages. It is interesting to note who these business men were: W. S. Britton, corner drug store; W. F. Thompson, drugs; R. E. Ray, drugs; Jas. A. Brant, groceries; Webster & Simms, dry goods; Willard Fink, buggy painter; B. T. Merrell funeral director; A. K. Clark, merchant tailor; C. F. Huber, baker and confectioner; W. L. Hindman, jeweler; J. M. Birdzell & Son, funeral directors; R. S. Osburn & Co., ice cream parlors. The program begun with music and prayer by Elder W. H. Kerr. The graduates each were on the program with a recitation with music interspersed at intervals. There were eleven graduates: Effie Brant, Mary Kelly, Jesse Scoonover, Fred Shanklin, George Moore, Lucy Stockdale, B. M. Harbergan, Mattie Gault, Will H. Steele, Phoeba Earl, Winfield Fowler. What a lot of memories, happy but mingled with sadness, the above names bring back to many who will read this brief mention of Waynetown's first annual commencement. The event was held at the Christian church and C. M. Berry is honored with the mention of "programmer"

Trustee O. L. Osburn and Prof. W. C. Gerichs, were in Terre Haute Thursday in the interests of our school year.

WAYNETOWN SCHOOLS

From a hasty survey of the history of Waynetown, we find that the first genuine school building of the town proper was built in 1852. It was a two story frame structure, located just south of what is now the intersection of Vine and Church streets. This building did service toward educating the coming citizens until 1881, when a new building was erected to take the place of the old. The new structure was made of brick, was two stories high, and was considered at



PROF. W. C. GERICHS, SUPERINTENDENT.

Prof. Gerichs is a graduate of Indiana University and has received his Master's degree from that institution this week. This is his first year in connection with the school. His favorite subject is History but has divided his time with Physics and Mathematics.

the time very modern, complete, and convenient. It has served as a home of education up to the present time.

Since 1881 the schools have made a rapid development. Prof. Charles McClure was the first superintendent under the new system, he being followed in order by the group of educational leaders named below: H. W. Higgins, J. S. Zuck, M. A. Hester, Ed Harris, Perry Martin, E. E. Vanscoyoc, F. D. Welch and W. C. Gerichs.

It is no mark of discredit to any of these gentlemen to say that no greater strides of advancement have ever been made in the school than that made under the leadership of Prof. E.



W. H. COWAN, PRINCIPAL.
 Mr. Cowan is a graduate of Wabash College. He has served two years as principal of the schools here. He has been teaching English, Botany and Physical Geography.

E. Vanscoyoc, who was chosen superintendent in 1899. During his twelve years of service, he was such a potent influence in promoting the welfare of the school that he has been fittingly called the "Father of the High School."

From the beginning in 1881, both the common branches and some high school subjects were taught in the building, but until the coming of Prof. Vanscoyoc the work in the advanced subjects was unorganized. Immediately on his assuming control, however, a three year course was established, as recommended by the State Board of Education, the first class graduating a year later. The class consisted of Orpha Bowerman, Mary Groves, Edith Lindley, Gertie Stockdale and Claude Darnell.

In 1905 the four year course of study was instituted and two years



ALICE HOGAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Miss Hogan is a graduate of Indiana University. This is her first year in the Waynetown School where she has taught Latin, English and Mathematics.

later, through the influence of Prof. Vanscoyoc, the school received its commission, which has been renewed each succeeding year.

From the beginning until during the past year the school has been under control of the town, but in the summer of 1912, the school corporation was dissolved and the entire control placed in the hands of Trustee O. L. Osburn. From present indications the high standard of the past are not only to be equalled but bid fair to be surpassed by those of the future. The new building, modern, beautiful, convenient and complete in every detail will soon take the place of the structure, which, though dilapidated, is dear to the hearts of many who have gone out into the world to exhibit that mark of perfection which the school has placed upon them.