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South Park School # 2141

**SOUTH  
PARK**

**1950  
1951**

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Nee – Margret Rempel, April 12/1941  
Dad's Youngest Sister

Jacob Rempel Halbstadt Mb  
March 2/1945

## SOUTH PARK YEAR BOOK

- 1951 -

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Tina Klassen, George Rempel.

### - EDITORIAL -

We, students of the South Park School, with the help of our worthy teachers, have published this year book in order to provide us and our older friends with a reminder of the school year 1950-51.

The almost by-gone year has been very interesting. Many were the bright and happy days and only a few shrowded with a darker hue. Therefore, if this book will in later days remind us of some of these happy hours we had, and if it arouses happy memories of childhood and youth activities in students or older friends, it will certainly have served its desired purpose. May this book not be interpreted as a guide for future years because mistakes and errors are not in the least absent, and the room for improvement is great.

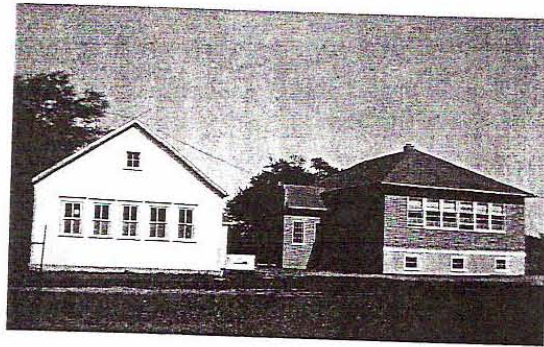
I, on behalf of all the South Park students, wish to thank all outsiders for the help they have contributed to make this school year a success. Especially we sincerely thank those who have aided financially in the publishing of this year book.

- Frank Peters.

### - VALEDICTORY -

Soon we will no longer need to come to this school for classes. After we will have completed this term we will have been nearly 2,000 days in this school. Of these, approximately 2,000 days, over 12,000 hours have been spent in studying, sports and entertainment. During this time our class has grown larger and smaller with the ebb and flow of population. We learned various "things" under several different pedagogues who have tried to impart some knowledge with us. In the near future we will be leaving this school and I am now taking the occasion to say "Good-bye".

- Johnny Klassen



- PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE -

"There is a tide in the affairs of man  
Which - taken at the flood leads on to fortune...."

It would appear that the citizens of Blumenort took this tide at an exceptionally high flood level. It is hardly believable that about seventy-five years ago the place where we now enjoy prosperity was only marked by prairies and a few dens, wherein lived the pioneers of Blumenort. Now we have huge trees for shelter, the richest of farm-lands and the best of farm-yards. It is to those first pioneers that we owe our wealth of tradition, our economic status and our very livelihood.

Indeed, it has taken time and energy and sacrifice to make Blumenort what it is today. Much has gone into the moulding. Are we doing our share to improve and expand the well-begun community?

Let us pause and trace the progress made in education and educational facilities since the beginning of the village. It is quite believable that in the beginning there was no school system and the educating was done by home and church. Then a few progressively minded pioneers developed the idea of using the winter months to teach their children to read and write the German language. This marked the beginning of the private school.

The first private school was built of logs and had a straw roof. It was built where H. B. Rempels now have their garden. Later the building, which was our school until the beginning of the fall term, was used as the private school.



In 1925 the district was organized into a public school district and that marked the beginning of the teaching of the English language. Since the inauguration of the one room public school in 1925 it developed into a two room school offering instruction to all grades including Grade X in the year 1939. Now there would be the possibility of establishing a one room high school. So we see that Blumenort has not remained in the infant stage but is well on its way to Manhood.

A definite sign of progress is our new school which offers excellent learning conditions for pupils and good teaching conditions to teachers. For this splendid school we thank the board who so courageously tackled so big a problem with innumerable odds against them. Of course, we owe thanks also to all the ratepayers of the community. Let us as teachers and pupils do even better work and learn more of our Creator's wonderful Creation.

It might also be in place to give due recognition to those in our profession who have done the pioneer work in education in this community. If they hadn't worked so enthusiastically we would not have the developed community as it is. The following is a list of the teachers who have taught here since the organization of the Public School District:

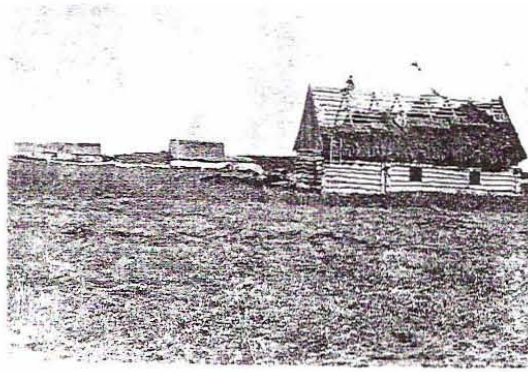
<u>Name of Teacher</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
John Mueller	1925-1928	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years
Jacob Dyck	1929 spring term	$\frac{1}{2}$ year
A. D. Friesen	1929 - 1931	2 years
Rev. P. A. Rempel	1931 - 1939	8 years
John J. Peters - Jr. Room	1939 - 1943	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years
J. S. Schellenberg - Sr. Room	1939 - 1941	2 years
G. G. Baerg - Sr. Room	1941 - 1942	1 year
C. P. Zacharias - Sr. Room	1942 - 1943	1 year
Rev. P. A. Rempel - Jr. Rm	1943 - 1946	3 years
Mrs. C. P. Zacharias - Jr. Rm.	1943 spring term	$\frac{1}{2}$ year
John P. Dyck, Sr. Room	1943 - 1946	2 years
Jacob J. Peters - Sr. Room	1945 - 1948	3 years
Miss Katie Peters - Jr. Room	1946 - 1949	3 years
Miss Helen Schellenberg - Jr.	1949 - 1951	2 years
Dave Froese - Sr. Room	1948 - 1951	3 years

Note: There may be some errors in the exact number of years of service but that is as correct as I could gather it from the registers that were present.

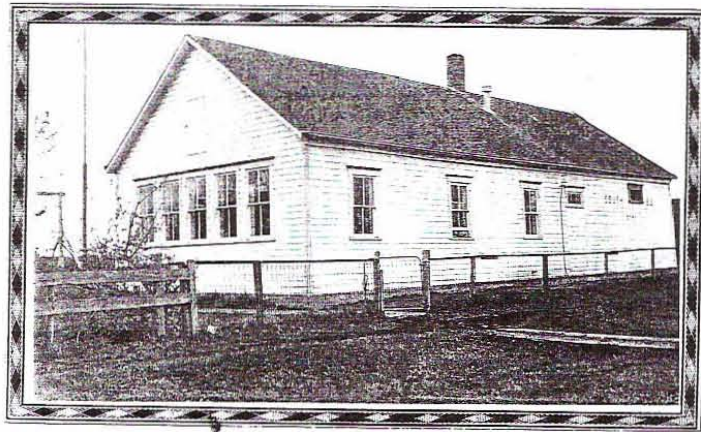
We see how the school has developed from a one-room school with an enrolment of twenty-eight students in 1925 to a two-room school with an enrolment of fifty-eight students at present.

May education continue to grow in this community.

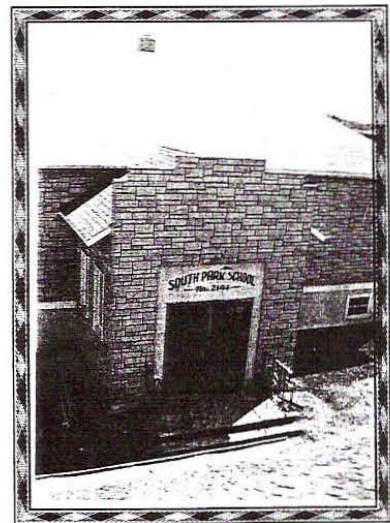
- Dave Froese



*The first school  
to be built in Blumentort.*



*The second school  
which served until  
1950.*



*The entrance to the  
New South Park  
School.*

Kurzer Ueberblick  
ueber die Geschichte der Blumenorter Schule

Wenn wir zurueckschauen in die Geschichte unseres Dorfes, so finden wir, dass unsere Vaeter gleich im Beginn der Ansiedlung hier besorgt waren, Schulen fuer ihre Kinder zu bauen. Eine Photographie aus dem Jahre 1877 zeigt uns die erste Schule im Bau hier in Blumenort.

Spaeter hat man dann eine regelrechte Dorfschule gebaut und sie nachher noch vergruessert, weil die Schuelerzahl bis auf 83 gestiegen war. All dieses vollzog sich hier, ehe man 1900 schrieb. Wenn wir nun noch hinzufuegen, dass diese grosse Schuelerschar in einer Klasse Raum finden musste und nur ein Lehrer fuer sie, so staunen wir. Dennoch hat diese Dorfschule gute Dienste geleistet und wir gedenken mit Hochachtung der Lehrer, die der Schule Leben und Inhalt gegeben haben. Unten auf dieser Seite ist eine Liste der Lehrer, die in dieser Schule gelehrt haben, angebracht.

Als nun im Jahre 1925 die oeffentliche Schule organisiert wurde, so uebernahm mandazu die alte Privatschule; viele Veraenderungen hat sie sich gefallen lassen muessen, und wenn sie sprechen koennte, sie wuerde uns sicherlich vieles aus der Vergangenheit erzaehlen koennen.

Wenn wir nun finden, dass wir durch den Bau des neuen Schulhauses einen grossen Schritt vorwaerts gekommen sind, so wollen wir nicht waechen, dass mit dem Bau nun alles Richtige getan sei. Es war so und es bleibt dabei: Wir alle muessen Teil und Interesse an der Schule haben, d.h. an der Arbeit, die hier von Lehrern und Schuelern getan wird, wenn sie uns gefallen soll.

Wir danken den Lehrern herzlich fuer ihre gute Arbeit an den Kindern und den Schuelern fuer ihren Fleiss, und wuenschen Euch allen eine glueckliche Ferienzeit und ein gesegnetes neues Schuljahr 1950 - 51

Jacob Rempel

Liste der Lehrer, die in der Blumenorter Privatschule  
unterrichtet haben

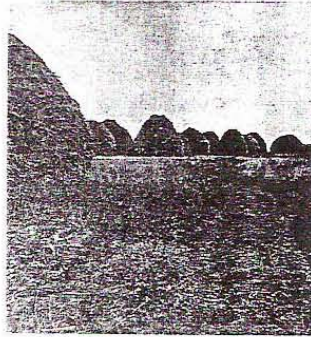
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| 1. Johann Relekopp | 7. Johann W. Rempel - OCT 3, 1867 |
| 2. Jacob Friesen   | 8. Isask Bueckert                 |
| 3. Johann Heile    | 9. Abram Tolf                     |
| 4. Peter Bergen    | 10. Franz Tieler                  |
| 5. Wilhelm Peters  | 11. Peter <del>P</del> Peters     |
| 6. Abram Schmidt   | 12. Heinrich P. Hildebrand        |
| 13. Jacob A. Eans  |                                   |

JACOB REMPEL

JAN 10, 1897 - NOV 18, 1990

JR





*Sheaves stacked  
for Fall threshing*



*The Village Street  
in earliest times*



*The South Park Gardeners  
winning the trophy  
in September, 1953*



- GRADE I -

Marianne Funk  
Dorothy Hildebrandt  
Esther Peters  
Susie Peters  
Elizabeth Schroeder  
Johnny Wiebe

- Marianne Funk - She's little and she's sweet  
Any very very neat.
- Dorothy Hildebrandt - Always happy and always gay,  
Ready to please you whenever she may.
- Esther Peters - A book to her is a treasure chest  
You just ask Esther, she'll tell you the rest.
- Susie Peters - A quiet manner with a mighty mind,  
Has Susie who is always kind.
- Elizabeth Schroeder - A girl who can read and write and sew  
You ask her a question - she'll always know.
- Johnny Wiebe - Johnny Wiebe never wastes a word  
He believes in working and not being heard.

- GUIDANCE -

In this period which we have every Thursday morning we learn a lot about professions like medicine, engineering, nursing, teaching and farming. This will help us in choosing a vocation later in life. We also have a question box into which we may put any problems or questions which later will be answered by the teacher or other pupils.

In this period we widen the scope of our general knowledge.

- Peggy Hildebrandt.

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Remember, when you point your finger accusingly at someone else -  
you've got three fingers pointing at yourself.

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- GRADE III -

Mary Friesen  
 Johnny Hildebrandt  
 Katie Hildebrand  
 Elizabeth Klassen  
 Hertha Rempel  
 Marianne Schroeder  
 Frankie Wiebe

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| Mary Friesen       | - Mary Friesen prim and neat<br>In her behaviour just can't be beat<br>There's hardly a thing she cannot make<br>And in her studies she "takes the cake."   |
| Johnny Hildebrandt | - Johnny's always bubbling with glee<br>He just glows with enthusiasm<br>When he comes to read.   |
| Katie Hildebrandt  | - Quiet and unassuming are her ways<br>And full of noble deeds her days.<br>She goes at her work with a cheerful will<br>Of all her secrets she'll not make a spill.                              |
| Elizabeth Klassen  | - "Hat's off" to our only girl from the farm<br>Her brave bonny smile could anyone charm.   |
| Hertha Rempel      | - To do her work well is Herta's aim<br>She'll meet with success if she sticks to<br>the game.  |
| Marianne Schroeder | - Marianne Schroeder is nimble and neat<br>She always will try no mistakes to repeat<br>In Hopscotch or Skipping, Checkers or Ball,<br>She has playmates galore, for she's fair<br>with them all. |
| Frankie Wiebe      | - Frankie Wiebe is not really shy,<br>In softball and skating he ranges quite high.<br>His Motto is: "Don't worry,<br>Tomorrow will take care of itself."   |

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 "Blessed is he that hath nothing to say and cannot be persuaded  
 to say it!"  
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- GRADE IV -

Frank Goertzen  
Margaret Rempel - 1941  
Betty Wiebe  
Henrietta Wiens

Frank Goertzen - Frankie Goertzen, a fellow with brains,  
Tackles Math's that gives others pains.  
He loves to argue and strive for marks,  
To show his classmates that he is smart.

Margaret Rempel - A quiet girl is Margaret  
1941 She does her work real well,  
She never shirks her duties  
We simply think she's swell.

Betty Wiebe - Betty Wiebe of our fourth class  
As an actress fair will surely pass  
Not one assignment is left undone  
She loves to please just everyone.

Henrietta Wiens - Henrietta, we hasten to say,  
Likes to go to school each day.  
She skips and runs and also can sing,  
For others she'll do most everything.

- SPRING -

When winter is forced to say farewell  
Then spring steals his place in hill and dell  
With her she brings sweet melodies  
The tunes of which harbor in budding trees.

The chipmunk he opens his drowsy eyes  
And lifts his head with mournful sighs  
In the hazy distance some music he hears  
This was what tickled his sleeping ears.

The geese to the north their way are winging  
The ducks accompany them with imagined singing.  
Wrens, robins and blackbirds on every tree,  
They're all so happy because they're free.

While plants and animals for summer prepare,  
The people are also doing their share.  
With all of nature working so fast  
Summer will soon be here in full blast.

- Margaret Schroeder.



- GRADE V -

Annie Friesen  
 David Hildebrandt  
 Peter Isaac  
 Erdman Klassen  
 Theodore Klassen  
 Gertrude Peters  
 Benny Rempel  
 Justina Rempel - 1939  
 Jake Schroeder  
 Johnny Sawatzky  
 Martha Wiens

- Annie Friesen - Annie likes to read and sew  
 And all her marks make quite a show  
 She is quiet and sweet  
 And loves to be neat.
- David Hildebrandt - David Hildebrandt bright and merry  
 Thinks there's no load too heavy to carry.  
 To be a "Mountie" would be his delight  
 So he's practising judgement between wrong and right.
- Peter Isaac - Peter will give you a friendly smile  
 Say "hello" and chat awhile.  
 He'll work quite hard when he's at school  
 He's a hockey player - quick and cool.
- Erdman Klassen - Eddy is our boy from the farm  
 Rain and snow make him not alarmed.  
 His homework is always done as a rule  
 He works like a beaver all day at school.
- Theodore Klassen - Quick in business with a carefree nature  
 A witty mind belongs to him.  
 With a friendly smile though he's small in stature,  
 He's quite remarkable - "Tiny Tim."
- Gertrude Peters - A diamond in the ring of acquaintance  
 Is Gertrude Peters for an instance.  
 The way she sings and how she works  
 Would certainly fill the shoes of a nurse.
- Benny Rempel - Benny Rempel with sparkling eyes  
 Is sporty and jovial where e'er he arrives  
 To do mathematics to him seems a cinch  
 He'll get it correct to the very last inch.
- Justina Rempel - Justina is not a very great sport  
 Her interests are of another sort  
 She likes to sew, to read and converse  
 Her ambition in life is to become a nurse.

1939



- Jake Schroeder - If you hear a friendly "Hi!"  
And a little giggle too,  
You will find it's Jakie  
With a friendly word for you.
- Johnny Sawatzky - Johnny Sawatzky, our hockey shark  
In other sports will also take part.  
To every broadcast he carefully hearkens,  
And gathers a gang for a "cheering party."
- Martha Wiens - Martha is always early at school  
To keep things tidy is her rule.  
Whenever there are errands to run  
Why - Martha thinks it's jolly good fun.

- ACTIVITIES OF THE JUNIOR ROOM -

We will give you just a glimpse behind the scenes of our Junior Room.

All the Juniors take an intense interest in nature. During the fall months they spent much time collecting leaves of plants, trees and shrubs and mounted them.

Knitting entertained both boys and girls during the winter months. An afghan was their accomplishment. Crafts of other kinds including "Plaster of Paris" work were also done.

The pupils of the junior room have been trying to abolish stage-fright by taking an active part in the Literary programmes held at the school. "Hansel and Gretel" was one of their main features.

To contact other races of our continent, all the pupils in Grades 3 - 5 have started corresponding with the Cree Indian children. They have also sent letters to Mexico. It is very satisfying to receive first-hand information from foreign people about the customs and habits of their creed.

A foundation to sound characters and good citizens is the aim of all our junior activities. May they mold these young mortals:

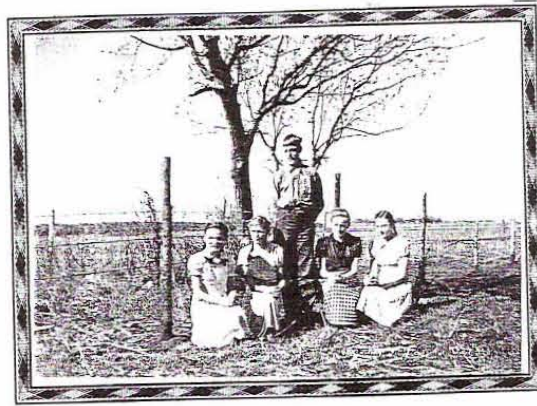
To do what God pleases,  
To do a man's best  
And to have a pure heart  
So they can be blest.

- Miss Helen Schellenberg.

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Today is the day to say the kind word, to obey the generous impulse, to render the heroic service. Today is the day to give yourself to beauty, truth and goodness. Today is the day to stop the bad habit, make the high resolve, come to the great decision, surrender yourself to some high endeavor.

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- GRADE VI -

Hilda Friesen  
Ann Goerzen  
Helen Klassen  
George Schroeder  
Annie Wiebe

- Hilda Friesen - Hilda is a gentle maid  
And will usually be first in her grade.  
She has dark brown hair  
And in her studies she's fair.
- Ann Goerzen - Ann has blue eyes and brown hair,  
If there's a baseball game she's always there.  
In her Arithmetic she's quite fair.  
Other subjects get into her hair.
- Helen Klassen - Helen has blue eyes and brown hair,  
In her school-work she is quite fair.  
She likes to play games, will have her fun;  
In sewing she can beat anyone.
- George Schroeder - George is tall and has blue eyes,  
Legs that are stout and of giant size.  
He studies quite hard and has always a grin  
Quite a smarty and pretty tough skin.
- Annie Wiebe - Annie's a girl with large blue eyes,  
Her wavy blond hair in braids she ties.  
She likes school-work, drawing and singing too,  
There's hardly a thing Annie Wiebe cannot do.

- SPRING -

Spring is in the air,  
Blackbirds, bluebirds, robins, wrens  
Build their nests with care.

Plum trees blossom and send out perfume,  
To cheer up weary travellers  
Who their journey then resume.

The children rejoice at the warm spring weather,  
They swing and play ball  
Near the evergreen heather.

- Anna Sawatzky.



- GRADE VII -

Peggy Hildebrandt  
Edward Klassen  
Henry K. Klassen  
Henry P. Klassen  
Mary Wiebe

- Peggy Hildebrandt - A lively, happy girl is Peggy Hildebrandt  
In her light blonde hair she wears a permanent.  
She does her school-work with lots of care  
While learning to play the guitar she's all there.
- Edward Klassen - Edward is in grade seven and doing very well  
He has blue eyes and blonde hair  
In doing his school-work he is quite swell,  
And in cracking jokes he's better than fair.
- Henry K. Klassen - Henry is of the smaller sort  
Fair hair and blue eyes and a very good sport.  
He loves playing hockey and baseball too,  
But school-work he doesn't like to do.
- Henry P. Klassen - Henry Klassen comes from the farm  
He'll walk his way and do you no harm.  
He comes by van or by sled  
But he's sure to be always well fed.
- Mary Wiebe - She's a girl with blonde hair and blue eyes,  
When coming to school she'll always wear a smile.  
In art, sewing and housework she is good,  
You cannot excite her in any mood.

- SUMMER SPORTS -

The fair weather recesses enable us to have a great deal of pleasure in the open air. Those eligible for baseball indulge in that manner, while the others play a selection of other out-door games.

Now and again when transportation is available, the pupils go for a fast-ball game to another district to see what their fellow students are doing along the sports line. This event adds more zest and vigor to the fast-ball practices at home, before and after it.

Victoria Day is usually celebrated as a Field Day at Gretna in which the sports activities play an important role. Races, ball-games, and various other tournaments take place. The annual picnic in June is chiefly made up of sports. Races and relays, high-jumps and ball tournaments fill the day.

With summer sports giving us so much enjoyment, we would feel lost without them, serving both the purposes of recreation and exercise.

- Dorothy Peters.





- GRADE VIII -

Bill Goerzen  
Elvira Isaak  
Waldemar Rempel  
Anna Sawatzky  
Katie Schroeder

tuff that true men are made of,  
He's well made of muscle, brain, and wit;  
He has his troubles as everyone does, of  
Spelling and teachers and laughs to the split.

- Elvira Isaak - Elvira has blue eyes and light brown hair  
She's taking two grades for in studies she's fair  
She works quite hard as you saw in this verse  
Her high ambition is to become a nurse.
- Waldemar Rempel - Wally's tall and has blue eyes,  
He takes his beatings without any cries.  
He studies hard and makes his grades  
But his joys are in hockey and baseball plays.
- Anna Sawatzky - A is for Anna who is refined  
Beauty and brains, superbly combined.  
Always smiling, always neat;  
Anna's a sport who is hard to beat.
- Katie Schroeder - She has blonde hair  
Her eyes are blue  
In her work she's fair  
Few are the things she cannot do.

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The 81 year old man, who was as unconscious of his age as a 21 year old, came home one day wet and muddy from the knees down. "I wanted to cross the creek to see about the cow", he explained. "I used to jump it clear and easy, but now every dang time I try, I land in the middle. Guess I just ain't noticed it getting wider."

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Genius is the will to turn on your thoughts instead of the radio.

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- GRADE IX -

Justina Hildebrandt  
 Annamarie Klassen  
 Bertha Klassen  
 Gertrude Klassen  
 Tina Klassen  
 Dorothy Peters  
 Frank Peters  
 Margaret Schroeder

- Justina Hildebrandt - Justina is noted for voice and good looks  
 She's fair at sports and likes reading books.  
 She travelled down south in the cold winter days  
 And returned when the spring sun had made muddy ways.
- Annamarie Klassen - Annamarie is one of our grade nines,  
 In sewing she makes very straight lines.  
 She loves to sing, and her ambition is nursing.
- Bertha Klassen - A pretty round face and of medium size  
 With short curly hair and colorful eyes.  
 She likes playing baseball against all the boys,  
 You'll like Bertha Klassen better than toys.
- Gertrude Klassen - Gertrude is one of the identical twins  
 Green eyes, dark hair done just so.  
 With her charming smile, friends easily she wins,  
 Her, I'm sure you'd all like to know.
- Tina Klassen - Tina is a girl with blue eyes and light hair  
 She likes to play ball and in school-work she's fair.  
 Laughing and talking, she will have her fun.  
 In racing and jumping she can't be outdone.
- Dorothy Peters - Dorothy is a girl with glasses  
 In her grade she always passes.  
 Her hair are never without a curl  
 An example of a happy village girl.
- Frank Peters - Frank has blue eyes and wavy blonde hair  
 He leads his class without much care.  
 Like most of his classmates he likes to play ball  
 After two years of absence, returned last fall.
- Margaret Schroeder - A bright smile, dark hair and chubby  
 Is Margaret, who takes pitching for a hobby.  
 In school-work and sewing she is fair,  
 To choose a profession she yet does not care.



- GRADE X -

Marie Goerzen  
John Klassen  
George Rempel  
Lydia Schellenberg  
Lawrence Toews

- Marie Goerzen - Marie has glasses and short red hair  
And in her studies she is quite fair  
As a student she makes quite a bit  
But during the winter she likes to knit.
- John Klassen - John, a grad, is a leader in marks  
A mark under eighty he considers a flunk  
When pitching the ball everyone harks  
But from his duties he never has shrunk.
- George Rempel - His future is hard to foresee  
Although he likes to play baseball and hockey  
He wants to go to the M.C.I. next year,  
As he is nearly through with this school here.
- Lydia Schellenberg - Lydia's dark and fairly tall  
She doesn't like skating and playing ball.  
In studies she's fair but prefers to sew  
She's one you'll like wherever you go.
- Lawrence Toews - This is the first year Lawrence is here,  
He likes to play baseball and is a good sport.  
He's always happy and full of spunk  
And never worries about a flunk.

- SPRING -

All through the winter the trees are bare,  
They stand there without the least of care.  
And when the sun wakes them in the spring  
Each twig will then some leaves forth bring.  
The bluebird, crow, and robin come  
Larks sing until their work is done,  
The sweet smelling plum and cherries  
Will soon be full with little berries.  
The crocus and pansy are blooming so sweet  
To the big honey bee they are really a treat;  
They see and they hear of the beautiful world,  
But when winter comes they sleep up-curl.

- Grade Sixes.





- SINGING -

This winter we have used our vocal chords quite a bit and have had a chance to improve them. We were very fortunate in getting a music teacher into the village.

It was part of our course to listen to the radio broadcast "Let's Sing Together" every Thursday. This we enjoyed much more this year because our music teacher attended school that half hour quite frequently.

Our singing practices were greatly enjoyed this year also. In the beginning of the year we sang every Wednesday afternoon for half an hour. Later on we took notes of musicians like Mozart and Schubert. The girls also had singing practices during the evening on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30, when we learned songs for "Jugendfereins" if the young people's choir was too busy. We also sang at some Literaries which were held in the auditorium.

The young people of the district started choir practice just before Christmas so we started in with Christmas songs. We had choir practices two times a week and continued this after Christmas for Jugendfereins. Many new songs were learned.

When Easter was just around the corner we practiced beautiful Easter songs. Everyone was so much interested in singing the songs that the audience said it had been well sung.

With the help of our conductor we managed to learn songs which Mr. K. H. Neufeld sent us. They were difficult songs, but when the final choir practices took place at Altona we discovered that we knew the songs fairly well. So on April 21st the Blumenort Choir sang with the other choirs at the "Saengerfest" in Altona. This proves that it has been a very busy winter with much of our singing being part of every program.

- Army

- GIRLS' MANUAL WORK -

The sewing classes of 1951 have been very interesting for us girls. Miss Schellenberg taught us more about fancy sewing, knitting, and especially crocheting. Some of the materials for the sewing were donated by different companies. Others were brought by the girls or bought by Miss Schellenberg.

At the beginning of April the girls' articles were sold at an Auction Sale, together with the articles the boys had made. The Auction Sale brought in quite a bit of money which was sent to the Red Cross.

- Bertha Klassen.

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Before marriage a man yearns for a girl - after marriage  
the "y" is silent.  
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- WINTER SPORTS -

Winter is a season of enjoyment and entertainment. This winter, which was exceptionally mild, we have enjoyed to the utmost.

Indoor entertainment was even greater this year since ping-pong (table tennis) was introduced. Some of the pupils were kind enough to lend the school their tennis sets. This game was almost new to the pupils so that everyone enjoyed it immensely. Tournaments were put up and there was always one better than the others in both groups. In the girls' groups Elly Isaac was the champion and among the boys it was Henry K. Klassen. Incidentally these two had played much tennis before and so it was no wonder that they were better than the rest.

Outdoor sports included skating, football, and volleyball. After the rink was finished our teacher allowed us to go skating a few times. We did not play any hockey games as a school team this year but this sorrow was overshadowed since some of the school boys played on the senior boys' team and of course did very well.

Football was our every day sport. We played football during recesses and besides we played two games against other villages, one against Reinland and one against Rosenort.

When it wasn't too cold the girls played volleyball and so kept in good physical condition that way.

- George Rempel.

- SOCIAL ACTIVITIES -

This year the young people have been more active in social activities than in the last few years. They have put up four literaries, consisting of plays, poems, journals and songs. For every literary there were a few films under the educational topics and films for enjoyment.

Since Hallowe'en and Valentine's Day are usually celebrated by parties we made no exception. A program, games and lunch were enjoyed at both parties.

Our Choir leader decided to move west since conditions for buying land were more favourable there. We, the choir, decided to give a farewell party in appreciation of his leadership in the choir. The party was started off by a few songs, followed by games and lunch.

The party was brought to a close by the presentation of the gift bought by the members of the choir.

- Tina Klassen.

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If you owe fifty dollars you're a piker; if you owe fifty-thousand dollars you're a businessman; if you owe fifty-million dollars you're a tycoon; if you owe fifty-billion dollars you're the government.

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- BOYS' MANUAL WORK -

The South Park work shop is a very busy place. With hammers banging, saws sizzling, files screeching, voices laughing and shouting, the work goes on. Everybody is busy at something or other, while every now and then somebody cheers over a finished article.

The proceeds of the work which was done from December to April thirteenth was donated to the Red Cross. The articles that were made and sold ranged from a wash drier to toy animals.

Articles made for the school were a corner stand for the fountain, a magazine rack and a tool chest. Some things still to be made are a corner book shelf and a work bench.

The aim for the manual work was to learn the use of tools and to work accurately.

- Lawrence Toews.

- REPORT ON TRIP TO MEXICO -

Since I've had the privilege of missing part of Canada's frosty winter this year by going on a trip to Mexico and California, I'll try to describe a little of it in this report.

It was about in the middle of January, on a Saturday morning that we left good old Canada behind us with a brilliant time ahead of us. After we had travelled for several days we reached Kansas where the snow was disappearing very rapidly. In fact it was completely gone on the night of the second day.

Right from Neche on, the road was excellent and so we had no trouble making very good mileage in a day. Driving on through the State of Texas we went past cotton fields where in some cases the people were still picking cotton.

On the fourth day we reached the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. White's City, which actually was seven miles from the Caverns, was a place where we stopped to have our names printed in the paper and to buy some curios. The steep winding road then led us up to the entrance of the caves. It took us about four hours till the elevator brought us back to the top after having been seven hundred and fifty feet underground.

That same day we travelled on, all the way up to El Paso, the border city. Here the Custom's Officers made an inspection of our baggage. After having done their duty we were allowed to drive into Mexico - our destination. Here we visited among friends and relatives for a few weeks. It was quite interesting to note their customs which are a bit different from ours. The Mennonite villages which are located there, number up to one hundred in all.

After a while we decided to resume our backward journey. Having passed through Chikwawa and El Paso, we took a different highway to bring us to California. Two days of travelling from El Paso

brought us to Los Angeles. On Sunday we decided to drive down to Long Beach to the Municipal Auditorium. Well, it certainly was good to really see Mr. Fuller, after having heard him over the radio so often.

Here we met some friends and after short hesitation we decided to rent a cabin and spend a few days at the Ocean side and watch the tide coming in and going out twice daily. The few days, however, lengthened into a week. We did not regret that, however, in the least. So, after having spent the week-end at some relatives in Fresno, we started on our homeward way. We passed through enormous mountains with deep canyons on one side and the huge mountains towering over us on the other side. Amidst all this was the mighty project - the Hoover Dam. Our guide told us that the dam had cost \$146,000,000.00

Since we were snow-bound the next day in a town of 6,000 feet elevation, we were <sup>not</sup> permitted to drive until the roads were opened. From the highway which we took, the Grand Canyon was only about sixty miles distant. Our decision was a quick one. We decided to see it. The depth of the Canyon at places is one mile, while the treacherous Colorado River, at the bottom, is still carrying along with it millions of tons of silt every twenty-four hours.

Resuming with our travels we reached Greensburg, Kansas, where we saw the world's largest hand-dug well and also the world's largest meteorite. The meteorite is not very large in size but is supposed to weigh one thousand pounds.

In Kansas and Nebraska it rained very hard. Then, later, it began to snow and from there on we travelled on quite slippery roads. When we reached Yangton, South Dakota we were snow-bound there for the rest of the night and next day. Then on Sunday we were informed that the main highways were open.

Thus encouraged, we started onward, this time to reach home on the same day. When we did get home we were welcomed back heartily.

- Justina Hildebrandt.

#### - SEWING CLUB -

The sewing club was organized in late October by Miss G. Milner from the Extension Service. We started work after Christmas. Our leaders were Miss E. Hildebrandt and Miss Helen E. Schellenberg. The meetings were held in school on Friday afternoons.

The notebooks and clothing articles which had been made during the time, were displayed on our Achievement Day held on May 17th.

- Katie Schroeder.

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An alarm clock is a device for wakening a childless household.  
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- DEUTSCH -

"Muttersprache, Mutterlaut,  
Wie so wonnesam, so traut."

Auch wir versuchen so gut wie moeglich unsere Muttersprache zu erhalten. An jedem Tage haben wir eine Stunde Deutsch. Am Vormittag von halb neun bis Uhr neun studieren wir Lesen, Diktat oder Sprachuebungen. Zur abwechslungs singen wir am Freitag Lieder aus dem Gesangbuch, Evangeliumslieder Buch oder sogar schoene Volkslieder.

Am Nachmittage von halb vier Uhr geniessen wir Religionsunterricht. Wir lesen aus der Bibel oder erzahlen Biblische Geschichten. Diese Stunde hilft uns mit dem Worte Gottes naeher bekannt zu werden.

- Elly Isaak.

- RED CROSS -

The Red Cross is always in need of money. Thus the South Park District has provided several means to raise funds for the Red Cross. Every Friday afternoon we gather money from the pupils. These collections amounted to \$25.56.

Then the teachers and pupils of the Junior and Senior Rooms, including girls from the village agreed to sew, knit and construct articles for a sale. Seventy dollars, fifteen cents were furthered to the Red Cross. The work of the Red Cross can never be overestimated.

- Marie Goerzen





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