



# Talmage Historical Society

## Museum & Library Newsletter

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### Calendar

**Sunday, April 30**  
*Talmage Historical Society hosts 100th Anniversary Open House 1-4 p.m. for Talmage United Methodist Church. Preceded by 10 a.m. church service with special music and potluck dinner following church service at TUMC. Public, former members, friends encouraged to join us.*

**Saturday, April 1**  
*Talmage Community and Senior Center Annual Soup Supper and Bake Sale, 5-8 p.m. Donation only.*

**Monday, May 29**  
*Memorial Day Service Prairie Dale Cemetery*

### In Memoriam

**Marion Book**  
 9/12/1917-12/08/2016  
**Marjorie Beadleston Emig**  
 12/15/1928-8/24/2016  
**Frances (Corky) Hake**  
 2/24/1931-12/02/2016  
**James (Pappy) Lake**  
 8/11/1933-11/19/2016  
**Mary Engle Newlin**  
 10/19/1927-11/22/2016

## Remembering Manchester teachers...

**By Stan Clark**

When Verl ask me to do an article for the museum on the Manchester Grade School teachers, similar to the one he did for Talmage Grade School, it took some think time and remembering for me to even start!

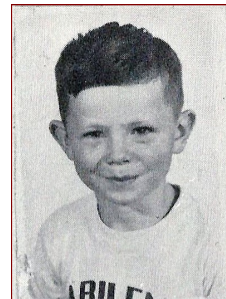
For grades 1 to 3, Laura Nelson was my teacher. I remember her as very kind and caring person. She helped to get all of her students' education off to a good start. My mother used to tell me that I got my manners from Miss Nelson. I don't know whether that was a thank you for Miss Nelson and her hard work and progress with me, or a disclaimer from my mother for my lack of manners! She lived in Salina, but stayed in Manchester during the week with Mrs. Malcolm, Doug and Kay Nagely's grandmother. Miss Nelson also got me interested in mathematics very early in my education, which was key for my life's career as a design engineer.

Grades 4-6 changed our classroom very dramatically. Zona Meade was our teacher, and my memory was that she taught by intimidation. Discipline was maintained by grabbing students by the shoulders and shaking them. She lived in Longford, and commuted to Manchester. Fourth grade rumor was that her boyfriend was the sheriff in Longford, so we better behave. One of my most vivid memories was her trying to shake Doug Spaeth in the classroom for what was a very minor issue. Doug was a strong boy, and resisted by bracing himself between his writing portion

of the desk and the seating which were both bolted to the boards positioning the desk. This must have infuriated Mrs. Meade, so she pulled Doug, his desk, and the front of Sandy Shivers desk, out to the hallway to continue the discipline. I still remember the shocked look on Sandy's face. We did learn during this time, but it was one of the most unpleasant times of my education.

Bonnie McVicker replaced Miss Nelson when I was in the fourth grade, and I remember wondering how I could flunk back to third grade so she could be my teacher instead of Mrs. Meade. Darrell Oard reminded me that he remembers Sandy Sutton being around the school when Bonnie was his teacher!

For our seventh and eighth grade years, our teacher was Joe Hake, who was a very enjoyable and excellent teacher. He got me very interested in science, which was the other key part of my career. Mr. Hake was also our baseball, basketball and track coach, which developed my interest and abilities in sports. (A side note: I remember that we defeated Talmage in the county basketball tournament when I



Stan Clark



Bonnie McVicker Sutton



Joe Hake



Mary Ann Saulmon

was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Near the end of the game during a jump ball, Verl stood on my foot so I wouldn't be able to get the tip. Due to our friendship which developed during summer baseball at Talmage, I thought this was hilarious.)

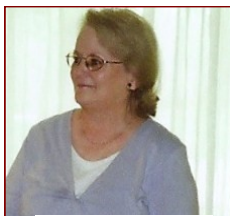
Edith Swartwood was our cook. Edith was my substitute grandmother, due to my Grandmother Taylor's death while mom was still in high school. She was also my Sunday school teacher, and a very special lady. Vivian Wetzel replaced Edith around my 5<sup>th</sup> grade year. I still love cinnamon rolls because of Vivian. (I tell people that I

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## Let's Make History...

By **Pat Gormley Bowell**

We have been busy at the museum all winter, and have new displays in place.



Pat Gormley Bowell

The Talmage High School pictures have been added to and moved to the picture pages room. This will make more room for grade school pictures.

Verl has added to the Talmage High School collection of baccalaureate and commencement programs and high school plays. Each commencement service involved an entire week of activities, starting with baccalaureate on Sunday. The following week's activities would start with the Senior Play, and/or a grade school play; finals were completed in two days. A community school dinner, a high school picnic, a ball game, or a grade school exhibit would each take one day or one evening. The last celebration would be the commencement, usually in the evening.

Grade school and high school musical programs and plays were popular. Until the brick school was built in 1930, all plays, including community plays were held in the Talmage United Methodist Church, some for entertainment, some for fund raisers.

Be sure you check out the High School display.



Twila Jackson of the Dickinson County Historical Society and THS director Verl Coup chat at the Christmas Open House.



Recently retired Talmage postmaster, Teresa Calahan, and granddaughter stopped by the Christmas Open House on December 11 to enjoy some of the homemade cookies created by Marsha Wuthnow Longenecker, daughter of volunteer Barb Wuthnow.

***Have a story to share?***  
***If you have a story to share with our readers about days gone by in the Talmage or surrounding communities, please e-mail [thsoc@live.com](mailto:thsoc@live.com) or mail them to PO Box 767***

### ***Did You Know?***

At one time, there were elephants walking down Main Street of Talmage. The circus had come to town.



*Talmage Museum Open House...*

## *Help us celebrate the 100th anniversary of TUMC*

**By Pat Bowell**

The museum is holding an Open House for the Talmage United Methodist Church on April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 4p.m. The church is celebrating it's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion and dedication of the building.

Many early settlers had a hand in establishing the first Methodist church in Northern Dickinson County. As the community grew from 1910 though 1935, the church leaders' quest was to build an active, progressive church in the Talmage community, a church that would serve the growing congregation, and the Sunday School that was overflowing the current wood church.

Additional church history will be displayed along with the existing photos already on display here at the museum.

The church will have several celebrations during the year, ending with a re-dedication of the church on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.



**CHURCH AND PARSONAGE**

**Early picture of Talmage Church and Parsonage on Main Street.**

The Talmage church has undergone extensive restoration the last two years in anticipation of this year's celebrations. Come, join us on April 30<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the beautiful and historic Talmage church.

### **Memories of Manchester...**

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started dating my future wife, LeAnn Diehl, because of her mother's cinnamon rolls.)

My Uncle Herb Taylor was our janitor (and school counselor when students' had difficulties.) Herb was a hardworking kind and caring man.

MaryAnn Saulmon was our music teacher. Those of you who had the pleasure of being her student at DCCHS know what a quiet, gifted teacher she was.

### **Don't forget...**

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**Talmage United Methodist Church in 1917.**

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Saturday-Sunday

2-4 p.m.

Closed Tues. & Thursday

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*Talking History with Verl Coup...*

In the last newsletter, I wrote about going to school at Talmage. My good friend, Stan Clark, said he thought he could write a story on Manchester. He did a wonderful job. Thanks, Stan.

If anyone has a story to tell, please send it to us, and we will print it. After all, this is *history*, and it needs to be preserved.



Verl Coup

***Our Town...***



Aerial view of Talmage taken in December of 2016 by Russell and Diana Irvine.

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