

***Pictures of Grade School Students
Nichols Public School, Nichols, Iowa
1879 to 1942***

The Mirror yearbooks published by Nichols High School from 1944 to 1961 included student classes in the grade school. Digital copies of all 18 volumes are viewable as part of the NHS Digital Archives.

The pictures of grade school students assembled in this PDF file are the presently existing historical photographic record for the period prior to 1944 that have thus far been discovered as of 2019.

*Don Smith (Class of 1950)
Editor, NHS Digital Archives*

*Nichols Public School
Erected 1872 - Photo ca 1879
Photo Source: 1984 Nichols
Centennial Book, page 65*



*Nichols Christian Church — Nichols Public School
Erected 1875 — Photo circa 1908 — Erected 1872
Photo Source: Keith Mills*

A plat map of the Town of Nichols in the 1874 atlas of Muscatine County shows the Nichols Public School at exactly the same location in the north end of Nichols as the building shown in this picture. The following abstract of Nichols history is from page 581 of the 1879 History of Muscatine County, Iowa: "The present fine two-story ... schoolhouse was built in the summer of 1872. ... The present attendance averages seventy-four scholars. The present teachers are Franklin Gilbert and Mary E. Gilbert, the former's wife."

There are 77 persons in the picture above and two of them appear to be teachers. The woman at the right end of the back row may be Mary Ellen Gilbert (age 37) and the second man to her right (with a mustache) may be her husband, Franklin Gilbert (age 46). The single small tree in this 1879 picture and the multiple mature trees in the 1908 picture in the upper right corner are consistent with a 29-year time span. These circumstances are all consistent with an estimated date of 1879 for this picture.

Nichols, Iowa, Public Elementary School Building and Student Body Circa 1879



Leona Hintz (Heath) 1st Grade (NHS 1909) — Alma Felton (Hazen) 1st Grade (NHS 1909) — Charles W. Elder 1st Grade (NHS 1909)
Picture of 36 Students in "Primary Room" (1st, 2nd & 3rd Grades) with their Teacher, Anna Schmitt, during the 1898-99 School Year
Picture is taken in front of the two-story wood frame schoolhouse at the north end of Nichols as originally constructed in 1872 with DUAL ENTRY DOORS.
Sometime between 1899 and 1907 the front of the schoolhouse would be remodeled to provide a single entry door and allow for more classroom space.

Nichols Public School, Grades 1-2-3, 1898-1899

Photo Source: Barbara Elder

Madge Babbitt of Conesville was the Primary Room teacher (Grades 1-2-3). On December 24, 1906, she married Cecil Bangs, the Nichols High School Principal. Frances Kirchner (Elder), a third-grade student in Row Five, recalled having Madge Babbitt for her teacher for grades 1-2-3 (school years ending 05, 06 and 07.



***Mrs. Madge Babbitt Bangs (Teacher) and Her 42 Students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades
During the 1906-07 School Year at Nichols Public School in Nichols, Iowa.***

***Row 5: Susie Jameson - Mary Stephens - Frances Kirchner - Mava Hamilton - Esther Borgstadt - Benjamin Nichols
Amanda Rummells - Elsie Alt - Luva Brown. Row 4: Linis Jameson - Edmon Jameson - Elsie Kirchner - Anna Nichols - Marie Brown
Row 3: May Lewis - Cloyde Davidson - Russell Watkins - Ralph Renshaw - Willard Rice - Ira Renshaw - Joe Pratt - Walter Elder
Row 2: Glen Van Tuyl - Mabel Artz - Robert Nolan - Myrtle Fetterman - Earl Trautman - Mable Fulmer - _____ Winn - Emil Browning
Harry Nugent - _____ - Frank & Walter Hollenbeck - Albert Smith - Elsie Nodine - Mildred Hummel - Wilma Briggs
Row 1: John Artz - _____ Ames - Chancey Smith - Floyd Bickford***

Photo Source: Barbara Elder



The Black House Erected circa 1896



*Miss Mayme Foley & Frances Kirchner
at the Black House circa 1908*

Frances Kirchner Elder

Preservation of Early Nichols School & Town History

- 1896.circa Robert & Mary Black build a large new home in the southeast section of the Town of Nichols as seen in the upper left margin.
- 1898.0615 Nannie Black, daughter of Robert & Mary Black, marries Bernard A. Kirchner, a dry goods store merchant in Nichols.
- 1899.0425 Frances Kirchner is born in Nichols to Nannie & Bernard Kirchner.
- 1899.0500 Photograph of Grades 1-2-3 includes in the 1st grade Charles W. Elder future husband of Frances Kirchner.
- 1900.0000 A three-year high school curriculum is established with Professor Thomas Eland as the "Principal" and sole teacher.
- 1901.0326 Nannie Black Kirchner, mother of Frances, died in Nichols at age 21. Their widowed son-in-law and their granddaughter Frances move into the home of Robert & Mary Black.
- 1904.0900 Miss Madge Babbitt will teach grades 1-2-3 for three years.
- 1904.0900 Miss Mayme Foley will teach the intermediate grades for 48 years.
- 1904.0900 Miss Babbitt & Miss Foley will be lodgers at the Black house.
- 1907.0500 Frances Kirchner completes Grades 1-2-3 with Miss Babbitt. Picture of 42 students in Grades 1-2-3 includes Frances Kirchner in 3rd grade.
- 1909.0500 Charles W. Elder is one of nine graduating 11th graders at Nichols High School. The 1909 class picture is the earliest class picture found.
- 1910.0500 Frances Kirchner completes Grades 4-5-6 with Miss Foley.
- 1913.0500 Frances Kirchner completes Grades 7-8-9 at Immaculate Conception Academy in Davenport, Iowa.
- 1916.0606 Frances Kirchner completes grades 10-11-12 and graduates from St. Katharine's School in Davenport, Iowa.
- 1917.1019 Frances Kirchner married Charles W. Elder. They would have five children all of whom graduated from Nichols High School: Kathryn Elder Vaupel (1936), Jeanne Elder Poulter (1937), Charles Elder Jr. (1938), Betty Elder Bieri (1941) and Alice Elder Grable (1941).



Nichols Public School, Grades 6-7-8, 1909-1910

Back Row: 1. Marie Ryan (Borgstadt-1913) 2. Zelpha Stephens (Farrier-1913) 3. Blanche Baldrige, Teacher 4. Elizabeth Doran (1913) 5. Carrie Browning 6. _____ 7. Olive Dunn 8. _____ 9. Neva Rice (Borgstadt) 10. Louis Umscheid 11. Margaret Umscheid (Gabel-1913) **Middle Row:** 12. Clarence Metcalf (1913) 13. Harry Shannon (1913) 14. Louis Brown 15. Alvina Kirchner (1914) 16. Jennie Brown (Fox) 17. Agatha Healey 18. _____ 19. _____ 20. Willis Clair Trautman (1914) 21. Alvin Stephens 22. _____ 23. _____ **Front Row:** 24. _____ 25. _____ 26. _____ 27. _____

Photo Source: Mike Appleby



Nichols Public School, Intermediate Room, Grades 4-5, 1910-1911

Back Row: 1-6 _____ 7. Mary Stephens (Croot-1918) 8. Melissa Smith (Emede 1917) 9. Elsie Nodine

Middle Row: 1-5 _____ 6. Joy McDougal 7. Letha Stanton.

Front Row: 1-6 _____ 7. Velora Meisky (Hummel) 8. _____

Teacher: Miss Mayme Foley, who would be the intermediate room teacher for 48 years (school years 1905-1952)

Photo Source: Keith Mills



Nichols Public School, Grades 6-7-8, 1910-1911

Back Row: 1. Stella Metheney 2. Amanda Rummells (Shannon-1916) 3. Jennie Brown (Fox) 4. Alberta Metcalf (Kelly-1915) 5. Blanche Baldrige, Teacher 6. John Nash 7. LaFayette Metheney 8. Reuben Nash 9. Vaughn Seaton.

Middle Row: 10. Marie Stanton 11. Alvina Kirchner (1914) 12. Raymond Borgstadt 13. Alvin Stephens 14. Willard Rice.

Front Row Seated: 15. Vida Pratt (1915) 16. Elsie Kirchner (1916) 17. Charles Kirchner (1915) 18. Benjamin Nichols (1916).

Photo Source: Nichols Iowa Centennial Book 1884-1984, Page 50.



Nichols Public School, Grades 6-7-8, 1911-1912

Back Row: 1. ____ 2. ____ 3. Vida Pratt (Platt-1915) 4. Alberta Metcalf (Kelly-1915) 5. Faye Hummel (Poole-1917) 6. Elsie Kirchner (1916) 7. Amanda Rummells (Shannon-1916) **MIDDLE ROW:** 8. ____ 9. ____ 10. ____ 11. Melissa Smith (Emde-1917) 12. ____ 13. ____ 14. ____ **Front Row:** 15. ____ 16. Earl Trautman (1916) 17. Benjamin Nichols (1916) 18. Charles Kirchner (1915)

Photo Source: Alberta Metcalf Kelly Papers, Iowa Women's Archives, University of Iowa



Nichols Public School, Grades Primary-1-2-3, 1914-1915

This picture was taken by photographer William Crozier of Riverside, Iowa, on November 5, 1914, at the rear of the two-story wood frame schoolhouse constructed in 1872. The ladders on the wall served as fire escapes for the second floor. This was the first year for the addition of the Primary grade to the grade school curriculum. It was also the school year in which the schoolhouse would be destroyed by fire on January 27, 1915. Under a normal progression the students in these four grades would graduate from NHS in 1923, 1924, 1926 and 1927. There was no graduating class in 1925 as the high school curriculum was increased that year from three years to four years.

BACK ROW: Ray Meisky – Carol Hanson (1926) – George Stevens – _____ Bohn – Edward Nolan – Eddie Nugent – Harry Chambers – Albert Meisky – George Dale – Drew McDougal – Bill Kirchner – Henry Hamilton – Duane Duncan – Bernard Bekker. **MIDDLE ROW:** Marguerite Kirchner (1926) – Emma McConnaha – Lila Browning – Miriam Richter (1924) – Leila Bernice Nash (1924) – Emma Yedlik – Rose Trautman (1923) – Dorothy Mapes – Beatrice Schmitt – Helen Barton Van Dyke – Gladys Hintz (1926) – Katie Yedlik – Edna Rummells (1926) **FRONT ROW:** Robert Chown – Bernard Mapes – William Dale – Frank Yedlik – Harold Graham – Gilbert Cantwell – _____ – _____ Stanton – Robert Schmitt – Clifford Cantwell – William Quimby (1927) – Cecil Hintz (1927) – Harold Barton The teacher is Lucile Eives of West Liberty, Iowa.

SOURCE: Picture and names from the *Nichols Iowa Centennial Book 1884-1984*, page 52.



Nichols Public School Building, Nichols, Iowa

The white two-story wood frame school building erected on the north side of Nichols in 1872 was destroyed by fire on January 27, 1915. In May, 1915, a contract was awarded to the Hopp Construction Co. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to erect a new three-story brick and stone school building at a new site on the east side of Nichols. Construction of the new building, as pictured above, was completed in November, 1915. November 29, 1915, was the first day of school in the new building. The first senior class to graduate from the new building held its commencement exercises on June 2, 1916.



Nichols Public School, Grades P-1-2-3, 1915-1916

The new three-story brick Nichols Public School building was erected in 1915 and was occupied for its first day of school on the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 29, 1915. This classroom is in the new brick school building and this picture was taken during the 1916 school Year by photographer William Crozier of Riverside, Iowa, as confirmed by his sequential serial number that appears near the bottom of the picture.

The teacher is Alice Gerry Billing.
She was on the Nichols Public School faculty only during the 1916 school year.

REMEMBRANCE



Nichols Public School

PRIMARY ROOM

I o w a
1916



A. GERRY BILLING,
Teacher



School Officers

V. B. Nichols	President
R. T. Shannon	J. Brown
H. Kirchner	Treasurer
W. R. Schmitt	Secretary
F. Schmitt	

Pupils

Opal Norris	Beula M. Nash
	Vivian Lilja
Marguerite Brugman	Elmer Browning
	Howard Rummells
T. R. MacDougal	Leland McClure
	Robert Fox
Ray Miesky	Modena Farley
	Edna M. Rummells
Marguerite F. Kirchner	William Quimby
	Clifford C. Cantwell
William Dale	Cecil Hintz
	Raymond Paul Butler
Bernard J. Bekker	Bernard Mapes
	Robert T. Chown
Miriam Richter	Bernice Nash
	Emma MacConaghy
Gladys Hintz	Lila C. Browning
	Henry P. Hamilton
Duane H. Duncan	Gilbert S. Cantwell
	Carrol Hanson
Robert W. Schmitt	Edward Nolan
	Harry Fox

The three-page (3"x5") REMEMBRANCE booklet (May, 1916) that is displayed above lists the 33 students enrolled at Nichols (Iowa) Public School during the 1915-16 school year in the following grades: Primary-1st-2nd-3rd. NPS had occupied temporary facilities (churches, opera house) after fire destroyed the two-story wood frame schoolhouse on the north side of Nichols January 27 1915 until November 29, 2015, when NPS occupied its new brick schoolhouse on the east side of Nichols. During the 1914-15 school year, the 8-grade elementary curriculum was expanded by adding the Primary grade. The students listed above, which include the 2nd enrolled Primary class, were spending their first school year in the new brick schoolhouse (1915-16).

Among the 33 students listed above are 11 who would graduate from NHS. Their names (with class year indicated) are as follows: Harry Fox (1924), Miriam Richter (1924), Bernice Nash (1924), Carrol Hanson (1926), Gladys Hintz (1926), Marguerite Kirchner (1926), William Quimby (1926), Edna Rummells (1926), Robert Fox (1926), Cecil Hintz (1927) and Beula Nash (1927). There was no 1925 class graduation as the high school curriculum was extended that year from three years to four years. Prior to 1925 all students graduated from the 11th grade. After 1925 all students graduated from the 12th grade. Some of the 11th grade graduates would enroll for the senior year at West Liberty or Muscatine High School and earn a four-year diploma.



Grades 6-7-8, Nichols Public School, Nichols, Iowa, 1915-1916 School Year

Teacher and 13 Students Standing L-R: 1. Anna Nichols (NHS 1919) 2. Floyd Kirchner (NHS 1919) 3. Lena Geirse (Nichols grade school teacher 1910-1920) 4. Thomas Wildman (NHS 1919) 5. Lenore Kile (NHS 1920) 6. Unknown 7. Marie Hummel (NHS 1920) 8. Unknown 9. Unknown 10. Walter Elder (NHS 1919) 11. Unknown 12. Unknown 13. Unknown 14. Lloyd Kile (NHS 1919).

Five Students Seated L-R: 1. Unknown 2. William Adams (NHS 1919) 3. Vera Dawson (NHS 1919) 4. Unknown 5. Marie Brown (NHS 1920).

Photo Source: Barbara Elder

Editor's Note: The photographer was William Crozier of Riverside, Iowa. His serial #12089 appears in the lower left corner of the picture. That this is a 1916 photo of grades 6-7-8 is confirmed by closely related serial numbers of other pictures taken at the same time: 1916 photo of Grades P-1-2-3 (#12090) and 1916 photo of the NHS grades 9-10-11 (#12094).

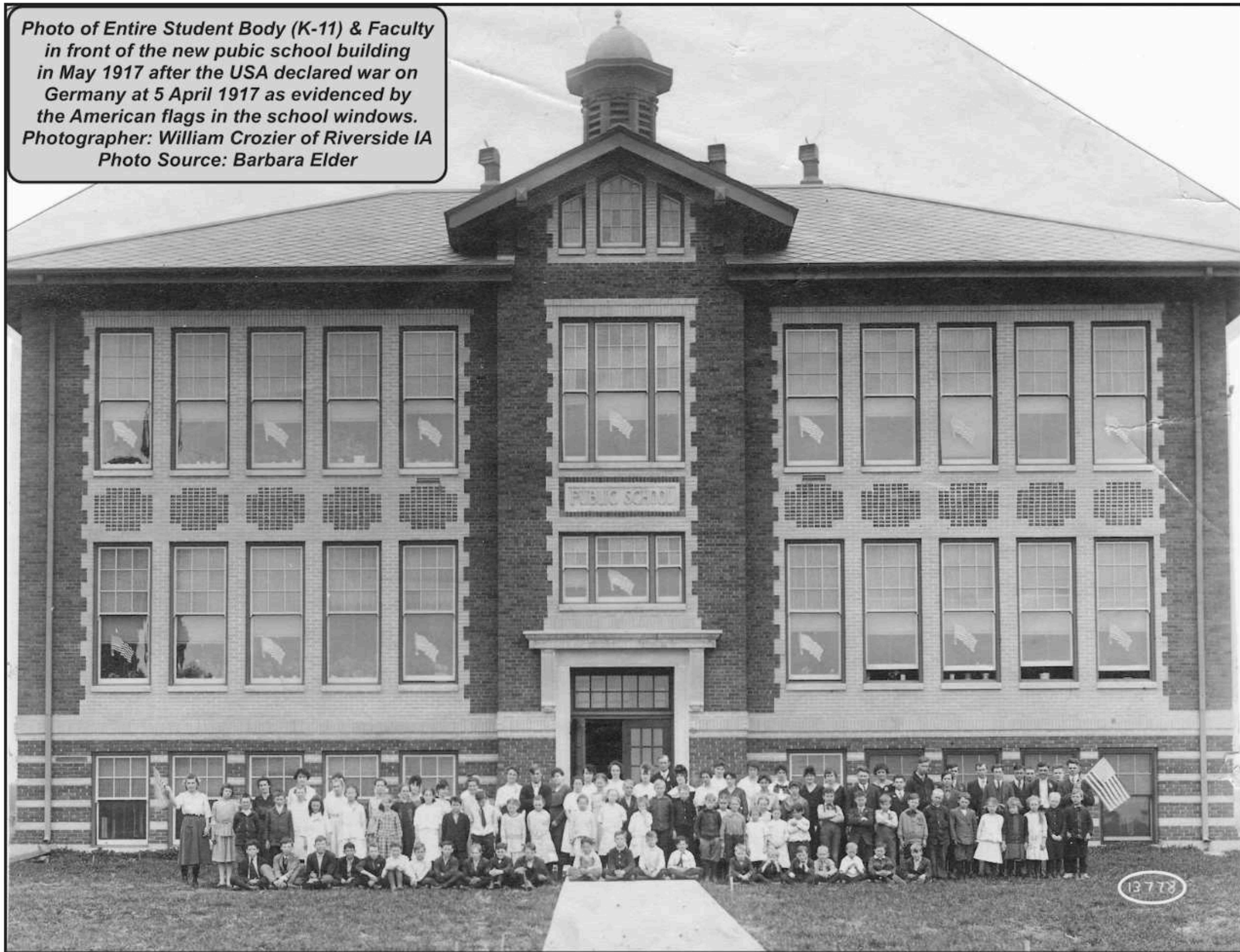


Nichols Public School, Grades Primary - 1st - 2nd - 3rd, 1916-1917

This picture was taken by photographer William Crozier of Riverside, Iowa as evidenced by his sequential serial number etched at the bottom of the picture. The teacher is Miss Verna Swain of West Liberty, Iowa, who would teach only this one year in the Nichols Public School. The picture shows 35 students in the four grades taught by Miss Swain. The classroom is in the new brick school building that was erected in 1915.

Robert Chown entered Primary grade in the school year ending in 1915. In this picture he is in 2nd grade. To his right in the picture is Wilma Kirchner (Mills). She is also in the 2nd grade. This is Wilma's first appearance in the grade school pictures indicating she started in a Nichols rural school. In their progression to the 8th grade in 1923, Wilma and Robert provide excellent markers for establishing and confirming the dates of other pictures.

*Photo of Entire Student Body (K-11) & Faculty
in front of the new public school building
in May 1917 after the USA declared war on
Germany at 5 April 1917 as evidenced by
the American flags in the school windows.
Photographer: William Crozier of Riverside IA
Photo Source: Barbara Elder*



13778

Photo Source:
Barbara Elder



Left of Center



Right of Center

Faculty & Students
photographed in
May, 1917, in front
of the new Nichols
Public School
Building.

1. Mayme Foley, Grade School Teacher - 2. Erma Adams (1918) - 3. Lena Geirse, GS Teacher - 4. Anna Nichols (1919) - 5. Wilma Kirchner, in 2nd Grade - 6. Vera Dawson (1919) - 7. Luva Brown (1918) - 8. Mildred Hummel (1918) - 9. Robert Chown, in 2nd Grade - 10. Fred Dawson, High School Superintendent - 11. Mary Stephens (1918) - 12. Lorraine Smith (1918) - 13. Miss Stanbury, HS Teacher - 14. Melissa Smith (1917) - 15. Ila Nash (1917) - 16. Elsie Braun (1917) - 17. Faye Hummel (1917) - 18. Clementine Meyers (1918) - 19. Lloyd Kile (1919) - 20. Verna Swain, GS Teacher - 21. William Adams (1919) - 22. Thomas Wildman (1919) - 23. Floyd Kirchner (1919) - 24. Harold Dawson (1918) - 25. Robert Nolan (1918) - 26. Walter Elder (1919) - 27. Lloyd Shannon (1918) - 28. Ernest Kirchner (1918) - Frank Mills (1918).



Nichols Public School, Grades 4-5-6, 1916-1917

First Row on Right, Front to Back: 1. Archie Braun (1922) 2. Louis (Peanut) Chown 3. Fern Foster 4. Edward Nolan 5. Robert Schmitt 6. Bernice Nash (1924) 7. _____

Second Row: 8. Harry Braun (1923) 9. Frank Fowler 10. George Dale 11. Eddie Nugent 12. Harry Fox Jr. (1924) 13. Mildred Fowler 14. George Stephens

Third Row: 15. Albert Meisky 16. Leona Kirchner (Doering-1923) 17. _____ 18. Beatrice Schmitt 19. Rose Trautman (Mohnssen-1923) 20. _____ 21. Dorothy Mapes

Fourth Row: 22. Henry Hamilton 23. Miriam Richter (Banhagel-1924) 24. Carrol Hanson (1926) 25. Alice Smith 26. Hazel Smith 27. Gladys Hintz (Mills-1926). **Teacher:** Miss Mayme Foley

Photo Source: Nichols Iowa Centennial Book 1884-1984, Page 53. **Photographer:** William Crozier, Riverside, Iowa.



Nichols Public School, 8th Grade Class Graduation Picture, June 30, 1921

Back Row: Harry M. Fox, Jr. (NHS 1924) – Carrol S. Hanson (NHS 1926)

Front Row: Bernice Nash (Hadley- NHS 1924) – Frances Wieskamp (Lindle-NHS 1924)

Miriam Richter (Banhagel-NHS 1924) – Neva McCullough

Photo Source: Grossheim Studio Muscatine, Iowa; Image Provided Courtesy Musser Public Library

Photo Source: Kay Chown Cline

— Junior High Grades, Nichols Public School, 1921-22 School Year —



Elva McCullough (Zoller)
8th Grade



Evelyn James
(McIntyer)
8th Grade



William Quinby
8th Grade



Robert A. Fox
8th Grade



Gladys Hintz (Mills)
8th Grade



Edna Rummells
8th Grade



Nellie Ramsay
Teacher (1892-1962)



Helen Norris (Tatge)
7th Grade



Wilma Kirchner (Mills)
7th Grade



Marguerite Kirchner
8th Grade



Robert (Bob) Chown
7th Grade



Jessie Christofferson
8th Grade



Marion John Nash
8th Grade



446

Nichols Public School, Grades 7-8, 1921-1922

Photo Source: Kay Chown Cline



Nichols Public School, 8th Grade Class Graduation Picture, June, 1922

Robert Fox – Henry Hamilton – Marion Nash – Mrs. Nellie Ramsay, Teacher – George Sutton – William Quinby – William Dale
Front Row: Elva McCullough – Evelyn James – Edna Rummells – Marguerite Kirchner – Jessie Christofferson – Gladys Hintz

Photo Source: Sara-Jane Ramsay Gilb

Photo Source:
Karen Chown Cline Collection



Nichols Public School, Grades 5-6, 1924-1925

Back Row: 1. ____ 2. Waldo Elder (1932) 3. Arvilla Mills (1932) 4. Ortha Neff (1932) 5. ____ 6. Madison Hadley 7. Miss Mayme Foley, Teacher

Middle Row: 8. ____ 9. ____ 10. ____ 11. ____ 12. ____ 13. Doris Poole (Chown-1932)

Front Row: 14. Marie Milder (Kaalberg-1931) 15. ____ 16. Charles Fox (1931) 17. ____ 18. ____

Photo Source: Karen Chown Cline



Nichols Public School, Grades 3-4, 1926-1927

Back Row: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. Clinton Brown (1935) 4. Miss Helen Mackey, Teacher 5. _____ 6. Mary Smith (Lookabaugh-1935) 7. Alberta Wieskamp (Bekker-1935) **Middle Row:** 8. John Loeb (1936) 9. _____ 10. _____ 11. _____ 12. Benjamin Swickard (1935) 13. _____ 14. _____ 15. Carl Poole (1935) **Front Row:** 16. _____ 17. _____ 18. Kathryn Elder (Vaupel-1936) 19. Ferne Ann Harshbarger (Crawford) 20. _____ 21. _____

Photo Source: Randall Elder



Nichols Public School, Grades 4-5-6, 1935-36

The Teacher in the upper left corner is Miss Mayme Foley

Four students at the back of the group are identifiable from the 1936 school band picture.

1. Lorna Nichols 2. Ruth Cozad 3. Esther Cozad 4. Margaret Swickard

Photo Source: Kay Chown Cline



Nichols Public School, Grades 7-8, 1935-1936

From Left to Right: 1. Miss Mary Neiswanger (Teacher) 2. Rollin Smith (1941) 3. Robert Yedlik (1941) 4. Alice Elder (Grable-1941) 5. Doris Cozad 6. Alvin Stephens Jr. (1940) 7. Max Oostendorp (1941) 8. Jean Swickard 9. Betty Elder (Bieri-1941) 10. Helen Miller (Wiese-1941) 11. Aubrey Daedlow 12. Almon Hillyer (1940) 13. Robert Borgstadt (1940) 14. Charlene Nichols (Hixon-1941) 15. Rose Marie Goldsberry (Rummelhart-1941).

Photo Source: Randall Elder



Nichols School Band Members – May 1936

Row 4 (L-R): 1.Kathryn Elder (Vaupel-1936) 2.John Loeb (1936) 3.Margaret Holdeman (Scoles-1936)
4.Jeanne Elder (Poelter-1937) 5.Hazel Heizer.

Row 3: 1.Miss Lorraine Balzer (Band Director) 2.Keith Vetter (1936) 3.Margaret Fox (Oostendorp-1939)
4.Madelyn Oostendorp (Ridenour-1937) 5.Loretta Borgstadt (Hollenbeck-1938) 6.Harold Elder.

Row 2: 1.Almon Hillyer (1940) 2.Robert Borgstadt (1940) 3.Marion Barnhart (1937) 4.Luetta Pike (Winfield-
1939) 5.La Vaughn Richter (1939) 6.Edna Earl (1936) 7.Vernon Carter 8.Jean Swickard (Crabtree).

Row 1: 1.Aubrey Deadlow 2.Alice Elder (Grable-1941) 3.Betty Elder (Bieri-1941) 4.Charlene Nichols (Hixon-
1941) 5.Doris Cozad 6.Ruth Cozad 7.Esther Cozad 8.Margaret Swickard 9.Lorna Nichols.

Photo Source: Randall Elder



Nichols Public School, Grades P-1-2, 1937-1938

Back Row: 1.Eugene McClure 2.Ralph Housley 3.Leland Morgan 4._____ 5.Fred Stephens 6.Albert Polman
 7.Daniel Call 8.Keith Mills (1948) 9.Geneva Whitacre, Teacher. **Middle Row:** 10.Eugene Lane 11.Richard Hazen
 12.Junior Carney 13._____ Jamison 14.Burt Carter 15.Arlen Fridley 16.Leroy Polman **Front Row:** 17._____
 18.Mary Lou Christofferson (Soukup-1949) 19._____ 20.Kay Swickard 21._____ 22.Joan Grim 23._____
 24. George Stych.

Photo Source: Keith Mills

93 Rural Eighth Grade Pupils To Be Graduated

Ninety-three rural eighth grade pupils will receive graduation certificates entitling them to high school admission at the 33rd annual commencement of the common schools of Muscatine county to be held Wednesday at 8:15 p. m. in the Wilton high school.

The Rev. Theodore A. Mansen, pastor of the Wilton Presbyterian church, is to be the principal speaker, and various program numbers are being arranged.

The graduate list, announced today by County Supt. E. D. Bradley, includes:

Evelyn Marie Adams, 76 township.

Mary Louise Adams, 76 township.

Robert G. Allbee, Fulton.
Wayne D. Bangert, Montpelier.
Barbara Lea Batchelor, Sweetland.

Richard Fred Bierman, Fruitland.

William Bixby, Pike.
Ruby Pauline Brockert, Bloomington.

Jackie D. Broders, Fulton.
Kenneth Oliver Broders, Fulton.

Arthur Joseph Bryant, Fruitland.

Robert Clifford Buster, Sweetland.

Ross Eugene Buster, 76.
Ben Eugene Cadogan, Pike.

William Arthur Calvelage, Sweetland.

Wesley Junior Carter, 76.
Duane Christofferson, Pike.

Fred Ernest Dahl, Jr., Fulton.
Virginia May Donovan, Cedar.

Eugene Dulaney, Cedar.
Robert Elshoff, Lake.

Mildred Joy Farley, Montpelier.

Mildred Joy Farley, Montpelier.
Sarah Belle Fischer, Cedar.
Helen Shirley Foster, Lake.
Carol Velma Fuller, 76.
Bernard L. Geurink, Wilton.
Willie Edward Heinrich, Fulton.

Marietta Hopker, Lake.
Wilbur Lewis Hetzler, Sweetland.

Dorothy Mae Heyden, Stockton.
Edgar Gilbert Hildebrand, Goshen.

Laura Lorene Hoag, Moscow.
Virgil Earl Jarrett, Goshen.
Betty Mae Jens, Sweetland.
Kathleen Kaalberg, Wapsie.

Robert Arnold Kaalberg, Pike.
William Kappeler Jr., Fulton.
Edgar Kemper, Montpelier.
Raymond Lindy Kruse, Fruitland.

Julius Joseph Lamber, Fulton.
Viola Mae Lanfier, Bloomington.

Leonard Lewis Lenz, Wapsie.
Alvin Paul Lohse, Fruitland.
Dorothy Marine, Goshen.
Laura Josephine McClean, Wilton.

Esther Jean McFadden, 76.
Donald Dean McGillivray, Sweetland.

Arlene Ann Meier, Wilton.
Eldred Albin Meier, Wilton.
Ramona Bernetta Middagh, Lake.

Clark Miller Jr., Sweetland.
Wayne Arthur Miller, Sweetland.

Robert Clyde Minder, Lake.
M. June Mohnssen, Cedar.
Richard Earl Needham, Fulton.

Arlette Ruth Nelson, Lake.
Phyllis Orr, Fruitland.
Shirley May Paetz, Bloomington.

Lucille Ruth Pelton, Fruitland.
Charles Perkins, Wapsie.

Elsie Mae Potter, Wapsie.
Rose Mary Powell, Montpelier.
Verna Puckett, 76.

Janet Marie Quigley, Fulton.
Cecelia Maxine Reiland, Goshen.

Alfred Henry Richter, Sweetland.

Darlene Jeanette Richter, Montpelier.

Laura Gean Richter, Montpelier.

Wayne Riessen, Fulton.
Kathaleen Margaret Ruess, Wapsie.

Lucille H. Ruhser, Wilton.
Robert William Sauer, Sweetland.

Robert William Sauer, Sweetland.

Henry Stephen Schaapveld, Wapsie.

LuVerna A. Schlapkohl, Wilton.
Patricia Jean Schnack, Stock-

**News Report
Published in the
Muscatine Journal
Tuesday, May 26, 1942
on Page 2**

ton.
Jerald Dwight Schroeder, Montpelier.

Leda Anna Elizabeth Seebeck, Sweetland.

Bernard Gilbert Seggermann, 76.

Andre Alvin Seligman, Fulton.
Russell D. Shoppa, Fruitland.
Kenneth Lyle Smith, Goshen.

Betty Jean Stagg, Wapsie.
Vera Jean Stalkfleet, Pike.

Melvin Jay Steen, Wapsie.
Harriet Lorraine Teslake, Sweetland.

George Wesley Toyne, Sweetland.

Dolores Faye Tyler, Stockton.
Betty Josephine Wagner, Cedar.
John Waltz, 76.

Mildred Lotene Weinard, Wapsie.

Sue Ellen White, Fruitland.
Betty Jean Wince, Fruitland.
Keith E. Ziegenhorn, Lake.



Four Rural 8th Grade Graduates in 1942 Will Be Nichols High School Graduates in 1946

Students completing the elementary grades in the rural township schoolhouses of Muscatine County **and** also passing the county superintendent's exam would receive a graduation diploma and be invited to the annual 8th grade graduation ceremony. Following WWII the improvement of roads with all-weather surfaces, the appearance of the iconic school bus and state-wide school consolidation policies soon led to the disappearance of the one-room rural schoolhouse.

Four of the graduates in the picture above, with the numbers 1 to 4 appearing on their left or right shoulder, will attend Nichols High School and graduate in the class of 1946. They are: 1-Vera Stalkfleet 2-Robert kaalberg 3-Charles Perkins 4-Kathleen Kaalberg. Number 5 is the Muscatine County Superintendent of Education, E. D. Bradley.

Photo Source: Linda (Kaalberg) White, Daughter of Robert Kaalberg.