
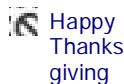


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Thanks, John. Remember in grade school when we all brought valentines for each other and put them in a great big box for the teacher to hand out to all the kids? Or is my memory correct? It took me a whole evening to get them all written. But what fun it was.

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Yep, and I managed to save a few from country school in rural Spencer (second grade). One has Juanita's name penciled on the back of it. Valentine parties were the best in elementary school.

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John - Was that Juanita Black? I think that was her last name?

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Hey, Joyce I remember making those boxes and setting them on the old desk up front and waiting till the end of the day to see who sent them and if someone sent me one that I hoped would. (Miss Krens class.)

I talked to Patty Lake to see about the reunion committee getting information out earlier,

as we have one next year, I believe. She said she was going to talk to Doug Hart about it. That way we can plan ahead, not at the last minute. 45 years does not seem possible.

How's the weather down there? People in the Q-Cities are complaining a lot, we normally do not get this amount. Dave and I laugh, they never lived in NW Iowa,

Pam

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yep. Juanita, Chuck, and Pam all went to the country school when I moved down from Spirit Lake. Also, Doug, Dwight, and Dennis Rutter, Larry Evans, Linda and Larry Carpenter, the Krukow brothers Arden and Bob. Larry Evans, an eighth grader, had to pump water and stoke the furnace on cold mornings. Our school was just west of the Stolley sand and gravel pit, west of Spencer.

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I will always remember Valentines Day in 4th grade. I had the measles which followed the mumps earlier that same winter. I had been at home forever and read Little Women twice plus did homework. Valerie Fishburn also had the measles and was home then too so our moms let us have a party together. Normally the parties were fun with treats and games.

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Pam - I don't remember a Miss Krens. What grade was she? I don't remember our first grade teacher. But Kindergarden was Miss Spraug (sp?), second was Miss Oatman, third was Miss Miller, fourth was the dreaded Miss Grease, and I don't remember who was out 5th grade teacher. Help!

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Joyce,  
Our 1st grade teacher at Reynolds School was Miss Aldrich and our 5th grade teacher was Ms. Helte.  
JFF

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Well, Sorry John but I think maybe was Elenore Worsig for 1st and Welendorf for 5th at Reynolds - ? but I have say I'm not sure right at this moment! My mom saved my old report cards and I guess I could dig them out if I knew which box!

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Okay guys, I was at Reynolds through 2nd grade. I just remember Ms. Krens cuz she was such a fun teacher. Maybe she was later. I went from Reynolds to Jefferson, so maybe she was there. Does anyone remember Feather in Junior High? Who was the English teacher?

pam

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Pam: Mr. Feather was the art teacher in HS, I think. He was young, good looking and single. English teachers in Jr Hi included Mrs Ditzel, Mrs Felt, Ms Belz? and HS Mrs Walworth, Mrs Rice, and a man named Jay something. I could look these up in an old yearbook. Oh, Red Norris in Jr Hi

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Miss Ann Heldt, the large blonde Swede, was my fifth grade teacher at Reynolds. Unforgettable, yikes. I'm wondering if there weren't TWO fifth grades at Reynolds, because I remember Welendorf also. My older sister went to college with her in 1952 or something. She later was seen in the Jr. High at Lincoln, giving me grief in study hall. Or was it the other way around. sorry, I could not help unearthing this thread one more time...jek

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John: I don't remember 2 fifth grade classes. But there may have been an extra classroom in the school building. I remember Kindergarten was on the east side of the building downstairs - first grade was at the north end of the hall - second grade was at the south end of the hall and third grade was midway down the hall on the west side of the building. Upstairs was fourth grade midway down the hall on the west side - fifth grade was at the south end of the hall. WHAT was at the North end of the hall upstairs?

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John: You are right. I now remember that our 5th grade teacher was Miss Heldt. Wasn't she a blond Swedish gal? However, I think I would have remembered a first grade teacher with the same name as my own (Aldrich). I don't think there were any other Aldrich's in Spencer that I knew. Not any relatives, that is. And Pam - How could anyone (girls, that is) ever forget Mr. Feather. What a Dreamboat. He was rather quiet as I recall. How old do you suppose he was at that time. Just fresh out of college?

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He was good looking, Does anyone know what happened to him?

No one remembers Ms. Krens or maybe her name was something different?

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Didn't Mrs. Ditzel also teach music and penmanship? I remember the ink wells and pens that we used, as well as those circles and lines that we had to create while holding the pens in the exactly correct position. I attended Reynolds school for the beginning of the 5th grade with the young blond teacher. She must have been straight out of college and I told me parents that she was middle aged after the first day in her class. I then attended North school where the very strict Mrs. Hawkins taught.

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Yep, for Mrs. Ditzel, we had to move the pen from the shoulder, like wooden mannequins. Wrist couldn't move, elbow couldn't move. I used up a lot of ink making those large, clockwise circles. I'm back to scrunching the pen. But, I think my penmanship improved in sixth grade. Karen, if you ran across anyone worse than Miss Heldt, then you must have found a real witch. Seems like you sat near the teacher, over to the right side of the class, in front. There was another dark-haired girl named Marsha (Marcia?) who lived right across the street, on the south side of Reynolds. I used to make faces at her. Does anyone remember her? Joyce?

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Yes, I remember her. Her name was Marcia Coulson and she was my best friend at that time. I was devastated when she moved (I think it was in the third grade). My only memories of her is that she was a real sweet, pretty girl and had two older brothers who were already out of school.

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Ja. Howeffer, dat spellink vass "Fether", not "Feather".

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Boy, Karen, the name Ditzel rings a bell. I know I had her for something. Did she move around to all of the gradeschools teaching only music and penmanship? I also remember writing all of those circles and lines. When I moved from Spencer and received letters from several of the girls, it was evident that they all had the same basic handwriting, maybe taught by Miss Ditzel?

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Yes Ditzel was the one. Around and around we went. Shedrove me crazy.  
ha! Apparently know one remembers Krens.

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Marty, was that Jay Gould, sophomore English literature? But I can't remember whether it was British or American literature. Anyone?

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All I remember was Silas Marner and all the plants on the window sill in Jay Goulds room. Another Junior high teacher I forgot was Miss Devine who to me was anything but.... And Miss Crahan with the wonderful social studies projects.

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Oh my, Marty. I had forgotten all about Miss Devine and Miss Crahan. Pretty scarey, weren't they? I had dreams for years afterwards that I wouldn't get one of those projects done on time.

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Ah yes the portley Miss Crahan! I remember her well. She left 5th. grade teaching at Jefferson and followed our class to teach at Lincoln. She truly was a gem and I remember her saying she was from Manson, IA. When we heard a siren outdoors she would comment "O, someone is in trouble". I also recall she was very respectful of her family and reminded us continually that our mothers were "always" to be considered the "best cooks" (even though maby grandma could make it better). A good "old fashioned values" teacher and one that I'll never forget.

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I remember Miss Crahan had a prayer she used to say whenever a student was driving her nuts. She would say, "Lord give me patience, AND GIVE IT TO ME NOW!"

She was a very neat lady.

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yeah I finally found someone who knew the right spelling and Miss Crahan. I had her at Jefferson and Lincoln. Thanks for remembering her.  
Has drove me crazy trying to remember her name.

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I also recall Sadie Crahan snikering and calling a male student "Alfonso" when they would do something foolish.

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Gee Steve I do not remember that. Did she call you that?

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Yeah, Tim, but sometimes the Lord did not deliver quite on time, and once she really whacked one of the boys in our 6A1 history class. His name was Paul C.

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She may have packed a pretty good punch. I remember she used to flex her arm and claim that wasn't fat hanging there, it was solid muscle. [Um, yep, that's what's hanging off the bottom of my arm, too, solid muscle! --jek]

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I can see her doing that too, Tim. Some of the other teachers I remember from Lincoln. were....Val Luck, Bill Chambers (had a paddle with holes in it), Mr. Felt (also a master paddler), Miss Sweet (I can still hear her warbling and do you remember her passing out the triangles, wood blocks etc?), Rueben Rogness (who would frequently say "One can never tell"), Mrs Felt (she loved the St. Louis Cardinals), and there was a blond shapely teacher in the southwest classroom that it seems to me was Miss Jones. Anybody remember her?

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As a matter of fact Mrs Jones is to be remembered. Shapely, yes indeed. She seemed.....quite energetic in a rather intense way and her cheeks were sometimes rather flushed. I always suspected Jay Fether had, dare I say, a heightened interest in female students. And, who else remembers Mrs. Crahan's thinly veiled fondness for the young Tom Warntjes? Sometimes her "admiration" made its presence known with a curiously uncharacteristic, nearly lavish compliment of Tom. However, she was a very good teacher. Rueben used to clench his teeth (false I always thought) and look very sternly at me (waiting for the light to go on in my head) when I struggled with the concept of long division. Am I imagining or did Rueben R. have a nose that looked a lot like it was made of putty, much like an actor whose name escapes me now, but he played in a number of WWII movies often with John Wayne. I'll think of it in about two days.....maybe. What fun to remember those who made such deep impressions on us.

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Doug--the nose may remind us of W.C. Fields, or possibly Karl Malden.? Among my guttersnipe friends on the bus, he was affectionately known as "frog nuts". Mrs. Ditzel had a nickname that rhymes, too, of course. Rats, I cannot recall a Mrs. Jones, however, that is certainly an enticing description...What school, what did she teach? Reminds me of the song, "Me and Mrs. Jones" by Billy Paul.

I do remember Mrs. Felt's curb service music classes at Lincoln elementary school. She had huge ears and pink and yellowish makeup. And perfume that was like she swung her handbag at you. Good, likeable teacher, however.

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Hey John, Mrs. Jones had the "A3" class. Remember there was A1, A2, B1, B2 and the "A3" class of Mrs. Jones. She had horn-rimmed glasses and could stare down a lion.

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Well, I do remember all those divisions of the sixth grade, just cain't place Mrs. Jones. Guess I missed out! There was a Mrs. Wellendorf who was not overly pleasant. Was Mrs. Jones in one of the cramped classrooms behind the stage in study hall? Seems like the A3s hung out there for homeroom. But that was the SE corner of Lincoln.

I remember sitting beside you and Richard White in the back row of that room for spelling. Cannot remember the teacher, however. Maybe Mrs. Felt.

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Still can't remember Mrs. Jones. However, I did have a young and attractive h.s. English teacher, Mrs. Anderson. I think that's right. Oh, yeah, Baby. That may have been Jr. or Sr. year. Does anyone else recall? We wrote short stories. Maybe it was lit. combined.

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Do you mean Paul Christensen? He lived up on W 11th St for only a couple of years, a short dark haired kid, I recall. Full of beans...

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Did any of these teacher follow us to the old high school?

I can not remember if that happened. I just remember good olde Tschirki he was a joy. Was he government or history? he kicked Dave out of basketball. No Fundamentals! ha!

Study hall was the best.. We could get away with murder.

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Do you mean study hall in Jr High? I think I was in that with Mr Chambers and it was deathly quiet.

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I mean at the high school Marty.

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Who did you have for study hall? It seems to me that the coaches were the study hall people but I am not sure.

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I think Cook and he had his nose somewhere else.

Some lady also.

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I remember Mr. Bomgaars... Did the study hall slant down? Or have I imagined that?  
Sandra Ott Fisk '65

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My did it. Wonder why?

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The better to see you, my dear.

It may have been a small auditorium when the building was originally built.

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The studyhall was slanted down in the highschool building. I hear that some ornery students would let a bunch of marbles go during the hour. I never saw it - but heard about it.

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Fun reading all your memories. I joined our class in 7th grade, coming in from Meadow # 4. I was thinking I had an English teacher named Miss Hand and her room was on the S.E. side of the building just east of the office. Wasn't Mr. Felt the principle?

Miss Devine is now living in assisted living and I deliver books to her every two weeks.

Wasn't it Miss Felt that taught geography?

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(SNAP)...Okay, we're back at Old Lincoln on West 4th, second floor. Yep, Miss Hand had the English class, right next door to Mr. Felt's office behind the studyhall stage. She introduced us to research papers, using note cards. The assignment was followed by several Saturdays of giggling and research at the public library. The librarians had to get after us sometimes. Miss Felt taught geography in the NW corner of the floor. She insisted on calling me John Geiger, and probably figured, like some others, that I was related to the infamous Bernice Geiger of Sheldon, who embezzled all that money from a community bank, for charity. I am not. I still liked her as a teacher, however. There was always the odor of scorched milk hanging in the room after lunch. There was also a Miss Belz, who taught social studies of some sort. I remember the name Miss Devine, but I just can't remember what she taught, or where.

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Miss Devine taught reading/spelling/vocabulary and was in a small room just east of the stairs on the northwest side of the building. i recall spending a lot of time there after school for not having my assignments completed.

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Was Mr. Felt kind heavy?

Did his wife teach also?

Man, I had forgotten the index cards.

I know I did not like English and I am still not good in that area,

Hey guys take a break and drive over to the QC and spend a night with the class

of 65. I posted it earlier on this web site. July 26th I think.

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Hey Pam, Mr. Felt was not heavy. He was either stone-faced or had a "sneer" on his face. Mrs. Felt's office was east of his office in the far SE corner of the building. I'd forgotten about Miss Hand, (a pleasant teacher). Her office was evidently between the two Felts.

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Does anyone remember who was our principal over there at Jr. High? Was it Miss Hand? Was there a different principal for North Grade School on the lower level of the building?

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The name Gregerson rings a bell at Junior High. At north Miss Hawkins ruled the building.

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Mr. Gregerson was the High school principal and his son Scott was a member of the class of 1964. They moved to CA between our freshman and sophomore year.

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Mr Wilbur Felt was the Principal. His son David was in school ahead of us-like maybe class of 61. Mrs Felt went to college at Simpson and was a student teacher when my mom was in school in Indianola. I never had either of them but I think my sister Lynne had Mrs Felt.

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I believe David Felt was the national president of Mensa a few years ago.

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How 'bout Don Felt?

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This may have been a good thread because it was about nostalgia, and not about Valentine's Day or anything like it. To be continued, I hope. Okay, start something.

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