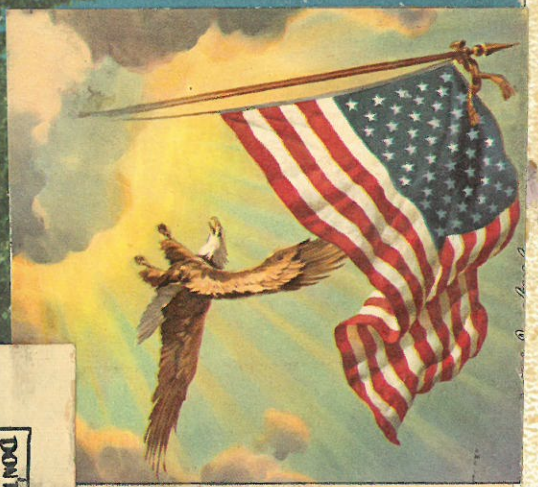




# CLASSES of 1920

1920 — MARGIE *HIT TIME* Key F  
 My little Margie, I'm always thinking of you,  
 Margie, I'll tell the world I love you,  
 Don't forget your promise to me,  
 I have bought a home and ring and everything for  
 Margie, you've been my inspiration,  
 Days are never blue,  
 After all is said and done, there is really only one,  
 Oh, Margie, Margie, it's you.



SMALLEST CLASS —  
 MEMBERS —  
 BIER, Laverne  
 BODIN, Harry  
 BOOKER, Paul  
 THIEL, Esther





PRAYERS HELP  
I'd hate to see school prayers abolished—  
Because, looking back on my student days, That's how I got through!

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*Dr. E. Gilson*

Riverdale High School - Class of 1909

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ADDED FACTOR

The teacher asked the boy: "If your father can do a job in an hour, and your mother can do the same job in an hour, how long would it take them to do it together?"

The boy thought for a moment and then said, "With or without the time they spend arguing?"

REMEMBER THE YEAR?



1920

It was a crazy year in our history, in an even crazier decade. The Attorney General announced that he had studied the prohibition law and found it illegal for doctors to prescribe beer as medicine. The "drys" protested, but many people called their doctors. In Illinois, one woman went on a 48-day fast to make her husband quit smoking, while over Long Island, another looped the loop 199 times in a plane and was killed trying to better her own record. The Chicago Crime Commission counted 10,000 gangsters in the city and Babe Ruth was fined \$100 and a day in jail for speeding (but a sporting judge let him out at 4 p.m. so he could play in the sixth inning at the Polo Grounds). Race riots in Tulsa, Okla., took the lives of 30 people, the Ku Klux Klan flogged a Negro in Dallas, Tex., and branded KKK on his forehead, and the White House ordered an investigation of the organization. The Michigan Supreme Court ruled that the husband was master in the home; men referred to women as "skirts," and, in Atlantic City, the first Miss America contest was staged. In the movies, Rudolph Valentino starred in "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" and Douglas Fairbanks in "The Three Musketeers." On Broadway, W.C. Fields appeared in the "Ziegfeld Follies" and Hedda Hopper in "Six Cylinder Love." On the best-seller lists were Zane Grey's "The Mysterious Rider" and F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Beautiful and the Damned." In sport, world heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey's defeat of George Carpentier at Jersey City produced the first million-dollar gate in boxing, and the gentleman in our picture, William "Big Bill" Tilden, took the U.S. men's sin-

The last 600 American troops had come home from France, among them a young officer named Harry S. Truman. After okaying Prohibition, the House voted \$1,500,000 to enforce it. Cleveland shortstop Ray Chapman was killed by a pitched ball and a man dropped dead from excitement in the Polo Grounds as Babe Ruth hit his 43rd homer of the season. While John D. Rockefeller was giving \$63 million to charity, to bring his total gifts to \$475 million, authorities at Chicago's Cook County jail made 200 prisoners view a hanging so they would learn to behave themselves. Charlie Chaplin made *The Kid* with Jackie Coogan and George White paid George Gershwin \$50 a week to write tunes for the *Scandals* of 1920. Yes, it was 1920, a big year for the young man in white trunks in our picture. Recognize him? Jack Dempsey was squaring off with Bill Brennan for a Madison Square Garden fight. On Brennan's right is his manager Leo. P. Flynn; Dempsey's manager Jack Kearns is at right of picture; referee was Johnny Haukaup. Dempsey won.

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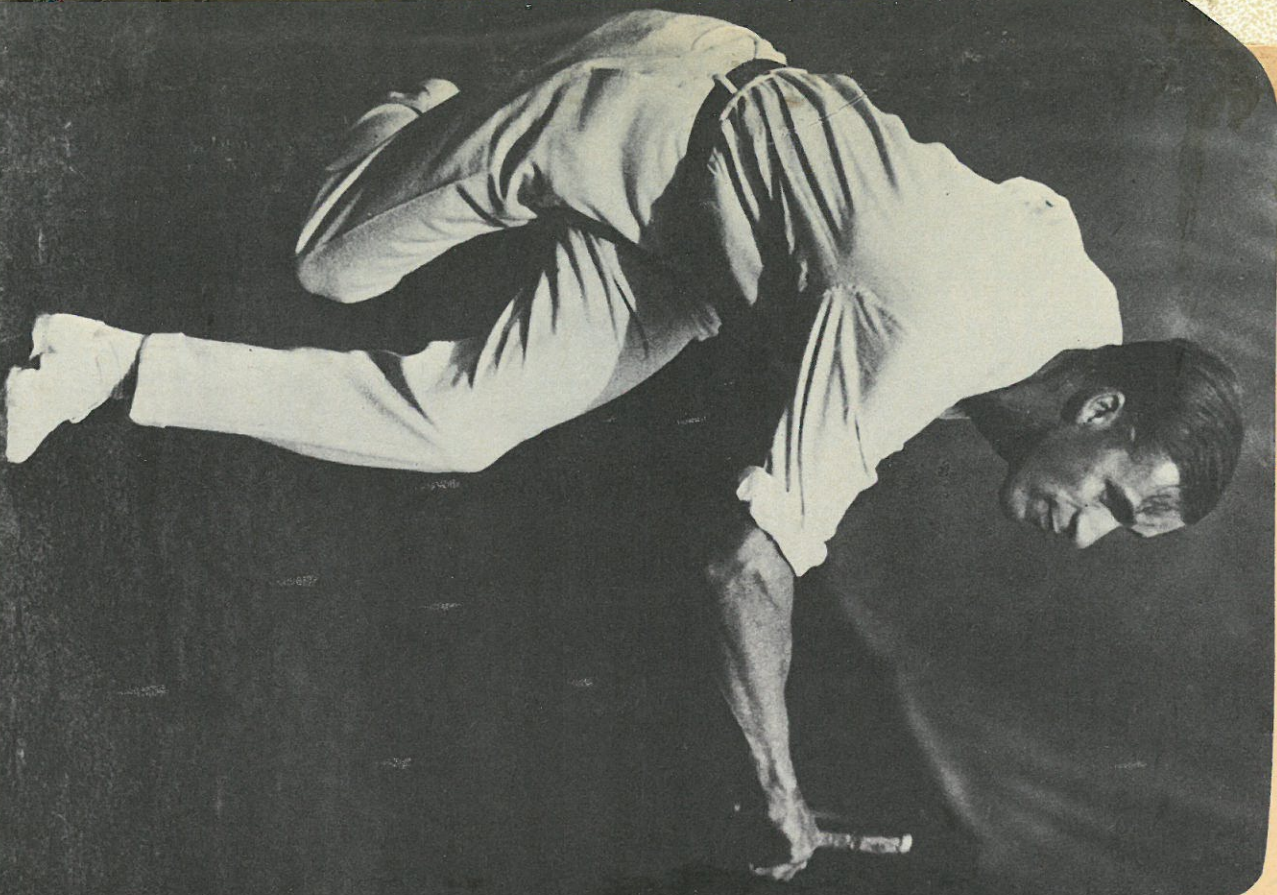
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William "Big Bill" Tilden, took the U.S. men's sin-





# LAWERNE BIER

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SIGNATURE

5680-N.E. Sandy Creek Terrace <sup>Portland-Ore</sup> #

BIRTH DAY

BIRTH PLACE

FATHER

Harry Bier-

MOTHER

Sister - Emma (Dee) 1919



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# SONGS OF OUR TIMES • 1920

## NAT BRANDWYNNE and His Orchestra

Through SONGS OF OUR TIMES we recapture our moods of yesterday. These songs help us to remember the year we fell in love — the tune to which we first danced together — the year we were married — the year our child was born — the year we went to war — or some other notable event which proved to be a milestone in our lives.

### 1920 ONE

- 1. I'VE GOT THE SMILE WITH ME
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**J. E. Levey Gilson**  
1920  
Records by Louis L. Intermeier

### 1920

The year 1920 was one of the most significant in the history of the world. It was the year when the United States emerged as a world power, when the League of Nations was formed, and when the prohibition movement reached its peak. The year was also marked by the death of Woodrow Wilson and the election of Warren G. Harding.

### THE SONGS OF OUR TIMES Long Play records include the hit tunes of each year, 1917 through 1943— each year on a separate Decca Long Play record. Be sure to ask for your favorite year.

gangsters, hijackers, and thugs who sold "protection" from the police. These, accompanied by gaudy raids and countless arrests, were a few of the phenomena of the dry era.

Fifteen months after the Armistice the last parade of returning soldiers—600 of them—was held in New York. President Wilson called for the first meeting of the League of Nations. The blockade against Germany was lifted. By permission of the French Government, 3,000 American war dead were transported home for burial.

One of the most sensational swindles in history was uncovered by the District Attorney's office in Boston: Charles Ponzi's "Securities Exchange Company." For months his organization had been carrying on a mysterious investment business, bringing in the savings of gullible working people and ignorant immigrants in and near Boston. He was enormously successful, for his "investment" plan was as simple as it was crooked. He paid his early depositors large sums of interest with the money that came in from later depositors. The early victims put in more money, and when Ponzi had amassed a large amount, the whole thing blew up.

This was the year that women came politically to the front. In August, Secretary of State Cobby proclaimed ratification of the Women's Suffrage Amendment. This national act added 9 1/2 million more votes to the 17 1/2 million who already had suffrage from state enactments.

The air route from New York to San Francisco was opened. A seat on the New York Stock Exchange was sold for \$109,000. Prices of all commodities zoomed. The term "H.C.L." was coined as an abbreviation for the "high cost of living." Butter reached 70c a pound and eggs 70c a dozen.

In Wall Street, New York, a bomb exploded at noon. Thirty people were killed, but no one was arrested, and the origin of the outrage was unknown. In South Braintree, Massachusetts, a paymaster was robbed and killed. The authorities attributed the crime to two workmen, Sacco and Vanzetti, but there was grave doubt in the minds of many that they were responsible. After heated and prolonged public controversy, the two men were executed in 1927, but the reverberations of the affair have not yet died down.

On a Saturday night late in October, the Ku Klux Klan, formidably hooded and sheeted, came back to life in Jacksonville, Florida. It was looked on as a spectacle, grotesque but harmless. Negroes who watched the Klan parade had no inkling of the trouble the organization was to bring to them, as well as to Catholics, Jews, and alien-born citizens. The revival, after a fifty-year period of inactivity, was brought about chiefly through the efforts of one man, "Colonel" William J. Simmons, known as the Imperial Wizard.

On November 2, Warren Gamaliel Harding and Calvin Coolidge, the Republican nominees for President and Vice President, swept into office. They carried 37 of the country's 48 states. Their unsuccessful opponents were the Democratic nominees, James M. Cox and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who, some years later, was to break all precedents by being elected four times as President. For the first time election returns were broadcast. The news was sent over the air by the pioneer radio station KDKA at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The "flapper" made her debut. Barterqued by John Held, Jr. and imitated by countless undergarmenters, she was her own caricature, appearing in scandalously short skirts, stockings rolled beneath the knees, and unbuttoned flopping gaiters. She encountered opposition among the righteous. Women in socks and one-piece bathing suits were ordered off the beach in Coney Island.

The sports world suffered a body blow at Chicago. Professional baseball was plunged into the worst scandal of its history when a Grand Jury indicted eight Chicago White Sox players for accepting bribes and "throwing" the 1919 World Series to the Cincinnati Reds. The eight Chicago players were finally whitewashed and acquitted, but the investigation led to the appointment of Federal Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis as "czar" of baseball to prevent any crookedness. The Cleveland Indians (American League) defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers (National League) five games to two. Coveloskie was the Cleveland team's pitching star. Georges Carpentier, the French heavyweight, knocked out "Barthling" Levinsky in the fourth round at Jersey City. Jack Dempsey kept the championship by winning over Bill Brennan at Chicago. The wonder-horse, Man O' War, beat Sir Barton by eight lengths for a purse of \$75,000. The sailing yacht "Resolute" beat "Shamrock IV" for the America's Cup and kept the trophy in this country. The seventh Olympic Games began at Antwerp.

In the book world Sinclair Lewis's *Main Street* was a surgical dissection of the small town; nevertheless it emerged as "the most popular book" in America in the post-war period. The Pulitzer Prize for the best novel was awarded in 1921 to Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*, a study of New York society of the 1870's published in 1920. Other Pulitzer Prizes were given to Eugene O'Neill for his drama *Beyond the Horizon*; to Justin H. Smith for his history, *The War With Mexico*; and to Albert J. Beveridge for his biography, *The Life of John Marshall*.

It was a great year for the screen and stage. Thea Bara, the "vampire" of the movies, scored a new success in *The Blue Flame*. Curiosity to see it ran so high that riots occurred in several eastern cities when the picture was exhibited. Charlie Chaplin was paired with Jackie Coogan in *The Kid*, a film that brought tears to the eyes of audiences and millions to the pockets of the exhibitors. In New York alone more than 159 new plays, dramatic and musical, opened during the 1919-20 season. Six of the plays ran more than 300 performances each: 14 ran over 200 performances; 26 beat the 100-performance mark. Burns Mantle, drama critic and editor, said that the long runs were due to the prevailing prosperity. The year ended with Zona Gale's *Miss Lulu Bett*, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1921.

Several of the song hits of the year became part of the permanent repertoire of American popular music. "Whispering," "Avalon," "Margarie," and "Look For The Silver Lining" were among the tunes most often whistled, sung, and danced to. Almost equally in demand were "When My Baby Smiles at Me," rendered with great effect by Ted Lewis. In spite of the fact that prohibition could not really prohibit — least of all could it stop the singing and dancing heart of America.

### 1920 — MARGIE

My little Margie, I'm always thinking of you,  
Margarie, I'll tell the world I love you,  
Don't forget your promise to me,  
I have bought a home and ring and everything for  
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Days are never bluer,  
After all is said and done, there is really only one,  
Oh, Margarie, Margarie, it's you.

### Key F

This key is for instruments in G major. Record can be played only on 33 1/3 RPM instruments. For maximum enjoyment it should always be kept in this protective envelope, away from heat.



# HARRY BODINGER

20  
Dad

EDW. BODINGER  
Merchant Tailor  
Cleaning and Repairing. One door south  
of First National Bank.

SIGNATURE	
BIRTH DAY	11.11.1888
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FATHER	Edward Bodinger
MOTHER	Tessa
	Bro George H Bodinger
	135-5th St Spore - Apt 701
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	Yakima, Wash
	Died Apr. 3 - 1961
	Write H. J. Maher for information







*1880*  
**PAUL BOOKER**

*Released*

**'20**

SIGNATURE
BIRTH DAY
BIRTH PLACE
FATHER
MOTHER





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Deceased



# ESTHER THIEL

Esther Thiel's

Frank Potter

The only member of the class of 1920 to be present at the Ritzville Reunion

# 20

Attended Reunion - Spokane  
The only one

SIGNATURE  
Cathleen Thiel Potter  
4417 Bayley Dr.  
Seattle 1954/3

BIRTH DAY

married Jan 13, 1898 - parents

FATHER

Henry III. 8-3-13-76 arc

MOTHER

Anna Koch-Thiel D-10/21-60 St

Sis - Mona - (Mrs. Irving Rehn 1919) 1919

Bro - Floyd - Ritzville 1923

Uncle - Koch, Henry F. - Spokane

Has nephews in Modesto -

## Funeral Services Held for Mrs. Thiel Wednesday 6:30

Funeral services for Mrs. Henry W. Thiel, 84, a resident of the Ritzville community since 1889, were held Wednesday at the Zion Congregational church.

Mrs. Thiel died Saturday at the Adams County Memorial hospital. She had been there three months.

Officiating at the services was Rev. R. W. Rieger. Interment was at the Ritzville Memorial cemetery.

Pallbearers were Herman Heimbigner, Walter Thiel, Andy Heimbigner, Frank Heimbigner, William Wertemberger and Floyd Koch.

Anna Koch was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koch in Russia on March 13, 1876. She came with her parents to the United States in 1887 and settled in Walla Walla. After living there for two years, the family moved to Ritzville.

On January 13, 1898, she married Henry Thiel. He preceded her in death April 5, 1955.

She was a member of the Zion Congregational church and the Mary's circle of that church.

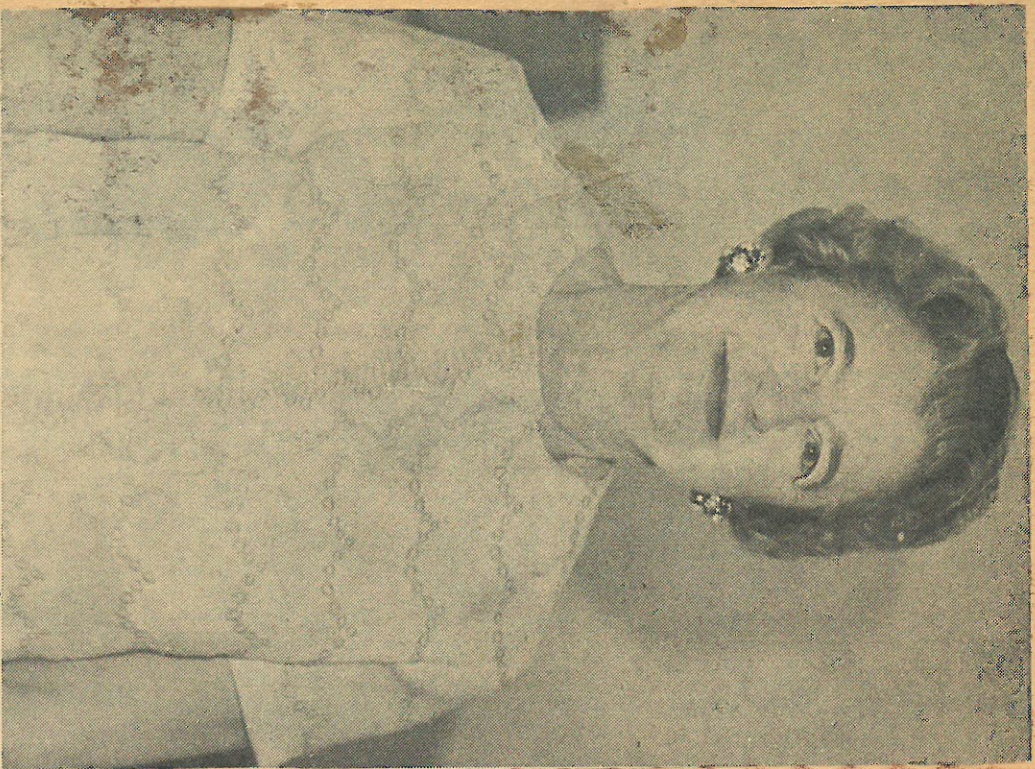
Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Esther Potter of Friday Harbor and Mrs. Mona Rehn of Ritzville; a son, Floyd, of Ritzville; a sister, Mrs. Dena Ervinger of Bellinham; a brother, Henry F. Koch of Spokane; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



at age 20

5/23/70  
Reunion  
Epiphany  
Potter  
nephew





**From the Class of 1920**

5/28/20

Esther Thiel Potter of Seattle is the only member of the Class of 1920 who attended the 65th Annual Ritzville High School Alumni Banquet last Saturday evening. Of the four members of the class, two are yet living.

—Journal-Times photo



# RITZVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HISTORY & LIBRARY

This LIBRARY consists of 75 books with loose-leaf sheets and according to circumstances, can be added, deleted, or altered. RITZVILLE HIGH SCHOOL graduated it's first CLASS in the year of 1905 with 13 students. There is a book for each CLASS beginning with 1905 up to and including 1980. In 1956 the school celebrated it's 50th ANNIVERSARY with a banquet at the Marcelinus Grange Hall with over 500 in attendance. Our DIAMOND Jubilee will be in May of 1980 when we will celebrate our 75th year. I have no intention of carrying this history beyond that date.

Each book is 12" x 14" in size and the sheets are reinforced with scotch tape. Each SPREAD contains the following information: NAME of each GRADUATE, (Full name if possible), address, city, state, birth-day, names of husband or wife and children, their parents and dates, relatives who graduated or attended RHS, school and college records, marriage, family, activities, death data, trade or profession and where live and work, and any other data or information which can be gathered from newspapers, magazines, letters, interviews or from any other source possible.

I have endeavored to arrange the material in a neat and orderly fashion and the names alphabetically and chronologically when possible. I realize many mistakes have been made in placing correct data in the proper place but so many of the names are duplicated. Mr. Vic Rogel helped me immensely in the identification of families also Mrs. Nabel Burrill and Mrs. Robert Clark. (Miller) and many others too too numerous to mention. Of the faculty Mr. Lloyd was wonderful in his assistance.

I started this record in the month of May, the 25th of May, 1905 when I was present at the first graduation at the Old Congregational Church and obtained the signatures of the graduates on onion skin paper and you will notice that when they signed 50 years later the writing was very similar. I then DEDICATED the books to our first SUPERINTENDANT, PROFESSOR JOHN HENRY PERKINS, who started the RHS Alumni Association that night. (Page 56 large book and Prof. Perkins work in the 1905 book.

This project has been quite expensive in that I have taken the Journal-Times (2 copies) for many years for information. Also subscribed for the Harvester and purchased 5 or 6 copies each year of the Annual, the Kernel. While visiting the banquet each year hundreds of pictures were taken and I hope placed in the proper place. To do this it took every minute of my spare time of work but I didn't mind any of these things as I enjoyed it so much and I have always been under the impression that it was worth while. That I shall never know for sure. It is my hope that the library will come to rest in the addition that Vic promoted onto the high school building and there they will repose and be available to future generations. If anyone thinks it is necessary to continue the records say on to the year 2000 or more maybe some individual who in his or her dotage has a weakness for cutting out paper dollies, saving clippings from the papers, and pasting in pretty picture books will carry on. There must be someone in the around 2500 of us who were fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to attend and gather the fruits of knowledge and experience in Ritzville High School, the finest, the best, the most excellent school on earth.

Love to you all

Roy Gilson, Class of 1909.

There are also 25 larger books 15" x 17" beginning with the year 1955, our 50th, which cover the ANNUAL BANQUETS AND REUNIONS, The GOLDEN YEARS, and the honored Classes, the 50 year Class, the 25 year Class and the current Graduating Class. RG



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# Country School

William Maloney

Many great men  
Have begun their journey to fame,  
In a one-room schoolhouse  
On a dusty country lane.

Where desks of scarred wood,  
Engraved through the years,  
Have seated future presidents  
And a hundred other careers.

Where they have stood and taught,  
Whose own castles high  
Have never known the sunlight  
Of a golden sunlit sky.

Who have turned their minds instead  
To teaching innocent youth  
The knowledge they possess,  
That children better know the truth.

Thus children have learned  
That greatness is a flame,  
And knowledge the fuel  
That kindles the spark of fame.

And no matter how small the beginning,  
A country school it might well be,  
Where greatness will rise up  
To write a page in history.

Lavern Bier  
Dec. Paul Booker  
Farry Godinger  
Esther Thier



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