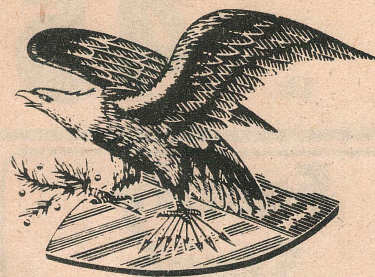


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"Remembrances of Days Gone By"

School Regulations of Days Gone By

It's always interesting to look back and see what school regulations were like way back when and compare them with today's. Here are some of the rules for the Madrid Community School in the year 1900 and you must admit, they are very different.

The school year shall commence on the first Monday of September, shall consist of thirty-six weeks, and shall be divided into three terms of twelve weeks each. Holidays were established as every Saturday, Labor Day, the Friday following Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, and Decoration Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

School hours set from 9-12 and 1:15-4:15. No recess Friday afternoon as schools closed at 4 p.m. Railroad time shall be standard. Previous to each session, bells shall be rung as follows: Preparation bell, thirty minutes; assembly bell, five minutes; silence bell, at the moment for opening the session.

Tuition for non-resident pupils was \$2, High school, Grammar and Intermediate, \$1.50 and primary rooms, \$1 per month. No pupil was admitted to school until he or she received a receipt from Treasurer.

Duties of Principal

NO Superintendent at this time.

Exercise complete supervision over the pupils and public school of city. Visit each room, examine school rooms and check progress of each class in manner of instruction and discipline. Inform Board on school conditions, suspend pupils, monthly reports must be filed to Board and has full charge of the Teacher's meetings and his job to keep records of each meeting. He shall fill vacancies due to temporary absences of teachers.

He shall appoint a Librarian to keep Library according to rules of Principal and school board.

Duties of Teachers

All teachers were expected to be present at their respective rooms at least 20 minutes before the beginning of school. They must have had a copy of the rules and regulations in the room at all times. The teachers shall practice discipline in the schools as would be exercised by a kind, firm, judicious, parent in the family. They shall avoid corporal punishment when order can be preserved by milder means. NO teacher shall in any case or under any pretense punish children in the school by striking or slapping them about the head. No student could be detained after school for study, punishment, or any other purpose more than one hour. New pupils could not be admitted to class until examined by the principal. Teachers

were required to keep a uniform temperature in their schoolrooms and use proper means to avoid extremes of heat and cold, which result from inattention to this subject.

Duties of the Pupils of the Madrid Schools

ALL children between the ages of 5 and 21 who are bonafide residents of the school district have the right and privilege to attend school. A pupil afflicted with any contagious disease, or who has been exposed thereto, will not be admitted and in case of doubt the Principal may require a physician's certificate. Any child that comes to school without proper attention having been given to cleanliness of person or dress will be sent home to the be properly prepared. No pupil will be promoted if he answers less than 75 percent of the questions in any study or exam. Pupils whose deportments falls not below 98 percent and have a class standing of 95 percent will not be required to pass the regular term examination. Pupils living at such a distance that it is necessary to bring their dinner must obtain the permission from their respective teachers to remain in the building during the noon recess.

Pupils upon entering the school building, will pass immediately to their respective classrooms which they must in no case leave without special consent of the teacher in charge. They shall not be permitted to stand in the halls and on going through them, and in

going up and down stairs or steps, shall pass in a quiet and orderly manner, without running and without communication. Pupils will not be allowed to have anything in their hands during school hours except what strictly belongs to the exercises in which they are engaged; nor shall they read any books that do not belong to the exercise of the school.

Things Forbidden: Disturbing or entering the garden, lot or other property of any citizen during school hours.

Instruction for Teachers

Never attempt to teach what you do not fully understand.

Never tell pupils what you can make them tell you.

Teach one thing at a time and teach it well.

Never proceed without the attention of your class.

Never begin a lesson unless you have a clear view of its end.

General Rules for Teachers

If you cannot speak well of your co-laborers in the school, say nothing.

Do not betray confidences by repeating to others criticisms of your own work, privately made to you.

Study your profession, WORK!

Advice to Student

Keep the shoes and floor about your desk clean. Learn the value of time and strive to improve every portion of it. Let no day pass without adding to your store of knowledge. Protect the weak and unfortunate. Give proper excuses for tardiness or absences.

Course requirements in High School:

First year — Fall term: Grammar, Algebra, U.S. History and Physiology, Winter: Word Analysis, Algebra, U.S. History, Botany and Spring: Rhetoric, Algebra, History, Botany.

Second year — Fall: Literature, Algebra, General History, Civil Govt., Winter: Literature, Arithmetic, General History, Civil Govt., Economics and Spring: Literature, Arithmetic, General History, Economics.

Third year — Fall: English, Physics, Geometry, Zoology; Winter: English, Physics, Geometry, Zoology and Spring: General, Physics, Geometry, Physical Geography.



Members of the 1898 graduating class are shown above. They were taught by Prof. E. L. Meek.

Class members included Viola Hornaday, Edwin Carlson, Blanch Halsey, Bessie Warden, Harvey Hutton, Ada Barnavelt, Arthur Johnson and Dollie Norris.



These people attended the reunion at Elk Rapids school held back on Sept. 11, 1932. This picture was given to us by

Mrs. William Webb, whose father attended the reunion. The school at one time was called Shady Dell.



This picture shows all the students attending classes at Madrid in May of 1916. The old school building is shown in the background to the right in this photo. The present elementary-junior high building is also shown.

Identifiable people in the picture are Mabel Easton (1); Zephyr Williams (2); Prof. Templeton, Supt. of Schools (3); E. S. Wheeler (4); Herman Farr (5); Carrie Hurley (6); Edith Norris (8); Ida Ahlquist (9); Ray Pope (11); Grace

Wheeler (12); Ray Sinkey (13); Dorothy Williams (14); Genta Lackey (15); Helen Twomey (16); Ray Hoover (17); Homer Carrol (18); Ruben Oakleaf (19); Paul Kinsey (20); Miss Young, high school principal (21); Homer Evans (22);

Vera Sexauer (24); Lyle Luther (25); Roy Erickson (26); Thelma Lackey (27); Ruth Page (33) and Pete Helstrom (34).