

Education

The first day of school at Lundi was held during the winter of 1878-79. The teachers were Sigtryggur Jonasson and his wife Rannveig, Tarihildur Holm and Haldor Briem. The first regular school was opened in 1889 with Miss Salina Petursson as teacher. Classes were conducted in an extra log house built by Johann Briem at Grund until the school house was built on the town site just south of the bridge in 1891.

When the old school was divided into two rooms, about 1916 and high school grades first taught, Mrs. Lina Olafson was the first principal. In 1918, a four roomed school was built on the present site. Later, a class room was added in the basement and as the attendance grew, two more rooms were added in another building.

To ensure a higher quality of education and better and wider opportunity for all the children in Riverton and surrounding schools, consolidation was approved in 1965. To meet the needs of accommodation for all these pupils, a new 21 roomed school is under construction. This school will open in September this year with a staff of 13 teachers under the supervision of Mrs. Vigdis Peterson, a dedicated, experienced principal, who is well known to us all for her efficient teaching.

The high school has grown steadily since 1916 from the one classroom until in 1961 when

it occupied the present collegiate a six-classroom building with a staff of six teachers. Two years later, an extra classroom was added.

The adoption of a single district school division according to the Department of Education, has the advantage of providing an administrative organization that enables more effective planning of the whole educational program from kindergarten to grade twelve and further equalization of costs.

Riverton high school has been fortunate with its teachers. Two outstanding principals are late Mr. Eysteinn Arnason and Mr. Peter Onysko. The last three years, the school has kept up its records of orderliness and progress under the administration of Mr. Abe Friesen.

In the public school during the last forty years, have been many teachers with fine records of devoted service. Those who benefited from their teaching will not forget them.

From the Riverton High School, have come many fine graduates, who may be found in various walks of life such as medicine, engineering, teaching, nursing, etc.

With better facilities, more teachers and increased demand for higher education, it is to be hoped that our young people realize the wonderful opportunities at hand to prepare and train themselves for adult life.



The country schoolhouse, taken in the Interlake Area 1927. These are now obsolete - being replaced by consolidated schools.