

Letter from Lee S. Turnbaugh, Chico, CA.

I received most of my grade school and all of my high school education in Midvale schools. I entered the old Salem School at the age of nine years while in the third grade. After graduating in the spring of 1910 I entered high school in the fall of that year. This was the first year of the high school's existence and the sessions were held in the Baptist Church with Mr. Pedley as the one and only instructor. After two years with one instructor Mr. McIntosh became our instructor and somewhat later a Miss Miller was added to the teaching staff. Sometime later she became Mrs. McIntosh. Near the end of my last year in high school Mrs. McIntosh resigned because of health reasons. This left our class in German without a teacher. I volunteered to lead the class for the remainder of the year in order that the German students might receive credit for the course. My offer was accepted so I was their German instructor, "without portfolio", for the remainder of the course. All of the members of the class made it through for accreditation. So, by stretching the facts slightly I might say I was one of the first teachers of Midvale High.

As I began writing this memories came flooding in on me but I won't bore you with them.

After graduation I entered the teaching profession and taught in Idaho and Oregon schools. In the middle 30's I came back to Midvale and taught three years in the elementary District 17 school. Counting these three years I spent in all 13 years in Midvale schools. Because of this I regret that I will not be able to be with the many graduates of the years that will be there.

I am the only surviving member of the 1914 class. There were but two of us -- Floyd Reaves and myself. Tresa Bitnernee Fletcher had her exercises with Floyd and I due to the fact that she was the lone graduate of 1913. She took part of her work at Weiser before Midvale High opened. Although I won't be there I hope the reunion is very, very successful.

Very sincerely,
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