

The LHS Newsletter Archive

BALD EAGLE

Volume Fifteen, Issue Number 4

Originally Published in Lecompton, Kansas : Winter 1989
Digitally Archived August 2006





DWIGHT EISENHOWER'S PARENTS

Ida Elizabeth Stover was born May 1, 1862 at Mount Sydney, Virginia. The name Stover dates back to the Knights of the Stauffer at Hohenstauffen, Germany and the year 1000. By the time of William Tell, the family had moved to Switzerland.

From Switzerland, the Reverend Johann Peter Stover went to the Virginia Colony in 1736, to convert slaves to Christianity. By 1738, he had established a Lutheran Church, school and parsonage on a 5000 acre grant of land in East Rockingham County, Virginia.

Ida Elizabeth was born in a house built by Johann Peter, at Mt. Sydney, he being her great, great grandfather. Her father, Simon P. Stover had been born there in 1826. Her mother, Elizabeth Ida Link was born in the same area in 1824. They were married at Mt. Sterling, Virginia. Ida was named for her mother, but to avoid confusion the name was reversed.

When she was born, the Civil War was being fought and battles were taking place in Shenandoah Valley. Union Armies came down to Augusta County on their raids.



Ida Stover Eisenhower and David Dwight Eisenhower shortly after their marriage in 1885 while attending Lane University.

Nearby Staunton was twice occupied by Federal troops, so the war scorched the valley, wrecked orchards, and charred the barns. The smell of burning hay stacks became one of Ida's first memories and she felt this terrifying. Raiding soldiers came by the Stover house, keeping the family fearful. Ida's mother died when Ida was five and it was thought the death was caused by continual terror for her family and home. For that reason, Ida always hated war.

Simon Stover, the father, felt incapable of caring for eight children after his wife's death, so various relatives took them in. Ida went to live with her maternal grandparents, the Links. There she was taught to work hard and well, that women needed only to learn to read and write, and to be seen not heard. She became an assistant cook at age seven, and soon an assistant baker. She used a big brick oven in which the wood fire was built and then the coals raked out before setting things in it to bake or roast, as meat, pastry and bread. By the age of nine, she was the chief baker.

After she had finished her baking duties, she would go upstairs to the quilting room where she was trained in that skill. Every day she was allotted a certain amount to do, and if it was not done acceptably, the thread was pulled out and she did it over and over, or as many times as was needed to get it done to near perfection, as a result, at ten, she was an expert at darning, patching and hemming. Later, when she went to Kansas with the Mennonite caravan, she was an accomplished seamstress.

The Stover family believed in a good education, the Links did not. When Ida was only five, she could read, but she had to hurry at her work so she would have time for school. She also had the support and companionship of her seven brothers, one of whom was the local teacher. The school was known as the Limestone Schoolhouse. It was built of logs and rough timber on the edge of a woods. It was just a rudely built shack, with a barren room and rough board benches. There she learned her three "R's" readin', 'riting and 'rithmetic. Ida quickly became a proficient reader, and persued every book she could acquire.

She played boys' games and learned their horse riding stunts. They would ride into the woods and sit in a group, discussing secret plans for their future. The father died when she was twelve, so Ida depended on the encouragment of her brothers to further her education. The family was deeply religious and church records show that Ida learned 1,365 Bible verses in six months.

When she was fourteen, she went to the near-by town of Staunton, and located a home where she could work for her board and room and go to the high school. She did the cooking and helped with the care of the children. She finished high school and taught school for two years before she was twenty-one. That was the year she was eligible to receive an inheritance of one thousand dollars. She immediately spent six hundred of it for a small ebony piano; she had always been interested in music, but had had no opportunity to get any training. Two of her brothers had joined a Dunkard Church colony and had moved to Kansas, and they encouraged her to join them. When a cousin, Mary Ann Link, who had recently married Emanuel Bean, decided to join a group of Mennonites that were going to Kansas, she determined to go with them. These Brethren, frequently called River Brethren because they favored river baptizing, were methodical and efficient volunteers. The household property was sent along by freight train cars, so Ida had no problem transporting her prized piano, while she rode in the coach. She had also made arrangements for staying with her brother who lived in Topeka. She desired a college education, and he had told her about the college the River Brethren had founded in Lecompton. An uncle, W. D. Stover lived in Lecompton, and she arranged to stay with him. The college also welcomed women students, while some did not.

In the fall of 1883, Ida appeared at Lane University with her piano, and began studying music, voice, history, literature and anything else the college would teach her, absorbing learning like a hungry sponge. The curriculum was not very large, but it served Ida well, it introduced her to David Dwight Eisenhower, who was a student at the same college.

David was a serious young man,

fastidious in dress and what he did and said, just as reserved as Ida was friendly. He was a brunette and she a blonde. She was not a classic beauty, but she smiled almost constantly, which attracted David. However different they were, their ancestors were very much alike.

David's people were also German, and had come to Pennsylvania before 1750. The family had left the Lutheran Church to adopt the Mennonite style of worship. They believed in the simple life, plain living, and frugality. His forebearers had come to America to escape wars and religious persecutions in the old world. William Penn offered them a place in Pennsylvania where they might worship as they pleased. John David Eishenhower, David's great, great, great, great grandfather was the first Eisenhower to come to the new world. There in Elizabethville, Pennsylvania, David Dwight Eisenhower was born September 23, 1863. When he was sixteen in 1878, his father, who was a Brethren preacher, decided to sell his farm and go to Kansas with a group of people of similar beliefs. They settled in Abilene on a farm and prospered. David did not like to farm and wanted to become an engineer, and for that reason he had gone to Lane University. However, the subjects he needed were not taught, so as he was an avid reader, he settled on other topics. He became a Greek scholar, and he read the Bible written in Greek the rest of his life. He was also conversant in German, but wanted his own family to speak English, so in his own home he spoke no German except to his father.

Lane University had several advantages, it was new and it was lively. David and Ida profited from their association with the students and dedicated faculty of Lane University. They ended their college life September 23, 1885 when, according to former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, they were married in the Lane University chapel by Rev. E.B. Slade. They then started a general merchandise store in Hope, Kansas with the wedding gift they had received from David's father: \$2000 and a one-hundred-sixty acre farm. David later took in a partner to help with the work. However, due to the fact that their customers were chiefly farmers, and they had several bad years due to hordes of grasshoppers and drought, and could not pay their credit bills, the store failed.

David's partner absconded with what funds left available, and the store took out bankruptcy which after some years was all paid off.

David then took a job with a railroad in Denison, Texas where Ida joined him after their second son, Edgar, was born. They stayed in Denison for three years and another son Dwight was born there. They then returned to Abilene where he worked in a creamery. He continued studying engineering by correspondence, and some time later received a diploma. He next worked as an engineer for the local gas plant and later became its highly respected manager.

When they returned to Abilene, they lived in a tiny cottage, which after having five boys became too small. So, they purchased a two-story house that had three acres of land and a large barn. Ida thereafter assigned each boy certain chores, alternating between outdoor and indoor tasks. They carried water, started the kitchen fire, milked and fed a cow, cared for chickens, pigs and two horses, grew vegetables, helped with the laundry, cooking and household chores. Ida was passionately fond of flowers. In the spring she would have the boys spade up the ground chosen for planting of annuals, they and perennials were carefully guarded and watered during the summer. In the spring geraniums would be set in selected spots; in the fall they were potted and brought into the house for the winter. One room had a bay window opening to the west; it was bright throughout the winter filled with the flowers she loved. There were not too many discipline problems, but those that occurred were quickly solved by the "rod". Ida could wield the "rod", but she preferred to wait until David came for supper, and let him handle the matter.

A religious atmosphere pervaded the Eishenhower home. Both Ida and David were so steeped in the teachings of the Bible by the Mennonites and River Brethren, that their whole lives were governed by religious feelings, it was the force that dominated their lives. However, when the boys reached the age of reason, they were not forced to go to church, they were allowed to have their own convictions. Although she attended church faithfully,

Ida never felt compelled to wear the little white cap that the other Brethren women wore, nor did David feel forced to grow the beard that was a characteristic of the Brethren men.

In mid-life, Ida and David became dissatisfied with conventional church services, so they assembled a group of like-minded people and held weekly Bible study sessions in each others homes. When they met in the Eisenhower home, Ida had the happy opportunity to play hymns on her piano as the group sang. After David's death in 1942, it was felt by her sons, that Ida needed a companion, so they hired a Presbyterian lady who thereafter took Ida to the Presbyterian church for Bible classes.

School work was considered important in the Eisenhower household, but neither parent tried to push any of the boys into a certain profession or college. The boys all did odd jobs at various times, so although the parents did not have the money to send them to college, they could each earn their way or help each other. Arthur upon high school graduation, went to Kansas City to work, passing up college, and going into banking; Edgar wanted to study law. Dwight decided to help him and then Edgar could return the favor. However, Dwight received an appointment to West Point, so he had four years of college on his own. Earl spent seven years in Tacoma, Washington, living with Edgar and working in his law office while seeking an engineering degree. Milton went to Kansas State College and paid his way by working periodically for the Reflector Chronicle, a newspaper of Abilene. The following is a summary of the sons and their vocations:

Arthur (b 1886) Vice-president of the Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo.
Edgar (b 1889) Attorney at Law, Tacoma, Washington
Dwight (b 1890) Army General and President of the United States
Roy J. (b 1892) Pharmacist
Paul L. (b 1894 - died 1895)
Earl D. (b 1898) Electrical Engineer and Publisher
Milton S. (b 1899) President of Kansas State University, Pennsylvania State University, and John Hopkins University

David and Ida could look at their sons's records and be happy with what they had reared, and that the world was better because of them. They were all fine moral citizens interested in the public welfare. The parents were equally proud of each son. Once during a celebration in Abilene in honor of Dwight, a correspondent asked Ida if she were proud of her famous son; she replied "Which one?"

One of the boys once asked his mother, "How did you ever manage to bring us up?" She answered "Didn't you ever catch on? Don't you remember there was always lots of work to do around the place, and you were busy doing it."

Edgar said, "Father and mother complimented each other. Mother had the fire and ambition, and a personality full of joy. She had a song in her heart. Dad was the anchor, he was the one that kept everyone's feet on the ground. He had a quiet influence that we didn't recognize until we got older and began to experience some of the responsibilities of life."

David D. Eisenhower died in 1942, and Ida Stover Eisenhower died in 1946, both satisfied that they had had a fruitful life.

Sara Walter and Iona Spencer

The authors are very appreciative of the following references which were very valuable in preparing the above story:

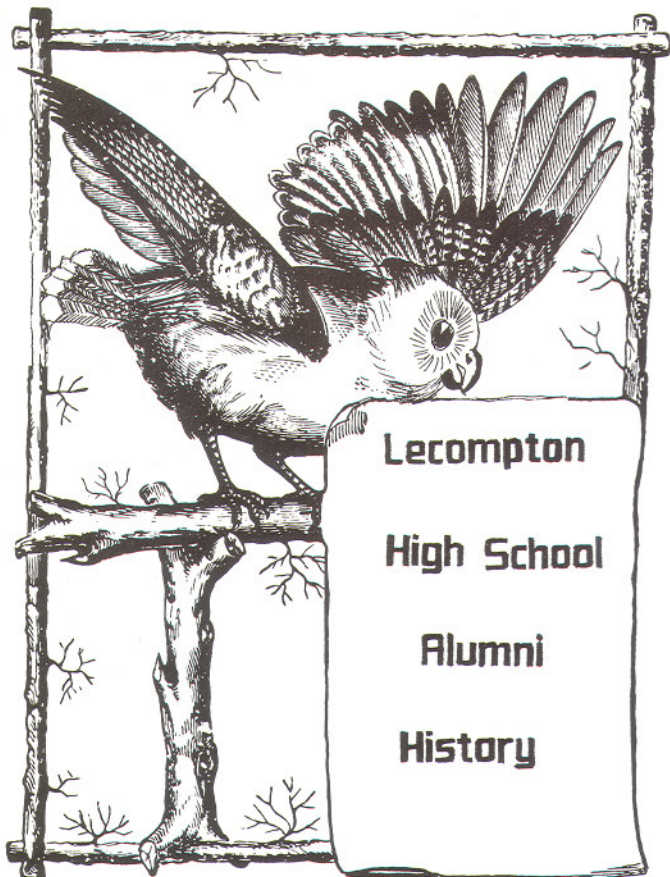
Duncan, Kunigundi, Earning the Right to do Fancywork, University of Kansas Press, Lawrence, Kansas. 1957

Kornitzer, Bela, The Great American Heritage, The Story of Five Eisenhower Brothers, Farrar, Straus, and Cudahy, New York, N.Y. 1955

Eisenhower, Dwight D., At Ease Stories I Tell to Friends, Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, N.Y. 1967

Miller, Francis Trevelyan, Eisenhower Man and Soldier, The John C. Winston Col., Philadelphia, Pa. 1944

Faber, Doris, The Mothers of American Presidents, The New American Library, Inc., New York, N.Y. 1968



The following information is taken from "The Lecompton Sun," Thursday, January 24, 1924. Iona Spencer

The Lecompton High School began as a public institute September 16, 1903, under the expense of District No. 36. This district carried all expense and responsibility until 1921, shortly after the old school building was destroyed by fire. It was then that the High School was made Rural. Since then the enrollment has been larger and we believe the school has been much better, although the old school, as it was, turned out some very helpful citizens, both boys and girls. Many of the girls have married and their career as people of the world has been stopped; but what is a more worthy life for a woman than to be the mother of a healthy family, that will be or already has been properly trained and cared for.

We will begin the list of Alumni with: ANDERSON, Hazel, '15--known to us and most of the young folks of Lawrence as "Andy". She is first cashier at Wiedemann's, the largest confectionery between Chicago and Los Angeles. She has been there for seven years.

ARNETT, Ora, '22--has been around Lecompton ever since he graduated. He says he has no trouble in finding work at any time. What is more virtuous than honest labor. He isn't married yet.

BAHNMAIER, George, '16--known for miles around as "Cutie". George is one of the most successful farmers of the community. He and his brother "Mike" have one of the best bottom land farms between Lawrence and Topeka. Yes, "Cutie" is married to Ruth Glenn, a former classmate for several years.

BANKS, Herman, '19--is another farmer with good honest ideals in life. He has been farming ever since he was large enough to hold a hoe or a pitchfork, but not for himself until the last few years. He married Miss Miller of Lawrence.

BANKS, John, '17--is still another farmer and a neighbor to his brother. He says; "Nothing beats farming if for no other reason than being at home in your business." He is married to a Miss Lambert who formerly lived at Humbolt, Kansas.

BAUGHMAN, Ted, '20--and still another man of the soil. We think Ted is rather a city farmer who drives to and from his work in his Ford coupe. He isn't married.

BERTSCHINGER, Wright, '12--is a prosperous farmer in the Greenwood Valley district. He has been farming ever since he finished high school. He married Miss Nora Dryer.

BURTON, James, '18--is one to be remembered by his athletic career in L.H.S. also his awful line of talk. With this much said we all know that he is a successful salesman. He is now traveling for the Hamilton Brown Shoe company, in Arkansas.

BRASS, James, '08--"A high school education will not hurt anyone and it will help some people a lot," says Jim. J.F. Brass has one of the best dairy farms along the Victory Highway. Each morning he takes a truckload of milk to Lawrence where he always receives a good price for it. Jim married Miss Rose Roller.

CARLSON, Margaret, '22--has been a very faithful girl to Mrs. Carlson. She stays with her mother and clerks at the Hill drug store. No, she isn't married.

COLE, Mabel, '16--will be remembered by her everlasting smile. Well she still has that smile as she cares for her children and does her housework. She married Starr Glenn of Lecompton.

COLE, Ross, '21--has been traveling most of the time since he finished high school, having made two or three trips to Colorado and one to California. At present he has a half interest in the American Cafe at Lecompton.

ARNETT, Grace, '22--is a waitress at the Trapp Cafe in Topeka.

BAXTER, Neal, '15--now Rev. Baxter. For three or four years Neal had been preaching out in Colorado.

COVEY, Anna, '11--is now living at Des Moines, Iowa, with her husband who is a commercial artist for the "Homestead People" there.

CRADY, Alta, '20--is a happy married woman still living in the old home town. She married Mr. Everett Huey of Lecompton.

DARK, Clarence, '20--Rah-Rah! for Darkie. Clarence is helping his father on the farm this year, but he is going back to K.U. next fall where he is a Junior civil engineer.

DAY, Lloyd, '05--has been with the railroad for several years. He is now an engineer. His home is at Winslow, Arizona.

DAVIDSON, Paul, '07--has been in California for a good many years. He is now one of the firm of a big real estate company in Los Angeles, California.

DREYER, Nora, '14--married one of her old school mates, Wright Bertschinger, and they are now living on a farm near Lecompton.

DUMMER, Kinnie, '14--is now in the employ of a wholesale millinery factory at Portland, Oregon.

FLEENOR, Harry, '16--the man that uses most all of Webster's words, former editor of the Lecompton Sun, is now operating a Linotype for a newspaper at St. Paul, Kansas.

FLEENOR, Betty, '05--is now superintendent

of the high school at Manhattan. He is a graduate of K.S.A.C.

GEELAN, Amos, '18--is employed in the offices of the Santa Fe railroad company of Topeka.

GIBBONS, Margaret, '10--has been a farmer's wife for a good many years. She married Elmer Bahnmaier of Lecompton.

GLENN, Ruth, '15--now Mrs. Geo. Bahnmaier. They live on a farm several miles west of Lecompton, but Ruth is still a worker for the community. She is one of the persons who helped the alumni organize into an association.

GLENN, Harve, '18--is a really honest-to-goodness, good natured farmer. He is building up a herd of good dairy cows.

GLENN, Harry, '22--"Sam" has followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Harvey, and he too, stays at home and helps on the farm, enjoying life as he lives.

GLENN, Bertha, '19--has been a school teacher for two years. She has been teaching at Belvoir both terms. A new school house was just finished this last fall for her to teach in.

HENRY, Howard, '11--has been married for some time. He is now farming out by Big Springs. His specialty is raising White Leghorn chickens.

HILL, Madge, '14--now Mrs. Fred Rothberger of Eudora. Madge has been attending school at K.S.A.C., and Emporia Normal and teaching at Lecompton and Eudora since she graduated. Last fall she clerked in the Drug Store and acted as associate editor of the Lecompton Sun.

HILL, Jack, '18--is a very busy man now. He is half owner and manager of the Lecompton Garage. Since he and his brother-in-law went into the garage, its business, according to the books, has increased sixty-five percent.

HILL, Fritz, '20--is now helping his brother, Jack, in the garage part of the time and the other part of the time he is clerking in their drug store.

HILL, Sarah, '07--has been married for several years to Clyde Gibson of Topeka. Mr. Gibson is employed in the Santa Fe offices and Sarah operates a linotype at the State Printing Plant.

HOLLOWAY, John, '18--has been farming since he graduated from high school, except for a short time when he sold insurance.

ILIFF, Zella, '07--was a clerk at the Lecompton State Bank for several years. She is now one of the directors. Miss Iliff has been employed at the State Printing Plant for the past five years in the text book department.

INGHAM, Winter, '18--is a very industrious boy. He hasn't made his mark in the world yet, but his time is coming. He attended K.U. for two and one-half years and Texas U. one year. This spring he will receive his degree as a chemical engineer at K.U.

JACKSON, Louise, '16--known as "Birdie" throughout her schooling at Lecompton, is married to Ervin Shaffer, civil engineer in Chicago, where she is attending a Fine Arts college. For several years she was employed by the Capper Publishing Co., at Topeka, where she drew sketches for some of Capper's papers.

JACKSON, Jesse, '11--now Mrs. Kerby Rodgers. They are living on their ranch at Forest Hill, Louisiana. Mrs. Rodgers has several thousand sheep.

JACKSON, Bessie, '10--now Mrs. Robert Norwood. Bessie boasts of having the largest and best families of any of the Alumni. They live on a farm east of Lecompton which her husband farms. They have a large flock of pure bred White Leghorns, a nice bunch of Jersey cows and quite a few Duroc Jersey hogs.

KETTERING, Charlie, '07--was a good musician and a singer when he went to high school. He graduated from the school of fine arts at K.U. and is now an instructor of voice at the York (Nebraska) College.

KUHN, Charles, '21--known as "Boe" is a pretty busy man, being manager of the American Cafe at Lecompton. No, he is not married yet.

EARLY, Walter, '11--was a star basket ball

player for the high school. He is married and is farming up near Valley Falls.

LAHUE, Mildred, '07--is married and is living on a farm at Dwight, Kansas.

LAMER (Leamer), Anna, '11--"Tom" is one of the best piano players the high school ever graduated. She is now playing in an orchestra down south in a theatre.

LEWIS, Pearl, '05--Pearl Lewis Day, deceased.

LEWIS, Ralph, '07--is vice president of the Prudential Life Insurance Co. of New York. He has his office at Topeka.

LOGAN, Joe, '11--married Miss Estella French. They are now farming up in Greenwood Valley.

LEWIS, Lois, '09--is a stenographer in the Santa Fe offices in Topeka.

McCLANAHAN, Elizabeth, '22--Stenographer at the Park Davis Wholesale Drug Co., Kansas City, Missouri.

McGILL, Lola, '22--is now a student nurse at the St. Luke Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas.

MORRIS, Mildred, '19--married. They live on a farm near Sedgwick.

McRAE, Bert, '19--telegraph operator at the Santa Fe offices in Topeka.

McCALL, Darryl, '17--is employed at the Post Office in Topeka.

MORRISS, Wayne, '16--has been farming since he graduated from high school until last summer, he began to sell insurance for the Liberty Life Insurance Co. of Topeka.

McCALL, Madge, '21--married to Don Pardee, they are living at Baldwin.

McCLANAHAN, Lewis, '06--deceased.

McCALL, Gretchen, --married Mr. H.H. Huntley. They are living at Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he is an electrician for the Railroad Company. Gretchen comes back to her old home town about once a year to visit friends and relatives.

MORRIS, Jay, '09--married. He is in the insurance business at Detroit, Michigan.

McCALL, Roy, '11--has been teaching school most of the time since '11, but he is now manager of the Shawnee Coal Company of Topeka. He married Miss Billie Jarden of Topeka.

NANCE (Nace), Mary, '22--is going to be a school teacher too. She is now a Soph. at K.U.

RICHARDS, Richard, '17--Dick is another Santa Fe man. He is in Amarillo, Texas, working in the office. He is not married.

RICHARDS, William, '17--Billie does not come to town much unless there is something special at lodge. Outside of a few trips a week to nearby towns, his farm keeps him pretty busy. He isn't married.

SCHROYER, Ruth, '22--attended the Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia last summer and is now teaching school at Yarnold. She is married to Ross Cole, a former class mate.

SHIRLEY, Elmer, '18--"Smilie" does not have a job, he has a position with the National Supply Co., manufacturers and dealers of oil and gas well supplies. He is field scout and keeps the company in touch with the conditions and developments of different oil fields. He has Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. If he thinks it would be profitable for the company to build a store at an oil field he tells them and usually a store is built and stocked at once. He isn't married.

SEHON, Russel, '14--is a carpenter. He was mill carpenter at the Bowersock Mill at Lawrence for six years. He is now doing finishing work on the new hotel at Topeka. He is married.

SEHON, Curtis, '21--is a farmer and Associate Editor of the Lecompton Sun now for several years.

SHOTT, Ester, '19--"Bob" has been married for several year to Harry Fleenor. They are now living at Pittsburg, Kansas, where Harry is employed by a newspaper firm. They have two children, a boy and a girl.

SEHON, Helen, '19--"Happy" is married to

H.W. Hunter of the Hunter Brothers Grocery Co. of Lawrence. Yes, they have no children.

SEHON, Phillip, '18--is a carpenter. He has been employed by the Garlinghouse Realty Co. for the last two years. He isn't married.

SCOTT, Ella--married R. Stanwix, a farmer, north of Lawrence. They own a large herd of good dairy cows and are making them pay. Ella is still as good natured as she used to be.

SCHOTT, Lewis, '16--was always rather quiet when in high school and he isn't very noisy now. He is employed in the Santa Fe offices in Topeka. He is married.

SHIRLEY, Frank,--is still a Lecompton booster. He and his brother are some more of the alumni progressive farmers. He is not married.

SCHROYER, Lenora, '19--taught school at Winter for two years. She has been working for the Beatrice Creamery Company in Topeka for about 3 years.

SPANGLER, LePort, '12--thought he would like to be a newspaper man, so he studied to be a journalist and he is a success. LePort is now in Chicago.

SMITH, Clarence, '11--has been teaching school almost every winter since he graduated. At present he is the principal of the grade school in Lecompton. There are about 85 pupils in the grade school here.

SPANGLER, LeRoy, '12--No, LeRoy has not been lucky, he has made himself by working hard in his high school and Kansas University days. Shortly after he graduated from K.U. he took up Civil Service work, making a good showing at this work he was given a position in a foreign consul. He is now Vice Consul to Bulgaria.

SLAVENS, Irene, '22--attended K.U. last year but this year she is teaching in our grade school. She is a very industrious girl and Clarence Smith says she is an excellent teacher.

SHELLY, Blanche, '22--The same could be said of Blanche as of Irene, since both attended K.U. and both are teaching in the

school here.

TODHUNTER, Fae, '18--This is the first winter Fae has not been teaching for some time. She now lives at Dores, Kansas.

SPANGLER, Myra, '06--Several years ago, Myra married a former class mate, Henry Wienrich. Myra was one of the best musicians that ever graduated from the High School. She taught Music in the grade and high school, having charge of all the musical plays, glee club work, etc. She and her husband and family now live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

TUPPER, Paul, '17--graduated from K.S.A.C. He is now employed by the Topeka State Journal at Topeka.

TAYLOR, Frank, '22--studied hard and observed closely, this is how he learned to be a printer all by himself. He has charge of the press at the Liberty Life Insurance Company, of Topeka.

TIMMONS, Irene, '18--has been a saleslady for a large department store in Denver for about two years. She isn't married.

WALTERS, John, '18--Used to like to talk, and still does. With his job as agent for the Royal Vacuum Cleaners, he has a good line to give. He is in Topeka at present with his family.

WINTER, Jeanne, '15--is kept very busy with her poultry and household work. She married Howard Brass, who owns a good dairy farm close to the Victory Highway.

WINTER, Gladys, '07--has been with the Thompson Hardware Co., in Topeka for several years. She must enjoy her work because we have never heard her complain. She isn't married.

WINTER, Ship, '17--is a graduate of K.S.A.C. and is now principle of our own high school.

WINTER, Lee, '15--married Mr. ^{Herb} ~~Ray~~ Gress of Lecompton. They are managing her father's ranch in Barber county.

WIENRICH, Henry, '05--was one of our first "Grads" but he is making his mark in this old world. He is at the head of the Botany Department of the Pennsylvania State University.

WINTER, Fred, '05--is also one of our first "Grads" and he is also making a showing in the world. He has already made three important electrical inventions for the electrical company he is with in New York.

1932 LECOMPTON SENIORS

In the fall of 1931, The Lecompton Sun printed a series of articles giving biographical sketches on the seniors of Lecompton High School. Those articles follow as taken from The Lecompton Sun.

Iona Spencer

HAROLD LESLIE

Harold received his grade school education at Perry and Lecompton. During his fourth and fifth years at Perry, Harold held first place in school and county Declamation contest. He was salutatorian when he graduated in 1928. Harold has taken part in these plays and operettas; "That's One On Bill," "The Colonel's Maid," "The Belle of Barcelona," "Quack, Quack," and "Nautical Knot." He played basketball one year and practiced football. Harold has been president of his class for three years. Harold intends to enroll at the University of Kansas next fall,

HOWARD LASSWELL

Howard attended Fairview, Lincoln, Morning Star and Lecompton Grade Schools. He won a basketball letter during his fifth year in grade school. Howard has played football during his high school years. He also has been on the basketball team each year. He has played baseball one season. Howard has been in three operettas and several plays, among them are "Quack, Quack," "Path Across the Hill" and "The Colonel's Maid." Howard has been on the honor roll during his grade school life.

HAROLD DUNN

Harold began and graduated from the Lecompton rural school. He played basketball during his seventh and eighth years. During his high school years he has played three years of basketball and expects to play another one this year. This is Harold's first year on the football team, but Harold shows that he has plenty

of grit. He has also played baseball one year. Among the plays and operettas Harold has taken part in are these: "Twilight Alley," "Bingo," "Colonel's Maid," and "Peggy and the Pirate." Harold has also been president of his class, and held the office of treasurer for two years.

WAYNE STOVER

Wayne attended several grade schools in his school days. Among those were State Street, Sumner, Roosevelt Junior High, all of Topeka. Later he moved to the Glenn community, where he graduated from that school. Wayne has gone to Lecompton High School all four years. He plays the violin and sings tenor in our quartet. Among the plays and operettas, Wayne has been in these, "That's One On Bill," "The Colonel's Maid," "Peggy and the Pirate," and "Polished Pebbles."

HELEN FRYE

Helen attended grade school at Olive Branch, in Jefferson county. She was valedictorian of her class. Helen's first year in high school was at Scranton. Then she came to Lecompton where she intends to graduate in her Junior year. Helen entered the W.C.T.U. contest and won two essay prizes, a district and county one. For prizes she received these books, "The Glorious Adventure" and "Carey E. Nation's Life." Helen is playing basketball this year.

OLIVER WINGFIELD

Oliver attended grade school at Lecompton all eight years. He was on the honor roll, having an average above 90, when he graduated, also Oliver played basketball in grade school. Oliver has played two years of football and three years of basketball since he has been in high school. Among the plays and operettas he has been in the two plays, "The Colonel's Maid," and "Quack, Quack" and three operettas. Oliver has also been secretary of his class.

ESTHER KETTERING

Esther began at Glenn and graduated there. She came to L.H.S. and entered the Freshman class and has gone these four years, without missing a semester. Esther has been secretary of the G.R.

organization, and played basketball two years, also expects to play on the team this year. She has been in the play "The Colonel's Maid" and the operetta "Polished Pebbles."

GEORGE NORWOOD

George attended grade school in Lecompton. While in grade school he had parts in several grade school plays. When he graduated his average was above 90, a record to be proud of. George has been in the play, "The Colonel's Maid," and in an operetta during his Sophomore year. He has played four years of football, and he intends to play basketball this year. He has not played basketball before.

MARTHA SMITH

Martha started to school at Lecompton Grade School in September, 1920, with fourteen other girls and boys. She is one of the two members of the Senior class who has received all of her education from the Lecompton schools, and she has completed one grade each year. Martha had perfect attendance in grade school for four years. She has taken an active part in high school. Last spring she and her sister played a piano duet for the High School commencement exercises. Martha is the treasurer and the pianist for the Girl Reserve. She is also a member of the high school orchestra. Martha has taken part in operettas and in plays given by the school, community and the church. Among these may be mentioned: "The Colonel's Maid," "Bill Lends a Hand," "Quack, Quack," "The Texas Ranger" and several others. Martha has been out for basketball every year that we have played. So when graduation calls, another will leave us.

MARY GLENN

Mary first attended Lecompton Grade School, then moved into the Glenn community, later attending the Big Springs Grade School. Finally graduated from Greenwood Valley. Mary won five books for spelling prizes. Mary has spent all four years in Lecompton High School. She was in a G.R. play and was in a stunt in the G.R. Carnival.



Christmas Cards Available

Christmas cards featuring prints of the original water color winter scene of Ida and David Eisenhower painted by Ellen Duncan and seen on page 1 of this issue will be available for purchase from the Lecompton Historical Society at the November meeting. All proceeds go to the Historical Society and this is an excellent method for each of us to publicize the 100th anniversary of the birthday of Dwight D. Eisenhower being celebrated here in Lecompton and all over Kansas this year. Dwight D. Eisenhower's parents met and were married while attending Lane University.

Cards may be purchased 3 for \$ 1.00.

There is a \$1.00 charge for postage and handling.

Donated Items

The following items have been received at the Lane University Museum:

Bible of the Jessie McCall family by Helen Pettibone.

Unique walking cane telescope which belonged to Mrs. John Todhunter McCarty by J. H. Hoage. It was used by the Todhunters during the territorial period.

Two old books that belonged to Hattiebel Swan.

President Eisenhower photograph by Wilma Norwood.

Antique dishes, clock, wall hanging, and food grinder by Henry Hart.

Paul Bahnmaier

THE LECOMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Lecompton, Kansas 66050 is a non-profit corporation for the preservation of historical sites. We are eager for continued membership and new members!

Individual membership is \$3 per year, from December to December, while a household membership is \$5. Life membership is \$50 per individual. Contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to the Lecompton Historical Society, and mailed to Mrs. Iona Spencer, R.R. #1, Lecompton, Kansas 66050.

* * * * * Please Clip And Mail With Your Check * * * * *

_____ \$3 Annual Individual Membership

_____ \$5 Annual Household Membership

_____ \$50 Individual Life or Memorial Membership

_____ Other Contribution \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Membership Report

We are proud to announce that we have reached our goal of 1,000 members. In order to keep this membership, we want to remind you all to renew your membership in December, when our memberships come due. We have 88 Memorials, 393 Life Members and 526 dues paying members, making a total to date, 1,007. We extend a warm welcome to new life member Gary W. Brown.

Iona Spencer

Christmas Event

The annual Christmas Vespers will be held Sunday December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. An open house and reception will be held following the customary program. The program will be music by the Lecompton United Methodist Church Choir under the direction of Kim Stewart, organ music by Francis Sanford, piano music by Cindy Daniels, and vocal selections by Reverend Don and Joy Flanner. Karen McConnell and Diane Meir will be in charge of the reception. The traditional Christmas photo will be taken after the musical program.

OBITUARIES

Irene Hoffsommer, 84 of Lecompton, died Monday, August 21, 1989. She was born November 12, 1904 in Kansas City, Kansas, the daughter of Robert Burns and Maybelle Spangler Slavens. She graduated from Lecompton High School and attended Kansas University. She married Raymond Hoffsommer in December 1925. He survives. Other survivors include two sons, Harold Hoffsommer and Don Hoffsommer; two daughters, Anna Louise Hoffsommer and Helen Flanning; five sisters, Nellie Brown, Maybelle Hall, Sara Walter, Edith Ward, and Henrietta Anderson; ten grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. A daughter Judith Ann died in 1939. Irene was a school teacher and active in the Stull and Lecompton United Methodist Churches. Burial was in Topeka Cemetery. Irene took a lot of pride in being from Lecompton.

Dorothy A. Baughman, 83, of Mesa, Arizona passed away September 14 in Mesa. She was born December 11, 1905 at Lecompton, the daughter of William Warren and Frances F. Fleenor Drake. She married Ted L. Baughman May 10, 1924 at Lecompton. He died February 16, 1968. Survivors include a daughter, Beverly Haefele; two sisters, Winnifred Fudge and Frances Peggy Moore; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery at Lecompton. She was a member of the Lecompton United Methodist Church and Beulah Chapter No. 34 of Order of Eastern Star. Dorothy always maintained a strong interest in the Lecompton community.

#####

President - PAUL BAHNMAIER
Historical Writer - SARA WALTER
Typesetter - HOWARD DUNCAN

Editor - ELLEN DUNCAN
Genealogical Writer - IONA SPENCER
Illustrator - ELLEN DUNCAN

#####

Published by
The Lecompton Historical Society
LECOMPTON, KANSAS 66050

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Lecompton, Kansas
Permit No. 1

Address Change Requested