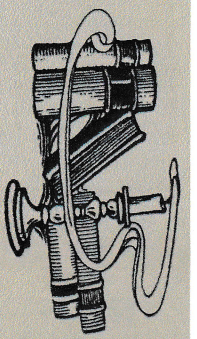


Before the township schools were consolidated to Arlington, there were eleven small one-room school buildings. Here is a listing of these schools: #1 Frog Pond (located about one-half mile east of roads 500N and 550W; #2 school (across from Franklin Addison residence).



The list continues with #3 Tilliwigin (Earl Downey rode his bicycle from Arlington to teach here); #4 Beaver Meadow (near Twin Bridges on highway 52 west of Arlington); #5 Conway School (Ollie Brown property); #6 Offutt School (near Samuel Webster's property); #7 School (east of Arlington where Joe Kramer lived); #8 near the house where Lester Parks lived; #9 Summer School (near Albert Riggsbee home at the crossroads); #10 Arlington four-room building at the site of the present school; #11 near the Leon McDaniel farm.

There are some interesting stories about events that took place in the early school system. One story tells about the school #4 known as Beaver Meadow, located west of town, that took place in the 1870's. The teacher was Richard Hackleman and he was "ducked" in the Beaver Meadow Stream. He had bought treats for the students, but he refused to answer the boy's inquiries about them. The boys became so infuriated that they attacked the teacher and dragged him to the stream where he was trampled into the mud and ice. Timely intervention of the older girls of the school was credited with saving his life. He died two years later as a result of lung trouble. This story was found in the paper that Paul Carmack submitted for his Master of Science degree at Butler in 1942.

Another story he relates is about a boy named Harlan Lowe. This boy led a student revolt which caused Frank English and Sam Innis to resign. Franklin Downey was employed to bring order out of the situation. A short time after he started at the new school principal, he had put an egg in his pocket. He had learned that Harlan had an egg in his pocket. Downey quietly demanded that the boy give it to him, which he did, being taken by surprise. But he rebelled a few days later when he was mildly reprimanded by Mr. Downey. The principal had anticipated this "show-down".

He grasped the Lowe boy by the back of his shirt collar and literally and figuratively "mopped the floor" with him. He concluded by shoving the trembling boy down in his seat and admonishing him to behave. The revolt was over.

