

through the summer months, mostly beginning in early May and closing in August or September and receiving from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a week. ... "The Founding of Covington and the Passing of the District Schools." By Mrs. Nellie M. Paine. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. August 17, 1938

... The Center school was built in 1817. It was a frame building 24x28 feet and heated with a fire place. R. Smith was an early teacher. A man taught for four months in the winter and as the record put it "a female teacher" taught sometimes seven months. The winter teacher received as much as \$15.00 a month and boarded around and the woman teacher about one-fourth as much. During one year, 92 pupils were taught in the district. Slates and pencils were used for most of the school work. One of the teacher's duties was making and "mending" quill pens. However, poor a penman, he "set the copy" for the children. ... "Early Days in Covington." By Mrs. C. W. McKeever. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. September 26, 1934

Some of the early teachers were: Joseph Durfee, Wheaton Merrill, Kate Fisher, Eliza Taylor, Emma Knowles, Rebecca Whitney, Emma Kingdon Taylor, Charles Cochaine, Mary Ann Squires, Mary Gay, Charlotte Gordon, Grove Whitney (taught in the school before serving in the Civil War) and Cornelia Tompkins Lewis.

In 1852 Judson Lewis taught the school, commencing his duties on November 15 with 38 scholars. They increased in attendance until there were eventually 64 students. School closed March 9 the following year, making a winter brief term.

Samuel Judson Lewis, 1827-1853, taught in three different local schools: Pavilion District No. 1 at Pavilion Center, Pavilion District No. 5 (formerly Covington District No. 1) at the top of Burleigh Hill and Covington District No. 6 at Covington Center. His salary for the Pavilion District No. 5 appointment in 1850 was \$17 a month; he was paid \$22 a month at the Covington District No. 6 in 1852. He died August 3, 1853 during the typhoid fever which swept the town in 1852-3.

Other teachers in the Covington Center school included Miss Richardson, Miss Blodgett, Miss Griffith, Julia Miller, Florence Taylor Cornwell, Clarence Cate, Seymour Miller, Estelle Hutchinson Crofoot, George McWethy, Eva Harris Morrow, Mrs. Effie Kingsley and Ella Phelps Rudgers.

Adapted from a 1937 scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine and *The Pavilion Community of New York State: 1800-1941*.

The Pavilion Center school made a visit to the Covington Center school on Friday last, 19th inst. A pleasant visit reported. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 26, 1875

Mrs. E.[Edson] W. Hoyt will close her school at Pavilion Center with public exercises Friday afternoon. Mrs. Lewis at Covington Center will do likewise next week Friday. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. March 3, 1876

Miss Cornelia Lewis is to teach at Covington Center. *Genesee Courier*. Le Roy, NY. May 4, 1877

On Friday afternoon of last week **Mrs. Grove D. Whitney** [Rebecca] surprised her school at Covington Center with a candy-pull, with popped corn and cracked butternuts as accessories. It is needless to say that there was no candy left; and one little chap was heard to ask "Teacher, when are we going to Have another candy-pull?" *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. February 23, 1884

Mrs. R. Whitney closed her school at Covington Center on Friday last. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. July 30, 1884

Mrs. Rebecca Whitney of Pavilion, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Starr of Royal Oak, Mich., and who was crossing the trolley tracks at that place to take a car to visit a cousin in Detroit, was struck by a limited train last Friday afternoon and instantly killed. She was thrown a distance of sixty feet. Mrs. Whitney was the mother of Mrs. Starr, formerly of Scottsville, whose first husband was William Franklin of that town. Miss Jessie Franklin, a sister of Mrs. Starr's first husband, left Monday forenoon to attend the funeral, held at Pavilion at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The dead woman is survived by her husband, Grove Whitney, three daughters and one son. *The Scottsville Bee*. Scottsville, NY. June 14, 1911

E. F. Johnson took a picture of the Covington Center school and teacher, **Miss Etta Rosenberg**, Tuesday afternoon. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. July 23, 1886

... Albert Sprague is school trustee at Covington Center ... *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 10, 1886

Etta Rosenberg is to teach at Covington Center. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 17, 1887

Miss Etta Rosenberg commenced teaching at the Covington Center school on Monday last. This is about the sixth term Miss Rosenberg has presided over this school. *The Spirit of the Times*. Batavia, NY. April 14, 1888

Miss Mary Bradley is to teach the Covington Center school. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. September 21, 1888



Back Row-Mary Bradley Kingdon, teacher; John Cowie, Wm. Cowie, Wm. Boyd, Charles Sprague, David Cowie, Wm. Baird, Lee Broughton, Chas. Barrett, John Canaway

Middle Row-Ella Patous, Neva Patous, Addie Wellman Milroy, Emma Wright Ewell, Winifred Wellman McKeever, Ida Milroy, Mabel Broughton Rudgers, Frank Barrett, Jay Durfee

Front Row-Olive Canaway, Martha Baird Martin, May Baird Dysary, Lizzie Cowie, Ina Carmichael Heaman, Nina Wright, Josie Durfee Boyd, Lillian Carmichael, Maggie Murphy Currie

School on Burleigh hill is in session; also for three weeks at Covington Center. *Progressive Batavian*. Batavia, NY. November 23, 1888

Miss Etta Rosenberg is to teach the Covington Center school. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 10, 1892

A surprise party was made for our teacher Miss Etta Rosenburg, at her home in Pavilion last Wednesday evening, by her former pupils near Perry Center. Games and a fine supper were the order of the evening until 1:30 o'clock in the morning, when they returned to their respective homes.

There are forty-two names on the school roll, which shows a larger number of scholars than has attended, school here in nine or ten years. There is a very good attendance too considering the extremely cold weather this winter. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. January 16, 1893

Miss Florence Howard will teach the school at Covington Center both the winter and spring terms. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. August 27, 1896

Edward Clark commenced his school at Covington Center on Monday. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. September 26, 1895

The storm of Tuesday and Friday hindered Edward Clark from reaching his school at Covington Center. *Western New Yorker*. Warsaw, NY. February 20, 1896

The Misses Winnie and Addie Wellman and Emma Wright will attend school at the State Normal at Geneseo this coming term. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. August 17, 1893

Miss Emma Wright is teaching the spring term of school here; she has over thirty pupils. *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, NY. May 7, 1896

Miss Florence Howard began the spring term of school at Covington Center, Monday.
Perry Herald. Perry, NY. March 25, 1897

Miss Etta Rosenberg has been engaged to teach the school at Covington Center.
The Daily News. Batavia, NY. August 15, 1899

1900 – **Miss Eva Lewis**, teacher; Robert Wright, trustee.

Miss Etta Rosenberg was pleasantly surprised on Friday night by a visit from thirty pupils of the Covington Center school, where she taught last year. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. January 22, 1901

1901 - **Darwin Curry**, teacher; William Curry, trustee.

The school at Covington Center will be taught the coming year by **Mr. C. E. Williams** of Wyoming.
The Daily News. Batavia, NY. September 2, 1902

The following schools in the First Commissioner District of Wyoming County will hold the ninth grade examination, June 9th and 10th, 1903: ... Covington, Dist. No. 6, C. E. Williams, teacher ...
Wyoming County Times. Warsaw, NY. May 20, 1903

The ninth grade examination will be held in the following schools in the First Commissioner district of Wyoming County June 14-15, 1904: ... Covington—district No. 6, **Mae M. Orr [Mrs. Wm. Bennett]**, teacher, ...
Wyoming County Times. Warsaw, NY. June 8, 1904

Miss Mary Orr, teacher at Covington, entertained its pupils at her home at Peoria on Friday night.
Le Roy Gazette. Le Roy, NY. January 13, 1904

The school at Covington Center opened on Monday of this week with **Roy Hulburt** [of Moscow] as teacher.
The Livingston Republican. Geneseo, NY. September 23, 1904

1905-1907 – Grace Fisher, teacher; C. J. Taylor, trustee.



Red Schoolhouse at Covington Center.
[Identified from left to right, maiden name and married name]

Back Row:
Agnes Cassada Shepard, Olive Murphy Pforter, Teacher Grace Fisher, Florence Murphy Rhodes, Anna Wellman Charles, Della Lawrence Atherton, Mabel Eligh Jameson, Anna Murphy Robinson, Emma Murphy Pforter, Minnie Lawrence Botts, Pearl Calkins Campbell

Front Row:
Florence Calkins Botts, Leah Murphy, Mabel Andrus Hey, Iola Curry Hamilton, Edna Greenman, Mary Copeland Morse, Myrtle Curry

At a special meeting of the voters of the school district of Covington Center it was voted by a vote of 20 to 8 to erect a new school building upon a new site in the near future and A. E. Wellman, James Smith and Albert Sprague were appointed to co-operate with the trustee, Samuel Andres, in obtaining options on lots and plans for the new building, and to report at the next meeting, to be held on Friday night. The present building is pronounced wholly inadequate for the accommodation of

the large number of pupils in the district, and has been condemned by one of the State school inspectors. The site is also undesirable, as being too much to one side of the district. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. May 30, 1906



The school building constructed in 1830 remained in use until 1907 when it was decided to rebuild as there was no playground for the children at the old site. The old Red School was sold to John Broughton for a fruit storage for \$140.00. This building burned when Alton Rudgers' barns were destroyed by fire February, 1928.

School plans were drawn up in 1906-07 and one acre of land a half mile from the old site on the road leading from Covington Center to Peoria was purchased from B. A. Martin, W. J. Martin and Martha Martin for \$200. Robert McDowell of Linwood was the contractor and James Croft of Pavilion the mason. The building cost about \$2500.00. It is heated by a furnace.

From a scrap book of information on the Town of Covington researched by Nellie M. Paine. 1937

At an auction sale of the old Covington Center district school property, held on Friday night, the school building was sold to John Broughton for \$140, the lot to William Curry, for \$15 and the trees upon the lot to A. E. Wellman for \$15. The new school building will be erected upon the site recently purchased on the John Martin farm and opposite the old cemetery, the contract having been let to Robert McDowell, of Linwood, for the sum of \$2,300 with the stipulation that the building be completed by the middle of September. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. July 24, 1907

Covington - School meeting was held Tuesday night. C. J. Taylor is trustee and William Curry collector. **Miss Grace Fisher** will be the teacher. If the school house is not completed in time, school will start in the town hall until it is finished. *Le Roy Gazette*. Le Roy, NY. August 14, 1907

Mr. Orville Pervorse of Fowlerville, who formerly resided near this village [Wyoming], is employed in carpenter work on the new school house at Covington Center and spent Monday evening in town. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. August 28, 1907

1908 – **Grace Fisher**, teacher; Albert Wellman, trustee.

All teacher-trustee information researched by Nellie M. Paine

The boys' club of the Covington Center school will hold an old fashioned school exhibition at the Town House tonight, for the purpose of raising funds with which to purchase a dictionary. *The Daily News*. Batavia, NY. March 27, 1908



Covington Center School.
Grace Fisher second from the left on the right steps.
Emily Boyd, red dress.

Miss Grace Fisher will teach the Covington Center school this year. It will be her fifth year there.
Wyoming Reporter. Wyoming, NY. August 11, 1909

1910 – **George Allen**, teacher; William Curry, trustee
1911-1912 – **Rose Gaugel**, teacher; A. E. Wellman, trustee

A very large and enthusiastic audience enjoyed the play given by the Wyoming Grange, under the auspices of the Pavilion Entertainment Co., in Graves' Hall, Saturday night. All of the parts were well rendered, and the play kept the audience laughing from start to finish. The pantomimes given by the pupils of the Covington Center school, made much merriment and showed careful training-by their teacher, **Miss Rose Gaugel**. ...
Wyoming Reporter. Wyoming, NY. March 13, 1912

Miss May Wheeler is the teacher at the school at Covington Center.
Le Roy Gazette and News. Le Roy, NY. December 31, 1913



Covington Center School. June 2, 1914
May Wheeler is fourth from the left, back row.

The Covington Center school will close Friday, with a picnic on the lawn at N. J. Durfee's residence. The teacher, **Miss May Wheeler**, has had a very successful year. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. June 10, 1914

On Friday evening, **Miss May Wheeler** entertained the pupils of her school. Covington Center district, No. 6, at a Hallowe'en party at her home. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. September 4, 1914

On Friday evening, **Miss May Wheeler** entertained the pupils of her school. Covington Center district, No. 6, at a Hallowe'en party at her home. *Wyoming Reporter*. Wyoming, NY. November 4, 1914

Miss Bessie Wells of Wyoming has been reengaged to teach the Pearl Creek school for the coming year with a raise in wages of two dollars a week. Her sister, **Miss Nellie Wells**, has been engaged to teach at the Covington Center school. The Misses Wells were at one time employed in the salt block in this village [Silver Springs].
Silver Springs Signal. Silver Springs, NY. June 10, 1915

Miss Florence Murphy will teach the Covington Center school, which opens on Tuesday, September 5th.
The Daily News. Batavia, NY. August 14, 1916

1917 – **Lillian Williams** of Warsaw, teacher; C. J. Taylor, trustee

1918-1919 – **Jennie Conrad**, teacher; C. J. Taylor, trustee
1920-1921 – **Martha Gardner**, teacher; Alton Rudgers, trustee
1922 – **Glen Covert**, teacher; Alton Rudgers, trustee
1923 – **Gertrude O'Brien**, teacher; Lloyd Wellman, trustee

The school children and teacher, **Miss Gertrude O'Brien** of Covington Center school gave a surprise party for Roy and Donald Newton, Friday afternoon at their home. Refreshments were served, about twenty-five were present.
Perry Herald. Perry, NY. October 29, 1924

1925 – **Miss Helen Mooney**, teacher; Ernest Phillips, trustee
1926 – **Harrison Weaver**, teacher; Mrs. Ernest Phillips, trustee

The Junior Project workers, under the leadership of their school teacher, Harrison Weaver, held a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bennett last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Bennett served refreshments, and games were played. The children all enjoyed a good time. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. February 4, 1926

School is closed this week, as our teacher (Harrison Weaver) and his wife and two little sons are spending the week in Fillmore. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. March 25, 1926

The Community School Picnic of the Town of Covington will be held at Wm. Smith's this year at Peoria. Sports will be from 10 to 12 o'clock, 12 to 1 P. M. dinner hour. That will be followed by an address by the Rev. J. R. Hanley of Perry. There will be a community song service led by C. W. McKeever. Then the closing numbers will be exercises by the school children from each school in the district. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 16, 1926

School opened at District No. 6, Covington Tuesday morning with Harrison Weaver of Peoria as teacher.
Perry Herald. Perry, NY. September 15, 1926

District No. 6 Notes - Our school was examined on Tuesday by Dr. S. C. Sweeting and nearly all the pupils were found in excellent physical condition. In the month of October one pupil had a perfect spelling lesson every day. This was Helen Mortimer. Mary Courts and Mary Martin missed only one word each in the month.

On Friday morning Nov. 12th The Happy Time Club held its regular monthly meeting. The committee: Francis McGee and Helen Mortimer arranged the following program: Recitation, Margaret Wellman; Reading, Amy Wellman; Reading, Nelson Bryce; Reading, Ralph Phillips; Dialogue, Pilgrims and Indians; Reading, Vincent McGee; Reading, Wallace Phillips; Reading, Richard McGee. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. November 17, 1926

Harrison Weaver is ill with the grippe [influenza] and unable to teach school at Covington Center.
Le Roy Gazette-News. Le Roy, NY. February 9, 1927

Harrison Weaver is sick and under the doctor's care. He is unable to teach his school at Covington Center, and a substitute has been secured for his place until he recovers. *Perry Record*. Perry, NY. March 10, 1927

Harrison Weaver has resigned his position as teacher of Dist. No. 6, Covington Center, on account of ill health. Mr. Weaver was confined to the house with grippe and on going out too soon suffered a relapse. **Mrs. Roy Richardson** of Perry is supplying at the school. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. April 13, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Weaver are attending summer school at Geneseo normal.
Le Roy Gazette-News. Le Roy, NY. July 13, 1927

1927 – **Mrs. Jesse Ackerman**, teacher; Alfred Murphy, trustee

The interiors of the school district No. 3, Pearl Creek and school district No. 6, Covington are being painted and varnished.
Perry Herald. Perry, NY. August 24, 1927

The following program was carried out the Covington Center school home Wednesday evening under the direction of the teacher, Mrs. Helen Ackerman.

Song—Christmas Welcome, by the school.

Recitation—Christmas Welcome, Robert Paine.

Dialogue—Their Christmas Gifts.

Recitation—The Reason, Milford Rudgers.

Recitation—Through the Telephone, Helen Mortimer.

Recitation—Sing a Bon of Christ, Mary Jane Wellman.

Dialogue—A Christmas Box from Aunt Jane.

Recitation—A Season of Joys, Vera Phillips.

Song—Silent Night, by the school.

Recitation—Winter, Mary McGee, Joseph Wellman.

Recitation — Christmas Greetings,

Dialogue—Darning the Christmas Stocking.

Recitation—Santa Claus, Margaret Kirkpatrick.

Exercise—Santa Claus.

Recitation—That Boy.

Song—Up on the Housetop, by the school

Recitation—Scaring Santa, Jack McGee.

Concert Recitation—The Truly Believes, Amy Wellman and Winifred Murphy.

Dialogue — Interview with Santa Claus.

Recitation—Three Christmas Candies, Marian and Muriel Kingsley, Arlene Wellman.

Song—Till We Meet Again, Y. H. Club.

Perry Herald. Perry, NY. December 28, 1927

Several pupils from District No. 6 Covington Center are trying regents this week at Pavilion Union School.

Perry Herald. Perry, NY. January 18, 1928

Miss Estella Ackerman of Warsaw was a guest Friday of her mother, Mrs. Helen Ackerman and visited the school at Covington Center of which Mrs. Ackerman is teacher. The Covington Center school closed Friday for a three weeks' vacation. *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. April 11, 1928

District No. 6, Covington: Percentage of attendance—95%. Pupils neither absent nor tardy— Pierre Court, Austin Martin, Jack McGee, Robert McGee, Vincent McGee, Donald Newton, Wallace Phillips, Milford Rudgers, Charles Wellman, Joseph Wellman, Mary Court, Marian Kingsley, Mary McGee, Betty Kirkpatrick, Arlene Wellman Margaret Kirkpatrick, Vera Phillips, Winifred Murphy, Amy Wellman.

Pupils earning reading certificates —Amy Wellman, Marion Kingsley, Muriel Kingsley.

Trustee Alfred J. Murphy died April 9; Mary Phillips was appointed to act as trustee until the annual school meeting when Malling Mortimer was elected. Mrs. Helen B. Ackerman remains teacher for 1928-29.

Perry Herald. Perry, NY. May 16, 1928

1928-1929 – Effie Schroeder, teacher; Malling Mortimer, trustee

1930-1932 – Effie Schroeder, teacher; George Kingsley, trustee

Hallowe'en exercises were held at the Covington District No. 6 school Wednesday evening. The school was well filled. The program given by the pupils was nicely prepared by the teacher, Mrs. Schroeder. Chas. Wellman played several violin selections during the program which was followed by a box social. About \$6 was taken in. Alexander Eligh acted as auctioneer of the boxes. *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. November 12, 1930



Covington Center School. c.1929

Francis Dickerson, Unknown, Vincent McGee, Donald Newton.
Marian Kingsley Berkemeyer.

Louise Mortimer, Robert Boatfield, Vallone Phillips, Robert McGee, Mildred McGee Powers, ? Kilpatrick, Milford Rudgers.

Mary McGee, Muriel Kingsley Phelps, Mary Jane Wellman Logsdon, Charles "Bud" Wellman, Arlene Wellman Easton, Vera Phillips Wilson, Joe Wellman.

Wallace Phillips, Austin Martin, Effie Schroeder Kingsley, teacher, ? Kirkpatrick, Pierre Court, Jack McGee.

Mid-year examinations will be given by Mrs. Effie Schroeder at No. 6 school at Covington Center Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. January 21, 1931

Covington District No. 6 school of which Mrs. William Schroeder is teacher, opened Monday morning after a two weeks' vacation. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. January 7, 1931

The annual Covington Union school picnic was held at Hollis Clark's, west of LaGrange. Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended. Clark Wellman of LaGrange was chairman of the event and Frank A. Roberts of Perry was the speaker of the afternoon. Eight pupils from Covington Dist. No. 6 and eight pupils from Peoria school, under the direction of Mrs. Wm. Schroeder and Miss Evans, repeated the minuet in costume, the same as was given at Letchworth Park recently. "Minuet In F" was played on the violin by Miss Mary LaFevre of Peoria for the benefit of the participators.

A program of stunts was put on by Superintendent H. J. Harrison of Castile. ... *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. June 15, 1932

School at Dist. No. 6, Covington, opened Monday morning again after a vacation the past week. Mrs. Schroeder, the teacher, with Mr. Schroeder and family, moved from the Durfee house to the Norris house at Covington Center. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. April 26, 1933

The election held at Covington Dist. No. 6, Tuesday evening, resulted as follows: Cleric, Lloyd Wellman; chairman, Richard Costello; trustee, Stewart Kingdon; tax collector, Alton Rudgers. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. May 10, 1933

1933 – Miss Pearl Thompson, teacher; Stewart Kingdon, trustee

1935 – Mrs. Effie Schroeder, teacher; Floyd C. Paine, trustee

Many couples from the Pearl Creek Dist. No. 2, Peoria Dist. No. 5, and Covington Dist. No. 6 are planning to participate with the central district of schools of Pavilion, when they will attend a victory and testimonial dinner, celebrating the consummation of the Pavilion central school district at The Barn, LeRoy, Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, at 7 o'clock. Those from Covington on the dinner committee are Mr. and Mrs. George Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. John Cromwell, Miss Elizabeth O'Donnell and John O'Donnell. *Perry Herald*. Perry, NY. December 11, 1935

The result of the 10 weeks tests at Covington Dist. No. 6 School, of which Mrs. Effie Schroeder is teacher, are as follows:

Grade 6: Irene White 91, Jacob Weber 78.

Grade 5: Edgar Kingsley 77, Marion Jaeh 85

Grade 4: Julia White 85, Howard Kingsley 85, Elva Weber 78

Grades 3 and 4: Miriam Paine 87.

Grade 3: Albert Milroy 78, Cecil Shade 74.

Grade 2: Ronald Kingdon 84, Boyd McCall 84, Jean Milroy 88.

Grade 1: Jeanette Feitshans 93, Maude Pforter 83, Donald Feitshans 84, Genevieve Weber 85, Robert Kingdon 79.

Those neither tardy nor absent were Marion Jack, Elva Weber, Jacob Weber.

Perry Herald. Perry, NY. April 1, 1936

Over 400 attended the annual picnic of the 8 Covington district schools Saturday at the Covington Center school house. Following dinner the business meeting was held with Harold Altoft, teacher in District No. 1, LaGrange, chairman. Mrs. Elizabeth Thayer was elected secretary to succeed Mrs. C. W. McKeever of North Darien. Owing to the fact several of the district schools were going into centralization, action was taken in regard to continuing the annual picnic. It was unanimously carried to continue them. The committee in charge are Supervisor Burr Cornwell, Clark Wellman and Mrs. Elizabeth Thayer. The picnic will be held in the Kendall district.

The program opened with a duet with Miss Doris Young playing the piano accordion and Miss Gladys Young the guitar. A drill was given by the children of District No. 6 school. Mrs. Harold Ostertag of Attica, guest speaker, gave the "Highlights of the Cleveland Convention". Speaking on the duties of a citizen, Harvey Wellman, Cornell junior, guest speak, told that the duty of inquiry and of tolerance were paramount if free institutions are to be maintained. Prejudices should be abolished, he declared, and only by free inquiry can this nation hope to wipe out future wars and international misunderstanding. No institution is sacred unless it meets the needs of the people, he emphasized.

Superintendent of 3rd Supervisory district, H. J. Harrison of Castile, had charge of the sports program. Winners follow:

50 yd. dash for boys not over ten years: 1st, Lewis Wellman, Jr., 2nd, Gerald Copeland.

50 yd. dash for girls not over 10 years: 1st, Julia White, 2nd, Rose Mary Coefield.

75 yd. dash for boys not over 15 years: 1st, Lewis Wellman, 2nd, Howard Clark.

60 yd. dash for girls not over 15 years: 1st, Genevieve McQuilkin, 2nd Marion Jack.

Peanut race: Marion Jack.

Relay race for boys not over 11 years: Herbert Clark, Richard Costello, Ronald Auger.

Relay race for girls not over 11 years: Pauline Wellman, Genevieve McQuilkin, Julia White.

Relay race for boys not over 15 years: Alvin Hettrick, Warren Kingsley, Lewis Wellman.

Relay race for girls no age limit: Vera Phillips, Mildred McGee, Lorraine Milligan.

A picnic lunch box was presented Covington Central school for having the largest number present.

Perry Herald. Perry, NY. June 24, 1936



Pavilion centralized school opens Monday, August 31, with the various grades located in different school districts and buildings. This was made compulsory until completion of the new building. Following are the grades and teachers and locations: 1st grade at Pavilion, Miss Nellie Wells teacher; 2d grade, at Pearl Creek school, Miss Mary Caswell teacher; 3d grade, Covington Center District No. 6, Miss Geraldine Tillotson, teacher; 4th grade at Bethany No. 8, Miss Sarah Simpson, teacher; 5th and 6th grades at Linwood, Miss Catherine Green and Miss Martha McKee, teachers; 7th and 8th grades and high school in Odd Fellows hall, Pavilion.

The new school buses arrived Tuesday and until school will be sent on trial trips to acquaint drivers with schedules, routes, etc. Pupils will be picked up for registration at the high school. Tuesday morning at Covington No. 5 and 6; afternoon Covington No. 3, Middlebury No. 11, Bethany No. 8 and No. 1; Friday morning, Pavilion districts No. 1, 6, 10; Friday afternoon York No. 4 and Pavilion No. 11. *Perry Herald.* Perry, NY. August 26, 1936

Covington District No. 6 schoolhouse will be sold at auction on July 9 at 7 o'clock. Alton Rudgers, Ernest Phillips and George Kingsley are the committee in charge. Mr. Phillips will auction the school off.

Perry Record. Perry, NY. July 1, 1937

The Covington Center school building and site in District 6 was sold at auction on Friday evening to Jacob A. Fishbaugh of Pavilion for \$320. He and his family moved recently to Pavilion from Coldwater, taking the rural mail route of the late Lyle Chadock. He expects to remodel it into modern dwelling. The school was unanimously voted to be sold after District No. 6 had consolidated with Pavilion Central School, thus closing a school district founded in 1815.

Perry Record. Perry, NY. July 14, 1937

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fishbaugh and family moved the past week from the former Warren Clemens home at Pavilion to their home at Covington Center. Mr. Fishbaugh purchased the Covington Center school house and has converted it into a two-story apartment modernly equipped, making a very attractive home.

Perry Herald. Perry, NY. October 6, 1937



Former Covington Dist. No. 6 Schoolhouse. 1955. Home of Lyman Gage.