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Touring Sullivan County's Museum . . . while dusting

Continuing on from last week's article. We're transcribing from the Triangle newspaper of 1899 written by Thomas Kelly for the Dushore Borough School.

"The first class of graduates under this course was the class of '98, consisting of the following:

Clara Streby, Margaret Utz, Eva Lawrence, Elsie Moyer and Emma Biddle.

"In the latter part of the term of '98-99 the school board appointed an examining committee of the following well known and popular gentlemen: Prof. F.W. Meylert, Prof. Samuel Biddle and Prof. Chas. Lewis. Under this committee the class of '99 were examined and passed creditably, as follows: Hattie Scouten, Marcella Farrell, Walter Hunsinger, Florence Whalen, Emma Whitebread and Henry Carpenter.

"The class of 1900 promises to be the largest class yet graduated, and we hope it will be the best; although, in order to do so it has a high standard to attain. We will mention their names here: Rowena Herrmann, Hattie Newell, Mabel Hayman, Bessie Mingos, Elsie Lawrence, Maggie Hoffa, Susie Stineer, Amelia Litzleman, Harry Biddle, Clive Bohn, and Thomas Kelly.

"We feel that we cannot close this sketch without saying a few words about the present school board. Progress has always been the watch-word of the citizens of Dushore with regard to its schools and everything pertaining to them. Without reflecting discredit upon former boards, we believe we may safely say that the present school board is the most progressive ever elected in Dushore, and without doubt one of the most progressive in the county. The manner in which they have improved the buildings and grounds for the pleasure of the pupils goes to prove this. Many of them have been connected with the school board for a great many years and have shown increasing energy and ability every year. We heartily appreciate their labors for the cause of education, the noblest cause on earth, and wish them success in every undertaking. Their names are as follows: Charles T. Lawrence, President; G.T. Deegan, Secretary; F.H. Farrell, Treasurer; Samuel Cole, B. Kline and M.E. Herrmann.

"The writer feels deeply indebted to Secretary Deegan for the use of the minute books, also to Miss Julia Cronin, Mr. John Martin and others."

Education and the schools for it were from the first records of settlement in Sullivan County, and for that matter any where in this nation, a priority. And the enthusiasm for said education, as exhibited in this 1899 piece, was foremost in the minds of most of the then students. Today we have a tendency to take for granted what in those days was a very sincere struggle to maintain. What this does is to give us today an appreciation, not only for what we have but also for where we've been.

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