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1910-11; Mabel Armour 1911-12; Mary Topping 1912-13; Frances Hanselman 1913-14.

On Sunday afternoons at two p.m. another group met at the stone school house--the Cedar Creek Sunday School. The Sunday School Record Book for 1905-6 gives the pastor as J. L. Anderson, Florence. C. L. Whitcomb was superintendent, with other offices filled by Mrs. Charlie Ward, W. R. Sayre, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Pinkston, Helen and Mary Topping, Merton Whitcomb, Grace and Adelbert Ward, Charles and Louis Scharenberg, and Mrs. George Topping. Other family names among those attending were Parsons, Blackburn, Ambler, Nicholson, Hall, Lespagnard, Heckendorn, Talkington, Heath, and Wright.

The Whitcomb children associate certain songs with the person who frequently requested them: W. R. Sayre, and "What a friend we have in Jesus"; Mrs. Willis Sayre, and "Beulah land". Who played the organ? Mrs. C. L. Whitcomb, who also sang duets with her good friend, Lutie (Mrs. Charlie) Ward. On occasion, she also substituted as superintendent or teacher and gave chalk talks.

District No. 18 was annexed to the Cedar Point school district on September 4, 1923, and eventually the old stone school house was torn down and the rocks were crushed for road gravel. The spring still furnishes water for those who remember, and search for it.

The Whitlock Family

By Merle and Ila Mae Whitlock

Maynard Sylvester Whitlock was born in Owasso, Michigan, September 27, 1850. At age two years, he moved with his parents to Illinois. In 1868, he came to Kansas hearing about a Catholic Mission named St. Mary's on the banks of the Kaw River where he staked a land claim. He then returned to Illinois and married Laurine Simpson. Maynard and Laurine returned to Kansas the following spring. They had six children, three boys and three girls. The youngest son, Ray, born March 27, 1890, attended Kansas State Agricultural College in Manhattan, Kansas. On May 2, 1911, he married Iva Irene Dodge, whose parents, Thomas and Ida Hopkins Dodge, had migrated to the Kaw Valley at an early date, living on a farm near the Whitlock farm. Ray and Iva had two children, Mildred Adel, born March 30, 1913 and Merle Ray, born July 31, 1917. The family lived on several different farms until, in 1934, they bought a farm one mile north of Elmdale, Kansas and

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moved there from Greenwood County, Kansas. Here they made their home and farmed until their health failed and they entered the Chase County Nursing Center at Cottonwood Falls in 1976. While there, they celebrated three wedding anniversaries, the last being their 68th anniversary, a short time before Iva's death on May 14, 1979 at the age of 88 years. Ray died March 13, 1982 at the age of 91 years, 11 months.

Mildred graduated from Piedmont High, Piedmont, Kansas, in 1933, and enrolled in Campbell's Beauty Academy, Emporia, Kansas upon her graduation in 1935. She worked in several beauty salons until her marriage to Joe Crawford on June 5, 1937. Mildred and Joe have three children, Iva Sue, Dona Faye and Raymond Joe (see Crawford Family, this volume).

Merle graduated from Elmdale High School in 1935 and entered Kansas State University in 1936, where he lettered in football and track. He graduated in 1940 with a degree in Agriculture. He then continued farming and ranching with his father, Ray. On August 19, 1942, in the First Christian Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Merle married Ila Mae Spencer, daughter of Ira and Anna E. Jepson Spencer. Ira Spencer was a teacher and coach at the Elmdale Rural High School (1926-37) when failing eye sight forced him to retire from teaching and he moved to a farm near Fayetteville, Arkansas. During World War II, when there was a shortage of teachers, Ira, with the help of his wife, Anna, came back to teach in Elmdale High for the school years 1945-47 after which they again returned to Fayetteville, Arkansas. Ira died January 22, 1982 and his wife, Anna, is now living in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas.

Ila Mae graduated from Fayetteville High in 1940 and attended the University of Arkansas before her marriage to Merle. Merle and Ila Mae have two daughters, Karmen Marie, born May 1, 1946 and Gwen Ellen, born March 10, 1949.

Both daughters attended the Elmdale schools and were active in cheer leading, sports and music. Karmen graduated from Elmdale High School in 1964 and Gwen with the last class that graduated from Elmdale High School in 1967. Both were salutatorians of their classes.

Karmen attended Kansas State University, studying Floriculture. In 1965, she went to work for Riverside Gardens in Emporia and worked there until her marriage to Robert Joseph Shaw, son of Jerald and Betty Shaw. Karmen and Bob were married in the

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Elmdale Methodist Church on October 22, 1966. Karmen and Bob are the parents of two sons, Adam, born April 30, 1972 and Brent, born April 25, 1975. At the present time, they live in Arkansas City, Kansas where Bob is employed by General Electric and Karmen teaches in a Pre-School.

Gwen entered Kansas State University in the fall of 1967, studying Clothing and Retailing. In 1969, Gwen married Roger Scott McCallum, son of George A. and Pearl A. Young McCallum, in the Elmdale United Methodist Church at Elmdale, Kansas. Gwen graduated from Kansas State University in 1971 with a degree in Home Economics. Roger graduated from Kansas State University the following semester with a degree in Civil Engineering. They are the parents of one daughter, Dustin Gayle, born December 27, 1973. At the present time they are living near Elmdale and engaged in farming and ranching with Merle and Ila Mae.

The Whitney Family History

By Mrs. Edward B. Whitney, Jr.

The history of the Whitney family in Chase County began in the early 1880's, when Sidney Edwards Whitney came here to work for the 101 Ranch, owned by the Western Land and Cattle Co. (see Volumn III). Since then there have been six generations of Whitneys, five generations living on the ranch at some time in their lives.

Sidney Edwards Whitney was born January 11, 1844 in Montpieler, Vermont. He was the son of Abel Whitney and Mary L. Conner. There were ten children in the family, seven boys and three girls. After serving in the Civil War, on the Union side, he emigrated to Kansas. He first located in Lawrence where he and his brother, William Henry, entered the farming business together. Henry had a commission business at the Kansas City stockyards, so Sidney was in charge of their farm.

While in Lawrence he met Mary Cornelia Burnett and they were married July 20, 1878. She was the daughter of Judge J. C. Burnett and Anna May Fiske. To this union three children were born: Mary, Edward Burnett (Ned) and Phillip Sidney. Mary, the daughter, died at the age of three while the family was still living in Lawrence.

From Lawrence they came to Chase County where Sidney worked for the 101 Ranch. He began as foreman, then manager and