

Dear Shirley. I suppose you  
have your things by now.  
Mon. morning, by the time  
Dad got the stuff in shape to  
go and up to the corner, the  
truck had gone. So he brought  
it back and repacked it as  
he didn't think much of the  
first pack and took it back  
to go next day. The next morning  
the truck came clear here as  
the station wasn't opened yet.  
He had phoned them. He  
didn't want to keep them  
waiting while he got Loyd so  
it had to go over another day.  
Yesterday he took it to town and  
I hope you have it by now

Maybe you have heard of the  
McDowell school house burning  
by now. Sunday night we were  
eating lunch when some  
stranger came to the door and  
said he had just come past  
there. Said he knew our daughter  
caught there. We figured right  
away that Pete and Eleanor  
must have stopped and built  
fire and hurried away to do  
chores and the wind blowing  
as it did, the furnace had become  
overheated and they would be  
blamed for carelessness.

Dad went over and phoned and  
we were so relieved to find out

They had nothing to do with it.  
I shook inside till we did  
find out. She spent Mon  
with the school board taking  
inventory of what was saved.  
Went to Allagan yesterday  
to get some things and I  
expect started school in  
church basement. I havent  
seen her. Bob saw her at <sup>El Paso</sup>  
Mon. night. She said they  
wouldnt try to build this  
winter.

He will be staying down again  
tonight. I am feeling pretty  
well. Washed breakfast  
dishes yesterday and made  
a cake.



haven't done much today.  
Didn't get up till late as I  
didn't sleep very well last night  
wish I could have some of  
the company now I had  
while sick. It's so quiet. I  
have done a lot of mending.  
I don't know how much I  
to shorten those pajamas  
so will leave them until  
you are home.

Hope you didn't have to go  
hungry while your stuff  
was held up.

Love Mom, not all sisters-in-law  
would be so thoughtful  
you should write to Bert and  
thank her for thinking of you.

# M'DOWELL SCHOOL IS LEVELLED BY FIRE ON SUNDAY

**Sparks Ignite Belfry of  
Fine School Building;  
Wind Fans Flames**

**LOSS TOTALS \$5,000**

Members of the McDowell district school board met in special session early today to make hasty plans for the continuance of school sessions in that district following the destruction of their school building Sunday night at 6 P. M., by fire.

It was believed today that school would be conducted in the community room located in the basement of the McDowell church until such a time as a new school could be built. Approximately 25 pupils attend the school.

A fire, believed to have been started when sparks from the chimney ignited a portion of the belfry tower, completely destroyed the school house late Sunday in a spectacular blaze which attracted hundreds of persons from all sections of Casco district.

An alarm was sent to the South Haven fire department, but that organization arrived too late to save the flaming structure.

Loss was estimated today at \$5,000 by members of the school board, who indicated that the building was partially covered by insurance. All movable equipment and supplies were saved.

The blaze was discovered by William Schappee, Casco youth, who had just built a fire to warm the building in preparation for the opening of school this morning. When he was leaving the school, he noticed the fire already started in the belfry. Efforts of nearby residents to save the structure were unsuccessful.

A strong wind fanned the flames, making all attempts to put out the blaze futile.

The building was 30 feet by 40 feet and had been recently renovat-

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ed. New shingle siding had been placed on the building and other extensive improvements made.

The school was constructed in 1875 but owing to the recent improvements, the building was lately termed one of the most modernly equipped in the state by a building inspector. It was one of the especial prides of Casco residents.

Miss Eleanor Rice of Kibbie is the teacher at the school. Members of the school board are Harold Fowler, president; C. J. Lilly, treasurer, and Harry Cogdal.

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