St. Vincent de Paul Church
Remodeled 1915-

Severance, Kansas
Farm Bureau (Extension)

Farmer's Mtg on Corn
in 1920's

Summer Yellow Hall

C. E. Lynch
Extension Agent
1920 - 1950

Geo. Dillmore
Beverly R.
Grandfather
Edith Hargis
Bertha Hargis
Ruth Lowe
got Boyde
Louie Meucke
Elsie Prowse
Ernest Andrews
Robert Parlow
James Vanblar

Dec. 12, 1910

Minnie Black
Julia Black
Myrtle Crandle
Minnie Courtin
Louie Ebling
Maude Terry
Blanche Hively
Harold Coff

John Parlow
Willie Lancaster
Tom Springer
George Beard
Herbert Davis
John Elmore

Ruby Loiens
Edith Lowe
Elsie 4-5 3rd grade

Rita Long

William Neal
William Courtin
John B. Gray

Laural Vanblar
Frank Courtin
Marion Dawson

Teachers
Back Row:

Front Row:

In buggy:
Old man Rippey (who owned acreage where Seminole was planted.)

Robert was married Rippey's daughter.
John Seminole & Wanns brought in R. R. & started.

1st hotel close by depot.
1870 - One wing
1st Severance school located on Christian Church
hill
2nd wing enlarged in the next couple years & enrollment
increased & hired 2nd teacher.

By 1890 had outgrown so built white frame 1
story school across from Methodist Church (south)

This school was enlarged to 2nd story later.

In 1928 the brick school was built east on hill,
3 white frame school. This school was torn
down in 1970's
This is a photo of the wooden school house that served the Severance community around the turn of the century. We have not been able to find much information on the building. Do any of our readers have some? (Photo courtesy of Irma Lee Walsh)
Syracuse School located on present playground of Midway School. Moved to Bendera as home for Shad (Calvin Christensen). Closed between 1935-40. Used by V.F.W. for blue rock shoots for awhile.
Sam Prawl, Severance, sent us this picture of the 1930 Severance High School Boys’ Basketball Team. Starting from left to right, is Clarence Schriner, Bob Fuller, Sam Prawl, Oscar Courtin, Melzer McIntyre, Pete Gray, Loyd Lancaster and Coach/Superintendent Guy Spangler.
Barber Shop of Old-Severance around 1900

The place to go to get a shave, a hair cut and the local gossip (who said women were the only ones who gossiped?) in Severance around 1900. The individuals in the photo are unknown. Note the shaving cups at the right hand side of the picture. Something you don’t see often these days. (Photo courtesy of Emma Lee Walsh.)
In Their Easter Bonnets

Mrs. Goldia Huss, 1218 Village Drive, St. Joseph, Mo., submitted the above photo. Mrs. Huss said the photograph was taken at Severance, Kan., District 17 in 1921. The occasion was an Easter program the class was participating in between the teacher, Miss Nellie Swanson (deceased) and her mother. The 17 hats (or bonnets) were owned by the Swanson’s.

Mrs. Huss said the picture would make Orville Jones’ face red when he sees it again. She said hardly any women wear hats at Easter anymore, let alone men.

Mrs. Huss doesn’t know the married names and addresses of all those pictured, but identified as many as she was able.

Back row, left to right: Irene Riffer, Seneca, Kan.; Isabel Kirwan-Swafford, St. Joseph; Merle Dye; Mabel Bahr-Severn, Denton.

Third row: Goldia Cooper-Huss, St. Joseph; Wilma Cowhick; Helena Gray (Pete Gray’s sister); Vivian Fuller; Elise Cowhick.

Second row: Leo McIntyre, Troy, (partly hidden by a bow of ribbon); Johnnie Cluck, Denton (completely hidden) deceased; Thomas Edward (Ned) Heeney, California; Ernest Hoover, Arizona; Orville Jones, Troy.

Front row: William Dittemore; Howard Ware, deceased; Veryn Hall, deceased.
LeDoit and Kathleen Meeks

50th Anniversary

LeDoit Alan and Kathleen Ann Canter Meeks of Effingham Ks., will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 20, 2004. The couple was married at the Wathena United Methodist Church on Nov. 20, 1954.

LeDoit retired in 1993 as an Engineer with the Kansas Department of Transportation and Kathleen retired in 1993 as a Culinary Arts Instructor at the Northeast Kansas Technical College in Atchison.

The couple has two sons—Roger and Denise Meeks of Lincoln, Neb., and Steve and Karen Meeks of Effingham. They have five grandchildren: Morgan and Barret of Lincoln and Wade, Madison and Matie of Effingham.

A reception, hosted by their children, will be held Sunday, Nov. 28, from 1:00-2:00 at the Effingham Union Church Christian Education Building. All family and friends are invited to attend and celebrate this special occasion with the couple. No gifts, please. Cards may be sent to 10972 - 266th Road, Effingham, KS 66023.