

Brimfield

Oral History Project



Carl Jensen

Brimfield Schools 1958-1976

2 Nov 1993

Biographical Information and Summary of Interview:

Carl Jensen's lengthy tenure as the Superintendent of Brimfield Schools lasted from 1958 to 1973. He served at a time during great change in the country and community. During a presentation to the Brimfield Historical Society on 2 November 1993, Carl Jensen recounted changes and achievements in the Brimfield schools during his time there. The introduction to his presentation is given by Henrietta Memler. The presentation was recorded on cassette tape.

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Time Stamp for Major Topics:

- 00:06 Introduction – Henrietta Memler
- 02:38 Introduction of topic – Carl Jensen
- 03:09 Poll of audience
- 03:45 Society of Change
- 04:06 Carl's career before Brimfield
- 08:18 Brimfield Schools in Carl's early years
- 10:56 Brimfield Schools in 1975-1976
- 12:46 Education Accreditation
- 13:56 1ew grade school/Fire safety requirements
- 16:46 Growth in new grade school
- 19:36 Special Education
- 22:41 Expansion of school services
- 28:15 Funny Incidents
- 31:37 Process of change/custodians
- 36:06 Conclusion

Topics Covered/Key Words:

Brimfield Grade School
Brimfield High School
Melva LaFollette
One room school
Academy
Athens, Illinois

Petersburg, Illinois
Springfield, Illinois
Long Nine Club
Illinois State Teacher's Association
Claude Vick [sp.]
Wayne Soul [sp.]
Doubet
Dungan
Willard Hasselbacher
Northcentral Association
Mr. Dodd
Chicago
State fire code
Steve Howe
Kindergarten
Library
School lunch
Counseling/counselor
Sections in each grade
Elkhart, Illinois
Drake Hotel
OSHA
Custodians
Overtime
Title I
Peoria
Galesburg

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Cassette Tape

Current Format:

mp3

Interviewer:

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