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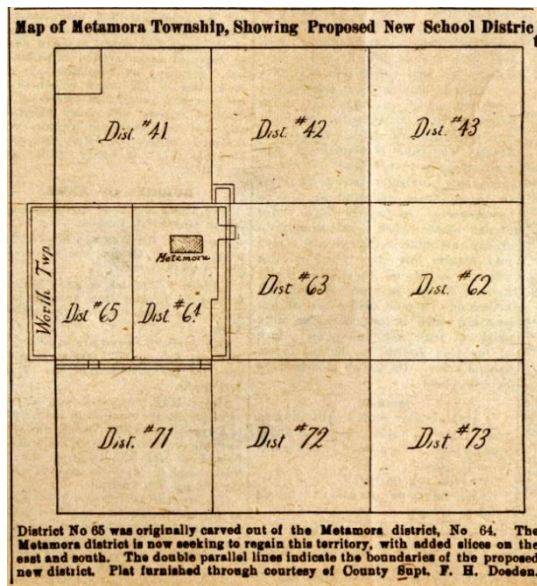
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1909 School District Expansion

The results: on April 30, 1909, the county superintendent of schools, F.H. Doeden, granted the petition for the formation of the new school district No. 65 on the west, and portions of Districts 71 on the south and 63 on the east.

You can see in the article on the right that not everyone was pleased...



BUT NOT EVERYONE WAS IN FAVOR...

The patrons of school district No. 65 the district which is being annexed to the Metamora district, are determined not to give up their territory without a struggle. A petition has been circulated during the week by patrons of that district, remonstrating against the proposed incorporating of their district into the new Metamora district. A number of signatures have been secured, and it is intended to present this remonstrance before the board of trustees when that body meets next week. It is also said that the district has employed legal counsel to present its side of the case.

Can You Identify Any of these World War II Residents? ...

During WW II, the Metamora Lions Club commissioned George Sommer to take pictures of familiar scenes around town. These pictures were assembled and sent to servicemen overseas. This book, sent to Vincent Heinz in Italy in 1944, is on display at the Stevenson House.



EARLY MORNING SHIFT ENROUTE TO PEORIA WAR INDUSTRIES



SURGICAL DRESSING CLASS

3 Strangers Blow Parr's Saloon Safe...

Blowing open the safe in the saloon of Nick Parr and obtaining cash estimated at between \$65 and \$75, burglars plied their nefarious game in Metamora early Thursday morning, and in an exciting chase directly upon their trail, succeeded in eluding several aroused citizens and Marshal Martin and in making their escape.

METAMORA, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY, APRIL, 2 1909.

BURGLARS BLOW SAFE IN PARR'S SALOON

Early Morning Visit of Safe Crackers to Metamora Results in Loss of Cash Amounting to About \$75 and Complete Escape of Culprits

AROUSSED CITIZENS FAIL TO DISCOVER BURGLARY

Cause of Noise Not Learned Till Morning, Although Men Were Seen Fleeing to Railroad Yards---Proprietor Awakened But Could Not Discover Anything Wrong and Again Retired---Tools From Smithy and Section House Used

THE NEXT WEEK. BURGLARS STILL AT LARGE

Several theories that might lead to clues in apprehending the burglars who blew open the safe in Parr's saloon one night last week, have been advanced during the week, but so far none have been productive, and it is probably that the matter will be dropped.

The only means of establishing the identity of the culprits would be the finding of several old coins in their possession, which were taken from the safe.

The trainman on the early freight also gave a possible clue by recalling seeing three men cooking their breakfast beside the railroad tracks at LaRose the morning of the burglary. It has been supposed that the burglars boarded a through freight for the north immediately after committing the deed, and it is probably that the men were the guilty ones.

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Questions, ideas...

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