

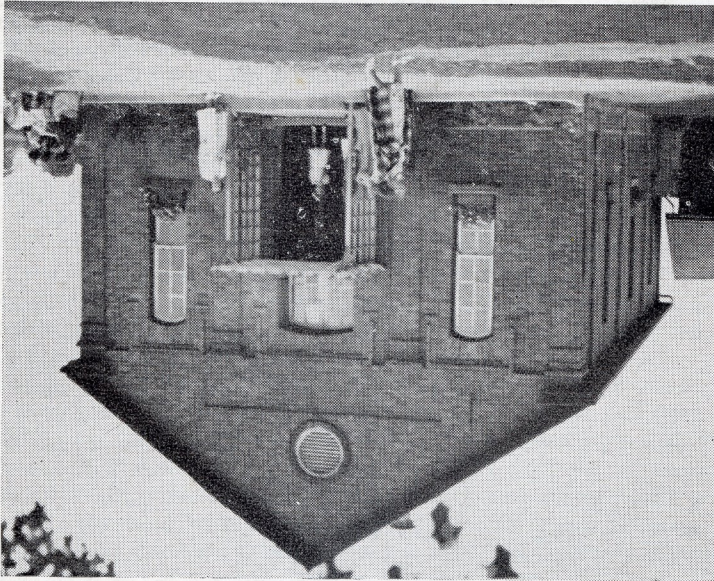
CHURCH SERVICE -- 11:00 A.M.
Speaker -- MRS. C. YOUNGS

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 1966

PROGRAMME -- 2:00 P.M. PICNIC LUNCH -- 4:00 P.M.
REGISTRATION -- 12:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1966

Centennial Reunion



**HISTORY OF
S.S. No. 6, WEST ZORRA
YOUNGSVILLE
1866 - 1966**

The first school in this section, then part of Brock District, was opened in 1831. It was a frame building located on the south-west corner of the 3rd line and Youngsville sideroad at or near Lot 19, Concession 3. Close by was the teacher's abode. For the use of this house a rent of about \$40 per annum was paid. Some of the trustees proposed deducting rent from teacher's salary but majority of trustees did not approve. The money for school expenses was raised by a tax on the "rateable property of the section." Several references were made in an old minute book dating from 1864 to Government Grants and Clergy Reserve Fund that were also used toward the teacher's salary.

Parents sending children to school must furnish $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cord of wood per pupil. Neglecting to do so they were to be charged at the rate of \$1.00 per cord. Children from another section were required to pay in advance 25 cents per month per pupil. This practice was continued until 1864. In 1865 parents were assessed $\frac{1}{2}$ cord per pupil. The first record of wood being bought for the school was in 1868.

In 1847, S.S. No. 6 was open for 10 months under a qualified teacher. Seventy-two children 5-16 years were taught. Rev. Donald McKenzie was Township Superintendent. The school was also visited by a District or County Superintendent. Mr. George Hendry, Superintendent of Schools, Brock District visited the school and reported the manner in which it was conducted was fair. On October 12th, 1864 it was proposed that a new school be built the next year. The teacher's salary was to be \$280 per annum should they build and \$290 if they didn't plus the use of the teacher's home. This proposal was not carried out.

A special meeting of the ratepayers was called on January 20th, 1866. The purpose of this meeting was to choose a site to erect a new School House. It was decided that $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land be bought from John Youngs at Lot 21, east half of the 4th Concession, south-east corner at a distance of from 15 to 20 rods from the corner westward along the side-line. On February 3rd, 1866, the land was bought from John Youngs for \$125. The contract for building the present red brick school was let to J. Campbell for \$1,050.

In 1866 Rev. William Graham was Superintendent for Township of West Zorra. During the school year one Public Examination was held and two lectures delivered by local Superintendent. The school was visited twice by local Superintendent, twice by Clergymen, once by Municipal Councillors and four times by Trustees. There were eleven large maps, one map of the world and two maps of Canada in the school.

Fifty-one boys and sixty-three girls registered in the school. Of these only 14 attended the whole year of 200 to 242 days. The New Course of Study as published in the Journal of Education was observed. Eighty pupils were studying General Geography, 20 were in the highest reading class the fifth book of National Reader, 60 were in Arithmetic and 1 in Geometry.

In the Archives at Toronto is also a Superintendent's report which noted the change in value of the school property. In 1865 it was valued at \$50, in 1866 at \$1,400, and in 1867 at \$1,500.

A few interesting notations in the expense account of the old minute book are:

1865 — sent to Globe Office for advertising for teacher: \$4.60.
1865 — for painting blackboards: \$1.25.
1865 — for white-washing school: \$1.50.
1 1/2 quire of paper 10 cents and 2 brooms 56 cents.
1870 — for cleaning school house: \$1.50.
1873 — for varnishing seats: \$2.00.

From time to time there have been various improvements added to the school and surroundings. The first seats in the school were double seats of different sizes for the different classes as they were known then — Senior Fourth Class being the same as Grade VIII now. In 1927 the present individual seats were installed. When the school was built, the walls and ceiling were lathed and plastered. In 1905 a new wooden ceiling was put on.

At first there was no well on the grounds. The water was carried from the well at the corner. A charge of \$3.00 a year was made for the use of the pump. In 1926 the first well was dug to a depth of 90 feet and in 1933 it was deepened to 172 feet. The first blackboards were very crude in comparison to the modern ones. At first the plastered walls were painted black and in time became shiny and difficult to write on. Next composition pasteboard was used. In 1920 slate blackboards were installed on the north wall.

In the early years a high board fence enclosed the grounds on the east, north and west sides. This was replaced by wire. In 1921 the section of the land east of the school was bought from Alex Fraser. In 1935 a pipe fence was erected across the front of the grounds. The grounds were cared for during the summer by the caretaker.

Household Science and Manual Training were started in 1936. During the winter months hot lunches were prepared. Hydro was installed in December, 1937. In 1939 the school was painted inside, the east half of the roof was shingled, a new piano and furnace (jacketed stove) were purchased. Coal was used in the furnace during the winter months. In 1940 the outside of the school was painted red with white trim and wire screens were put on all the windows.

In June, 1944 a By-law was passed by the Township Council stating that we go into the Township School Area. The election of the first trustees was in December, 1944. The first meeting of the Township Area School Board was in January, 1945. Mr. Wilbur Laurence was a member of the T.S.A.

In 1950 a new furnace and stoker was installed and a new lower ceiling was put in. During the summer of 1955 a pressure system, washrooms, sinks and drinking fountains were added. This was a decided improvement.

Now, in 1966, our little, old red school house must give way to progress. The higher authorities have decided its usefulness is ended and is no longer needed. In September the pupils from this section will be bussed to the new Central School, and the doors of S.S. No. 6 will be closed.

LIST OF TEACHERS AS RECORDED

Mr. James Brown	1864 - 1865
Mr. Robert McDonald	1866 - 1867
Mr. William McDonald	1868 -
Mr. F. M. Barker	1873 -
Miss Louise Cummings	1874 -
Mr. William Munro	1877 -
Mr. Walter McKay	1880 -
Miss Jessie Sutherland	1882 -
Mr. James Barber	1886 - 1889
Mr. Baynton	1889 - 1896
Mr. J. T. McKay	1897 -
Mr. A. Stewart	1897 - 1899
Miss Aggie Geddes	1900 - 1903
Miss Lena Reed	1903 - 1905
Miss L. Flett	1905 - 1908
Miss Lena Reed	1908 - 1913
Miss Ruth Munro	1913 - 1915
Miss S. Richardson	1915 - 1917
Miss Jane I. Reid	1917 -
September to December,	1917
Miss Mary Bayne	1918 -
January to June,	1918
Miss Violet Kerr	1918 - 1921
Miss Rhena Avery	1922 -
Miss Annie J. Garry	1923 - 1925
Miss Marian Calder	1925 - 1927
Miss Jessie P. Legg	1927 - January, 1930
Miss Eva Legg	1930 -
February to June,	1930
Miss Beatrice Gerrie	1930 - 1932
Miss Helen Langdon	1931 - 1932
Miss Florence I. Gustin	1932 - 1937
Miss Annie M. Matheson	1937 - 1938
Miss Margaret E. Scott	1938 - 1941
Miss Julia McGee	1941 - 1944
Miss Janet Hart	1944 - 1945
Miss Marion Murray	1945 - 1948
Miss Doris McDonald	1948 - 1949
Mr. Rumble	1949 - May, 1950
Mrs. Ross Kennedy	1950 - June, 1950
Miss Helen Campbell	1950 - 1952
Mrs. Cora Ross	1952 - 1954
Mrs. Lela Campbell	1954 - 1957
Mrs. Mona Pelton	1957 - 1961
Mrs. Margaret Lupton	1961 - 1963
Mr. A. W. Arthur	1963 -
September,	1963
Mrs. Lila R. West	1963 - 1964
Mr. Paul Jagoe	1964 - 1965
Miss Hazel Hewitt	1965 - 1966