McCLELLAN TOWNSHIP

In 1904 there were five one room schools in this district. They were No. 1 School called Ellis South named after Andrew Ellis. No. 2 School was called Cherry Island. Oak Grove was No. 3 School. Andrew Ellis had another school named after him. This one was called No. 4 Ellis North. Templeton was the title given No. 5 School.

The first departure from the "shoe-box" type of rural schools in Newton county was the erection of a new school building at Enos, in the year 1915—a picture of which appears in this article. The building was erected by Ora Sellers, township trustee. The main schoolroom was 23 by 33 feet, the recitation room 11 by 6 feet; the library room 8 by 11 feet. It was the only building of its kind at that time in the county and was to serve as a model for county schools that, of necessity, might be maintained outside of large consolidated districts, at a minimum cost. It provided for two teachers and many conveniences not found in the one-room school houses. The building was heated by schoolroom furnaces. It was used for Sunday School, church, and other community meetings.

The construction of this schoolhouse was made necessary because a fire had destroyed the one-room school building which was located at the same site. The old building was constructed while Elmer Skinner was township trustee. On January 22, 1920 the new school house which was the pride of the school patrons of McClellan township was burned. Plans were then made for a much larger and more modern school building. The building has two large recitation rooms, rest and library room suitable for all kinds of meetings, and has a modern steam heating plant. It has its own water system, which is controlled by an automatic electric pump. In fact, everything about the building is modern. The playground is also equipped with necessary play apparatus. The present building was erected at a cost of about \$31,000. The people of the community are naturally proud of their school plant. Ora Sellers, trustee, was in charge of construction of the building.

On November 10, 1921 an attempt was made to burn the brick building then new. Entrance to the building was gained by breaking a window. A pile of old rags and other material was placed in the room under the stage and was saturated with coaloil in such liberal quantities that some of the oil ran under the door into an adjoining room.

The material was ignited and the door closed, and this alone saved the building. When the oxygen in the room was consumed the fire died. In the foregoing fires Newton County lost two voting machines. One is now housed in the present building.

In 1907 the four one-room schools in this township had been reduced to two and the teachers were Jesse Hunter and R.C. Bowton. Since that time the following teachers have been employed:

- (1908-09) R.C. Bowton Carrie Sowers
- (1909-10) Estella M. Clarkson Viola McCabe Lawson L. Archibald Ina Hess
 - (1910-11) Va Winters
 Sadie E. Illingworth
 Lenora Winters
 - (1911-12) Mrs. J.C. Hodgsen
 Sadie E. Illingworth
- (1912-13) Harrison Williamson Sadie E. Illingworth Bessie Rust
 - (1913-14) Harrison Williamson Margaret Silver Bessie Rust
 - (1914-16) Ruth Archibald Harrison Williamson
 - (1916-17) Estella Clarkson Lenora Winters Clinton Williamson
 - (1917-18) Bernice Kitts Estella Clarkson
 - (1918-19) Bernice Kitts Mary Brown Ruth Dodson
 - (1919-20) Bernice Kits Olive Morgan Ruth Dodson

Tessie M. Timmons, Primary Estella Clarkson, Advanced (1925-28)Cora M. Kalfise, Primary (1928-29)Kenneth K. Edwards, Advanced Tessie M. Sheets, Primary (1929 - 30)Sydney Carlson, Advanced Tessie M. Sheets, Primary (1930 - 31)F.H. Scott, Advanced Beulah Bowers, Primary (1931 - 32)Ottis Smith, Advanced Tessie Timmons Sheets, Primary (1950-54) Hilda Suddarth, Grades 5-8

(1954-55) Hilda Suddarth, Grades 5-8

Flossie Perkins, Grades 1-4

Flossie Perkins, Grades 1-4

(1920-21) Ruth Dodson
Marie O'Reilly

Sidney Carlson, Advanced
Tessie M. Timmons, Primary

Maydene W. Williamson, Advanced

Tessie M. Timmons, Primary

Estella Clarkson, Advanced

Flossie Perkins, Grades 1-4

Betty Cook, Music and Art

Dennis McDonald, Grades 5-8

Virginia Davis, Grades 4-6 Esther Donovan, Grades 1-3

Virginia Davis, Grades 4-6 Bernice Lyons, Grades 1-3

Virginia Davis, Grades 4-6

Virginia Davis, Grades 4-6 Billie Sue Bingham, Grades 1-3

Pauline Parke, Grades 1-3

Zoe Hoard Opal Boughner Marie O'Reilly

(1921 - 22)

(1922 - 23)

(1923 - 24)

(1924 - 25)

(1956-59)

(1959-60)

(1960-63)

(1964 - 65)

(1965-66)

Skinner School 5. Ellis 1152 TOWNSHIP 30-N. RANGE 9 & 10-W. McCLELLAN - Federal or State Mighways Wat Grove County or Township Roads Railreads SIONITI LAKE R-10-W-R-9-W TWP. 600 N. 7.7 EVELYN & JUDY MOLSON CHINA LITCHEN CURTIS 40 KURT 6 RAYMOND IRVING FRANCIS 1 2817 KATHARNIA SJOERDSMA LEONE STATE OF ENDIANA GERALD GETTY 220 MAHAN 5 MEYER 3 CHINETTE BENNENS 690.3 364.7 ROBERT W ROBERT ST 2 325.5 (TR) 561.7 DIVISION OF FISH ELEANGR TAN 628 NICHOLAS & LOUISE 80 & GAME MATTHEW SIKORA 600 & CATHERINE 86 RODENEIS 500 N 500 N EVERETT MERLIN GEORGE 663.2 MERLIN MADISON KARLOCK FRANCIS J. & SUBAN 640 DAVIS 11 KARLOCK 12 RAFF 8 640 10 627.8 160 12 Naz 478.4 641.9 640 400 N. 400 N. PHILLIP PHILLIP 319.7 W.C. SURPRENANT 200 SUBJORNAN 560 ATKINSON SAMUEL 627 FARMS ENGLER 13 447.8 18 THERESA 16 446 15 13 639.7 14 INC. WALKER IRVING 80 640 200 FRANCIS 320 300 N 300 N MARY JACKSON 76.5 STATE ALWILLAH MERLIN 4 HAZEL CONWAY INDIANA KARLOCK 160 205 LOAR 470 TRUSTEES 640 480 19 20 21 22 250 A 479.3 NEWTON ON NEWT CO. FISH & GAME NELSON A COUNTY DIVISION 225 N. LOAR, JR SCHOOL 225 N 80 2.00 (TR) LAND JOHN SIEMS 640 GEORGIA SHORE 188 160 WARNER 80 120 (RTAL) 120 77 BURNET HENRY LOWELL STELLA 12.0 BO LEONARD MARCELLENE RUBY 4 ROOF SIKMS R. SNORF 153.9 160 80 DAWSON E 160 BETL TO DIKIE L ATKINSON GORDON (TR) 120 40 HALARWICH 25 BETTY 240 GEORGIA 28 WHITE 262 39 WARNER HENRY HENRY HARRY 579.5 & RUBY INA 60 HENRY a Ma AMES SENNIE 4 MILDRED . 440 80 LOMAX RAINFORD HALFN ATK & JENNIE RICHARD LUTZ BOREM ENOS 160 JOYCE 158 140 & GAYNELLE NIEBERT 280 160 100 N NEBERT WYNN BO 199.7 LIONARE MELINEN JAME BINGHAM LOVEAL 38.5 OWELL FRANK W. EONARD HICHMAN MARGELLENE JAMES L. RAYMON 585.6 653.4 SINGHAM JOVEE TWP LOMAK SNORF 560 0 & YERDA (FR.) 540 36 40 32 33 35 36 WILLOW SLOUGH STATE FISH 466.6 CHURCHILL 80 303.9 MARGIA L GAME RESERVATION 640 DEVLIN 160 MURPHY DIVISIDA R-10-W-R-9-W 41 BEAVER TWP.

In 1920 The new McClellan Consolidated School was first used. This school was built in the town of Enos. It was last used in the year 1965-66. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Cox bought the school building and lot after it was no longer used. Later they sold it to the new owners of Willow Inn Restaurant.

Leona Kosta Kanne

Acknowledgements and thanks to:

Newton County Courthouse officials for loan of 1904 Map of Newton County

Cora McDonald for the loan of old Newton County School Bulletins, the 1929 Kentland Newspaper clipping of Enos School History and old Newton County School Directories, written by former County School Superintendent W.O. Schanlaub