

S. S # 2I, AMARANTH (continued)

This school log of S.S.#2I, Amaranth,, copied from the school register, was written by one of the teachers, possibly Miss Clubine or Miss Eaglesen.

For more than fifty years school was held on the corner of Robert Carter's farm, which was the centre for Waldemar and this section. The building was of logs. The Attendance averaged fifty or sixty. The seats were ten feet long and held six or seven pupils. There was a well on the lot but it was tainted with hemlock. The salary of the teacher was from \$200 to \$250 dollars. The teacher ruled with an iron hand using the strap frequently. Some of the teachers were Miss McClure, Mr Allen, Mr Varcoe, Miss Fester, Mr Ironside, and Mr Jas Philipps. Some of the trustees were Mr Sandy Clark, Mr Harry Carter, Mr Taite, Mr John Johnson and Mr Jas McFadzean. They held office for long periods, some holding the position for 15 years. They took great interest in the school, often calling every day.

When a new school was built in Waldemar, the north section thought it too far for their children to go and so the building of a new school on the north side was suggested. A meeting was called for six a. m. the hour suggested by a trustee from the north side. The trustees in Waldemar not noticing the a.m. naturally thought it was six p. m. They arrived at six p.m. only to find the meeting over at which a vote was carried for the building of a school in the north end. The section was divided and this school received the name "The Branch School".

A frame structure was put up which lasted fifteen or twenty years. Some of the teachers were: Miss Duncan, Miss M. Philipps, Miss M. Hamilton, Mr Wesley Lomas, Mr Jas Lomas, Mr Davidsen, Mr Andersen, Miss Wallace and Miss McClure. Some of the trustees were Mr Theo Taite for 12 years and Mr Sandy Clarke, a daily visitor.

In 1925 a new brick building was built which still stands. The school now boasted a furnace, a library, a teacher's room and cloakrooms. There was an oil stove and cooking utensils for hot lunches. There was a garden later.

This school became S.S.#2I, Amaranth and some of the teachers were Miss F. Price, Miss M. Durkin, Miss G. Baxendale, Miss E. Lang, Miss P. Menary, Miss E. Walker,. Some of the trustees were Rueben West, Bert Gier, Jas Wolfe, Will Sandersen, Oliver Durkin, William Wolfe, Clarence Carter, Harvey West and Herman Keys.

Later music was taught by Miss Sinclair. J. Gage, I Eaglesen, J Clubine, L Durkin, E. Feed, F. White, M. Bramble, V. Gamble and B. Bowen. also taught here.

Hydre was installed in 1948. Salk vaccine was first given in 1955.