

per year, one for \$350.00 per year, both considered too high by the trustees. Hired teacher without a certificate for \$24.00 a month.

April 6, 1889 - Contract for a new school awarded for \$350.00. Work to be completed by August 15. School was not built until 1891 on the Defries property for \$375.00. The site for the new school was chosen by Messrs. George Bullied, Robert Edgar and Patton Shewen. It was a white frame building.

The first teacher was Harry Anderson (who later became a doctor), gold medallist of Trinity College, Toronto. Mr. George Rose who later became a minister at Owen Sound was the next teacher.

In 1931, the Rural School Fair was introduced. This school won the shield donated by Rev. C. A. G. Spence for the highest average number of points at the Fair. Rosalie McColl (nee Smith) won the T. Eaton Co. Silver Trophy in 1932. In 1934, the school again won the shield. Jean Scott, daughter of Bob Scott, won the trophy in 1935. Ruth Rexe (Nicholls) won in 1936.

Prior to 1932 there was a larger majority of rural ratepayers in the section, than village ratepayers. Consequently the frame school building was built in the middle of the old school section about one mile north of the village.

By 1932, the school was rather crowded. There were 37 pupils and several more were ready to begin. This along with a Fifth Class (9th grade) necessitated a change.

Disagreement between the rural and village ratepayers as to the accomodation of the pupils led to a petition being brought before the township council to divide the old school section. One