

BRIEF HISTORY OF S. S. NO. 1, JOHNSTON'S CORNER SCHOOL

The school in School Section No. 1 Brant has always been known as Johnston's Corner School. It took its name from Mr, Wm. Johnston or "King" Johnston as he was called in pioneer days, who entered Brant Township in May, 1849, and took up land on Lots 5.6 and 7. In 1854 Mr. Johnston erected a tavern on the corner. Mr. Johnston's son, Nathaniel, was the first white boy born in Brant in June, 1850.

The first school was a log structure built on the Johnston farm. This school was used until there were too many pupils for it and then school was held in an old hall at the corner. A few years later a stone school was built at the foot of the hill, a short distance east of the corner. This stone school was used until 1937 when on the morning of January 6th, it was completely destroyed by fire. School was held in the farm home of Mr. William Wangler, nearby until the new school, a fine modern brick building was ready for use in September, 1937.

The school was governed as were all the other schools in Brant by a School Board of three Trustees and a Secretary-Treasurer until 1946, when all the schools of Brant were combined to form the Brant Township School Area. A school Board of five trustees and a secretary-treasurer have charge of all the schools in Brant.

The first school area board consists of the following trustees, Mr. A. Milne, Elmwood, Mr. R Long, Walkerton, Sec. Treas. is Mr. Wm. McIntyre.

Vera Abell and Mr. J. A. Hay of Walkerton were among the first music teachers in Brant Township Schools. Mr. Bruce Nuhn of Chesley was engaged as music teacher to replace Mr. Hay in September, 1952. followed by Mr. Murdock Beaton in September, 1956. In 1957 Mill Muilywck followed Mr. Beaton. In September, 1958, Mrs Matthias followed until 1966, when Mrs. Becker was engaged.

The inspectors were as follows:

Mr. Clendinning was inspector for many years, followed by Mr. McCool in 1906. Mr. Game inspected the school from 1937 until his retirement in March, 1959. On March 16th, 1959, Mr. Game set out on his world tour. On April 16, 1959, Mr. Game died in Madrid, Spain, and was buried in the British Cemetery there on April 17, 1959.

There was a memorial service in St. Paul's United Church, Walkerton, Sunday April 26th, 1959

Mr. Game's Assistants were A.A. Gilroy, 1945-1954. Clyde Evans, 1954-1955. MR Houghman, 1956-1957, and Mr. G. Simpson and S. MacInnis.