

SS #10

The Union School No. 10 was located on the corner of the Essex Townline (Sandwich South-Colchester North Townline), and the ninth concession of Sandwich South and Colchester North contributed to its development. The first frame school was built in 1923 on one acre of land purchased from the Land Company of Ohio.

Contrary to memories of 'red' school houses, SS #10 was unique from the beginning, being painted white rather than the more traditional red colour. Classes opened in 1924 under the capable leadership of Miss Marie Carrie, who taught all grades in the school from one to eight. Of all the one room schools in Sandwich South, this one lasted the longest. The teaching of all grades in one room continued in this school until 1970, at which time it was phased out along with school sections number 6 and 4.

In a rather sad Windsor Star article of June 1966, titled "Last of the One-Roomers", Mrs. Helen Davis, the instructor of SS 10 until 1970, explained the advantages of a one-room school.

No one is different here. The children know that everything isn't entirely right, but it doesn't seem to bother them. They are relaxed, enjoy life and they are learning.

We don't freeze in the winter and cool country winds keep things comfortable in the summer. There are none of the conventional disturbances; a car seldom passes, sirens have yet to be heard and no

*one plays outside the school's window.*76*

Mrs. Davis also mentioned the common occurrence of barbecued lunches and treks in the woods, two happenings seldom found in the large, modern, more impersonal schools of today.