

## SS #11 [FRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL]

Frith Public School was not an early pioneer of the educational history in Sandwich South, and is in fact one of the most recent schools built in the area. In 1960 two and one half acres of land were purchased from Charles Frith for \$500 an acre, just east of Walker Road on North Talbot. A two-roomed school was built and completed by Oct. 29, 1960, and the school was officially opened on Dec 9, 1960.

Very unfortunately this school's repute comes not from happy frolicking in childish activities or in any one person, but rather in a terrible disaster and loss of life. In 1966 eight school children, all from Frith Public School were killed when a Dump truck over-turned onto their schoolbus at the corner of Walker Road and No. 3 Highway. The tragedy brought darkness and mourning on the whole township, and a plaque, given in their memory, still hangs in their former school, the building now being the township's Municipal Offices. As with the rest of the schools, SS #11 was phased out in the early '70's.



*Elsie Shuttleworth, shown here being honoured for her 31 years of teaching in Sandwich South. Shown with her are Eleanor Campbell, secretary of the public school area; Mr. Arnold Axcell, school board trustee, and former postmaster in the area; and Edwin Croft, the party convenor. Elsie Shuttleworth is sitting.*