

ROSELAND HI-LITES

ROSELAND ONTARIO

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EDUCATION WEEK

This history of the Roseland School will be included in the History of Roseland, being compiled by Dick Roe, to be printed by Harold Fisher and published for the Roseland Home and School Association.

THE ROSELAND SCHOOL

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The first record we have of the establishment of a school in Roseland is petition circulated by Mazaire Lassaline in the three Townships. This was followed by the organising on August 22nd, 1913 of a public school district, comprising parts of Sandwich West, Sandwich East, and Sandwich South. The meeting was held in now the home of Ellis Loyst.

The first Board consisted of Charles Allen, Mazaire Lassaline, Alex Lassaline, and Ira Ford. Joe Hennin was the only one with a pencil so he was made Secretary.

There were no chairs, so everyone sat on the floor, and Joe laid down flat to write the minutes. The school site was purchased from the Straus Land Co. for \$525.00 on September 4th, 1913. At a meeting on October 3rd, it was decided that debentures be issued for the sum of \$ 4000.00 on the credit of the section known as Union S.S. 20. The cost of the building was estimated at about \$3500.00. It was a one room school, with a small teachers room, and constructed of brick.

The School opened Easter 1914 with an attendance of 25 pupils. Records list the following as the school's first pupils.

Clarence Jessop(deceased)

Alda Morand

Edna Dumouchelle

Charlotte Dumouchelle

Myrtle Allen

Pearl Jessop

Charles Lassaline

Albert Dennison

Sylvia Clifford

Gazella Zebree

William Verbridge

Edith Chick

Grace Jessop(deceased)

Laraine Dumouchelle

Lela Domouchelle

Esther Allen

Florence Dumouchelle

Florence Lassaline

Bert Bedford

Leo Dennison

Gerald Clifford

Cora Moore

Fred Verbridge

Miss Alta Williiams was the first teacher , serving five years until 1918.

In July, 1925 a meeting of the rate payers was held to authorize the School Board to borrow \$11000.00 through debentures to build a two room school in place of the former school. enrollment of the school had increased 54 pupils. Another teacher was hired to teach the primary room. In 1926 Mrs Fisher, who was principal, resigned because of ill health and Miss Olive LePpain later Mrs Marcoux, was engaged as principal in January 1927.