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The original trustees of No. 5 were Mr. Jerry Collins, Mr. Emery Caza and Mr. John Greaves.

The first teacher we have record of is Mr. John J. Sullivan in 1892. Teachers following were G.H. Jolley; Joseph Fuerth; Joseph Beeman; Lissa M. Lewis; L.M. Griffith; C.E. Burgess; P.O. Flaherty; Beulah Shepley; Sadie Reid; Corla I. Every; Jr. J. Kerr; Jenny Ure; E. Plant; Lyla Wismer; E.M. Wilson; Arabell Robinson; Jessie Collins; Anna Myles; Elsie Shuttleworth (after 30 – had to retire because of ill health. She was teaching many of the second generation); Mona Galligher and Mrs. T. Barry.

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The Malden Rd. is the main thoroughfare in this corner of Sandwich South. It was blazed by the British Army as a short cut between Niagara and Fort Malden. Today this road is a very busy gravel road, a direct connection between the north and south of Essex County.

On the Malden Rd, the original Farough homestead still stand, the possession of a grandson, Orville Farough. His Grandparents came here in 1846 from Three Rivers Quebec. They purchased wild land and built a log cabin which served as the family home for 14 children. This home is still intact with open beams. Not many years ago it was sided.

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Hydro came to this district about 26 ¹⁹²⁷ years ago and the first telephone 42 ¹⁹¹¹ years ago.

The first television set in use in this neighbourhood was in the home of James Stitt in 1950.

For many years there was in this district what was known as the Maidstone Threshing Company. All the farmers were owners and besides owning their own tractor and threshing machine they also had a silo filler, a buzz-saw and a corn shredder. Every farmer paid the same price and they always paid

the surplus back at the end of the year in dividends according to the number of shares owned. Many times money was used in the winter for oyster suppers for the men and their wives. When their share-holders grew older and their sons grew up combining came to the fore. To-day the Company has dissolved and many of the farmer are mechanically equipped to harvest their crops at the right time. In this community there is just one threshing machine to-day owned and operated by one farmer.

There are no farm wells or windmills in use to-day.

Bowling and soft-ball are the main sports here to-day. In 1852 the Maidstone Bowling Club was organized. This is mainly for married couples and continues during the winter months. Summer is soft-ball time. A man's team plays under the light in Essex and is sponsored by Trudy's Snackette of Maidstone.

There are many industrial workers in this district. Quite a number have land and do double duty.

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