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Organized Aug. 14, 1929

Melvin Cole, Mr. Vincent & Cecil Willis cut the logs for the school. Ole Finstad built it. In 1930, Sara Allison (Elsie) Black (Mrs. Cole) became the first teacher for 8-10 students. The desks were tables and benches made by the parents.

Lila Mae and Virginia began school in Hondo in 1931 when their parents moved to Hondo. Pete and Wilfred Gladue were the first students they met. They came early to school to start the fire in the log school. The stove was made from a 45 gallon barrel laid lengthwise. Water was carried from a well in a pail and there was a big dipper to drink from. The students looked forward to Friday after last recess when Miss Black brought her portable phonograph to school. It had to be wound up frequently by hand to keep the records from playing too slowly. (Lila Mae, p. 304 Echoes)



Showers and other events were held in the log school. This is a shower for Betty Giles (Young) in the early 50's.

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1948: Bob and Marie Schmode (Jahnert) went to Hondo School (p. 298 Echoes...)

Harvey Beauchamp Children: spring, 1936 walked 4 miles to and from school and drove a horse on a toboggan in winter. 1935: Denzil Conrad family moved into Hondo so Gordon could go to school. Doreen and Florence also attended Hondo School.

Bob and Isabel Willis (Finstad) attended one room school in Hondo. There was 1 teacher for Grades 1-9. They spent a lot of time preparing for Christmas concerts and always had a picnic when the term was finished. (p. 298 Echoes...)



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Jim Willis attended Gr. 1 in the log school (Left before the post office boxes)(teacher, Miss Long), then the old store (across from the post office boxes) for a year or 2 (teacher, May Gladue). When the schools were moved from Smith to Hondo, (present day Hondo Hall), he then attended that school until it closed and he was bussed to Smith School.

He remembers Mr. Martin and Mr. Lund as other teachers.

Jim used various means of transportation to get to school, his bike, a dog team and a horse.

