

Outlying school: Ranch

#4708 Organized
Dec.7, 1935
1937-1945

Ranch School opened for classes in April 1937 with the name chosen to coincide with the name of the local post office. The land was donated by Orval Hayes (Sr.) and all desks and furniture was handmade.

The first teacher was Miss Salamandyk, followed by Mr. Woyowitka (1938-39), J.A. Roberts (1939-40), Mr. O'Grady and Mrs. Bea Dobson (1940-41), Mrs. Anderson (1941-42), Miss Frances Wilson (1942-43), Emily Jones (1943-44) and last, Mrs. E.M. McEvony (1944-45). The school was closed and the children were taken by bus to Smith in the fall of 1945.



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Ruth and Alverna Scratch, Norman Milne, Bernice Hayes, Mary and Donny Fraser, Bob Brown, Ethel Milne, Pete Fraser, Edith Hayes, Verda Ramsay, Russell Scratch, Mona Ramsay. 1938. Ranch School.

Joe and Kathleen Zamiski walked to Ranch School which was about 2 miles from the farm. This was a place where people of the community got together for dances, box socials and Christmas concerts. Anyone who knew how to play a musical instrument would provide the music. In winter, people would fill sleighs with blankets and hot bricks to keep their feet warm, hitch up the horses and go to the school for dances or concerts.

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Edith McConnell (Hayes): Mrs. Anderson (teacher) had her own record player and she taught them several dance steps. Orval and Edith would check snares (rabbits) and traps (weasels) before they went to school in the morning. (p. 413 Echoes...)