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The Moose Portage Clubhouse (across the road from the post office) served as a school (Sunshine Valley), church and entertainment hall until 1937 when both a new school and church were built ½ mile away.



Mr. Carmichael with Moose Portage students, 1934.

Some of the teachers were Lawrence Peacock, Mr. Petit, Sadie Wriggett, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Dye, Miss Brown, Mr. Little, another Miss Brown, Mr. Carmichael, and Trix Morris. In the summer, students walked or ran barefoot to school and in winter, dog teams were used and tied up outside. Students brought 22's into the school, lined them up against the wall until that practice was stopped.)

(p. 350, Echoes...)

Mabel Nelson recalls a severe storm in the 30's and the teacher kept the children in school and fed them cookies until the storm abated. (p.337 Echoes...)

For the first few years, they had school in the summer and had January and February off as the winters were too severe and the snow too deep to go 3 miles and back. (Bert

and Mary Olson family book, no p. #)

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In 1935, rains really came. They made a floating bridge from dry jack pine poles tied to a fence that was half submerged in water. It was across a low place to the school which was about a 100 yards.

(John Tate, p. 359, Echoes...)

The “new” school burned down in 1949 and the church (200 yds south) was renovated and used for school. The church was partitioned off and students crawled through the window to play the pump organ at lunch. (p. 339, Echoes...)



Les Landon bussed the students to Smith School in 1953 and Leonard Olson remembers the bus getting stuck many times, especially in the spring when the roads were quite muddy. (p.339, Echoes...)

Larry Coburn remembers a lot of horses and sleighs tied up in the school yard for a Christmas concert, a big wood stove in the corner, and after the concert, the floor cleared off for a dance.