

ments to move the school to a more central location in the district. The agreement to move was not unanimous, but this was resolved by means of voting. The school was moved to the NE 21-25-2W quarter.

More families moved to the district, increasing the enrollment. The highest enrollment was forty pupils in 1926-27, grades one to eight. The lowest enrollment was nine pupils in 1961-62.

Children walked to school through the bush and across swamps as far as three and four miles. Some used a horse and buggy in the summer, or horse and sled in the winter. A horse stable was built in the school yard for shelter. When the Fisher River was high in the spring, those who couldn't cross stayed at home, or on occasion stayed with people who lived across the road from the school.

Teacher's salaries increased very slowly except for one year during the depression in the thirties. In 1935-36 the salary was \$40.00 a month for the first term and \$32.00 a month for the second term. The last teacher received \$3,000.00 in 1966.

By 1958 the old school house had deteriorated to the point of having to be replaced. This building was sold to Ed Stadfeld for \$125.00. Before the new Hodgsonville School was paid for, there was a consolidation of small schools. Children were transported by bus to Fisher Branch. Many of these

country schools were sold for minimal sums to private owners.

The following are a few of the first local trustees: Dick Tully, E. E. St. Peter, Albert Staples, and John Bush. Harry Hobden held the office of secretary-treasurer on the local school board from 1927 to 1950. Ralph Grouch was secretary treasurer from 1952 to 1966 and trustee from 1950 to 1966.

The school building is still on the same location, but is now privately owned by Raymond and Julie Stadfeld.

LAVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1617

Laval School was built in 1912, on the S.E. quarter of S. 25, T. 24, R. 2W. it was the first school on this side of Teulon. Gerry and Margaret Dandeneau now live on this site.

The people of the district decided to call the school district "Laval" after the Bishop De Laval of France.

In the school year of 1928-29, the school was moved to a more central location S.E. S. 31, T. 24, R. 1W, as the district was spreading out to the north and east. Douglas and Edna Vandersteen are living there now.

The first families to go to school were Kuryks, Rudnickis and Joe Hudon. The first trustees were



Laval school pupils and teacher, Mrs. Napoleon Giasson, 1918.