

HISTORY  
of  
MONTVILLE SCHOOLS

The first school was built by Austin Badger and the first teacher was Caroline Babbit. In 1824 a brick school was built by Parker Pelton on his farm near River Styx Rd. and Wadsworth Rd.

In 1873 the township had 8 schools and around 1920 they consolidated into one. Grades 1-3 were west of Poe in a one room school. Grades 4-8 were held in the Grange Hall on the north side of Poe Rd. across from the Church. The brick building (now the Twp. Hall) was completed in 1923. School was held there for the first eight grades until 1951 when they transferred into Medina City School District. High School students went to Medina and had to furnish their own transportation until 1930 when "Blinky" Ewing was hired to haul them.

The eight one-room schools were located: 1. Chase school located at southeast corner of River Styx Rd. and E. Smith Rd.; 2. Anderson school located at southwest corner of River Styx Rd. and Sharon-Copley Rd.; 3. Maple Grove school located on River Styx Rd. 3/4 mile north of Wadsworth Rd. on west side of road; 4. Cap school located at southeast corner of Paradise and Guilford Rds.; 5. Saw Mill school located on west side of St. Rt. 3 and Paradise Rd.; 6. Poe located 1/4 mile west of Poe on Poe Rd. (about where Poe Rd. crosses Interstate 71); 7. One located on west side of St. Rt. 3 and Sharon Copley Rd.; 8. Bunker Hill located on northwest corner of Wadsworth and Sharon-Copley Rds.

Teachers that we know include Caroline Babbitt, Sam McClure, Dan Pelton, Lizzie Fisher, Jake Nold, Fred Roshon, Mrs. Dan Pelton, Mrs. Fred Roshon, Helen Gray, Everett Gault, Bernice Rodgers Crouthamel, Lorine Hammett, LaMont McFadden, Velma Smith Kelser, Marjorie Gault, Clara Hartman, Violet Gray Hoddinott, Willard Plough, Ava Reusch, Albert Kahl, Earl Walters Irene Ferguson, Clara Day Porter, Genevieve Stevens, Marjorie Holmes, Pauline Leatherman, and Velma Kelser McFadden. There were probably others that we don't know about.

School Board Members were Elva Moore, William Neff, David Fulton, Ed Leohr, Joe Myers, Mary Fulton, Lloyd Pease, Christine Selzer, Russell Blough, Walter Smithberger, and Clair Fulton. The last five served when they joined the Medina School District.

## HISTORY (continued)

Bus Drivers using teams of horses were Rolly Hartman, William McFadden, J. C. Carpenter, DeForest Hunter, John Kelser, Frank Kindig, George Fulton, Roy Shaw and others.

Bus Drivers using motor vehicles were Luther Nixon, William McFadden, Harry Switzer, Paul Rodgers, "Blinky" Ewing, John Selzer, Forest Hunter, Mary Fulton and others.

Janitors were Charles Siders, Elva Moore, Harry Switzer, and George Porter.

David Fulton was appointed to the school board in 1921 and served until 1942 when he would not run again. Mrs. Clara Hartman nominated Clair Fulton at the Republican Caucus. He served until 1951 when they closed the school.

In October of 1923, when the school board members were moving the desks, etc. from the one-room school and the Grange Hall to the new brick school, Mr. Leohr said they couldn't have school without the school bell. So it was mounted on the new school building. Years later coming home from Medina, David and Clair Fulton stopped at the school house and found the school bell on the junk pile. The janitor gave it to Clair. He kept it until 1970 when he had sale and moved to Medina. He didn't want to sell the bell, so he gave it to Edwin Kelser and they mounted it in the church belfrey. It still rings every Sunday. If the church ever closes, the bell should go to the Twp. Trustees so it could remain in the township.