

Does anyone have “old” picture of District #11 School, 62 Harvey Hill Road? This schoolhouse is currently standing and used as a privately owned home, many renovations have been added. The school closed on July 1, 1956 with the consolidation of schools into the Ithaca City School District.

School Days at District #11 - Harvey Hill

By Blanch San Soucie Stout (1938 – 2007)

Going to school in a one-room schoolhouse is something you can never forget. I had the same teacher from first grade (no Kindergarten) through seventh grade. I am sure many will remember Elmina Rumsey. There were four in my class and three of us went on to Ithaca to high school and graduated together. I found out that Hilda Hubbell made the best scalloped potatoes when we had hot lunch bought to school every other day in the winter. On odd days Mrs. Rumsey would make a huge pot of cocoa to go with our lunch from home. It was a pretty neat system. Children took the big white kettle home from school on the night before it was their mothers turn to cook and got it back to school full of something hearty to fill 20 to 25 kids.

I sure am glad the Hubbell's lived across the road, they kept the "pot belly stove" stoked during the cold weather, and even so the drinking pail still iced up.

When I first went to school we saluted the flag with our right arm straight out in front of us. When World II started we began placing our hand over our heart. During this time we brought in small items like toothpaste, combs, washcloths, toothbrushes, etc. and these were put in special Red Cross boxes and sent to our service men.

One time we gathered all the milkweed pods we could find and brought them to school. I can't remember what they were used for, but who ever brought in the most won a Levi jacket. I think Gordie Bowers won.

When Elmina retired they brought us a teacher from the city, Ithaca, she introduced "Recess" to us, I had never heard of such a thing, but I guess it was O.K.

My class was ready for the eighth grade when Elmina retired, Elmina told my grandmother that we were ready to take the regents even if this new teacher goofed up bad. Taking the regents seemed to be the highlight of grade school. This was it, if you passed you went on to high school, which meant riding the bus and a whole new world. We took our regents exams in the school at Enfield Center. It still stands, as a home, across from the Methodist Church.

Teachers: Cara Able, Blanche Allen, Mary Baker, Isabell Bogart, Marian Brinkerhoff, Anna Brown, Lottie Byrum, Mame Cook, Hugh Curry, Mrs Curry, Wm. Doll, Mrs. English, Edith Giltner, Flora Harvey, Nina Jones, Chas. Lanning, Frank Nobles, Irene Miller, Ella Pierce, Jennie Russell, Clarence Rumsey, Elmina Rumsey, Leroy Smith, Ruth Smith, Elizabeth Walker, Minnie Wallenbeck.

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School District 11 from Catherine Chase. Group Alan Hubbell, Gordon Bowers, Gale Munson, Jack Hubbell, Nancy Hubbell, Mrs. Hornbrook (Center Back)