

## **New Hope School District No. 13 in 1927**

\$4,000 outstanding bonds

Valuation - \$180,684.00

Local tax rate – 75c

The school building is located 13 miles northeast of Anson and four miles south of Stamford. Trustees are: F.B. Reid, H.L., Hagar, J.M. Mickler. The teachers are – E.L. Hinson, Miss Edith Ramsey, Miss Autie McCuistian, Miss Thelma Thorp.

It would be impossible to tell who the first settler in New Hope district was, but the first residence was erected about 1882, followed by several others in 1883.

The first school building was a small box house built and paid for by public subscription at a cost of about \$200. The first school was taught by Miss Frankie M. Boals, this being a three-month term with an enrollment of 10 pupils. This building was located near the center of the west line of section No. 13 D&D Asylum land, was used for all public meetings until destroyed by fire in 1889. The school location was moved one mile east on section No. 12 and a frame building 20x30 feet erected by public subscription. This building was used for church and all public gatherings until 1895 when a Baptist Church was built on the present church site. The school building was moved in 1900 to its present location on the southwest corner of section 12. In 1908, this building was sold and a building 30x52 feet, with hall above, was erected, being built by subscription plus a bond issue of \$1,000. This building was used until 1922 when it was torn down and the present building was erected at a cost of \$4,000. The old Spring Creek District No. 12 building by agreement between Avoca and New Hope was discontinued in 1925 – this building lay within New Hope Territory.

In 1903, D.H. Bass erected a small residence using the front for a small stock of groceries. This has been owned by several different people and enlarged until the present building carrying a general stock of merchandise.

In 1924, the first church building was torn down and a modern church erected at a cost of \$5,000.

New Hope has won its share of agricultural and poultry premiums in competition with other Jones and Haskell County Districts. Winning second place in community exhibits at the Stamford Fair in 1925, losing first place to Post in Haskell County, which community had been placing exhibits for several years. New Hope had winners in the Whirl Wind poultry exhibit of 1927. The County Agent expects some good boys' club work from this district during 1927.

– by W.F. Bean, citizen of New Hope School District.