

# Homer City's First School Built In 1885

The first school in Homer City Borough was built about 1885 on Ridge avenue. The building was a one-room frame structure to which was added a second room, several years later.

When these two rooms became crowded, a plot of ground was bought, and a four-room school building erected in 1892. This building is still in use. In 1898, a four-room addition was built to the building, used by the children of the lower grades. These eight rooms were sufficient to house the schools for several years.

In 1920, the school again became crowded and a four-room brick building was erected, and in 1923, a four-room addition was built to

this. These rooms were filled with children as soon as they were ready to use, and in 1927, it became necessary to make some further provision for room.

Plans were made for the building of a modern high school building, a bond issue of \$55,000 was voted, and the present high school building was erected. This building contains eight class rooms and a combined auditorium-gymnasium.

Homer City Borough and Center Township schools have, in recent years, formed a jointure. Plans for a new building have been made.

For many years, the schools of Homer City provided the children

with an opportunity to secure an eighth grade education. However, in 1908, through the efforts of the school board, a two-year high school course was organized. The first class of four members graduated in 1909.

In 1913, a third year was added and finally in 1919, the fourth year was added, and the school classified as a first class high school by the State Department of Public Instruction.

J. S. Byers has been supervising principal of the Homer City schools since 1917.

Brushvalley Township is the home of both Mack and McCrory families of ten cent store fame.

## CENTER TWP. SCHOOLS

Center Township — The first schoolhouse in Center Township was erected in 1798, a rude log building 20 x 50 feet, without a floor for the first few years. The first teacher was John Mark (1798 to 1801). The next was James M. Kelly (afterwards a noted lawyer) in 1802. Three other early teachers were William Fulton, William Fleming, and Thomas McClanahan.