## Stats show the need of a new building

In 1953-54 there are five teachers for grades 1 to 9 and four of them teach two classes. The principal, Miss Harper, seems to have looked after grades 10 and 11.

In 1954-55 there are ten teachers for grades 1 to 10 . New teachers are Mrs. Wedge, Mrs. Whitford, and Miss Ropars, a French specialist.
Miss Harper presumably took charge of Grade 11.

| 1953-1954 | Teacher | $1954-55$ | Teacher |  |
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| Grade 1 | 33 | Miss Hawley | 34 | Miss Hawley |
| Grade 2 | 22 | Mrs. Royea | 42 | Mrs. Royea |
| Grade 3 | 24 | Mrs. Royea | 29 | (?Mrs. O'Brien) |
| Grade 4 | 22 | Mrs. Hastings | 33 | Mrs. Wedge |
| Grade 5 | 20 | Mrs. Hastings | 21 | Miss McBain |
| Grade 6 | 17 | Miss Vail | 35 | Mrs. Hastings |
| Grade 7 | 11 | Miss Vail | 17 | Miss Vail |
| Grade 8 | 27 | Miss Phillips | 19 | Mrs. Whitford |
| Grade 9 | 10 | Miss Phillips | 22 | Miss Phillips |
| Grade 10 | 11 | Miss Harper | 11 | Miss Ropars (French specialist) |
| Grade 11 | 5 | (graduate photos) | 10 | (graduate photos.) |
| Total students | $\mathbf{2 0 2}$ |  | $\mathbf{2 7 3}$ |  |

Five teachers were handling almost 200 students in 1953-54.
Lack of space in the school building in 1954-55 led to grades 5 and 6 being moved to the Legion building in that school year, one classroom upstairs and one downstairs. This building, built by Dr. Macdonald, was at the corner of Maple and Pleasant. It helps to explain why a new, larger school building was badly needed, and especially because Glen Sutton students would add to the numbers in the next school year.

In 1955-56 there were $\mathbf{3 0 3}$ students - 30 more - at the new school on Highland. Another teacher was hired to teach Math and Science.

Source: Those numbers are taken from the photographs and lists of names in the albums Spotlight 1954, 1955 and 1956.

