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## District # 81 - Oak Ridge

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## DISTRICT #81-OAK RIDGE

District #81 was formed on March 1, 1873 and included 15 sections. On February 2, 1878 three sections were transferred to District #101. At that time the schoolhouse was located a mile north of the present one.

The first report was filed in 1873 by J. W. Vandemark. It showed 29 children in the district, 25 attending school. School was open 60 days.

In 1874 school was held 3 months. Alice Minor was the teacher and was paid \$30.00 a month.

In 1875 L. P. Glassburn was the director. 28 children attended school with Thos. Worley who taught  $2\frac{1}{4}$  months at \$25.00 and L. B. Boman who taught 3 months at \$30.00. Both had Second Grade Certificates. The value of the building was \$500.00; value of the site, \$10.00.

In 1876 Rosa Vandemark taught 6 months at \$27.50. She had a Third Grade Certificate.

Wayne Nelson said school was dismissed on the day of the 1888 blizzard, and his grandfather and his brother don't know how they ever got home safely.

The first school census report was filed by Corydon W. Nichols on April 30, 1888. There were 13 families in the district and 31 children.

In 1928 a new school was built and was a modern building. In the late spring of 1953 this building burned down during the night. The building was insured for \$3750.00 and in order to build a new schoolhouse the district had to issue bonds for \$5000.00. This building is completely modern and is a quonset type.

During the period of construction school was held at the Stanley Trutna garage and at Lloyd Ang's vacant house. Mrs. James Brown was teacher and enrollment was 15. For convenience sake the school board moved the out-door toilet to a location near the garage.

Many community activities were held during the years, such as picnics, races, horseshoes, ball games, school programs. At the present time the enrollment is small.

Section 29, Township 13, Range 5  
Oak Creek Precinct  
2 miles South, 2½ miles West of Valparaiso

School Board - Richard Potter  
Ermin C. Benes  
Leonard Benes

Teacher - Betty Kobza

Pupils

Leo Benes  
Annmarie Benes  
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Chris Benes  
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