WEBSTER SCHOOL

The Webster School's ledger book has this entry:

October 10, 1899, $5.50 was paid to George Brooks for building a chimney. Mr. Brooks must have been a fine mason as his chimney is all that remains of Webster School.

Webster School was built on the north side of Highway 20 (High Drive), approximately one block west of the intersection of State Highways 20 and 83.

In November of 1872 Theodore Hardin, district treasurer wrote:

November 18, 1872, William Sproat-$50.00
November 28, 1872, School District tax-$200.00
July 29, 1872, State School Money-$24.36
July 29, 1872, County School Money- $22.90
August 17, 1873, William Sproat-$50.00
School Funds-$347.26

Materials were purchased in December of 1872 to build the school as follows:

Paid to: L.J. Albee for wood-$16.00; J. Bennett & H. Cooper for sawing wood-$2.00; Thomas McFarland for building fence, lumber, and hauling-$10.54; A. Cooper for Sundries-$6.50; Thomas McFarland for lumber and nails-$10.04, totaling $45.08.

January 11, 1873, paid to: Groat & McKenzie for glass, putty, a broom, a pail & nails-$2.31.

February 10, 1873, paid to: Groat & MacKenzie for a stove-$25.00.

Total cost to open the school - $72.39!

The first teacher hired was Roscoe A. Hoyt who started February 14, 1873 and was paid $152.00 for teaching the first school term and other odd jobs at the school.

In addition to teaching, teachers were expected to clean the school and start fires and keep them burning.

There is no mention of school furniture being purchased until October 10, 1877, this being $110.00 paid to the Racine Hardware & Manufacturing Co.

The first light bill occurred in December of 1930 and was $1.90 for a 3-month period.

Classes were held in Webster School through the spring of 1943 when Miss Dorothy Ludwig is listed as the last salaried teacher.

Starting in the fall of 1944 the children of Webster, Waterford District #2 were tuitioned and sent to Waterford District #1 in the village. Petition was filed July 21, 1953 for District #2, (Webster) to become part of Waterford District #1.
Sealed bids were taken for the sale of Webster School and opened at 8:00 p.m. August 7, 1953.

The balance of funds from the Webster School, $2,309.95, was turned over to Waterford Graded School in August of 1953 by the last District #2 treasurer, Mrs. Grace H. Ludtke.