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Rosenort (Aesop S.D.) Rosetown

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Travelling east of Schoenwiese for three miles we come to Rosenort, yet another of the original villages. Due to some confusion with the Rosenort north of Morris, the name was changed to Rosetown some years ago. The official name of the school district established in 1925 was Aesop, though it was seldom used by the general public.

The first meeting to organize the district was held on August 13, 1925, with Inspector T. G. Finn officiating. It must have been rather difficult for the people to comply with all the rules and regulations. Especially that of recording minutes of meetings, as a following sample illustrates:

“Boord meeting was Hald on December 15, 1929. If the Boord like to give the Teacher a Critsmus Presens and that is \$15.00, and to made mord wentilisen in the school but to be don in the summer the meeting was over.”

According to an old minute book the recording of minutes was dropped in 1932. It was resumed again in 1936. By 1939 a new school was built on a new site at the west end of the village, originally the site of the village herdsmen's residence.

In the early years this was also a rather large village with twenty full yards and another 11 dwellings 'anwohner' at east end. It had a church, school and a store in the village, where people from neighboring communities came to attend church services and do their shopping.

Today the store is closed, but in its place is a garage. There is also a seed plant, a potato storage and two churches. This village is located on the lighter type soil which is ideally suited for growing all kinds of special crops.



School photo of 1948 include the following: Pete Wieler, Abe Peters, Ed Hiebert, Ted Harms, Edwin Friesen, Irvin Friesen, Susie Wiebe, Hilda Heinrichs, Mary Toews, Mary Fehr, Helen Wiebe, Irmgard Wieler, Annie Wiebe, Mary Heinrichs, Helen Peters, Mary Peters, Tina Hiebert, Mildred Harder, Mary Schroeder, Hilda Braun, John Toews, Annie Peters, George Braun, Isaac Fehr, Alfred Wieler, Edith Wieler. The school was used until 1958 when the district consolidated with Kronstal.



This photo taken in 1946 in front of the old church shows a group of students with their D.V.E.S. teachers Miss Anna Pauls and Miss Katie Konrad. The church was used by the Blumenort after the migration to Mexico. A new church was built and this old building is presently in use as a granary. The straight walls and straight roof testify to the fact that the carpetners of the early years knew their stuff when it came to constructing buildings.