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FURTHER HISTORY OF JOHN CHISHOLM SCHOOL SINCE OFFICIAL OPENING 1957.

- 1957 - Mrs. N. Sanders in charge.
- 1958 - Staff - Mrs. R.J. Dunn followed Mrs. N. Sanders in 1958, 5 pupils attending in morning and 5 in afternoon. Mrs. Dunn resigned in June, 1959.
- 1959 - Second room opened February, 1959, teacher temporary basis to June, Mrs. E.W. Stephenson. In September, Mrs. Dora Fortnum was appointed principal, and Mrs. P. Orr second teacher for educable class, Mrs. Fortnum for trainable class.
- 1960 - Death of Mrs. Dora Fortnum, and Mrs. Orr moved to Saskatoon.
- 1960 - September, new principal, Mrs. M. Roberts, teacher, Mrs. A. Branning. 24 pupils.
- 1961 - Third room opened, Mrs. W. Hamlyn, teacher. October.
- 1962 - September, Mrs. E.W. Stephenson appointed principal to succeed Mrs. Roberts, who was leaving the city.
- 1964 - September - Moose Jaw Public School Board takes over the John Chisholm School.
- 1965 - September - new school opened - former school was housed in the basement of Ross Public School, rooms were rented by the Children's Aid Society \$50.00 per room per annum.

The Lions Club through their Bunny Bus, which was presented to the Handicapped for transportation purposes, picked up our pupils at various points in the city and returned them to their homes after school in the afternoon. On October 19th, 1959, the children brought their lunch to school, after lunch, there was a rest and play period before starting the afternoon programme. This change was most beneficial to the pupils, previously, too much time was spent on the bus, and on returning after lunch it took the pupils some time to settle down. Mrs. J.R. Bannister

was lunch assistant.

In 1960, the Children's Aid Society decided a new school for the retarded should be built. To raise the necessary funds a campaign was set up, but it was discovered that under their charter it was not possible to campaign for funds, so a new society was formed for the sole purpose of raising funds and building a new school, this society was formed in 1961.

In 1963 the required amount had not been raised, the Society for the Education of the Mentally Retarded in Moose Jaw and District was still \$20,000.00 short.

A special meeting was called for all agencies interested in retardation on January 22nd, 1964. It was decided to present a submission to the Moose Jaw Public School Board on behalf of the Children's Aid Society and the Society of the Education of the Mentally Retarded in Moose Jaw and District in which the School Board was asked to take over the administration of the John Chisholm School, and to build a new school for the retarded in 1965. The funds raised would be given to the Board, and on completion of the building of the school, the assets of the Children's Aid Society, subject to the approval of the Minister of Social Welfare, would be transferred to the school board.

The school board took over the school in the Ross Public School on September 1st, 1964, and the new school will be opened on Friday, September 10th, 1965.

A final meeting of the Children's Aid Society Board of Directors will be held in the near future to make the necessary transfer of funds to the school board, and thus, the Society having completed its project, will disband.