

## Fact Sheet

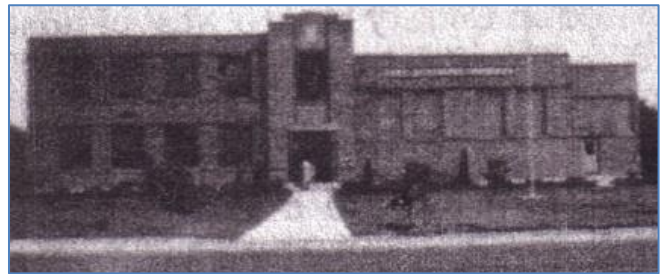
### Pike Township School, Winameg, Ohio

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Pike Township School is located on 9.54 acres in Winameg, Ohio (Winameg was also known as DeMutre and the Indian name was Neshenowba) opened its doors in the fall of 1938 and closed in 1987 because of declining enrollment. Prior to 1938 there were six one-room schools with a total enrollment of 152 students (previously 7 but one burned, #6 Hoxie, west of 7-2, students moved to Maple Grove). The six schools were #1 Swamp Angel Corner, M-8; #2 LaSalle Corner, M-10; #3 Whitcomb Corner, M-12; #4 Howard Corner, J-12; #5 Pike Center, J-10; #7 Maple Grove, K-8). Schools were often named for the farmer who donated the land. They closed in 1938 sending the students to Pike Center, now Pike Township School.

The first one-room school in Fulton County is believed to have been established in Pike Township near Winameg in 1835.

A two story building was built in 1938 (pictured right) with an addition added in 1950. The building was well built and was kept in good repair. The school housed grades 1 - 8 and had the following rooms, five academic rooms, a gymnasium-auditorium which would seat 100 during athletic contests and 250 for plays and operettas (this room was used for music on alternate days with gym classes), two rest rooms, a cafeteria which is suitable by staggering the noon hour, a kitchen, a clinic room, and one storage room. The building also housed three additional academic rooms, one office and two shower rooms that are non-typical rooms.



All classrooms have fluorescent lighting, and are equipped with movable furniture, storage cabinet, filing drawers, hook shelves and lockers either inside the room or in the hallways. A bus garage that house four busses is located on the site. The school has its own well for water supply and septic tank with leach bed acceptable to the county health officials.

The site was well landscaped with plenty of playground. The playground had many facilities on which children could play, five ball diamonds, a black top basketball area and a black top area to play. The eastern one-third of this site was never developed.

Enrolment for 1960 thru 1964: **1960** -173, **1961**-170, **1962**-172, **1963**-174, **1964**-187

In 1987 the school board sold the school back to Pike Township for \$1.00. The school was then purchased by the J. S. L. Construction Company from Swanton, OH; who is converting the building into apartments. The new facility will be called *The Council Oaks Apartments*.

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