

LILY LAKE SCHOOL

In the western part of the township, four schools including the Indian Creek Trail/Read Road School, the Stewart School, The Lily Lake School east of the Village and a school about a mile north on Route 47 were consolidated in 1918 to create the present Lily Lake School. For several years this school offered a two-year high school, and from this non-hjgh school district most of Campton Township's young people continued their education in Elburn, St Charles, Plato or other high schools of their choice.

For many years that followed, Lily Lake School was the cultural center for the area. The Community Club met there to discuss issues. The Lily Lake Community Fair was held on the school grounds at the end of September from 1920-1940. This regional fair included exhibits of livestock, poultry, produce, grain, fruits, baked good, canned goods, plants, flowers, and household items. It was a full day of entertainment with a plowing match, horse-pulling contest, athletic contest and evening entertainment with prized. Companies from the Fox Valley, Elgin, and Aurora advertised in the fair booklet each year. Generous donations were made by businesses and individuals who supported the big event.

The Lily Lake School is one of the strongest assets of the Village's planning area. The school is recognized by residents and non-residents alike because of its location on Route 47 and iconic rural American image. Built in 1918, the building is a significant local landmark, although not presently listed on any official designated list. Today the school continues to be a social center playing host to sporting and scouting groups.