

S. S. No. 4

The first school to be erected in this section was a frame building on the Anderdon-Sandwich South end of the Essex Townline. It was built between 1865-70. In 1894 it was replaced by a brick school and the old frame school was moved to a location near Paquette Station and was used as a Blacksmith Shop by Joseph Harshaw until 1906. It is still standing and is being used as a grainery on the farm of Frank Lounsborough in this district. In 1914 the old brick school was replaced by the present brick structure. The new school was opened following vacation period in 1915.

The first teacher at S. S. No. 4 was a Miss Ouellette who later married Frank Mere, father of Adrian who resides about a mile and a half from Oldcastle at the Intersection of No 3B Highway and Howard Ave. Mr. John Holden was one of the first trustees. Hyde was installed in the school around 1944-45 and a piano was purchased in 1943. Music supervision was by Miss Agnes Hartley in 1953 and Art by Mrs. Edith Shearer. When the Essex County School Board took over from the Sandwich South Area Bd. in 1969, Al Linnell was Music Director and Art Supervisor. Music and Art Supervisors being instituted in the school system following the forming of the Area Bd. in 1945-6.

Oct. 5th., 1928 - Sept. Report for S. S. No. 4, Sandwich South: Sr. 4 - Murray Edwards; Jr. 4 - Mary Webster, Max Webster, Blanche White, Fred Paquette, Harry Maxen; Sr. 3 - Clarice Dufour, Mabel Dufour, Peter Maxen; Jr. 3 - Pearl Bondy, John Dufour, Doris Paquette, Howard Holden; Class 2 - Bertha Holden, Vern McKim, Avis O'Neil, Mary Maxen, Elmer Jee; Class 1 - Nellie Curtis, Vida Dufour, Olive McKim, Verne Curtis; Sr. Primer - Steve Kevough; Jr. Primer - Shirley Webster, Alice Dufour, Harvey Paquette; Primer "A" - Dan Maxen, Neville Berry, Gerald Jee.

May, 1956 - S. S. No. 4, Sandwich South won their most points at the Windsor Music Festival for unaccompanied, one-room rural schools.

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January, 1930 Report of S. S. No. 4 - Sr. 4 - Cecil Paquette, Flerence White, Orville Dufour, Hugh White; Sr. 3 - Nellie Dufour, Roger Lounsbrough, Don Curtis, Marie Bondy, Henry Bondy, Calvin Neil; Jr. 3 - Mary Webster, Fred Paquette, Evelyn Jessop, Blanche White; Sr. 2 - Ivy Jessop, Glen Ciphery, Clarice Dufour, Mabel Dufour, Max Webster; Class I - John Dufour, Doris Paquette, Pearl Bondy, Howard Holden; Primer - Bertha Holden, Avis O'Neil; Verne Curtis. - M. E. Dillon, teacher.

February, 1934 - Report: Sr. 4 - Nellie Curtis, Vida Dufour; Jr. 4 - Alice Dufour, Shirley Webster; Sr. 3 - Stanley Queen, Grace Curtis, Harvey Paquette; Jr. 3 - Billy Hyatt, Peter Ujj, Neil Webster, Francis Richards, Louise Hyatt, Jean Crawford; Class 2 - B. Trumbulack, Billie O'Neil, Stanley Surowiak, Russell Dufour, Glenna Webster, Anna Mae Paquette, Marjorie Queen, Lorraine Prieur; Class I - Reta O'Neil, Eugene Surowiak, Joe Sante; Sr. Primer - Doris Hyatt, Ray Dufour; Jr. Primer - Murray O'Neil, May Price, Clemence Curtis, Russell O'Neil, Virginia Holden, Eleanor Paquette. - M. E. Dillon, teacher.

July 15th, 1958 - Appointment of Mrs. Isabelle O'Neil as principal and teacher of the senior room at No. 4 School was approved by Mr. Elmer Ure and seconded by Howard Holden. They approved Employer's Liability Insurance on the new school being built by Iloyd Reeb and seconded by Milton Farough.

July 7th, 1961 - The pupils of the senior room of S. S. No. 4 and their teacher, Mrs. Isabelle O'Neil spent an enjoyable afternoon at Bob-Le Island, June 28th. Mr. & Mrs. Shas. Grainger, Mrs. Dick Gignac and Mrs. Gerald O'Neil went with the group.

March 26th, 1954 - Dr. Simon Lesperance, heart specialist of Detroit was a dinner guest of Mr. & Mrs. Glen Webster on Mar. 23rd, 1954. He was a teacher at S. S. No. 4, 50 years ago in 1908.

Jan. 30th, 1959 - The Public Speaking Contest for the Sandwich South Township School Area took place at S. S. No. 4 on January 24th. There were seven contestants, Mary O'Brien, No. 4; Lynn Ure, No. 1; Sylvia Farough, Karen Farough, and Randy Collins, No. 5; and Lynda Langlois and Leslie Snyder from No. 2. Henry Hartley was chairman for the occasion and the judges were Mrs. Hugh O'Neil, Mrs. Fred Mitchel and John Shuel. Lynda Langlois won first prize and Lynn Ure second. Lynda will be one of the contestants in the Inspectoral Contest at Victoria School, Riverside, Feb. 3rd.

Oct. 2nd., 1962 - Five Sandwich South schools were broken into by vandals and ransacked desks and cabinets. The most serious damage was reported at No. 4 school where the school had to be closed for the day to allow maintenance staff to clean up the mess. Mrs. Clifford O'Neil, principal, said entry was gained by kicking out a pane of glass in a door. Once inside, the intruders ransacked teacher's desks in several rooms, scattering paper and records and dumping ink on the floors.

Nov. 19th, 1963 - Tentative approval was given to withdrawal of the Geo. Parr Property from Sandwich South School Area. The secretary of the School Board was asked to check on debentures levied on the Wm. Tiller property which was lately removed from the Area. The Parr's property was assessed to No. 4 school.

May 14th, 1966 - The Essex County Public School Music Festival wound up at the Leamington District Secondary School after a three-night stand. Nancy Bishop and Valerie Dupois of S. S. No. 4 represent one of the choirs who placed first in the two-to-five room school competition. There were 460 in attendance and Dr. G. Roy Fenwick was adjudicator.

Feb. 2nd., 1958 - The Board of Public School Trustees of Sandwich South met with residents of School Section No. 4 Feb. 4th for the purpose of discussing the problem of coping with the increased enrolment in the school. There would be 60 pupils attending in September. The Board presented three plans for enlarging the present school and also the plans for a separate two-roomed school which have already been used in Fairplay and in Charles Collins Public Schools. After considerable discussion a show of hands was asked for and the majority of those present indicated that they favoured the building of a completely new two-roomed school. It was therefore moved by Milton Farough and seconded by Howard Holden that the Board proceed with plans as used at these two schools.

Sept. 26, 1958 - Purchase of fire insurance in the amount of \$40,000 on the new school at No. 4 from H. E. Chauvin was approved on motion of Milton Farough seconded by Iloyd Reeb. Murray Edwards presented prices on fliter bed and water storage tank. It was decided to install two 500 gallon tanks- one to act as a filter bed to purify the water and the other acting as a storage tank - the total cost to be in the neighborhood of \$675. HONOUR ROLL: Robert Shuel Sr., Pat. Brazill, Roy O'Neil, Nelson Curtis, Russel Curtis, Gordon Curtis, Russell Bettypiece, World War No. I. - Johnny Dufour, Calvin O'Neil, Stanley Surowiak, Charles Holden,

Hon. Rell : S. S. No. 4 (Cont.) Neil Webster, Stanley Queen, Murray Edwards, Max Webster, Verne Curtis- World War No. 2.
 Jan. 27th, 1959 - The official opening of the new S. S. No. 4 School in Sandwich South Township, would be held Friday, January, 30th, 1959 at 8.15 p.m. The children had previously moved into their new school on Nov. 12th, 1958. The school will handle about 80 pupils for grades I to 8 and will replace a school which will be torn down.

The two-room school was built last Fall at a cost of \$44,000 on the Anderdon Townline between Walker Road and Howard Ave. Sandwich East, Colchester North and Anderdon Townships have agreed to pay a minor share of the construction costs for students who have attended or will attend school in Sandwich South.

Feb. 2nd., 1959 - The President of the Ontario School Trustees and Ratepayer Association, J. G. McPharlin, of R. R. 3, Essex, presented a Bible to S. S. No. 4 at the opening of the new school. The Bible was received by the school principal, Mrs. Isabelle O'Neil. They are pictures in the Star release, Feb. 2nd. The school was officially opened and dedicated at a ceremony attended by parents, pupils, members of the school board and education officials.

Elmer Ure, Vice-chairman of the Board, was in charge of the program which included selections by the senior choir, under the direction of the music teacher, Miss Agnes Hartley, a minuet and a piano solo by Mary O'Brien. Speaker was the public School Inspector for the area, F. A. Leitch. The greetings from the department of Education were brought by E. W. Young of Essex and the school was dedicated by Rev. Gordon Houghton, rector of St. Stephen's Anglican Church.

Jan. 28, 1966 - Winners of Public Speaking Contest held at No. 4 School were: 1st. - Darlene Shepley; 2nd. - Susan Sykes; 3rd. - Billie Morrison. Mrs. Leslie O'Brien Mrs. Luella Snider and Mrs. Clifford O'Neil were judges.

Sept. 10th, 1965 - S. S. No. 4 re-opened Sept. 7th, with Mrs. Edith Metcalfe in charge of Sr. Room and Mrs. Verna Barnett, teacher of junior room.

July 1st., 1966 - A retirement party was held for Mrs. Percy Barnett on Friday evening June 24th who had spent 36 years in the teaching profession, 16 years at S. S. No. 4, Sandwich South. On May 5th, 1967, she was honored by members of Essex County Teachers Association at a Spring dinner meeting at Harrow Community Hall.

Oct. 27th, 1967 - Mary O'Brien, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leslie O'Brien, of Walker Road and a former graduate of No. 4 school, led the University of Windsor Lancerette Track & Field team in a dual meet with the University of Western Ontario, London, recording Windsor's only victory; also picking up a 3rd and a 5th. She won the 880 yards in the time of 2 min., 35 sec.; third in high jump and fifth in javeline throw.

Nov. 1965 - It was decided to use the bus already travelling the route to send the grade 4 children to Fairplay school. The deep well pump at No. 4 school would be changed to a location inside the building and the casing from the old school would be cut off and water from the well chlorinated.

Nov. 4th, 1966 - Dr. S. P. Lesperance would celebrate his 85th birthday in Jan. 1967, a former teacher at S. S. No. 4 visited former pupils, Oldcastle Co-Op. and friends. At one time boarded at the old Dan Paquette home now owned by Chas. Grainger.

July 8th, 1966 - Mrs. Lorraine Clements was hired as teacher for grades 3 and 4 at No. 4 school.

July 5th, 1968 - Bruce Clark was taking a summer course at Althouse College, London in preparation for teaching at Vincent Massey Collegiate, Windsor in September.

Oct. 1968 - Mrs. Luella Snider was night class instructoress at Essex District High School teaching sewing to town and area residents and was pictured in Star release.