

S. S. NO. 5 PUBLIC SCHOOL

Located on the Northeast corner of the Malden Road and South Talbot Road on Lot 293. The land was deeded for a public school only, on the 11th day of March, 1891 by Colonel Sir Casimir Stanislaus Gzowski, K.C.M.G. of the city of Toronto and Lady Maria Gzowski. The original trustees of No. 5 were Mrs. Gerry Collins, Mr. Emery Caza and Mr. John Greaves. The first teacher we have record of was Mr. John J. Sullivan in 1892. Teachers following were; G. H. Jolley; Joseph Feurth; Joseph Beeman; Lissa M. Lewis; L. M. Griffith; C. E. Burgess; P. O'Flaherty; Beulah Shepley; Sadie Reid; Corla O. Every; W. J. Kerr; Jenny Ure; E. I. Plant; Lulu Wismer; E. M. Wilson; Arabella Robinson; Jessie Collins; Anna Myles; Elsie Shuttleworth; who taught in this school for some 30 years before 1953 and was teaching many of the second generation and retired because of ill health; Mona Galligher; Mrs. T. Barry; Mrs. Kendrick, Mrs. Margaret Tracy, Mr. Joe Heuglin, Mrs. Tom Berry, Mrs. Jack Rowe, Mrs. Orla D. Roy, Mrs. Marjorie Jolly, Mrs. Joe Dicker, Miss Sally Moffatt, Valerie Tayler.

Hydro electric power was installed in the school around 1943; they received their first piano in 1948; Miss Agnes Hartley was Music Instructor and Mrs. Edith Shearer was Art Instructor. Inside plumbing was installed about 1933. The school had a library of its own bgt was supplemented by the Travelling Library.

During the years of School Fairs, No. 5 was one of the main contenders of Sandwich South. Many trophies were won by both boys and girls of this school for high points in showmanship and public speaking. The school possesses the township trophy which reads: "Sandwich South School Fair, won by S. S. No. 5 in 1925, 28, 29 and 1930.

Oct. 16, 1908 - Miss Rose Hill was teacher at S. S. No. 5; Miss Jennie Ure had resigned as teacher in December, 1912; Miss Ethel Plant resigned in 1915 and Miss Lulu Wismer was engaged to teach following vacation; C. E. Burgess was the new teacher in January, 1917. Miss Ethel Plant was re-engaged to teach at S. S. No. 5 at the start of the school term Sept., 1914 at a salary of \$625. In Sept. 1964, Mrs. Dicker was Principal and was teacher of the Junior Room. She returned again in 1970 to be Principal again and teach the important kindergarten classes. Michel Patterson also was Principal previously, Muriel Duckhorn, Victoria Billingsley, Mrs. Delmage.

April, 1914 - Easter Report of S. S. No. 5, Sandwich South: Book 4 - Addie Ransom, Violet Gerard; Book 3 - Wilfred Greaves, Alfreda Greaves, Violet Pittman, Clarence Allen; Sr. 2 - Greta Farough, Maynard Dell, Florence Allen, Russell Wenzelburger, Illewellyn Gerard, Alta Jones, Gerald Allen; Sr. 2 - Sidney Dell, Margeurite Gerard, Ernest Butts, Annie Pittman, Russell Greaves, Malvin Wones; First Book - Bertha Farough, Mary Farough, Eva Pittman, Edna Greaves, Lawrence Lounsbrough.

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Harold Gerard, Helen Robinson; Primer - Ed. Croft, Marie Farough, Delia Wilson, Rinda Wilson, Evelyn Jones, Ed. Gerard, Harold Dell, Nancy Wilson, Norma Robinson, Stanley Gerard. Ethel Plant - teacher. This was the last class in the old school as following the summer vacation classes would resume in a brand new brick constructed one-room school on the same site, Sept., 1914.

Sept. 23rd., 1955 - The first meeting of the newly organized Home & School Assoc. of S. S. No. 5, Sandwich South was held in the schoolroom on Sept. 13th at 8 P.M. Mrs. Orla Roy, the new teacher was the speaker and her subject "What the Teacher expects from the Parents" was well received and very enlightening. Mrs. Ross C. Flood, Sr. and Miss Ethel Farough entertained with some delightful piano duets. A tasty lunch was served by the convener, Mrs. Verne Levergood and her committee.

At the installation meeting the officers were as follows: President, Jim Woltz; Vice-President, R. C. Flood, Jr.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Earl Beetham; Treasurer, Oliver Izsak; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Arnold A. Axcell. Five members were elected to the executive: Mrs. Russell Burrows, Mrs. Jim Farough, Gordon Collins, Fred Stainer, and Mrs. Jim Stitt. Lunch convener, Mrs. Verne Levergood and social convener, Wilfred Greaves.

May 18th, 1956 - Mrs. Lloyd Fraser, of the Windsor Home & School Council presided at the installation of the officers for the year 1956-57: President, Mrs. Joe Dureno; Vice-president, Gordon Collins; treasurer, Oliver Izsak; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Art St. Julian; recording secretary, Mrs. Earl Beetham; Executive, Fred Stainer, Bob Lemuk, Mrs. Jim Farough, William Seamer, Mrs. Russell Farough; social convener, Wilf. Greaves; lunch convener, Mrs. O. Izsak; and Mrs. P. Dureno. Mrs. Fraser was an active member of S. S. No. 6 Home & School Association.

May 20th, 1957 - At a special meeting of the Board of Sandwich South, held at School No. 5, plans for the new school were discussed with Mr. H. Corriveau, architect of Chatham and several minor changes were made in the plans as they were originally drawn. Mr. Corriveau promised to make the changes as soon as possible and forward the next set of drawings to the inspector's office for departmental approval.

At a special meeting held on June 25th, seven tenders were opened relative to construction of the new school at No. 5, and on June 28th, at another special meeting, on motion of Elmer Ure, seconded by Lloyd Reeb it was decided to accept the tender of D'Amore Construction, Windsor, pending final approval of the architect's office. Tender, \$38,259.00 and J. W. Story of Chatham was ratified as architect. Mr. Grainger was appointed the janitor and Mrs. Ronald Curtis was given a contract for the transportation of pupils at \$6.00 per day.

Dec. 20th, 1957 - The regular meeting of the Board was held in No. 5 School on November 20th and those present were: Henry Hartley, chairman; Bruce Banwell, Vice-chairman; Milton Farough, Elmer Ure and Lloyd Reeb. It was moved by Mr. Banwell and seconded by Mr. Ure that the new school at No. 5 be named the Charles Collins Public School.

The December meeting, 1957, was the last one for The Home & School Association in the old school as following the Christmas vacation, the new school would be ready to accept classes. On Dec. 20th, pictured in a Star release were students of S. S. No. 5 with reasons to be happy. Five of them are gazing out the window of the new school at the old one just across the corner, which had served as the little red school house for their fathers and grandfathers. The new brick constructed school was a two-roomed spacious school of modern design. The official opening exercises and dedication would be held on Friday evening, February 28th, 1958 at 8.15 p.m. in the school which is located at the corner of South Talbot Road and Malden Road.

Arrangements were made with Mr. Charles Collins to purchase two and a half acres, at \$1250, off his farm. This is across the corner from the old school, which the Board decided to retain for possible use as an auxiliary class-room at some future date, but in Jan., 1959, it was turned over to the Board of the new Retarded School which was organized by parents of four pupils in the area requiring this type of instruction.

The Annual Report of Sandwich South School Board for 1957 covered the new school as follows: "The Board again this year was faced with the problem of providing adequate classroom facilities in one school section where the enrollment was higher than could be handled by one teacher. Last year it was necessary to transport pupils from No. 5 to other schools and a survey indicated that the enrollment this September would be 55 pupils. The Board called a meeting of the ratepayers in No. 5 School Section to talk over the problem and on April 15th a resolution was entered in the minutes of the Board calling for the building of a new two-roomed school in the vicinity of the existing No. 5 school. Land was purchased across the corner from the old school from Mr. Chas. Collins, 2½ acres for \$1250.

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It was decided to use the same plans as for Fairplay Public School and architect H. W. Storey's office was asked to make any minor changes necessitated by the location of the new school. By using the same plans, the architect's fees were reduced from the usual 5 to 5% and it was expected that approvals could be obtained more quickly from the Department of Education and the Ontario Municipal Board.

On June 28th, a contract was awarded to D'Amore Constuction (Windsor) Limited for \$38,250. Architect's fees, legal and other fees, furniture and equipment would bring the total cost of the school to approximately \$44,000.

The Charles Collins Public School, when completed will be a one-floor brick building with its two classrooms facing South Talbot Road. The south half of the building is taken up with boiler room and wash rooms, and the entire hall leads from the teacher's room to a rear door through which an additional classroom can be added if necessary at some future date. The school is modern in every respect, featuring asbestos roof decking sky lighting in the classrooms, tile floors and terazzo, acoustic tile ceilings, spectraglaze block walls in halls and washrooms, floor to ceiling cupboards in the large teachers' room.

Total coverage for fire was increased this year by \$7000.00 on the seven single classrooms to \$72,000, and by \$2000 on Fairplay Public School to \$40,000, making a total insurance coverage of \$112,000. This does not include Charles Collins School which will be covered by the Board when it is completed by the contractor.

Voluntary Accident Insurance - The Board gave Kenneth MacKenzie permission to make a survey of the Area for the purpose of enrolling students in a voluntary accident insurance plan. For \$1.50 per year, parents can insure students for medical expenses up to \$200, dental expenses up to \$100 per year, hospital and trained nurses' fees, and death benefits of \$2000. No physical examination was necessary.

June 28, 1957 - Shona Axcell passed her entrance exams with over 83%. Shona is the daughter of Sandwich South Township Clerk, Arnold Axcell and Mrs. Axcell and will attend Essex District High School.

March, 1963 - At the Windsor Music Festival, Richard Van Eenoo won the Claude Champagne Trophy (Works of Canadian Composers); S. S. No. 1 and Charles Collins tied for the Kresge Challenge Trophy for two-room school choirs, both taught by Miss Larisa Senchuk; Vocal rendition of "The Ferryman" - Kathryn Van Eenoo - 84 points. Adjudicator describing her as a distinctive artist with a sure touch and music "in her bones"; most promising solo performer in Brass classes, Richard Van Eenoo, won \$50., and his sister Kathryn Van Eenoo \$20.

Nov. 7th, 1969 - Paul Thomas Dureno, son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dureno was one of the four exchange students from Essex District High School who attended for one week at Union City, Mich., sponsored by the Rotary Club of Essex. Mr. Calhoun was president. The boys were entertained at luncheon and the four Canadian students were presented with a jug of Maple Syrup and a Plaque.

May 31, 1969 - Sandwich South Township Schools held a combined track and field meet. Individual champions from Charles Collins were Gail Leniuk and Carol Dureno. Charles Collins School took the team honours.

June 5th, 1964 - Charles Collins School Parents Club (Formerly Home & School) met on June 9th. Milton Farough introduced the new Art & Music Teacher, Albert Linnell and the Senior room teacher, Michael Patterson. Mrs. Margaret (Robert) Tracy was given a gift in recognition of her many years as principal and teacher of the school. She was transferred to No. 2 (Fairplay).

Jan. 17th, 1964 - The Charles Collins Parents Club had the public speaking contestants, Johnny Beetham, Wayne Farough, Kathy Farough, Richard Sweet, Bonnie MacKenzie, Warren Libby, Gloria Flood, Susan Santo and Ronnie Gerard of grades 6, 7 & 8 give their speeches. First prize went to Warren Libby, 2nd, Susan Santo. Judges were Miss Ethel Plant, Mrs. Emmett Doyle and Mrs. Murray Russchen.

Jan. 24th, 1964 - Top Junior contestant of Essex District High School Public Speaking was David Libby, son of the William Libby's of Sandwich South and a former pupil of Charles Collins School. He will represent the school for Captian Brian Branch #201 Royal Canadian Legion in a Canada wide contest along with other Essex County High Schools. In Essex on Feb. 21st at the regional contest, David won second place in the Juniors, and Linda MacKenzie, daughter of the Clifford MacKenzie's won second place in the seniors.

Jan. 22nd, 1965 - 8 grade 8 pupils gave their speeches at Charles Collins School to the Parent's Club. Winners were Warren Libby, 1st; Susan Santo 2nd; John Nekita, 3rd. The judges were Mrs. Elmer Queen, Mr. C. Pattison, of Essex District High School, and Mrs. Wm. Megyorody, teacher at Alicia Mason School and who resides near Charles Collins School.

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April 23rd., 1965 - At the Parent's Club of Charles Collins School meeting, Mr. Michael Patterson, teacher, had a display of pupil science projects and Mr. A. Linnell, Music Director, presented Susan Santo with a framed diploma for winning second prize in the Windsor Music Festival.

June - 1968 - Michael Dean Patterson, teacher and principal of Charles Collins School married Joanne Arlene Down of Leamington on June 22, at First Baptist Church, Leamington.

Nov. 14th, 1969 - Senior girls of Charles Collins Public School (No. 5) won the Sandwich South Senior Girl's Soccer Championship.

Jan. 21st, 1966 - The public speaking contest was held at the last meeting of the Parent's Club. Winners: 1st. - Gerry Santo; 2nd. , Linda Stitt; 3rd., Beverly Burrows. Judges, Mrs. Jos. Durene, Mrs. Clifford O'Neil and Miss Ruth Ann Croft. Also held the regional contest at the school on Feb. 4th. Winners: 1st., Paula McKee from Percy McKee School; 2nd., Ruth Parr from Percy McKee School; 3rd., Gerry Santo from Charles Collins. Seventeen students participated in the contest.

Oct. 22nd., 1965 - The Chas. Collin's Parents Club had eight graduates at their Oct. 12th meeting when their teacher, Michael Patterson presented pins and said how pleased he was with his first graduating class. Guest speaker was Mr. Franke, principal of Essex District High School. Mr. Patterson was presented with a transistor radio on behalf of the Parent's Club.

January, 17th, 1958 - The Sandwich South S. S. No. 5 Home & School Association officially became the Charles Collin's Home & School Association as members voted to change the name of their organization to show their affiliation with the new school. This was the first meeting of the group at the new school and a large gathering was on hand to view the bright class rooms. They planned a card party for the next meeting.

March 10, 1961 - If the buttons are popping off the tunics of the members of the Kingsville and Essex Associated Band, it is due to great efforts of a small boy. Richard Van Eenoo joined the band two years ago, and with surprising speed learned to play the euphonium. On seeing the two together, there appears to be more "horn" than "boy" but "size" proved no barrier in this particular case for when Richard entered the Windsor Musical Festival on Feb. 27th he placed first in the euphonium solo class with 86 marks. Frederick Carter, the adjudicator complimented him on his very good tone and breath control. On March 1st he captured another first and 84 marks by singing "Morning Song" in the boy's solo class of eleven years and under. Richard was second with a mark of 83 in the trombone class on March 2nd. He had been playing trombone for only three months. Richard is 10 years old and the son of the George Van Eenoo's of Maidstone. He is a pupil of Mr. E. L. Robinson, who is the bandmaster of the Kingsville-Essex Associated Band. He attends Charles Collins Public School where Miss Agnes Hartley is Music supervisor.

Oct. 9th, 1959 - Pins were presented to the June, 1959 graduates of Charles Collins School by the Home & School Association at their Oct. 13th meeting. Those who would receive pins were Douglas Beetham, Randy Collins, Sue Echlin, Karen Farough, Sylvia Farough, Joseph Gerard and Doreen Greaves. Mr. J. E. Monteith of the vocational guidance department of Essex District High School was speaker.

Oct. 10th, 1958 - Morrey Findlay, assistant principal of Essex District High School was guest speaker at the first presentation of pins to the graduates of Charles Collins Public School. Gordon Collins, past president of the Home & School Association of the school would present the pins to the graduates who were: Edward Farough, James Farough, Samuel Greaves and William Libby. Miss Moira Axcell would give an exhibition of Highland dancing.

May 22nd., 1959 - A group of mothers and grand mothers competed against the pupils of grades 7 & 8 as no father was willing to try at the spelling bee held at the Home & School meeting in the school. Champion student speller was Douglas Beetham, second, John Gerard and third, Doreen Greaves. Mrs. Russell Burrows, Mrs. Gordon Collins and Mrs. Charles Collins were the best parent spellers. Money prizes were given to the winners and every contestant was given a big lollipop. Joseph Hueglin, teacher of the junior room conducted the match.

HONOUR ROLL OF S. S. NO. 5 (CHARLES COLLINS SCHOOL)

First World War - 1914-1918. - John T. Greaves (A); William Lloyd (N).
 Second World War - George Cunningham (A); Arnold Axcell (A); George Jaques (A); William Fryer (A); John E. Kerr (A); Wesley Croft (Airforce); Ross Flood (N); Archie Chapman (A); James Flood (A); Russell Farough (N); David Brown (N); Stanley King (A).
 May 10-1912 Report: Sr. 4 - Estella Farough; Jr. 4 - Addie Ransom; Sr. 3 - Violet Gerard, Pearl Lounsbrough; Jr. 3 - Wilfred Greaves, Clarence Allen; Jr. 11 - Greta Farough, V. Pitman, Alta Jones, L. Gerard; Pt. 2- Florence Allen, Maynard Dell M. Gerard R. Wenzelburger, R. Greaves, Millie Greaves, Syd Dell, Eva Pittman, G. Dawson, Annie Pitman. M. Jones. G. Brown.