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yrs

Roseland Public School

1928-1988

saturday, october 8, 1988

HISTORY OF ROSELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

On August 22, 1913 a meeting was held at Jackson's Corners (where the borders of townships of Sandwich East, West and South met) to organize a Union School. At a meeting October 3 it was decided that debentures would be issued for \$4,000. to finance this project. On December 4, 1913 a site was purchased for \$525. from Strause Land Co. and building could commence. A brick school, consisting of one classroom and a small teacher's room, was erected at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

The school opened at Easter 1914 with an attendance of 25 pupils. Miss Alta Williams was engaged as teacher and stayed until 1918. Trees were planted by Charles Allen the following year.

On July 27, 1925, a meeting of rate payers was held to authorize the School Board to borrow \$11,000. through debentures, to build a two room school in place of the former school. At this time the attendance of the school had increased to 54 pupils. Another teacher was hired to teach in the primary room. In 1926, Miss Fisher, who was principal, resigned because of ill health (she died a year later).

Miss Olive LePain (later Mrs. Marcoux) was engaged as principal in January 1927 and stayed on until her retirement in June 1968. She will long be remembered for her sincere love of children (she never had any of her own) and her outstanding dedication to the teaching profession..

On May 4, 1928 two rooms were added to the school for \$20,705. with debentures again being issued. The school now consisted of four classrooms, a teacher's room, separate lavatories and a small basement for the furnace. It became known as S.S. #20 at this time. The attendance at this time was 110 pupils which increased to 120 in the spring. Three classrooms were in use with a resulting increase in staff.

An official opening of the school was held in September and the ladies of the community formed a committee to beautify the school grounds. A terrace was built and shrubs and flowers were planted around the school.

In January 1940 the fourth classroom was equipped and staffed.

In 1947 a bus was chartered to conduct pupils of grades 7 and 8 to Sandwich Collegiate on Wednesdays for Home Economics and Manual Training. This was an "act of courtesy" on the part of the Windsor Board as no remuneration was received from the Township.

Because of rapid population growth in South Windsor in the fifties and sixties, Roseland School experienced a number of additions. In 1949 a primary room (now room 14) was constructed at the east end of the school. Three years later the kindergarten room and Mrs. Marcoux's classroom and office (now the kindergarten room) were built. From 1956 to 1966 the school experienced large scale expansion. In 1956 a four classroom addition, staff room and nurse's office were constructed north of the building. Six years later Hall #2 was completed with the addition of two classrooms and a gymnasium. Finally in 1966 the school expanded to its present size with the addition of the four classrooms and library which make up Hall #3. During the building of this addition our grade eight pupils were transferred to Oakwood School for the completion of their elementary school education.

As of June 1988, the student population stood at 310 with one Principal, one Vice Principal, one Secretary, 20 Teachers, 4 Child Care Workers, 2 Case Workers, 2 Teachers Aids and 2 Custodians.

- Joan (Zimmerman) Power



Esther Allen



Bert Bedford



Betty Thompson



Keith Cheshire



Doug Nuttall



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Scott Campbell



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Joyce Carey

IN MEMORIAM

Olive Edna (LePain) Marcoux
December 31, 1905 - February 13, 1988

"I think one of a teacher's greatest delights is watching a child bloom and develop."

Olive Marcoux, principal of Roseland Public School for 41 years and 6 months, considered herself a "democratic dictator", but said after her retirement "I tried to keep the morales and morals as high as possible."

After graduation from London Normal School, she and her sister Charlotte came to teach at S. S. #20, near the crossroads of three townships, Sandwich East, West and South. It had first opened in 1914 and was enlarged in 1928 when the rural area began to grow into what would become a thriving suburban community. Her career began in January 1927.

During Depression years in the 1930's, it became necessary to teach some Grades 9 and 10 at Roseland School, when the city of Windsor couldn't afford to take on the suburban students in the high schools. Mrs. Marcoux remembered that she had to teach almost every high school subject during that period. "I was so anxious to have them succeed, that I wouldn't let them slip anything."

There was also a time when she came to school on Saturdays from April to June to instruct the children whom she knew wouldn't pass otherwise. Pupils of hers would agree that they didn't pass unless they deserved the promotion...and they became good spellers too, because she took four marks off for every spelling mistake.

To honor the woman whose life was entwined with Roseland School, the library (built before she retired in 1968) was named the Olive E. Marcoux Library and a plaque is there for all to see.

Her husband Clair retired from Ford of Canada the same day that his wife retired. They enjoyed vacations overseas, golf and fishing trips and Mrs. Marcoux remained active with the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, a teachers' organization that sponsors scholarships.

During her career, the school grew from a small two-room building to 17 classrooms, library and gymnasium. Her favorite memories were "the feeling of getting together, the concerts, the monthly dances and the grand atmosphere of community."

She was proud of her pioneer family which dates back to 1812 in this district. The daughter of Edmond and Emily (Bondy) LePain, she had two brothers, Ellery and Norman and sister Charlotte.

Until her untimely death last winter, she lived on the same homestead where she was born. Although she and Clair had no children, she said her pupils were her extended family. She vividly recalled names, personalities and even the marks of her earliest pupils.

Honours came her way. She received the Queen Elizabeth Award for Women Educators in 1953, the Centennial Medal of Honour in 1967; was honoured by the community in 1952 following 25 years of service; was made a life member in the Roseland Home and School Association; was honoured at her retirement on June 29, 1968 and was the guest of honour when Roseland celebrated its 50th anniversary on May 27, 1978.

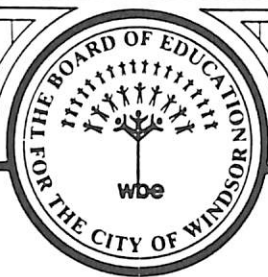
On that occasion, she said "I always hoped that the children entrusted to my care would find in this school a place of relaxation, opportunity and inspiration provided to stir ambition."

May she rest in peace.

by Barbara Ford (Mrs. David Ford)



MRS. OLIVE MARCOUX



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Five years ago the pupils of Roseland School joined with the pupils of Matano School in Fujisawa, Japan.

Each year they have exchanged packages containing compositions, letters and art work. The children and teachers in Roseland School choose the things to send i.e. pamphlets etc. from the tourist bureau, and pupils' special work. Last year the children sent a telegram to the principal of Matano School when he married. Some of the Japanese children have been studying English and have written several little notes.

Three Japanese delegations, while visiting Windsor, have paid special visits to Roseland School. The first was a group of Japanese Siroptomists, the second was the President of the Assembly (i.e. Mayor) of Fujisawa and in the fall of 1987, there was a group of business people bringing little remembrances of origami, rice paper etc.. Roseland School made a video of this last visit showing the school and the children and sent it to their friends at the Matano School.



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HELLO FROM SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y., U.S.A: Gordon Thompson ('64), Ethnomusicologist, has a Bachelor of Music Degree from U. of Windsor, a Masters Degree from U. of Illinois, and after more studying (including a year in India) a Ph.D. from U. of California, Los Angeles. He is a consultant on call for the Smithsonian Institute (U.S.A.) specializing in music of India and Pakistan. He teaches music history, literature and theory at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

HELLO FROM LARR, GERMANY: David Roberts ('68), heavy equipment engineer, is in the third year of a four year posting with the Canadian Armed Forces.

HELLO FROM TOKYO, JAPAN: Ann Price's ('76) first trip to Japan was as a Rotary Club exchange student; her second trip was to the Girl Guide world camp; her third trip was to work for a Japanese company translating business reports and advertisements from Japanese to English. A friend (a pen pal from her Girl Guide visit) suggested Ann apply as a translator for a Canadian delegation visiting her city... So Ann from Roseland School was the interpreter for the official visitors from the City of Windsor, Ontario to Fujisawa, Japan.

HELLO FROM KONGARA, PAPUA, NEW GUINEA. ISLAND OF BOUGAINVILLE, TOP END OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS: Paul Warren ('73) sponsored by CUSO, worked for 2 years as a vegetable production manager and rural development officer. His project was to work with people to supply vegetables, traditional and western, to towns in the area down to the coast... and getting the people to be independent growers, producers and marketers. Paul returned for another 1 year tour of duty to this country of great diversity of cultures and dialects.

HELLO FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA: David Barnett ('65) left Windsor three years ago for England and purchased a sailboat...rented a villa in Spain until spring...then back to England to sail around the coasts, up the Thames River and across the English Channel to France...down the inland waters to the Mediterranean Sea, around Italy into the Adriatic Sea to Yugoslavia and Greece and stopped in Turkey to spend this past winter season. This summer David sailed back across the Mediterranean...to Spain; hence destinations to be Gibraltar, Canary Islands and then head across the Atlantic Ocean to spend the winter in the Caribbean.

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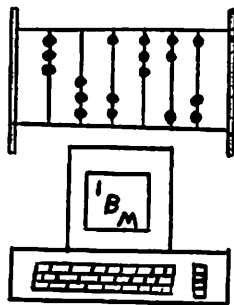
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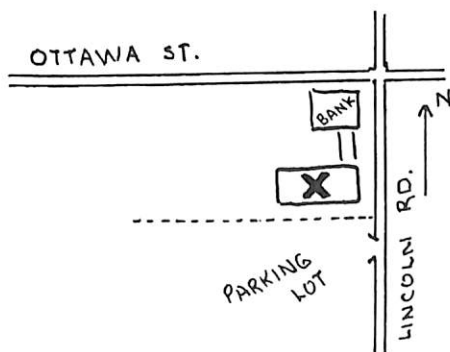
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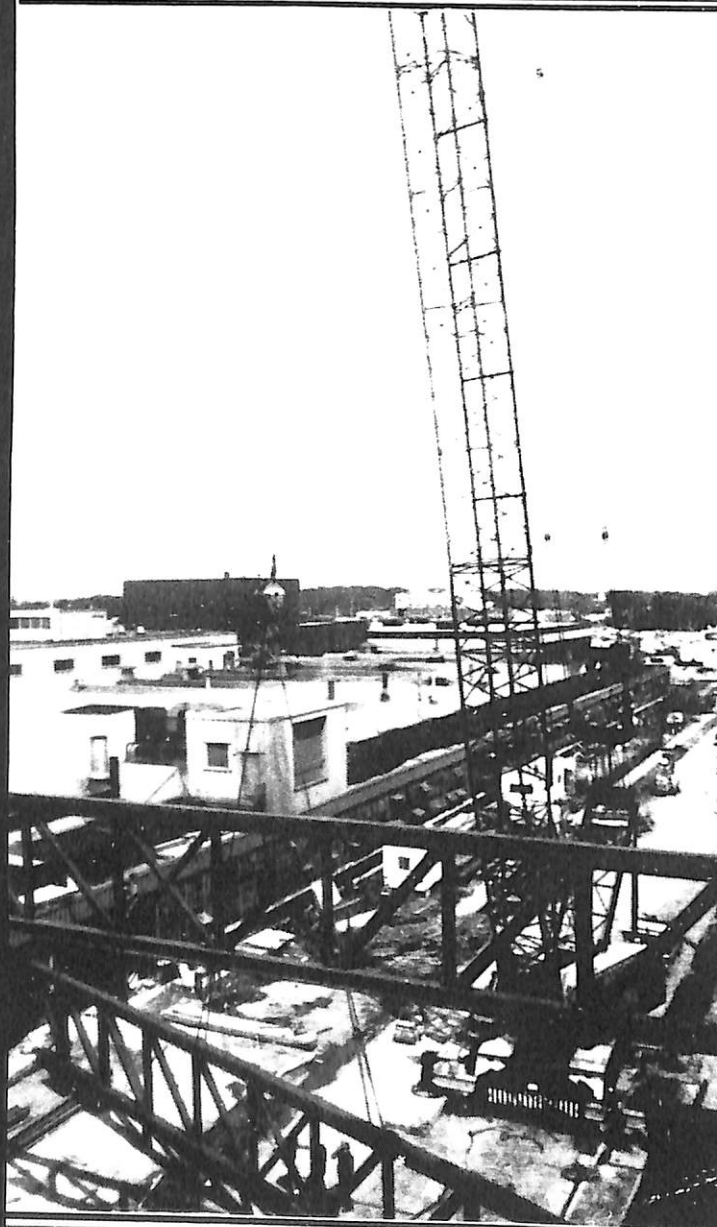
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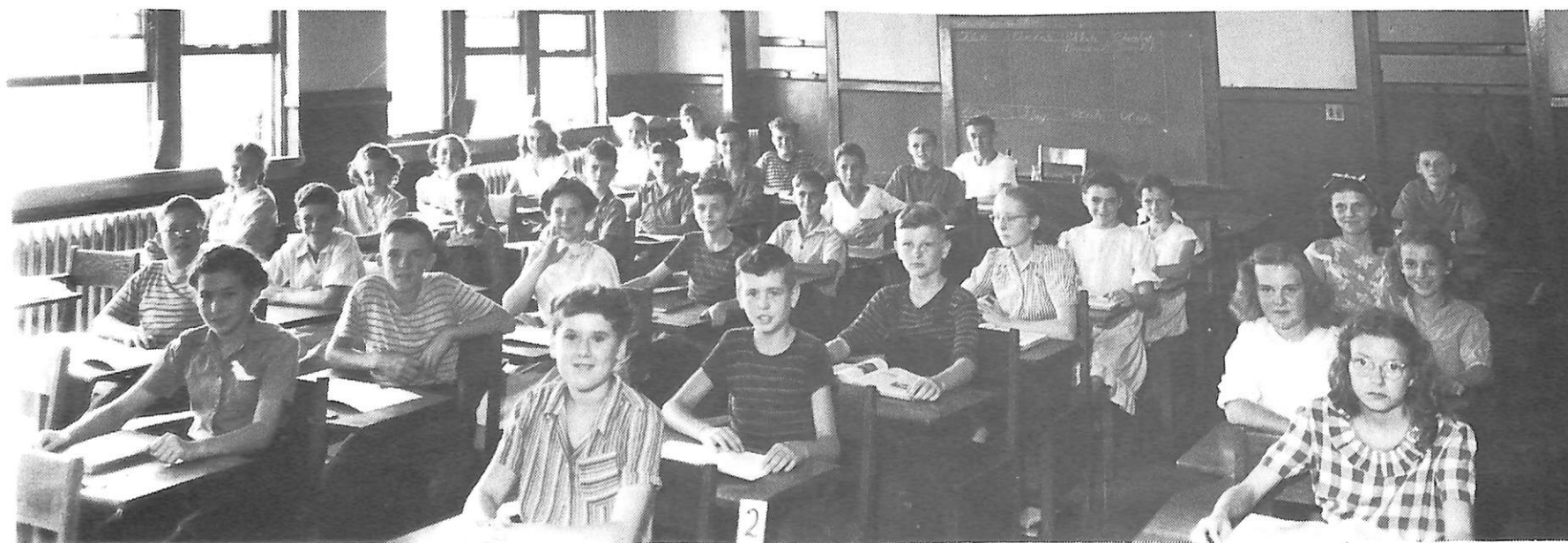
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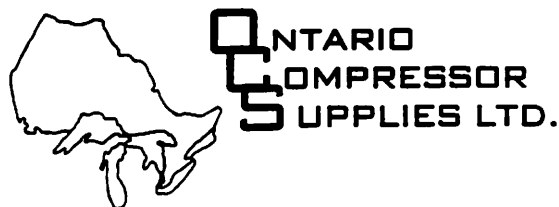
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Dear Roseland School Fellow Grads and Grads Since 1952,

A popular song, "THOSE WERE THE DAYS MY FRIEND, I THOUGHT THEY'D NEVER END," rings loud and clear and my fond remembrances of Roseland Public School are some of my best.

Remember -- the choral reading -- "The Highwayman" with Mrs. Marcoux -- Larry Shelly fainted -- Mrs. Marcoux picked him up and her dress went up too!! Ken Malcolm came to her rescue by pulling her dress back to a respectable length.

My mind is full of great details of my public school days. I dreamed; I imagined; I thought of far away worlds that seemed impossible. Now, at 51, I have realized some of my dreams -- like a great wife, three fantastic children, a comfortable home, a job with meaning and opportunity to see some of this great world. Have I stopped dreaming? Certainly not yet!!

Another popular song of a few years ago says, "THE DREAM NEVER DIES, JUST THE DREAMER". I dream that my children will be leaders and will draw their peers out to see all the world that was created for them. The world isn't Roseland, or Moscow, or New York, but rather a vast combination of all. I came to see God's wonderful world properly in Roseland, and my view has continued to grow. The opportunities are boundless -- the challenges are sometimes overwhelming, but they are there. Seek out real spiritual meaning to life as found in God's Book and you will not be disappointed.

So sorry I can't be there to celebrate with you, but I will be in Germany on business on Reunion Day. Best wishes to all ex-Roselanders. Look us up in Toronto when coming through -- the privilege of renewing old friendships would be great.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Cheshire.

Roseland School Patrons

Pat Liffiton
 Barb Mitchell
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 Scott Hitchens
 Emma Giles
 Patricia Van Boom
 Marg Parker
 Don Abbott
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 Doreen (Cheshire) Long
 Scott & Penny (Hitchens) Campbell
 The Power Family, Reginald, Joan
 (Zimmerman), Christopher, Alan & Jill

Congratulations

Did You Know?

In 1930's there were Grades 9 & 10 at Roseland.

Grade 9	Hugh Roberts	Alex Wood
	Ralph Neilson	Norma Lesperance
Grade 10	Ted Rushlow	

Did You Know?

In 1914 there were 23 pupils in S S #20 (became Roseland), some of whom will attend this reunion.

Clarence Jessop	Grace Jessop
Alda Morand	Lorraine Dumouchelle
Edna Dumouchelle	Lela Dumouchelle
Charolette Dumouchelle	Esther Allen
Myrtle Allen	Florence Dumouchelle
Pearl Jessop	Florence Lassaline
Charles Lassaline	Bert Bedford
Albert Dennison	Leo Dennison
Sylvia Clifford	Gerald Clifford
Gazella Zebree	Cora Moore
William Verbridge	Fred Verbridge
Edith Chick	

Did You Know?

There have been three generations attend Roseland.

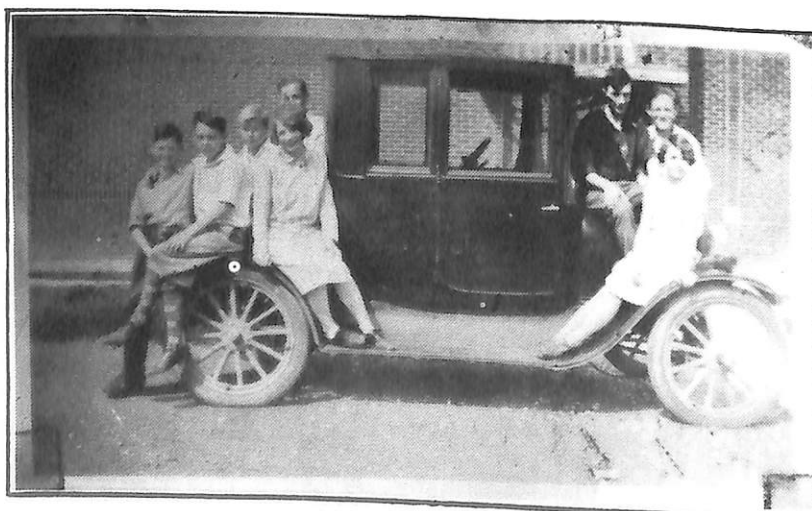
Rutherfords - Dr. Ken ('32)
 - Mrs. Judith (Rutherford) Binder ('68)
 - Bradley Binder (present)

Lefaive - Lorraine (VanMackelberg)
 - Darrel ('67)
 - Tammy & Darrel (present)

Humphries - Edwin ('31)
 - Merrill (Ed) ('67)
 - Shawn (present)

Who has held all three positions as Teacher, Vice Principal, and Principal at Roseland? - Don Abbott

1928
 Olive LePains Car



Left to Right:

John Aylesworth
 Jack "Whitty" Ryan
 Ray Ryan
 Audrey Post
 Floyd Frederick
 Bob Messenger
 Mildred Frederick

EDUCATION IN THE EIGHTIES

In the last ten years since the 50th reunion, many changes have taken place in education. These changes have occurred in a variety of ways.

Computers have been a new technical innovation to the curriculum. At present the school has twenty (20) computers which are used to assist instruction, assist in keeping records, and provide remedial measures in specific areas of learning.

Some subject areas have been expanded. Each student from grade one to eight now received forty minutes of French instruction per day. The creative arts programme (vision arts, family studies and industrial arts) now includes both grades seven and eight students. Students attend classes at Bellewood school for one afternoon per week for this instruction.

Health education has always been an important aspect of the school curriculum. In the sixties, the thrust was on sex education; in the seventies, drug education evolved as an area of concern; and now in the eighties A.I.D.S. is an important part of the health curriculum.

Community involvement has had a significant role in the schools of the eighties. Project Business is a programme sponsored by Junior Achievement and it has brought leaders from the business community into the classroom to speak to grade eight students regarding the basic principles of business and how they relate to the subject areas of the eighth grade. The Windsor Police Department has introduced the V.I.P. (Values Influence Peers) programme to grade six students. This programme is conducted by the Windsor Police Department in co-operation with the school staff. The V.I.P. programme introduces the students to positive ways to deal with peers so that right rather than wrong decisions are made.

In September '88 a junior kindergarten programme was developed for students who are four years old. Some school locations are also providing day care for students for the before and after school time period.

Playground equipment has also become an important addition to many school yards. In June 1988 the Optimist Club of Roseland provided \$18,000. to assist in the purchase of playground equipment. The Roseland Home and School Association provided \$2,000. and the school provided the balance of the funds.

The school trustees have also made decisions which have changed school organization. In the eighties several schools have been closed. Walker Road and Gilmore Schools were closed in the last decade and many of those students now attend Roseland. Since these students reside at a considerable distance from the school, bus transportation is provided for them. Approximately fifty per cent of the 310 students are now transported to the school.

Although many changes have taken place in education over the years, one thing will never change. Education is one of the few things in life that once you have acquired it, it can never be taken away from you.

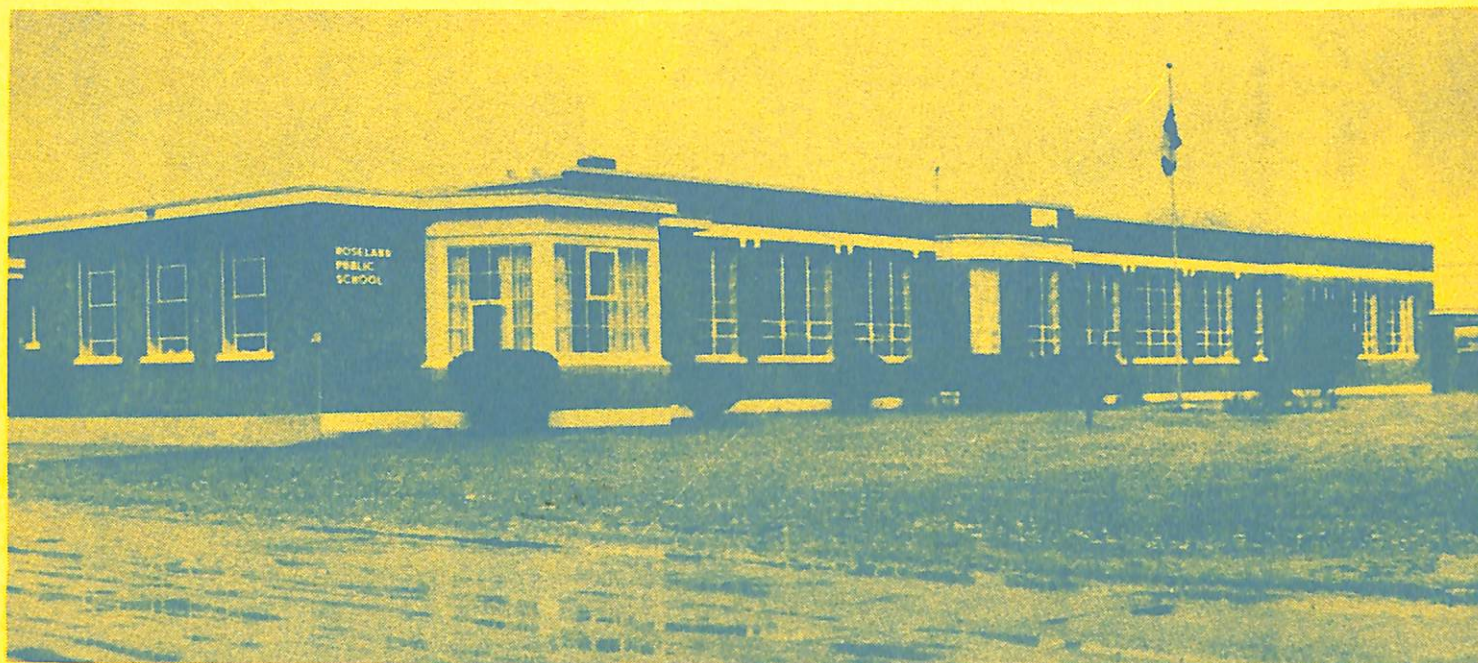
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ROSELAND SCHOOL TIME CAPSULE

An important part of the 60th anniversary celebrations on October 8, 1988 is the burying of a time capsule (a polyethylene container donated by Canada Valve Inc., Windsor) containing items from each decade. It is the recommendation of the 60th anniversary committee that the time capsule be opened on the occasion of the 75th anniversary.

Representing the decades are: 20's - Bert Bedford; 30's - Betty (Thompson) Leal; 40's - Marilynne (Bowyer) Wear; 50's - Emma Giles; 60's - Judy (Rutherford) Binder; 70's - Duncan Leal; 80's - Shawn Lippert and Rene Tetreault



THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

I have many happy memories as I look back on my days as a student at Roseland School. Now as we celebrate together the 60th anniversary I am sure we will all look back and remember all the happy times at Roseland.

I am very thankful for the 60th Anniversary Committee who has worked so hard to make all this possible. Until you begin the planning of an event like this, you are not aware of the work involved. Listed below are the people who have been involved in the organization of this event.

Don Abbott
Ed Hyttenrauch
Shelly Taiariol
Ann Beatty
Sandra Davidson

Marg Guillet
Tom Holmes
Karen Wright
Tom Wear
Hazel Davidson

Cec Southward
Sandy Pizzuti
Penny Campbell
Gordon Wilson
Linda Chakmak

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Marg Dalrymple
Joan Power
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Larry Cheshire, Chairman

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