

SS#1 - Newspaper Clippings

Mar 6, 1954

New H. and S. to Hold Meeting Monday Night

The first monthly meeting of the newly formed S.S. No. 1, Sandwich South Home and School Association, will be held Monday, at 8:30 p.m. Following the business session the members will be given an opportunity to get acquainted. Refreshments will be served.

Apr 23, 1954

Plans Card Party

A card party will be sponsored by the newly-formed Home and School Association of S.S. No. 1, Sandwich South, Monday, at 8 p.m., in the school. Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

June 12, 1954

Sandwich South H.-S. Meets June 14

The regular monthly meeting of the S.S. No. 1 Home and School Association, Sandwich South, will be held Monday at the school. Musical selections will be given by the pupils of the school, after which there will be a brief business meeting.

All parents and friends are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Oct 7, 1954

H.-S. to Hear Talk At Meeting Monday

The regular monthly meeting of S. S. No. 1 Home and School Association will be held Monday at 8 p.m. Following the business meeting, Mr. Ray Ure will give a brief talk on "Home and School and What It Means to You." Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Mar 4, 1955

Sandwich South S.S. No. 1, H. and S. Association.

Officers for the Association's coming year were installed by Mrs. O. W. Bunt, Windsor, who was introduced by Mrs. A. Roy, junior room teacher.

An understanding of the importance of the Home and School Association is gained by hearing the installation itself, each officer being a link in a chain, connecting the home and the school, working to bring to each member the urge to work with the other. Their goal is to have the best possible training for our children, who are preparing to become adults.

President Mrs. S. Williams gave a report on the Founders' Day dinner, including some of the helpful points brought out in the very interesting speech by Mrs. Sherk. This also served as an introduction to the idea of our Association joining with Windsor Home and School Council. This was agreed upon and application will be made.

The teachers invited parents to visit the school on Friday, March 11th, to see the work being accomplished by the children and their teachers.

The list of conveners was read by the secretary, Mrs. E. Graham, and the year promises to be one of interest, with many speakers to be asked, with each individual's field as a base for thought and discussion, enlightening ourselves so we may better enlighten our children of today. Citizenship, health, safety (particularly civil defence) and a liberal sprinkling of entertainment too.

Mrs. Florence Herdman will be convener for the April meeting. An interesting program has been planned and refreshments will be served on April 12th, at 8 p.m. With this announcement the March meeting came to a close and refreshments were served.

Grade seven had the highest points for attendance at this meeting and were rewarded for same. Will we see you Tuesday, April 12th? Everyone welcome!

May 6, 1955

S. S. 1 Home and School Club.

The April meeting was a great source of gratification in two respects: first, the grand performance by a large number of children of our community, and second, an agreeable increase in the number of adults attending.

There was talent in many forms introduced by the chairman for the evening, Elmer Ure. Miss Hartley presented her pupils who entered the music festival, and, as usual with Miss Hartley's students, they gave a wonderful performance. There was a delightful solo by Sharon Talbot who scored very well at the festival. There were dances, recitations and musical numbers too and the program was a huge success.

There were a number of visitors who were indeed welcome, and a number of these joined the Association. We all hope to reach more of our neighbors and induce them to attend a meeting. This keeps us on our toes, too, as in order to attract new members and keep active the ones we have, our meetings must be kept interesting and beneficial too.

There will be a tour of the Canada Bread Company on May 12th and notices will be sent to as many as possible in hopes of a large attendance. This will be announced again at our May 10th meeting. Also to be discussed that evening are the plans for the field day, May 23rd. It seems May will be a busy month.

Our speaker and topic will be of great interest at this time for he is George Whitehead, popular speaker on civil defence. So do plan to come on May 10th at 8 p.m. We would like to extend an invitation to our neighboring associations to come to our meetings.

Mrs. Roy thanked the parents for herself and Mrs. Metcalfe who was unable to be present due to illness in the family, for the transportation provided the pupils to the music festival. And so the last meeting closed, followed by the usual refreshment period. See you next meeting?

Feb 14, 1955

Sandwich South Home and S.S. School Association

The February meeting of the Association was very well attended in spite of the slippery road conditions.

Nominations were held, John Graham conducting, assisted by Mrs. E. Metcalfe. The following members were elected: President, Mrs. Shirley Williams; honorary president, Gene Fife; vice-presidents, Mrs. Barbara Hazard, Mrs. Florence Herdman; secretary, Mrs. Edith Graham; treasurer, Mrs. Ellen Wilson; executive, Mrs. Metcalfe and Mrs. Roy; teachers, Mrs. Mary O'Keefe, Mrs. Lilly Ure, Mrs. Lill Ferris, Mrs. Jean Hill, Mrs. Jean Wilson and Mrs. Gladys Klapowich.

Mrs. O. W. Bunt, of Windsor, vice-president of the Federation, has consented to attend the March meeting and will install the above members in office.

Mrs. Jean Hill thanked the officers of the past year and was seconded by all present by applause.

The teachers were asked what they require for their classrooms and both Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Metcalfe said there is a definite shortage of records, and in addition, Mrs. Roy reported the record player in her room does not work. This will be repaired if possible. Members voted a sum of money provided for needles and records for both teachers in an effort to build a supply of good records for the teachers' use, more to be added from time to time.

It had been thought that Monday night was a bad night, in a number of homes, for a good attendance at Home and School. Since that night is a particularly good night for TV, and as TV is here to stay and we desire Home and School to do the same, it seems best to leave mom and dad in the bosom of their family on that night. Therefore it was decided to change the meeting night to second Tuesday of every month in place of Monday. The next meeting will be held then, on March 8th at 8 p.m.

Both the senior and junior rooms were gaily and beautifully decorated by pupils and teachers, as it was Valentine's Day. This was also apparent at the close of the meeting when coffee and cookies were served by Mrs. E. Graham and Mrs. E. Wilson and heart-shaped cookies appeared and disappeared with the rest.

Remember friends and neighbors, next meeting March 8th at 8! Come and bring a friend if possible, but come!

May 9, 1955

H.-S. Plans Busy Month

A tour of the Canada Bread Company May 12, a field day May 23 and a special speaker at the meeting May 10 were planned at the last meeting of S.S. No. 1 Sandwich South Home and School Association. Mr. George Whitehead will speak on "Civil Defence" tomorrow.

The program at the last meeting was introduced by Mr. Elmer Ure, chairman of the entertainment. Mrs. Florence Herdman was convener for the evening. Miss Hartley presented her pupils who entered the music festival, Sharon Talbot, one of them, having been first in her division. Dances, recitations and musical selections were featured, and several visitors were welcomed.

Mrs. Lilly Ure will convene the meeting tomorrow, which will begin at 8 p.m.

May 13, 1955

Sandwich South H.-S. Plans Field Day, Fair

Plans are complete for a Field Day and Fair to be held May 23 on the school grounds of S.S. No. 1, Sandwich South, at 6:30 p.m., by the Home and School Association. There will be refreshments, as well as a baked goods booth, a fish pond and a bean guessing contest.

June 7, 1955

Sandwich South H.-S. Meets June 14

Mr. Emery Nelson, guidance teacher at W. D. Lowe Vocational School, will be guest speaker for Parent-Education Month at the June 14 meeting of Sandwich South, S.S. No. 1, Home and School Association.

The senior room teacher, Mrs. Edith Metcalfe, will convene the meeting, and the men of the association will take charge following the address. Mr. Elmer Ure will be chairman, and refreshments will be served by the men.

A past president's pin will be presented to Mr. Gene Fyfe.

June 7, 1955

S. S. 1 Home & School Ass'n.

The June 14th meeting will have as speaker, Emery Nelson, at present guidance councillor at W. D. Lowe Vocational School.

This is Parent Education Month for this group and the convener is senior room teacher, Mrs. E. Metcalfe. The meeting will be taken over by the men after the guest speaker is heard and Elmer Ure is to be chairman. They will also serve lunch. A past president's pin will be given to Gene Fyfe on that evening.

During the month of May a tour of Canada Bread Company was enjoyed

by a number of members.

On May 23rd the field day and fair was very well attended and the fish pond, baked goods, and homemade candy were sold out in short order. The weather was delightful and was responsible for the good turnout by our friends and neighbors. Thanks to all those who assisted and to those who donated baked goods and candy.

Thanks also to George Broad, who so quickly took over and put splints on our member Tom Wilson's arm. Mr. Broad took our injured hurdle jumper (but not quite) to hospital and the arm was broken, but owing to the splints was well set. Sorry Tom!

Last, but not least, the May meeting featured George Whitehead, of Windsor Civil Defence. Mr. Whitehead explained many things about civil defence we all may have wondered about, such as the fact that all workers are volunteers and only a small percentage of the whole setup are paid instructors. These people study ways and means of caring for and saving their own and their neighbours' lives during any emergency.

Jim McNeil showed films pertaining to Mr. Whitehead's discussion and literature was distributed.

Please reserve Tuesday, June 14th, for Home and School!

Sept 30, 1955

S. S. 1 Home & School Ass'n.

One minute of silence was observed for Mrs. Mary O'Keefe at the opening of the September meeting of Sandwich South S.S. No. 1 Home and School Association.

Mrs. O'Keefe, one of our most active members, tragically met death on her way home with her family from the west coast, after what had been a delightful vacation.

We all welcomed the new teacher Miss Kolpak.

Speaker Ivor Chandler gave a most interesting talk on Citizenship in Education. He found, he said, that according to Mr. Webster's dictionary a citizen is merely one who is born and raised in his city. Actually, Mr. Chandler says, a citizen is every inhabitant of any community. However, said Mr. Chandler, there is a vast difference in being a habitant of a community and being a true citizen. The true citizen will defend his friends and neighbors, protect the property of others as he would his own. He will see to it that the taxes he pays are used wisely.

Mr. Chandler went on to say that the obligation of a true citizen is to uphold the rights of others and to see that the poor or uneducated are heard with the same respect as his more fortunate neighbor. Finally then we come to citizenship in education. This is the obligation of a citizen to see to it that his and his neighbor's children get the best possible in schools and teachers.

He went on to explain how new schools are obtained and used, as an illustration, one that was badly needed and obtained in his own community of Sandwich West.

This proved to be most interesting to his listeners and gave us an idea of the work that had faced our Sandwich South School Board before the fine new school at Fairplay could be built, thus relieving the pressure from our own S.S. No. 1. This, says Mr. Chandler, is citizenship in education.

Feb 25, 1956

Stuart Quick Wins Spelling Bee

Stuart Quick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Campbell of R.R. 2, Oldcastle, was the winner of the spelling bee for Sandwich South and Sandwich West. Carole Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Robinson, was runner-up. Both will participate in the inspectoral final spelling bee. Stuart and Carole both attend No. 1 School, Sandwich South. Their teacher is Mrs. Edith Metcalfe.

Apr 20, 1956

S. S. 1 Home & School Installs Officers.

At the last meeting of the Sandwich South No. 1 Home and School Association, Mrs. Shirley Williams, past president, installed the new slate of officers. They are as follows: Mrs. George Hepple, president; Mrs. Charles Hazard, vice-pres.; Mrs. Don Carter, second vice-president; Mrs. John Graham, secretary; Mrs. Fred Wilson, treasurer; Mrs. Guy Campbell, Mrs. Don Carter, Mrs. Tom Wilson, Mrs. Clifford Whitson, Miss Susan Kolpack, Mrs. E. Metcalfe, as members of the executive.

During the meeting Mrs. Metcalfe urged the parents to encourage their children to participate in the music festival. Mrs. Shirley Williams suggested that the parents attend the meetings regularly so that they might exchange ideas and solve problems more readily.

The conveners were also named for the year, they are: Mrs. Charles Hazard, health; Mrs. Elmer Ure, music and art; Mrs. Shirley Williams, parents' education; Mrs. Ray Ure, citizenship; Mrs. George Hepple, religion; Mrs. Metcalfe, film strips; Mrs. Clifford Whitson, publicity.

The next meeting will be May 14th. Dr. W. D. Ure, dentist, will speak on children's teeth.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Please remember April 24th is election night for the Home and School Association of Public School Section No. 5, Sandwich South. The meeting is a very important one so please attend to elect officers for the coming term.

Mar 2, 1956

Home & School Association S. S. 1, Sandwich South.

The founding of the Home and School movement was honored in solemn celebration and candle lighting ceremony at the February meeting. Association President Mrs. Shirley Williams told of the birth and growth of this great National Organization, how it has prospered because of its four cornerstones, Faith, Loyalty, Service and Tolerance. Upon this worthy foundation over a span of 29 years, each association representing a stone, one beside the other, straight and true has formed the structure of this now great Organization. Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation now have over 2300 associations, with a membership over 161,520 men and women! At the conclusion of her narration Mrs. Williams lit a Golden candle symbolizing Faith. Mrs. Lily Ure lit a Blue candle for Loyalty, explaining that only Loyalty can keep the flame of Faith burning brightly. Mrs. Edythe Graham lit a Crimson candle for Service, and telling of its being the lifeblood of any organization, and a fitting third cornerstone. Mrs. Barbara Hazard told, as she lit the forth and last candle, the reason for its being Green. As green brings out the beauty of all colors, then the last, but no means least of these cornerstones must bring out the best in the others. The Crimson for Service, the Blue for Loyalty, and the Gold for Faith, now the Green for Tolerance, tolerance of race, creed, and of thought. This candlelighting ceremony was very impressive and was enhanced in its solemnity by the tune Faith of our Fathers, softly played by Mrs. Ellen Graham on the piano. The candles were placed around an appropriately decorated cake donated by Mrs. Edythe Graham. This cake was later cut and everyone present shared further in the toast to our organization by eating a section.

The business meeting followed and it was decided to present the play 'Random Target' in March. This is a play that was enjoyed in January by all

attending Windsor Home and School Council meeting. Since we are going to do this play ourselves it is best that we do not tell too much about it, but take our word for it, it is just the most thought provoking item you could see, besides being so very entertaining. Worth seeing for sure.

Nominations were held and elections will take place at the March 12 meeting also.

It was decided to have a card party and baked goods sale in the school March 6 at 8:00 p.m. There will be tickets sold for this event but they are not necessary for admission, as there are friends of ours who support our endeavors, but who cannot readily obtain tickets. We would be pleased to accept baked goods for our sale. Please come, bring your cards, and get a big welcome on March 6 at 8:00 p.m. and don't forget our March 12 meeting too.

Sandwich South S. S. No. 1 Home and School Association are having a card party and baked goods sale on Tuesday March 6; in the school at 8:00 p.m. Good prizes and door prizes and refreshments.

We, of this Home and School Association would like to express our admiration of our Presidents' carrying on as usual in spite of the fact that she had, a few days previously fallen on the ice in the city of Windsor and broken her arm.

Mrs. Shirley Williams fell in Windsor on ice February 7th and broke her left arm at the elbow. Her arm is in a cast from hand to shoulder.

Mar 21, 1956

Officers Named By H. and S.

The following officers were elected at the last meeting of the S.S. No 1, Sandwich South Home and School Association, held at the school: Mrs. George Hepple, president; Mrs. Charles Hazard and Mr. Don Carter, vice-presidents; Mrs. Jon Graham, secretary; Mrs. Fred Wilson, treasurer; and Mrs. Clifford Whitson, Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Mrs. Edythe Metcalfe, Miss Susan Kolpack, Mrs. Don Carter and Mrs. Guy Campbell, executive members.

The play "Random Target" was presented, with members of the association participating, assisted by Mr. Stuart Quick.

Report was presented on the recent successful card party and baked goods sale sponsored by the association.

Tribute was paid to Mrs. Shirley Williams, retiring president, for her faithful service during her term of office.

Apr 12, 1956

Sandwich S. H.-S. Installs New Officers

At the last meeting of the Sandwich South No. 1 Home and School Association, Mrs. Shirley Williams, past president, installed the new slate of officers.

The following are on the executive: Mrs. George Hepple, president; Mrs. Charles Hazard, vice-president; Mr. Don Carter, second vice-president; Mrs. John Graham, secretary; Mrs. Fred Wilson, treasurer; and Mrs. Guy Campbell, Mrs. Don Carter, Mrs. Tom Wilson, Mrs. Clifford Whitson, Miss Susan Kolpack, Mrs. E. Metcalfe, executive members.

The next meeting will be held May 14, when Dr. W. D. Ure, dentist, will speak on "Children's Teeth."

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Mrs. Metcalfe urged the parents to encourage their children to participate in the music festival.

Conveners named for the year included the following: Mrs. Hazard, health; Mrs. Elmer Ure,

June 15, 1956

Sandwich South H.-S. Plans Fun Fair June 25

Plans were completed for the fun fair, to be held at the school June 25, commencing at 6:30 p.m., at the last meeting of Sandwich South No. 1 Home and School Association.

Conveners for the fun fair include Mr. William Sales, Mr. George Hepple, Mr. Don Carter, games conveners; Mrs. Charles Hazard, baked goods and candy; Mr. Graham, pop stand; Mrs. Don Carter, hot dogs; Mrs. Elmer Ure, coffee; Mrs. Fred Wilson, kitchen; Mrs. Graham, fish pond; and Mrs. Shirley Williams, Mrs. Hepple and Mrs. Guy Campbell, guessing game.

A musical program under the direction of Mrs. Elmer Ure was featured, opening with a sing-song, with Mr. Jon Graham at the piano. The senior and junior choirs of the school sang, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Hartley and Mary and Ruth Williams, dressed in colorful costumes, danced, accompanied by Mr. Graham. Teddy Ure and Stewart Quick sang a Boy Scouts' spiritual song and Lynn Ure and Jane Robinson danced.

Jimmy Hazard read a poem for his teacher, Miss Susan Kolpack, who will leave at the end of the term, Patsy Hazard danced and Shona Axccl, first-prize winner

in the Music Festival for No. 5 School, Sandwich South, sang a solo. Two baton twirlers, Susan Gates and Judy Wilson performed, Teddy Ure played a piano solo, Sherry Chapman and Lynda Fife gave a duet and Lynn Ure sang a solo.

Miss Kolpack gave a speech of thanks to the junior room parents for their co-operation during her term of teaching.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Sept 15, 1956

'Get Acquainted' Night for H.-S.

The first fall meeting of the Sandwich South No. 1, Home and School Association, to be held Monday, at 8 p.m., at the school, will be in the form of a "get acquainted night," for parents of newcomers and members.

Games and prizes will be the features of the evening, and Mrs. Ray Ure, Mrs. George Hepple and Mrs. Gene Fife will serve refreshments.

Sept 28, 1956

Sandwich South Home & School.

There was an excellent attendance at the last meeting of the Sandwich South No. 1 Home and School Association. The meeting was opened with O Canada and the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. George Hepple presided at the meeting and introduced a guest, Mrs. Lockwood from the David Maxwell Home and School Association, the new parents, members, and teachers.

The report of the success of the school fair which was held in June was read by Mrs. Fred Wilson, Treas. Mrs. George Hepple read a report from Federation of the do's and don'ts of money making schemes for all home and school associations.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Gene Fife, Mr. Kirkman and Mrs. Geo. Brood. The next meeting will be October 8th, at 8 p.m.

Refreshments were served following the meeting by Mrs. Ray Ure, Mrs. Geo. Hepple and Mrs. Gene Fife.

July, 1956

S. S. No. 1 School Field Day.

There was a big attendance for the closing meeting of the Sandwich South No. 1 Home and School Association. A very entertaining musical program, under the direction of Mrs. Elmer Ure, following a short business session, when final plans were completed for the fun fair to be held at the school June 25th, starting at 6:30 p.m. The musical program opened with a sing-song accompanied by Mr. Graham at the piano. Songs were then sung by the junior and senior choir of the school, accompanied by their music teacher, Mrs. Hartley. Mary and Ruth Williams, dressed in a lovely costume of black and orange, did a tap dance, accompanied by Jon Graham. Teddy Ure and Stewart Quick sang a Boy Scout spiritual song, followed by a lovely dance step by Lynn Ure and Jane Robinson, dressed in little green skirts, white blouses and black waists.

Little Jimmy Hazard read a poem to Miss Holpack, his teacher, who is leaving at the end of the term. It was followed by a dance step by his little sister Patsy, dressed in a golden cow-girl suit. Shonna Axccl, first prize winner of the music festival for No. 5 school, Sandwich South, sang a lovely solo, followed by two little baton twirlers, Susan Gates and Judy Wilson. Teddy Ure played a lovely piano solo, followed by a duet by Sherry Chapman and Lynda Fife. At the closing of the program Lynn Ure sang a solo.

Miss Susan Kolpack gave a brief speech and thanked the parents of the junior room for their co-operation during her term of teaching.

Mrs. George Hipple, the president, thanked all taking part.

Conveners for the field day are as follows: William Sales, George Hipple, Don Carter, in charge of games; Mrs. Charles Hazzard, bake goods and candy; pop stand, Jon Graham; hot dogs, Mrs. Don Carter; coffee, Mrs. Elmer Ure; kitchen, Mrs. Fred Wilson. Mrs. Jon Graham; fish pond, Mrs. Shirley Williams, Mrs. George Hipple, and Mrs. Guy Campbell in charge of the guessing game.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Oct 20, 1956

'Child Psychology' Topic of Address

Mr. George Broad, principal of the Ivor Chandler School, speaking on "Child Psychology," outlined the mental, social, moral, emotional and physical needs of the child at the last meeting of the Sandwich South, No. 1, Home and School Association.

Mrs. Charles Hazard, vice-president of the association, introduced the guest speaker.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mrs. Hazard and Mrs. Fred Wilson.

The next meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 12, with Mrs. Roy Ure in charge of the program.

Oct 26, 1956

Sandwich South Home and School.

At the last meeting of the Sandwich South No. 1 Home and School Association, Mrs. Charles Hazard, vice-president, introduced the guest speaker, George Brood, principal of the Ivor Chandler school, a former teacher of Sandwich South No. 1 school, gave a very interesting talk on "Child Psychology," speaking briefly on the following subjects: mental, social, moral, emotional and physical needs, which was well received by the many parents who attended.

Refreshments were served following the meeting by Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Fred Wilson and Mrs. Hazard.

The next meeting will be on November 12th, with Mrs. Ray Ure in charge.

STAR - FEB. 3, 1961 Wins Speaking Test

Richard Banwell, 13, a student at Prince Andrew Public School, is the winner of the Sandwich South School Area and Sandwich West Area "B" public speaking contest.

He took first place with his talk on "Electricity, Our Servant."

Heather Dent, Sandwich South School No. 1, placed second with her speech, "Land to the North."

Dec 18, 1956

School Concert On Thursday

Final plans for the Christmas concert to be held Thursday, commencing at 1:30 p.m., in the senior room of the school, were discussed at the last meeting of the Sandwich South No. 1 Home and School Association.

The guest speaker, Rev. Nathanael Anderson of Bethel United Church, Sandwich South, gave an address on "The Virgin Birth and Christianity."

Mrs. Edith Metcalfe asked the members to notify any neighbors with pre-school age children to submit the names of their children for polio vaccine shots by Feb. 1.

Mrs. Wilfred Libby donated a wall plaque of the Ten Commandments for the senior room, and an identical plaque was donated to the junior room by the association.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Ray Ure, Mrs. Clifford Whitson and Mrs. Jon Graham.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 14, with Mrs. Metcalfe as convener.

Dec 18, 1956

Sandwich S. Home & School.

The regular meeting of the Sandwich South No. 1 Home and School Association was held Monday, December 10th.

Rev. Anderson, of the Bethel United Church, Sandwich South, was the guest speaker. He was introduced by the president, Mrs. George Hepple, and gave a very interesting speech of the Virgin Birth and Christianity.

Mrs. Wilfred Libby donated a wall plaque of The Ten Commandments for the senior room.

The members of the Home and School Association donated a plaque for the junior room.

Mrs. Metcalfe asked the members to notify any neighbor in the district with pre-school children from six months to five years old by February 1st, 1957, to have them inoculated for polio. Their names are to be handed in at the school by the end of the week.

Final plans for the Christmas Concert were also discussed, which will be held in the junior room Thursday, December 20th, starting at 1:30.

Refreshments were served following the meeting by Mrs. Ray Ure, Mrs. Clifford Whitson and Mrs. Jon Graham. The next meeting will be January 14th. Mrs. E. Metcalfe is the convener. Dec. 18, 1956 S. 30

Feb 4, 1961

STAR - FEB. 4, 1961 Official Hits Facilities In Schools

OLDCASTLE — Outdoor toilet facilities, some of which are no better than they were 30 years ago, are still in use at some public schools in Essex County, according to one of the county's public school inspectors.

C. R. Crawford, of Kingsville, speaking at the opening of S.S. No. 1, Sandwich South, said life has changed since the days when the little red school was ideal. The days of the one-room school are gone, he said.

He criticized school trustees in the province who have to be convinced that they should install sinks in schools, when they are a part of the fixtures in every home nowadays.

A farmer, he said, will spend a vast amount of money on equipment for his buildings and the maintenance of his animals, but when asked to pay more towards bringing similar conveniences into the schoolroom he asks "why?"

People are beginning to think of children as human beings and the present generation is demanding conveniences for schools that are comparable with those in the home, he said. You as taxpayers have to supply these conveniences.



THE WINDSOR STAR, FEB. 4th, 1961

BIBLE MEMENTO—This Bible, held by Mrs. Edith B. Metcalfe, principal of the new S.S. No. 1, Sandwich South, will be the only memento of the school's name, which was dropped by officials after authorities, informed them the name "Prince Charles"

could not be used on public buildings. Looking on are C. R. Crawford, left, Kingsville, public school inspector, who was guest speaker at the school's official opening, and Henry Hartley, Maidstone, school board chairman. (Star Staff Photo)

No Royalty For School

Queen Rules Out Children's Names

OLDCASTLE — Sandwich South Twp. School Board, which planned to officially name the new S. S. No. 1 "Prince Charles Public School" has been advised that Queen Elizabeth II, will no longer permit public buildings to be named after the Royal children.

The board received word Friday morning, about 10 hours before the official opening of the school was scheduled, that the name they had chosen for the modern two-room structure on Con. 8, just south of Highway 2, could not be used.

The name was chosen by the pupils of the school because they moved into the new building on the Prince's birthday.

A speedy change in the program and the words "Prince Charles Public School" were altered to just plain S. S. No. 1.

Henry Hartley of Maidstone, school board chairman, said a name will be sought.

Only memento of the school's original name will be that inscribed on a new Bible presented to the school by the Ontario Trustees and Ratepayers Association, who ordered the Bible imprinted with the school's name in gold before word was received from England of the Queen's decision.

Until the new name is chosen the school will simply be called S.S. No. 1. But residents of the area and pupils of the school will likely find it hard to change their reference to it as Prince Charles School, because it has unofficially been called that for some months.

Expansion Predicted For Sandwich South

OLDCASTLE—Sandwich South Twp. is going to be faced with a population influx from Windsor, similar to that experienced by Sandwich East and West Twps., according to an Essex County public school inspector.

C. R. Crawford of Kingsville, in an address Friday night at the official opening of S.S. No. 1, on Con. 8, just south of Highway 2, commended ratepayers on the improvements in educational facilities in the township, but warned further expansion would be necessary within the next 10 years because of increased population.

Mr. Crawford, a former inspector for the area, recalled how the former one-room S.S. No. 1 on Con. 9, south of Highway 2 had been a typical rural school just 10 years ago, said the educational facilities and number of pupils has doubled since 1950.

He said pupils are getting more time from teachers because of the conversion to two-room schools. The township has three of the new schools, all built in 1960. He commended the school board for having the foresight to have the building constructed in such a manner that more rooms could be added without extra expense.

Mr. Crawford said he anticipated five or six rooms will be added to the school in the future. Build a school and people will build their homes nearby. In 10 years, he said, this area will be overflowing with new homes.

It won't only be the farmer who pays for the extra rooms

and new schools, he said. The newcomer will have to pay his share.

We have to have a system of education that will appeal to the children of today. He said a system similar to that of 20 to 30 years ago can no longer meet the needs of today's children, who are living in the atomic age.

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Sandwich South School Area

July 18th, 1961

The regular meeting of the Board of Public School Trustees of Sandwich South was held at School No. 1 on Tuesday evening, July 18th, 1961.

Roll call: Henry Hartley, chairman; Milton Farough, vice-chairman; Howard Holden, James Fleet, Grant McKee.

Minutes of the meeting held June 20th, 1961 were read and adopted on motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Fleet.

On motion of Mr. Farough, seconded by Mr. McKee, permission was granted for the use of the No. 1 School yard for baseball, the Board to buy wire for back-stop.

It was decided to install wire screening on the back door and back windows at No. 1 to protect them from breakage from the baseball diamond.

The secretary was asked to write to the Home and School Association of Fairplay School asking for closer supervision of dances held in the school.

It was decided to have Martin Sheet Metal clean the oil furnaces and the Gas Company the gas furnaces before the heating season starts.

It was decided to renew the policy on No. IV School, \$39,000 on the building and \$2,000 on the contents.

Disbursements in the amount of \$620.66 were read and passed for payment on motion of Mr. Farough, seconded by Mr. McKee.

Sept 7, 1962

Miss Diane Pettypiece began her teaching duties in the Junior Room at S.S. No. 1, Sandwich South, Tuesday.

Children Enjoy R.C.M.P. Film

A group of children from Sandwich South No. 1 School were delighted with the methods used by the Mounties in "getting their man" in the informative sound film on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police which was presented by Mr. Fred Wilson at the last meeting of the Home and School Association.

An oldtime square dance was presented by a group of girls from the senior room, with Mrs. Wilson as piano accompanist.

Mrs. Edith Metcalfe was convener for the evening. Peggy Howe of the senior room thanked the participants for an enjoyable program.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. George Law, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Elmer Ure.

H.S. to Show R.C.M.P. Film

The Sandwich South, No. 1, Home and School Association will hold its regular meeting Monday, at 8 p.m., at the school. A sound film on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be shown.

Mrs. Edith Metcalfe will be convener for the evening, and refreshments will be served by Mrs. Elmer Ure, Mrs. Fred Wilson and Mrs. George Law.

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Reunion stirs school memories

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The old school in the former Sandwich South may be gone, but it's far from forgotten.

As many as 200 former pupils of elementary school SS No. 1 are flying in from as far away as Texas and California to attend the school's first reunion. Since the school was sold in the mid-

1960s and the property converted into housing, they will be gathering at St. Mary's Hall in Maidstone.

"That school was a special place for all of us," said Shirley Meloche, 65. "There are so many people who went there that still keep in touch. I made friends that I've kept all my life...."

Meloche's father and grandfather were also pupils there.

The first school, a one-room log cab-

in built about 1900, burned to the ground in 1919. It was rebuilt nearby at the location most pupils remember, at Baseline Road and Con. 9.

Erma St. Antoine attended classes in the log cabin. At 103 years old, St. Antoine still recalls a lot about her years at SS No. 1, said Meloche, her niece. She and Elmer Ure, at 90 the oldest surviving male alumnus, will be the guests of honour at Saturday's reunion.

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Student of the first class attends S.S. #1 reunion



They came from anywhere between California and Alberta to renew friendships with school chums of S.S. #1, in Sandwich South at the first reunion since the school closed in 1961. At this table are Dorothy Ayres Verbridge, Mary Jane Ayres Lamensa of Kingston, Len Phillips, Betty Ayres Simons of California, Ron and Gerdine Ure Johnson of Oregon, Phyllis and Jack Smyth of California.

Little Erma St. Antoine could never have imagined when she attended the first classes of S. S. #1, Sandwich South, that she would be 103 when she attended the first school reunion.

When she received her invitation she commented, "If I'm still here, I'll be there."

She was there, alert and splendid in her best finery. And she met one of the students of the last classes before the school was closed in 1961, Sue Verbridge Shuttleworth.

They were among 200 who came from as far as California, Arizona, Oregon, and in Canada from Calgary and Ottawa, to see their classmates again.

One couple, Phyllis and Jack Smyth, came to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with long ago school friends.

Geraldine Ure Johnson left this area after completing nurse's training. "I came to renew friendships and see what my classmates look like after they grew up," she said.

She recalled, "Dad was the janitor before I went to school and if he had to go to make repairs I went with him and everybody wanted me to sit with them. Now I'm glad I came to remember."

Her grandfather, David Ure, donated the property for the original school and for Bethel United Church which was next door.

Betty Ayres Simons, also of California, said they had the best teachers. "I remember Miss Eva O'Keefe. She made us eager to learn. She was strict but she never had to punish us."

The forgotten side of school days was recalled by Jack Smyth who learned what happens when human flesh touches steel on a frosty day.

"The old pump. We had to pump the handle with one hand and we'd cup the other hand to catch the water to drink," explained Geraldine Johnson.

The alternative was for everyone to drink from the same cup. Or hold their mouth under the spout to catch the water.



A student of the final classes of S.S. # 1, Sandwich South, Sue Verbridge Shuttleworth of Essex met a student of the first classes, Erma St. Antoine of Tecumseh, at the first school reunion held Saturday in Maidstone, St. Mary's church hall. Miss St. Antoine, who is 103, attended the frame school which burned and was replaced by the brick building most visitors remembered.

As they paid tribute to teachers, Chairman Armand DeGuire stated, "If it were not for our teachers we would not be here."

Two were at the reunion; Gertrude Greer who taught grades 1 to 4 from 1954 to 1960 and Jean Lindsay McLennan of Bruce County who taught at S. S. #1 from 1946 to 1948.

It was her first school and she had 40 students in four grades.

"My salary was \$100 a month but they gave me an extra \$100 because I had such a large class. Believe me, I earned that one hundred dollars. It was hard work but the people treated me with great kindness."

She recalled preparations for a school Christmas play for which she made the costumes and involved all the students.

Being at the reunion was "absolutely wonderful".

"When the invitation came I could barely believe they would remember me," McLennan said.

The children were attentive and respectful, Greer said. "They were very obedient but I kept them working all the time and I tried to make them interested."

She used tactics that are used today; by letting the older children help the younger ones.

The reunion has been in the planning since 1992. The committee responsible for it happening was Armand DeGuire, Annette DeGuire Scurr, Marguerite DeGuire Santarossa, Tom Weir, Dorothy Howling Verbridge and Doreen Hicks Phillips. Grace was offered by a former student, Rev. George Shuttleworth.

The reunion was held at the St. Mary's Hall in Maidstone.