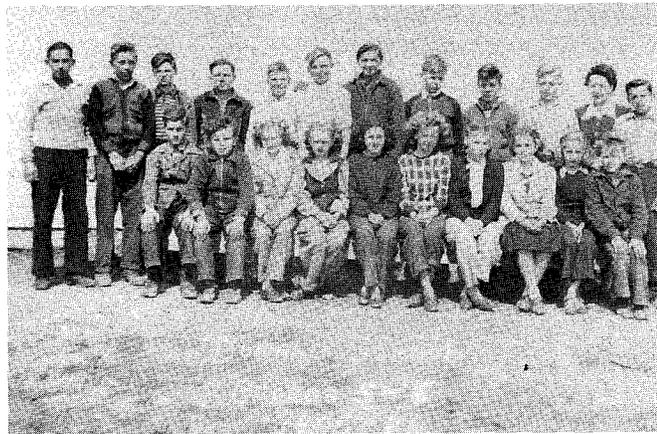




Girls from Donald School, 1933.



Donald School Grades 5 to 8 in 1945/46.

school. The old building is to be repaired and several alterations are to be made. Two modern outbuildings have to be put up and the grounds fenced and buildings painted.”

In 1921, the budget was \$7,630 compared to \$2400 in 1914.

A new agreement dated Aug. 13, 1920, was signed between Peter Piwarchyk and A. Willows for Janitorial Services for Donald School at \$40.00 per month for 1920/1921. To light fires and keep a supply of firewood on hand in the rooms, to sweep and dust daily, fresh supply of drinking water in classrooms daily, keep outhouses clean during the year, to scrub floor at least 4 times during the year, and woodwork at least once, make all small repairs of school furniture, fences, gates, window, outhouse, etc., material to be supplied by S.D.

By July 25, 1921, the official Trustee was advising Mr. Piwarchuk that the ratepayers have the right to use the schoolhouse during the year for public meetings etc., free of charge. Their families and teachers have permission at any time during the year to use school. You are authorized to open the doors for them. They are to

supply oil for the lamps and to be responsible for any damage.

In Jan. 1925, a new janitor Contract was drawn up between Donald S.D. and Charles Maleszdrewicz for \$29.00 per month for 10 months.

The boundaries of the Donald school were readjusted on Sept. 2, 1930 by by-law No. 411 of the munc. of St. Clements to consist of the inner and outer 2 miles of Lots 215 to 288, inclusive in the Parish of St. Andrews.

The Deputy Minister, R. Fletcher, in June 1931 wrote to the Sec. Treas. of Donald School (Andrew Peterson) warning him that teachers should be provided with residence (furnished) accommodations. You have reduced their wages -- this is OK -- but the teachers must be treated fairly. He was warned that the Dept. could again place an official Trustee, at very short notice, in charge of the school. The school must show people proper consideration for their staff.

On Nov. 11, 1933, Roman Kosakewich received the sum of \$5 for sawing 10 cords of wood at 50 cents a cord and on Nov. 27, 1933, Roman received \$12.48 for hauling the wood from Gonor CNR to Donald School, 32 cords at .32 cents per cord. David Muzychka received \$12.80 for sawing 32 cords of wood at 40 cents a cord.



Sewing Circle at Donald School in 1933. Left to Right: Annie Romaniuk, Mary Natchuk, Elsie Miller, Eva Dubas, Ann Pewarchuk, Cathy Peterson, Winifred Michelson, Pauline Koschinets, Sophie Kosakewich and Helen Kowalchuk.





Inside Donald School.

The Donald School (River Lot 255) was destroyed by fire in Dec. 1946. It was insured by policies No. 31195 and 30970 through the Portage la Prairie Mutual Ins. Co.

The boundaries of Donald S.D. No. 1094 was confirmed by by-law No. 1207 of the munc. of St. Clements as at Nov. 14, 1950 as being River Lots 215 to 288 inclusive in the Parish of St. Andrews and the outer 2 miles of lots 215 to 288.

By-law No. 1-56 of Donald School was submitted to a vote of the people on Fri. April 20, 1956, and passed by a majority of 140 in favor, to only 30 against same. The by-law authorized the Donald S.D. to create a debenture debt of \$39,000 for the purpose of building and equipping a new three-room school with auditorium convertible to an extra classroom, if necessary, at an estimated cost of \$45,000, the balance of the cost over and above the proceeds from the debenture issue to be met from reserve funds of the district, the said sum of \$39,000 to be recovered by a special tax levied over a period of 20 years with interest at the rate of 4 1/2% per annum upon all rateable lands situated within the Donald S.D. The debentures shall be payable in 20 equal payments of \$2,998.17 each due on Dec. 1, of each year.

Notices were posted calling for tenders for purchase and removal of the old Donald School Building (South)



72' x 24' frame construction situated on River Lot 255 (Henderson Hwy.) tenders closed May 2, 1956.

A special Joint Committee of Ward I residents of St. Clements and Donald S.D. ratepayers met in a meeting in Dec. 1959 and voted unanimously to succeed from the R.M. of St. Clements and be annexed to the R.M. of East St. Paul. They agreed to complete formal petition and present it to East St. Paul. Mr. F.A. Wachal was chairman and B. Gaynor was Sec.

On Feb. 9, 1960 Amy Gorham, Sec. Treas. of the R.M. of East St. Paul wrote to Mr. Frank Wachal: "We wish to advise, regarding attendance at our Council meeting Jan. 11, 1960 of your committee requesting seceding of Donald S.D. No. 1094 from the R.M. of St. Clements and becoming a part of the R.M. of East St. Paul, that this is being given serious consideration and we will advise you further at a later date."

A further memo was written to Frank Wachal on April 16, 1960 which stated: "Further to our letter of Feb. 9, 1960 Council does not feel the annexation of part of the R.M. of St. Clements to this munc. would be advisable and therefore the request submitted by your committee has not been approved."

The Donald School D. No. 1094 was dissolved effective April 1, 1967 and all lands were transferred to the River East School Division No. 9 which was declared a division within the meaning of Sec. 443 of the PSA by order of the Minister dated March 11 1967.

Therefore, the River East School Division boundary extends north up to Church Rd. and Henderson Hwy. and they share this common boundary with the Lord Selkirk S.D. No. 11. For example every school child living on the North side of Church Rd. is bussed north to L.S.S.D. schools while students living on the south side of Church Rd. are bussed south to River East S.D. No. 9.

The River East S.D. turned the Donald School building



Last Class of Children that attended Donald School. June 3rd. 1972. Back Row: extreme left Mr. Campbell Princ.