

Raising the Union Jack.

break to 1 1/2 hours. The board deducted six hours from his wages. The teacher appeared at the next board meeting with his resignation and demanded his pay. He got his pay and the board agreed to a longer recess break, providing he work past 4:00 p.m. if his work was not completed. His resignation was withdrawn.

The board members now were; John Dawson, Wasyl Kosack, Emil Hoffman, and L.J. Schalme was Sec.-Treas.

In Nov. 1927, Daniel Petznick became the new secretary-treasurer. He kept perfect records until the year 1965, a period of thirty-eight years. One could not surpass his devotion and dedication.

In Aug. of 1928, the board passed unanimously to secure teachers of Christian Nationality and to provide one text Bible for each school and instructed the teachers to read a chapter or so each morning before commencing school work.



Teacher Ann Machewski from 1945-46, with Janet Dawson.



Grades 1 to 4, 1945/46.



Grade 7, 1945/46.

Teachers capable of conducting good, strict, discipline were advertised for in 1929, preferably male.

By 1930, all students which were not yet seven and those that were under the full age of fourteen were expelled due to the lack of sitting room accommodations.

Board members in 1934. were Stanley Sopko, Rudolph Rotch, W. Kosack, and Sec.-Treas. was Dan Petznick.

The two schools were overcrowded, very little could be done to improve this situation. These were the depression and war years, and maintenance was badly neglected.

In 1937, shelter belts were planted at both schools. In 1946, the Libau School District appointed Stanley Sopko as its first delegate to attend the Manitoba School trustees Convention in Wpg.

The East School was destroyed by fire on July 24, 1949. The district had to provide accommodation in a hurry for the new term in Sept. A large frame building was purchased which was located at Libau and moved east to the NE 1/4 - 11-15-6E, and remodeled for a classroom. The son of a local family taught in this classroom for one school term. His name was Mike Kozyniak. This classroom was used for a period of three years until the new schools were built in 1952. A two-room school was officially opened in the Libau Village on Oct. 22, 1952 and a one-room school at the NW 1/4 11-15-6E. This building is still on the same site and is occupied today.

Daisy Wakshinsky was the first lady trustee elected to the Libau School Board in 1954.

Special meetings were held with all teaching staff in 1962, with regard to emergency measures to be taken, should an emergency arise. The installation of a telephone was a must, at West School, 2 battery radios were purchased. Teachers were asked to conduct evacuation drills, coal oil and coil-oil lamps and a supply of bandage and first aid supplies were placed at each school.

Bags of candy were passed out at the annual Christmas concert usually held at West School.

In 1963, the Libau School Board agreed to enroll pupils from the Brookside School District, and as many



Grades 1 to 7 Boys, 1945/46.



Winter's Supply of Wood, 1945/46.



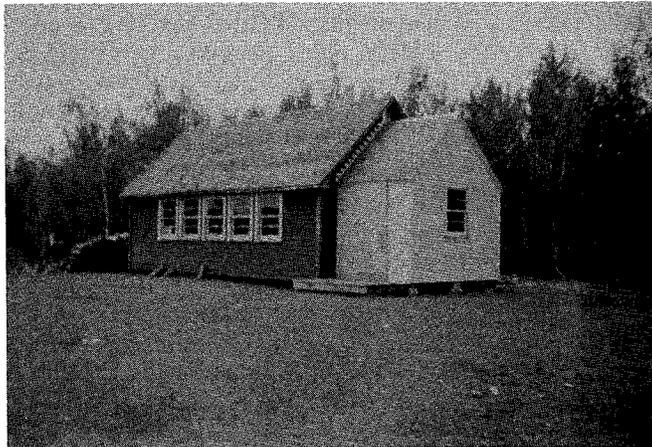
Libau East School, 1945/46.



Class of Libau East School.

LIBAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1231 BOUNDARIES AND TEACHERS

submitted by slh



Libau East Temporary School used for 3 years, after old building burnt down July 24, 1949.

despite the distances.

In 1967, the Libau School No. 1231 became a part of the Lord Selkirk School Division.

The Libau S.D. No. 1231 was formed on March 28, 1903 by a by-law of the Munc. of St. Clements. The boundaries were readjusted from time to time, the district consisting of the following lands as of July 25, 1936: Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, E 1/2 of and NW 1/4 of 6, Sec. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, S 1/2 of 18, S 1/2 of 22, Sec. 23 and 24 in 15-6E.

The boundary was adjusted by an award of Arbitrators on March 10, 1944, adding Sec. 6, 7, 18, 19, and 30 in tp. 15-7E. These lands had been detached from Mars S.D. No. 1774 and effective Jan. 1, 1945 were transferred to Libau No. 1231.

By an award of Arbitrators upon petition of Jacob L. Wanag, on June 29, 1949, the prayer of the petitioners to form two separate districts was denied. This went to Appeal and was dismissed by Judge J.A. Bernier, Sept. 22, 1949.

The St. Clements Munc. confirmed their portion of the Libau S.D. No. 1231 on Nov. 14, 1950 (by-law No. 1207) as being: Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (except for SW 1/4 of 7), 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, S 1/2 of 18, S 1/2 of 22, 23, 24 in 15-6E, and Sec. 19 and 30 in tp. 15-7E.

The boundary within the Brokenhead Munc. (by-law No. 1226) as of March 13, 1951 was: Sec. 6, 7, and 18 in 15-7E.

as they could adequately instruct from the Brokenhead Indian Reserve.

In April of 1965, a meeting was held re: the consolidation of Arnold, Poplar Park, Sheffield, and Brookside schools.

Board members now were A.L. Tone, Mrs. Wanang, Bernard Kamke, and Pat Helwer was Sec.-Treas.

A General School Meeting was held on Jan. 12, 1967, and a letter from the Minister of Education pertaining to the forming of a new school division was read and discussed.

Teachers came and left, each one leaving his or her mark and everyone became a better person for all the experience earned and learned. Good, and not so good, memories still linger in the minds and hearts of many Libau residents today. It seems they had a good social existence and always found ways of getting together



*Grades
4 and 5,
1945/46.*



*Grades
1 and 2,
1945/46.*



*Grades
1 to 6,
1945/46.*

An Award, dated March 22, 1951 was denied when petitioners wanted to divide the school into three separate school districts.

The school district was dissolved on April 1, 1967, when the Lord Selkirk School division was declared a division within the meaning of Sec. 443 of the PSA (order-in-council No. 224/67).

For your information and interest we list here most all of the teachers who taught at Libau from the early 1900's to 1966.

- Geo. F. Schmidt 1905
- Albert Moormans 1905-1906
- Frederic Busch 1908
- Fritz Brauer 1909
- Jaroslav Neywara 1910-1912
- Kurt E. Mendeborn 1912-1915
- Stanley E. Gunn 1916
- Charles D. Smith 1916
- Miss E. Gillies 1916
- Mrs. M. Brown 1916-1921
- Ida Schmok 1918-1919
- Martha Winger 1919-1920
- Mollie D. Rosenstock 1920-1921
- Bessie Knelman 1921
- Rebecca Knelman 1921
- Annie Drawson 1922-1923
- Mrs. F.L. Storrie 1922
- Mrs. A. Wright 1922
- Rebecca Knelman 1923
- Sarah Goodman 1923-1924
- Gladys S. Matheson 1924
- E.J. Neufeld 1924
- Mary McKee 1925
- Felix Sauer 1925
- Edith Wasserman 1925-1926
- Dorothy Rounstock 1925
- Bernardina Abraham 1926-1927
- Bertha Isenberg 1926-1927
- Hermine L. Drawson 1927-1928

- Marie Prygrocki 1927-1928
- Hermine L. Hinds 1928
- Clara L. Cohen 1928-1929
- Mary Buzdygan 1929
- Stanley Corbet Henderson 1929-1930
- Margaret Agnes Gorowski 1929-1930
- Julia Garry 1930
- Elinor Adelaide Kronberg 1931-1933
- Abiah Davies Morgan 1931-1935
- Mr. Arelius Isfeld 1933-1934
- Mary Helen Rutherford 1934-1935
- Peter Jacob Willms 1935-1938
- Erna Emilie Ozol 1935-1940
- James Henry Dann 1938-1939
- Teenie Evelyn Kozyra 1940
- Bernard Schellenberg 1941
- William J. Smoler 1941-1942
- Jean Lyzun 1942-1943
- Rosalie Cecelia Holub 1944
- Erna Emilie Ozol 1944-1945
- Anne Machewski 1945-1946
- Erna Emilie Ozol 1947
- Erna Emilie Oczkus 1948-1949
- Jacob Hiebert 1949-1950
- Johnny Hykawy 1950-1951
- Jack Mike Kozniak 1951-1952
- Vera Ada Katazinski 1952-1953
- Polly Cherniak 1953-1960
- Diane E. Kerney 1954
- Irwin Krijat 1960-1962
- Meroslawa Horbas 1962-1963
- Patrick Cole 1963-1964
- Meroslawa Horbas 1964-1966
- Allan Charles Spence 1965-1966
- Mrs. Ruth Hastman 1966

Here is a separate list of the teachers you might remember, who taught at the Libau West School:

Harvey Disrael Ginsberg 1939-1940



*Grades
5 and 6,
1945/46.*

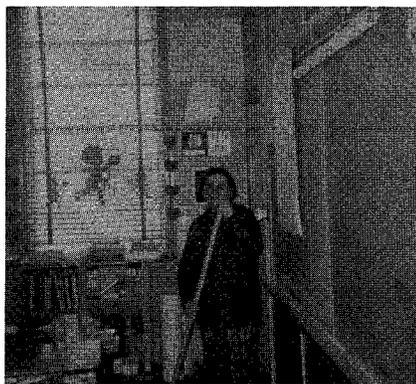


*Libau East
Students, 1945/46.*



*Libau West School,
Miss Vera Katazinski
and her Grades 1 to 6
class, 1955.*

- Rudy Mahmel 1940-1941
- Catherine MacLaren 1941
- Patricia Wallace 1942-1943
- Joseph Yatchew 1944
- Rosalie Cecelia Holub 1944-1946
- Joe W. Tysarski 1947
- Fred Klym 1947-1951
- Metro Lysiaichuk 1951-1952
- Balaran Frederic John Siew 1952
- Olga Jean Nakoneshny 1952-1953
- Anna Mae Kotello 1953
- Mary Anne Nowolski 1953-1954
- Vera Ada Katazinski 1954-1956
- Wolfgang Alfred Paul Garten 1954-1955
- Thoddeus C. Brune 1955-1957
- Vera C. Helwer 1956-1958
- Benjamin Koshel 1957
- Michael L. Balitsky 1958
- Lenora Labun 1958-1959
- John Oberton 1958-1960
- Donna P. Bell 1959-1960
- Florence-Morris 1960-1962
- Bonnie J. McTaggart 1960-1961
- Mrs. Artha M. Anderson 1961-1963
- Mrs. Florence Jablonski 1962-1964
- Henry Taylor 1963-1965
- Artha M. Anderson 1964-1966



*Mrs. Pearl Martin in-
side the Libau school.*

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF SERVING AS A SCHOOL TRUSTEE

submitted by Stanley Sopko

Early school days were horse and buggy days. The mode of travel was walking. The children walked to school and so did the trustees (in order to get to the



Stan Sopko

meetings). At the same time, the schools were heated with wood burning stoves.

Recalling the day I went to the bush to cut cordwood, that was three miles from home, I quit early and walked home so that I would be in time for the school board meeting. I walked four miles from home to attend this meeting but lo and behold for reasons unknown, the other two trustees did not show up for the meeting, so I walked back home, no meeting.

Most of the cordwood was traded for groceries at the local general store. A lot of it was cut by the Brokenhead Indian Reserve residents. Each resident of the reserve had a quota that he would cut and trade for groceries. The aged or disabled could arrange to have their quota cut by white men. The storekeeper arranged for several young white men to do wood cutting on this basis at \$1.00 per cord. He also assigned a teamster for each woodcutter to haul the wood out to the railroad for \$1.00 per cord, as well.

After a few days, the teamsters began to complain that when they drove out to the bush there was not enough wood for a load to haul out. After a week the cutters brought in their tools and told the storekeeper that they quit. The storekeeper said "how come Stanley cuts a cord

*School Board mem-
bers. Left to Right:
Stan Sopko, Gus
Horbas, Dan Petz-
nick, Sec.-Treas. and
Mrs. Daisy Walksin-
sky, 1955.*



a day and his teamster always brings in a load?" They told him they did not know how he did it. "He must have the devil helping him". The next day Stanley's teamster came to the bush to pick up a load of wood, loaded the wood, and was short a few pieces to make a cord. I then cut down an ash tree which would be enough to make the load. This ash tree had a "shake" (that is a crack in the tree). When I sawed off the first four foot length the two halves fell apart. The teamster grabbed his cap by the peak, threw it against his knee, and said "I'll be damned, I've seen everything, now!" He cuts wood and the devil is splitting it." (Ash wood had to be split to be used as firewood).

LILYDALE SCHOOL NO. 1285

submitted by Mrs. Pat Goodman/slh

Lilydale School district was formed on May 6, 1904 by an award of Arbitrators appointed by the Municipality of Brokenhead and St. Clements and Inspector Best. The boundaries were readjusted from time to time but as of May 21, 1937 they included: S of 34, in tp. 13-6E, NW 1/4 of Sec. 2, Sec. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, the W 1/2 of Sec. 15, Sec. 16, 17 and 18 in tp. 14-6E.

At the time of formation this school district was known as Walkleyburg, named after James Walkley, one of the first pioneers in that district. The school name was changed to Lilydale in 1919. The first school was officially opened for the Spring term of 1906, with an enrollment of 20 students, 15 boys and 5 girls.

Board members at that time were Bill Chappel, Fred Chappel and Amos Allen.

In 1966, when Lilydale consolidated with Happy Thought there were 11 pupils, 5 boys and 6 girls. During the years, there had been an average enrollment of 17 pupils.

In 1966, the trustees for the Lilydale School District were: Walter Gerylo and Mike Harrison, Tony Kostiniuk was chairman and John Chorney was the Secretary-Treasurer.

The school building until 1944, was a 135 sq. ft. frame building. In 1950, the school was a frame building with red insul-brick. On July 27, 1911, the school board asked for \$690.00 for the following school year of 200 days, for operating expenses. This would include school up-keep, and teacher's salary. The teacher's salary increased from



Walkleyburg School, 1906, later renamed Lilydale.



Lilydale School, 1915.

\$840/year in 1943, to \$3000/year in 1966. In 1949, the rate of board paid by the teachers was \$25.00/month.

Besides the regular classes, there was always a bit of religious teaching, such as bible stories, teaching of the ten commandments and moral principles were taught. School always began or closed with prayers.

It has come to our attention that one of the former pupils of this school was Mrs. Sophie Klim. Mrs. Klim tells us that a former teacher of hers, Alice Clouston, married Walter Anderson and remained a part of this community.

In 1920, Mr. Newcombe, the Agricultural Representative from Selkirk, offered a prize for the best essay on "Sheep", to be written by members of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Selkirk and the surrounding Municipalities. When the judging was finished standing were as follows: 1st, June Anderson, of Walkleyburg School, 2nd, Lila Flett of Walkley School, 3rd, Nellie Anderson of Walkley School, 4th and 5th prizes went to Mayfield School children.

A fire occurred at Lilydale School, on Thursday Sept. 23, 1926, while the school was in session, around 10:30 a.m. The fire was started from either the stove pipes or the chimney. A number of children noticed smoke, the teacher got everyone outside safely. Four boys and three



Lilydale School, 1952-53.



Lilydale School, 1953.

girls formed a bucket brigade and courageously put out the fire, before too much damage was done. After the smoke cleared, the fire was estimated to have done \$100.00 damage to the school. Mr. G. Bjornson repaired the damage at the school, from the fire, and classes resumed as usual.

Here for your information is a list of most all the teachers who taught the Lilydale School District No. 1285:

Louis Hessling 1905
 Vivian H. Durdew 1906
 Louise C. Anderson 1906
 Dorothy K. Lysoe 1907
 Agnew McLemmand 1908
 Annie McDonald 1908
 Alice S. Price 1908-1909
 Mabel I. Leslie 1910-1912
 Mary I. Harper 1912-1913
 Helen M. Hedley 1913-1916
 Margaret Young 1917
 Stella Stevenson 1917-1918
 Ruth E. Oberg 1918
 B. Larter 1919

Lavina Morgan 1920
 Ella M. Jackson 1921
 Jennie Moore 1921
 Margaret Polson 1922
 Handel Gealy 1922
 Leah Sorritch 1923
 Thelma L. Coleman 1924
 Leah Sorritch 1924-1925
 Mary Gryniuk 1925-1928
 Alice Henrietta Clouston 1928-1930
 Edith Elizabeth Bonner 1930-1932
 Hannah Laurine Glover 1932-1933
 Tina Semenko 1933-1934
 Verna Helen Gunter 1934-1937
 Lorna Leslie Duxbury 1937-1938
 Anne Justine Kopack 1938-1940
 Margaret M.L. Pollock 1940-1941
 Demeter Lysack 1941-1942
 Sophie Gerylo 1942-1945
 Mr. Stanley Dudek 1945-1946
 Fred Klym 1947
 Irene Boyko 1947-1948
 Miss Helen Yurkewich 1948-1949
 Miss Eileen Stetman 1949-1950
 Mr. P. Mikolayinko 1950
 Mabel Belle Smithers 1951
 Meroslava Beck 1951-1953
 Kathleen Rose Litkowick 1953-1954
 Laura J. Thorarinson 1954-1956
 Elizabeth Phyllis Anderson 1956-1957
 Miss Christine Chubey 1957-1958
 Janet L. Sararas 1958-1959
 Irene Lobodowsky 1959-1960
 Victoria Tachinski 1960-1961
 Albert Stamler 1961-1963
 Helen Sum 1963-1964
 Jean Ann Smerchanski 1964-1966

THE MAPLETON S.D. NO. 5

submitted by slh

The School District of Mapleton No. 5 was formed by the Protestant Section of the Board of Education on the 3rd day of July 1871. The boundaries were readjusted by the Board on Nov. 3, 1886 to consist of the following lands: in the munc. of St. Andrews: Lots 1 to 25 both inclusive, and, the inner and outer 2 miles in the Parish of St. Clements.

Children located on the east side of the Red River attended school at Mapleton and had to cross by boat and/or a make-shift ferry system during the summer months and walk the ice in winter. When the ice neared the danger point in spring, it has been reported that many walked across having to jump from one piece of ice to another. Then when it started to really break up, the east side kids stayed home. In the late fall and early winter it was a reverse procedure, and the children were cut off from their schooling until the ice was frozen enough to walk on. Once again, some attempted walking on ice that was too thin and many accidents happened.

By 1893, St. Clements Munc. was paying \$60.00 re:



Lilydale School.

levies and by 1896 the Mapleton boundary was readjusted again when a new school district was formed out of portions of Mapleton, North St. Andrews, Ashfield and East Selkirk. The petitions were presented by J. Mowatt and others and St. Clements Munc. appointed Alexander Butler Rowley as their Arbitrator.

From an earlier ferry agreement signed and a by-law No. 130 (Sept. 5, 1896) in the spring of 1898, St. Clements agreed to pay half the costs toward equipping and running a ferry across the Red River near the Mapleton School, providing the Munc. of St. Andrews would share on a 50-50 basis. There was quite a controversy over the site of Ferry No. 3 but it was soon resolved by a Committee from both Councils and the Ferry was soon transporting children back and forth. As the population increased on the east side river lots, the ferry was so overcrowded that many of the children tumbled off and got a dunking. Parents were quite frantic during the years when Mapleton and St. Andrews schools were overcrowded to the point of overflowing.

Then in 1899 there was much agitation for schools all along the east side of the Red River. During that summer petitions were being presented to Council and Arbitration hearings were being held as to the division of Mapleton School. The Reeve of St. Clements munc. (Robt. Hay) spoke strongly in favor of granting the petitions. He thought the time had come for a separation of the two sides of the river in school matters. Doing this now, he felt would probably lead to a reorganization of all the school districts on the Red River. The Arbitration hearings were in favor of the split and within a few months of one another the Gonor, Kitchener and Donald School Districts were formed early in 1900. The Gonor School in particular was overcrowded on the first day of school, while Kitchener didn't even have a building to move into and had to use the St. Clements Council Chamber for a year or so, free of charge, of course. I mention this only to stress the point of how many children had been crossing the river into the Munc. of St. Andrews to attend school. Gonor alone had about 130 children and the building wasn't even finished when they moved in. It was only one room, so you can imagine the overcrowding.

This was the end of our involvement with Mapleton S.D. No. 5 except there was always friendly relationships and sport competitions between the two sides of the river, not to mention concerts and dances. St. Clements children still walked the ice in winter and boated in summer to enjoy outings and social events with their west bank friends. And we are all back together as a School Division under order-in-council No. 224/67. Effective April 1, 1967, when the Lord Selkirk School Division No. 11 formed. The Red River was never a barrier or a boundary between us, but rather just another highway to cross.

A lot of St. Clements people watched with interest when the 1912 Mapleton School was being built, and some viewed the specifications that were on display at F. Pook's Hardware Store in Selkirk. Some of our residents even bid on the old school when it was put up for sale toward the end of July, 1912, before the new one was finished.

The Mapleton School has been written up in the St. Andrews Book "Beyond the Gates of Lower Fort Garry", and you should refer there for the story relating to the school district.

For your interest and information we now would like to list the teachers who taught at Mapleton S.D. No. 5, we hope you enjoy the list, and can pick out the teachers who taught you, if you went to this school.

Lizzie Fraser 1886-1887
 Arthur D. Price 1888-1889
 Adam Ritchie 1889-1890
 Garner Gahan 1891
 Augueba Galloway 1891-1892
 Bertha Partington 1892-1894
 E.B. Robertson 1894
 W.F. Gover 1894-1895
 W.T. Gavin 1896
 W.S. Thellwood 1897
 Marion H. Hislop 1897
 Marion H. Hobman 1898-1900
 Agnes Macpherson 1900
 Gertrude Jones 1901
 Jessie Tracy 1905
 Jane Gregory 1905
 Helen Fraser 1906-1908
 Robert G. Halbert 1909
 Nellie Taylor 1909-1910
 Beatrice Beers 1910
 Nellie H. George 1911
 Marion McLaren 1912-1913
 Annie Thexton 1914
 Marion Hooker 1915-1916
 Evelyn E. MacLean 1916
 Doris Newton 1917-1918
 C.E. Chambers 1918
 Marion R. Tracey 1919
 Vida Lloyd 1919
 G.G. Honner 1920
 Bertha E. Rogan 1920-1921
 Margaret Annie Shaw 1921-1925
 Fannie Bell Atchison 1925-1926
 William Rea 1926-1928
 Frank L. Palmer 1928-1931
 James Ernest MacKay 1931-1932
 James Elliot Crowe 1932-1936
 Kathleen Teresa King 1936-1941
 Margaret C. Stephen 1940-1941 (Sunrise Mapleton)
 Elizabeth Gwendoline McKenzie (Substitute) 1941
 Louise Gladys Greenham 1941-1943 (Sunrise)
 Miss Edith Mary Bruce 1942
 Margaret Herborg Munson 1942-1943
 Elizabeth Gwendoline McKenzie 1943-1945
 Elinor Mary Kartzmark 1943-1944 (Sunrise)
 Kristin Smith 1944-1964 (1944-45 Sunrise)
 Jean Mary Grusz 1945-1946 (Sunrise)
 Irene Margaret Bisson 1946-1947
 John Lord 1947-1948
 Sydney Alexander Lecker 1948-1949
 Margaret Anne Leslie 1949
 Mrs. Annie Catherine James 1949-1950
 Cecil D. Blais Davidson 1950

Evelyn Brandow 1950-1951
 Myrtle Meireday 1950-1951
 Anne Kochie 1951-1955
 Theresa marie Todd 1951-1952
 Miss Violet Beck 1952-1953
 Margaret Paterson 1953-1954
 Lena Allison 1955-1956
 Tony Maksymyk 1955-1957
 Helen Carnie 1955
 Omar O. Lamb 1956
 Harold Leslie Patzer 1956-1960
 Mrs. J. Hollinger (sub) 1956-1957
 Mrs. L. Bourk 1957-1959
 Ida M. Patterson 1959-1963
 Lloyd Leftruk 1960-1963
 Patricia Curtis 1961-1963
 Beatrice Magura 1963
 Doreen Oliver 1963-1965
 N.J. Williamson 1963-1964
 George Bush 1963-1964
 Patricia Derewianchuk 1964-1966
 William Kirbyson 1964-1965
 Marilyn Taylor 1964-1966
 Jane Susan Wheeler 1964-1965
 Lynne Carswell 1965-1966
 A.E. Zieroth 1965-1966
 Edward Husack 1965-1966
 Doreen Oliver 1966

MARS S.D. NO. 1774

submitted by slh

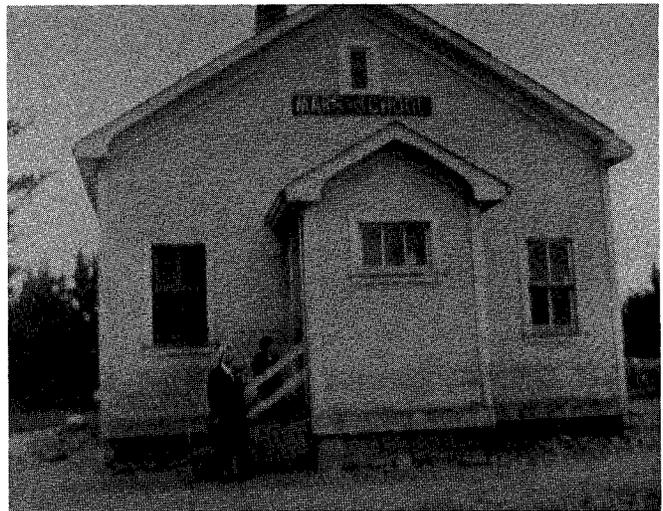
This school district was formed on May 2, 1914 by an award of Arbitration. It consisted of the following lands: Sec. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, and 30 in 15-7E.

The school site was on 17-15-7E and there were 46 children of school age resident within the district. The nearest school, according to the petitioners, was 6 miles distant. The first meeting was held at the home of Carl Szczgel of 7-15-7E. The first name proposed for the district was Ross S.D. but this was changed to read Mars. S.D. L.J. Schalme was one of the Arbitrators appointed by the Munc. of St. Clements. Mr. A.L. Young was the Inspector for the Dept. of Educ. and also served as Sec. for the Arbitration Board.

For levy of School taxes it appears that St. Clements had about 6 sections while Brokenhead Munc. had 12 in this new S.D.

In 1938, the assessment of the S.D. in St. Clements was only \$3470.00 based on 1,081 acres and by 1941 the Special Levy was increased with the mill rate up to 24 mills. This seemed a very large tax for the portion of the S.D. lying within St. Clements. This caused the Chief Administration Officer, J.P. Sigvaldson of the Dept. of Educ. to question the financial condition of the S.D. of Mars and if they had the ability to meet the Special Levy. Mars had earlier requested special assistance in order to pay the teacher her salary (Anna Mae Zaretsky).

Later, about June, 1942, the teacher's salary was well in arrears and St. Clements was asked by the Dept. of



Mars School.

Educ. to advance on the levy to meet the wages outstanding. The financial difficulties did not cease and the trustees were forced to close Mars down early during the spring of 1943.

In Aug. of 1943, the school building and the cottage both burned down. In Sept. of 1943, nothing had been done to erect a new building and by Nov. of that year most all of the Mars S.D. children were being sent to neighboring schools.

Mr. Mike Filip and Nick Chepak approached Council saying that Libau was charging Mars \$2 to \$3 per month per child for attendance. The Mars residents felt they were already being charged for school by taxation and this extra fee was a hardship and unfair. St. Clements arranged to advance monies to Libau from the Mars District levy.

Then Mars was a part of another petition that went to arbitration over the boundaries. The new school building was to be placed on a new site (SW corner of 14-15-7E).

The boundaries changed in March, 1944 by detaching 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, in 15-7E from Mars and transferring same to Libau S.D. No. 1231. Now added to Mars was NW 2, E 1/2 and SW 11, and NW 12, W 1/2 of 13, SE 14, in 15-7E from Brokenhead S.D. No. 472. They then added SW 23, and all of 22 in 15-7E to Mars from the Greenwald S.D. No. 1160. Although this was awarded in March of 1944 it was not really effective until Jan. 1, 1945.

By the 2nd half term of 1944 they had their one-room frame school building erected and a 3-room teacherage. The trustees had authorized a dug-out cellar in which they placed an oil furnace for heating. The well for water was situated near the school in between the two buildings. The teacherage was 3 rooms (kitchen, bedroom, living room) and the plumbing for both the teacherage and school were provided, outdoors.

The boundaries were confirmed again in 1950 and 1951 by both munc.: St. Clements land was Sec. 20, 21, 22, SW 1/4 of 23, 28, 29, in 15-7E, while Brokenhead confirmed: Sec. 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, and NW of Sec. 2, NW of Sec. 12, W 1/2 of 13, in tp. 15-7E.

An Award of Arbitration dated May 12, 1966 dissolving Mars S.D. and transferring its lands to the Consolidated S.D. of Brokenhead No. 2436 was not approved by the Minister as a result of the Local Gov't Boundaries Commission recommendation. However, it did indeed come about, effective Jan. 1, 1967.

Some of the Sec. Treas. over the years appear to be: Ira Stratton, at the beginning (Official Trustee) J.K. Holubowich, Wlm. Chorney, Mike Wychreschuk, James Luchishen, Mrs. Marie Chernetsky, Sophie Chorney and Nettie Differ.

Here is a list of the teachers who taught at Mars S.D. No. 1774:

Nicholas Syroidiw 1916-1917
 Rose A. Hambly 1917-1919
 E. W. Ehman 1919-1920
 John W. Morrison 1920
 Mary J. Parkins 1921-1923
 Elizabeth W. Ehman 1924-1928
 Lydia E. Oleary 1928-1929
 Isabella Frances Hall Creighton 1929-1931
 Nellie Callum Rowe 1931-1934
 William Mattrick 1935
 Dora E. Olds 1935
 Bohdan Mike Kuryk 1936-1937
 Joseph H. Basarabowicz 1937-1939
 Anna Mae Zaretsky 1939-1941
 Emil Joseph Borsa 1941-1942
 Mrs. Isabel M. Wery 1942-1943
 Helene Marie Dorosh 1944-1945
 Pauline Patricia Klym 1945-1946
 Miss Jeannie Therese Jablonski 1947
 Alice Halipe 1947-1948
 Pauline Patricia Klym 1948-1949
 Abram Friesen 1949-1950
 Paul Yurkowski 1950-1952
 Mrs. Elizabeth Pair 1952-1953
 Shirley Wechreschuk 1953-1957
 Marcella Cherko 1957-1958
 F. Ferne Eadie 1958-1961
 Joe Lesko 1961-1963
 Mary Moroz 1963-1964
 Mrs. Mary Kryschuk 1964-1966

MAYFIELD S.D. NO. 1473

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The Mayfield S.D. No. 1473 was formed Sept. 1, 1908, to consist of the following lands, Sec. 7, N 1/2 of 8, W 1/2 of 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, fractional 32, 33 in tp. 13-6E, and Sec. E 1/2 13, fractional 24, E 1/2 of fractional 25 in tp. 13-5E. These boundaries were readjusted Dec. 1, 1910 by adding the following lands: Sec. 31, in tp. 13-6, S 1/2 of 36 in tp. 13-5 and portions of Sec. 32, 29, and 30 in tp. 13-6, and Sec. 25 in tp. 13-5E, which were therefore included in St. Peters Indian Reserve.

On May 25, 1912, a board of arbitrators readjusted the boundaries by detaching Sec. 7, 18, in tp. 13-6E. and E



*Peter Kuhn, teacher
 at Mayfield in
 1921/22.*

1/2 of 13, in tp. 13-5E.

A further readjustment was made April 6, 1915 when the W 1/2 of Sec. 25, in tp. 13-5E was detached and the N 1/2 of Sec. 16 and NE 1/4 of 36 in tp. 13-5E was added.

This school district was dissolved on Jan. 1, 1966 when all lands were transferred to the Consolidated School District of Happy Thought No. 1452.

On Jan. 22, 1909, the ratepayers of Mayfield S.D. held their first meeting and elected Mr. Wm. Charles Kenny, as Sec. Treas., George Knight as Chairman, and Alex Dixon and Jack B. Burnett as trustees.

Mr. A.C. Emmert donated the land, SW 1/4 of Sec. 29-13-6E, where the first schoolhouse was erected under the direction of Wm. C. Kenny and built with volunteer help. A meeting was held at the home of Wm. C. Kenny on March 30, 1909 where it was passed that the school district borrow the sum of \$1700.00, by the issue of and sale of ten debentures each for the sum of \$170.00. The debentures were payable on June 1, for ten consecutive years starting on June 1, 1910.



Miss Steele, teacher at Mayfield and Johnny, 1925.



Mayfield School class of 1930's.

The school was opened for the Spring term of 1910 and the enrollment was 32 children, 12 boys and 20 girls in Grades 1 to 8.

The country school was usually the social spot of the community, Mayfield, was no different. This school was used for dances, box socials, card games and 4-H and agricultural meetings. A concert, box social and dance is reported to have been on Feb. 25, 1910 where \$81.00 was raised (from the sale of lunch boxes) which went for the school, and improvements. It is reported the dance lasted until 5 a.m.

On Nov. 9, 1917 the Home Economics Society of Selkirk (the co-ordinators of the war effort in Selkirk, St. Clements and St. Andrews) acknowledged with thanks the sum of \$157.30 received from Miss Dixon from Mayfield, S.D., proceeds from the Necktie Social, followed by a dance at Mayfield Schoolhouse.

In the fall of 1919, the Agricultural Representative, Mr. Newcombe, of Selkirk, offered a prize for the best



Mayfield School, 1947. Left to Right: Nellie Shumilak, Antonia Kolyniuk, Bernice Jablonski, Adeline Wazney, Adeline Szansky, Mary Shumilak, Emily Szotak, and Rosie Shumilak. Middle: Verna Szotak, Beth Herda, Joyce Kolmatiski, Vera Dolyniuk, Rose Mae Wozney, Sylvia Dolyniuk. Front: Janet Herda, Evelyn Kolmatiski, Ruth Kolbuck, Marie Zennick, Gladys and Carole Jablonski.



Mayfield School, 1951. Back Row: Beth Herda, Sylvia Dolyniuk, Vera Dolyniuk. Front Row: Marie Zennick, Evelyn Kolmatiski, and Gladys Jablonski.

essay on "Sheep", to be written by the Boys' and Girls' Clubs, of Selkirk and surrounding munc. The results of the judging were issued on Aug. 20, 1920 showing Charlie Kenny placed 4th, and Gordon Burnett placed 5th.

This schoolhouse, that was built in 1910, was destroyed by fire in Dec. of 1952. From Jan. to June, the children of the area were transported to Happy Thought School in East Selkirk.

The new schoolhouse was ready for use by the fall of 1953. After consolidation with Happy Thought, this school building continued to be used in the district as a social gathering place.

During the time of the Mayfield S.D., there was a yearly average of 22 pupils from grades 1 to 8. The teacher's salary varied from \$620.00 in 1911, to \$3800.00 in 1965. At the time of consolidation the trustees were: Mike Komadowski, Ralph Martin and Hugh Burnett, with Joe Shumilak as Sec. Treas., a position he held from 1947 to 1965.

Here is a list of most all of the teachers who taught at the Mayfield S.D. No. 1473:

- Stella C. Kelly 1910
- Annie E. Loutie 1911
- Margaret B. McLeod 1911-1912
- Lyle Mary Deagan 1912-1913
- Emily J. Tauner 1913
- Lewis McGuire 1914
- Phoebe Anderson 1915-1916
- Ethel Dickson 1917
- Elin Gudmundsson 1917-1918
- Gertrude Rodin 1918-1919



Inside the Mayfield School, Grades 1 to 9, 1950/51.