

*Second Mayfield School. Left to Right: Barbara, Susan, Dianne, and Maureen the Martin's, 1960's.*



*Teacher Miss Knight at the Old Matheson School, Poplar Park, north of St. James Anglican Church. Gordon Pruden extreme right, Andrew Anderson in front of Gordon, Extreme Left- Olaf Goodman, Steve Sawulay in front of Steve is Charlie Pruden.*

Blanche Leask 1919  
 Margaret Trick 1920  
 Marjorie Green 1920  
 K. Robertson 1920-1921  
 Mary E. Taylor 1921  
 Delmar Erikson 1923  
 J.P. Solmundson 1923-1924  
 Vera Hutcheon 1924  
 Ruby Steele 1925  
 Lillian B. Moar 1925  
 Jane Jamieson Gordon 1926-1927  
 Olive Margaret Wall 1927-1929  
 Reta Willamina McNeil 1929-1930  
 Evelyn Margaret Strain 1930-1932  
 Robert McElroy 1932-1936  
 Helen Beatrice Bowley 1936-1938  
 Zelma Sanforelta Tyndale 1938-1939  
 Mary Janet McClellan 1939  
 Mabel J. Scott 1940  
 Louise Nellie Violet Yestrau 1940-1943  
 Jennie P. Bereziuk 1943  
 Herta Krahn 1944  
 Peter Drabek 1944  
 Benjamin Franklin Privat 1945  
 Laurretta May Hiebert 1945  
 Harry Hryhorka 1946  
 John George Bodnaruk 1947  
 Sophie Julia Galka 1947-1950  
 Steffie Eva Sawchuk 1950-1951  
 Esther Lorraine Matthes 1951-1952  
 Mrs. Helen Elaine Witko 1952-1956  
 Myrtle Eva Wianiko 1956-1958  
 Lena C. Basiuk 1958-1962  
 Lorraine Doris Kazina 1962-1964  
 Janet E. Bailey 1964-1965  
 Mrs. Frederick B. McKim 1965-1966

## PATAPUN S.D. NO. 1636

*submitted by Pat Goodman*

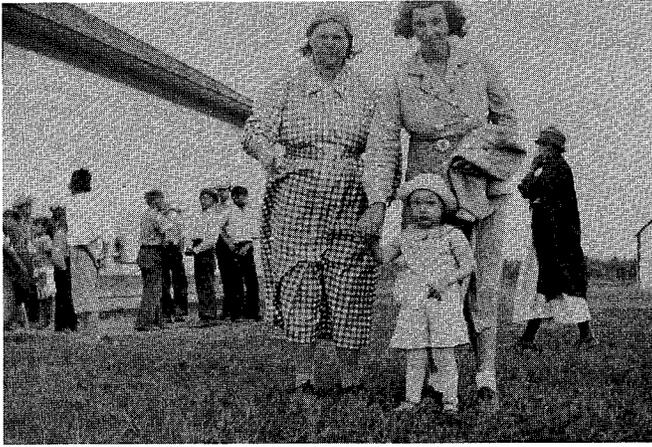
On July 2, 1912, the S.D. of Patapun No. 1636 was formed consisting of the River Lots 185-235 inclusive. On July 6, 1915, River Lots 160-184 inclusive and Sec. 1, 12, 13, 24, and fractions of sections 2, 11, 14, and 23 in tp. 14-5E, were added to the school district. On June 6, 1922, the boundaries were readjusted by detaching SW1/2 of 1, S1/2 of 2, in tp. 14-5E and River Lots 225-235 of the Parish of St. Peters. A final adjustment was made May 5, 1925 by adding River Lots 220A-223A in the Parish of St. Peters.

On Jan. 1, 1960, Patapun S.D. No. 1636 became part of the Consolidated S.D. of Happy Thought.

Notice of Tender - Sept. 20, 1912: "Tenders will be received by Rev. L. Laronde, Sec. Treas. of Patapun S.D. No. 1636, Box 339, Selkirk, up to noon on Friday, Sept. 27th, for erection of one-room frame school



*Patapun School.*



Patapun School picnic, 1937. Pauline Zabogrski, Annie and Donald Leftruk.

building at or near Lot 242, St. Peters. Plans and specs can be seen at "Moody and Sons" of Selkirk."

When the school opened for the first term 1912-13 the teacher was Mary Louisa Kendall with 48 students from Grade 1 to 5. This comprised of 27 in Grade 1, 7 in Grade 2, 12 in Grade 3, 1 in Grade 4, and 1 in Grade 5.

The first record of salary was in 1914, when the teacher's yearly salary was \$600.

At the time of the formation of this school district the trustees were: Thomas Daniels, D.W. Stranger, Rudolph Olsen and the Sec. Treas. was Rev. L. Laronde.

The Official Trustee took over the running of Patapun S.D. from 1919, under the direction of A. Willows, 29 Lenore St. Winnipeg, until 1957 with Mr. A.A. MacDonald in charge.

Friday, Jan. 31, 1958 a special meeting of the electors was held at the school for the purpose of electing local school trustees. There were 17 persons present at this meeting chaired by Mrs. S. Molitowsky, with J.A. Cameron as Secretary. Elected were: Sam Uskiw, Ernest Beck and Mike Wuzinski.

On Jan. 1, 1960 Patapun S.D. consolidated with the



Patapun School, 1945.

Happy Thought S.D., the trustees at this time were Sam Uskiw, Mike Wuzinski and Nick Kopansky.

In 1915, the school was closed for 51/2 days for treaty. Beside regular classes, religion and moral principals were taught. Students were always aware of changes around them by noting things such as, April 11, 1918, the ice moved out. In Sept. absences were high because many children were picking potatoes. The school was closed from the 4th week in Oct. to the beginning of Dec. because of a Spanish Influenza outbreak, before reopening the school was cleaned and disinfected. There were still many children away sick with the flu as late as Feb. 1919. Jan. 15, 1919, the school was closed because there were two funerals and a marriage. School was closed in certain days for several years so children could attend the Selkirk Fair with their families.

May 3 and 4, 1920 the Hudsons Bay Co. put on a pageant at Lower Fort Garry. Oct. 14, 1920, a pilgrimage from Winnipeg to churches of St. Andrews, St. Paul, St. Peters, and St. Clements to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of Rev. John West in Rupertland. In Jan. 1937, there were 7 cases of mumps, 3 cases of itch and 5 cases of flu, total attendance for the school that year was 27 children. It has been noted in 1945 a Grade 5 pupil named Sam Uskiw had the best possible attendance.

The average attendance at Patapun school from 1912-1960 was 28 children in Grades 1 to 8, as high as 48 in 1912 and as low as 20 in 1948, and in 1959.

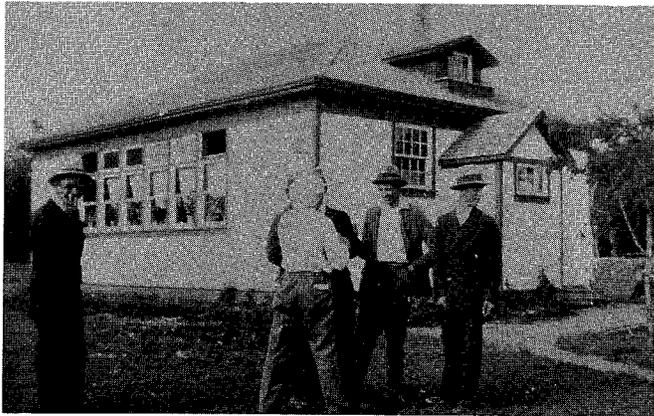
The total expenditures for the school year 1933-34 was \$587.32, this included the teachers salary, caretaking, fuel, equipment and stationary, as compared to the final audit for this school in 1959-60 which was \$3010.00.

For your information, most of the teachers who taught at Patapun No. 1636, are listed below:

- Mary Louisa Kendall 1912-1913
- Edith A. Fingland 1913-1914
- R.H. Smith 1914
- R.D. Askin 1915
- Margaret Eaton 1915-1916
- Margaret A. Dixon 1917-1918
- Agnes R. Connelly 1918
- Alfred Cook 1919-1922
- No record could be found for 1923-1924
- William Tinnuf 1925
- Lavina Williams 1925-1926
- Edith Emma Irene Ablett 1926-1927
- James Thomas Kulma 1927-1928
- Thos. R.K. Tozer 1928-1930
- Gwendoline Jessie Carter 1930-1934
- Viola Melinda Grace Frost 1935-1936
- Laura Mary Louise Randall 1936-1938
- Jessie Dorothy Angus 1939-1940
- Mabel Irene Fletcher 1940-1942
- Elizabeth Gwendoline McKenzie 1943
- Solvig Nelson 1943-1944
- Marion M. Sawchuk 1944-1945
- Stephanie Nycek 1945-1947
- Stephanie Molitowsky 1947-1950
- Evelyn Veronica Antonick 1951
- Mary Jane Komadowski 1951-1952
- Miss Stephie Stella Tarnowski 1952-1953
- Mary Jane Komadowski 1953-1954
- Mary Jane Levin 1954-1955
- Mrs. Sophie Klim 1956-1960.



1945



Poplar Park School. Left to Right: Paul Marko, John Fill, Mike Myslawchuk, Metro Marko, and ?.

## POPLAR PARK S.D. NO. 545

*submitted by slh*

The Poplar Park School District No. 545 was first formed on Aug. 1, 1888. One of the first teachers was the Reverend Patrick Bruce who continued teaching the scholars until the end of June, 1894. Then followed three teachers between 1894 to 1897: Thos. W. Carter, Frederic A. Corbett and James A. Laird.

On May 22, 1897 it appears that Charles Mattson donated some land for the Poplar Park School. The deed was witnessed by W.E. Cline of the Town of Selkirk and prepared by Heap and Heap, Solicitors. Recorded in writing on the Deed were these words: "For the consideration of \$1.00 Charles Mattson transfers to the Poplar Park School District one square acre -- 288 feet running south from the NE corner of Sec. 32-15-6E which said square acre forms the present public school there".

Miranda Mattson Woodward writes: The school was situated about 1/4 mile north of the St. James Anglican Church. The school was just one-room with rough siding on the outside while the inside walls were covered with tin sheets. The school was heated by a wood stove. Students sat at double desks which had inkwells. Poplar Park taught children attending Grades 1 to 8. The schoolyard was fenced in and had a style rather than a gate, and there were three steps on either side of the fence. Children walked up to and as far as four or five miles, to attend the Poplar Park School.

During the 1913 term a new school was built and the site changed to about 1 mile south and 1/4 mile east of the old school site. The new 2 acre-site was purchased from Sam Aldridge for the sum of \$36.00. That year Michael Marko, the Sec. Treas. budgeted for \$1,377.00 to meet building costs.

Miranda Woodward (Mattson) recalls "the new school was considered very modern and much larger. It had transit windows, beaver board walls and boasted of two cloak rooms". Miranda thought it was quite an experience to move from the old school to the new one. She said "the new school wasn't scheduled to be completed till the fall term, however, it was ready in late May, and

we spent the last month of school in the new building. We finished up in style."

During that summer the old school, as though it knew it was no longer needed, burned to the ground.

Miranda Mattson Woodward recalls when she was attending the old school, "A Christmas concert and party for the community would be held in the school". I remember as a small girl I stood on a chair and recited: "Here I stand upon the Stage, Such a tiny little figure, If the boys don't like me now, They'll have to wait till I grow bigger!"

"The whole Christmas tree, usually spruce, would be lit up by candles attached to the branches. Fortunately, there never was a fire. With a lot of candles on the tree, there was little need for many decorations. Santa handed out parcels from the tree. Candy would be bought prior to the concert, in bulk, in huge wooden pails. It would then be put in small bags made out of mesh, similar to onion bags, then distributed at the concert."

The Selkirk Weekly Record reported that on Dec. 26, 1904, despite bad weather, the Christmas celebration was held at the Poplar Park School which was packed to the door. School opened on Jan. 3, 1905 with Mr. T. Andrew Anderson, in charge as Teacher.

Miranda remembers with fondness the frequent "spelling matches" which were quite the fashion and really tested your skill. However, she said they also found the time to play fun games such as "Pig in the Hole" for which they used wooden sticks to try and push a tin can (flattened out) into a dug out circle. They also played "Farmers in the Dell", "Tug-o-War", "In and Out the Window", "London Bridge" and many others.

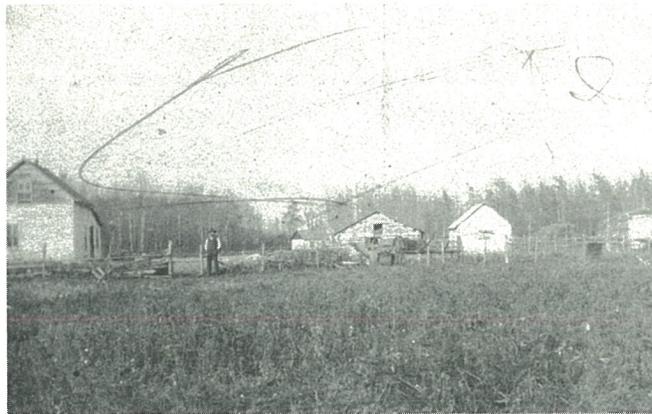
Ola Astrope also has fond memories of the Poplar Park School. She says, "We lived close to the school as Mother's brother Sam had sold the 2 acres which the school was built on. The students numbered about 50 or 60 in total and the teachers were very dedicated".

Ola Astrope says, "how can one forget the double desks we often shared with the same friend for many years and the big old round stove that stood in one corner of the room. The stove really threw a lot of heat, and if you sat near, it was too warm and the far side of the room was always cold. We had "spelling and geography matches" with the other schools. Many of the children walked 3 or 4 miles to school, and when the temperature dipped to -30, many frozen fingers, toes or noses were common. Families took turns bringing milk and the teacher made hot cocoa at lunchtime. I especially remember the library which contained about five shelves of books, which we were allowed to take home and read. I read many, but one was special, called "Under the Lilacs" which I read often along with "Black Beauty".

"During my early years in school," said Ola, "when I was in the first couple of grades, I was always fascinated by the big wall maps that rolled up and down. One year the school board had a Doctor and Nurse visit the school to have tonsils removed. We wanted to have ours out too as most of the children were going to have their tonsils removed. However, our Dad said no there was no need to have ours out as we seldom even had colds or sore throats. We still have our tonsils to this day." Ola Astrope concluded by saying, "lifelong friendships were



*Teacherage and students of the Poplar Park School "Planting a garden".*



*The Mattson home, the white building in centre background is the first Poplar Park school. Charlie Mattson in foreground.*

made during these school years.”

In 1914, the Poplar Park S.D. boundary was adjusted by detaching Pt. of Sec. 20 and 29 in 15-6E and added it to the Arnhold S.D.

In 1916, a by-law (No. 119) of the Munc. of St. Clements altered the boundary further when the S 1/2 of Sec. 22 was detached from Poplar Park S.D. and added to the Libau S.D. No. 1231.

By Sept. 3, 1926, the residents of this school district strongly objected to detaching anymore land from their boundary because it was already considered very small.

On Nov. 1, 1926, the Poplar Park S.D. No. 545 boundary consisted of the following lands: E 1/2 of 20, all of 21, the N 1/2 of 22, all of 25, 26, 27, 28, E 1/2 of 29, SE 1/4 of 32, S 1/2 of 33, S 1/2 of 34, S 1/2 of 35, in 15-6E.

The boundaries were confirmed again by the Munc. of St. Clements (by-law No. 1207, on Nov. 14, 1950) to be: Sec: E 1/2 of 20, 21, N 1/2 of 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, E 1/2 of 29, SE 1/4 of 32, S 1/2 of 33, S 1/2 of 34, S 1/2 of 35, in 15-6E.

The Poplar Park School burned down during the winter of 1961/62 after the Christmas concert at the beginning of the new year. The students thought they would be getting an extra long holiday, but they were fooled. The trustees arranged to rent a vacant house (Mr. Fill's old house) and with a little oil heat and a few minor changes they managed to finish off their school term there. So Mr. Fill's old house became the Poplar Park Schoolhouse for a brief spell.

Then Metro Kowalik, the Sec. Treas. along with Steve Myslawchuk, who knew consolidation was just around the corner, decided it would be foolish to contract indebtedness for the building of a new school. Poplar Park S.D. was in sound financial position with no debts and they wanted it keep it that way. Steve Myslawchuk knew where there was a fairly good school building, that if it could be moved, would fill their need. It was sitting on the Mike Kossack property. They contacted Happy Thought School, negotiated for the school building, buying it for \$4000.00 and had it hauled out to Poplar Park and placed on the old school site. It was an excellent building and made the move without mishap. It was the

old Hoey East Schoolhouse that became the Poplar Park School house and classes resumed. They paid cash for it and never asked for any funding from the ratepayers of the district.

Then the fur hit the fan. The whole arrangement and negotiation had been a "Steve Myslawchuk Special". The Dept. of Educ. had not been informed, no prior approval or authorization had been given for the disposal of Hoey or the purchase for Poplar Park. So they had to face the music and receive a sound reprimand. After that, they were congratulated on a good bargain and sound investment.

The Poplar Park S.D. No. 545 was dissolved on April 1, 1967 and became a part of the Lord Selkirk School Division No. 11 (formed as a division by order-in-council No. 224/67). The students were then bussed to the Happy Thought School in East Selkirk.

The old Schoolhouse and property were sold by public tender, purchased, and became a private dwelling. It can still be viewed at the old site and people are living in it part time.

Sec. Treas. over the years were: Gestur Johnson, V.R. Bruce, Michael Marko, John Marko, Albert Jablonski, Steve Myslawchuk and Metro Kowalik.

In conclusion, we list here most all of the teachers who taught at Poplar Park from 1888 up to the time of consolidation in 1967. A few photographs have been added that should give a tug to the heart.

Patrick Bruce 1888-1894  
 Thos. W. Carter 1895  
 Frederic A. Corbett 1895-1896  
 T.H. Carter 1896  
 Jas. A. Laird 1896-1897  
 Thos. H. Carter 1897  
 R.W. Dunlop 1898  
 Jean Clendenning 1899-1900  
 Mary Clelland 1901  
 T. Andrew Anderson 1901-1905  
 Geo. G. McCulloch 1905  
 Thos. A. Anderson 1906  
 Lillie LaPointe 1906-1907  
 Gertrude Masow 1907-1908

Helen A. Corner 1908  
 Jessaning Carey 1908-1909  
 Kate Bayliss 1910  
 Anna McLean 1910-1911  
 Janet E. Sinclair 1911  
 J. Leslie 1912  
 H. Powell 1912  
 Larina McKenzie 1912  
 Wilhemina McLaughlin 1912-1913  
 John D. Southerland 1913-1914  
 H.S. Korwecki 1914  
 Peter Budzinsky 1914-1916  
 K.B. Gwordz 1916-1917  
 Stephen Sawala 1917-1918  
 Rebecca Knelman 1918-1919  
 Frances Hriczuk 1919-1920  
 Helen Zado 1920-1921  
 Nicholas Bilasz 1921-1922  
 Elizabeth W. Ehman 1922-1924  
 Hnat Platsko 1924-1925  
 Theo. Fred Humeniuk 1925-1928  
 Catherine F. Morrow 1928-1929  
 Joseph Anton Lucko 1929-1931  
 Olga J. Masciuch 1931-1934  
 Victoria Alexandra Masciuch 1934  
 Stephen E. Radomsky 1935  
 Catherine Kissuk 1935-1936  
 William John Prociuk 1936-1940  
 John Samuel Evanchuk 1940-1943  
 Emil Joseph Borsa 1943-1944  
 Mrs. Lula Squire 1944-1945  
 Paul N. Kozak 1945-1949  
 Eveline F. Zegil 1949  
 Jean Senicie 1950-1952  
 Mary Bazinet 1952-1955  
 George Capar 1955-1957  
 Don Leftruk 1957-1960  
 Mrs. M.L. Feniuk 1960-1962  
 Mrs. Verna Wusaty 1962-1965  
 Mrs. M. Feniuk 1966  
 Metro Lysaichuk 1966  
 and then consolidation with Happy Thought School.

## STEVE MYSLAWCHUK

### MY MEMORIES SINCE MY SCHOOL DAYS

*submitted by Steve Myslawchuk*

I attended Poplar Park School. My first teacher was Stephen Sawula, who's parents farmed in Poplar Park District. Mr. Sawula left school after Christmas due to sickness and never returned to teach. He took up law and became a brilliant lawyer in Winnipeg. He still lives at the west coast at the age of about 90. I liked school very much, but the only problem was the roads. We went to school cross-country, walking. When spring came and the snow melted, our winter trails were on a lake, then there was no other choice but to stay home for about 2 weeks. I was lucky, I had only 2 miles to walk to school, some children had to walk 5 miles to school. The grades were from Grade 1 to Grade 8, and if my memory serves me right, the average attendance was 45 students at

Poplar Park School.

Teachers in those days were very dedicated people. Not only were they teachers, they also were community working people. A far cry from today's teachers.

My father could not read or write, and there was a teacher of Ukrainian descent who had education in Ukrainian. He was willing to teach Saturdays 1/2 days in Ukrainian for free, to those who wanted to learn. My father promptly sent me on Saturdays to learn Ukrainian, and it wasn't long when I could read Ukrainian, as well as, English. Then, what I had to do, was read the Ukrainian Paper to my father in Ukrainian, once a week and I enjoyed doing it.

### SOCIAL LIFE

While still going to school in 1917, residents of the district decided to build a community Hall. To raise money they decided to put on a concert, a Ukrainian play (prestavlennia). In that play there had to be 2 boy scholars. They asked me to be one of them, and my friend D. Lysarchuk. The concert was a big success. And since then, 1917 to now, 1982, I am still an active member of the same community Hall.

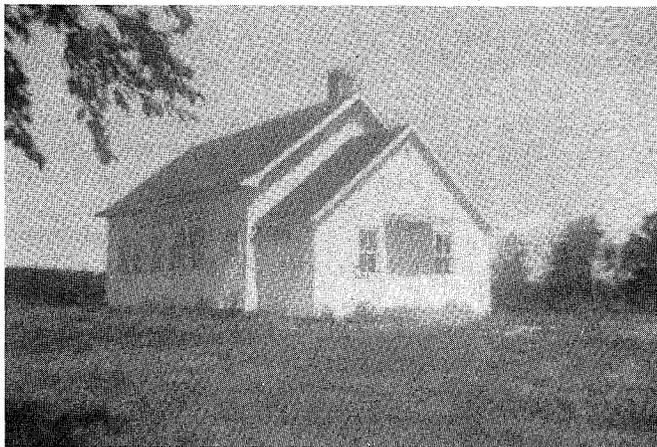
## SHEFFIELD S.D. NO. 1976

*submitted by slh*

The Sheffield S.D. No. 1976 was formed on April 1, 1919 by by-law No. 180 of the R.M. of St. Clements, and consisted of lands described as: Sec. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, in tp. 16-6E and the N1/2 of 32, N1/2 of 33, N1/2 of 34, N1/2 of 35, all in tp. 15-6E.

Councillor Marko of the R.M. of St. Clements introduced the by-law at a regular monthly meeting of March 4, 1919 by Res. No. 43 and it was given 3 readings signed and sealed by the April 1, 1919, council meeting.

The schoolhouse was tendered by July 4, 1919 and the plans and specification were on view at the office of the Munc. of St. Clements. The School Board of Sheffield



*Sheffield School.*



Sheffield School, 1927.

had agreed to furnish all materials except the painting of the building.

Wlm. Gayleard was the first Sec. Treas. and he supervised the building of the new Sheffield School which was located about 1 1/8 miles east of the original Poplar Park School. Along with Mr. Gayleard (Billie Jr.) one of the first trustees, was Einer Guttormson. The first school teacher was Rebecca Knelman.

In 1951/52 indoor chemical toilets were installed.

In later years students could take Grade 9 and 10 by correspondence, but they had to attend school to do their lessons.

The boundaries of Sheffield seemed to remain untouched over the years and didn't go through much tug and pull.

Some of the Sec. Treas. and trustees over the years besides Mr. Gayleard and Einer Guttormson were: Michael Chanas, S.E. Woodward, and Harry Boulton.

Here for your information is the list of teachers who taught at Sheffield from 1919 up to the time of consolidation.

Bina Bolin shares with us a few memories concerning the social side of Sheffield School. She says: "I remember the night of my first dance. I was sitting shyly between my parents watching the dancers, my hair in braids, when Vera, the youngest Bolin girl noticed I was not having a very good time. She took me upstairs, undid my braids, combed my hair out, and tied it back with a large white bow. Then Vera put make-up on my face and we returned to the dance."

Bina feels the change in hair style plus make up worked wonders because she received many invitations to dance. "First I reluctantly agreed to dance a waltz, with Leo Halpin, then a Heel and Toe with Barney Guttormson, as well as a Square Dance with Halli Goodman. I think I learned how to dance every popular dance that night," said Bina.

Bina remembers with fondness, Soffia Goodman, and her son Halli, who lived about 1/4 mile south of Bina's home, in what was called the Simandson's shanty. Bina says, "Soffia Goodman was a little old lady with big blue eyes, a turned-up nose and a little knob of white hair, on top of her head. She was fearless. One dark night in summer, Soffia heard a noise outside and without hesitation she went out to investigate. I remember to this

day she called out in Icelandic, "Is that you BJOSSI, Minn", thinking it was the hired man from across the road at the Holmes farm. It was only an old black horse."

Finally, Bina says, "we never knew, when we attended a dance at the Sheffield School, who would ask to walk us home after the dance. One winter, two young men, who lived quite near the school, would faithfully walk my sister and I home. They trudged through deep snow beside us so we could walk on the track. When we arrived home they shook hands with us, offered us gum and said "sweetdreams". Then they turned and made their way home through the snow and cold. "They were true gentlemen, indeed!"

- Rebecca Knelman 1919-1920
- Thorun Sigurdson 1920-1921
- Mrs. M. Brown 1921
- Bertina Erlendson 1922-1923
- Bessie Knelman 1923
- Helga Sigurdson 1924
- Eliza Lillian Scott 1924
- Mabel I. Gillespie 1925
- Kate Alice Surrey 1925-1926
- Muriel Fleming 1926-1927
- Florence Brown 1927
- Ellen Lousie Leask 1928
- Hannah Balfour 1928-1929
- Lillian Susanna McConell 1929-1930
- Walter Ambrose Dales 1930-1933
- Stephen Edward Radonsky 1934-1935
- Ellen May Fuller 1935-1937
- Francis Margaret Bell 1937-1938
- Jessie Ostaff 1938-1939
- Mrs. Jessie H. Quesnel 1939-1940
- Clement Nester Sochasky 1941
- Rosie Alexandra Rozecki 1941-1942
- Clement Nester Sochasky 1942-1943
- Anthony Malliniuk 1943-1944
- Catheine F. Anderson 1944
- Helen Elaine Koltalo 1945
- Mary Mosquin 1945-1946
- Emil Joseph Borsa 1947
- Mrs. Beatrice Sood 1947-1948
- Mr. Henry Moroz 1948-1949
- John Morris Stokotilany 1949
- Peter James Perehinzuk 1950-1951
- Alvina Bartley Campbell 1951
- Artha Marjorie Goulet 1952
- Artha Marjorie Anderson 1952-1954
- Donald Nick Leftruk 1954-1955
- Meroslava Horbas 1955-1957
- Susan Letandre 1957-1958
- Miss Florence Morris 1958-1960
- Miss Verna Ungrin 1960-1962
- Joan Shelfontiuk 1962-1965
- Mrs. L. Feniuk 1963-1965
- Metro Lysiachuk 1965-1966
- Russell Prociuk 1966



Picnic at Sheffield School in the 1950's.

# STONY POINT S.D. NO. 2077

*submitted by slh*

In addition to the following it should be mentioned that the Stony Point S.D. No. 2077 was formed by by-law No. 205 of the Munc. of St. Clements dated June 7, 1921. The lands of the district (boundary) consisted of: Sec. 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10 in tp. 17-7E, Sec. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, in tp. 16-7E, Sec. 24, 25, and 26, as well as, 36, in tp. 16-6E, together with Lot 4 of the Brokenhead Indian Reserve.

The boundary was readjusted again on May 5, 1925 by by-law No. 275 of the Munc. of St. Clements adding Sec. 26 and 35 in tp. 16-7E. This addition was in effect on May 5, 1925.

Further adjustments were made effective Jan. 19, 1927 by detaching Sec. 3, the NE1/4 of 4, and the E1/2 of 9 in tp. 17-7E, in the Stony Point S.D. and transferring it to Beaconia S.D. No. 2162.

Readjusted on the 19th day of June, 1936, by order-in-council No. 715/36, transferring Sec. 26 and 35 in tp. 16-7E to the Gull Lake S.D. No. 2269, was in effect from July 1, 1936.

In 1950 re: By-law No. 1207 of the R.M. of St. Clements the boundaries were confirmed as: Sec. 24, 25, 26, and 36, in tp. 16-6E, Sec. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, in tp. 16-7E., Sec. 4 except the NE1/4, 5, 6, 8, W1/2



*Inside the Stony Point School.*

of 9, in tp. 17-7E and Lot 3, Plan 45 in the Brokenhead Indian Reserve.

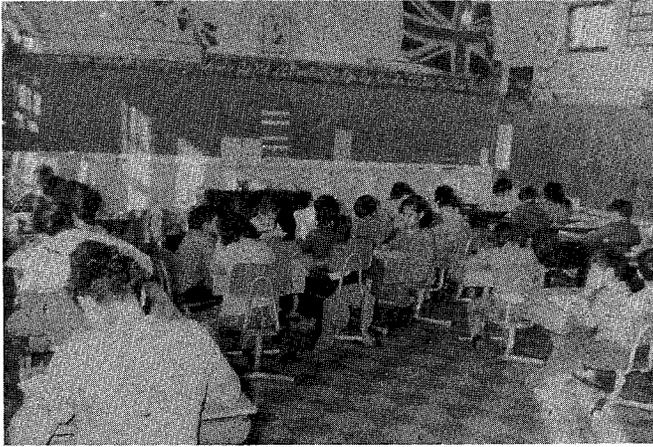
Most of all the teachers over the years from 1922 to 1966 are listed here for your information and interest.

Finally, we are pleased to share a few of the photographs collected depicting Stony Point in full session.

- Helen Isbister 1922-1925
- C.G. Williamson 1926-1927
- Kathleen Muriel Winder 1927-1928
- Linda Jones 1928
- Kathleen Harriet Grier 1929-1933
- Bodvar Joh S. Bodvarsson 1932
- Ellen Gwendoline Pruden 1933-1934
- Ella Sharp 1935
- Hazel Elizabeth Penrose 1935-1936
- Evelyn Margaret Flett 1936-1938
- Margaret Ann Young 1939
- Mrs. Jean C. Howey 1939
- Esther Pearl Smith 1940-1941
- Florence V. Ritchey 1941-1942
- Miss Evelyn Burnett 1942-1943
- Annie Eugene Cline 1943
- Annie Eugene Thomas 1944
- Elsie Irene Kitchen 1944-1945
- Marie Antoinette Kipling 1945
- Marie Antoinette Thomas 1946
- Mr. Ervin Rattai 1947
- Mervin Benjamin Polvi 1947
- Annie Isabell Duffy 1948
- Bernice Jennie Skrypetz 1948-1949
- Agnes Dyck 1949-1950
- Emma Massicotte 1950
- Vera Ruth LeDrew 1951-1952
- Beverly Ann Marquardt 1952-1953
- Michael Lloyd Balitsky 1953-1954
- Steve Zastawny 1954-1957
- Peter Kubas 1957-1958
- Anne Dueck 1958-1959
- Raymond Michael Faryna 1959-1960
- Orville Strand 1960-1962
- Archille A. Vermeulin 1962-1963
- Mary Ramsey 1963-1964
- Brian Orvis 1964-1966
- Kenneth J. Germain 1966



*1924 Class at Stony Point School. Front: Myrtle Flett, Florence Thomas, Marjory Carver, Bill Krockner, Gordon Thomas. Second Row: Hugh Carver, Jim Flett, John Folster, Alfred Sinclair, Daniel Flett. Third Row: Nora Flett, Dorothy Thomas, Victor Paresion, Ruby Sinclair, Wallace Flett, John Walker, Phyllis Viznaugh. Back Row: John Viznaugh, Mabel and Phyllis Thomas, Vera Sinclair and Alex Flett.*



*Inside the Stony Point School.*



*Esther Smith Teacher, 1940.*

## STONY POINT SCHOOL NO. 2077

*submitted by Florence Paulson*

Stony Point, a small hamlet along the east shore of Lake Winnipeg is about 30 miles north of Selkirk, now known as Patricia Beach. My father, Henry George Thomas, being one of its first settlers, moved here permanently, with his family in the year 1922, leaving his homestead in Balsam Bay, as there was more pasture and hayland here for his cattle. Having a large family and knowing the problems experienced by not having an education, he was concerned about a school for his children and others. The first school class was held in a house owned by Robert Thomas, the teacher was Miss Helen Isbister, who was really a nurse, but proved to be a good teacher, especially for beginners.

Later, school was held in one end of a home owned and lived in by Jack and Alex Harcus, that is where I started school, I had only a slate and slate pencil. I think we cleaned our slates mostly with our elbows.

Miss Isbister was very kind, and often when it was too cold in the room, she would gather us around the wood heater and she would tell us stories until we were warmed up enough to resume our studies.

Then in 1924 my father bought a house previously owned by the late Edward Knott. Dad moved the house with horses to his land, where school was held.

The first qualified teacher was Clifford Williamson, who proved to be a very dedicated teacher, also taking time in evenings and weekends to help clean snow off the ice, on the marsh, to make a very large rink, where many hours of fun was had.

He also organized the first Hockey team (complete with sweaters, I remember the older girls sewing the names on them.) They competed with Scantebury and Grand Marais teams.

In the early years the teachers were to be commended for teaching eight grades in a one-room school.

In those days there were no teachers aids, no work books, answer books, calculators, television, radio, etc., yet all the pupils learned to read, write, spell, and do arithmetic.

First thing in the morning we sang "O Canada", while

the flag was being raised. Then we did vigorous physical exercises for about 15 minutes, then we sat quietly while the Bible was read to us, then we said the Lords Prayer, then our school studies.

School hours were from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a 15 minute recess, morning, and afternoon. Before we were dismissed, we sang "God Save The King". The teacher kept order in the school; he demanded and received respect and was well liked by all.

One day in the year 1925, at noon hour, we decided to play Hooky, that is all but one boy, Daniel Flett. We went back in the bushes behind the school and ate cranberries and Blackberries. Mr. Williamson rang the bell repeatedly, but we did not come. After awhile, however, we tired of being bad so came back to the school, only to be told we would have no recess for a week, all but Daniel. So for a whole week, he would go out every recess alone (who got punished the most, I wonder).

We had good times, we built many brush playhouses, they were real neat, we even had partitions, doors, windows, even furniture, all made with willows and sticks.



*Stony Point School.*



*Stony Point School. Back Row, Left to Right: Arnold Folster, Barbara Paulson, Armand Viznaugh, Richard Folster, Lenard Anderson. Third Row: Stewart Folster, Lorraine Irvine, Shirley Wass, Darlene Viznaugh, Chuck Sinclair. Second Row: Gloria Irvine, Bruce Hourie, Bev. Sinclair, Annette Sinclair, Peter Viznaugh. Front Row: Part of Edwin Wass, John Folster, Jacqueline Hourie, Mitchell Irvine, and Evelyn Folster, Nov. 1960.*

We had fun playing games too, such as, baseball, snowball, croquet, tag, flying dutchman, blind mans bluff, and the small girls were always skipping.

We had spelling matches every week, I believe that's the reason the majority of the class were good spellers, no one wanted to get spelled down, so we tried real hard to learn.

When Mr. Williamson first came, he was single. However, while home for Christmas Holidays, he was married, so his wife Betty came back with him. (Clifford and Betty paid us a visit last summer, we had some of our family in, and enjoyed reminiscing. It was great seeing them again.)

In 1926 my father, Henry George Thomas, gave land for a school and playground. My brother Norman Thomas, took the contract to build the school. The first teacher in the new school was Kathleen Winder.

Many teachers taught in this district. I will name the ones I remember in Alphabetical order: Alex Brown, Evelyn Burnett, Mike Balitski, Ann Cline, Mrs. Duffy, Ann Dueck, Agnes Dueck, Evelyn Flett, Ray Ferina, Kathleen Greer, Kenneth Germain, Mrs. Howey, Helen Isbister, Linda Jones, Marie Kipling, Elsie Kitchen, Clara Kitchen, Peter Kubas, Vera LeDrew, Beverly Marquet, Brian Orvis, Gwen Pruden, Mervin Polvi, Florence Ritchie, Irvine Ratti, Mary Ramsey, Miss Sharp, Mrs. Scott, Ina Smith, Esther Smith, Bernice Skryptz, Orville Strand, Archie Vermulin, Clifford Williamson, Kathleen Winder, Dorothy Winter, and Steve Zastawny.

Not too many students went to a Secondary school in the early years, as most parents could not afford it, as they would have to be boarded in Selkirk or elsewhere, and pay tuition fees as well, so the majority had Grade 8 only.

Today, the young people have many golden opportunities, and I'm sure consolidation has helped further the education, but there was something very special about the "Little Country Schoolhouse".

## THALBERG SOUTH SCHOOL NO. 1411

*submitted by Mrs. Pat Goodman*

Thalberg South School District was formed on April 2, 1907 by By-law No. 5 of the R.M. of St. Clements and consisted of the following lands: Sec. 12, 13, 24, 25, 36 in tp. 16-7E, Sec. 7, 8, 9, 16 to 22, inclusive, and 28 to 33 inclusive all in tp. 16-8E.

Thalberg South School district was readjusted on March 6, 1917 by By-law No. 143 by detaching NE 1/4 of 32, all of 33 in tp. 16-8E, and adding Sec. 4 and 5, in tp. 16-8E. Once again on April 2, 1918, by-law No. 161, Thalberg South S.D. was changed by adding Sec. 22, in tp. 16-8E, this land once being a part of Brodie S.D. No. 1854. By-law No. 274 of April 15, 1925, detached the NE 1/4 of Sec. 32 in tp. 16-8E, of the Brodie S.D. and transferred the land to Thalberg South S.D.

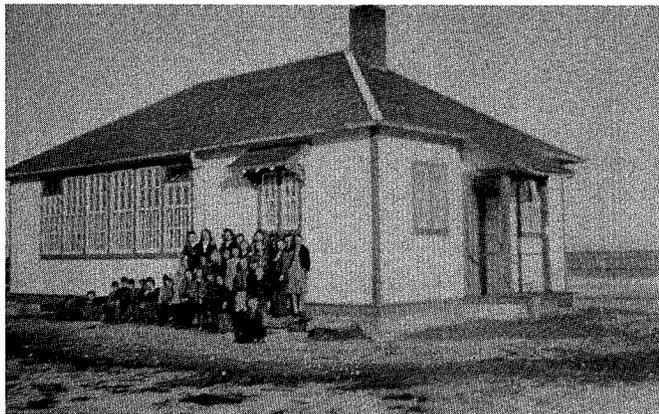
Inspector Plews, transferred Sec. 4 and the E 1/2 of 9 in tp. 16-8E to unorganized territory, the same was to be effective as of May 1, 1926, this was readjusted on July 2, 1935.

On June 19, 1936, by order-in-council, No. 715/36 transferred the NW 1/4 of 19, W 1/2 of 30 and all of 31, in tp. 16-8E and Sec. 24, 25, and 36 in tp. 16-7E to Gull Lake S.D. No. 2269, effective from July 1, 1936. A further readjustment that same day, July 19, 1936, by order-in-council No. 716/36 was made by adding the N 1/2 and SE 1/4 of Sec. 6, in tp. 16-8E, Sec. 12, 13, in tp. 16-7E, N 1/2 and SW 1/4 of 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, and 18 in tp. 16-8E, to be effective on July 1, 1936.

An Order-in-council No. 717/36, July 19, 1936 transferring the S 1/2 and NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, all 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, E 1/2 of 30, S 1/2 of 32 all in tp. 16-8E to form the new School District of Thalberg North No. 2270 effective from July 1, 1936.

On March 1, 1939, by Award of Arbitrators, by detaching the NE 1/4 of Sec. 4, in tp. 16-8E, and adding the said land the new school district of Plewes (Glenmoore) No. 2293, effective as of March 1, 1939.

The boundaries as of Nov. 14, 1950 were as follows: Sec. 5, 6 except the SW 1/4, 7, 8, 17, 18, in tp. 16-8E, and Sec. 12, and 13 in tp. 16-7E. This school district was dissolved as of Jan. 1, 1968, when the Agassiz S.D. No. 13 was declared a division.



*Thalberg South School.*

We would like to share with you a list of most all of the teachers who taught at the Thalberg South School District No. 1411:

Nora S. Furst 1907-1908  
Felix Sauer 1908-1911  
Karl Karger 1911-1912  
Gustave Pfaff 1912-1915  
Bertha M. Nauer 1915-1917  
Elizabeth R. McCurdy 1917-1918  
Helen G. MacLeod 1917-1919  
Martha Della Crowe 1918-1920  
Marjorie Casey 1920  
Jean Carey 1920-1921  
Ethel Chevard 1920  
Kathleen Griffin 1921-1922  
Sophie Adamek 1921-1922  
Mary M. Gardiner 1922-1924  
Mary C. Milovitch 1922-1924  
Hazel Dahlgren 1924-1925  
Mrs. Marguerite Breland 1924-1925  
Eva Schwartz 1925-1926  
Annie Wedro 1925-1926  
Winnifred Ida Borley 1926-1928  
May Jessie Borley 1926-1928  
Ethel M. Hicks 1928-1929  
Inez M. Boddy 1928-1929  
Helen Margaret Stewart 1929-1931  
Marjorie E. Sutton 1929-1931  
Ruth Joy Davies 1931-1936  
Ella Alma Klass 1931-1936  
Eugenia Mudry 1936-1939  
Anna Zubachek 1939-1940  
Alice Demchuk 1940-1942  
Alice A. Rempel 1942  
Esther H.A. Winter 1943  
Margaret Anne Ursel 1944  
Esther Anne Brandt 1944-1945  
Walter Myron Krykewich 1945  
Garnet Robson Hareaud 1946  
Wlm. Ferens 1947-1949  
Audrey May Longbottom 1949-1950  
Harry Hryhorka 1950-1951  
Michael Nicholas Andrusiak 1951-1952  
Henrietta Christine Kloustertow 1952-1953  
Peter Jacob Williams 1953-1954  
Myrtle Eva Wianiko 1954-1956  
Abram Henry Toews 1956-1957  
Bernhard Epp 1957-1960  
Abe Klassen 1960-1961  
Roberta Stevens 1961-1962  
Frederick McKim 1962-1965  
Mrs. Lillian Kozak 1965-1966

### **THALBERG NORTH SCHOOL NO. 2270**

*submitted by Mrs. Pat Goodman*

This school district was formed on June 19, 1936, by order-in-council No. 717/36 and consisted of the following lands: the S 1/2 and NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, all Sec. 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29, the NW 1/4 of Sec. 26, E 1/2

of Sec. 30, the S 1/2 of Sec. 32, S 1/2 of Sec. 34, SW 1/4 of Sec. 35, in tp. 16-8E, and S 1/2 of Sec. 33 in tp. 16-8E. These boundaries were effective as and from July 1, 1936.

The boundaries were readjusted by an award of Inspector H. Connolly on Jan. 30, 1939, he detached the SW 1/4 of Sec. 32 in tp. 16-8E and added that land to the Gull Lake S.D. No. 2269, effective as of Jan. 1, 1939.

There were some members of the area who wanted to transfer the N 1/2 of Sec. 32 of Tp. 16-8E, from Brodie S.D. No. 1854 to North Thalberg S.D. No. 2270, but their request was not granted. This School District was dissolved as of Jan. 1, 1968 and absorbed by the Agassiz School Division No. 13, by order of the Minister of Education.

We would like to share some pictures of the Thalberg North School District No. 2270 and also a list of teachers, who taught at the Thalberg North School:

Mary Kathleen Waychok 1936-1939  
Walter Charlie Malenchak 1939-1941  
Anthony Alphonse Allegaert 1941-1942  
Peter David Tymchuk 1942  
L.R. Rogozinsky 1943  
Jennie Eugenia Senicie 1943-1946  
Eldora Ann Reicksiedler 1947  
Doris Vivian McJohnston 1947  
Evan Nelson Still 1947-1948  
Isaac Froese 1948  
Catherine Lesosky 1948  
Orest Laurent Shewchuk 1948  
Kenneth Conrad Norell 1949  
Herbert Fransen 1949-1950  
William Ferens 1949-1955  
Gloria Kuhn 1950-1951  
Catherine Lesosky 1951-1952  
Tiena Victoria Warkentin 1952-1954  
Catherine Lesosky 1954  
Verla Lewis 1955  
John Morris Stokotilny 1955-1956  
Sonia Pauline M. Podolsky 1955-1956  
Harry Shafransky 1956-1959  
Laura J. Thorarinson 1956-1957  
Miss J.I.E. Lacey 1957-1959  
Miss Julia M. Thorarinson 1959-1960  
Verna Nellie Funk 1960-1961  
Miss Margaret Klassen 1960-1961  
Adolph Richard Rattai 1961-1963  
Henry Warkentin 1963-1964  
Dennis Kozak 1964-1966  
Ed L. Patzer 1966

### **VICTORIA BEACH S.D. NO. 1811**

*submitted by slh*

The Victoria Beach School District No. 1811 was legally formed on Dec. 6, 1915 by by-law No. 110 of the Municipality of St. Clements.

According to the by-law, no part of the lands included in the boundary of this new school district were a part of any other school lands. There were over 10 children of