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1999

President – Edwin Carter, Past President – Mike Ratkowski, Vice President – Bobbie Aime,

Secretary – Shelly Moar, Treasurer – Billie Ratkowski.

Directors – Garry Church, Pam Szuuts, Christina Grieve, Tom Chrisp, Sharon Boch, Jack Heinicke, Harvey Marriott, Irene Marriott, Lisa Adair, Lee Pammer, Lesley Hoban, Anthony Hoban, Lorraine Byrnes, Judy Johns.

Since 1994 the community club has held dances, up to 10 per year, as its main money raiser. Old Time Dancing has been introduced back into the community as well as Western Dancing which includes Two-Stepping and Line Dancing. This past fall has also seen Clogging Lessons offered. The response was overwhelming with ages 10 – 65+ participating.

As a point of interest, from Irene's report, we pay an orchestra anywhere from \$400 – \$1,000 a dance and a music man from \$200 – \$350.

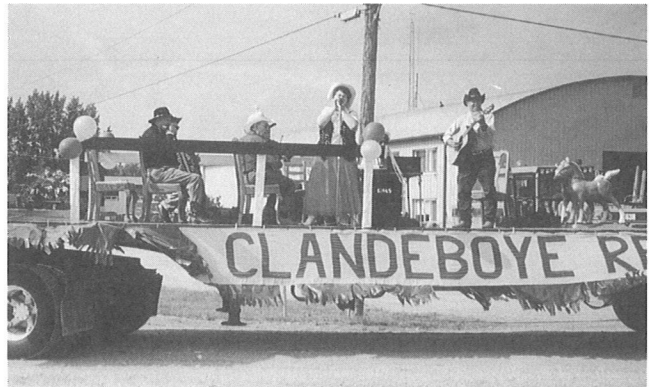
The present executive are currently working with the children in the area by having functions at the hall that they can take part in. These children will be some of the ones to carry on the community spirit and we want them to know what community living is all about.

We cannot forget our seniors who worked so hard to get the hall and to keep it functioning all these years. Without all their hard work and determination we would not have the great facility we have today. Each December the community club remembers these seniors by hosting a Christmas Dinner. Here they meet and visit with old friends and neighbours, some they have not seen since last Christmas. The entertainment for the afternoon is a choral time presented by the Sparks, Brownies, and Girl Guides. It gives us a good feeling when you see the great grandparents of some of these children nudge their neighbour and proudly point out their great-grandchildren.

## Clandeboyne Reunion



Clandeboyne Reunion – July 18, 19 & 20, 1997.



Lena Walker's Band at the Clandeboyne Reunion, 1997.



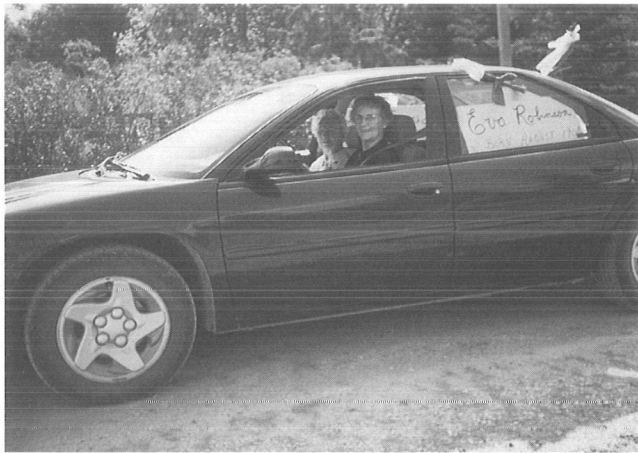
Clandeboyne Reunion Parade, July 1997. Edith McAulay driven by Evelyn McAulay.



Clandeboyne Reunion Parade, July 1997. Myrtle Sutherland driven by Barbara Nutbean.



Clandeboyne Reunion Parade, July 1997. Julia McDonald driven by Don McDonald.



Clandeboye Reunion Parade, July 1997. Eva Robinson driven by Gladys Aime.



"Learn to Do by Doing" 4-H Motto. Banner carried by Ken Hutton and Nancy Anderson.



Ed Sutherland on John Deere Tractor pulling a 1930 Hay Press.



Darlene Grieve and Wendy Church on bicycle built for two. Garvin Foster's Mack truck.



Alvin & Mabel Bracken from Brackendale Farms, now known as Wyvill Farms, with David & Jennifer Holmes and family.



Simpson's Folly – Rick Wiens, Jim Long, Dorothy Long, Johanna Handford.



Clandeboyne Reunion – 1997. Rev. Paul Smith, Rev. Beth Aime, Rev. Lynn Stevens, at Church Service held in Clandeboyne Hall.



Clandeboyne Reunion – 1997. Gathering at Clandeboyne Hall.



Clandeboyne Reunion – 1997. Ecumenical Choir – Clandeboyne Community Hall.

### **Clandeboyne Women, Their Longevity**

Clandeboyne is proud of the longevity of its female citizens.

- Edith McAulay, born February 21, 1899
- Myrtle Sutherland, born May 5, 1901
- Julia McDonald, born February 17, 1902
- Eva Robinson, born August 14, 1904
- Olive Speers, born September 9, 1904
- Annie Long, born January 29, 1908

### **Edith McAulay**

Edith was born into the family of Alexander and Sarah McBain of Clandeboyne on February 21, 1899. Her young life centred on family, school and church. She loved to sing and tells stories of singing in the choir of both Clandeboyne Presbyterian Church and St. George's Wakefield Anglican Church. She enjoyed a two-and-a-quarter mile walk and the singing when she got there.



Edith McAulay, 100 years old, Feb. 21, 1999.

Her home was in the centre of Clandeboye village until she married Fred McAulay and moved to what is now known as Fillmore Road. There, she and Fred raised six children, Doris, Phyllis, Edwin, Murray, Jean and Kenneth.

Her husband, family, home and garden brought her great satisfaction. She moved to The Knights of Columbus complex in Selkirk and later to Betel Home. Her husband Fred died in 1991, two years after they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

On February 21, 1999 she celebrated her 100th birthday at the Betel Home among many family members and friends.

### Myrtle Sutherland



Myrtle Sutherland, born May 5, 1901.

Myrtle Sutherland, nee Root was born in Emerson, Manitoba on May 5, 1901. She became a schoolteacher and taught at various schools includ-

ing Clandeboye and Teulon. While in Clandeboye, she met her late husband, Arthur Sutherland and they married on October 4, 1930. They lived in Winnipeg for over 20 years where Arthur was employed with the Winnipeg Police Force. They moved to the family farm in Clandeboye and resided there until Arthur's death in 1985.

Myrtle and Art were active members in the Parish of St. George's Wakefield in the Diocese of Rupert's Land for many years and received a tribute of gratitude from Bishop Walter Jones for their many decades of loyal and faithful service. Myrtle was the organist for 30 years and Arthur was caretaker for many years.

After Arthur's death in 1985, Myrtle moved to Selkirk and now resides in the Betel Home.

### Julia McDonald



Julia McDonald, born Feb. 17, 1902 – receiving The Caring Canadian Award from Governor General Romeo LeBlanc.

Julia is pictured receiving the Caring Canadian Award from Governor General, Romeo LeBlanc, at Government House, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in August 1997.

Julia was born on February 17, 1902 into the family of William and Mary Leask. She was the youngest member of the family and takes great pride in being the first baby christened in the Clandeboye Presbyterian Church. She has been an active church member all her life.

In the interest of preserving history, she compiled a history of the church and had it published in 1976, for the 75th anniversary of the church.

Julia married Clarence McDonald on September 20, 1922, and together they raised three boys, Don, Raymond and Lorne, and three girls, Verna, Muriel

and Clarice. They are scattered from Maple Creek, British Columbia to Ottawa, Ontario. Julia hops a jet regularly to visit them.

Julia lived all her life in Clandeboye, taking an active part in the community and church affairs. She and Clarence moved to Selkirk, in the 1980's to enjoy the advantages of the Lion's Centennial Centre on Christie Avenue.

Having celebrated her 97th birthday in February 1999, she takes an active interest in the activities at the Lions Home. Her eyesight and hearing are failing, but she can still play the organ from memory and she climbs the stairs daily.

Her recommendation for a good life is to have a good attitude.

### **Eva Robinson**



Eva Robinson, born August 14, 1904.

Eva Robinson was born on August 14, 1904 in Roland, Manitoba. She was the daughter of Clark and Emily Van Norman. She moved to Clandeboye in 1930.

Eva married Leonard Robinson and they had six children. She worked as a cook at Grace General Hospital for 14 years. She loves to crochet and cook and still continues to do so.

Her good health has allowed her to remain living in her own apartment in Winnipeg.

### **Olive Speer**

Olive Speer was born in Springfield, Manitoba on September 9, 1904. She lived there all her younger years and also her married life. She was the fourth oldest of ten children. Seven of her siblings are still living, three are over eighty and four are over ninety.



Olive Speers, born Sept. 9, 1904.

In 1962 Olive moved to Winnipeg when ill health required her husband to leave the farm. Following her husband's death in 1965, Olive moved to Clandeboye and lived in a "granny suite" beside her son-in-law and only daughter, Alvin and Mabel Bracken.

She continues to live with them at the time of writing this article, September 1, 1999.

### **Annie Long**



Annie Long, born Jan. 29, 1908, holding great-granddaughter, Rebecca Woodmass.

Annie Elizabeth Long was born January 29, 1908 at Dunara, Manitoba. She was third of five children born to John and Martha Brimacombe.

In 1919, the Brimacombe family moved to Clandeboye to operate a mixed-farm located one-half mile east of Highway #9 on the Brimacombe Road, now the residence of Kerry Pollock.

Annie's schooling began in Dunara and was

completed at Clandeboye School where she thoroughly enjoyed reading, geography, history and studying the German language. While living on the farm she took piano lessons. She walked across the fields to her teacher's home. She also loved to dance.

Annie married Gerald Llewellyn Ross Long, of Clandeboye (January 21, 1906-February 12, 1964) on June 3, 1925. Annie and Gerald moved to Winnipeg to live first on St. Matthew's Avenue, then Ottawa Avenue. During this time Annie worked in the china department at Eaton's. In 1932, Annie and Gerald, together with their children, Calvin and Wilma, moved back to Clandeboye. They settled east of Annie's former home, started to clear land and began to farm beside Medicine Creek.

They ran a small mixed farm where Annie milked the cows, made and sold butter and cream, looked after pigs and chickens and cooked for the annual threshing gang. She also sewed her own and her children's clothing, quilted, knitted, embroidered and did fine crocheted work. It was here that their children Calvin, Wilma, James (Jim), Glen, Sherrill and Garry were raised.

In 1950, Annie, Gerald and their four youngest children moved to the village of Clandeboye where they built their home on 202 Robinson Avenue, now owned by Bruce and Ingrid McClay and family.

It was in this home that Annie boarded many of the staff that taught at Clandeboye School, continued the musical traditions of her family and visited with her children and 21 grandchildren. Annie kept up a widespread correspondence with family members in Ontario, friends, and pen pals, and continued to be an active member of the Clandeboye United Church. From 1968-1973 she commuted to Winnipeg as a homemaker for the Victorian Order of Nurses. She traveled to Norway House, British Columbia, Newfoundland, Florida, Texas, England and Denmark.

Annie took up residence in Red River Manor for a short time and then moved to Red River Place where she still resides.

Annie will celebrate her 92nd birthday in the year 2000.

### **Clandeboye Quilters** by Audrey Chrisp

While working on the committee for the Municipal history book, "Beyond the Gates of Lower Fort Garry", I noted that the room we were working in would be ideal for quilting. It had lots of room and good lighting. We asked permission to use the room for quilting during the winter months, and permission was granted.

A group had formed in January of 1982 to get together and quilt in the Community Hall. The lighting was not the greatest and the hall had to be heated. So, we moved to the lower level of the Municipal hall in January of 1983.

We had two sets of quilting stands made and Christina Grieve and Audrey Chrisp brought quilting frames. We were in business.

At first, we did some custom quilting to earn funds to pay for the stands, clamps and other items needed. Since then, we each bring a top and other materials to have a quilt made for ourselves. In addition, we have made quilts for the Red Cross, our churches, 4-H, a special quilt for the Clandeboye Reunion and many crib quilts and lap rugs. A wall hanging was made and presented to the Council when the Municipal Hall was renovated in 1989.

Audrey Chrisp designed and made the top of the wall hanging which is based on the Municipal Logo. The other quilters all did some of the stitching when it was quilted.

For a few years, in the early 1990's, there were as high as 16 participants in the group. In the 1980's there were around 12 and in the last few years there have been six or seven.

At the end of the 1998 quilting season, we had completed 170 bed size quilts, single, double and queen, and 29 crib quilts and lap rugs.

Anyone is welcome to join the group; usually on Wednesdays from January to the end of March or April. Just bring a thimble and your lunch and spend the day or any part thereof. If you come regularly you are invited to piece a quilt top and bring a batt and backing fabric. The group would be happy to do the stitching.



Clandeboye Quilters made a wall hanging of this emblem.



Open House Canada Exchange.

## 4-H Open House Exchange by Irene Foster

Open House Canada Exchange supported a twinning of fifteen teenagers in the summer of 1983. The Selkirk 4-H district and the Richmond County 4-H'ers from Cape Breton learned, by experiencing the differences, of the parts of Canada they called home.

Pictures and a letter of introduction were exchanged before the senior member from Richmond County arrived in Winnipeg. At the airport there were apprehensive vibrations while each family watched to see if they could identify the person they would be hosting for twelve days.

While here, the Cape Breton Islanders visited the Red River Exhibition, the Oak Hammock Marsh, the Klagenberg Seed Farm, the Brackendale Dairy Farm and Dennie and Joyce McRae's farmyard for a barbecue and baseball game. Two of the twelve days were spent in Winnipeg where visits were made to Assiniboine Park, the Spagetti Factory, a cruise on the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, as well as a tour of the Concert Hall, Museum of

Man and Nature, and a laser show at the planetarium.

After meeting the 4-H Chief Andrew Dickson at the Legislative Building, the group enjoyed a guided tour followed by a meeting with Howard Pawley, Manitoba's Premier, who presented the visitors with pins. After sitting in on the parliamentary question period and being introduced as visitors, the group were invited to the office of John Bucklaschuk, M.L.A. for Selkirk District, who graciously took time to answer any questions from the group and then presented them with Manitoba desk flags and crocus pins for the leaders.

While in Manitoba, guided tours were given at Lower Fort Garry, the members met Mayor Bill Shead of Selkirk, toured the Hydro generating plant, right to the top; the Comprehensive School and the Marine Museum. Free time was spent at the Selkirk pool, the Fair and Rodeo and Winnipeg Beach.

What an experience it was! It is hard to explain what a seed farm and a combine is to kids who have never been on a farm, and the reverse to go to Cape Breton to where kids go fishing all day, everyday.



On July 13, 1983, the fifteen "twins" and chaperones, Viola Fougere and Irene Foster left Winnipeg by plane to visit Petit De Grat, D'Escousse, Little Anse, West Arichat and River Bourgeois in Cape Breton, landing first in Halifax and then to Sydney and then to the hosting families.

Typical Cape Breton fog rolled in off the Atlantic Coast some days, but on the bus tour to see Alexander Graham Bell's Museum, the Gaelic College and explore the Cabot Trail, the sun shone beautifully. A must, if you must visit Cape Breton, is to see the reconstructed Fortress of Louisburg. It is hard to believe such elegant structures existed in 1744. It is interesting to visit the Sydney coal mines and learn about the plight of the coal miners. Livelihoods in Cape Breton are basically fishing and

forestry. It seems like there is no level ground and pine trees and water are a typical landscape.

Beach parties are for clam digging; a large pot, an open fire surrounded by stones and you have a feast. Lobster and fresh fish are readily available. Teenage dances are popular, there is a music man and no liquor. Adult dances are for those eighteen years and older. Walking along the shoreline is a pleasant pastime for visitors while the locals take the ocean for granted. Most of the families have lived there for generations and are very content.

The departure scene from Sydney was a complete contrast from the arrival in Winnipeg. Hugs and tears were the order of the day. Memories of the exchange visit of the Manitobans and the Islanders will live on forever.

### Clandeboye Hockey Teams



Clandeboye Hockey Team - 1918. Back row - Chester McDonald, Roy McDonald, Lawrence Palan. Front row - Reggie Sutherland, Alex McDonald, Walter Sutherland. This team played against Selkirk, Gimli & Riverton.



Clandeboye Intermediate Hockey Team - 1923. Back row - Martin Erickson, Jimmy Beddome, Clifford McDonald, John McAulay, Roy McDonald, Art Sutherland, Lawrence Palan. Front row - Alex McDonald (Goalkeeper), missing; Edgar Pruden.

## Dunara



Interlake Co-op Nursery School on # 8 Hwy, held in Dunhartwood Hall.

### Interlake Co-op Nursery Inc. 1974-1999 by Margo Johnston

In the spring of 1974, a group of parents met to discuss opening a nursery school and/or a day care program in the Petersfield, Netley and Clandeboye area. Their goal was to provide children with the experience of playing with other children in an active and stimulating environment guided by qualified and experienced preschool teachers.

Parents and children met several times at the Petersfield Curling Club to share ideas and toys on a co-operative basis. They also began fund-raising and speaking to various government officials regarding funding, licensing and equipment purchases. These parents felt that the nursery school should be incorporated as a co-op and contacted Co-op Development for information.

In the fall of 1974, a child-care program opened in DunHartWood Hall, three miles west of Petersfield on #8 Highway. Over the summer, toilets and running water had to be installed at the hall. The original hours of operation were 9-5, five days a week. Children could attend from two years of age. In December 1974, the nursery school was incorporated as a co-op.

By June 1977, however, enrollment was low and there was discussion as to whether or not the nursery school was financially feasible. It was decided not to re-open in the fall of 1977, but over that winter parents continued to meet, and in February 1978, school reopened with parent volunteers operating a program one day a week. A teacher was hired in March, and in the fall of 1978 the nursery school began operating two days per week for 4½ hours each day. Volunteers were used to supplement the salaried teacher and in 1978 Kay Rogalsky became

the school's permanent volunteer. Kay brought with her a warmth and spirit that touched everyone. The teachers from 1974 to 1979 included Susan Schutz, Marcie Foster, Debbie Preachuck and Lucie Kuly.

In September 1979, Margo Johnston was hired as director and in 1980, Kay Rogalsky was hired. Kay retired in 1991, but still tries to visit once a year. Other teachers over the years have included Diane Smolinski, Joan Lawrence, Arlene Bodnar, Barb Ramsay, Karen Havelock, Carol Killbery, Conni Cartlidge, Rita Mark, Jana Pringle, Joanne Cookson, Cecilia Malcolm, Ingrid Johnson, Shelley Cookson, Shelley Thiessen and Brenda Duguid. All of these people have made a significant contribution to the lives of both children and adults in our community, and they will be remembered for their competence, kindness, vitality and devotion to children.

The various Board of Directors have also played a valuable role. They have set the policies and done the majority of the bookkeeping as well as a tremendous amount of fund-raising, especially as government grants have been declining. Some of the fund-raising projects have included Regal sales, cheese orders, Easter candy, Christmas ornaments, raffles, bake sales, a lunch with Santa, garage sales, plant sales and two cookbooks.

Enrollment has had its highs and lows. The nursery school has 25 funded spaces and five unfunded spaces. From September 1990 until December 1992 the school was open three days a week, but is presently open two days a week for 4½ hours each day.

In 1988, a playground was constructed on the south side of the Hall with all the labour and some of the materials being donated. This playground has added greatly to the nursery school program and is also used by the surrounding community.

No history would be complete without mention of the parents who have served on the Board of Directors of the school, on the fund-raising committees, and as parent volunteers in the program. Without you there would be no nursery school. It is nice to reflect on the fun we've had, the problems we've solved, the friends we have become and the benefits that our children have reaped from the co-operative spirit of so many community members.

In the fall of 1999 Interlake Co-op Nursery Inc. will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary and we hope to see many of our former students, parents and staff at our celebration.

Editor's note: *The name DunHartWood was created by Frances Moffat to reflect the history of three original school districts; Dunara, Hartley and Norwood.*

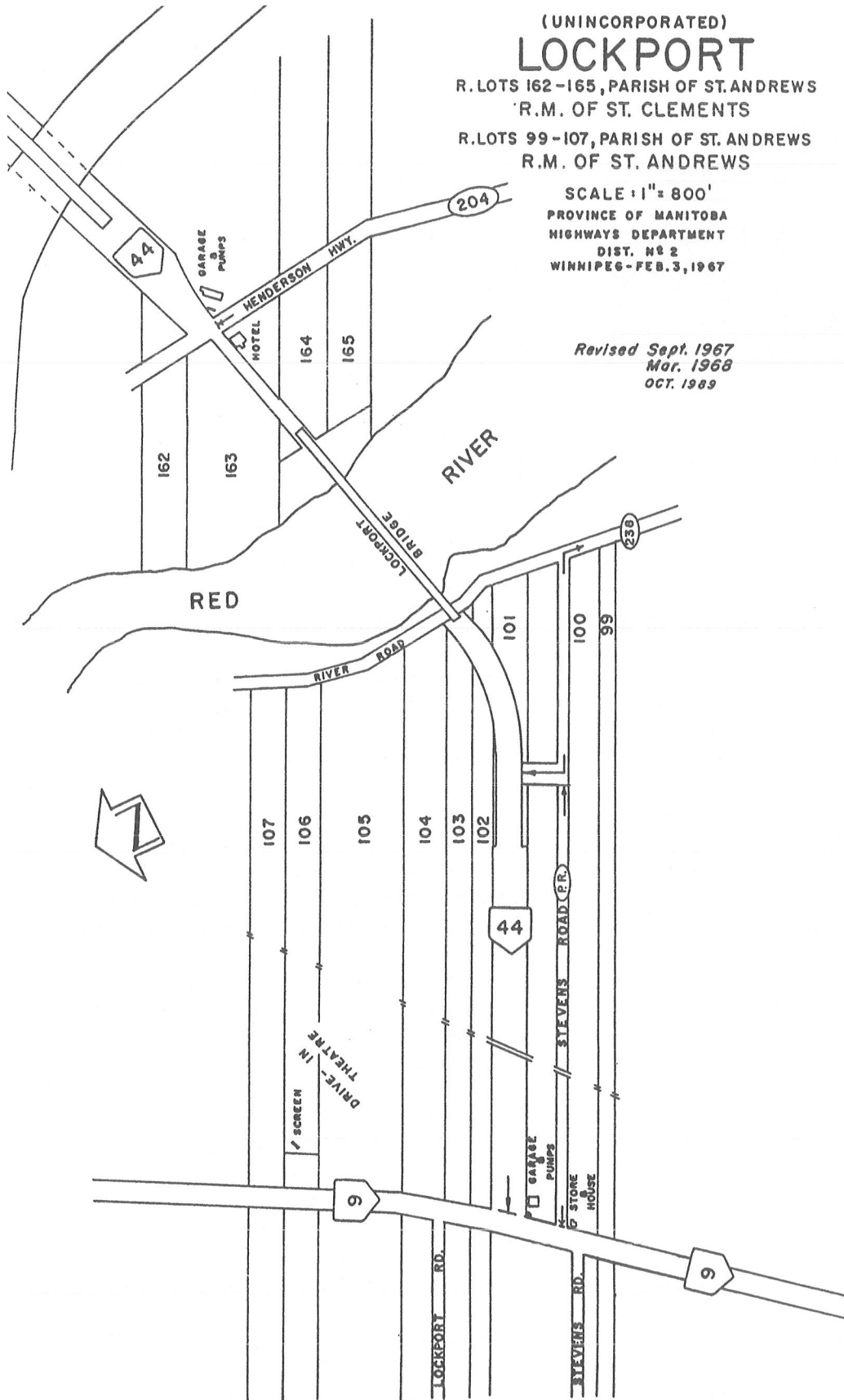
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## Lockport

by Marge Paradoski

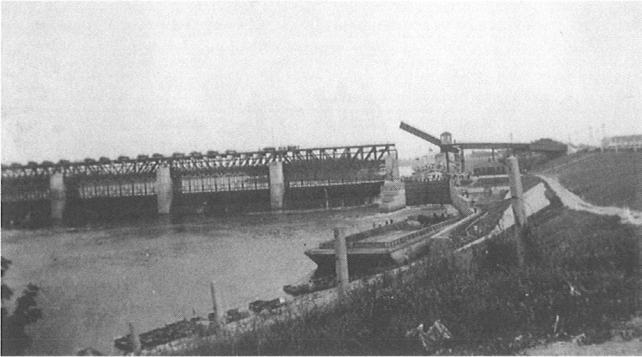
Lockport is unique in the fact that it is built on both sides of the Red River. Well-known for its excellent fishing, it boasts over a dozen species of fish, all of which can be caught from the banks of the river or from boats.

Sturgeon was in abundance many years ago as they used to spawn south of Lockport before the locks and dam were built. Their natural spawning grounds disappeared and sturgeon became scarce. The law now protects the sturgeon. If caught they must be released.

The construction of Lockport Bridge began in 1900 and was completed in 1910. The steel for the bridge was shipped by rail. A line was built from the tracks west of Highway #9 running alongside a field, which is now *Skinner's Wet and Wild*. These tracks were removed upon completion of the bridge.

The first official opening of St. Andrew's Lock and Dam was July 14, 1910 by Sir Wilfred Laurier and the Honourable William Pugsley aboard the steamer *Winnatoba*. The first boat through the locks was the *Alberta*.

The design for Lockport Bridge was a first for North America. It was taken from a design of a bridge over the Seine River in France.



Granite Rock and barges.

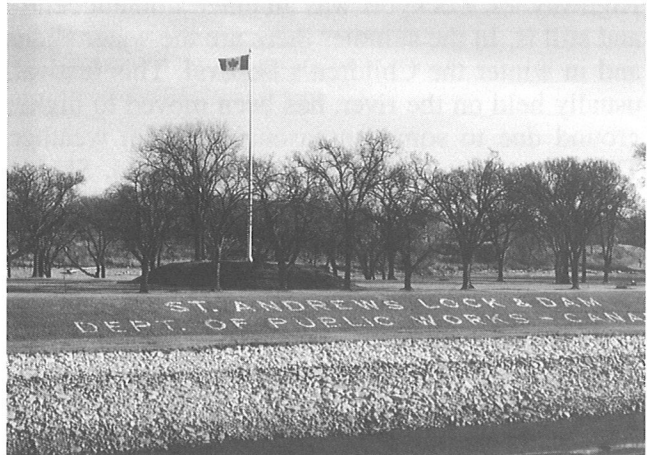


Before the canal was put in at Lockport Bridge.



Lockport scene before the island was created.

Another first in Canada was the method of emptying and filling the locks through which the boats passed. The design uses automatic self-balanced valves and can fill or empty the locks in six minutes. This lock system allows access to Lake Winnipeg from the south and Winnipeg from the north. Pleasure craft and commercial craft make use of the locks daily all summer.



St. Andrews Lock and Dam, Department of Public Works – Canada.

The island south of the bridge was constructed of earth removed from the canal entry. Today this island has become home to several Canada geese. These numbers grow every year.

Lockport is also home to a growing number of pelicans. These birds nest here in sloughs and at the mouth of the floodway. They are increasing in numbers annually. The "Lockport Air Force" competes for the fish with the fisherman. Many people drive out to Lockport from Winnipeg to watch these pelicans.

Lockport is known for its eating places and for being a short drive from Winnipeg. It offers a great variety of fast foods or fine licensed dining.

On the West Side of the bridge, a Mini-Mall

offers a variety of services. There is a gift shop, two restaurants, a satellite centre, insurance dealer, a pharmacy, a doctor and a chiropractor. There are two gas bars, two Skinners as well as an outfitter fishing shop and a small motel-like setting for renting to fisherman and hunters. Guides are also available.

East of the bridge many other services are available. licensed dining, fast food restaurants, a hotel and liquor mart, an appliance business and a trailer court. The museum, which is called Kenosewun, means, "there are many fishes". The ground around the museum is an archeological site with evidence from 3000 years ago showing signs of human habitation in this area. Prior to becoming a museum site this property was home to a permanent amusement grounds for many years. The E.J. Casey Shows ran a fair-sized business here. They broke a couple of records with a flagpole sitter and the length of time on a Ferris wheel. They also hosted an Indian Pow Wow. It was frequently a busy place.

At the same time there was a mid-way, there was also a drive-in theatre on the West Side by Highway #9. Lockport was an entertainment centre and still is. In the summer there are the water slides and in winter the Children's Festival. This festival, usually held on the river, has been moved to higher ground due to some unseasonably warm weather. There is entertainment for young and old. Skidoo rides, sleigh rides, tubing, skating, fishing, all types of games and stage entertainment.

In the days before bus service a streetcar ran from Winnipeg to Selkirk. There was a station close to Highway #9 across from Stevens Avenue. Many people came by streetcar and were transported by one of two buses to the river to fish. Mabel Donald (Davis) drove one bus. Mabel was Canada's first woman bus driver. Her bus has been restored and can be seen at different events run by the Manitoba Antique Automobile Association.



Streetcar Station, Lockport.



Swimming below the falls at the Lockport Bridge Dam.

In the early years after the bridge was complete many young people swam close to the dam. Swimming was a great pastime for many boys and girls in this community.

Lockport is a busy community. Business and family ties keep many people coming back and Lockport continues to grow yearly.



Swimming below the falls at the Lockport Bridge Dam.



Boat channel and island – Lockport.



Skinner's Restaurant and Water Slides.



Boat Lock and Bridge – Lockport.



Lockport Children's Winter Festival.

## **Birth of the Lockport Cowboys** by Alan Paul Ganske

Looking back to 1961, I remember that one of the most notable differences between the city, where I lived until I was 11 years old, and our new home in Lockport was school. It was with apprehension that I entered grade six and the first day of classes in the fall of that year.

Getting to school was no problem. Our home was located about four good football tosses from the four room schoolhouse known as Lockport School. In fact Lyall Drive was previously named Lockport School Road for obvious reasons. Today the building needs significant repair, but despite appearance, is still used by various clubs and organizations. Lockport School housed grades one through eight. Students occupied two grades per room. Grades one and two were taught in one room, three and four another and so on. Mr. Bob Jefferson was my grade six teacher and Mrs. Dorothy Johnson was the principal and grades seven and eight teacher. This was quite a difference from Dakota and Norberry schools in St. Vital.

This is where the story starts. The best thing about Lockport School were the recesses. Everyone, boy and girl, no matter what athletic ability, played sports at recess and at lunch. There was not much else to do. There was no gymnasium nor local convenience store to hang out. Baseball in the spring, soccer in the winter and football, yes football, in the fall. Due to limited numbers, everybody participated. Playing with the same kids all the time resulted in development of chemistry and athletic intuitiveness between certain kids. After school and on weekends it was a bicycle ride to the park opposite skimmers on the River Road to play a vigorous intense game of touch football. We would ride our bikes down old Stevens Avenue calling everyone out for a game before it got too dark. As a group of

boys, I think we had the making of a pretty good football team.

In late August 1964, I asked mom if she would let me register to play tackle football in Selkirk. I had heard there was a league and it sounded very exciting. I jumped on the Beaver Bus to Selkirk and signed up for football. Several weeks later I found myself wearing real football equipment and playing defensive line for the Selkirk Giants coached by Mr. Al Cartlidge. The season was a real joy in that we won most of our games and eventually the league championship. However, while this was happening, something was missing. In my mind I was continually assessing the talent on the Giants team and telling myself that my school friends in Lockport could give the Giants a legitimate challenge. My dream was to make it happen and it did.

Instrumental to the task was a man by the name of Emil Russin. He was a young 22 year old teacher who taught the grades five and six class at Lockport School in 1964 and more importantly boarded in our home. He was like a big brother to me and likewise very interested in sports especially football. One evening I mentioned my thoughts to Emil and together a plan was hatched. Conceptually the Lockport Cowboys came into being. Thank heavens Mr. Cartlidge and the Selkirk football executive were supportive. Mr. Cartlidge took the ball and ran with it, (pardon the pun) and an exhibition match was scheduled following the Giants championship game later in the fall. It was to be the Lockport Mustangs, (forerunner to the Cowboys) versus the Championship Giants from Selkirk powered by running backs David Langerill and Ted Lewis.

Prior to the big game, I was treated like a spy by my school friends. I was playing for the opposition and had to stay in the house, while Emil practised the Lockport Mustangs in the school yard or in our backyard.

Game time arrived. It is hard to remember now, but I think Lockport borrowed helmets and shoulder pads from Selkirk so that everyone was properly equipped. The Selkirk Giants won the game but not by a lot and mostly due to play execution achieved by a season of playing together with set plays. Personally I was sad and happy at the same time. My Giants team won but my school friends lost. However, the gauntlet had been thrown down. It was impossible to go back. Next year Lockport would be ready.

In 1965 the Lockport Mustangs were in the league. We practised all summer. Emil and I developed plays and strategies in preparation for the season. I do not know where we got those first yoke-yellow coloured helmets, but I do remember guys