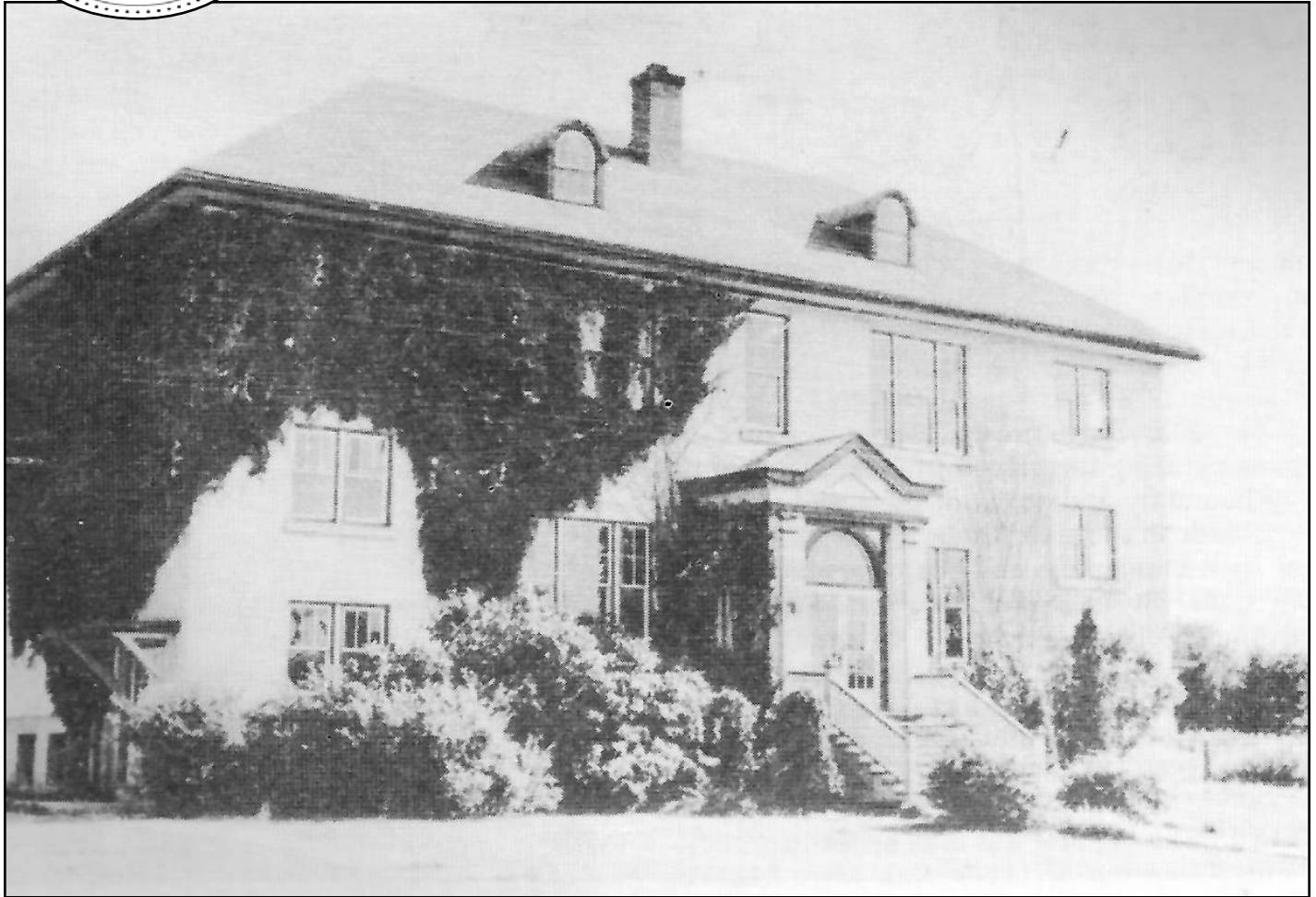




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Seeley's Bay Continuation School - Photo courtesy Edgar Connell

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#### ***Introduction to the Rules for Archival Description***

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Time: 10-5 (1 hour break for lunch)

Location: Elgin Community Hall.

#### ***Storage & Conservation of Archival Material***

Saturday, October 15th, 2011

Time: 10-5 (1 hour break for lunch)

Location: Lyndhurst Library.

#### ***Genealogy & Archives***

Thursday, November 17th, 2011

Time: 7-9

Location: Lansdowne Community Building, Seniors Room (upstairs).

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES** - Canadian Funds Please

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## **APOLOGIES**

Your editor apologizes for the very late production of this newsletter. I am convinced that as I grow older, I have slipped into reverse gear. An extremely busy summer and several computer failures resulting in weeks with no computer did not help. The Continuation Schools took a great deal of research. Material was not as available as I thought. Anyway, here it is, better late than never as they say.

*I promise to try harder on the next issue!*

## **NEWSLETTERS**

**As our newsletter binder was growing large, we have decided to split it into two.**

Back copies of our newsletters are available for \$2.50 each

Copies 1 through 20 are now available in a three ring binder. Cost \$62.00

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Binders with all copies 1 through 34 are still available. Ask for price.

Due to the weight and high cost of postage, if these have to be mailed, postage will have to be added.

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**Fredenburgh's Mens Clothing**  
c 1900

Photo From Society Files



**Lansdowne Hardware**  
Closed August 31, 2011

Photo by Bill Boulton

## THEN and NOW

### **IN MEMORIAM - AUDREY TAMBLYN** **age 99, died August 6, 2011**

Audrey was a member for many years, and attended meetings when she lived in Lansdowne. She was keenly interested in the history of her community, and shortly before her death compiled a map of businesses as she remembered them in the 1920-30's.

At her death, the family directed remembrance donations to the Historical Society. An Audrey Tamblyn Memorial Fund will be established and a suitable purchase will be made in her name at a later date.  
**We wish to thank her family and all who donated.**

### **CONDOLENCES**

Since our last Newsletter we regret to report the death of five long time members: John Reid, LoVerna Montgomery, Linda Grice, Spencer Trickey and Audrey Tamblyn.

**To their families and many friends, our deepest regrets.**

### **Heritage Organization Grant**

The Historical Society made an application to the Provincial Ministry of Culture for a Heritage Organization Development Grant. Our application was approved, and we received \$1,545.00 This grant will be used to cover the cost of preparation and distribution of our Newsletters.

**We wish to thank the Ministry of Culture for this assistance.**





**SAMUEL GORDON MONTGOMERY**

*By Allen Montgomery*

Blacksmith & World War I Veteran

My father, Samuel Gordon Montgomery, was born on October 7, 1896. He was raised in Victoria County, Ontario and learned the blacksmith trade while employed in the lumber camps near Orillia.

On May 15, 1918 he joined the Canadian Army Expeditionary Force at Kingston. He served on the Canadian hospital ship H.M.A.T. Araguaya during its final six crossings of the Atlantic, from Liverpool to Halifax and Portland, Maine, the last being in April 1919. Each crossing required a number of days, most often a rough journey for staff and the wounded, shell-shocked and gassed troops.

The Araguaya was obtained by the Canadian government from the Argentina Admiralty in September 1917 as a hospital ship to replace the Letitia. The Araguaya made a total of fifteen sailings beginning in September 1917. During that time it transported 11,613 troops back to Canada.



**H.M.A.T. Araguaya** - Photo from Internet



**The Samuel Montgomery Family:**

From left: Charles, Eula, Evangeline, Sam, LoVerna, Allen, Leon.

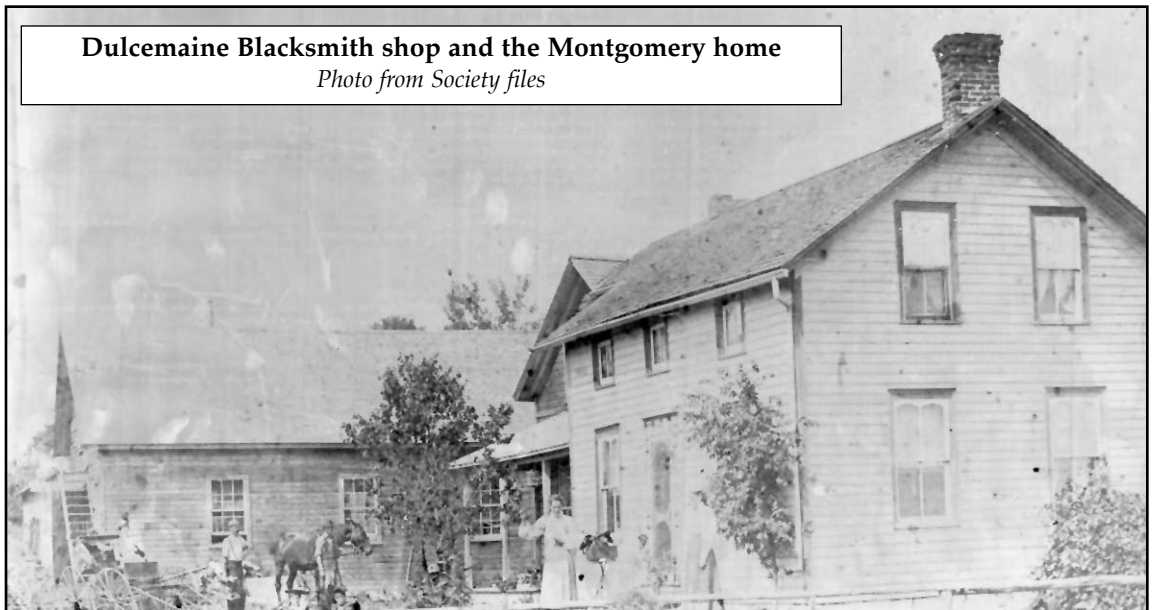
*Photo from collection of the late LoVerna Montgomery*

Samuel Montgomery was discharged on August 20, 1919 by reason of demobilization. To further expand his knowledge as a blacksmith he was hired as a trades helper at Dulcemaine.

He then spent a year in Blackstock, Ontario, returning to Dulcemaine where he purchased the blacksmith shop and continued operating it as a business from November 1923 to the mid 1950's. The building where the shop was located started as a cheese factory and post office. In 1892 the property became a blacksmith shop and continued in this capacity for the next sixty years.

**Dulcemaine Blacksmith shop and the Montgomery home**

*Photo from Society files*



*This article appeared in the February 2011 Hastings County Historical Society Newsletter "Outlook" and is used with permission.*



## **MY DIARY - EDWARD LANCLEY - 1890**

- May 1** Ploughed back. Painted the milk wagon and buggy wheels. Ditched
- May 2** Cultivated and Sowed back field at home, near woods, sowed 13 bushel of white oats.
- May 3** Commenced spring work at Donevan place sowed field opposite barn on the east side of the road. Signs of Rain.
- May 4** Rained nearly all day a student from Kingston preached from Chronicals 29-9.
- May 5** Ditched nearly all day. Painted rest of wheels. Went to the Station for seed Potatoes and Procured 15 bushels. It rained in the evening.
- May 6** Started to draw the milk to the factory. Only drew one can. Weight of milk 177. Drew hay from the shed. 500 to Root and some for work. Tipped one load over. Went fishing to the outlet but only got one sucker.
- May 7** Cultivated up at Donevan Place and sowed eight bushel of white oats on piece. The Hon.R. Turner moved into the mansion on the Donevan Estate.
- May 8** Cultivated back piece on Donevan Place sowed six and a half bushels of white oats. Caught a woodchuck in the tarp on the hill.
- May 9** Cultivated long ridges back of and on top of the ledge and sowed the field South of the barn on the west side of the road sowed six bushels of white oats took Fan to the Richons heifer sick
- May 10** Ditched all day, on upper place and back. We smoked out a woodchuck in an elm tree.
- May 11** It was very fine to day. No Church. Rev. J Fairlie accepted call to ministry.
- May 12** Took the two colts to Club Island opposite Rockport to pasture for summer. We cultivated and sowed north east corner field (second ploughing) on McKee Place. We went fishing to the Outlet and caught sixty five ling.
- May 13** Finished sowing the field we were working on yesterday and sowed One bushel of Prize Prolific, eight bushels in all, it rained a little about noon, Sold twenty bushels of oats to J Robinson.
- May 14** Cultivated and sowed North East corner field, and short ridges on hill at home, sowed nine bushels of oats. Lodge in evening.
- May 15** Finished sowing new field on the ledge. McKee Place sowed 10-1/2 bushels of peas. Commenced to cultivate rest of the field south of the bushes.
- May 16** Moved to Upper place. Cultivated rest of ridge north of ditch and sowed 3-1/2 bushels of oats white. Commenced the front field. We had a shower in the afternoon. Took sketch of Cheese Factory.
- May 17** Finished front field sowed seven bushels of barley and six and a half bushels of oats. Went to the Station of evening.
- May 18** Church in the morning. Professor Ferguson Preached nearly the same sermon as Mr. Fairlie did on the 27th of April The Faith of Joseph.
- May 19** Commenced sowing barley flat at home and sowed 5-1/2 barley, and finished sowing field back of bushes and sowed 3-1/2 barley. The funeral of Mrs. Thomas Atkins took place today. Fishing Outlet.
- May 20** Rained nearly all day. Ditched on McKee Place and took hides to McCreadys Tannery.
- May 21** Fixed fence and drew the rails from over the creek, which is very high and it was a nasty job, we drew them down in the flat.
- May 22** Drew rails We went to the Outlet fishing but only got a few. We broke down coming home and had a splendid time riding home with the box on the axels.
- May 23** Fenced the lane from the bushes to the woods on the McKee place. It rained in the morning and was a little showery all the afternoon.
- May 24** GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Queen's Birthday. Her Majesty is Seventy One to day long may she live to Reign over dear "Old England & her Colonies" and may they prosper as they have in the past. May Britannia ever rule the waves with her jolly tars and noble boats". Went to Charleston left home half past three & after staying at Lyndhurst arrived there a little before eleven o'clock. Plenty of fun. The "Outlet Queen" ran two trips which brought quite a crowd. Put up at the Cedar Park Hotel. Left Charleston 7:30 for home.
- May 25** We did not reach home last night but got as far as Mr. Bevins where we stayed all night in the morning we walked up to the lake & in the afternoon I visited the mica mines which had just been started. We drove home around Killenback lake and by the outlet arrived home safe and sound "all but getting a little wet" at eight o'clock.
- May 26** Blue Monday. Drew rails & stone off the ridge back where the fence stood on the McKee Place and commenced ploughing the same, sold 30 bushel oats to A. Cornet.
- May 27** Commenced Ploughing Orchard and dug around the apple trees. The Rev. John Fairlie was inducted to-day at Lansdowne. Mr. Gracie, Moderator, was in attendance accompanied by Mr. MacGilveraly.

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**MY DIARY - EDWARD LANCLEY - 1890**

- May 28** Drew rails from first cross fence “home” and built around night pasture , Commenced cleaning oats for McNish of Brockville made one trip in the afternoon with two wagons. Lodge.
- May 29** Finished cleaning oats finished Night and House pasture fence
- May 30** Commenced spring work at home again & sowed five bushel & a half of Barley in the flat Below ledge.
- May 31** Last day of May, fine and mild a nice west breeze blowing. Sowed wheat up on Donevan Place & Peas on the orchard. Barley on little field up above ditch on McKee place.



Lansdowne Continuation School 1954 Grades 11 and 12  
Photo from Bill Boulton Collection



Lyndhurst Continuation School  
Photo from The rear of Leeds and Lansdowne



## **CONTINUATION SCHOOLS** *By Bill Boulton*

During the 1940's, and certainly in the early 1950's and even into the early 1960's, Continuation Schools were common in rural and small town Ontario.

In Leeds County, a group of these schools competed against each other in track and field events, hockey tournaments, and frequent single games of soft ball or hockey if they were close enough. I even remember one game of 5-man football! (With one team playing in rubber boots!)

The early 1950's is the era I remember best. The schools I remember were: Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay, Mallorytown, Westport, St. Mary's and Lansdowne. Rockport school included grade 9 and 10 for a period in the 1940's. I seem to remember a soft ball game against them in Rockport. For grades 11 and 12, students went to Gananoque. For a time earlier than this, some students attended Lansdowne for grades 9 and 10, then Brockville for 11 and 12. Earlier Elgin and Delta were included, as the track and field day newspaper articles mention them. In the following articles, I have tried to give some information about each of these schools, and how they came to exist.

### **EARLY EDUCATION**

The education of the early settlers was limited by the conditions they had lived under. However, they learned what they needed to know by practical ways. Considering the difficulties of getting an education in their own country, consider how much harder it was in the wilds of Upper Canada.

With our system of free education to-day, it probably seems odd that the first schools were private, and "grammar" or secondary schools for boys only. Parents had to take responsibility for their children's education. Education was not compulsory. The wealthier families could send their children to the private schools. The poorer families had to find other means. Some were taught at home, many went untaught. The education of girls was considered unimportant. Children had little time to go to school. Every child had jobs to do to make the farm work. When boys did go to school, it was usually for a short time in the winter. The government did little to help establish schools.

The first Upper Canada School Act of 1807 applied only to grammar schools. It established a grammar or high school in each of the eight provincial districts. Government assistance amounted to about \$400.00 per year. The first Common School Act was passed in 1816. This gave authority for the inhabitants to build a Common (elementary) school if there were at least 20 students and the parents paid part of the teacher's salary. The province gave a very small grant. In 1853, grammar schools became part of the educational system. Municipalities could now raise taxes to build school buildings and pay the teacher's salary. After 1863 it became customary for girls to attend grammar schools. In 1871 the School Law Improvement Act made free compulsory education available to all children between 7 and 12. Grammar schools became known as high schools or Collegiate Institutes. Fees could no longer be charged for public schools.

Small communities found it difficult to maintain high schools. There were no school buses, so many children from outlying farms could not attend at all because of the distance to town. If parents could afford it, some country students boarded in the town for the week. Some public schools began offering a fifth class to teach high school subjects. This proved popular. The provincial government gave recognition to the "continuation schools" in 1908 by providing grants. New school buildings began combining public and continuation school in the one building. Counties Council had given grants for continuation schools as early as 1905. Continuation schools were opened in Westport and Lyn in 1908, Lansdowne in 1909. Soon after continuation schools were established in Lyndhurst, Mallorytown, Seeley's Bay, Delta and Elgin.

St. Mary's College, between Brockville and Maitland, was a private boy's school of a somewhat different nature. It was operated by the Redemptorist Fathers, an order of the Roman Catholic Church. It educated boys who wanted to train for the priesthood. Instruction was provided in four grades from grade 9. The boys then went on to University of Windsor. There was residential accommodation for 100 boys. The grey stone building was erected on the north side of County Road #2 in 1919.

***Information from Leeds and Grenville: Their first two hundred years***  
***Ruth McKenzie 1967 The United Counties Council***





## **SEELEY'S BAY CONTINUATION SCHOOL**

In 1924 the school board in Seeley's Bay decided that there were enough pupils successfully passing the entrance exams to establish their own continuation school. Space was acquired in the Masonic Hall and prepared for a school.

The school opened on September 1, 1924. Miss F. Barrington was employed as the principal. During her two years, the school had splendid results. In the third year of operation, the attendance was greater, so a third form was added. Miss Agnes Irving was hired as assistant.

The Masonic Hall building was not designed for a school, and it soon became apparent that a new building was needed. The trustees hired a Kingston architect to design a new four room school. The plan was accepted in May 1930 and C.W. Hartley was given the contract to build the school at a cost of \$21,265. The plans called for a two story building with four classrooms. The building was constructed of cement blocks manufactured on site. The new school opened in October 1930. The lower floor was occupied by the elementary grades, the second floor housed the continuation school.

Rainwater was collected in cisterns in the basement and pumped by hand into a pressure tank to serve the washrooms and sinks on the second floor. Drinking water was carried from a neighbouring well. In 1939 a well was drilled and pressure system and septic drainage installed.

With the new facilities the school board received requests from residents outside the township for space for their children. Through an arrangement between the townships, many students from Pittsburg and Storrington townships attended Seeley's Bay Continuation School. A bus system was established in the late 1940's.

With the establishment of the Leeds County School Board, Seeley's Bay, Lyndhurst, Elgin and Westport schools were incorporated into the larger Rideau District High School in 1960.

The Seeley's Bay building then became exclusively an elementary school. One room schools in the area were closed and students bussed to Seeley's Bay. This continued until the new Sweet's Corners school opened in 1973.

*Material from Garnet and Gold, Reunion Issue July 1989 by Keith Sly*

## **LYNDHURST CONTINUATION SCHOOL**

In 1851, Lyndhurst's first school was in a ramshackle old house on the north side of the road at the west end of the village. A new brick school was built at the east end of the village in 1860. The school population became too large for this building, so in 1892 a two-room brick building was erected on the hill at the east end of the village. This building cost \$1,455.00 to build.

Students wishing to obtain a high school education had to go to Athens, Gananoque or Brockville. Many could not afford the cost of boarding during the week. Adding to the need for other arrangements was the destruction by fire of the Athens High School in October 1921. It was uncertain if the building would be replaced.

In September 1922 continuation classes were opened in Wesley Hall, the former Methodist Church at the west end of the village. Part of the classes were in the brick school and part in Wesley Hall. This arrangement was very unsatisfactory as classes had to travel from one end of the village to the other. Enrollment the first year was 26. The proprietor of the granite works proposed building a proper structure for the continuation school and collected \$245. toward it. By 1927 \$4,254.94 had been accumulated, still far short of what was needed.

The inspector urged the need for a new building. In 1930 Seeley's Bay had built a new Continuation School. If Seeley's bay could do it, so could Lyndhurst! In 1937 a new school was opened on Oakel Street. Two rooms were used by the public school and two classrooms on the second floor were occupied by grades 9 to 12. The basement contained well equipped Home Economics and Shop work rooms. In 1939 grades 11 and 12 were being taught. School buses began transporting students to the school. To the rear of the school was a large garden. In their "agricultural laboratory" the students gained some fundamentals of agricultural methods.

The Lyndhurst Continuation School closed in 1960 when the Leeds County School Board opened the new Rideau District High School in Elgin.

*Material from Lyndhurst 1794-1967 A Centennial Project - The Rear of Leeds & Lansdowne*

See "Lyndhurst Continuation School" Photo on Page #6





## WESTPORT CONTINUATION SCHOOL

School classes were first held in a church building used by all the Protestant denominations. The first building used exclusively for a school was built in the late 1830's. Known as The Old Frame School, it served the community for a number of years before it was destroyed by fire. In 1850 a stone school was built. By 1874, an addition was needed to accommodate the student growth. Westport grew quickly following the opening of the Brockville, Westport and Sault St. Marie Railway. In 1893 plans were laid for a new school to match the anticipated future growth. Benjamin Dillon, a Brockville architect was retained to design the Westport Public School.

Westport Continuation School  
Photo by Bill Boulton



The Westport Public School was completed in early 1900. It was a brick building, two-stories, with four classrooms. A principal and three assistants were hired. Classes were provided up to the present grade 10, which was referred to as "Public Leaving" at that time. In 1908 Westport was granted a Continuation School which extended the education to Fourth Form (now grade 12). A third assistant was hired for the Continuation school.

Discussion took place during the 1940's and early 1950's regarding the possibility of building a joint high school for the area, but nothing came of this. In 1957 grades 11 and 12 were bussed to Lyndhurst Continuation School. In 1960 grades 9 and 10 also went to Lyndhurst until Rideau District High School in Elgin was ready for occupation.

In 1965 the public school hired another teacher and opened another classroom on the second floor. In 1967 and 1968 the public schools in North Crosby and Westport were consolidated and Rideau Vista School was built just outside the village.

In 1971 the village of Westport sold the old school building to Lyons-Goodfellow Furniture who use it as a warehouse. The building remains a well-cared-for and unique Westport landmark.

Westport Continuation School Graduation 1954

Photo Loaned by Rural Schools Collection - Diane Haskins



Information from The Westport Mirror, July 26, 1989

Graduates in Photo - no particular order:  
Norma Blair, Benny Janeway, Delmar Bresee, Lois Palmer, Winnifred Wilson, Joey Conway, Ella Wilson,  
( one name missing )



## Lansdowne Village Schools

Lansdowne was granted a Common School in 1826. The first school, McKelvey's, was a log building on the north side of the present County Road 2, just west of Reynolds Road.

Log schools came to be considered unsuitable. A new brick school was built on the Copeland Farm, on the east side of present Railway Street south of the railway. The date of this school is uncertain, but it is shown on Walling's 1861 map. It was also used as a church and for community events. It must have been in poor condition as William Beatty tells in his diary of bracing the walls and making repairs.

As local population grew, a larger school was needed. A new stone school, Braehead, was built at the north end of the community in 1872. This building is now Lackie's warehouse.

The first Continuation School opened in 1908 in a room over Keating's store. The school board granted \$200.00 for equipment and an additional \$425.00 For other expenses. However, the teacher, Miss Dell, received an annual salary of \$600.00 The parents of pupils attending the school had to make up the difference. A trustee, with the usual foresight, discovered they did not, by law, have to operate a Continuation School, so it was closed after only two or three years.

At the annual meeting of the school board in 1911, plans were discussed for the building of a new school. A site on N.P. McNeil's farm, on the west side of the village was chosen. The tender of Wm. McConnell and Son for \$7,945.00 was accepted. Elementary classes opened in 1912.

Middle school entrance exams were held in Lansdowne for the first time in 1914. Classes for Grades 9 and 10 opened that fall. Until 1921, tuition fees of 50 cents per month per pupil were charged. An assistant teacher was hired, and grades 11 and 12 opened in the second room in 1921.

Bus service was provided in 1949. The Continuation school closed in June 1956, and pupils transferred to the New Gananoque Secondary School.



This is Keating's Store, operated by Pritchards in 1947. Linda Pritchard is standing in door.

*Photo from Historical Society Collection*

**See Graduation Photo on Page #6.**



Lansdowne Continuation School

*Photo from  
LTI Historical Society Files*



## MALLORYTOWN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



*Picture courtesy Bill Boulton Collection*

In spite of the efforts of the government to promote the building of consolidated schools, the movement did not gain much momentum before 1930.

Four schools, S.S. #4 Mallorytown, S.S. #19 Quabbin Hill, S.S. #5 Riverside and S.S. #6 Andressburg favoured consolidation. Land was bought in 1920, and the first consolidated school in eastern Ontario was opened in Mallorytown. Two rooms were for public school students, and two for high school. The cost was \$60,000.00

The new school was 150 feet long and 68 feet wide, constructed of red brick. The main floor consisted of four classrooms with a clothes-room off each and two teacher's rooms. The basement was concrete, and contained a manual training room, agricultural room, household science room, two large playrooms, two furnace rooms and two fuel storage rooms. Two large coal-burning furnaces supplied heat. It was wired for electricity in anticipation of hydro going through the area. The school was equipped with indoor lavatories. Plans were also in place for a 7 acre playground.

In the early days of the school, agriculture was taught and garden vegetables were grown in the school garden. These vegetables were used in the winter to supply noon lunches, which was part of the course.

There were two transportation routes of about 5 miles, allowing students to get to school in about an hour. In the early days, transportation was sometimes a horse drawn van. Later there were up to 5 busses providing transportation.

About 1930, the Mallorytown Women's Institute donated \$75.00 to hire a vocal music teacher. Mr. W.H. Thrasher was hired. Pupils entered the Brockville Music Festival for many years.

In 1956, Grade XI and XII students transferred to Brockville Collegiate, and in 1957, Grade IX and X students also transferred. Mallorytown Consolidated School was now a public school for grades 1 to 8.

The Mallorytown Consolidated School closed its doors in June 1968 for the last time. It was torn down after the new hexagonal shaped school, Front of Young Elementary School, was built on the same land and opened its doors in September 1968.

*Information from Education in the Front of Young 1784 — 2008, Sandra Wells*

Mallorytown  
Graduation  
Class 1953

*Photo Courtesy  
of Bob Dowsley*





## **ELGIN CONTINUATION SCHOOL**



Picture courtesy  
Edgar Connell

In the early part of the 20th Century, the majority of students finished at the end, to-day's Grade 8. High school was a different matter. A few privileged attended an upper school. In the case of Elgin, it usually meant boarding in Athens for the week.

By the end of the first World War, parents in the Elgin area were urging the Department of Education to consider a continuation school for their area. In September 1925, the first continuation school opened in the Orange hall on Church Street. One teacher was hired. The next year another teacher was hired and the school expanded. In 1927 the classes were moved to the Community Hall on Main Street. A new school was erected in 1928 on the site of the present Rideau Lakes Apartments.

Upstairs there were two classrooms with a small laboratory between them. The principal's office, looking like a gondola, was at the top of another set of steps. At the beginning of the fall term in 1935, a third classroom was opened, and another teacher engaged. Children from Chaffey's Lock, Jones Falls and Crosby boarded with families in Elgin during the week. There was a friendly rivalry with other area continuation schools in the district and students were often transported to other schools for sports tournaments.

By the late 1940's, students from the surrounding area were being bussed to school. Students in grade 13 still had to attend high school in Athens or Smiths Falls.

In 1951 the financial situation was such that a public meeting voted to close the school. The North Leeds High School District Board was formed in 1954 to unite Elgin, Westport, Seeley's Bay and Lyndhurst Continuation Schools. Elgin students were transferred to Lyndhurst until the new Rideau District High School at Elgin opened in 1960.

*With information from: **The House on the Hill - Don Warren**  
**Hub of the Rideau - South Crosby LACAC***



Elgin Continuation School 1955-56  
Photo Loaned by Rural Schools Collection - Diane Haskins





## St. MARY'S COLLEGE

St. Mary's College is a former high school and junior seminary that was operated by the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, a missionary order of the Roman Catholic Church more commonly known as "Redemptorists".

The school was located on a campus on the north bank of the St. Lawrence River in Maitland, Ontario, several kilometres east of Brockville.

St. Mary's College was established by the churches Ecclesiastical Province of Toronto in 1918 when campus construction took place. The date of canonical erection was September 5, 1920. The school functioned as a preparatory college for students initially drawn from Montreal, Prescott and Kirkwood, Missouri under its first Rector, The Reverend Charles Kelz.

For the next 50 years, aside from the juvenate closing temporarily from 1941-1944 due to World War II, St. Mary's College would educate nearly 550 boys, constituting nearly every English-speaking Redemptorist in Canada as part of the initial stage in the formation process for training for the priesthood.

St. Mary's college served as the First Novitiate for Choirists and Laybrothers from 1944—1947 and it reopened as a juvenate in 1947 and operated as such until its last class graduated in June 1968.

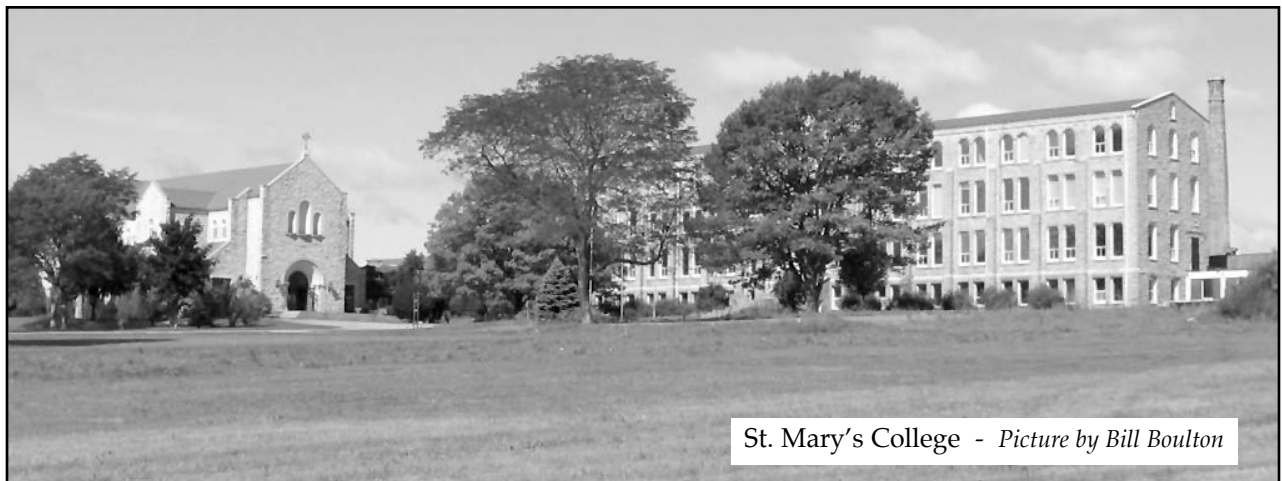
One of the primary reasons for the declining enrolment at St. Mary's was a 1960 decision by the Ecclesiastical Province of Edmonton to establish a junior seminary, Holy Redeemer College, for training western candidates.

The date of the canonical suppression at St. Mary's college is January 21, 1969.

The school campus and buildings were sold later that year to a group called Berean Christian Schools who hoped to use the facility as a private school. In 1975, the campus evolved into a private university preparatory school called Grenville Christian College. Grenville Christian College operated for 37 years and closed its doors in July 2007 due to declining enrolment.

The property was sold in December 2009 to an investment company with plans to develop the property into The Community of Brocks Landing.

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.*



St. Mary's College - Picture by Bill Boulton

### **Paid up MEMBERSHIPS as of Oct. 26, 2011**

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WARREN, GEORGE & BETTE  
 WEBSTER, DAWN  
 WEBSTER, ERIC & NANCY  
 WEBSTER, GEORGE & REBECCA  
 WEBSTER, JEAN  
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## Delta Continuation School

*Delta Continuation School has been the hardest school to find material for.*

I have seen a picture from 1922 and another from 1939-40, so we know it was operating during that time. Delta took part in the track and field competition held at the community field in Westport in 1938

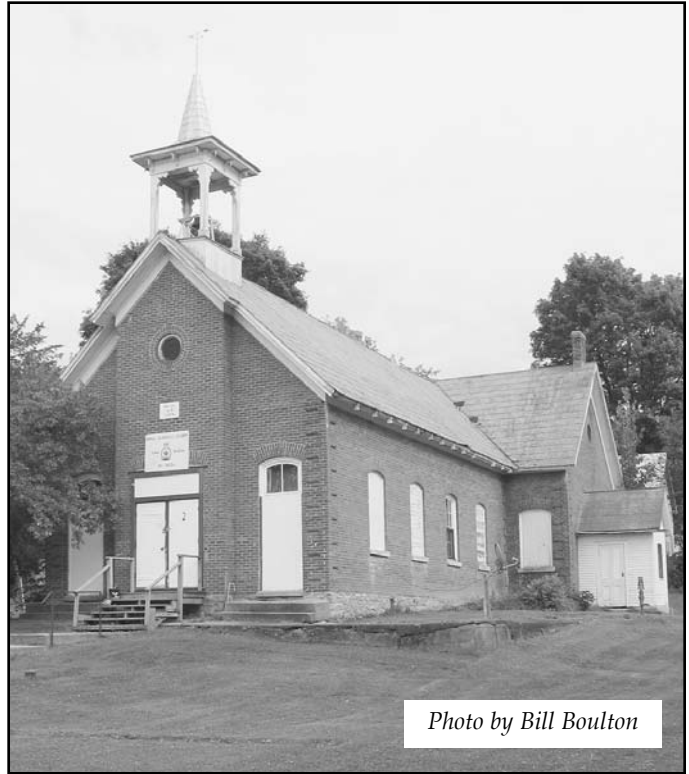
Delta Continuation School operated in the brick building now used by the Legion and Senior Citizens.

It was built in 1876 as a two-room elementary school. When the Continuation School was established, the elementary grades were moved to two older frame buildings near the mill.

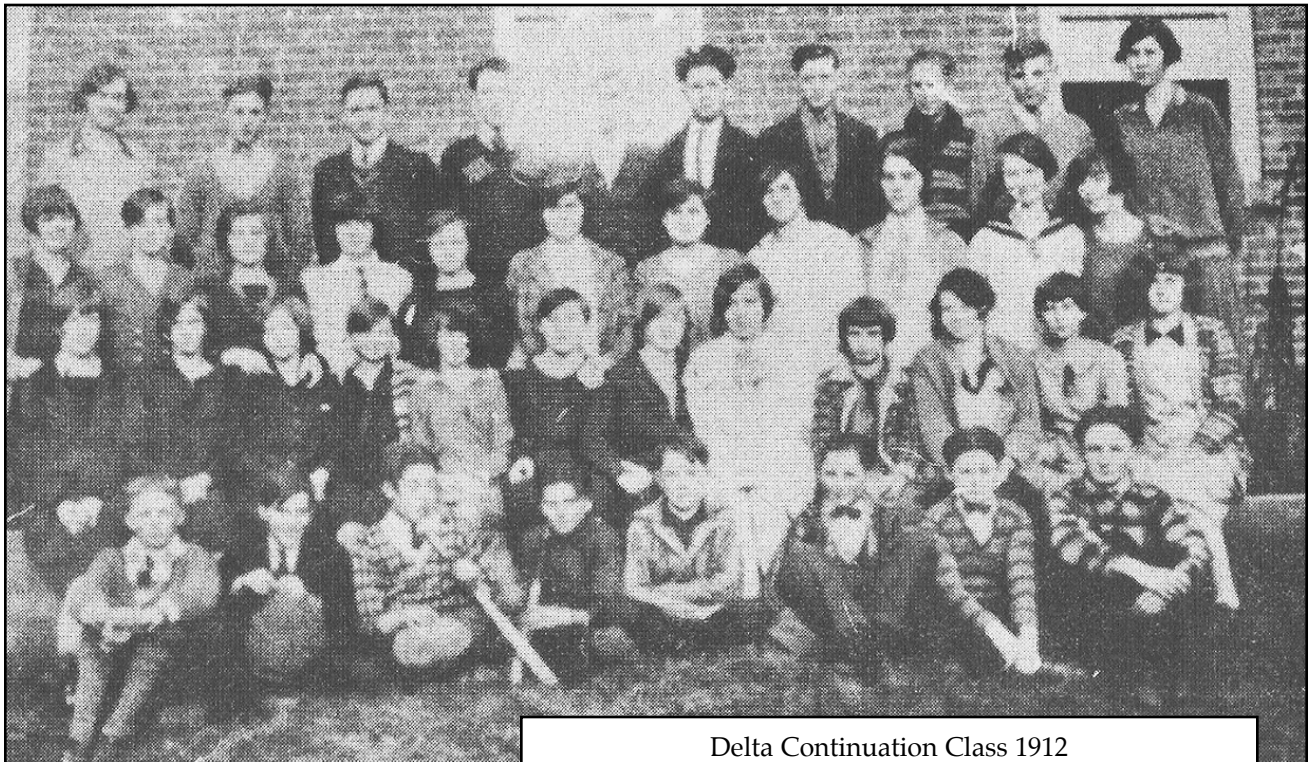
A 97 year old lady still living in Delta, remembers attending the Continuation School from 1927 until she graduated in 1934. Her older brother drove them to school in either a buggy or cutter. Her brother played hockey in school, but felt school was not for him, so he dropped out. He still continued to drive his sister to school. Rides were often shared. Students bringing horses were allowed to leave their horses in Dr. Kelly's stable while they were in school.

The closing date for the school is unknown, but we know the students had already been transferred to Lyndhurst by 1952. Thus closing date would probably have been in the 1940s.

With the closing of the Continuation School, the elementary students moved back to the brick building until the new Delta Elementary School was opened in the early 1960's.



*Photo by Bill Boulton*



**Delta Continuation Class 1912**  
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## ATHLETICS

Athletic events took place during the whole year. Schools close together often played each other in softball or hockey. The highlights of the year were the track and field meet held at some suitable central location in October, and the hockey tournament in March at the Gananoque arena.

Competition was keen. Many students from all schools took part. Printed (on page #16) are the results for the 1937 track meet held at Seeley's Bay. If you check the results, Lansdowne did quite well for a school with no gym or physed programme. The 1938 results of the meet held in Westport were not as good for Lansdowne. Only one winner. Selwyn Cook in the running broad jump. Miss Jean Hamilton, Lansdowne teacher, was one of the judges.

The hockey tournament was held at the Gananoque arena, as it was the only artificial ice surface at the time.

### HOCKEY

The Gananoque Arena was rented on March 13, 1952 to decide who would win the coveted Webb Trophy.

The games started at 10 O'clock on Friday. With Elgin boys defeating the Seeley's Bay team by a score of 3-2. For variety this game was followed by one between Lyndhurst girls and Lansdowne girls. Lyndhurst girls were beaten 2-0.

Lansdowne and Westport boys then played. Westport boys, who had shown a great promise earlier in the year, were "downed" by Lansdowne with a score of 3-0.

At last the Lyndhurst boys engaged in their first tussle of the day, and walloped Mallorytown boys 5-1. In the semi-finals, Lansdowne defeated Elgin 3-1. This meant that Lansdowne and Lyndhurst would play the final game. Both teams were well matched. Both teams put on a great display of hockey. Lyndhurst survived a penalty, and came back to score the final goal, a victory of 3-2 for Lyndhurst. To celebrate the victory, the cup was filled with Coke, and the team quenched their thirst.

### Lyndhurst Hockey Team 1953

#### **FRONT ROW L-R**

Norman Wing, Leslie Kelsy,  
Bruce Warren, Neil Sheffield.

#### **BACK ROW L-R**

Gary McElory, Hugh McCrady,  
Allan Kerr, Delos Gipson,  
Jim Muchmore, Jack Carren,  
Gary Summers.



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## WHEELS OF TIME

*Shirley Gibson-Langille will present a showing of her paintings entitled  
 "Wheels of Time" in the Wilson Room of the Kingston-Frontenac Public Library,  
 130 Johnson Street, Kingston.*

*The show opens Saturday December 3rd , 1-5pm,  
 and continues thru December 29th. The collection will include scenes with old  
 wagons, cars, trucks, farm equipment and even spinning wheels,  
 sewing machines and washers.*

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## Leeds County Students Hold Athletic Meet

SEELEYS BAY, Oct. 8 — The Leeds County track meet, scheduled for Friday but postponed on account of rainy weather, was held on the school grounds Monday at Seeleys Bay. At 9.30 pupils assembled in front of the school for the singing of the national anthem and giving school yells. Schools participating were: Elgin, Lansdowne, Lyndhurst, Seeleys Bay, Westport; attendance, 250 pupils and teachers.

Officials—Guest officials: Starter, Rev. P. G. Reynolds; walking for style judge, Mrs. J. Tierney, Brewers Mills; recorder of events, Miss Latimer; catching winners in all races except slow bicycle, 1, Mr. Thomson, 2, Mr. Hawdesley, 3, Mr. Taylor, 4, Mr. Reid; slow bicycle, Miss Kemp, 2, Mrs. Kidd, 3, Mrs. Johnson, 4, Miss Jacklin; tug-of-war, Mr. Thomson; ball-throw, Miss Kemp, Miss Anglin, Mrs. Kidd; broad jump, girls, Miss Anglin, Mrs. Kidd; boys, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Taylor; shot put, Mr. Reid, Mr. Taylor; high jump, Mr. Reid, Mr. Taylor; pole vault, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Taylor; archery, Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Anglin; judges in case of decisions, Miss Kemp, Mr. Reid, Mr. Taylor.

Dinner was served in the Masonic Hall by the pupils of the local continuation school. All plans were under the supervision of H. Pearson, principal, and assistant, Miss M. Berry.

Girls' point winners: Lyndhurst, 38 points; Lansdowne, 32 points; Westport, 24 points; Elgin, 17 points; Seeleys Bay, 14 points.

Jr. Girls' Medal—Doreen Lappin, Lansdowne, 9 points; Sr. Girls' Medal, Babe McKee, Lansdowne, 7 points.

Boys' point winners: Seeleys Bay, 42; Elgin, 41; Lyndhurst, 25; Westport, 14; Lansdowne 12.

Jr. Boys' Medal—Pat O'Meara, Elgin, 15½ points; Sr. Boys' Medal, Bob Latimer, Seeleys Bay, 14 points.

Total for schools — Lyndhurst, 63; Elgin, 58; Seeleys Bay, 56; Lansdowne, 44; Westport, 38.

Schools participating — Elgin, Lansdowne, Lyndhurst, Seeleys Bay, Westport.

Jr. Girls' Dash—1, Phyllis Halladay, Lyndhurst; 2, Gladys Harrington, Lyndhurst; 3, Gladys Quinn, Westport; 4, Cora Fredenburg, Westport.

Jr. Boys' Dash—1, Merton Gray, Seeleys Bay; 2, Bill Hamilton, Elgin; 3, Pat O'Meara, Elgin; 4, Archie Ostrom, Lyndhurst.

Sr. Girls' Dash—1, Babe McKee, Lansdowne; 2, Jean Mustard, Lyndhurst; 3, Thelma Garrett, Elgin; 4, Winnifred Myers, Westport.

Sr. Boys' Dash—1, Paul Church, Lyndhurst; 2, Bob Latimer, Seeleys Bay; 3, Ernest Leadbeater, Lyndhurst; 4, Laurence Cranker, Lansdowne.

Slow Bicycle, Jr. Girls — 1, Doreen Lappin, Lansdowne; 2, Mary Scott, Seeleys Bay; 3, Doreen Bresee, Westport; 4, Wilma Steacy, Lansdowne.

Slow Bicycle, Sr. Girls—1, Pauline Willey, Lyndhurst; 2, Gwen Simes, Seeleys Bay; 3, Verna Abrams, Westport; 4, Nina Slack, Lansdowne.

Relay Race, Boys — 1, Lyndhurst; 2, Lansdowne; 3, Westport; 4, Seeleys Bay.

Relay Race, Girls — 1, Westport; 2, Lyndhurst; 3, Elgin; 4, Lansdowne.

Standing Broad, Jr. Girls — 1, Velma Wilson, Lyndhurst; 2, Gladys Quinn, Westport; 3, Kay Tarlington, Lyndhurst; 4, Gwen Coon, Elgin.

Standing Broad, Sr. Girls, distance 7 ft. 4 in. — 1, Mary Forrester, Westport; 2, Thelma Garrett, Elgin; 3, Eleanor Stanton, Seeleys Bay; 5, Babe McKee, Lansdowne.

Standing Broad, Jr. Boys, distance 8 ft. 1 in. — 1, Eric Webster, Lansdowne; 2, Merton Gray, Seeleys Bay; 3, Billy Blair, Westport; 4, Pat O'Meara, Elgin.

Standing Broad, Sr. Boys, distance 8 ft. 10 in. — 1, George Collinson, Seeleys Bay; 2, Bob Latimer, Seeleys Bay; 3, Lyle

Goff, Lansdowne; 4, Aubrey Williams, Lansdowne.

Shot Put, Jr. Boys, distance 31 ft. — 1, Merton Gray, Seeleys Bay; 2, Pat O'Meara, Elgin; 3, Eric Webster, Lansdowne; 4, Bill Hamilton, Elgin.

Shot Put, Sr. Boys — 1, George Collinson, Seeleys Bay; 2, Oryn Pritchard, Seeleys Bay; 3, Lyle Goff, Lansdowne; 4, Allan Pratt, Lyndhurst.

Girls' Walking for Style, Jr.—1, Nellie Jones, Elgin; 2, Doreen Lappin, Lansdowne; 3, Marion Lloyd, Seeleys Bay; 4, Joyce Gilmore, Seeleys Bay.

Girls' Walking for Style, Sr.—1, Betty Halladay, Elgin; 2, Freda Leadbeater, Seeleys Bay; 3, Gloria Truesdell, Lansdowne; 4, Hilda Sully, Westport.

Girls' Tug-of-War — 1, Seeleys Bay.

Ball Throw, Jr. Girls—1, Marion Bresee, Westport; 2, Wilhelmina Webster, Lansdowne; 3, Marlon Chisholm, Lyndhurst; 4, Gladys Harrington, Lyndhurst.

Ball Throw, Sr. Girls — 1, Babe McKee, Lansdowne; 2, Ruth McElroy, Lyndhurst; 3, Verna Abrams, Westport; 4, Betty Halladay, Elgin.

Running Broad Jump, Jr. Boys, distance 12 ft. 4½ in. — 1, Bill Hamilton, Elgin; 2, Merton Gray, Seeleys Bay; 3, Pat O'Meara, Elgin; 4, Robert Wood, Lyndhurst.

Running Broad Jump, Sr. Boys, distance 15 ft. 8 in.—1, Bob Latimer, Seeleys Bay; 2, Frederick Stevens, Westport; 3, Kenneth Burnett, Westport; 4, Lyle Goff, Lansdowne.

Pole vault, Jr. Boys — 1, Pat O'Meara and 2, Bill Hamilton, Elgin, tied; 3, Robert Halladay, Lyndhurst; 4, Robert Wood, Lyndhurst.

Pole Vault, Sr. Boys — 1, Lewis Kenny, Elgin; 2, Frederick Stevens, Westport; 3, Ed. Dwyre, Elgin; 4, Howard Sly, Lyndhurst.

Archery, Jr. Girls — 1, Sheila Sommerville, Lyndhurst; 2, Paula Turnbull, Lansdowne; 3, Wilma Steacy, Lansdowne.

Archery, Sr. Girls — 1, Belya White, Lyndhurst; 2, Catherine Truesdell, Lansdowne; 3, Geraldine Bresee, Westport; 4, Margaret Ralph, Lyndhurst.

Boys' 440 yd.—1, Ernest Leadbeater, Lyndhurst; 2, Paul Church, Lyndhurst; 3, Aubrey Williams, Lansdowne; 4, Bob Latimer, Seeleys Bay.

Running High Jump, Jr. Boys, height 4 ft. 8 in.—1, Pat O'Meara, Elgin; 2, Bill Hamilton, Elgin; 3, Billy Blair, Westport; 4, Robert Wood, Lyndhurst.

Running High Jump, Sr. Boys, height 4 ft. 7 in.—1, Leo Kenny, Elgin; 2, Oryn Pritchard, Seeleys Bay; 3, Bob Latimer, Seeleys Bay; 4, Ed. Dwyre, Elgin.





## **LANSDOWNE CONTINUATION SCHOOL REUNION**

Former students of Lansdowne Continuation School held a school reunion at the Lansdowne Community Building on the weekend of July 16 — 17. Emphasis was on the 1950 to 1956 years, although students from other years were in attendance. We chose those years as they were the last years of the operation of the school, and the time most of the organizing committee attended. We also had year books from that time to help us.

Saturday morning started with registration and the entry of a float in the Lansdowne Fair Parade. The float wagon carried a full load of former students and portrayed a school classroom. The entry won first prize in the non-commercial class.

After a free time afternoon, registration began again at 4 p.m., and included a get-to-together time when old friendships could be renewed and the past 50 years reviewed. There was also considerable reliving of some of the more memorable times of school days. Time was spent looking at the displays of pictures, books and memorabilia .

Eighty-seven sat down to a delicious roast beef dinner prepared by the Lansdowne Fire Ladies Auxiliary. After dinner an opportunity was given for many to reminisce about their memories and experiences at L.C.S. The school song and several introduced in French class by Mr. Buhr were sung.

A church service was held on Sunday morning at the Lansdowne United Church. Several former students took part in the service, both musically and verbally. The message was delivered by Rev. Lorne Moorhead, a 1953 graduate. Following the service, lunch was served by the United Church women. This allowed further time for guests to reminisce.

Former students returned from Gananoque, Brockville, Toronto, Kanata, Western Quebec, Winnipeg, and as far as Calgary and Flin Flon Manitoba. Many, of course, had not strayed far from Lansdowne.

The planning committee consisted of Gail (Nunn) Abrams, Donnie (Stacy) Dorey, Freda (Warren) White, Florence (Funnell) Crawford, Vera (Foote) Dewolfe, Bob Huskinson and Bill Boulton. They had worked hard since January researching names and addresses, sending out letters and planning the event.

A 2011 Reunion Year Book was produced. A few copies remain and are available for \$7.00 (postage included) from the Historical Society at the address in the front of this newsletter. Souvenir mugs were also available at the reunion, but are all sold.

All in all, a very successful reunion and a good time had by all.

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School Reunion Float in Lansdowne Fair Parade

*Photo by Diane Lamonte*



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ASTLEY, ROGER & MARNIE	GAYLORD, DAN & JANET	LANDON, GLENDENE	PERRY, BETTY
BARR, DAVID & PENNY	GEEKIE, NANCY	LANDON, YVONNE	PHILLIPS, BRIAN & DIANE
BELL, EMILY & HOWARD	GEMMELL, JOHN	LANGTON, JIM & NANCY	PILON, TELESOPHORE
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