

# Clearwater Drive-In

Clearwater Drive-In was the place to be for the generation known as the baby boomers and others of course. Many of them attended first with Pa and Ma and were often clad in pajamas, and after the popcorn and soft drinks, fell asleep and then woke up the next morning at home in their own beds. They soon were old enough to drive and have cars of their own and enjoyed the Drive-In magic with their friends. Many stories have been told and just as many will remain secrets.

Mel Richards started the drive-in in 1957. Fred Redhead, manager of Beaver Lumber in White Bear was the main screen architect. Many others were involved in the building, painting, as projectionists, maintenance and concessions. Other history books

have recorded information on the facility.

An ad for Clearwater Drive-In in the Elrose Review, August 30, 1978 was "Why shoot the Teacher". The story was to have taken place in a location called Bleke, Sk in the Kindersley area. After living there for several years I was never able to locate the school, however the conditions of living at the time were so real. Bleke, Sk was where many Saskatchewan people lived at that time when the province was suffering from drought and gophers too!

The South West Booster, July 11, 1998 featured an article "Drive-In Magic Endures." Almost fifty years later it is still a great enjoyable amusement, standing firm midst the mass disappearance of so much in small communities.



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# Sports

Curling began in White Bear soon after the railroad came. It has been written that the first rink was one sheet of ice and was destroyed by wind or fire. A rink with two sheets of ice was in use by the early 30's and was destroyed by fire after being used a short time.

Pictures of the latter show the curling rink to be located almost directly north and across the road from the livery residence with the open-air skating rink east of the curling rink as in the first town photo.

Evening curling was popular; those who understood the game became the skips; the thirds, seconds and leads were drawn from a hat according to their knowledge and ability. A few who really liked to win would break with tradition and hand pick players to go to bonspiels in surrounding towns. Often people who didn't curl during the regular season would enter in bonspiels and paid dearly with very sore muscles by the end of the weekend.

Many of the curling rocks were privately owned and of different sizes and weights and identified with names or initials painted near the handles. Some of those were G.M. Driscoll, W.H. Mutlow, Akister & McKay, C.A. Clark, C.E. Clark, Christie & Bragonier, Pfaff & Benson with the P&B often referred to as pork and beans by kids who didn't know what the initials meant. Rocks purchased by the curling club provided enough for two sheets of ice. Colorful tassels made from knitting wool attached to elastic placed on the rock handles made them identifiable from end to end.



**"Winning The Cup"**

B.R.: Lloyd Nolan, William Frame, Elwell Clark  
C.R.: Morgan Driscoll, Orvel Graham, Norman Humphrey,  
Bob Christie, Gottlieb Pfaff, Roland Mutlow, Lloyd Bragonier  
F.R.: John MacPherson, Dave McMillan, Frank Standeven  
(Last 3 & Bill Frame from Lacadena)



**"Displaying The Cup"**

B.R.: Herman Bischoff, Elwell Clark, Max Rutherford, Gottlieb Pfaff  
F.R.: Ted Johnstone, Roland Mutlow, Morgan Driscoll, Chester Clark

Bonspiels for both men and women attracted entries from the surrounding towns; Tuberosa, Kyle, Lacadena and Sanctuary. Curlers from Sanctuary had their first experience with the game at bonspiels before their town had curling ice. They were dangerous with that constant draw weight.

Horses were a mode of transportation to bonspiels when the rinks first were in operation, leaving early, arriving back home late.

Lights for the curling ice and waiting room were supplied by a "light plant", a small stationery gasoline engine located in the waiting room with the exhaust (a flexible hose) through a hole in an outside wall. No danger of carbon monoxide there! In the mid 30's during the men's bonspiel, gasoline was spilled during refueling and an uncontrollable fire broke out. Most of the spectators escaped by going on to the ice surface. No one was injured, though the waiting room and half of the building over the ice surface was destroyed!

Rebuilding soon began with improvements; the light plant was placed in a separate engine room making the waiting room more pleasant for spectators.

Great hot meals, hot dogs, home made soup and pies were served from the kitchen with a coal stove in the early years. One curler bringing 4 pies to a bonspiel was met by his skip, armed with forks at the Western Elevator. The gooseberry pie was consumed but the other 3 pies made it to the rink kitchen.



**1927 Lady Curlers**  
Elizabeth Avery, Kathleen Pratt, Grace Driscoll,  
Edna Clark, Peggy Hannah



**1927 Lady Curlers**  
Dorothy Edlin, Elizabeth Avery, Alice Kerr,  
Grace Driscoll, Edna Clark, Gwen Kerr, Peggy Hannah

Many volunteers helped with flooding ice at the beginning of the season. Several teams of horses that lived within the town limits made it easy to haul water from the C.N.R. reservoir. The caretaker was assisted by volunteers to scrape and sweep the ice during bonspiels; the job was often one of many hours. Warm weather could make games very late and very early and some were played in a bit of water, especially at the south end, where the heat from the waiting room along with a chinook could make the ice very heavy.

A change from 20 degrees below to 32 degrees above zero could cause moisture from frost to drip from the roof making bumps on the curling ice surface; games in progress would stop while the bumps were scraped off. Curling on artificial ice could never in any

way compare to the challenge of natural ice. Howard and Midaugh could never imagine!

Late in the curling season after adult curling was considered over for the winter, 2x4's were placed across the ice at the hog line for pint size curlers to use as a hack pushing the rocks toward the rings. This was referred to as the 'school bonspiel' for the youngest school kids in the 1940's. Pushing rocks without the hack was not easy, but it was 'curling'.



**School Curling - Late 1930's**  
West side of Curling Rink  
Bob Kerr, Margaret Lytle, Ruth Kerr, Bessie Barnard,  
Eleanor Hunter, Muriel Hunter, Cameron Hunter, Lois Clark

A patch of ice flooded on the west side of the hall hosted Jam Can Curling, rocks were made by freezing jam cans full of water, also pistons from old engines were filled with water and froze. These were great having a handle and were quite heavy. Besides recess noon hour and after school fun, a school bonspiel was organized with a few prizes. No one cared about a prize, just the curling was important.

A couple of greats - Lloyd and Garnet, two brothers of the great curling Campbells of Avonlea came to White Bear to a few bonspiels. One would skip a rink of Art Campbell, Lennox Draper and Ejner Christensen; needless to say they won the Grand Challenge. A draw to the button never failed the Campbell Brothers. The four brothers won many bonspiels, cars and even the Silver Broom. A famous car bonspiel was held at Nipawin for several years.

In 1955 when the arena was built the curling rink was moved and attached so that the kitchen and seating for spectators could be used by both facilities. The large old coal and wood range was replaced by electric stoves and water for washing dishes came from a tap and disappeared into a drain - the guys really, really missed emptying those pails!

Some architects for the arena were Jim Bassett, Roi Akister, Tiny Gunderson, Bob Kerr and Sam Mutlow with almost everyone else in the community bringing along a hammer in any spare time. Sandwiches and coffee was provided during afternoons for the workers.

Hockey, regardless of ability, was enjoyed by all ages of young fellows, many just learning to skate. White Bear and many surrounding towns had a minor hockey day - tournaments on Saturdays and Sundays, followed by a senior game in the late evening. Seniors in this instance does not mean 65 years of age. No NHL players were produced in the area however, many little hockey players learned to be very good gracious losers as in many cases there were scarcely enough players for a team.

Figure Skating lessons were offered to those who cared to take part, the cost was probably less than \$5.00 per family, which was paid to the Figure Skating Association so that skaters would be allowed to take the required tests. Figure Skating carnivals were successful with the weather often being the only problem. The old 20 degree below zero could make a figure skating costume seem like nothing for clothing and 32 degrees above could find the fathers out sweeping water off the melting ice and those who fell could be soaked - good old natural ice!

Caretakers over the years for curling and skating were many (if your name should be among those mentioned - add it to the list). Walter Weldon, Roland Mutlow, Orvel Graham, Jack Pickford, Mr. Lee, Ronald Graham, Joe Wilkie, Ed Akister and, Jack Beck. After the arena was built the job was two fold - some of those were Roland & Larry Mutlow, Willard Lytle, Raymond Clark, Max Hunter, Douglas Pickford, David Lytle, David Brown and Ward McMillan. Some were paid, the odd time some were not. The wage never matched the hours but all should be thanked a hundred times over for tying and tightening skate laces and keeping the place safe for young and old when many parents just sent their kids to the rink knowing the caretaker would keep order.

The arena can be seen in pictures in the glory days and the demise some thirty years later. As we remember it was a lot of work and at times we grumbled about what had to be done (there were the willing workers and few not so willing), the remuneration was young people were provided with a healthy activity during long winters.

Lacadena History Book explains that there were two double rink cups (trophies). The Cobban Cup donated by Jim Cobban, the Beaver Lumber Cup was competed for in towns with a Beaver Lumber Store; any town on the CN line could challenge for The Western Cup. For a time the trophies were on display in the large glass display case used as the registering desk in the White Bear Hotel, regardless of which town claimed them for a year. Curling for these was taken seriously and it is known that one was stolen and disappeared; the suggestion was made that the resting place may have been the CNR reservoir. The dam was used as a hiding place for many things, even a deer carcass when taken out of season. The RCMP searched the elevators for the deer but not the dam.

Pictures show the first out door skating rink in town, however hockey was played on the CNR dam previous to that.



**Outdoor Hockey, 1940's**  
Edwin Pfaff and Albert Taylor in dark sweaters.  
Fans watching beside Curling Rink.



**Hockey, 1940's**  
Goal Judge not wearing skates. Western Elevator in background.  
Old House on the hill on horizon. Doors for cooping boxcars  
stacked by railroad to right of Elevator. These doors often turned  
into rafts during Spring thaws by unknown pirates.

Sports Days, the second Saturday in June for many years had great attendance with baseball teams from surrounding towns, some as far away as Plato. Soft ball teams for ladies and school children as well as gymkhana events, chariot races and chuckwagon races, first with larger horses and later with ponies. There were carnival games and food concessions followed by a well-attended dance in the hall. Proceeds were used to manage the skating and curling rink. Skating and curling was free to all those who could find a pair of skates or curling broom. Prizes won for best floats in the parades were always cash and were usually turned in to the sports board as a donation. The kitchen food concession was a profitable event since most of the food was prepared and donated by community families.

Pictures show the tremendous crowd attending 1967, Centennial year when pioneers were invited home for a banquet served in the arena on the usual Sports day with the entire activity catered locally and without charge. George Leith of Rosetown, Member of Parliament was invited to be the guest speaker. An invited guest who was strongly opposed to the Liberal persuasion became upset and chose to leave the banquet and the day of socializing with other pioneers.

Baseball was organized when enough people arrived in the area to make up teams. Many games were played at Clearwater Lake before some of the towns existed, some were played in the evenings at the White Bear Store, near where Ivan Akister's farm buildings

are located. After World War II White Bear, Tuberoso, Kyle, Sanctuary, Lacadena and Matador Co-op Farm formed a league. Games were played in each location and sports days as well. I believe tournaments with these teams were also played at Clearwater Lake. These leagues lasted for several years. Val Bachelder and Jacob Schuler had a really hard time giving up what they loved to do. Jim Lewis was known to express how much he disliked Jake Schuler signaling to the fielders how many outs there were. "Oh well it's all in a game".



**White Bear Baseball Team, 1946**

Willard Lytle, Munro Hope, W.D. Clarke, Henry Lytle, Albert Griffith, Bill Kihnrick, Jacob Schuler, Bill Lee, Bob Hope



**1960's "Hockey Just For Fun"**

L-R: Gordon Schuler, James Figley, Val Empringham, Glenn Murray, Darrel Kerr, Murray Schuler, Jim Kerr, Bob Pittman, Rick Boyer, David Norheim, Neil Kerr, Jeff Pickford, Raymond Pickford, Wayne Hope, George Figley, Colin Gauthier, Don Empringham, Les Maalerud, Davin Schuler, Ron Schuler, Harvey Sather, Dale Figley, Greg Pittman, Lyle Schuler

*In Memory of: Rick Boyer, Wayne Hope, David Norheim, Raymond Pickford, Bob Pittman*





#### 1980's Ball Team Sports Day

B.R.: Coach Doug Pickford, Diane Jones, Carla Marshall,  
Sandy Gustavson, Wendy Sander, Carol Pittman, Wendy Turner  
F.R.: Karen Sander, Connie Houston, Edna Hope, Shannon Park,  
Cindy Rempel, Sandy Williams



#### 1980's Men's Hockey Team

B.R.: Stan Figley, George Williams, Chris Dion, Robert Shaw,  
Eugene Figley, Carey Kovitch, Glenn Cates  
C.R.: Robbie Lytle, Jim Davis, George Lowe, Larry Husby  
F.R.: Leroy Clark, Dale Hope, Larry Baker, Stan Day, Danny Brown



Rink Demolition,  
1985



# Gophers

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They made headline news 2002.

Richardson Ground Squirrel, rodent, varment, pest, destroyer and other names that are not printable have been used to describe gophers.

W.O. Mitchell in "Who Has Seen The Wind " gives a fairly graphic description of prairie kids and gophers in the 1930's. A bounty of one cent per tail was paid by each councillor in his respective Rural Municipality division, counting them carefully and disposing of them promptly.

Living in a small prairie town was not too different from living on a farm, which made it easy for a band of hunters to form a posse after school, on weekends, and in summer holidays. The family dog was included and a hunting they did go! There were no restrictions on how the procedure should be carried out and not yet

any animal rights groups. Snares, traps, water and a few other ingenious methods were practiced, some known only to the hunters.

For a few years gophers didn't seem to make the headlines except for the Derby as an attraction in Eston's July 1 celebration of Canada Day. They do not care to race competitively, a squirt bottle of water was used to encourage them to leave the starting gate and proceed to the finish line. It appeared that they preferred privacy and did not appreciate a shouting crowd of people.

Progress, like walking on the moon and surviving in outer space, computers and modern day way of living has taken us right back to talking "Bounty on gophers."

# Tough Winters

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A few reminders of how tough winter can be. With heated automobiles, light weight but very warm clothing, homes where a thermostat maintained an even temperature and a cell phone in the car to advise someone if there might be a car or road problem, if it is necessary to go out at all.

It wasn't always that tough. Remember? Perhaps you can't and its just a story your grandparents told. Maybe that's why they appeared to look older than they were.

Once a sense of security came from knowing the coal bin was full of the best gleaming nuggets, hauling out ashes and clinkers could not be neglected.

Some were lucky and had concrete basements with central heating; coal- burning furnace with chains to pull would adjust the heat at the registers. Others homes sat on posts with a dugout basement, a cellar hole was a better description. Heat was a potbelly stove in the living room often removed during the summer; if heat was required the kitchen cook stove would supply enough heat and had to be used for cooking anyway. In winter bedrooms were pretty cool and kids warmed clothing by taking it into bed under the covers before dressing.

Houses were often banked outside with earth and maybe even snow to keep out the icy draughts. In the fall, kitchens were full of spicy aromas of pickling and canning, jars were counted, sealer rings, screw tops, pectin, water glass and mixed spices went on the grocery list.

The wooden sand bins were filled with carrots and turnips. Potatoes were stored in a bin, and had to be sprouted a couple times during the winter. Often there was no light in the cellar except for the trap door standing open to allow entry. Kids got the job of going for potatoes and it is no thrill picking up a lizard that doesn't really want to be picked up, salamander is probably the proper name but that doesn't make one feel more comfortable about having touched the cold slimy creature.

Front doors were often covered and nailed shut, the screen door replaced with a solid door or a small porch.

Remember mitts were home knit of wool and often shrunk from too many times getting wet. Felt inner soles were dried on the oven door. Flakes of rust seemed to get into the water reservoir on the kitchen stove. Stovepipes would creak and crackle when

expanding from the heat when the wind was strong. Many Ma's and Pa's had arguments when the stovepipe cleaning took place, that soot could make an unforgiving mess.

When winter clothing came out of storage it was usually too small but worn anyway and often smelled of mothballs. Girls had to wear those tan colored ribbed cotton stockings and tried desperately to get them up over long underwear so the bumps would not show. Newspaper was supposed to be good for shining lamp chimneys, lamps smelled of coal oil and the wicks had to be trimmed properly, a tall corner could cause the chimney to blacken on one side. Mantle gasoline burning lamps were a great light during winter but the mantles were no match for the blindly flying moth in the summer.

Someone would get out of bed during the night, add coal and wait till the gas would burn off so the draughts could be adjusted to prevent burning too fast. Houses would creak and groan from frost when very

cold; often nails could be heard popping.

Remember the home remedies for colds and croup, like mustard plasters that would lift the paint off a tractor (if it had paint). Hot milk and honey with a small lacing of garlic, a spoon full of sugar dosed with coal oil, and that hot red mustard ointment diluted with lard for chest rub, covered with brown paper and worn over night.

Cod Liver Oil kept one healthy even if the thought of swallowing it could make one sick.

A book called "Once Upon an Outhouse" explains the coming and goings in summer and winter and explains the use of Eaton's Catalogue and those tissue like wrappers that came on peaches and mandarin oranges.

A story is told of how a woman wrote a catalogue company and ordered toilet paper. They wrote back and asked for the toilet paper number and item number. She responded, "If I had the catalogue, I wouldn't need the toilet paper".

## Tornados

It's your History. A newspaper article with information from the National Archives of Canada reprinted and headlined "Rooster loses feathers in Canada Day tornado."

Late afternoon of June 30, 1912 the skies grew green over Regina. The sun was huge and red. It had been a steam bath of a day, hot and humid. The streets were decked with flags ready for what was then called Dominion Day July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thunder clapped and lightning struck. A giant funnel whirled near the legislative building on Wascana Lake and cut a six block wide swath through the city. It raised buildings, flipped freight cars, uprooted trees, tipped grain elevators and according to one witness, stripped a rooster bare save for the tail feathers!

The tornado whipped Wascana Lake into frenzy. Five people drowned. Several nearby truckloads of dry cement were whisked into the air, blended with lake water and rain and showered all over the city covering everything in its path.

The whirlwind vacuumed up twenty-eight people

killing them all instantly. Another thirteen died later of wounds. Three hundred were injured and three thousand were left homeless. Six million dollars worth of damage was done to five hundred buildings.

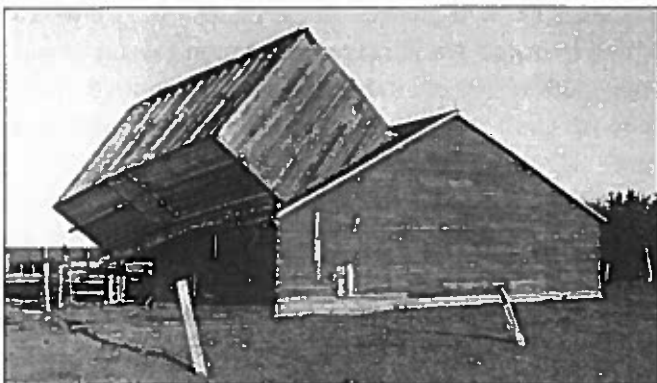
Despite the devastation, Regina's enterprising real estate agents tried to play down the damage calling the tornado a "cyclone" that had merely cleared the way for new development. City fathers, in an effort to clean up the mess borrowed about \$500,000 from the Saskatchewan government at a long-term interest rate of five per cent. The "cyclone account" was finally closed in 1959.



Tuberose Curling Rink after Tornado, August 1957



Tuberose lost the curling rink and other buildings were blown around very early on an August morning 1957.



**Ed Upson's Buildings, August 1957**  
West of the Rink

A storm that hit Swift Current damaged the Civic Center and the mall in late 1970's moved east, where the top on one grain elevator in Davidson was removed. It also removed the ends of the lumber shed; on up to Watrous where the CBC towers were toppled, twisted and resembled a mass of tangled wire.

Pennant, SK was the target of a vicious tornado in 1982. Besides bins, trees and houses being wrecked a large piece of orange painted lumber from the Pioneer Elevator was driven into the wall of a church. Scenes from Pennant were used in a television ad by S.G.I.

In 1987 Edmonton was badly damaged, a trailer park was almost completely blown away, moving on to areas near Kindersley and Netherhill the same evening. People and pets were killed.

The June 17, 1996 tornado left a path of devastation as it moved southwest to northeast in the White Bear, Kyle, Tuberose and Sanctuary areas. Steel bins were tossed around, twisted and resembled crushed cans, roofs were blown off machine sheds, and other buildings were lifted and dropped on trucks and other machinery almost as though the intent was to destroy both. Trees that had stood many windstorms were snapped. It is not possible to describe all of the damage; some of the farms mentioned in a newspaper account were Gauthiers, Gilllanders, Husbys, and Lytles. In White Bear Town McMillan's garage was removed leaving the contents. Something dropped to make a hole in the roof of their house. Bins at Ray Clarks, Maurice Akisters and Ivan Akisters were removed.

The old Darrow house on the hill was surrounded by this destruction but still stands to decay a little more each day and was spared by the storm.

Tornado terror strikes southwest - "a newspaper headline" the article mentioned as well as the above-mentioned areas. Funnel clouds were sighted and damage done by those that touched down the same day in Kindersley, Fir Mountain, Rouleau, Eastend, Spring Valley and Val Marie.

Also on June 17, 1996 the Swift Current Sun printed a picture of a car ploughing through water after a flash rain as it passed the Cinema Twins Theater where the billboard read "Mission Impossible", "Eddie", and "Twister".

At the Pine Lake resort in Alberta in 2000, most of the trailers in the park were blown away or into the lake, lives were lost.

Vanguard, SK was almost washed out of the province with an excessive rainstorm and wind that moved south as far as Bracken area where roofs were damaged and trees were broken.

An old story told how a small glass butter dish had been found in a coat sleeve after a tornado that had touched down in the United States and completely leveled a town just became a little more believable.

"Protect yourself in a storm". Are you prepared for a tornado? The movie, "Twister" released in 1996 was showing in Swift Current when the southwest was hit, captured the imagination of Canadians and serves as a good reminder of the incredible devastation tornadoes cause.

Emergency kits with a battery-operated radio; water, food, clothing, blankets, flashlights and first aid kits can easily be prepared. Respect 'severe weather watch' and 'severe weather warnings'. Warning means a storm is occurring and go for shelter. Families should plan to keep in touch and have a contact central. Basements are a good place to go; if that isn't possible a small room or hallway is some protection. Stay clear of windows, doors and outside walls. Mobile homes during tornadoes are where 50% of deaths occur. Avoid buildings such as gymnasiums and auditoriums where large roofs are likely to collapse. Don't try to out run a tornado in a vehicle they move much too fast and rarely in a straight line and change directions suddenly. Flying debris even straw and sticks can become lethal missiles driven by a tornado blast.

**Tornado at Husby Farm - June 17, 1996**





## Local Artistry



**Autumn Colors Late '70s**



**The Third Bridge**



**1999, Harvesting Canary Seed**  
(I. Akister)



**"Dwellings Two"**  
(Min Clark)



**"Quiet Animals"**  
(Ray Clark)

# Over the Years

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## 1926

Inventor John Baird demonstrated a new machine "television".

In Rome Mussolini declared democracy dead and was replaced by Fascism.

Actor Rudolph Valentino died at age 31 of ruptured appendix.

Magician Harry Houdini died at age 52 of peritonitis.

Queen Elizabeth II was born.

Marilyn Monroe screen star was born.

Some prices were: Postage stamp 2 cents, 1 quart milk 14 cents, 1 pound loaf of bread was 9 cents and 1 gallon of gasoline was 23 cents.

## 1930's

Soap operas on battery powered radios daily from 1 PM to 2 PM, two of which were "Ma Perkins" and "Pepper Young's Family".

Lux Theater each Monday evening, an hour drama by Cecil B. DeMille.

A weekly comedy at 7 PM "Fibber McGee and Molly". A story of wild exaggeration by Fibber while wife Molly tried to keep him honest. Fibber usually went to get something from a hall closet, each time the door was opened, the contents spilled on to the floor with a sound effect of tin cans tumbling for a few seconds. He always commented how he should tidy the closet but never remembered to do it.

When some farm families moved into town for the winter to be nearer school (maybe curling too) they found a place to stable a team of horses and a milk cow. After the barns were no longer used for live animals they became a hiding place for some that weren't so alive and an embarrassment to the owner.

Relief cheque in 1938 for a couple with one child was \$6.30 per month.

A town family was fortunate to survive a scary incident when while sleeping they were overcome by gas from a coal-burning stove. This could happen very easily when a change in wind direction could affect the draft controls in coal and wood heaters. Elma McKay to the rescue.

The first picture shows were gun-toting cowboys in the "Westerns". Rev. Leaker of Lacadena ran the first projector.

Lark Darrow, Ernest Kerr, Ken Lytle and Erling Norheim each delivered milk to town folk for some time over several years. Cows were milked by hand into pails. Milk was strained through a mesh strainer often supplemented by a cloth (probably a flour or sugar bag) into the large bowl on top of the machine known as a cream separator. Whole milk was bottled and cooled, and the remainder separated by running through a set of spinning disks in the machine. Skimmed milk from the large spout ran into a pail sitting on the floor, cream from the small spout ran into a small container sitting on a stand attached to the machine.

Washing and cleaning the separator parts made washing dishes seem like fun.

Milk bottles were usually supplied by those who sold the milk and were returned when empty. Money for the next delivery was dropped in the empty, left out side the door to be picked up by the delivery person bringing the next day supply.

Milk was usually purchased by the quart, cream by the pint and half pint. A small round-waxed cardboard cover referred to as a cap that fit into the groove on the top of the bottles was the only thing replaced each time. Deposits were never charged for the bottles even if they may have disappeared or had been broken, some milk bills were never paid.

A grade 4 student became seriously ill at school and was denied a request to go home before 3:30. A ride with team and cutter was offered by neighbor children, but the problem was 4 other students would be absent for half a day.

Saturday night was bath time. Monday was washday. Laundry for most families was Monday and usually only once per week due to water shortage. In winter a week was often required to melt enough snow or ice to do laundry.

Clothes were not so plentiful and often worn for an entire week. School clothes were often changed after school to some unfit for anything else but play or chores. Most knew what "play togs" were.

Some folk seemed a bit shy of water even when it was available and could go all winter without a change, they were easily detected at dances and Christmas concerts.

Drying laundry during winter was interesting. Articles were wrung by hand or with the old wringers turned by hand on the "washers" which left a great deal of water to freeze solid on the outdoor clothes line. Bed sheets needed to be bent in half to get them through the door, the same was true of those popular one piece fleece long johns. Once inside and after thawing a bit garments were hung on lines often in the kitchen. Water might drip the entire length of the line. Two notable advantages to this procedure were that everything smelled so fresh (as only frost can do) and there was no need for a humidifier.

The old wood style clothes rack (clothes horse) was loaded with wet laundry and put out doors to freeze. When extended with frozen clothes it could pose a bit of a problem to get through the door.

Summer during the dry dusty 30's also presented a few problems for drying laundry. Heaps of wet clothes were often covered and left till evening in hopes that the "wind could go down with the sun". A cover was sometimes hard to come by; the old kitchen table oilcloth was saved for such a purpose.

Oilcloth could be purchased by the yard from a very large roll at the general store; color co-ordinating with kitchen décor was not a priority.

Insects such as grasshoppers and some of their cousins enjoyed resting on white sheets drying on outside clothes lines.

Clothes were ironed with flat (sad) irons, heated on the kitchen stove. A spring loaded handle was attached to a hot iron. The iron was used for a short length of time, then returned to the stove to reheat, while another was used. A rotation of three was ideal. A moist finger was the gauge to determine the proper temperature.

Garments such as blouses, cotton dresses and men's shirt collars were starched just to look good.

Clothing, tea towels, pillow cases, sheets and handkerchiefs were dried then dampened (sprinkled with water), to make ready for the ironing process. The invention of gas heated irons was an absolute wonder making it possible to do all of that unnecessary ironing without the heat from the kitchen range.

## 1940's

Concrete cisterns became a way to store water; often eaves troughs were connected to the cistern to catch rain from the roof of the house. Cisterns became a way also to store the wonderful drinking water from the well at Sanctuary. Each fall the cisterns were cleaned by some one wearing clean rubber boots, who descended by ladder into the cistern with rope and pail and something to scrub up the floor. Someone was on top to haul up the last bit of water. Two or three trips with a small tank on a trailer pulled by a car would be required for the winter supply. Then there was the trick of getting the water out of the cistern, done by flipping a pail on the end of the rope so that the pail would sink and fill. Pumps and pressure systems replaced all of this expertise and water taps on the kitchen sink led us to believe that we would always have water.

During World War II some commodities that were rationed were sugar, tea, coffee, meat and butter. Gasoline was rationed and tires were in short supply, patching tires was a business and some synthetic rubber tires came into use.

Restaurants were required to observe "Meatless Tuesday" at which time omelets were served.

Individuals were issued food coupon ration books; storekeepers removed coupons at the time of the purchase.

How fortunate they were when only torn clothes, scrapes and bruises were sustained by three male students falling from the back of a moving truck when the rack broke after some pushing and shoving took place between a couple of students when returning to White Bear after a ball game in Kyle.



Spirits could be ordered at the station from the outlet in Kindersley, presumably payment was made by telegram. Town gentlemen could be seen visiting the station agent on Thursday and again on Friday evening or Saturday morning to very discretely pick up a parcel. It was said that the supply was kept on hand for medicinal purposes. True! A few did become ill before Christmas.

Amy Olson was the only student to win the Bryant Oratory public speaking and solo at White Bear, Kyle, Rosetown and finally the provincials in Saskatoon.

### **Beef Rings Came Before Fridge's**

A typical beef ring consisted of sixteen to twenty shareholders mostly farm families. Shares were purchased for about ten dollars. Shares might be split between 2 families. Shares were sold from year to year as some dropped out and others joined. An annual fee of one dollar was common. Each shareholder was required to supply one animal for butchering every year. Slaughtering took place weekly usually Friday night - the meat distributed or picked up Saturday morning before the heat of the day. A twenty-share ring operated from May to September. Beef rings were regulated by the Provincial Health Department. A license had to be applied for by the beef ring and it had to maintain an approved slaughterhouse.

An elected president and secretary treasurer oversaw the operation. The portions of meat were weighed and recorded. Accounts were adjusted at a meeting at the end of the season.

Some beef rings only lasted a few years while others were in existence from 1926 to 1948. Most areas of rural southwest received hydro in the late 1940's and early 50's, which allowed many to have refrigerators and deep freezers.

### **1950's**

Hydro came to White Bear in 1951. Leo Rowley of Rowley's Electric in Elrose did the wiring in the original Pioneer cottage. Each room was allowed one ceiling light with a pull chain and one receptacle with the exception of the kitchen. The electrical code required a wall switch for the kitchen; each was priced and referred to as one drop at \$5.00 each, the cost of wiring the cottage was less than \$100.00.

One could borrow anything from the use of a clothesline to a car. The keys were often left in the ignition.

### **1960's**

#### **Halloween with a Difference.**

After the fun seekers and tricksters had gone, happy and proud they had not been caught, the Scout leader with troop and truck moved in, cleaned up, replaced the misplaced and had some fun doing a good job. Thanks guys - even if it is more than thirty five years later. If you were one of them write your name in here, your grandchildren will be proud.

Some of the Grade twelve graduating class of 1968, worried and concerned having not had a teacher for 2 weeks decided to go to the bar during noon hour and ask their principal to come back to school with June examinations only 6 weeks in the future. He did! And they were glad he did!

### **How We Treated Our Teachers**

Small teacherages were moved into town perched high on concrete foundations with no heat under the floor and not much for insulation in the walls. An oil burning space heater supplied heat, no laundry equipment was supplied. No place to store more than a pail of water, some times a mouse for company, however out door rest rooms were provided. Why did some stay for only 1 year?

## Ode to Tom Poole and Martin Rauser

Two bachelors who were large and small  
Lived so close just shout to call,  
They never agreed to be just friends  
Seemed like they'd fight to the bitter end.

Tommy liked brew, it made him dance  
Like boxing in the ring he'd take a chance,  
Put up the dukes like he's ready to go,  
Would anyone hurt him? Well, no!


Martin however and on the other hand  
Kept to himself, he was his own man.  
His first house was east by just one mile,  
To figure him out like a judge at a trial.

Sometimes when to town he'd start out to walk  
When offered a ride he'd refuse and not talk,  
As kids we wondered why this was so  
Years passed on but we never did know.

Much, much later both farms were then sold,  
They each moved to town and kept growing old.  
Martin lived there on main across from the hall,  
Tom lived as he wished in a house that was small.

Both fellows passed on some years ago  
And just as they lived each was alone.  
No one really knew how to give them a hand  
Or even to say "we just don't understand".


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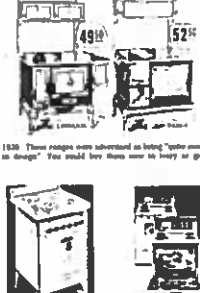
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Eatonia was the name a downtown department store, as the newspapers say, gave (and still gives) its own brands of merchandise. What was interesting about its 1910 talking machine was the price: twenty dollars less than an Edison, the big name in talking machines.

## Special Occasions - Anniversaries

### Lark and Minnie Darrow's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, July 4, 1950.



The adults, with the exception of Fred Rowley from Tyner and Rae Akister who came to the district from Demaine, were pioneers of the first White Bear settlement and had Saskatchewan Landing as their first post office address.

Mrs. Dean was blind and not aware she was sitting between the couple.

Verna Gillanders correspondent for the Elrose Review submitted the account of the event, July 1950.

The Darrows were born in Humphries, Missouri, USA and were married there July 4, 1900, came to Melfort, SK then on to the White Bear area. Their children Vera, Clell, Dorothy, Louie and Opal attended Neuve Chapelle, later White Bear, Couleeville, Tuberoise and White Bear.

There are eleven grandchildren and two great grand children, Shirley Strom and Linda Schuler.

Lark's mother, 95 years was hospitalized in Eston, Sask. and unable to attend Darrow's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many friends and relatives attended during the afternoon and evening.



B.R. Hazel Rowley, Cecil Richardson, Bert Archer, Fred Rowley, Alex Gillanders, Henry Thompson (Charlie Avery, Kate Harper) back of Rosa Millidge, Ross Akister, Roi Akister.

C.R. Jim Darrow, Phillip Richardson, Myra Gillanders, Gena Thompson, Rosa Boyer, Lulu Darrow, Rosa Millidge, Corda McKay, Ethel Akister, Elizabeth Avery

F.R. Lark Darrow, Francis Dean, Minnie Darrow, Elizabeth Aubert with Edna Akister, Rae Akister with Sharie, Lorill Akister, Ann Akister

*Photos by Harry Thomson*

## Special Anniversaries

### Wayne and Corda McKay's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, in May 1959.



Wayne McKay and Corda Darrow were married in Swift Current 1909, farmed on a homestead where their buildings were located north of the C.N.R. reservoir. In the late 1920's they built a house that was like a prairie palace to many of us visiting there. The well varnished hardwood floors and parlor with fireplace and piano as well as beautiful plants- one a spectacular fern that sat at the bottom of the open staircase - even a bathroom.

They were willing supporters of the United Church. Several large shade trees in the yard made an ideal spot

for a "Garden Party" in 1938 sponsored by Ladies Aid (United Church Women) with evening entertainment of local talent in the ravine directly north of the house. A large bon fire in the lower part provided lighting, the hills were used as spectator seating, the seats were blankets, lawn chairs came later.

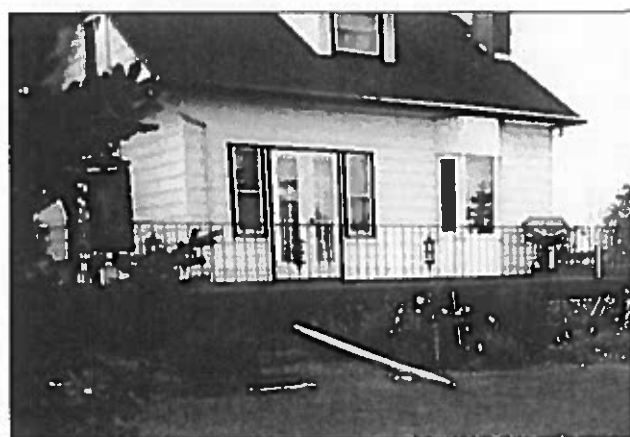
Son Paul and Elma (Stephenson) lived with them for a short time, then moved to White Bear, where their grandsons LaVerne and LeRoy attended school. Corda and Wayne celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May 1959, the cake was decorated by Elma, who did marriages for weddings as well. That day a welcome rain came making crossing the dam north of White Bear a series of the slip and slide routines and all the fun in the mud before gravel roads.

The farm was sold to Glen Boyer in 1960 where the McKays moved to Prince Albert. Wayne predeceased Corda. She died March 20, 1980.

Barry and Rosalie Marshall purchased the farm in 1973 and have renovated the house while preserving its old fashioned beauty as well as making improvements. "Thanks" folks for preserving the place. Their garage is the original White Bear school built in 1911.



Garage (original White Bear School)



House After Improvement  
(Photo taken in 2000)



## Special Anniversaries



Marshall Farm

### Ernest and Jennie Kerr's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, April 5, 1969.

Ernest Kerr and Jennie Conlin were married in Lachute, Quebec in 1909. Their children Alice (Gillanders) and Raymond were born in Quebec. In 1916 they came west and lived west of White Bear (Figley Farms) from there they moved to the Darrow house (on the Hill) rented the Darrow land and operated a dairy delivering milk daily to White Bear.

Ernest hauled the first load of grain to Tom Benson, Sask Pool Agent in 1925 before the rail arrived.

The Kerr's moved to town in 1939 and over the years became grandparents to many of the kids in town besides their own grandchildren Verna and Bob Gillanders, Velma, Carol, Beverley and Neil Kerr. Children were always allowed to play in their yard and without asking permission used Kerr's garage as home

base for many summer evenings of Kick the Can.

Most homes were never locked and those that were needed only a skeleton key. Grandma Kerr however locked her door every time she left the yard but with a difference, the security was a hook and eye at the very top of the screen door on the outside, her concern was that small kids might enter the house and get into her medication.

Jennie Kerr passed away in 1970 and Ernest Kerr in 1971.



1970, The Kerr's at Bev and Ed Fogg's Wedding



## Special Anniversaries

### Bert and Ethel Akister's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, December 25, 1961.



I.H. (Bert) Akister and Ethel Lamb were married in Fenlon Falls, Ontario in 1911, came west and lived where Ivan still farms.

Bert and his brother, Charles were partners in a store where the settlement known as White Bear first began very near the present farm house. Bert and Ethel were faithful supporters of the Anglican Church and the Auxillary to the church. Bert was a trustee of the school board known as Couleeville and many years after it became White Bear School District, as well as record keeper for the cemetery.

Their eldest son Ross and Lydia (Aubert) purchased and lived on the Lark Darrow farm, two daughters Ann and Edna attended school in White Bear.

Percy and Lillian (Westgard) lived on the Rolli farm and moved a mile east of White Bear after buying Darrow land. Maurice, twins Carol and Craig, and George attended White Bear school finishing his school in Kyle.

Ivan and Gladys (Monson) lived on the original homestead after Bert and Ethel moved to White Bear in 1957. Terry, Gwen and Susan the youngest of their nine grandchildren attended school in White Bear and Kyle.

Ethel passed away July 2, 1962 and Bert passed away on October 27, 1966.



Original Bert Akister Homestead

## Special Birthdays

### Ole Norheim's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 1979

Ole Norheim reached the century mark with a celebration with his children and their families November 3, 1979. He farmed many years in the Neosha district.



**Ole Norheim with his Children**

B.R.: Trygve Norheim, Solveig Anderson, Jhordis McCormick, Erling Norheim  
F.R.: Gudrun Dennison, Ole Norheim, Harold Norheim



**Ole Norheim with his Grandchildren**

B.R.: David Norheim, Gary Norheim, Don Norheim, John McCormick, Don Anderson,  
Danny Anderson, Wes Norheim

C.R.: Linda Anderson, Karen Norheim, Ole Norheim, Barbara Norheim, Judy Norheim  
F.R.: Marie Dennison, Laurie Norheim, Beverley Norheim

(Grandson Dale Norheim, in 4-H & School Pictures)

## Special Birthdays

### Helene Riedl's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 1984



Helene Riedl, mother of Eleonore Slaby came to Canada from her native land, Germany in 1984. Some years later she became a resident of the Kyle Health Centre where her one hundredth birthday was honored January 15, 1996.

### Percy Handley



Percy Handley, a resident of the Golden Years Lodge in Elrose, celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday, September 7, 1986. He died in 1987 in his hundredth year.

### Harry Lee Thomson's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 2001



B.R. L-R Faye Woodworth, Bill Thomson, Verna Thomson, Jean Hammond  
F.R. L-R Doug Woodworth, Harry Thomson, Alan Hammond

The people in the picture above the table on the shelf are of his sister Gladys, brother Clarence and Harry (the small child).

Harry Lee Thomson was honored November 7, 2001 on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the South View Apartments lounge in Kyle.

# School - How School Districts Came To Be

To form a school district settlers who had children could organize and petition the government to provide them with the necessary forms and procedures. A school committee could be made up from 3 residents in the proposed districts or a meeting could be called to appoint the necessary 3. The Deputy Minister of Education provided the instructions and a map showing any existing school districts. The district could not exceed 5 miles in length or width and had to include at least four persons who would be liable for assessments of taxes for school use, also required were at least eight children from five to sixteen years of age. If possible school districts should share a border to prevent strips of land between each. Access in regard to barriers such as rivers, lakes and roads were to be considered.

Small units were necessary to avoid impossible distances that would be traveled by small children, many of whom used horses while others were obliged to walk when horses were being used for farm work.

Residents were consulted as to whether they would be willing to be taxed for school, many bachelors were not in favor. When approved each district was identified by a name and number, in the case of names

they were asked to submit at least five, the names of animals and flowers were sometimes duplicated on applications, the Department had the final decision.

White Bear school number 2647, SE 21-22-16-W3 built in 1911. The date the actual district was formed is not recorded, numbers were assigned consecutively. In 1928 when Couleeville applied the number assigned was 4773. The Couleeville name was changed to White Bear in 1933, and the number remained the same.

School districts were formed as early as 1896 before Saskatchewan became a province. Alberta was included as well as north into the Territories making a large number of schools. There were 89 named schools in Eston Elrose unit. The unit was later referred to as a School Division.

Information regarding the numbers in the "Little White School House" appears to be a contradiction.

White Bear #2647	1911
Clearwater #666	1912
Horsebutte #2755	1912
Fundale #686	1913

## Couleeville School 1928

	1 Room	2 Room	3 Room
1928-1929	Mr. Morrow		
1929-1930	Eva Sweet		
1930-1931	Eva Sweet		
1931-1932	L.B. Christian	Miss. Berg	
1932-1933	Mrs. Cargill (Berg)	Louise Carr	

## Name was changed to White Bear 1933

1933-1934	Paul Okerstrom	Mary Francis Haugen & F. Ethel Carmichael	
1934-1935	Paul Okerstrom	F. Ethel Carmichael	
1935-1936	Paul Okerstrom	Thelma Johnson	
1936-1937	Jack Hall	Helen Gilmour	
1937-1938	Jack Hall	Helen Gilmour	
1938-1939	Jack Hall	Helen Gilmour	
1939-1940	W. Pollock	Beth Cunnings,	Carrie Schuler

	1 Room	2 Room	3 Room
1940-1941	Stan McIvor	Gladys Cavanagh	Carrie Schuler
1941-1942	Donald Mader	Gladys Cavanagh,	Carrie Schuler
1942-1943	Norman Scott	Miss Wakelin,	Carrie Schuler
1943-1944	N.J.E. Moberg	Lily Coghill,	Doris Goheen
1944-1945	N.J.E. Moberg	Lily Coghill & Darlene Hogue	Doris Goheen
1945-1946	Jacob Elias	K. E. Atchison	Doris Goheen
1946-1947	Jacob Elias	Kay Sander,	K.E. Atchison
1947-1948	Al Kunz	Lavonne Douglas,	K.E. Atchison
1948-1949	Orville Zander	Lavonne Douglas,	K.E. Atchison

### New School

1949-1950	Orville Zander	Lavonne Douglas,	K. E. Atchison
1950-1951	Irvine Grant	Lavonne Douglas,	K. E. Atchison
1951-1952	Evert Kridor	Edna Kridor,	Inga Truelson
1952-1953	Neil Breckon	Roberta Atkinson	Doris Pedro
1953-1954	Neil Breckon	Margaret Hudec,	Joan Chennels
1954-1955	Peggy Breckon	Margaret Hudec (Principal)	Joan Chennels
1955-1956	Robert Goodwin, Grant Raycroft, Margaret Hudec, Ida Gunderson		
1956-1957	Robert Goodwin, Cliff Brown, Dick Klippenstein, Henry Spenrath, Nora Oltman, Ida Gunderson		
1957-1958	Henry Windsor, Bill Tkachuk, Henry Spenrath, Nora Spenrath, Ida Gunderson,		
1958-1959	Henry Windsor, Allan Oliver, Henry Spenrath, Nora Spenrath, Ida Gunderson		
1959-1960	Henry Windsor, Allan Oliver, Joy Schuler, Doreen Hoehn, Ida Gunderson		
1960-1961	Robert Goodwin, Carl Ast, Joy Schuler, Ilda Baycroft, Ida Gunderson		
1961-1962	Carl Ast, C.J. Brown, Joy Schuler, Faye Ereiser, Ida Gunderson, Lena Neumiller		
1962-1963	Leonard Solomon, C.J. Brown, Glen Crawford, Joy Schuler, Rose Mary Herbert, Lena Neumiller, Ida Gunderson		
1963-1964	Leonard Solomon, C.J. Brown, Doug McIntyre, Joy Schuler, Darlene Thompson, Lena Neumiller, Ida Gunderson		
1964-1965	Leonard Solomon, C.J. Brown, Doug McIntyre, Joy Schuler, Carolyn Hamilton, Carrine Shaw, Ida Gunderson		
1965-1966	C.D. Thakker, C.J. Brown, Doug McIntyre, Joy Schuler, Sandra Hollstein, Prabha Day, Kate Bachelder, Ida Gunderson, Heather Frerichs		
1966-1967	C.D. Thakker, C.J. Brown, Doug McIntyre, Joy Schuler, Cheryl Bishop, Alfrieda Meise, Heather Frerichs, Ida Gunderson		
1967-1968	F.C. Mongeon, C.J. Brown, Ida Gunderson, Joy Schuler, Alfrieda Meise, Gladys Binns, Violet McEvoy		
1968-1969	Ida Gunderson, Joy Schuler, Joan Pickford, Edith Mitchell		
1969-1970	Ida Gunderson, Joy Schuler, Kate Bachelder, Violet McEvoy		
1970-1971	Vi McEvoy, Joy Schuler, Kate Bachelder		
1971-1972	Vi McEvoy, Kate Bachelder		
1972-1973	Vi McEvoy, Kate Bachelder		
1973-1974	Vi McEvoy, Edith Gibson		

Others who taught were Verna Pittman, Eva Mutlow, Mrs. Fatheringham, Ferne Clark



# School

School in White Bear began in 1928, with one classroom known as Couleeville #4773 in the community hall, previous to this, the town students attended Neuve Chapelle country school, north west of the town site. Application to the Department of Education to change to White Bear was granted for the school year 1933-1934.

In 1931, constructing a screen like partition in the center of the cold air returns and the furnace grate so that the single unit could heat both rooms. A seat type bench, lined with tin, in the opening in the partition was meant to deflect the heat to both sides. On very cold days a lot of pushing and shoving took place in attempt to gain a bit more of the "never enough heat". Overshoes and outer clothing was often worn all day. The opening above the partition allowed each room to be very aware of the goings on in either side.

High school grades 9-12 occupied the south end with desks facing south. The cupboard in the southeast corner at one time was the entire chemistry lab; the experiments were performed on the principal's desk, some years later the projection room was used for the chemistry lab. Access to that was gained by an open set of stairs hinged to the floor of the lab, and were drawn up by ropes and pulleys whenever the kitchen was needed for hall activities.

Girls used the ticket office for a cloakroom, where there was no place to hang extra jackets and boots, and lunch kits were simply piled up. A large locked cupboard in the ticket office contained the janitor supplies, consisting of a couple of brush brooms, dust pans, the green sweeping compound and the dance floor wax, maybe even a hammer.

Boys hung their extra jackets and caps on a row of hooks along the west wall of the entrance; their lunch kits and boots were pushed to the side making a path to get into the classroom. Caps were not worn indoors.

Desks were used for seating around the walls during dances, some times turned facing the stage when the partition was removed for shows. Desks were often piled against the south wall of the kitchen, leaving room for servers when the counter was lowered into the kitchen side, chains on either side of the counter kept it level.

Grades 1-8 occupied the north portion with the desks facing north. The cloakrooms were on the stage, boys on the west side and girls on the east. Lunch kits were

kept warm on the stage, which was sometimes the only warm place in the building. Let's not forget the sticky mud when the boots could get one size larger with each step. Gravel on the streets was a later invention.

A five gallon water cooler was expected to last a week for both drinking and washing hands, but very often in the warm months there would be a couple of waterless days.

Each class room was equipped with two heavy slate black boards on stands made from 4"X6" lumber, often one end would be moved ahead to avert the glare of the sun through the blindless windows. A map case on top of one blackboard containing maps pulled down in window shade fashion often came rolling off the rollers. Another resource was a globe of the world suspended by ropes and pulleys from the slant of the ceiling in the north room, used only when supervised by the teacher for a geography lesson.

Easier to remember, "George Eaton's old grandfather rode a pig home yesterday," than where a country was situated after the five minute glance at the world. One time the globe came down a bit too quickly and came unexpectedly in contact with Thelma Johnson's head, some students enjoyed hearing her using a word or two not usually used by teachers during school hours. She was heard to say, "Oh, my tongue slipped."

A new partition was constructed and installed during the summer of 1940. A separate permanent part was installed from the top of the walls to the slanted ceiling. The removable part was 5 six foot sections. The sections at each wall folded against the respective wall. The middle section folded in half and was placed against the south east wall with the black boards to support it. The remaining two sections were hinged to the stationery top portion and were drawn up by a pulley and rope and anchored to the respective walls. The partition was removed for hall activities.

The drawers from the single desks were removed and placed under the stage during other hall activities, a hay day for the mice; students took as many books as possible home on the weekends after we learned the mouse lesson.

In 1939-1940 grades one through four were moved to the Orange Hall, making the workload for junior grade teachers lighter. The Orange Hall inside was just as it was as White Bear School in the country, with the old coal and wood pot bellied stove with many

added a special touch to an already written play where students portrayed the town people. Of course he only inferred that the happy hunters (he knew who they were) had mistakenly taken Lytle's white geese swimming on the C.N.R. reservoir. Who knows he may have helped eat them!

I'm sure everyone (yes including boys) enjoyed and looked forward to the yearly Christmas concerts - it was just one more thing you had to be in to appreciate the enjoyment. The concerts were always in the hall, a packed house with standing room only. Santa always came with enthusiasm, some years more than others, depending on the before hand Christmas cheer, the helpers were always on hand to make sure he could read the tags and get the gifts quickly to those wide eyed little people. Talking to Santa was sometimes like confessing a sin, one small boy told Santa that he had cut a good size piece of his hair and promised solemnly never to play with scissors again. Santa's job was a big one; everyone knew that the chimney was a bit too high so he just came in the front doors after leaving the reindeer at the livery stable for a much-needed rest. Station agents kept track of his travels by telegram before television and radar screens. Gladys Cavanagh was well trained in music and did the best to pass that along to the United Church Choir of students, giving piano lessons on Saturdays for 50 cents per lesson and taught many of the girls two part singing. She entered and took children to Eston Music Festivals, which was a fair distance in those old cars and on those dusty gravel roads.

The country schools began closing with many students from the country coming to town for grades eleven and twelve when correspondence courses became more difficult. Neuve Chapelle students came for classes before the real school was built as well as high school students from Weetslade, Twilight, Neosho and Russelton. Shortly after the school was built it was bursting at the seams and the auditorium became a classroom. Twilight School was moved to town and used as a class room, two more rooms were added to the school and eventually a two room satellite for grades 9 through 12 with a chemistry lab and office was built to the west of the original school.

School buses were the mode of travel and indoor plumbing changed the whole complexion of going to school.

Harry David of Dinsmore started a most successful school unit band program in 1964, Doug McIntyre, teaching grades seven and eight at the time, could play

the trumpet and gave some encouragement along the way which got many of the boys and girls very interested. Over the years they played for November 11th Armistice Memorials, sports day parades in many towns, entered festival events and in 1971 (Homecoming year) the Eston-Elrose East Select Band attended Uranium City celebrations, the first time ever for Uranium City to have a marching band. The band travelled by school bus to Edmonton where they were billeted over night, then flown to Uranium City by Eldorado Mine's planes and billeted with families for the 3-day stay.

During the school bus days, blizzards and muddy country roads could be a problem, country students were billeted in town, this didn't happen very often. 1974 brought more snow than we could handle. Three billeted children ate supper, clad in pajamas while their clothes dried; it was impossible for them to walk anywhere without getting wet. I was told one time that I made the best roast beef supper ever!

Some parents decided to have their children attend larger schools leaving White Bear without grade twelve students for 1968-69. At this time grades nine to twelve were bussed to Kyle, grade seven and eight were bussed to Kyle in 1971 and school closed for the last time in 1974.

The first janitor at the hall was Scott Richardson and he did the service at the Orange Hall for school when it began as a classroom in 1939. When Scott became ill, Bob Hope took the job for two years followed by Bill Kihnnicki. It was great having students who were aware of how cold that place could be, they perhaps were the greater coal users. Percy Handley, next in line, maintained both school rooms for a number of years and did the job in the new school building. He did a super job of keeping the floors shining and seemed to resent what kid traffic will do. Others who performed the thankless job were Dorothy and Joe Wilkie, Kay Murray, Lois and Doug Pickford and Ruby Beck. Newspaper clippings from the Elrose Review indicated Percy Handley celebrated birthdays in his nineties until he reached his ninety-ninth in 1986.

School bus drivers over the years were Gottlieb Pfaff, Edwin Pfaff, John Hanson, Lennox Draper, Glenn Schuler, Emanuel Schuler, Clifford Schuler, Kay Murray, Ray Clark, Jack Beck, Hilbert Kovitch, Stan Figley, John Hartness, Cecil Souster, Bob Maalerud, Walter and Carol Olsen and Doug McIntyre.

sections of stovepipes. The teachers were responsible for keeping the fire going during the day. A coal bin was just inside the only door with the cloakrooms on the opposite side. The rest rooms were the air-conditioned out door type and can be seen in the town photo. Classes were held there until a school was finally built in 1949.

A barn was built at the hall for the horses used for conveyance - it housed Goldie, Rusty, Tiny, Floss and Old Abe who had remnants of shot in his belly from the First World War. One horse that was driven with a two wheel cart would run as in a run-a-way north across the dam and around the curves. No one was killed! Students from the Orange Hall who came with older brothers or sisters would meet at the barn for the going home. The barn was located about 30 feet north and a bit east of the hall, actually right in the alley, which wasn't a problem since there were no homes north of the hall. Two seater, air-conditioned restrooms with the usual screen in front were attached to the barn, boys on the west and girls on the east. There was a narrow wooden sidewalk to both facilities. The barn and rest rooms were just a few feet from the hotel kitchen.

The space between the hall and the hotel was used as a playground; some games called Prisoners Base and Pum, Pum, Pull Away were noon hour activities. I'm not sure what the aim of the games was but it did involve running from the sidewalk to an imaginary line near the barn. Anti-I-Over worked well over the barn, which had an excellent roof for the game and no eaves troughs to steal the ball. Dinner guests at the hotel were probably glad when the 1 o'clock bell rang and the noise stopped.

I should have mentioned earlier when grades 1-8 were in the hall, how several pupils were strapped and punished for laughing or talking during school hours.

Health inspection, which had nothing to do with health and should have been referred to as hygiene was a passion of teachers during the 30's. After the morning regimental ritual of standing in a straight line beside the desk then sitting down on command came the inspection. Hands placed palm side down on a clean handkerchief everyday (there was no Kleenex) as the teacher inspected each aisle as well as questions about teeth brushing, hair brushing and a few others. She did not seem to understand that many didn't have toothbrushes much less toothpaste, dental floss was something to do with care of the teeth that we memorized to write on the exam. Water was as "scarce

as hen's teeth" so most learned to pass the inspection but not entirely honest. The class clown had this all figured out long before the rest of us, the red handkerchief he used for inspection came to school in the fall and stayed till spring. The days he spent getting someone else into the teachers bad books could find him digging like a badger among his books to find the bandanna, always finding it just before the teacher arrived at his desk. How I wish I had been thief enough to steal the red one. Just wondering who would have had a perfect score if she had asked if hands were washed after using the bathroom when the water cooler had been empty for 2 days.

Just after the bell at 1 o'clock the teacher usually read a chapter or 2 from a book she enjoyed. Sometimes it was a struggle to stay awake after a long cold early walk to school from the farm, if you were caught dozing it would be explained that you had not gotten enough sleep the night before. She just didn't seem to understand the circumstances under which a few lived.

Few if any had new clothes. Hand-me-downs were the norm even if you were the oldest, clothes came from aunts or cousins, coats for kids were made (and I must say looked pretty good) by taking old adult size garments apart and turning the worn faded side to the inside. I for one had many of these. Mothers sewed on the old treadle sewing machines by the candlepower of a coal oil lamp. Grandmothers and aunts were great for coming up with a few specials. Most girls looked forward to a new skirt or dress for the "Christmas Concert" and felt like weeping when it soon became too small.

By 1939 when the rains came, school was more pleasant, less dust! More lesson resources. The cold air ducts seemed to be a place for cigarette butts and sweeping compound. I've often wondered if there really was a pipe from there to the basement to promote the circulation.

Christmas concerts were the most! Many teachers over the years spent a lot of time and produced real entertainment. Recitations, drills, plays, pageants and choral items were meticulously planned and practiced. Stan McIvor was the principal in 1940 and boarded at the Beaver Lumber residence with McMechan's and seemed to get in on all the best kept secrets of the year. During W.W. II he choreographed for the Christmas concert a military type drill for the high school boys, while ten of the high school girls danced the Sailor's Hornpipe, the uniforms made it impressive. He also

## Rural Students at White Bear Town (Old Register)

<u>Akister</u> ; Ross, Percy, Ivan	<u>Frame</u> ; Sheila
<u>Akister</u> ; Maurice, Craig, Carol, George	<u>Gauthier</u> ; Lawrence
<u>Akister</u> ; Terry, Gwen, Susan	<u>Gauthier</u> ; Darla, Colin, Rhelda
<u>Anderson</u> ; Marlene	<u>Gibson</u> ; George
<u>Anderson</u> ; Audrey	<u>Gillanders</u> ; Russell
<u>Avery</u> ; George, Lawrence, James	<u>Gunn</u> ; David, Douglas, Diane
<u>Bachelor</u> ; Jacqueline	<u>Hagel</u> ; Wayne
<u>Beattie</u> ; John, Helen, Robert	<u>Hamilton</u> ; Kenneth, Ralph
<u>Beattie</u> ; Alexander	<u>Harper</u> ; Loris, Bradley
<u>Bischoff</u> ; Carl	<u>Hartness</u> ; Catherine, Reginald, Donald
<u>Bischoff</u> ; Peter	<u>Hartness</u> ; Linda
<u>Bolger</u> ; Ella	<u>Hope</u> ; Robert M., Dale, Penny
<u>Boyer</u> ; Ronald, Rick, Dixie, Dallas, Nolin	<u>Hope</u> ; Wayne, Marlene
<u>Bye</u> ; Robert,	<u>Houston</u> ; Russel
<u>Calder</u> ; Mae	<u>Howard</u> ; Lyle
<u>Calvert</u> ; Pamela	<u>Husby</u> ; Allan, Gertrude, Thomas
<u>Caldwell</u> ; Tamela, Bradford, Lennox	<u>Husby</u> ; Beryl, Betty, Larry
<u>Campbell</u> ; Charles, James	<u>Irvine</u> ; Morris, Margaret
<u>Cates</u> ; Lois, Glenn, Oran	<u>Johnstone</u> ; Robert
<u>Cheney</u> ; Brian	<u>Jordheim</u> ; Cameron, Darryl, Brian, Lynette, Gary
<u>Christensen</u> ; Anne & Mark	<u>Jordheim</u> ; Marvin, Stanley
<u>Clark</u> ; James, Kenneth	<u>Justason</u> ; Catherine
<u>Clark</u> ; William, Mae, Lois	<u>Kallechy</u> ; Irene, Ethel, Phyllis, Keith, Lewis, Ellis
<u>Clark</u> ; Allen	<u>Kallechy</u> ; Barbara, Sydney, Cindy
<u>Clark</u> ; Barbara, Doreen, Sandra, Leroy	<u>Kerr</u> ; Velma Rae, Carol, Beverly, Neil
<u>Darrow</u> ; Opal	<u>Kerr</u> ; James, Darrel, Heather, John
<u>Davies</u> ; Sharon	<u>Kirkpatrick</u> ; Jackie Robe
<u>Day</u> ; Harold, Stanley, Keith, Rhonda, Calvin	<u>Koldingness</u> ; Allan, Irma
<u>Day</u> ; Bruce, Dennis	<u>Laurien</u> ; Bonita, Carol, Colleen, Robert
<u>Denning</u> ; Faye	<u>Lee</u> ; Margaret, Earl
<u>Draper</u> ; Terry, Debbie, Ronald	<u>Lee</u> ; Lenore, Lyal
<u>Draper</u> ; Cindy Lou, Ricky Allen, Penny Lynn	<u>Lidkea</u> ; Roy
<u>Dyrland</u> ; Barry, Carol, Richard, Holly	<u>Lidkea</u> ; Russel
<u>Dyrland</u> ; Douglas	<u>Lyons</u> ; Stanley, Wendy
<u>Empringham</u> ; Valder, Donald, Randal, Gary	<u>Lytle</u> ; Willard, Margaret, Henry
<u>Falk</u> ; Shirley	<u>Lytle</u> ; Patricia, David, Robert, Kathryn, Glen, Russel
<u>Farup</u> ; John, Thomas	<u>Maalerud</u> ; Evelyn, Margaret
<u>Ferguson</u> ; Murray	<u>Maalerud</u> ; Elaine, Linda, Marlene, Gary
<u>Figley</u> ; Roy, Ray, Donald, Lorne, Earl	<u>Maalerud</u> ; Leslie, Carl, Garnet, Carol
<u>Figley</u> ; James, George, Dale, Stanley, Ronald,	<u>Miller</u> ; Diane, Bonnie, Bud
Rodney, Eugene, Bonnie	<u>Miller</u> ; Stan
<u>Flatter</u> ; Wyvonna	<u>Moe</u> ; Rick, Caron, Trevor
<u>Fox</u> ; Sharon	<u>Moir</u> ; James Douglas
<u>Fox</u> ; Kipling, Tim	<u>Mutlow</u> ; Valerie, Donna, Cheryl
<u>Fox</u> ; William, Darla	<u>Mutlow</u> ; Michael, Lorely

Soden: Marlene, Leonard  
Soden: Connie, Paul  
Slaby: Sylvia, Randy  
Smid: Arlene, Dennis  
Smid: Jeanette, Ronald, Larry, Lyle  
Smith: Shirley  
Speir: Marion  
Speir: Cindy, Jill  
Shaw: Robert, Valerie, Catherine, Patricia  
Sveum: Nancy  
Swanson: Signe  
Swanson: Gordon, Judith, Geraldine, Terry  
Turner: Susan  
Walker: Ferne  
Webb: Urla Mae, Myrna  
Westgard, Benny: Delores, Leonard  
Westgard, Henry: Robert, Annette, Bruce, Ronald,  
 Richard, Gary, Dale, Lillian  
Westgard, Ken: Darlene, Anne, Joyce, Barbara, James,  
 William, Trudy, Murray, Dennis  
Williams: George  
Winji: Hannah, Nona  
Wyper: Cheryl  
Zarubiak: Darla

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August 1926

BR: Ross Akister (Standing)  
 CR: Marie Aubert, J. Sheldon, Marguerite Aubert, Jean Millidge  
 FR: Roy Akister, Ethel Millidge, Esther Akister, Lydia Aubert, Opal Darrow, Louie Aubert, Rene Hale



**White Bear School #2647, 1926**

SE 21-22-16-W3, built in 1911

Basement dug by Chas. Avery and D. Langdon at a cost of \$15.00.

First teacher was George Culbert, and his salary was \$50.00 per month.

BR: Opal Darrow, Jean Millidge, Marguerite Aubert, Ross Akister  
 FR: Ethel Millidge, Roy Akister, Raymond Rollins, Lydia Aubert.

Spring thaw brought water to the door step.



1927

Opal Darrow, Ross Akister, in front of school.



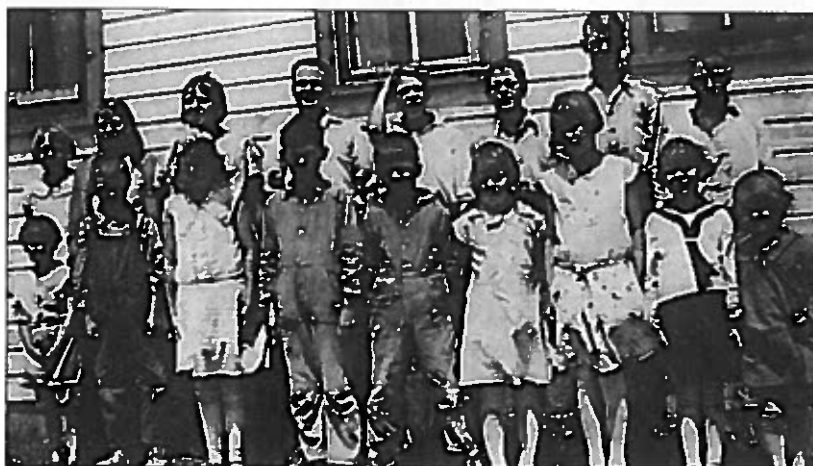
**Skaters 1929 at White Bear School**

BR: Ethel Millidge, Lydia Aubert, Louie Aubert, Raymond Rollins, Ross Akister  
FR: Lawrence Avery, Alice Millidge, George Avery

Skaters shared skates, especially among family members.



**Ross and Lydia Akister**  
December 25, 1942



**White Bear School 1931 – Grades 1-10**

BR: Ethel Millidge, Lydia Aubert, Marguerite Aubert, Rene Hale, Raymond Rollins,  
Roy Akister, Ross Akister, Louie Aubert.

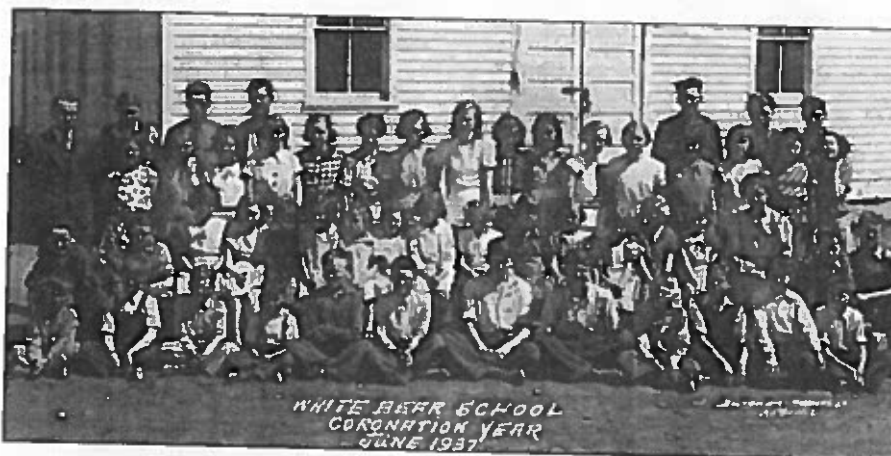
FR: June Skelton, Clarence Akister, Alice Millidge, George Avery, Lawrence Avery,  
Kathleen Gillanders, Ona Skelton, Joy Harper, Violet Harper.

F.W. Lummack – Teacher



**Couleeville School**  
School was held in White Bear Hall, 1930-31

Standing – Teacher, Eva Sweet  
L to R: Dolores French, Bertha Mutlow,  
Arthur Schuler, Hazel Benson



### 1937, White Bear School at the hall

Back Row: J. Hall (Principal), Doug Pickford, Ray Figley, Arthur Pratt, Carl Figley, Bill Clark, Percy Akister,  
 3rd Row: Dolores French, Louise Williams, Audrey Mutlow, Dorothy Mutlow, Jean Hadwin, Esther Allingham, Noreen Humphrey, Ethel Pratt, Lois Splice, Mae Clark, Gladys Benson, Hazel Benson, Marjorie Kihnicks, Bertha Mutlow, Audrey Graham, Betty Hunter.  
 2nd Row: Lorne Figley, Clarence Akister, Irene Kallechy, Geneva Akister, Minnie Pfaff, Bessie Barnard, Margaret Lytle, Ruth Kerr, Ethel Kallechy, Mary Langford, Viola Schuler, Lois Clark, Wilma Williams, Muriel Hunter, Clara Akister, Helen Gilmour (teacher), Donald Figley, Art Schuler  
 Front Row: Clifford Schuler, Alvin Schuler, Henry Lytle, Keith Kallechy, Glen Bragonier, Jim Avery, Laurie Avery, Bill Lytle, Ken Humphrey, Harold Kihnicks, Bill Kihnicks

### 1940-41, Grade 1-4 Main Street, Lot 6, Blk 1

BR: Lillian Apelvich, Joyce French, Carrie Schuler – Teacher, Bob Kerr, Annette Griffith, LaVerne McKay, Ron Williams, Verna Gillanders  
 FR: Rose Driscoll, Tom Farup, Claire Driscoll, LeRoy McKay, Bob Gillanders, Shirley French



### 1941-42, Grade 5-8

BR: Cameron Richardson, Minnie Pfaff, Ethel Kallechy, Clara Akister, Lois Clark, Henry Lytle, Ivan Akister  
 FR: Ruth Kerr, Margaret Lytle, Wilma Williams, Marian Wilkie, Clifford Schuler, Dolores Dyrland, Lawrence Schuler, Viola Schuler, Gladys Cavanagh (teacher)

### 1941, Grade 9-12

BR: Bill Kihnicks, Harold Kihnicks, Clifford Pittman, Jim Avery, Munro Hope, Glenn Bragonier (BasketBall), Jack Pratt  
 2nd Row: Don Mader (Principal), Ross Richardson, Bob Hope, Raymond Thompson, Geneva Thompson  
 3rd Row: Dolores French, Louise Williams, Audrey Graham, Bertha Mutlow, Amy Olson, Audrey Mutlow, Catherine Justason  
 4th Row: Gwen Graham, Evelyn Maalerud, Irene Kallechy, Audrey Williams, Geneva Akister, Joyce Hope







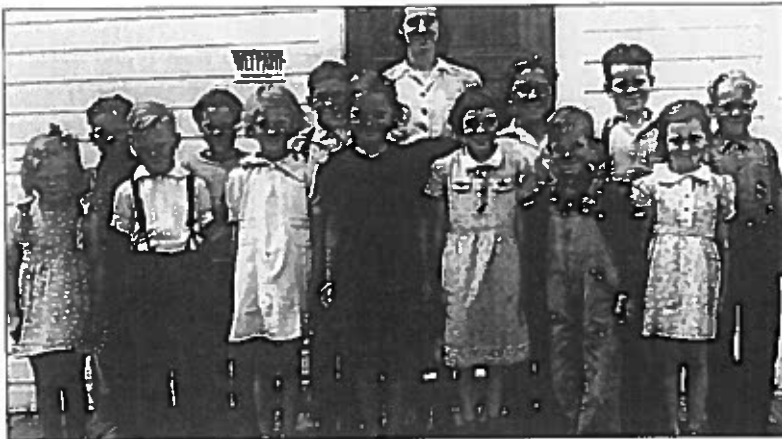


1942, Grade 9-12

Don Mader (Principal), Lawrence Avery, Hazel Benson, Harold Kinhnicki, Louise Williams, Bob Hope (back), Clifford Pittman, Catherine Justason, Ross Richardson, Bill Kinhnicki, Raymond Thompson, Evelyn Maalerud, Geneva Thompson, Joyce Hope, Earl Figley (back), Geneva Akister, Munro Hope, Willard Lytle, Audrey Williams, Dolores French, Jack Pratt, Audrey Mutow, Irene Kallechy, Jim Avery

### Saskatchewan High School Diploma 1943

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1944-45, Grade 1-4

Doris Goheen — Teacher, (Orange Hall)

BR: Lyle Moore, Lyle Pittman, Lloyd Davies, Tom Farup, LeRoy McKay, Ellis Kallechy

FR: Arlene Dyrland, Bob Clark, Verna Griffith, Mavis Schuler, Cora Davies, Glenn Schuler, Luella Griffith

1944-45, Grade 5-8

BR: Albert Taylor, Russel Lidkea, Edwin Pfaff, Carl Bischoff, Jack Farup  
 CB: Gladys Davies, Annette Griffith, Phyllis Kallechy, Faye Pittman, Frances Dyrland, Lorraine Wilke, Lewis Kallechy, Jim Shaler  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Rose Driscoll, Lillian Apelvich, Marion Hope, Claire Driscoll, Verna Gillanders  
 FR: Ron Dyrland, Linn Pittman, Glen Lovstad, Bob Gillanders, LaVerne McKay, Ken Taylor







**1944-45, Select School Chorus,  
Winners at Rosetown**

BR: Phyllis Kallechy, Faye Pittman,  
Claire Driscoll, Marion Hope,  
Annette Griffith, Ethel Kallechy,  
Marion Pittman, Frances Dyrland,  
Irene Kallechy

FR: Rose Driscoll, Bob Gillanders,  
Ron Dyrland, Gladys Davies,  
Dolores Dyrland, Lorraine Wilkie,  
Verna Gillanders, Glen Lovstad,  
Ken Taylor

**1944-45, Grade 9-12**

BR: Clara Akister, Marian Wilkie, Bill Kihnricki,  
Jim Avery, Ivan Akister, Hixon Pittman,  
Dolores Dyrland, Ethel Kallechy

FR: Bob Beattie, Minnie Pfaff, Keith Kallechy,  
Marion Pittman, Irene Kallechy,  
Lawrence Schuler, Margaret Lyle



**1950, Grade 1-12**

BR: Peg Atchison (Teacher), Cora Davies, Rose Driscoll, Claire Driscoll, Verna Griffith, Mavis Schuler, Beverley Draper, Verna Gillanders,  
Irvine Grant (Principal), Don Gunderson, Ron Dryland, La Verne McKay, Bob Gillanders, Lloyd McRobbie, Le Roy McKay, Tom Farup,  
Ellis Kallechy, Lyle Moore, Lavonne Douglas (teacher)

CR: Lavern Moore, Dale Norheim, Nelda Schuler, Velma Kerr, Myrna Dyrland, Ardis Mutlow, Irene Moore, Olive Clark, Luella Griffith,  
Shirley Falk, Norma Vietch, Karen Norheim, Bob Johnstone, Clayton Wilkie

FR: Wes Norheim, Dennis Moore, Leonard Smid, Sherman Skreden, Glenn Schuler, Don Draper, Howard Clark, Lyle Draper

BR: Edna Kridor (teacher), Dolores Westgard,  
Verna Griffith, Mavis Schuler, LeRoy McKay,  
Lyle Draper, Bob Gillanders, Evert Krydor  
(Principal), Sharon Fox, Ellis Kallechy, Howard  
Clark, Sherman Skreden, Rose Driscoll, Inga  
Truelson (teacher)

CR: Glenn Schuler, Wes Norheim, Cora Davies,  
Marlene Anderson, Olive Clark, Leonard Smid,  
Don Draper, Luella Griffith, Darryl Guy,  
Bob Johnstone

FR: Elaine Guy, Shirley Smid, Nelda Schuler,  
Velma Kerr, Ardis Mutlow, Lorill Akister,  
Sharon Skreden, Norma Stewart, Karen Norheim,  
George Skatrud, Leonard Westgard



**1951-52, Grade 1-12**

Ellis Kallechy's cap in the coal chute at right



**1951-52 Grade 1-4**  
Inga Truelson (teacher)

Shirley Smid, Elaine Guy, Sharon Skreden,  
Karen Norheim, Norma Stewart,  
Dale Norheim, Velma Kerr, George Skatrud,  
Ardis Mutlow, Lorill Akister,  
Leonard Westgard, Nelda Schuler

**1952-53, Grade 1**

BR: Carol Kerr, Danny Mutlow, Rosaleen  
Solomon, Bill Breckon, Ann Akister

FR: Gary Bird, Joyce Westgard, Grant Darrow



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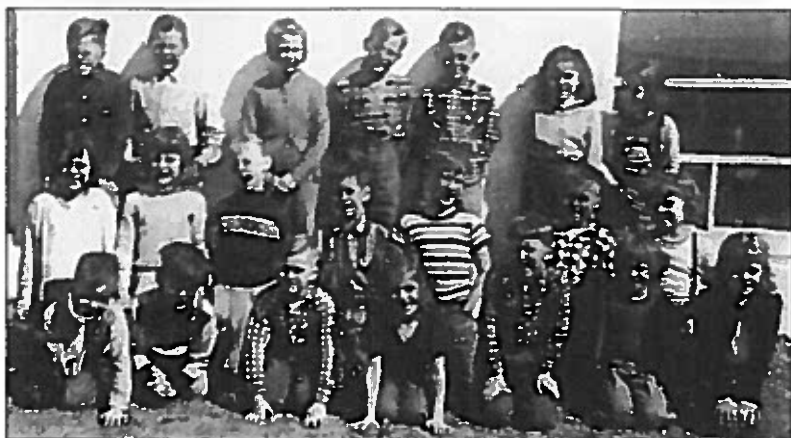
Nelda Schuler, Rosaleen Solomon, Danny Mutlow,  
Karen Goodwin, Shirley Smid, Patricia Redhead,  
David Gunderson, Sharon Skreden, Norma Stewart,  
Lyn Schuler, Bev Kerr, Marlene Soden, Brian Graham,  
Brian Schuler, Morris Irvine, Grant Darrow,  
Donna Mutlow, Ann Akister, Lorill Akister

**1956-57, Grade 1-2**

BR: Robert Solomon, Barry Mutlow, Linda Schuler,  
Ken Pickford, Dale Stewart, Linda Maalerud,  
Janna Lea Schuler

CR: Jeanette Schrieber, Sharie Akister,  
Elsie Skatrud, Terry Brown, Ron Schuler, ?,  
Wendy Lyons

FR: Jimmy Westgard, Raymond Pickford, Neil Kerr,  
Daria Gauthier, Maurice Akister, Cheryl Mutlow,  
Linda Beck







**1959-60, Grade 9-12**

BR: Ron Westgard, Arlene Smid, Leonard Westgard, Velma Kerr, Ardis Mutlow, Ann Westgard, Colleen Laurien, Linda Oraas, Carol Laurien, Nelda Schuler  
FR: Gordon Swanson, Dennis Smid, Dale Norheim, Jim Darrow, Richard Westgard, John Noble



**1962, Grade 3**

BR: Unknown, Doreen Clark, Dixie Boyer, Diane Schuler, Pauline Landry  
FR: Bev Norheim (Gr.1), Barb Norheim (Gr. 2), Linda Hartness



**1962, Grade 3**

BR: Davin Schuler, Billy Westgard, Marvin Jordheim, Harold Day, Craig Akister, Lyal Lee, Rick Moe  
FR: George Figley, Les Maalerud, Gary Maalerud, Colin Gauthier, Jim Kerr, Harvey Sather



**1962 Teachers**

Joy Schuler, Faye Ereiser, Lena Neumiller



**1963-64, Grade 1-2**  
Ida (Chic) Gunderson, Teacher

BR: Larry Schuler, Randy Empringham, George Oraas, Stan Figley, Randy Westgard, David Gunn, Terry Draper, Duane Schuler, Glenn Thompson  
FR: Neal Brown, Bill Schuler, Sandra Clark, Betty Husby, Carol Thompson, Lynette Jordheim, Brad Harper, George Oraas, Rhelda Gauthier



**1963-64, Grade**  
Cliff Brown, teacher

BR: Cameron Jordheim, Danny Mutlow,  
Odine Westgard, David Gunderson,  
David Brown

FR: Brian Graham, Dale Hope, Ann Akister,  
Lyn Schuler, Carol Kerr, Joyce Westgard,  
Barbara Westgard, Jim Darrow,  
Barry Westgard

**1964-65, Grade 3-4**  
Carrine Shaw, Teacher

BR: Kathy Lytle, Terry Draper, David Gunn,  
Murray Westgard, Randy Sveum, Stan Figley,  
Cindy Lytle

CR: Rhelda Gauthier, Sandra Clark, Betty Husby,  
Trudy Westgard, Barbara Kallechy,  
Carol Thompson, Caron Moe,  
Brenda Sawyer, Lynette Jorheim

FR: Glenn Thompson, Terry Akister,  
George Oraas, Dallas Boyer, Larry Schuler,  
Greg Pittman



**1964-65, Grade 5-6**  
Joy Schuler, Teacher

BR: Colin Gauthier, Bob Pittman, Harold Day,  
Craig Akister, Jim Kerr, Gary Maalerud

CR: Davin Schuler, Brian Jordheim, George Figley,  
Valerie Shaw, Rick Moe, Dale Figley, Wes Taylor

FR: Diane Schuler, Rosann Westgard, Dixie Boyer,  
Elaine Beck, Doreen Clark, Beryl Husby,  
Barbara Norheim

**1964-65, Grade 7-8**  
Doug McIntyre, Teacher

BR: Neil Kerr, Doug Westgard, Maurice Akister,  
Ron Schuler, Robert Shaw, Barry Mutlow,  
Jim Westgard, Raymond Pickford,  
Ron Boyer

FR: David Norheim, Cheryl Mutlow, Patricia Lytle,  
Janna Lea Schuler, Linda Maalerud,  
Linda Schuler, Elsie Skatrud, Linda Beck,  
Faye Jean Pickford, Murray Schuler





**1965-66, Grade 7-8**  
Doug McIntyre, Teacher

BR: Geraldine Swanson, Rick Boyer, Lois Cates,  
Harold Day, Barbara Clark, Jeff Pickford  
CR: Gary Maalerud, Carol Akister, Craig Akister,  
Diane Beck, Jim Kerr, Margaret Irvine,  
Wes Taylor, Marlene Maalerud  
FR: Val Empringham, George Figley, Doreen Clark,  
James Figley, Rick Moe, Davin Schuler

**1966-67, Grade 3-4**  
Alfrieda Meise, Teacher

BR: Terry Oraas, Glenn Thompson, Greg Pittman,  
Stan Figley, Dallas Boyer, Terry Akister,  
Terry Swanson  
FR: Neal Brown, Cathy Fowler, Cindy Lytle,  
Caron Moe, Lynette Jordheim, Sandra Clark,  
Larry Schuler



**1965-66, Grade 1-2**  
Ida Gunderson, Teacher

BR: Trevor Moe, Leroy Clark, Kipling Fox,  
Keith Day, Rob Lytle  
FR: Brad McMillan, Tracy Oraas, Sheila Schuler,  
Marlene Hope, Debbie McMillan, Cindy Kallechy,  
Oran Cates

**1965-66, Grade 9-12**  
Leonard Solomon, Principal;  
Cliff Brown, Vice Principal

BR: Grant Darrow, Barry Westgard, Odine Westgard,  
George Williams, Cameron Jordheim  
CR: Elaine Maalerud, Brian Cheney, Ken Hamilton,  
Brian Schuler, Dale Hope, David Brown,  
Tom Westgard, Brian Graham, Penny Hope  
FR: Linda Oraas, Beverley Kerr, Audrey Graham,  
Sheila Frame, Edna Akister, Ann Akister,  
Joyce Westgard





**1966-67, Grade 1**  
Cheryl Bishop, Teacher

BR: Larry Husby, Stan Day, Gary Koncar,  
Ron Figley, Douglas Gunn, Syd Kallechy,  
Eugene Figley  
CR: Carey Kovitch, Debbie Draper, Cathy Shaw,  
Rupal Thakker, Kim Koncar, Gary Jordheim  
FR: Denise Miller, Lori Pittman, Gloria Thompson,  
Heather Kerr, Diane Gunn, Brenda Beck, Gwen  
Akister



**1966-67, Grade 7-8** Doug McIntyre, Teacher

BR: Gary Maalerud, Brian Jordheim, George Figley, Dale Figley,  
Les Maalerud, Roy Brown  
CR: Rick Moe, Davin Schuler, Craig Akister, Harold Day, Jim Kerr,  
David Lytle, Bob Pittman  
FR: Barbara Norheim, Dixie Boyer, Valerie Shaw, Elaine Beck,  
Doreen Clark, Beryl Husby



**1967-68, Grade 1** Violet McEvoy, Teacher

BR: Mike Fowler, Brian Thompson,  
Rodney Figley, Shane Miller, Garnet Maalerud, Ward McMillan  
FR: Omar Oraas, Jack Kerr, Tammy Caldwell, Susan Akister,  
Russel Lytle

**1967-68, Grade 2-3**  
Miss Binns, Teacher

Br: Leroy Clark, Trevor Moe, Eugene Figley, Debbie  
Draper, Marlene Hope, Kim Koncar, Stan Day,  
Gary Koncar, Keith Day  
CR: Heather Kerr, Diane Gunn, Sheila Schuler,  
Debbie McMillan, Tracy Oraas, Gwen Akister,  
Brenda Beck, Cindy Kallechy, Gloria Thompson  
FR: Larry Husby, Robbie Lytle, Oran Cates







**1967-68, Grade 5-6** Joy Schuler, Teacher

BR: Terry Swanson, Glenn Thompson, Greg Pittman, Terry Draper,  
Randy Murray, David Gunn, Terry Akister, Stan Figley,  
FR: Barbara Kallechy, Lynette Jordheim, Caron Moe, Sandra Clark,  
Betty Husby, Carol Thompson, Terry Oraas



**1967-68, Grade 12** Cliff Brown, Teacher

BR: Neil Kerr, Barry Mutlow, Robert Shaw, Darryl Jordheim,  
FR: Cheryl Mutlow, Linda Beck, Janna Lea Schuler,  
Linda Maalerud, Linda Schuler



**1968-69, Grade 1-2**  
Edith Mitchell, Teacher

BR: Russel Lytle, Bruce Day, Jack Kerr, Ron Draper,  
Ward McMillan, Bill Fox, Brad Caldwell,  
CR: Wendy Schuler, Mike Fowler, Brian Thompson,  
Shane Miller, Rodney Figley, Garnet Maalerud,  
Omar Oraas, Shannon Murray  
FR: Tammy Caldwell, Susan Akister, Rhonda Day,  
Cindy Speir

**1968-69, Grade 3-4**  
Joan Pickford, Teacher

BR: Keith Day, Leroy Clark, Gary Koncar,  
Eugene Figley, Stan Day, Larry Husby,  
CR: Robbie Lytle, Oran Cates, Diane Gunn,  
Kim Koncar, Debbie Draper, Gloria Thompson,  
Trevor Moe, Brad McMillan  
FR: Tracy Oraas, Gwen Akister, Heather Kerr,  
Debbie McMillan, Brenda Beck, Sheila Schuler







**1968-69-Grade 5-6**  
Joy Schuler, Teacher

BR: Terry Swanson, Larry Schuler, Doug Gunn, Randy Murray, Gary Jordheim,  
Terry Akister, Glen Thompson  
FR: Ron Figley, Lynette Jordheim, Cathy Shaw, Terry Oraas, Cathy Fowler, Denise Miller, Carey Kovitch



**1968-69, Grade 7-8**  
Ida Gunderson, Teacher

BR: Don Empringham, Carl Maalerud, Glenn Murray,  
George Akister, Glenn Cates, David Gunn,  
CR: Darrel Kerr, Stan Figley, Leni Oraas,  
Barbara Fowler, Candace Schuler, Sylvia Slaby,  
George Oraas, Terry Draper  
FR: Sandra Clark, Betty Husby, Carol Thompson,  
Beverley Norheim, Caron Moe



**1970-71, Grade 5-6**  
Joy Schuler, Teacher

BR: Doug Gunn, Ron Figley, Carey Kovitch,  
Gary Jordheim, Eugene Figley, Gary Koncar,  
Leroy Clark  
CR: Larry Husby, Brenda Beck, Debbie Draper,  
Cathy Shaw, Kim Koncar, Denise Miller,  
Diane Gunn, Stan Day  
FR: Gwen Akister, Gloria Thompson, Heather Kerr,  
Tracy Oraas



### 1971-72, Grade 1-6

Teachers: Vi McEvoy, Mrs. Fatheringham and Kate Bachelder

BR: Russel Lytle, Shane Miller, Oran Cates, Nolin Boyer, Leroy Clark, Trevor Moe, Larry Husky, Diane Gunn, Keith Day, Debbie McMillan, Robbie Lytle, Brad McMillan, Brian Thompson, Ron Draper, Andrea Kovitch  
 C.B.: Tim Schuler, Rhonda Day, Ward McMillan, Sheila Schuler, Brenda Beck, Debbie Draper, Stan Day, Gary Koncar, Kim Koncar, Eugene Figley, Gloria Thompson, Heather Kerr, Gwen Akister, Marlene Hope, Garnet Maalerud, Daniel Schuler  
 C.F.: Wendy Schuler, Laurie Norheim, ?, Patsy Shaw, Tim Schuler, Shannon Murray, Susan Akister, Bruce Day, Omar Oraas, Jack Kerr  
 F.R.: Bill Fox, Brad Caldwell, Calvin Day, Connie Soden, Tammy Caldwell, Glen Lytle, Shelly McMillan, Randy Slaby, Terry Miller, Rodney Figley, Mike Mutlow, ? Janice Schuler, Anne Christensen, Lennox Caldwell

Others attending: Cindy and Jill Speir

### 1973-74, Grade 1-6

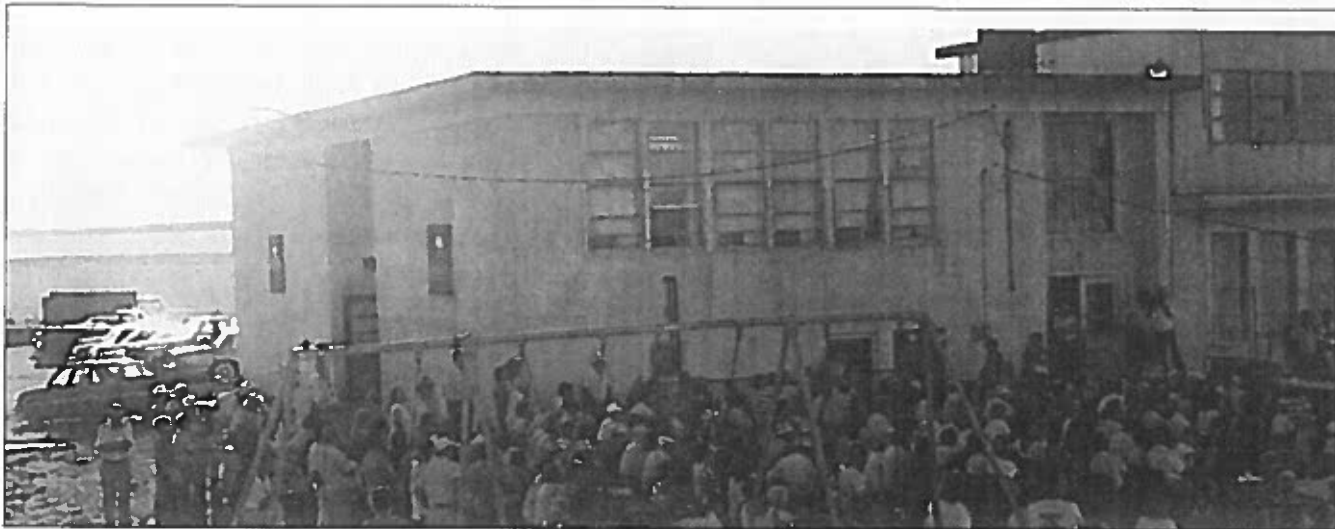
Vi McEvoy, Edith Gibson, Teachers

BR: unknown, unknown, Mike Mutlow, Randy Slaby, Glen Lytle, Connie Soden, Vicki Markula, Brad Caldwell, Calvin Day, Terry Miller, Sharon Davies, unknown, unknown, Bonnie Figley  
 CR: Cindy Speir, Audrey Anderson, Ken Markula, Ron Draper, Carol Maalerud, Andrea Kovitch, Shannon Murray, Russel Lytle, Rhonda Day, Mike Fowler  
 FR: Alex Beattie, unknown, Barbara McMillan, Mark Christensen, Shelly McMillan, Peter Bischoff, Anne Christensen, unknown, Lennox Caldwell, Lorely Mutlow

Others attending: Pam Calvert, Bruce Day, Faye Denning, Cindy Speir, Jill Speir and Darla Zarubiak



## White Bear 1990 Reunion



Guests at Entertainment East Side of White Bear School

Four hundred attended the reunion August 3, 4 and 5, 1990 on the grounds of the complex. Many came with trailers and campers, and some were parked in town yards and on farms for three great warm sunny days.

Friday night began with a wine and cheese social. Dale and Roberta Sheets supplied background music while guests registered and strolled down memory lane. Doug and Lois Pickford tended a campfire and marshmallow roast.

Saturday began with more registering, the activities of ball games regardless of age and ability (just like it used to be), hula hoop contests, sack races, three legged races and a peanut scramble for those aged two to ninety two.

John Noble was the capable M.C. and sang a song he composed for the occasion.

Supper of hot roast beef was enjoyed. Sam Mutlow spoke of his past experiences during his life in the district; Raymond Kerr recited from memory, "Dangerous Dan McGrew". Guitar and accordion music with Annette Kallechy as soloist was enjoyed during the evening.

Mrs. Pratt, 95 years young was guest of honor and modeled her grandmother's fur boa and black silk shawl. Fashions through the years as well as "Miss White Bear 1928" modeled swim wear, but I think they were kidding about this, maybe it was long Johns. The model wore a mask so how would we know?

Betty Kerr kept them moving!

Sandy Williams and her pallbearers mourned the loss of the old school. Some gals sang, "School Days" and then "Nashville" came to White Bear with a medley of popular songs. Raymond Thompson, Rose Hartman and Harry Sather pleased the guests with some good old toe tapping music.

The ice-melting contest was interesting. Two large blocks of ice were placed on the roof of a small shed; tickets were sold to guess the time the ice would be completely melted. Two little girls who had no idea why the ice was on the roof used a hula hoop to pull the ice off the roof. Some one noticed and quietly placed the ice back on the roof. The mental anguish suffered by George and Colin staying awake all Saturday night just to be sure when the ice melted made them very tired boys on Sunday. The mystery was solved!

Fireworks and dancing under the stars concluded Saturday night.

Sunday morning a pancake breakfast was enjoyed on the lawn at Rose and Bob Wilson's residence followed by an interdenominational church service. Stuart Dyrland led the service, Annette Kallechy was the guest speaker. There were choir selections by Zion Lutheran Church (Horse Butte) conducted by Martha Turner. Musical selections by Bob and Marlene Westgard and Annette Kallechy with Leslie and Bev Dyrland at the keyboards completed the service.



#### Teachers

Leonard Solomon, Henry Spenrath, Nora Spenrath, Sandra Holstein, Ilda Christensen, Evert Krydor, Allan Oliver, Eva Mutlow, Joy Schuler, -, M.C. John Noble



#### Class of 1968

B.R.: Darryl Jordheim Robert Shaw, Barry Mutlow, Linda Spooner, Darla Gauthier, Elsie Bowditch, Linda Schuler  
F.R.: Ron Schuler, Cheryl Gray, Neil Kerr

Thirteen teachers came to renew acquaintances; Henry Spenrath, Nora Spenrath, Everet Krider, Inga (Truelson) Krider, Leonard Solomon, Ilda (Baycroft) Christensen, Helen (Gilmour) Plant, Joy Schuler, Eva Mutlow, Lavonne (Douglas) Pittman, Allan Oliver, Doug McIntyre, and Joan (Chennels) Kallechy.

Rose Wilson, Olive Monson and Mildred Denning put their heads together and made this fun time happen.

Grandkids were impressed when they were invited to

take part in games and activities by people they had not seen before.

Gwen Graham (moved to Ontario in 1941) received a prize for having traveled the greatest distance to "Come Home". The door prize, a White Bear ceramic lamp was won by Ray Figley, two raffles of items made by Colin Gauthier of Wood Farms, a oak roll top bread box was won by Travis Stephenson of Kyle and an oak plant stand was won by Carol Mieke of Beauval, SK.

Min and Ray Clark assisted the Wilson's and others with the pancake breakfast, Florence Sveum did decorations, and John Hanson was in charge of the PA system.

Thanks to all those who did the organizing and those who worked weeks and months before as well as the three days making a great fun time happen. It would be impossible to mention all the names, as it would be as impossible to describe what a 'once in a lifetime' pleasure the reunion was. Teacher Helen (Gilmour) Plant presented her students of 1936-1939 with souvenir bookmarks - fifty-one years!

Russelton students and teachers held a reunion at Clearwater Lake August 4, 1990. One hundred people registered. Students from both schools entertained and attended both reunions, several came to White Bear Sunday August 5, to visit.



#### Sunday Morning After Breakfast

B.R.: Ron Dyrland, Tom Farup, Dan Mutlow, - Lewis Kallechy, Glenn Schuler, Russel Lidkea, Lue McMillan, -, - Bev Taylor, Frances Beattie, Darlene Hartness  
Seated: George Gibson, Velma Irvine, Stuart Dyrland, -, -, -, Rose Wilson, Annette Kallechy, -, - Nelda Halliday



# School Signs





# Minutes of Trustees Meetings

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## **First meeting of trustees**

Couleeville S.D. #4773 July 20, 1928

Clark & Hunter - Rutherford be the chairman

Clark & Hunter - That V. McKaig be secretary treasurer at a salary of \$60.00 and truant officer at a salary of \$10.00 per year.

Hunter & Clark - That board interview the church trustees about renting the church for school purposes.

Hunter & Clark - That we request the minutes of Education to approve of the church as a temporary building.

Hunter & Rutherford - That Clark be chairman.

Clark & Rutherford - That the meeting adjourn.

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## **Meeting of trustees Couleeville #4773**

August 2, 1928

Clark, Rutherford, & Hunter present

Clark & Hunter - That minutes be adopted as read.  
Carried

Moved by Hunter & Clark that we requisition RM Lacadena #228 for \$1095.00 to meet expenses till Mar 31, 1929 carried

Clark & Hunter - That the board inspect the Mr. Mutlow building on the morrow if suitable with a view to purchase for temporary school. Carried  
Clark & Hunter - That we adjourn.

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## **Meeting of the Board S.D. #4773 November 28/1928**

All members present

Clark seconded by Hunter that minutes of August 2, 1928 be adopted as read.

We the undersigned trustees of Couleeville S.D. 4773 hereby waive notice of this meeting.

Signatures of M. Rutherford, P.S. Hunter & C.A. Clark  
Clark seconded by Hunter that we endorse the order of equipment as compiled by Secretary.

Hunter & Clark - That we request the minutes to grant permission to hold a temporary school in the community hall through the inspector.

Clark & Hunter - That the board meet the board of Director of the W.B. Community Hall Association with a view to renting hall for holding school.

Hunter & Clark - That we bank with Bank of Commerce at Lacadena.

Hunter & Clark - That we pay account of W. School supply \$22.70

Hunter & Clark - That we hold monthly meetings of the chair.

Hunter and Clark - That we appoint F.C. Handley as auditor.

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## **December 26/1928**

All Members Present

Clark & Hunter - That we adopt minutes of November 28 meeting as read.

Hunter & Clark - That we accept the offer of the Hall Association of \$70.00 a month for the first four months and \$45.00 for May and June.

Hunter & Clark - That we accept Fred Bye's offer of partition in the Hall and outhouse and stands for blackboards.

Hunter & Clark - That we select one from the following order. L.F. May and F.K. Coleridge, Miss M. Franklin by wire immediately. Ask for reply collect.

Clark & Hunter - That school start January 14/1929

Hunter & Clark - That we hold annual meeting Jan 11, 1929.

Clark & Hunter - That we adjourn.

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## **Meeting of Trustees June 28/1929**

Clark seconded by Hunter minutes of December 26 be adopted as read,

Hunter & Clark - That we insure school equipment for \$500.00

Clark seconded Hunter that we pay E.N. Moyer \$97.03 and note for \$500.00 December 31, 1929

Hunter & Clark - That we pay F. Bye \$80.00 on account.

Clark & Hunter - That we pay Hall Association January, rent \$35.00

Clark & Hunter - That secretary issue cheque for \$210.00 to Hall as authorized by ratepayers meeting Jan 11.

Hunter & Clark - That school start 9:30 AM, one hour at noon till 3:30 for February and March

Clark & Hunter - That M. Rutherford be chairman for 1929.

Hunter & Clark - That V. McKaig be secretary and attendance officer for 1929.

Clark, P.S. Hunter & Rutherford trustees to interview J. Cezak about barn room for horses.

Hunter & Clark - That we adjourn.

### **February 25, 1929**

All members present.

Clark & Hunter - That minutes of meeting of Jan 18 be adopted.

Clark & Hunter - That secretary write re: insurance on equipment and request continuous policy with no exceptions.

Hunter & Clark - That we pay E.N. Moyer & Co. \$11.48 for books.

Clark & Hunter - That we accept M Bye's offer to build cupboards for \$15.00

Hunter & Clark - That we pay Christie \$94.72

Clark & Hunter - That we pay M. Rutherford \$3.20 for supplies.

Hunter & Clark - Requisition R.M. of Lacadena for \$2137.50 for 1929 levy.

Clark & Hunter - That we ask R.M. Lacadena to include the following land in the Couleeville #4773

Hunter & Clark - That we adjourn.

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### **Meeting of the trustees of Couleeville School District 4773 May 17, 1929**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as read.

Moved by Clark that the swing be moved to the lot next the hall on the west side. At the north end of the lot.

Moved by Clark that the following bills be paid J. Cezsak -Barn fees for horses \$19.60

Hunter that a suitable party be appointed as Secretary Treasurer and attendance officer.

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### **Trustees meeting June 21, 1929**

Hunter & Clark - minutes be adopted as read.

Clark - That we tender an agreement for another year. June 30, 1930 at \$1100.00 per annum

Clark & Hunter - account of Educational Publishing Company be inquired into as to its source and advertise for another teacher Carried.

Clark - That the following accounts be authorized for payment providing funds are in Bank.

F. Bye \$47.30, White Bear Hardware \$12.20, Joe Cezsak \$8.80

Hunter & Clark - That we order 8 at \$20.00 each from Christies and that F. Bye be instructed to construct two tables, size is per catalogue suitable 36" long.

Rutherford - that we adjourn until 1st Monday in August.

### **Minutes of meeting of S.D. 4773 held August 2nd, 1929.**

Clark & Hunter - That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as read.

Clark & Hunter - That Mr. Christie be appointed a Secretary Treasurer and attendance officer and that form #35 be filled in and returned to the department also that the bank be informed of the change of Secretary Treasurer.

Hunter & Clark - That the following bills be paid The Educational Publishing Co \$8.88, J. Cezsak barn fees \$6.00

Clark & Hunter - That the school board employ the janitor for the school and wages be deducted from the rent.

A copy of this resolution is sent to White Bear Hall Association.

Hunter & Clark - That we accept the application of Miss E. Sweet as teacher of S.D. 4773 for a year at a salary of \$1100.00

Clark & Hunter - That we adjourn till the September meeting.

Minutes of meeting September 2, 1929

Hunter & Clark - That the following accounts be passed for payment

F. Bye \$4.50, Star Publishing Co. \$1.04

Clark - That a letter be written to W. H. Mutlow with regard to Sammy's absence from school along with a copy of form A pointing out the position of the officers of the school in the matter.

Hunter & Clark - That a fence be erected at the south end of the school grounds from the hall to the hotel.

Clark & Hunter - That we pay F. Handley the sum of \$6.00 for his services as Secretary Treasurer.

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### **Minutes Oct 7, 1929**

Hunter - Minutes be adopted as read.

Following accounts to be paid.

Western School Supply \$24.87, F. Bye rope for swing \$6.95, E. N. Moyer & Co. \$42.33

Joe Cezsak Barn Fees \$6.70 August and September

Hunter - that the meeting adjourn.

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### **Minutes November 7, 1929**

Hunter - Minutes be adopted as read.

Communications read.

Clark & Hunter - That a donation of \$10.00 be made the Red Cross Society.

Moved by Hunter that Wm Edlin account be reduced to \$.10 per horse per day and paid at that rate.  
Amount payable at the above rate \$8.40  
Moved by Hunter that Wm. Edlin be offered barn fees at the rate made with J. Cezak of \$.0.10 per horse per day until the end of the term on June 3, 1930 and in the event of non-acceptance that we proceed to build a barn 12 x 20. Carried  
That F. Byes wages be paid to Oct 31/28. May and June \$90.00. August September October \$150.00 less janitors wages as above \$90.00 Balance due \$150.00  
Hunter - Meeting adjourn until December

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### **Board December 2, 1929**

Clark - That Hunter act as chairman for the meeting.  
That the minutes be accepted as read.  
Communications read.  
That the following accounts be paid.  
F. Bye for labor \$4.25 and Janitors wages \$30.00, Beaver Lumber Co. \$4.00, Hall rent \$20.00, E.N. Moyer note \$500.00 plus interest.  
Clark - that a grant of \$10.00 be given to assist in the expenses of the Christmas tree entertainment.  
Hunter - That the Secretary write to John Schuler to the effect that the school closet should not be used by other than school children while in attendance at school.  
Clark - That the Secretary speak to the teacher requesting that she talk to the children regarding care hall piano.  
Clark - that the meeting adjourn until Jan 6, 1930.

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### **Meeting Jan 6, 1930**

M. Rutherford in chair  
Clark & Hunter - That minutes be accepted as read.  
Hunter & Clark - That pictures of the King & Queen be obtained by Secretary and framed by F. Bye.  
Clark & Hunter - That the Insurance Premium renewed at \$600.00  
Hunter & Clark - That the following be paid  
W. Edlin \$9.55, Weston School Supply \$.75, White Bear Hardware \$4.95, E.N. Moyer \$54.46, F. Bye \$30.00, R.P Christie \$21.69  
Hunter & Clark - That the annual meeting be held Jan 15 at 2 p.m.  
Clark & Hunter - Meeting adjourned

### **January 15, 1930**

Annual Meeting - 9 present  
Reports read - teachers, trustees and treasurer  
Moved Mutlow seconded C.A. Clark - reports be accepted as read.  
Minutes of last annual meeting read.  
Moved by C.A. Clark seconded by Mutlow that the minutes be accepted as read.  
Moved by I.H. Akister seconded by W.H. Mutlow that inspection reports be accepted as  
Read. Carried  
Moved by I.H Akister that W.H. Mutlow be nominated, seconded by Clark  
Moved by W.H. Mutlow, seconded by P.S. Hunter that I.H. Akister be nominated.  
Moved by P.S. Hunter, seconded by W.H. Mutlow that we place the matter of obtaining additional school district before the inspector of schools and obtain his advice.  
Nominated P.S. Hunter seconded C.A. Clark that Jesse Archer be ratepayer's auditor. Carried  
Moved by C.A. Clark, seconded S. Richardson that nominations for auditor close. Carried  
Moved by C.A. Clark, seconded W.M. Mutlow. That a deputation be sent to the council at its next meeting to take up the matter of having school district enlarged. Such deputation to be fully prepared with all available data. Carried  
Moved by S. Richardson, W.M. Mutlow that G.M. Driscoll, R.P. Christie, P.S. Hunter and S. Sawyer be a committee to interview council.  
I.H. Akister declared as elected as trustee for three years in place of M. Rutherford.  
Moved Driscoll, seconded C.A. Clark that meeting adjourns.

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### **Board February 3rd, 1930**

Clark & Akister - That P.S. Hunter be chairman, that the minutes be adopted as read.  
Akister & Clark - That the list of library books amounting to \$11.41 approximately be ordered as recommended by the school inspection.  
Clark & Akister - That framed pictures of the King and Queen be bought at \$7.50 per pair.  
Clark & Akister - That the following accounts be paid  
W. Edlin \$4.00, R. P. Christie \$16.50 Insurance, F.C. Handley & Jesse Archer as auditors \$5.00 each  
Akister & Clark - That the teachers salaries, Hall rent, janitors wages which is to be deducted from the hall rent be paid each month until 1st of June.

Clark & Akister - That the regular meetings of the board be held in the Hotel on the first Monday of the month commencing at 8 o'clock.

Akister & Clark - That R.P. Christie be Secretary Treasurer and truant officer at the same salary as formerly \$50.00 + \$10.00

Clark & Akister - That F. G. Handley be trustees auditor

Clark & Akister - That the meeting adjourn.

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### **Board March 3, 1930**

All present

Clark & Akister - That the minutes be adopted as read. Letters read.

Clark & Akister - That the chairman and secretary attend municipal council meeting at Lacadena March 10 regarding letter received from Department of Education regarding allocation of district boundaries.

Akister & Clark - That accounts are paid. W.Edlin \$4.40, Christie School supply Ltd. \$7.50

Clark & Akister - That necessary baseball equipment be purchased by secretary as requested by the teacher to the value of about \$15.00 or less.

Moved by Akister, seconded by Clark that \$18.00 be levied on all assessable land in the District of Couleeville 4773 for the year 1930 which amount does not exceed 170 of assessment value of the land the district ascending to be revised assessment roll of the municipality in which the school is wholly or in part situated.

Akister & Clark - That meeting adjourn until next meeting.

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### **Board April 7, 1930**

All present

Clark & Akister - Minutes adopted as read.

Letters read

Accounts paid

Edlin \$7.25, Driscoll \$1.50, Rutherford \$11.25, Poole \$20.00, Western School

Supplies \$11.57

Clark & Akister - That Easter vacation be 6 - 8 days at the discretion of the teacher.

Akister & Clark - That we borrow a few desks from Neuve Chapelle until mid summer.

Clark & Akister - That meeting adjourn.

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### **Board May 5, 1930**

All present

Clark & Akister - Minutes adopted

Clark & Akister - Following accounts to be paid. Wm. Edlin \$5.90, M. Rutherford \$4.35, Steve Jones \$1.00, Gordon Parker \$1.00

Clark & Akister - That the secretary get in touch with Neuve Chapelle district with a view in arranging a joint meeting to endeavor to arrange alteration of boundaries.

Akister - That meeting adjourn.

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### **June 2, 1930**

Clark - minutes adopted

Akister - Following accounts to be paid

W.M. Edlin \$8.70

Clark - Meeting adjourned

Clark - Christie and Hunter delegate to council

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### **June 20, 1930**

Clark & Akister - Move that school close on evening of Thursday June 26 and that teacher be paid balance of salary together with salary for 5 extra days taught and the caretaker and hall rent be paid to June 30.

Akister & Clark - That we make application for the following land from White Bear S.D. (Five sections) and from Neuve Chapelle S.D. (10 3/4 sections).

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### **July 7, 1930**

All present

Clark - minutes adopted

Following be paid

W.M. Edlin \$4.50, R.P. Christie postage and stationary \$2.05, on account salary and remuneration \$45.00

Clark - That school be reopened on August 11

Akister - That Hunter and Christie attend the council meeting at Lacadena on July 8 regarding application for alteration in boundaries applied for but not approved by council on July 8, that an appeal be sent to Department of Education in Regina.

Moved by Clark that the R.P. Christie be paid an additional \$25.00 for extra services rendered and that he be paid at the same time as his regular salary.

Moved by Akister that meeting adjourns.

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**July 29, 1930 all present (Morrison Construction, Lawrence Christian)**

Akister & Clark - Moved that P.S. Hunter act as arbitrator to act on behalf of the school district in arbitration proceedings regarding district boundaries and that he be authorized to obtain legal advice.

Clark & Akister - That we phone Lawrence Christian c/o Morrison Construction Co. Saskatoon asking him to send us application as teacher and give his recommendations and failing to obtain his application to phone the government Teachers Agency in Regina.

Akister & Clark - That school be reopened on August 18, 1930 instead of August 11 as decided at last meeting and that the motion relating here to the minutes of July 7/30 be rescinded.

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**August 4, 1930**

All present

Clarks - the minutes of two previous meetings be adopted.

Clark - That we engage L.R. Christian as teacher for one year as salary of \$1000.00

Akister - That meeting adjourn.

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**September 1, 1930**

Clark - minutes adopted.

Account is paid. F. Bye \$3.00, Begg & Hayes \$4.00  
That the secretary ascertain if non-taxpayers residing on land for which they are not assessed be liable for school tuition fees where their children are attending school.

Moved by C.A. Clark that a contract be signed with Mr. L.R. Christian for an annual salary of \$1050.00

Akister - That cheque be issued each month covering the following accounts

Teacher's salary at rate of \$1050.00 per annum  
Hall rent at rate of \$550.00 per annum less amounts paid to janitor at rate of \$30.00 per month for 6 winter months and \$20.00 per month for summer months to be deducted from the rent.

**Oct 3, 1930**

All present

Clark - minutes adopted

Akister - Accounts to be paid

Western school supply \$0.75, G.M. Driscoll \$0.95, Wm. Edlin August \$2.10, September \$4.60, Total \$6.70

Moved by Akister and Clark that secretary presents the arguments for the school board at arbitration, proceedings to be held at White Bear on Oct 4th.

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**Nov. 3, 1930**

All present

Clark - minutes adopted

Clark - that a grant of \$10.00 be given to Red Cross Society

Akister - That the secretary prepare notices of application for sections 4, 5, & 6 & W1/2 12 before the next municipal council meeting.

Clark - Following accounts be paid. W. Edlin \$3.50, Beaver Lumber \$0.45, Long Distance phone calls \$3.70, Western School Supplies \$1.75, E.N. Moyer \$1.35

Akister - Adjourn

Dec. 1, 1930 Hunter and Akister present

Akister - Minutes adopted

Accounts be paid

Wm. Edlin \$3.80

Cheques issued at close of school for teacher's salary for December and at end of month for caretaker and hall rent for December.

Akister - that a donation of \$10.00 be given towards the school Christmas tree in the hall.

Akister - That school close Dec. 19th for the year and resume Jan 5, 1931

Akister - adjourn

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**Special Dec. 8, 1930**

All present

Akister & Clark - That we write into the Department protesting against the decision of the council at Lacadena not to grant to us the N1/2 of Sec's 4 and 6 and asking for advice as to our problem regarding W1/2 12 should same be refused at next council meeting.



### **Jan 2, 1931**

All present

Clark & Akister - Minutes of previous meeting be adopted as read

Akister & Clark - Moved that P.S. Hunter & C.A. Clark be a delegate to meet the municipal council on Monday, January 5 in connection with the application for additional land.

Clark & Akister - that the janitor be instructed to see that the school is thoroughly cleaned before reopening school on Jan 5, 1931

Akister & Clark - Accounts be paid. Driscoll \$5.95, Beaver Lumber \$4.50, Western School Supplies \$5.35, W. Edlin \$3.20, R.P. Christie salary \$40.00, postage and stationery \$1.15, Fire insurance \$16.50.

Moved by Clark & Akister that the list of books and supplies as requested by the teacher and recommended by the inspector be purchased.

Moved by Akister and Clark that the annual meeting of the district be held on Saturday, January 17 at 2 PM in the school.

Write the department and find out about selling debentures at the annual meeting.

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### **Annual meeting January 31, 1931**

8 members present

G.M. Driscoll & W.H. Mutlow moved minutes adopted as read. Carried.

I.H. Akister & C.A. Clark - That the teacher's report be accepted as read. Carried.

G.M. Driscoll & A.W. McKay - That report of Board of Trustees be accepted as read. Carried.

R.E. Kerr - W.H. Mutlow - That the financial statement is accepted as read. Carried.

A.W. McKay - G.M. Driscoll - that the inspectors report be accepted. Carried.

Chairman announced meeting open for nominations for trustee.

C.A. Clark nominated for trustee by G.M. Driscoll. Seconded by R.E. Kerr

A.W. McKay & W. H. Mutlow is a ratepayer's auditor. Carried.

C.A. Clark declared elected as trustee at 3:10 PM.

Moved by G.M. Driscoll that a vote of "Thanks" of the ratepayers be intended to the Board of Trustees for their work during the past year.

A.W. McKay & G.M. Driscoll - that the meeting adjourn.

### **Board Meeting February 2, 1931**

All present

Akister & Clark - That the minutes be adopted

Akister & Clark - That we apply for Section 10, Township 22 Range 16 W

Clark & Akister - That accounts be paid. G.M. Driscoll \$.95, Wm Edlin \$4.40, F.C. Handley \$5.00 auditor, Western School Supplies \$7.21, King's Printer \$2.03

Moved by Clark & Akister that P.S. Hunter be chairman of the board.

Moved by Akister & Clark that R.P. Christie be secretary at a salary of \$50.00 per annum and as truant officer at \$10.00 and that F. C. Handley be trustees auditor.

Moved by C.A. Clark and Akister that the monthly meetings be held on the first Monday of the month at 8:00PM.

Akister & Clark - That the following monthly accounts be paid each month until the first of June.

Teacher's salary at rate of \$1050.00 per annum, hall rent at rate of \$550.00 per annum or \$50.00 per month for 11 school months less janitor's wages deducted from hall rents.

Pre arrangements at \$30.00 for each of the six winter months and \$20.00 per month for each of the summer months in which school is spent.

Clark & Akister - That the meeting adjourn.

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### **May 4, 1931**

All present

Clark & Akister that minutes of meeting February 3, 1931 be adopted

Akister & Clark Accounts be paid. F. Bye \$.85, Western School Supplies \$2.40, W. Edlin \$9.60.

Clark & Akister - That a water barrel be obtained for drinking water, That we purchase softballs.

Akister & Clark - That the meeting adjourn

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### **June 1, 1931**

All present

Clark & Akister - That minutes of the meeting May 4, 1931 be adopted

That the accounts be paid. - W.M. Edlin \$4.85.

Akister & Clark - That we donated \$2.00 for the school Field Day in Tuberosa on June 5, 1931

Clark & Akister - That meeting adjourn