

# SCHOOLS



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 1973-74 Ken Spoonheim  
 1973-74 Faye Silvester  
 1973-74 Susan Lytle  
 1974-75 Mrs. Judy Benson  
 1974-75 Mike Benson  
 1974 Wendy Bush (Turner)  
 1974-77 Jerome Chomos

1975-78 Mrs. Doreen Stannard  
 1975 Wayne Nicolas  
 1975-78 Mrs. Aline Grigg  
 1975-79 Dean Wilberger  
 1976-77 Wendy Martin  
 1976-79 Lorna Wells  
 1976-77 Antion De Vliegere  
 1976-77 Allen Ritch

1978-80 Douglas Wells  
 1979-80 John Ulsifer  
 1979-80 Judy Fleet  
 1979-80 Armin Loftsgard  
 ? -80 Gary Clark  
 1979 Mrs. Trudy Loftsgard  
 1980- Don Cross  
 1980- Randy Klippenstein

1974-76 Mrs. Linda Trytten  
 1974-76 Maureen Shelstad  
 1974-75 Albert Lebastard  
 1974-77 Mrs. Denise Lee  
 1974-75 Edith Gibson  
 1975-79 David Meyers  
 1975-80 Mike Heseltine

1976-77 Mark Mazur  
 1977-78 Christopher Johnston  
 1977-78 Richard Gillis  
 1977-79 Eva Greenlaw  
 1977-78 Scott Meikle  
 1977-80 Mrs. Gerry Merrison  
 1978-80 Basil Hughton  
 1978 Mrs. Eva Mutlow

1980- Dean Wilberger  
 1980- Gail Stocks  
 1980- Sheila Hammond  
 1980- Doug Scott  
 1980- Geoffrey Rowe  
 1980- Jackie McDonald  
 1980- Mrs. Donna (Johnson) Hodgins



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 Spice, Mae Clark, Gladys Benson, Hazel Benson, Marjorie Kinhnicki, 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, George Avery, Laurie Avery, Bill Lytle, Ken Humphrey, Harold Kinhnicki, Bill Kinhnicki.

## WHITE BEAR SCHOOL

The town of White Bear started in 1925 and was without a school until 1928. The children attended the rural school of Neuve Chapelle during these years. Then in 1928 a one room school was opened in the "Town Hall". The school being called "Couleville" District No. 4773. Mr. Morrow was the first teacher. The trustee's were Mr. Max Rutherford, Mr. Chester Clark and Mr. P.S. Hunter. The secretary-treasurer was Mr. Vic McKeag.

In 1931, a two room school was started by dividing the room in half with a removable partition. Mr. L.B. Christian was the first principal and Miss Berg was the first junior room teacher.

The application for change of the school name was made in 1932, this was granted sometime later, changing the school name from Couleville to White Bear.

In 1939, a three-room school was started. The High School and the intermediate room were in the Town Hall, and the junior room was held in the Orange Hall where Mrs. Jack Schuler taught Grades 1-4. The intermediate room Grades 5-8 were taught by Miss Cummings. The High School Grades 9-12 were then taught by Mr. Pollack.

In 1949, the town realized their first proper school. This building of three classrooms, laboratory, Principal's Office and an auditorium in the basement, bathroom facilities were constructed by Rupert Gore and G. Pfaff. Two more classrooms were added a few years

later and then in 1964, a two room satellite High School was built on a lot alongside of the elementary school, giving us seven classrooms in all. High School was taught in White Bear until 1968. The satellite building was moved to Kyle for an addition to their classrooms.

In 1968, the students dedicated their Year Book, the second edition of the "Euphoria" to Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Driscoll. Mr. Driscoll acted as the first unit trustee, sat on the local school board and was very instrumental in the building of our first school.

The following are teachers who taught in White Bear. Our apologies to anyone who has not been mentioned.

1928 - first year - Mr. Morrow.

1929 - 1930 Miss Sweet.

Two rooms were made — Mr. Christian, Miss Carr, Miss Berg, Mrs. Haugen, Mr. Okerstrom, Mrs. Carmichael, Mr. Jack Hall, Miss Gilmour, Mr. Pollack, Miss Johnson, Mr. Stan McIvor, Miss Cavanagh, Mr. Mader, Miss D. Hogue, Mr. Moberg, Mrs. L. Coghill, Mr. Grant, Miss Kay Sanders, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Jake Schuler, Mr. Jake Elias, Mr. Grant Raycroft, Mr. Windsor, Miss Cummings, Mr. Len Solomon, Mrs. Peg. Atchison, Mr. Breken, Miss Doris Goheen, Mr. Bob Goodwin, Miss Atkinson, Mr. Cliff Brown, Miss Petro, Mr. Doug McIntyre, Miss Lavonne Douglas, Mr. O. Zauder, Mrs. Ida Gunderson, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. K. Bachelder, Mr. Kunz, Mrs. Joy Schuler, Mr. H. Spennath, Mrs. Frericks, Mr. Crawford, Mrs. Holstein, Mr. Mongeon, Miss Gibson, Mr. C. Ast, Mrs. Verna Pittman, Mr. Klippenstein, Mrs. Spennath (Oltman), Mr. Thakker, Miss Truelson, Miss Perry, Miss Kryder, Mr. Kryder, Mrs. Dug, Miss D. Thompson, Miss J. Chennells, Miss Hoehn, Miss Hudec, Mrs. Meise, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Binns, Miss Fatheringham, Miss C. Shaw, Mrs. Nieuemiller, Miss Hiebert, Miss E. Perry, Miss Eraser, Mrs. McIvoy, and Miss Ilda Baycroft.

With the closing of the rural schools, the children were bused into White Bear coming from Elmont, Russelton, Weetsdale, Twilight, Neuve Chapelle, and Neosho.

Janitors for our school years in White Bear were: Scott Richardson and Bob Hope for the School at the Community Hall. For the new schools they were — Percy Handley, Joe and Dorothy Wilkie, Kay Murray, Lois and Doug Pickford and Ruby Beck.

The White Bear School was closed in the spring of 1974. In 1975, the school building was made into the Community Complex.

## PERONNE SCHOOL No. 3794

After the homesteaders had settled the area, there was a need for their children to go to school. To meet this need a school district was formed in 1916, and the school house was built on the SW quarter 19-21-15. They called the school "Peronne" and the district school number was 3794.

The first teacher was hired in 1917, Miss Janet Gilmour. In 1923, when the town of Kyle originated, the children living there attended Peronne, until they had enough children to form a school district of their own. It is unfortunate that we have no record of the first pupils who attended. Howard and Clifford Woodrow, Elmer

and Lela Smith, Russel Johnson, Leo McCarthy are a few that come to mind.

In 1932, the school was moved to a new location, to make it more central. This was made necessary by the school districts enlarging and changing boundaries. The school was moved in the spring, by Mr. Ed Smith from Rosetown. He used a caterpillar tractor and was helped by tractors supplied by Archie Turner and Issac Lowe. The other men of the district all lent a hand. It was then located on the NW quarter 7-21-15. Mr. Irving Tryten gave two acres for the school site. The school operated until 1947 at which time there were too few children to keep it open. The children remaining went to Kyle school. The school was reopened in 1950, when younger families came to the district. It continued to operate until 1957. Being part of the Eston Elrose School Unit, the children were bussed to Kyle. Several years later, the school was sold to Mr. John Lee who moved it to his farm. There it is used to store grain, thus ending another era. The teachers hired over the years were:

1917-1918	Janet Gilmour	1935-36	Margaret Howard
1918-1919	Artrena Plewis		Grace Merryfield
1919-20-21	Iva Teets	1936-38	Margaret Howard
1921-22	Allen Lobsinger	1938-40	Howard Clark
1922-23	Thomas Riggs	1940-41	Lillian Parker
	William Manning	1941-42	Ella Jenson
1923-24	Alma Hiebert	1942-43	Agnes Stenhouse
1924-25	Jeannette Kruse		Margaret Valentine
1925-26	Agnes Galt	1943-44-45	Norma Elliott
	Ethel Ross	1945-46	Ella Jenson
1926-27	Barbara Armstrong		Mrs. G. Thompson
	Margorie McGregor	1946-47	Anna May Ochs
	Beryl Graber	1947-50	Students conveyed
1927-28	Margaret Van Burskirk		
1928-29	Daisy Herron	1950-51	Doris Johnson
	Frances Herron	1951-52	Doris Johnson
1929-1930	Florence Cairnes	1952	Luella Gronhovi
1930-31	John Frieson	1952-53	Margaret Merrison
1931-32	Evelyn Montgomery	1953-54	Eleanor Moen
1932-33	Evelyn Montgomery	1954-55	Eleanor Moen
1933-34	Gladys Davies	1955-56	Merva Marshall
1934-1935	Gladys Davies	1956-	Corrine Christensen
	Margaret Howard		

School was closed permanently January 1957.



John Orr, Alice Kyle, Ida Hartman, Marion Kyle, Howard Holloway, Carl Hartman, Robert Orr, Harry Holloway, Margaret Ghan, Florence Kyle, Gertie and Edna Holloway, Muriel Wilson, Mary Ghan, Cora Wilson. Teacher Artrena Plewis. 1918.



## HORSE BUTTE S.D. No. 2755

A valley in the fork at the west end of a prominent sharply rising 175' hill was chosen as the site for a school by the early settlers. The name Horse Butte adopted by the settlers for this landmark first came from the Indians who used it to describe this hill. In the winter months the settler's horses were turned loose to forage for themselves and this hill being comparatively free of snow was an excellent place for feed on the grass known as prairie wool.

The school on the N.E. corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -34-20-16 opened September, 1912 with Marshall J.R. Martin as teacher for the first two years. School was closed in 1914 for a time due to lack of funds.



1920. Jessie Martin, Maggie Hanna, Karl Loftsgard, Mrs. George Hanna (teacher), Ennis Hanna, Hugo Upsal, Violet Martinson, Lena Woodrow, Hannah and Louise Dyrlund, Mary Martin, Bob Hanna, Dorius Dryland, Jean Martin, Arnold Strom, Ella Hadwin, Bjarne and Ralph Loftsgard, Alma Hanna, Ivadel Dyrlund, Berva and Vera Woodrow, Lloyd Hanna, Alice and Elsie Loftsgard, Margaret Haagenson, Ken Kennedy, Anna Haagenson, Jackson Prime, Trigve Loftsgard, "Grip" the dog.

During the early years, Horse Butte school was used for church services and confirmation classes. Social activities were also held there - dances with local music, card parties and box socials. For the latter, the women and girls fixed a lunch in a decorated box which was auctioned off and the highest bidder got to eat lunch with the owner of the box lunch. Christmas concerts were the highlight of the year. The schoolhouse was packed with proud parents and friends to hear their children recite and act the parts they had been practising for weeks. Santa Claus was a welcome visitor and was often ably performed by Oswald Prime who with Jack Ferguson could always give the audience a good laugh.

About 1930, the enrolment had grown so that it was found necessary to divide the one room into two parts, the higher grades separated from the lower. Double desks were used, usually seating two girls or two boys together. One form of discipline among the younger children was to seat a boy and a girl together, the teasing that resulted was an effective means of punishment.

In the early years, the teachers boarded with families in the district until a small house called a teacherage was built. There the teacher lived and worked. In ex-



Carl Brose, Alfred and Marcella Strom.

change for rent the teacher was also the janitor. This included chopping wood for kindling to start a fire in the cook stove in the teacherage as well as the heater in the school. That meant getting up early on a cold winter morning and a few frosty fingers in order to have the place warm by the time the children arrived. There were times when this was not successful so everyone did exercises for a half hour or so before the class could get down to work.

The water supply was hauled and put into a cistern from which the teacher pulled it up hand over hand with a pail on the end of a rope. A pail with a dipper and later a crock fountain with a spigot served to satisfy the thirst of the children. With no running water washrooms consisted of a basin on a stand and outdoor toilets. Consequently the teacher had to carry water to her abode and heat it on the cook stove in order to have a bath.

The following is a list of teachers:

1912-13	Marshall J.R. Martin	1932-33	Mildred Frey and Jean Busby
1914-15	Alice Sherman		
1915-18	Evelyn Olson	1933-34	Mildred Frey and Mertis Haig
1918-19	Susan Stewart		
1919-20	Otto Olson	1934-35	Mertis Haig
1920-21	Leah Kemp	1935-36	Raymond Omoland
1921-24	Mrs. George Hanna		
1924-25	Olive Bell	1936-39	Nola (Boyer) Sollied
1925-27	Alice Lord		
1927-28	Mina Kelb	1939-40	Margaret McRae
	Viola Olmstead	1940-41	Evelyn Keys
1928-29	Mrs. McClusky	1941-42	Grace Prime
	Dora Nickel; Alice Lord	1942-43	Doris Goheen
1929-30	Alice Lord	1943-44	Ruby Bodrug
	Ada Patterson	1945-46	Minnie Larsen
1930-31	John Friesen	1946-47	Lucille Beattie
	Ada Patterson		Evelyn Backman
1931-32	Elva and Hilda Ewart		Kenneth Nelson
	Jean Busby		Grace Wakelon

The last year for Horse Butte was 1946-47. School opened in the fall of 1947 with Raymond Omoland as teacher but due to the fact that many people moved away and spent the winter other places the school was closed and never opened again. The schoolhouse was later moved to White Bear and used as a dwelling for the principal there. It is now a residence in the hamlet. The teacherage was moved to Kyle to be used for the same purpose. The spot where children studied and played for thirty-five years is now a farmer's field.

## LAIDLEY SPRINGS SCHOOL District No. 5242

Laidley Spring School was named in honor of Howard Laidley who pioneered at the spring in the winter of 1903 with a flock of sheep.

The building was originally Leyton school and was moved to Matador Co-op Farm in 1954 and re-named.

The grades taught were 1 to 7, as the higher grades went in to Kyle. Before this, school was held in the Dorm.

The first teacher in the Dorm was Kay (Armstrong) Dietrick, then Raymond Moen and Dorothy (Baker) Leck.

Teachers at Laidley Spring were Ruth (Howard) Aitken of Bickleigh 1954-55; Dorothy Baker 1955-57; Judy Harrison; and Betty Chaberek. now of Eston.



1962-1963. Paul O'Hara, Dana Bailey, Mrs. Chaberek, Wayne Howes, Gary Rempel, Blaine Bailey, Barry Monson, Patsy O'Hara, Sylvia Chaberek, Joan Russell, Wendy Barlow, Garth Dietrick, Earl O'Hara, Kenny Remple, Robby Longlitz, Bevan Bailey, Jackie Russell, Rae Howes, Kelly Monson, Danny Zazelenchuk, Ian Russell, Leo Hay, Sandra Zazelenchuk, Karen Howes, Randy Barlow.

## NORTH LANDING SCHOOL No. 4680

As the area around the river was called Sask. Landing the people decided to call the school North Landing and it was one of the first schools North of the river.

In the fall of 1913, people began organizing a school district and on January 26, 1914 the district was established. In the spring of 1914, construction started on the school, Hugh Gillespie drew up the plans. First board members were David McCrie, Chairman; Ed Larson, Trustee; and Hugh Gillespie, Sec.-Treas. Miss Dolly Olson was hired to start school in May but as the



Bob Gillespie, Ralph Larson, Alf Larson, Anne and Art Marshall, Lawrence Allen, Earl Marshall, Addie Coward, Pearl Larson, Donald Sorensen, Isabel McCrie, Minna Kienlin, Helen Larson, Hugh Allen, John Scott, Violet Martinson, Laudeffe Noble.

school was far from completion, the board rented the Walter Price house, which was one mile south of the school site. School was held there until in the fall when the new school opened. First pupils were Jessie McCrie, Arthur and Anne Marshall, Ralph and Pearl Larson, Wilson and Lawrence Allen, Kate Ira and Joe Ash down, Ken and Bob Gillespie.

The school is located on S.E. corner of S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 28, Twp. 20, Range 15, W3rd. The school was not only used for a school, it was the centre of many activities as dances, church, Christmas concerts, and a gym, where the young men wrestled and boxed. Ball games were held in the yard. Music for dances was supplied by Cap Bird, Nathan Baker, Bert Bird, Tom Goodwin and Jim Allen was the caller.

Teachers down through the years were:

1914	Evelyn Olson	1940	Lillian Surber
1915	Otto T. Olson	1941 & 42	Irene Vindeg
1916	Floy Nelson	1943	Eva Alice Bodrug
1917 & 18	Alice McCrie	1944	Evan Alice Bodrug
1919	Alice McCrie		Florence VanBuskirk
	Susan Stewart	1945	Vera Minish
1920	Emma Currie		Florence VanBuskirk
1921	Jimmie Hill	1946 & 47	Vera Minish
	Alice VanBuskirk	1948	Vera Minish
1922	Alice VanBuskirk		Mildred Larson
1923	John R. MacKay	1949	Mildred Larson
	Peggy (Currie) Renaud		Annette Bergeron
1924 & 25	James Ross	1950	Annette Bergeron
1926 & 27	Jean McKellar	1951	Robertia Atkinson
1928	Mrs. Ida Martin		Annette Bergeron
1929 & 30	Edmund Holland	1952	Robert Atkinson
1931	Edmund and Helen Holland		Neil Moen
		1953 & 54	Neil Moen
1932	Edmund Holland	1955	Neil Moen
	Michael Hughes		Ruth Bullerwell
1933	Michael Hughes	1956	Mrs. O. Smith
	Helen Gilmour		Eilien Ruden
1934 & 35	Helen Gilmour	1957	Eilien Ruden
1936	Helen Gilmour	1957	Eilien Ruden
	Marion Campbell		Elsie Ella Cooper
1937	Marion Campbell	1958 & 59	Elsie Ella
	Lillian Surber		Copper and
1938 & 39	Lillian Surber		Mrs. Hazel McKechney

In 1959, the pupils were moved into Kyle by bus to the Composite school.

In the fall of 1948 or spring of 1949, the teacherage burnt. The teachers boarded around the district until fall of 1952 when the new teacherage was ready for Neil Moen. The teacherage was sold to Art Noble and moved to Clearwater for a cottage. Since the school closed the 4H used it as a Hut for a number of years. The later years it has been used by the North Landing Community Club who keep it for any social activities in the district. Dances and games, put luck suppers and ball games are the main activities.

## SCHOOL DAYS AT RUSSELTON

In 1910 at the age of five I came to Canada with my parents and my two sisters to our parents homestead. We arrived in Swift Current the first of Oct. This was our nearest town.

In about 1912 the town of Cabri came in. In 1912 other families on homesteads in the district decided there was a school needed. There was a quarter of land that had a vacant house 16 x 20 on this land. He gave them permission it could be used for a school house. There was a young teacher a short distance from there so he agreed to teach. His name was Mervin Martin. This quarter of land now is the property of Elsie Christenson. Soon as it was warm enough school was opened. A long dining room table, two long planks and 4 empty nail kegs made a seat each side of the table. The pupils were seated each side of the table to learn to write on slates. There was a large sheet of tar paper for a black board. There was no bell so Mr. Martin would call us to get back to our studies after noon or recess.

In 1913 the men in the district helped to haul home lumber for a proper kind of school. It was a large building to be used for a school, a dance hall and a church. It had a kitchen and one bedroom attached for a teacherage. We attended school in the house which had been moved into the school yard where the new school was built. When the school was ready to use, there were 2 large blackboards put in, enough double desks for the 12 pupils and a table for the teachers desk. Also there was a coal heater.

At Christmas time the children trained for a Christmas Concert, singing carols, dialogues and recitations.

A large poplar tree was found at the Saskatchewan

river. The ladies in the district gathered creeping vines on the hill sides and tied these over the bare branches on the tree. They made decorations for the tree. There were toys hanging on the tree. It really was surprising how nice it looked.

Sometime during a weekend Mr. Martin went away and surprised the district with his bride. She was at the Christmas Concert wearing her white wedding dress with its high collar and buttoned at the back. She looked lovely and was helpful accompanying the pupils when they sang and played Mrs. Webb's organ. It was a very enjoyable evening.

The school was closed over winter. It was named Russelton School district no. 778.

In 1924 I married my beloved husband Sandy and moved into our first school house and took up housekeeping in it. We did some repairs and it made a nice little home. It now still sits on the family farmyard a short distance from my small house. Some years later Mrs. Martin came to see Mervin's first school. She said Mervin had passed away. He was a cousin of Bill Williams. Mrs. Martin was to visit the Williams at the time.



### Teachers

M. E. Martin	1912	Ferne E. Busby	1932-1934
W. R. Henderson	1914	L. E. Evans	1933-1934
M. M. Hope	1915	Mildred A. Frey	1934-1935
Beatrice A. Cates	1916	Madeline Milso	1935-1936
M. M. Hope and Ruth L. McLeod	1917		
Lottite Harrington	1918	Mildred Dyrland	1936
M. Helen Sentell	1919	Margaret Frey	1936-1938
Mrs. Evelyn Lebo	1920-1922	Laura M. Cluff	1938-1940
Nellie B. Tooke	1922-1923	Esther Akister	1940-1941
V. Machay Burns	1923-1924	Leslie Cluff	1941-1942
William Arthur Campbell			
	1924-1926	D. S. Lent	1942-1943
Dorothy McDonald	1926-1927	Kate Bachelder	1942-1943
W. I. Elliott	1927-1929	Ada Peirce	1944-1945
Gladys Tarras	1928-1929	Norma E. Elliott	1945-1947
Norman Willing	1928-1929	William Melnyk	1947-1948
M. W. Williams	1929-1930	Mrs. Edna Clarke	1948
Mrs. M. Gunn	1929-1930	Kay Gauthier	1948
Vivion E. Hussey	1930-31	Mary Block, Kate Bachelder	
Annie I. Young	1931-1933	Evelyn McCrie	1949-1950



## NEUVE CHAPELLE SCHOOL No. 3563

Neuve Chapelle School was built in 1916, on the land homesteaded by Andy Albro, the NW corner of NE¼-23-22-17-W3, approximately one north and one and one half miles west of White Bear. The school got its name from the Battle of Neuve Chapelle in France on March 10, 1915 in which the British used artillery barrage against the Germans for the first time.

The construction of the school building and the barn was done by George Sherriff of Regina at a total cost of \$1,666.64. Sherriff was paid \$400.00 for his labour and it's interesting to note, that the freight charges from Regina to Cabri on \$485.15 worth of lumber was \$164.85.

The school was opened in April of 1917. The first teacher was Fleda Waite, who boarded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Callender. Her salary from April to the end of November was \$734.00.

For many years, the school was only open during the summer months with a brief holiday in July and closing from December to March or April. Until the teacherage was built in 1929, the teachers boarded with neighbouring farmers.

The first Secretary-Treasurer of the Neuve Chapelle School Board was T.M. Henderson, and the first Chairman was Harry Lidkea. Others who served in these positions were: Hugh Callender, Ernest Kerr, James Lowe, Harry Pratt, Tom King, Wayne McKay, Arthur McRae, Harry Payne, Jess Archer, Cecille King, Bill Davies, H. Denison, B. Irvine, Annie Figley, Herman Bischoff, Hazel Irvine and Elmore Figley.

The school was a one classroom, cottage roofed building with boys and girls cloakrooms on either side of the entrance hall. It faced north with windows to the south. Although a cistern was built in 1918, the children were sometimes paid 10 cents a day to carry water from their homes. Students were also paid 20 cents a day for lighting fires in the coal and wood furnace. In 1919, a second acre of land for \$10.00 was purchased from A. Albro to be used as a playground.

Some of the first students to attend Neuve Chapelle were Benny Headman, Eric Fors, Cora and Eldon Lidkea, Donald McRitchie, Price Henderson, Ivan and Ella Bolger, the Vanderlin family, Alice and Raymond Kerr, Bill Redmile, Carl Sheflo, Paul McKay, Ruth and Harold Fletcher, the Biccum family, and later, Bob and Helen Warner, Dorothy and Clell Darrow, Bill Gillanders, Jack, Jim, David, Doug, Rose and Jean Pickford, Phyllis, Ethel, Art and Jack Pratt, Carl Bischoff, Jessie, Gladys, Elsie, Lloyd and Cora Davies, Russell, Merrill, and Roy Lidkea, Mary Edlund, Eddy, Marjorie and Gladys O'Neil and Roy, Ray, Donald, Earl and Lorne Figley, Leone, Freda and Gordon Parker, and Stanley Wright.

Most students walked to school, some arrived by horse and buggy, others rode horses and one boy, Bill Gillanders, was known to ride a mule.

From 1925, until White Bear school was started, the children from White Bear town attended Neuve Chapelle School.



1919. Bill Akister, Helen Wanner, Dorothy Darrow, Eric Fors, Donald McRitchie, Eldon Lidkea, Ruth Fletcher, Louie Darrow, Bob Wanner, Cora Lidkea, Bill Redmile, Ruth Akister, Hazel Darrow, Merrill Lidkea, Raymond Kerr, Ivan Bolger, Harold Fletcher, Paul McKay, Nancy Akister, Alice Kerr, Roi Akister, Phyllis Pratt, Opal Darrow.

After 1946, classes were no longer held in Neuve Chapelle. The students attended White Bear School with Neuve Chapelle District paying a fee for each child unit 1950, when White Bear built a new school and the Neuve Chapelle District disbanded and became part of the White Bear School District.

In 1950, the school site and the barn were sold to Ted Johnstone who owns the A. Albro land and the school was moved into White Bear in 1951, where it served as the Orange Hall until 1969, when it was sold to Hixon Pittman. It is still in use as a granary on the Pittman Farm.

### TEACHERS

1917	Fleda Waite
1918	Edna Conlin (Mrs. Chester Clark)
1919	Fleda Waite
1920-½ term	Emma Nicholson
1920-½ term	Francis Whitworth
1921-1923	Otto Olson, Neosho
1923-1924	Myrtle Wilkie, Tuberosa
1924-½ term	Rachel Amy Labatt
1924-½ term	Miss C. Cameron
1925-1926	Dorothy Dean, Biggar
1926-1927	Bertha Francis
1927-1934	Hattie Williams, Fundale
1934-1935	Ruby Jordheim, Neosho
1935-1936	Helen Newell
1936-1937	Agnes F. Gray
1937-1938	Helena Zaparzan
1938-1939	Ruth White
1939-1940	Nellie Gray
1940-1942	Madeline Milso, Fundale
1943-½ term	Mrs. Flossie A. McArthur
1943-1944	Miss S. Skalozeb
1944-1945	Miss Reynolds
1945-1946	Kathleen Ethel Atchison



## LEYTON SCHOOL No. 3060

In April 1913, a number of residents in Township 21, Range 15, west of 3rd Meridian namely, P. McGregor Sr., P. McGregor Jr., H. Hodgins, Amund Gulbranson, O. Gulbranson, Russel G. Mann, John R. Champion, John R. Champion Jr., Wm. Gibson, A. Knox, J. Hannah, A.C. Davidson, J.R. Cluff, David Cluff, E.A. Bird, Mrs. W. Bird, E.L. Leech, B.B. Bird, N. Baker, H.J. Bird, J.E. Matthews, O.H. Gunderson, H. Larter, Edith Matthews, and Charlie Benson met to organize a public school district where thirteen children were of school age. The number of persons actually residing within the proposed district was forty-three.

On June 9, 1913 a public meeting was called to organize the new school district which included sections 9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,33, 34,35,36, of township 21, range 15, west of the 3rd meridian. The election of trustees was held on June 18, 1913 at the home of Hiram Hodgins N1/2-25-21-15. At this meeting, P. McGregor Sr. (chairman), P. McGregor Jr. (secretary), E. Bird and H. Hodgins signed a petition for the organization of a school district. Hillview, Leyton, Concord, Oriole and Hillsdale were submitted as suggested names for the proposed district and Leyton was chosen. Leyton was suggested by the Matthew's family, a place in England from where they came.

On July 9, 1913 notice was given that a school district under the name of Leyton S.D. No. 3060 of Saskatchewan was granted. By October 15, the board of trustees was authorized to borrow the sum of \$1,700. for the purpose of erecting and equipping a school building. A building 22' by 28' of the necessary specifications was erected, the carpenter for this project was P. McGregor Sr. The school was opened in 1914 with Marjorie Davidson as teacher. Trustees in 1914 were H. Hodgins (chairman), A.C. Davidson (Sec.-Treas.), E. Bird, B. Elderton and P. McGregor. The location of the school was to be on the S.E. corner of N.E. 22-21-15, N. Baker's land. Due to a change in the district boundaries, the



1914. Maude Mann, unknown, Marjorie Davidson (teacher), Elmer Pederson, Elsie Plewis, Annie Bird, (two unknown), Gordon Plewis, John Bird, Lawrence Gunderson, Buster Bird, Oliver Gunderson, Irene Mann, Erle Hodgins.

school was moved in 1931 to S.W. 14-21-15, B. Bird's land where it remained until 1955 when the unit board had it moved to the Matador Co-op farm.

School opened in the spring of 1914, with Marjorie Davidson as teacher. At one time, there were 54 students attending with only one teacher. Sometimes, there were broken grades so it wasn't only eight grades, sometimes twelve, for which the teachers had to prepare lessons.

In July 1916, a terrific rain and hail storm on a Sunday afternoon broke all the windows on the west side of the school except one pane of glass which had previously been cracked in the upper corner. Monday morning teacher and pupils arrived to find a real mess of water and broken glass, wet maps, soggy books and water stained furniture as well as a few birds flying around inside the school. The children were sent home, word was sent with the children to the trustees and the balance of the day was spent by teacher, trustees and other helpers cleaning up the mess and making temporary repairs until glass could be obtained to replace the windows.

The Christmas season was always looked forward to with much enthusiasm as most of December was spent learning songs, plays, recitations and practising.

The day before the Christmas Concert, some of the men would come and erect a stage, usually made from material which each had brought from home. The tree was set in place and teacher and pupils put up stage curtains, which consisted of white nicely ironed sheets sent by some of the ladies. These were hung on a heavy wire either put through the wide hem or else pinned on with large safety pins.

When the evening finally arrived, enthusiasm was at a high pitch, the school was crowded to the doors, often the men standing, everyone arriving in turn dressed in their very best, sometimes not much by today's values. Then the much practised program would begin.

With much anticipation, the last day of school in June finally arrived after many days of study and examinations. That was the day of the school picnic. Children, parents and everyone in the district arrived with large boxes of lunch which were put out on a large table in the school to be enjoyed after an afternoon of visting, fun and games such as races, ball, tug of war, nail driving, rolling pin throw, and many other such events. This concluded with everyone having one or more dishes of homemade ice cream made by the people of the district, the men taking turns at turning the handle of the five gallon ice cream freezer during the afternoon.

In June 1953 due to the few students left in the district the school was closed and the children attended North Landing, Kyle and Laidley Springs, the parents were responsible for the transportation. In 1955, the trustees met to discuss having the unit board provide a bus for school transportation using the district's surplus funds towards paying for such bus and a proposed route was laid out.

Frank Bird was the first bus driver driving the bus until 1967, when Hector Hamilton took over and is still the bus driver in 1980. The students now are all attending Kyle Composite School.

## LEYTON TEACHERS

1914	Marjorie Davidson	1941	Mildred A Rose
1915	Mr. Rice and Iva Tests		Frieda A Vindeg
1916	Marjorie K. Davidson	1942	Frieda A. Mutlow
1917	Mary E. Walker		Mary Ellen Cooper
1918	Mary E. Walker	1943	Mary Ellen Cooper
	Marjorie K. Davidson		Elizabeth E. Owen
1919	Ruby I. Stewart	1944	Helen Martens
1920	Frances Amelia Kier		Dorothy A. Baker
	Clara Jean Stewart	1945	Dorothy A. Baker
1921	Iva Mae Teets	1946	Dorothy A. Baker
1922	Jessie McCrie		Mrs. Signe A. Bird
	Ethel Minerva Cavanagh		
1923	Ethel M. Cavanagh	1947	Mrs. Signe A. Bird
	Mrs. Emma. H. Dreher		Barbara M. Salkeld
1924	Helga S. Josephson	1948	Barbar M. Salkeld
	Jas. Jenkins		Norma Evelyn Miller
1925	Ethelwyn F. Sallis		Audrey Miller
1927	Dorothy E. MacDonald	1949	Audrey Miller
1928	Viola D. Leavens		H.L.A. Gunnlaugson
1929	Mildred Saunders	1950	H.L.A. Gunnlaugson
1930	Jean Telfer		Mrs. Signe A. Bird
1931	Beulah Moffet		Raymond L. Moen
1932	Evelyn Grace Bevan	1951	Raymond L. Moen
1934	Cecil P. Collins	1952	Raymond L. Moen
	Eugene Bernard Sewell		Signe A. Bird
1938	Eugene Bernard Sewell		Cecil E. Marchand
	Verna Elizabeth Stone	1953	- supervisor
1939	Verna Elizabeth Stone		Cecile E. Marchand
1940	Verna Elizabeth Stone		supervisor
	Doris A. Wilker		

The return of the fall term of 1953 is missing.

Beginning in the spring term of 1954, students were conveyed to other schools.

Submitted by Melba Christensen  
and Signe Bird

## WEETSLADE SCHOOL

Weetslade School District No. 3309 was formed April 24th, 1914, with 8,080 acres taken in to form the district. The assessment of the land at that time was \$177,-280.00.

The first Board elected was: Peter O. Bohn, trustee; Tom Husby, trustee; E.F. Clark, trustee; with T. Husby acting as Chairman. The first annual meeting was held at T. Husby residence. Sam Westgard was elected as trustee and P.O. Bohn was elected chairman with Oscar O. Bohn as secretary-treasurer.

July 24, 1916 a meeting was held and decision was made that \$1,600.00 would be necessary to build and equip a school building. At the annual meeting January 15th, 1917, the Western School Supply at Regina agreed to pay \$1,603.00 at 6¼% interest for the district bond of \$1,600.00. This was accepted by the Board and it was decided to put the money in the Union Bank of Canada in Cabri. It was at this meeting that John Noble was elected as trustee and Cornelius Sunday was nomi-

nated as auditor for the ratepayers. Thomas Husby was nominated as auditor for the Board.

A special meeting was held March 10th, 1917. The board of trustees decided to hire a teacher and purchase some equipment and hold school in Mr. Clark's house until a new building could be built. After several meetings in 1917, the board decided to hire the Waterman Waterbury Co. to build the new school at a cost of \$1,860.00, Plan 500, 22 x 26 – two 4 x 5 closets, one furnace, one fountain and one sign board. The board accepted this tender with the understanding that if funds ran out the balance could be settled by note.

August 4th, 1917, it was decided to build the new school on the SE corner of the NE 34-21-17 W3rd. October 27, 1917, the board met in the new school and accepted the new structure as tendered by Waterman Waterbury Co. of Regina. Cheques were issued to the builders and \$443.00 was paid by note as funds had run out. It was decided at this meeting, that the school be used for all meetings and entertainments, dances, etc., provided all was carried on in a decent manner. All funds taken in to be used in aid of the school.

January 30th, 1918, it was decided that they issue a levy of \$1,100.00 operating expenses to the R.M. of Lacadena, also hire a teacher immediately and that school would start on April 1st. April 17th, 1918 – no teacher available yet – it was decided to hire Miss Elizabeth Noble to teach the school at a noble salary of \$50.00 per month until the Department of Education could supply a qualified teacher. Mr. Sam Westgard said that if the Department did not allow us to pay Miss Noble out of school funds he would pay one month's salary on his own. At this meeting, a decision was made to pay all those who hauled material from Elrose for the new school. These people were: O.R. Bohn, John Noble, S. Westgard, T. Husby, Christ Rudd, John Rudd, Anton Winge, John Maalerud, Andrew Townsend, and T. Frisvold.

January 18, 1919, a teacher was hired. Miss Ada Harrington taught school for \$85.00 per month and she was the first qualified teacher at Weetslade school.

January 17, 1935, application was made to the R.M. of Lacadena for the sum of \$500. to operate the school for that year. Miss Annie Bennel taught that year for a salary of \$400. per annum.

1936, there were as many as 28 students in the Weetslade school. As there was no insulation in those days the school was cold and on October 4, 1941, it was decided to move the furnace from one side of the building to the other as the board felt it might heat the building better.

As teachers were getting harder to find, a meeting was held on November 2nd, 1943, to discuss the building of a teacherage on the site. It was decided at that meeting to build a new teacher's residence on the grounds. The new teacherage was built in 1951 and paid for with a Government Grant plus school funds. It was built according to Government Plan No. 2TR, size 16 x 20.

The last teacher who taught at the Weetslade school was Miss Marjorie Fox. In 1953, the Eston-Elrose School Unit was formed and as it was impossible to hire a

teacher — we then had to bus our students to White Bear School.

People who served on Weetslade School Board during these years were: Oscar Bohn, Peter O. Bohn, Ed. Master, T.R. Day, John Maalerud, Tom Husby, Val Bachelder, Carl Pederson, Emanuel Gauthier, Sam Westgard, John Noble, E.F. Clark, Linn Pittman, Cornelius Sunday, Lawrence Gauthier, James E. Maalerud, Robert Maalerud, Raymond Day, R.H. Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Noble, Alfred Oraas, and Oliver Sveum.

The school was closed in 1953, when the Eston Elrose Unit No. 33 was formed. The building was sold to J.E. Maalerud in 1956 and now owned by Rodney A. Trytten, a son-in-law of J.E. Maalerud. The old school was demolished in 1979 and Rodney is now building a modern house on the site where it stood.

## ELMONT SCHOOL District No. 4649

On January 20, 1926 a new school district was proposed and approved by the R.M. of Lacadena. The committee was G.M. Hope, Wm. Cates, O. Graham with Fred Handley as secretary-treasurer.

The first school meeting was held at the home of Wm. Cates on February 26, 1926. The lands were organized into a new school district and trustees appointed 12,792 acres were in the school district.

A vote was taken. Sixteen were in favor and three against the new school.

The first meeting was chaired by Cecil Cates and secretary was Fred Handley.

Trustees voted to office were Wm. Cates for a three year term, G. Munro Hope for a two year term and James Justason for a one year term. On March 29, 1926, the erection of the school district was completed by the department of education.

April 21, 1926 the board passed a resolution to borrow \$4,200. for the purpose of purchasing a site, erecting and equipping a new school.

On May 29, 1926, an application to the local government for approval to borrow the \$4,200. on the security of the district for the purchase of land, erection and equipment for the new school was sanctioned.

Land was bought from Wm. and Cecil Cates. The site



of the new school to be in the center of the north half of 24-20-17-W3rd.

A by-law was passed to issue debentures.

Plans for the school were submitted by several companies and one from the Moyer Company was chosen and approved.

Mr. John Stuart signed the contract to build the school for \$2,500.

Chester Hoffman and his son Henry dug the basement.

An advertisement was put in the paper for a teacher and on July 27, a reply was received from Margaret Mabel Williams. Her application was accepted. There was no teacherage so she boarded with nearby families. Her salary was \$900. per year. There were eleven children to be taught.

In 1929, the teacherage was built. The material cost \$250. W. Gildertson built it for \$100. Andy Sawyer hauled the lumber and charged \$16. The painting cost \$28.95. The teacherage was not ready for occupancy for three weeks after the term started. The teacher boarded out.

Through the years, a total of twenty-nine teachers taught at Elmont. The number of students ranged from eleven to thirty.

Students and teachers were hired as janitors. Local men and women saw that the school was cleaned, coal and water hauled, and that the teacher got supplies.

Christmas concerts dances, pot luck suppers, and card parties were the entertainment of the time.

Picnics were enjoyed by all at the end of each school term.

The teacherage was enlarged in 1948.

Elmont was incorporated into the larger school unit in January 1953. Soon after this some parents started transporting their children to White Bear.

Elmont closed in June 1957. It was sold to W.D. Clark of Kyle. He moved it to Kyle where he added on to it and now makes it his home.

There is no sign that there had even been a school on the site. The teacherage went to White Bear and the barn to a farmer.

Teachers remaining in the area are Mrs. Myron Gunn, Elrose, Mrs. W. Gillanders, White Bear, Mrs. Russell Webb, Sovereign, Mrs. Lloyd Gunn, White Bear, Mrs. Cliff Bird, Kyle, Mrs. S., Jordheim, White Bear, Mrs. Ray Scheelhasse, Kyle and Mrs. Roy Bishop, Kyle.

## NEOSHO SCHOOL No. 1076

Scandenava, the first name for Neosho.

The Neosho School District is situated in the R.M. of Lacadena #228, 4 miles south and 10 miles west of Kyle in a beautiful valley with a range of hills to the north, east and south and on a plateau about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile up from the Saskatchewan River now Diefenbaker Lake, which runs on a south east angle to the west.

The District is approximately 5 miles long and 4 miles wide give or take a little here or there, and the Neosho School was built on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 9-21-17 W3rd as close to the centre of the area as possible where it still

stands, only now it is used for grain storage.

Everyone realized that a school was needed, so the ratepayers called a meeting to organize for September 29, 1911, electing Wm. LeDrew, Martin Anderson and Enock Dyrland. Then on June 29, 1912 a meeting was held at Martin Anderson's where Martin Anderson was elected Chairman, H.F. Hartshorn was a J.P. and Nor-tary Public as Secretary and Wm. LeDrew who became Secretary shortly after. At this meeting the following names were submitted for the school district - Mountain View, Glenila, Montrose, Fremont, Cypress, Walhalla and Scandenava, which was chosen, but later changed to Neosho, suggested by Mrs. Fred Weber who came from Neosho, Missouri because of a district close to Cabri called Scandia. Neosho is an Indian name meaning "Running Water". Of course a site had to be chosen so at a meeting held on September 14, 1912 number 1 site SE¼ of Sec. 17-21-17 W3rd, number 2 site SW corner of Sec. 16-21-17 W3rd was suggested. Those voting were Chris Karli, Victor and Elmer Olson, Anton Greaker, Gus and Victor Swanson, Steve Olson, Herman Bradke, T.R. Day, Tom Benson, Wm. LeDrew, Martin Anderson, Sikko Smid and Harry F. Hartshorn. They must not have come to a decision because at a meeting held December 7, 1912 the NE corner of Sec. 9-21-17 W3, consisting of two acres, was chosen for which they paid \$10.00 an acre. By this time a Poll on a Debenture Loan had been held in Russborough. Five notices had to be posted prior to the meeting. Here they decided to borrow \$1,300.00 at 8% interest to be repaid in 10 instalments. They were building a school house 18 x 26 frame with 10 foot posts, 14 foot rafters, concrete foundation, shingle roof, 1 ply boards on studdings, 2 ply paper, ½ inch siding, No. 1 finishing lumber, No. 1 hardwood floor, 2 x 8 sills off 2 x 6 joists, 3 windows and 2 doors. The original number of farmers to be assessed for this loan was 21 the acreage of 8,320 which by October 10, 1912 had risen to 11,920 acres. There were 11 children waiting to go to school.

In the Spring of 1913 Nels Jordheim with the help of Nick Asmundsen, Anton Greaker and Carl Ek built the school, bolted in the desks, built the chimney, put up the flag pole all for \$200.00 which worked out to approximately \$3.00 a day each in wages.



In the winter of 1914 Matt Henderson conducted a bachelor school to help the men learn English. The men took turns hauling wood and coal from a coulee south of the Cabri Ferry to keep the school warm. Those attending were Charlie and Dick Anderson, Victor and Anton (Gus) Swanson, Anton Greaker, Nick Asmundson, Emanuel Gauthier, Martin and Tom Benson, Ed Larson and Harry Olson.



Janet Smith, teacher, 1927.

The school was officially opened April 17, 1916 but the children had been attending since 1913 and before they could use the lessons were taught by the teachers in different homes in the community. Teachers who taught in Neosho through the years were Miss Day and Miss Minnie Leek 1913, Matt Henderson and Cyrus S. Marshall 1914-15, W. Harris Vine 1915-16, Miss Addie Smith, her's is the only salary mentioned and it was \$80.00 a month in 1917, Miss Vasay for a short in 1917, Annie E. Bradley and Ruth McLeod both in 1918, Miss Osburne 1918-1919, Otto Olson 1920. In 1921, several teachers again; Miss Roberts, Elmer McLeod and M. Calnek, Miss Margaret Hope 1921-22, Mrs. F.A. Begin, 1922-23, Miss Marshall 1923-24, Miss Myrtle Wilkie 1924-25, Mrs. Dolly Lebo 1925-26, Miss Janet Smith 1926-27, Eileen Jenkins 1927-28, she had first Inspectors Report mentioned, Miss Florence Mitchell 1928-29, Miss Mary Frances Smith 1929-30-31, Mrs. Merri-son relieved while Miss Smith was sick, Jenny McCul-lam 1932-33-34-35, John Coldwell 1935-36, Wallis Cannan 1936-37-38, Miss Eleanor Blythe 1938-39, Anna Oline Westgard spring of 1940, Miss Audrey Chapman 1940-41, and Miss Pat Tucker in the fall of 1941.

The school was closed in 1942. In 1945, five of the Neosho school desks were sold to White Bear for \$38.75. When the school closed the parents were responsible for getting their children to school any way they could. Some went to Russborough, some to White Bear, others Kyle and Swift Current. In 1954, the School Board started busing the children to school. Edwin Pfaff was the first bus driver. The closing of the school was a great loss to the community, many social evenings had been held there, the majority of the community participating admission as low as 25 cents and every family contributing some lunch.



## CLEARWATER SCHOOL No. 636

Clearwater School District No. 636 was established March 6, 1912. A debenture for the sum of \$1,800.00 was called and approved for the erection and furnishing of a school building. Following is a copy of the description and estimate of school building proposed by the Board of Trustees of Clearwater School district No. 636 Sask.:

"Size of building 20'x30'x11' studding 16" apart 2"x4" bottom joist 2"x8"; top joist 2"x6". 8 windows 4' high; 4 lights 12"x24". first floor, roof sheeting and wall sheeting — shiplap second floor 4" fir lumber. Lap siding, shingle roof. On walls 2 ply heavy atlas paper. On floor and ceiling 1 ply heavy atlas paper, on roof 2 ply tar paper. Ceiling of standard ceiling lumber. Partition across back 6' from rear wall. Doors 2 inside and 1 outside. Walls including partition — lathed and plastered. 4" wainscoting, brick chimney on stand. 2 out-houses 4'x6'. Foundation of school house 7' stone wall full size of building".

The schoolhouse was constructed on a steep hill on the NW¼ Sec. 8, Twp. 22, Rge. 15, W3rd, approximately two miles north and half mile west of Kyle. It had a bell tower containing a large bell, which was rung by pulling on a long rope to call the children to classes in the morning, at recesses and at one o'clock after the lunch hour. It was quite an honour when one of the children was allowed to ring the bell. There was a flag pole, and the flag was raised each school day before school time, and taken down, folded and put away when school was closed for the day. There was a large iron wood and coal stove with a metal jack at the rear of the room to heat the room during cold weather. The floor was swept each day after school with a sweeping compound called dust-bane. This left the floor quite oily, making it almost impossible to wash out of white stockings or light colored dresses if one of the younger girls fell or played on the floor.

The first chairman of the School District was Mr. L.E. Long, and Mr. John Nelson the first secretary-treasurer.

School opened June 1912 with Mr. Frank Trotter as teacher. He taught four years, driving from his farm to school with his pony and gig; a two wheeled cart. There were only seven pupils the first year; Harry, Twila, Ross, and Fred Nelson, Viola, Margaret and Mabel Moore. Mabel started when she was only five years old to make enough pupils to open the school. Aurel Long started the next spring. There were more pupils each year after that, as more families moved into the district.

The school board furnished the text books and ink, and the pupils furnished their own scribblers, slates, pens, and pencil.

As the school was on a high hill the children coasted down on sleds, usually homemade or scoop shovels whenever there was snow. There was a little creek about quarter of a mile from the school, which the children played on, sliding across on the ice when it was frozen. During the spring, summer and fall the children usually played pum pum-pull away, prisoner's base, chicken, anti-i over, baseball and softball. In later years, there were swings and teeter-totters at the school.



1916. Twila Nelson, Aurel Long, Margaret and Mabel Moore, Miss Teets (teacher), Adrian Long, Olive and Ross Nelson, Clifford Teets, Charlie Moore, Fred Nelson, Lorne Closs, Howard Moore, Sylvian Long.

During a summer storm as the children and teacher were eating their lunch in the school room lightning struck the chimney on the school, filling the room with dust and smoke, knocking down bricks, which landed outside, where the children usually sat on nice days to eat their lunch. The teacher rushed the children out of the room and sent one of the boys on horseback to get Mr. Long, who lived closest to the school. Mr. Long was there in a few minutes and went into the attic and brought back a sampling of splinters, but there was no fire. The chimney had been hit and all the furnace pipes split. The charge had followed the furnace duct to the outside and had gone straight down to the ground, splitting the school foundation. No more school that day.

On account of cold stormy weather and poor road conditions school closed at Christmas time and opened again the first part of March.

Before the railroad came through and Kyle was built in 1923 Church and Sunday School was held in the school, also social gatherings, card parties and dances. They usually had a community picnic the end of June which was enjoyed by everyone.

The boys and girls walked or rode horseback, usually bareback to school. Jim Moore's had a mule named Rosie, which the children sometimes rode to school. During the winter months, the children drove to school in sleighs or cutters, or were driven to school by older members of the family. The animals were quite frisky, and anxious to get home after standing all in the school school barn which was situated at the rear of the school yard. Many an afternoon performance saw one or more of the children thrown off as their horses galloped down the steep hill, usually resulting in the child walking home.

One day Mabel Moore and Aurel Long were riding double to water Mabel's horse at the little creek. Near the school, the horse galloped to the creek, stopped and put its head down to drink and both little girls went over its head into the water.

In 1918, during World War I there was no school that summer as the school house was used as a hospital for influenza patients usually bachelors, who had no one at home to care for them.

During the cold weather in the late fall, and early

spring two pupils were assigned to make hot chocolate or soup each day for the children to have with their lunches. The pupils brought their own spoons and dishes; these being washed and kept at the school.

Clearwater School was closed the end of June 1942 for the duration of World War II and the children went to Kyle school. The school was never again in operation, and on June 26, 1947 the district was disorangedized and its lands added to Kyle School District No. 4680.

It was the fall of 1947, or the spring of 1948 when the school house was moved to the town of Kyle, where it was used for an additional school room for several years. The building was sold in 1969 to Nils Egeland, who moved it to his farm, south and west of Kyle for grain storage.

#### Teachers

1912	Frank Trotter	1927	Darlene L. Graber
1913	Frank Trotter		Bella M. Banning
1914	Frank Trotter	1928	Adah Silverthorn
1915	Frank Trotter		Adah Silverthorn
1916	Muriel Mildred Patterson	1929	Maude G. Stewart
	Iva Mae Teets	1930	Maude G. Stewart
1917	Susan M. Stewart	1931	Nola Maud Boyer
1918	Ruby Isabel Stewart	1932	Nola Maud Boyer
1919	Myrtle Dundas Wilkie	1933	Francis E. Higgs
1920	Myrtle Dundas Wilkie	1934	Reta Maisie Burr
1921	Myrtle Dundas Wilkie	1935	Reta Maisie Burr
	Elizabeth Florence Strain	1936	Catherine Nesbitt
	Mary Eleanor Ruttle	1937	Caron C.M. Nesbitt
			Helen K. Pederson
1922	Wm. Henry George	1938	Helen K. Pederson
	Wm. Henry George		Helen K. Pederson
1923	Otto T. Olson	1939	Anita M. Boerjan
1924	James Lloyd Brown		Anita M. Boerjan
1925	Jean K. McKellar	1940	Beryl Carpenter
1926	John L. Horne	1941	Beryl Carpenter
	Darlene L. Graber	1942	Beryl Carpenter

### TWILIGHT SCHOOL No. 4625

Information is vague as to when the Twilight School District was first formed; but it is believed to have been 1924. Isaiah Pittman was secretary. A position he held for ten years. Prior to the opening of Twilight School in 1925, the children went to Weetslade, Russelton and the old White Bear School.

Isaiah Pittman sold a 14 x 20 granary to the school board for \$100.00. After putting windows, fixing the inside and buying desks, etc., the total cost came to \$350.00.

When the school opened, there were 12 pupils and Miss Greenlee was the first teacher and she stayed a year.

The first fall, up to Christmas, the only heating we had was a portable coal oil stove, which went up and down the three aisles to keep the children warm. By the time school was out, the school was getting comfortable. When the school opened the next February, we had a coal heater. Whoever got to the school first was elected

to light the fire. At that time, school didn't open so early on account of severe cold weather. Usually it didn't open until February and then we only had two weeks holiday in the summer. It was very seldom that we had a month of holidays.

A new school was built in 1939. It was 24' x 40' with a full basement, with flush toilets. The first country school to have inside toilets. The old school was used for the teacherage.

The first pupils in 1925 were: Evelyn Soden, Eva, Leila and Bill Reed, Myrtle and Lloyd Soden, Blanche Caldwell, Viola and Emerson Soden, Hazel and Marie Pittman, Dorothy Jones.

During the years it was open the following teachers taught: Miss Greenlee, Miss Ross, Mrs. Hadwin (substituted while someone was sick), Mrs. Ethel Mathews, Ruby Gunderson, Vencil Pasternick, Dorothy Sorsdol,



1942. Melita, Laura, Annie and Ruby Westgard, Helen Beattie, Mrs. Nola Sollied (teacher), Jack Beattie, David and Doug Ferguson, Bob Beattie, Sam Westgard, Donald Pittman.

Nola Boyer. Mrs. Ida (Chick) Gunderson was the last teacher when the school closed in 1955. Sorry if some teachers have been missed. The children were bussed to White Bear School.

The first school board members were Isaiah Pittman Sec.-Treas., H.O.S. Sollied and Mason Soden.

In 1955, (June), there was a ratepayers meeting to discuss closing the school. The Trustees then were Jacob Dyrland, Sec.-Treas., Sikko Smid and Heinz Laurien. It was moved by R. Mutlow to close the school and seconded by Heinz Laurien, chairman. The motion was carried unanimously. The school site was sold to Douglas Ferguson for \$50.00 in 1973.

Submitted by Dorothy DeGruchy

### FUNDALE SCHOOL No. 686

Fundale School was opened in 1913 and stood on SE 3-22-18-3. It was a one room school and was the center of activity for the district as many dances, showers, box socials and many meetings took place there.

Families like the Gilmours, Williams, Williamsons, Thompsons, Tomsons, Stones, Perrins, Heirens, Milsos, Lees Shaflos, Townshends, Steers, Karles, Kallacheys, Brades, Wilsons, Olsons, Galloways, Dyrlands, Kinnicks, Youngs, Nelsons, Bensons, Belchers, and Grahams, were all part of the Fundale District. These people all took part in the running of the school and helped in every way with janitorial work, etc.

The building was not insulated in those days and was heated with a pot bellied heater with a large shroud around it with the usual pile of overshoes and foot wear around it drying out during the day.

These people mentioned all received their education at Fundale and many of them became teachers, nurses, secretaries, etc.

In 1921, the school was closed for four weeks during a small-pox infestation, and in October 1918, it was closed for the influenza epidemic.

The school was closed during the 1950's and in 1953, the building was sold to H.E. Fors, and moved to the Lacadena district where it was renovated into a house. Mr. Fors is yet living in the old Fundale school building.



## BEACHVIEW SCHOOL No. 3992

As I remember, my father, Elmer Nelson started organizing for a school in the Clearwater Lake area because roads and weather made travel to Kyle impossible. In 1933, a school district was formed. The school building was donated by my father and the school board borrowed \$600.00 to hire the first teacher. Classes began on September 11, 1933 under the name and number of High Point School which was a school district northeast of Clearwater Lake that had closed. Next year, the name was changed to Beach View No. 3992.

In the early days of Beach View School, the families who had pupils attending were E. Nelsons, E. Haagen-sons, I. Hanson, H. Nelson, C. Melland, Jas. Woodrow, C. Campbell, and A. Sather.

The enrollment during this time ranged from nine to fourteen with one or two in each grade. Most of the children were related.

The first teacher, and I believe her first school was Grace McCrie. Later teachers were Mary Stephenson, Ethel Dixon, Jack Stenhouse, Ann Bada, Dorothy Baker, Miss Minogue, Mrs. Doyle, and Mrs. Merrison.

Clearwater Lake was quite isolated in winter and was a closely knit community of which the teacher was a very important part.

Many an evening, I remember a group of us would meet at the teacherage for cocoa or fudge after skating, etc.

We all loved our first teachers but looking back now I don't believe they could say the same about us. They were wonderful sports.



Gordon, Lorraine, Elna and Laverne Nelson, Mary Stephenson (teacher), Jean Melland, Audrey Melbo, Lloyd Sather, Leon Nelson, Harry Sather, Ray Nelson.

The teacherage was built on to the back of the one room school and the teacher was also the janitor. The school was like an 'ice-box' in winter and the space heater was good enough to warm one side of a person at a time if they stood within two feet of it.

Like other country schools, Beach View was the center of our little community where concerts, dances, and card parties were held.

The school operated until 1951, later it was moved and remodelled for a farm house in the Sanctuary area where it burned down.

Submitted by Gordon K. Nelson

## THE OLD SCHOOL BARN

It sheltered the horses  
that took us to school  
Over those lonely miles.  
It smelled of manure, or harness and hay  
'Twas a place for climbing, a place to play  
A place of tears and smiles.

For many a secret was whispered there,  
And many a friendship wrought;  
And away from a teacher's watchful eye  
Sometimes the angry fists would fly  
And many the fight was fought.

What stories that little red barn could tell  
What memories of bygone days!  
If only it had a voice to speak  
Of 'ante-over' and 'hide and seek'  
And the pleasure of childhood Ways!

— Sylvia Carlton