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### Elmsdale School

This narrative of Elmsdale School goes back to about seventy years. Up until thirty years ago it was a one classroom school, and stood on the same site as the present school but near the Dock Road. At that date it was moved further back and converted into a two-classroom school as at present.

All the expense of the moving and remodelling of the building was borne by the Women's Institute of Elmsdale. Very few of the Institutes in P.E.I. can boast of an undertaking of such comparative magnitude. It is just another proof of how much the Women's Institutes contribute towards the many worthwhile efforts in a community.

The Elmsdale School stands as a monument to the splendid achievement of these women workers. The men of the district also contributed in no small measure to the success of this project. All labour in connection with the moving and remodelling of the school was on a voluntary basis. It was a complete community effort, in every sense of the word.

#### Earliest Teacher

As far back as any one in Elmsdale can remember, and that is back over seventy years ago, the earliest teacher here was Mr. James Sinclair who came from Malpeque. Mr. Sinclair's term of teaching here extended over a long period. But there was a break in it for some years during which time he taught at such other places as Union, Montrose, Hills River, Bloomfield etc. After his return to Elmsdale for a second time Mr. Sinclair taught here continuously until his retirement about twenty years ago. He was actually an institution to both young and old in the district.

Speaking with some of his former pupils, it is learned some unique methods he used in dealing out school justice. He never subscribed to the policy of "Sparing the rod and spoiling the child". One of his customs was to dispatch the erring pupil to the alder patch to fetch back the switches with which he (the pupil) was to be punished.

#### Teachers in Elmsdale

Between the two periods that Mr. Sinclair taught in Elmsdale there were many other teachers. Although all the names may not be given in this list, here are several of them: Miss Stewart of Charlottetown, now deceased; Miss Clara Ramsay, a native of Malpeque; she married a Mr. Steele and both of them are now dead; Alfred Adams, he moved to O'Leary and taught there for a time but later went into the watch repair and jewellery business. (deceased). Then there was a Mr. Griffin; he also moved to O'Leary where he taught but afterwards started his own photographic business. He is now dead but his widow is still living in Summerside.

Archie Murray of Breadalbane taught here for a time. He moved back to his native home and very little more is known of him. Another teacher here who afterwards became a prominent educationalist was Gordon Bermet. From here he went to Chatham, N.B., then returned to his native province and was a professor at Prince of Wales College. He also is dead.

During this interval there was one family prominently identified with the Elmsdale School, — the Larkins. James Larkin, and Fred Larkin. There was a Mrs. Leonard of Grand River at one time on the teaching staff. It is understood that she is now in Western Canada. One other teacher at this time was Mr. John Donahue who died in Tignish some years ago.

#### 30 Years Ago

About thirty years ago a Mr. Corbett taught here. He died while still a teacher, and it was at this time that Mr. Sinclair returned to Elmsdale. Mr. Wallace the present school principal, like Mr. Sinclair, has taught in Elmsdale on two different occasions.

Some of the later teachers of this school were, Linda Currie who went to New York; Ian Stirling; John C. Matthews, Winston Currie, Allan MacLeod, Marion Hardy, and Eileen O'Brien.

John C. Matthews who was both a teacher and pupil has made rapid advancement in his chosen profession. He attended Prince of Wales College, was a Professor in Fenn College, Cleveland, Ohio, and is now Doctor of Education and located in New York.

Allan MacLeod, also pupil and teacher, who had an excellent war record, is now taking his M.D. degree at Dalhousie University.

Marion Hardy is now in Charlottetown.

Eileen O'Brien, pupil as well as teacher, who has the degrees of B.A. and R.N. served overseas in the Second World War and is now Mrs. D.B. Furlong and lives in Iran.

Some prominent persons who were at one time pupils of Elmsdale School are Father Willard

O'Brien, now in British Columbia; Merritt Callaghan, at present a school supervisor; Dr. John McNeill, Dean of Toronto University; Rita O'Brien, graduate of Prince of Wales College, then took a course in physiotherapy at McGill University in Montreal. After she was an interne in a hospital at Edmonton, Alberta. She is now physiotherapist at Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, B.C. She has accepted a position as physiotherapist at Mercy Hospital, San Diego, California.

Mr. Kenneth Matthews, genial merchant (brother of Mr. John O. Matthews), who owns and operates a general store in Elmsdale, P.E.I., is another pupil at the school.

There are likely many more former pupils who have a claim to prominence in their different callings, but the above mentioned are the only ones that a record of could be obtained.

#### WINSLOE AND VICINITY

Friends of Winsloe are sorry to hear of Mrs. Parsons illness.

Mrs. John Ford and Olga were visiting South Winsloe.

The card party held at Mr. James MacQuarrie's was much enjoyed by all.

Mr. Grant Laird spent the week-end visiting his cousin, Mr. Ira Craswell, Rustico.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ford attended the hockey game held at the Forum recently.

Miss Eunice Cudmore has been visiting Winsloe South the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ford.

Friends of Master Keir Ford are pleased to see him around again after his recent illness.

The Young Peoples' were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Turner on Friday evening.

Mr. Alex Murray, Winsloe, spent the week-end in Brackley Pt., the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Craswell were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Cudmore on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coles, Milton, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Coles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Diamond.

#### DARNLEY MISSION BAND

The Mission Band of Darnley and Seaview was held Saturday afternoon, March 19, at the home of Mrs. Keir MacKay. Meeting opened with president presiding and by singing hymn "God sees the Little Sparrow Fall". Scripture Psalm 118. Members memorized verse 106. Prayer by Mrs. Simmons, followed by Lord's Prayer in unison. Members' Purpose. Hymn "Jesus Bids Us Shine". Roll call answered by 18 members with verse of scripture containing word "trust". Minutes of last meeting read and approved. New committees: Missionary, Preston Bearisto; program, Hazel Adams.

Offering followed by band dedication in unison. Roll call for April, "something on Easter." Study Book by Mrs. Simmons. Hymn, "Jesus Loves Me". Benediction in unison. Edwin Simmons on missionary program read a poem; Evelyn Crozier on program presented contest prizes won by Sheila MacKay and Kathleen MacKay. Lunch was served by hostess. April meeting at home of Mrs. Wallace Pickering.

#### FORTUNE BRIDGE SCHOOL

Honor roll for the month of February.

Grade X—Elizabeth Aitken, Lois Dingwell, Betty Higgenbotham.

Grade VIII—Billy Aitken, Rheta Dixon, Shirley Dixon.

Grade VII (A)—Arnold Dixon, Claude Dixon.

Grade VII (B)—Delmar Aitken, Ernest Dingwell, Jack Mitchell.

Grade VI—Violet Dingwell, Hazel Jackson, Basil Burke.

Highest average in senior grades—Elizabeth Aitken, 89%.

Beth Fraser, teacher.

#### Primary Department

Grade V—Roger Francis, Eric MacKenzie, Stuart Aitken.

Grade IV—Harold Jackson, Margaret Conohon (equal), Allie Larkin, Marjorie Lutz.

Grade III—Gall Johnson, Jimmy Conohon, Joyce Dingwell (equal), Harold MacKenzie.

Grade II—Ira Burke, Virginia Lutz, Buddy Aitken.

Grade I (A)—Janet Francis, Pauline Dixon, Marion Dingwell.

Perfect attendance: Janet Francis, Buddy Aitken, Gall Johnson, Joyce Dingwell, Roger Francis, Harold Jackson, Margaret Conohon.

Mildred MacDonald, teacher. (Patriot please copy)

#### PARKDALE W. I.

At the March meeting of Parkdale Women's Institute, two new members were welcomed. This makes a total of ten received during the last few months. These ladies are proving a real asset, entering wholeheartedly into all phases of their work.

A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. J. N. Dall (Queenie Hudson) of Edgware, England, for a parcel of canned food, etc. received. "Half of Canada" her husband's mother had styled it as she brought it from the postman. This had come as a delightful surprise, and was very welcome. Food was by no means scarce, but lacked variety. So that the members might better understand just what such a box meant, she gave an interesting explanation of the value of coupons in England and the number allowed per person, and paid high

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tribute to the management in the British home. Also she receives the P.E.I. papers regularly, follows the doings of Parkdale W. I. and wishes them well in all their undertakings.

The ways and means committee agreed to make a canvass of the district for Cream of the West flour.

The long deferred matter of the honor roll to be placed in the hall was discussed. Mrs. G. Muttlow and Mrs. V. M. Hudson were appointed to look into the matter.

On the evening of March 23rd the Institute will cater to the A. I. C. on their ladies' night.

Card parties will be held in the hall throughout the month, on Thursday evenings. A tournament is now underway.

Knitting parties will be on the

14th inst., at the home of the president, Mrs. Warren Burns, Mrs. K. Moore, Mrs. B. Livingstone and Mrs. Fred Gallant assisting. On the 21st at the home of Miss Anna Love, Mrs. W. H. Clay, Mrs. J. Hogan and Mrs. G. Muttlow assisting. On the 28th at the home of Mrs. Lester Douglas, Mrs. Henry Douglas assisting.

Representatives attending the Red Cross annual dinner meeting at the Charlottetown Hotel are Mrs. M. F. Rodd and Mrs. V. M. Hudson.

Lunch committee for April, Mrs. G. Muttlow, Mrs. H. MacInnis, Mrs. H. Newson, Mrs. MacEachern.

Meeting closed with the National Anthem.

TIGNISH C. W. L. MEETING

The March meeting of the Catholic Women's League, Tignish subdivision, was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Joseph T. Arsenault, with nine members in attendance. The usual business routine was carried out, the treasurer stating that there was eighty dollars and seven cents in the funds. A letter of thanks was received from Reverend Sister Mary Henry, Superior at St. Vincent's Orphanage, Charlottetown, for a box of clothing sent by the Tignish subdivision recently. A letter of cheer was sent a member who was confined to hospital for several weeks.

The church work is done each Saturday and the committee asked that five dozen vinyl light glasses be purchased before the Easter time. Mrs. Arthur McRae, captain of the Tignish Girl Guides, 1st Company, attended this meeting and gave an outline of what is expected of the members in helping out our Girl Guides. Mrs. McRae asked that a local Association be formed in order that some financial help be given the Company in order to get them equipped and established. The following women agreed to accept the responsibility

of a local Association: Mrs. Joseph A. Macdonald, Mrs. Camille Chaisson, Mrs. Foster J. Skerry, Mrs. E. C. Perry, and Mrs. J. F. Gallant.

Meeting closed with prayer.

ALPHA YORK INSTITUTE

Alpha Women's Institute held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Elmer Brown Wednesday evening, Feb. 2nd, with the vice-president, Miss Frances Vessey presiding.

Meeting opened by singing "The Institute Ode." Roll call was responded to by "exchange of Valentines". There were 10 members and 5 visitors present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. It was decided that members send in material for Institute News. Mrs. Proud was appointed to look after the Institute table cloths.

Miss Frances Vessey read an interesting paper, "There's Something About The Maritimes." "The Pioneer Institute" was also read by Mrs. Proud. Two games were conducted by Miss Evelyn Underhey and Mrs. W. L. Crockett. Collection amounted to 80 cents. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess. Meeting closed with National Anthem.

Alpha Women's Institute held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Horace Vessey Monday evening, March 4th, with the vice-president presiding. Meeting opened with the Creed repeated in unison. Roll call was responded to with three jokes. There were seven members and three visitors present. It was moved, seconded and carried that we donate \$5.00 to T.B. League. It was decided to enter two plays in the Provincial Drama Festival.

Collection amounted to 60 cents. Mrs. Clifford Chappell and Mrs. E. Ling were appointed to write out the programmes for next three months.

Mrs. Horace Vessey read a very interesting account of the first institute on the Island which was

organized in York in 1911. A similar paper was read by Miss Frances Vessey. A very interesting contest was put on followed by a dainty lunch and National Anthem.

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