

Kettleby School - S. S. # 11 -



GLENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL - S. S. NO.9



Glenville School on the foregoing page was the original school in that district and was built in 1839 on the south west corner of the Rogers farm at the intersection of Newmarket townline and the second concession. Later the school was moved to a new location near the mill to a site near the third concession. This school was sold in 1885 for \$32.00 and the land for \$5.00. Incidentally the school was moved by oxen.

In 1885 a new school as shown in the picture above was built on the crest of a nearby hill and continued to serve the section until 1953 when the pupils were transferred to the consolidated Kettleby school. The Glenville school was sold and converted to a private residence.

HISTORY OF THE FORMING OF KING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC
SCHOOL AREA NO. 1 - KETTLEBY SCHOOL

In the post war years following World War II the schools of King Township were over crowded and in need of renovations. In 1948-49 there were rumors of a new closed access highway (now known as Highway 400) running through the township. While different routes were proposed the final decision was northerly half way between concession five and six. This was to result in the removal of the buildings and disruption of the public school, sections No. 6 and 12, known locally as the Jamieson and Blackburn schools.

The public school boards involved were asked by the Department of Education to consider building a new area school to replace these schools. The Department recommended that in order to receive the maximum grants the boards should approach Kettleby and Glenville Public School boards and invite them to join in the venture. It was proposed that the four sections be incorporated into a five roomed area school.

To facilitate negotiations with the Department of Highways and Department of Education a joint board was elected from the existing four boards.

For compensation to sections No. 6 and 12 as their sections had been divided in half by the closed access highway the Department of Highways offered to pay 50% of the cost of a new school building. The Department of Education would pay 40% of the cost of the building which was standard grant for schools of this type. This left the ratepayers with only 10% of the cost plus the purchase of land for the school site and the digging of a well. This generous offer was accepted by most of the ratepayers and the board launched into making the many important and difficult decisions pertinent to the building of the new school.

After much input from ratepayers as to a suitable site fourteen acres of dry level land was purchased on the north-east corner of the Aurora Road and the proposed highway in 1951 from Mr. Raymond Marshall for the sum of \$2,800.

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The parents understood that busing would be necessary in an area of this size so total busing was introduced when the new school opened in October 1953.

The official opening of Kettleby School Township of King Area No. 1 took place in the new school on January 15th, 1954.

The teaching staff at this time was as follows: Robert Carson, Principal, Marshall Geer, Edward Wells and Helen Shelton. Board of Trustees were: Carl Black, Chairman, Albert Farren, Vice Chairman, Earl Cook, Frank Beatty, John Fawcett and Harry Burns, secretary-Treasurer.

Former board members who also were actively involved in bringing together the four school sections culminating in the building of the area school include Dolina Paterson, John Maginn and Carman Tilson.

This ended an era in the life and history of the Kettleby community - "the little red school house" had passed out of existence to be replaced by a new larger more efficient unit. There was a feeling of nostalgia and sadness among the older residents, some of whom had resisted the change, but the new system was readily accepted and welcomed by the younger families of the community.

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KETTLEBY SCHOOL, TOWNSHIP OF KING PUBLIC SCHOOL AREA NO. 1

PROGRAM

Chorus of pupils of Kettleby School — — — "O Canada"

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Carl Black, Chairman, Township of King Public School Area No. 1.

PRAYER

The Reverend W. R. Symons

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS OF KING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

By Reeve Elton Armstrong

SCRIPTURE READING

The Reverend W. E. Smalley

DEDICATION

The Reverend Robert Graham

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS AND HISTORY OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Deputy Reeve William Hodgson

INTRODUCTIONS

of the architects of the new school, Messrs Brown and Elton; the contractor, Mr. C. A. Smith; the present Area School Board; the teaching staff

by Chairman Carl Black

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

by Major A. Mackenzie, M.C., M.P.P., member of the Ontario Legislature for North York

ADDRESS

by Mr. J. D. Millar, Deputy Minister, Ontario Department of Highways

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

by Mr. Maynard Hallman, Inspector of Public Schools

ADDRESS

by Mr. C. B. Routley, Superintendent of Elementary Education for the Province of Ontario

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONIES, VISITORS ARE INVITED TO INSPECT THE SCHOOL PREMISES

KETTLEBY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

After school area No. 1 was formed a Home and School Association came into being with the first executive having William Kettlewell as President, Mrs. J. Kud-elka - 1st vice, Trevor Proctor - 2nd vice, Recording secretary - Mrs. H. Burns, Corresponding secretary - Mrs. J. Maginn, Treasurer - Mr. L. Heacock. Executive committee members were - Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. R. Walton, Mrs. W. Hodgson, Mrs. R. Marchant, Mrs. N. Blatchford, Mrs. F. Beatty, Mr. Donald Cheyne, Mrs. A. Farren.

Interesting meetings were held each month with a social half hour. Speakers included Dorothy Bowman of Newmarket, on speech therapy for handicapped children, John Perry of Maple on Citizenship, Marshall Geer a former teacher of the school leading a discussion on "Do you feel guilty because you do or do not help your child with his home-work". Films were another source of education for the parents. Bulletins were gotten out regularly by Margaret Wadeson, Bulletin Editor, informing the parents of buzz sessions, health nights, family nights, open house, etc.

Mr. Frank Fogg, a later vice-president, experienced in play ground equipment, organized building projects for the school grounds.

Family nights, fun fairs, rummage sales, and picnics were among the "fun" events of this association.