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Esther F. MacKay, passes away at 102

Esther MacKay was born in Massachusetts but grew up in Cape Breton, NS. She attended PNC and taught in Cape Breton for several years before returning to the US in 1930.

In 1943 she enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp. She was deployed to England, France and Germany. Esther was in London on the day World War II ended.

She was transferred to the Air Force in 1948 and relocated to Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts. She then worked in the Pentagon for the Secretary of De-

fense and in NORAD Command Headquarters. Chief MacKay was selected to greet Winston Churchill on one of his visits to Washington, DC. She retired with the rank of Master Chief Sergeant in 1965.

Last August, Master Chief Sergeant MacKay was honoured and appointed Honorary Charter Chief. She is the third woman to be honoured in this way. At the time of her appointment she was the Air Force's oldest chief master sergeant.

Esther said she followed two guiding principles – "being patient and willing to work hard" – that



Master Chief Sergeant Esther MacKay

she shared with current Air Force troops. Esther MacKay passed away December 21, 2007.

Another amazing Alumnus!!

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Of Interest:

- Reunion 2008 will be held August 15-17, 2008 in Truro. Plan to attend!
- We are now online! See inside.
- Nominations sought for President, Vice-President and several Area Reps. See page 19.
- Some changes planned for Reunion 2008. Read about the upcoming reunion on page 20.



Prof. Tassel appears courtesy of Neil Fisher

"Why should I attend a Reunion?"

Editorial by Sandy MacDougall, '85

I'm often asked this question as I talk about the **Alumni Association** and its activities. In this age of e-this and net-that, people often feel they have enough contact through email, instant messaging, FaceBook and other social networks. However, my experience is that getting together with people who have had a similar experience and talking, laughing, sharing stories of challenges and success over lunch, dinner or a drink is a much more rewarding experience than a quick email or FaceBook message.

Many of my friends are also worried that there won't be any "recent graduates" at the reunion. Well, I hate to break it to you, but the College closed 11 years ago. None of us graduated recently! So, here's my suggestion, use the internet to get in touch with 5 or 6 (or 10 or 15) of your friends from TC days and make a plan to attend the Reunion in August. It doesn't matter what year it is... it can be your 17 year reunion, or your 22 year reunion! And, if you'd like to come out but can't get any of your friends interested, then come anyway! Find some of the organizing committee and join us for a fun weekend!

President's Message

By David Pottie



As I finish up my second term as President, I offer these few comments. Since I have been involved

with the NSNC/NSTC Alumni Association, discussions and money raising have centered around what everyone referred to as "the Building Fund." Briefly, there was, and remains, the desire to have a facility to house and preserve the artifacts of 143 years of teacher education in Truro.

A few years ago, your executive felt it was time to put on paper the terms of the understanding between the Friends of the Little White School House Association (FLWSA) and the Alumni Association (AANSTC). When the fund was started with a donation in 1997, the money was deposited with the FLWSA to avoid the necessity of us getting charity status and a number under which we could issue receipts. This worked well for many years until the verbal agreement became somewhat fuzzy—as they tend to do over time. We sought legal assistance in drawing up an agreement and met several times with the FLWSA executive either as an entity or as individuals.

At the regular April meeting of the Executive council of the AANSTC, we will present an agreement between the FLWSA and ourselves for ratification or dissent and the results of that will be recommended to the Annual Meeting in August. What is being presented will be posted on our web site (www.nsteacherscollege.ca).

Speaking of the building

fund, a report commissioned by the Town of Truro regarding the future use of the old Normal College building will be released by the time you receive this newsletter. We hope it includes some provision for a space for our use.

The reunion this year is planned for August 15 - 17, 2008 and we are very pleased with how the changes in the Friday night program have been accepted. For the past three years we have had speakers on Friday evening, starting with Paul Zann and followed by Alistair MacLeod and Karen Casey. All three presentations were very well received. The speaker for 2008 will be David White, last principal of NSTC who will, I'm sure, match the speakers before him. We plan to have some entertainment following this as well as continuing the reception.

Not only do I encourage all graduates to attend the reunion, but I urge each of you (particularly the 8's) to become an ambassador for the Association and call, e-mail or write your classmates, making certain they are aware of the event and ask them to call others. We believe you will have an enjoyable time with friends.

Thanks to Bob Jordan and the full Executive Council for their efforts and support over the past years and a special thanks to Sandy MacDougall for taking responsibilities within the organization, particularly the web site and this newsletter.

David Pottie graduated from NSNC in 1961. He was elected Vice-President of the Alumni Association in 2002 and President in 2004.

We're on the web:
nsteacherscollege.ca



Did you live here?

53 Pleasant Street, Truro, NS

Peggy Ouelette, '57, has taken on the **Seton Hall Project** to research and compile some of the history of this building while it served as a residence for NSNC/NSTC students.

If you have information, stories or photos that would be of use, please contact us at:
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On Closing Teacher's College

By Peggy Ouellette

I retired from my job as Supervisor of Curriculum for Richmond County in September, 1994 with some mixed feelings about leaving education but breathing a sigh of relief that I had "made it" and happy to have more time to myself. However, I was invited to apply for a position as Professor of Special Ed. At Nova Scotia Teachers College and in December I was interviewed and hired, with a 6-month contract that turned out to be for two and a half years.



When I traveled to Truro I could not help thinking back to my first trip there in 1956 and to my days at Normal College. In those days you knew you were going to become a tenant of Seton Hall, with the Sisters of Charity. This time, arriving in the town on a Sunday afternoon, I had no such prospects and I was the equivalent of a student trying to find a place to board, with no leads. I began unpacking the car to transport books and files to my office on the third floor and entered the elevator only to have a group of seniors follow me, announcing that they were heading to a "travel club" meeting. During our brief discussion I expressed my concern about not having a place to stay for my 6 month's sojourn and one of the ladies gave me a "once over" and announced "You can stay with me, dear; I live just around the corner and I'll be home at 5 o'clock, should you care to visit." And that began a friendship that lasted until she died at 102 and provided me with a home away from home for my time at Teachers College.

That problem solved, my thoughts returned to the challenge of lecturing and guiding student teachers in an institution that was slated to close in 1997. What would the atmosphere be like? Would staff and students be demoralized and giving up? How could I contribute to the continued success of the school community and this time-honoured institution?

Although the buildings were strange to me and not the ones I remembered, immediately there were echoes of the past, with J.P. McCarthy witnessing my every move, Mrs. Bowden with her "say going, students—ing, ing, ing—go-ing!", or the laughing eyes of Stan Edwards hopelessly trying to teach us French. Or Mr. Dunphy, who insisted upon calling me "Margaret" when I wasn't about to respond after 18 years of "Peggy." The atmosphere had the same feel; I was home.

And so I began my days of teaching and my

days of learning, with a faculty and with a student body that became like a family to me, with Mr. David White at the head, setting the tone and the course. David was no J.P. McCarthy but he had a quiet way of knowing everything that was happening and a determination that there would be a positive attitude and atmosphere despite the imminent closure of the College and the challenge of transferring the facility to the Community College. Our teaching, and the whole life of the College, was centered on helping these young people become the best teachers they could be. At no time was achievement centered on standard tests, or a standard grade; academic achievement had its place but the emphasis was on how they learned, how they expressed themselves, their ideas and how they expressed those ideas. There was much attention on how they prepared lessons and how they interacted with students and staff during practice teaching; how they managed the classroom, disciplined students and worked with students at risk.

There were wonderful discussions in the classrooms following the practicum days centered on what was learned about teaching and how improvements could be made in the theory, the process and the methods of instruction. Despite our efforts and theirs some did not succeed; they were usually those who were never to be "made" into teachers and who could not transform themselves into teachers with the time and resources available. I know that they had the services of a very dedicated and professional faculty. It was a great privilege for me to have been part of this family of educators.

Despite the transfer of the campus to the Community College during the final months, the students and faculty continued to operate as though the school was never going to close. Activities that had been the life of the place continued - the sports, choir, drama club and the parties - everything that would mark the campus life that a visitor would expect. Life went on in a very admirable way and there was little indication that people were hurting. Very good people did hurt and are still hurting to this day. Closing Teachers College was a political decision, not one based on good theory, sound experience and good management and it was a big mistake. It will be years before this province once again has a teacher-training institution to match N.S.T.C. Today teachers

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have 6 years of post-secondary education before the beginning of classroom work, 4 years of undergraduate and two years of Education—and one huge debt! With the current starting salaries of about \$40,000 (or below), living expenses, family expenses perhaps the need to purchase a car or a home, how do teachers manage to repay student loans acquired in those six years? (The poverty level for a couple in Nova Scotia today is about \$30,000.) And are these people better teachers? My response to that is that I would match any of my Teachers College students with the 6-year people any time you wish!

This past August (2007) I was at my 50-year reunion, with 5 of the teachers who graduated from T.C. in 1997 attending. It occurred to me then and I am convinced now that I would love to have any or all of those wonderful people teaching in my school.

I think the most disappointment for me was the lack of involvement on the part of the town of Truro during those last days. They did pay lip service during the ceremonies and offered some formal recognition, but the fact that this institution that was born in Truro in 1854 was to close, never to be seen again, seemed to go without a whimper on the part of Truro. Was it because the Chamber of Commerce members didn't value it as they would a seed plant, a bank or a WalMart? Does the cash flow in a town carry more weight than a noble and important cultural/educational institution? It's just a question! Perhaps it's part of the throw-away society; "something else will come along—we don't care what." Was the Community College a better thing? Is 6 years of student debt a better thing?

My 41 years as a teacher have taught me, among other things, that parents and the community as a whole must value and hotly pursue education to make it work, that there really is no "system" but that there are only communities of students and educators and that education thrives when the methods are based on the old principles of respect and interest in others, in creation and in always respecting and building on the student's ability. Six years of college do not make a teacher; teachers are born of learning communities, ...the family, the school, the church and the family of teachers.

"A university is what a college becomes when the faculty loses interest in students."

(John Ciardi, Harvard professor, poet, 1916-1986)

Peggy Ouelette graduated from NSNC in 1957 and taught there from 1995 to 1997. She now resides in Arichat, Cape Breton. 🐾

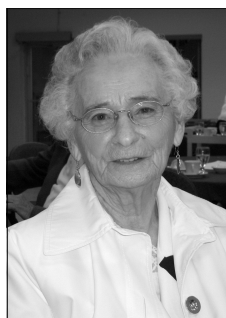
Little White Schoolhouse Museum Class Photograph Collection

The Little White Schoolhouse Museum currently holds the following collection of class photos:

1893 B, 1895 B, 1897 B, 1897 D, 1899 B, 1899 C
1900 B, 1900 C, 1901 B, 1901 C, 1902 B, 1903 B
1904 B, 1904 C, 1905 B, 1906 B, 1907 B, 1907 C
1908 B, 1909 B
1910 B, 1910 C, 1911 B, 1912 A, 1912 B, 1912 C
1913 B, 1913 C, 1914 B, 1914 C, 1915 A, 1915 B
1915 C, 1916 A, 1916 B, 1917 A, 1917 B, 1918 A
1918 B, 1918 C, 1919 B
1920 B, 1921 A, 1921 B, 1921 C, 1922 A, 1922 B
1922 C, 1923 B, 1924 A, 1924 B, 1925 A, 1925 B
1925 C, 1926 A, 1926 B, 1926 C, 1927 A, 1927 B
1927 C, 1928 A, 1928 B, 1928 C, 1929 A, 1929 B
1930 A, 1930 B, 1930 C, 1931 A, 1931 B, 1931 C
1932 A, 1932 B, 1932 C, 1933 B, 1934 A, 1934 B
1935 A, 1935 B, 1936 A, 1936 B, 1937 A, 1937 B
1938 A, 1938 B, 1939 A, 1939 B
1940 A, 1941 A, 1941 B, 1942 A, 1942 B, 1943 A
1943 B, 1944 A, 1947 A, 1947 B, 1949 A, 1949 B
1950 A, 1950 B, 1952 A, 1952 B, 1953 A, 1953 B
1954 A, 1954 B, 1955 B

We are interested in acquiring the following class photographs:

1910 A, 1911 A, 1911 C, 1913 A, 1914 A, 1916 C,
1917 C, 1919 A, 1919 C
1920 A, 1920 C, 1923 A, 1923 C, 1924 C, 1929 C
1933 A, 1933 C
1940 B, 1944 B
1955 A



Constance MacDonald

Reunion 2007 Awards

Oldest Graduate
Constance MacDonald '34

Furthest Traveled
Anna Marie Celi '57

Class Attendance Award
Class of '47 (22 members)

Guest Speaker, 37th Annual Reunion

The Honourable Karen Casey

Minister of Education for Nova Scotia
MLA for Colchester North



Retired and active teachers gathered in Truro in August to renew old friendships and to meet other NSTC Alumni. The Reunion activities are always launched with a former graduate sharing some reminiscences and stories about 'life since graduation.' Those who attended the August 2007 Reunion were honoured to have with them the

Honourable Karen Casey.

The Honourable Karen Casey, *Minister of Education, Minister responsible for The Youth Secretariat Act, Minister responsible for Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act* and MLA for Colchester North, is no stranger to those who gathered on Friday evening of the Reunion.

Minister Casey was elected to the Legislative Assembly in June 2006. Prior to her election Minister Casey was a well known educator. She taught in the Truro area for many years, during which time she participated in a teacher exchange with the late Don Fox and taught mathematics at NSTC for a year. She went on to be principal at North River Elementary School and retired as Assistant Superintendent for the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board. All of these are experiences that no doubt enhance her ability to fill her role as the person in charge of Education in our Province.

Minister Casey had other training that surely compliments the experiences that she takes to her portfolio as Minister of Education. She is a

graduate of Nova Scotia Teachers College and as mentioned earlier, taught for a year at NSTC. What better credentials can one have?

Minister Casey was received warmly by the gathering. As she told stories about her life in the political realm, she grasped the interest of many. It is always captivating to hear about political life from the perspective of a politician. Minister Casey shared with her Alumni some of the activities that have occupied her life since becoming Minister of Education. She talked about five major reviews that she has initiated and gave an overview of the progress being made in each review:

- Review of School Closure
- Review of Delivery of Programs for Special Needs Students
- Review of Teacher Training
- Review of Student Transportation
- Review of Recommendations in the Black Learners Report

As educators, retired or otherwise, activities in the Education field always engage us. We are teachers and we never let go of that internal drive, the desire to see the best things happening for young people in our schools.

Minister Casey left all of us with many things to think about. What is Education in NS today really like? What needs to happen in this 21st century and what role do we need to play? It was good to get those Education juices flowing and catch up with today's initiatives.

Minister Casey was warmly thanked by the Alumni and their guests. 🐾

1918 Alumnus dies at 109

Mamie (MacDougall) MacDonald passed away at her home in Troy, NS on Tuesday September 18, 2007.

Her obituary in the September 20 Chronicle Herald and an article in the September 22 Chronicle Herald both

indicated that Mrs. MacDonald passed away peacefully with family by her side at her home in Creignish.

Mrs. MacDonald was born September 1, 1898 and had recently celebrated her 109th birthday with a party

for family and friends. She attended school in Troy and St. Joseph's Convent in Mabou before attending the Provincial Normal College in 1918 after which she taught in Hawthorne, Craigmore, Glencoe Mills and Troy.

Mrs. MacDonald was widowed after only eight years

of marriage when her youngest child was just two. She raised six children and one adopted child, on her own. Her survivors include 34 grandchildren, 71 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. 🐾

From: The Chronicle Herald, Sept. 20, p. B9 and Sept. 22, 2008, p. B5.

Reunion 2007



Louise (Tompkins)
Wentzell, '67 models
some fashionable TC
apparel from the '60s!



Class Photos
courtesy of
Pridham Studios



Class Photos



Peggy Ouelette, '57, with several members of the class of '97—her students at TC.



In Memoriums

1920s

ANDERSSON (Joudrey), Lucille Alexandra, 95, Liverpool, May 3, 2007
FISHER (MacKinnon), Edna Rita, Saint John, NB, January 7, 2007
JENKINS (Smith), Eileen Mary, 100, Dartmouth, April 28, 2007.
JOHNSTON (Flick), Geraldine Winnifred, 98, Isaac's Harbour (formerly of Roachvale, Guysborough Co.), July 6, 2007
LeBLANC (Babin), Mabel, 96, Halifax (formerly Yarmouth Co.), August 23, 2007
MacKAY, Esther F., 102, Needham, MA (formerly of The Points, West Bay, NS), December 21, 2007
MacPHERSON (Chisholm), Margaret Christina "Martina", 100, Antigonish (formerly of Williams Point, Antigonish Co.), August 8, 2007
O'MANN (Crowley), Mary Julia, 97, Vancouver, BC. (formerly of Streets Ridge) April 16, 2007
ROBERTSON, Sister Lauretta, 95, Antigonish (born in Howie Center), January 29, 2008
ROMA (Pettipas), Frances Katherine, 96, Chezzetcook, May 8, 2007
STODDARD (Macdonald), Lorna Jean, 99, Jordan Ferry, Shelburne Co., November 28, 2007
WILSON (Dill), Hazel "Jean", 95, Falmouth, Hants Co., January 9, 2007

1930s

BELMORE (Taylor), Eleanor Mae "Dolly", 93, Caribou Gold Mines, January 31, 2008
BULPIN (Murdoch), E. Jean, 91, Halifax, May 28, 2007
BURRIS (Guthrie), Myra Almeda, 88, Bible Hill, January 6, 2008.
CAMERON (MacDougall), Ellen, 96, Halifax (formerly of Truro), November 1, 2007.
CLARK (Blaikie), Mary Grace, 88, Meadowville, July 30, 2007
COSMAN (Hankinson), Muriel Christie, 88, Annapolis Royal (formerly of Weymouth, Digby Co.), October 25, 2007
DAUPHINEE (Eisenhauer), Pearl, 92, Halifax (formerly of Tantallon), Tuesday, May 8, 2007.
DAVIS, Phyllis Augusta, 91, Shelburne, March 28, 2007.
DOANE (Nelson), Margeret A., 89, North East Harbour, Shelburne Co., July 22, 2007.
DOCKRILL (Harper), Margaret Emma, 88, Wellington (formerly of Oakfield and Halifax), August 7, 2007
GARDNER (Simpson), Olive Ruby, 92, Mahone Bay, August 2, 2007
GUILD, Robert Lawrence, 91, Old Barns, NS, May 21, 2007
HILTZ (Goldsmith), Helen Evangeline, 91, Amherst (formerly of Kentville), June 11, 2007

JOHNSON (Coupar), Eleanor Annie, 93, Truro, June 13, 2007
MacDOUGALL, Murdock, 94, Brookline, MA (formerly The Points, West Bay, NS), December 26, 2006.
MACK (Berrigan), Helen Margaret, 90, Halifax, January 9, 2008
McCALL (Floyd), Prudence Miriam, 88, Eastern Passage (formerly of Boutillier's Point, Five Island Lake), September 16, 2007
MITCHELL (Smith), Kathleen, 94, May, 2007
MUELLER (McPhee), Mary M., 92, Upper Nine Mile River, August 16, 2007
NEILY, Lorna Jean, 88, Middleton, August 13, 2007.
PAYZANT (Wilson), Shirley Alberta Louise, 92, Windsor, June 27, 2007
SHAKNESS, Alice Isabelle, 89, Middle Musquodoboit, June 14, 2007
SIMPSON (Illsley), Esther Mae, 91, Halifax, February 4, 2008.
TAYLOR (Steele), Bessie B., 89, Berwick, Kings Co., May 23, 2007
VINCENT (Fraser), Annie May, 91, Tatamagouche (formerly of West New Annan), January 16, 2007

1940s

COMEAU, Marie Yvonne, 85, Comeauville, June 27, 2007
FLYNN (Mielke), M. Patricia, 75, Halifax, January 4, 2007
MacDONALD (Gillespie) (Parker), Rita, 85, Truro, June 19, 2007
MARSTERS (McKinley), Bette, 81, Dartmouth, January 20, 2008
MATHESON, Robert Gordon "Bob", 79, Dartmouth, June 30, 2007
McCURDY, Gordon Ladd, 85, Riverview, NB, July 24, 2007
SCHEIDL (McCarthy), Inez Viola, 83, Regina, SK, (formerly of Taylor's Head, and Prince Albert, SK), September 12, 2007
SCHMEISSER (Cook), Beryl, 85, Halifax, January 17, 2007
WALSH, George, 80, Port Hawkesbury, September 2007
WATT (Rae), Helen Kathleen, 78, Truro, March 27, 2007
WOODMAN (Brown), Adria LaVerne, 80, Berwick, Kings Co., August 12, 2007

1950s

ARSENAULT (Burchell), Mary Elizabeth "Bessie", 74, Sydney Mines, died June 5, 2007
BOOTH, Ellen "Cherry", 68, Springhill (formerly of Amherst), November 8, 2007
DEAN (Woolaver), Helen, 67, Medford, Kings Co./Fremantle, Australia, July 22, 2007

McNEILL (Cormier), Mary Blanche, 75, Pictou, May 11, 2007
RILEY (Lawlor), Margaret Anne, 72, Cornwallis, August 1, 2007
SIMLETT (Peppard), Joyce Marilyn, 68, November 14, 2007
WEIR (Fraser), Marion Christene, 75, Stillwater, Guysborough Co., March 24, 2007

1960s

LEASK, Sheryl Maureen, 56, New Minas, June 6, 2007

1970s

COYNE (Rankin), Geraldine Anne, 49, Calgary (formerly of Mabou, NS), January 10, 2007
DOLMONT, Patrick Joseph, 63, Truro, November 24, 2007
KELLY (Haines), Karen Emma, 51, Windsor, September 24, 2007

Unknown

CAMERON, W. Scott, Halifax Regional Municipality, August 24, 2007
HALLIDAY, Beryl Marie, Rose, Cumberland Co., January 5, 2007
MANTHORNE, Elizabeth Kathleen "Beth", Halifax, November 21, 2007
PITCHER, Gertrude Marie, Pleasantville, Lunenburg Co., June 8, 2007
RILEY (Thomson), Grace Isabel, Halifax, August 3, 2007
MacLEAN (MacKay), Thelma Allison, New Glasgow, January 24, 2008

Faculty/Staff

DUVAL, L. Carle, 83, Truro on January 3, 2008.
Faculty at NSTC (1961-1987) where he was the Director of Student Teaching during his last 15 years there.
BARRETT, Fredrick Grenfell, 98, Cambridge Station, Kings Co, November 25, 2007. Faculty at PNC 1940-1942

Note: Graduation decades are approximate in some cases.

If you know of obituary information that should appear in the Newsletter, please email newsletter@nstteacherscollege.ca

*Let us lay aside a moment of prayer for all our fellow Alumni friends who have passed away over the years.
Always Remembered*

Following are Minutes of Full Council Meetings, the Annual Meeting and a Special Meeting of the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA TEACHERS COLLEGE.

Minutes are in the order they occurred and all were recorded and submitted by Sue Kent, Secretary.

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

August 17, 2007

A full Council Meeting was held at the Glengary Hotel on Friday August 17, 2007 at 1:00 pm. The meeting was chaired by president David Pottie. Others present at the meeting were: Dorinda McCully, Roberta Macnab, Robert Jordan, Margaret Dawe, Rosella MacDonald, Helen MacDonald, Nancy Lou Austin, and Sue Kent.

David Pottie updated us on the proceedings concerning the NSTC Alumni Building Fund. The fund started when Dr. Jane Norman left \$ 10,000.00 in her will to the NSTC Alumni. This was started with the idea of buying or renting space to store the NSTC Alumni Artifacts. The fund has now grown to about \$48,000.00.

This is under the umbrella of the Friends of the Little White Schoolhouse Museum. As it is now, they look after the money. They collect the money and write the receipts. The only agreement we have between the Friends of the Little White Schoolhouse Museum and the NSTC Alumni at this time is by word of mouth. We decided it was time to have a written agreement.

In a letter to the attorney from the Alumni Association of the NSTC, we requested an agreement be drawn up between the Alumni Association of the NSTC and Friends of the Little White Schoolhouse Museum, as our best way to manage the funds in the NSTC Alumni Building Fund.

The lawyer says, as it is now, the money belongs to the LWSH. He said they are a charitable organization and cannot give us the money. He suggested we set up a committee of 8 members. This would consist of 4 from NSTC Alumni and 4 from the LWSH.

The committee will decide how the

money is to be managed, and report back to the executive of the Alumni of the NSTC.

It will be brought forward at the Annual meeting tomorrow just for information purposes. A NOTICE-OF-MOTION regarding this will be presented at the Annual Meeting tomorrow, and voted on at the Annual Meeting in 2008.

We agreed to go with the proposal that the lawyer has drawn up to set up a committee between the NSTC Alumni and the LWSH.

Moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Dorinda McCully that we are in general agreement with the principle of the draft "Funding and Trust Agreement" that the lawyer has drawn up. Motion carried.

Robert Jordan has given notice that he is giving up organizing the NSTC Alumni Reunion. He will still do membership and print and mail the Newsletter, if someone else organizes it.

Helen MacDonald moved the meeting adjourn. 

Special Meeting with Friends of the Little White Schoolhouse Museum

August 17, 2007

The meeting was held at the Nova Scotia Community College following the NSTC Alumni Meeting at the Glengary Hotel. The president David Pottie conducted the meeting. Others present at the meeting were: Margaret Swan, Gordon Jeffery, Bill Canning, Dorinda McCully, Eric Bent, Rosella MacDonald, Helen MacDonald, Nancy Lou Austin, Margaret Dawe, Roberta Macnab, Robert Jordan, and Sue Kent.

David Pottie explained the situation regarding the NSTC Alumni Building Fund. It is under the umbrella of the Friends of the Little White Schoolhouse. In a letter from the Lawyer he explains that the money actually belongs to the Friends of the LWSH. This is written up in more detail in the minutes of the NSTC Alumni Meeting prior to this meeting, and in the minutes of the August 18, 2007 Annual Meeting.

The lawyer suggests we turn the money over to the LWSH, and they will set up a separate fund, and a committee of 8 members 4 from the Board Members of the LWSH, and 4 from the NSTC Alumni Association.

David Pottie will brief the alumni members at the Annual Meeting tomorrow. A Notice-of-Motion will be drawn up and presented at the NSTC Alumni Annual Meeting tomorrow, and voted on at the 2008 reunion.

We will have to check the wording of Dr. Jane Norman's will to see the exact wording of what to do with the \$10,000. she left to the NSTC Alumni.

Robert Jordan will re-write the agreement, the lawyer sent, with the changes the Alumni Executive recommended, and send it to the Board of the LWSH.

Gordon Jeffery said they would take this information back to the Board Members of the LWSH, and report back to the NSTC Alumni.

Bill Canning mentioned all the Artifacts that are stored at Willow Street School. He suggested it should be sorted and some of it discarded.

Gordon Jeffery mentioned that when the renovations of the former Normal College are complete, Town Council wants to rent spaces to community groups. He said the NSTC Alumni Asso-

ciation could be one of the groups.

Bill Canning moved the meeting adjourn. 

ANNUAL MEETING

August 18, 2007

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association of the NSTC was held in the Soloan Dining Hall Saturday August 18, 2007 at 9:30 am. The president David Pottie opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the reunion.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Helen MacDonald and seconded by Phyllis Leadbeater to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Margaret Dawe seconded by Roberta Macnab to approve the minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

MINUTE OF SILENCE

A minute of silence was observed for the alumni members who have passed away since our last reunion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sue Kent read a letter from Dr. Jerzy Nowak expressing appreciation for the sympathy card and letter that was sent to him at the time of his wife Jocelyn's tragic death. She was killed during the shooting spree at Virginia Tech.

Sue Kent read two letters from Anne Marie Le Blanc. One was expressing regrets at not being able to attend the reunion. She and her husband were attending a niece's wedding in Banff. In the other she wondered if the Alumni Association of the NSTC could, in some way, recognize the high honor bestowed upon Alistair MacLeod. He received his Doctorate Degree for past contributions to this country's national literature. She was also able to contact the late Leonie Poirier's sister to extend sympathy to her.

Sue also read a letter from Delores Young expressing regrets, that she is no longer able to act as area rep. for Out-of-Province- Quebec- Ontario.

She also read a letter of resignation from Albert Johnson. He is resigning his post as area rep. for Kings-Annapolis.

NOTICE OF MOTION

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Roy Rideout to approve the Notice of Motion, as brought forth by Robert Jordan, and printed in the Voice of Our Alumni Newsletter. The Notice of Motion reads: make the following change to By-Law-8C Omit "host and hostess" and add "to special speaker, auditor, and web master". Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Robert Jordan reported that the total cash on hand for the period ending July 31, 2007 is as follows:

Investments	\$11,500.00
Current Account	\$10,617.41
Total cash on hand	\$22,117.41

Moved by Bill Whalen and seconded by Nancy Lou Austin to accept the financial report as printed. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP

Robert Jordan gave the following membership report: We had 75 paid up members for 2005-06, 183 paid up for 2006-07, 166 paid up for 2008, 4 paid up for 2009, 1 paid for 2010. For the 10-year membership we have 55 paid up until 2016, and 22 paid until 2017. It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Phyllis Leadbeater to accept the membership report. Motion carried.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Marilyn Burns that we grant Life Memberships to those who have graduated 50 years ago or more, and to those receiving a full service pension. Motion carried.

PUBLICATION

Robert Jordan reported he was sorry the Newsletter didn't get out earlier this year. He said he would like for someone to take over organizing the Newsletter, as he has a lot of other things to do. He is still willing to run it off and mail it out. He would also like someone to take over the Reunion activities.

Moved by Phyllis Leadbeater, seconded by Eric Bent to accept the Publication report. Motion carried.

PUBLICITY

Robert Jordan announced that the web site, Newsletter, and the area reps. are the main sources of information for the reunion.

Moved by Margaret Dawe seconded by Nancy Lou Austin. to accept the publicity report. Motion carried.

REUNION

Robert Jordan reported that we have 101 people registered for the reunion. He said the class with the largest number of people attending was the class of 1957. Bob also reported that he is the chair person for a lot of the committees for the reunion. He would like for other people to take over some of this responsibility.

NOMINATIONS

David Pottie reported that the following offices are up for re-election this year:

Office

Secretary

Treasurer

Area Representatives

Kings-Annapolis - 1 year

Shelburne-Queens

Lunenburg-Hants West

Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough

Inverness-Richmond

Out-of-Province (Atlantic, Quebec- Ontario, West)

Moved by Murray Baillie seconded by Russell Dowe to accept the nomination report. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION

Robert Jordan reported that the only change to the constitution was the Notice-of-Motion brought forth and voted on earlier in the meeting.

BUILDING FUND

It was reported that we have about \$48,000 in the building fund. More information on the Building Fund will be written up in the President's Report.

WEB SITE

Sandy MacDougall reported that the web site has been set up for 2 years. He said anywhere from 200 to 2000 people are using the web site. He said you could look up the history of the Provincial Normal College and the Nova Scotia Teachers College. You can print off registration forms. You can also leave comments. Sandy thanked the people who sent in pictures of rings. He said if anyone had a college ring he would take a picture of it for the web site. He also said he has some college pins. He said if anyone had any information they wanted online to let him know.

Eric Bent extended a vote of thanks to Sandy for all the work he has done on the web site.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

DIGBY - CLARE-ARGYLE -YARMOUTH

Marilyn Burns reported for Larry Fitzgerald. He was unable to attend because of a death in the family. Larry put an announcement of the Alumni Reunion in the Yarmouth Vanguard, Petite Courier, and the Digby Courier for two weeks. All the announcements were public service, so there was no cost. He sent his regrets, and best wishes for a successful reunion.

LUNENBURG - HANTS WEST

Roberta Macnab reported that she sent notices to the weekly newspapers. She had details of the reunion announced on the local radio station CKBW Bulletin Board Program. She spoke about it at the RTO luncheon in June. Some Alumni Members called her for information about the reunion.

CUMBERLAND - COLCHESTER - EAST - HANTS

Mary Lou Austin reported that she attended the Fall Full Council Meeting. Unfortunately due to hospitalization she was unable to attend the Spring Meeting. To advertise the 2007 Alumni Reunion, she contacted the Amherst radio station CKDH, and the following newspapers, The Amherst Citizen and the Springhill Record. She contacted local schools, and made many phone calls to individual teachers.

PICTOU - ANTIGONISH - GUYSBOROUGH

Dorinda McCully reported that announcements were posted at the Antigonish, New Glasgow, and Guysborough Malls, and the Sherbrook Stores. She mailed announcements to schools in the three counties. She sent fax or e-mail notices to the radio stations CJFX, CIGO, and CKEC, and the following newspapers - Antigonish Casket, Pictou Advocate, Guys Journal, and N.G. Evening News.

INVERNESS - RICHMOND

Sue Kent reported for Anne Marie LeBlanc. Anne Marie expressed regrets that she was unable to attend the Alumni Reunion. She and her husband were at the wedding of a niece in Banff.

She publicized the Reunion in church bulletins, the Inverness Branch of the RTO, the Inverness Oran Newspaper, CHET-TV, CKJM-Radio Cheticamp, the Co-ops, Credit Unions, Pharmacies, post offices, phone calls, and through personal contacts. She thanked Elaine Burke who made several contacts in Richmond.

NORTHSIDE VICTORIA-CAPE BRETON

Rosella MacDonald gave the following report:

She attended the Executive Council Meeting in April 2007. Copies of information regarding the 2007 NSTC reunion were given to Dr. Tom Gaskell, Provincial President of the Retired Teachers Association, to be circulated at the AGM held in Halifax. As well, reunion information was sent to the Cape Breton Area RTO Groups (Sydney, Glace

Bay, New Waterford and Cape Breton County) to be distributed at their regular meetings. At each RTO Meeting in the Northside Victoria area there was an opportunity on the agenda to share information about NSTC Alumni Association. Also retirees were given the opportunity to ask questions. Registrations forms for the reunion were distributed. All former graduates were encouraged to become members of the Alumni Association, and to make an effort to attend the reunion, especially when it was a year for their class. All active teachers in Cape Breton-Victoria were notified concerning the 2007 reunion through notices distributed by the School Board Central Office. This information was to be placed on bulletin boards in Teachers' Room. Saturday, June 23, 30 and July 7, Lost and Found Section of the Halifax Herald, carried the information about the reunion. Some responses were received and forwarded to Robert Jordan for follow up. A copy of the list of graduates ending in '7 was given to a 1977 graduate in our area. She was encouraged to contact a graduate in or near the Truro area to act as chairperson for their year.

SHELBURNE - QUEENS

Margaret Dawe reported that notices were given to the school NSTU representatives to place on staff bulletin boards in all schools. Announcements were also made at the RTO Meetings in Shelburne and Queens.

KINGS - ANNAPOLIS

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

OUT-OF-PROVINCE - ATLANTIC

OUT-OF-PROVINCE - QUEBEC/ONTARIO

OUT-OF-PROVINCE - WEST

No reports

Moved by Margaret Dawe seconded by Robert Thomson to accept these reports as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sue Kent reported that she recorded the minutes of the Executive and Full Council Meetings. She thanked Robert Jordan for circulating the minutes, and for all the work he does not only at reunion time but all year long. She also thanked Eric and Joan Bent for looking

after the Silent Auction again this year. She reported she sent a sympathy card and note to Dr. Jerzy Nowak, whose wife Jocelyn was killed during the Virginia Tech Shooting Spree. She received a nice thank you letter from Dr. Nowak, which she read earlier in the meeting.

Moved by Sue Kent seconded by Eleanor Sauliner to accept the Secretary's report as presented. Motion carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dave Pottie updated the NSTC Alumni Members on the proceedings concerning the NSTC Alumni Building Fund. The fund started when Dr. Jane Norman left \$10,000.00 in her will to the NSTC Alumni, to start a fund to buy or rent space to store the NSTC Alumni Artifacts. This fund has now grown to about \$48,000.00.

This is under the umbrella of the Little White Schoolhouse Museum. As it is now they look after the money. They collect the money and write the receipts. The only agreement we have between the Friends of the Little White Schoolhouse Museum and the NSTC Alumni at this time is by word of mouth. We decided it was time to have a written agreement. In a letter to the attorney from the Alumni Association of the NSTC, we requested an agreement be drawn up between the Alumni Association of the NSTC and the Friends of the Little White Schoolhouse Museum, as how to best manage the funds in the NSTC Alumni Building Fund.

The lawyer says, as it is now, the money belongs to the LWSH. He suggested we set up a committee of 8 members. This would consist of 4 from NSTC Alumni and 4 from the LWSH.

This committee will decide how the money is to be managed, and report back to the executive of the Alumni of the NSTC.

We will give Notice-of-Motion regarding this to be ratified at the next Annual Meeting in 2008. We want it clear who has the money, so we can use it for the

purpose it was intended when we need it. We will try to get space in the former Provincial Normal College Building when the renovations are complete.

Moved by David Pottie seconded by Helen MacDonald to accept the president's report as presented. Motion carried.

Roberta Macnab suggested we should get an accurate financial statement from the LWSH to let us know exactly how much is in the Building Fund, how much has been spent, and what it has been spent on. The only reports we receive are it's about so much.

Moved by Robert Jordan, seconded by Eric Bent that the Executive recommends to the Alumni Association of the NSTC that we agree in principle to the Funding and Trust Agreement between the Friends of the LWSH and the Alumni Association of the NSTC, with the finished agreement coming to the Annual Meeting 2008 for ratification. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Robert Jordan reported that Leonard Embree will be resigning as auditor the end of this year. He will audit the books this year, but we will need to appoint another auditor at our 2008 reunion.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

David Pottie conducted the election of officers. The results were as follows:

Secretary
Sue Kent, '59
Treasurer
Robert Jordan, '70
Kings-Annapolis
Connie Veinot
Shelburne-Queens
Margaret Dawe, '58
Lunenburg-Hants West
Roberta Macnab, '47
Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough
Dorinda McCully, '65
Inverness-Richmond
Anne Marie LeBlanc, '60
Out-of-Province-Atlantic
Bernice McLean, '65
Out-of-Province-Quebec-Ontario
Anna Marie Celi, '57

Out-of-Province-West
No nomination.

NEW BUSINESS

Murray Baillie has agreed to do a write up for the Newsletter on our Friday night speaker, the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education. He did the write up on Alistair MacLeod, our speaker last year.

Russel Dowe suggested we have name-tags for spouses and guests.

David Pottie asked if people wanted the Friday night activities at the college or the Glengary Hotel. It was agreed to stay at the Glengary Hotel.

Bill Whalen asked if we could start the opening exercises at 8:00 pm instead of 8:30 pm.

Margaret Dawe suggested the list of names of people attending the reunion and nametags be done in larger print.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Jordan made the following announcements:

- Class pictures will be taken following the meeting.
- The church service will be held at First United Church at 10:00 am.
- The former Provincial Normal College will not be open, as it is under construction.
- The Wild Blue Berry Festival is taking place across from the First United Church.
- The dates of our 2008 reunion are August 15, 16, and 17.

Eric Bent moved the meeting adjourn at 11:00 am. 

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downloaded.

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 2007

A full Council Meeting was held following the Annual Meeting. The meeting was chaired by president David Pottie. Others present at the meeting were: Robert Jordan, Eric Bent, Roberta Macnab, Margaret Dawe, Dorinda McCully, Rosella MacDonald, Helen MacDonald, Anna Marie Celi, Nancy Lou Austin, and Sue Kent.

Helen MacDonald and David Pottie welcomed Anna Marie Celi to the executive.

NEW BUSINESS

Roberta Macnab suggested we honour Harvey MacPhee at our 2008 reunion. The criteria for honouring someone is - a person who has contributed to education in Nova Scotia.

It was moved by Dorinda McCully and seconded by Roberta Macnab that we pay Robert Jordan an honorarium of \$3,000.00 for all his work during the past year. Motion carried.

The following chair-people were appointed:

Nominating Committee

Roberta Macnab

Publications (Newsletter)

Helen MacDonald, Sandy MacDougall and Robert Jordan

Publicity

Area Reps. Plus—Helen MacDonald suggested we have a committee, and the chairperson should be from the Executive Council. The chairperson would be responsible for getting the committee. They could get someone to look after the Friday night activities. Rosella MacDonald will be the chairperson.

Constitution

David Pottie

Special Projects—not filled

Reunion—not filled

Finance

Robert Jordan

Membership

Robert Jordan

Robert Jordan will make out a list of things that have to be done for the Reunion. The chairperson will get people to do certain jobs. He will have the list at the October Meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday October 2nd at 1:00 pm at Robert Jordan's home.

Roberta Macnab moved the meeting adjourn. 

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

October 2, 2007

A Full Council Meeting was held at the home of Robert Jordan, on Tuesday October 2, 2007. The president David Pottie chaired the meeting. Others present at the meeting were: Margaret Dawe, Helen MacDonald, Don Willett, Roberta Macnab, Connie Veinotte, Dorinda McCully, Anne Marie Le Blanc, Rosella MacDonald, Robert Jordan, and Sue Kent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Anne Marie Le Blanc seconded by Rosella MacDonald to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Moved by Roberta Macnab seconded by Margaret Dawe to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2007 Full Council Meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Margaret Dawe seconded by Dorinda McCully to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2007 Full Council Meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Helen MacDonald seconded by Margaret Dawe to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2007 meeting with the Alumni Association of the NSTC and the Little White Schoolhouse Museum. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Helen MacDonald asked who was going to find out the actual wording of Dr. Jane Norman's Will regarding the use of the \$10,000 she left for the Building

Fund. Eric Bent and Robert Jordan will see if they can find out what Dr. Jane Norman's will actually said.

REVIEW OF REUNION 2007

(a) Financial Report:

Robert Jordan reported that we lost on breakfast, but overall we had a profit of \$92.28. He also reported that the total cash on hand for the period ending September 26, 2007 is as follows:

Investments	\$11,500.00
Current Account	\$6,332.94
Total cash on hand	\$17,832.94

Moved by Don Willett seconded by Helen MacDonald to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried.

(b) Speaker

It was suggested we give the Friday Night Speaker a gift. David Pottie suggested a framed picture of the Normal College and the Teachers College. Connie Veinotte suggested we get post card size pictures, and put one above the other in the same frame.

Eric Bent suggested we ask David White, the last principal of the Teachers College, to be our Friday Night Speaker.

(c) General Impressions

Helen MacDonald asked if we could have an evaluation paper for people to fill out with comments about the reunion.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Eric Bent reported that at a meeting of the board of the Friends of the Little White Schoolhouse, held on Sept. 26, 2007, Gordon Jeffery suggested that the Alumni Association of the Nova Scotia Teachers College get their own tax number, and take over writing the receipts for any money that comes in from now on.

We would have to set up a separate fund and spend 80% of the profit each year on History of Education in Nova Scotia.

A discussion took place regarding what to do about the money already in the Building Fund.

Gordon Jeffery is saying that the board of the Friends of the Little White Schoolhouse want 2 separate funds, one for the money already there, and one for the Alumni Association of the NSTC to set up and handle. Gordon said that if the two funds are set up, then any money that came to them for the Building Fund would be given to the Alumni Association of the NSTC for their fund.

Robert Jordan said we have to set up a committee of members of the board of the LWSH, and the Alumni Association of the NSTC, to decide what to do with the money already in the Building Fund, and what to do with future money in a separate fund.

The Friends of the LWSH are asking the Alumni to set up this committee.

Robert Jordan moved that we establish a committee consisting of the president and treasurer of the Alumni Association of the NSTC, and members of the Friends of the LWSH who they designate for setting up a spending policy for the money already held by the Friends of the LWSH, under the "Building Fund." Seconded by Margaret Dawe. Motion carried.

Robert Jordan will set up a meeting consisting of David Pottie, Alan MacLean, and Robert Jordan to discuss this situation.

MEMBERSHIP

Robert Jordan reported that we had 66 paid up members for the year 2005-06. We have 150 paid up members for 2006-07, 216 paid up for 2008 for a total of 432. For the 10 year membership - we have 5 paid up to 2015, 50 paid up to 2016, and 23 paid up to 2017 for a total of 78.

Moved by Don Willett seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to accept the membership report. Motion carried.

PLANS FOR THE OLD NORMAL COLLEGE

David Pottie reported that at a public meeting, held Thursday Sept. 20, 2007, seeking input for future uses for the Normal College that many ideas were brought forward and discussed.

Eric Bent said they will bring forth three ideas of what to do with the Normal College, and present them to Town Council. There will be a public meeting at this time to discuss the 3 ideas presented.

PLANS FOR THE 2008 REUNION

Helen MacDonald suggested that David Pottie, Robert Jordan, and Sandy MacDougall meet with the 4 graduates of 1997 to discuss what they can do to help with the 2008 reunion.

Rosella MacDonald suggested that Helen MacDonald should also be at the meeting with the 1997 graduates. David Pottie suggested they should meet by the end of October.

Robert Jordan will arrange this meeting, as he has all the names and phone numbers. David Pottie will chair the meeting. They will set up the rest of the committees after they meet with the 1997 graduates. Robert Jordan suggested they meet then report back to the Alumni Executive.

Helen MacDonald suggested we get the speaker early, so we can put it in the Newsletter. She suggested Joyce Barkhouse, graduate of the class of 1931.

David Pottie suggested Carmon Jess as our speaker. He has written 2 novels, worked with Foreign Affairs, and the Rural Poor.

Other suggestions for a speaker were:

Chalmers Doane
Helen MacDonald
Natalie MacMaster
Margaret Swan
Nova Bannerman
Dorothy Walker
David White

Helen MacDonald will contact Natalie to see if she can come. She will ask for an answer right away. If Natalie can't come, she will contact David White, the last principal of the Teachers College.

David Pottie suggested we have the speaker earlier at 7:30 pm, and have entertainment after the speaker.

David Pottie and Helen MacDonald suggested we get someone to write an article about the Alumni Association of the NSTC, and have it put in "The Teacher".

David Pottie suggested the travel allowance be raised.

Moved by Robert Jordan seconded by Dorinda McCully that the travel allowance be raised to \$0.15 a kilometer. Motion carried.

Helen MacDonald suggested we do something for Audrey Jordan, as she always has a lovely lunch for us after the meeting.

Anne Marie LeBlanc asked if anything has been done to honour Dr. Alistair Macleod, as she suggested in a letter that was read at the reunion.

Roberta Macnab suggested we do something for Harvey and Ann MacPhee as they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Helen MacDonald suggested each member of the Full Council look at the list of graduates for the years ending in 8. If anyone knows someone who they think would be a good chairperson, let Rosella MacDonald know.

Don Willett moved the meeting adjourn at 3:10 pm. 🐉

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Class Notes

Dorothy Geraldine Lamont (Ferguson)— '47

There is nothing I would enjoy more than "Reunion Activities" EXCEPT a visit from my 9 year old granddaughter from Beijing. She is my only grandchild and has been with me for three weeks and leaves this weekend so I cannot participate in Truro this time. Here's hoping for Great Weather, a Large Turnout, and lots of Good Cheer around.

Velma (Pettigrew) Redden—'47

I attended and indeed enjoyed the 2007 Alumni Reunion of the Teachers College. Celebrated were of course class years ending in "7". Since I attended in 1947 I had to go for my 60th anniversary. Following the traditional picture taking and lunch, the highlight, for me, was the afternoon meeting of those from the year '47. We shared what the past 60 years had held for each of us. Thanks to Roberta Macnab for this idea and for her leadership in this meeting. It was almost as if Jane Norman was there directing us to do just that. Roberta further suggested we send her the write ups of our stories, so I am enclosing mine:

As Velma Pettigrew, after leaving Normal College in 1947, I began that September as Grade I teacher in my hometown, Springhill, and was there for 4 years. While there I was a CGIT leader, active in the youth group and church choir. Following that, I taught in Dartmouth for 1 year. I then married my home town sweetheart. My husband was with the N. S. Light and Power in Bedford, and immediately I was asked to teach, so for the next 31 years I was teacher, and then elementary school principal, in Bedford. However after just 11 years of marriage my husband was electrocuted at his work. I continued teaching; remarried 3 years later and we adopted 2 lovely girls. During years in Bedford I had a school, and an adult, handbell choir, as well as opening the first early learning centre for the area. This centre provided a pre-school program for 4 year olds and, with well qualified and almost permanent staff, remained open for 30 years. Here, I have been involved in Sunday School, teacher and superintendent; church elder and am presently in my 23rd year as volunteer hospital visitor for my church. My 2nd husband passed away 18 years ago and I have kept busy through the years.

Len Denton—'48

Since graduation in 1948, I was principal of schools in Avonport, Kings Co. and Brooklyn, Queens Co. I next graduated from Acadia and then Dalhousie, obtaining a Masters in Psychology in 1954 and a Ph.D. in Educa-

tional Psychology from University of Alberta in 1967.

Between 1954 and 1967, I worked as a social worker and then as Chief Psychologist for the Child Welfare Division, Dept. of Welfare of Nova Scotia, clinical psychologist at a new mental health clinic in Truro, N.S., professor in psychology, Acadia University, psychologist with the Fundy Mental Health Clinic, Wolfville, N.S., and Director of Counselling and professor of psychology in Alberta at the newly founded Medicine Hat Junior College.

After my Ph.D., I was a consulting psychologist with the School Board, London, Ontario, Research Director at Newstart, an action-research program, Yarmouth, N.S., consultant with the National Institute for Research for the Retarded, Toronto, Executive Director and psychologist of the Cobequid Mental Health Centre, Truro, N.S., Program Director of a special care rehabilitation centre, and school psychologist with the Pictou District School Board.

I also was principal founder of a program research and evaluation organization, Atlantic Behavioural Science Applications, and operated a private practice in Truro and Kentville, N.S. My work in the fields of mental health and education has been recognized on three occasions by the Canadian Mental Health Association, and twice by the Nova Scotia Legislature.

I married Joyce Carey in 1953 and had four children. The eldest, Karen, teaches at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro. The 2nd eldest, Brenda, died of cancer in 1994. Rob, the 3rd, is a cartoonist, lives in the Truro area and is presently taking a digital imaging course at the Community College. The youngest, Greg, is an artist, band leader, and he teaches art courses for the University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario. I currently reside at Edinburgh, a retirement home on Young Street, Truro, Nova Scotia.

Pat (Anderson) McGregor—'48

I would love to know where former classmates are. My e-mail address is pmcgregor@cgeco.ca. I live in Oakville, Ont. After teaching in Spryfield, I taught in Amherst - then went north to Noranda, Que. Married there and came to Ontario. Ended up 20 plus years in a high school library.

Regina Marie Dixon (LeJeune)— '53

Thank you for the reminder. I will not be attending this year. Wishing everyone a very happy week end!

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Marian (Kennie) Stephens—'57

All the best in this year's reunion. I found out the dates too late. I guess I have been out of touch for too long. This is my 50th anniversary. I last attended in 1977.

Myrtle (Russell) Conrad—'61

Fraser & I (married 43 yrs.) live in Cow Bay & cottage in Upper Stewiacke, both very peaceful places to live. I am enjoying my retirement to the fullest since 1995. Fraser & I are blessed with three grandchildren Nathan 18, Brittany 15, and Melanie 13; having our daughter Janice & Walter Higgins as supportive parents. Our sad part in life was the passing of our son Paul at age 19 when he drowned in a car accident in 1988.

We have camped across Canada with our children, flew west on two occasions, traveled to Florida for a Christmas, travels in the US, many trips around the Maritimes & Quebec. This past summer we spent considerable time in NL & were there also in 1998.

I am a life member of WINS, member of Truro Archives & Pictou County Genealogical Association. Genealogy of our family is a major interest. As a member of Christ Church, Cow Bay I participate in their activities. Time Out For Women are interesting groups where crafts/handwork are enjoyed weekly. Yes, I did learn tatting & hardanger embroidery and enjoy it a great deal. Also learned the art of Swedish Weaving. I have crochet, knit & done smocking for many years. Knitting for the preemies at the Grace Hospital is always rewarding.

Fraser & I enjoy bird watching very much. We have many pheasants in our hamlet of Cow Bay. Walking each day is a joy!

I hope all my 1961 classmates are doing well, also. I wish them the best of happiness and health.

Robert Thomson—L class, '61

Greetings: I have been spending winters in Saint Simons Island, Georgia since 1999. The months that I am here in Nova Scotia (April-December) I am involved in various volunteer projects. I also make a lot of short trips to places of historical interest in the Maritimes. **Eleanor (Coupar) Johnson**, of Pictou Road, Truro passed away on June 13, 2007. Aunt Eleanor was 93 and was a PNC graduate, Class of 1932. Her many years of teaching were in a variety of teaching positions, particularly in the Truro area. A dedicated and enthusiastic teacher many of her friendships in retirement years included former students.

Susan Doucette—'73

I'm a grad from 1973 but have never been to a reunion. I always seem to hear about them after the fact. It would be nice to hear from some of the people who were at TC from 1971 to 1973. I lived at the Annex for my first year and have some wonderful memories of the girls that lived there. I would be pleased to hear from any of them as well. I never did teach full time but along with working for HRM Tourism in the summer season I sub at a couple of daycares through the winters. I love my jobs and feel my time at TC prepared me for both of them.

Crystal Huntington—A.Ed. '94

I am currently working at an international school in Dubai, United Arab Emirates as a K2 and Grade 3 Resource Teacher. I am in the midst of a 2 year certification to become a Literacy Coach and am working as the K1-Grade 5 Literacy Coach-in-training at my school. I previously worked in Taejon, South Korea for 2 years. I have traveled extensively over the past 3 years to places such as Thailand, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand, Jordan and Bahrain. This coming year I am hoping to visit Iran, will visit Thailand and Cambodia, hike Cinque Terre, Italy with friends and stop by Prague to visit friends from Korea. My most interesting experience was visiting a hill tribe in the highlands of Vietnam, seeing their school and what the teachers had to work with. As a result, I now collect any extra materials to be donated to schools in need around the world (this year, items are being raised at my school to support women's schools in Kabul). I'd love to hear from friends from TC.

chuntington32@gmail.com

Natalie Anne Macmaster—'97

Thanks for your recent note to Natalie. I believe I told you a few years ago that all of Natalie's e-mail comes to her Mom and Dad's home here in Cape Breton and I've been answering it on her behalf for the last number of years. Natalie has never really gotten into the world of computers because it seems that ever since she graduated in 1997, her life is full of touring and traveling with her musical career. She gets a great deal of fan mail and I enjoy answering it on her behalf. Also keeping her very busy is her married life with Donnell Leahy and their two small children. They had a son (Michael) on June 23, a little brother for Mary Frances. Speaking with Natalie earlier this week, she is looking forward to touring again at the end of August. I thought with her break away from the 'road life' the last few months, that she would be reluctant in going out again with two small

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LWSH Liaison

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Reunion 2007 Attendance

Class of '34

Constance (MacEachern) Mac-Donald

Class of '37

Margaret (Grant) Germaine
Doris (Robson) Howell

Class of '42

Lorna (Burrell) Blades
Marjorie (Pierce) Dowe
Barbara (Murphy) Gordon

Class of '42/43

J. Leonard Embree

Class of '44

Helen (Roulston) Miller

Class of '45

Grace (Lambert) Parker

Class of '47

Florence (LeBlanc) Avery
Alex Bannerman
C. Bernadette Brooks
Barbara (MacLeod) Crosby
Azilda (d'Entremont) d'Entremont
Margaret (Gillis) d'Entremont
Julia (LeBlanc) Doiron
Ruth (Lent) Durrant
Nola (Worthylake) Jeffrey
Charlotte (MacRae) LeGrow
A. Frances (Dalrymple) Lind
Joan (Craig) MacLennan
Roberta (Sarty) Macnab-James
Eileen (MacNeil) Muise
Jean (Hiltz) Palmeter
Charles Piercey
Velma (Pettigrew) Redden
H. Joyce (Maxwell) Robley
Alice (MacQueen) Stevens
Nicholas Stevens
Vera (McCarthy) Stone
A. Elizabeth (Gourley) Thompson

Class of '47/48

Roy Rideout

Class of '49

Russell Dowe
Phyllis Leadbeater
Elizabeth (Smith) Smith-Wright

Class of '50

G. Audrey Cornell

Class of '51

Elsie (Roulston) Bond

Class of '53

Rosella (Hunley) MacDonald
Mary (Aucoin) MacEachern

Class of '55

Nancy (Cox) Austin
Eric Bent
Joan (Wiseman) Bent
Maxine (Pynch) Bezanson
Henry Brown
Marilyn (Forbes) Burns
Patricia (Bigsby) Caudle
Ross Hagar
Marilyn (Surette) Hatfield
Donald Hollett
Martha (MacPhee) MacLaughlin
Daniel MacLean
M. Ray Nicholson
Howard Spence
Gloria (Guest) Younker

Class of '56

William Whalen

Class of '57

Barbara Allen
Florence (Smith) Bauld
Anna Marie (DiSano) Celi
Mona (Sutcliffe) Ellis
E. Marion (Galpin) Evans
Beverly (Gouthro) Grace
Jean (Betty) (Parker) Hagar
Dorothy (MacKay) Hanam
Bernice (Quinn) King
Nancy (Pike) Lovett
Lorraine (MacMaster) MacDonnell
Darlene (Smith) McKenna
Margaret (Johnston) Ouelette
Madeline (Colburn) Patton
Sheilah Trew
Marilyn (Guest) Verge
Elsie (Purdy) Wilkie

Class of '58

Margaret (Nelson) Dawe

Class of '59

Sue (MacKay) Kent

Class of '60

Christena (MacLellan) Buchanan
John Hasiuk
Anne Marie (LeBlanc) LeBlanc
Anne (Pheifer) Porquet

Class of '61

Murray Baillie
Helen (MacCormick) MacDonald
David Pottie
Robert Thomson

Class of '65

Dorinda (Squires) McCully

Class of '66

Shirley (Gilby) Nicholl

Class of '67

Mary (Hanley) Beeswanger
Mary Carpenter
Mary Anne (Thompson) Jay
Lorna (Banks) MacNeil
Marjorie McBay McBay
Avis (Anthony) Pick
Vivian (Lowther) Warwick
E. Louise (Tompkins) Wentzell

Class of '68

Patricia (Cosman) Howell

Class of '70

Robert W. Jordan

Class of '74

Diane Patten

Class of '75

Verlene (Silver) Silver-Corkum

Class of '77

Shirley (Hollett) Gaudet-Purdy
Patricia MacLeod
Eleanor (Fournier) Saulnier

Class of '85

Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall

Class of '87

Diane (Langille) Ross

Class of '97

Kathleen (VanZoost) Boutilier
Lloyd Boutilier
Michelle Huntley Brydon
Angela Gaudet Loughhead
Angela (Scott) Trenholm

Faculty

Margaret Swan
Eric Bent
C. Bernadette Brooks
Roberta (Sarty) Macnab-James
Margaret (Johnston) Ouelette

2007 Reunion Attendance Summary

Class of '97—5
Class of '87—1
Class of '77—3
Class of '67—8
Class of '57—17
Class of '47—22
Class of '37—2

Little White Schoolhouse Museum

(Located at 20 Arthur Street)

PO Box 1252
Truro NS B2N 5N2
902-895-5170

Organizations or individuals that have contributed to the "Building Fund" of the 'Little White Schoolhouse Museum Project' for the year 2007:

Eric Bent (2)
Roderick Boutilier
Gwendolyn Crouse
Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Greeno
Marjorie Hoeg
Donald Hollett (2)
Loretta Ilse
Sue Kent (2)
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Kerr
Eva Landry
Jean LeJeune
Hazel McKay
June Newton
NSTC Alumni (2)
Emma Parker
Janet Probert
Roy Rideout
Shirley Rose
Eleanor Saulnier

The fund being supported by each donation is noted at the bottom of the receipt for income tax purposes. Sometimes cheques are received without an indication of which fund (Building Fund or Friend 2000 for the support of the Little White Schoolhouse) is being supported. It helps us to follow your wishes if the purposes of the donation are stated.

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children however, she was 'giggling' in the thought of it all happening. I do admire her great outlook on life! Natalie will not be making it down to the Annual Reunion from August 17-19th. Because of having the baby in June, she thought it best not to travel this way this summer so that she can get Michael on a good schedule. She and her family will be visiting with us in September. She wanted me to send you her good wishes for a great weekend.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction has become a tradition at our Reunions. It usually contains items ranging in value from \$25 to \$100 and more. We urge you to support the Silent Auction either as a do-

nor or buyer... or BOTH!! If you have anything you'd like to donate (crafts, collectables, art, antiques, home made goods—it's up to you) please drop us a note or email us.

What is Geocaching?



Geocaching is an adventure game for GPS users. The idea is to have individuals and organizations set up caches all over the world and share the locations of these

caches on the internet. GPS users can use the location coordinates to find the caches. More information is available at geocaching.com. A Reunion 2008 Geocaching Event is being planned! (see p. 20)

Nominations for Offices for Alumni Association of NSTC

The following will become vacant this year and nominations for these offices will be accepted from Alumni Members up to and including the Annual Meeting held in Truro on August 16, 2008. Term of office is two years:

Office

President
Vice-President

Area Representatives

Kings-Annapolis
Halifax Regional Municipality
Cumberland-Colchester-East Hants
Northside Victoria-Cape Breton
Digby-Clare-Argyle-Yarmouth

You may use the form on the back of this page and mail written nominations to:

Nomination Committee
Alumni Association of NSTC
PO Box 1252
Truro NS B2N 5N2

Reunion 2008!!

Friday, August 15, 2008

Check-in at Best Western Glengarry Hotel, Truro
4:00 pm - Davis Hall Residence opens
6:00-8:00 pm - Registration at Best Western Glengarry
8:00 pm - Official Opening of Reunion 2008 with Guest Speaker, David White, last Principal of NSTC
8:30 pm - Faculty/Staff Tribute - A great time to thank those who helped us through our years at NSNC/NSTC.
9:00 pm - Pub-night - Mix and mingle, socialize with old friends, catch up, make new friends

Friday notes:

- Staying in Davis Hall? Bring a fan if the weather is warm or an extra blanket if weather is cool
- If you pre-register and stay in Davis Hall, your registration package will be there for you.
- No supper provided on site on Friday.
- Friday evening activities are all at the Best Western Glengarry.
- Cash bar available for Friday evening events.

Saturday, August 16, 2008

7:00-8:30 am - Breakfast in Soloan Hall (college campus)
9:00 am - Annual Meeting in Soloan Hall
10:00-11:00 am - Executive Meeting in Soloan Hall
11:30 am - Class photos on steps of gym (inside gym if weather is poor)
12:30 pm - Lunch in Soloan Hall
Afternoon - Time to wander around the campus, participate in first AANSTC Geocaching event (see 2:00 pm), attend class meetings or activities, visit old haunts, shop, visit the old campus (downtown) or the Little White Schoolhouse Museum, check out the Silent Auction
2:00 pm - Alumni Association Geocaching event (details on page 19)
6:00 pm - Reception and Social in Soloan Hall
6:30 pm - Dinner and Awards
8:30 pm - Institute Night/Coffee House/Tunes & Tankards - Depending on the time period you attended, one of these terms may roughly represent what you can expect on Saturday evening. If you have a talent you want to share,

bring it along. A band will be in attendance as well as some other special features we have planned!

Saturday Notes:

- The afternoon is a great time to get together with friends and relax. If you need a space to meet, check with one of the Reunion organizers who will be glad to help.
- Cash bar is available for the Social, Dinner and into the evening.
- The Truro Centennial Pool, adjacent to the college campus, may be open in the afternoon for a public swim.

Sunday, August 17, 2008

Breakfast on your own locally. Best Western Glengarry has a buffet you may want to visit.
Time TBA - Special Church Service.

As we get closer to the Reunion, please check the website for more details and final plans!!

nsteacherscollege.ca

Nomination Form

Offices and Area Representatives that become vacant this year are listed on the back of this form (see page 19). All positions are for a term of two years.

I hereby nominate _____ of the class of _____
for the Area Representative for _____

or Office of _____ for the term of office 2008-2010.

Signed: _____ Class: _____

Name (print): _____ Date: _____

This form may be mailed to the address on page 19 or passed to the Secretary up to, and including, the Annual Meeting on August 16, 2008.