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Early Reflections

Teaching in South Ohio, NS in the early

By Malcolm H. Bradshaw

I graduated from Normal College (Teachers College) in Truro in 1951. My first teaching position was in South Ohio in a two-room school and I taught there for three years. I was nineteen years of age at the time and had lived in the town of Yarmouth since 1942. I knew something of country life as previously I had lived in Upper Kennetcook, a small village in the middle of Hants County. There I attended a small three-room school for five of my elementary grades. Such was the beginning of my education.

When I arrived in Yarmouth I was enrolled in grade five in Central School, with its many classes and teachers. Later at the grade nine level I entered Yarmouth Academy, formerly a sea captain's house which had served the town as a school for many years. In my final year there it burned down and the students were housed in Central School, mostly in the basement where so-called periods were the new way of learning. I graduated from grade twelve that year (1950) so never got to attend the new modern Yarmouth Memorial Consolidated High School.

This was closely followed by the consolidation of elementary schools throughout the county. Youth became

travelers and the big yellow school buses were ever present on town and country roads.

Now back to the two-room school in South Ohio. It was financially run by local school trustees. Ever present and always appreciated was the Women's Institute, a community organization, interested in the welfare of the pupils in the local school. In my first conversation with them they asked that I teach English and Discipline. I soon found that discipline was a problem in the grades seven and eight classes. A part of the reason seemed to be that to enter grade nine in the High School in Yarmouth there were Entrance Exams to take and pass. Consequently, there was a pile up of students in grade eight due to their inability to pass these exams.

There have been lots of changes in the manner of our school system today compared with sixty years ago. For example, on Labour Day the students were expected to clean up the school grounds in preparation for the coming school year. Can you imagine students doing that today, even if school classes started by Labour Day? Another major change was the fact that teachers attended Study Club monthly on Saturdays instead of so called "professional development" days which are held during the week.

Community organizations were very important in helping the school. The Women's Institute presented prizes at the school's closing exercises. The Baptist Church had a program for youth. Rev. Cobham, who

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Of Interest:

- Reunion 2012 will be held August 17-19, 2012 in Truro. Plan to attend!
- We are online! See inside.
- Nominations sought for President, Vice-President and several Area Reps. See page 23.



Prof. Tassel appears courtesy of Neil Fisher

History of Early Education in Lunenburg

By Roberta Macnab

In 1632 Isaac de Razilly, who was appointed Lt. Gov. in Acadia, built a fort and established the capital of the Colony. Three members of the Capuchin order who accompanied de Razilly established the first school at LaHave - **the first school in Canada!**

Their main objective was the conversion of the Indians; teaching the Acadian children was a secondary matter. This school existed for about 18 months after which the settlers moved to Port Royal. The French period ended in 1713 when Britain gained control of Acadia.

Under British rule educational efforts had both a religious and a political influence. Believing that a church and a school should be an attraction to prospective settlers, the government invited the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts to send both missionaries and school masters whose main purpose was a religious one to evangelize the inhabitants of the British colonies. The Society, however, is credited for fostering education until the passage of the first Education Act in 1766.

After the founding of Halifax in 1749, Col. Lawrence was commissioned to send 1,453 people and 158 soldiers to settle the township by the name of Lunenburg where they arrived June 7, 1753 - the first Canadian community of German ancestry. In 1753 Jean Baptiste Moreau came to Lunenburg as missionary and schoolmaster to the French population. His assistant, Lt. H. Bailly, an Anglican minister, established an English school in Lunenburg. The curriculum consisted of reading, writing and church catechism. The pioneer school teacher's task was not easy - fear of Indians resulted in small class attendance. The German settlers opposed Mr. Bailly's school. When Rev. Robert Vincent was appointed minister to the German

speaking Lutherans, he applied for a German school master as the Germans were unwilling to have English education for their children. This attitude illustrates two questions which have caused much trouble in the history of education - the question of religion and language.

The Society sent Mr. Neumann, a German speaking schoolmaster who worked steadfastly amid an alien and hostile people in a pioneer settlement, surrounded by forests and the open sea. Trouble and dissension broke up the school. People were determined to preserve their language, religion and customs - a little Germany on the shore of the New World. In 1774 the Society discontinued its mission at Lunenburg as the government decided to revert to its original policy of all speaking English. With the influx of British settlers came a desire for the education of their children, presenting a field for those interesting and colourful itinerant teachers. These were chiefly disbanded soldiers who wandered about instructing children for a small fee. Although intellectually and morally unfit, they kept the desire for education alive.

June 28, 1766 with the passing of the first Education Act in N.S., four hundred acres went to each township for school support. All Catholics were forbidden to set up schools - the effect was to support the Church of England

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President's Message

By Helen MacDonald



I can hardly believe that it is time for another newsletter. The years are certainly flying by. I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and will enjoy a Healthy, Happy 2012.

In August 2011 we experienced another successful reunion! What a great time it was and especially for the graduates of 1961 who were celebrating 50 years

since their graduation.

The class of '61 was the last class to graduate from Normal College and it was the largest graduating class, with almost 500 graduating that year. There were over 125 from '61 graduates who gathered in Truro in August and we all had a wonderful time. A great deal of time and energy was focused on bringing the '61s together by Chair of the 61 class Dave Pottie and a committee of hard working 61ers. Thank you so much. We have heard many 'rave' reviews. A group of Cape Breton graduates organized a program for Saturday afternoon. Elvis visited and poodle skirts were brought out of the closets. It was a fun time for everyone. Again our Executive and Council under the leadership of Bob Jordan and Sandy MacDougall provided a well organized weekend, where all attendees had lots of opportunities for renewing friendships and making new ones. Bob and Sandy co-chair the reunion each year and they consider every detail. The evaluations tell us that those who attended were very pleased with the program provided. Thank You Bob and Sandy. Graduates from years ending in two will be the honourees in 2012. Class chairs should be working now.

I had the honour of being 'guest speaker' at the 2011 Reunion and it was a pleasure to share stories about my volunteer work in West Africa. Murray Ballie has agreed again this year to summarize the speech. It appears in this newsletter.

Unfortunately, because of timing The Little White Schoolhouse was not available for our silent auction this year. We hope to have one in 2012. Friends of The Little White School House under the leadership of Bill Canning are dedicated to preserving the history of one room school in Nova Scotia, the 'feel' of the old one room schoolhouse and maintaining the artifacts and information of that era. It is a great place to spend some time while you are in Truro. The NSTC Alumni Association continues to explore options for the location of an Alumni office and

library room. We have items in storage that we would like to display. As well, we still struggle with how best to help the Little White Schoolhouse and administer the Building Fund. Our objective is to preserve the history of teaching and education in Nova Scotia. The town of Truro has talked about making a library in the old Normal College; if it did we would seek space there.

The Executive and Council of The NSNC/NSTC Alumni Association met in October. The reunion was reviewed and plans for 2012 began.

This year's Reunion will be August 17-19, 2012 in Truro and everyone is reaching out to contact as many graduates as possible. Hopefully we will see lots of graduates of 1962. It will mark their 50th year since graduating. All graduates are welcome and I know some '61s are planning to come again. We are looking forward to seeing many graduates return to Truro, especially those whose graduating year ends in "2" The itinerary promises an interesting weekend.

Each district of the province has area representatives and they are always trying to reach out to graduates of Teachers College. Their names are listed in this newsletter. Contact them and they will provide any information you may need.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any queries or suggestions. helenmacd@eastlink.ca We want as many of the Alumni as possible to be active and engaged.

Remember to visit the website. It is great. <http://nsteacherscollege.ca>

Sandy MacDougall, the Newsletter editor, is also interested in hearing from you with your suggestions and stories.

In closing I want to sincerely thank the executive and council members for their dedication and hard work. Having an Alumni Association is important and these are the people who make it happen. Looking forward to seeing you in Truro in August!☺

Helen MacDonald graduated from NSNC in 1961. She was elected President of the Alumni Association in 2008.

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against other denominations. The 1811 Education Act provided for the establishment of schools throughout the provinces - the cornerstone of our education system.

The last Grammar School organized in N.S. during 1811 was at Lunenburg. The following year it closed due to poor attendance and lack of qualified teachers. Other schools the county opened: East and West Chester in 1811, Upper LaHave in 1816, Chester in 1819, New Dublin in 1817, Mahone Bay, Sherbrook, Pleasant River and Tancook Island in 1820. The calibre of teachers was a serious problem. Dr. D.C. Harvey called them "rovers by nature and by nurture". This county was placed in a situation distinct and different from that of any other part of the province. The descendants of the German immigrants kept their language, customs and the peculiarities of their native country. The only school truly established in the county was the Grammar School in Lunenburg.

In 1838 the Lunenburg Academy opened to all creeds and classes with Rev. James S. Cochran as master. The school population was 74 and received instruction in English, geography, book-keeping, globes, trigonometry, plane geometry, land surveying, navigation, natural philosophy and the classics. In 1860 a two department school was erected in Bridgewater. The "Free Schools" Act of 1864 stated "all common schools shall be free to all children residing in the section in which they are established." First inspector of Lunenburg County schools was Mr. H.M.B. Lawson. From 1865-1866 the number of schools increased by 24 and pupils by over 1600. Teacher scarcity was the only detriment. Ignorance blinded the mind of some parents who kept their children at home. Nevertheless, progress and improvement were evident.

In 1870 the average attendance was only about 57% of the registered pupils. Reading, writing, arithmetic and Nova Scotia geography received the most attention. The Lunenburg Academy, however, was doing excellent work, good order, discipline and progress despite the very limited supply of books. Nevertheless,

Lunenburg County schools presented as creditable an appearance as those of any other N.S. county.

Despite low salaries, lack of supplies and irregularity of attendance, educational progress in Lunenburg County showed continuous and steady improvement. Parental indifference and apathy, however, still plagued school attendance.

From 1880-1890 the teacher shortage prevented some sections from having schools. Permissive licenses were issued to fill the demand for teachers. In 1883 the first act to provide compulsory attendance for 7-12 year pupils was passed. Lunenburg Town was the only large section that accepted compulsory attendance. In schools irregular attendance prevailed because children were needed to work in the fields, catch and cure fish or pick berries.

From 1890-1900 Inspector H.H. MacIntosh reported the Lunenburg Academy had 12 departments and 608 pupils. This school did excellent work - more High School pupils came from the country sections. In 1894 for the first time every Lunenburg County settlement had its public school - 26% of the schools were rated good, 23% poor and the remainder fair. The influence of the constantly increasing number of Normal School trained teachers was evident. The 1900 inspector's report could be summarized by saying that successful and encouraging progress continued in the schools of Lunenburg County.

Roberta (Sarty) Macnab-James graduated from PNC in 1947. She later became a faculty member of NSTC. She is a past president of the Alumni Association.

Reunion 2011 Awards

Oldest Graduate

Mary MacLean and Anne McNab, '41

Furthest Traveled

Gilbert (Gil) Jennex '51 (Cairns, Australia)

Class Attendance Award

Class of '61 (125 members)

Guest Speaker, 41st Annual Reunion Helen MacDonald, '61

By Murray Baillie

A Nova Scotia Teacher's Involvement in Education in Ghana

It has now become a tradition to have a guest speaker at the opening of the annual reunion weekend.

This year's speech, on August 19, 2011, was a real treat for those of us who graduated from the Nova Scotia Normal College in 1961. The orator was one of our own, Helen MacDonald.

Helen has served as a M.L.A in the Nova Scotia legislature for the New Democratic Party. She was introduced by Eleanor Norrie, also a 1961 graduate, a former M.L.A. and Liberal cabinet minister. At the end of her talk, she was thanked by George Moody who graduated in the same year. He has been a M.L.A. and cabinet minister but a Progressive Conservative. It is a significant coincidence that all three have served in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly but are from different parties.

Helen began by telling us, "Everyone who knows me knows that I can talk about West Africa." She proved that on this particular evening.

Helen was approached by the Canadian Teachers' Federation in 2003 to go to Ghana to work on equitable education for all in the country.

The project name, "Nkabom" means coming together. It covered everything from classroom work to professional development. Helen and the team worked in the classroom even if it were outdoors. There was no electricity, water nor money to pay teachers.

English is the official language of the country but many spoke other languages so translation had to be provided when meeting with parents and the community.

There are many human interest stories to tell. Helen first worked in a village called Teshi. The people were desperately poor but generally very welcoming.

Along the streets people begged for whatever you could give them. (Some would pound on the cars for money.) The Ghanaian drivers carried RAID for protection, if needed.

There were school fees which were eventually lifted. Income in the country averages \$ 1.00 per day.



Discrimination exists on the basis of gender. Why educate a girl? (How many of us have heard this in Nova Scotia during the last fifty years?)

Blackboards were blackened from a substance obtained from car batteries. We can only imagine the health risks of that material!

Small stubs of pencils were used and sharpened with Gillette razor blades. Paper was erased so that it could be used over

again.

Various groups in Canada provided money. The Canadian Auto Workers provided pens and other supplies. Holy Angels High School in Sydney raised money that was used to purchase uniforms and school supplies. The Nova Scotia Teachers' Union Bookmark Project provided financing for supplies, uniforms and sneakers. Helen described the response of the children as showing "happy faces".

Teshi needed water. Communities and schools in Cape Breton contributed to providing a water supply. "A bore hole was very expensive and the water underground was not good so we secured two huge polytanks, built a structure to house them and purchased water to fill them," explained Helen.

Helen left the definite impression that here is an unjust economy, in many communities caused by foreign fishing trawlers and absentee landlords. "Corruption abounded", she said.

In this deprived country, there are inspiring stories. One is about Gifty. She and her brother lived on the edge of a jail compound, considered a safe area. They were orphans, a family of two.

Gifty wrote her JSS (Junior Secondary School) entrance exam and later, the SS (Senior Secondary) tests "with flying colours", Helen said. She and her brother went on to a boarding school to receive a church subsidized education.

The village of Achiaman provides another story. Two crying little boys were outside the area where a class was being held. Helen explained that "I couldn't concentrate so the teacher and I went to investigate." These boys were AIDS orphans, shunned by the villagers. Helen and the teacher bought food for them. Their grandmother was found and agreed to care for them if food was provided.

The villagers were devout practitioners of

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Reunion 2011



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Class Photos



In Memoriam

Always Remembered

1920s

ARMSTRONG (Tattie), Evelyn Elizabeth, 103, Windsor (formerly of Falmouth, Hants County), September 3, 2011

ATTWOOD (MacInnis), Kathleen Anne "Kaye", 101, Antigonish (formerly of Glace Bay), January 28, 2012
JOUDREY (Milbury), Hazel Virtue, 101, Centre (formerly of Fauxburg), October 26, 2011

1930s

BAILEY (Saulnier), Marie, 95, Belmont, MA, December 23, 2011

BALCOM (Taylor), Hattie Grace, 90, Paradise, Annapolis County, April 25, 2011

BARNHILL (Andrews), Blanche MacRae, 91, Truro, November 26, 2011

CAMERON, Malcolm Laurence, 92, Halifax, August 10, 2011

CARRUTHERS (Morrison), Willena Mattie "Wilma", 94, Brentwood, October 25, 2011

COADY (MACNEIL), Mary Jessie, 90, Margaree Forks, December 18, 2011

COOKE (MacMillan), Jean Evelyn, 90, Halifax (formerly of Sutherland's River), June 7, 2011

DELOREY (Petitpas), Mary Angela, 99, Antigonish, August 6, 2011

D'ENTREMONT (d'Entremont), Eunice, 94, Glenwood, Yarmouth County, November 28, 2011

DICKIE (Phillips), Janet Sara, 92, Brooks, AB, July 6, 2011

DOUCETTE (Therault), Frances E., 90, New Ross, November 29, 2011

ELLIS (Jackson), Ruth Isabel, 96, Charlottetown, August 22, 2011

FEENER, Myrtle Hester, 93, Shelburne, August 24, 2011

FERGUSON, Lockhart Burns, 96, Bridgetown/Lower Sackville, April 6, 2011

FOUGERE (LeBlanc), Anne, 93, Halifax, January 9, 2012

GILLIS (Gillis), Florence Mae "Flossie", 96, Sydney, August 26, 2011

GRANT (MacLeod/Garthshore), Catherine "Kay", 97, Halifax, May 10, 2011

HALLIGAN (Brow), Eldora, 98, Hamilton, ON, March 31, 2011

HART (Fraser), Jean, 97, Guysborough, June 30, 2011

INGRAHAM (Carmichael), Matilda, 99, Inverness, March 2, 2011

KENT (MacKinnon), LuLu Belle, 96, Halifax/Dartmouth, January 27, 2012

KEOUGH (Campbell), Sarah "Sadie", 98, Whitney Pier, November 24, 2011

MACDONALD (Cameron), Mary Katherine, 92, Waterville, Pictou County, January 7, 2012

MACINTYRE (Grant), Catherine "Gertrude", 93, Antigonish, November 21, 2011

MACKAY, H. Keith, March 8, 2010

MACLEOD (Ripley), Edith N., 98, Sydney, September 12, 2011

MACPHERSON (Livingstone), Sarah "Sadie", 91, Coxheath, September 13, 2011

MAGARVEY, Raymond Halliday, 98, Kentville, April

3, 2011

MANTLE (Fifield), Ada Maria, 95, Lower Truro, November 26, 2011

NORTHEN (MacLean), Madeleine Elizabeth, 90, Little Narrows, May 21, 2011

O'BRIEN (Ogilvie), Bertha Elizabeth, 92, Lower Truro, June 11, 2011

O'CONNOR (MacLellan), M. Angeline, 97, Bedford, May 27, 2011

PHELAN (McPhee), Anna, 94, Halifax, April 10, 2011

PRIME (Veinot), Inez Viola, 98, Harmony, Kings County, May 3, 2011

STEELE (Crocker), Elsie Pauline, 90, Kentville (formerly of Port Williams), July 14, 2011

SULLIVAN (Chisholm), Annie Josephine "Josie", 93, Antigonish, September 7, 2011

SUTHERLAND, Alex, 99, Inverness, December 29, 2011

SWEENEY (Graves), Eleanor Corena, 96, Yarmouth, October 14, 2011

TRENGOVE-JONES (Schaffelburg, Ryan), Margaret A., 97, Halifax, November 19, 2011

URQUHART (Gillis), Catherine, 94, West Bay, October 27, 2011

WALKER, Dorothy Frances "Dot", 91, Dartmouth, December 24, 2011

WETMORE CHURCHILL (Troop), Bessie Louise, 93, Yarmouth, April 26, 2011

WINTERS (Cann), Lenore Augusta, 101, Truro, March 12, 2011

1940s

AUCOIN (Gallant), Marie Louise, 81, Dartmouth, January 26, 2012

BORDEN (Bishop), Marjorie Annetta, 87, Lower Canard, Kings County, April 8, 2011

BOYD (Campbell), Theresa Kathleen "Terry", 84, Lakevale, Antigonish County, August 9, 2011

BOYLE (Dorey), Helena Phyllis, 88, Windsor, November 4, 2011

CORNELL, Gladys "Audrey", 85, Truro, October 2, 2011

CURRAN (Fairm), Gertrude Alma Margaret, 87, Halifax, December 5, 2011

DIGDON (Hendsbee), Agatha, 86, Guysborough, August 20, 2011

DOOLEY (LeBlanc), Mary Mildred "Millie", 88, Halifax, July 7, 2011

DUNCAN (Allen/Crawford), Thelma, 89, Avonport, Kings County, October 7, 2011

EDMUNDS (MacIntosh), Mary Theresa "Tosh", RN, 84, Millville, August 27, 2011

HEARN (Donahue), Laura, 90, Port Hawkesbury (formerly Rocky Bay), August 11, 2011

HILL (MacDonald), Audrey Forbes, 85, Halifax (formerly Glace Bay), November 18, 2011

JOHNSON (Macdonald), Jessie Laura, 83, The Ponds (formerly of Pictou), July 21, 2011

LAKE (Frame), Doris Eileen, 82, Tonge Hill, Windsor, Hants County, December 6, 2011

MACDONALD, Margaret Johanna, 92, Margaree Harbour, March 24, 2011

MACMULLIN, Sister Mary Roderick, 87, Antigonish, December 25, 2011

MACPHEE (Barr), Lorna Gladys, 89, Shubenacadie,

July 24, 2011

MARCHAND, Joseph Raymond, 88, Louisdale, May 7, 2011

MCCULLOUGH, Lawrena Isabel, 87, Pictou (formerly of Scotch Hill), December 23, 2011

MCGILL, Fank Milston, 85, Newcombville, June 25, 2011

MERRIGAN (Musial), Lenora Ann, 84, Halifax, August 24, 2011

NICHOLSON (Ludlow), Pearl, 88, Beaver Bank, April 12, 2011

NICKERSON, John James, 88, Annapolis Royal, June 29, 2011

NICKERSON (Larkin), Mary Elaine, 80, Shelburne (formerly of Clark's Harbour), January 31, 2012

RHYNO, Roy Percy Keith, 80, Maitland, Hants County, October 28, 2011

ROGERS (MacPherson), Sarah "Sadie", 89, Antigonish, April 27, 2011

ROMKEY (Publicover), Betty Marie, 81, LaHave, June 7, 2011

STROPLE (VanBuskirk), Ellen Madeline, 89, Murphy Cove, May 2011

TARASUK (Cherpak), Anna, 80, Halifax, May 19, 2011

WILSON, Beverly Georgina, 81, New Glasgow, October 10, 2011

1950s

BOWDEN (LeLievre), Lorraine Marie, 78, Louisdale, October 16, 2011

CAMERON (Nieforth), Susan "Janet", 79, Gaspereau (formerly of Liverpool), November 9, 2011

FISHER (Marsh), Ellen Jean, 75, Truro, July 23, 2011

GILES (Currie), Matilda "Tillie", 78, July 25, 2011

HATTON (The Right Rev. Dr.), George "Russell", 79, Dartmouth, ~January 17, 2012

MACDONALD (Black), Betty Joy, 76, Amherst, October 26, 2011

MACNEIL, Mary "Mac", 74, Irish Vale, CB, Sept 6, 2011

MACPHERSON (Coady), Josepha, 77, Halifax, December 21, 2011

MACQUARIE (MacLellan), Gertrude "Gertie", 81, Antigonish, July 31, 2011

MACRAE, Wallace, 81, Baddeck, April 28, 2011

MARSHALL (Hawboldt), Harriet Elizabeth, 76, Sylvester, February 12, 2011

NICKERSON (MACNEIL), Mary E. "Mae", 74, Halifax, September 6, 2011

SHEPPARD, Jean T., 84, Margaree Valley, November 23, 2011

TRIMM (Hupman), Elizabeth Anne, 75, Greenwood, December 17, 2011

WILLIAMS (Ross), Margaret Jean "Peggy", 75, Barney's River Station, March 24, 2011

1960s

BAKER, Wilson Wayne "Wilse", 69, East Jedore, November 12, 2011

BENNETT, Manley David, 63, Fox Point, April 4, 2011

BURKE-WHITE, Donald A., 61, Parrsboro, August 11, 2011

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CHISHOLM (MacDonald), Helen, May 20, 2011
MACLELLAN, Ronald, 67, Yellowknife, August 29, 2011
ROBAR, Roger, 71, Bridgewater, December 29, 2010
SHORTLIFFE (Foster, Andrews), Ethel Urena, 96, Digby, July 9, 2011

1970s

GRAVES, Catherine Boyce "Cathy", 57, Dartmouth, September 2, 2011
LAPOINTE (McClare), Margaret Elizabeth, 54, Scarsdale (formerly of Hillsvale), June 22, 2011
MACINNIS (Huntley), Joanne, 60, Sydney, April 3, 2011
MACINTYRE, Ross, 62, Port Hawkesbury, May 27, 2011

1990s

COX-KOHFIELD, Jennifer Ann, 37, Bible Hill, July 6, 2011

Unknown

FOGARTY, Eva Agnes, Windsor, October 30, 2011
MALONE (Goreham), Susan Louise, Upper Wood's Harbour, August 22, 2011
MUIR (MacDonald), Alice Elizabeth, Moncton (formerly of Sydney and Baddeck), January 14, 2012

Faculty/Staff

BAILEY (Dr.), Alan Westlake, 84, Truro, November 19, 2011. Dr. Bailey taught Philosophy and History of Education at NSTC for many years.

CLARK, Earl Douglas "Dougie", 77, Truro, July 3, 2011. Mr. Clark worked in the maintenance department at NSTC for nearly 20 years.

Note: Graduation decades are approximate in some cases.

In Memoriam listings are included for individuals who have died in the previous 13 months (i.e., Jan 1, 2010 to Jan 31, 2011), are known to have had connection to PNC, NSNC and/or NSTC and whose death/obituary has been brought to the attention of the Editor.

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their religion whether it were Christian, Moslem or another. In a later email to me, Helen explained, "Whatever the religion, they prayed everywhere; prayer was very much a part of their daily life. Even in their conversations with you, they praised God."

At the same time, they believed in witches, wizards, demons, magic and spells. It is not surprising that Helen observes that, "Sometimes these beliefs got in the way of progress." Teachers might be driven out of the villages based on superstition.

Helen relates a story of an encounter that she and her team experienced at a market on her last visit to the country in 2010. A young man spoke to them in good English. "Canada? American?" he enquired. His next question was really surprising. "Do you know where Port Hawkesbury is?" He knew all the provinces and capitals.

Her group went back for a progress report. Wherever they visited a village, they were warmly welcomed.

In one place, they watched as residents made cinder blocks to build a school. This was being funded by the youth of St Thomas More Parish of Dartmouth.

In an email to me, Helen wanted to make a point that is important to her. "I want to emphasize how happy these people were all the timenever down, always a smile and a happy disposition. Very kind and always wanting to help you."

As she concluded her speech, Helen summed it up. "Never in my life have I felt such joy as when a child comes up and says, 'thank you.' I am blessed."

Those of us who heard her speak are also blessed by these stories of human resilience.↵

Class of '61—Thank You!

Greetings to all those who attended the Alumni Association Reunion this August and especially to those members from the Class of '61. Who would believe it!?? I am sure we are all smiling when we think of the success of the endeavour. How great it was to reconnect, reminisce, laugh, and have a good time after so many years. Old memories were revisited and new ones were made. Accolades to all who gave so much energy, patience, and time to the tasks of registration, planning, entertainment, food, prizes, presentations, and that wonderful Memory Book. We were indeed blessed. How could "Thank You", ever be enough?

It should also be noted that the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 26 was grateful for our patronage. Income from events like ours helps them to support many activities for both members and the community at large.↵

<p align="center">Attendance Summary "Honoured Years"</p> <p>Class of '91-0 Class of '81-2 Class of '71-3 Class of '61-125 Class of '51-16 Class of '41-2</p>
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lived in the community, was their minister. During the forties and fifties it has been said that in small rural communities the three most important persons were the school principal, the minister and the post master. I would add the doctor to that list. The several areas where these persons functioned included the important matters of education, religious welfare, communication and health. All of these are important in any democratic country.

As yet, I have not explained exactly how the education system operated some sixty years ago. Each area was referred to as a School Section with a number attached and was required to provide local taxes for the school's operation. In addition there was a Provincial Department of Education whose officials supervised the program. There was an office in Yarmouth with Clem Crowell as Chief Inspector, Chester LeGrow as another Inspector and Annie Ritchie as Elementary School Supervisor. Their main duty was to visit the schools and see that the well-established provincial educational program was being carried out by the teachers. A "surprise visit" by a School inspector was a "dreaded occasion" to a teacher. However, it did not happen too often.

The other teachers at South Ohio School were Alvin Bethune (1951-1952) and Elizabeth Landers (1952-1954). Teachers were paid on the basis of a provincial salary scale.

Several happenings during my three years at South Ohio School were interesting and hu-

morous.

Quite often on a late Friday afternoon I would take the train home to Yarmouth. On one such occasion I stopped at the post office and was talking to Emerson Cook, the post master, when the train blew at the railway crossing just up the road. I asked Emerson if I could catch the train. He answered, "If you ran, you could beat it!"

Another time, I stopped in to see Murray Cann's parents and his father had been having a nap on the couch in the kitchen. While speaking with him a very large roll of money bills - large enough to choke a horse - rolled out of his pocket. I thought that was a strange way to protect your money. Later Murray told me that it was necessary for his dad to carry large amounts of money as he went around the country buying and selling cattle. How financial procedures have changed over the years!

A third incident I remember, resulted from farmers doing very well during the WW 2 years as far products were very much needed. A local South Ohio farmer was asked for some money by a son who was getting married. He told his son to go to a certain place and get a large milk can, which he did. However, there wasn't as much money in it as he expected. When he reported this to his father, he was told that he had the wrong can!↵

Malcolm Bradshaw graduated from PNC in 1951 and subsequently taught in several NS communities. He wrote this article for a 250th Event at South Ohio which was part of the 250 Anniversary of Yarmouth.

Reunion 2012 Keynote Speaker

Katherine Braedley, B.Sc., B.Ed.

Katherine Braedley is a secondary math and science teacher who hails from Truro, Nova Scotia. In 2009 she joined the staff of Class Afloat, a high school and university program based out of Lunenburg, NS as a math and science teacher. This is no ordinary school - students and staff travel the world with professional sailors on a tall ship while attending classes and learning about living in community. After surviving the sinking of SV Concordia, she taught again on the SS Sorlandet for the 2010-11 school year, and currently resides in Toronto, ON. Kate holds two degrees: a Bachelor of Science (Honours) from Mount Allison University and a Bachelor of Education degree from Acadia University, and is pleased to be speaking at the NSTC reunion this summer.

This page could be yours...

This newsletter is assembled in sets of four pages. Two years ago the newsletter was 28 pages long. Last year it was 24 pages. This year it's 23 pages in length—but we can't remove 1 page and instead of removing a full 4 pages, we wanted to include all the content we had received.

So... this page, could be yours... and yours... and yours!

The Voice of Our Alumni newsletter goes out to hundreds of Alumni Association members. You are all people who've had exciting and interesting lives both within the teaching profession and outside the classroom. You have many stories to tell and other members would be happy to read them.

So, please make the newsletter yours by sending us your reflections, stories, and thoughts. We look forward to hearing from you at newsletter@nsteacherscollege.ca or the mailing address on page 2.

Reunion 2011 Attendance

Note: In some cases attendees listed below may have registered, but not attended, as well, some faculty/staff may have attended on Friday night but not registered and therefore are not listed below.

Class of '41

Mary (Robertson) MacLean
Anne (MacKinlay) McNab

Class of '42

Marjorie (Pierce) Dowe

Class of '44

Helen (Roulston) Miller

Class of '47

Roberta (Sarty) Macnab-James

Class of '48

Thomas Rissesco

Class of '49

Russell Dowe

Class of '50

Robert MacIsaac

Class of '51

Audrey (Chisholm) Binder
Marie (MacIntyre) Bisson
Elsie (Roulston) Bond
Kathryn (Webber) Cox
Imelda (d'Eon) Currans
Winnifred (Carroll) Day
Hazel (Milley) Fraser
Pencie Granchelli
Gilbert (Gil) Jennex
Thelma (Fifoot) MacIntyre
Evelyn (Canavan) McPhadden
Florence (Todd) Miller
Barbara (Beattie) Morton
Minnie (Morse) Rogers
Betty (Evans) Starratt
Lillian Sutherland

Class of '53

Rosella (Hunley) MacDonald

Class of '55

Nancy (Cox) Austin
Eric Bent
Joan (Wiseman) Bent
Maxine (Pynch) Bezanson
Beverly (Camp) Boon
Marilyn (Forbes) Burns
Patricia (Biggsby) Caudle
Kay (Stevens) Conrad
Donald Hollett
Eva (Mauger) Landry
Martha (MacPhee) MacLaughlin
Jennie (MacDonald) McInnes
M. Ray Nicholson
Howard Spence
Gloria (Guest) Younker

Class of '56

Letitia (Heron) Putnam

Class of '57

Gerald Tynes

Class of '58

Harold Barkhouse
Margaret (Nelson) Dawe

Class of '59

John Davis
Sue (MacKay) Kent

Class of '60

James Gallant
Thora (DeWolfe) Hasiuk
Anne Marie (LeBlanc) LeBlanc
Dorothy (Outhouse) Tidd

Class of '61

Catherine (Smith) Antle
Nicholas Backer
Murray Baillie
Fran (Hollingdrake) Baker
Elsie (Moore) Baxter
Doris (Dunn) Bennett
Mary (Singer) Billard
Carmen (Bliss) Bliss
John Bond
W. Alex Boone
Mary (Kavanaugh) Boudreau
Yvon Bourgeois
Faye (Redden) Brunet
Barbara (Corbett) Burrows
Judith (Mills) Butler
Judith Karen (Jones) Byers
Berkley Cameron
Joan (MacDonald) Cameron
Merle (Gouthro) Cameron
David Canning
Anne (McIntosh) Caudle
Betty Ann (Chennell) Chennell
Lawrence Chiasson
Sharon (Armsworthy) Clow
Gerald Cochrane
Louis Comeau
Greta (Fancy) Crossland
Carroll Crouse
Karen (Kyte) Crowell
Wayne Cunningham
Camilla (Currie) Currie
Peter Currie
Jessie (Cameron) Daye
Isabel (Oliver) den Heyer
Glenis (Johnston) Dolomont
Joseph Dolomont
Richard Doucet
Audrey (Best) Eaton
Sandra (Alexander) Elliot
Jackie (Walsh) Ferdinand
Marilynn (Hare) Ferguson
A. Diane (Clarke) Fillmore
Christine (MacNeil) Gallant

Lillian (Tait) Gillan
Alice (Murray) (Gray) Guy
Marilyn (Starratt) Guy
Mary (Jellow) Halfpenny
J. Fred Hall
Mary (Mrkonjic) Hammond
Heather (Allen) Hennigar
Carole (Currie) Jackman
Alma (Johnston) Johnston
Darel Johnston
Mary Roma (Boudreau) Kehoe
Shirley (Hingley) Kirk
J. Charles Knowles
Margaret (Leopold) Knowles
Erna (DesBarres) Leadbetter
Victor LeBlanc
Mary Jane (O'Neill) Losier
Sylvia (Johnson) Luffman
Helen (MacCormick) MacDonald
Jackie (Ryan) MacDonald
Loretta (Beaudry) MacDougall
Roberta (James) MacIntyre
Georgina (Bulley) MacIsaac
Diane (Leslie) MacKay
Miriam (Morash) MacKay
Francis MacKenzie
Elizabeth (Betty) (Kendall)
MacKinnon
Robert MacLean
Beverly (Smith) Maclellan
Marilyn (Young) MacLeod
Alistair MacNaughton
Colleen (MacCormack) MacNeil
Elaine MacNeil
Michael (Mike) MacNeil
Marcella (MacIntyre) MacPhail
Thomas MacPhail
Norma (Walker) Marsh
Donna (Bowen) Martell
Shirley (Chambers) Martin
Fisher McKay
Yvonne (Bourgeois) McLaughlin
Marie (Gates) Meister
Beverly (Barrington) Merrick
George Moody
Linda (Morehouse) Morehouse
Nettie (Morine) Morine
Boyd Morris
Jeannette (Porter) Morris
Maralyn (Woodfine) Napier
Alvin Nieforth
Eleanor (Tucker) Norrie
Yvonne (Chiasson) Olson
Eleanor (Pendergast) Pendergast
Carole (Reid) Phillips

Ruth (Travis) Phillips
Daniel Poirier
David Pottie
Bertha (Taylor) Provencher
Mary (MacDonald) Purcell
Beula (Mason) Rasmussen
Sandra (Howlett) Rhind
B. Diane Richards Richards
Marilyn (Fuller) Rioux
Judith (Connors) Roberts
Eula (Boudreau) Samson
Alan Schurman
Gail (Hume) Smith
Betty Ann (Lewis) Sparks
Mary (Shomph) Steele
Louise (Medicraft) Stevens
Angus Stewart
Phyllis (McCullough) Stewart

Paul Sulis
Jean (Gillis) Thomas
Joseph Thompson
Robert Thomson
Joyce (MacKenzie) Trenholm
Carole (Oram) Unsworth
Kathleen (Wentzell) Webster
Leone (DeGaut) Winters
Verna (Levy) Wood
Julia (Crouse) Wright
Dorothy (Radchuck) Young
Class of '66
Lynn (Thomas) MacNaughton
Shirley (Gilby) Nicoll
Nancy (Mitton) Sulis
Class of '69
Pauline (Ahle) Bain
Dawn (Hayes) Billard

Class of '70
Robert (Bob) Jordan
Class of '71
Barbara (Gaudet) Gillen MacIntosh
Joan (Porter) Jack
Mary (Cochrane) MacKenzie
Class of '81
Jocelyn (Maas) Bryson
Shelley Morse
Class of '85
Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall
Class of '89
Tania (Whynot) Amirault
Kimberley (Boudreau) Grant
Class of '90
Andrew Wallis

South Mountain Consolidated School - early 1970's

By Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall

In 1971, just before my 9th birthday, I moved with my family to Dundee, Cape Breton from Brookline, Massachusetts. As many of you would know, Dundee in the early 70s was a very rural, dirt-road community where everyone knew everyone—for better or for worse!

Brookline, on the other hand, was a suburb of Boston. My father was a caretaker of an office building on Copley Square in Boston and by the time I had finished grade 3, I was familiar with the city, the subway, traffic, and busy streets. I was also familiar with Dundee because we'd been visiting my father's family there every summer since I was a year old.

In September 1971 I started grade 4. This was not Pierce Public School where I had attended grades kindergarten to 3! Pierce School had three classes at each grade level. South Mountain Consolidated, on the other hand, had three grades in one room! In the 70s this was not called a combined classroom as it is today. It was just how things were. This was a "modern" two room school with washrooms, hot and cold running water, an oil furnace, a large foyer and a "gym" in the basement. The gym was actually bare cement walls with a cement post in the middle and a never-used, portable stage stacked in the corner. Nevertheless, it was the scene of some very intense lunchtime soccer .

The school was part of the Richmond County school district at that time and was staffed by Margaret MacIntosh (grades P-3) and William (Will) B.

Pringle (Principal and grades 4-6).

Mr. Pringle, was an artist, author and storyteller. He had a passion for books and reading. After lunch on most days he would read to the class. I think that reading time was intended to be 15-20 minutes, but there were days when it extended to an hour.

That year at South Mountain we enjoyed the advantage of two circuit teachers. Mr. Simpson arrived from time to time for Physical Education and Mr. Lionel Owens traveled out to offer music education on a regular basis. The following year (maybe two) Mr. Marcel LeFort was the circuit music teacher. Everything else for grades 4 to 6 was taught by Mr. Pringle.

The social studies program was obviously a favourite of Mr. Pringle's. He had studied the pioneers of Nova Scotia and had developed a good program for his students which was brought to life in large coloured-chalk drawings which changed with each lesson.

Christmas brought a wonderful seasonal illustration on the blackboard and preparations for the annual Christmas concert. The concert consisted of music, skits, recitations, songs, and dances and of course a visit from Santa. This annual event was held in the evening and was attended by most members of the community—both young and old. A "lunch" would have been provided by women of the community and would have consisted of copious sandwiches, cookies, squares and tea.

The school library consisted of a n old set of World Book Encyclopaedias and a few dozen, rather worn children's books. However we were blessed with the monthly visit of the Bookmobile. This

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Following are Minutes of Executive Meetings, Full Council Meetings, the Annual 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.

In the event of discrepancy between these minutes and the official copy held by the Secretary, the official copy shall prevail.

**Executive Meeting
April 30, 2011**

An Executive Meeting was held at the home of Robert Jordan Saturday April 30, 2011. at 12:30 PM. The meeting was conducted by the president Helen MacDonald. Others present at the meeting were: Robert Jordan, Roberta Macnab-James, David Pottie, Rosella MacDonald, Margaret Dawe, and Sue Kent.

There was more discussion on the need for us to get a tax number, so we can handle the Building Fund ourselves. It is not really legal for the Little White Schoolhouse to write receipts for donations made to the Building Fund, or money brought in from the Silent Auction. We would need a separate identity for the Building Fund. This will also be brought up during the Full Council Meeting that follows this meeting.

David Pottie moved the meeting adjourn at 12:55 PM.

**Full Council Meeting
April 30, 2011**

A Full Council Meeting was held at the home of Robert Jordan Saturday April 30, 2011 at 1:00 PM. The meeting was conducted by the president Helen MacDonald. Others present at the meeting were: Robert Jordan, Roberta Macnab-James, David Pottie, Rosella MacDonald, Margaret Dawe, Anne Marie LeBlanc, Maxine Bezanson, Kim Grant, Larry Fitzgerald, and Sue Kent.

ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Roberta Macnab-James and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Rosella MacDonald and seconded by Roberta Macnab-James to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2010 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Helen said it is already mentioned on the agenda. That is to discuss what to do with the Building Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Jordan had a letter from Michael Wilson saying, due to family obligations, he had to resign as area representative of Cum-

berland-Colchester-East-Hants. We accepted his resignation with regrets.

REPORTS

President's Report—Helen said there wasn't anything new to report.

Robert Jordan said we need to look at what we have in storage, and decide what to do with it. We need to decide what to keep, what to get rid of, and what to sell. Helen, Robert, and Dave will look at the items and decide what to do. They set May 16th as a tentative date to do this. We rent a 10 x 10 foot space for \$164.00 a month to store the material. We still hope to get space at the Old Normal College, but in the meantime, we still need a space to store the material. It is hoped that when we go through the material, we will be able to get rid of enough material, so we can rent a smaller space. This would save us some money each month. We are still looking for permanent space. This space needs to be heated.

Sandy MacDougall and Robert Jordan will continue looking at what we can do about getting a tax number, and if there is anything we can do about the Building Fund Money, that is being held by the Little White Schoolhouse.

Treasurer's Report—Robert Jordan reported that as of December 31, 2010 we had the following cash on hand:

Investments	\$12,312.00
Current Account	\$337.28
Total cash on hand	\$12,649.28

Robert also gave the following report for the period January 1 to April 30, 2011:

Investments	\$12,312.00
Current Account	\$3,261.30
Total cash on hand	\$15,573.30

Moved by Robert Jordan seconded by David Pottie to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Membership Report—Robert gave the following membership report as of April 30th.

Year	Life	Full	Total
2009	72	43	115
2010	75	11	86
2011	110	61	171
2012	16	2	18
2013	1	0	1
10 Year	87	32	119
Totals	361	149	510

Robert reported that we need to think of another name for a Life Member, as people think they don't have to pay dues when they become a Life Member. There is a reduced dues fee for our life members.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Margaret Dawe to accept the membership report as presented. Motion carried.

Building Fund—The Building Fund is controlled by the Little White Schoolhouse. In fact it legally belongs to them. They can't pass it over to us, as one charity can't give money to another charity. Bill Canning said it is illegal for him to write a receipt for donations made to the building fund, or for donations to the Silent Auction. We were in the process of trying to obtain a tax number, but we have decided to stop the process. The process would cause us to adopt a set of by-laws that differ in some areas quite significantly from our own by-laws / constitution. Without registration as a society, Sandy MacDougall doesn't believe it's possible to move forward with applying to become a registered charity with the ability to issue receipts for tax purposes. He thinks the issue of the money held by the LWSH must remain an issue. The alternative would be to examine our constitution / by-laws, determine what needs to be changed to bring them in line with the required by-laws, do a notice of motion, vote and adopt the changes, then apply for registration as a society.

At that point, we could move forward with the federal government application, which can take up to 8 months to a cou-

ple of years.

Publicity Report—Rosella MacDonald reported that she sent out emails to all area representatives with ideas about how to get news out about the reunion. In March she sent information to RTO Presidents in the Cape Breton Area. An information sheet will be put in every package that is passed out to everyone who attends the AGM. She will also put a notice in The Teacher. Rosella is concerned that the area Michael Wilson was going to serve as area rep. may not get the information, as he has resigned due to family obligations.

It was moved by Rosella MacDonald and seconded by Larry Fitzgerald to approve the Publicity Report as presented. Motion carried.

Constitution Committee Report—David Pottie reported that there is nothing new to report in the constitution.

Publication Report—Sandy MacDougall was absent today, but the report was printed on the back of the agenda. It reads as follows: The newsletter was completed and distributed in February. He thanked Bob for distributing it via email and postal mail. The newsletter was reduced from 28 pages to 24 this year, as he had very little content to work with. He wrote that even 24 pages was a struggle.

It was moved by Margaret Dawe and seconded by Roberta Macnab James to accept the Publication Report as written. Motion carried.

Reunion Report—Robert Jordan reported that the banner will be going up July 22nd. All the arrangements seem to be going well:

- The 50/50 and raffle ticket licences have been obtained. A photo copy of the painting and raffle tickets were ready and handed out to the Council Members who were at this meeting.
- The liquor licence has been obtained.
- The band is booked for Saturday night.
- Friday registration for those registered at the NSCC will take place in the lobby outside the cafeteria of the NSCC.
- Friday registration for those registered at the Best Western (Glengary) will be at the hotel.
- Saturday registration will be in the lobby outside the cafeteria of the NSCC.
- Friday opening, faculty event, pub night will be in the cafeteria of the NSCC.
- Saturday banquet will be at the hotel.
- Dave Pottie wondered how many were registered for the class of 1961, as this could have some impact on the ban-

quet.

- Church service location has not been decided yet.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Larry Fitzgerald to accept the reunion report. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

It is 50 years ago this year that the Nova Scotia Normal College closed.

Dave Pottie moved the meeting adjourn at 2:30 PM.

Annual Meeting August 20, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association of the NSTC was held in the Soloan Dining Hall, Saturday August 20, 2011 at 9:30 AM. The president, Helen MacDonald, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the reunion.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Rosella MacDonald and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to adopt the agenda 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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Roberta Macnab James and seconded by Margaret Dawe that the minutes published in the February 2011 newsletter be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall reported on the Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation. The NSTC Foundation was established on December 3, 1998. It was established to administer the scholarships and awards of the former NSTC. Many people donated to the NSTC Scholarship and Awards Fund over the years, thus there was a substantial amount left in the funds when the college closed in 1997. The directors of the Foundation meet regularly, and the current directors all have ties to the Nova Scotia Teachers College. There is no formal link between the Foundation and the Alumni Association, however, Sandy MacDougall, the vice president, of the Alumni Association is a Director of the Foundation. This Year marks the tenth time that the NSTC Foundation has given the awards. Students who are in their second year of a Bachelor of Education program at a Nova Scotia university are eligible for the awards.

Alexander MacDougall reported that the following people were the recipients of the 2010-2011 Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation awards:

- DeWolfe/Fortune Memorial Scholarship for Math/Science: **Noor Al-Shanti**, Mount Saint Vincent University; Hometown: Halifax, NS
- Dr. Hugh A. Noble Award for Physical Education: **Samantha Zanini**, St. Francis Xavier University; Hometown: Calgary, Alberta
- Elta B. Havey Bursary for Elementary Education: **Alicia Grant**, Mount Saint Vincent University; Hometown: Halifax NS
- Maud Elizabeth Roy Bursary for Elementary Education: **Jenna Randall**, Mount Saint Vincent University; Hometown: Yarmouth, NS—and **Eileen Gilday-Flynn**, Cape Breton University; Hometown: Glace Bay, NS
- Henry Button Memorial Scholarship for English Language Arts: **Jennifer Wyatt**, Mount Saint Vincent University; Hometown: Shad Bay, NS
- Doyle/Mitchell Memorial Scholarship for Social Studies: **Alicia Lewis**, Mount Saint Vincent University; Hometown: Greenwood, NS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Jordan reported that the total cash on hand for the year ending December 31, 2010 is as follows:

Investments	\$12,312.00
Current Account	337.28
Total Cash on Hand	\$12,649.28

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to adopt the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sue Kent reported that she had recorded and written up the minutes of Executive and Full Council meetings throughout the year. She thanked Robert Jordan for circulating the minutes of the meetings. She thanked Robert and Sandy for the great job they did co-convening the reunion. She thanked Helen MacDonald, the Executive, and the Full Council Members for the work they do throughout the year to make our reunion happen. She also thanked Sandy for the great job he does with the Website.

It was moved by Sue Kent and seconded by Maxine Bezanson to accept the secretary's report as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Robert Jordan gave the following membership report:

Year	Full	Life	Total
2009	46	76	122
2010	14	66	80
2011	134	124	258
2012	16	23	39
10 Year	33	90	123

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

COMMUNICATION

Sandy MacDougall reported that the newsletter was published in late February. He thanked Robert Jordan for sending out the copies. Many copies were sent on line, also a lot were sent by mail. Sandy continues to operate the website, and the Facebook Group. He said the website continues to attract people from all over the world. Sandy would like suggestions for articles for the newsletter for next year. He would also like suggestions for the website. If you have any, please send them to him. He thanked Murray Bailie for proofreading the newsletter again this year.

It was moved by Sandy MacDougall, and seconded by Eva Landry to approve the Communication Report as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLICITY

Rosella MacDonald reported that she sent e-mails to area reps with a list of ideas on how to get the word out about the NSTC Annual Reunion. She sent letters containing the same information to area reps who do not have e-mail. She also sent letters to RTO Presidents in the Cape Breton area, namely Judy Whalen, Northside Victoria, Fred Courtney, Glace Bay, John Donovan, New Waterford, and Bernadette Hollohan, Sydney. The letter included all the information about the NSTC Annual Reunion, so the information could be given to teachers who attended the Annual General Meeting in their area. With the assistance of a secretary from the Cape Breton Victoria School Board Staff, and the permission of the Superintendent, a bulletin board type of notice was sent to every school in the district. She also had a notice in the July 27, 2011 Cape Breton Post about the reunion. She also e-mailed reunion information to Eastlink Television, and CBC Radio to be presented in their Public Service Announce-

ments.

It was moved by Rosella MacDonald and seconded by Maxine Bezanson to accept the Publicity Report as presented. Motion carried.

REUNION

Robert Jordan reported that we have 187 people registered for the reunion. Of that 187 registered 2 are from the class of 1941, 16 from 1951, 16 from 1955, 126 from 1961, 3 from 1971, and 2 from 1981. The others were from other years.

Sandy MacDougall reported that plans for next reunion begin as soon as this one is over. He said we are always happy to get comments on how people felt about the reunion.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Sandy MacDougall to accept the Reunion Report as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Murray Baillie and seconded by Mary Hammond to thank David Pottie for the work he did to help organize the reunion, especially the work he did to contact the members of the class of 1961, organize various activities for the group, and get so many to attend the reunion.

There were 126 members who attended the reunion from the class of 1961. This is the largest number ever in attendance from any one class. Congratulations David.

NONINATIONS

David Pottie reported that he surveyed the existing members of the Executive Council to see if they would let their name stand for another term. He was pleased that everyone agreed to do so. David reported that he had 1 nomination for treasurer and 1 nomination for secretary. He also reported that he had 1 nomination for each of the area rep. positions that are up for nomination this year. These names will be recorded later in the minutes, during the election of officers and area reps.

It was moved by David Pottie and seconded by Rosella MacDonald to accept the Nomination Report as presented. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION

David Pottie reported that there are no changes to the constitution.

BUILDING FUND

Robert Jordan reported that we have over \$50,000. in the Building Fund. The Artifacts from the Normal College are currently in storage. We pay \$142.00 a month to store these. The rent for this is taken from the Building Fund. The Little White Schoolhouse Association is looking after the funds for us. Donations continue to come in for the Building Fund. The LWSH Association send out receipts for these donations.

We are trying to get space in the Former Normal College, but this has not happened yet. David Pottie reported that Town Council hopes to fix up the college and make it into a library. If or when this happens, we hope to be able to rent space there.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Harold Barkhouse to accept the Building Fund report as presented. Motion carried.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

DIGBY-CLARE-ARGYLE-YARMOUTH

No report.

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

No report.

KINGS-ANNAPOLIS

Maxine Bezanson reported that she sent notices to most of the schools. She sent memos to the Retired Teachers, and made phone calls to teachers in the area.

CUMBERLAND-COLCHESTER-EAST HANTS

No report.

PICTOU-ANTIGONISH-GUYSBOROUGH

No report.

INVERNESS-RICHMOND

Anne Marie LeBlanc reported that she made contacts in Inverness County, via the Inverness Branch of the Retired Teachers Organization, and the Inverness Oran Newspaper. She also contacted CHET-TV, CKJM Radio Station, Cheticamp, the three Co-ops, the three Credit Unions, two Pharmacies, and two schools. She also made many phone calls, and personal contacts.

She contacted Elaine Burke, River Bourgeois, Richmond County, who helped her making many contacts. She thanked Elaine for her great assistance.

NORTHSIDE-VICTORIA-CAPE-BRETON

Rosella MacDonald reported that she sent letters to the RTO Presidents in the Cape Breton area, namely Judy Whalen, Northside Victoria, Fred Courtney, Glace Bay, John

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Donovan, New Waterford, and Bernadette Hollohan, Sydney. The letter included all the details about the annual reunion, so that information could be given to retired teachers at their Annual General Meeting. Judy Whalen spoke about the reunion at the Northside Victoria AGM. Copies of the information were placed on tables during the dinner meeting, so anyone interested could take a copy. Information concerning the NSTC Reunion was printed on the back of the agenda for the AGM.

With the assistance of a secretary from Cape Breton Victoria School Board Staff, and with the permission of the Superintendent, a bulletin board type of notice was sent to every school in the district.

The July 27, 2011 edition of the Cape Breton Post carried an article containing information about the 2011 NSTC Reunion. Information about the reunion was sent by e-mail to Eastlink Television, and CBC Radio to be used in their Public Service Announcements.

LUNENBURG-HANTS-WEST

Roberta Macnab James reported that she sent notices with information about the 2011 NSTC Alumni Reunion to local weekly newspapers, namely The Lighthouse Log, and The Progress Bulletin. The local radio station CKBW, in Bridgewater, announced details of the reunion on its Community Bulletin Board. She spoke about the reunion at the RTO luncheon in June. She also spoke to several people on the phone about the reunion.

SHELBURNE-QUEENS

Margaret Dawe reported that she attended the fall and spring Full Council Meetings. She visited the Queens RTO, and the Shelburne RTO Meetings where she distributed information and registration forms for the reunion. Notices were given to the NSTU School Representatives to place on their respective staff bulletin boards. She placed notices in local newspapers.

OUT OF PROVINCE-ATLANTIC

Robert Jordan reported for Bernice (McLean) Ainslie. Bernice said she was sorry, she was unable to attend the reunion again this year. She put information about the reunion in the Newfoundland, PEI, and New Brunswick newspapers. She said if anyone would like to take on this position, it was O.K. with her. If not, she would put her name forward for another year. She hoped everyone would have a wonderful weekend.

OUT OF PROVINCE-QUEBEC/ONTARIO

No report.

OUT OF PROVINCE-WEST

No report.

It was moved by Margaret Dawe, and seconded by Sandy MacDougall to accept the

area reps. reports as presented. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Helen MacDonald welcomed everyone to the reunion. She had a special welcome to all graduates for whom this is a special year. The 1961 graduates are celebrating 50 years. They have a lot of activities planned, and are having a great time. The Alumni Executive and Full Council met on a regular basis. The Full Council and especially Robert Jordan and Sandy MacDougall have been very diligently attending to what happens on a regular basis. Robert Jordan has a broad knowledge and insight into the organization. He is founder and constant strength of our organization, and handles operations meticulously. Sandy MacDougall creates the "Voice Of Our Alumni" newsletter which keeps us informed and up to date with what is happening with the alumni. She thanked Sandy and Robert for the excellent job they do. Our past president, David Pottie, is always ready to offer support. David has had an especially busy year. He chaired the committee for the class of 1961, and did a spectacular job. She thanked David. Robert Jordan and Sandy MacDougall are the driving force behind the reunion, working to ensure that every detail is attended to, and that our reunion is enjoyed by everyone.

The Executive Council is comprised of representatives from across the province as well as from across the country. These individuals have been very committed to their responsibilities. They work to make sure information about the association, and especially information about the reunion reaches as many Teacher College Graduates as possible. They also assist during the weekend, collecting meal tickets, helping with registration, and what ever needs to be done. She thanked the Executive Council for the work they do.

Helen also thanked Murray Baillie, class of 1961, for always agreeing to do the overview of the guest speaker for the Alumni Newsletter. His writing of Senator Jane Cordy's speech was appreciated.

An important part of the reunion weekend is the Silent Auction. Joan and Eric Bent have been faithful workers, making this part of the reunion interesting and successful. She thanked Joan and Eric.

There has not been much news about the development of the Old Normal College, but we are still hoping it becomes a reality, and that the Alumni Association will have a "home" there. The Feasibility Study is complete, and has shown there is a lot of interest in Truro, and the surrounding area for the arts in general, and for creative classes and workshops. Lenore Zann continues to

work on this, and has some very creative ideas.

The materials that were housed at Willow Street School are now in storage. The cost of this is taken from the Building Fund. It would be wonderful to have a place to display them. The executive has plans to go through these again to be certain that everything we are keeping is of some value to us.

Friends Of The Little White Schoolhouse and the NSTC Alumni Association have always worked closely together. They continue to work with the new president Bill Canning at preserving the history of teaching in Nova Scotia, the feel of the one room schoolhouse, and maintaining the artifacts and information.

We are always happy to hear from Alumni Members with news, ideas, or suggestions. If you have any thoughts about who you would like us to invite as the guest speaker for next year, please share the names with us. You can use the website or mail the names to the Alumni Association. Both addresses are published in the Alumni Newsletter and other materials you received.

It was moved by Helen MacDonald and seconded by Sandy MacDougall to accept the president's report as presented. Motion carried.

Anne Marie Leblanc thanked Helen MacDonald for the work she does during the year, and at reunion time.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Roberta Mcnab-James that we appoint Harold Barkhouse and Thomas Acker as auditors for the year 2011-2012. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF AREA REPS AND OFFICERS

David Pottie conducted the election of Officers and Area Reps. The results were as follows:

Treasurer—Robert Jordan
Secretary-- Sue Kent
Area Representatives for:
Shelburne-Queens—Margaret Dawe
Lunenburg-Hants West—Roberta Macnab-James
Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough—Kim Grant
Inverness-Richmond—Anne Marie LeBlanc
Out-Of-Province-Atlantic—Bernice McLean
Out-Of-Province-Quebec/Ontario—Darren Fancy
Out-Of-Province-West—Darcy Balyea

NEW BUSINESS

"Life Membership" Terminology—We have Life Membership, Full Membership, and 10 Year Membership. The words "Life Membership" are confusing to many people.. They assume when they become a "Life Member" , they no longer have to pay dues. This is not

the case. They pay a reduced membership. It goes from \$15.00 Full Membership to \$10.00 for Life Membership.

Murray Baillie suggested we leave it in the hands of the executive to come with an appropriate name change for our current Life Membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy MacDougall made the following announcements:

- There will be an Executive Council Meeting following this meeting.
- Class pictures will be taken on the steps of the gym at 11:30 AM.
- The class of 1961 will be taken first, as they have activities planned for the reunion and they want to check on them.
- The executive picture will be taken next, followed by the honoured years
- Lunch will be served in the cafeteria at 12:30 PM.
- Don't forget to buy your tickets on the "Three Fish" painting..
- Don't forget your 50/50 tickets.
- The class of 1961 is doing a presentation this afternoon. They are inviting everyone to come and enjoy their entertainment.
- The church service will be at St. Andrew's United Church on King St. at 10:00AM
- The 2012 reunion will be August 17, 18, 19.

Marilyn Burns adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Full Council Meeting August 20, 2011

A Full Council Meeting was held in the So-loan Dining Hall, Saturday August 20, 2011 following the Annual General Meeting. The meeting was chaired by the president Helen MacDonald. Others present at the meeting were: Anne Marie LeBlanc, Roberta Macnab James, Margaret Dawe, Rosella MacDonald, Robert Jordan, Maxine Bezanson, David Pottie, Alexander MacDougall, and Sue Kent.

It was moved by Rosella MacDonald and seconded by Maxine Bezanson to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Margaret Dawe and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2011 Executive Meeting, and the April 30, 2011 Full Council Meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Reunion

The 2011 Reunion will be reviewed in detail at the October Full Council meeting. The dates of the 2012 Reunion will be August 17-19, 2012.

Dora Cochran has a lap quilt she has agreed to donate for the ticket raffle sale for the 2012 reunion. Maxine Bezanson has a quilted tree skirt that she will donate for the 2012 ticket raffle sale. We can raffle these off together.

Treasurer's Report

Robert Jordan gave the following financial statement for the period January 1 to August 15, 2011:

Investments	\$12,312.00
Current Account	12,539.91
Total Cash on Hand	\$24,851.91

Robert reported that the 2010 Reunion brought in \$11,338.00. This is up \$1,500 to \$2,000 over the previous year.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Roberta Macnab-James to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by David Pottie seconded by Rosella MacDonald to give an honorarium of \$3,000 to Robert Jordan. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sandy MacDougall and seconded by Maxine Bezanson that the Committee Chairs remain the same as last year. Motion carried.

Following is a list of the committees and chair people:

- Membership and Life Membership--Robert Jordan
- Publication---Sandy MacDougall
- Publicity---Rosella MacDonald
- Reunion---Robert Jordan and Sandy MacDougall
- Nominations---David Pottie
- Constitution---David Pottie
- Building Fund---Robert Jordan
- Website---Sandy MacDougall

The tentative date for the next Executive Meeting and Full Council Meeting is October 29, 2011. The 2011 reunion will be discussed in detail at the October Full Council Meeting.

Sandy MacDougall adjourned the meeting at 10:12 AM.

Executive Meeting October 29, 2011

An executive meeting was held at the home of Robert Jordan on Saturday October 29th, 2011 at 12:30 PM. The president Helen MacDonald conducted the meeting. Others present at the meeting were: Sandy MacDougall, David Pottie, Rosella MacDonald, Roberta Macnab James, Robert Jordan, and Sue Kent.

Robert Jordan reported that we made \$2,636.03 on the reunion. He said we lost money on rooms, but we made money on breakfast, lunch, and the banquet.

There was a discussion about what to do with the money in the Building Fund. Most of the money is in GIC's. Helen MacDonald said the money from the 50/50 (Even Split), and money from the tickets for the painting will go into the general funds. Money that requires a receipt will go to the Building Fund.

Sandy MacDougall suggested, we should have a financial statement, so we would know exactly how much is in the Building Fund.

It was suggested, we probably don't need the Executive Meeting before the Full Council Meeting, because the things we discuss at the Executive Meeting are also discussed at the Full Council Meeting.

It was moved by David Pottie and seconded by Roberta Macnab James to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

Full Council Meeting October 29, 2011

A Full Council Meeting was held at the home of Robert Jordan October 29, 2011 at 1:00PM. The meeting was conducted by the president Helen MacDonald. Others present at the meeting were : Rosella MacDonald, David Pottie, Roberta Macnab James, Robert Jordan, Margaret Dawe, Maxine Bezanson, Anne Marie LeBlanc, Sandy MacDougall, Eric Bent and Sue Kent. Regrets Kim Grant. Helen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Eric Bent and seconded by Rosella MacDonald to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Roberta Macnab James and seconded by Margaret Dawe to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2011 Full Council Meeting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Jordan had a letter from the Probate Court May 19, 2011 stating that Wallace John MacRae left \$2000. To the NSTC Building Fund.

Sue Kent had a letter from Helen MacDonald thanking the Full Council Members for the basket of goodies she received for being our guest speaker. She said she was enjoying the items that were in the basket.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Helen MacDonald reported that there are no new developments since our Annual General Meeting. She wanted to thank the members of the Full Council for making Reunion 2011 a huge success. She especially wanted to thank Robert Jordan and Sandy MacDougall who did a great job in planning every detail of the reunion. She thanked the chair person for each year for making people aware of the reunion. She thanked all members of the Council for helping to make the reunion a success. She thanked everyone for the contributions to the basket. She thanked David Pottie and said the gold star went to him for the endless hours he worked to get approximately 130 graduates from the class of 1961 to attend the reunion.

She thanked Sandy MacDougall for getting the Fish Painting for our ticket sales. Roma Kehoe won the painting. She mentioned that we already have some items for next years ticket sales. She thanked everyone who sold tickets on the painting and the 50/50 draw.

We need to make every effort to make our 2012 reunion as successful as this year's. We need chairs for each honoured year, and a guest speaker.

Thanks to Murray Baille for agreeing again to do an article for the Newsletter concerning the speech delivered at the reunion.

We still need someone to fill the vacancy as an area representative for Cumberland-Colchester-East Hants. If anyone knows someone who might take on the position please bring the name forward. Eric Bent and Robert Jordan will try to find someone to fill this position.

Helen said she looked forward to communicating with everyone. She said don't hesitate to call or email if you have a question or a suggestion.

Sandy MacDougall has a throw and Maxine Bezanson has a tree skirt for our 2012 reunion ticket sales. It was suggested we list both items on the tickets, but have two draws. Maxine Bezanson has a cup with the Nova Scotia Normal College and the Science Building on it. Eric Bent said the LWSH Museum board members may be interested in

buying it.

Anne Marie LeBlanc thanked Helen MacDonald for the interesting talk at the reunion. She also said it was nice to see Eric Bent back.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Jordan gave the following treasurer's report:

Investments	\$12,312.00
Current Account	1,454.09
Total Cash on Hand	\$13,766.09

Robert was wondering if we should invest part of our Current Account. He reported that we made \$2,636.03 on the reunion.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP

Robert Jordan gave the following membership report as of October 29, 2011. Membership paid for:

Year	Life	Full	Total
2009	69	39	108
2010	53	10	63
2011	238	41	279
2012	34	2	36
2013	2	0	2
10 Year			
2006	39	15	54
2007	18	6	24
2008	8	1	9
2009	6	5	11
2010	10	4	14
2011	10	1	11
		Total	611

Robert reported that 209 newsletters were mailed to those people without email.

NSTC EDUCATION TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

Sandy MacDougall reported that the Educational Trust Fund information has been sent out to the Universities. He also mentioned that David White a member of the board has been in China all Fall.

BUILDING FUND

Robert Jordan reported at the meeting that we had over \$50,000.00 in the Building Fund. Since then, he has had an update on the Building Fund. The update as

of August 30, 2011 is as follows:

Invested GIC's	\$50,000.00
Cash on hand	\$2,690.68
Total	\$52,690.68

The money is invested through CIBC Wood Gundy.

LITTLE WHITE SCHOOLHOUSE/NSTC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The members of the Little White Schoolhouse don't feel comfortable handling the Building Fund money. Harold Barkhouse doesn't feel comfortable writing receipts for donations made to the Building Fund. Eric Bent said they would like NSTC Alumni to get their own charitable number. We would have to change the constitution if we get a charitable number. If we made a separate group, we would only have to add the group to the constitution, and not have to make a lot of changes. The Little White Schoolhouse could still invest the money, but we could write the receipts. The government says we are a social group, but our objective is to preserve the History of Education.

Sandy MacDougall reported that a lawyer he talked to said we can get money from the Little White Schoolhouse. Sandy MacDougall suggested we change the name of the Building Fund to the Historical Fund. This would mean a change to Article 11 of the constitution. We could put a Notice Of Motion in the 2012 Newsletter. David Pottie and Sandy MacDougall will work on this. It will take 2 years. We could register as a not for profit organization with the government.

Dalhousie University is out of the Lenore Zann project.

The town of Truro has talked about making a Library in the Old Normal College Building. If this happens, we would like to acquire room to store our items.

Any money that requires a tax receipt goes to the Little White Schoolhouse Museum. Money from the Silent Auction goes to the LWSH Museum and will continue to do so. \$1.00 of the membership dues goes to the Building Fund. Money from the ticket sales

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◆ ◆ Reunion 2012 Tentative Agenda ◆ ◆

Friday, August 17, 2012

Check-in at Best Western Glengarry Hotel, Truro
 4:00 pm - Davis Hall Residence opens
 6:00-8:00 pm - Reunion Registration at NSCC
 (previously NSTC) Campus—Cafeteria Lobby
 7:30 pm - Official Opening of Reunion 2012 with

Faculty Event

A chance to visit with faculty and staff from TC on Friday evening.

Guest Speaker, Katherine Braedley in NSCC Cafeteria

8:00 pm - Faculty/Staff Tribute - A great time to thank those who helped us through our

years at NSNC/NSTC.

8:30 pm - Pub-night - Mix and mingle, socialize with old friends, catch up, make new friends—if you play an instrument, bring it along—join the “kitchen party”! Cash Bar available.

Friday notes:

- The Best Western Glengarry Hotel has a special rate for Alumni Reunion weekend. More information on page 27.
- Staying in Davis Hall? Bring a fan if the weather is warm or an extra blanket if weather is cool. Towels and linens are provided.
- If you pre-register and stay in Davis Hall, your registration package will be there for you when you arrive
- No supper provided on site on Friday.
- Friday evening activities are all at the NSCC Campus (previously NSTC).
- Cash bar available for Friday evening events.

Saturday, August 18, 2012

7:00-8:30 am - Breakfast in NSCC Cafeteria
 9:30 am - Annual Meeting in Cafeteria
 10:30-11:00 am - Executive Meeting in Cafeteria
 11:30 am - Class photos on steps of gym
 12:30 pm - Lunch in Cafeteria
 Afternoon - Time to wander around the campus, attend class meetings or activities, visit old haunts, shop, visit the old campus (downtown) or the Little White Schoolhouse Museum
 6:00 pm - Reception and Social in Cafeteria
 6:30 pm - Dinner and Awards at the Best Western Glengarry
 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. Dance to Jim Aylward ('91) and his band *Sweet Revenge*. This is bound to be an evening of fun for everyone - there may be prizes too!!

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. We will let you know when you arrive.



Sunday, August 19, 2012

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

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

Change of Venue

Note the change of venue for both Friday and Saturday evening activities. We are staying with the plan we used last year... The official opening, faculty event and pub-night will be in the cafeteria on the College campus. Dinner, awards and dance will be at the Best Western Glengarry.

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and the 50/50 (Even Split) goes in the general fund.

Robert Jordan said we need to book the Little White Schoolhouse early, if we want it open for the reunion, and to have the Silent Auction there.

REVIEW OF REUNION 2011

FINANCIAL

Robert Jordan gave the following reunion Financial Report:

Total Income	\$15,118.00
Paid Out	\$12,481.97
Profit	\$ 2,636.03

We lost \$413.50 on the rooms, but we made \$2200.71 on the meals. We made \$49.48 on breakfast, \$542.58 on lunch, and \$1608.65 on the banquet.

Sandy MacDougall said the only complaints he heard were: The elevator wasn't working, and the cafeteria was too hot Friday night.

Anne Marie LeBlanc said she didn't hear as many positive comments as usual.

PLANS FOR REUNION 2012-August 17-19

We discussed what we should do for the 2012 reunion. Should we have some activities at the college and some at the hotel or should it all be at the hotel?

It was agreed that we stay the same as we did this year for the 2012 reunion. We will have the Friday night activities at the college, and the banquet and dance at the Best Western Hotel on Saturday night.

Some advantages of being at the college are the rooms are cheaper and people feel a connection to the college.

SPEAKER: Eric Bent suggested Katherine Braedley who taught on the tall ship that went down. Eric will check with Katherine to see if she will be our speaker. Eric also suggested Dr. Paul Bennett who wrote the

book Vanishing Schools. We will check with him, if Katherine is not able to be our speaker.

David Pottie said we need something planned for Saturday afternoon. Sandy MacDougall will look into organizing the Wine Tasting again. Other suggestions for Saturday afternoon were to have Pete Lucket or Nevill MacKay.

The church service for our 2012 reunion will probably be at First Baptist Church.

NEWSLETTER

Sandy MacDougall thanked Roberta Macnab-James for the article she gave him for the Alumni Newsletter. If you have anything for the newsletter, please send it to Sandy by the end of January.

Robert Jordan suggested we have an Executive Meeting before the Full Council Meeting on April 28, 2012.

Eric Bent moved the meeting adjourn at 3:20 PM

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library on wheels brought new and wonderful books to the school and students.

During my years at South Mountain School the community was served by a multi-party, crank phone system. In the winter, if it was a particularly cold or stormy day a phone ring to the teacher, janitor or bus drivers number might very well lead to parents on the line hushing those in their kitchens and "listening in" to find out if school was cancelled. Sort of a precursor to Twitter?

Behind the school was a field and at the back of the field was the toboggan hill. Lunchtimes

weren't officially supervised but I don't recall any particularly serious injuries as a result of playing in and with the snow or exploring the surrounding wooded area and brook.

Spring brought a school yard clean up and often tree planting on Arbour Day. Near the end of the year the entire school would walk to Leonards Island (not really an island) for a day of fun and games and hotdogs boiled on Coleman stoves. This day would come after grade 4-6 final test—yes, we sat final tests that included all the material covered that year.

Although the school system of the 70s seemed to be less rigid than that of today, we were well prepared when we moved on to St. Peter's District High for grades 7 to 12.☺

We need you!

Do you have something to contribute to the Newsletter? Story ideas, an obituary notice, an update for Class & Faculty Notes, a special story you'd like to share? Well, we want to hear from you! Send your contributions to:

Newsletter@nsteacherscollege.ca

Or perhaps you have something for the Website—a comment, photo, historical information? We want that too! Send those to:

WebAdmin@nsteacherscollege.ca

In either case, you can also drop us a note to the address on page 2.

Questions about the Reunion?

Need more information?

Contact the
Reunion 2012 Coordinators

Bob Jordan, '70
Sandy MacDougall, '85

reunion@nsteacherscollege.ca

or
PO Box 1252 Truro NS B2N 5N2

PNC/NSTC Artifacts

As part of the on-going effort to compile history and information about PNC/NSTC we continue to look for images of rings and other artifacts related to the College. We currently have images of several rings and some other jewellery pieces as well as a couple of other items in the online gallery.



As you can see from these photos, there was a wide array of items produced over the years. The variety and styles of rings alone,

is quite interesting.

If you have a ring, pin, tie clip or any other item and have the ability to take a digital picture of it, we'd like to get that image to add to the gallery. You can send it along to webadmin@nsteacherscollege.ns.ca and we'll add it to the collection along with a note that credits the owner and gives a brief description of the item and the time period/year it represents.



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Best Western Glengarry

Special Reunion Weekend Rate
 \$110.99 /night single occupancy
 \$120.99 /night double occupancy
 \$10.00 each additional adult

Booking must be made by July 17, 2012
 Quote "Alumni Reunion" to get the special price
 Make reservations directly—all prices + tax
 902-893-4311 or 1-800-567-4276

Alumni Who Served their Country

The Little White Schoolhouse Museum has compiled data on Alumni who served in the First World War.

They now want to start collecting similar data on Alumni who served in the Second World War, Korea or any other conflict. If you know of such Alumni please forward as much of the following details as possible to Newsletter@nsteacherscollege.ca (or mail it to the address on page 2): full name, service, service number, home location. The more complete the information, the easier it will be to verify and document, but any information will be helpful.

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 18, 2012. Term of office is two years:

Office

President
 Vice-President

Area Representatives

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

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

Little White Schoolhouse Museum

The Little White Schoolhouse Museum (LWSHM) is located on the former NSTC campus (now NSCC Truro Campus) near the corner of Arthur and Willow Streets. The museum is devoted to the history of education in Nova Scotia from the mid-1800's to the early 1970's. The museum itself is a former one-room school which was built in Riverton, Pictou County between 1868 and 1871 and then moved to Truro in 1976.

The LWSHM is operated by a board of directors which is currently chaired by Mr. Bill Canning. During the summer it is open during the day from Monday to Friday. At other times it is usually open on Tuesday mornings when visitors will often find several former TC faculty and friends socializing and working on various museum projects.

Much of the archived materials from PNC/NSTC are housed in the museum. While the LWSHM and the Alumni Association are, for the most part, not technically connected, our goals do overlap and as a result we maintain a very good cooperative relationship. The museum and its volunteers are sources of what seems to be unlimited information on the history of PNC/NSTC and are always very eager to pass along that information or help out when people far and wide get in touch with a wide array of questions.

If you are in Truro, try to get by the Museum for a visit. ☺

Reunion 2012
August 17-19

Plan Ahead! **Reunion 2013**

Classes of :
1933, 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983 and
1993 will be honoured!

Tentative dates: August 16-18, 2013

Consider being a chair for your graduating year. Contact the reunion coordinators at reunion@nsteacherscollege.ca or drop us a note, if you would like to help organize and contact your classmates.

Make this a group event! Come out to Truro in 2013 and have a great time with old friends... and meet new friends as well!

Nomination Form

Offices and Area Representatives that become vacant this year are listed on the back of this form (see **page 23**). 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 2013-2015.

Signed: _____ Class: _____

Name (print): _____ Date: _____

This form may be mailed to the address on **page 23** or passed to the Secretary up to, and including, the Annual Meeting on August 18, 2012.