

Teacher And Pupils At Bethel Grove, 1935



Left to right in above picture of Bethel Grove School are: back row, Madeline Coates, Louise Foster, Florence Bamsey, Elva Kinsman, teacher Delbert Gainer, Kenneth Lancaster, Jack Rowe; front

row, Ruth Lancaster, Audrey Rowe, Earl Kinsman, Ralph Rowe, Russell McBride, Wallace Rowe, Elmer Bamsey, Graham Foster. Picture supplied by Mrs. Orville Horner, Port Hope.

In 1964 an electric heating system was installed in the church by Gordon Harris, to replace the insufficient oil heater and faithful old box stove that had been there for many years. It has proven satisfactory and all the men turned out to help. There was a canvass for funds and manual labor was given freely.

Some of those helping who have not been previously mentioned in connection with the church were Jack Lancaster, Irvine Goheen, Elmer Lightle, Victor Lightle, Irwin Moore and perhaps others whose names may have been overlooked.

In the years 1964 and 1965, the roof and outside trim on the church as well as the interior, seats and floor, have all received a coat of paint. The vestibule at the rear entrance of the church was completely renovated with new ceiling, wall panelling, tile floor, curtains, a bit of paint and coat rack were purchased.

Women's Organization

The expense of the work

was partly covered by bequests left by Miss Jessie Lightle, the rest shared between church board and U.C.W. and a donation from Edgar Moore.

The women's organization depends on a Spring supper in May and a turkey dinner in the Autumn. Some of the former members join in these undertakings and their help is greatly appreciated.

Some mention might be made here of Mrs. Stanley Etcher, deceased, who gave so freely of time and energy whenever she was asked to take part. She served as president for many years, and was treasurer of the Women's Group for 14 years. Mrs. Edgar Moore was a staunch supporter of Bethel Grove church, and others were very faithful and deserve credit for their work also.

Bethel Grove Teachers

Teachers at Bethel Grove school from about the year 1892 according to Mrs. Alvin Cole were: Bella Stevenson, Joseph Roberts, Win. Stewart,

Dave Moore, Mabel Tapscott, Violet Scott, Miss Boundy, Mary Tapscott, Thomas Hardcastle, Gordon Boggs, Muriel Guilett, Cobourg, Percy Davidson, Jennie Whitehead, Blanche Goheen, Verna Watt, Bertha Payne, Miss McCarnegie, Frona Craig, May Dawson, Bailieboro; George Byres, Ruth Lander, Plainville; Bert Gaynor, Edna Jamieson, Norman Gaynor, Mary Rutherford, Gena Cole, Audrey Linton, Mrs. George Cole, Miss McFarland, Kathelene Kimton, Blanche Philip, Mrs. Evelyn Wilson, Mrs. Warren Butters, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Gillen.

School Trustees

Some school trustees during the years at Bethel Grove were: Henry Robison, Robert Rose, Jess Cornelius, Arthur Howard, William McBride, Fred Cole, John Goheen, John Lightle, Stanley Lancaster, Fred Brenton, Herb Coates, John Cornelius, Stanley Etcher, Lorne Cole, Orville McClelland.