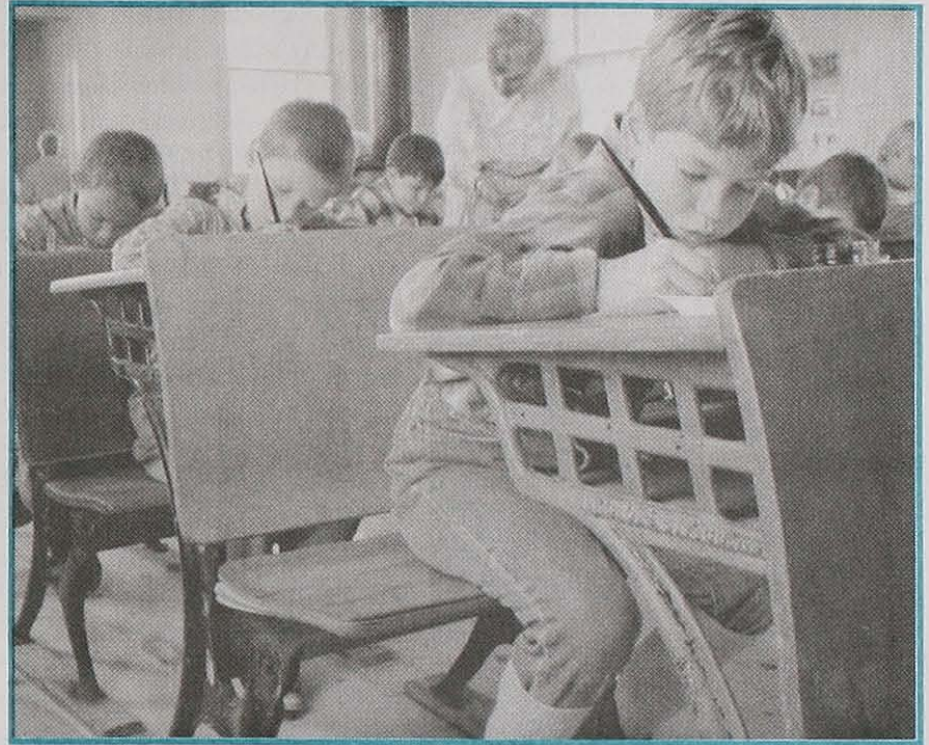


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## Anything But the Wrecking Ball!



No ballpoint pens here! WI member Pauline Hughes supervises students dressed in period costumes as they use straight nib pens and ink wells in the one-room schoolhouse/living history museum.

Photo courtesy of The Renfrew Mercury.

When the community of Admaston said “Anything but the wrecking ball!,” the Balsam Hill Branch in Renfrew South District started renovations to change their heritage one-room school/Women’s Institute Hall into a living history museum.

With a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and more than one thousand volunteer hours of work, SS No. 2 Admaston welcomed the first Grade 3 class last September. Representatives from all of the project’s partners joined the children for memory work, a spelling bee, the singing of “God Save the Queen” and the official ribbon cutting.

The children enthusiastically agreed that dressing in period costume, packing a period lunch and studying turn-of-the-century curriculum made for an exciting day of school.

By restoring the one-room school to its original state, complete with the outhouse, the Balsam Hill WI is preserving an integral part of the history of its community and providing an opportunity for children to experience their heritage in a practical and meaningful way. Theory will become reality for a day, and the memories will last forever.

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