

Old Preneveau School Being Demolished 1960

(contributed)

One of the first public schools built in Belmont Township—the brick school at Preneveau — a township landmark is being demolished. It was closed as a school in 1905, after at least two generations of children had received their education within its walls. The most illustrious pupil who received his education there was John A. Sexsmith. He was member of Parliament for the riding of East Peterborough, serving for many years.

The school has been in a sad state of disrepair for many years and was considered to be a menace to the safety of children playing there, and to highway safety.

At the time the school was built in 1878, No. 7 highway was not even a dream of the future. At that time the road was locally known as the Norwood road and was a far cry from the present highway.

The Belmont and Methuen Township Council have been striving for years to have the school demolished but due to the fact it belonged to an estate, of which no one was in authority to give permission, nothing was done.

In January this year it was sold for taxes and now in February the old school will soon be no more.

Belmont S. S. No. 5 School Picnic. 1960

The annual picnic for Rockdale School was held on Wednesday, June 29, at the school where games and races were enjoyed by everyone. A lovely lunch was served by the teacher and mothers.

Race results are as follows:

Pre-school children — Douglas Bowen 1st; Tommy Edwards 2nd.

Grades 1 and 2—Billie Hornsby 1st; Kathy Wheeler 2nd.

Grades 3 and 4—Diane Youmans 1st; Wayne Snowball 2nd.

Grades 5, 6 and 7—David Youmans 1st; Linda Hornsby 2nd.

Mothers' Egg-throwing contest —Dorothy Bowen; Frances Wheeler.

Mothers' Race—Dorothy Bowen 1st; Frances Wheeler 2nd.

Three-legged race— (Grades 4 to 8)—David Youmans and Wayne Snowball 1st;; Cleo Deshane and Diane Youmans 2nd.

Wheelbarrow race— (Grades 1, 2 and 3)—Billie Hornsby and Johnny Jones 1st; Trudy Wheeler and Joanne Hornsby 2nd.

Pre-school children ball throw— Tommy Edwards and Douglas Bowen 1st; Joanne Hornsby and Johnny Edwards 2nd.