

History of Park Head continued.

In 1939 Canada's first rural Folk School was held in the farm home on Lot 1, Con. 4 Amabel which has recently been vacated by Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Samells, and loaned by them for the occasion. It was held as a residential school under the capable leadership of Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Harman. The idea spread across Ontario and into other provinces and now each winter hundreds of these schools are held across Canada creating in our youth a zest for rural living and helping them to live fuller, richer and happier lives.

The southern part of this community was given Rural Telephone Service from Allenford in 1910 and the village and northern part from Hepworth in 1911.

The Hydro Line was built up the Count Line from the south as far north as Park Head in 1937 and served the people in this section of Amabel. This was a great boon to the rural people.

On Feb. 12, 1914 the Women's Institute was instrumental in having a Public Library started.

Co-operative shipping of livestock started in this area early in 1921 when scales were purchased and shipping yards built near the station. Before a regular shipper was appointed, Richard Sylvester and L. Schnurr acted in that capacity. The first regular shipper was Sidney Smith followed by Firman Philp, T. B. Rourke and Percy Doubt who is the present shipper. On March 2nd 1953 the C.N.R. closed the stock yards and the residents purchased land and built new stock yards about one quarter of a mile north of Park Head on Highway 6 and commenced shipping April 20th, 1953. The shipping in recent years is all done by truck, which is a vast improvement on driving the cattle to Owen Sound.

Bruce Old Boys Re-union was celebrated at Park Head on July 29th 1948 when two hundred citizens of Park Head welcomed back almost four hundred old boys and girls of the community with their families.

They were welcomed to the Park entrance by a committee of four native-born residents. A tractor drawing two hay racks filled with old boys and girls toured the grounds. A program of sports was carried out which included a league ball game between Allenford and Park-Head. There was a visit to the church and tour of the school where the first teacher Mr. W. D. Hannah taught when the building was opened in 1893. Over thirty pupils of the sixty who attended greeted their old teacher and answered the roll call. They expressed their delight at being able to greet him.

Several group pictures were on display of different generations, as well as views of store, sawmill, station etc. A bountiful supper was served, cafeteria style, by the members of the Women's Institute and a concert enjoyed in the church shed. Throughout the day the Kiltie Band of Owen Sound and Park Head provided music. Former residents of Park Head taking part in the program were Mr. Ben Brookbank of Vancouver, the first blacksmith in this community, also Mrs. Beatrice (Pringle) Daley of Palmerston.