

implement until 1942 when it closed. In 1908, Mr. Marshall bought Mr. Lavender's store on the east side of the tracks and one store operated after that.

In 1911, Mr. Marshall sold the store and sawmill to Henderson brothers who carried on the business until 1923 when they sold out to Fred T. Hanbidge of Wiaraton. Mr. Hanbidge sold the sawmill to Hector Diebel of Allenford who operated it for three seasons. Mr. Diebel manufactured a large quantity of lumber and railway ties which he sold to the C.N.R.. As timber was now getting scarce, Mr. Diebel dismantled the mill and took it away.

Names on the business register at one time for Dobbinton were: Traub's Sash and Door Factory; Ferguson's Creamery, Frost's Well and Ditch-Digging Office, Galbraith's Carriage Shop, Rutherford's Sawmill, Orange Lodge Hall, Lavender's General Store, Hunt's Store, the Presbyterian Church which held services above Henderson's Store. The Thomson Shoe Store, the Post Office, Clement's Blacksmith shop, Monkman's Machine and Blacksmith Shop, Blacksmith and Pump Agency run by Archie and Ed Currie ; Ed Currie operated a Grist Mill run by a gas engine, and Archie Currie operated a threshing machine and grist mill. There was also a Methodist Church.

The U.S.S. #10, Elderslie (Dobbinton) original log school was built in 1857 on Lot 31, Concession 13. Shortly after 1880 the log school was covered with board siding. In 1902, it was decided to build a new school. The log building was moved to the Arran-Elderslie Townline, Lot 28, Concession 14, Elderslie and was used as a dwelling for Mr. and Mrs. David Irvine and family until about 1940.

The New school of white brick was built on the farm owned by Mr. Robert King was separated by a rail fence. The school was built at a cost of \$2075. The first teacher was Mr. Malcolm Munn. The first trustees were W.J. Thomson, Peter Hepburn, and David Patchell and the Secretary W. Cruikshank.

This school served the area until a fire in March 1961 destroyed it. For some months after the fire, the teacher and pupils occupied the basement of the Dobbinton United Church. However, when the Board decided not to rebuild the school some pupils attended No. 9 (Snell's) and the remainder No. 11 (Salem).

In earlier years football was a favourite sport but gave way to hardball and then to softball. Teams playing the latter won "D" Championships for several years.

The coming of the automobile and truck made many changes to the hamlet of Dobbinton. The above was written for the History of Elderslie Township in 1977 and it shows that one store, post office, weigh scales, the Dobbinton United Church and some houses are all that is left of the once busy community.

In 2010, the store, post office, weigh scales, train tracks have disappeared but the Dobbinton United Church is still there and very active. In August this church has a