

Port Elgin High School's 40+ Reunion a great success

Former students gather for day of splendid reminiscing

by Randy Derry

There could have been no better theme for the Port Elgin High School 40+ Reunion Saturday than 'Revive Old Friendships, Refresh Your Yesteryears and Relive Old Memories' because that is just

what nearly 600 former students did in a day of splendid reminiscing.

Handshakes, hugs, laughter and even a few tears could be seen and heard throughout the afternoon and evening as former classmates and

friends renewed acquaintances and caught up with years of news. But sooner or later, and usually sooner, all talk turned to those glorious school days of yesteryear, days that have only become fonder as the

"I'm afraid I'll miss seeing some of my former classmates there are so many here today," noted Shirley Cox - Betterly, Class of '42, who returned to Port Elgin all the way from Huntington, Indiana for the Reunion. "I use to drive the old 1927 Chevy panel truck in 1945-47 picking up students between North Bruce and Port Elgin. My brother Don let the kids in and out because the door was always locked on the truck!"

In fact the Betterly's made it a long-distance reunion of their own when Shirley was joined by brothers Don, Class of '45, also from Huntington, Indiana and Sheldon, Class of '46, from Virginia and sister Dorothy Tripp - Betterly, Class of '47, from Ossian, Indiana.

"This is just wonderful," enthused Don. "I'm seeing people I haven't seen for forty years. My arm will be sore tonight from shaking so many hands. The Committee has done a wonderful job in letting so many former students know of this Reunion. And so many have come back for it. It's just great."

Isobell Underwood hasn't left the area but was in heaven seeing so many old friends that have.

"I've seen friends I haven't seen since high school. It's so wonderful to talk about those school days - the three mile walk to the bus stop, the homework, the teachers - everything and anything. I'm having such a grand time."

and Vicki Archer.



Left: In 1965 prom, Carole Cluley and Don Sutherland.

Port Elgin Saugeen Central School bids adieu to 92 Grade 8 graduates last week

Port Elgin Saugeen Central School celebrated the graduation of 92 of its finest students on June 19th. Port Elgin School Board Trustee Carolyn Day brought greetings from the Bruce County Board of Education while Geoffrey Williams delivered the Valedictory Address. Many students were rewarded for their efforts, commitment and contributions to P.E.S.C.S. with a number of awards. The winners are as follows:

I.O.D.E. Award for highest academic Standing	Ranya Saad
General Proficiency Award	Kate Wood
Howard Collins Scholarship	Beckie Campbell
Principal's Award	Donnie Burns
English Award	Richard Cassan
Math Award	Joanna Kosloski
Michael Humphrey Award	Teile Botting
Herb Young Memorial Geography Award	Jennifer Kartalaie
History Award	Katie Lutz
Elizabeth Wathke Memorial Award	Derek Alstein
Music Award	Aimee Sloan
Science Award	Johnathon Dellandrea
Art Award	Jodi Kozelenko
Physical and Health Education	Julia Miller & Josh Dadswell
Instrumental Music Award	Grant Thomas
Knights of Columbus Award	Brynn McCannel
Saugeen Fire Department Award	Jennifer Weber
Citizenship Awards	Russell Reinwald
	Kendra Miller
	Lindsay Morningstar
	Elsa Szlapa
	Allison De Jong
	Jessica Millar
	Meaghan Thede
	Geoffrey Williams
Lion's Club Citizenship Award	
Valedictorian Award	

The graduating class was addressed by S.D.S.S. Student Goran Yabar before the 92 students, 38 of which graduated with honours, received their certificates from Grade Eight teachers Mr. Bolton, Mrs. Charleton, Mrs. Cleland and Mr. Porter.