

Brief Sketch of Events 1922 - 1950

1922 - Prior to this date, pupils, graduating from Public School in this area, had to leave school or continue further education elsewhere. The two nearest secondary schools were at Port Perry, 6 miles distant, or at Bowmanville, 12 miles distant.

In Sept. 1922, by the permission of the Department of Education, two forms were accommodated in the town hall.

1924 - Each school section dealt with the idea of building a Continuation school and the vote was against it. However, in spite of this opposition, a poll was held on a by-law to permit the building of the school. This by-law was passed, but, the newly elected school board of 3 members had a majority opposing the school. Their election was protested on the grounds that some of the voters lacked proper credentials to vote. A new election was held and this board voted for the new school. The Council also blocked the movement at first but finally consented to issue a debenture.

1925 - The corner stone was laid for the new Continuation School Building. The site chosen was about the centre of Blackstock village on the west side of Scugog Road. George McLaughlin, a native son of Blackstock, was the contractor and the school consisted of two large classrooms, a teacher's room and a basement. The school opened in Sept. 1925 with two teachers to instruct the pupils as far as Junior Matriculation. The school's status was a Grade B Continuation School.

1938 - With George Crawford, another native son, as contractor, two classrooms, a Home Economics room, a Shop room and an office and Library combined were added. The Basement was also remodelled for a 5th. form, (a class of Senior Matriculation pupils.) The status of the school was now a Grade A Continuation School with 3 teachers.

The school was heated with a stoker steam heating plant.

1949 - A telephone was put in the school.

1950 - The Department of Education and the County Council approved the changing of the school from a Continuation to a High School with 4 teachers.