

Glen Orchard W. I.

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CITIZENSHIP & EDUCATION.

In this our Centennial Year, much sentimental "Looking Backward" has been going on, as well as "Looking Forward" with strong hopes for our second hundred years of Confederation.

I thought this might be a good time to take a quick look backward, to the several schools in the Glen Orchard area, which have been the educational beginning for quite a few of our present citizens.

To begin with, I understand the first school was a log building, erected eighty odd years ago, which stood just north of our present W.I. Hall. Mr. Ed. Gostick was a teacher there. No doubt it became overcrowded, or else a more modern school was desired, so the structure we now use for our W.I. meetings, became the second school in the district. The four names of teachers here, were given me, they being the Misses Duncan, Miss Skinner and Miss McKay. We still have a few residents with us, who were pupils in this very building, three of them being, Mrs. Addie Christenson, Mrs. Catherine Jones and Mr. Harry White. I have also been told, it became so crowded, pupils were sitting all around the platform, where the teacher had her desk. So we can understand why it was necessary to build yet another school. A beautiful spot was chosen for the site of this one, with Ada Lake at the rear and Butterfly Lake in front. A number of teachers and many pupils passed through this "Hall of Learning". We still have a goodly number of the latter in our midst. When it was again necessary to have more space, school # 3 was sold to Dr. & Mrs. Kalbfleisch, Mrs. Kalbfleisch being the former Margaret Ferguson, of one of our Pioneer families. Dr. Kalbfleisch started to make alterations, and add to the school, in order to make it into a small Guest Home, which they hoped to operate. However, ~~now~~ ~~xxx~~, unfortunately, Mrs. Kalbfleisch, became ill, and passed away, before this could take place. Mr. Will Ferguson, her brother, bought the place and continued with the alterations, and did operate it as was first planned. After his death, Mrs. Spence, his daughter continued on with it, until it was sold to the present owners. School # 4, was a sturdy brick building, erected in 1938. This was used until 1958, when consolidation of schools in Medora & Wood Township took place. This school then became the Township Offices for Medora & Wood.

To-day, education takes a prominent place in the life of all of us. We were justly proud of our Consolidated School when it opened in Oct. 1958. Now, after nine years of use, an amount of \$200,000 has been asked for, in order to build an additional five rooms. These will have folding partitions between, so that when necessary, two or more rooms can be opened into one. I have been given to understand, the Government will pay 53% of the amount, and we the tax payers, will no doubt be called upon to take care of the balance.

At present, we are living in a very mixed up world, and the education of all

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