



Students at Ross Township S.S. No. 3, 1928



Harvey Pilgrim Sr. holds a cradle, used to harvest grain before the advent of mechanical equipment. Reeve Alvin Stone of Ross Township looks on. The historical display was part of the township's *Canada 125* celebrations. Mr. Pilgrim was a council member in Ross from 1948 to 1972, and recalls the designing of the township's crest in the mid-50's.

Retired councillor recalls *July 22/92* when Ross crest was designed

A former councillor in Ross Township, Harvey Pilgrim Sr., was on hand for the township's *Canada 125* celebrations. Mr. Pilgrim was elected to council in 1948 and served until 1972.

During his term, the township's crest, still in use, was designed. "Stewart Childerhose was reeve at that time," recalled Mr. Pilgrim. "He said we should have something that ties in the differ-

ent things we have in the township."

Council sat down and brainstormed ideas for the crest. When they had settled on the elements that should be included. There was an astrolabe, denoting the find of a navigational instrument purported to have belonged to the explorer, Samuel de Champlain. There was a pick and shovel signifying labour, and ears of

wheat symbolizing agriculture, and a magnesium bar representing the magnesium mine which spawned three generations of industry: Light Alloys founded in 1952, Chromasco, and now Timminco.

Council gave its ideas to a professional artist and later approved the result.

The crest is now on the township's letterhead and on pins.