

North Norwich bids principal last farewell

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The feelings of students, teachers and parents were mixed on the last day of school at North Norwich Public School last Wednesday.

While all were happy to see the arrival of summer holidays, there was also great sadness as staff, students, parents and members of the community joined together to say goodbye to the school's principal of the last six years, Brian Rice.

Mr. Rice graduated from the Stratford teacher's college in 1949. He first taught in South Norwich and made a variety of other moves to Kirkland Lake, Woodstock, Saskatchewan and back to Woodstock before coming to North Norwich six years ago.

In making the presentation to Mr. Rice on behalf of parents, students, bus drivers and members of the community, fellow principal Harry Lipsit recounted some of Mr. Rice's past history and accomplishments. Not only does Mr. Rice possess his Bachelor of Arts but also his Bachelor of Education,

his Masters and his Inspector's papers.

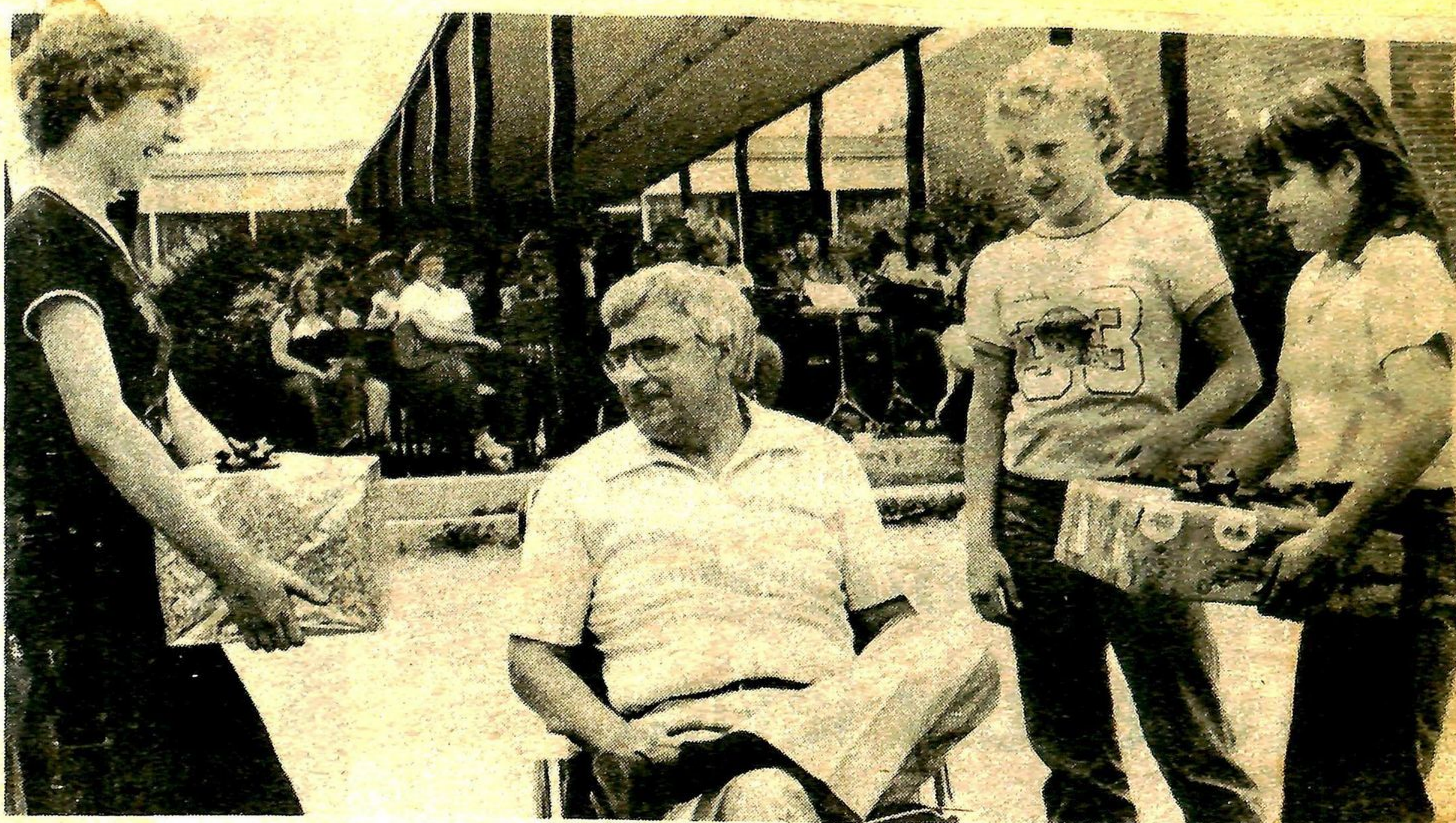
Mr. Rice said he was completely surprised by the get-together arranged by a group of parents, and amazed that not one student let the secret slip.

"I have had a marvellous time here (at North Norwich) and I obviously leave with many regrets," said Mr. Rice speaking to those gathered to bid him farewell.

"I owe you a great deal, particularly the parents, teachers and bus drivers and indeed to you boys and girls," he said. "There's no way that I will forget you."

Mr. Rice will take on his new position as principal of Northdale Public School in Woodstock this fall.

During the social get-together following the presentation, Mr. Rice said it is normal for principals to be moved periodically within the county system. His stay of six years has been one year longer than at his other six schools. His principalship at North Norwich was his fourth. North Norwich is "really a nice school to work in," he said. "It's a good community to work in; there's no question about it."



Time for goodbyes

Students from North Norwich Public School presented departing principal Brian Rice with some remembrances from the students, staff, parents, bus drivers and members of the community at a farewell party held at the school last

Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Rice, who has been at the school for six years will take on the position of principal at Northdale Public School in Woodstock this fall. Presenting Mr. Rice with the gifts are (left) Tammy Cowan, Joyce Wilford and Kathy Shelton, all Grade 7 students. (NG Photo).



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UNVEILING THE historical plaque at the county museum school are Helen Dickson, chairman of the Oxford County board of

education, and Brian Rice, of the Oxford County Elementary Principals' Association.



LOGAN-BOWERS

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Tami Louise Logan and Kenneth Joseph Bowers were married at Scotland Baptist Church by Rev. John Bunner.

The bride is the daughter of Barry and Carole Logan of RR 1, Scotland, Ont. and the groom is the son of Stan and Betty Waud of Burgessville.