



Sentimental journey S.S. 4 , Arran's 8 grades of 1957

Within the wainscotted walls of one room schools, many lived through experiences in life and learning which will be revived by this scene in Arran Township's S.S. #4.

Since picture taking day, Wednesday, October 30, 1957, the rural school housing eight grades has become an institution of the past.

The memory lingers on, though, for those who were a part of this tradition in education.

Hearing the recitations and lessons of other classes served to prepare youngsters for the work of years ahead, and review the facts and skills learned in years behind.

The school cafeteria consisted of a hot plate in the back corner beside the water bucket.

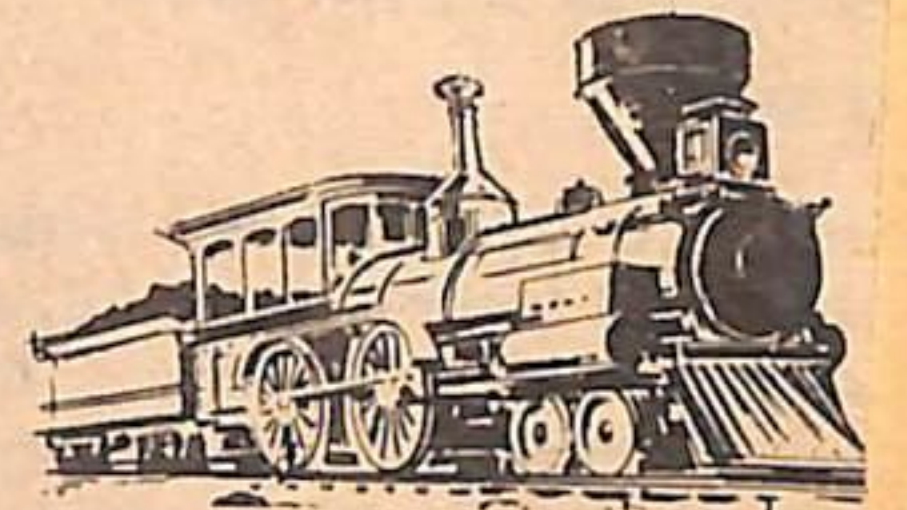
The gym was outside, where every

pupil was needed to make two full line-ups for a ball game.

The school year had special high spots which served as milestones in the slow passage of childhood time - fall fair holiday - the inspector's visit - the Christmas concert - Arbour Day.

And school closing seemed just as slow in coming as it does for the youngsters in the schools of 1975, awaiting summer holidays.

When setting up group pictures for newspaper reproduction, the rule is usually to "crop" them close and leave out background details. With this picture, we're trying to keep all the background details, from musical staff and prize art work to the model handwriting which served to teach one of the three Rs.



Front Row: Norma Wark, Ronald Wagner.
 2nd Row: Les Monkman, Howard Tedford,
 Glen Wark, Orville Wark, Earl McComb.
 3rd Row: Norman Wark, Sandra Jaques,
 Wendy Jaques, Barry Tedford, Rayburn
 Greg, Marilyn Strong.
 Back Row: Vernon Tedford, Islay McComb,
 Ron McComb, Loreen McComb, Dean
 White.

Born to Joyce and Arthur Hammell in Chesley District Hospital on September 17, 1957, twin sons. Brothers for Bobbie.