

Open Stewarttown school addition serves senior classes in Esquesing



GUEST SPEAKER for the official opening of the addition to the 18-room Stewarttown senior public school was D. L. Young, B.A., B.Ed., assistant to the regional superintendent of region 7, shown left. Chatting with him are school principal Ron Chatten and Esquesing township school board chairman Wm. A. Lawson. (Staff Photo)

A humorous look at education in the era when "logs loosely put together" constituted the log cabin schools highlighted the address of D. L. Young, B.A., B.Ed., at the official opening of the addition to Stewarttown senior public school Friday night.

The spanking new addition which serves all grades seven and eight in the township of Esquesing was lauded by officials present as being a milestone in the educational standards of the township. They were unanimous in praising the handsome school as being unequalled in the county.

The public had an admiring look at facilities after official opening ceremonies. Many couldn't help comparing notes with students on the facilities they had in the schools of their day.

Now comprising 18 rooms, Stewarttown school started as one-room log building in the early nineteenth century. A two-room school was erected in 1875 on the east half of lot 15, concession 7 and 20 years later it was renovated.

The present school started as a five-room building in 1958 and three rooms were added in 1965. The decision of the Esquesing board to make Stewarttown a senior public school resulted in additional facilities designed to serve all grade 7 and 8 students in the township.

The latest addition has added four classrooms, a gym, home ec room, library, industrial arts, science and art rooms.

School board chairman Wm. A. Lawson extended the hand of welcome to the public who came in such large numbers to inspect the new facilities the large auditorium would not hold them. Even standing room was at a premium.

Mr. Lawson paid tribute to immediate past chairman Russell Miller for the leadership he had shown in introducing a senior school in the township. He explained the rotary system of teaching and asked parents to supply a needed ingredient - encouragement. Although there were two groups - parent and teacher - both had one purpose; providing students with the "best quality education."

The chairman concluded his remarks by introducing representatives from Georgetown, Milton, Acton, Oakville, Burlington and Nassagaweya school sitting in the audience.

Musical director Mrs. Mararet Ridley led the school choir in three numbers, It's a Small World, Down by the Riverside, and Swinging Along the Open Road to warm applause from the capacity audience.

Officials on the platform were introduced by Dr. C. A. Thompson of the school board.

Greetings from the township were brought by Reeve George Currie who recalled his own school days - eight grades in one room.

The staff was introduced by Principal R. V. Chatten before the prayers of dedication by Rev. Canon J. E. Maxwell, B.A., L.Th., Area superintendent O. G. McDowell introduced the guest speaker, D. L. Young, B.A., B.Ed., assistant to the regional supt. region seven.

The speaker congratulated officials on their achievement, reserving special praise for sound planning and construction before taking a look at the record of

Other presentations were made on behalf of Harry Brown, A.S. Haskett, a lecturer by Mrs. J. Hepburn, athletic trophies from Mr. and Mrs. M. Brown and a painting in the lobby donated by John Agg of Terra Cotta.

Art teacher Bob Plinkert thanked donors for sculptures and paintings hung in the school and Mrs. Marie James, a teacher, expressed appreciation to John Agg, Terra Cotta, John Simons and the Georgetown Arts and Crafts for their displays.

The contributions of Mrs. C. A.

Grady secretary treasurer and supervising principal Eric Balkin were also acknowledged.

Staff at the school is composed of Ron Chatten, B.A., principal, Jack Wood, vice-principal, Gord Bassett, Harry Brown, Hilda Royce, B.A., Ron Burrows, Mrs. Marlene Elliott, Peter Gardner, Mrs. Thelma Hoarney, Mrs. Mary Hogan, Mrs. Marie James, David Lawrence, John Lanz, Jacko Lineo, Joanne Mackie, Mrs. Margaret McKelvey, Bob Plinkert, Mrs. Judy Postumus, Mrs. Margaret Ridley, Conroy Saunders, Office secretary Mrs. Mar-

garet Lawson and custodian also Charles Hinde and Angus McDonald.

The public school board of the township, school area of Esquesing consists of Wm. A. Lawson, chairman, Dr. C. A. Thompson, vice-chairman, A. Lloyd Fisher, Charles Early, Russell Miller, Mrs. C. A. Grant, secretary-treasurer, Eric Balkin, B.A., supervising principal.

Architects for the school addition were the firm of Barnitt and Hader; General contractors were A. J. McCarthy and L. J. Zanatta Construction.



OFFICIAL OPENING of the centennial addition to the Stewarttown senior public school Friday night attracted hundreds of Esquesing ratepayers. Auditorium facilities were taxed and seating at a premium for the official ceremonies in spite of blustery weather which made driving hazardous. The addition added four classrooms, a gym, home economics room, library, industrial arts, science and art rooms to the school. (Staff Photo)



MICROSCOPES in the Stewarttown school science laboratory attracted these two visitors. The public took the opportunity to view the school after opening ceremonies were completed. (Staff Photo)



PLENTY OF GOOD reading rests in the Stewarttown senior public school library. Visitors inspect the reading material while Miss Hilda Boyes, left, a teacher, informs them of the course of study. (Staff Photo)



R. L. (BERT) DAVIDSON of R.R. 2, Acton, inspects the variety of tools in the industrial arts room of the senior public school in Stewarttown. The school serves all grade seven and eight pupils in Esquesing township. (Staff Photo)

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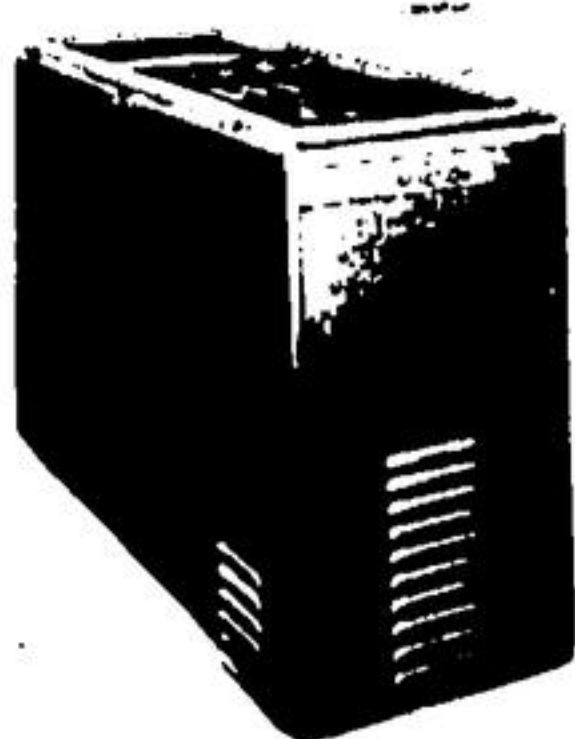
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