

Former teacher thrilled hearing from students

She's always wondered what happened to her Kindergarten students, and in the past several weeks former Holy Cross teacher Lydia Scott finally got some answers.

After a photo and story about the years she taught Kindergarten at the school when it opened in 1958 was published in the September 15 edition of *The Independent & Free Press*, Scott could not be happier that she has heard from several former students.

"It just brings it full circle,"

said Scott, who was known as Miss Kizlyk when she taught at the Georgetown school. "It's really great. I sure enjoyed hearing from them, and hearing how the other kids were doing."

She's heard mostly by e-mail from former students living in Georgetown and from as far away as North Carolina and New Brunswick. Six of the former students who have contacted her were in her 1958/59 class, the first year she taught, and two others from the 1964/65 year.

"One girl phoned me and we talked for over two hours," said Scott, who now lives in Englehart, Ontario.

Catching up with kids has been great, said Scott, who said many have been married for 25 years, and some are grandparents.

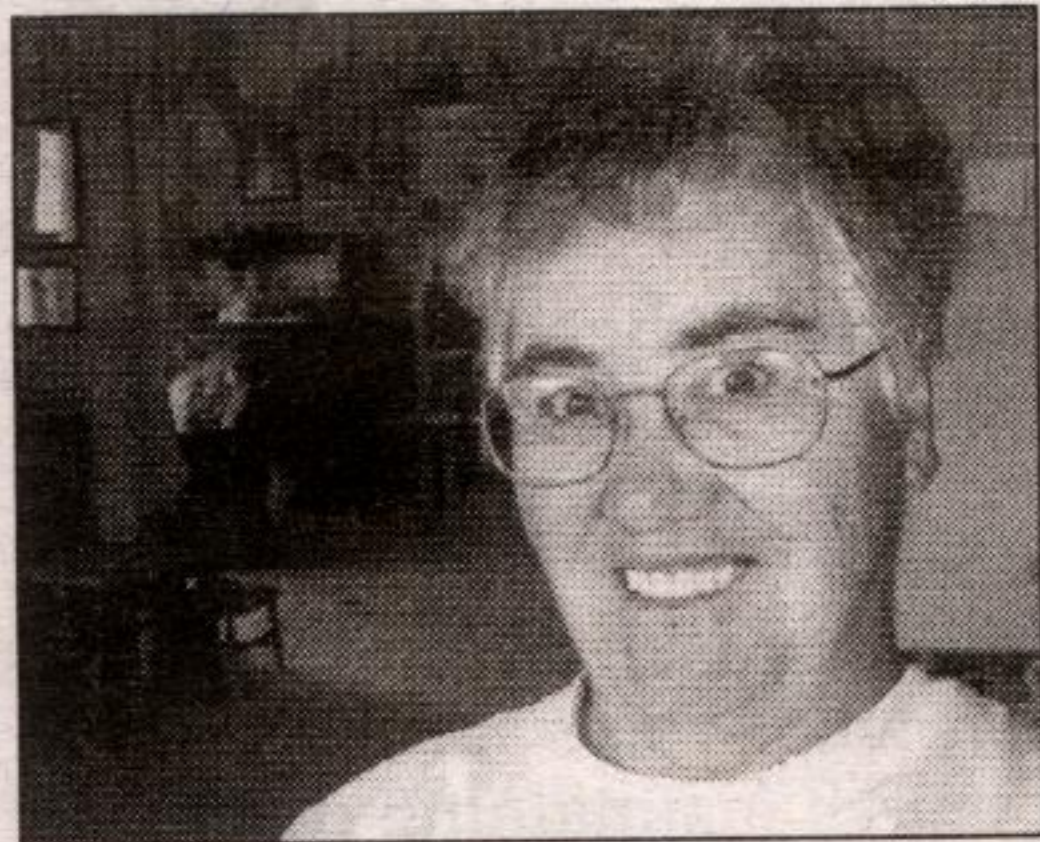
"The one I heard from yesterday told me I was his first love," she said. "He was a quiet, cute, little kid."

She was sad to hear one of her former students was widowed in 2000.

She and the students have shared memories from 45 years



Lydia Scott, (rear) the first Kindergarten teacher at Holy Cross School, was only 18 when she began teaching in 1958. She recently came across a photo of the first Kindergarten graduation class and began wondering what became of her young charges. Pictured are, front row, from left, Anna Nelissen, Mary Ellen Pringle, Angela Duz, Anne Holmes, Catherine Milton, Susan Elsliger, Marie Simonyi, Frances Gardiner, Catherine Graham and Sherry Prucyk. Middle row, from left, Jimmy Tubbs, Bobby MacDonald, Theresa Egerton, Kathy Chamberlain, Leslie Smith, Colleen Cummins, Laura Smith, Anne Marie McCarthy, Marie Therese O'Sullivan, Cathy Peters, Debbie Strite, Ann McDermott, Brian Bodin and Paul Dorsey. Back row, from left, David Mundy, Louis Miedzinski, Stephen Frost, Brendan Soye, Bobby Sargent, John Edward Rawlinson, Jimmy Breckenridge, Kenny Law, Joe Brick, Joey Fobert, Hank Van Vugt and Michael Carney.



Lydia Scott, who was known as Miss Kizlyk when she taught at Holy Cross School more than 40 years ago, has heard from several former students.

ago, like the house she had made out of a cardboard box for the kids because the school didn't have any toys, the hula hoop she brought in from her childhood, and "they all remember the chicks" the class of 1958/59 raised.

Scott said she expected a lot from her students back then, and it wasn't until a couple of

years after she began teaching she realized they weren't expected to know as much as they did.

She said one former student told her, "the head start we got in Kindergarten really helped him along."

Several of the former students who contacted her have sent her current pictures of themselves and their families and she has

sent them photos taken while they were in school.

She has also caught up with a former colleague.

"I just wait to see what turns up on my e-mail," said Scott.

Any former students of Scott can contact her at lydiascott@ontera.net or call her at 1-705-544-2762.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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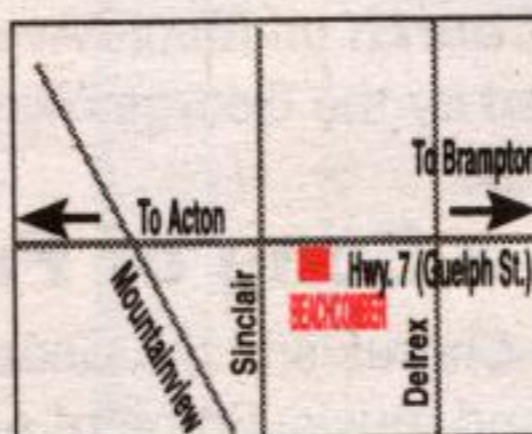
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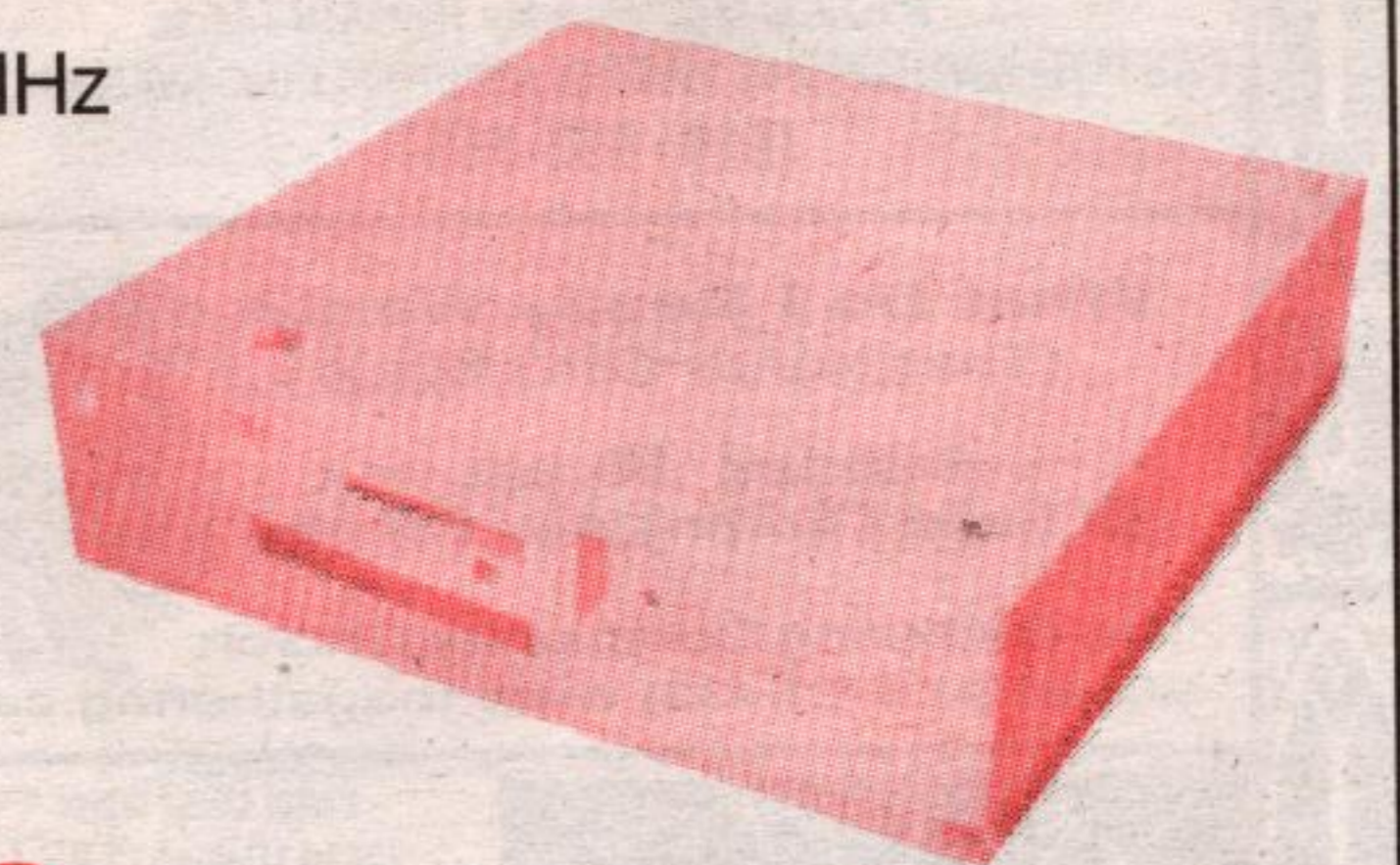
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