

THE OCTAGON SCHOOLHOUSE

"THE PIMPLE"

I am trying to take you back to the Nineteenth century at which time in a long narrow valley extending from the village of Morton to what is now Bens Bay on the Rideau Canal was a brick yard where all the bricks for the buildings of that day were manufactured. The one building with which we all are the most familiar is the octagon schoolhouse.

This unusual piece of architecture was designed and built in 1821 on a high pinnacle which was probably then the centre piece of the village. It is covered with the original brick, and lined with lathe and plaster. Six sides each comprised a large window, while the seventh side supported a wooden blackboard, and the eighth side an outside door.

One of the first teachers was David York, fresh from the land of Killarney, who married the Morton hotelkeeper's daughter, Mary Muldoon. . . .

Next on the line as a teacher was George Hartwell, a boy who was raised and educated from the home of J.C. Judd. Now as Dr. G. Hartwell, he married Miss Leake whose father owned and operated the brick store on the corner. Dr. and Mrs. Hartwell went to China as Protestant missionaries and upon their return he was honoured with the degree of Dr. of Divinity. Later in life Dr. Hartwell wrote

MORTON CENTENNIAL



THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
AT MORTON, ONTARIO
(LEEDS COUNTY)

many short books, the one most known - THE GRANARY TO HEAVEN.

Miss Germaine, a teacher clearly remembered today by our elderly citizens, and, I might add, affectionately remembered.

Last, but not least, came Miss MacLean with the old familiar "Schooldays
-----Schooldays -----
Dear old golden rule days".

During the last 65 years this property has been privately owned. First by Jimmy McMachen who used it as his dwelling. Next owned by Clifford Earl who most willingly permitted the public to use it for business and social functions.

Today it is a dwelling owned and occupied by Mrs. Preston Laming.

collected by Jennie York Willis

Golfers

win prizes

Seeley's Bay Invitational
Golf Tournament

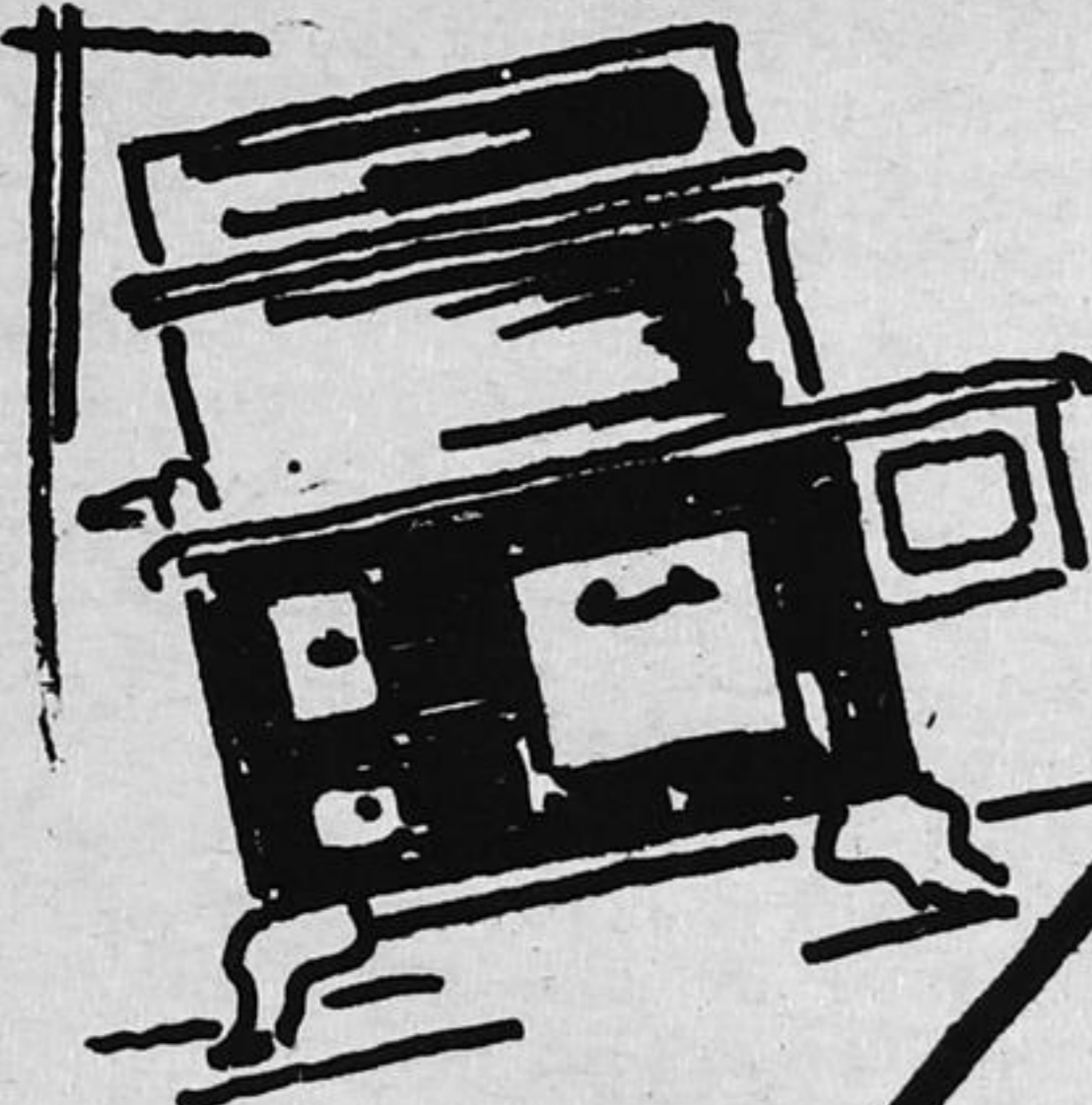
On September 17 the second annual Invitational Golf Tournament was held at Rideau Acres Golf Course in Westport. Forty-nine players teed off. Eight of those players were women.

After the games everyone including wives, husbands, girlfriends and boyfriends gathered at the Seeley's Bay Fire Hall where a social hour was enjoyed. Dinner was served at four in the afternoon.

The following trophies & prizes were awarded:


- 1st - Low Gross - Allan Coon
The Stan & June Webb Trophy
- 1st - Low Net - Grant Hall
The Emerson Baxter Trophy
- Keeper to Winner - Grant Hall
Montreal Bearing Co. Trophy
- Closest to no. 8 hole -
Kip Kelly. T.D. Bank Trophy
donated by Gordon Chase.
- Longest Drive on no. 6 hole -
Mark Roantree
- Most Balls Lost - Bob Dudman.

All of the players received a prize which was generously donated by the merchants and establishments of the area. Mary Lou McCann was starter and handicapper. The organizers were Ed Adair, Jerry McCann, Allan Coon, Bill Leadbeater and Diane Leadbeater.



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