

# U.S.S. 3, Dun.-Ald. Marks Fiftieth Anniversary - 1963

With the first teacher and eleven of the first class of students among those present, U.S.S. 3, Dunwich and Aldborough on Saturday marked the 50th anniversary of its establishment.

More than 300 attended the event into which residents of the section had put a good deal of time and effort. Things got underway with a full program of sports. Following that, those present sat down to well-laden tables and topping the observance was a varied program.

Ken McAlpine, a former student at U.S.S. 3, made a capable chair-

man and kept matters rolling in fine style. There was no need to import talent and the entire program was provided by past or present residents of the section. Students now attending sang several numbers dealing with different periods. Another group of ten young ladies favored with other songs, while several adults donned dress of former years as well as comic costume to contribute to the program. Mrs. Murray Merritt of Chatham, who as Marion McEachren, not only attended U.S.S. 3, but also taught there, favored with two solos. Earlier, bagpipe selections were provided by Bonnie McCallum.

## Prizes Awarded

Several prizes were presented, as follows: Teacher having most pupils at the celebration, Mrs. Audrey Leitch; teacher present during program who had taught most years ago, Mrs. Murray Merritt; oldest former pupil of the school, Sandy Stewart; teacher coming greatest distance, Mrs. R. B. Muir, Toronto; pupil coming greatest distance, Dr. Norman McEachren, of Rochester, N.Y. (270 miles); oldest former trustee present, Dugald M. McCallum (82); person with birthday last Saturday, Mary Fletcher, Komoka; couple present with wedding anniversary nearest date of school anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. E. Peterson, of Welland, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on August 6th. Jack McEachren, Sr., won a prize for naming a number on the register roll, he being smart enough to give his own.

## Former Teachers Present

Twenty-one teachers have taught at U.S.S. 3 since it was established in 1913. They were Mary E. Andrews, Madge McMillan, Margaret Campbell, Roderick A. Finlayson, Janet Walker, Vera Smith, Edna Burrows, Marion McEachren, Marjory Cameron, Mrs. R. B. Muir, Frances Simpson, Kathleen Armstrong, Jean Issac, Catherine Andrews, Carrie McLean, Mrs. Betty McDonald, Mrs. Jean Turner, Margaret McTavish, Jeanne Reid, Thelma Murray and Mrs. Audrey Leitch. Thirteen of these were present on Saturday as was Mrs. Donald Leitch, present music teacher. All former teachers are still living except one — Mrs. Janet (Walker) Downie.

## Eleven of First Class Attend

Also present on Saturday were eleven of the first class at U.S.S. 3. They are Sandy Stewart, Clarence Stewart, Peter McPherson, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Jennie Mae (Gilchrist) Fleming, John Gilchrist, Mrs. Oron Weller (Alice Rember), Thomas Minnice, Mildred (Campbell) McCallum, Douglas B. McCallum and Dr. Norman McEachren.

Greetings were extended by Jack Spence, East Kent M.L.A., as well as Duncan Gilchrist on behalf of the Township of Aldborough.

## Interesting Exhibit

As a further method of marking the anniversary residents of the section had arranged a most interesting exhibit in the school. Included were lists of students for each of the 50 years, as well as several pictures of the school, teachers and pupils. Each person was presented with a piece of anniversary cake upon registering as a further means of celebrating the anniversary.

## Presents History

Mrs. Bud McCallum gave a most interesting history of the section. It told of the organization plans started early in 1912 which resulted in the election of the first trustees — Neil Gilchrist, Robert Watson and Neil McEachren. John D. Campbell was secretary-treasurer and James McPherson and John McEachren, auditors.

The site selected for the school was a one-acre lot on the farm of John McEachren. John Findlay, St. Thomas, was architect for the building; William Saunders, Dutton, the contractor; John Taylor, Dutton, the brick-layer; Dan Quick, Dutton, did the cement work and Herb Charlton painted the school. A 70-year debenture for \$4000 was issued to pay for the building.

Incidentally, the salary of Miss Mary Andrews, the first teacher, was \$550.

Included in the graduates have been a minister, doctor, druggist, engineer, librarian, business secretaries, nurses, teachers as well as successful farmers and housewives. Besides Mrs. Merritt, another pupil, Catherine Andrews (Mrs. Alex. Lackey) came back to teach at U.S.S. 3.

## Have Passed On

Tribute was paid to the following ex-pupils who have since passed away: Hazel McCallum, Margaret McRae, Alex. McRae, Jean McCallum, Elizabeth Campbell, Bessie Watson, Mary Watson, Robert Watson, Oscar Montgomery and James Bassett.

## Community Centre

Besides providing elementary education for 219 children down through the years, the school at U.S.S. 3 has served the community well as a meeting place. Many gatherings have been held there in aid of World War I and World War II, as well as the Red Cross. In later years, it has been the centre for social gatherings, card parties, dances, bridal showers and farewell parties.

In 1942, U.S.S. 4 was closed because of the small number of pupils attending there. Students were then transferred to U.S.S. 3. In 1952, some pupils from Bennett's, which was also closed, came to U.S.S. 3. At present 12 pupils attend from U.S.S. 4, 13 from U.S.S. 3 and none from Bennett's.

Mrs. Audrey Leitch, the present teacher, is a great grand-daughter of one of the first trustees, Robert Watson and a daughter of a former pupil of U.S.S. 3, Mrs. Alton Reid (Nina Watson).

Judging from the interest shown in the 50th celebration, residents of that area are proud of their school and the contribution it has made to the educational requirements of young people as well as to the social life of that district.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS ARE SOLD

S.S. No. 9, Aldborough, Crinan was sold to Mr. Hoddish, Rodney, at a public auction in November, 1965.

Mr. Haddish also purchased S.S. No. 14, Aldborough (Ferndall) that same fall.

S.S. No. 12, Aldborough (Argyle) was sold to Mr. John Bitterman, Rodney for the sum of \$525.

Union S.S. No. 4, Aldborough and Dunwich was sold to Lorne Carroll in 1965.

Union S.S. No. 3, Aldborough and dunwich was purchased by Crinan Women's Institute and Committee, in December 1965, for \$800. This building is being used as a community centre and is known as "Crinan W.I. Community Centre".

The marker on C.W.I. Community Centre was made by Mr. Graham Vogan West Lorne for the sum of twenty-five dollars in 1967.

The committee in charge were Mrs. James Andrews, Mrs. John Carmichael and Mrs. Frank DeWitte and Mr. George Jamieson and son erected it on the community hall.

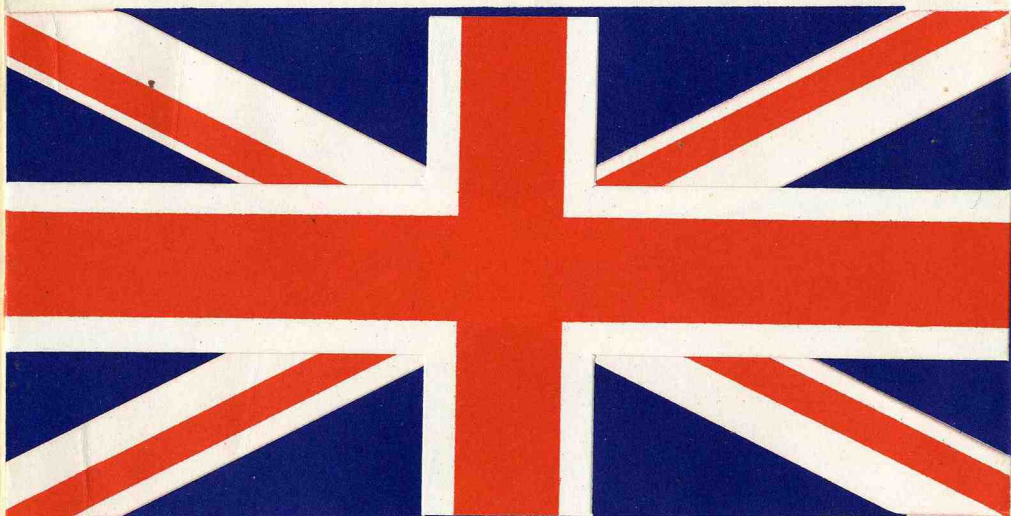


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## HOW WE GOT OUR FLAG

1. Lift St. George's cross (England) and turn to left.
2. Lift St. Patrick's cross (Ireland) and turn to right. The cross in the centre is St. Andrew's (Scotland).
3. Replace St. George's cross over St. Andrew's and you have the flag in use on the seas from 1606 and on both land and sea 1707—the union of England and Scotland—until 1801, when Ireland came into the union.
4. Lift St. George's cross, place St. Patrick's cross over St. Andrew's.
5. Replace St. George's. The three crosses thus placed form the British Flag,—**THE UNION JACK.**



I'm proud of Canada!  
Is Canada proud of me?  
What she wants are citizens  
Loyal as can be.  
I love my land, and Britain's Flag  
That waves from sea to sea.  
O, I am proud of Home and Motherland  
And I'll make them proud of me.



# HONOUR ROLL

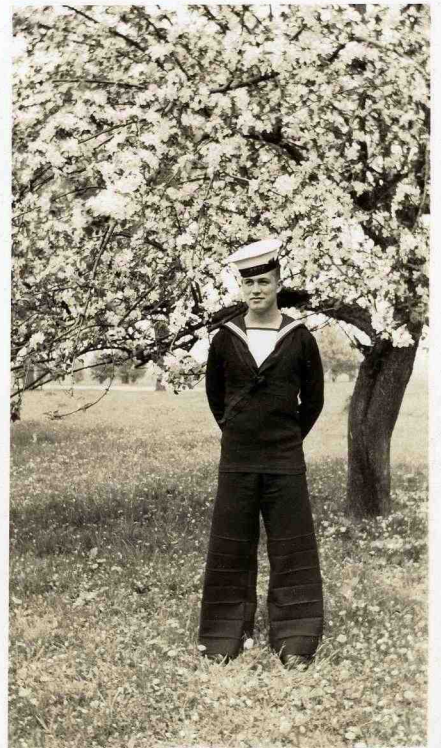
1. A. McGill
  2. J. Frank
  3. M. Frank
  4. R. McAlpine
  5. G. Jamieson
  6. J. D. McCallum
  7. E. McCallum
  8. G. Cook
  9. A. Cook.
  10. W. Cook
  11. B. Stalker
  12. L. Johnston
  13. I. Matheson
  14. V. Frank
  15. B. Evans
  16. J. N. McEachren
  17. F. Stewart
  18. D. Tait
  19. D. A. McGill
  20. J. J. Watson
  21. A. McLarty
  22. D. Carmichael
1. Doris (Godley) Norris



Dr. J.N. McEachren  
Fairport, U.S.A.



Leslie Johnston



Robert A. McAlpine



J.D. McCallum.



Ed. McCallum