

and repairs were completed in the Fall of 1894 and school was held for a few months in the old Good Templars' Hall. In 1889 a new woodshed was built at a cost of \$47.91 and in 1912 an excavation was made under the school and a furnace was installed. In the year 1935 the school was partitioned into two rooms, basement enlarged to accommodate a new furnace, coal bins and indoor chemical sanitation.

In Feb. 1938 music was first taught in the schools of Yarmouth and in S.S. No.9, it began under the tutorship of Mr. Jas. Medlyn of St.Thomas, and later for a short time by Mr. F. Holcombe. Also Miss. Helen Barnum of Aylmer was a very popular music teacher for a few years and later Miss. Murchison of the Seminary School staff and now at the time of writing, the music teacher is a Miss. Guymer.

Several years ago, school nurses began making regular visits to the rural schools, caring for the health of the pupils. This was later taken over by the Elgin Health Unit when it was organized in the year 1946; at the present time it is under the supervision of Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Roger Knipe. (Dr. Knipe recently purchased and makes his home in the big brick house, north of Union pond, built years ago by Solomon V. Willson.)

At a special meeting on May 8th, 1946, of trustees and rate-payers addressed by Inspector J. C. Smith and Mr. A. D. Mc. Coll re S. S. No. 9 Yarmouth, joining the school area plan beginning Jan. 1st, 1947, a motion was proposed and carried that this plan be undertaken. According to school records dating from 1877, these are the teachers who have taught the pupils at Union, as follows:-

Arlo Seely, one of the former teachers (date unknown)	
Robert H. Honner	teacher in 1877
Hattie Robinson	" " 1878
D. L. Campbell	" " 1882
Mary Rumball	" " 1882
Mr. R. C. Mc.Roberts	" " 1885
Mr. W. E. Rose	" " 1888
Maggie Smith	" " 1890
E. Littlejohns	" " 1891
Maggie Mc.Farlane	" " 1891

Mr. Archie C. Campbell	teacher	in	1895
Mr. Ferrier	"	"	1896
Mr. Duncan	"	"	1896
Mr. Chas. Norman	"	"	1896
Miss Marion D. Porteous	"	"	1900
Mr. Atkinson	"	"	1901
Mr. Frank Langford	"	"	1902
Miss Sara Jackson	"	"	1904
Mr. Chas. Raymond	"	"	1905
Mr. M. D. Weir	"	"	1906
Miss A. Howard	"	"	1909
" Isaac	"	"	1910
" G. Stewart	"	"	1911
Mr. Ed. Witty	"	"	1912
Miss Auckland	"	"	1914
" Heather	"	"	1915
Mr. O.W. Poast	"	"	1915
Miss Annie Wilson	"	"	1919
" H. Dewey	"	"	1919
" N. Cameron	"	"	1919
" Lilian Lockwood	"	"	1919
- " Gladys Cox	"	"	1921
" N. Cameron	"	"	1921
" Florence Harvey	"	"	1923
- " Gladys Cox	"	"	1924
" Mildred Burgess	"	"	1925
- " Gladys Cox	"	"	1926
Mr. W. Little	"	"	1928
✓ Miss Ula McKenzie	"	"	1928
Mr. Harold Loughlin	"	"	1928
Miss Ula McKenzie	"	"	1928
Mr. Murray McIntyre	"	"	1929
- Miss Winnifred Randall	"	"	1931
Mr. Lloyd Moore	"	"	1931
Mr. Leo Gent	"	"	1932
- Miss W. Randall	"	"	1932
- " W. "	"	"	1934
- " Mina Wilson	"	"	1934
- " " "	"	"	1935
- " Isabel Turner	"	"	1935
- " " "	"	"	1937
" Catherine Smith	"	"	1937
- " Isabel Turner	"	"	1939
" Clara Jones	"	"	1939
- " Isabel Turner	"	"	1941
- " Mary Cron	"	"	1941
" Jennie McKillop	"	"	1941
- " Mary Cron	"	"	1941
- " " "	"	"	1943
- " Elva M. Dewar	"	"	1943
- " Mary Cron	"	"	1944
- " Elva M. Dewar	"	"	1944
" Donna McCaw	"	"	1945
- " Mary Cron	"	"	1945
Mr. Fletcher	"	"	1950
- Miss Mary Cron	"	"	1950
Mr. Collishaw	"	"	1951
Mrs. Selves	"	"	1951
" Rowe	"	"	1951



Mrs. Stella Bailey Waite contributed this school group, she being the little girl in the middle of the second row from the bottom, with black hair, aged 6 years. Her first teacher at Union school S.S.9, at right side of back row, was Miss.D.L.Campbell.
(This picture taken in year 1882)

Group of pupils of Union school (S.S.9 Yarmouth) taken about the year 1885 in front of white frame schoolhouse used prior to the erection of the new school on the Sparta Road in the year 1951.



Back Row, left to right.

James Ingram
 Ben. Durdle
 Henry Sutton
 Herbert Johnson
 Arthur Olde
 James Davidson
 R.C.Mc.Roberts, Teacher.
 Will Matheson
 Clare Shaw
 Wesley Devise
 Will Hepburn
 John Donahue
 Sam Smith
 Edgar Johnson
 Frank Burges
 Joe Hide
 Henry McComb
 Bill Burges

2nd.Row, left to right, at centre.

Nora Wise
 Emma Matheson
 Clara Graham
 John Mc.Intyre
 Edith Graham
 Lee Lloyd
 Kate Bailey
 Lizzie Clark
 Bertha Sutton
 John Sweedland
 Walt Sweedland

3rd.Row, left to right.

Alice Manchen
 John Graham
 Annie Graves
 Annie Davidson
 Robert Whaley
 Lila Montgomery
 Geo. Collins
 Arthur Graham
 Alma Stockton
 Jennie Combs
 Bertha Bigham
 Bertha Cavanagh
 Nellie Wilson
 Maggie Ferguson
 Mable Mc.Intyre
 Zella Hannon
 Cora Green
 Ora Nelson

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4th. Row, left to right.

Frank Graham (on his knees)
Arthur Cummings "
Stella Shaw
Jennie Mc.Kenzie
Laura Mc.Kenzie
Jessie Bailey
Ida Manchen *ston*
Gertie Graham
May Ferguson
Clara Whaley
Mary Shaw

Bottom Row, left to right.

Tom Dadson
Willie Bailey
Ben Clark
John Devise
Percy Matheson
Elmore Nelson
Frank Phettaplace
Roy Mc.Kenzie
Vern Montgomery
Willie Wilson
Nelson Graves
Geo. Combs
Wesley Burns



Group of pupils of Union school (s.s. no. 9 Yarmouth) taken in year 1888,
Mr. R. C. Mc.Roberts, teacher.

DR. GEORGE H. JACKSON, M.D.

Dr. George H. Jackson was the son of Rev. George Jackson, one time minister of the Methodist Church at Sparta. Dr. Jackson attended public school in Sparta and High School in Aylmer. He attained his Medical Degree at the Toronto University and graduated at the age of 26 years in the year 1897. In that same year he came to Union and boarded with Mrs. Gonzello Hannan, before he was married.

He was married in 1898 to Miss. Carrie J. Brown, daughter of Mr. Enoc B. Brown of Brownsville. He asked his bride "where she would like to settle down" and she said "she did not care where". As the Doctor did not like the thought of living in the city, they settled in the village of Union. Their first home was the first house south of the pond on the east side of the highway. They moved from there to the house on the corner opposite the old hotel and then to the house owned by Rev. F. Burgess. After some years, they built a beautiful brick house, with the Doctor's office adjoining, on the west side of the highway, half-way up the hill.

This South Yarmouth community was most fortunate in being served by as clever and astute a physician as was Dr. Jackson. His brusque and sometimes severe manner, covered a kind and tender heart- one had only to be critically ill, to know how true this was. His revered memory lives on in many a home in this community. He was at the service of everyone, unfortunate enough to be ill or hurt, rich or poor, any hour of the night or day. No night was too dark or stormy for the good Doctor to respond to any demand made of him. On his night calls, during the terrible flu epidemic of 1918, some of the Union men, close



friends of the Doctor, took turns driving his horses- (he had 4 of them, using each in turn) as the Doctor kept going almost constantly twenty-four hours a day at this dreadful time. Only a man of iron determination and dedicated to the service of his fellow citizens, could have attempted such an effort as he achieved at that time.

All through their life together, Mrs. Jackson was a fitting helpmate to such a man. With her cheery disposition, quick wit and always ready with a merry quip, made lighter many a weary task during her time of leadership of the Patriotic Society of World War I. She was a member of the choir in the Union Church and was always ready to do her part in any worthy community project.

During their 22 years at Union, the Doctor and Mrs. Jackson had made a wide circle of friends and in 1920, when they moved to Port Stanley, it left a big gap in the community life of the village. Dr. Jackson later became Reeve at Port Stanley and was also the Coroner of this district. His death occurred at his home on December 28th, 1946.

Ellen Russ

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Mrs. Mary Smith was a woman endowed with a gracious personality and a keen wit and was esteemed by hosts of friends.

(This picture was taken on Mrs. Smith's ninety-fifth birthday.)