

First year at Salisbury School

Sixty years ago a spanking new school, modern in design and construction, according to the latest specifications of comfort and safety, opened its doors for the first time to students of the Morse Place area.

Not a great deal is known about this first year. What little information we have comes from photostatic copies of four half-yearly returns. These half-yearly returns were filled by the teacher twice a year on June 30 and December 31. Legislative grants were based on these returns, and the form exhorts the teacher as follows: "The Legislative Grants for the half-year is not payable to any school until its half-yearly return is fully and accurately filled up from the school register, certified to by the Secretary-Treasurer and the teacher and sent to the Department of Education. Grants were

issued retroactively and the School Board had to borrow money either privately or from the banks to operate schools, pay salaries and maintain buildings. The basis of grants was made on pupil-days of attendance.

Our records show that attendance for that first term of school, September to December, 1915 was anywhere from 1.5 days to 76 days. It would seem that 76 days is the possible attendance. We further find out that only two pupils had attended for 76 days. They were Gladys and Doris McKnight, both 12 years old. Could they be twins? They were both in Grade IV.

We also find that classes were rather large. Grade I, for instance had enrolled 42 children ages 6 to 10 all in one room taught by Mrs. J.B. Lothrop. The other teachers were: Grade II Mrs. M.P. Duffin with 43

students in one room; Grade III and IV combined room with 45 students, 23 Grade III's and 22 Grade IV's, their teacher was Miss Lillian Campbell. The senior class was taught by the principal, Mr. James Hilton Mori, who combined the Grades V, VI and VII in one room with a total of 28 students. Altogether there were 158 students in Salisbury that first term. Students who were in Grade I that first school term now all qualify for Old Age Pension. We salute all Salisbury students of 1915.

Salisbury School now has a staff of approximately 30 and a student enrolment of over 500.

On Thursday, June 5 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. the

staff and students will celebrate this 65th anniversary with a tea to be held at the school at 795 Prince Rupert Avenue.

The tea will include four sales including a bake sale, a plant sale, a white elephant

Coming event

JUNE 14 — Winnipeg Business and Professional Couples' Club will hold their Father's Day Banquet at the Holiday Inn (downtown), June 14, at 7 p.m. For tickets or information call Barry at 889-5120.

The Humane Society garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m. at 291 Lindsay Street, in River Heights.

Proceeds will go to the animal shelter.

sale and a children's book sale.

Special recognition will be made of former staff and students at a pioneer table.

The theme of the tea is the

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Nursery School visits farm

Lord Wolseley Nursery School paid a visit recently to Pleasant Rock Farm near Grunthall, Manitoba. While there the children had a first hand look at young animals such as pigs, calves, rabbits, ponies, chicks, and ducks.

Mr. Friesen, owner of the farm, took the children on a "hay ride" which turned out to be the highlight of the day.

The nursery class also

school still has openings for 1980-81 term which gets underway September 8. These are morning sessions Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Children must be three years of age by December 31, 1980.

The program offered field trips, gym programs, arts and crafts, music, story telling and other things fun for children

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