



*“Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.”*

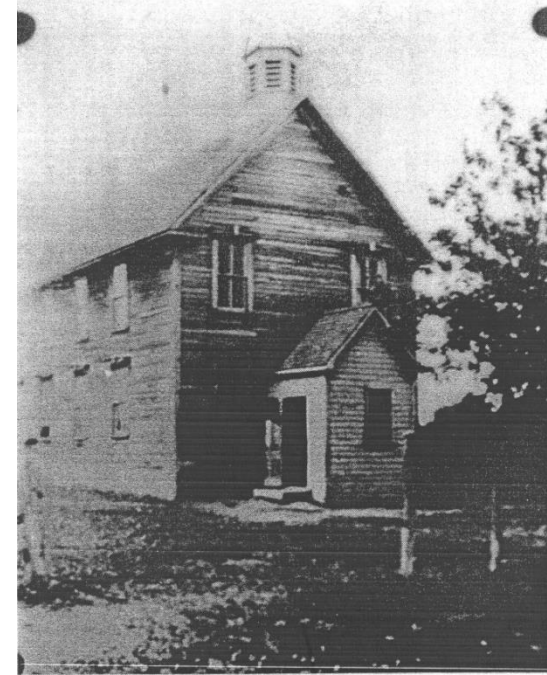
- William Butler Yeats -



HAPPY THOUGHT SCHOOL

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~1908-2007~





WHAT'S IN A NAME?

- Happy Thought School was named by auditor of St. Clements, Alexander Butler Rowley.
- For many years, much tension existed in the community with regards to the old East Selkirk School District.
- Rowley “stressed that education should be one of the happiest thoughts. The dispute in the village had been long and bitter and should end on a happy thought” (Goodman, 241).

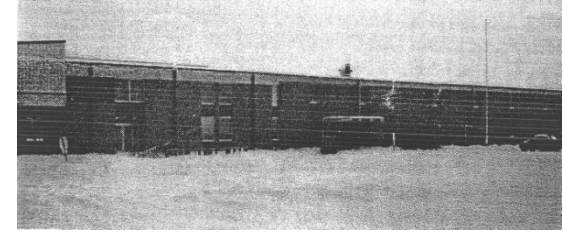
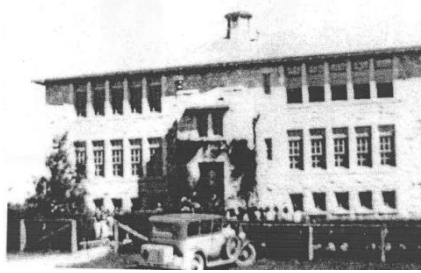
HAPPY THOUGHT TIMELINE

1910

Original
schoolhouse
condemned

1917

Stone schoolhouse
formally opened



Jan. 1967

Present HTS
school opened

1908

East Selkirk School
(built 1881) changes
to HTS



Oct. 1, 1927

Another 2 - room
schoolhouse authorized

Sept. 2007



East Selkirk
Middle School
finished

ORIGINAL SCHOOLHOUSE




- Happy Thought School Division No. 1452 was formed on April 7, 1908.
- The original 4 room wooden structure was used for 35 years.
- It was deemed “unfit for school purposes” (Goodman, 242) by the Dept. of Education in 1916.



STONE BUILDING

- February 5th 1917 a 4 room stone school formally opened.
- It was two stories with a basement which was to be divided into playrooms.
- It is believed that the school was built on the site of an Indian burial ground as four graves were uncovered during excavation.

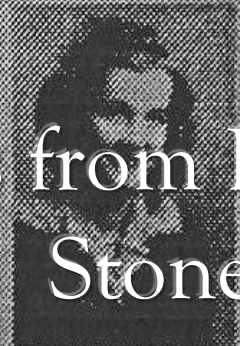


HAPPY THOUGHT SCHOOL
1944 - GRADE 11

- All grades from K - 12 were taught in this Stone Schoolhouse.



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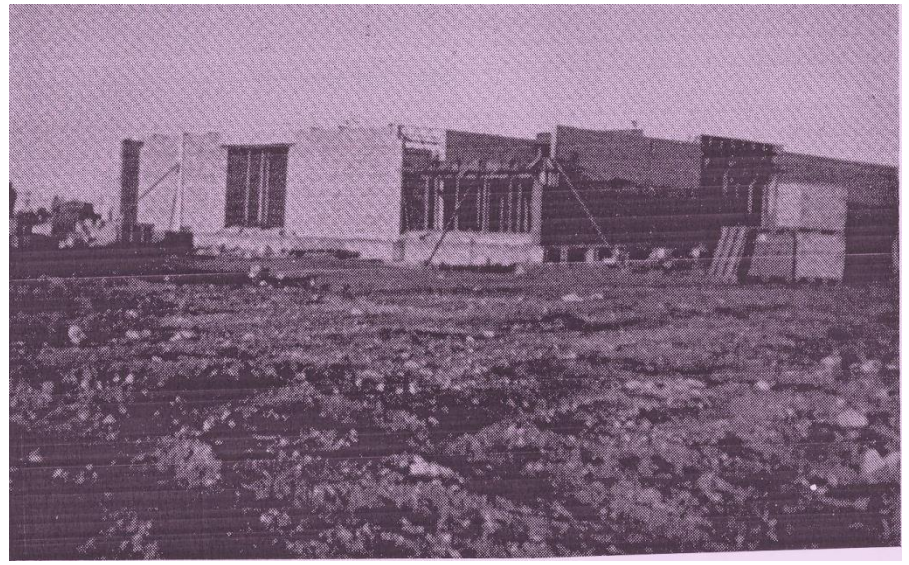
MICHELLE GARDNER



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CONSTRUCTION

- By the 1960's the district had formed plans to build one central school in East Selkirk.
- The present HTS building was designed by architect Peter Langes.
- The total cost of the project was \$370 000.00.
- School was opened in January of 1967.





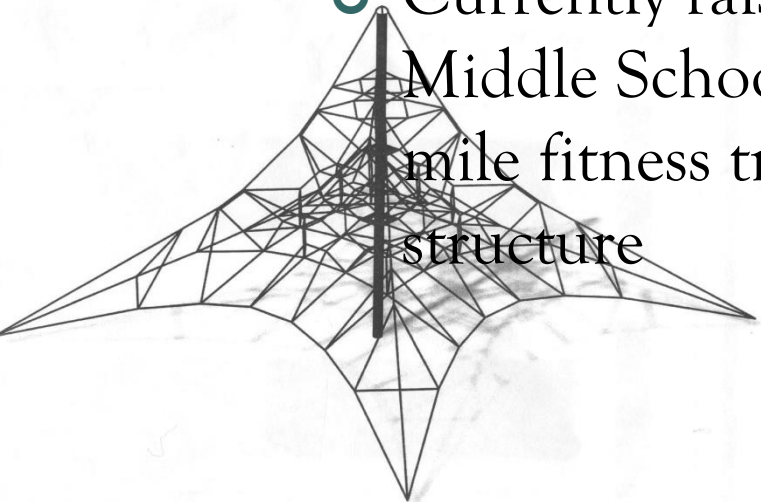
PRESENT HAPPY THOUGHT

- Became part of the L.S.S.D about 3 months after construction.
- Major additions were added in 1972 and then again in 1991.
- Population in 1967 - approx. 400
- Population now - over 700



PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

- Formed in 1981
- They “assist in the provision of adequate outlets for outdoor physical activities on the school property” (Goodman, 250).
- Raised \$250 000 in 2003 for a new play structure
- Currently raising money for new East Selkirk Middle School playground which includes a 1 ½ mile fitness trail and a space net climbing structure



UKRAINIAN PROGRAM

- Started in 1982
- Originally for grades 1-6
- Expanded to K-6 in 1995
- Attempted to offer the program for grades 7-9 in 2003
- Were able to make the program work for all grades in 2004

EAST SELKIRK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Presently under construction
- 59 500 sq. ft. building
- Total cost of 9.5 million
- Grades 5-9 will be moving into the new building
- Includes: Home Economics Lab, Technical Communications, Robotics Lab, Life Skills Class



