

North Kildonan Elementary School Is First In Manitoba

Something new in Manitoba was inaugurated when a new elementary school was opened on Sutton avenue in North Kildonan in September.

Believed to be the first of its kind in Manitoba, the school has its own board, employs its own teachers, and follows the course of study as set forth by the Department of Education.

It is not a protest school against the public school system and not a church school, but a free-parental school formed by a society of parents and friends for Christian Education.

At the present time 65 children are enrolled in the school which is supported by a society of 160 members.

Its two teachers are John Harris, principal, who came from Edmonton, and Miss Audrey Manuel, of New Brunswick.

Not entirely completed, the school at present has four rooms and teaches grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. It is contemplated the school will take up to grade 9 when all seven rooms are completed.

Built at a cost of \$80,000, the school will also have an auditorium and library.

Although it is believed to be the first such school in Winnipeg, there are four similar schools in Edmonton, three in Vancouver and over 20 in Ontario.

There are three denominations represented at North Kildonan's Calvin Christian School, and children come from the North End, Elmwood, Transcona, East and North Kildonan.

Recently the school held an "open house" when parents and friends were on hand to see what their efforts had achieved.

City To Lose Last Herd of Cattle

Ald. Bruce Bodie reported to East Kildonan Council Monday night that the city would probably lose its last large herd of cattle shortly.

The dairy, which is located close to Hampstead School in Morse Place, has a herd of 24 cattle.

As new homes have encroached up to the dairy property City Council has been viewing the situation for some time and hoping that the business and herd would be sold. Ald. Bodie was delegated at the last meeting of Council to discuss the matter with the owner. He was able to report Monday that the owner was at the present time endeavoring to sell his herd.

E.K. School Band Still Has Openings

The East Kildonan School Band still has a few openings for any school children. The band practices every Friday from 6.30 to 8 p.m. in Melrose School.

No less than seven instruments are available for any children wishing to join the band.

Calvin Christian School Officially Opens

A dedication service and official opening of the Calvin Christian School, Sutton avenue, North Kildonan, was held Thursday evening, Oct. 5th. J. Assink, president of the school board, welcomed the guests. Rev. E. O. Holkeboer, a member of the board, chaired the evening's proceedings.

Greetings were extended by F. Feenstra, the architect; John Haas, building inspector; and Henry Funk, the contractor, who presented the keys to Principal Harris.

Other distinguished guests were Deputy Mayor M. B. Whitehead, and Councillor Bernie Wolfe, from Metro Council.

Guest speaker Peter Vosteen, pastor of Emo (Ont.) Christian Reformed Church, chose as the subject of his address, "Why Calvin Christian School?"

Mr. Vosteen said in part: "We do not have Christian schools because we want to be different, or because we feel ourselves superior by doing so. We believe in Christian schools because God's Word demands it of us as Christian parents."

Mr. Vosteen pointed out that "only in a Christian school can there be a full application of Christian principles. Christian schools do more than prepare boys and girls to become ministers and missionaries. It prepares boys and girls, our leaders of tomorrow, to become Christian men and women in all walks of life."

Rev. E. O. Holkeboer, pastor of Transcona Christian Reformed Church, led in prayer, which was followed by the ribbon-cutting ceremony by J. Kinga and unlocking of the doors by F. Plantinga.

The opening of the school this year found Calvin Christian School near its completion. The teaching staff was increased by one full time and one part time teacher, and

now five grades are taught.

John Harris, principal, teaches grades 6 and 7. A Winnipegger, Mr. Harris graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he majored in history and Bible and received his B.A. degree. He taught in Byron Center, Mich. and Edmonton, before taking up his work here.

T. Breedveld, of Victoria, B.C., also attended Calvin College where he majored in English and received his B.A.

The third member of the staff, Miss Audrey Manuel, comes from Fredericton, N.B. She attended Teacher's College in New Brunswick and later graduated with a B.S. degree from Gordon College, Beverly, Mass.

Miss Manuel had eight years teaching experience before taking up her work here.

Nick Kaethler, of the Menonite College Institute, is a part-time instructor in the music department.

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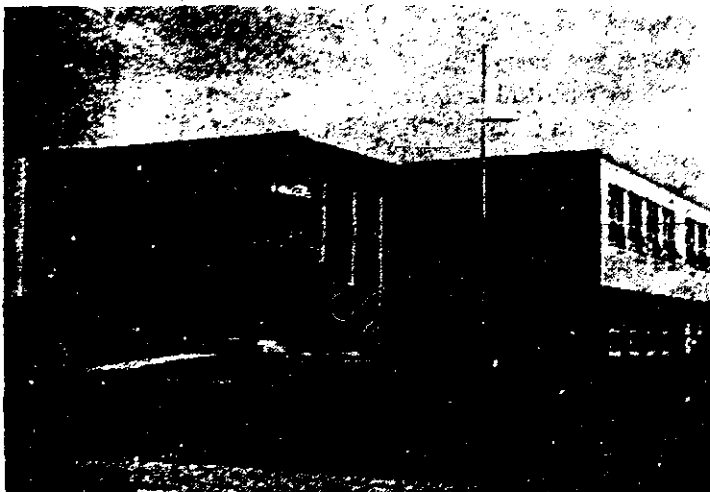
School Society was organized January 25, 1951. Although begun with much vigor and enthusiasm, the next few years were stormy ones, and not much progress was made.

With the expanding of the local church and members living in scattered sections of the city, with a large group in Transcona, it was decided to have the Transcona group organize their own society, which was done in 1954.

In 1958 the Board began looking for suitable property, and various plans were also presented for approval. The Transcona group re-united with the Winnipeg group and the name of the society was changed to its present name, the Greater Winnipeg Society for Christian Education. It was at this time that the present property was purchased.

Then, following two years of planning, the actual building was started in the early summer of 1960.

The school opened in September, 1960, with only two rooms partially finished. The teaching staff then consisted of two teachers each teaching two grades.



CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Calvin Christian's 25th

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On Sutton Avenue stands a school which, though small in size, boasts a history of 25 years of service. The school celebrates its anniversary this year with many exciting activities planned and anyone involved with Calvin during the past 25 years, is encouraged to participate in this celebration, held Thanksgiving weekend.

Calvin opened its doors in 1960 with 35 students and a staff of two teachers. It has since grown into a institution with over 200 students and 13 teachers.

The school was established to offer an alternative in education to parents who wished to have their children learn in a Christian setting. At Calvin all subjects meet the Manitoba requirements for education, but each are taught in a way that encourages a Christian world

and life view.

Anniversary celebrations include:

- Friday, October 11 — lunch and games for children at the school. Parents are invited to attend at 1 p.m.; Family/Praise/Thanksgiving Concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Chief Peguis Theatre. Coffee and open house will follow at the school, 245 Sutton Avenue.

- Saturday, October 12 — dinner at the Transcona Country Club at 6:30 pm. The guest speaker will be founding principal John Harris. Cost is 15, for tickets information phone 668-0994.

- Sunday, October 13 — combined church service at the Gordon King Memorial United Church, 127 Cobourg Avenue at 4:30 p.m. with Reverend J. Hanegraaff officiating.

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