



Melvin Sunday School c 1930. Back L to R: Dorothy Hay, Evelyn Hay, Barbara Hay, Helen McGregor, David Michie--Middle: Gladys Michie, Edith Michie, Ken Hay--Front: Winnie Michie, Lloyd Michie, Bonnie Hay, Ronnie Hay



Melvin School Class of 1958-59 Teacher--Jeanette Chapman. Back Row: Ronnie Hay, Glenda Peck, Miss Chapman, Marjorie Peck--2nd Row: Murray McIntyre, Lorna Peck, Jimmie Hay, Evelyn Friesen--3rd Row: Donna Bodnarchuk, Ricky Hay--4th Row: Elsie McIntyre, Donella Peck, Jimmie Friesen

Trustees played a big part in developing and managing these community schools. In Melvin the Trustees were: H. Alke, James R. McGregor, Walter Bodnarchuk, J. McPherson, John Bradshaw, Archie McIntyre, William S. Booth, Marjorie McIntyre, Robert Edgar, Alfred Michie, Martin Friesen, Donald Michie, W. Gatley, Harry Jr. Peck, Bruce Hay, Fred



Bikes Going to Melvin School 1941. L to R: Evelyn & Ross Hay, David Michie, Archie McIntyre, Raymond Peck

Peck, James Hay, Robert D. Peck, J.B. Hay, Ted Hay, Henry Schroeder, H. Thomas, William Sr. Younie.

Teachers of course played a pivotal role in any school. At Melvin they were: C. Alke, Hedwig Alke, Marjorie Arthur, Lena Bain, Irene M. Bennett, Hazel Boaz, Annie Bowman, Hazel Bickford, Jean Campbell, June Carson, May Collier, Hope Collier, Nellie Crake, Edith Cronk, Jeanette Chapman, Marian Dunlop, Nellie Fleming, Iowne Gillies, Belle Glenie, Janet Hay, Ethel Kearns, Helen R. Loewen, Gwen E. Matthews, Margaret Matthews, Margaret Matheson, Isabel Meincke, Thelma Meadows, Edith Michie, Una McKelvy, M. McShannock, Margaret E. McKinnon, Marjorie McIntyre, Eva M. McIntyre, Mary McDougall, Hazel L. Poyser, Joyce Saunders, Ida Walls, Edith V. Wilson, and Jenny Zentner. Submitted by Edith (Wilson) Peck and Alice (Edgar) Bodnarchuk.

NORFOLK

Norfolk School #897 was built in 1898 on land donated by Mr. McCaig. Originally some settlers wanted it to be built just north of Pine Creek, but the S.E. corner of 22-12-12 was selected as the site for the school built by Mr. Joe Gatley. The origin of the name is unknown. The first teacher was Miss Bertha Doak, and the first trustees were William Brandt, Joe Raines and Joe Bennett.

For many years the school was used as a church, with many coming from surrounding districts, particularly Ellwood. There was no organ, so singing was led by Mr. and Mrs. Bennett sitting in the front row.

Sometime later a lean-to was added over a well for drinking water. This proved unsuccessful, as several former students can remember trudging across the corner from Sladek's with their sloshing half pail of water. Another addition, used as a coal bin, later became a hide and seek refuge.