

Lorne Pennell was Chairman and Robert Chant, Secretary Treasurer, both third generation descendants of the original pioneers.



Drew, Robin and Robert Chant and the new tractor

There were numerous teachers who came and went over the years. Miss Edna Cross was one. Her father, F. Cross, was the last Secretary-Treasurer of the Brampton School. Some of the teachers who married and stayed in the district were Mesdames Charlie Pennell (Argue), W. Chant (Powell), Art Chant (Mackie), George Snaith (Mitchell), Clarence Pennell (McGregor), Dick Collier (Stephenson), James Cox (Rands), Orval Chant (Rudd). The school, quite modern and still in good repair, having been remodeled, closed after 70 years of use. The last teacher was Mrs. T. Kelly.

The Southend School building was of frame construction, facing east. There were three windows



Southend Pupils c 1949. L to R: Shirley Hoepfner, Elsie Radford, Trudy Scott, Irene Hoepfner, Alma Wiebe, Marjorie Chant

on each side. The inside of the school was typical of country schools; rows of desks, blackboards, water fountain, book cupboards, wooden floors and painted walls. Heat was supplied by a wood heater, later a wood/coal furnace. Bathroom facilities were outhouses, and later indoor toilets.

In the 1940's a Boy Scout Group was organized by Harold Orchard and the members were Ron Tarr, Jim Cox, Glenn and Garnet Pennell, Orval and Clifford Chant, Nelson, Eddie and Bill Hulme, Garry and Dwayne MacDonald, Don and Ron O'Neil, Bob Chant, Gordon Billings and Frank Ireland.



Southend-Macaulay Ball Team 1948. Back Row: George Snaith, Colin Shaw, Pat Stirling, Orval Chant, Nelson Hulme--2nd Row: Clifford Chant, Pete Hoepfner, Ron Tarr, Clare Tarr, Ed Hulme--Front: Bill Hulme, Harold Orchard, Glenn Pennell

Pupil enrollment varied from as many as 26 in 1906 to as few as five in 1922. Grades taught were I to VIII and sometimes IX by correspondence. Teachers were not always paid on a regular monthly basis according to the treasurer's books.

Pride in education has always been foremost from the pioneer to modern day parents. The Southend School building has gone. The barn for horses has gone. But in the summer of 1989 people gathered from far and wide to attend the unveiling of a stone cairn and memorial erected in the corner of the school yard, to the students, teachers, parents - people of days gone by. Later a picnic was held at Robert and Lorraine Chant's farm where everyone renewed friendships and revived old memories.

Some early homesteaders were Pennell, Chant, Berry, Montgomery, Cook, Sterling, Lye, Cross, Stephenson, Moore, Gustafson, Young, Palmer,