

Jan. 1918 - Dec. 1918
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 Aug. 1931 - June 1935
 Aug. 1935 - June 1936
 Aug. 1936 - June 1939
 Aug. 1939 - June 1940
 Aug. 1940 - June 1941
 Aug. 1941 - June 1942
 Aug. 1942 - June 1943
 School closed until January 1953.
 Jan., 1953 - June 1953
 Aug. 1953 - June 1954
 Aug. 1954 - June 1955
 Aug. 1955 - June 1956
 Aug. 1956 - June 1957
 Aug. 1957 - June 1958
 Aug. 1958 - June 1959
 School closed June 1959.

Mary Currie
 Douglas Fyles
 missing
 Florence Elliott
 W. J. Knox
 missing
 Florence Wheeler
 Margaret MacKay
 Mary Hartford
 Margaret Fraser
 Stella Bryson
 Mary Beaudin
 Katherine McDonell
 Viola Miller
 Ellen Halliday
 Agnes McCarthy
 Laura (Kay) Brock
 Irma Parish
 Thelma Osman
 Lillian Floyd
 George Browning
 Walter Turko
 Ida Smith
 Lena Martens
 Arleen Kopytko
 Elizabeth Yakimishyn
 Ann Fashoway
 Margaret Robertson

ELKWOOD SCHOOL HARCUS, MANITOBA

submitted by Ellen (Halliday) Martin Glenella, Manitoba

I came to teach in the Elkwood School District in the fall of 1931 and boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Poole, approximately one quarter of a mile from the school. There was a beautiful bluff surrounding the Poole yard. The school was west, but on the south side of the road.

The Poole's eldest son, Albert, an auditor with the C.N. had just died in Toronto and Albert Sr. was away to his funeral. Teddy Albert was staying with his grandparents during his father's illness.

It was a lovely school, the enrollment small and the pupils well trained. They were active happy children and played games and ball in the summer and hockey, etc. in winter on the icy snow with improvised sticks. I always thought that the boys would have made the hockey teams if transportation was easier.

As with many county schools, it was the social centre; card games, dances, Christmas parties, plays and picnics. There was a kitchen on the north side equipped with kettles, cups, etc. for parties; also an excellent library.

A short time after I went there, Mr. Poole informed me that the teacher looked after the dances. Quite a shock - I soon learned and before long could count heads at a glance. The men paid twenty-five cents and the ladies brought lunch. We raised money in the fall to help Santa purchase gifts for the pupils at the Christmas Tree. But we had to have music - the Munro boys, Sandy and Johnny, were excellent violinists, so we invited them to play for our dances. When they were away fishing we relied on Mr. Frank Brugger with his violin and Mr. Robert Munroe with the accordion.

The C.N.R. came as far as Alonsa in those days and brought mail and supplies. In 1931 the Village of Harcus consisted of a couple, Mr. and Mrs. Heathman, an Anglican Church and church yard and the store and post office. Mr. and Mrs. William Minton kept the store and post office. They had a son Bill and daughter Eleanor. We always tried to be there at meal time to meet the neighbours and get the news.

Driving north from Harcus, the James Rawlings family lived in a big house. They had a large family and they sold groceries too. On the right hand side there was the Wheeler house: Cecil and two children, Margaret and Elliot with hired help. These two large houses had been built earlier by Judge Ryan of Portage la Prairie. Further north was Mr. Matt Lamberton, a Scottish fisherman and in the same yard, Mr. and Mrs. James Frame, with sons Bill and Tom. At the mile corner the Uriah Ortons with six children, Joe, Jim, , Eva, Annie, and Freddie. Turn east one half mile and you came to the Bob Munroe home. Mrs. Swartz with daughter, Eva and son, Jimmy kept house for him until he married his wife, Carrie.

Elkwood School was one mile east of Ortons; then the Poole house, continue two miles and you are at the Ridge Road now Highway 50.

There were six other families in the district. The McLeans, north of Ortons; Caldwells, south of Harcus; the Fultons, about one mile east of Harcus; Mr. and Mrs. Munroe and Percy and Frank Brugger lived on Highway Fifty. It was a well knit little district.

I wish I could express on paper the good times we enjoyed in those years in the Harcus District; the hospitality in the homes and the lively young people. We took part in the Field Days in Alonsa and got a prize for drill in 1935. They looked so smart with their matching blouses and perky little hats.

Time moves on and so do people. The Fultons, with daughters Alma and Betty, left. The Ortons went to Rossendale and the McLeans to Inwood. The Joe Pooles went to Drumheller. We were lucky to have Mr. Tom Harris from Waskado and Mrs. Mary Morton with son Joe and daughter Marjorie come to live in the Orton house. We missed these people but it was for their betterment.

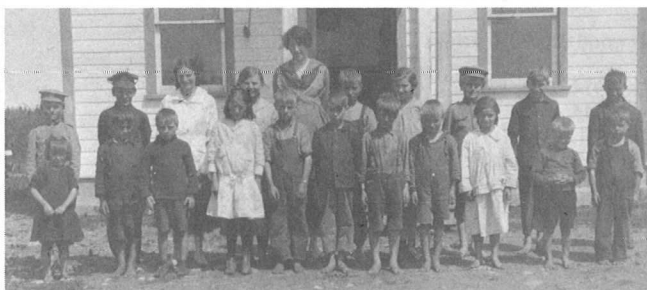
In 1935 I moved to Glenella, a bit fearful of leaving, but went to a town school where I taught the primary grades for many years and married Fred Martin, a machine agent.



Back Row, L to R: _____, _____, _____, 4th George Rawlings, 5th Jack Lees, 6th Bud Rawlings, _____, _____. Front Row, L to R: _____, _____, _____, Raymond Rawlings, _____, _____.



L to R: Miss Currie, Izora Stanley, Ellie Stanley, Viola Rawlings, _____, _____, _____.



Class of Miss Currie. Those known, Back Row: 1st Bud Rawlings, 3rd Ellie Stanley, 4th Viola Rawlings, 7th George Rawlings. Front Row: 3rd Raymond Rawlings, 4th Izora Stanley.