

In the fall of 1930 I left home for the first time to begin my teaching career. When I arrived in Baldur I was told that I would be boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Lou Schultz and this was fortunate for me. Their home became my home for the next six years and Mrs. Lou was like a mother to me.

Monday morning arrived and I went off to my first day of teaching school. I met the other teachers, all of whom had been teaching in Baldur for many years and all very friendly. They were the Principal, Mr. Fines, and Miss Wilson, Miss Bateman and Miss Snyder. Mr. Fines showed me to my home classroom which was the Grade XI and XII room in the basement. If I was apprehensive when I arrived I was even more so when I filled in the register with names, dates of births, etc., and discovered that several of my pupils were older than I was. After recess I went up to the Grade IX and X room and met the rest of my pupils.

When I got to know my pupils I found that - with very few exceptions - they were not only hardworking and co-operative but were very nice people to know. We all worked hard - those were the days when everyone had to meet the challenge of June Provincial Exams. The Grade XII students studied in school but their classes were held

from four till six which made a very long day. However, that small group was a joy to teach; not only were they very intelligent but were also ambitious and have become fine men and women.

We worked hard but we had fun too. I remember - cold winter days when at recess and noon the girls would practice folk-dancing - the school paper - boys coming late on the first day of duck shooting, boasting about the number of ducks brought home - concerts - the field day - parties planned entirely by the students - and so much more.

It was with much regret that I returned home to teach in Norwood Collegiate but in 1938 Walter Hawn and I were married and I returned to my favorite town for four more years and even taught for some time. The first two of our five children were born in Baldur and in 1942 Walter accepted a position in Queen Elizabeth School in Norwood where he was a teacher and then vice-principal until he retired in 1973.

After staying home for twenty years with our children, I returned to the classroom for fifteen more years and although I enjoyed my teaching and had more outstanding students I have always had a very special feeling for my first pupils in Baldur High School.

Lillian (Fisher) Hawn

Baldur School holds memories for thousands of Manitobans. For me it was the home of all my school days and my share of those memories. The school days were good ones and my memories of my teachers places them among the best.

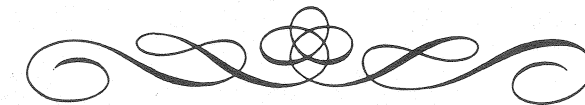
Miss Florence Fowler started me along the way of the 3 R's. In this she was followed by Miss Alla Johnson. Miss Louise Wilson then took over and Mr. Fines guided me through my High School years. As I look back now I know that they were among the long list of dedicated teachers who guided the

learning of so many.

After serving my apprenticeship years in two of the rural areas, I returned to Baldur School in September, 1938, as one of its staff members. Here I remained for three and one-half years. One of my interests during this period was my association with the Girls Soft Ball Team. We had many enjoyable times along with many victories and defeats. A "Hello!" to all you girls wherever you are.

Baldur School holds an enviable place among the schools of Manitoba.

W. Hawn



"Interest - in - students" perhaps best describes the spark that started the first Grade XII class of students, four people in Baldur School in November, 1922. This was an extra class with volunteer teachers - Mr. Ivan Schultz, Mr. R. A. Fines, and Rev. W. E. Rowan-Methodist Minister.

The Mathematics, English, Prose and Poetry and History courses were taken, but Science was not studied that year. Classes were held in a basement room and desks and fuel were supplied by the students.

Mr. Fines' classes were taken after four o'clock and on Saturday mornings. The others were at convenient times during school hours.

I don't remember all final results but there were some clear passes. Thanks to the interest of the teachers, four students had the opportunity to further their education, which would have been much more difficult to have done in other ways.

Pearl Woodworth