

FORT ERIE SECONDARY SCHOOL

60TH ANNIVERSARY 1928 - 1988

May 14, 1988.



Welcome back to FESS:

It is a great personal pleasure to have this opportunity to welcome all former staff and students to this Diamond Anniversary Reunion. Today we are celebrating your school's sixty years of outstanding educational service to the Fort Erie community. I hope that each of you shares my pride in being a "FESS FALCON" on this special day.

The six decades of FESS' existence (1928 - 1988) are the era of the greatest changes in human history. When Fort Erie Secondary (Bridgeburg High School) opened its doors in September 1927 few, if any, of the students entering those bright new halls and classrooms could even imagine how different their world would be compared to that of their children or grandchildren. This sixty year period that started just prior to the Great Depression, saw the rise of the Fascist dictators and the carnage of World War II, witnessed the dawn of the nuclear age, marvelled at the television pictures of a man walking on the moon, developed the sophisticated technology of the information society and culminated in the era of the computer chip and high technology must certainly be characterized as an era of radical change! Yet over those same dynamic decades one thing has remained constant, the undeniable truth that in each of our lives, the most important and enduring elements are family and friends. Today we have an opportunity to renew our long-standing friendships and rekindle our memories of times past. Take advantage of this opportunity and join with me in thanking the hard working and dedicated individuals on the Reunion Committee who have made today's events possible.

Enjoy yourselves, have a great day and welcome home!


W.F.P. Fell,

PRINCIPAL.

May 14, 1988.



Of all the words in our language, few have such universal connotations for us as do the words, "I'm coming home". The excitement as we think about returning or going back to a time and a place that is special to each of us in some private way is the spirit of a homecoming.

To all who are returning to participate in the 60th Anniversary of Fort Erie Secondary, I extend my best wishes. On your return, celebrate the countless experiences that are the components of the identities you carry with you today. Those significant events and fleeting moments long since

forgotten, will suddenly spring back to life as you share your recollections with your friends and associates.

It is at your reunion that you have the opportunity to reaffirm the sense that you are home, to know that your time here was important and to rekindle the memories that will sustain you until you meet again.

Sincerely,

Robert Majer
Robert Majer,
VICE-PRINCIPAL, 1988.

Biographical notes

Robert Majer, B.A.
Vice-Principal - February 1988 to the present

Home town - Stratford, Ontario
Attended the University of Western Ontario, London
Reside in Niagara Falls with wife Barbara and
children Andrea, Nathan and Airedale, Chaucer
Employed by Niagara South for 23 years
Taught English at Westlane and Thorold and was
Head of Department at A.N. Myer
Exercising my wings as a new 'Falcon' at F.E.S.S.

FORT ERIE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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WEATHER
Why blame it
on me!

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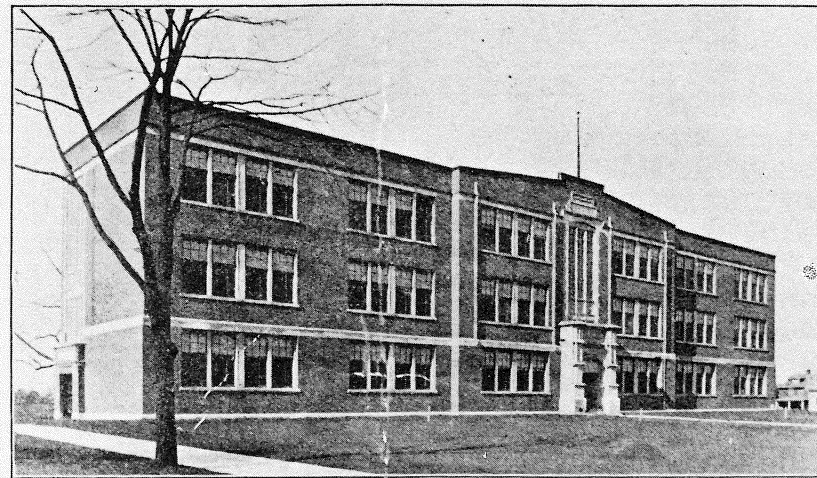
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Mr. Thompson — "Aren't you ashamed of yourself, pounding Earl Beach like that?"
Harvey Troup—"Well, he told us to copy our Latin Homework and we're giving him his share of what we got."

Mr. Bell—"Do you know Dorothy Hanes, I began life as a barefoot boy."

Bright little Dorothy—"Well, I wasn't born with shoes either."



BRIDGEBURG HIGH SCHOOL—ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE PROVINCE

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Mr. Bell has lost his voice.
Nellis Chapman isn't with the boys.
Bill Ready has rubber heels on his shoes.
Joan Chase isn't cracking her gum.
Margaret Alexander can't drive a flivver.
Frances Benner isn't giggling.
Madeline Augustine has something to do.
Mac Rutherford doesn't ask questions.
Mr. Muir and Mr. Weaver are catching mice.
Margaret Cole isn't talking.
Bob Rose has his History done.
Ernie Simpson came on time.
Tommy Robertson is very shy.

There was once a girl in first form who was so dumb, she wondered how it was that telegraph poles grew in a straight line.

Man (employed by a Scot): "I have been here ten years, sir, doing three men's work for one man's money, and now I want a raise."
Employer: "I don't I canna gie ye that, but if ye'll tell me the names of the other two men I'll back on."

Staff

1928 - 31

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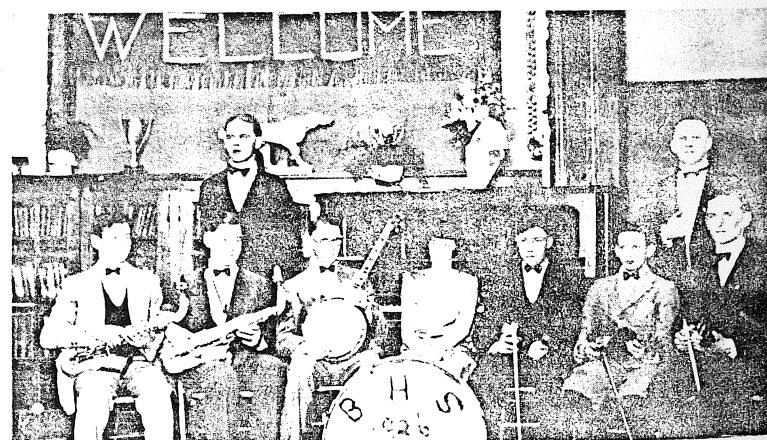
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1931

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B.H.S. School Orchestra

The last sixty years have marked a time of enormous world change; a time of violence and peace and the evolution of a thing called "modern technology and the dawning of the automatic dishwasher". Naturally then, one could foresee the consequent diversification of the educational system to meet the changing needs of society.

Fort Erie Secondary School has met these challenges most favourably, and today boasts one of the most dynamic educational curriculae in the area. F.E.S.S. has attained an excellent academic reputation as well as the ability to cater to the individual's needs. The school now facilitates virtually every circumstance through its technical, co-operative, gifted, and exceptional education programs. In addition, the school has a night school, second language English program and a daycare centre to ensure that every member of our community who wishes a public education, is accommodated.

F.E.S.S. also has a comprehensive and extensive extra-curricular program. No longer a 9-3:30 enterprise, the school clubs and teams operate evenings, week-ends and also during school time. There are a variety of activities, which include all the usual sports and some unusual ones like, a girl's hockey team, golf team, and a downhill ski team. Other exciting clubs are: United Nations Club, Geography Club, Creative Problem Solving Team, Drama Club, School Band, Camera Club, Science Club, Outer's Club, to name a few.

The school also sponsored various school activities like: an airband competition, junior and senior prom, a talent show, various spirit weeks, dances, blood donating contest with Ridgeway High, triathlon, etc.

Surely this is a far cry from the early days of province wide examinations a single standard academic program.

In addition to the new programming format, the atmosphere within the school has changed. Students are encouraged to develop self-discipline and respect for others. A sense of responsibility is not demanded but understood. No bells ring to add to the stress of a learning environment but students are responsible for punctuality nevertheless. A problem solving approach is emphasized in most classes as students learn to apply memorized theories and principles to real-life situations. With many unique and specialized course options the student chooses courses which interest him as well as required courses which assure a broad foundation in all areas of the academic spectrum.

FORT ERIE HIGH - Mike Daigle

Fort Erie High
Ever protect
All your students
And none neglect

Teach us to live
Love and learn
Teach us that one day
We'll have our turn

Carry us all
Through our teenage years
Expand our horizons
And not our fears

To create a world
That will never die
And we'll tell them we came
From FORT ERIE HIGH!

SCHOOL - Scott Healey

May memories of being in class
Some still with me. Some didn't last.
The people I knew. The times I had.
When I think of them, it makes me sad.
Because the memories I have, of those good times
Are hard to let go, to be left behind.
And even though those times are past,
They're in my mind and will always last.
If I could just go back in time,
The fund and friends would again be mine.
But this is impossible and can't be done,
So the next best thing is a reunion!

SIXTY YEARS LATER - Claire Walker

Many students have passed through FESS,
To graduate in suit and dress.
Celebrating their work and devotion,
It's on to college and job promotion.
Expanding their horizons, they move away,
But return to Fort Erie another day.
Coming back to relive their past,
Wondering how time went so fast.
Sixty years later in eighty-eight,
Our reunion is held "tête à TAIT".



- TREASURER - Michelle Howe
- HEAD GIRL - Barb Hall
- PUBLICITY CONVENER - Dawn Bukator
- HEAD BOY - Bill Alty
- SECRETARY - Georgi McPherson
- SOCIAL CONVENER - Tami Smith

SUMMARY OF 1987 - 1988 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

As the school year comes to an end we feel we have accomplished the goals in which we set out for in the beginning of the year. They were to give students functions such as dances, spirit weeks and clubs in order to create a sense of school spirit.

Our dances this year were very successful as the first, a toga dance, was one of the highlights. Later came the Halloween, Christmas, Valentine and the last dance which featured live music by the Happy Snowmen.

A Rowdie Club was formed in order to support our school teams. Although this was a new idea we hope it will become successful in future years.

Our formal events for the junior and senior grades took place at the Garrison for the students in grades 9, 10, 11 and the senior prom took place at the Skylon on May 13th.

We supplied the students with jackets and athletic wear, sporting Class of 88 logos for grade 12 students.

Spirit weeks were held as there were designated dress days such as dress as your favorite teacher, hat and shades, purple and gold and lunchtime activities were chicken wing eating contest, pie eating and worst fishing.

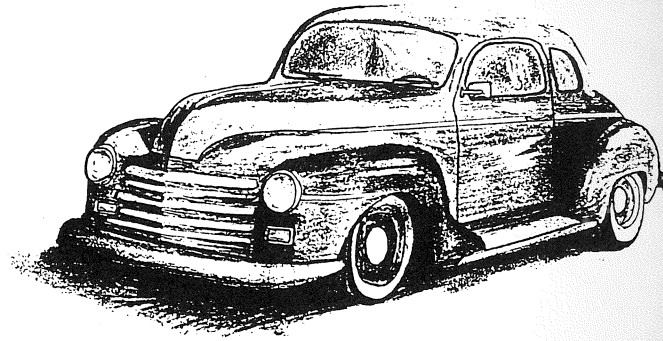
Members of the student council executive also took part in the opening of the Friendship Festival and the Bob Wong Appreciation Night.

In closing, we would like to mention that we have enjoyed all our years at F.E.S.S., especially being part of the Students' Council, and special thanks to our advisor, Mr. Humphreys.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.

Head Boy - Bill Alty
Head Girl - Barb Hall

We are also planning a picnic in order to celebrate the last days of the school year.



ART AT F.E.S.S.

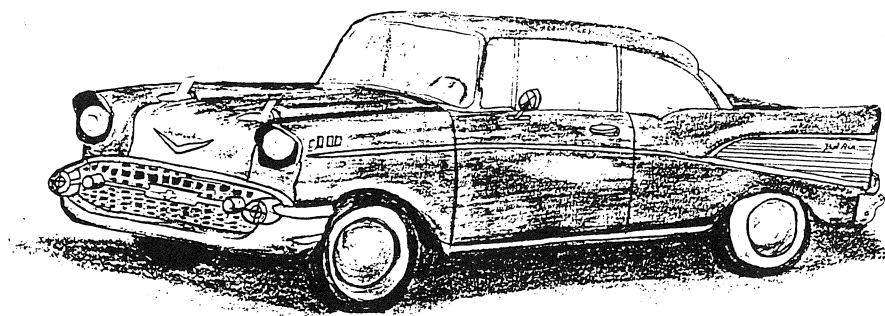
The Art Department at Fort Erie Secondary School has been in existence for eleven years. From September, 1976 it has expanded from five classes of first year art to a more composite program, offering general level courses at the first, second and third year levels, and an advanced class at the fourth year level. In addition to this, there is also an OAC course for those students wishing to continue art studies at a university.

Approximately 1 000 students have taken part in the art program. Many have continued on to study art at a tertiary level. In fact there are many alumni of the F.E.S.S. art department who are happily and productively employed at art oriented positions throughout the province.

The past eleven years have seen many talented young people involved with creative activities here at F.E.S.S. Each year we have displayed their work at the annual art exhibition which has been lauded as the finest in the area.

VINCE DUNN

Art Teacher



MUSIC - MUSIC - MUSIC

Yes, Music is alive at FESS. In the last eight years the number of music courses available has doubled. Now, close to 1/3 of the school population is taking Music!! For the past 2 years we have had 3 classes of Grade 9 students opting for this course and next year looks the same. This year Grade 12 was made an advanced level course and Grade 13 was added with 15 students. Next year's numbers are at 25. Lookin good !!

We are playing everything from Mozart to Jazz. The Concert Band has an active membership of 40 students. Our Jazz Ensemble boasts 23 members and we even have several people involved in a Dixieland group.

Solos, ensembles, vocals are an everyday occurrence. Bands are playing at all the Junior schools, for clubs and organizations, meetings, etc. all over town.

Last year a small ensemble was formed to supply the musical accompaniment for the production of Joseph's Technicolour Dreamcoat. This year we will help in the production of Hair.

Each year a special event is planned. We have taken trips, played in our nations's captial, exchanged with a school in Alberta, and this year entered the Regional Music Festival. Both bands were successful and brought home silver and bronze awards. Next on the list is a trip to Calgary to hear Canada's best compete in the National Finals.

Funding in the past has been through fund raising activities such as selling chocolate bars, spices, Christmas ornaments, cleaning up after Lion's Bingos at the Racetrack, holding bottle drives, etc. Many service organizations have helped us achieve our goals. This year we secured our own Bingo license and have raised our own money.

Yes, we are alive and well. Come hear us soon!!

Ron Gorham,

Director of Music, FESS

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION AT F.E.S.S.

Two very important slogans to describe the program are simply "CO-OP EDUCATION-IT'S WORKING" and "WORKING TO-DAY FOR TO-MORROW". What better way to explain the most exciting and fastest growing high school program in many years!

It is a well known fact that co-operative education provides a unique educational experience by preparing students for the world of work of their choice. Why is "co-op" a most unique program? Our reason is that it places the students outside the school walls for an extended period of time, usually a half day for a full semester - for two credits. It allows the student to learn in a different environment and be evaluated in a real life setting. While earning credits the student grows in maturity and attains a positive attitude towards work.

In conversation with parents, most agree that changes did occur in their sons' and daughters' growth through "co-op" participation. Comments such as, "shows more interest in school work", "developed better interpersonal skills", "experienced a sudden maturity", "shows more responsibility", "is more punctual and misses less school", are commonly made by teachers and parents.

To-day in 1988 at F.E.S.S. we have nearly 70 students enrolled in co-op education as compared with only 18 back in 1983. This increase mirrors the provincial numbers. This year it is estimated that 35 000 students are enrolled in Ontario.

In conclusion, to-day's student participating in co-operative education is learning in a mode not available in any classroom environment. The student is acquiring skills and attitudes which might not otherwise have been developed. They are being exposed now to the world they would not see for possibly six or seven years hence. What better way to make career decisions early in life and probably obtain a good part-time and summer job in the process.

B. DeSantis
F.E.S.S. Co-op Co-ordinator

HAPPENINGS IN THE BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

It's difficult to believe that ten years have gone by since our 50th Reunion. We have had many changes in the Business Education department and it would be impossible to list them all. Let's take a look at two of them: staff and equipment.

STAFF

We have had a gradual turnover of Business teachers over the past ten years; but, nothing as dramatic as last year and this year. This June two of our stalwarts will be retiring - Bob Babcock and Pat Diciocco. Bob has taught for 20 years - all at FESS. Before Bob began his teaching career, he put in 20 years working for the railroad. After being on the job for 40 years, Bob deserves a long and relaxing retirement. Pat has taught for 25 years - all at FESS. Pat came into teaching after working in business for a number of years. If anyone wants to see Pat, you better do it now because after June we'll never find him - he'll be in the bush somewhere hunting and fishing. Last year Ted Backshall retired after 32 years as teacher and Business Director - all at FESS. Ted's retirement present to himself was a motorhome, so we may never find him either. Ted was replaced as Business Director by Doug MacArthur who will be the only holdover for next year. It must say something for our school that our retirees have spent their entire teaching careers at one school.

We were all saddened a few years ago by the deaths of Gerry Pepper and Don McKenzie. Gerry was the softspoken philosopher of the Business department. Don was our Business Director for many years before his retirement prior to the 50th Reunion. Ken Macdonald retired three years ago after coming to FESS from Port Colborne High. Patricia Lamb taught at our school for one year and left to go to NFCVI in Niagara Falls and is now the Business Director there. Another retiree this year is Margaret Turchan. Marg taught for many years at FESS and had transferred to Welland High a few years ago.

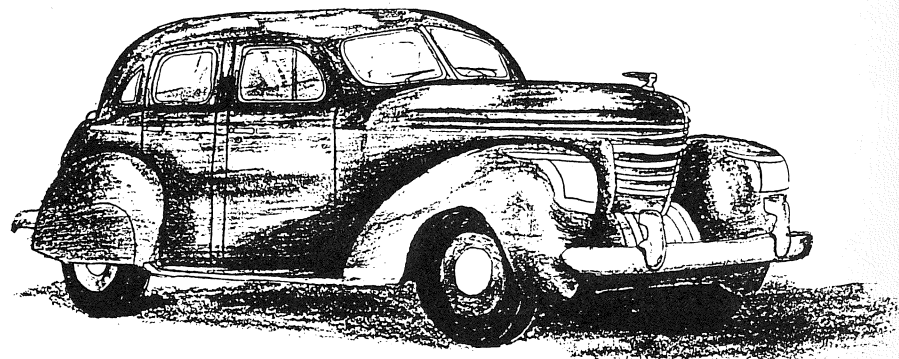
This past year Carl Madsen and Mike Kamatovic joined the department to teach our Law classes. There will be some new faces in the Business department next year; but, we'll not forget the teachers who preceded us.

EQUIPMENT

Another area of great change since 1978 has been in the area of equipment that the students are using. Our three rooms of manual and electric typewriters have been replaced by one room of Brother electronic typewriters and two rooms of computers. Room 155 has 15 Icon computers with a fileserver. The Icon is the Ministry of Education's microcomputer designed for educational use. Each computer has 512 k RAM and the fileserver has a 64 megabyte hard disk. The Icon is primarily used for word processing, spreadsheets, database, programming, Computer Assisted Design, accounting, art and Computer Assisted Instruction. We also have a modem for computer access outside the classroom. Room 157 has 30 CBM 8032 business microcomputers with 6 disk drives and 6 printers. The senior Office Practice (Information Processing next year) classes use the CBM's for word processing and the Data Processing classes do some of their applications on them. Within the next two years the CBM's will be replaced by 30 IBM's. Rooms 159 and 156 are our Typing and Accounting rooms respectively.

Since 1982 we have had a Computer Club in the school. Thanks to the fund raising activities of Ted Backshall, the club has purchased 4 computers - from 4 different manufacturers.

Anyone interested in seeing our computers in action or in having some "hands on time" are welcome to come on down. Some students have volunteered to come in today to demonstrate some of the applications that can be done.



The movement fifteen months ago of the sixteen students from Elsie English Memorial School to Fort Erie Secondary School has proven to be an unqualified success. Through a great deal of planning and effort by the principals, staffs, students and parents of the two schools; a warm, sincere and productive learning environment has been created for the students in Rooms 101 and 201.

The staff of the Elsie English Extension, (Mrs. Muir, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Jewson, Mrs. Storrey and Mrs. Smith) have been able to utilize the many varied facilities available at F.E.S.S. that could not be accessed at Elsie English School. Role modeling, age appropriate socialization, peer tutoring experiences, integration opportunities, developing self-confidence and community awareness are many of the benefits the students from Elsie English School are gaining while attending F.E.S.S. It is also very apparent the students from F.E.S.S. have and will continue to gain an appreciation and sensitivity for people with special needs, through their interaction with them in and about the school. The willingness of the F.E.S.S. student body to accept the students from Elsie English as equal partners in the day to day routines of the school is another example of the "FALCON SPIRIT".



FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Can there be many social occasions as special as, as much fun, as heartwarming as a school reunion?

Can there be any other social occasion that can bring back memories - good memories, sad memories, happy, fun-time memories with such clarity, such exactness as a reunion like this?

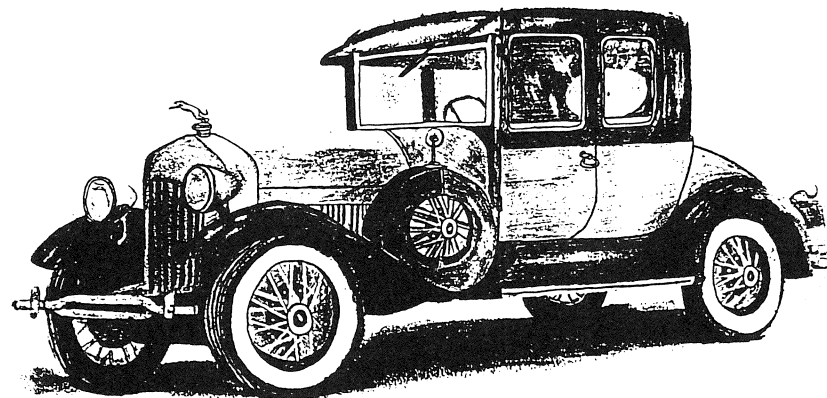
A very special thanks to all those who worked very hard to organize this reunion. It could not have happened without their effort and enthusiasm.

I know Ellen Merrin and Tony Filo, both very happily retired from work they loved, would want to extend the warmest welcome. Dave Cowan who knows he transferred out of a really great school also extends his "welcome back".

And from that old hockey player, Ed Mateka, who has liked this school and students so much he has spent his entire career here, from Judy Rigsby, a new enthusiastic recruit to guidance, from Margie Walpole, our super "Girl-Friday" who we could not do without and myself, have yourself a roaring good time!

Remember when??!!

Rick Zonker



PERSONAL LIFE MANAGEMENT

The 1987-88 school year has proven to be an historic year at Fort Erie Secondary School with the introduction of the Personal Life Management program. Under the direction of Mr. Bill Huxley, Principal of the Elsie Extension of F.E.S.S., sixteen students who have a variety of developmental delays have become members of the F.E.S.S. student body. Students enrolled in the Personal Life Management program are paired with students from Elsie English and serve as "Peer Tutors" who work with their "partners" in the following areas of curriculum: (a) Communication, (b) Physical Education, (c) Vocational Training, (d) Life Skills.

The main objective of this program is the integration and normalization of the developmentally delayed students into a regular high school setting. The Elsie English students are now in an age appropriate learning environment attending high school with all of its privileges. They attend all school events and activities, have access to all school facilities and attend selected classes as integrated students, eg. Physical Education, shop classes, etc. As a result of these activities, they are developing a variety of skills such as socialization and role modelling.

F.E.S.S. itself has been the major beneficiary of this integration experience. Students have a better appreciation for life. They are developing leadership and organizational skills by acting as peer tutors. The most important benefit that has emerged from this experience is that staff and students have learned the difference between compassion and sympathy for people who are different and that one does not necessarily lead to the other.

Who benefits most from Personal Life Management program at Fort Erie Secondary School? We all do! We have discovered the often forgotten notion that all people, regardless of their abilities or disabilities, have the potential to excel at the most important quality of all, LIFE. The students at F.E.S.S. have learned, as John F. Kennedy learned, to ask not what others can do for you but what can you do for others.

Larry Sirianni

Larry Sirianni
Personal Life Management Teacher

Back in the early days of Bridgeburg, Amagari, and Fort Erie, schooling was not considered a necessity; and until the beginning of the 20th century, few students thought of progressing past elementary school. However, in 1902, Mr. C. E. Hansel was hired to take charge of a continuation school which went three grades beyond the entrance class, and used class space in the Phipps Street Public School (later called Rose Seaton). If any students wished to go farther than that - get their senior matriculation - they had to travel (usually by train) to Welland High School.

In 1917 when Howard E. Thompson became principal of Phipps St. School, increased school population required the use of a ward school called the Amagari School on Gilmour Road, and also the use of a church basement on Courtwright Street. Consequently, a new Public School was built on the corner of Wintemute and Central. Opening in 1918, Wintemute Public School was the first building on Wintemute Street. Howard Thompson was its principal.

The Continuation School took up the top floor of the new school, and as the school population continued to grow, and as additions to existing buildings became overcrowded, and as the completion of the Peace Bridge in 1927 was sure to bring an influx of new residents into town, it became obvious that another major building was needed. Although there was some question about whether to build another public school or a new high school, an examination of the provincial grant structure, which greatly favoured the construction of a high school, soon decided the answer to that question.

The building of the Bridgeburg High School began in the fall of 1927 and was opened for use in September, 1928. A new street, called Tait Avenue in honour of George Tait who was secretary-treasurer of the Bridgeburg Board of Education for over twenty-five years, was laid out off Wintemute Street to run in front of the new school. At its completion, Bridgeburg High was one of the finest schools in the province, boasting an auditorium, a gymnasium, and a swimming pool, largely because of the urging of Howard Thompson, who became its first principal.

For almost thirty years, no alteration or addition to the building was needed. There were, of course changes within the system. One of these was a name change to Fort Erie High School when Fort Erie and Bridgeburg became the Town of Fort Erie in 1932. A second was the upgrading of the technical and commercial studies necessitated by World War II and the increased industrialization. A third was the retirement of Mr. Thompson in 1954.

However the post war "baby boom" caught up to the high school during the 1950's. Mr. Orville Weaver, who replaced Mr. Thompson as principal had to devise a "split" timetable which staggered the hours of both teachers and students. He also brought in portable classrooms. The solution, though, was expansion.

In 1957 a large south wing was added - the first addition to the original building. It had a new cafeteria, new administration offices, an occupational room, a metal and electricity shop, a library classroom, a music room and classrooms.

In 1963 two more wings projected out to the west. Besides providing more classrooms, these wings also had shops, science labs, and a double gym. In 1965 a library and office complex was built on to the front of the building - going east toward Tait Avenue. In 1968 still another wing went to the west to provide more space for vocational classes as well as an auditorium style room for the new and expanding music program.

During this time there were also some administrative changes. Mr. Weaver, in 1961, became supervising principal of Fort Erie and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Schools, and Bill Smith who had been vice-principal under Mr. Weaver took over as principal of Fort Erie High. In 1966 Mr. Smith was made a superintendent of schools, and Norman Pring, Mr. Smith's vice-principal, became principal of what was now (since 1963) Fort Erie Secondary School. Mr. Pring held that post for fifteen years, until 1981, when he retired and was replaced by Paul Fell.

Our high school has been most fortunate in having a succession of extremely capable and innovative principals since its beginning in 1928. Three of them, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Smith and Mr. Pring went through the Fort Erie educational system as students before returning as teachers and then principals. The school has also been fortunate in its choice of efficient persons to take the position of vice-principal - a role that has become extremely important as the principal has had to assume more and more administrative responsibilities. Many of you will remember some of the following people who have held that position: Mr. Bell, Bill Smith, Norm Pring, Robert Couture, Bill Jarvie (who was also acting principal for a year), Mr. Potter, Paul Fell, Jim Grant, Ken Mason, Pat Hudack, and now Bob Majers.

You may be interested in some of the developments that have taken place during the decade of the 80's, during most of which the school has been under the administration of Paul Fell and his vice-principal Ken Mason.

Probably first in terms of impact, is the introduction of the semestered system - a great change for both staff and students.

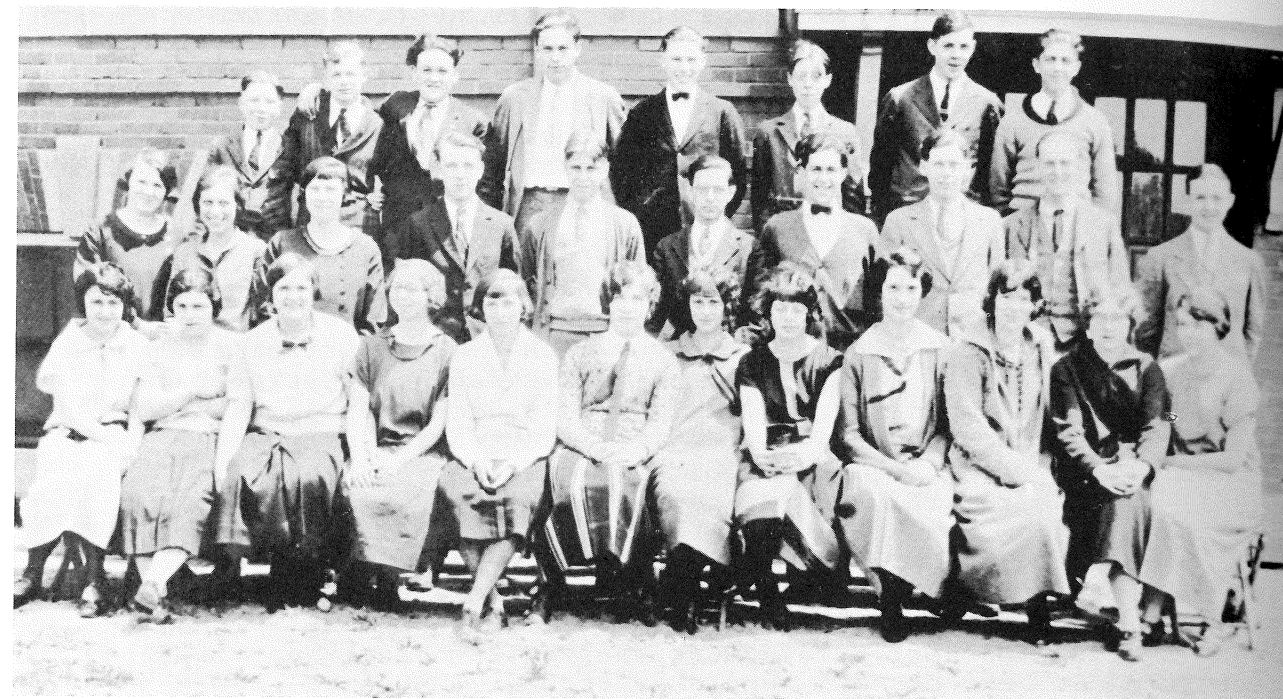
Another development is the implementation of a "peer counselling" program which has greatly aided students in the junior grades.

The establishment of the Elsie English extension for Trainable Retarded students in FESS and the parallel development of the Peer Tutoring program allowing FESS students to work with these students has been another major undertaking.

Still another is the Co-operative Education program, begun in the 70's and developed and expanded in the 80's.

The expansion of computer courses, so extremely important to our modern world is the last item that will be mentioned, though of course, there are many other interesting, important, and exciting developments that have taken place and are unfolding now in Fort Erie Secondary School.

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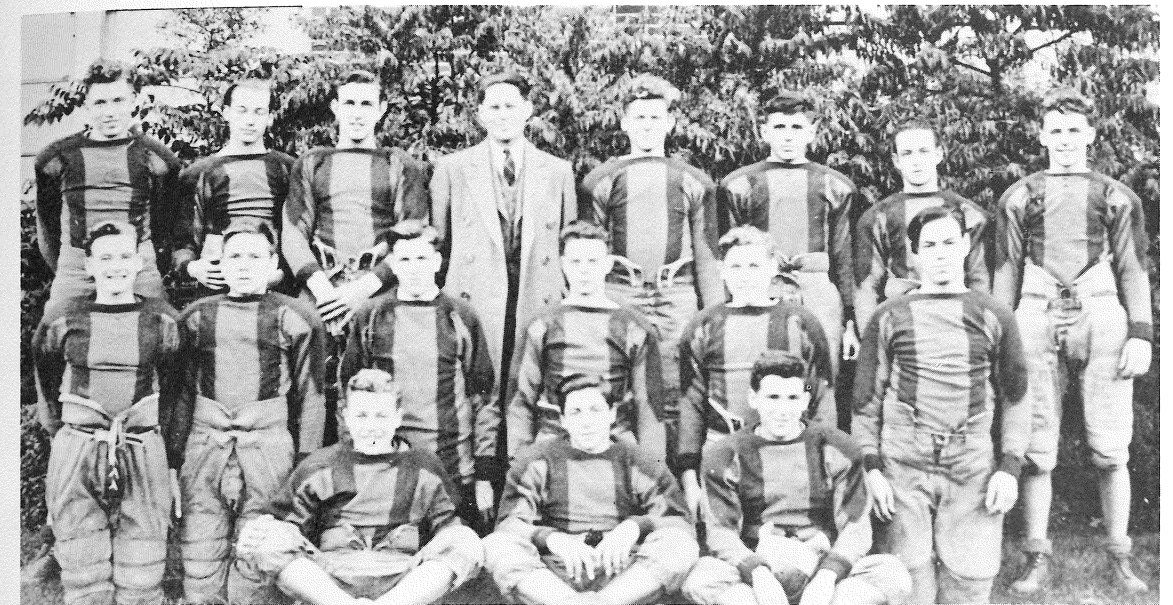


THE ELOPEMENT OF ELLEN



Clarence Burger, Ruth Willson, Alfred Williams, Wesley Goulding
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JUNIOR RUGBY TEAM 1936



Breckon, Naylor, Rapelje, Mr. Weaver, Kingston, Thyret, Clatworthy, Farrell
Laird, Anderson, Zimmerman, McAndless, Prow, Ellement
Bown, Ferdinandi, Burrell

GIRLS BASKETBALL 1934



SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL 1937



Mr. Weaver, J. Briggs, C. Kiemele, A. Goulding, H. Ruch, O. Weaver,
J. Thyret
R. Spear, W. Grant, N. Reid, R. Moore, H. Grimmell, H. Barton

GIRLS BASKETBALL 1939-1940



The War Effort



Section Officer Catherine Williams, R.C.A.F. and her brother Lieut. Franklin Williams, R.C.N., 1944

School days flowed on for students from 1939 until 1945, but many young people entered the Canadian Armed Forces as soon as they were old enough to enlist, and served overseas in the Allied Forces with distinction.

Their older brothers, Doctors Alfred and Malcolm Williams also served overseas in the Canadian Forces.

Lest We Forget

These young men gave their lives in the service of our country:

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| Gordon Barnhart | James Osborn |
| Ross Clouston | Carl Oswald |
| Hartford Cook | Charles Parmiter |
| Ben Cunliffe | William Prow |
| John Dietrich | R. Robertson |
| Thomas Depietro | Charles Rose |
| Elmer Dranger | Carl Sauer |
| Lloyd Erdman | Earl Speakman |
| George Fitz-Gibbon | Bruce Thompson |
| John Kee | Fred Thompson |
| Donald Leask | Allen Troupe |
| Earl Remcke | Harry Thyret |
| Jack McSpadden | Frank Walden |
| James Moore | Robert Wallace |
| Donald Nixon | Howard Warren |
| | Earl White |

Factories were booming, Fleet Aircraft and Irvin Airchute met special war needs, and a Wartime Housing Unit was built west of Central Avenue, in the area earlier known as Amigari. There was gasoline rationing, tokens for sugar, butter, meat, etc., paper drives, knitting bees to knit warm gloves, socks, helmets, etc. for the service men. The population of the town was swelled by people coming from other parts of the country to work in our factories. People went over to Buffalo for their entertainment and their shopping.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL 1939 - 1940



FOOTBALL TEAM 19



COMMENCEMENT 1944

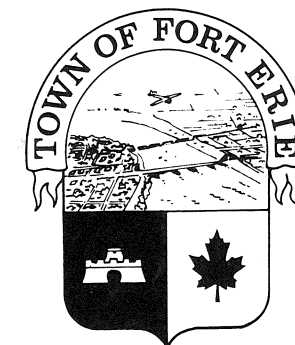


SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL 1949-1950





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I am pleased to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone attending the 60th Anniversary Diamond Reunion of Fort Erie Secondary School.

As a graduate of F.E.S.S., I am excited about the progress the school has made over the years. Many of our fellow graduates have built their success in life on the foundations of the excellent education they received at F.E.S.S. I look forward to meeting many of my former classmates.

Best wishes to all on this special occasion.

Yours very truly,

HEINZ K. HUMMEL
Mayor