

In Memory of a Dedicated Teacher

1966

THE JARVIS PUBLIC SCHOOL will have a Kindergarten Room for the first time in 1966. This has been brought about by the dedication of a teacher who taught in the Jarvis Public School from 1938 to 1964. Clara Smitherman, wife of Bert Smitherman and a daughter of John and Mary Walter, was a dedicated person. As a teacher she applied a sincerity of purpose that is seldom seen. It is also fair to say that she was, perhaps, never fully understood. She demonstrated a spirit of love and kindness to her pupils that, at times, was beyond the ken of the average individual. We know, however, that in those instances of personal concern to ourself, it was of invaluable worth.

That such a person should be called to a greater reward so early in life is one of those situations that require real understanding. Nevertheless, this was the way. Clara Smitherman's memory, however, should not and, indeed not, will be quickly forgotten. Her bequest which allowed the introduction of Kindergarten studies in Jarvis should and, indeed is, ever brought to the mind of those attending by the plaque that presently adorns the room. No, her memory will not be quickly forgotten.

KINDERGARTEN

OFFICIALLY OPENED

Dedication ceremonies were conducted on Thursday evening, officially opening the Kindergarten room at Jarvis Public School in memory of Mrs. Clara (Walter) Smitherman, a teacher in the school from 1938 to 1964.

Mrs. Smitherman had resided in Jarvis district from early childhood and was a member of a pioneer family with many relatives residing in this area. She was dedicated to the teaching of Junior pupils and upon her demise bequeathed the sum of \$1000 toward some worthwhile project in the school. The Kindergarten, which is in the basement of the Building, was furnished by the use of Mrs. Smitherman's bequest. The total cost of the room was \$3300.00.

The School Principal, Mrs. Mary Hazlett, is the teacher. A plaque was placed in memory

of Mrs. Smitherman. A good representation of citizens were present to witness the ceremony and to recall pleasant memories of the personality of this beloved teacher. All rooms of the school were inspected and the school was declared to be a credit to the Village.

Mr. James Doughty, Chairman of the Board, presided for the proceedings. He introduced the staff headed by School Principal, Mrs. Mary Hazlett and Mr. J. Fransen, Public School Inspector for Haldimand County. The dedication ceremony was conducted by Rev. F. C. Bayes, of Wesley United Church.

The Ontario Heart Foundation says that three out of four who recover from heart attacks are able to return to work.

OPEN HOUSE AT JARVIS SCHOOL NEXT THURSDAY

CLARA SMITHERMAN KINDERGARTEN TO BE DEDICATED

This past summer has seen many improvements made in the old red school house. The most important of these was the building and decorating of the new Clara Smitherman Kindergarten Classroom. It was through the kind generosity of a bequeath from Mrs. Smitherman that this new Kindergarten was finished and it has been decided by the School Board to dedicate this room to the name of Clara Smitherman who was so faithful to her pro-

fession and the pupils of Jarvis from 1938 to 1964. The members of the Teaching Staff and the Trustees wish to invite the public of Jarvis and vicinity to an Open House and Kindergarten Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, October 20th at 8:00 P.M. The Dedication Ceremony to start at 9:00 P.M.

It is hoped that many ex-students and friends of Clara Smitherman will be able to attend this opening.

Kindergarten Room Will Be Dedicated

JARVIS — A new kindergarten room in the Jarvis Public School will be dedicated Thursday night.

A former teacher at the school, Mrs. Clara Smitherman, bequeathed \$1,000 to the school board, which used the money to buy furniture for the room. The kindergarten was built in

the school basement for \$3,300 and will be taught by Mrs. Mary Hazlett, principal of the school. CHAIRMAN Jim Doughty told board members at a meeting 205 students were enrolled in the school and last month there was an average daily attendance of 97.6 per cent.

The board also agreed to rent this from the Haldimand Film Board for educational use in the school. The service would cost the school 15 cents per student for the year.

Approval was also given by the board for school children to collect funds for the Red Cross and UNICEF.