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Built

Not yet finished.

General Construction

Exterior: One storey and part basement, brick and brick tile building with built up tar and gravel on 2" tongue and groove roof. Brick chimney is built from ground, not rodded.

Interior: Part basement has concrete floor, walls and ceiling. First floor is built of terrazzo, mastic tile and hardwood on concrete on metal pan on steel truss. Walls are of brick tile and gyproc and plaster. Ceiling throughout is of acoustic tile.

Heating

One hot water boiler, oil fired, located in basement. Oil tanks have been buried outside.

Water Supply

Water is obtained for fire protection from a 200 gallon storage tank located in the basement. This tank is supplied from a well dug beneath the basement and is pumped direct to the 200 gallon storage tank.

Exposures

None.

Lighting

Hydro with B. X., conduit and lomex cabling.

Attendance

None at present.

Recommendations

It is recommended that two fire extinguishers of the dry chemical type be installed in the building.

Valuation

School

Replacement Cost New \$79,150

Actual Cash Value \$79,150

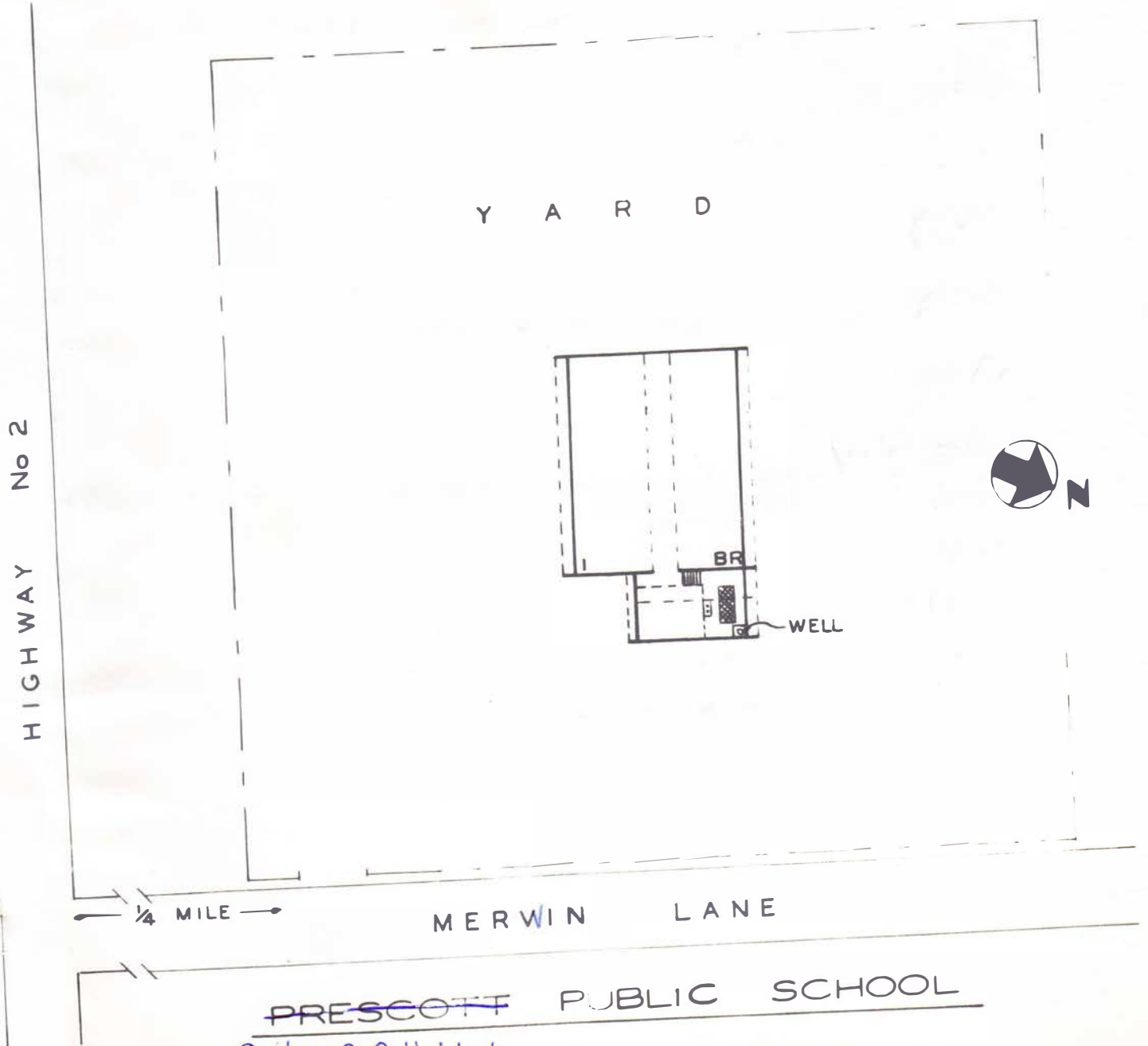


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Merwin Lane
Concession 1 Lot 7

The site of this school is several hundred feet from the No. 2 Highway, on a site donated by Ernest Connell, where land is under option by Township Council for the construction of a Subdivision. The drive into it is from Merwin Lane Road.

The building is of brick, with large windows running almost the full length of each classroom, with poured concrete base walls and large ventilator on the roof. A full basement lies under the entrance portion of the school, housing the oil-fired hot water-heating furnace, the pressure pumps and two tanks for storing hot and cold water, as well as storage space, all with 9' ceilings. The well was drilled by the east wall of the building, and a man-hole cover provides outside entrance to it.

Inside the glass doors of the entrance are the principal's office and washroom, which will also be used by the School Nurse; pupils' washrooms, each equipped with Bradley wash fountains; and storage closets. The hall floors, as well as floors in washrooms and the baseboard in the corridors, are of terrazzo, and the remainder of floors are covered with vinyl plastic tiles. Walls in the washrooms are covered to dado-height with cement enamel, a newly-developed paint substance, blown on by a pressure gun. The corridor walls are protected to dado-height by Kalgstrom, a tough plastic skin, cemented on, easily cleaned and almost scuff-proof. The floors in the four classrooms are vinyl plastic, and walls are plastered over speed tile. The windows, covering almost the entire outer walls, are set in aluminum sash, and provide permanently installed double windows and screens. Ceilings throughout are of acoustic panels, and set into these are ventilating panels to counteract any dampness in the space between ceiling and roof.

Each classroom has its project space, with sink and drinking fountain. Blackboards run along two walls, and a feature of the recessed ceiling lights is the switching that will permit use of only those lights along the blackboards, when that is all that is required. Tackboard space is also provided with the blackboards.

Framework of the school is steel, and the floors are of reinforced steel. The roof deck is made up of two inches of wood, with insulation, and a 20-year bonded finish. Providing sewage disposal is a septic tank and disposal bed on the north side of the property. A dry well on the south side takes care of drainage from the roof.

The opening of Churchill School marks the second to be built by the Augusta Township School Area Board in the past year. After a quarter of a century of marking time, township officials found themselves suddenly swamped with children of public school age. Industry coming into the area, mainly Dupont of Canada and RCA Victor, brought many new residents, and immigration from Europe following World War II saw many new families take up residence in the township. With the opening of this school, comes the closing of three outdated ones - Blue Church, Haley's and the old Maitland School.

Principal at opening time was Frank Turnbull who came from Perth to teach in Haley's. With him are Mrs. Evelyn Brooks and Mrs. Grace Greer from Blue Church, and Mrs. Elsie Simpson from Maitland. The registration was about 125 pupils.

1969 - Principal was Larry Berry, with staff Carole Hall, Jean Moore and Al Lindsay.

Mrs. Lorna Marcellus had been principal, and before her, Mrs. Pauline Robertson.

When Maynard Public School was completed to serve as a Senior School, this building registered only students from Grades 1 to 5, the others going to Maynard. A gymnasium and kitchen were added, and a lively parents' association used the facilities for many community purposes, including ParentTeacher Association.

1969-70 - Ronald Gardiner, principal

1972 - this school became an annex to Prescott Public School, with their principal Wayne Boyd, supervising.

1974 - Stepping Stones Nursery School rented the facilities (2 rooms) from the

Board of Education (L & G) and operated an independent nursery school there.

Sold to an Ottawa firm. Remains vacant. 1998