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The high school years in the mid 1940's were a mixture of pleasure, sadness, hard work, excitement and optimism.

Led by the undeniable discipline of Principal Alec Rose whose stern image belied a heart of gold, the staff was a mixture of powerful ladies and men. The ladies, a superior group by any standard, were led by Miss Quinn, a chemistry teacher who would brook no nonsense, Miss Wilson a French teacher who loved each of her students though they may not have known it, Miss Anderson, who taught English with a passion and Miss Bourne who herself was a scholarship grad of Timmins High School. Amongst the men were Vice Principal Runnalls, Mr. Sellar, Mr. Fennel, and Mr. Carrier. All left their imprint on the fledgling minds of we poor students.

Early in the forties the ravages of World War II took its toll on many graduates. We who were still in school felt the loss and the grief of many of our friends who lost older brothers in the conflict. In the years immediately following the War, optimism for the future manifested itself in the community as the mines and forests produced their resources and the city prospered.

A gymnasium the size of the proverbial postage stamp did little to produce basketball teams of any consequence, but hockey players such as Alan Stanley, Bill Barilko, Bep Guidolin, the Del Montes and Ernie Domenico found their way into professional ranks and they left school to continue their education on the ice in distant centers.

In 1948 - 49 and 1950, Timmins High did have one of its finest football teams in the north. Don Menard, Jacques Belec, Ed Day, Don Brennan, Bob Charette, Bob Gavan, Darrel McLaughlin, Gabe Prest, Ole Hansen, Dave Rose and a host of others made up the best football teams in the school's history.

The school was not without its distinguished academic students including Dr. Marjorie Platt, Dr. Phil Andrew, Dr. Andy Chlebus, Dr. Alex Andrew, Dr. Mario Moscarello, all of whom graduated from TH&VS and enjoyed distinguished careers in the medical profession. In politics, Isobel Finnerty, (nee Church) became a distinguished member of the Canadian Senate.

Amongst my own fond memories while at the University of Western Ontario were the overnight train trips from Toronto, as Timmins High graduates and school friends met one another on our way home from our various schools for the Christmas holidays.

While our High School years provided us with the education, the social relations and the opportunity to participate in athletics, it gave us more than that. It gave us the skills, the knowledge and the opportunity to grow and develop in a milieu that was the epitome of what Canada is today.

A multicultural nation where religion, language, and culture are only names, not dividing points. A country where *'what you are'* is what counts. There is little doubt that TH&VS provided the setting that is a Canadian tradition.

***Dave "Sonny" Clutchey***

- ✓ TH&VS Graduate 1947
- ✓ University of Western Ontario Graduate 1954
- ✓ Canadian Freestyle Wrestling Champion 1954
- ✓ Canadian British Empire Commonwealth Games

