

Position most recently held:

City of Timmins Councillor 1975-2000

I have many memories of my two years (1942-43, 1943-44) at TH&VS. How did I get to TH&VS? After graduating Grade 10 at Schumacher High School, my father wanted to learn a trade and start working.

So I enrolled in the Tech program at TH&VS to start an electrical apprenticeship so that I could get a job at the Hollinger Gold Mine where my father worked. At that time, the Tisdale Township Secondary School Board had an agreement with the Timmins Secondary School Board to pay tuition fees for Tisdale Township students who wanted to take technical or vocational courses at TH&VS.



There were a good number of us from Schumacher and South Porcupine who attended TH&VS in those years. Names that come to mind are Karlo Krcel, Ray Taylor, Pete Babando, Billy Adams, Roy McKay, Nick & Wally Rewegan, Gus Sicoli, Don Church, & Peter Nastasiuk. The teachers in our time were Mr. Napper, Mr. Hartman, Mr. C. Leppan, Mr. Gregukki, Mr. Alec Rose, Mr. O. E. Walli, and Mr. Colin Sellar. They were good years and good teachers with rules of behaviour much stricter than they are today.

The rivalry between Tech and Vocational students and regular high school students was intense in all sports played at the school whether for school rep teams or house league sports.

For those of us still here, those memories of our time at TH&VS are truly cherished. Think back and remember that the best years of your life were at TH&VS. Don't miss this Homecoming and the 100th celebration of your City.



1999 photo of Lou Battochio and Lesley Blanchard with a painting of Lesley's great great grandfather, Frederick Schumacher in the background.