

Mrs. Ben Moreside 65, Teacher.

Interviewed April 26, 1972

628 Granville Ave.

Born May 1906, Elva Carson at Winnipeg at home - father William Thomas Carson, a builder moved 1912 to Montrose St. when a new area - after W.W.I moved to Stonewall, Manitoba for 3 years where father bought, broke up, and sold land - to Vancouver July 10, 1921, Kerrisdale - Elva went to Magee High School-

-to Richmond Sept. 1922 father bought 3 acres on Cambie Road near No. 3 Road, across from Sexsmith farm - big farms were being broken up - no houses on Road between the tram and Cambie and River Road where the manse and Church stood except one old house right across -

-Elva in Grade 10 continued at Sam Magee School, 2 sisters at Bridgeport School: Sisters: Mrs. W.J. Caldwell, Kerrisdale

Mrs. H.L. Mutton, retired, travels

Elva always wanted to teach from Grade 3.

attended Normal School, Vancouver - got tram 7:20 a.m. to be early -same time when working at 15 cent Store, Hastings, closed at 6 P.M. - tram went hourly so got 7 p.m. tram, got home 20 to 8 p.m. for \$12.75 a week - on Saturdays and in 1923, 1924, 1925 until could get a school in Deparession years - friend up coast told her about little school to open -wrote and got it. Jan. 12, 1925 started teaching Kelly Creek, between Stillwater and Powell River (day the school opened) - there 3 years. - to Vancouver by boat - took all day - boats were 3 times weekly - paid \$960 a year - paid \$35 a month board and room - family grew loganberries - walked a great deal - to save a nickel walked from Cambie to tram at Marpole saved total of 10¢ - very happy times - 1912 Dad got Model T Ford Elva had license - Mother thought he'd run over the birds on road - had 40 fruit trees on home farm - transparent apples, Bing cherries, various

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pear trees, plum trees, grapes - father subdivided - built 2 more houses on property - also had chicken farming - raised in groups of 500 in incubators - sold as baby chicks - also eggs sold downtown - father had ad in early Richmond Record (1926) as builder, but depression - father built 26 ft. boat went fishing - sold fruit, grew raspberries - often picked fruit and gave it away - had chance to start teaching Lord Byng School, Jan. 19, 1928 and stayed there till June 1966 - recalls only 7 major schools on Island when came - names them - many Japanese in Steveston - taught class of 45 Japanese - integrated classes eventually - had grade 2 - first integrated class - one father said: "I don't see anything wrong with this" - had grade 2 to grade 6 until after WW II - New Canadians came in - put in her Grade 6 class because big kids - 1952 - from Holland, Germany, Hungary - incident first day to Lord Byng of 45 Japanese not young - tried to say names - students wrote names on board, right across - another incident: bell rang, Japanese walked out one door down hall, in other door, solemn. - Old Lord Byng School 3 room on site present school also little school in yard with 4 rooms upstairs, rest of school in Steveston where Japanese held language classes (Legion site now), another class in Anglican Hall - built new School beside 3 room school - one Saturday morning it burned to ground - on shifts - new school built on site - she loved teaching school and library work 5000 books when left - started after School fire - help from other teachers - for 15 years - too big in addition to teaching - married June 2, 1943 to James Benjamin Moreside, taught school another 23 years - husband worked till 75 yrs. - built all their house with construction firms earlier elsewhere.

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