This Picture Out of Our Past takes us back to 1910, to Holy Name of Mary School in Algiers, where the sixth and seventh grade classes gathered to have this photo taken.

"As the picture shows, the Catholic schools were not as well attended in those days as they are today," notes the contributor, Mrs. Lancaster B. Blackman Sr., 331 Eliza St.

Mrs. Blackman identifies the subjects as, standing, from left, the contributor (whose maiden name was Irene Sinclair); Edna Verneuil; Ruby Legendre; Mercedes Belton; Father Thomas J. Larkin; Louise Stenger; Marguerite Haggerty; and Irma Wardrop.

Sitting, from left, are Jansen Jones, Ullanee Collins, Bernard Collins, Stella Charleville, Edna Aucoin, Katie Stenger, Katie Fitzpatrick, Nicholas Collette, Anna Martinez and Raymond Curren.

The contributor is not sure of the married names of all of the girls, so only their maiden names are given.

Father Larkin, standing in the middle, had been a priest for 25 years at the time, and was then pastor of the Holy Name of Mary Parish. He founded the Algiers Knights of Columbus in 1914. Larkin Playground was named for him in 1926. He died in 1937.

Other people in the photo who need more than passing mention are the two Collins children. In fact, Mrs. Blackman says that their appearance is what prompted the picture's submission.

They are the aunt and uncle of astronaut Mike Collins. Looking closely at young Bernard, one can see a strong family resemblance between him and his high-flying nephew.