



Receives surprise presentation

Mrs. Marguerite Young, foreground, was given a District Life Membership award at the annual meeting of the Elgin East District Women's Institute, at St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yar-

mouth. The other district directors pictured are, second row, from the left, Mrs. Ethel Wheatley, Mrs. Jessie Wardle, Mrs. Bessie Bagnall, and Mrs. Grace King; third row, Mrs. Jerry Jenken, Mrs. Florence

Parker, Mrs. Mae Van Patter, and Miss Helen Martyn; fourth row, Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, Mrs. Joan Mansell, Mrs. Muriel Carrel, and Mrs. Donna Baldwin. (T.-J. Photo).



New executive members of the East Elgin Women's Institute are from left, front row: Mrs. Jack Widner, president; Mrs. Nicholas Cerna, first vice president; Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, London area president; Mrs. Owen Hawkins, provincial board director; subdivision 22. Second row: Mrs. Joe Bechard,

secretary treasurer; Mrs. Allan Cross, public relations officer and Mrs. Jon Mansell, second vice president. They were elected Monday during the annual district meeting at Aylmer Baptist Church.



Springfield Womens' Institute celebrated their 75th anniversary Thursday afternoon with an open house and tea. Members of the institute are, from left, front row first: Florence Pratt, Myrtle Barlow, Margaret Buchner and Erie Moore; Mrs. Wray, Evelyn

Hoshal, Florence Moulard, Mary Pearson, vice-president and president, Ruby Brackenbury, Bessie Bagnall, Mable Empey, Olive Shively and Beulah Hodgson. In back are Dorothy Walker, Muriel Carrel and Flossie Lawler.

Celebrate 75th Anniversary

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Mrs. Wallace Brackenbury, president of the Springfield Women's Institute, welcomed about 75 members and guests to their 75th Anniversary Tea on May 17.

Guests attended from seven district institutes.

Greetings and best wishes

were brought from Mrs. J. Widner, E.E.D.W.I. president, Mrs. M. Cowal, W.E.D.W.I. president, Mrs. Joe Bechard, rally president, and district secretary-treasurer, Mrs. K. Heipleh area president, Mrs. A. Hawkins, provincial board director of

subdivision No. 22, Mrs. R. Marcou, home economist, Jack Hodgson, Reeve of Springfield, Syd Glover, Elgin County Warden and Ronald McNeil, M.P.P. Mr. McNeil presented a plaque to Springfield W.I. from the government of Ontario.

Secretary Mrs. Tom Carrel, read the roll of past presidents and secretaries and each was presented with a corsage by Mrs. J. Hodgson. Mrs. Florence Moulard extended a welcome to our 1978-79 twin branch of Iona Station. The roll of members over 80 years was read by Mrs. C. Pearson. A memorial to departed members was given by Mrs. M. Empey.

A brief history of Springfield W.I.'s 75 years was given by our curator, Mrs. G. Hoshal.

Mrs. Empey favored us with a piano solo. The program concluded after Mrs. Gilbert Heipleh gave two humorous readings.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. R. Marcou, Mrs. A.

Pratt and Mrs. M. Buchner, our oldest member at 95 years.

Mrs. Cowal and Mrs. Wray presided at the tea table.

Following the tea, Mrs. Brackenbury presided for a short business meeting. Mrs. Wray, Mrs. Brackenbury and Mrs. Walker volunteered to assist at the Museum on May 25.

The annual pancake breakfast will be held on June 30 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Corinth Women's Institute Celeb

by Mary Pressey

It was on the second day of July, 1926 that the Corinth branch of the Women's Institute was organized in the old Ellsworth store which was situated where Mrs. Zelpha Pressey lived, presently Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Klein and family. Mrs. W.J. Dunn of Luton was in the chair.

The first president was Mrs. Robert Firby and secretary Miss Ruby Jenkins (Mrs. Harley McCurdy).

Of the inaugural officers, Mrs. Cecil Best, second vice-president still lives in Chatham. There are four other members also living — Mrs. Arthur Livingston (nee Florence Ronson) of Kissinnee, Florida, USA; Mrs. Mabel Colven (nee Mabel Pressey) of Bethune, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Emily McCurdy (nee Beemer) of RR 4, Aylmer and Mrs. Ethel Duff (nee Kilmer) of 49 Chestnut St. W., Aylmer.

Through the work of the 89 members that they had obtained by the end of 1927, it

was decided to purchase land and a hall to hold meetings and community activities in. Money needed for the hall was raised by dinners, bazaars and quiltings which were held in the old store across from the hall. This was known as the Bearss store and afterwards purchased by W. Fewster, in later years owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Beard.

At one bazaar, the ladies had 45 quilts ready to be sold. With determination, hard work and community canvassing, a piece of land and hall was purchased and the first meeting was held December 10, 1931. The hall was wired for electricity in January, 1932 at the cost of \$87.59.

True to tradition, the members decided to quilt a quilt during this past winter to commemorate the 50th anniversary. This proved to be rewarding both socially and financially.

On Thursday, October 7th, Corinth Women's Institute

celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Celebrations started at 2 p.m., with what proved to be a very successful day. Amidst the buzzing of a bake table, Tweedsmuir History book and display tables, one could hear the chatter and reminiscing of old friends and tales of the past as they had a cup of tea together. Displays of 4-H work, crafts and hobbies were set up in the basement. The afternoon activities ended at 4 p.m. with several members staying for pot-luck supper, ready to resume activities at 7 p.m.

Past members and guests were asked to pour tea during their visitation. Among those present were Miss Catherine McDowell, President of Elgin East Women's Institute and Mrs. Keith (Janet) Hiepleh, provincial board director, F.W.I.O.

The evening proved to be one to remember. The Tillsonburg Senior Citizen's Band "Melody Makers" rendered old-time favourites during the evening while tea was being served.

The highlight of the evening was observed at 9 p.m. when Bill Underhill of Stratfordville auctioned a quilt. This quilt was sewn and pieced by a life-long Corinth resident and member of the Corinth Women's Institute. The members felt honoured to have done this quilt in memory of Mrs. Agnes Silverthorn. One hundred and sixteen dollars was realized from the quilt. Everyone was happy to see a former member, Mrs. Hazel Langfield, buy the quilt.

The evening ended with the cutting of the Anniversary cake made by Mrs. Isabelle Hilcott, a member. The president, Mrs. Diana Bee cut the cake assisted by Mrs. Janet Hiepleh and Mrs. Emily McCurdy, first vice-president, who was present for the inaugural meeting 50 years previously.



Nelson and Marguerite Ward

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Mr. and Mrs. Ward Golden Anniversary

Nelson and Margeurite Ward celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Monday, June 11 at the Vienna Community Centre.

Dinner was served to 108 guests which were all members of their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward have 12 children: daughters, Inis Gibbons, RR 3, Tillsonburg, Treva Johnson, 28 Clarence St., Aylmer, Joyce Henderson, RR 2, Harriston, Marie Partin, 29 Balaclava St., St. Thomas, Doris Clark, RR 4, Burford, Juanita Hunt, Stratfordville and Lois Szvetcz of Florida and sons: Dewey

Ward, 147 Lisgar Ave., Tillsonburg, Arnold Ward, 13 Caroline Ave., Simcoe, Max Ward, Bayham, Paul Ward, Bayham and Danny Ward of Florida.

A reception and dance followed with family and friends in attendance.

Mrs. Audrey (Raisin) Ward, bridesmaid of 50 years ago, also attended.

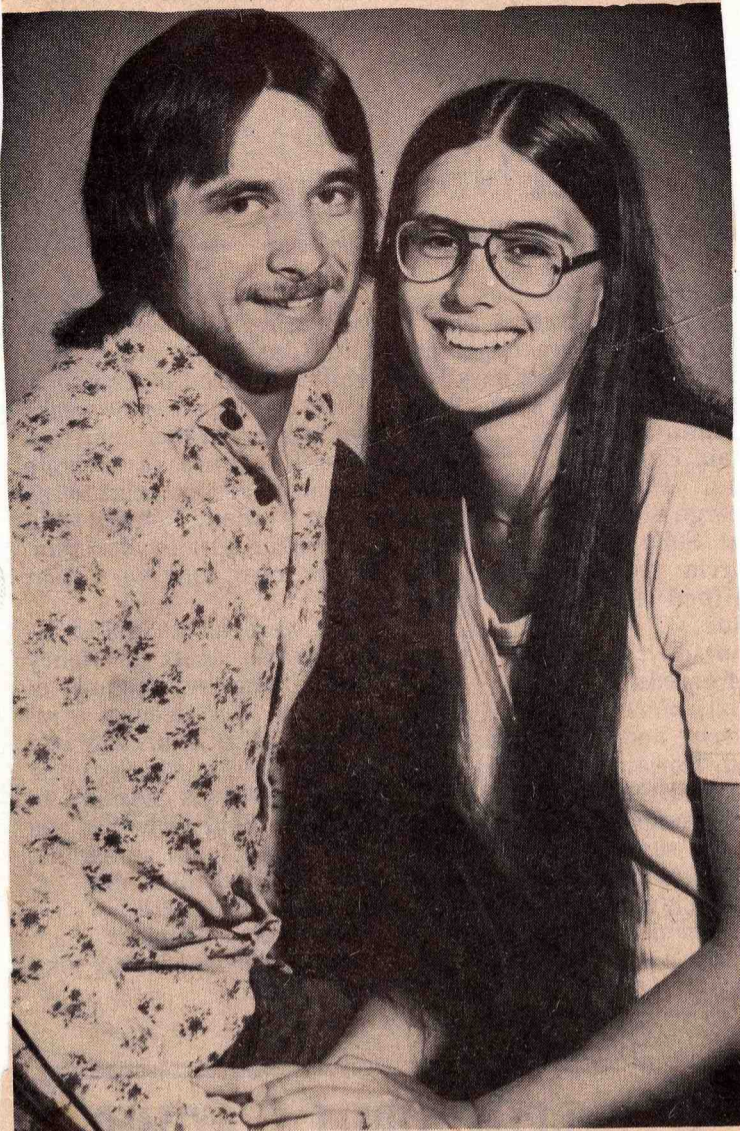
The couple received lovely gifts and cards and a plaque from Premier William Davis and congratulations from Ron McNeil, MPP for Elgin and John Wise, Minister of Agriculture, Elgin MP.



Sixtieth anniversary

An open house was held for Ida and Bruce Morse at the Richmond United Church basement on Sunday to celebrate the couple's 60th wedding anniversary. They were married October 28, 1919, at the United Church Parsonage in Aylmer. They have four children, Mrs. Joe (Madeline) Dreher and Mrs. Charles (Olive) Grass, RR 3, Delhi; Leo (Harve), RR 1, Aylmer; Eugene (Jiggs), RR 3, Tillsonburg. There are 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. The open house was followed by a family dinner.

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Mr. and Mrs. Keith Benner are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Joan Marie to Mr. Ricky Lee Garrett son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garrett. The wedding will take place on July 10th, 1976, 2 p.m. Baptist Church, Aylmer, Ont. 16c



Photo by Mudge

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mitchell, RR 1, Straffordville, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Jeanette Lynn to Richard Perry Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ferguson, RR 5, Langton. The wedding will take place Saturday, April 19, 1980 at 3:00 p.m., Richmond United Church.

Richmond Resident Marks 90th Birthday, March 6

Not many 90 year olds celebrate their birthday by driving their own car into town and playing a few games of snooker with the boys.

That's how John W. Morse of Richmond celebrated his 90th birthday on March 6.

Mr. Morse was born in 1890 in the house where he still lives. He was a decorator for 60 years. He had time to be treasurer of the Richmond United Church for 50 years, serve on the cemetery board for 35 years, be a trustee of the Richmond School for 18 years and he is an honorary member of the Aylmer Fair Board.

Besides that he has been active in local sports most of his life and today is an ardent fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Mr. Morse has four sons: Alex lives in Stratford, Bob, Glen (Pete) and Max live in Richmond. There are eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, the latest, Heather Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Renwick (nee Mary Anne Morse) formerly of Aylmer, born on John's birthday, March 6, 1980.

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