



MRS. GEORGE BLYTH

1953 - 1955

Mrs. Margaret Evelyn Blyth, was born the daughter of Mr. Bruce Brackenbury and Verna Empey Brackenbury, in Lakeview, on Nova Scotia Street or Road 45, as it is now known. Her first four years as a chubby blonde cherub, were spent in that area, when a baby brother Stuart was added to the Brackenbury family. She started school at Lyons, was also a regular participant at the local W.I. meetings, with her mother.

When the farm home was razed by fire one December, with her brother and parents, they trekked to Florida in a new Model A. Ford, a very rare occurrence in those days. Returning, they settled in Pontiac, Michigan, until the great depression, when Mr. Brackenbury and this family returned to Malahide and the 1st Concession.

Margaret attended High School, in Aylmer, until she finished grade 12. At that time her father was a farm machinery agent in Aylmer, and Margaret clerked in the office for a year.

When she was nearing the age of 20 a Young Scot, George Blyth shisked her down the Primrose Path of Matrimony, where they have been very happy since 1937. To begin with they resided in a small cottage on McConnells nursery, where Mr. Blyth was and is employed, but later bought the Blyth family farm and filled it with 7 children 3 boys, and 4 girls. The boys were named George Jr, Richard, Michael, and the girls Elizabeth, Roberta, Catherine and Lynne.

They all lived happily in the rambling farm house until 2 new sons-in-law carried off Elizabeth and Roberta. Margaret is still active in W. I, and church affairs. She cooks, cleans, sews, writes letter, poetry and childrens stories for her grandchildren's amusement.

The Golden Curls of childhood have turned to brown and then grey, quite naturally, and Margaret learned to drive at 33, and is looking forward to a cross country tour of Canada, and who know, at 60 she might fly a jet.



MRS. EARL BAGNALL

1955- 1957

Mrs. Earl Bagnall was born Mary Louise Glenn, on the Wellington Rd, near Glanworth. She received her education at S. S. # 14, Westminster.

She married Mr. Earl Bagnall of St. Marys and they made their home at Springfield. Three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bagnall.

In 1932 Mrs. Bagnall joined and became active in the Lyons Women's Institute and was president in 1940, then was secretary treasurer for six years. She was president again from 1947 to 1949, also served as a District Director. Mrs. Bagnall was active in the 4 H. Clubs being leader for seven clubs.

In District work of the W. I, she served as second Vice President for 2 years, First Vice President for 1 year and then District President for East Elgin in the years 1955 to 1957.

Mrs. Bagnall was a board member in the Federated Womens Institute of Ontario for the years 1957 to 1959.

She helped in the organization of the Elgin County Museum, also was very active in Red Cross work during the war years, sewing and making jam for overseas shipment.

Mrs. Bagnall has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, being now a member of the Empress Chapter, Port Stanley.



MRS. REGINALD YOUNG

1957 - 1959

Mrs. Reginald Young, the former Alice Hawes, was born at Otterville, north of Tillsonburg, the daughter of Edgar and Katharine (Dertinger) Hawes. She received her early education at the public school at Otterville and at Port Dover. Moving to Port Stanley, she attended the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute for 4 years.

Marrying Reginald Young on June 6, 1922, they resided in Port Stanley and Windsor, then moved back to St. Thomas, where they had a home on a farm at R. R. # 2, St. Thomas, for 12 years before coming into the city to live. They have resided at 84 Myrtle St., since 1942. Mr. Young passed away October 31, 1969.

Their family consists of two daughters, June (Mrs. William Toogood) of St. Thomas; and Joyce (Mrs. Frank Sikora) of St. Thomas; and 2 sons, Richard of St. Thomas, and James, of Long Beach, New York, and St. Thomas.

Mrs. Young was a charter member of Central Yarmouth W.I. when it organized in 1948, and has been president, secretary-treasurer and held other offices in that Branch. She was president of Elgin East District (1957-1959) as well as Federation Representative and also presided for the first County Rally in Union United Church, as she was president of the Elgin County Rally Committee at that time. Mrs. Young transferred her membership to South Yarmouth W.I. in 1967.

Mrs. Young has been active in community activities such as Home and School Association; Daughters of the Nile, London and St. Thomas; Maple Leaf Chapter of the Eastern Star; White Shrine; Lady Fireman; Lady Engineers and has been elected Grand Organizer-Inspector for the local Lady Engineers' Division.

Mrs. Young is a member of First United Church, serving in many capacities over the years in the Sunday School, church groups and committees.



MRS. OSBERT HINDLEY

1959-1961

Mrs. Osbert Hindley, was born Inez E. Parker, on the Parker Homestead farm situated on the first concession, Yarmouth, a daughter of Nelson E. Parker. She received her education at the Dexter Public School and later married Osbert W. Hindley.

Mrs. Hindley has always been active in public affairs, giving generously of her very considerable abilities to many organizations. Twice she has been president of the South Yarmouth Branch of the Women's Institute.

She has also been active in the following organizations, Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge, sister Lodge of the I.O.O.F, in the year 1940, Worthy High Priestess of the White Shrine of Jerusalem of St. Thomas, for the year 1945. In 1946 she was made Worthy Matron of the Maple Leaf Chapter # 3 of the Order of the Eastern Star. Later she assisted in the organization of the Empress Order 277 of Port Stanley and served as the first Worthy Matron for the year 1954.

From 1959 to 1961 Mrs. Hindley was District President of East Elgin W. I, and at the same time was Elgin County President, and in the years 1963-1964 she acted as Representative of East Elgin District to the Farm Safety Council.



MRS. CLINTON D KENNEDY

1961- 1963.

Mrs. Clinton D. Kennedy, (Olive Dinwoodie), was born in Saskatchewan November 23, 1909. Her parents were George A. Dinwoodie and Mary Ann Smith. Her mother died when she was born.

In the fall of 1914, when Olive was five years old, the family moved back to Ontario. She attended public school in Calton and continuation school in Mount Elgin. She graduated from Victoria Hospital in 1933, and came to Eden about 1939.

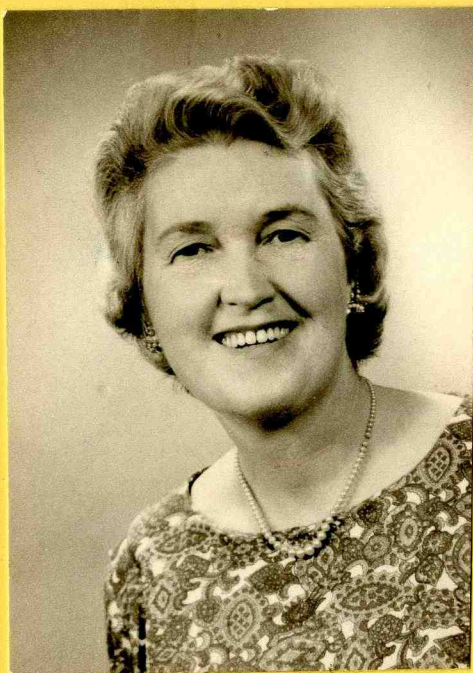
Her first marriage was to Albert Fletcher, and she had two sons. Her second marriage was to widower, Clinton Dwight Kennedy, on November 22, 1952. There were two step-daughters, Marie and Grace.

She taught a Sunday School class at the United Church at Eden. She was also President of the Baptist Ladies Aid and Mission Circle.

She is a charter member of Eden W. I., joining when the branch was formed in the village in 1952. She has served as Branch President for two years and as branch secretary for three years. She served as District President of East Elgin District Womens Institute during the years 1961-1963.

She is presently nursing at a Nursing Home in Port Burwell.

(Mrs. Kennedy's father George Adam Dinwoodie settled in Nova Scotia- Scotch of Norman from the time of the Norman Conquest. A doctor at Victoria Hospital informed Mrs. Kennedy (Miss Dinwoodie at that time) that the name of Dinwoodie has been traced as far back as 1163.)



MRS. J.C. PENHALE, 1963 to 1965

Mrs. John C. (Alma) Penhale is the daughter of Mr. John VanPatter and the late Mrs. J. VanPatter, formerly Lulu Gracey, born at Luton in Malahide Township. She attended her first W.I. meeting at the early age of 3 months, with her Mother at the Luton Branch. She has one daughter and one son, both married.

She is a member of Yarmouth Centre United Church, and is its Choir Leader and Organist. She has been a president of North Yarmouth Branch, and helped to organize the newest branch of East Elgin " The Yarmouth Glen" and was its first president.

At present she is a member of North Yarmouth Branch, and is their 3rd Vice President. She resides with her husband on a dairy farm on the 10th concession of North Yarmouth.

In the District W. I. she holds the position of Song Leader for the next two years, having just been Resolutions Convenor for the past two years.



MRS. J. GOWAN YOUNG 1965-1967

Mrs. J. Gowan Young (Marguerite A. Teeple), R R " 2, St. Thomas, was born on a farm on the Sparta Road, Concession 3, Township of Yarmouth, County of Elgin, the eldest of the four children and only daughter of John Randall Teeple and Nellie Minor. She attended S. S. No 18, East Yarmouth, St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, Grade 12 Commercial. She worked as Accountant and Secretary for the Ford Dealers in St. Thomas and Chatham for 11 years prior to her marriage to J. Gowan Young. They have one daughter and one son, both married.

In 1933 she became a member of South Yarmouth Women's Institute, and in 1948 when Central Yarmouth was organized became one of its charter members, holding office of Vice-President, Secretary- treasurer, Standing Committee Convenor, District Director, 4 H homemaking Club Leader for 7 years, Leader for 2 Senior Leadership Training Schools. At District Level 2 years as Federation of Agriculture Representative, Secretary- treasurer for 6 years, 2 years as District Public Relations Officer, and other Executive offices up to President in 1965 for a term of two years. The first Secretary-treasurer of the Elgin County Rally being in office 4 years, president for 2 years, 1963-1965. Area Level - 2 years as Public relations Officer, 6 years as Treasurer 1960-1966. In 1966 at the London Area Convention held in Goderich was elected as Provincial Board Director for Sub-Division # 21, which comprises Elgin East, West and South Oxford for 3 years. One of the founders of the Elgin County Pioneer Museum (1957), acting as Sec. Treas since its formation. In 1947 gave leadership in organizing a Community Sunday School in S S # 12. Charter member of the Elgin Manor Auxiliary executive. Member of Maple Leaf # 3, Order of the Eastern Star.

Member of Knox Presbyterian Church St. Thomas, held executive offices in the Ladies Aid. Leader of the Country Circle Group, active member of the Women's Missionary Society, have assisted for the past 5 years as part-time help in the business office of the Church.

MRS. CHARLES D. PHILLIPS

1967 - 1969

Mrs. Charles D. Phillips, the former Vivian Maxine McKibbin was born on September 7, 1920, in Bayham Township, approximately two miles west of Port Burwell, the daughter of Russell and Bessie McKibbin of Aylmer, formerly of the Calton area.

Maxine was married to Charles D. Phillips on February 15, 1939, and they have 3 sons, Ronald, Jeffrey and Michael, and one daughter, Cheryl (Mrs. Garry Lale).

Mrs. Phillips joined the Calton Branch of the W.I. when it was organized November 1952, being the charter president. She has served in most of the Branch offices, several District and Area offices. She was president of East Elgin District from 1967 to 1969.

