

1969 - 1971

Mrs. M. Keith Hiepleh, Janet Daphne Howe was born in Malahide Township, Elgin County, the elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur C. Howe of R. R. #5, Aylmer W., Ontario. Janet attended public school in Luton, high school in Aylmer and graduated from Normal School in London, 1946. Prior to her marriage to Keith Hiepleh on January 5, 1952, she taught school for four years at S. S. #5, Malahide (Dunboyne) and now resides at R. R. # 2, Springfield. Their son, Wayne, is actively engaged in the farm business with his father.

Institute activities have been a part of Janet's life for many years. She is the third generation in her family to become a W. I. member. She began in the Junior Home-maker's Club in the fall of 1941 with her first project, Bedroom Accessories, with other projects following and on November 20, 1946, she joined the East Elgin Jr. Women's Institute and served as director. Ten days later on November 30, 1946, the Elgin County Jr. Women's Institute was formed and Janet was chosen as a director at the inaugural meeting.

During the next six years she was active in the Jr. Institute serving East Elgin as secretary-treasurer, president, director to the County organization, delegate to the Ontario Jr. Farmer's Conference at Guelph and sang in the choir. At the County level, she faithfully attended the executive meetings, served as director, vice-president, member of the radio committee, delegate to the Ontario Jr. Farmer's Conference at Guelph and director from Elgin County to the Provincial Board (Jr. Farmers in 1949).

In 1952 Janet joined the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute and attends the monthly meetings regularly. In this Branch she has served as flower convener, Branch director, vice-president, president from 1962 to 1964, district director, auditor, resolutions convener, helped at the Baby Clinic in Aylmer, assisted with W.I. displays at Aylmer and Belmont Fairs, delegate to District Annuals and London Area Conventions. She has attended Senior Leaders' Training Courses and demonstrated at several Branches.

In May 1965, Janet was elected to the executive of Elgin East District W. I. as second vice-president. In turn she served as vice-president, president 1969 to 1971, alternate district delegate, district delegate, Federation representative, resolutions convener and alternate representative to the Elgin County Pioneer Museum. Janet has been a member of the Elgin County Women's Institute Centennial Scholarship Committee, a member of the Elgin County Pioneer Museum Advisory Committee, director of the Elgin County Women's Institute Rally and served as president from 1971 to 1973. She organized the setting up of record books for the District Conveners of Standing Committees and also organized three bus trips for the District.

During her term of office as president of the District she has made many new friends visiting Branches, and a deeper understanding of the W. I. movement becomes apparent to one who serves. It was a pleasure, privilege and honor for her to serve Elgin East District and this has helped to shape her life, but her most important duty is being a Christian homemaker, mother and wife.





Etta Dufton  
Mrs. Mrs. Croft Garham  
Lela Bartlett, Caltan.  
Gladys Irlbe Belmont.  
Mrs Von Brown  
Mrs G. M. Rolson  
Florence & Ada Kipp  
Edith Oile  
Florence Oliver  
Grace King.  
Clara Fulton  
Mrs. Calvin Watson  
Mrs. Joe Burkard & children  
Mrs. Roy Baker  
Mrs. Morris Taylor  
Mrs. Roy Tansley  
Mrs. Ronald Burton  
Mrs. E. D. Ditchenshaw  
Miss Joyce McCracken  
Mrs. Tom Blackman  
Mrs. R. McNeil  
Mrs. Chas. C. D. Kenzie  
Mrs. Russell Lefford  
Mrs. Veraunt Pood  
Mrs. George Wetherell  
Mrs. Joe Treagust  
Mrs. Russell Pexford  
Dorothy McNabb  
Marion O'Malley

Mary L. Bequell  
Ann Hepburn  
Mrs. Silas Hooking Eden W. I.  
Mrs. J. W. Wimpory.  
Mrs. Stanley Backus, Eden  
Mrs. Glue McPhee Union  
Mrs. Lavin Dreadwell Union  
Mrs. George Van Patten. Ayr  
Mrs. Ray Chalk  
Mrs. Laura Pearl Thomas Glanworth  
St. Andrews.  
Mrs. Ross Doughton  
Mrs. S. W. Legg Kingsmill Mapleton.  
Niece Howard, California  
Mrs. Ream Hall Eden W. I.  
Mrs. Harold Stafford  
Mrs. Lavin Jenken } Kingsmill  
Mrs. Velma Jenken } Mapleton  
Mrs. Bernice Taylor Belmont  
Catharine G. McIndy N. Yar. W. I.  
Mrs. R. M. Watson Central Yar  
Mrs. R. W. Meehan  
Mrs. W. Rose Yarnouth  
Mrs. Mabel Cook Corinto  
Mrs. Zepha Pressey Corinto





East Elgin District Pageant

1897-1906

Area Convention, Carousel

Motel, November 17, 1967

Mrs Lillian Young, Mrs C D Kennedy,  
Mrs K Tiepleh, Mrs H Holmes, Mrs  
C D. Phillips, Mrs M Carter, Mrs H  
Davis, Miss C McDowell, Mrs H.  
Nichols, Mrs H M Anderson &  
Mrs R J Ferguson.



Mrs. Earl Bagnall (District President 1955-1957)  
presenting the Canadian Flag to Mrs. Gowan Young  
(District President 1965-1967) to be used at all  
Winter Picnics for Elgin East District.

February 1967





Eisenbach Museum Workshop.  
Aug 15, 1967.





Curators from the Districts in the London Area met on Tuesday, August 15, 1972, at the Centralia Agricultural School in the main auditorium of Huron Hall.

① Mrs. C. M. Williams, Area Tweedsmuir History Curator, presided. The Workshop was conducted by Mrs. R. C. Walker, Provincial Curator.

Those in attendance from Elgin East: ② Miss Catherine McDowell, Eden; ③ Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Assistant Curator; and ④ Mrs. Marshall Field, Curator.





August 18, 1970

Tweedsmuir History Workshop held at the Elgin County Pioneer  
Museum with representatives from the London Area.





**W.I. MEETING**—The Women's Institutes of the East Elgin area, held a special day long workshop on the history of communities within the district, at St. Paul's United Church in Aylmer Monday. All branches of the W.I. in East Elgin participated and have been compiling history of the area since 1947. Left to right Mrs. William

Free of the Kingsmill-Mapleton W.I., Mrs. Roy Green of Corinth W.I., Mrs. R. C. Walker, Provincial Curator for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and Mrs. Marshall Field, East Elgin district curator look over a volume dealing with the history of East Elgin. (T.-J. Aylmer Bureau Photo)

Feb. 1973