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EAST ELGIN  
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Programs

1963 - 1964

INSTITUTE ODE

A goodly thing it is to meet  
In friendship's circle bright  
Where nothing stains the pleasure  
sweet  
Nor dims the radiant light  
No unkind word our lips shall pass  
No envy sour the mind  
But each shall seek the common weal  
The good of all mankind.

INSTITUTE GRACE

We thank Thee, Father, for Thy care  
Food, friends and kindness we share  
May we forever mindful be  
Of Home and Country and of Thee.

MARY STEWART COLLECT

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness; let us  
be large in thought, in word and deed;  
Let us be done with fault finding and  
leave off self-seeking;  
May we put away all pretence and meet  
each other face to face without self  
pity and without prejudice;  
May we never be hasty in judgment and  
always generous;  
Let us take time for all things; make  
us grow calm, serene, gentle;  
Teach us to put into action our better  
impulses straightforward and unafraid;  
Grant that we may realize that it is  
the little things that create dif-  
ferences, that in the big things of  
life we are one;  
And may we strive to touch and know  
the great human heart common to us  
all.  
And, O Lord God, let us not forget to  
be kind.

July 3

Convener - Mrs. B. Caswell.  
Motto - Friendship is the only cement  
that will hold the world together.  
Report of Officers' Conference at  
O.A.C. - Miss C. McDowell.  
Hostess - Mrs. B. Caswell.  
Lunch - Mrs. H. Anderson & Mrs. V.  
Baldwin.

Oct. 2

Convener - Miss M. Craven.  
Motto - Change - Is it always progress  
Debate  
Roll Call - Each give example for  
affirmative or negative side of debate  
OR pay a fine.  
Hostess - Mrs. F. Langohr.  
Lunch - Mrs. M. Baldwin & Mrs. W.  
Baldwin.

Nov. 6

Convener - Mrs. W. Baldwin.  
Roll Call - A helpful hint regarding  
care of hair.  
Motto - A woman's hair - her crown of  
glory?  
Speaker - A beautician.  
Report of Area Convention.  
Hostess - Mrs. W. Baldwin.  
Lunch - Mrs. S. Backus & Mrs. H.  
Beaman.

Dec. 4

Conveners - Mrs. L. Cowan, Mrs. G.  
Moore, Mrs. M. Ball, & Mrs. M. Luce.  
Exchange of gifts,  
Christmas meeting.  
Hostess - Mrs. J.C. Inman.  
Lunch - Mrs. B. Caswell, Miss M.  
Chandler, Miss M. Craven & Mrs. C.  
Davis.

Jan. 8

Convener - Mrs. B. Caswell.  
Roll Call - Highlights of the History  
of your Family.  
Motto - Let nothing valuable be lost  
or forgotten.  
Topic - Old-fashioned Flower Gardens  
vs. Modern.  
Hostess - Mrs. R. Roloson.  
Lunch - Mrs. M. Ball & Mrs. T.  
Craven.

Feb. 5

Convener - Mrs. C. Davis.  
Roll Call - A change I would like to  
see in the school curriculum.  
Motto - Education means developing the  
mind, not stuffing the memory.  
Subject - Education To-day.  
Hostess - Mrs. C. Cowan.  
Lunch - Mrs. P. Fish & Mrs. R.  
Kernaghan.

Mar. 4

Convener - Mrs. P. Fish.  
Trip to O. A. C. College Royal.  
Roll Call - What I have enjoyed most  
to-day.

Apr. 1

Convener - Mrs. W. Baldwin.  
Motto - Variety is the spice of life.  
Speaker - Home Economist - Miss  
Marie Hodgson.  
Hostess - Mrs. A. Langohr.  
Lunch - Mrs. L. Garnham & Mrs. R. Hall

May 6

Convener - Mrs. C. Davis.  
Roll Call - Name a way to help our  
teenagers become good adult citizens.  
Motto - The children of to-day are the  
citizens of to-morrow.  
Topic - Our teenage citizens.  
Hostess - Mrs. F. Wencel.  
Lunch - Mrs. C.D. Kennedy & Mrs. J.C.  
Inman.

June 3

Convener -  
Roll Call -  
Motto -  
Hostess -  
Lunch - Mrs. M. Luce & Mrs. G. Moore.

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St. Thomas.  
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R. R.# 2, St. Thomas.  
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Box 833, Aylmer.

**EDEN  
WOMEN'S  
INSTITUTE**



**PROGRAMS  
1957 - 1958**

**Eden  
East Elgin  
Women's Institute**

**PROGRAMS  
1958 - 1959**



All women in the community are invited to attend our meetings held at 8:00 p.m. at the Eden Community Hall the first Friday in each month omitting August and September.



**Institute Ode**

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The good of all mankind.

**Eden  
East Elgin  
Women's Institute**

**PROGRAMS  
1959 - 1960**



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**Eden  
East Elgin  
Women's Institute**

**PROGRAMS  
1960 - 1961**



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**EDEN BRANCH  
EAST ELGIN DISTRICT  
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**



**PROGRAMME - 1966-1967**

Bring me Women to match my Mountains  
Bring me Women to match my Plains  
Women with Empires in their purpose  
And New Eras in their Brains.

All women in the community are invited  
to attend our meetings—held the First  
Wednesday in every month, at 8 p.m.

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THE  
**Falkland Branch**  
of the  
SOUTH BRANT DISTRICT  
WOMEN'S INSTITUTES



**PROGRAM**

1963 - 1964

**INSTITUTE ODE**

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Nor envy sour the mind,  
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The good of all mankind.

*Mrs Blake Caswell*

**EDEN  
EAST ELGIN  
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

**PROGRAMS  
1961 - 1962**



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But each shall seek the common  
weal  
The good of all mankind.

*The  
Adelaide Hunter Hoodless  
Homestead*



THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE FOUNDER OF  
WOMENS' INSTITUTES

ST. GEORGE, ONTARIO BRANT COUNTY

**BAYHAM BRANCH  
EAST ELGIN  
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**



**PROGRAMME - 1957 - 58**

God bless you, all this coming year,  
With blessings rich and free;  
May joys increase and perfect peace  
The sign of His love to be.

All women in the community are invited  
to attend our meetings — held the  
second Tuesday in every month  
at 2:00 p.m.

**Institute Ode**

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The good of all mankind.



*W. J. Stamp*

*The Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute*

*invite you to the*

*Fiftieth Anniversary*

*of their Branch on*

*Wednesday, November 21st, 1956*

*at the Disciple Church, Mapleton*

*Programme at 2.30 p.m.*

*Mrs. Marjorie Carter, Secretary,*

*R.R. 1, Kingsmill, Ont.*

ONTARIO  
HOME  
ECONOMICS  
SERVICE

CLOTHING  
LEADER  
1965-66

*This is Especially  
for You*



DEAR MEMBERS;

How NICE it is to hear from our good old W.I.'s  
when we are out of circulation, feeling sorry for ourselves,  
and with maybe just a dash of sickness thrown in.

The Christmas Poinsettia on our table is  
still reminding me every day of all of you. And in case you  
dont know, that is much pleasanter to take and has the same  
effect as a Shot in the Arm.

The W.I. card and all your personal cards  
surely helped to "lighten my miseries". AND SO-----  
My Dearly Beloveds, THANKS for Everything. A Happy New Year  
to every one of you, and "I'll be seeing you"

Lovingly,

EVA INMAN

# The Elgin County Pioneer Museum

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A Memorial to the Past and Its Traditions

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This Museum was sponsored by the Women's Institutes of Elgin County, assisted by other interested people.

On its completion, ownership was assumed by the Elgin County Council.

The Museum was formally opened April 5th, 1957.

Visiting hours: Week Days—2-5 and 7-9 p.m.; Sunday—2-5 p.m.

Tea served in the afternoon upon request.

Admission: Adults 25c, Students 15c. Children accompanied by parents, free.

Telephone 6148.

It is into an early Canadian home and doctor's office that the visitor walks when he enters the Elgin County Pioneer Museum, for it has been established in the home of a pioneer doctor of this district.

To the right of the entrance is a large living room which depicts the gracious way of life of over a century ago, and beyond it is a kitchen which goes back to pioneer days, with its open hearth, cooking utensils for the fireplace, commodious cupboards and the gun upon the wall to provide food and repel marauding animals. The dining room, too, has treasures of early furniture, china and glass.

Upstairs, a bedroom with four-poster rope bed, trundle bed, cradles and other early furnishings continues to depict the home of many years ago, while other rooms contain a wealth of miscellaneous articles dating back to the days of the Indian residents of this community. Throughout the house, interesting furniture (some made by a gifted local cabinet maker), pioneer utensils, manuscripts, paintings, papers, all help to revive a picture of home life of early days.

But this museum does more. It is situated on a lot which was the site of the home and office of Dr. Charles Duncombe, who, with Dr. John Rolph, founded in St. Thomas in 1824 one of the first medical schools in Canada. It was Dr. Rolph who later went to Toronto and established the nucleus of the medical school of the University of Toronto.

This present house is believed to have been built in 1848-49 for Dr. Duncombe's youngest brother, Dr. Elijah E. Duncombe, who came to join him in St. Thomas some time about 1822. Dr. Charles left St. Thomas about 1828, but Dr. Elijah Duncombe continued to practise here until a few years before his death in 1870. Over a century ago, living in this house with his wife and four daughters, he presided over an apothecary shop and consulting room which together occupied the east side of the building. The medical room to the left of the entrance is a unique feature of this museum, commemorating this special aspect of the history of this lot and house. It displays many interesting articles of early medical practice in the county.

Overlooking the broad valley of Kettle Creek, the pioneer museum is situated at the top of a hill at the foot of which began the little settlement from which the city of St. Thomas later developed. It is on historic Talbot Road, named for Col. the Hon. Thomas Talbot, the Irish founder of the vast Talbot settlement who returned to Upper Canada in 1803 to establish residence beside the lake a few miles west of here and who later used to call St. Thomas the capital of his settlement. Museum treasures include an oven from Col. Talbot's home at Port Talbot, a cradle used by the family of his nephew, Lord Airey, there, and the original surveying chain used by Col. Mahlon Burwell for much of the early settlement.

The spacious, tree-shaded grounds on which the museum stands have a history that goes back even before Dr. Charles Duncombe's early residence here, for they are part of the 200-acre property for which the original crown patent was received by one of the first settlers of what is now St. Thomas, Daniel Rapelje. Part of his property, looking towards the south and west over the valley, was given by Mr. Rapelje to the Church of England, and the pioneer church of the community, erected there in 1824, may be visited just a short distance south-east of the museum.

Thus happily situated in a pioneer home in the heart of the Talbot Settlement and so closely linked with its early history, the Elgin County Pioneer Museum seeks to preserve the interesting and worthy story of life in this community and the traditions of its pioneers.

