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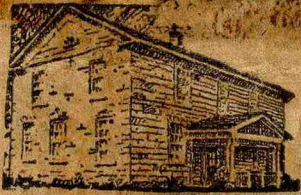
Casa Loma Stables.



Representing the Eden Women's Institute, these ladies presented a book of Quilt Patterns and Historical Items to Mrs. Thomas Craven as a Centennial Project (1967) The book was entitled "Through the Years with Mrs. Thomas Craven". Pictured above are:

Mrs. Hans Anderson, Mrs. Geo. Moore, Mrs. Acel Langohr, Mrs. Lee Garnham, Mrs. Chas. Cowan, Mrs. Morley Luce, Mrs. Thomas Craven, Mrs. Ream Hall and Miss Margaret Craven.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1960



ELGIN Museum News

BY MRS. J. R. FUTCHER

It was exactly 157 years ago today, in 1803, that Colonel Thomas Talbot landed at Port Talbot and felled the first tree, thus launching the settlement that bears his name. It is hard to believe, as we drive through this area today on excellent highways, that such great change could take place in a century and a half—a change from primeval forest to well-settled and prosperous communities.

Today marked the opening of the Col. Talbot exhibit at the Elgin Pioneer Museum and although there remain many of Col. Talbot's relics yet to be brought in,

we are thankful for a start. For it is our goal that the Museum will be known throughout Canada as the museum housing the largest authentic collection of the effects of Col Talbot. We are grateful to those citizens who visited the Museum today to see this display, and we urge others to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Historic Talbot Estate Trees Cut

Colonel Talbot came to Elgin County in 1803 and established a settlement in which he lived for some 50 years. The Talbot Estate, located seven miles west of Fingal, is still being farmed and attracts a good deal of interest among local residents and tourists alike.

The Talbot Estate is now owned by Fred I. Ker, of Dundas, and is being farmed by his son, John Ker, formerly of the Canadian Navy with the rank of lieutenant.

The Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada erected a cairn on the property in 1925 to mark the location of the settlement. The monument was constructed close to the road, and in the shade of two huge old trees.

This spring it was decided to widen and improve this thoroughfare (appropriately

known as the Talbot Road), and the two trees, a walnut and an ash, have been felled to make room for this work. A count of the annual rings on these trees shows that they are nearly 150 years old, which means that they were alive during most of the time Colonel Talbot lived in the area. Located as they were along the roadway, it is interesting to speculate whether they were left as shade trees when the land was cleared or transplanted from the woods on instructions from Colonel Talbot himself.

In any event, with their removal, history has lost another tangible contact with the past. In this case, the walnut and the ash may have been an even more significant and fitting memorial to the pioneers of this area than the lovely monument they stood beside.



Eden

Mrs Davis

The Elgin County

Pioneer Museum

extends a cordial invitation

to attend

The Talbot Settlement

Anniversary

Sunday, 21st May, 1961

(October 26, 1944)

Mayor William F. Sutch, chairman of the Local Ration Board, stated this week that the volunteer

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ROTARY WESTMOUNT SCHOOL FOR RETARDED CHILDREN



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The Tillsonburg and District Association for Retarded Children came into being on February 25th, 1955, becoming the 36th Association in Ontario. From the time the school opened on January 12th, 1955, until the Lions Club of Tillsonburg stepped in, and at a meeting on February 15th, 1955, approved the setting up of an Association to take over the operation of the school, the parents themselves were bearing the expense incurred. When school opened there were three retarded children. It is first customary to form an association but interest was kindled very slowly in the beginning and rather than wait until there was sufficient support for an association, they decided to make a start on their own. Mrs. Wm. McDonald was the teacher. Mr. Gyulveszi provided a room in the block on Washington Grand Ave., which the three fathers converted into a school room, and promised to pay the teacher's salary until other means of financing were worked out. Within a month Tillsonburg had both a school and an association for retarded children. The attendance grew to six very quickly and there were volunteer helpers. With the help of service clubs and many interested friends and parents the school was equipped. During the first year in the month of May the youth of the community took an active part in raising funds for the school. The first Tag Day was held the same month sponsored by the Canadian Legion and assisted by the Women's Institute. The children of the public schools were the official taggers. They raised \$411.00. The same month the pupils of Mrs. Elizabeth McCready R. M. T. gave a piano recital sponsored by the Kinette Club of Tillsonburg and \$100.00 was received.

During the first year special speakers at monthly meeting for the Association included Miss Ruth Dettmer and Dr. Harry Amos and Dr. Maher. Miss Dettmer is a psychologist from the Mental Health Clinic in London. She works with all children and their problems and gives the tests which determines a retarded child's I. Q.

At the end of the first year, with Mrs. Arthur Mercer as president, the total membership for the Tillsonburg and District Association for Retarded Children was 28. Open House was held with some sixty interested citizens attending. A birthday table, set for the pupils, featured a lovely floral arrangement of red roses and white mums donated by the Kinsmen Club of Tillsonburg and centred with an attractive cake made and donated by Mrs. Ernest Stanfield, a member of the executive.

At December 31st, 1955, there was a bank balance of \$593.22. Receipts for the year 1955 were \$1,841.08, expenses were \$1247.86, which included school supplies, hydro and water, heating, wages, transportation, piano, cleaning etc.,

In the spring of 1956 a committee to look into the possibility of building a suitable school in the near future was headed by Mr. L. J. Sorrenti. In September 1956, Mrs. Matt Alabastine became assistant teacher to Mrs. McDonald.

It was in the summer of 1957 that the Rotary Club of Tillsonburg announced that it was ready to take the responsibility of providing the retarded children of the district with a new school. At the regular meeting the motion was passed. Not one Rotarian remained seated as T. B. Harris, immediate past president of the local Rotary Club and Chairman of the long-proposed project, asked each member in whole hearted concurrence with the plan to stand. The new school was to be built to specifications submitted by the Tillsonburg and District School for Retarded Children on a site yet to be determined. A suitable site was found about a year later out Concession St. West across from the Westmount Subdivision on property owned by Orrie Sitts. The site is 150 ft. by 250 ft. The building committee was promised at least \$8000 from the Department of Education. Work was begun on the new school in October 1958 by the Gyulveszi Construction Co. and finished in April 1959. The school has four class rooms. Two of the rooms are separated by a folding partition which can transform the classes into one large assembly room. It has electric baseboard heating and green-tinted fluorescent lighting. On April 19th, in the evening, members of the Rotary Club and the local Association for Retarded Children moved the desks, tables and chairs, and other equipment to the new school and left a sign in the old class room which read "Moved to the new location" and when teachers and pupils went to the old class room on Monday they were much surprised but happy to drive out to the new school.

The school for retarded children is called the Rotary Westmount School. The total cost for the property and building is \$40,000, of which \$8,000 was a government grant and other funds were raised by having Tag Days, Peanut Drives, donations from local service clubs, and other organizations and interested friends. The official opening for the new school was held on May 22nd at 2.30 in the afternoon with J. F. Stinson, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services, Department of Education as speaker. Open House was held following the official opening, for three afternoons and evenings, during which time many visitors toured the school and signed the guest book.

The school for Retarded Children operates five afternoons a week from 1.30 to 4.00. The children enjoy social events such as summer picnics, Halloween, Christmas entertainments, and birthday celebrations. At the present date, October 1959, there are two teachers, sixteen pupils and several volunteer helpers each week.