

LIFE HISTORY OF MRS. J.R. FUTCHER (R.R.#1, St.Thomas, Ont.)

1. Mrs. J. Robinson Futchter was born in St. Thomas, Ontario, daughter of the former Mayor of St. Thomas, E.A. Horton and Mrs. Horton.
2. She taught school, married a farmer, J.R. Futchter in 1925.
3. They have two boys namely; John Edward and Allison Horton who still farm with their father at R.R.#1, St. Thomas, Ontario. Two daughters, Mrs. Judd G. Martin, R.R.#8, St. Thomas, Ontario who is President of North Yarmouth Historical Society and organizing another Historical Society around Southwold and South Dorchester and Mrs. Roy (Robin) Jeffrey who was first elected to Belleville, Council in December, 1967 and on December 4th, 1972 elected Mayor of Belleville by a majority of 600 votes above the incumbent Mayor, Dr. J. Russell Scott.
4. Mrs. Futchter joined Middlemarch Institute approximately in 1927 and later became President, 1952.
5. Early 1940's became President of Elgin West District.
6. Elected as Director to the Provincial Board in 1943-47
7. Became Provincial President in 1947.
8. Led the Ontario Delegation to A.C.W.W. Conference in Copenhagen in 1950.
9. Programme and Hospitality Committee chairman at the 1955 A.C.W.W. Conference in Toronto, Ontario.
10. Awarded F.W.I.C. Life Membership.
11. Spearheaded the establishment of the Elgin County Museum which opened in 1957 until the present time, 1973.
12. A talented member of the St. Thomas Music Club .
13. Keenly interested in the cultural developments in her local community.
14. In 1955 she was appointed to the MacDonald Institute in Guelph, Ont. and was instrumental in having the Officers Conference at Guelph established.
15. In 1956-70, a member of the Archaeological and Historical Sites Board of Ontario.
16. Fall of 1971, Mrs. R.J. Futchter was given the Honor and distinction when chosen "Women of the Year" by a panel of Judges for the Talbot-Shivaree.

1953- Honorary President and served on Editorial Comm.



Elgin Pioneer
Museum
32 Talbot St.
St. Thomas.

formerly the
property of Dr.
Chas. Duncombe

Sitting Room
furnished in Early
Victorian Style
featuring rag
carpet- donated
by the County W. I.



Bedroom
furnished in
pioneer Style.
featuring hand
woven linens &
hand loomed
coverlets.



Tea Room
featuring, china
glass, silver
of the Pioneer
era.

Cards published
by, Victor Aziz
London, Ont. Can.



Elgin County Pioneer Museum tea. Jan. 5, 1971

Held by the W. I. of Elgin County and the St. Thomas IODE chapters, Pouring tea Mrs. E. O. Fanjoy, wife of Mayor Fanjoy. representing the City of St. Thomas. Standing left to right are Mrs. Keith Heipleh, Elgin County Rally W. I. President. Mrs. Herbert Jackson, secretary for London Area W. I. and Mrs. D. A. Vickerman, vice-regent of Municipal Chapter, IODE.

Elgin County W. I. Rally executive and board of directors was held at the Museum Mar. 11, 1971 when Mrs K. Heipleh, R. 2, Springfield Ont. was elected President of Elgin County W. I. Rally.

The board of directors of the Rally consists of the executive officers of E. & W. Elgin plus the federation representative of each district who presently is, Mrs. Lorne Daniel, R. 1 Mount Elgin, Ont.



Winter Picnic Feb. 1970

The Eden and Cornith W. I. hosted the East Elgin winter picnic at the Eden Baptist Church. The day featured a lunch and a very interesting program. Shown here are, front, Catharine McDowell, East-Elgin District Secretary-treasurer; Mrs. D. G. Marcou E. C. Home Economist; back Mrs. Lorne Daniel, Provincial board director, Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, E. E. President, and Mrs. Austin Zeller, from New Hamburg, president of the W. I. of Ontario.



June 11, 1967

Centennial Institute Picnic.

After the luscious Centennial Picnic Dinner was served, Programme's including races etc. and when the meeting ended we were entertained by Elgin's United Church's Centennial Parade and Church Service.

1st. Prize Baby

3½ months old at

Aylmer Fair, August 21, 1967.

Son of: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jenkins, R.R.#3, Belmont, Ont.

KINGSMILL- MAPLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
CENTENNIAL PICNIC - June 11, 1967.

MOTTO- "The more we get together"

PLACE- Pinafore Park, St. Thomas, Ont.

POT LUCK DINNER- Open to all people.

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Those present in the picture were:

Front row- Roger Stover, Nancy Lunn, Kathy Lunn, Marianne Lunn, Karen Free, Ricky Drake, James Free, John Drake, David Drake.

Second row- Eleanor Stover, Lenora Free, Connie Jenken, Shirley Lunn,

Third row- Russ Lunn, W.J. Free, Marjorie Carter, Mrs Waldick, Eleanor Drake, Geraldine Jenken, Bill Free(Jr) Grace Free, Edith & Ralph Stover, David Stover, Charles Drake, Mr. Waldick.



Larry Jenkins.

Nov 13/68

Centennial Medal To Aylmer Teacher

AYLMER.—Miss Ruth Charlton of 35 Warren Street has been awarded a Centennial medal by the federal government in recognition of valuable service to the nation.

Miss Charlton retired from public school teaching in June, 1965, after 43 years of service. She taught at McGregor Public



MISS RUTH CHARLTON

School in Aylmer for 32 years.

Her first teaching assignment was at No. 6 Houghton, where she taught for two years after graduating from London Teachers' College. She attended high school at the Belmont Continuation School.

She then taught seven years at School Section No. 14 Malahide, then two years at Mapleton where she was born and received her primary education.



Mary Underhill, Kingsmill-Mapleton's Branch's twin sister is President for Calton W. I. which, with the Bayhan club sponsored the W. I. Elgin Winter Picnic for 14 W. I. Branches of East Elgin at the Aylmer Baptist Church.

1968 Picnic of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute

June 9th, 1968 at Pinafore Park, St. Thomas, Ontario.

Pot Luck Dinner- 1:30 P.M.

Hostess- Kingsmill-Mapleton W. I.

President- Mrs. Claude Hoover

Motto- The More We Get Together.

June 22, 1969 at Waterworks Park, St. Thomas

Pot Luck Dinner- 4.30 P. M.

Hostess- Kingsmill-Mapleton W. I.

President - Mrs. Claude Hoover

There was no picnic for 1970.

There was no picnic for 1971

1972-73 picnic at Mrs. Grey Fuller's cottage at Port Bruce, Ontario.

Motto- "None is rich enough to be without a neighbour"

Programme- Sports and picnic lunch.



(left to right- Mrs. Stanley Stover
Florence McGregor, Gertrude Davies,
Grace Free, Mrs. Claude Hoover,
Mrs. Sam Legg, Mrs. Shirley Lunn,
Mrs. Bea. Fuller, Edith Stover,
Mrs. Lenora Free.

(children & Adults- left to right-
Mary Jane Stover, Kathy Lunn, Steven
Jenken, Patty Lynn Lunn, Larry Jenkin
Nancy Lunn, Michelle Stevens,
Madeline Jenkins, Stephanie Jenkins,
Eleanor Stover, Marianne Lunn,
Roger Stover, Karen Free.

July 6th, 1972.

1973-74- Picnic at Mrs. Grey Fuller's Cottage, Port Bruce, Ontario.

MOTTO- "Pack your basket with laughter-The music of the Soul"

Programme- 4-H club girls- model knit sportswear .

Recreation.

BUS TRIPS

1968-69 Trip North

Stayner, Ontario- Handycraft Exhibition

Collingwood, Ontario- Pottery Factory, and a Ski Lift

The Collingwood Women's Institute entertained us to a lovely Smorgasbord dinner.

1969-70 Trip East

Hamilton, Ontario- Toured Dundurn Castle

Dundas, Ontario- Green-House of African Violets and Cactuses, & Museum.

Stoney Creek, Ontario- Visited the Lee Homestead. The Stoney Creek Women's Institute catered to our supper.

1970-71 Trip East

Toronto, Ontario- Toured the City Hall, Planetarium where we saw pictures of the Stars and the "Planet Venus." Visited the "Royal Ontario Museum"

Hamilton, Ontario- "Rock Gardens"

Brampton, Ontario- The Women's Institute catered to our supper.

1971-72 Trip West

Douglas Point- Neucleur Hydro Plant- had our own lunch in nearby park.

Kincardine, Ontario- visited furniture displays at 2 stores and 1 old home.

Goderich, Ontario- visited museum

Auburn, Ontario- supper at a church, the Women's Institute catering.

London, Ontario- shopped 1 hour at Zellers Department Store.

1972-73- No bus trip planned.

1973-74- July 19th, 1973, Bus trip to Toronto, Ontario-

Toured Black Creek Pioneer Village and Ontario Place.

Supper at Galt- Highland Restaurant- smorgasbord.

July 17, 1974- Bus Trip to Stratford, Doon Village and Woodside National Park.

July 16, 1975 Bus Trip to Science Centre, Toronto, Ontario.

Oct 4-6-1976--Bus Trip to Huntsville, Ontario also, Algonquin Park(Overnight at Chateau Laurier, Ottawa) and tour of Upper Canada.

Golden Wedding Anniversary.

April 2, 1970

Mrs. & Mr. W. J. Free.

of R. R. 1 Belmont celebrated their 50th anniversary at a open house at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Free, R. 1 Belmont. on Thursday April 2, from two to four in the afternoon and 7 to 9.30 at night. They were pleased to welcome friends and neighbors.



It was Good Friday morning, April 2, 1920, that Daisy Lenora Holtby, daughter of the late Benjamin and Eliza Ann Holtby, became the Bride of William Joseph Free in a ceremony at the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Small, performed by Rev. J. W. Oring.

Mr. Free emigrated to Canada from Wexford, Ireland, in 1903. He operated a farm until his retirement twelve years ago. Mrs. Free has acted as treasurer for many organizations as well as taking part in many other activities though the years. They Attend Belmont United Church.

The couple has two sons, William Henry, R. R. 1 Belmont, And Harvey Edmund, R. R. 4, London, Ont. and five grandchildren.

Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute members prepare for their 75th Anniversary



Eleanor Stover



l-r Lenora Free, Madelaine Jenkin, Gladys Warren, Hazel Van Horne

Pictures taken at Bea. Fullers Meeting.
January 7, 1982



Nancy Gardner, Ella May Ostrander,
Linda Zavitz, Jerry Jenken



Eleanor Stover

A. Bradt

KINGSMILL-MAPLETON
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



75th
Anniversary Dinner

1907-1982



AYLMER BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday, February 4, 1982

12:00 p.m.

Institute Grace

We thank thee, Father, for thy care,
Food, Friends and Kindliness we share,
May we forever mindful be
Of Home and Country and of Thee.

PROGRAMME

Chairlady
Mrs. Orrie Ostrander
President of Kingsmill-Mapleton W.I.



Grace
Her Majesty the Queen
Introduction of Head Table—Mrs. Jack Widner
Greetings
Sing Song
75 Years in Review—Mrs. Harold Davies
Presentation of Certificates of Merit—Mrs. Orrie Ostrander
Soloist—Mrs. Ron Bradt

Introduction of Guest Speaker—Mrs. Keith Heipleh

Guest Speaker—Mrs. Margaret Zoeller
Editor of Home and Country

Thank You to the Speaker—Mrs. Ernest Jenkins

Members of Kingsmill-Mapleton w.l.

- * Mrs. Wilfred Herbert
- * Mrs. Ivan Warren
- * Mrs. Fred Brown
- * Mrs. Orrie Ostrander
- * Mrs. Marjorie Carter
- * Mrs. Sam Legg
- * Mrs. Keith Heipleh
- * Mrs. Harold Davies
- Mrs. Max Zavitz
- Mrs. Emily Faw
- Mrs. Grey Fuller
- Mrs. W.H. Free
- Mrs. Ernest Jenkins
- Mrs. W. Free Jr.
- Mrs. Hiram Jenken
- Mrs. Lewis Helka
- Mrs. Hazel Van Horne
- Mrs. Jack Widner
- Mrs. Roy Gardiner
- Mrs. Phil Zavitz
- Mrs. David Stover
- Mrs. Ralph Stover
- Mrs. Russell Lunn

***Life Members**

Kingsmill-Mapleton W.I.

wishes to invite you to our

75th Anniversary

February, 4, 1982

at

Sylmer Baptist Church

Mrs. Margaret Zeller - Guest Speaker

Editor of Home and Country

Dinner \$4.25 at 12:00 Noon

R.S.V.P. by January 15th, 1982

75th Anniversary of Kingsmill-Mapleton W. I.

Held at the Baptist Church in Aylmer with aprox. 140 attending. the ladies of the church served a delicious turkey dinner. Febuary 1982. President Ella Mae Ostrander, Madeline Jenkins ^{Ass} Sec: Treas. Mrs. Nicholas Cerna Pres. of Elgin East. Mrs. Russell Campbell board director of section 22. and chairman E. R. Com. Mrs. Ruth Marcou. regional supervisor of Home Economics. Western Region. Bill Martyn councillor of Yarmouth Township. Mrs. Janet Hiepleh Pres. of F. W. I. O. Mrs. Austin Zoeller, Editor of Home and Country, Mrs. Eleanor Bradnock, PRO London Area. Miss Bonnie Wilson. Home Economist for Elgin. Mrs. Grant Cowell Pres. of Elgin West. Mrs. Nancy Gardner Sec. Treas. of K. M. Mrs. Jack Widner P. Pl of E. E. Mrs. Ron Bradt, soloist. Mrs. Inez Smith of Belmont pianist. Miss Molly McGee and the Aylmer W. I. extended greetings to those in attendance. A gavel was presented to K. M. W. I. from our twin Inst. Boxall. Mrs. Bradt led in a sing song. Mrs. Harold Davies then outlined events from the past 75 yrs. In her address she mentioned the war years, the contributions to charities, and made special note of the crib quilts made by Mrs W. J. Free Sr. and presented ^{to} the childrens hospital in London. We have sponsored many 4-H home making clubs and Dairy Princess and Aylmer Fair Queens and catering to Aylmer Fair meals making over \$5,000. presenting scholarships to an East Elgin boy or girl who were continuing their education in Home Economics or Agriculture. Merit Awards were given to Mrs. Jack Widner, Mrs Lenora Free, Mrs. Grey Fuller (Beatrice) Mrs. Ralph Stover (Edyth) Mrs. Roy Gardner. by Mrs. Ostrander in recognition of their work in the W. I. Mrs. Bradt the sang a solo Can't you hear me calling. Mrs. Hiepleh introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Zoeller. her theme What are you doing tomorrow.



Madeline Jenkins thanked the speaker and presented her with a Trillium cup and saucer.

Miss Cindy Bradt then sang "Oh what a beautiful morning" followed by a duet with her mother "The King is coming."

The K. M. W. I. has 8 life members among its 23 members. 2 of the oldest are Mrs. Sam (Opal) Legg (92) and Mrs Lenora Free (89) Mrs. Ralph Stover had her life membership ~~be~~ donated to a charity, A display was set up in the upstairs hall of quilts pictures. etc.

Mrs. D. L. Free Feb. 3, 1982 cutting the K.M.W.I. 75th Anniversary cake.



Mrs Helen Widner, Ella May Ostrander, Mrs DL Free, Jerry Jenken



Mrs. D.L. Free immediately after cutting the Anniversary cake.