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 160 Annie Isobel McCallum - Dutton.
 161 Mrs J. R. Fitcher - Middlemarch.
 162 Diane Auckland
 163 Betty Mc Cutcheon
 164 Sharon McCutcheon
 165 Donna McCutcheon
 166 Brenda Auckland
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 170 Mrs Vic Laughton
 171 Karen Auckland
 172 Margaret Row
 173 Mrs Ed Hunter Talbotville
 174 Mrs J Auckland Talbotville
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 177 Frederica Sells
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 205 Mrs Geo. M. Carroll Crinan N.I.
 206 Mrs. D.B. McCallum Crinan N.I.
 207 Mrs John Legg Middlemarch
 208 Mrs Alex Lytle -
 209 Mrs Harold Butler Middlemarch
 210 Mrs Alex Shiell Paynes Mills
 211 Mrs Verne Harris "
 212 Mrs Charles Oldham Paynes Mills
 213 Mrs. Alex Turner Sheddons - Kensington
 214 Mrs. Litcher - Middlemarch
 215 Mrs. A. Kelly. Paynes Mills
 216 Mrs. A. Auckland - Paynes Mills.
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- 220 Marion Pow
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- 226 Vera M. Meek Paynes Mills Pres.
- 227 Connie Jean Adams Paynes Mills
- 228 Mrs Gordon Lyle - Paynes Mills.
- 229 Mrs Vermont Pow - " "
- 230 J. N. Gillard - Contractor.
- 231 Mrs Douglas Lumley - Times Journal
- 232 Mrs H. Jackson - Borall
- 233 Mrs L. L. Snell - Wallaceham.
- 234 Mrs Chas. Aldham - Paynes Mills
- 235 Mrs Sayfield Smith - Payne Mills
- 236 Mrs Bernice Silbert - Paynes Mills.
- 237 Mrs Hgd Bowden - Paynes Mills.
- 238 Mrs Ross Berdan - Paynes Mills
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- 240 Mr Duchunth - Free Press.
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DEDICATION OF HALL PLAQUE.

Mrs J.R.Futcher--P.P.Ontario W.Institute.
Mrs R.H.McNeil--P.Bd.Director
Mrs V.Pow-----Vice Pres,London Area and P.P.of Payne's Mills.
Mrs Wm Week----Pres. Paynes Mills Branch.
Mrs Eva Gettler--Pres. London Area.

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Tonight we come to one of the proudest times in our W. I. history--the placing of these two markers on our very own new, modern and efficient hall. With the new bronze plaque and the old name stone in place we feel we somehow bind and weld together the old hall with the new for, without the old hall, this new one would not have been possible.

In 1961 the Union Hall was sold to the Department of Highways to make way for the widening of # 3 highway past here. The new hall built on this acre of land obtained from Mr. Alvin Williams was officially opened on March 14, 1962, with many visiting dignitaries and officers of the Womens Institute present. Mr. Roy Jewell was chairman and Mrs. Anna Kelly, a past president and life member, cut the ribbon. Mrs. J. R. Futchter was the speaker and Mrs. Ralph Auckland and the Wallacetown Triple Trio supplied music.

In the few years since then we feel we have made much progress. With wise planning and a lot of hard work we have paid for the property, improved the grounds and equipped a modern kitchen, but we realize there is still much that can be done to enrich the community.

I am sure that you will recognize the words of Mrs. Wes Abbott rather than my own in these pages that I am reading to you tonight.

In giving a resume of this hall and the former hall it is necessary to go back a number of years to the year 1896 or earlier and mention some of the things that made it necessary and possible for the old hall to be built.

No doubt some of you are not aware of the fact that this small dot on the map known as Paynes Mills was once a flourishing industrial centre, boasting a grist mill and an oatmeal mill run by the Paynes Bros. (from which the village got its name), a saw mill, ashery, blacksmith and carpentry shops, a large producing cheese factory with some of the best cheese makers in this country, a grocery store and butcher shop, church, two room school, its very own post office, a train station and passenger train service twice daily between St. Thomas and other points.

With the advent of good roads, gas, hydro, telephones and motor cars, distances shrank and gradually all these things disappeared in the name of progress, until today our public school and this Womens Institute hall are the sole centre of community activities.

At about 1896 the need of a Sunday School was felt and it was mostly through the efforts of the then public school teacher Mr. Dougal McBain (later Dr. McBain) that a Sunday School was formed and met in the school-house with Mr. McBain its first superintendant. Shortly after church services were held there too. In about 3 years (in 1908 in the new hall) a Presbyterian Church was organized with Rev. Robt. McIntyre as minister in charge. The congregation soon outgrew the school's facilities and through the generous donation of land by Henry Berdan in 1906 a building was erected for the purpose of divine worship, local meetings, social and business gatherings. The building of this was done mostly by free will offerings of money and materials and free labour in the form of bees. An

autograph quilt was made to raise money. This quilt was later given back to the Womens Institute and is now in the Elgin County Pioneer Museum but is still owned by us.

Rev. McIntyre was a man with a colorful nature. He was a fluent speaker, very generous, a lover of fast horses and flashy buggies who would occasionally challenge a parishioner to a horse race on his way home from church service. He was also known as "The Marrying Parson" and had a small Gretna Green of his own with couples coming from as far as the U.S.A. and other distant points to be married. The second minister Mr. Cranston, was interested in politics and would at times become so interested in a political discussion that he would forget completely his preaching engagement.

The third minister, , had the honor of speaking to the Governor General of Canada, Lord Byng of Vimy. Gov. Gen. Byng's private car was spending the week-end on the Paynes Mills siding--they did not run on Sundays--and he strolled over to attend divine worship in the little Presbyterian church across the way.

Rev. George Gilmour was the minister in charge when the United Church of Canada came into being in 1925. With a United Church in Talbotville and one in Frome, the church in Paunes Mills was closed. Sunday school continued for a number of years. The Sunday school from the beginning has left its mark for good on the community as it thrived under the leadership of such devout souls as Henry Berdan who was S.S. Superintendent, teacher of the Bible class, organist and choir leader; Miss Lula Campbell and Miss Mabel Begg who often supplied special music for church anniversaries in neighbouring communities; Mrs. Fred Payne who was honored on her 90th birthday by a party in the hall; her son Sturgeon who carried on where she left off; Mr. Mel Smith; Miss Mary McMillan; Mrs. Lettie Lawrence; Mr. Wilson Silcox; Mr. Ernest Gilbert and Mrs. Ira Lewis to mention just a few of the faithful old timers.

The annual Christmas concerts were something to be remembered with their choruses, drill, dialogues and pantomimes which drew a packed house. Paynes Mills is still well known for its Christmas concerts and is one of the few remaining communities to have one.

The women of the church were represented by a society known as The Gleaners. These ladies did much in the line of charity, sewing and making quilts, and knitting for the soldiers in the war. Their main form of money making was their famed fowl suppers and this was not an easy task when you think of the small inadequate kitchen these women worked in. It was a wonder to many how so much good food, on borrowed dishes, by fat women, could produce such mammoth meals in such cramped quarters. Not only were the meals enjoyed but also the fine concerts that followed. The old hall rang with the scotch songs of such a famous man as Harry Lauder and thrilled to the "Sweetest Music this side of Heaven" as played by the Guy Lomberdo orchestra led then by his father. Others enjoyed were Bert Green, Fred Shively and many more.

The Young Peoples Union was an active organization with Floyd Payne its first president. They provided sleigh-rides and skating parties, sugaring off parties and plays. There were many garden parties, strawberry & peach and icecream