

Special mention should be made to our Centennial committee who worked so hard on our Centennial celebrations and reunion held at the hall and school on July 2nd which was an outstanding success.

Wedding bells rang again in our community when Mary Jacques and John McGugan joined the married ranks.

Perhaps many of you did not know that a Mexican boy spent several weeks at the home of the Diesbourg's and attended the Catholic school in St. Thomas. It was quite interesting to hear his impressions of this country. He thought everyone was rich because we all had hydro and so many electric appliances. Only the rich have them in Mexico. He wanted to take back to Mexico hot-dogs and chocolate bars. He said hot-dogs in Mexico aren't worth eating.

We are proud to have in our community two men who were honored for their contribution to our area - Vermont Pow as Road Superintendant and Albert Auckland as Warden. We also wish the best for Jack Shiell who has entered township politics.

We are always interested in Junior Farmers as Central Elgin meets in our hall. Although Jamey Campbell is from West Elgin, we feel that he deserved his reward of his trip to Australia and New Zealand. Elgin Junior Farmers Debating team brought honors back to the county for the third consecutive year, earning the right to keep the trophy.

Ford plant opened at Talbotville and there were 10 applicants for every position open. It must have been quite a task to select the top man for each job.

A new township hall was opened in Fingal, which is a credit to the township.

We still have the Viet Nam war which has been going on for some time and the crisis in the East.

Our sports-minded fans are watching the papers and the TV for the outcome of the Stanley Cup Play-offs.

Who will win the Liberal leadership? Some one will be disappointed, the same as in the Conservative Convention. (Pierre Elliot Trudeau won)

Who will be the next president in the U.S.A.? We will be looking forward to see what happens in the next year.

Vera Meek

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Take note of another first for women--in a writeup this month we find that Miss Sally Priesand of Cincinnati will be ordained as a Rabbi in June 1972.

The Soviet Union is profoundly concerned over the planned trip of Pres. Nixon to Peking and the possibility of an understanding between the United States and China.

Rioting in Belfast has left another 300 working-class families without homes on August 9th as Protestants and Catholics continue to fight in that country.

London Life Insurance Company in London and North American Life Assurance in Toronto are experimenting with a 3 day work week and finding it very successful. The young wags love it the paper says. They work three 12 hour shifts each week and have so much time to themselves. I wonder what they use for money for all of that pleasure time.

The T V has banned cigarette advertising and has now received permission to advertise contraceptives for family planning; while in the Bee and Honey business scientists at Guelph are achieving success with a synthetic sex attractant. The Queen bees keep their thousands of workers together and active in the hive by exuding a special sex perfume. However, sometimes her scent making powers are not strong enough to keep the colony together and the bees get restless and set about making another colony after raising another queen, and neither colony making much honey. If beekeepers could supplement the natural supply of sex attractant during the honey season, they could keep the colonies intact and produce more honey.

July 18, 1971---Booze is legal for 18 year olds.

United States men have been to the moon and back again in a very successful landing and brought back rocks of great interest and importance on August 7, 1971

Opposition MPP's are speculating on a Mid October election for Ontario.

Canadian history is being sold dirt cheap to the U. S. A. rail buffs. Our local L. & P.S. rolling stock gathered together at a price of about \$4000.00 as the nucleus for a science and transportation museum, will be sold to an American firm for \$5.00 because they can no longer be stored in London and no government body is interested in granting funds to preserve them here. Michigan will have these pieces of Canadiana.

Two well known people are expecting babies this year--Miss Devlon in Ireland and Mrs. Pierre Trudeau in Ottawa. Elizabeth Taylor is a grandmother at 39.

Some well-known people have passed on in the last month--Ross Thatcher of Saskatchewan at 54; Van Heflin of Hollywood; Louis Armstrong of New York--the greatest of the Jazz entertainers at 71; and Toe Blake's wife in Montreal.

A very successful elopement was carried off in Paynes Mills last month. (Mr & L. Lunn) Margaret Pow--L. Lunn

CURRENT EVENTS 1971

September started out with a big event in St. Thomas---THE TALBOT SHIVEREE. There seemed to be something for everyone in this Shiverree. They are hoping this will be now a yearly event.

This year at the annual London Fair our Institute entered and won a prize for which we are very proud. Congratulations to those who helped and good luck for next year.

I am sorry to report an accident on the Styles farm. Raymond Styles had a tractor fall on him when the bridge on their farm collapsed. He will be in hospital for some time--it could of been worse though as he was pulling the plough which sort of held it up. Another accident in the same month and in the same location.--Geraldine Lunn backed out of her driveway and was hit by on coming traffic. Both she and her son Donny were taken to hospital and Donny was kept for observation. The car was wrecked.

School has now settled in for another year and it is really surprising what they now accomplish during the school year. OUR boys are in Grade 6 and in two weeks they have already been on 4 trips.

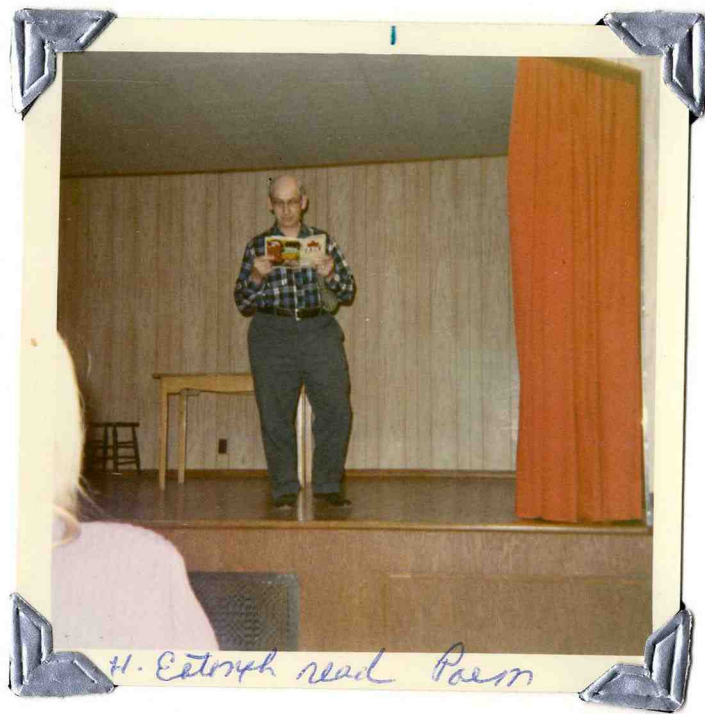
I understand that the Senior citizens are going to assist in teaching Crafts in the Manor to the students who will go over for classes on a regular time schedule.

Hope I didn't miss any of the high lights at this time.

D, Williams.



Farewell - E Lewis & M & Ross Berdan



H. Eatough read Poem

FAREWELL PRESENTATION HELD AT THE PAYNES MILLS W.I. HALL FOR TWO VALUED MEMBERS WHO LEFT THIS DISTRICT----

MRS H.G.LEWIS WHO HAS MOVED TO LONDON and
MR and MRS ROSS BERDAN WHO HAVE BUILT AND MOVED TO THE
VILLAGE OF UNION.

BOTH MRS LEWIS AND MRS BERDAN ARE PAST PRESIDENTS OF THIS
INSTITUTE and ALL WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATIONS A SHORT PROGRAM WAS ENJOYED BY THE PUPILS
AND MR.H.EATOUGH READ A HUMOROUS POEM.

January 1972

The months of December and January have seen much activity and I'm sure that many nights the newspaper didn't get read.

Early in December the St. Thomas Air Force WING 429 hosted 23 little Brothers to a dinner at the Lucky Gardens and a movie at the Capital Theatre. It was the first group activity for the youngsters and their Big Brothers. The St. Thomas Optimist Club picked up the tab for the Big Brothers. I think we should realize what these men are doing for these boys.

A 13 year old Grade 8 student at Scott St. School left the early part of December to spend 8 weeks as a page in the Ontario Legislature. She is Janet Farley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs Robert Farley. She will have a very full 8 weeks --they prepare the members desks for the day's business after breakfast, they attend school classes given by a private tutor and attend sessions in the afternoon or evening.

In Port Stanley, Reeve Stan Speers was at the dockside on Dec 13th to greet the Pelee Islander who came across the lake at a record breaking speed of only 8 hours. The vessel was fanned by heavy winds gusting up to 55 m.p.h.

Ladies how would you like statics like this/? 914--610 --914?? Think metric and they won't sound strange. Actually the measures in inches are 36--24--36. Canada and United States are the only major industrial Countries in the world still using inches and pounds.

Viewers of the Pig and Whistle T.V. show were interested in seeing three couples from the West Elgin district on the screen on Dec. 30---Mr & Mrs Ed. Down, Shedden, Mr & Mrs Art Schultz and Mr & Mrs Dave Bennett, Dutton. Dave had the choice spot on the set and was shown not only watching the Christmas program but also participating in it.

It was on Dec. 19 1906 that Edward P. Boughner was appointed Postmaster at Talbotville succeeding Mrs Josephine Axford who resigned. Mr Boughner had then purchased the Talbotville business formerly managed by Mrs Axford's son. Mr Boughner was the Grandfather of Albert Auckland.

While most of us are getting our first taste of real winter, a Doctor and 31 Others from Red Lake Ontario went to court charged with violating an Ontario ban on studded tires. Their view isn't shared by the Ont Cabinet which stuck to its decision after receiving a 4000 signature petition from the towns of Red Lake, Dryden and Kenora.

In Hazel Park Mich. a heart recipient celebrated his third anniversary of his heart transplant operation by ~~winnings~~ the daily double--he said I can do anything anybody my age can do the 41 year old said--I can eat anything--I smoke and I drink.

This year's Mayor's blood clinic was most successful. The donors set a record for post war years. During 1971 2 thousand one hundred and sixty seven pints of blood were donated. The target was 1750 pints the average use at the hospital. A quantity of blood was given at this clinic to aid in open-heart surgery the next day in London.

On the topic of the Red Cross Society almost 9 out of 10 Canadians have a favourable impression of the Red Cross and the work it does. Of 711 persons interviewed 59% said they had given blood while 19% SAID they or their families had received blood transfusions or other assistance from the society.

In December the residents of Port Burwell prepared a big toast with water as a dedication to the new water pipeline. Representatives from all over County and Provincial Gov't were there.

Speaking of Lake Erie Water--when 4 Astabula Ohio men set off in their boat on Lake Erie they didn't plan on spending the nite in the McIntyre Hotel in Dutton. They drifted in a storm for 9 hours before waves dashed their boat into a cliff near Duttona Beach. They were not hurt but following the rough landing they walked about 1 1/2 miles before finding refuge.

Lord and Lady Elgin spent an informal week-end in St. Thomas. They took time out to curl while Lady Elgin opened the Yorkshire print makers show at the Art Gallery.

They were also entertained to a Christmas dinner and dance by the Elgin Regiment. Christmas 1971 SAW THE TEMPERATURE NEAR 30 and everything was green so I guess Santa had to put roller skates on his sleigh runners this year.

The festive season always brings joy to some and sorrow to others. Christmas was saddened in St. Thomas the week before Christmas when 2 families were left homeless during a fire. One of the families Mr & Mrs Andy Groenendyk were former residents of this community. A wedding of interest took place in London at the end of December---the Rev. Anne Graham was married to Mr. Lawrence Langford a retired business.

On Dec. 31 Mayor Herb McClure spent some of his last hours as Mayor of London in giving his daughter away in marriage.

While most of us were sitting back with our feet up after a big day of festivities and the aftermath---Justin Pierre Trudeau came bouncing into the world--Dec 25th at 9.27 weighing 6 lbs 9 oz. The last child born to a Canadian Prime Minister in office was Mary Macdonald Feb. 7th 1869.

It was in Dec, that one of the largest robberies in Canadian history took place in Windsor. The men topped the 1 million mark in a single haul. In London police raids recovered goods worth \$22,000 in 2 raids. Included in the raids were T.V.'s, RADIOS, Tape Recorders and dozens of other articles. Many have as yet, never been claimed--so it pays to list your serial no's. on appliances. The end of the year saw St. Thomas Mayor E.O. Fanjoy resign as Mayor to take on the appointment of Court Judge for Brant County. St. Thomas has a new mayor--Eber Rice As St. Thomas lost one of its valued officials so Southwold Township lost their Treas & Clerk to retirement Mr Blewitt was active in Township municipal life for 31 years. He was

honoured at a reception and presented with an easy chair.

While most residents in many centres were waiting to hear who the first Baby of the New Year would be--Mrs Beverly Schmidt of Downs, Ill. had her second set of twins in a year. This set born on Dec. 19 and the first set on Dec. 29th. I think the 21 year old mother will be busy!

Front seat belts that incorporate a buzzer and flashing indicator light system for both drive and front seat passenger will become standard on GM cars Jan. 1st.

It has been proposed by the Federal Gov't. --Dept. of Transport that this seat belt warning system become mandatory in Can by July 1st.

Most of us spent New Years eve in some entertaining way. Some noted Canadians spent theirs in different ways. --Justin Pierre Trudeau will be home in his blue nursery at 24 Sussex Drive with Mom and Dad.

Robert Stanfield and his wife are holidaying in Guadeloupe--David Lewis and his wife the N.D.P. leader and his wife are in Malta.

John Diefenbaker and wife are in Barbados

Premier Davis took his 78 year old father to the Orange bowl game.

Judy La Marsh was cooking supper for 50 serving 26 lbs suckling pig and a 21 lb. roast of buffalo.

Singer Ann Murray will be riding the Nova Scotia float in the ROSE Bowl parade St. Thomas's new year's baby made a slow start in the New Year as he didn't arrive until Jan. 2nd at 12.01

Many will well remember the world renowned French entertainer who died at the age of 83--Maurice Chevalier

This New Year saw Canada loose one of its most renowned citizens--The founder of auto the age of 101.

THIS THAT 19

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Etta Eatough.--- JAN.

In December The Women's Institute went on a bus trip to Kitchener Market then on to Elmira and took in Mennonite places of interest like the old covered bridge a short distance from Elmira.

We had dinner in Elmira at a famous German Restaurant where roasted Pig Tails is a specialty. We then shopped in the old Mennonite Stores. The market in Kitchener is outstanding and it will be the last opportunity to visit this historic place as it is to be demolished in February. The Mennonites are really concerned about this move to modernize as for many --it is their source of livelihood. If this is accomplished it is reported that they--the Mennonites will build their own market outside the city on land they already own.

In December also a son was born to Prime Minister and Mrs Trudeau on Christmas Eve. This is the first time a child was born to a Prime Minister in office since Sir John A. MacDonald's time.

The Queen's broadcast on Christmas morning with her two youngest sons Prince Andrew and Prince Edward was both enjoyable and informative. They were looking over a photograph album showing the Queen when she was in the service during the war and was training to save lives in the water and change tires on trucks and things relating to survival and also showed a little bit of the film of King George 5th--the Queen's grandfather doing his first broadcast and also Queen Mary the present Queen's Grandmother inspecting troops. The little princes laughed at Queen Mary's long skirts.

Canada's Ann Murray, our young Maritime singer, has become generally accepted by Canadians both for her vocal talents, her delightful personality and her lovely appearance. On every occasion she has shown an offhanded graciousness which combines the most admirable qualities of a lady and those of a boyishness to be expected of the love girl in a family of boys. She presents the girl every young man would like for a friend--every parent would welcome as a daughter. Perhaps wholesome would be an appropriate word if one but dared use it in this present generation.

You can't loose weight by talking about it. You have to keep your mouth SHUT.
*-- if at first you do succeed---hide your astonishment.

Housework is something you do that nobody notices until you don't do it. Those seed catalogues!!! There are few phenomena to compare in a cold winter with the effects of a seed catalogue. How magnificent the pictures of a green lawn appear on the glossy pages while your own is buried beneath ice and snow. Just look at the bloom on the rose bushes!!! Dogwood flourishes---here are enormous gladioli---Strawberries are huge and tomatoes perfect!!!---no evidence of crab grass or plantain or thistles. Imagination allows no thought of weary muscles. Alas seed catalogues in winter are at least a source of dreams

Upon returning home from their honeymoon, the newlyweds were going through the mail that had accumulated.

"Sweetheart," said the groom, "aren't these bills for clothes you bought before we were married?"

"Yes, darling," the bride replied. "I hope you're not upset about them."

"Well, dearest," grinned the groom, "don't you think it's a bit unfair to ask a fish to pay for the bait that caught him?"

You'd know why the zoo's hyena laughs if you could see what he sees from HIS side of the cage.

Contentment is being happy with what you haven't got.

Britain has other problems. It may be that entry into the Common Market will solve the worst problem of all -- the slippage of Britain in economic production. But there is still Ulster, and Rhodesia and Malta and just the general management of Britain's affairs.

We are most thankful that the coal strike

is apparently over and the British can now, we trust, get back to work. We believe that Britain's future will be brighter if it enters the Common Market than otherwise. So we are pleased that Mr. Heath's Common Market bill survived its second reading.

But the anxieties and uncertainties have taken their toll. We wish Britain could manage to run itself without quite so many crises.

The Royal Canadian Mint is moving to Winnipeg. It's part of the process of decentralization, according to Supply Minister James Richardson who talked his colleagues into letting him take the money machine to his home town.

We noticed a bit of courtesy the other day which is not too common in these days of so much hurry. As a funeral procession rounded the corner onto No. 2 Highway at ~~St. Catharines~~, an eastbound motorist pulled his car to the side of the road and stopped his vehicle, and then the driver removed his hat. Just a small, simple gesture, perhaps, but it was commented upon by several of those in the cortege. *procession*

Now the CBC has brought us the Whiteoaks of Jalna, with Kate Reid, as old Adeleine, thumping around and roaring about "fliberty-giberty motorcars." All that money for a film about a family which existed only in Mazo de la Roche's imagination!

A safer procedure would be to make a CBC documentary, showing us the house, amid its wooded grounds, that Mazo used as background for her Whiteoak novels. Even a few photos of the author herself might not come amiss. Chit-chat from some professor could add "depth coverage" -- an analysis of the Whiteoaks hangups as related to the nick on the left hand of the front hall bannister.

Instead the CBC brings us Mazo's work, and I, for one, am glad to see it. So far the tv adaptation doesn't appear to have done it justice; nevertheless, any step to present good fiction should be applauded.

Every Sunday evening, in prime viewing time, the Whiteoaks go parasol-unfurling, and moustache-twirling, across our television screens.

The CBC, dependent not only on us taxpayers, but also on advertisers, showed courage in bringing us the Whiteoaks. Fiction is considered a shade suspect, slight effeminate,