

Green everywhere as WI meets

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NORTH YARMOUTH WI

There was delicate green dessert and the wearing of the green — even to green stockings — in honour of St. Patrick's Day at the March meeting of the North Yarmouth Women's Institute.

A warm welcome from the hostess Elsie Campbell on a beautiful day with much enjoyed dessert served by the hostess and Marguerite Young and a time of fellowship preceded the meeting.

President Grace Blewett chaired the meeting, added her welcome and opened the meeting with the poem, "March." Roll call was, "What do we need for good health?" and replies included drinking a lot of water, good sense of humour, eating from four food groups with lots of veggies and fruit, and sufficient sleep.

Secretary Elsie Campbell read the February minutes. Correspondence includ-

ed a letter of thanks and best wishes from Madeleine Jenkins, president of Elgin County Women's Institute.

Nominating convener Alma Penhale reported offices covered. The mystery prize donated by Dorothy Locke was won by Markie Auckland.

Mrs. Blewett reported a parcel of knitted panels sent to Women's Institute in the United Kingdom - now was a combined length of 25 kilometres. It was voted that the branch cover the cost of wool and postage.

Program convener Elsie Campbell read interesting articles from the Reader's Digest and "The Golden Years," edited by Mrs. McGregor and her granddaughter of West Lorne. Mrs. Campbell concluded the program with a thought provoking contest on words containing a double "e". Meeting closed with mizpah benediction.

YESTERDAY AND TODAY

In 1910, the Rodney Women's Institute included, from left, front, Mrs. A. Whelann, Mrs. B. Eggert, Mrs. F. McGregor, Mrs. J. Tunks, Mildred Eggert, Mrs. J.J. Mistele, and Mrs. L. Miller, second row, Mrs. T. Davies, Mrs. J. Stinson, Mrs. A. Schleifauf, Mrs. M. Bisnett, Mrs. Ferguson, S. Messerschmid, Mrs. C.A. Wray, Mrs. D.G. McPherson, Mrs. L. Mistele, third row, Mrs. B. Harris, Mrs. E.G. Lusty, Mrs. S. Patterson, Mrs. S. Kelley, Mrs. D. Purcell, Mrs. A. Lusty, Mrs. C. Gray, Mrs. W.I. Campbell and Mary Werner, back row, Mrs. H.W. Thomson, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McIntyre, N.S. Lusty, Mrs. T.C. Campbell, Mrs. William Lusty, M. Gillies, Mrs. McLevey and Mrs. Peter McArthur.



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Zehrs Food Plus...

Recognizing Contributions of the Elgin County Women's Institute to the Agricultural Community

This year Zehrs Food Plus would like to 'Shine the Spotlight' on the Elgin County Women's Institute. We thank the members for their valued contribution to the growth of Agri-business in our county.



According to Mary Veenstra, president of Elgin County Women's Institute, the WI has played an important part in local farming. "The Women's Institute is actively involved in promoting farm safety, education about the importance of the agricultural industry to Canada's economy and healthy eating. We are visible at fairs, plowing matches and other community events," she said. "We're involved with going into schools and teaching kids about farm life and farm safety." It's something she is now passing on to her grandchildren. The WI has also been involved in the rural literacy program, sponsors farm tours, supports local fairs and helps the 4-H clubs.

We salute you on your dedication to family, agriculture, safety, maintenance of history and your ongoing leadership in the farming community.

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EVERY DAY! EVERY WEEK!

Monday to Friday, 8am-10pm • Saturday 8 am-9pm • Sunday 9am-6pm



Mary Veenstra, back, is teaching her grandchildren about farming life. From left, Lauren, Sarah and Leah Bos. Mary is the president of the Elgin Women's Institute. (T-J photo)

Accomplishments...

- Promote farm safety • Promote recycling
- Educate on the importance of the agricultural industry
- Promote healthy eating • Offers scholarships
- Provide leadership & life skills training
- Resolutions resulting in changes to laws
ie: Mandatory stopping for school buses with flashing lights; signs at railway crossings; painting of white lines on provincial highways; use of easily understood labels on food products; enforcement of proper use of slow-moving vehicle signs; and installation of 3-point rear seat belts.



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Looking back at bygone days

50 YEARS AGO

A weekend storm that swept from north of St. Thomas through East Elgin to Port Burwell dealt a severe blow to farmers.

Losses in tobacco were extremely heavy.

25 YEARS AGO

A closing reunion was held for past teachers and students of SS 24 Yarmouth, Dewar's school, which was shutting after 106 years.

15 YEARS AGO

Harley and Spike, a pair of Macaw parrots from African Lion Safari, were featured attraction for 100 children attending a program at the St. Thomas Public Library. Each of the birds was valued at \$5,000.

5 YEARS AGO

Jaeger Canada Equipment Ltd. complained to Revenue Canada that a U.S. competitor was unfairly grabbing a larger market share by dumping cement mixers.

This picture was taken May 23, 1934 at River Road School. Front from left, Leslie Jones, Norman McCandless, Norman Ryckman. Second row, Jim Perry, Raymond McCandless, Donald Fulton, Bob Lindsay, Murray Fulton, Harry Axford. Third row, Reginald Perry, Keith Fulton, Donald Perry, Edith Ryckman, Helen Claus, Betty Stacey, Doris Campbell, Donna Nanney. Back from left, Gordon Lindsay, Claus Lee, Frances Coleman, Lyle McCandless, Fulton Darroch, Miss Pearl Robinson, Helen Woods, Dorothy Claus. Contributed by Myrtle Robilliard, St. Thomas.



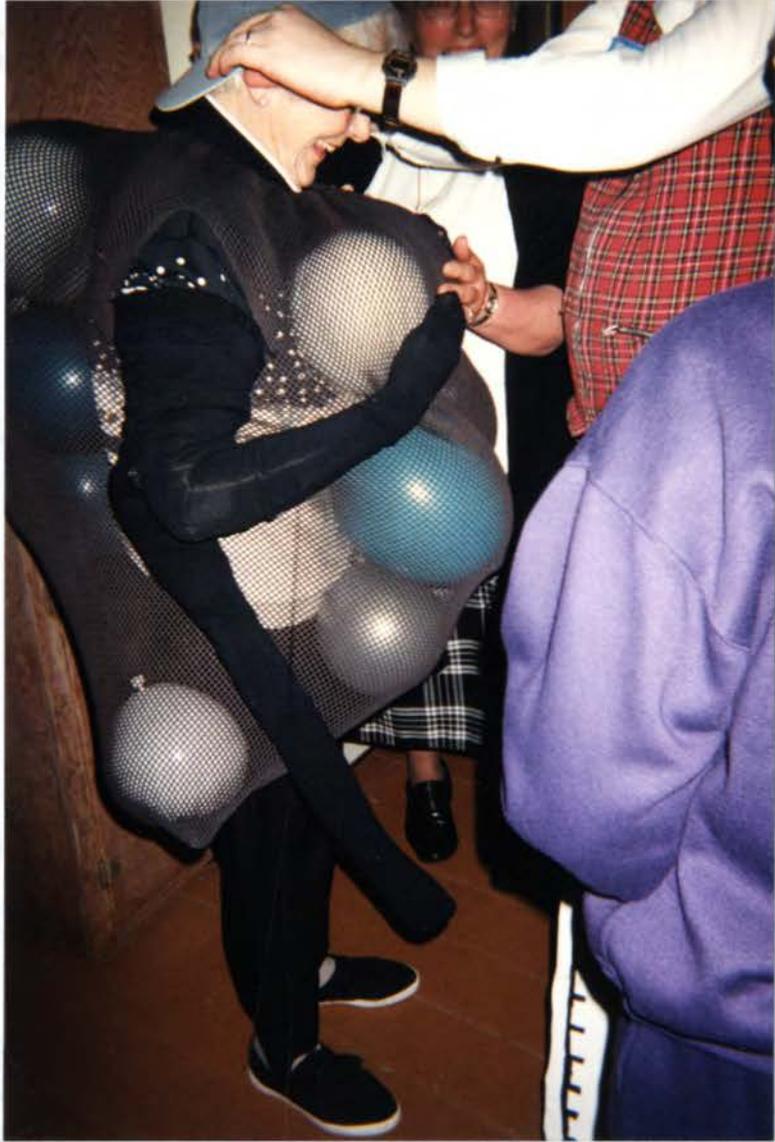














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Women's Institute

"working together shaping tomorrow's world"

Today:

WI's concept and growth are based on fulfilling the needs of members and the community. Women's Institute is a unique group whose reasonable voice is respected by governments and listened to by organizations that envision improvements, whether small or large, in their localities. WI offers a supportive atmosphere shared by 7,000,000 women around the world. In their work towards safer, healthier communities, WI volunteers take up the challenge to improve life for everyone.



Yesterday:

The first Women's Institute was formed in 1897 in Stoney Creek, Ontario. As with many new ideas, we were born from tragedy—the death of a child due to lack of knowledge about food safety. The determination of those early members was rewarded when pasteurised milk became a reality. The movement spread like wildfire across Canada in the next 20 years, and by 1933 resulted in the formation of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Tomorrow:

The 1997 centennial theme "Indebted to the Past: Committed to the Future" indicates the WI commitment to meeting the needs of future generations without compromising the values learned in the past and sustained today. Some of the aspects of life skills required by our communities change, but their importance is rediscovered and relearned by every generation in a different way. A century after its formation, the WI will continue to encourage responsible citizens, promote good family life-skills and revitalize community spirit.

WI offers opportunities for

- leadership
- travel
- personal growth
- letter friends
- community involvement
- creativity
- scholarships
- national and international links
- and much, much more



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 I would like contact with a Branch in my community*
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* see over for membership information



The family of
Velma Campbell
would like you to help us
celebrate her 90th birthday
on Sunday February 2, 2003
between 2 and 4 p.m.
at
Metcalf Gardens
45 Metcalfe Street
St. Thomas

Please join us to make this
a joyful, memorable occasion.
Best wishes only.