

At Welcome Home Banquet Those Who Served in World War II Were Honoured, June, 1946.

Back Row (left to right): Olsmn William Halpin, Pte. Stewart Kilmer, Cpl. Ted Silcox, Sgt. Clarence Palmer, Pte. Warren Caswell, Pte. Stewart Moore, OlTel. Burton Lodge, F.O. Clifton Holborn, L.A. C. Clarence Moore

Middle Row (left to right). Pte. Noel Baker, F.O. Richard Stafford, D.F.C., Cpl. Archie Teetzel, Llcpl Lawrence Silcox, W.O.2, Glenn Trace, Pte Archie McTavish, Pte Gordon Houghton, LAC James Hamilton

Front Row (left to right): P.O. Wm. Moore, Pte. Warren Caswell, Sgt. Hugh Silcox, Sgt. Major Malcolm Galbraith, Pte. Betty Carter, Cpl. Albert Warner, Sgt. Walter Moore, Llcpl. Maxwell Kilmer, Pte. Kenneth Williams



Welcome Home Banquet for boys of World War II, held at Shedden United Church, June, 1946

At head table:

A.A. Silcox, World War I veteran

Rev. T. Birch, pastor Shedden Baptist Church Mrs. L. D. Palmer

L.D. Palmer, World War I veteran

Mrs. Bright

Rev. J. Bright, pastor Shedden United Church, and World War I veteran

Mrs. Walter Moore

Sgt. Walter Moore, World War II veteran.



At Welcome Home Banquet Miss Grace McCormick pinning poppies to the cross in honour of those who gave Their lives. Rev. Jas. Bright, L.D. Palmer, left, A.A. Silcox, right Miss Dorothy Horton, Mrs. F. Henry, pianists

for the evening.



C.S.M. Anson Moore

W. Anson Moore was born at Shedden on Sept. 14th, 1918, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Moore. He was with his father on the farm until he enlisted on Jan. 8, 1940 in the Royal Canadian Regiment. He went overseas on June 10th, 1940. He trained in England, being promoted to corporal and then to sergeant. In 1943 he was transferred and saw action in Sicily and Italy. He was killed in action in Italy on Sept. 16th, 1944.



Flt. Sgt. George E. Moore

George E. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moore, was born in Shedden, April 28th, 1920. He enlisted in Feb. 1943, trained in Brandon and Montreal. He graduated as an air gunner from Monte, Joli, Que, in July, 1943, going overseas in Aug. 1943. After several operational flights over Germany he was transferred to the Pathfinder Squadron. He was missing on June 29th, 1944.



Cpl. Lorne W. Beer

Cpl. Lorne W. Beer, son of Mr. + Mrs. George Beer, was born at Radville, Sask in 1912. He was an instructor in Mechanics in No. 10 Infantry Division at Camp Borden. He died on Sept. 4, 1943 of injuries received in a motorcycle accident while in training at Camp Borden.



Flying Officer Stafford, Richard Ernest Distinguished Flying Cross, R. C. A. F.

The above mentioned officer has completed in various capacities, numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty, while serving with 158+6 Squadron of the Royal Air Force.

FO Stafford was with the air force from July 1942 until June 1945.

Pte. Clive W. Johnson

Clive Johnson, son of Walter Johnson and Gertrude Shackleton was born at Union. He enlisted at London for overseas service. He was killed in a motor accident Aug. 1943, age 21 years.



FIt. Sgt. Jack Walters Feagan

Born in Stratford, Jan. 27, 1921
Died June 19, 1943. with
50th Lancaster Squadron, R.A.F.

A FEW BEAUTY SpOTS



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Historic Old Home For Elgin Museum

On Monday, January 10, a history-making meeting took place in St. Thomas when twenty-eight representative women from the Women's Institutes throughout the county met in the Department of Agriculture offices and made the decision to go ahead with plans for the establishment of an Elgin County Museum.

The purchase of the historic home of Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell Saywell at 32 Talbot street was decided on after a visit had been made by the whole gathering to the home, all being unanimously delighted with the possibilities of this property. One of the old homes in the old part of St. Thomas, visitors turn into a quiet little street where two hills meet, with an excellent view over the Kettle Creek valley from the garden with its fine old trees.

The old clapboard house has been covered with permastone for comfort, but the fine contours of he house have been kept. There re extensive grounds for effecive landscaping and there will be ample room for parking.

Some rooms of the home will be available immediately for use as a museum, but the Women's Institutes were happy to know that Mr. and Mrs. Saywell and Mrs. Saywell, Sr., will continue in residence for an indefinite period. and when the museum is completely established it is planned to have living quarters for a resident curator, so that the articles will always be under surveillance.

Boards Are Set Up

Mrs. J. R. Futcher, who has present W.L. move for a county museum, is permanent Institute chairman of the Museum Commitsecretary-treasurer, Mrs. Gowan cedure when needed. Young, and the permanent assis-



FOR COUNTY MUSEUM-One of the early homes | and Mrs. Bramwell Saywell by the Women's Institutes of Elgin as a County Museum. Situated at 32 been the leading spirit of this of St. Thomas, that built by Dr. Charles Duncombe Talbot street, it is at the hilltop in the old part of over 125 years ago, has been purchased from Mr. the city.-T.-J. Photo.

man of the Museum Committee is two Boards, one honorary, the Laing); Dr. J. D. Curtis; Miss ald H. Anderson; Ian Cameron; Mrs. Stanley Lyle; the permanent other active, to advise as to pro- Margaret Coyne, whose father, the Scott McKay; Donald Smith; War-

tant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Roy ronesses are: The two members Percy Ermatinger, daughter-in- The Times-Journal; Miss Gladys of Parliament from the district law of the late Judge C. O. Erma- Elliott; Victor Langton, Mr. and In lieu of their being a rebirth (James A. McBain and the Hon. tinger, author of the Talbot Re- Mrs. John E. Pearce of Wallaceof the Elgin Historical Society, F. S. Thomas); the Warden of gime; and George L. Gray, of town, representing West Elgin; for which the Women's Institutes the County (Kenneth Williamson); Toronto, formerly of St. Thomas. Turn to HISTORIC-Page 2

tee. The permanent vice chair- had hoped, they are setting up the Mayor of St. Thomas (Peter | The active Board will be: Donlate Dr. James H. Coyne, collect- ren C. Miller, city engineer The honorary patrons and pat- ed so much historical data; Mrs. Thomas Keith, editor-in-chief of

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGregor, of Kingsmill, representing East Elgin; the West Elgin historical convener of the Women's Institutes; and the East Elgin historical convener of the W.I.

Mrs. Stanley Lyle, president of the joint Elgin district of the Women's Institutes, presided at the opening of the history-making meeting on Monday, with Mrs. J R. Futcher, chairman of the mu-



MRS. J. R. FUTCHER

seum committee, conducting that part of the enthusiastic session.

The committee decided to ask for the services of Miss Ruth Hone, an expert from Toronto, formerly with the Museum Branch of the Ontario Government, and now with the Ontario College of Art, to give assistance in preparing the home for a museum.

Site of First Medical School?

Since it was erected in the early part of the last century around the 1820's by Dr. Charles Duncombe, one of the earliest doctors in this district, the home has been occupied by the members of three families. Dr. Duncombe, who had his office at the back of the residence, on Pleasant street, left the city after a few years to establish a practice elsewhere and his brother, Dr. Elijah Duncombe, then occupied the home and office until his death.

It is possible, although not at all certain, that this residence was the site of the St. Thomas Medi-cal School. This school, estab-lished in 1824, had as its lecturers. Dr. Duncombe and Dr. John Rolph, who later founded the University of Toronto Medical School. and it is thought to have had one pupil, Dr. David Lee. A second possibility is that the school may have been at a hotel owned by the latter's father, Dr. William Lee, the first medical practitioner in St. Thomas, but there is no certainty as to its site.

It is believed that Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Moore, the latter a daughter of the Duncombe family, occupied the home for a time after the death of Dr. Elijah Duncombe, and following the Duncombe family, it was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thornton and remained in their family for forty years, being purchased by Mr. and Mrs. James Saywell and their son and daughter-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell Saywell, thirty-three years ago. Mr. Saywell, Sr., passed away about twelve years

Campaign for Funds

It is understood that the purchase price of the property is in the neighborhood of ten thousand dollars, and the Women's Institutes of the county are already busy raising funds. Each Branch in the county is holding some money-raising project during the winter, with the objective of having at least \$1,000 'y spring.

Then, in the month of June, there will be a campaign throughout the county, when the W.I. members will contact all rural residents. An opportunity will be given also for urban dwellers to contribute to this campaign, in which there is sure to be a very great interest on the part of citizens in both county and city.